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Different markets – different developments

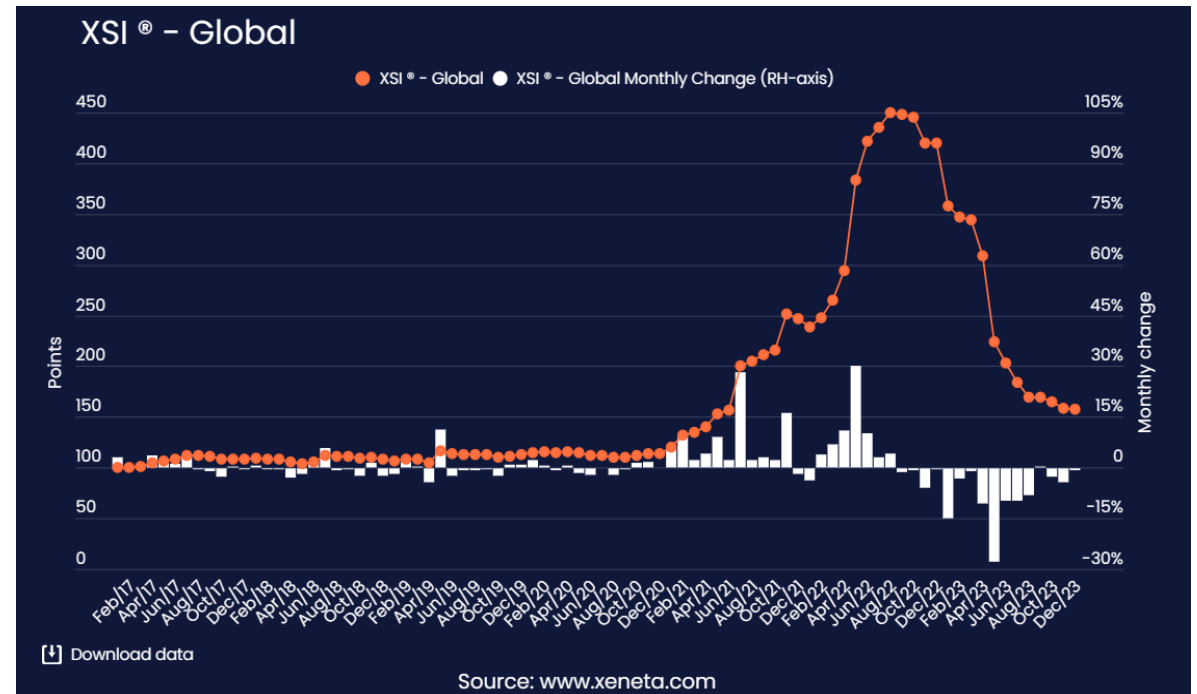
Volumes hold up high

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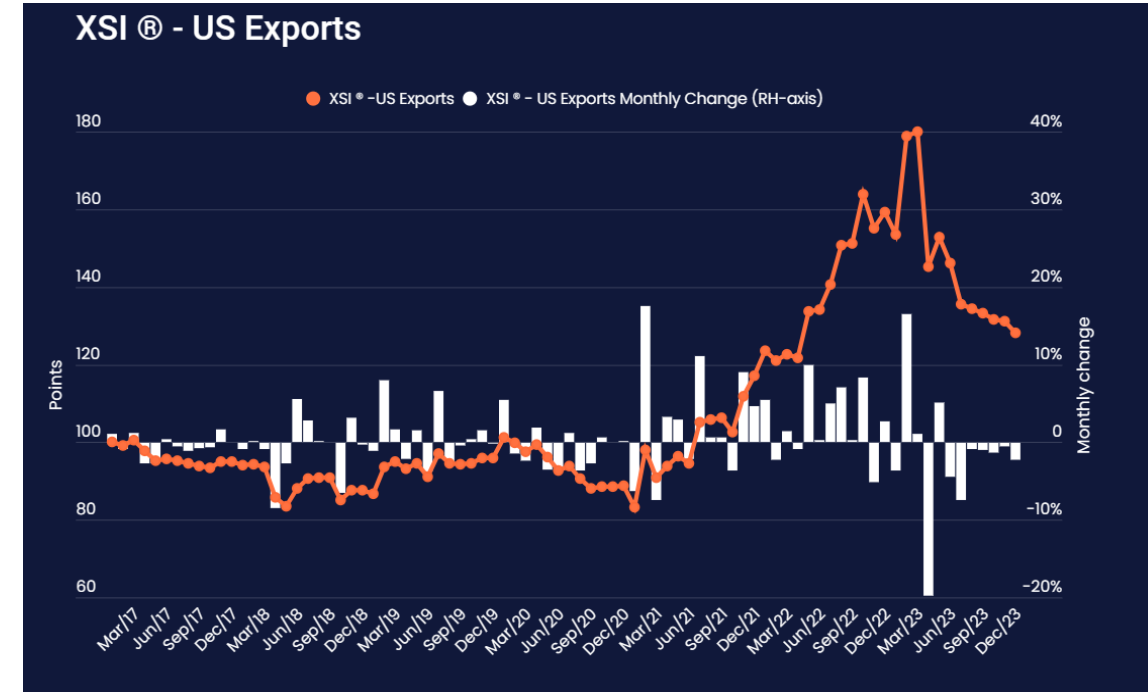
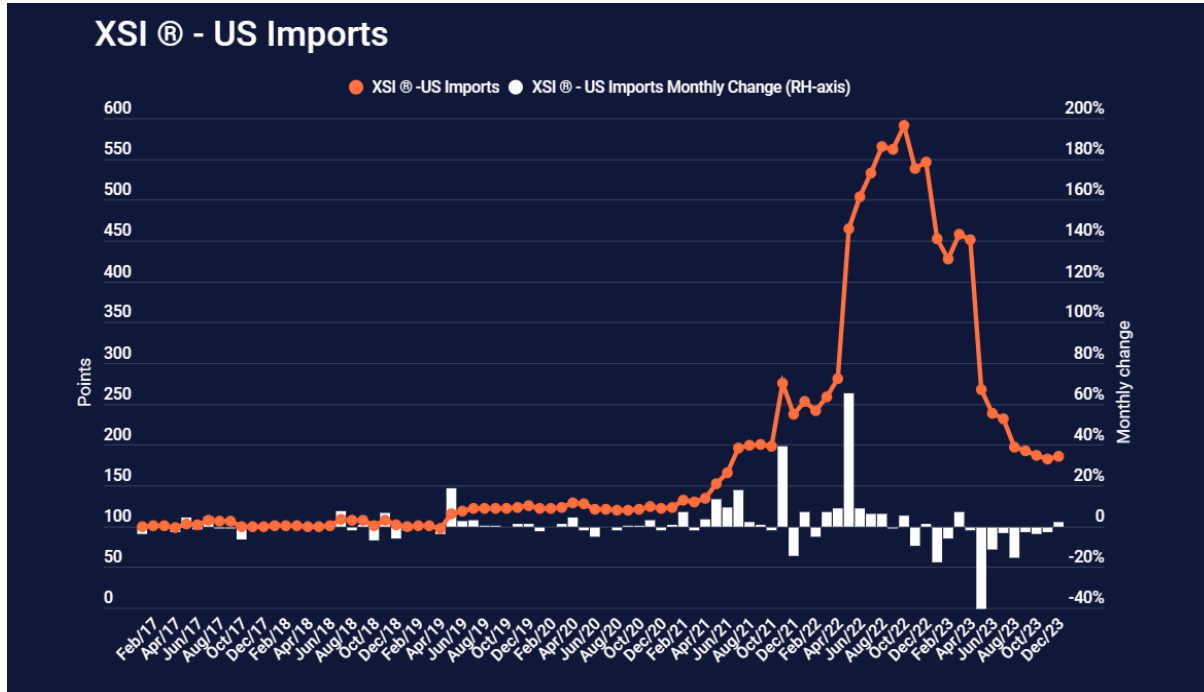
The global XSI® (contract market) fell in December to 157.8 points – a 62.4% decline if compared with start of the year

- The Global XSI® stands at 157.8 points in December, which is 62.4% lower than the start of the year.
- If we look to 2021 and 2022 for comparison, the XSI®, which represents the average of all valid long-term contracts, increased by 117.6% and 69.8% respectively.
- The drop in 2023 wipes out those gains, with the Global XSI® now 90 index points lower than the end of 2021.
- The XSI® still ends 2023 38.9% higher than it was at the end of 2020.
- If we look at the development of the XSI® on a month-to-month basis, December's result was just 0.4% lower than November.
- The magnitude of the month-on-month changes in the XSI® has shrunk towards the end of this year with the past four months ranging from +0.3% to -4.1%.



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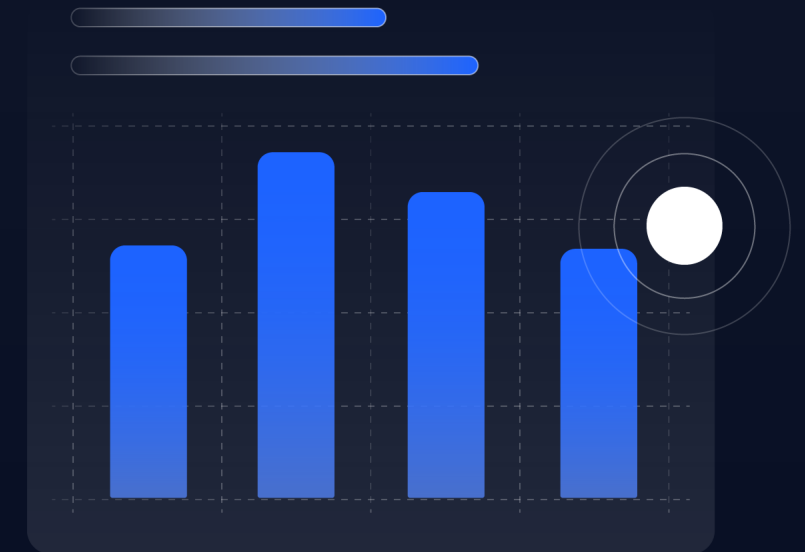
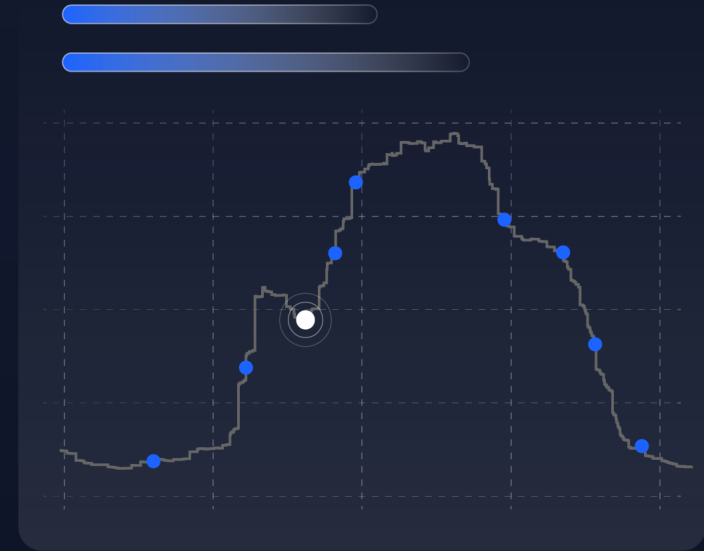
The XSI® for US imports increased in December by 2.0% from November to stand at 185.8 points, while US Exports declined 2.3%.



