

Weekly Market Report

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Market Insight

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Shifting our focus away from Chinese demand and directing it towards the consumption of bulk commodities in India, it is apparent that coal is dominating India's seaborne dry bulk demand. Despite the competition from natural gas, the prevailing consensus asserts that coal remains a cost-effective and secure choice. The conflict in Russia and Ukraine has imparted a valuable lesson to European nations, encouraging them to accelerate their transition to renewable energy sources by investing billions in their development. However, in Asian countries, concerns persist regarding the high cost of energy. A rapid transition to renewable energy sources is perceived as prohibitively expensive due to the substantial investments required to reconfigure electricity grids to accommodate the variable generation of wind and solar power. Although wind turbines and solar panels may be relatively cost-effective compared to constructing coal-fired power plants, the infrastructure necessary to sustain renewable energy sources is still costly. Furthermore, there is a prevailing belief that Asia's energy demand will experience significant growth in the forthcoming decades, and meeting this demand will necessitate the utilization of all available resources, including the abundant coal reserves in countries like India.

India is actively pursuing the development of 65.3 GW of coal power capacity. Within this capacity, 30.4 GW is currently under construction, while 35 GW is in various pre-construction stages, including 14.4 GW that has received permits, 11.8 GW that is in pre-permitted stages, and 8.8 GW that has been announced. Notably, 3.9 GW received permission in the first five months of 2023, a substantial increase from zero in 2022.

The critical question at hand is whether India genuinely requires all this additional power capacity. In August, the country experienced a record-breaking energy consumption, reaching 152 billion kWh, with a significant portion of the additional generation stemming from coal-fired units, contributing an additional 16 billion kWh. Despite a slight decline in energy consumption in September (-7.8% month-on-month) due to rainfall, it remained higher than the same month the previous year.

The increased energy demand, particularly in the hot month of August, was met with improved fuel availability, preventing severe power shortages and blackouts. This improvement was driven by an increase in both domestic coal production, which saw an 11% rise in the first eight months of 2023 compared to the same period the previous year, and a surge in seaborne demand. Notably, a total of 145 million tonnes of coal was imported in the first eight months of 2023, marking a 3% increase from the same period in 2022. Furthermore, it's worth mentioning that South African coal is once again finding its way to Indian consumers, following a period of European demand from the same supplier last year, prompted by EU sanctions on Russian coal.

However, when we look at the long-term perspective, the landscape undergoes a significant shift. According to the National Electricity Plan's (NEP) ten-year coal projections, there is no requirement for new coal projects to enter the pre-construction phase. Even if all the coal capacity in the pre-construction stages were to become operational, and the projected retirement of 2.1 GW was to occur as per the NEP's estimates, the installed on-grid coal capacity would reach 275 GW. This figure far exceeds the NEP's projected need of 259.6 GW in the fiscal year 2032, according to the base case scenario. In simpler terms, there is no necessity for an increase in proposed coal capacity; instead, there is a need for a reduction.

It is evident that for India, which generates approximately 70% of its electricity through thermal power plants, coal will continue to play a crucial role in supporting its electricity generation in the near future. This is due to coal's proximity to ensuring energy security and its cost-effectiveness. Looking further into the distant future, the situation becomes less clear concerning the phasing out of coal. Recent history has shown that when circumstances demand it, factors such as energy security and costs can take precedence over climate policies.



06/10/23 59 37.833 37 9 164 312.8% 20 330 2.246 32 55 23 -12,165 100.5% -9.550 -15,306 61 38,353 41 13,154 191.6% 19,980 3,125 95 43 623 70 19 635 122.2% 51.634 8.021 116 46.597 75 19.989 133.1% 25.082 11,031 99 31 294 73 10 646 194.0% 51.634 8.021 170 37,196 157 33,429 11.3% 27,224 1,501 176 55.162 109 19 321 185.5% 46.679 6.622 202 53,232 111 15,075 253.1% 43,030 5,130 151 32 994 141 29.832 10.6% 35.326 6.368 172 28,696 156 25.084 14.4% 32.504 6,539 156 13.617 183 20.154 -32.4% 22,919 4.496 189 24,213 148 12,822 88.8% 45,941 8,124 115 11.555 115 11.183 3.3% 19.982 2.822 115 11,381 115 11,302 0.7% 21,231 4,818 199 32,144 138 14,940 115.2% 40,364 8,548

