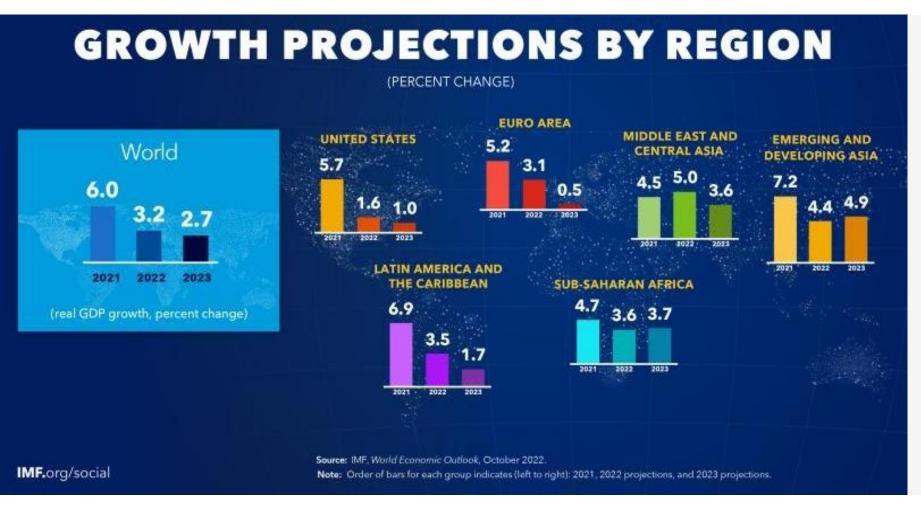


## World economic Outlook slowdown - October 2022



Global economic activity is experiencing a broad-based and sharper-than-expected slowdown, with inflation higher than seen in several decades.

This is the weakest growth profile since 2001 except the global financial crisis and the acute phase of the COVID-19 pandemic.

For logistics this means lower volumes and lower freight rates and potentially fewer obstacles in the way of global supply chains to get adjusted. We see the weakness pf indexes across different trades but not all trades are following the general trend.



# **OPEC Slashes Oil-Demand Forecasts After Supply Cuts**

Cartel points to elevated inflation, rising interest rates and geopolitical tensions as factors that will drag on demand

The Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries slashed its forecasts for global economic growth and crude-oil demand, offering a justification for the cartel's recent 2 million barrel-a-day supply cut that it said was part of ongoing efforts to balance oil markets.

The oil-producers group lowered its global gross domestic product forecasts to 2.7% from 3.1% for 2022 and to 2.5% from 3.1% for 2023. It cited elevated inflation, rising interest rates and geopolitical tensions as factors that were weakening the global economy and would reduce demand for oil.

OPEC now forecasts the U.S. and eurozone economies will slow sharply next year. The cartel expects the U.S. economy to grow by 0.8% in 2023, down from an earlier forecast of 1.7%, while it expects the eurozone economy to grow by just 0.3%, down from 1.7%. It also sharply revised its 2022 growth forecast for China to 3.1% from 4.2%.



Source: WSJ



# China's major party congress is set to grant Xi Jinping a 3rd term

On 16 October the Communist party (CCP) will come together for a twice-adecade gathering

China's zero Covid approach to the pandemic is one of Xi's landmark policies.

While much of the world has been returning to normal, China's authorities have intensified their efforts to contain outbreaks, with strict lockdowns, mass testing and lengthy quarantines.

Some observers say the party may use the Congress to declare victory over the pandemic and end the zero Covid policy.

Alternatively, the party may argue that China - unlike other countries - values people's lives more than the economy, in which case the policy will continue.

GDP growth under Jiang Zemin, Hu Jintao and Xi Jinping

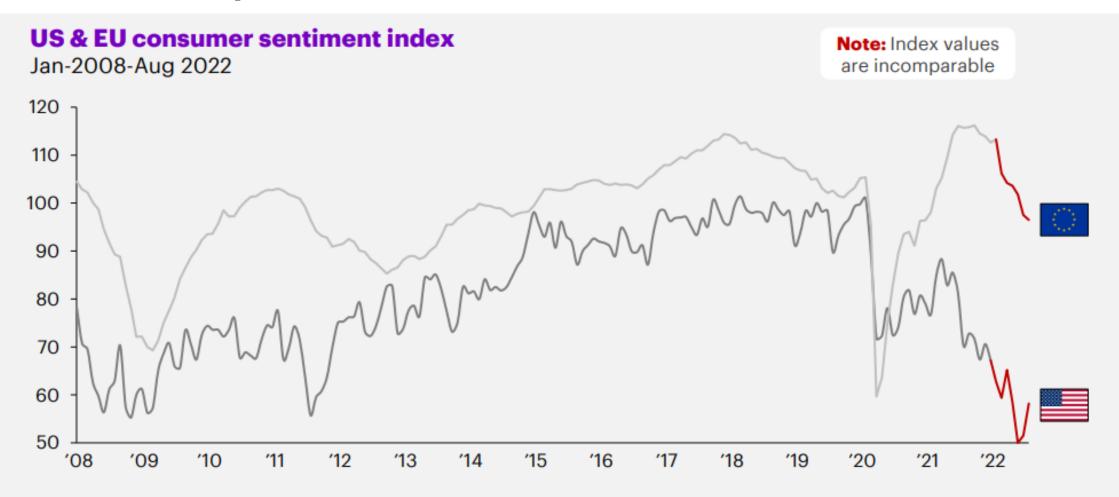


Source: World Bank, annual figures

Source: BBC



# Consumer sentiment has fallen significantly in recent months, in part due to concerns over inflation





# Persistent higher than expected core inflation rates contribute to a more pessimistic macro-economic outlook

Even with the exclusion of food and energy prices, US and EU inflation has been around +6% and +4% respectively in the last half year



#### US<sup>1</sup> YoY core annual inflation rate

Excluding food and energy prices, percent (%)



US annual inflation rate in August 2022 was higher than expected and was a break from the declining trend



#### EU<sup>2</sup> YoY core annual inflation rate

Excluding food and energy prices, percent (%)



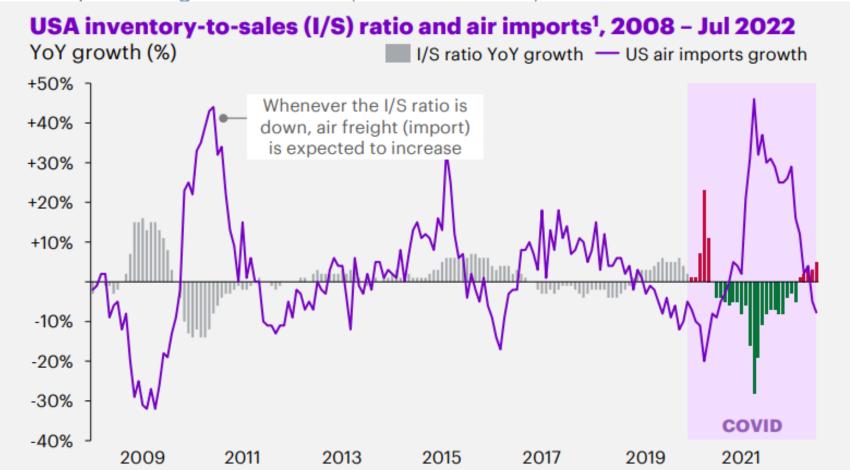
EU annual inflation rate in August 2022 was highest of the year



# US inventories are once more outpacing sales, limiting expected growth of US air imports in the short term

Although recent months show a YoY decline, US air imports in 2022 are still on track to equal the

exceptional figures of 2021 (+20% vs. 2019)



Persistent supply-chain bottlenecks have led many retailers to stretch out buying cycles, bringing in goods early to ensure shelves are stocked during the critical fall sales season.