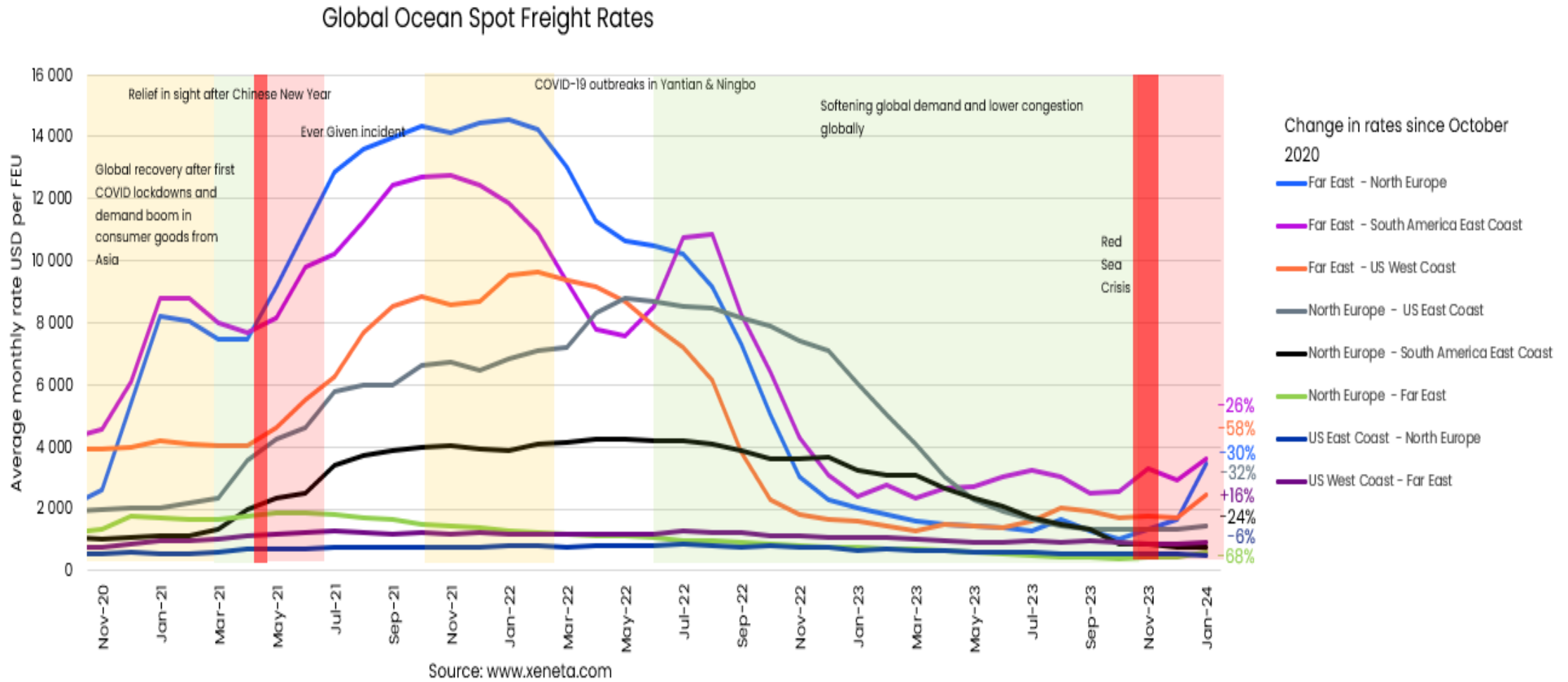
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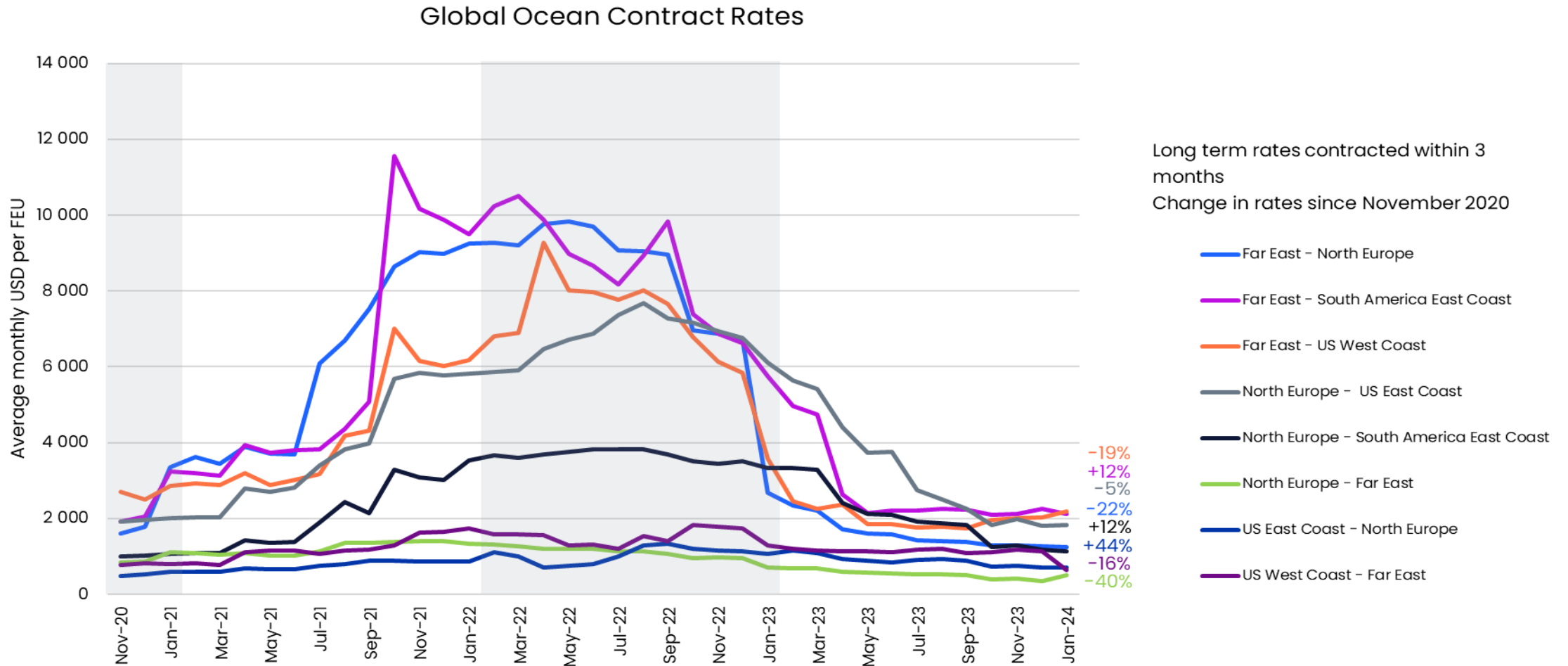
Current Freight Rate Trends



Development of spot freight rates (as of January 11, 2024)



Development of contract freight rates (as of January 11, 2023)



Source: www.xeneta.com

The new year brings major spot rate increases in main trade lanes – mainly for Far East outbound

How to read this chart

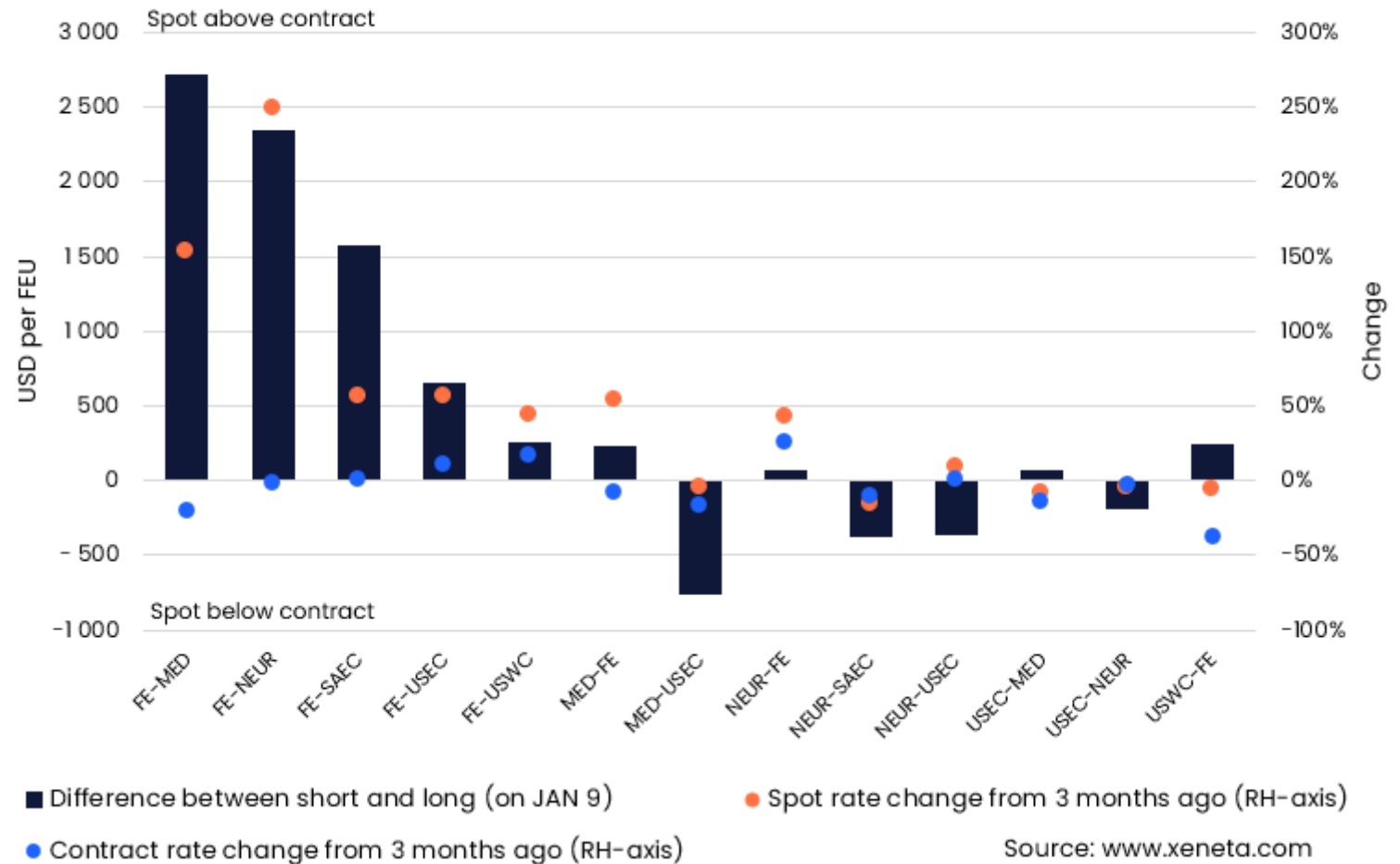
Objective of graph: For the reader to see the price difference between short and long contracts.

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.

