

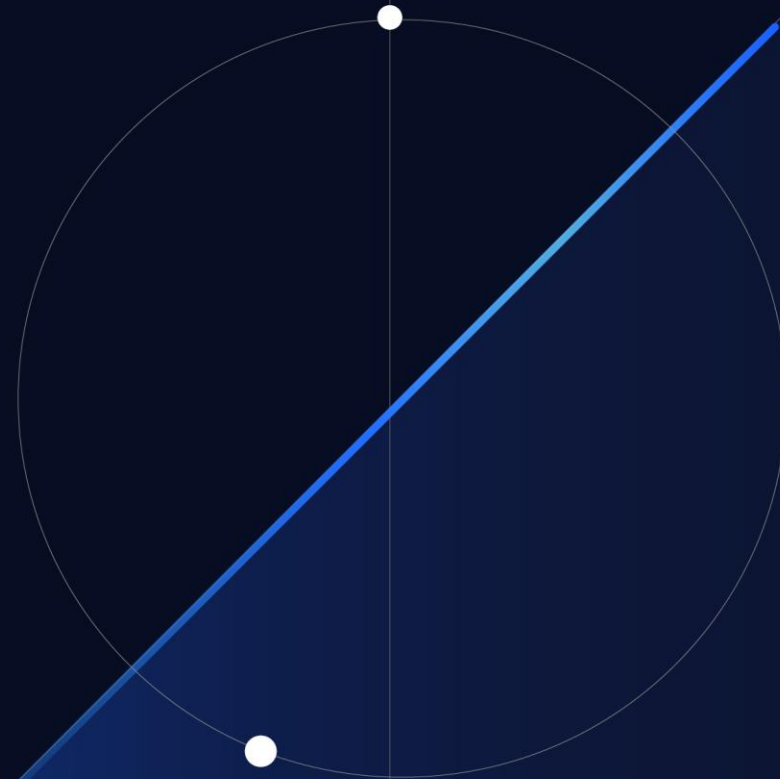


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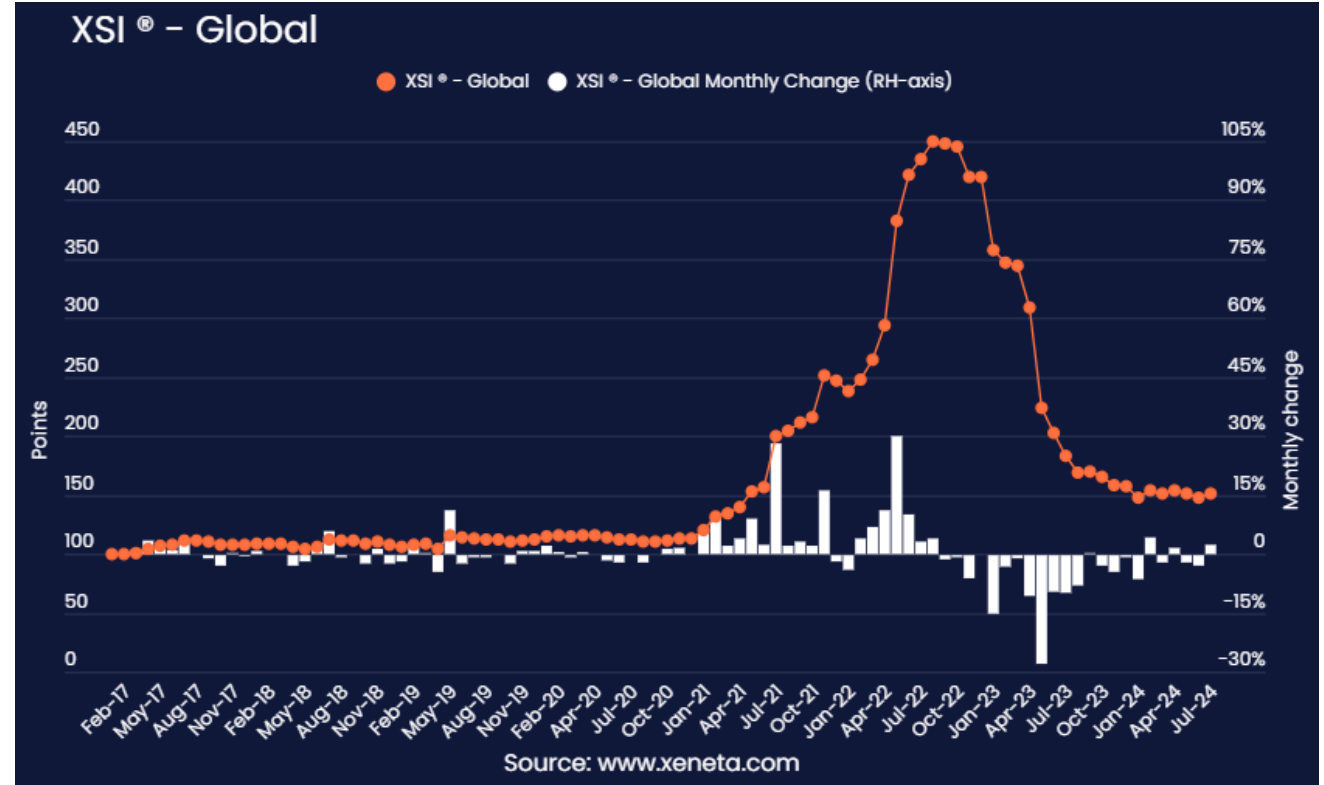
Steering Through Shifting Tides: Analyzing Emerging Patterns in Global Container Shipping

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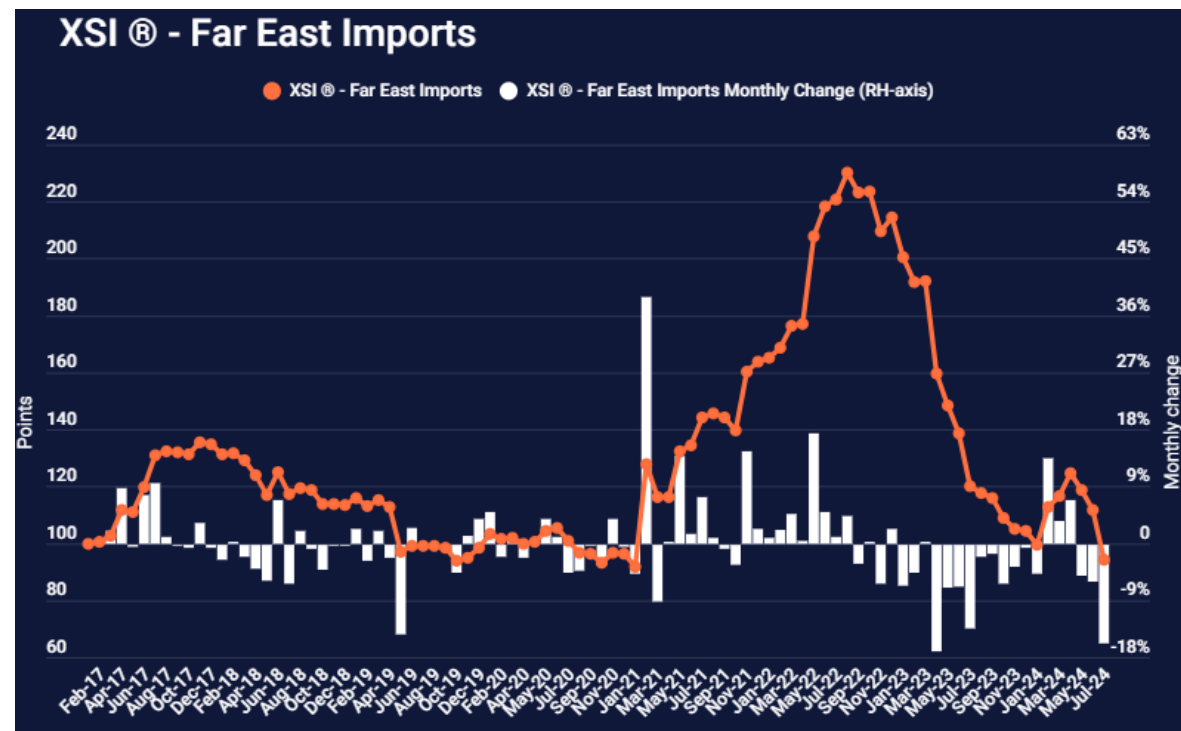
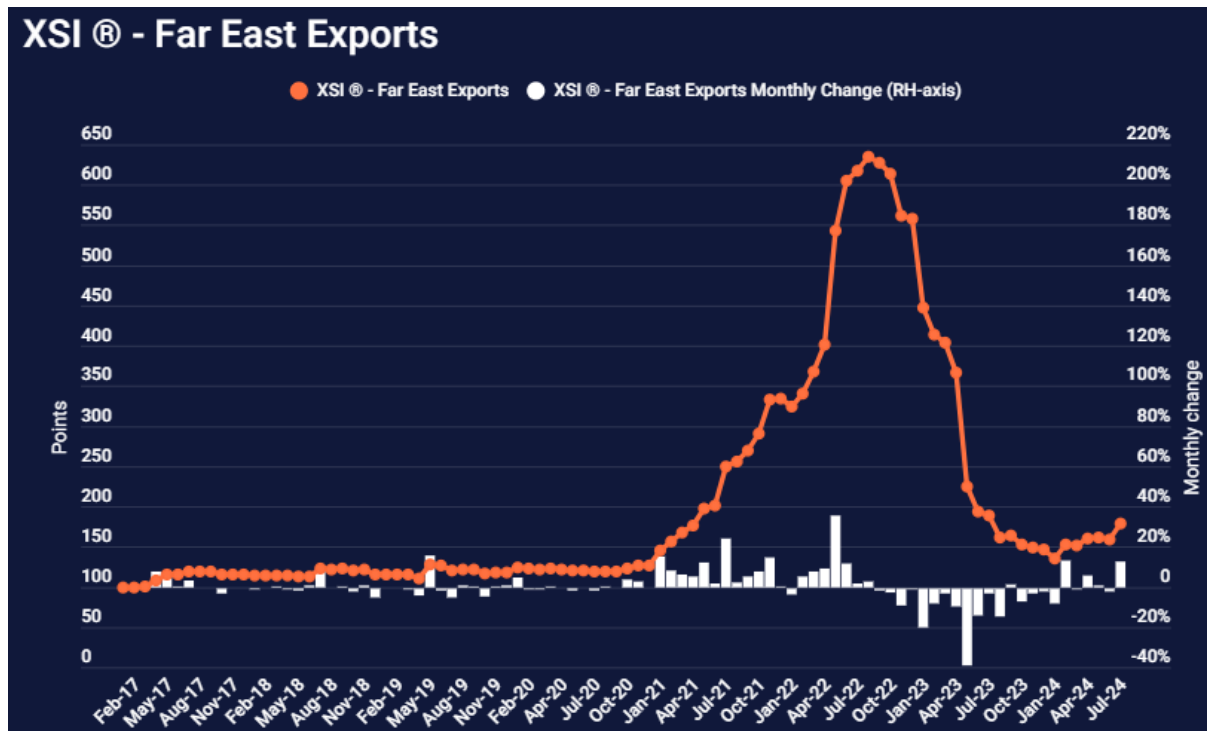
Global XSI® Rises to 151.5 Points in July Amidst Significant Increase in Far East Exports