TC Rates

\$4	'day	13/10/23	06/10/23	±%	Diff	2022	2021
VLCC	300k 1yr TC	44,500	47,000	-5.3%	-2500	34,683	25,684
VLCC	300k 3yr TC	41,500	43,250	-4.0%	-1750	33,719	28,672
Suezmax	150k 1yr TC	42,500	42,500	0.0%	0	26,933	17,226
Juezillax	150k 3yr TC	35,500	35,500	0.0%	0	23,758	22,700
Aframax	110k 1yr TC	41,500	41,500	0.0%	0	26,135	15,854
Allalliax	110k 3yr TC	37,000	37,000	0.0%	0	22,878	19,714
Panamax	75k 1yr TC	34,000	32,750	3.8%	1250	25,163	14,184
Fallalliax	75k 3yr TC	28,000	28,000	0.0%	0	20,806	15,950
MR	52k 1yr TC	28,500	28,500	0.0%	0	21,313	12,608
IVIK	52k 3yr TC	24,500	24,500	0.0%	0	16,426	13,804
Handy	36k 1yr TC	26,000	25,500	2.0%	500	18,601	11,292
Hallay	36k 3yr TC	18,000	18,000	0.0%	0	14,585	13,054

Indicative Period Charters

60 mos	RICH RAINBOW	2021	49,999 dwt
DELEAST OCT/23	\$22,500/day		GESCO
24 mos	HECTOR N	2008	51,246 dwt
DELWEST	\$21,000/day		Shell



Indicative Market Values (\$ Million) - Tankers

Vesse	el 5yrs old	Oct-23	Sep-23 avg	±%	2022	2021	2020
VLCC	300KT DH	99.0	99.0	0.0%	80.2	69.7	71.5
Suezma	x 150KT DH	74.5	74.5	0.0%	55.1	46.7	49.9
Aframa	x 110KT DH	67.8	64.1	5.7%	50.5	38.7	38.8
LR1	75KT DH	70.5	49.2	43.3%	38.6	31.2	30.7
MR	52KT DH	41.5	40.2	3.2%	34.8	27.6	27.5

Chartering

The ongoing conflict between Hamas and Israel has introduced significant geopolitical risks to oil markets, potentially on par with the impact of Russia's invasion of Ukraine. While Israel isn't a major energy producer, there's concern that the conflict could spread to key oil-producing regions in the Middle East, potentially disrupting oil and gas flows. Potential complications include the possibility of the U.S. tightening sanctions on Iran, which could disrupt oil supplies, and the Saudi-Israeli deal being at risk, which could impact oil output. In the crude freight market, owner sentiment has remained positive due to robust cargo demand, especially in the MEG and West. Against the backdrop of geopolitical tensions and potential oil price volatility, the BDTI on Friday, October 13th, closed at 1149, marking an increase of 278 points w-o-w.

In the VLCC market, key routes to Asia showed promising signs of gaining stronger momentum after a downward correction in early October. Specifically, TD3C demonstrated notable upward momentum, gaining 21.71 points week-on-week to settle at WS 58.17 on Friday. This was driven by increased activity and fixture rates as Asian charterers returned following the holiday period. TD15 also surged 19.9 points on the week, surpassing

the WS 60 mark on Friday. Additionally, the rate for a 270,000 mt US Gulf to China increased by \$2,188,889 w-o-w to reach \$9,505,556, translating to a round trip TCE of \$40,970/day. Meanwhile, Suezmax vessels operating in WAF continued to experience a positive market, with rates demonstrating resilience, primarily driven by a highly active USG market. TD6 gained 26.55 points w-o-w, settling just below the WS 100 mark on Friday, due to increased activity in the Atlantic, leading to upward pressure on rates. Aframax rates, particularly in TD19, strengthened during the week, rising above WS176. This uptrend was attributed to strong demand and limited natural tonnage in the region. Rates across the Atlantic, especially on the TD25 route, recorded significant gains of 90.63 points w-o-w, reaching WS211.88 by the end of the week. This remarkable performance led some owners to consider ballasting West.

VLCC T/C earnings averaged \$5,836/day, up + \$20,206/day w-o-w, and closed off the week at the -\$17,038/day mark.