The inbound shipments are stacking up at seaport docks, filling up warehouses near gateways and clogging distribution networks across the U.S.



## **Latest restrictions COVID-19**



## APAC

Note: The following updates are based on various online sources and subject to changes due to the evolving COVID situation.

#### **Australia**

- From 9 September 2022, masks are no longer required on flights travelling to Australia.
- AU lifted all Covid-19 border restrictions for travelers, all visa holder can travel to AU without a travel exemption.

#### Japan

- From Oct 11, Japan will relax border control measures, as well as resume visa-free travel and individual travel.
- Tourists must present a proof of vaccination or a negative coronavirus test within 72 hrs before departure if not vaccinated.

#### Cambodia

- From Oct 4, all COVID-19
   restrictions were lifted. All
   travelers can now visit Cambodia
   without proof of COVID-19
   vaccination, or a negative COVID19 test result.
- E-visa for a stay of up to 30 days is available to travelers.

#### **New Zealand**

- From Sep 13, travelers to NZ are not required to be vaccinated or to test for COVID-19 after arriving.
- The requirement to not exhibit COVID-19 symptoms has also been removed. All travelers are however encouraged to complete a Day 0/1 and Day 5/6 RAT.

#### Korea

- From Oct 1, all travelers are not required to present any negative COVID-19 test result.
- There are no quarantine requirements for all travelers.
- All travelers are still required to register for Q-code on Gov website prior to entry into Korea.

#### **Thailand**

 Now, all COVID-19 restrictions have been removed. Travelers are no longer required to show vaccination status/negative COVID test result.

#### **Mainland China**

- Starting from August 31, China does not require COVID test information for international arrivals.
- Travelers are only required to have centralized quarantine for 7 days and an additional period of health monitoring that determined by the local authorities.

#### **Singapore**

- No entry approvals, pre-departure tests, on-arrival tests and quarantine required by fully vaccinated travelers
- From Aug 29, non-fully vaccinated visitors will no longer need to apply for entry approval or undergo quarantine. PCR/ART is required.

#### **Myanmar**

- From Oct 8, 2022, travelers need to show either a printed COVID-19 vaccine certificate, or a printed negative COVID-19 antigen or PCR test result within 48 hrs before arrival.
- Medical screening and COVID-19 test on arrival are required.

#### **Hong Kong**

- From Sep 26, travelers will be required to home medical surveillance for 3 days
- HK halted Covid flight suspension mechanism, airlines temporarily banned under the measure are allowed to fly to HK from July.

#### **Taiwan**

- From Oct 13, Taiwan will lift quarantine and only required for 7 days of "self-monitor.
- All travelers are not required to provide PCR test result taken within two days of flight time/upon arrival.

#### Malaysia

- Starting from Aug 1, Pre-Departure Test (PDT), On-Arrival Test (OAT) and Traveller's Pass are no longer required.
- Travelers are not required to do quarantine when visiting Malaysia.
- Inbound travelers will no longer need to fill in the Traveler's Card.

#### **Vietnam**

- Vietnamese gov already lifted the requirement for quarantine, Covid test result on arrival and presentation of vaccination certificate for all incoming travelers.
- E-visa for a stay of up to 30 days is available to travelers.

#### **Philippines**

- From Sep 12, fully-vaccinated travelers are not required to undergo facility-based quarantine and testing.
- Unvaccinated or partially vaccinated travelers are required to undergo facility-based quarantine.

#### Indonesia

- Fully vaccinated travelers no longer have to take a PCR test upon arrival or have COVID-19 insurance coverage to enter ID.
- Travelers who are not fully vaccinated must take a PCR test upon arrival and wait for a negative result at a designated hotel.





## Global port congestion

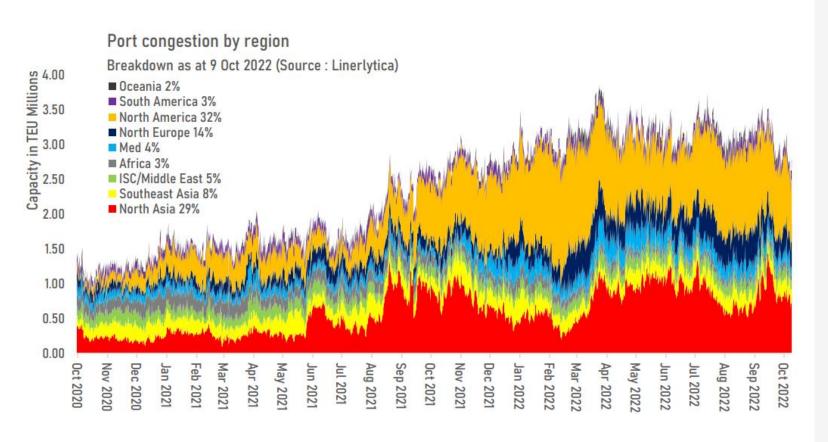
10,5 % of the global vessel capacity effectively removed, it has eased for the first time in 9 months with both US and China recording low levels



Source: Marine Traffic October 15th 2022, www.gocomet.com, Linerlytica



# Global congestion remained flat during past month – 10.5%



Global port congestion eased to a 10 month low, with both the US and China ports recording lower congestion levels.

Vessels calling at MOL's Trapac and NYK's

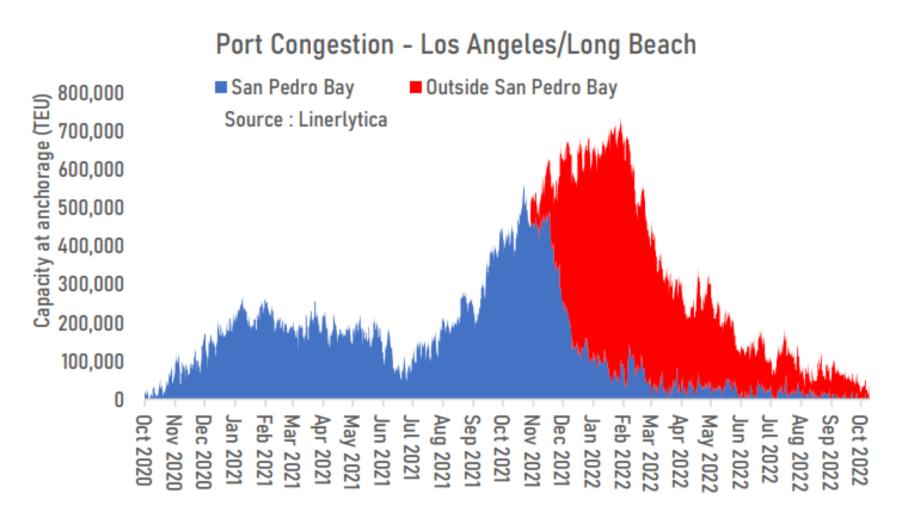
YTI are still facing extended delays but the queues at other
terminals have all fully cleared, with average berthing
delays not less than 2 days.

