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Market Commentary:

All the shipping industry's eyes are on Greece this week as the international shipping exhibition "Posidonia 2022" returns and will take place from today until next Friday at the Athens Metropolitan Expo. But eyes are also on OPEC+ as the decision to increase output by 648,000 barrels per day in July and August, instead of the previously agreed 432,000 bpd, was seen as hardly enough to compensate for the lost supply from Russia. At the same time the European Union finally overcame Hungarian objections to approve the bloc's sixth sanctions package against Russia, including a partial ban on crude imports.

The Russian invasion of Ukraine has created energy chaos pushing major energy commodities too high. WTI and Brent oil futures are constantly steady above USD 115 per barrel, the highest point since March 8th 2022. Natural Gas futures eased around USD 8.2 per million British thermal units but the price remains elevated and close to a 14-year high of USD 9.45.

But high prices don't apply to everyone. While Western Economies are announcing more & more sanctions towards Russia, Asian ones are gaining an advantage in negotiating bigger discounts for spot Russian cargoes. There are already signs that Russia is becoming more reliant on Asia. In particular, China and India try to seal some long-term contracts for Russian crude oil with almost a 35% price discount, as the EU moves to distance itself from Russian oil. Before the latest COVID lockdowns dampened demand, China was the largest buyer of Russian crude. There is tremendous activity at China's independent refineries in Shandong this month to secure deals for Russian Urals. At least 8 more cargoes are expected later this month after the first cargo since November 2021 arrives. But India has also entered the "game" as 836,000 b/d of Urals crude were imported in April compared to just 274,000 b/d and zero in March and February respectively. In Japan, Singapore, China, South Korea and Thailand, refinery feedstock managers and traders reported that Russian producers and various other equity holders of Urals Blend crude as well as Far East Russian ESPO, Sokol, and Sakhalin Blend crude are continuing to approach refiners and trading companies to inquire about their interest in purchasing medium sour and light sweet grades at discounted prices. Tanker freight rates have not yet showed any significant reaction to these major oil flow swifts but it remains to be seen whether this will positively affect the rates & boost them higher.

Maybe the energy surge and the high commodities prices have not significantly affected tankers freight rates yet, but it can not be said the same for the LNG market. The market boom started after the EU announced the reduction of its dependence on Russian gas by two-thirds by the end of the year and its intention to import an extra 50bn cubic meters of LNG. Since then an unusually early annual rush is underway for the likes of the UK's Shell, France's TotalEnergies and China's Unipec to secure enough shipping capacity to transport the superchilled fuel during the peak winter demand season. Almost all the world's largest gas traders are scrambling to secure liquefied natural gas tankers ahead of winter after sanctions on Russia following its invasion of Ukraine triggered a reshaping of global energy flows. As market sources say, its very hard to find any ships in the market. Rates to charter an LNG tanker of 160K CBM for a year (USD 120k per day) are trading near their highest level of USD 150,000/day in a decade (19 Nov 2021), while the spot rate is at USD 85k and has already taken the "north" road. Second-hand prices have not stayed unaffected. Watching the graph below, it is noteworthy that since February 2022 prices have rebounded and with an increase of 15% have returned to levels not seen since August 2016.





BALTIC DRY INDICES									
BALTIC INDICES	Week 22	Week 21	±%	Average Indices					
BALTIC INDICES	Week 22 We	Week 21	1/0	2022	2021	2020			
BDI	2,633	2,681	-1.8%	2,268	2,943	1,064			
BCI	2,927	2,818	3.9%	2,134	4,015	1,752			
BPI	2,851	3,048	-6.5%	2,778	2,988	1,101			
BSI	2,703	2,796	-3.3%	2,454	2,434	743			
BHSI	1,595	1,647	-3.2%	1,445	1,428	444			
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BALTIC TANKER INDICES										
BALTIC INDICES	Week 22	Week 21	±%	Ave	erage Indice	es				
BALTIC INDICES	week 22	week 21	170	2022	2021	2020				
BDTI	1,104	1,128	-2.1%	1,084	644	722				
BCTI	1,407	1,459	-3.6%	956	532	586				

