

This monthly report is developed to provide insights into the Micro and Macro Environment in Shipping and Trading for Sea Transportation Services with a focus on the Breakbulk Market. The information obtained is from primary reliable sources to enhance the market dynamics and provide insights for the market momentum. Both Shipping and trading environments are reviewed and analyzed.

# **Marco Analysis**

#### **World Economics**

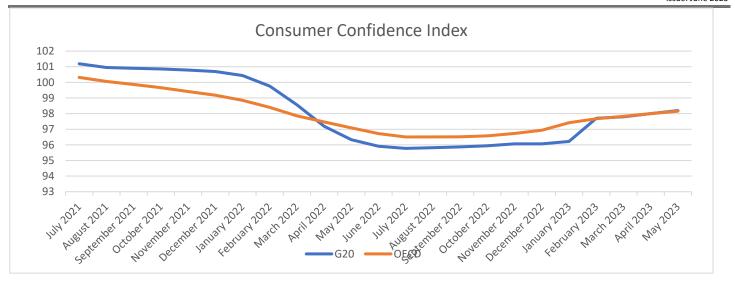
The global economy still struggles from high inflation despite the cap on fuels. Argentina and Turkey are the countries with the highest inflation until May 2023 while the lowest remains in China and Saudi Arabia. Argentina inflation is nearly double compare with the inflation on the previous year though Turkey inflation is halved. On G20 the average inflation has dropped by 3% since last peak on October 2022. This is a as result of the continue increase of the interest rates across Europe and USA





The G20 world Domestic product increased in the first quarter of 2023. A sign of stabilized inflation has allowed countries to increase their productivity. The highest increase on GDP was in France while the lowest GPD was in Germany which was halved since the previous quarter due to negative results on industrial production.





The Consumer Confidence index in May 2023 between OECD countries, is by 1% higher compared with the index on the same period last year. The consumer index has incrementally increased since December 2022.



Industrial production for April 2023 has been quadruple since previous month on G20. The lower energy prices, the increase on consumer index, and the seasonality due to Summer holidays has pushed productivity higher. The highest industrial production was in China again while the lowest industrial production was in Italy. Industrial production in turkey is by 9% less compared to last year while on the other side China is more by 9% on the same period.

# Forex June 2023

The Euro average rate for June 2023 was \$1.09 which is 3 percent more from previous months. The US Dollar gained 3% of its value against China Yuan and 0.5% against Australian Dollar.

#### **Interest Rates**

The Interest rates in Euro and USA have increased by nearly one tenth since February 2023 to combat the higher inflation.

# **Energy 28th February 2023**

The Crude oil WTI June contracts are trading at \$71.71 this is 7% less compare the previous one month. Similarly Liquefied Natural Gas has lost approximately 2% of its value and now trades at \$2668. The Crude is trading by one tenth less compared to the beginning of the year.

#### **Commodities**

Alumina

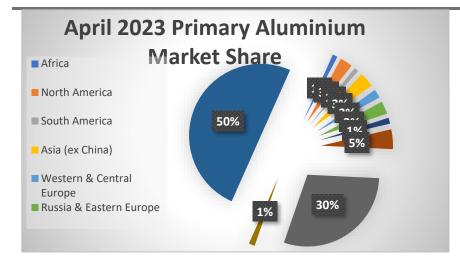


The total Alumina production output for April 2023 has reached 11,235 thousand metric tons which is by 5% less than previous year. The FOB prices of Alumina decreased by \$14 since last month and now trading at US \$335 per metric Ton.

# **Shipping and Trading Monthly Report**



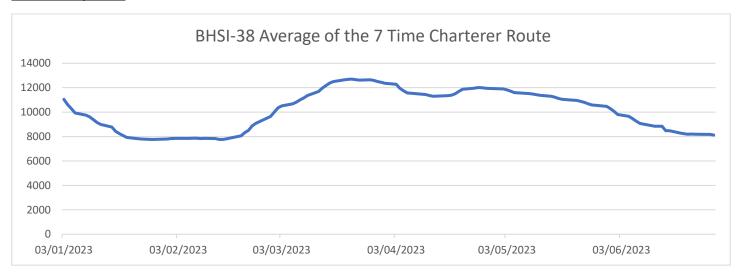
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#### **Primary Aluminum**

As Far as the Primary Aluminum is concerned the total world production on January 2023 has reached 5,651 thousand metric tons which is a increase by 0.5% compared to last year FOB price of Primary Aluminum decreased by less than a fifth compared to begin of the year.

# **Baltic Handy Index**



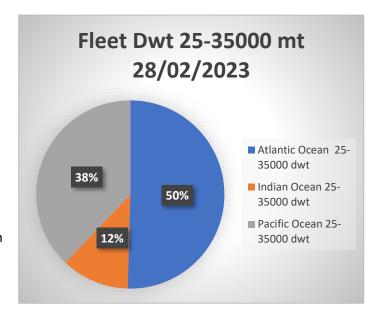
The Market on handy size average 7-time Charter Route is \$10101. Currently the vessels trading less than a third since January and 200% less than previous year on same period. Though the daily volatility is twice as high over the last 6 months compared to previous six month of previous year.



#### **Tonnage Supply - Traffic**

Over the Handy Size Fleet between 25-35000 mt Dwt which accounts approximately 1560 vessels, near half of them remain trading in the Atlantic, 13.0% are trading in Indian Ocean and 38% are trading in Pacific (including West Coast America). There is a decrease of the fleet during June in the Atlantic Ocean and increase in Indian Ocean. The Pacific Ocean remains flat.

As it can be seen vessels in Atlantic Ocean returned to Indian ocean. But due to grain corridor vessels activity in Black sea remained poor. There are only few movements of vessel in pacific. The area with the highest activity is in China region while the lowest in the CIS ports.



#### **Bunker-Index**

The Bunker prices in Singapore lost ground by 13% of their values a month ago thought the prices on average of the month are by one tenth lower compared with the prices for the same period last year. Bunkers are expecting to increase together with the market rates over the next period.

# **Researchers Comments**

For the month June the micro and macro analysis provide insights that Seaborne trade on handy market remain low and market will be push down further. However the closing of the industry in Europe may lead to increase of the industrial production and shipping market improvement until mid-July . Now Q4 expected strong after the summer holidays and signs of improvement will be seen in the Future contracts. Market volatility may see the freight return to healthier levels after end August.

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