The situation will continue to improve as carriers adjust their capacity deployed on the transpacific route over the next 2 months.

Source: Linerlytica (October 2022)



# Los Angeles/Long Beach congestion levels are back to 2020 levels



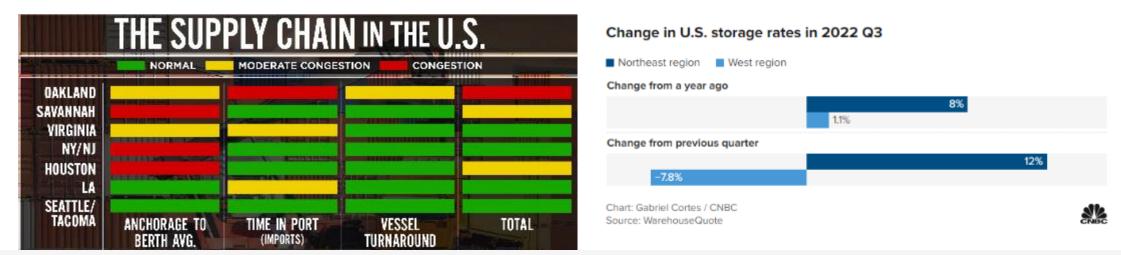
In the US West Coast, the congestion at Los Angeles and Long Beach have been almost fully cleared, with only 2 out of the 13 LA/LB terminals still facing any material congestion.

There is still a potential strike amongst the port workers on the US West Coast. The union agreement expired 3 ½ months ago and there is still no agreement. Minor disagreement has flared in recent weeks, and if there is not an agreement after the US mid-term elections in November, the risk of a strike increases significantly.



# Big decline in warehouse shipments is latest sign of the consumer pullback

Warehouse prices on the East Coast continue to move up as trade continues to be diverted away from West Coast ports.



Savannah continues to have the most vessels at anchor among East Coast ports.

A big decline in warehouse orders leaving storage and heading to retailers is another signal of the pullback in consumer demand.

According to the latest data from WarehouseQuote, outbound orders from customers shipping to retailers is down by one-third (-33%) year over year.

Based on ocean orders, there is no sign of this trend slowing down. The ports of New York/New Jersey and Savannah continue to lead the way for incoming vessels. In the Gulf, the Port of Houston recently announced it was considering an "excessive dwell fee" on containers that stay longer than the free time allowed at the terminal. The port posted historic volumes processed in August.



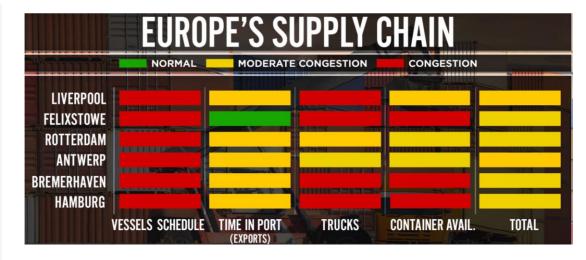
# Second strike at Liverpool to add to European port congestion, slow product delivery

Dockworkers in Liverpool are set to start a seven-day strike on October 11 as U.K. and European ports remain congested from dual prior strikes in Liverpool and Felixstowe.

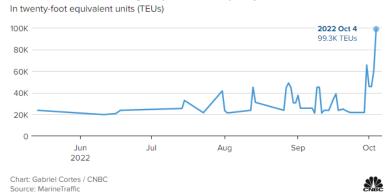
The new labor action will add to the existing delays in product delivery.

Trade productivity at Felixstowe, the U.K.'s largest container port, and Liverpool have suffered as a result of various labor strikes since August. As a result, the diversion of trade away from the ports has created a snowball of congestion at other ports in Europe.

If the Felixstowe dockworkers agree to a third strike it will for sure create additional delays and extra costs for all transport companies involved



#### Port of Felixstowe waiting off-port-limits capacity







# **IMO 2023**

# **EEXI** = **EEDI** for existing ships / **CII** = **Carbon** Intensity Indicator

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#### **REGULATORY CONTEXT** per ship basis





...Leading to the following consequences



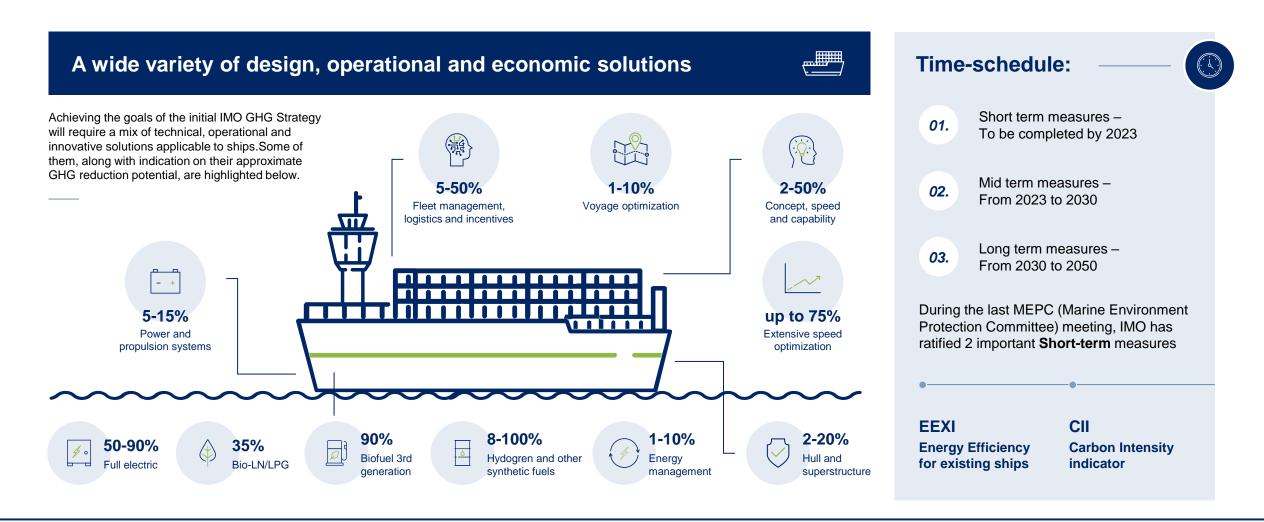
From 2022, most of the 6 000 containerships worldwide will have to go on Drydock to make technical changes to reduce marginally CO2 emissions 9between 2% and 7,5%): change of propellers, change or bulbs, minimum Engine power limitation etc.