DRY NEWBUILDING PRICES (in USD mills)										
Size Segment	Jun/22	Jun/21	±%	Average Prices						
Size Segment	Juli/22			2022	2021	2020				
Capesize	62.7	55.1	14%	61.5	56.0	47.6				
Kamsarmax	37.0	30.2	22%	36.6	31.7	29.7				
Ultramax	34.8	28.2	23%	33.2	29.1	24.6				
Handysize	30.5	25.7	19%	30.0	26.8	23.1				
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Size Segment	Jun/22	Jun/21	±%	2022	2021	2020				
VLCC	116.5	94.3	24%	114.6	98.3	88.6				
Suezmax	78.5	62.8	25%	77.1	66.3	58.6				
Aframax	61.2	50.5	21%	60.1	53.3	47.8				
Panamax	53.7	44.9	20%	51.5	46.7	43.6				
MR2	42.4	35.9	18%	41.1	37.4	34.6				

DEMOLITION PRICES (in USD/ldt)									
		BULKERS			TANKERS				
Demo Country	Week 22	Week 21	Change	Week 22	Week 21	Change			
INDIA	585	585	0	590	590	0			
BANGLADESH	620	630	-10	620	630	-10			
PAKISTAN	610	620	-10	615	625	-10			
TURKEY	330	340	-10	340	350	-10			

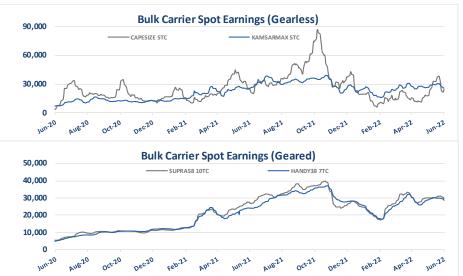


Capesize: The average of the 5 T/C Routes improved by USD 1k/day closing the week at USD 24,274/day. Trip from Cont. to F. East is USD 44,556/day, Translantic Return voyage is higher at USD 22,825/day, while Pacific Return voyage is increased by USD 5.3k/day at USD 24,591/day. Capesize 1y T/C rate is firm 29,750/day, while eco 180k Capesize is also firmer at USD 31,250/day.

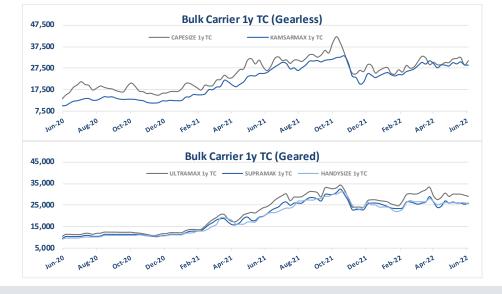
Panamax: The BPI-82 5 T/C route average closed the week down by USD 2k/day at USD 25,663/day. Trip from Skaw-Gib to F.Eat is softer at 35,368/day, Pacific Return voyage is down by USD -2.5k/day at USD 23,955/day, while Atlantic Return voyage is reduced at USD 24,690/day. Kamsarmax 1y T/C rate is softer at USD 28,950/day, while Panamax 1y T/C is also down at USD 26,950/day.

Supramax: The BSI-58 10 T/C route average closed the week about USD 1k/day lower than its opening at USD 29,738/day. South China trip via Indonesia to EC India is down by USD 2k/day at USD 30,667/day, W. Africa trip iva ECSA to N. China is also softer at USD 29,687/day. Canakkale trip via Med/BI Sea to China/S.Korea is down at USD 25,392/day, Skaw-Passero trip to US Gulf pays USD 18,350/day, while Pacific round voyage is reduced by USD 1.3/day at USD 28,414/day. 1y T/C rate for Ultramax is softer at USD 29,200/day, while 1y T/C rate for Supramax is USD 26,500/day.

