



SNAPSHOT OF COMMERCIAL INDICATORS

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“Remember, if Christmas isn't found in your heart, you won't find it under a tree.”

Charlotte Carpenter, musician.

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	(Feb 24)	NYMEX - (USD/Barrel)	74,38	5,00%	-2,45%
Brent²	(Feb 24)	ICE EU - (USD/Barrel)	79,9	5,37%	-1,43%
Gas Oil³	(Jan 24)	ICE EU - (USD/MT)	789,13	5,02%	-1,28%
RBOB Gasoline⁴	(Jan 24)	NYMEX - (USD/US Gallon)	2,1674	2,54%	-0,34%
Natural Gas⁵	(Jan 24)	NYMEX - (USD/1 mio BTU)	2,609	5,93%	-5,57%
Wheat⁶	(Mar 24)	CBOT - (USD Cents/Bushel)	613,38	-1,21%	2,30%
Corn⁷	(Mar 24)	CBOT - (USD/ Bushel)	472,88	-1,25%	-1,91%
Rice (rough)⁸	(Mar 24)	CBOT - (USD/Hundredweight)	17,59	2,81%	1,24%
Soybeans⁹	(Jan 24)	CBOT - (USD Cents/Bushel)	1300,12	-0,80%	-2,90%
Soybean Meal¹⁰	(Mar 24)	CBOT - (USD/Short ton)	387,6	-3,74%	-7,08%
Sugar #11¹¹	(Mar 24)	ICE US - (USD/Pound)	20,52	-8,31%	-18,38%
Gold¹²	(Feb 24)	COMEX - (USD/Troy ounce)	2074,9	1,12%	1,28%
Silver¹³	(Mar 24)	COMEX - (USD/Troy ounce)	24,753	1,75%	-2,26%
Copper¹⁴	(3 Months)	LME - (USD/MT)	8595,5	0,51%	1,55%
Aluminium¹⁵	(3 Months)	LME -(USD/MT)	2244	1,54%	2,33%

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USD LIBOR	Actual last	% weekly	% 4-weekly
12 months	5,47043	-0,04%	0,27%

EXCHANGE RATE	Actual last	% weekly	% 4-weekly
EUR / USD	1,0983	0,34%	0,99%
USD / INR	83,252	0,25%	-0,08%
USD / TRY	29,1422	0,38%	0,83%

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STOCK MARKETS		Actual last	% weekly	% 4-weekly
USA	S&P 500	4746,75	0,59%	4,05%
USA	NASDAQ-100	16757,41	0,73%	4,82%
Brazil	IBOVESPA	132,182	1,19%	4,19%
Russia	RTSI INDEX	1059	-0,11%	-3,25%
India	S&P BSE SENSEX	71106,96	-0,53%	5,37%
China	CSI 300 INDEX	3337,23	-0,13%	-4,18%
S.Africa	FTSE/JSE Africa All Share Index	74529	-1,70%	-1,18%
Greece	ATHENS INDEX COMPOS	1291,47	0,23%	0,92%

10-YEAR BOND YIELD	Actual last	% weekly	% 4-weekly
USA	0,03861	-0,92%	-10,40%
Brazil	0,10442	-2,88%	-4,13%
Russia	0,1213	-4,38%	-0,29%
India	0,07188	0,35%	-7,00%
China	0,02627	-0,79%	-2,63%
S.Africa	0,09745	-0,26%	-2,35%
Greece	0,0303	-3,84%	-14,96%

BALTIC EXCHANGE							
	Actual last	% weekly	% 4-weekly		Actual last	% weekly	% 4-weekly
BDI	2087	-11,12%	-28,94%				
BCI	3361	-18,28%	-40,29%	BCI T/C – 180.000 dwt	27872	-18,28%	-40,29%
BPI	1915	0,79%	-13,70%	BPI T/C – 82.500 dwt	17236	0,82%	-13,71%
BSI	1378	-3,37%	-3,30%	BSI T/C – 58.000 dwt	15159	-3,36%	-3,31%
BHSI	888	-2,20%	18,24%	BHSI T/C – 38.000 dwt	15984	-2,18%	18,21%

BUNKERS			
	Grades		
Port	IFO380	VLSFO	MGO
Fujairah	380	629	915
Houston	412	593	802
Rotterdam	400	559	767
Singapore	422	647	768

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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)
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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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