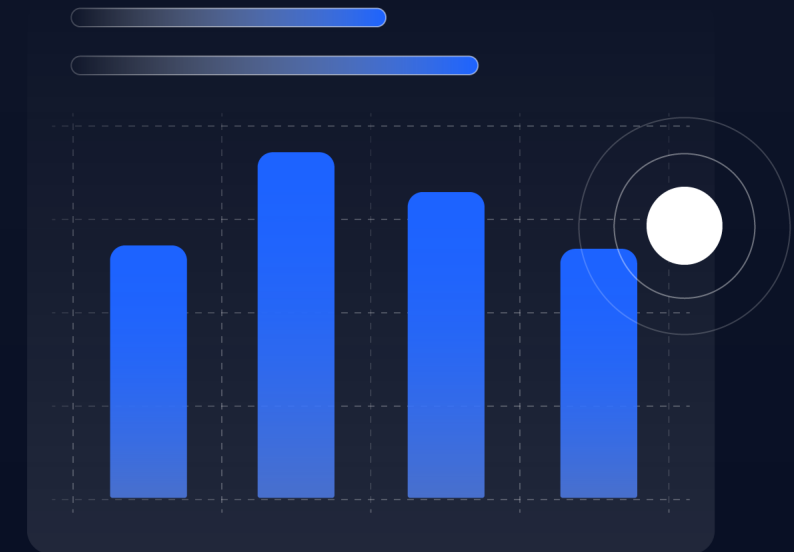
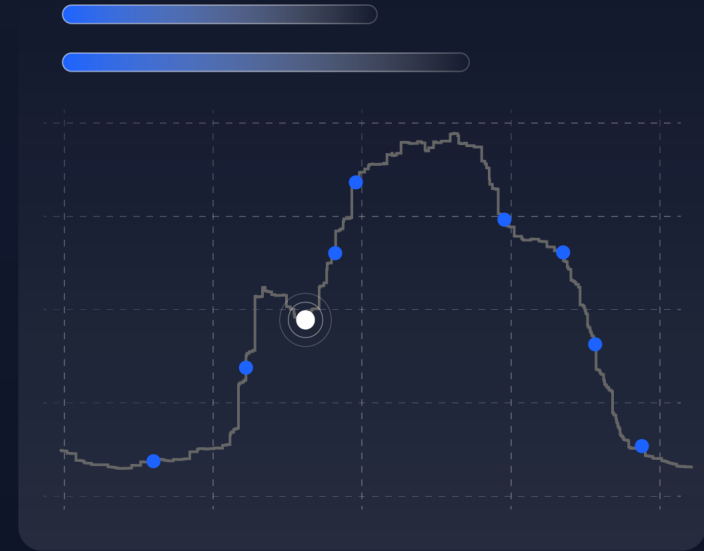
Spot and contract rates – spreads and changes



Source: www.xeneta.com

Supply Chain Heat Maps

From Xeneta



The XSI® C- on Far East Exports sees a dramatic rise in January

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Xeneta Shipping Index by Compass (The XSI-C)

Origin	Destination	Week	Week	Week	Week	Week	Week	Week	Week	Week	Week	
		43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	1
		ending										
		27/Oct	03/Nov	10/Nov	17/Nov	24/Nov	01/Dec	08/Dec	15/Dec	22/Dec	29/Dec	05/Jan
Far East	to US West Coast	1.7%	8.9%	4.6%	-6.8%	-7.1%	-3.8%	-2.4%	-1.6%	7.6%	0.5%	33.8%
Far East	to North Europe	-1.1%	23.6%	11.5%	-2.9%	-4.1%	3.5%	14.6%	1.7%	13.3%	3.8%	84.0%
Far East	to South America East Coast	14.0%	7.5%	7.8%	5.2%	3.3%	-2.6%	-6.4%	-4.3%	-6.7%	-1.5%	23.4%
North Europe	to Far East	0.0%	-5.7%	0.3%	8.3%	2.7%	-1.4%	-2.9%	0.0%	0.6%	2.1%	18.1%
North Europe	to South America East Coast	-0.7%	1.8%	-2.3%	0.1%	-0.6%	1.9%	-4.8%	-7.0%	-1.3%	0.8%	-15.1%
North Europe	to US East Coast	-0.5%	-1.6%	-1.8%	-0.7%	-1.2%	0.8%	2.5%	-0.4%	1.9%	0.5%	10.0%
US East Coast	to North Europe	-0.5%	-2.0%	-0.1%	2.7%	-2.3%	-0.4%	1.1%	0.1%	0.3%	-0.4%	-2.9%
US West Coast	to Far East	-1.4%	-1.2%	-0.6%	2.7%	-0.1%	-2.8%	0.0%	0.5%	0.2%	0.3%	4.1%

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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

What is the XSI® - C?

The XSI® - C stands for the Xeneta Shipping Index by Compass. It's EU BMR compliant and ready for index-linked contracting and derivatives.

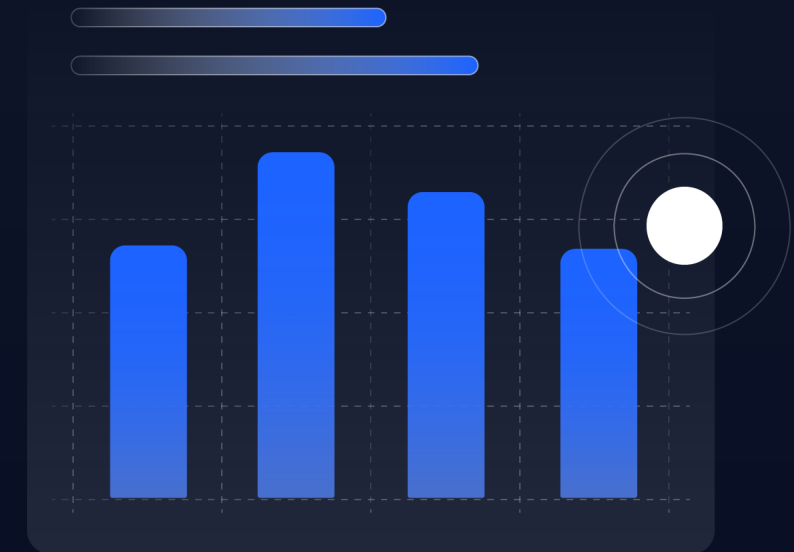
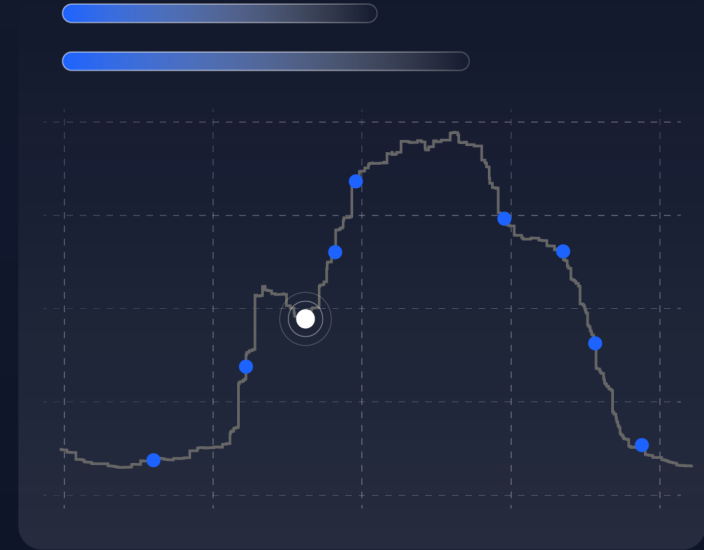
The XSI® - C is the container shipping industry's most transparent and trusted container rates index. It delivers the most in-depth and most accurate representation of the container freight market.

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Bunker Fuel

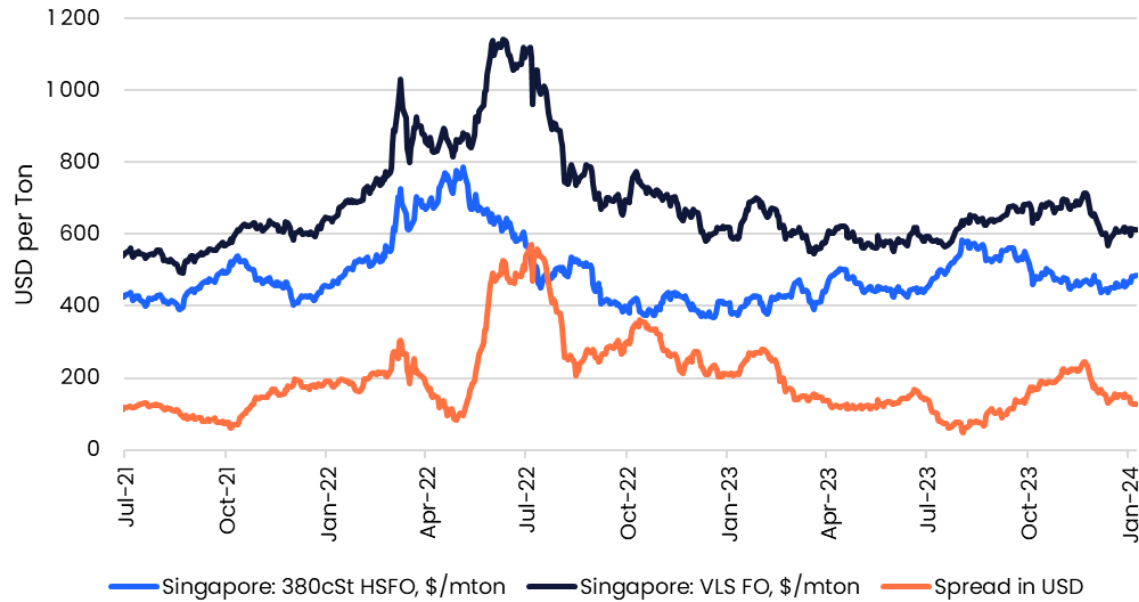
Prices and Surcharges

Main Ports



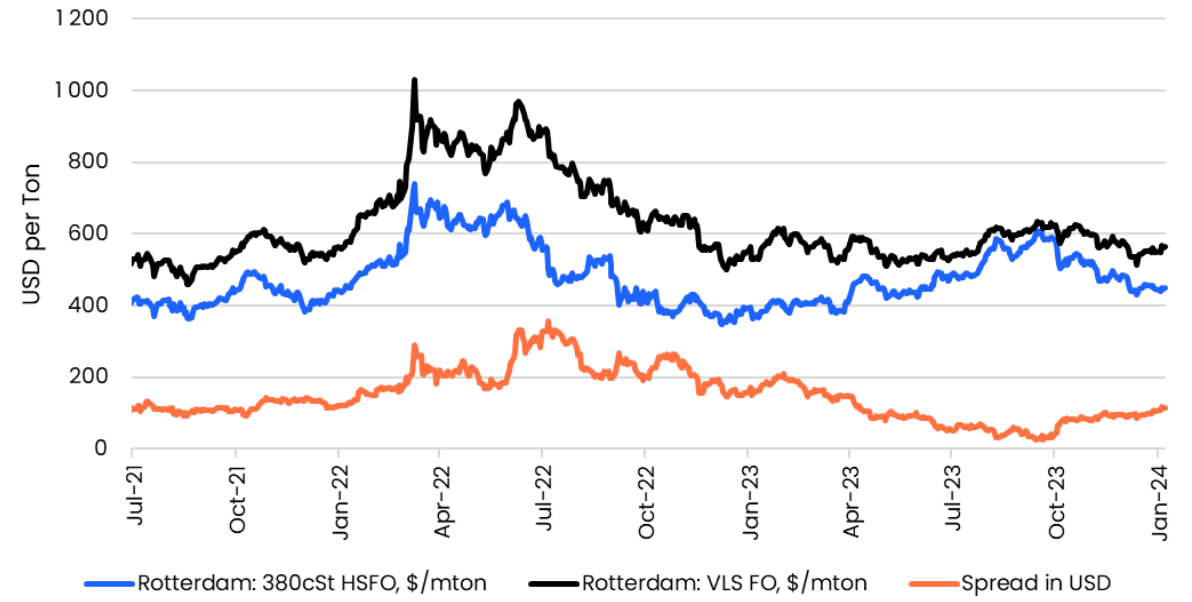
As bunker fuel demand increases due to carriers sailing around Africa, Heavy Sulfur Fuel Oil (HSFO) prices in Singapore continue trending upwards