Handysize: The BHSI-38 average of the 7 T/C Routes closed the week down by USD 1k/day at USD 28,712/day. Brazil to Continent pays USD 2.8k less at USD 35,194/day, S.E. Asia trip to Spore/Japan is softer at USD 31,840/day, while U.S. Gulf to Continent is reduced by USD 1.4k/day at USD 28,679/day. 38K Handy 1y T/C rate is down this week at USD 26,700/day, while 32k Handy 1y T/C is softer at USD 23,350/day in Atlantic and USD 24,750/day in Pacific region.



DRY SECONDHAND PRICES (in USD mills)									
Size	Jun/22	May/21	12m ch (%)	12m diff	Average Prices				
Size	Juli/22 Ividy/21	12111 (11 (78)	12111 (1111	2022	2021	2020			
Capesize 180k Resale	62.3	53.3	17%	9.1	60.4	54.0	49.4		
Capesize 180k 5y	53.0	42.4	25%	10.6	48.8	42.8	42.8		
Capesize 180k 10y	36.8	28.8	28%	8.0	33.3	29.0	20.3		
Capesize 180k 15y	24.0	18.1	32%	5.9	21.3	19.2	12.5		
Kamsarmax 82k Resale	43.7	31.8	37%	11.9	42.3	34.9	29.6		
Kamsarmax 82k 5y	38.2	27.4	39%	10.8	35.3	29.2	29.2		
Panamax 76k 10y	29.4	20.1	46%	9.3	26.2	21.1	13.2		
Panamax 76k 15y	18.4	14.4	28%	4.0	17.3	14.7	8.7		
Ultramax 64k Resale	41.5	29.8	39%	11.7	39.0	32.3	26.8		
Ultramax 61k 5y	34.0	23.4	45%	10.6	32.3	25.7	25.7		
Supramax 58k 5y	28.5	20.0	43%	8.6	26.7	22.0	15.8		
Supramax 56k 10y	23.2	15.5	50%	7.8	22.3	17.4	11.1		
Supramax 52k 15y	18.4	10.7	73%	7.8	17.1	12.3	7.2		
Handy 38k Resale	32.7	26.1	25%	6.6	31.8	26.1	21.3		
Handy 37k 5y	28.6	20.1	42%	8.5	27.8	21.0	21.0		
Handy 32k 10y	19.2	12.8	50%	6.4	18.4	13.7	8.5		
Handy 28k 15y	12.8	7.0	82%	5.7	11.8	8.1	5.2		



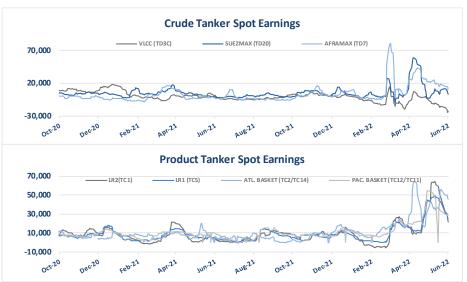


VLCC average T/CE ended the week down at USD -32,969/day. M.East Gulf to China trip is USD -22,756/day, US Gulf to China is USD -22,638/day, M.East Gulf to Singapore is USD -20,853/day, W.Africa to China is USD -20,066/day, M.East Gulf to US Gulf is USD -43,181/day. 310k dwt D/H Eco VLCC 1y T/C is unchanged at USD 22,750/day.

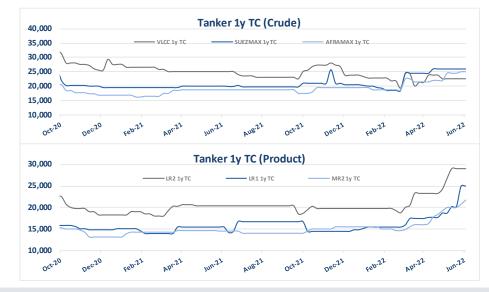
Suezmax average T/CE closed the week down at USD 8,510/day. Trip from W.Africa to Continent is reduced at USD 3,205/day, Bl.Sea to Med is softer by USD 4k/day at USD 13,814/day, Middle East Gulf to Med down by USD 3k/day at USD -13,701/day. 1y T/C rate for D/H Eco 150k dwt Suezmax is USD 26,250/day.