- The Global XSI® rose by 2.5% in July, bringing the index to 151.5 points. Despite this increase, it remains 4.0% lower than its level in December 2023, indicating a sustained gap from last year's end despite recent gains.
- The XSI® sub-index for Far East Exports saw a substantial increase of 12.6% in July, reaching 178.8 points. This surge is primarily driven by the significant fronthaul trades to Europe and the US, reflecting increased demand and higher long-term contract rates in these regions.
- Short term rates from the Far East to the US and Europe began to soften in July after months of substantial increases. However, the global spot index remains elevated, up by 153% compared to December last year, indicating ongoing high costs in the spot market despite recent easing.
- In July, long term rates for fronthaul trades increased month-on-month, while backhaul trades continued to see a decline. This trend mirrors the developments in the spot market, where front-loaded demand and supply chain dynamics are causing divergent movements in different trade directions.
- The data highlights a disconnect between the XSI®, which covers long term contracts, and the spot market, with the latter showing significant volatility.



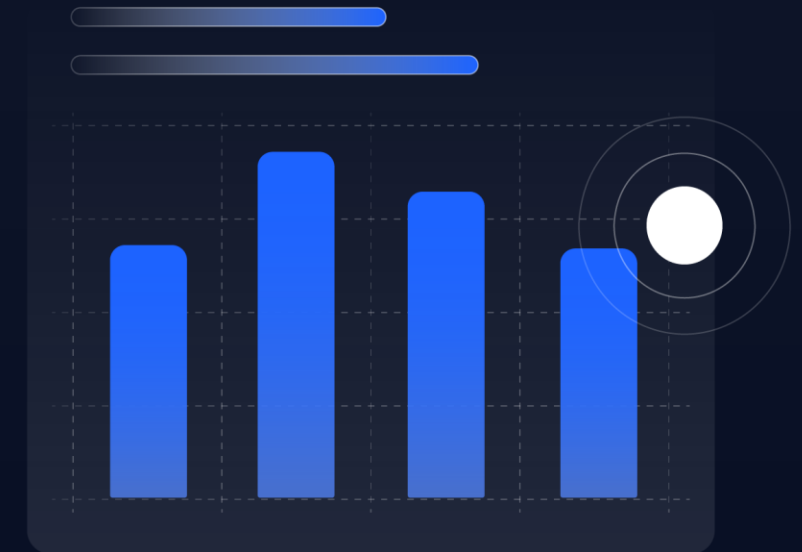
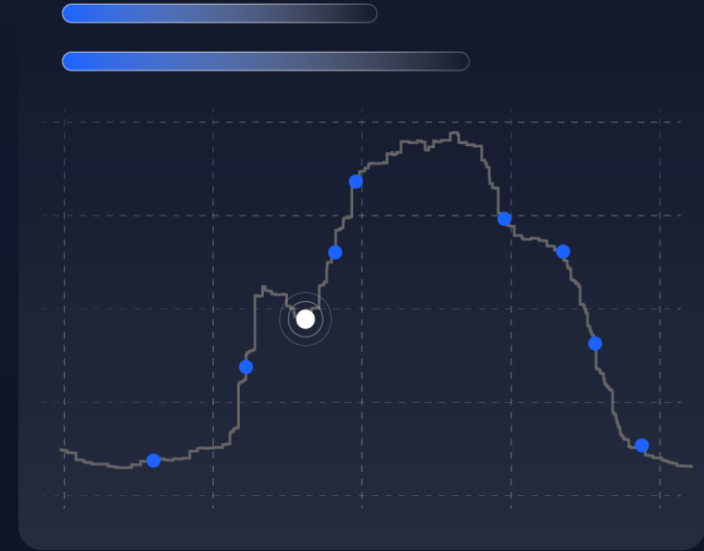
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XSI® Far East: Export Sub-Index Surges 12.6% to 178.8 Points While Import Sub-Index Plummet 15.7% to 94.1 Points, Lowest Since January 2021



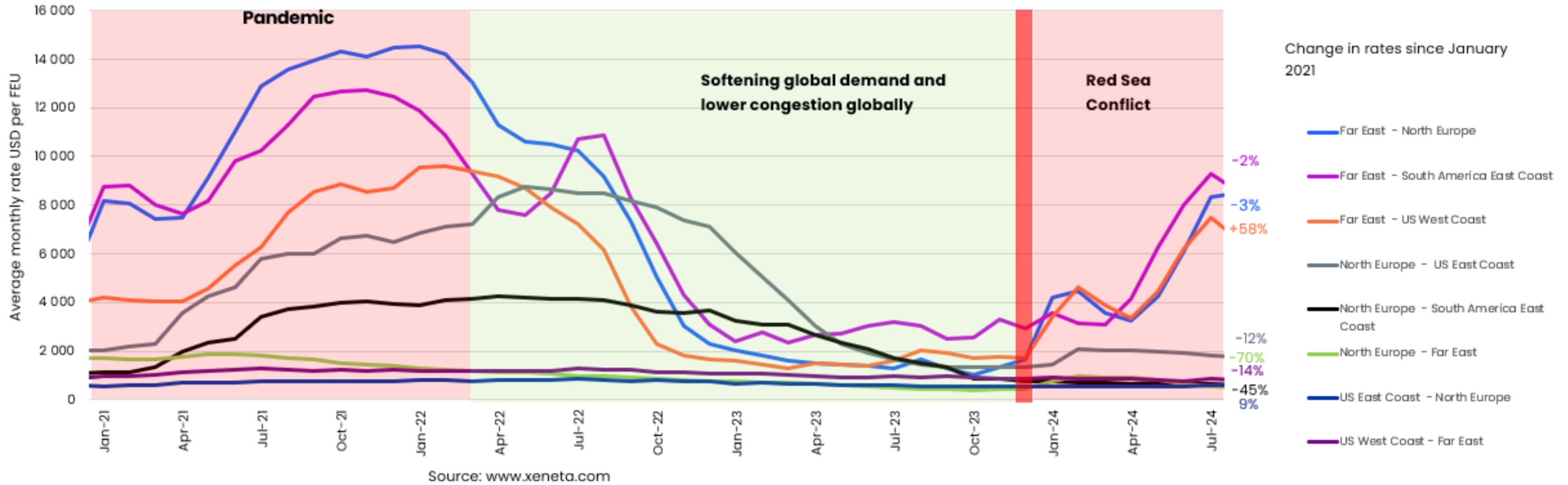
Where are we now?

Current Freight Rate Trends

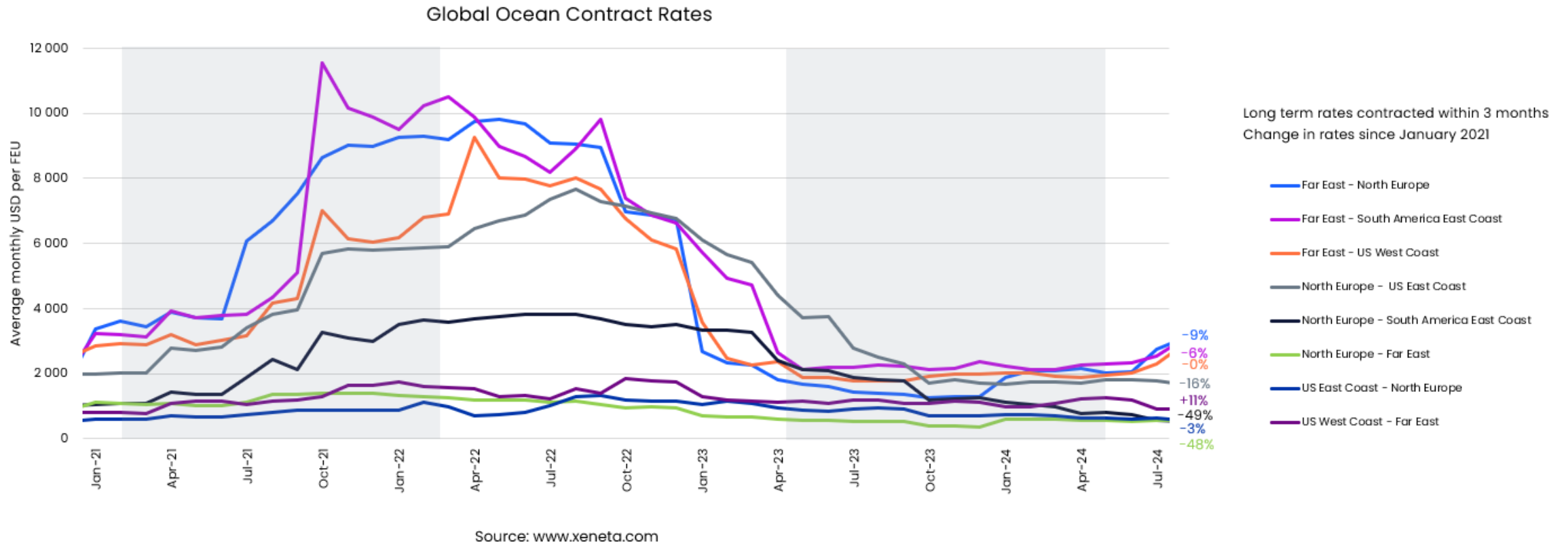


Development of spot freight rates (as of August 08th, 2024)

Global Ocean Spot Freight Rates



Development of contract freight rates (as of August 8th, 2024)



