







Weekly Market Report

October 7, 2025

Bunker Port Brief

Singapore







	VLSFO	HSFO	MGO
Availability			
Days of notice	7	7	7
Demand			

The Asian LSFO market structure has remained largely unchanged. Steady arbitrage inflows and weak bunker demand are expected to keep regional inventories elevated in the near term.

The Asian HSFO market is well supplied, with steady bunker demand. Fundamentals have been partly pressured by the seasonal drop in power generation needs after the peak summer months.







The Asian gasoil market is likely to stay stable, or see modest strength, supported by potential supply constraints as refiners worldwide enter their seasonal maintenance phase.

ARA

	VLSFO	HSFO	MGO
Availability			
Days of notice	5-7	5-7	5
Demand			




Tight avails on LSMGO on the prompt, most suppliers EDD is 5 days out.

Houston

	VLSFO	HSFO	MGO
Availability			
Days of notice	5	7	3
Demand			




Demand has slowed end of September into October. Avails are good across all grades. VLSFO continues to be oversupplied.

New York

	VLSFO	HSFO	MGO
Availability			
Days of notice	5	9	1
Demand			







Demand on contract for VLSFO and HSFO and LSMGO still strong. Avail for HSFO right now in NYH is very short. Despite weakness in crude futures, distillate strengthening into seasonal change.

Panama







	VLSFO	HSFO	MGO
Availability			
Days of notice	3-5	4-6	3-5
Demand			

VLSFO market seems to have weakened some. demand has been a touch better.







Gibraltar

	VLSFO	HSFO	MGO
Availability			
Days of notice	5-7	5-7	5-7
Demand			

Malta































	VLSFO	HSFO	MGO
Availability			
Days of notice	5-7	5-7	5-7
Demand			

Port Louis

	VLSFO	HSFO	MGO
Availability			
Days of notice	5-7	5-7	3-5
Demand			































The fishing sector continues to have steady gasoil demand for the region, whilst VLSFO and HSFO inquiries remain intermittent.

Durban

	VLSFO	HSFO	MGO
Availability	    	    	    
Days of notice	3-5	4-6	5-7
Demand	    	    	    

Market players enter a bidding war to shift what little product is shown; very competitive VLSFO pricing as suppliers try their best to combat the slow demand.

Walvis Bay

	VLSFO	HSFO	MGO
Availability	    	    	    
Days of notice	4-6	5-8	3-5
Demand	    	    	    

Poor weather with strong winds and high swells continues, a longer season than previous. Some suppliers have now considered alternate ports further north to look for more business in the quiet market.

OPEC increases production – but less than feared

In this edition of Energy Market Drivers, we discuss the latest OPEC+ meeting on Sunday. We still see some downside risks for oil prices in Q4, but, as we discussed in last week's issue, we assess these as temporary.

Any move lower could provide an attractive entry level for hedging oil and bunker exposure in 2026. We expect the average Brent price to be USD 67 in 2026, moving above USD 70 in H2 2026.

Soft message from OPEC+, but still weak underlying fundamentals

On Sunday, the so-called OPEC+ announced that,

"In view of a steady global economic outlook and current healthy market fundamentals, as reflected in the low oil inventories, [OPEC-8] decided to implement a production adjustment of 137,000bp/d".

Before Sunday's meeting, there had been speculation that OPEC+ might add as much as four times this amount. Saudi Arabia and the UAE reportedly argued for a larger production increase to expand their market share. At the same time, Russia pushed for a smaller rise, reflecting its limited ability to boost output amid low investment and Ukrainian strikes on oil production and export infrastructure. Russia also has a clear interest in keeping prices high to finance its ongoing war of aggression against Ukraine.

The market breathed a sigh of relief on Monday that the increase was not larger, and Brent is trading just under one dollar higher at USD 65.30. However, we assess that the underlying sentiment in the oil market remains bearish.

However, even before Sunday's announcement, market balance forecasts indicated a sizable build in inventories over the next six months.

Recently, the number of barrels "on water" has skyrocketed to a level not seen since the onset of the pandemic.

The oil structure has also weakened. The backwardation between the second and third Brent contracts has almost disappeared, trading at just 22 cents – its closest to contango since early May, typically a bearish signal.

We expect oil prices to trade lower in the coming weeks, and a test of USD 60 is not unlikely.

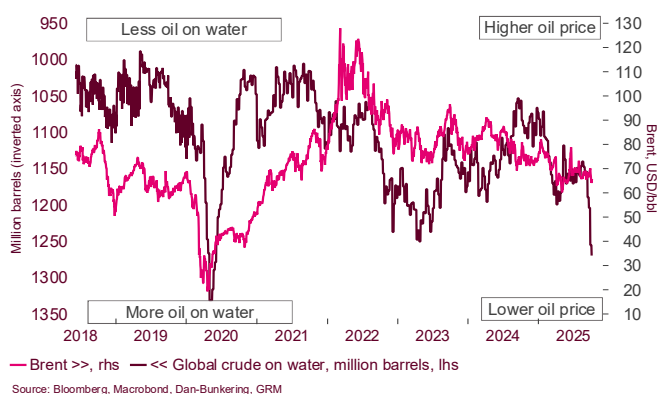
However, as we highlighted last week, a move to USD 60-64 would represent an attractive buying opportunity.