Singapore: Bunker fuel prices



Source: Xeneta, MABUX

Rotterdam: Bunker fuel prices

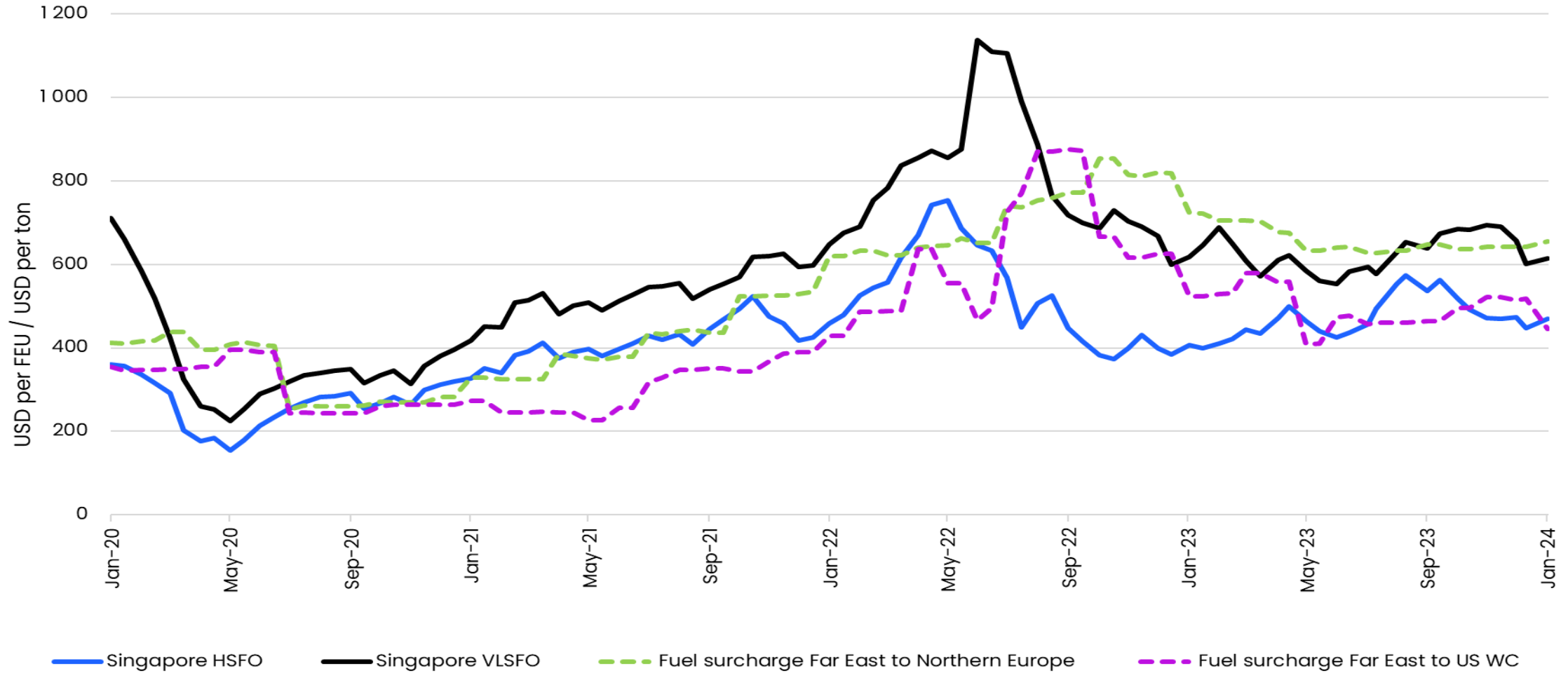


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HSFO stands for Heavy Sulfur Fuel Oil
 VLS FO Very Low Sulfur Fuel Oil

The fuel surcharge from Far East to US WC falling in the early stage of 2024

Fuel surcharges and bunker prices

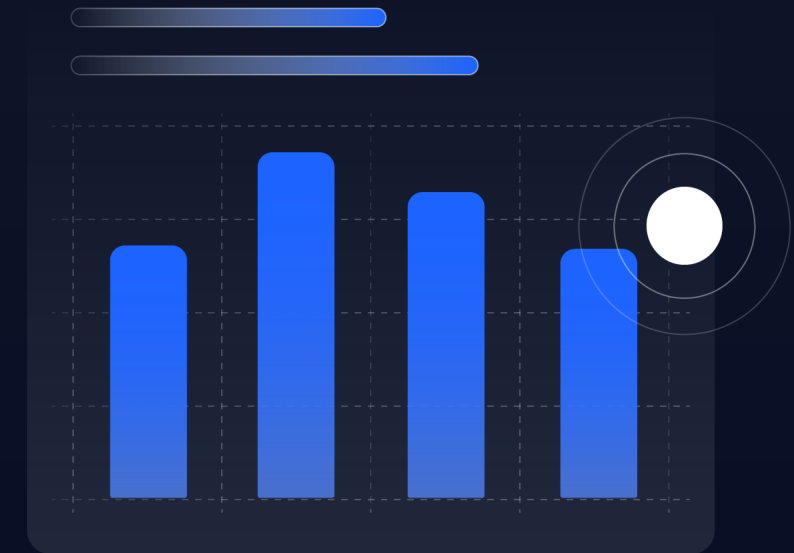
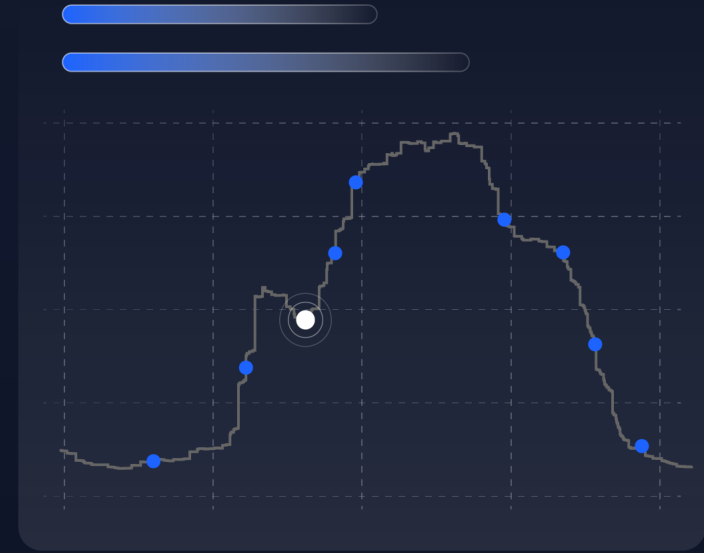


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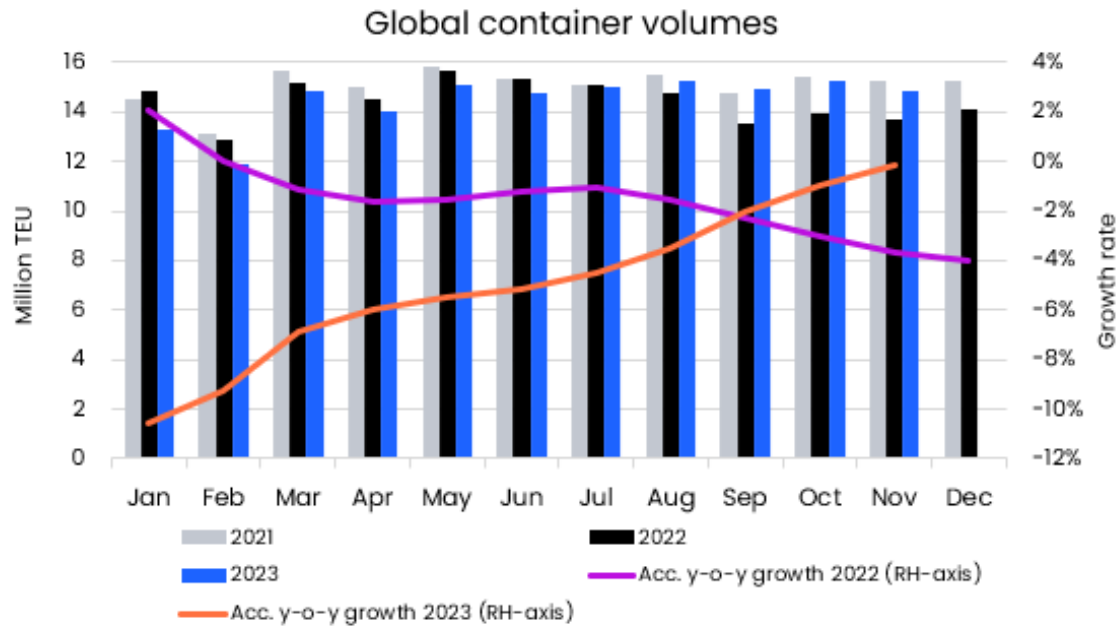
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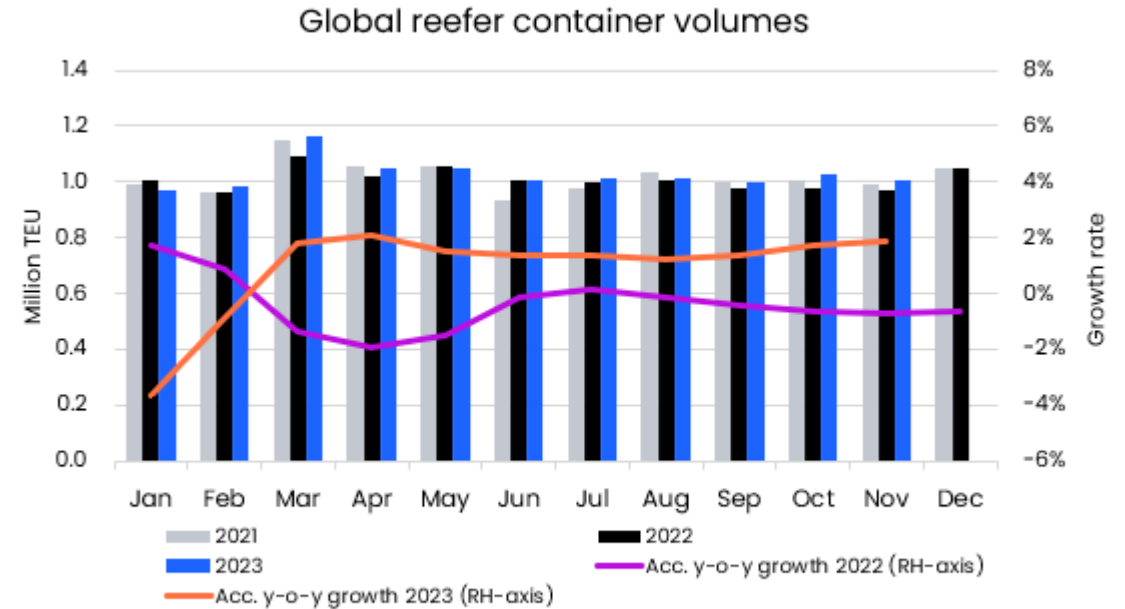
Current Demand Trends



Global container volumes declined by 0.2% for 11M-'23 compared to last year – but aims for growth for the full year after consistent strength in recent months.