Significant Rate Shifts and Spreads: Only drama out of the Far East

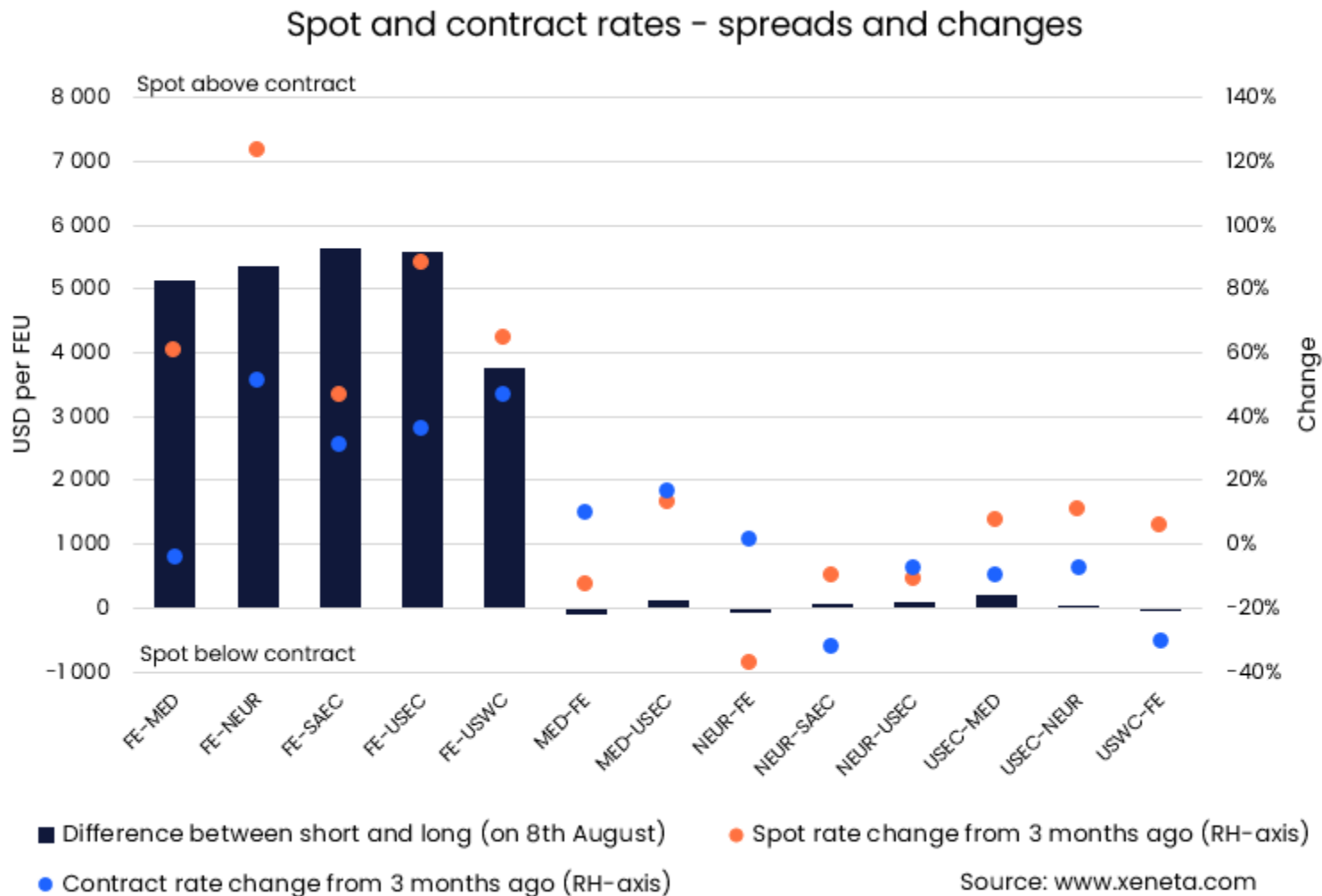
How to read this chart

Objective of graph: For the reader to see the price difference between short and long contracts as of current date.

Left Hand Axis: USD per FEU price difference between short and long contracts as of current date.
(Spot Rates minus Contract Rates)

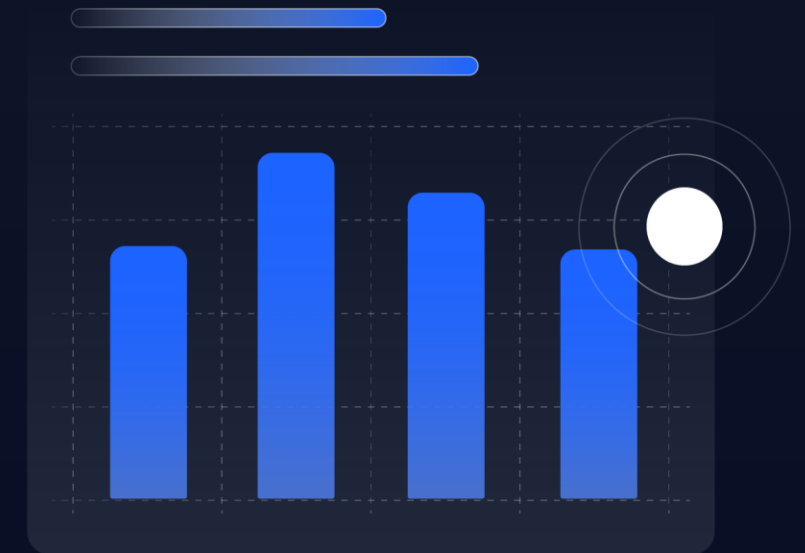
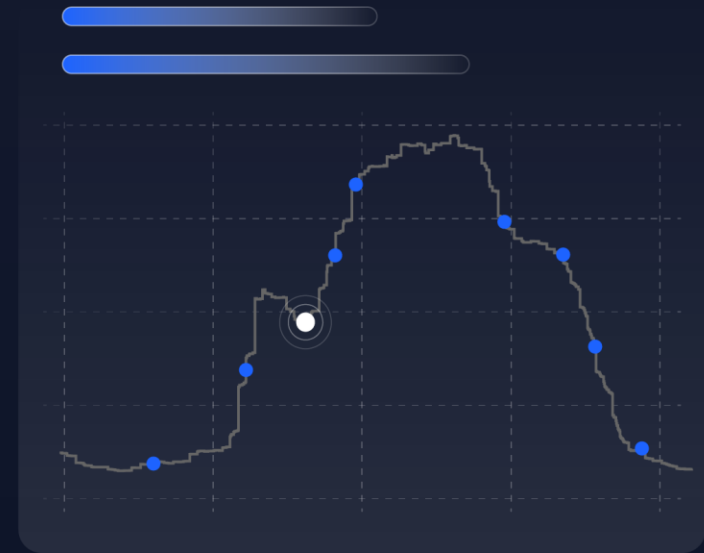
- If the bar shows a positive spread, spot rates are above contract rates, if the bar is in the negative, contract rates are above spot rates.

Right Hand Axis: Percentage difference in spot and contract rates from 3 months ago to the current date.



Supply Chain Heat Maps

From Xeneta



For the XSI® C: only routes connecting North Europe to Far East , US East Coast to North Europe rise

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Xeneta Shipping Index by Compass (The XSI-C)

Origin	Destination	Week	Week	Week	Week	Week	Week	Week	Week	Week	Week	
		22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32
		ending										
		31/May	07/Jun	14/Jun	21/Jun	28/Jun	05/Jul	12/Jul	19/Jul	26/Jul	02/Aug	09/Aug
Far East	to US West Coast	2.8%	19.7%	1.2%	14.6%	2.4%	10.5%	2.2%	-1.7%	-6.9%	-5.8%	-4.2%
Far East	to North Europe	1.6%	20.1%	2.4%	15.9%	1.9%	14.6%	1.7%	5.1%	0.2%	0.0%	-1.0%
Far East	to South America East Coast	7.0%	7.3%	3.6%	6.2%	2.4%	6.2%	3.1%	-3.6%	-4.2%	-2.9%	-1.8%
North Europe	to Far East	-1.8%	-21.8%	4.2%	0.1%	-0.1%	-20.1%	-1.4%	-1.4%	-0.4%	0.0%	1.3%
North Europe	to South America East Coast	-2.2%	-0.2%	-3.2%	0.4%	0.2%	-1.0%	-4.2%	-1.4%	1.6%	-2.3%	-3.3%
North Europe	to US East Coast	-0.7%	-2.2%	0.0%	-0.1%	0.3%	-5.1%	0.2%	-0.6%	1.1%	-0.1%	-2.5%
US East Coast	to North Europe	0.3%	-1.5%	2.8%	-1.8%	1.0%	11.2%	3.5%	3.4%	-0.1%	1.0%	0.6%
US West Coast	to Far East	-0.9%	1.0%	-1.7%	-0.7%	-1.9%	8.3%	0.8%	-2.6%	-3.9%	-0.7%	-2.0%

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Note:

Weekly average

Rates falling by more than 0.4% are GREEN

Rates going down OR up by less than or equal to 0.4% are YELLOW

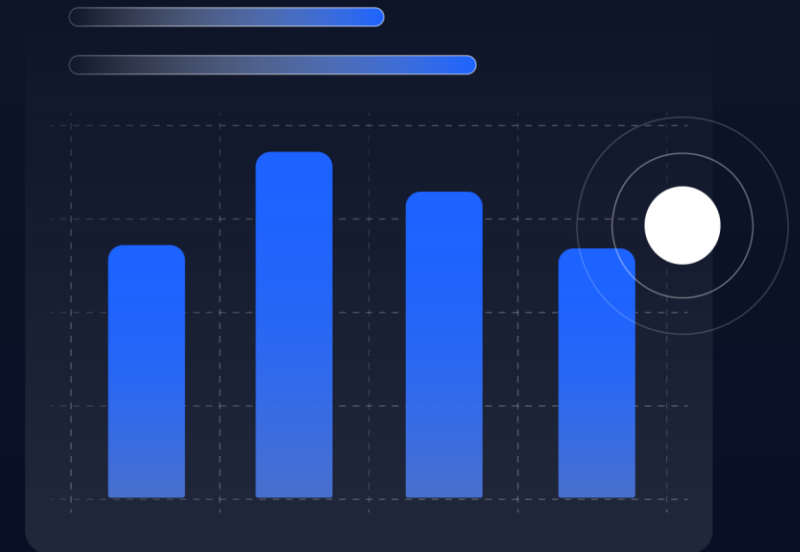
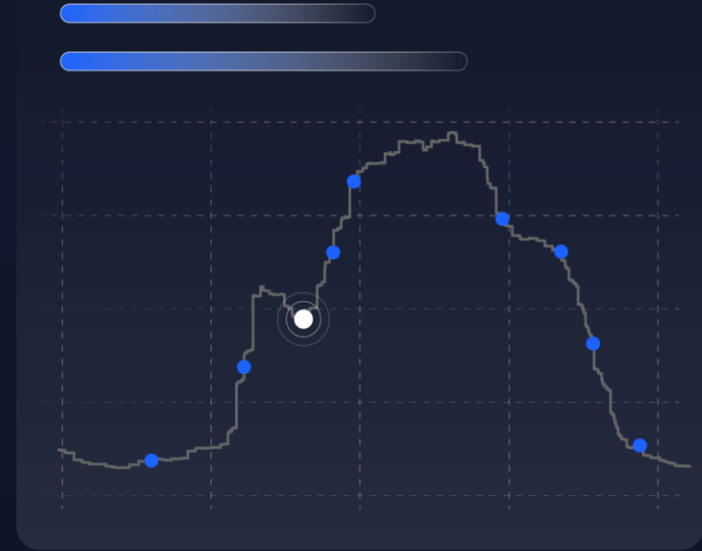
Rates climbing by more than 0.4% are RED