Aframax average T/CE closed the week down by USD 5k/day at USD 14,520/day. Trip from N.Sea to Continent is reduced by USD 5k/day at USD 10,540/day, trip from Kuwait to Spore is softer at USD 8,743/day, trip from Carribs to US Gulf is down by USD 8k/day at USD 20,701/day, and S.E.Asia to EC Australia is down at USD 11,986/day, while Baltic to UK Continent rediced by USD 5k/day at USD 30,419/day while Cross Med is also lower at USD 4,732/day. 1y T/C rate for D/H Eco Aframax is at USD 25,250/day.

Products: The **LR2** route (TC1) M.East Gulf to Japan is this week softer at USD 21,682/day. Trip from Middle East to F.East is at USD -1,557/day, while the **LR1** (TC5) route Mid.East Gulf to Japan is down at USD 25,902/day, and Amsterdam to Lome is rediced by USD 3k/day at USD 32,630/day. The **MR** Atlantic Basket earnings is down by USD 5k/day at USD 45,887/day, with MR route from Cont. to USAC at USD 25,307/day, US Gulf to Cont. at USD 22,349/day, US Gulf to Brazil down also at USD 40,788/day, ARA to W.Africa softer at USD 31,019/day. TC6 Intermed Route is USD 74,973/day. Eco LR2 1y T/C rate is at USD 29,250/day, and Eco MR2 1y T/C rate is at USD 22,000/day.



WET SECONDHAND PRICES (in USD mills)									
Size	Jun/22	May/21	12m ch (%)	12m diff	Average Prices				
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VLCC 320k Resale	101.0	94.8	7%	6.3	97.9	94.8	95.5		
VLCC 320k 5y	76.5	69.8	10%	6.8	72.9	69.2	69.2		
VLCC 300k 10y	52.4	47.5	10%	4.9	50.0	47.1	47.9		
VLCC 300k 15y	38.5	34.4	12%	4.1	35.7	33.6	33.5		
Suezmax 160k Resale	72.4	64.8	12%	7.7	69.1	64.4	64.9		
Suezmax 160k 5y	52.4	47.4	11%	5.0	49.3	46.7	46.7		
Suezmax 150k 10y	36.9	32.0	15%	4.9	33.5	31.3	33.7		
Suezmax 150k 15y	26.5	22.0	20%	4.5	23.7	22.1	23.2		
Aframax 110k Resale	62.0	53.6	16%	8.4	59.0	52.2	51.0		
Aframax 110k 5y	49.3	40.0	23%	9.3	45.6	38.3	38.3		
Aframax 105k 10y	32.7	26.0	26%	6.7	29.3	24.8	26.0		
Aframax 105k 15y	22.2	16.0	39%	6.2	18.7	15.5	15.9		
MR2 52k Resale	41.5	37.0	12%	4.5	39.7	37.2	37.5		
MR2 51k 5y	33.2	27.5	21%	5.7	30.8	27.7	27.7		
MR2 47k 10y	25.5	18.5	38%	7.0	20.6	18.5	18.2		
MR2 45k 15y	15.5	12.0	29%	3.5	12.5	11.8	11.6		





Sale and Purchase:

On the Capesize sector, the "Rosebank" - 177K/2010 New Times committed on subjects for USD 27.5mills. 2 x Kamsarmaxes changed hands for high USD 37 mills each, the "Nord Lyra" - 82K/2020 Yamic which was sold to clients of NCC basis delivery mid- December & her sister "Nord Luna" which was sold to Greek buyers basis delivery within August. The BWTS fitted Panamax "Orient Prima" - 77K/2005 Imabari found new owners for high USD 16 mills. On the handysize sector, clients of Tufton Oceanic are rumoured to have acquired the "Interlink Dignity" - 38K/2015 Huatai Heavy for USD 26.3 mills. Finally, Turkish buyers acquired the BWTS fitted Handysize "Super Kate" - 32K/2008 Hakodate for USD 16.8 mills.