Suezmax T/C earnings averaged \$22,092/day, up + \$23,628/day w-o-w. On the Aframax front, T/C earnings averaged \$27,094/day, up + \$21,363/day w-o-w.

BHSI

Baltic Indices

- BDI



Baltic Indices

	13/10/23 Index \$/day		06/	10/23	Point	\$/day	2022	2021
			Index	\$/day	Diff	±%	Index	Index
BDI	1,945		1,929		16		1,931	2,921
BCI	3,327	\$27,591	3,309	\$27,445	18	0.5%	1,955	3,974
BPI	1,567	\$14,104	1,572	\$14,151	-5	-0.3%	2,298	2,972
BSI	1,268	\$13,950	1,233	\$13,558	35	2.9%	2,006	2,424
BHSI	687	\$12,361	675	\$12,144	12	1.8%	1,181	1,424

TC Rates

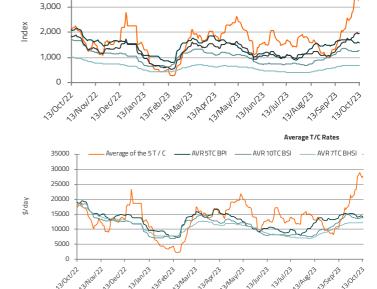
	\$/day	13/10/23	06/10/23	±%	Diff	2022	2021
Capesize	180K 1yr TC	17,500	16,000	9.4%	1,500	21,394	26,392
Саре	180K 3yr TC	16,250	16,500	-1.5%	-250	18,894	20,915
Panamax	76K 1yr TC	12,750	13,250	-3.8%	-500	20,207	21,849
Pane	76K 3yr TC	11,250	11,500	-2.2%	-250	14,885	15,061
Supramax	58K 1yr TC	12,500	12,750	-2.0%	-250	20,053	21,288
	58K 3yr TC	11,250	11,500	-2.2%	-250	15,005	14,552
ysize	32K 1yr TC	10,250	10,250	0.0%	0	17,827	18,354
Handysize	32K 3yr TC	9,250	9,250	0.0%	0	12,322	11,825

Indicative Period Charters

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4 to 6 months	YANGZE 23	2022	82,027 dwt	
dely South China 10 Oct redel worldwide	\$16,000/day		Crystal Sea	
4 to 6 months	PS FRAMURA	2014	76,833 dwt	
dely Fuzhou 14 Oct redel worldwide	\$13,000/day		cnr	

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Indicative Market Values (\$ Million) - Bulk Carriers

Vessel 5 yrs	old	Oct-23 avg	Sep-23 avg	±%	2022	2021	2020
Capesize Eco	180k	47.5	47.0	1.1%	48.3	43.1	36.1
Kamsarmax	82K	32.0	31.8	0.6%	34.1	29.8	23.2
Ultramax	63k	28.8	28.2	2.0%	31.5	26.4	19.4
Handysize	37K	25.0	24.3	2.9%	27.2	21.4	16.1

Chartering

The sentiment in the dry bulk market appears to be mixed, but there is an overall stabilization in the average Time Charter (T/C) earnings for vessels of different sizes. On the Capesize segment, a tight North Atlantic market, along with increased coal shipments to Europe, have bolstered rates, despite weaker iron ore exports from Brazil and Western Australia. In the Panamax sector, a surge in cargo demand occurred in the Pacific market following the conclusion of the Chinese holidays, leading to rate increases. In contrast, the Atlantic market experienced reduced activity across its main routes. Geared owners, on the other hand, saw a reversal in activity, with stronger exports from the US Gulf and the US East Coast regions for front-haul routes, while demand for Pacific tonnage remained limited due to a decrease in both North Pacific grain shipments and Indonesian coal exports last week.

Cape 5TC averaged \$ 27,890/day, up +16.17% w-o-w. The transatlantic earnings increased by \$ 5,031/day with transpacific ones declined by \$3,641/day, bringing transatlantic earnings premium over transpacific to \$15,374/day.

Panamax 5TC averaged \$ 14,348/day, down -1.95% w-o-w. The transatlantic earnings decreased by \$1,355/day while transpacific earnings increased by \$1,300/day. As a result, the transatlantic earnings premium to the transpacific narrowed down to \$1,150/day.

Supramax 10TC averaged \$13,810/day, up +0.83% w-o-w, while the Handysize 7TC averaged \$12,263/day, up +0.97% w-o-w.