To remain compliant, most of the vessels will have to reduce their speed as a result more ships will be needed to maintain weekly frequencies, reducing further global capacity



# Sustainability resp. GHG requirements in global shipping

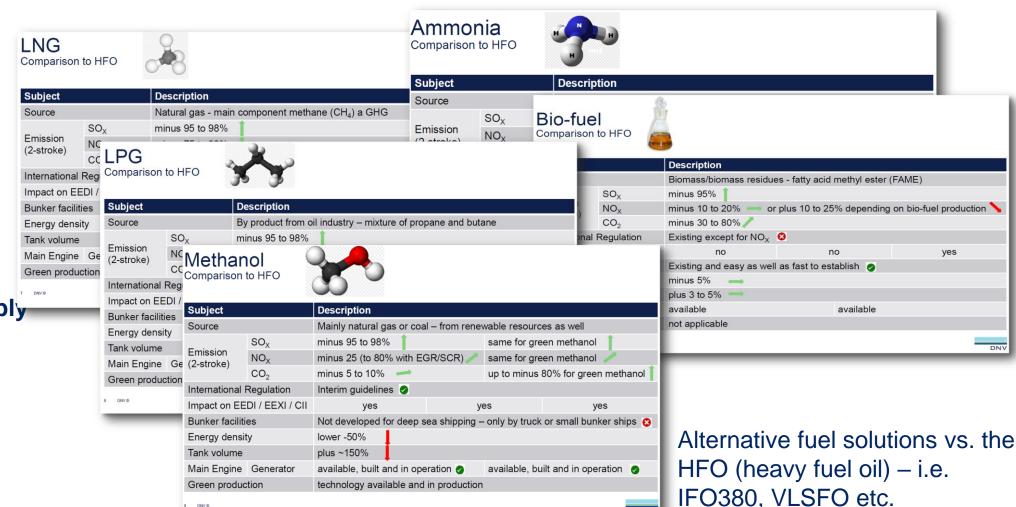




# What can be actually done to reduce the CII?



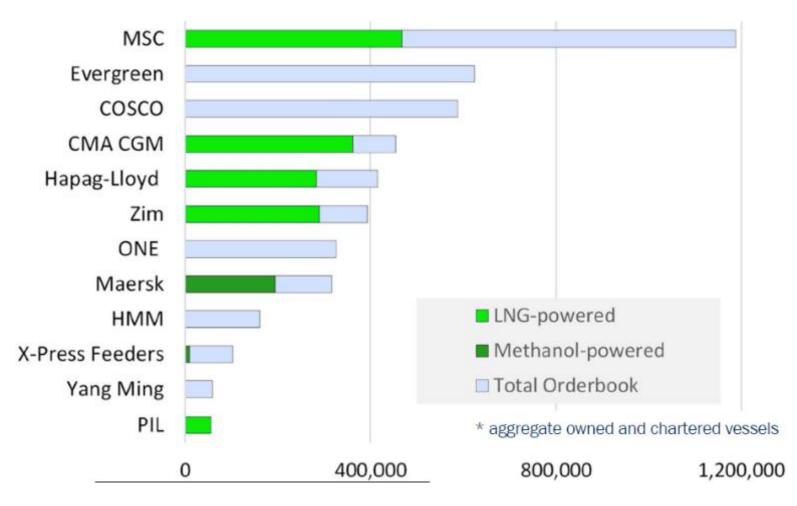
- Vessel's performance
- Voyage planning and Voyage monitoring
- Shore Power supply
- Alternative fuels
- Others / TBN





## **LNG** and Methanol propulsion

Orderbook by carrier



LNG-powered ship orders now represent 25% of the orderbook by teu capacity. This figure rises to 28% if methanol propulsion is added

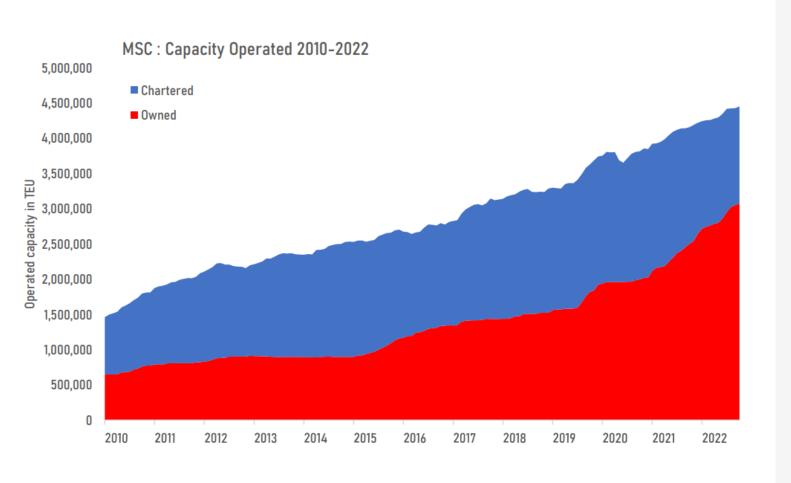
CMA CGM has made the greatest commitment to LNG, at 80% of its current orderbook and by far the most ships in service, but MSC now has more capacity on order

The average size of LNG unit ordered by the main carriers is 14,400 teu, with Hapag-Lloyd's 23,660 teu ships currently the only megamaxes on order

Source: Alphaliner



## Orderbook record of MSC with 43% of its current fleet



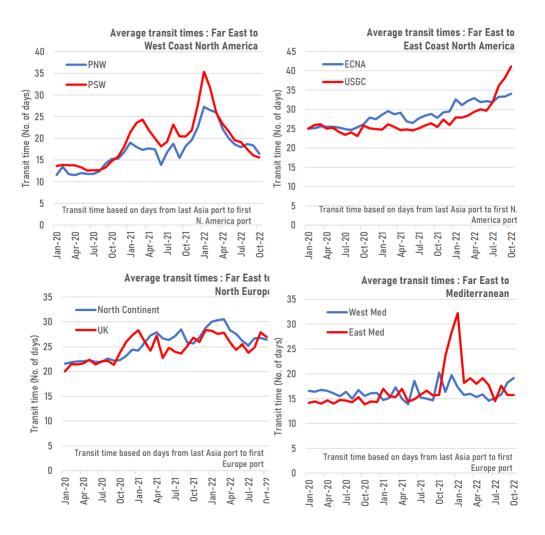
MSC has taken its orderbook to a record of 1.96m teu equivalent to 43% of its current fleet after it confirmed its latest series of orders for 12 LNG dual fuel ships of 16,000 teu at Yangzijiang last week. Over the last 2 years, it has already grown its fleet substantially from 3.75m teu at the beginning of 2020 to 4.45m teu currently.

It also embarked on a massive ship acquisition spree, buying some 296 ships from the resale market since 2020, as the share of owned ships increased to 69% from 51%

Source: Lynerlitica



# Transit times for West Med and East Coast USA services deteriorated but West Coast USA and North Europe



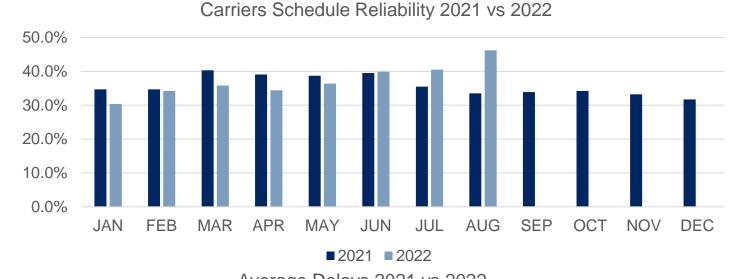
The Hurricane Ian effects showed last week with transit time to both ECNA and USGC worsening. Most of the arrivals at Savannah and Charleston took over 40 days to arrive, while USGC arrivals are taking even longer especially at Houston.