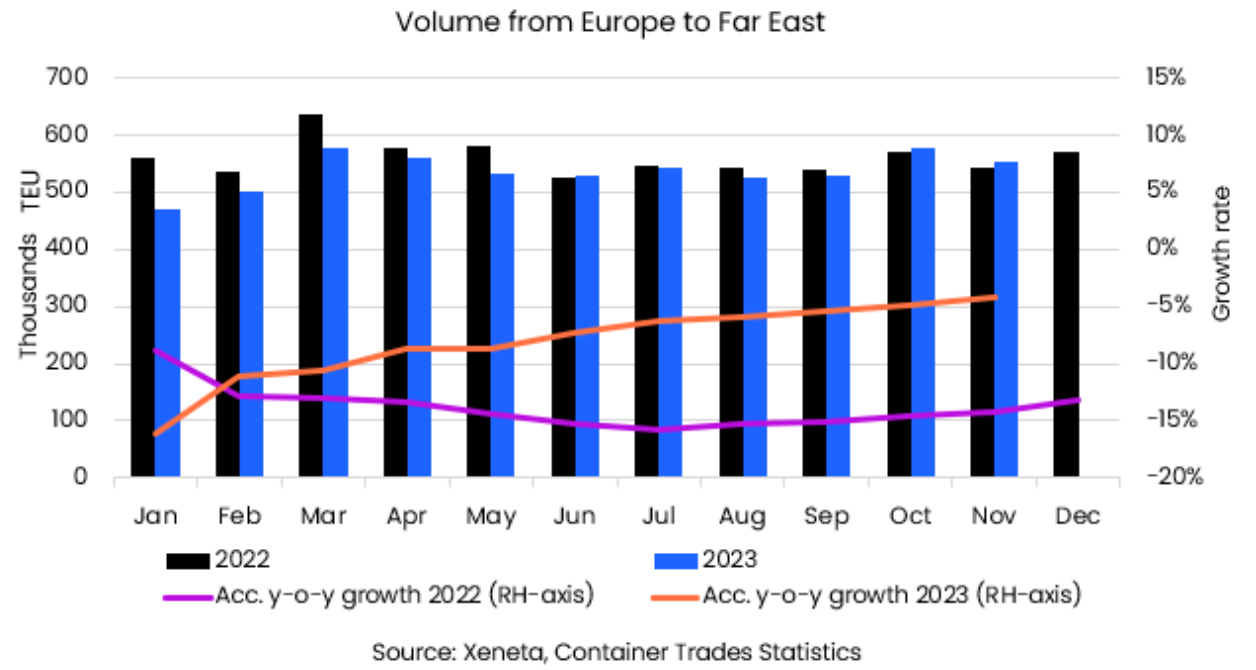
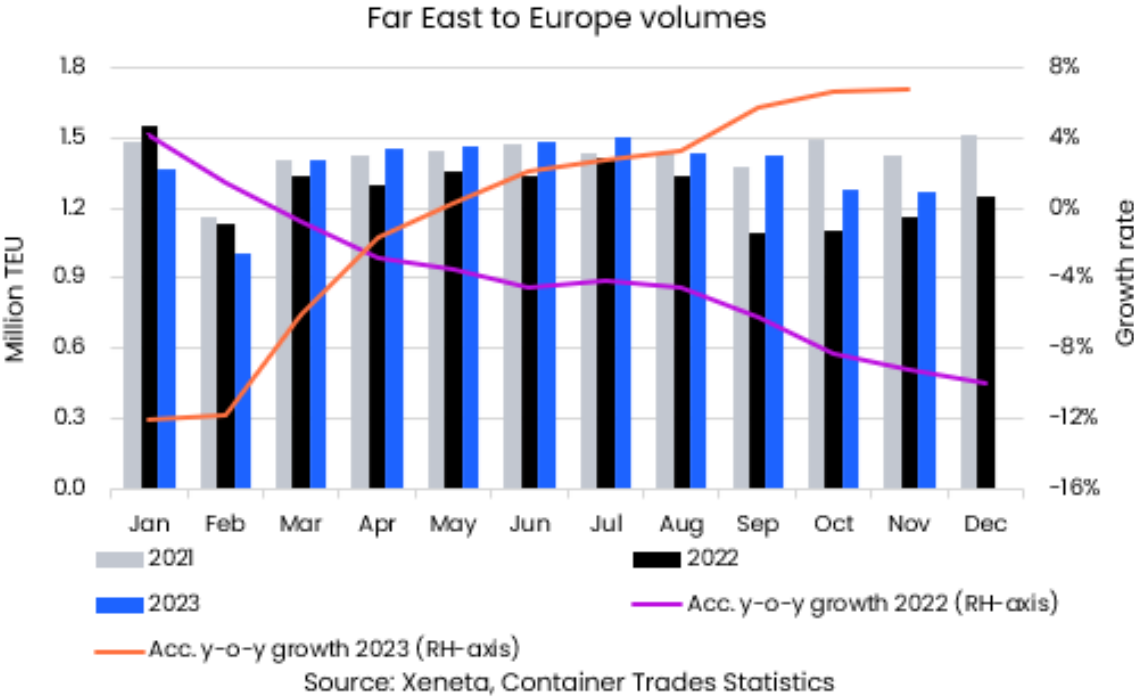


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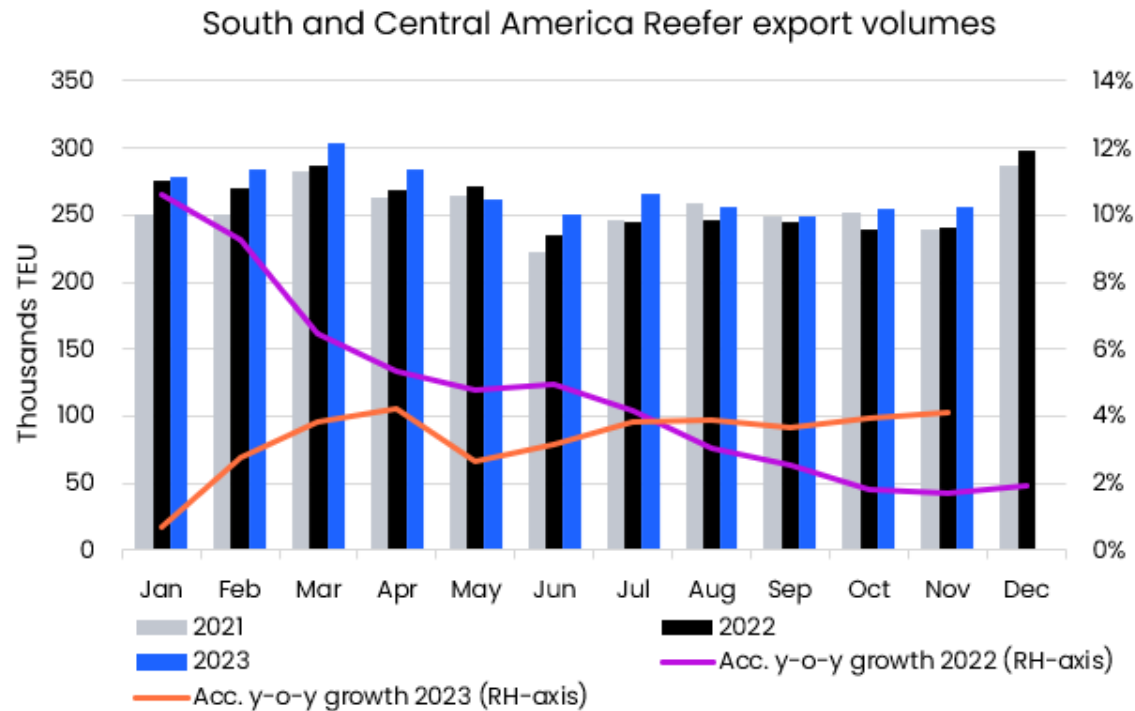


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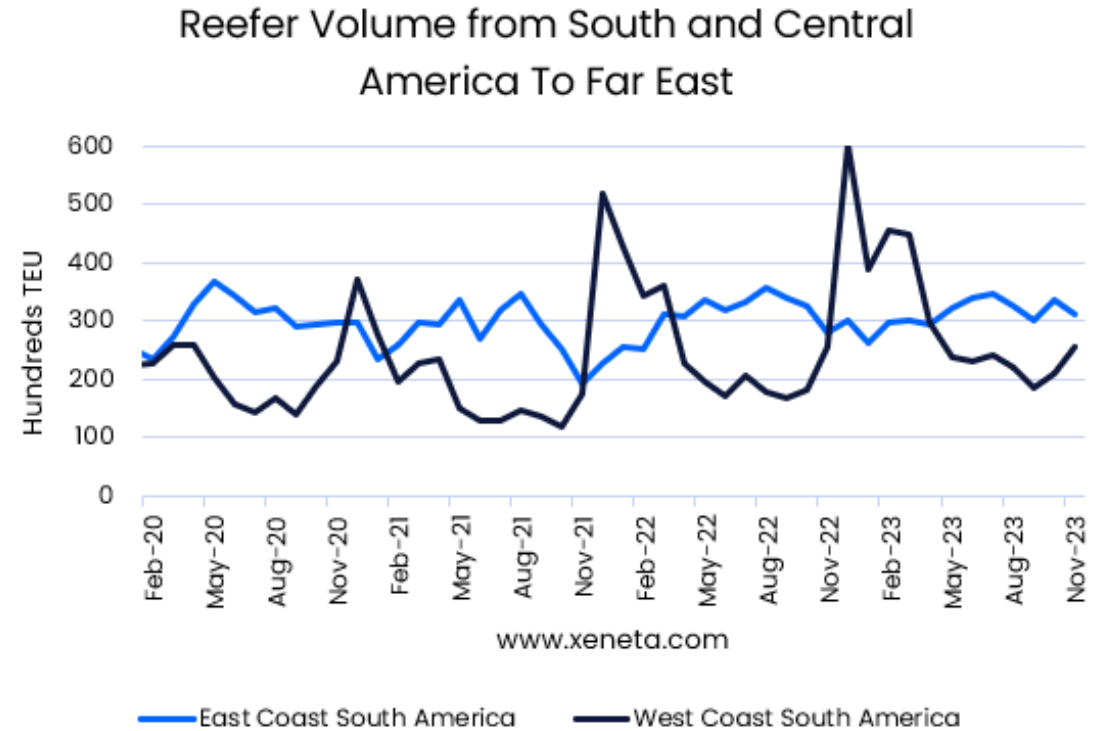
Far East to Europe increased by 6.8% for 15M-'23 while it increased on the backhaul – Europe to Far East by 4.2%



South and Central America reefer exports reach the final months of the year with a 11M-'23 volume increase of 4.1% compared to last year