We continue to see several supportive factors for oil prices:

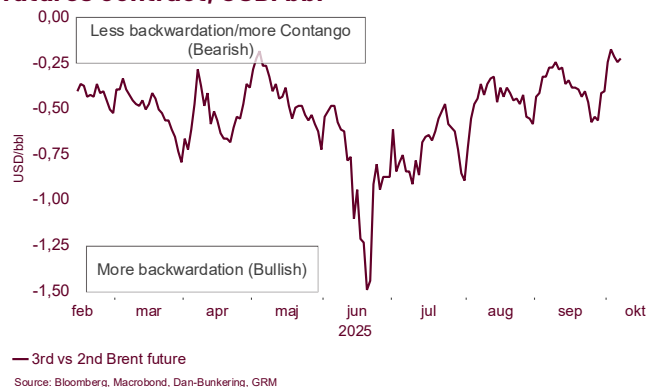
- * OPEC compensation cuts from overproducing members will limit the effective supply increase in the coming quarters.
- * Additional supply capacity lies mainly with Saudi Arabia, the UAE, and, to some extent, Iraq.
- * China continues to build strategic stocks, around 150 million barrels added over the past six months, and this is likely to continue.
- * US production growth remains under pressure at the current price level.
- * OPEC-8 will likely pause further increases once inventory builds become more visible, with “oil on water” already surging sharply.

Overall, we expect short-term downward pressure on oil prices here in Q4, but a recovery is anticipated in 2026. For more information, see my LinkedIn Post and the accompanying charts.

Spike in “oil on water”. It adds short-term downside risks to Brent



Less backwardation in the Brent curve. A bearish sign. The chart shows the 2nd vs the 3rd ICE Brent futures contract, USD/bbl



Price forecasts

	Spot	Q4 2025	Q1 2026	Q2 2026	Q3 2026	Q4 2026	avg. 2025	avg 2026
Brent, USD/bbl	65,2	62	64	67	69	69	68	64
ICE Gasoil, USD/MT	669	680	715	723	738	715	678	694
HSFO (1M 3.5% Rotterdam Barge), USD/MT	383	358	368	387	400	400	402	365
VLSFO (1M 0.5% Rotterdam Barge), USD/MT	425	421	432	451	464	464	461	430

Source: Dan-Bunkering, indicative spot-prices based on Bloomberg 1M fair-value

Overview Charts:

Brent oil

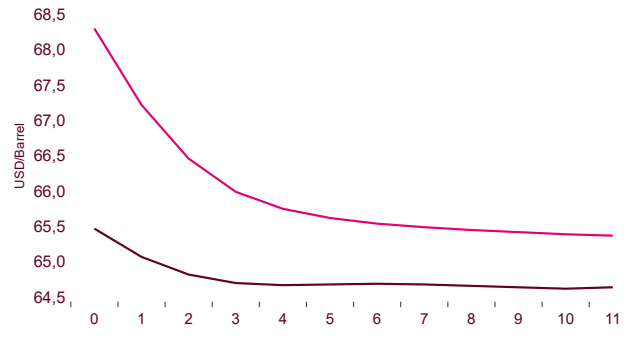


— Brent future, 1st position

Source: Bloomberg, Macrobond, Dan-Bunkering, GRM



Brent forward curve, indicative prices



— Brent futures, -3m [y] — Brent futures, Latest [y]

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ICE Gasoil, 1. Pos.

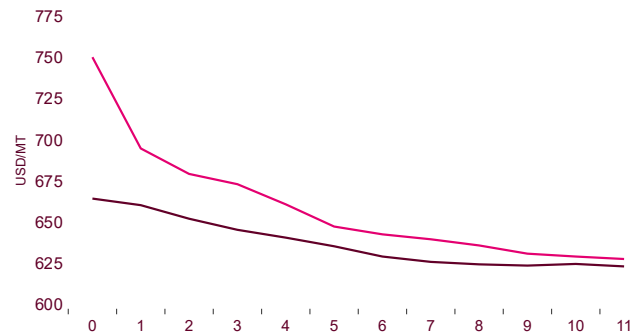


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ICE Gasoil forward curve, indicative prices



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0.5% Marine Fuel Oil Rotterdam Barge, M1

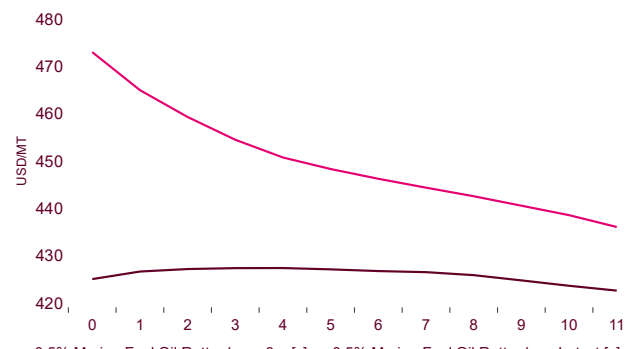


— 0.5% Marine Fuel Oil Rotterdam Barge, 1M

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0.5% Marine Fuel Oil Rotterdam Barge Forward Curve, indicative prices



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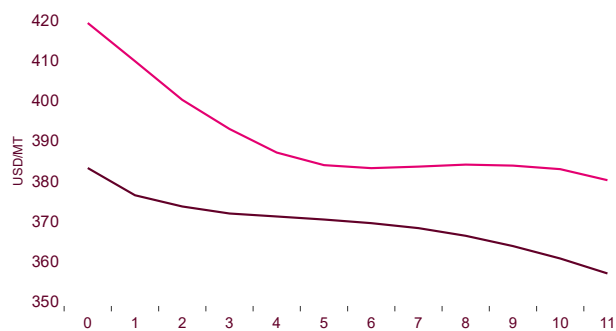
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Rotterdam 3.5% Barge

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