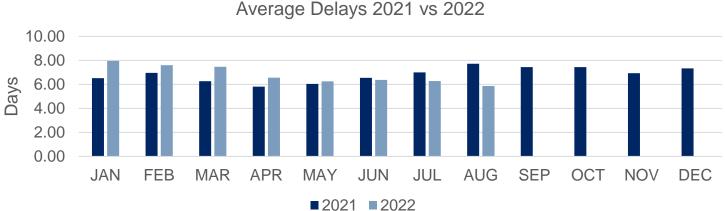
The reduction in departures to North Europe and the Med helped to improve overall transit times with the small sample size helping to reduce the transit time to UK ports although this masks the continuing delays especially at Felixstowe and Southampton. Transit time for arrivals at Rotterdam improved but is still 25% slower than pre 2020 levels.



# Global Liner performance on August 2022 – 46.2% on time

Schedule reliability in August, of 46.2%, recorded the largest M/M improvement in 2022 of 5.8 percentage points.





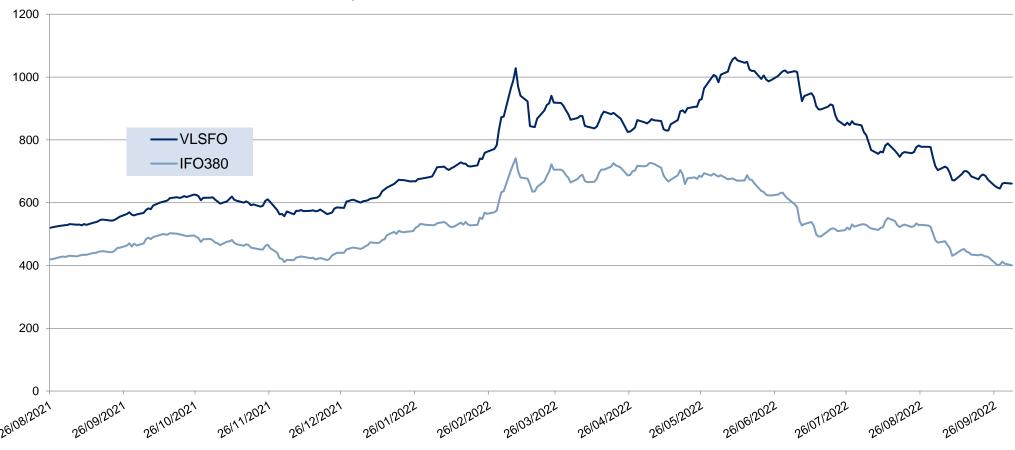
Vessel reliability per tradelane on August:

- This takes the August 2022 score 12.7 percentage points above the respective 2021 level. This is now the fourth consecutive month that schedule reliability has improved M/M.
- The average delay for LATE vessel arrivals has been dropping sharply since the turn of the year, tapering off in the past few months. In July 2022, average delay dropped by -0.09 days M/M to 6.28 days. This is now the second time since April 2019 that average delay has improved Y/Y, dropping -0.71 days compared to July 2021.



## **Bunker price development**

Global 4 port average: On Sept 28th VLSFO stood at \$711.5 per metric ton (levels before Ukraine-Russia war)



Source: Ship&Bunker - LinerLytica



## **Ocean Freight Asia - Europe**

## Rates are dramatically reducing

SCFI – North Europe WB Rate Index (US\$/40ft)



Alert: To guarantee space and equipment carriers are applying additional surcharges that are not part of the index rate aggreation and they can be a large amount.

Carriers have partially stoped accepting bookings for the time being in some origins

# If demand keeps decreasing, carriers could potentially react with blank sailings

#### SCFI Levels Week 39-2022:

- Shanghai North Europe: USD 5,900/ FEU
- Shanghai Mediterranean: USD 5,998/ FEU
- Carriers are asking for cargo by offering rates reductions.
- Cargo is moving on spot
- Slight signs exist that congestion situation in North Europe eases

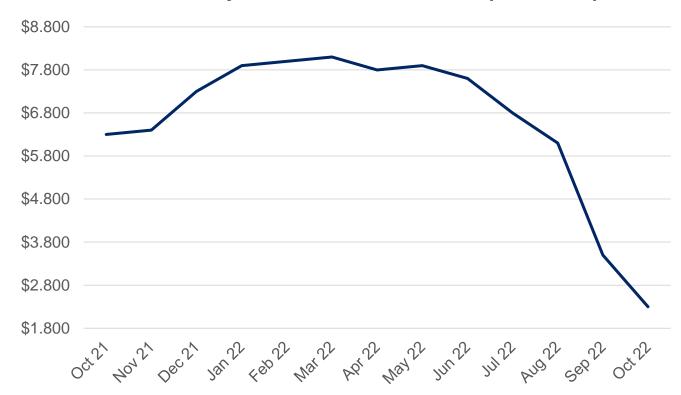
Source: SCFI Week 39-2022



## Ocean Freight Asia - North America

Shipping lines are starting to reduce capacity and services

## **SCFI Transpacific EB Rate Index (US\$/40ft)**



Source: SCFI Week 39 2022

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# The market seems to be slowing further and we are seeing some slack to the USWC

SCFI Levels Week 39-2022:

- Shanghai US West Coast: USD 2,399/ FEU
- Shanghai US East Coast: USD 6,159/ FEU
- Lines continue to report lower utilized vessels.
- Space is available to all of North America, USWC being the most open.
- Lines are still blanking sailings to the USA due to the congestion and now for golden week. We are seeing the most delays to berth on the USEC and Gulf Coast.
- Lines have now started to pull capacity with 2M removing a west coast string and other lines suspending low utilized services.
- There is excess capacity in the market currently and we forecast it to last through December and maybe up through Chinese New Year in January.



# Ocean Freight Asia – South America (East Coast)

## Rate erosion on both West Coast and East coast





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SCFI Levels Week 39-2022:

Shanghai – Santos: USD 5,025/ TEU

ECSA Carriers are fully booked and rolling.

WCSA: SUPPLY is higher than DEMAND, ocean rates are on a down-trend.

2023 CNY (end of January) to add additional pressure on the demand side during Q4 2022.

Source: SCFI Week 39-2022



## Ocean Freight Europe – Asia

## Pressure on rates while there are heavy issues in ports





Source: Freightos Baltic Week 40-2022

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Freightos Baltic (FBX12) index Levels 40-2022:

Europe to ASIA: USD 375/ FEU

#### Ongoing softening in the spot market

- Sufficient space available on the majority of loops
- Ongoing operational challenges due to port congestion, vessel delays and equipment availability problems
- Recent strike actions as well as critical water levels on Rhine river have created further pressure
- Post-Golden Week blank sailings will create further operational obstacles



# Ocean Freight Europe – North America

## Congestion in both North American and European ports affects service

# Freightos FBX 22 Europe North America (US\$/40ft)



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#### Freightos Baltic index Levels Week 40-2022:

Rotterdam – New York: USD 7,550/ FEU

#### Bookings need to be placed 6-8 Weeks in advance

- Q4 onwards we expect carriers to adjust tariff costs for inland moves and remain reluctant to offer door deliveries. Fuel prices are expected to stay high on inlands as well as ocean freight.
- For rest of 2022 we expect market to be slightly more competitive.
- 2023 unpredictable but North Atlantic weather conditions may negatively influence schedule reliability and port congestion.

Source: Freightos Baltic W40-2022



## **Trade Update**

## Intra Asia

As per week 40 status, which is evolving and depends on latest updates

#### **Demand**

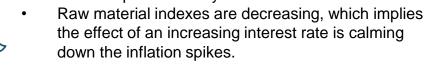


Lower factory output than expected is leading to less need for capacity in particular China outbound.