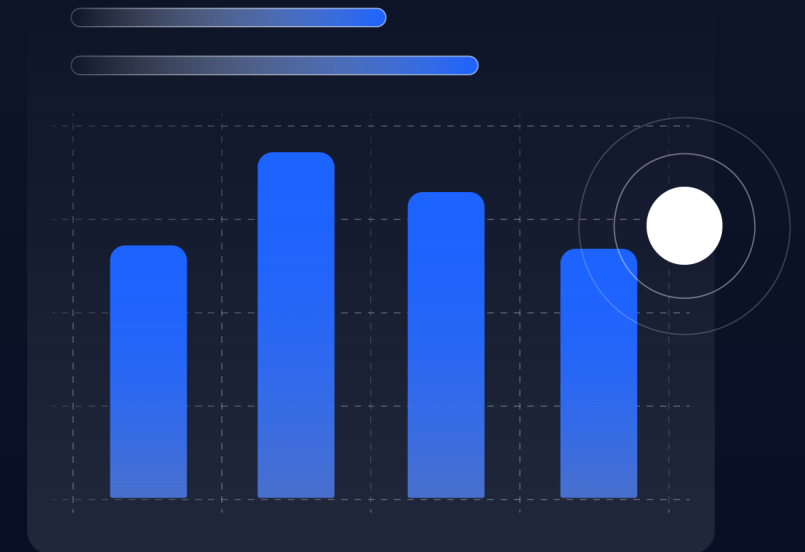
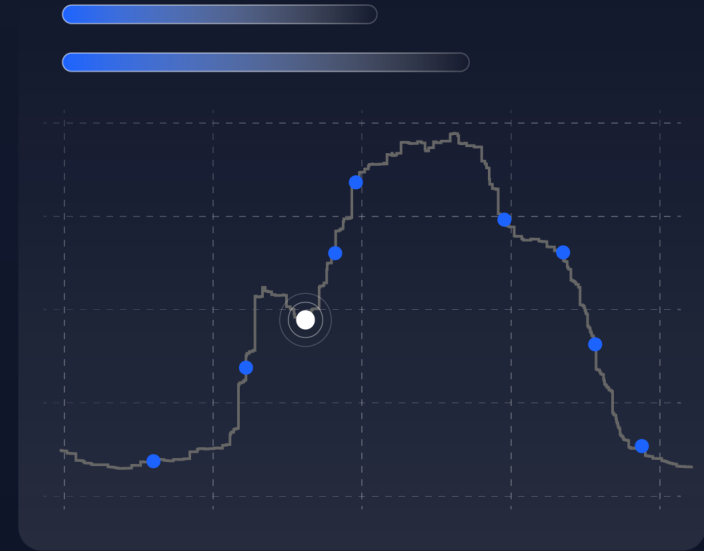


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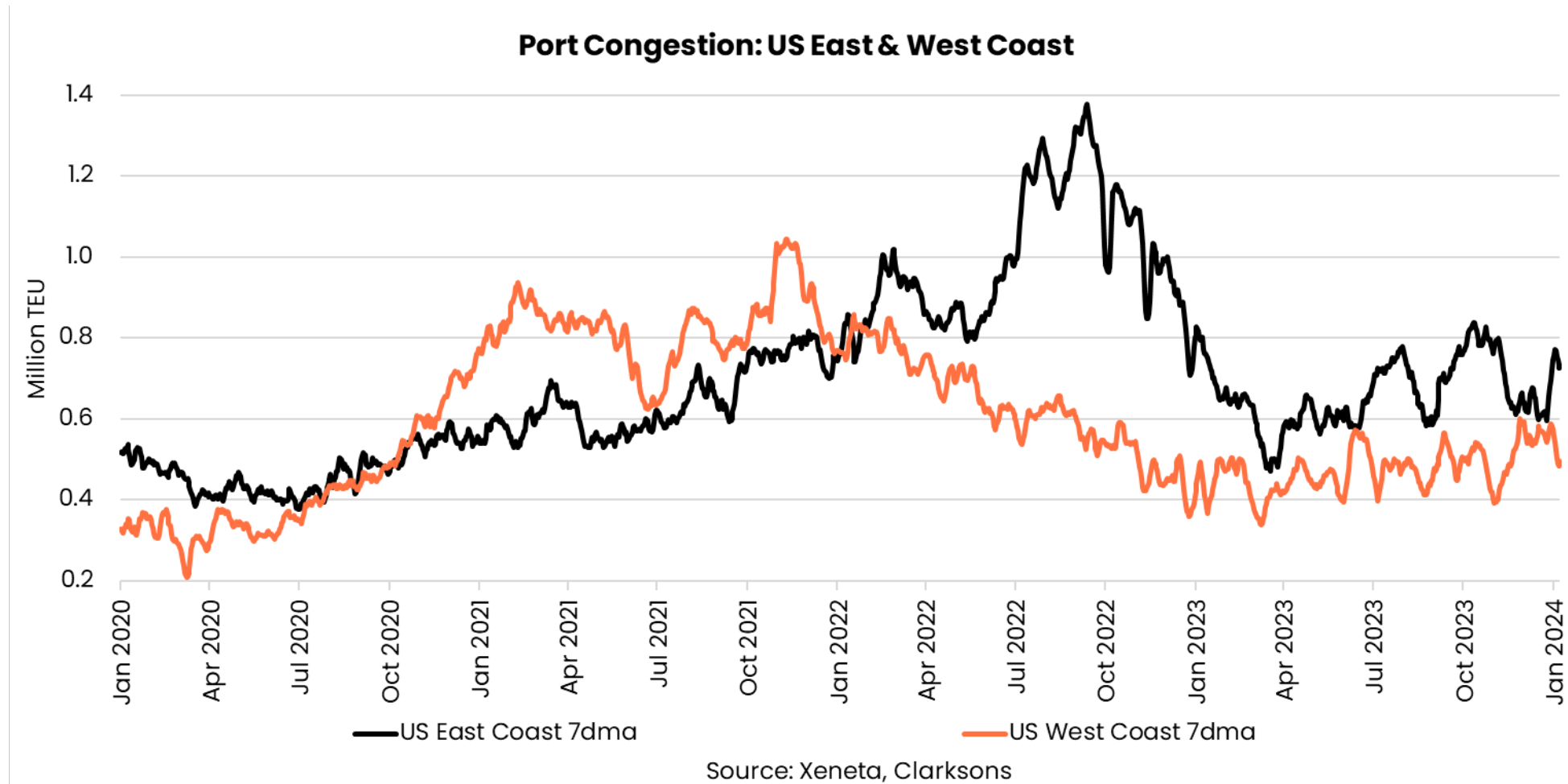


Where's the congestion?

Improving or getting worse?

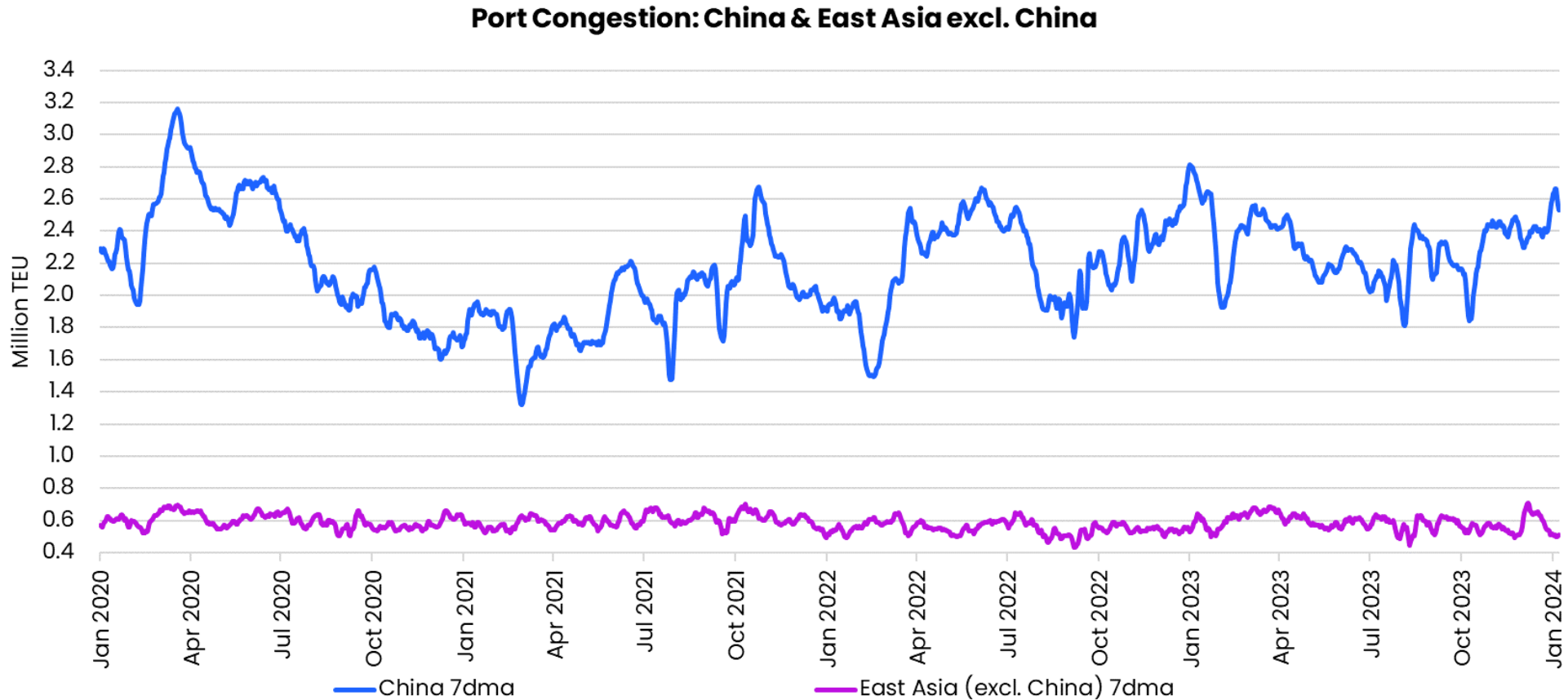


Port congestion on the US East Coast increases in early stage of 2024 after touching a four-month low in December.



7dma Stands for 7 days Moving Average

China congestion jumps to a 1-year high in early January as congestion in East Asia ports retreats.