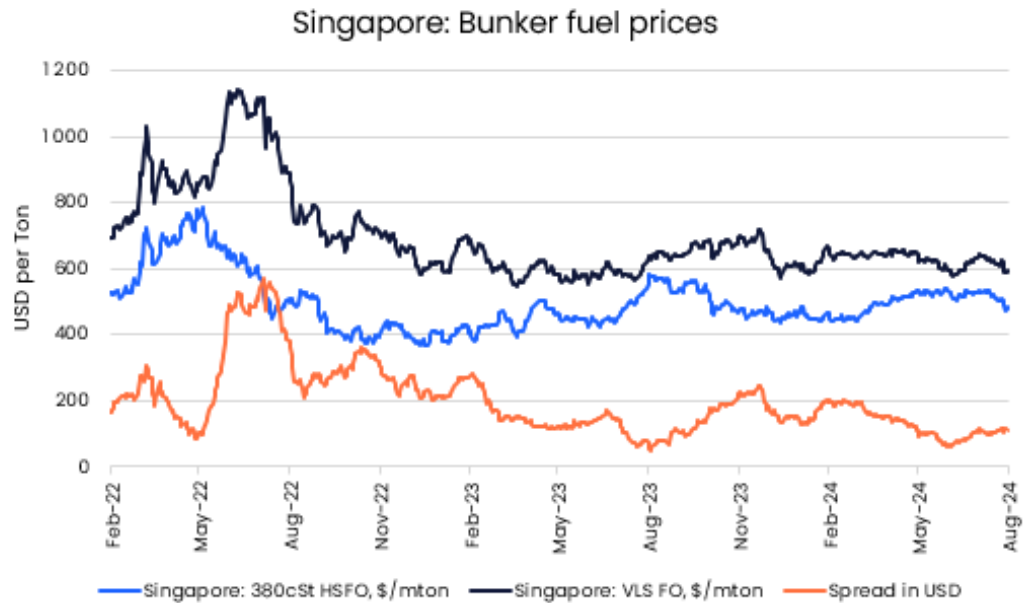
Bunker Fuel

Prices and Surcharges

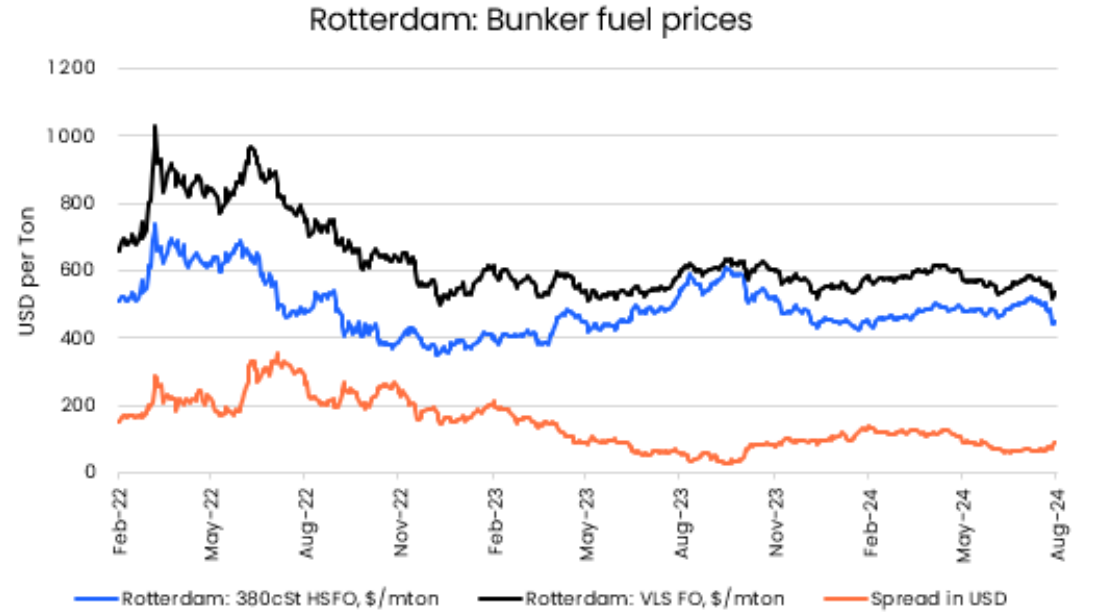
Main Ports



Bunker Fuel Market Trends: Singapore vs Rotterdam Highlights – August insights

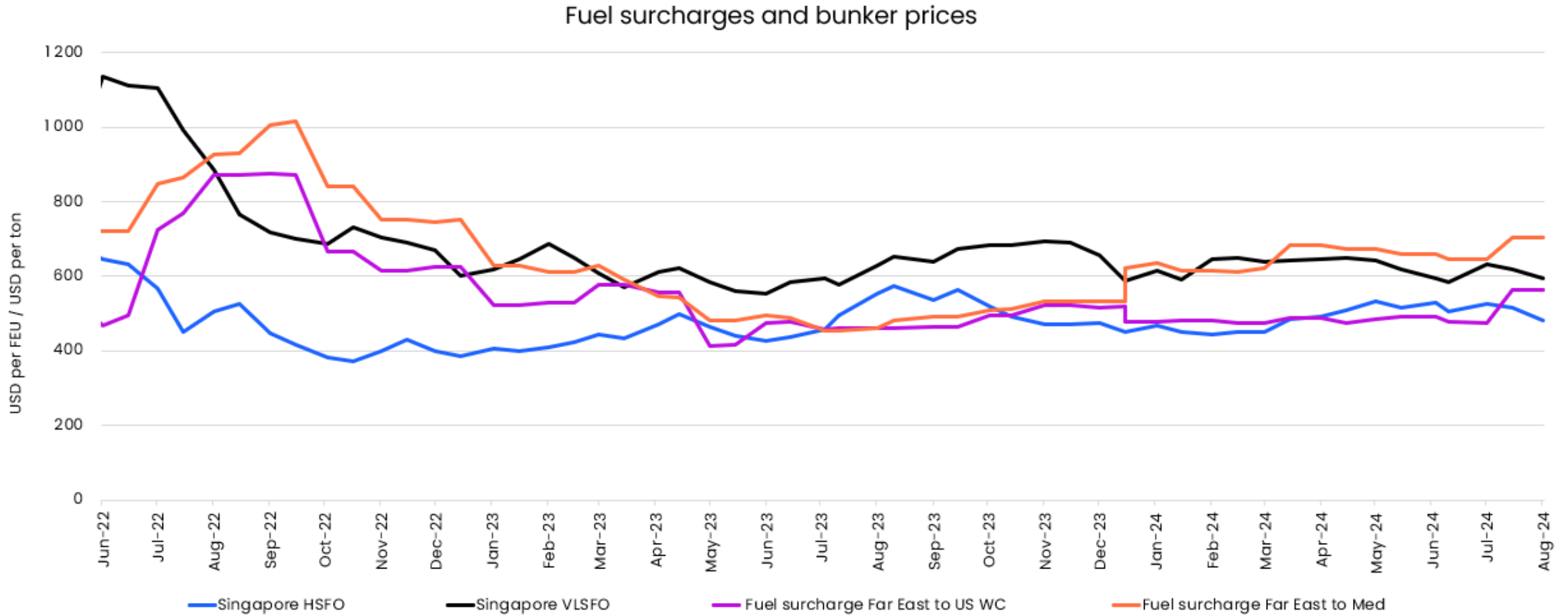


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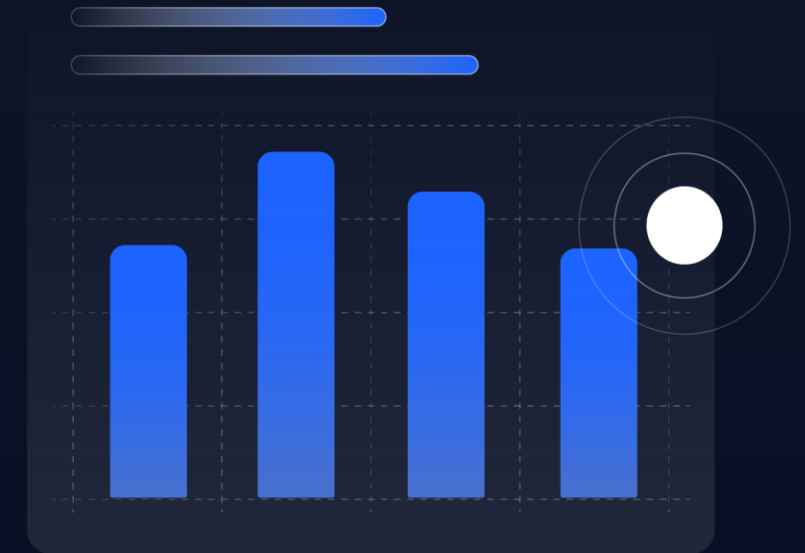
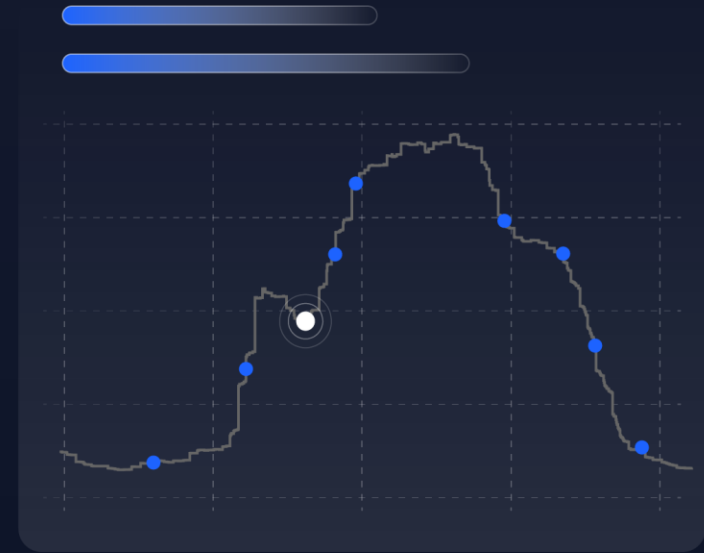
Recent Increase in Fuel Surcharges for Far East to US West Coast and Mediterranean while fuel prices remain stable



Source: Xeneta, MABUX

What's being shipped?