The activity on the wet market was slightly increased compared to the previous week. On the VLCC sector, the BWTS fitted "Duqm" - 310K/2008 Imabari was sold for region USD 39mills. Greek buyers acquired the Suezmax "Marvin Star" - 158K/2009 Hyundai Samho via auction for USD 26.4mills. Finally, 8x BWTS fitted HMD built MRs, the "Maersk Caelum" - 46K/2016, the "Maersk Seafarer" - 46K/2016 the "Maersk Cirrus" - 40K/2017, the "Maersk Stratus" - 40K/2017, the "Maersk Stratus" - 40K/2017, the "Maersk Cirrus" - 40K/2016 the "Maersk Cirrus" - 40K/2016 the "Maersk Nimbus" - 40K/2016 committed on subjects for USD 230 mills to clients of Kmarin.

	BULK CARRIER SALES										
NAME	DWT	YEAR	COUNTRY	YARD	BUYERS	PRICE (usd mills)	NOTES/ COMMENTS				
ROSEBANK	177,029	2010	CHINA	NEW TIMES	UNDISCLOSED	27.5	SS: 08/2025 - DD: 09/2023				
NORD LYRA	82,318	2020	CHINA	YAMIC	NCC	high 37	SS: 12/2025 - DD: 12/2023, DELY MID-DEC				
NORD LUNA	82,308	2020	CHINA	YAMIC	GREEK	high 37	SS: 12/2025 - DD: 12/2023, DELY AUG				
ORIENT PRIMA	76,596	2005	JAPAN	IMABARI	UNDISCLOSED	high 16	SS: 10/2025 - DD: 09/2023, BWTS FITTED				
ELIM JOYCE	77,834	2004	TAIWAN	CSBC	UNDISCLOSED	15	SS: 02/2024 -DD: 02/2024, BWTS FITTED				
VAN FORTUNE	56,847	2009	CHINA	TAIZHOU SANFU	UNDISCLOSED	16.5	SS: 07/2024 - DD: 07/2022, BWTS FITTED				
ZHONG LIANG HUA DONG	46,513	2001	JAPAN	OSHIMA	UNDISCLOSED	11.9	SS: 01/2026 - DD: 01/2024				
INTERLINK DIGNITY	38,668	2015	CHINA	HUATAI HEAVY	TUFTON OCEANIC	26.3	SS: 08/2025 - DD: 06/2023				
AFRICAN ROOK	37,686	2015	JAPAN	NAIKAI ZOSEN	UNDISCLOSED	27	SS: 02/2025 - DD: 04/2023, OPEN HATCH				
AMIRA SOPHIE	28,202	2011	JAPAN	IMABARI	UNDISCLOSED	17.8	SS: 03/2026 - DD: 04/2024				
SUPER KATE	32,162	2008	JAPAN	HAKODATE	TURKISH	16.8	SS: 10/2025 - DD: 11/2023, BWTS FITTED				