Tankers

Size	Name	Dwt	Built	Yard	M/E	SS due	Hull	Price	Buyers	Comments
MR2	CONSTANCE	50,129	2008	SPP, S. Korea	MAN-B&W	Nov-23	DH	region \$ 23.0m	Vietnamese (PetroVietnam)	BWTS fitted
MR2	UOG HELIOS	46,093	2009	HYUNDAI MIPO, S. Korea	MAN-B&W	Apr-24	DH	\$ 25.5m	undisclosed	
MR2	FORMOSA THIRTEEN	45,706	2005	SHIN KURUSHIMA, Japan	Mitsubishi	Mar-25	DH	\$ 18.0m	Chinese	Zinc coated, BWTS & Scrubber fitted

Bulk Carriers

Size	Name	Dwt	Built	Yard	M/E	SS due	Gear	Price	Buyers	Comments
CAPE	CYMONA IRON	176,505	2011	SWS, China	MAN-B&W	Jan-26		\$ 26.0m	undisclosed	BWTS, Scrubber fitted
CAPE	MINERAL SHOUGANG INTERNATIONAL	180,171	2009	DALIAN, China	MAN-B&W	Jul-24		region \$ 22.0m	undisclosed	BWTS, Scrubber fitted
KMAX	ROYAL FUKUYAMA	82,224	2013	TSUNEISHI, Japan	MAN-B&W	Jul-28		region \$ 23.0m	Greek	BWTS fitted
PMAX	AOM JULIA	76,596	2009	SHIN KASADO, Japan	MAN-B&W	Aug-24		region \$ 15.0m	undisclosed	
UMAX	SANTA FRANCESCA	61,250	2016	SHIN KASADO, Japan	MAN-B&W	Jan-26	4 X 30,7t CRANES	\$ 26.8m	Greek	BWTS fitted, Eco
UMAX	CP SHANGHAI	63,608	2015	CHENGXI, China	MAN-B&W	Aug-25	4 X 30t CRANES	\$ 23.5m	Chinese	BWTS fitted, Eco
SUPRA	OCEAN GLORY	55,903	2006	MITSUI, Japan	MAN-B&W	Nov-25	4 X 30t CRANES	\$ 11.1m	Indonesian	BWTS fitted
HANDY	DAIWAN DOLPHIN	34,393	2015	NAMURA, Japan	MAN-B&W	Mar-25	4 X 30t CRANES	\$ 18.6m	Dutch (OSR)	bss index linked TC attached
HANDY	PACIFIC ISLAND	38,218	2012	SHIMANAMI, Japan	MAN-B&W	Nov-25	4 X 30,5t CRANES	\$ 16.3m	Greek	BWTS fitted

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New orders for commercial vessels last week were just a handful, with Bulkers and one LNG carrier being contracted. Specifically, Japanese owner Mitsui OSK Lines ordered a 174k cbm LNG carrier from Samsung HI. The ship is priced at \$260m and will be on the water in 2026. In bulkers, Greek owner Lavinia placed an order for a total of six Kam-

sarmax vessels. Four will be built at Qingdao Yangfan and the other two at COSCO HI Yangzhou, both in China. All six vessels will be delivered between 2025 and 2026, while the price was not disclosed.

Indicative Newbuilding Prices (\$ Million)

	Vessel		13-0ct-23	6-0ct-23	±%	Υ٦	ΓD	5-y	ear		Average	
					_,~	High	Low	High	Low	2022	2021	2020
	Newcastlemax	205k	67.5	67.5	0.0%	67.5	64.0	69.0	49.5	66	59	51
₹.	Capesize	180k	64.5	64.5	0.0%	64.5	61.0	64.5	48.5	63	56	49
Ke	Kamsarmax	82k	35.0	35.0	0.0%	35.0	34.0	37.5	27.5	36	33	28
Bulke	Ultramax	63k	33.0	33.0	0.0%	33.0	31.5	35.5	25.5	34	30	26
	Handysize	38k	30.0	30.0	0.0%	30.0	29.0	31.0	23.5	30	27	24
S	VLCC	300k	127.0	127.0	0.0%	127.0	120.0	127.0	84.5	118	98	88
ankers	Suezmax	160k	85.0	85.0	0.0%	85.0	76.0	85.0	55.0	79	66	58
	Aframax	115k	71.0	71.0	0.0%	71.0	64.0	71.0	46.0	62	53	48
—	MR	50k	47.0	47.0	0.0%	47.0	44.0	47.0	34.0	43	38	35
	LNG 174k cbm		265.0	265.0	0.0%	265.0	248.0	265.0	180.0	232	195	187
Gas	LGC LPG 80k cbm		92.0	92.0	0.0%	92.0	90.0	92.0	70.0	86	76	73
	MGC LPG 55k cbm		90.0	89.0	1.1%	90.0	77.5	90.0	43.0	74	67	63
	SGC LPG 25k cbm		58.0	58.0	0.0%	58.0	53.0	58.0	40.0	51	45	42