Current Demand Trends

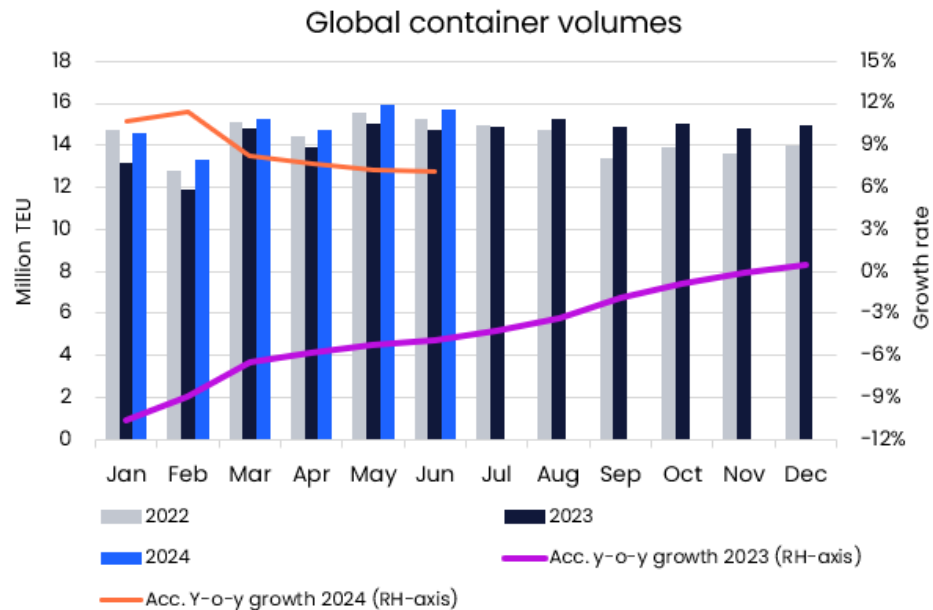


Dynamic Growth Trends in Global Container and Reefer Volumes

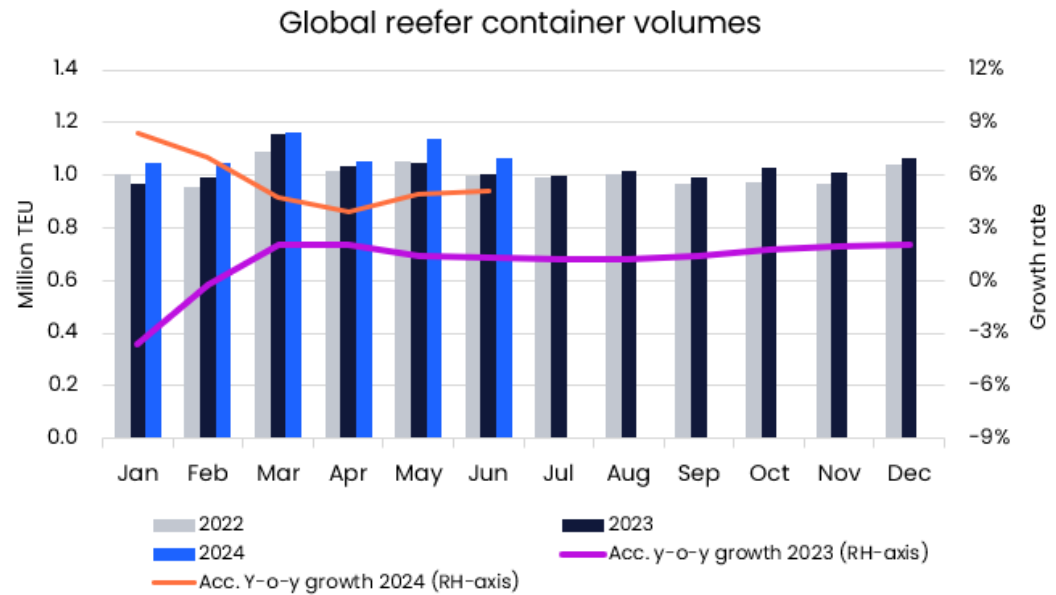
June 2024 recorded a container volume of 15.69 million TEU, which is slightly lower than the 15.95 million TEU moved in May, marking a 1.7% decrease from the previous month. However, this is a notable improvement when compared to June 2023, which saw a volume of 14.75 million TEU. The year-on-year growth for June 2024 stands at 6.3%.

Container volumes for the first half of 2024 have reached 89.6 million TEU, reflecting a strong 7.1% increase compared to the same period in 2023.

In terms of reefer volumes, June 2024 achieved 1.07 million TEU, a slight increase from the 1.01 million TEU recorded in June 2023, representing a year-on-year growth of 5.9%. The total reefer transports for the first half of 2024 was 6.52 million TEU, which is 5.3% higher than the 6.19 million TEU moved in the first half of 2023.



Source: Xeneta, Container Trades Statistics

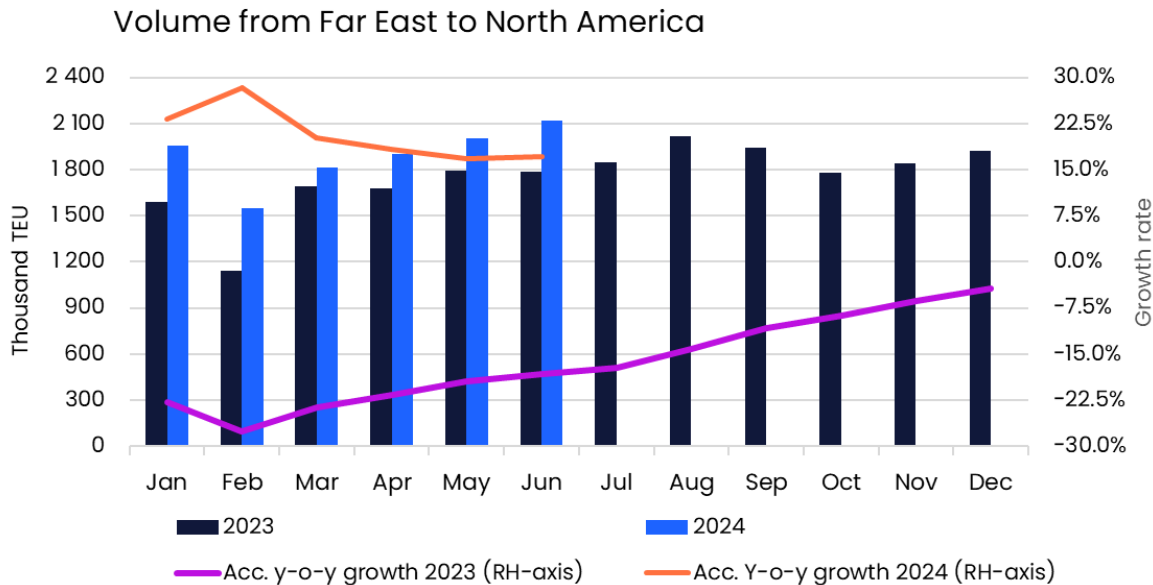


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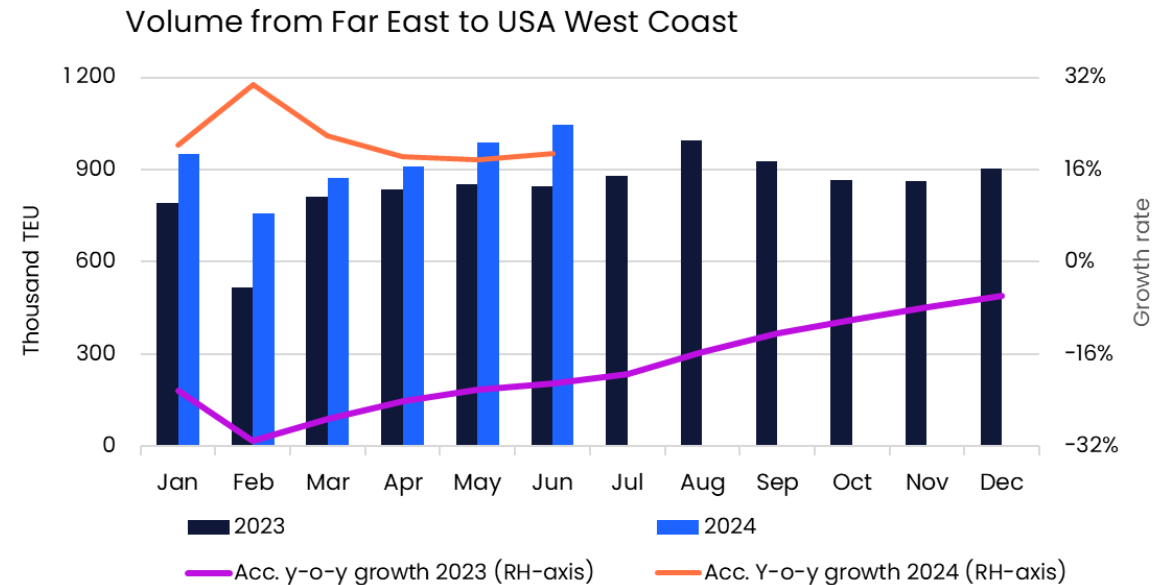
June 2024: Record High Exports from the Far East to North America and the US West Coast

In June 2024, exports from the Far East to North America and the US West Coast reached record highs, driven by strong demand. Far East to North America volumes hit 2.1 million TEU, with a year-to-date total of 11.3 million TEU, reflecting a 16.6% increase compared to the same period last year. Similarly, the Far East to US West Coast trade saw over 1 million TEU in June, contributing to an 18.8% year-over-year increase, with a total of 5.5 million TEU for the first half of the year.