					TANKER SALES		
NAME	DWT	YEAR	COUNTRY	YARD	BUYERS	PRICE (usd mills)	NOTES/ COMMENTS
DUQM	310,084	2008	JAPAN	IMABARI	UNDISCLOSED	39	SS: 11/2023 - DD: 11/2023, BWTS FITTED
MARVIN STAR	157,985	2009	S. KOREA	HYUNDAI SAMHO	GREEK	26.4	SS: 10/2024 - DD: 10/2022, AUCTION
RIDGEBURY ASTARI	149,991	2002	JAPAN	NIPPON KOHAN	UNDISCLOSED	15.5	SS: 07/2022 - DD: 07/2022, BWTS & SURVEYS DUE
BARONESS	105,335	2011	JAPAN	SUMITOMO	UNDISCLOSED	33.5	SS: 01/2026 - DD: 10/2023
GODAM	113,553	2006	S. KOREA	SAMSUNG	UNDISCLOSED	22	SS: 05/2026 - DD: 04/2025
SEA BEECH	106,138	2003	JAPAN	TSUNEISHI	UNDISCLOSED	15-16	SS: 11/2023 - DD: 05/2025
MAERSK CAELUM	45,999	2016	S. KOREA	HMD			SS: 03/2026 - DD: 03/2024, BWTS FITTED
MAERSK NAVIGATOR	45,999	2016	S. KOREA	HMD			SS: 04/2026 - DD: 05/2024, BWTS FITTED
MAERSK SEAFARER	45,999	2016	S. KOREA	HMD			SS: 09/2026 - DD: 10/2024, BWTS FITTED
MAERSK CIRRUS	39,999	2017	S. KOREA	HMD			SS: 08/2022 - DD: 08/2022, BWTS FITTED
MAERSK ALTUS	39,999	2017	S. KOREA	HMD	KMARIN	region 230 ENBLOC	SS: 04/2027 - DD: 04/2025, BWTS FITTED
MAERSK STRATUS	39,999	2017	S. KOREA	HMD			SS: 01/2027 - DD: 12/2024, BWTS FITTED
MAERSK CUMULUS	39,999	2016	S. KOREA	HMD			SS: 10/2026 - DD: 10/2024, BWTS FITTED
MAERSK NIMBUS	39,999	2016	S. KOREA	HMD			SS: 12/2026 - DD: 11/2024, BWTS FITTED
ANGEL NO.6	45,663	2005	JAPAN	SHIN KURUSHIMA	UNDISCLOSED	9.4	SS: 06/2025 - DD: 10/2023, BWTS FITTED
SABREWING	49,323	2004	JAPAN	NAIKAI ZOSEN	UNDISCLOSED	9.5	SS: 01/ 2024 - DD: 01/2024, BWTS FITTED
MISS CLAUDIA	40,158	2006	S. KOREA	SHINA	UNDISCLOSED	12	SS: 05/2026 - DD: 05/2024, BWTS FITTED
HANS SCHOLL	40,250	2004	S. KOREA	SHINA	UNDISCLOSED	8.1	SS: 07/2024 - DD: 07/2022
BIANCA AMORETTI	29,524	2003	CHINA	CHENGXI	UNDISCLOSED	6	SS: 08/2023 - DD: 08/2023

	GAS SALES										
NAME	NAME CBM YEAR COUNTRY YARD BUYERS PRICE (usd mills) NOTES/ COMMENTS										
ABADI	132,564	2002	JAPAN	MITSUBISHI	UNDISCLOSED	UNDISCLOSED	SS:07/2022 - DD: 06/2022, LNG				
BETAGAS	5,699	1997	UNITED KINGDOM	APPLEDORE	UNDISCLOSED	3.1	SS: 08/2022 - DD: 08/2022, LPG				