Newbuilding Orders

Units	Туре	Size		Yard Delivery Buyer		Buyer	Price	Comments
1	LNG	174,000	cbm	Samsung HI, S. Korea	2026	Japanese (Mitsui OSK Lines)	\$ 260.0m	
4	Bulker	82,000	dwt	Qingdao Yangfan, China	2025-2026	Greek (Lavinia)	undisclosed	
2	Bulker	82,000	dwt	COSCO HI Yangzhou, China	2025-2026	Greek (Lavinia)	undisclosed	



The recycling market is struggling at a time when freight rates for more commercial vessels, particularly tankers and bulkers, are firming and sentiment is positive. There has been little activity in the four main destinations, each for different reasons. Specifically in India, steel prices fell last week, while scrappers were keen to buy new tonnage. In terms of fundamentals, the local currency is depreciating against the US dollar, which could also drive down scrap prices. Steel production in the country has risen by almost 15% in the last 6 months, indicating strong demand, which if sustained in the traditionally strong first month of the year, is likely to push scrap prices higher. In Bangladesh, local fundamentals do not appear to be strong, with LC restrictions still in place and the local currency volatile near historic highs. In addition,

LC regulations have become stricter with banks requiring a list of goods before issuing LCs. In this poor market, local scrappers are holding on to their stock in the hope of future price increases. In Pakistan, the central bank's crackdown on illegal currency exchange led to an almost 10% appreciation in the local currency. This has led to a reduction in steel prices in Pakistan. In this market, buyers are staying away from the market until the currency and prices stabilize. As for Turkey, the already quiet and problematic scrap destination is facing additional problems as a result of the war in nearby Israel, with few ships in the region. The local fundamentals are bleak, with the Lira hitting new lows against the USD on a weekly basis, currently at 27.8, and inflation at 73%.

Indicative Demolition Prices (\$/ldt)

	Markets	13/10/23	06/10/23	±%	Y1 High	D Low	2022	2021	2020
	Bangladesh	515	515	0.0%	615	515	601	542	348
<u>ē</u>	India	540	550	-1.8%	570	555	593	519	348
Tanker	Pakistan	520	520	0.0%	540	535	596	536	352
	Turkey	320	320	0.0%	340	330	314	284	207
ᆂ	Bangladesh	500	500	0.0%	600	505	590	532	336
E	India	520	530	-1.9%	540	520	583	508	335
Pr	Pakistan	510	510	0.0%	520	500	587	526	338
	Turkey	310	310	0.0%	285	275	304	276	198

Currencies

Markets	13/10/23	06/10/23	±%	YTD High
USD/BDT	110.25	110.27	-0.02%	111.08
USD/INR	83.26	83.12	0.16%	83.47
USD/PKR	277.20	283.17	-2.11%	307.89
USD/TRY	27.80	27.62	0.66%	27.86

Demolition Sales (\$ /ldt)

	Name	Size	Ldt	Built	Yard	Туре	\$/Idt	Breakers	Comments
S	SEA SMILE	45,744	7,371	1995	IMABARI, Japan	ВС	\$ 498/Ldt	Bangladeshi	
M	ISC LEVINA	43,140	12,858	1989	SAMSUNG, S. Korea	CONTAINER	\$ 565/Ldt	Indian	

