

SNAPSHOT OF COMMERCIAL INDICATORS

Week 03 / 2018 (15-19 January)

"Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts." Winston Churchill, a British statesman, army officer and writer (1874 – 1965)

Introductory Note:

We consider the herein indicators valuable in decision making since shipping is a derived demand industry with many financial interactions. Turbulent global macro/micro-climate involving stock markets, currency exchanges and opportunity cost for alternative investments affect the shipping market. In the previous years, as brokers we always faced the fact that the information that we wanted to combine with our gut feeling was never available at our finger tips. This is our small contribution to yours and ours business.

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COMMODITY FUTURES							
Commodity		Exchange – Currency& Unit	Actual last	% weekly	% 4-weekly		
Crude Oil ¹	(Feb 18)	NYMEX - (USD/Barrel)	63,37	-1,45%	8,49%		
Brent ²	(Mar 18)	ICE EU - (USD/Barrel)	68,61	-1,80%	5,49%		
Gas Oil ³	(Feb 18)	ICE EU - (USD/MT)	608,00	-0,78%	4,49%		
RBOB Gasoline ⁴	(Feb 18)	NYMEX - (USD/US Gallon)	1,86	0,76%	5,75%		
Natural Gas ⁵	(Feb 18)	NYMEX - (USD/1 mio BTU)	3,19	-0,47%	18,89%		
Wheat ⁶	(Mar 18)	CBOT - (USD Cents/Bushel)	423,25	0,59%	-0,35%		
Corn ⁷	(Mar 18)	CBOT - (USD/ Bushel)	352,50	1,51%	0,03%		
Rice (rough) ⁸	(Mar 18)	CBOT - (USD/Hundredweight)	12,21	3,30%	-0,20%		
Soybeans ⁹	(Mar 18)	CBOT - (USD Cents/Bushel)	975,50	1,35%	2,67%		
Soybean Meal ¹⁰	(Mar 18)	CBOT - (USD/Short ton)	331,60	4,38%	5,99%		
Sugar #11 ¹¹	(Mar 18)	ICE US - (USD/Pound)	13,25	-6,69%	-9,18%		
Gold ¹²	(Feb 18)	COMEX - (USD/Troy ounce)	1333,10	-0,13%	4,22%		
Silver ¹³	(Mar 18)	COMEX - (USD/Troy ounce)	17,03	-1,28%	3,53%		
Copper ¹⁴	(3 Months)	LME - (USD/MT)	7083,00	-0,38%	-0,59%		
Aluminium ¹⁵	(3 Months)	LME -(USD/MT)	2240,00	1,17%	2,19%		

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USD LIBOR	Actual last	% weekly	% 4-weekly
12 months	2,2275	2,50%	5,96%

EXCHANGE RATE	Actual last	% weekly	% 4-weekly
EUR / USD	1,2255	0,97%	3,39%
USD / INR	63,7183	0,30%	-0,50%
USD / TRY	3,7777	0,41%	-0,88%

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STOCK MARKETS		Actual last	% weekly	% 4-weekly
USA	S&P 500	2760,24	-0,93%	2,97%
USA	NASDAQ-100	6834,33	1,12%	5,71%
Brazil	IBOVESPA	81220,00	2,36%	8,02%
Russia	RTSI INDEX	1270,92	0,78%	10,41%
India	S&P BSE SENSEX	35511,58	2,66%	4,63%
China	CSI 300 INDEX	4285,40	1,43%	5,64%
S.Africa	FTSE/JSE Africa All Share Index	60912,88	1,18%	3,59%
Greece	ATHENS INDEX COMPOS	847,56	-0,42%	5,41%

10-YEAR BOND YIELD	Actual last	% weekly	% 4-weekly
USA	2,66	4,35%	7,08%
Brazil	9,90	0,51%	-4,72%
Russia	7,42	-0,13%	-1,98%
India	7,48	0,34%	2,80%
China	4,06	2,34%	3,84%
S.Africa	8,50	-0,88%	-2,52%
Greece	3,79	-2,42%	-7,67%

BALTIC EXCHANGE							
	Actual last	% weekly	% 4-weekly		Actual last	% weekly	% 4-weekly
BDI	1125	-12,04%	-21,33%				
BCI	1493	-34,97%	-52,07%	BCI T/C Average	11571	-32,40%	-42,28%
BPI	1333	-1,11%	-7,75%	BPI T/C Average	10693	-1,11%	-7,68%
BSI	911	0,44%	-1,51%	BSI T/C Average	10477	0,55%	-1,25%
BHSI	584	-0,51%	-6,86%	BHSI T/C Average	8504	-0,60%	-7,00%

BUNKERS							
	Grades						
Port	IFO380 IFO180 MGO						
Fujairah	386,0	434,0	659,5				
Houston	369,5	439,0	615,5				
Rotterdam	371,5	404,0	602,5				
Singapore	Singapore 393,5 419,0 609,0						

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Notes :

- 1. Crude Oil U.S. Dollars and Cents per barrel (contract of 1,000 barrels, 1 barrel = 42 us gallons = 158.98 litres = 0.13642565 metric tons)
- 2. Brent U.S. Dollars and Cents per barrel (contract of 1,000 barrels, 1 barrel = 42 us gallons = 158.98 litres = 0.13642565 metric tons)
- 3. Gas Oil U.S. Dollars and Cents per Metric Tonne (contract of 100 Metric Tonnes) (10ppm diesel, at a density of 0.845 kg/litre in vacuum at 15 Celsius)
- 4. RBOB Gasoline U.S. Dollars and Cents per us gallon (contract of 42,000 us gallons = 136.42 metric tonnes)
- 5. Natural Gas U.S. Dollars and Cents per 1 million BTU (contract of 10,000 million British Thermal Unit)
- 6. Wheat Cents per bushel (contract of 5,000 bushels ~ 136 Metric Tons)
- 7. Corn Cents per bushel (contract of 5,000 bushels ~ 127 Metric Tons)
- 8. Rice rough U.S. Dollars and Cents hundredweight (contract of 2,000 hundredweights ~ 91 Metric Tons)
- 9. Soybeans Cents per bushel (contract of 5,000bushels ~ 136 Metric Tonnes)
- 10. Soybean Meal U.S. Dollars and Cents per short ton (contract of 100 short tons ~ 91 Metric Tonnes)
- 11. Sugar #11- U.S. Dollars and Cents per pound (contract of 112,000 pounds = 50.8023 Metric Tonnes)
- 12. Gold U.S. Dollars and Cents per troy ounce (contract of 100 troy ounces, 1 troy ounce = 31,1034 grams)
- 13. Silver U.S. Dollars and Cents per troy ounce (contract of 5.000 troy ounces, 1 troy ounce = 31,1034 grams)
- 14. Copper U.S. Dollars and Cents per metric tonne, 3 months Buyer's price (contract of 25 metric tonnes)
- 15. Aluminium U.S. Dollars and Cents per metric tonne, 3 months Buyer's price (contract of 25 metric tonnes)

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