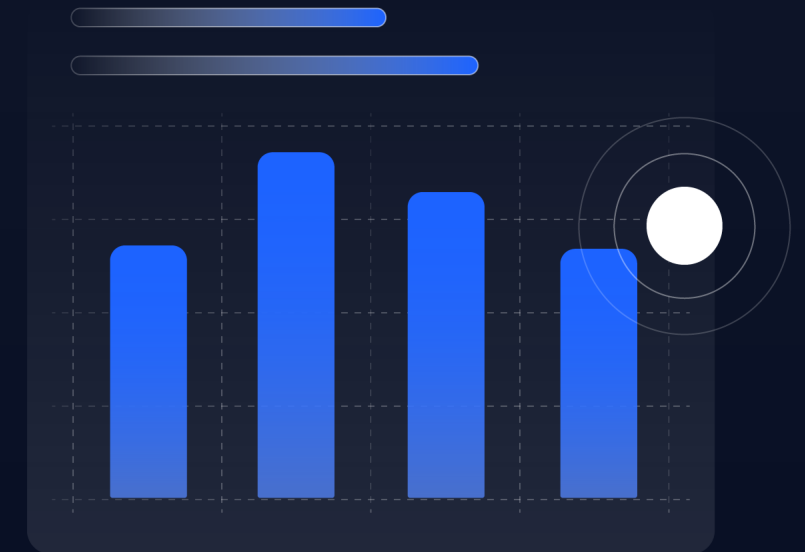
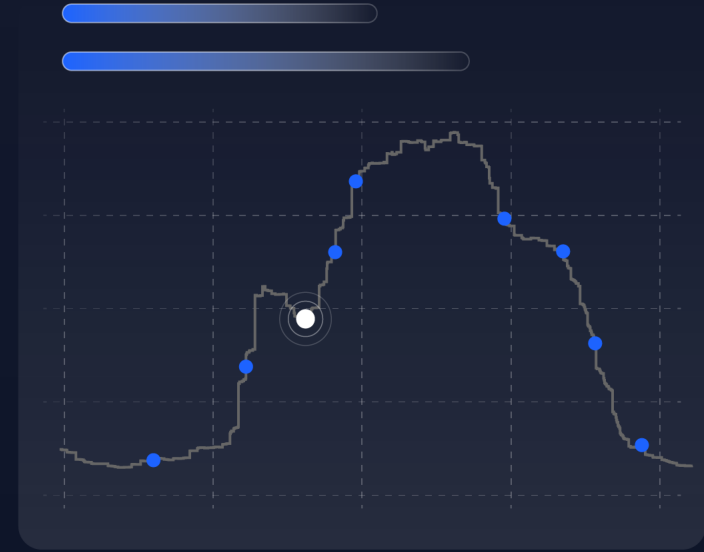


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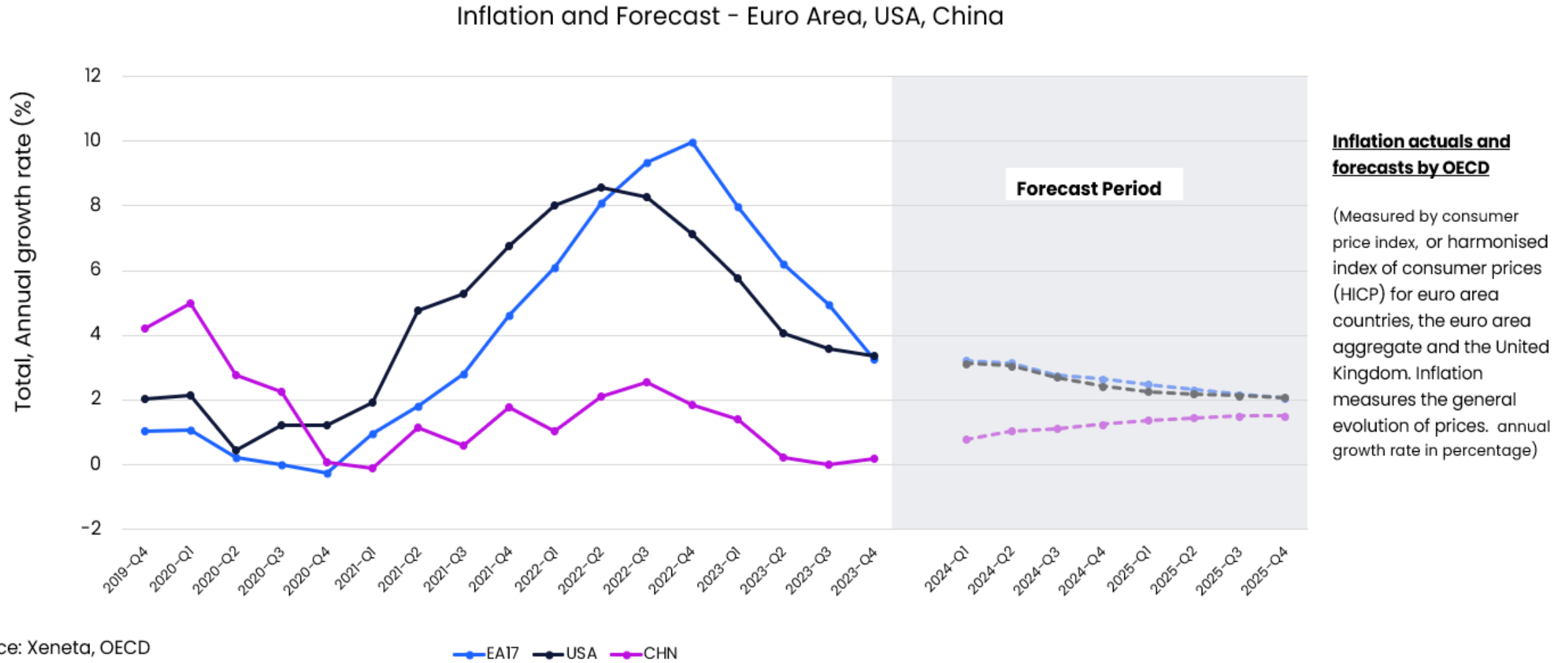
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Where's the economy heading?

In the East and in the West

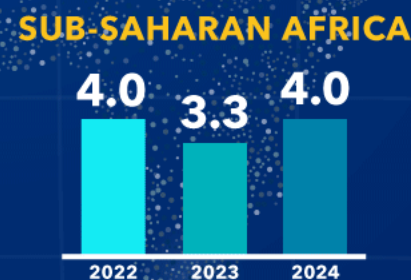
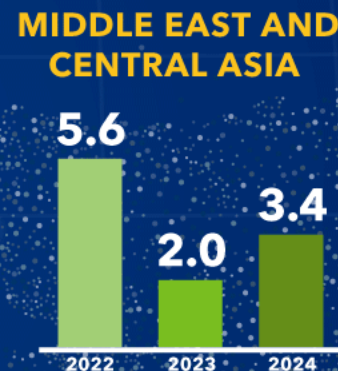
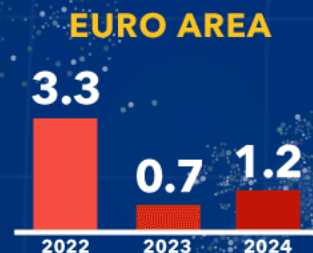
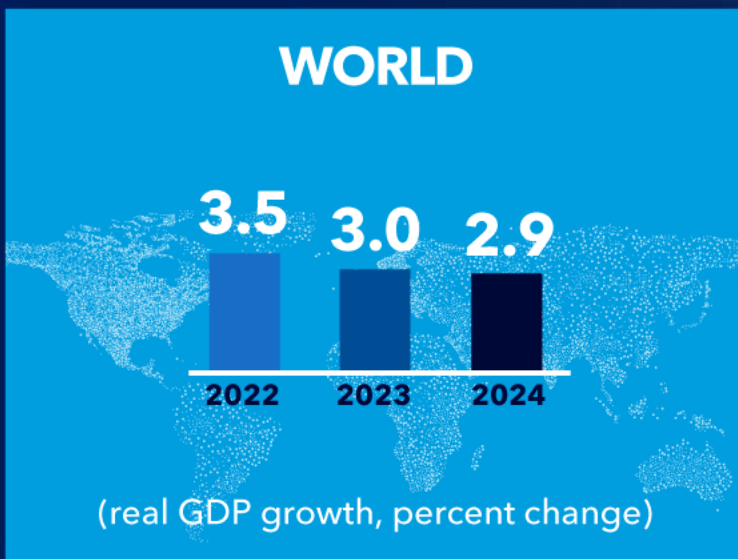


US and Euro Area Inflation Converge - and China's challenging experience of deflation



GROWTH PROJECTIONS BY REGION

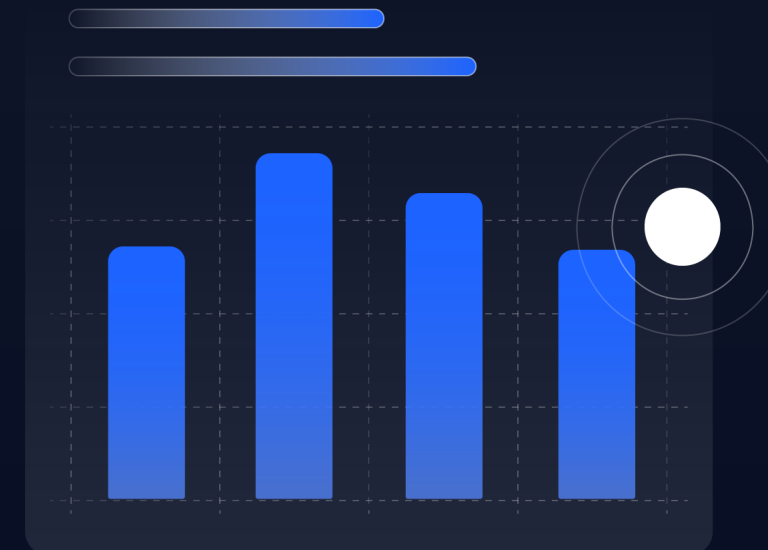
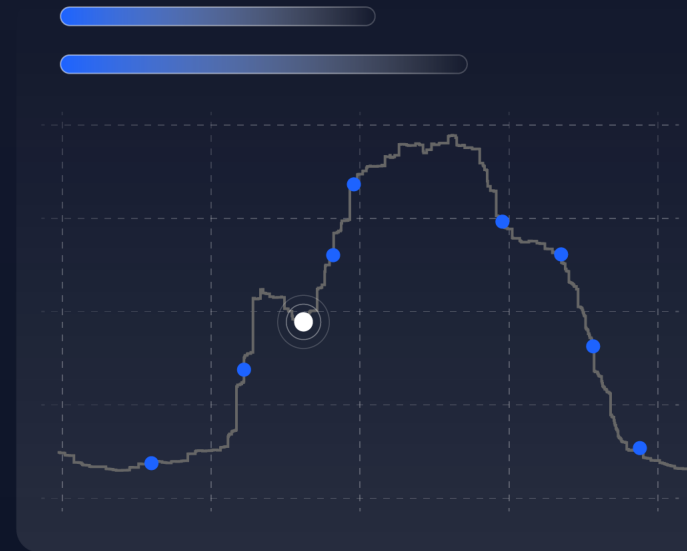
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Note: Order of bars for each group indicates (left to right): 2022, 2023 projections, and 2024 projections.