These record volumes were largely driven by a global rush to secure supply chains amidst geopolitical tensions, particularly disruptions in the Red Sea region and strike risk on US East and Gulf coast. The urgency to mitigate potential delays led to accelerated shipments. Businesses moved fast to restock inventories earlier in anticipation of future supply chain challenges, pushing shipping volumes to levels even surpassing those during the pandemic for North America as a whole.



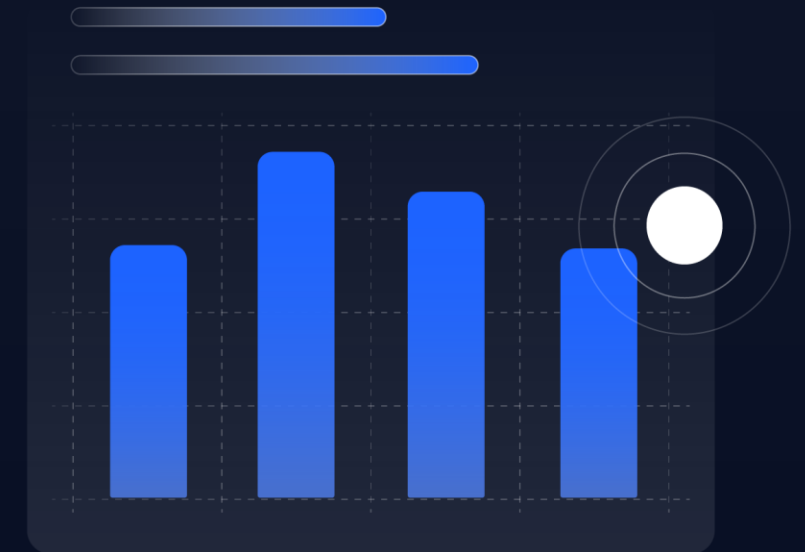
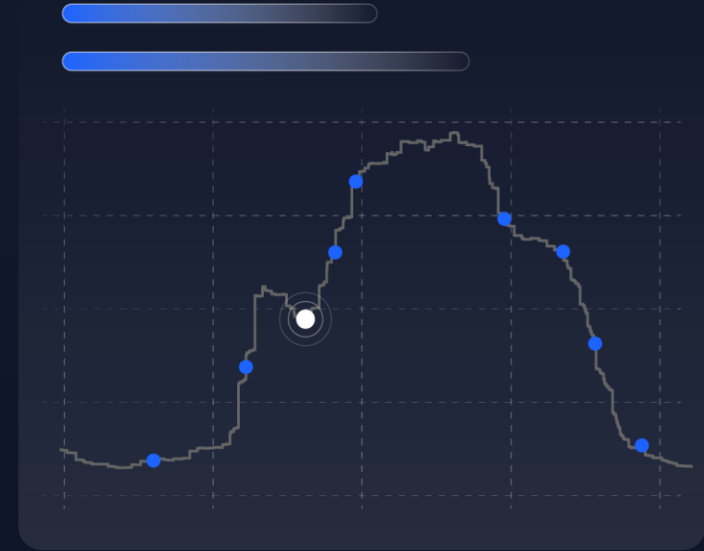
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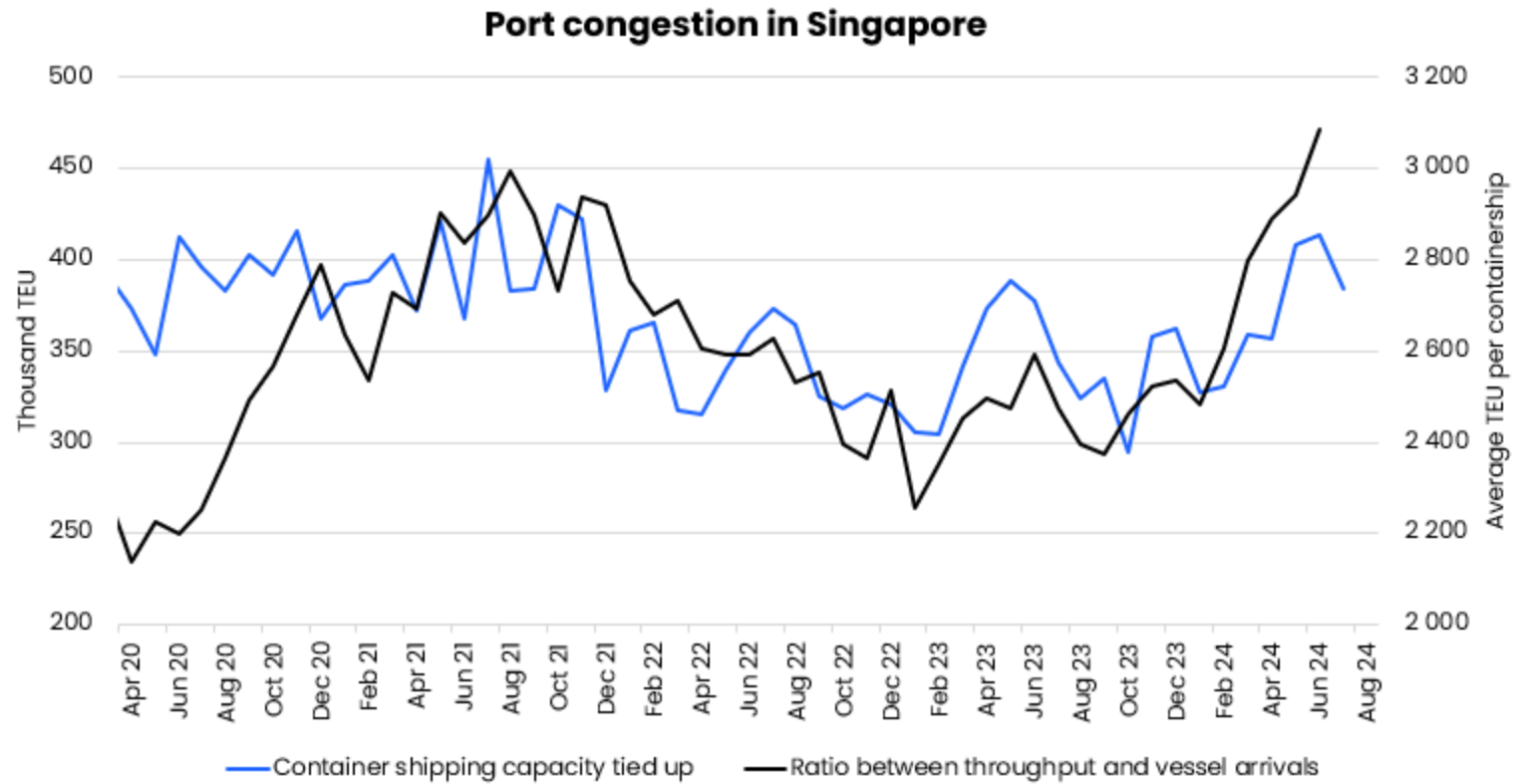
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Where's the congestion?

Improving or getting worse?