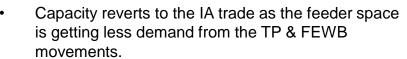
SEA countries export is decreasing, which are leading to open space across all strings and services. Despite the shift of production from China to SEA, the demand is getting weaker.

#### Rate

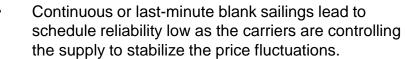
- The market slows down and the supply/demand scenario is getting in favour of supply.
- The long term contract level remains high as carriers intend to protect their yields.



## Supply









 Chinese port congestion is gradually easing in Ningbo/ Shanghai but has picked up in Qingdao last week due to poor weather conditions.





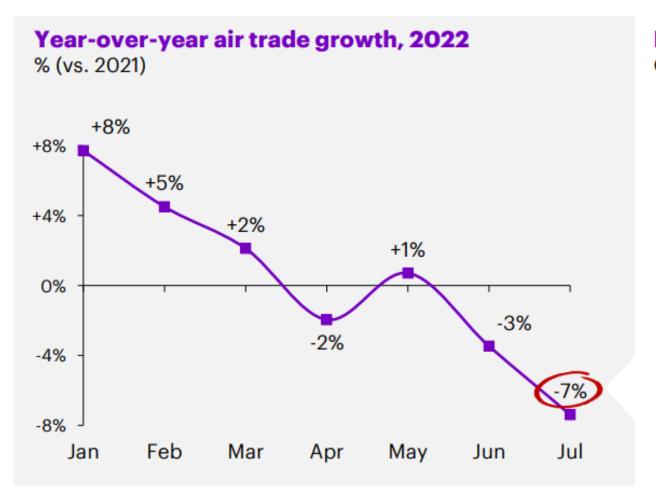
# Ocean freight market overview – Large rate reductions from Asia

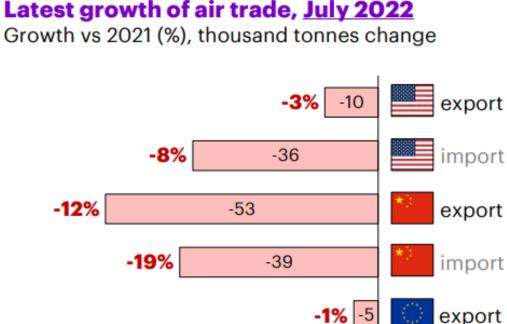
TRADE LANE	COMMENTS	RATES	AND SPACE
ASIA to Europe	<ul> <li>Peak season volumes not performning</li> <li>Space is open from China and there is equipment available</li> <li>Congestion is easing at the terminals however UK is difficult</li> </ul>	<b>↓</b>	
ASIA to NAM	<ul> <li>Market is open, large rate reduction to the West Coast</li> <li>Equipment is available</li> <li>Problems of congestion in USA, specially in East Coast</li> </ul>	<b>↓</b>	
Europe to NAM	<ul> <li>Congestion in both North American and European ports affects service</li> <li>Vessel are full and less capacity available</li> <li>It seems rates will remain strong for the rest of the year</li> </ul>	<b>→</b>	
Exports from India	<ul> <li>Space is open</li> <li>Shipping lines are opening long term contrat rates to negotiate</li> <li>Ports, terminals and ICD continue to work normally</li> </ul>	<b>→</b>	
ASIA to LATAM	<ul> <li>Booking needs to be placed one month in advance</li> <li>ASIA to LATAM due to longer transit times needs to offset with higher rates</li> <li>Rates are stable</li> </ul>	<b>↓</b>	
INTRA ASIA	<ul> <li>Port congestion improving in some south Asian ports</li> <li>New bunker level. Australian ports are still congested but improving</li> <li>Overstock of container equipment</li> </ul>	<b>↓</b>	





# Year-over-year air trade growth figures have declined throughout 2022, with latest figures of -7% (vs 2021) in July





-51

-13%

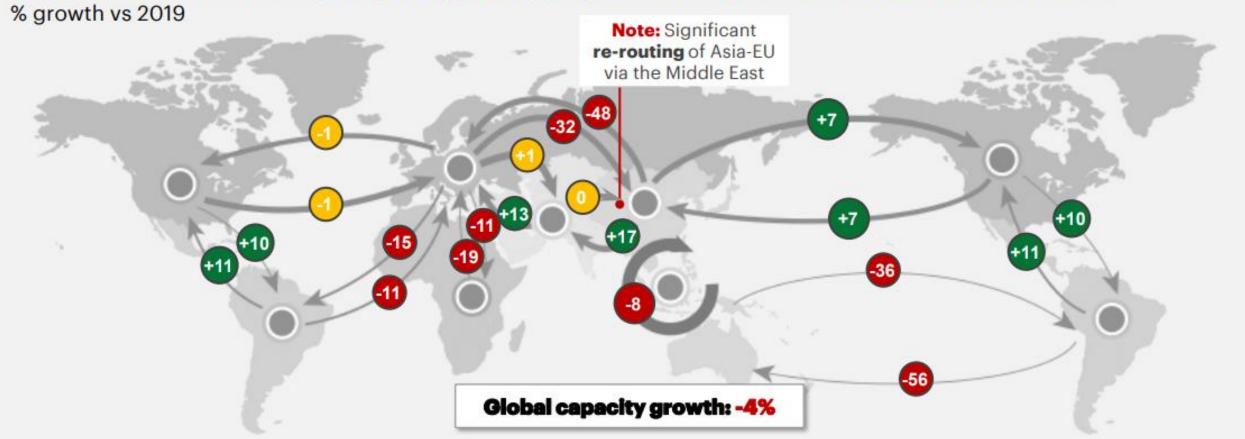
All air cargo flows to/from major air trade countries show year-over-year declines



import

# Global international air cargo capacity was down -4% (vs. 2019) between September 19-October 2, 2022

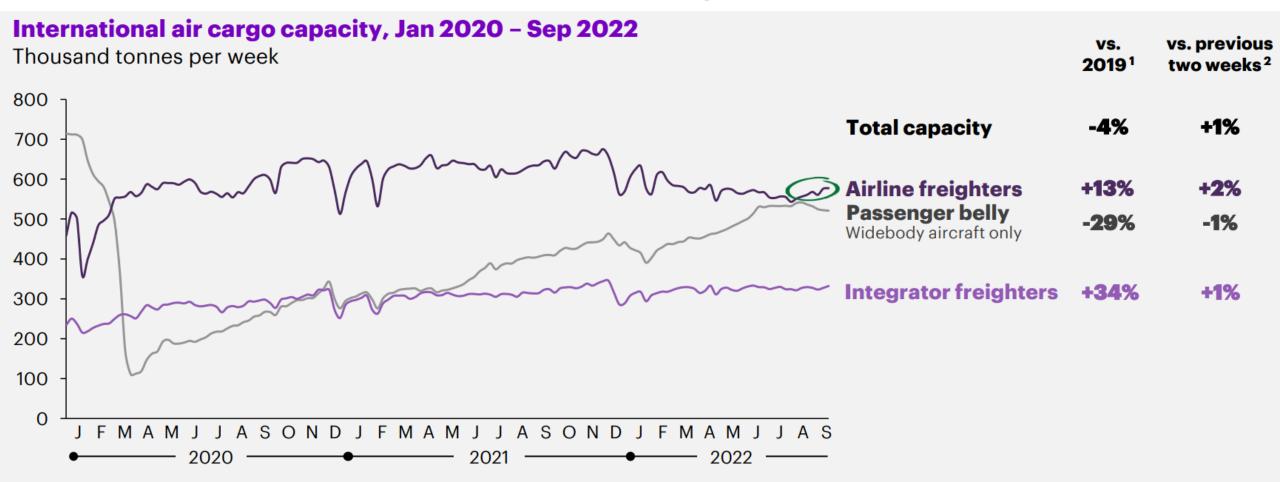
Total international air cargo capacity growth, September 19-October 2 vs same weeks in 2019<sup>1</sup>



