

SNAPSHOT OF COMMERCIAL INDICATORS

Week 12 / 2018
(19-23 MARCH)

“Look up at the stars and not down at your feet. Try to make sense of what you see, and wonder about what makes the universe exist. Be curious.”

Stephen Hawking, English theoretical physicist, cosmologist (1942 – 2018)

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	(May 18)	NYMEX - (USD/Barrel)	68,88	11,44%	8,39%
Brent ²	(May 18)	ICE EU - (USD/Barrel)	70,45	7,10%	4,66%
Gas Oil ³	(Apr 18)	ICE EU - (USD/MT)	611,00	5,25%	3,38%
RBOB Gasoline ⁴	(Apr 18)	NYMEX - (USD/US Gallon)	2,03	4,51%	12,45%
Natural Gas ⁵	(Apr 18)	NYMEX - (USD/1 mio BTU)	2,59	-3,61%	-1,30%
Wheat ⁶	(May 18)	CBOT - (USD Cents/Bushel)	460,00	-1,71%	1,77%
Corn ⁷	(May 18)	CBOT - (USD/ Bushel)	377,25	-1,44%	3,00%
Rice (rough) ⁸	(May 18)	CBOT - (USD/Hundredweight)	12,36	-0,80%	3,30%
Soybeans ⁹	(May 18)	CBOT - (USD Cents/Bushel)	1027,75	-1,91%	-0,89%
Soybean Meal ¹⁰	(May 18)	CBOT - (USD/Short ton)	377,90	1,34%	0,64%
Sugar #11 ¹¹	(May 18)	ICE US - (USD/Pound)	12,57	-0,63%	-8,11%
Gold ¹²	(Apr 18)	COMEX - (USD/Troy ounce)	1349,00	2,80%	1,41%
Silver ¹³	(May 18)	COMEX - (USD/Troy ounce)	16,53	2,02%	0,33%
Copper ¹⁴	(3 Months)	LME - (USD/MT)	6660,00	-3,31%	-6,13%
Aluminium ¹⁵	(3 Months)	LME -(USD/MT)	2050,50	-1,65%	-4,18%

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USD LIBOR 12 months	Actual last	% weekly	% 4-weekly
	2,6664	1,98%	8,40%

EXCHANGE RATE	Actual last	% weekly	% 4-weekly
EUR / USD	1,2346	0,37%	0,38%
USD / INR	65,1333	0,40%	0,48%
USD / TRY	3,9608	0,62%	4,74%

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STOCK MARKETS		Actual last	% weekly	% 4-weekly
USA	S&P 500	2588,26	-5,95%	-5,27%
USA	NASDAQ-100	6508,09	-7,28%	-4,81%
Brazil	IBOVESPA	84377,00	-0,60%	-3,34%
Russia	RTSI INDEX	1261,44	0,57%	-3,04%
India	S&P BSE SENSEX	32596,00	-1,75%	-4,53%
China	CSI 300 INDEX	3904,94	-3,73%	-4,08%
S.Africa	FTSE/JSE Africa All Share Index	56405,44	-2,92%	-3,93%
Greece	ATHENS INDEX COMPOS	785,72	-3,46%	-6,92%

10-YEAR BOND YIELD	Actual last	% weekly	% 4-weekly
USA	2,83	-0,46%	-1,40%
Brazil	9,54	1,01%	-2,15%
Russia	7,00	-1,27%	-0,71%
India	7,56	-0,55%	1,38%
China	3,76	-2,49%	-3,41%
S.Africa	7,99	-1,60%	-0,50%
Greece	4,38	4,73%	-0,88%

BALTIC EXCHANGE							
	Actual last	% weekly	% 4-weekly		Actual last	% weekly	% 4-weekly
BDI	1122	-1,84%	-5,32%				
BCI	1157	-3,82%	-32,81%	BCI T/C Average	9064	-5,58%	-32,98%
BPI	1587	-1,92%	7,16%	BPI T/C Average	12753	-1,85%	7,41%
BSI	1121	2,75%	25,67%	BSI T/C Average	12567	2,02%	22,86%
BHSI	641	2,23%	20,04%	BHSI T/C Average	9416	2,05%	20,49%

BUNKERS			
	Grades		
Port	IFO380	IFO180	MGO
Fujairah	391,0	440,0	686,0
Houston	368,0	432,0	601,0
Rotterdam	366,0	394,0	580,0
Singapore	380,0	410,5	615,0



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 5,000 bushels ~ 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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