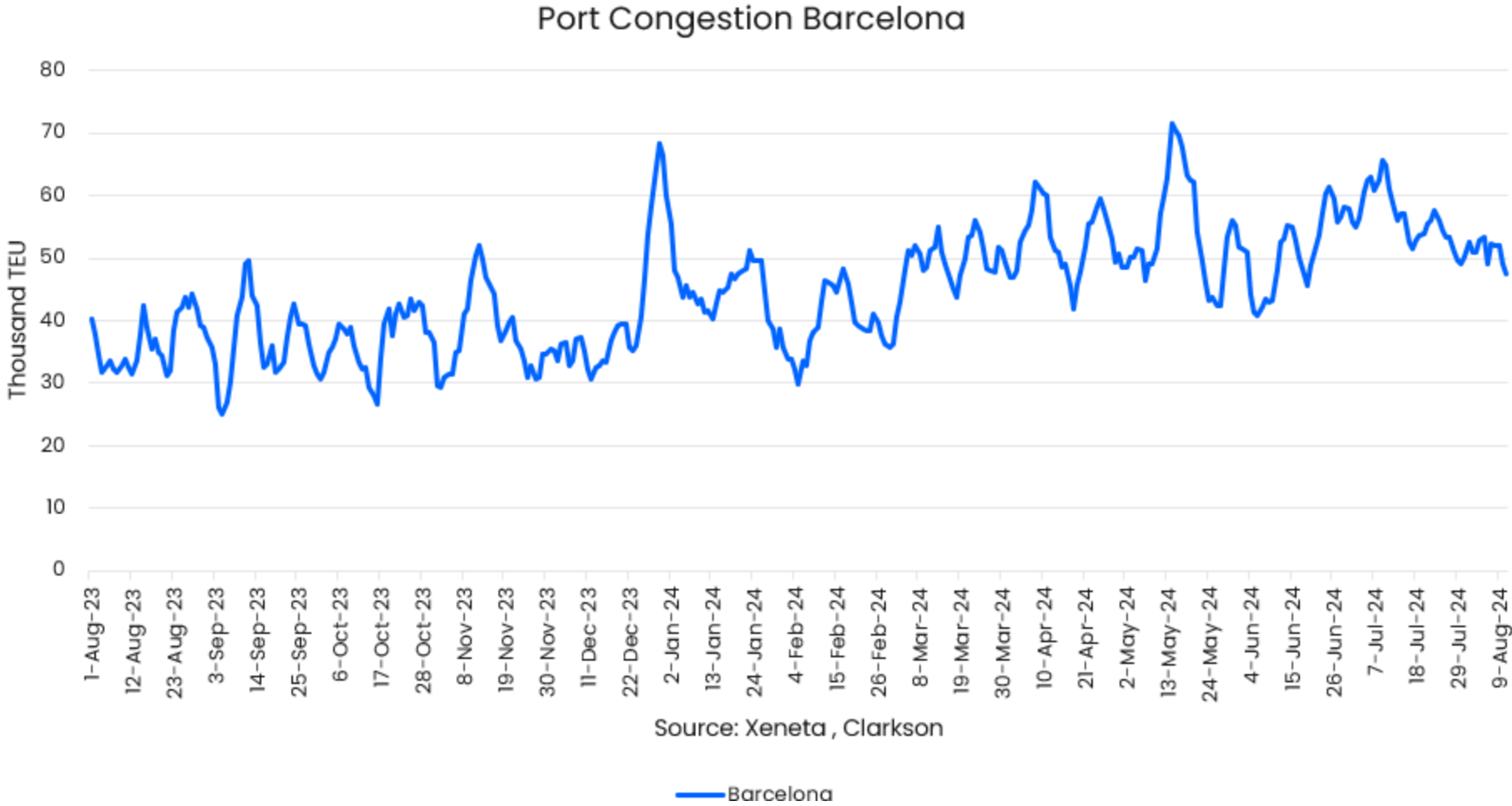


Port Congestion in Singapore: congestion easing in August 2024



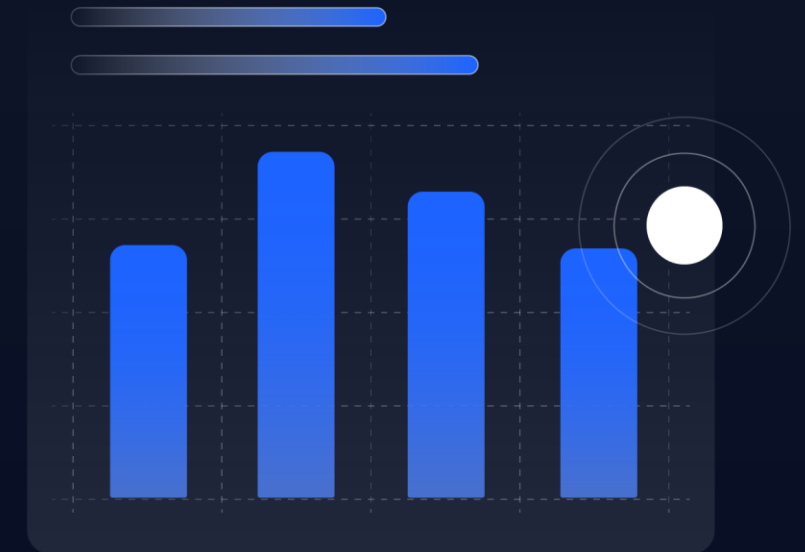
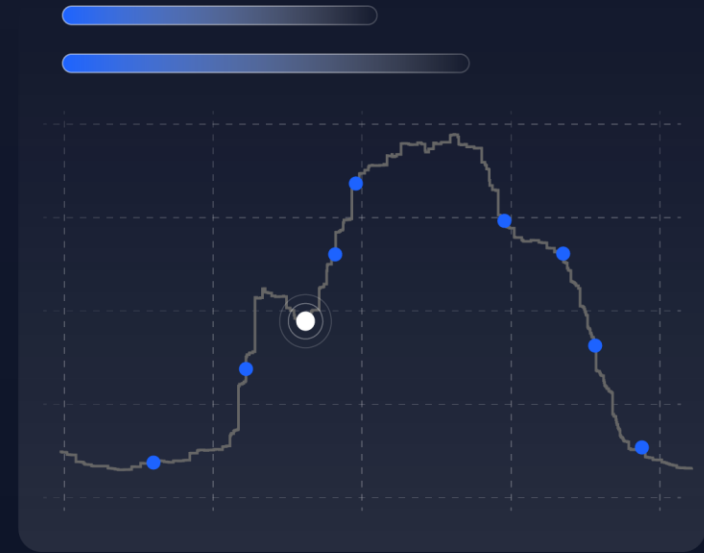
Source: Xeneta, Port of Singapore, Clarksons

Port congestion in Barcelona continues its decline into August 2024—showing signs of easing pressure

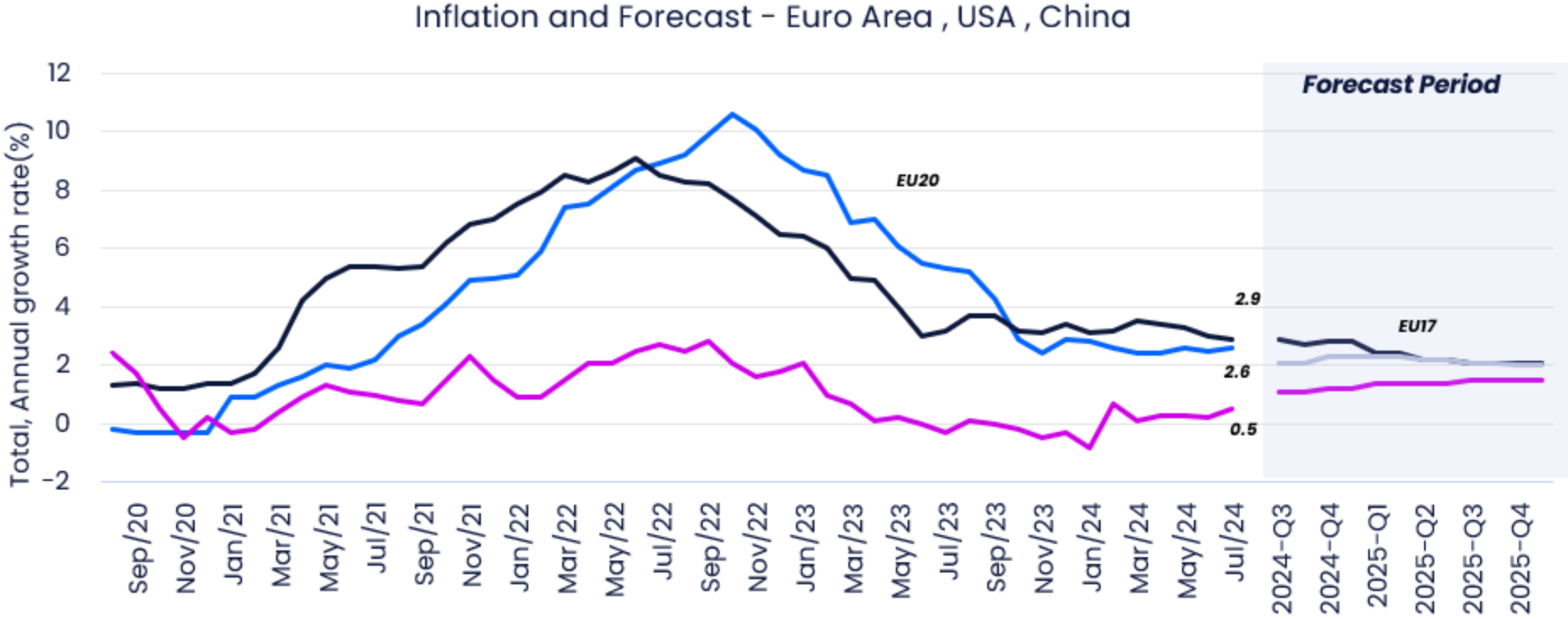


Where's the economy heading?

In the East and in the West



July 2024 Inflation: Stability in Euro Area, Gradual Recovery in USA, and Uptick in China



Source: Xeneta, OECD and Euro Stat

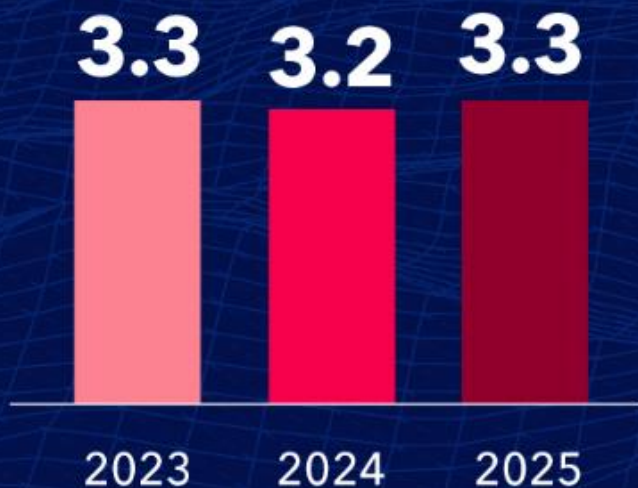
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GROWTH PROJECTIONS

(REAL GDP GROWTH, PERCENT CHANGE)