Air cargo capacity from Asia Pacific to Middle East & South Asia remains elevated (+17% vs '19)



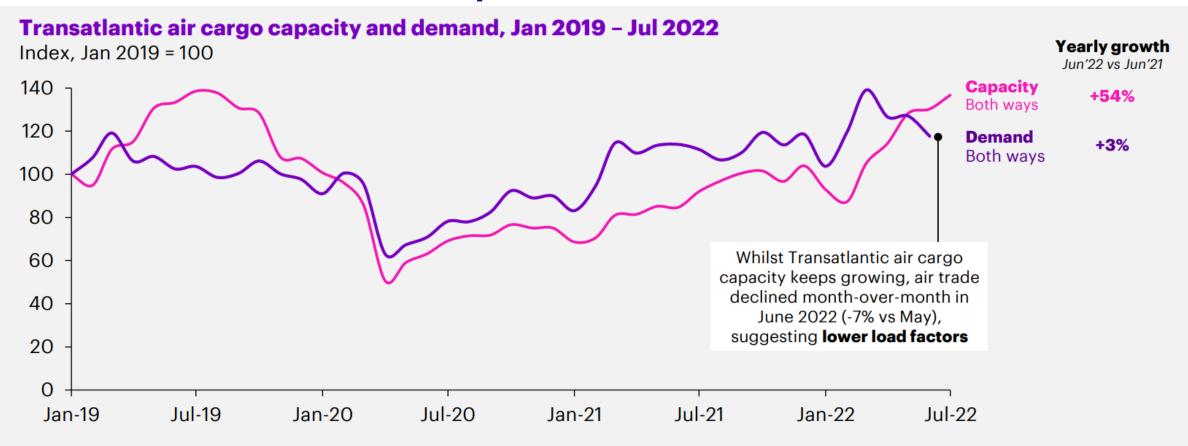
# Global international air cargo capacity grew slightly in last two weeks, mostly due to airline freighters



Widebody belly capacity marginally declined in the last two weeks



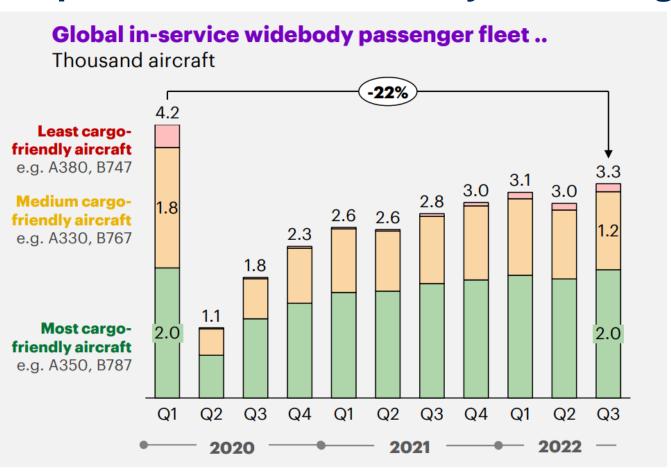
# Air cargo's demand-supply balance on the Transatlantic trade lane has returned to pre-COVID levels

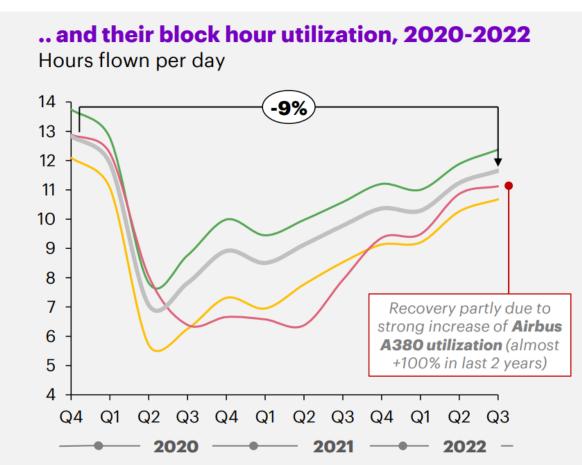


Slower air trade growth suggests lower load factors on the Transatlantic trade lane



# Widebody passenger fleet utilization recovered to -9% vs pre-Covid levels, mostly due to higher share of newer aircraft





The aviation industry still operates 22% fewer widebody passenger aircraft than in the first quarter of 2020

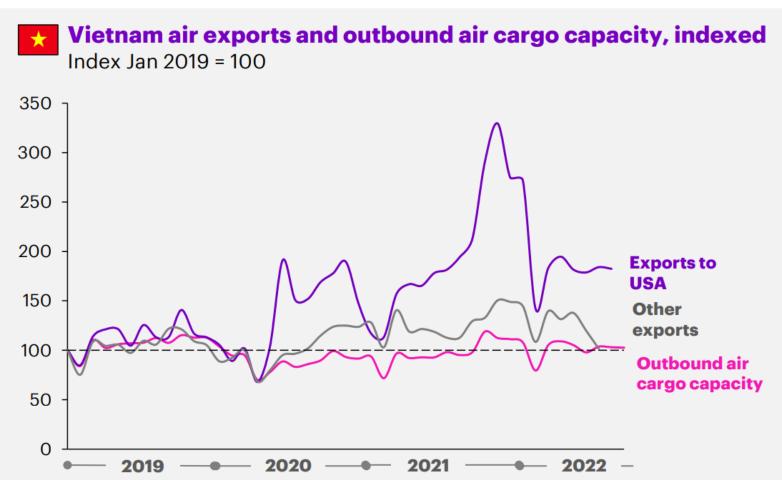


# Vietnam air exports grew significantly since 2020, while air cargo capacity remains around 2019 levels



Backed by booming exports, Vietnam is on track to become **South-east Asia's fastest-growing economy** this year.

