



SNAPSHOT OF COMMERCIAL INDICATORS

Week 50 / 2023

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“When we are no longer able to change a situation, we are challenged to change ourselves.”

Viktor Emil Frankl , Austrian psychiatrist and Holocaust survivor.
(1905 – 1997)

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 our business.

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COMMODITY FUTURES					
Commodity		Exchange – Currency& Unit	Actual last	% weekly	% 4-weekly
Crude Oil¹	(Jan 24)	NYMEX - (USD/Barrel)	70,84	1,26%	-7,06%
Brent²	(Jan 24)	ICE EU - (USD/Barrel)	75,83	1,20%	-6,71%
Gas Oil³	(Jan 24)	ICE EU - (USD/MT)	751,38	-2,95%	-8,51%
RBOB Gasoline⁴	(Jan 24)	NYMEX - (USD/US Gallon)	2,11	4,09%	-4,69%
Natural Gas⁵	(Jan 24)	NYMEX - (USD/1 mio BTU)	2,46	-3,11%	-12,81%
Wheat⁶	(Mar 24)	CBOT - (USD Cents/Bushel)	620,88	-0,72%	11,39%
Corn⁷	(Mar 24)	CBOT - (USD/ Bushel)	478,88	-1,64%	2,16%
Rice (rough)⁸	(Jan 24)	CBOT - (USD/Hundredweight)	17,11	1,54%	-1,03%
Soybeans⁹	(Jan 24)	CBOT - (USD Cents/Bushel)	1310,62	0,64%	-2,86%
Soybean Meal¹⁰	(Jan 24)	CBOT - (USD/Short ton)	402,65	-1,18%	-12,66%
Sugar #11¹¹	(Mar 24)	ICE US - (USD/Pound)	22,38	-3,28%	-16,68%
Gold¹²	(Feb 24)	COMEX - (USD/Troy ounce)	2051,85	0,45%	2,47%
Silver¹³	(Mar 24)	COMEX - (USD/Troy ounce)	24,33	1,15%	0,63%
Copper¹⁴	(3 Months)	LME - (USD/MT)	8551,50	3,20%	1,69%
Aluminium¹⁵	(3 Months)	LME -(USD/MT)	2210,00	2,86%	-0,65%

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USD LIBOR	Actual last	% weekly	% 4-weekly
12 months	5,473	7,81%	0,28%

EXCHANGE RATE	Actual last	% weekly	% 4-weekly
EUR / USD	1,095	1,62%	0,42%
USD / INR	83,044	-0,37%	-0,39%
USD / TRY	29,033	0,37%	0,70%

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STOCK MARKETS		Actual last	% weekly	% 4-weekly
USA	S&P 500	4719,08	3,32%	3,57%
USA	NASDAQ-100	16635,23	4,66%	4,17%
Brazil	IBOVESPA	130,63	3,29%	3,80%
Russia	RTSI INDEX	1060,14	1,09%	-7,14%
India	S&P BSE SENSEX	71483,75	2,82%	8,28%
China	CSI 300 INDEX	3341,55	-1,47%	-5,55%
S.Africa	FTSE/JSE Africa All Share Index	75818,60	1,35%	0,64%
Greece	ATHENS INDEX COMPOS	1288,51	1,20%	2,33%

10-YEAR BOND YIELD	Actual last	% weekly	% 4-weekly
USA	0,0390	-6,12%	-12,96%
Brazil	0,1075	-1,19%	-2,88%
Russia	0,1269	2,09%	5,58%
India	0,0716	-1,01%	-1,50%
China	0,0265	-2,00%	-2,75%
S.Africa	0,0977	-2,06%	-4,31%
Greece	0,0315	-5,55%	-17,27%

BALTIC EXCHANGE							
	Actual last	% weekly	% 4-weekly		Actual last	% weekly	% 4-weekly
BDI	2348	-5,89%	26,58%				
BCI	4113	-2,14%	53,53%	BCI T/C – 180.000 dwt	\$34.107	-2,14%	53,52%
BPI	1900	-13,52%	-6,59%	BPI T/C – 82.500 dwt	\$17.096	-13,55%	-6,62%
BSI	1426	-7,28%	12,73%	BSI T/C – 58.000 dwt	\$15.686	-7,28%	12,70%
BHSI	908	5,34%	40,12%	BHSI T/C – 38.000 dwt	\$16.340	5,34%	40,16%

BUNKERS			
	Grades		
Port	IFO380	VLSFO	MGO
Fujairah	380	629	900
Houston	412	593	732
Rotterdam	400	559	737
Singapore	422	647	735

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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 5,000 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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