COMMODITIES AND C	URRENCIES					
Energy	Price	+/_	Day	Weekly	Monthly	YoY
Crude Oil	115.07	0.98	0.86%	4.34%	11.21%	74.08%
Brent	119.43	2.03	1.73%	6.11%	11.35%	73.79%
Natural gas	8.722	0.173	-1.94%	7.91%	26.63%	192.10%
Gasoline	4.0029	0.1255	3.24%	4.32%	15.16%	87.32%
Heating oil	4.0029	0.0349	0.88%	7.06%	-0.14%	96.38%
Ethanol	2.7575	0.0075	0.27%	0.27%	4.55%	8.56%
Naphtha	888.79	0.34	-0.04%	-1.08%	-1.75%	49.89%
Propane	1.23	0	-0.23%	0.15%	-5.70%	49.61%
Uranium	47.85	0.2	0.42%	0.10%	-9.80%	52.39%
Methanol	2783	37	1.35%	2.96%	4.74%	2.85%
TTF Gas	87.2	1.23	1.43%	-0.80%	-12.92%	249.77%
UK Gas	158	13.55	9.38%	6.79%	22.80%	160.38%
Metals						
Gold	1,853.0	2.95	0.16%	0.40%	-2.18%	-2.61%
Silver	22.06	0.07	0.32%	1.43%	-4.64%	-20.88%
Platinum	953.5	3.59	0.38%	-0.21%	3.71%	-19.02%
Industrial						
Copper	4.304	0.0445	1.04%	0.70%	-2.75%	-7.98%
Coal	406.7	3.65	0.91%	-1.32%	24.72%	285.45%
Steel	4,741	99	2.13%	-1.58%	-6.14%	-0.29%
Iron Ore	133.5	3.5	2.69%	5.95%	-3.26%	-31.01%
Aluminum	2,871.5	6.5	0.23%	-2.53%	-5.28%	14.56%
Iron Ore Fe62%	133.17	0.19	0.14%	-0.37%	-11.92%	-35.27%
Currencies						
EUR/USD	1.07286	0.0004	-0.04%	1.60%	2.18%	-12.00%
GBP/USD	1.26255	0.0009	0.07%	1.08%	1.32%	-11.00%
USD/JPY	127.054	0.013	0.01%	-0.70%	-2.87%	15.69%
USD/CNY	6.71974	0.0476	-0.70%	0.37%	0.85%	5.65%
USD/CHF	0.9571	0.0022	-0.23%	-1.79%	-1.52%	6.40%
USD/SGD	1.36823	0.0047	-0.34%	-0.71%	-1.33%	3.47%
USD/KRW	1248.95	7.82	-0.62%	-1.71%	-1.82%	12.21%
USD/INR	77.5956	0.018	-0.02%	-0.33%	1.22%	7.18%
Bunker Prices (in USD)	VLSFO	IFO380	MGO	Spread VLSFO-	Diff Spread	% Spread
				IFO380	w-on-w	w-on-w
Singapore	1061.0	670.00	1159.5	391.00	112.0	40.1%
Rotterdam	858.00	678.50	1206.0	179.50	-15.0	-7.7%
Fujairah	1006.5	705.50	1426.5	301.00	47.0	18.5%
Houston	930.50	722.50	1211.0	208.00	43.0	26.1%

COMMODITIES AND CURRENCIES



- In the U.S., the Dow Jones Industrial average increased by 0.8% at 32,900 points, S&P 500 went down by 1.2% at 4,109 points and NASDAQ fell by 0.98% at 12,013 points. The main European indices closed at lower level, with the Euro Stoxx50 closing down by only 0.66% at 3,784 points and Stoxx600 down by 0.87% at 440 points mark. In Asia, the Nikkei closed the week at 27,762, gaining 3.66% on a weekly basis, while Hang Seng went up by 2.05% at 21,082 points mark and the CSI 300 index closed the week at 4,090 points, 2.21% higher than previous week.
- WTI crude futures rallied to above the USD 119-per-barrel mark on Friday while recording their sixth weekly advance after a keenly anticipated OPEC+ meeting delivered only a modest increase in output. The cartel group decided to increase production by 648,000 barrels per day in July and August instead of the previously agreed 432,000 bpd, which was seen as insufficient to compensate for Russia's lost supply.
- US natural gas futures eased to around USD 8.2 per million British thermal units in early June, after fresh data showed gas held in storage facilities in the U.S. increased more than expected in the last week of May. Still, gas prices remain elevated and close to a 14-year high of USD 9.45, amid strong demand, both domestic and abroad.
- Newcastle coal futures consolidated above the USD 400-per-tonne mark and just 20 dollars shy of its record peak, supported by continued robust demand against a tightening market backdrop. Along with increasing demand for power generation with a resumption in economic activity after the coronavirus-induced slump, soaring natural gas prices in Europe and Asia in late 2021 boosted coal consumption.
- Steel decreased to a 19-week low of 4465 CNY/T, amid persistent concerns about weak demand in top consumer China. Investors have grown concerned that the world's second-largest economy could shrink in the second quarter as consumption and industrial production declined sharply in April due to widening COVID-19 lockdowns.
- The euro fell towards USD 1.07 moving further away from a 5-week high of USD 1.0786 hit on Monday, as investors continue to digest hotter than expected inflation reports across the Eurozone and worry about how it will impact rates and growth. The annual inflation rate in the Euro Area surged to a fresh record high of 8.1% in May, up from 7.4% and above market expectations of 7.7%.



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