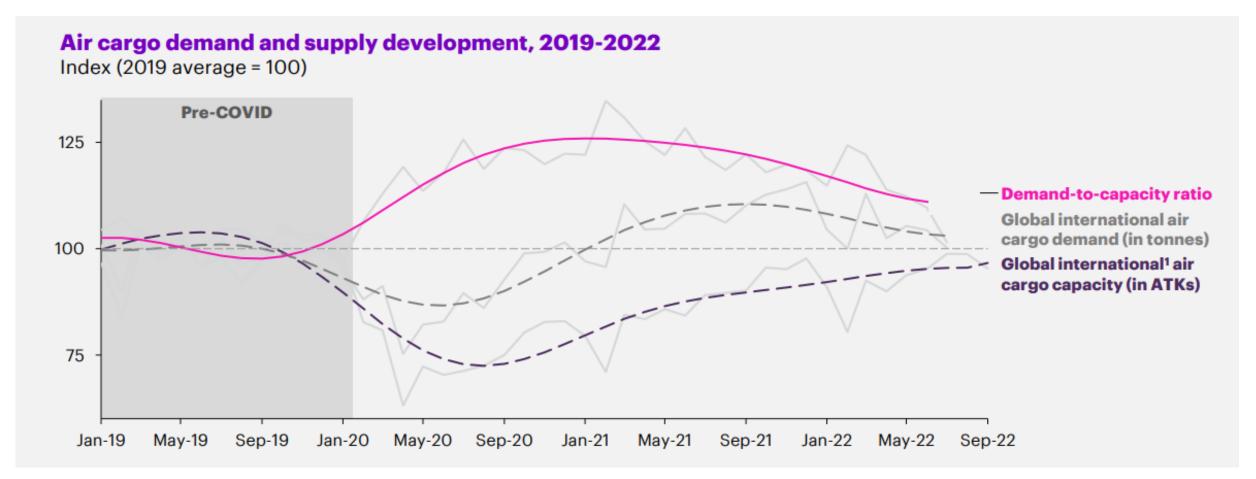
... **concerns remain** over the exposure to the economic downturn in destination markets, as well as the country's reliance on China for raw materials.



Following strong growth last year, Vietnam air exports decreased in recent months, mainly due to exports to USA



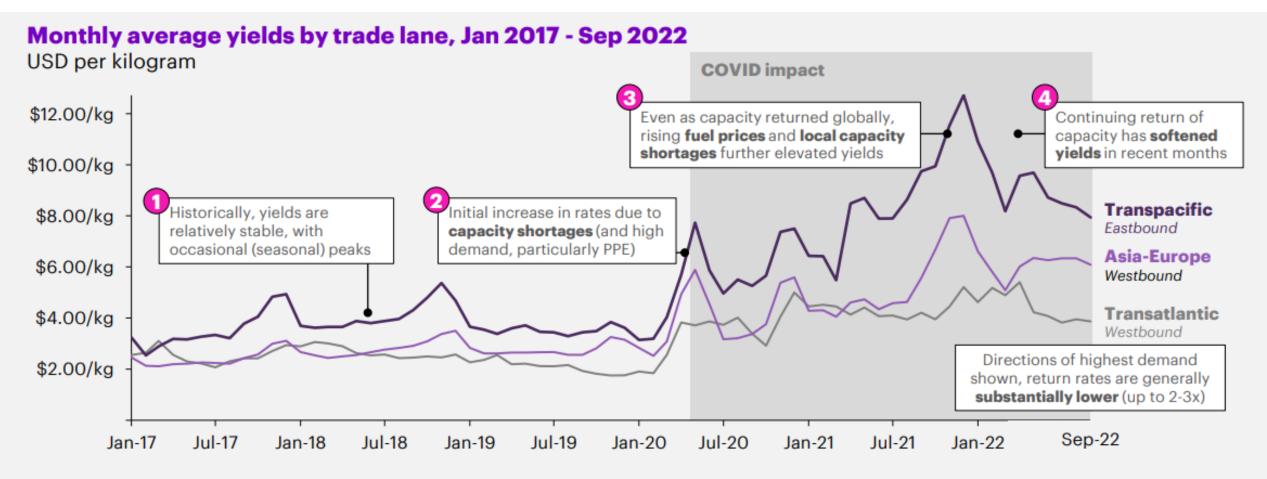
# Stagnating air trade demand and recovering capacity mean the pressure on the air cargo market has eased slightly



Air cargo's demand-supply ratio is slowly returning to 2019 levels, but large differences exist by trade lane



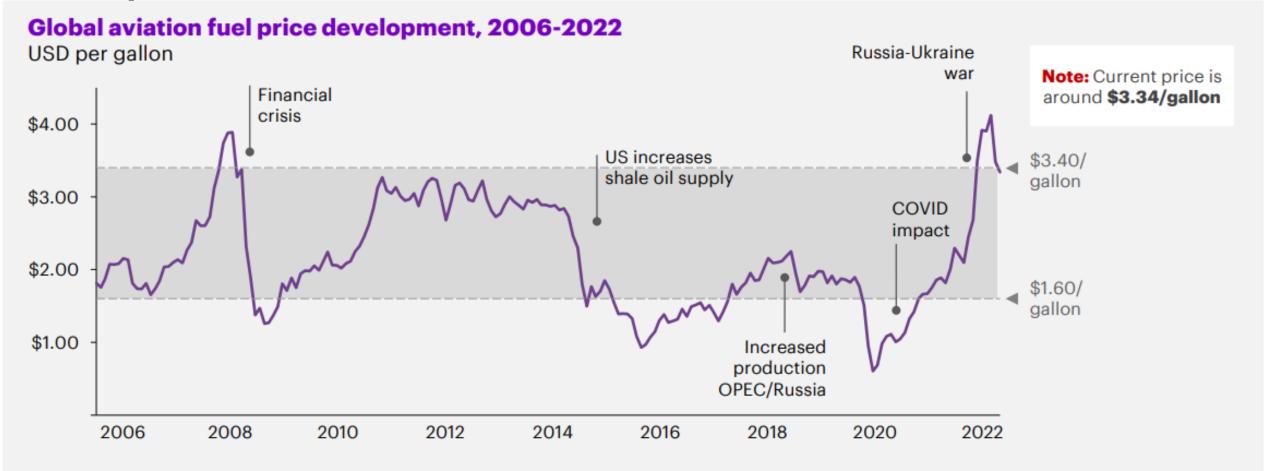
# Reduced pressure on the air cargo market has resulted in the first signs of yields easing



Rates could further ease as capacity recovers, but are still well above 2019 levels



# Yields in part remain elevated due to high global aviation fuel prices, which are still near record levels



Aviation fuel prices still remain above the levels of last decade



# Air freight market overview

Market is currently "slow" but stable recovering passenger capacity in trades

TRADE LANE	COMMENTS	RATES AND SPACE	
Exports from China / Hong Kong	<ul> <li>The market is very weak due to continued low demand and the short working week. Rates have dropped to their lowest level YTD and carriers are eager for cargo.</li> </ul>	<b>I</b> 7	
South East Asia	<ul> <li>Cargo demand remains soft and rate levels similar to last week. The market continues to see 1-2 days of additional transit time in regards to the Shenzhen- Hong Kong border situation</li> </ul>	<b>1</b> 7	
Exports from India/Bangladesh	<ul> <li>This has led to carriers passing on rate deductions for many key lanes</li> <li>Capacity is waiting to recover</li> </ul>	<b>→</b>	
Export from Europe	<ul> <li>Demand is expected to pick up towards the end of September</li> <li>Ground handling operations in major European hubs have improved compared to July. Many airlines are expected to cut capacity for their winter schedules, which could cause further capacity constraints and push rates up in the upcoming months. Jet fuel prices continue to slowly decrease.</li> </ul>	•	
Exports from NAM	<ul> <li>US airports are running at a normal pace. Capacity is opening up further, especially into Europe, where most carriers have increased the number of passenger flights for their summer schedules.</li> </ul>	Į.	