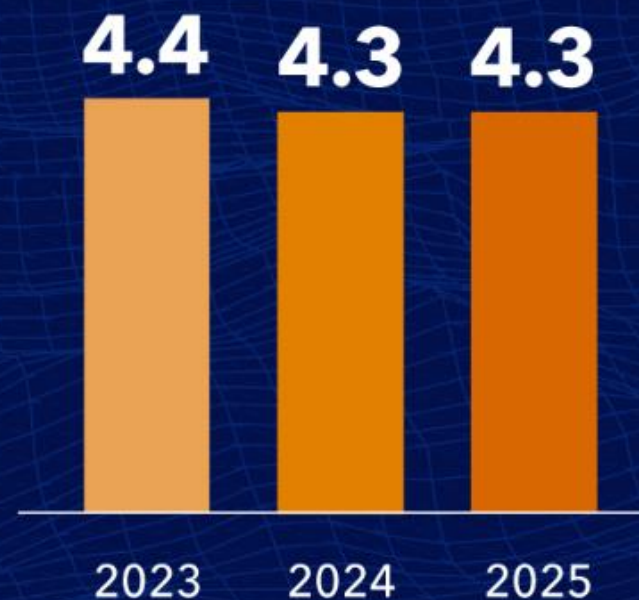
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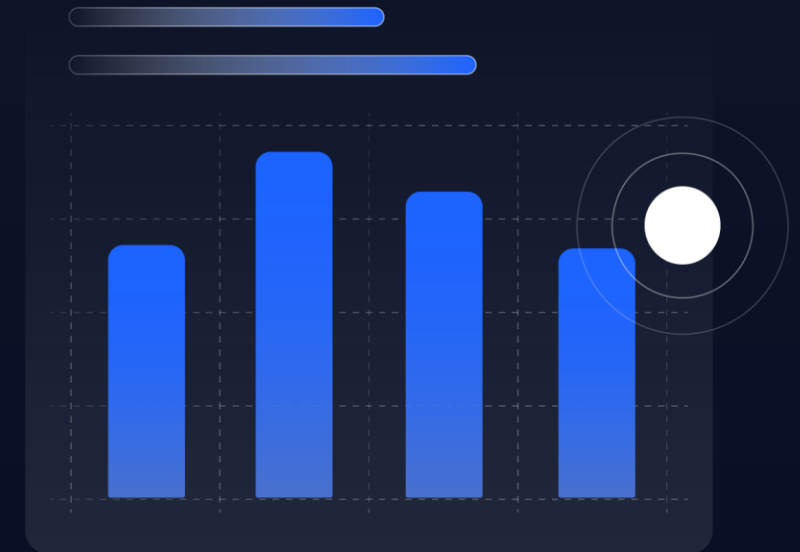
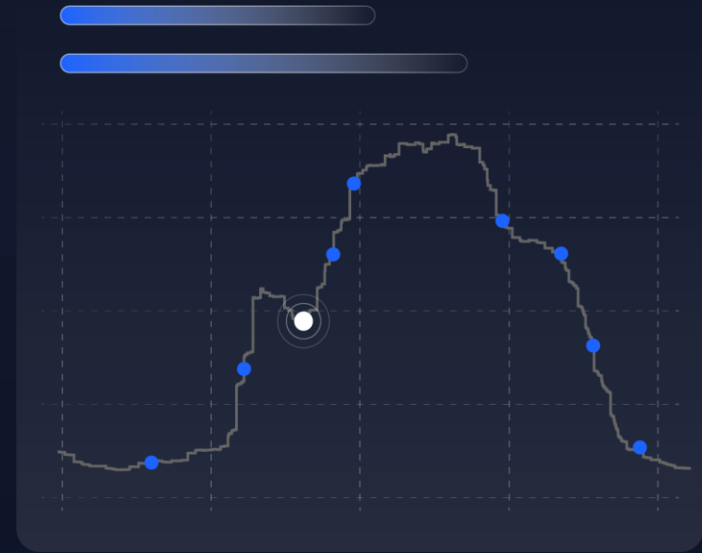
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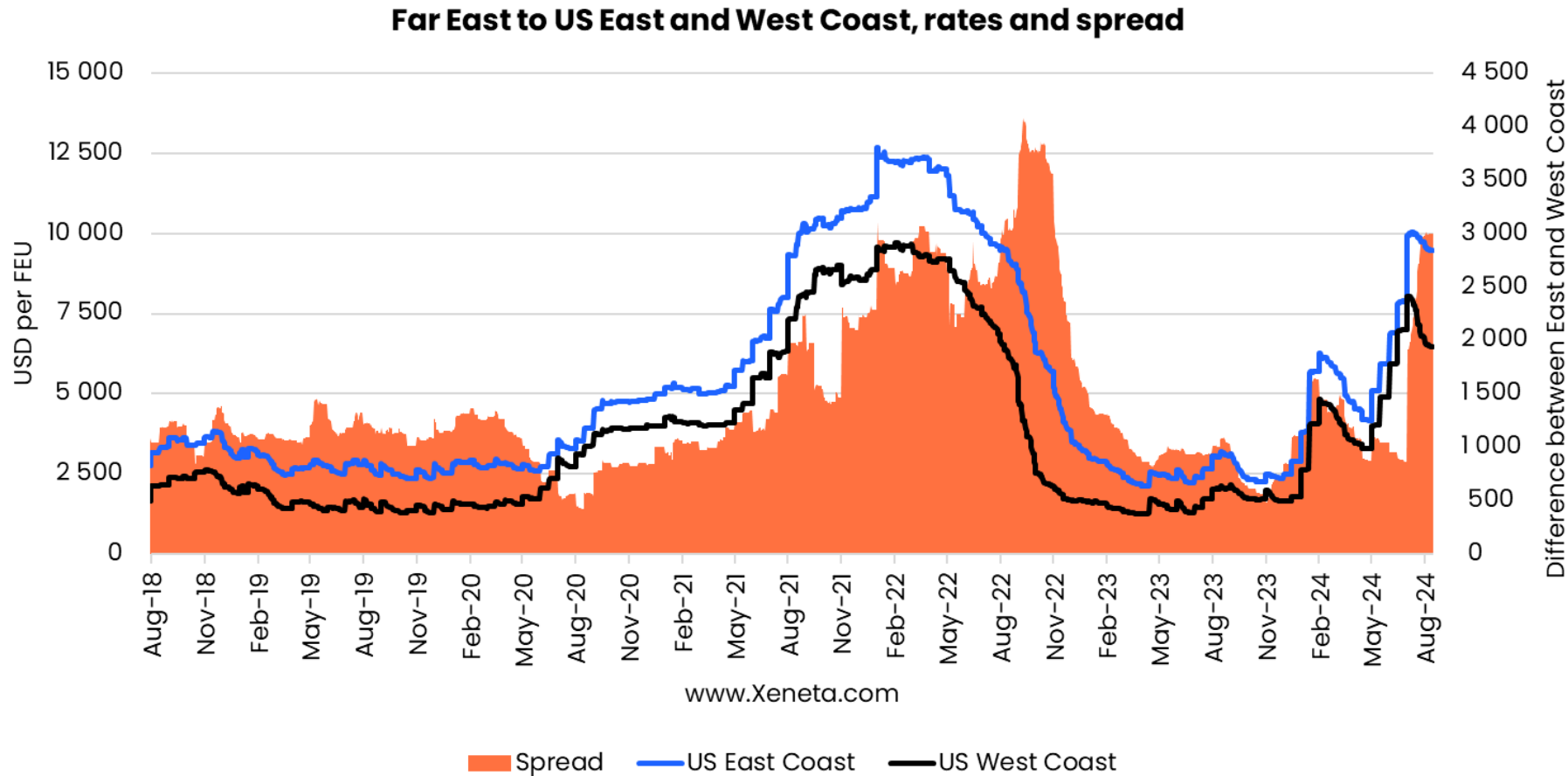
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Monthly Specials!



Supply risk showing up in the spot market – as shippers frontload



A spot market freight rates spread not seen since the highs of the covid-disruption has been brought around by the uncertainty surrounding the labor negotiations on the US East and Gulf Coast.

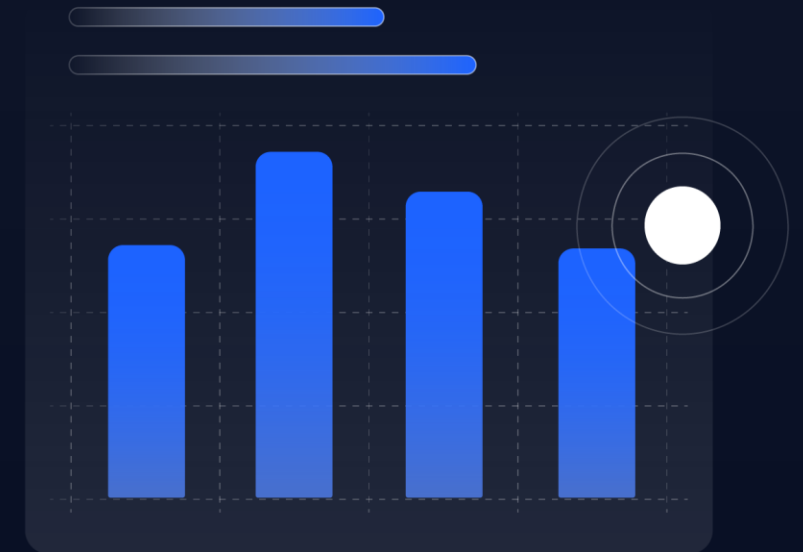
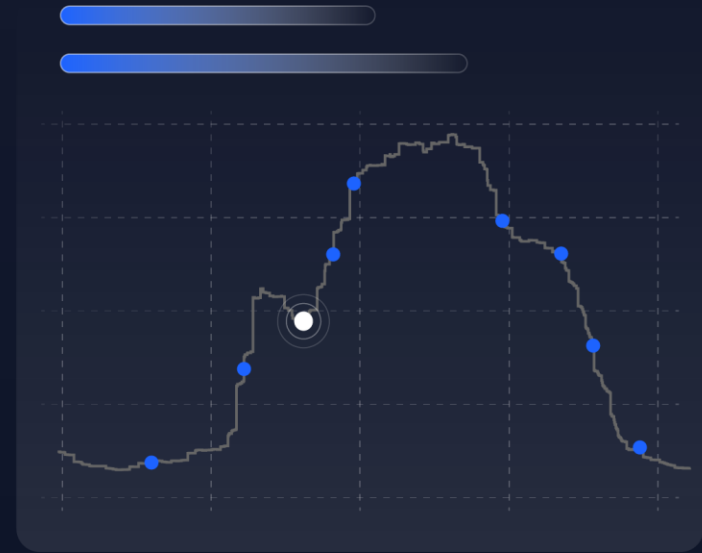
While we cannot rule out a peaceful solution to the current disputes, October 1 could also bring around widespread strikes.

What matters mostly, in case of strikes is the duration of it.

Being very close to the US presidential election in November, a long-running and devastating strike is unlikely.

Even a one-week shutdown could take 4-6 weeks to recover from, according to Maersk Line.

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The screenshot displays a live webinar interface. On the left, there are two video thumbnails: the top one shows a man with a headset, and the bottom one shows a woman with a headset in front of a 'XENETA' logo. The main area is a browser window showing a dashboard for 'Rate movement'. The dashboard includes a navigation bar with 'Monitor', 'ANALYZE', 'BUDGET', 'TENDER', and 'REPORT'. Below the navigation, there are tabs for 'Rates', 'Reliability', 'Capacity', 'Surcharges', and 'CIP'. The 'Rates' tab is active, showing a line chart of market average rates from Sep 2021 to Sep 2024. A large play button is overlaid on the chart. To the right of the chart is a legend with 'Market rate - average, regional', 'Short-term', and 'Long-term - last 3 months'. Below the legend is a 'Highlight' section with a blue box containing text: 'With significant volatility on all fronthaul trades, we recommend choosing +10 days to better track the short term market. To guarantee space on vessels, some carriers are converting existing rates to premium service levels with surcharges ranging from \$1,000 to \$2,000.' Below the highlight is an 'Insight' section with text: 'Market Average rates for this corridor have increased by 112% (\$3 703) compared to last quarter.'

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