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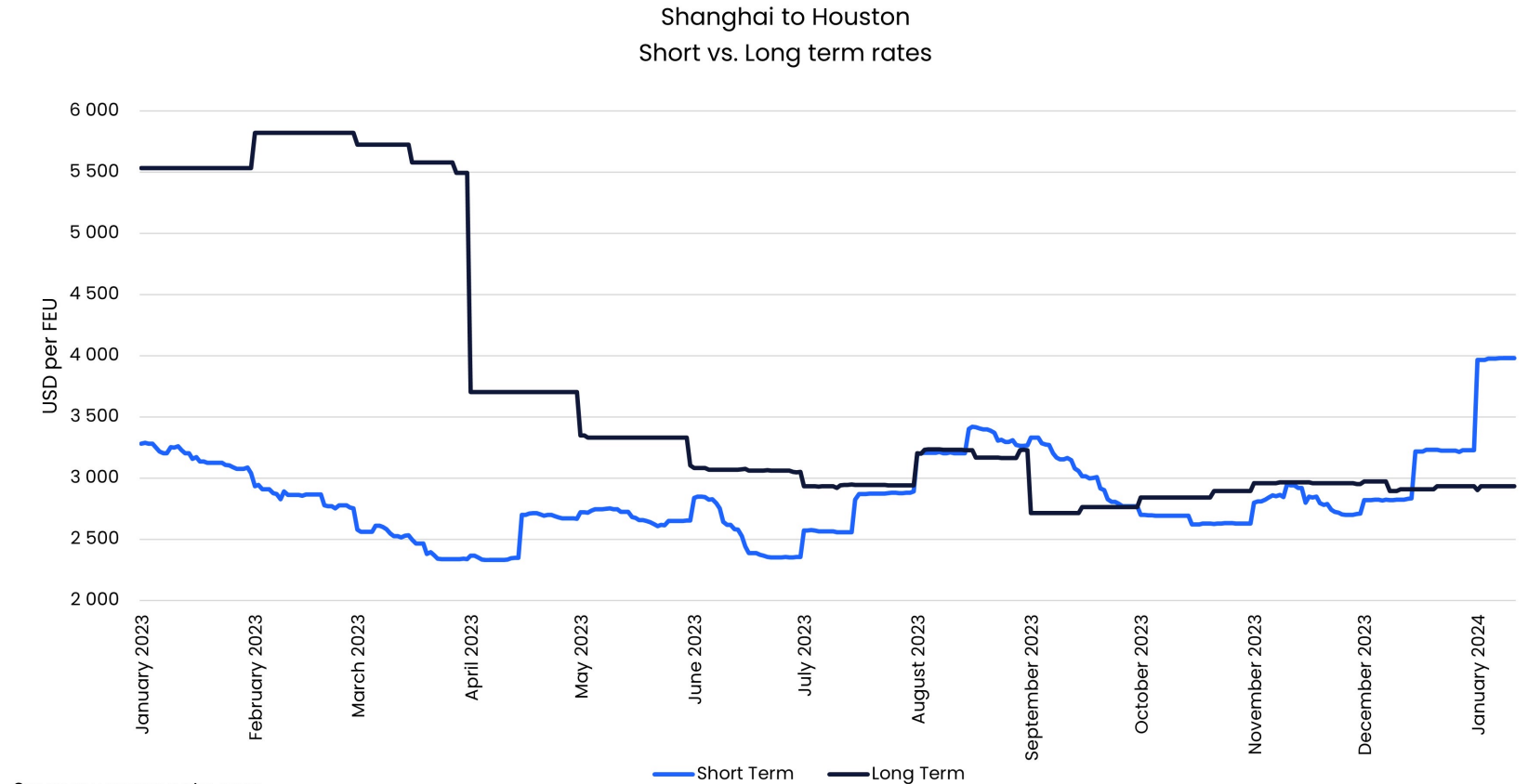


Drought and conflict in the Red Sea bring surge in Ocean Freight rates from Shanghai to Houston. On 11 January, spot rates reached USD 3 979 per FEU.

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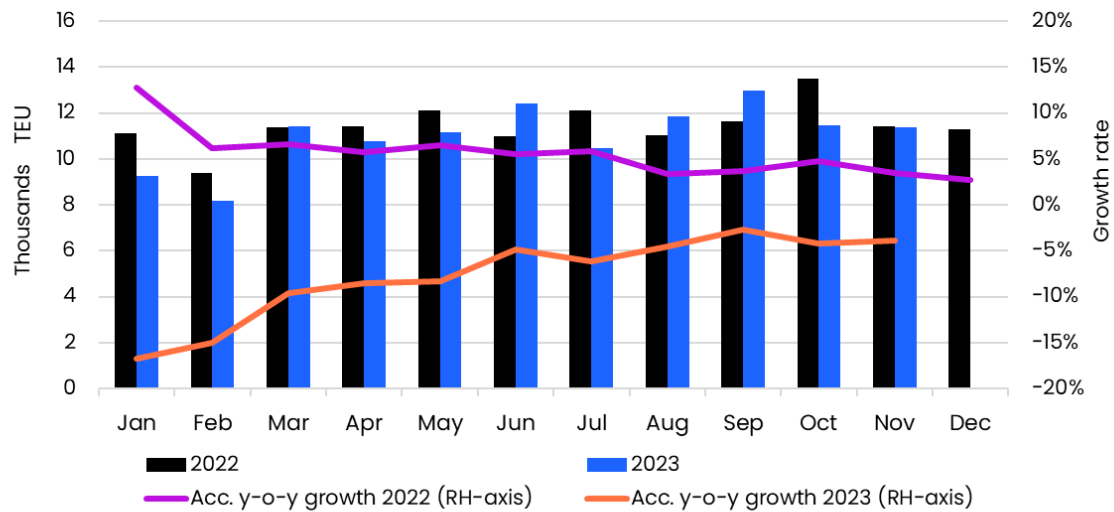
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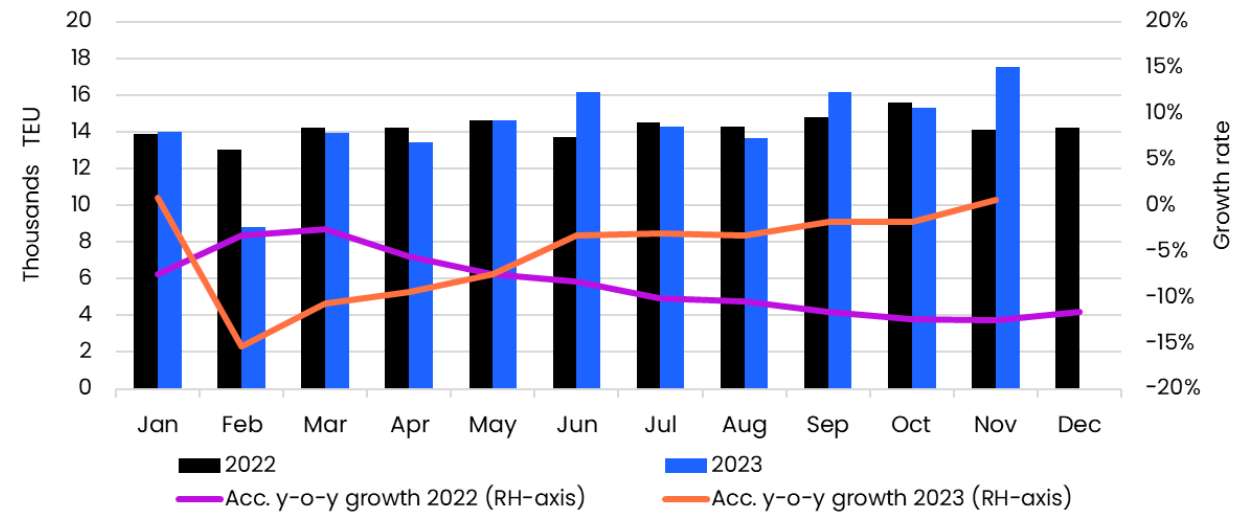
Far East reefer export volumes to the US East Coast declined by 3.8% for 11M-'23 y-o-y. While reefer imports to the Far East to the US West Coast soared to a 25-months high in November.

Reefer volume from Far East to USA East Coast



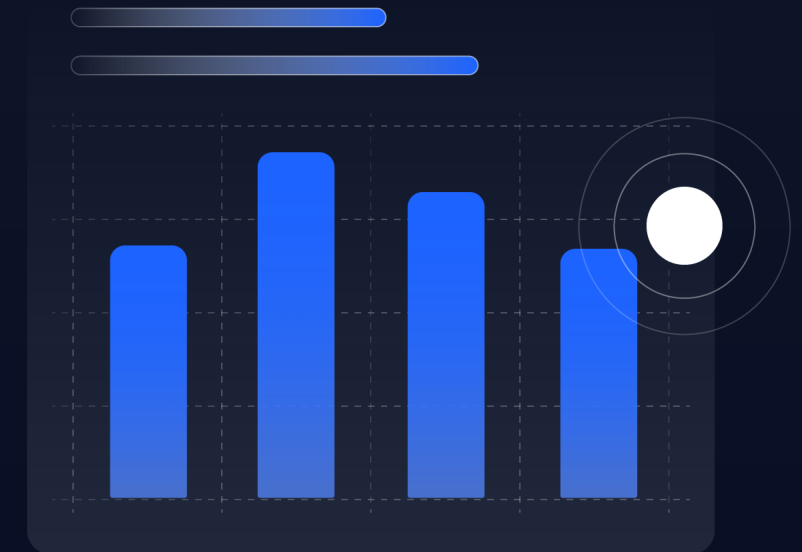
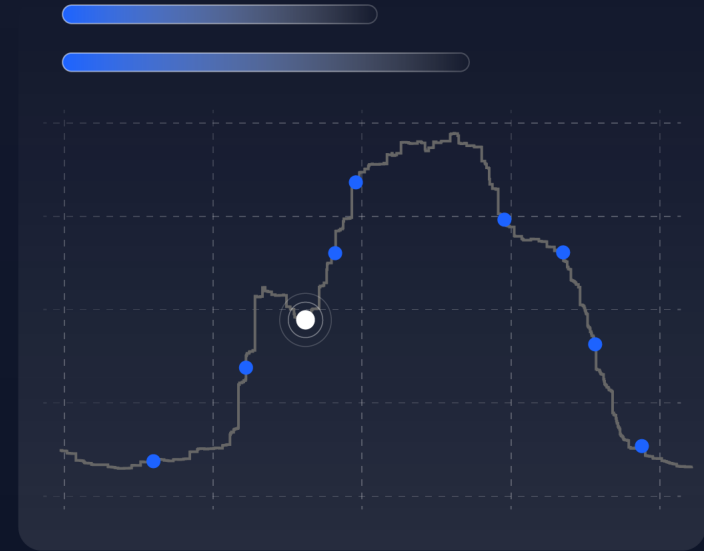
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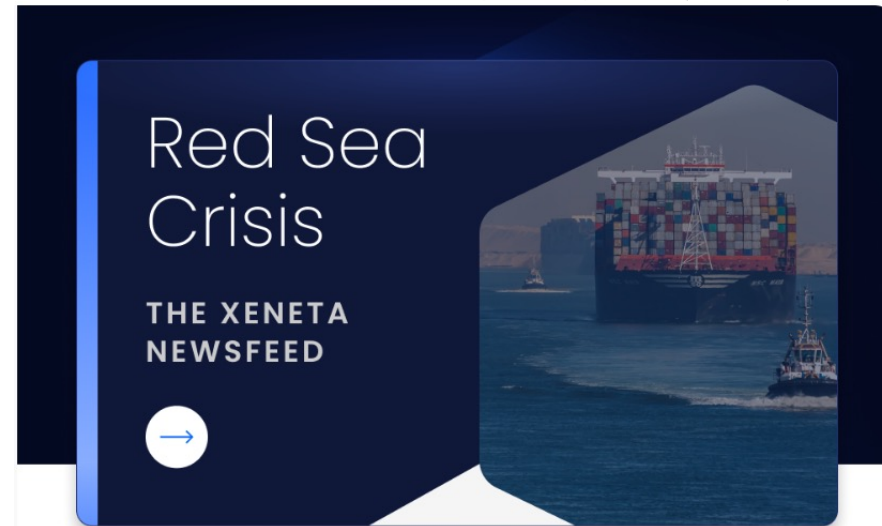
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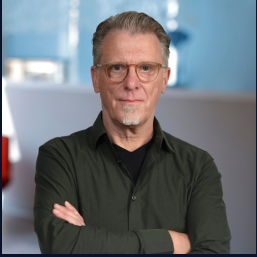
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