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Market Data

		13-0ct-23	12-0ct-23	11-0ct-23	10-0ct-23	9-0ct-23	W-O-W
							Change %
	10year US Bond	4.616	4.697	4.558	4.657	4.628	-3.7%
	S&P 500	4,327.78	4,349.61	4,376.95	4,358.24	4,335.66	0.4%
change Data	Nasdaq	13,407.23	13,574.22	13,659.68	13,562.84	13,484.24	-0.2%
e D	Dow Jones	33,670.29	33,631.14	33,804.87	33,739.30	33,604.65	0.8%
뗥	FTSE 100	7,599.60	7,644.78	7,620.03	7,628.21	7,492.21	1.4%
	FTSE All-Share UK	4,095.50	4,128.49	4,118.20	4,124.72	4,049.14	1.0%
ă	CAC40	7,003.53	7,104.53	7,131.21	7,162.43	7,021.40	-0.8%
Stock	Xetra Dax	15,186.66	15,425.03	15,460.01	15,423.52	15,128.11	0.4%
ᅜ	Nikkei	32,315.99	32,315.99	32,494.66	31,936.51	31,746.53	1.8%
	Hang Seng	17,813.45	18,238.21	17,893.10	17,664.73	17,517.40	1.7%
	DJ US Maritime	268.35	265.46	270.64	269.76	269.76	0.7%
	€/\$	1.05	1.05	1.06	1.06	1.06	-0.8%
S	£/\$	1.21	1.22	1.23	1.23	1.23	-0.9%
Gi.	\$/¥	149.56	149.79	149.04	148.63	148.34	0.2%
Currencies	\$ / NoK	0.0915	0.0912	0.0921	0.0925	0.0928	-0.2%
Ę	Yuan / \$	7.30	7.30	7.30	7.30	7.29	1.5%
	Won / \$	1,353.07	1,346.82	1,338.87	1,342.55	1,347.50	0.6%
	\$ INDEX	106.43	106.37	105.57	105.56	105.81	0.4%

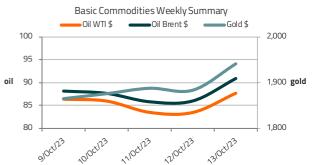
Bunker Prices

		13-0ct-23	6-0ct-23	Change %
	Rotterdam	1,066.0	1,060.5	0.5%
MGO	Houston	1,116.5	1,178.5	-5.3%
_	Singapore	1,068.5	1,076.5	-0.7%
4	Rotterdam	409.0	397.0	3.0%
380cst	Houston	432.5	462.0	-6.4%
m	Singapore	420.5	400.5	5.0%
	Rotterdam	652.0	663.0	-1.7%
/LSFO	Houston	682.5	674.5	1.2%
>	Singapore	700.0	720.5	-2.8%

Maritime Stock Data

Company	Stock	Curr.	13-0ct-23	06-Oct-23	W-O-W	
Company	Exchange		13-001-23	00-001-23	Change %	
CAPITAL PRODUCT PARTNERS LP	NASDAQ	USD	14.34	13.91	3.1%	
COSTAMARE INC	NYSE	USD	9.61	9.41	2.1%	
DANAOS CORPORATION	NYSE	USD	66.21	66.39	-0.3%	l,
DIANA SHIPPING	NYSE	USD	3.39	3.44	-1.5%	
EAGLE BULK SHIPPING	NASDAQ	USD	42.76	43.04	-0.7%	
EUROSEAS LTD.	NASDAQ	USD	26.52	27.51	-3.6%	
GLOBUS MARITIME LIMITED	NASDAQ	USD	2.24	2.19	2.3%	
NAVIOS MARITIME HOLDINGS	NYSE	USD	1.87	1.90	-1.6%	
SAFE BULKERS INC	NYSE	USD	3.31	3.31	0.0%	
SEANERGY MARITIME HOLDINGS	NASDAQ	USD	6.21	5.95	4.4%	
STAR BULK CARRIERS CORP	NASDAQ	USD	19.71	19.82	-0.6%	
STEALTHGAS INC	NASDAQ	USD	5.18	5.06	2.4%	
TSAKOS ENERGY NAVIGATION	NYSE	USD	21.93	20.51	6.9%	

Basic Commodities Weekly Summary



Macro-economic headlines

- US: The CPI rose by 3.7% on an annual basis in September, while the core CPI increased by 4.1%
- EU: In the euro area, German industrial production fell by 0.2% mom in August. The CPI rose by 4.5% year on year in September.
- China: The trade balance showed a surplus of 77.71 bn in September. Both imports and exports fell by 6.2% in the same period.
- UK: GDP rose by 0.2% m-o-m in August, while the trade balance was -15.95 bn in the same month



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