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## **Ocean Freight Market Outlook September 2024**

#### Capacity Outlook

- H1 2024 global capacity utilization 2% higher than 2023 despite 10.4% containership supply growth.
- Container ports show strong volume gains in 1H 2024, with 10 largest ports reporting 7.4% combined gains.
- Port congestion and Cape route diversions limit capacity growth.

#### Freight Rates

- Volatility in spot rates impacting long-term rates.
- Gap between Asia-US West
   Coast and East Coast rates
   widens. Planned transpacific rate
   hikes delayed; US West Coast
   rates decline.
- Asia-Europe rates weaken with excess capacity and slowing demand. Transatlantic rates increasing moderately.
- Oceania rates rapidly increasing due to limited capacity.
- SCFI still significantly above last year with +206% YoY

#### Demand Outlook

- AccentureCargo predicts growth of around 5% until September.
   Mid-term outlook more uncertain
- US core inflation rate decreasing slower than Europe's, which has returned to pre-COVID levels.
- US Consumer Spending data does not show a sudden boom, indicating peak season driven rather by import front-loading or inventory restocking than a consumption surge.

### Regulations/News

- Carrier earnings rebound strongly in Q3 despite recent rate correction. Asian carriers outperforming European peers in Q2.
- CMA CGM negotiating share in Hamburg terminal, following Cosco Shipping and MSC's recent terminal acquisitions.
- India port strike starting 28 Aug, major disruptions possible if talks fail.
- Potential rail strike in Canada avoided for now.
- US East Coast port wage negotiation continuing.

Source: DGF, Accenture Cargo, S&P Market Intelligence, Drewry

## **State of the industry – Ocean Carrier alliances**



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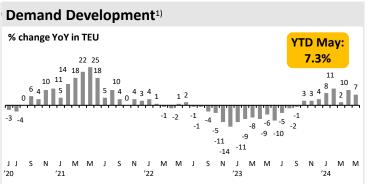
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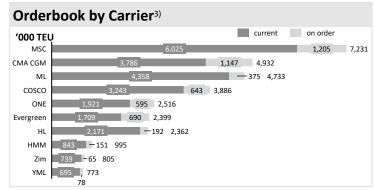


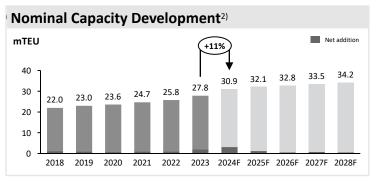
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MSC

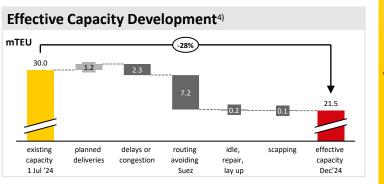
Source: Carriers; \*\* to become "Gemini Cooperation" in 2025

### **Market Developments**





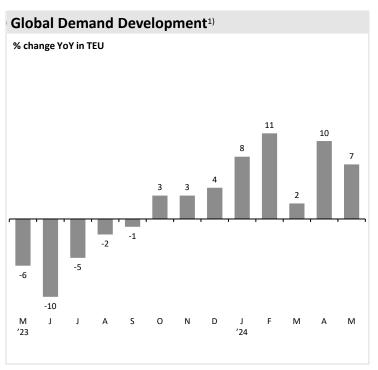


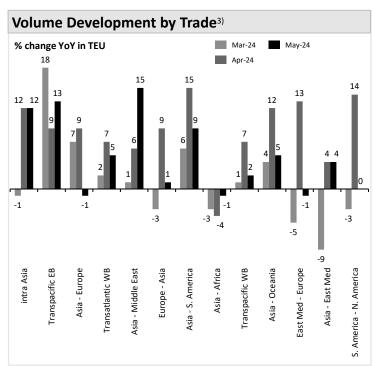


Source: 1) Accenture Cargo; 2) Drewry, net addition = delivery minus scrapping; 3) Alphaliner; 4) Alphaliner, SeaIntel, Linerlytica, Drewry

- Global container market recovers in H1, but uncertainty remains due to US-related factors.
- Manufacturing PMI falls below 50, indicating potential loss of momentum in new orders and investment.
- MSC leads through 2028, CMA CGM to secure second spot in 2027.
- Disruptions limit
  effective capacity,
  LATAM, USWC, and
  EURO NC absorb new
  capacity.

### **Demand**





- Global container market continues to recover in H1 2024, especially on Asia-AMLA, intra-Asia, and AMNO imports.
- High global container trade growth likely unsustainable for the rest of the year.
- Economic indicators show no clear signs of strong demand in the US and Europe.
- Mid-term outlook is more uncertain than current market conditions suggest.

Source: Accenture Cargo

# Regional Market Development – Major Trades

#### **Market Development on Key Regional Tradelanes** Jan Feb Mar May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Apr Dec R Asia R R R R R Intra R R R R N. America A R R R R R R **EURO** R R R R R R → Middle East R G G G S. America G R R R A R R Africa R R R R A R Oceania R East MED R R R R East MED -**EURO** R G G R G G G G **EURO** N. America A G G A Asia G G G G G G A A G N. America Asia G G G G G G G A A S. America N. America Demand > Capacity

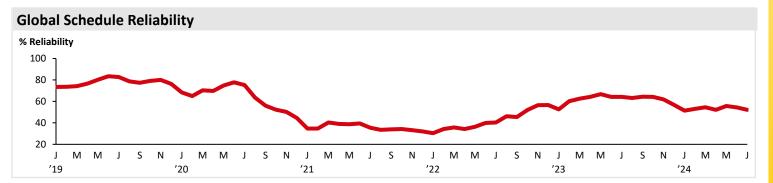
Demand, Capacity balanced

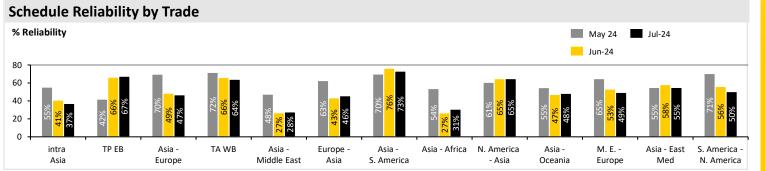
- High demand ex-Asia expected to continue in Q3.
- Equipment situation improving, but shortages remain in areas like BR & IN.
- Customers advised to pre-book 4-6 weeks in advance.
- Intra-regional capacity impacted by diversion of smaller ships to primary routes.
- Capacity shortage to persist at least until Golden Week.

Demand < Capacity

Source: DHL

# **Schedule Reliability**



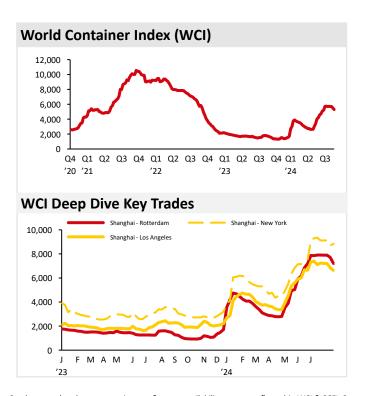


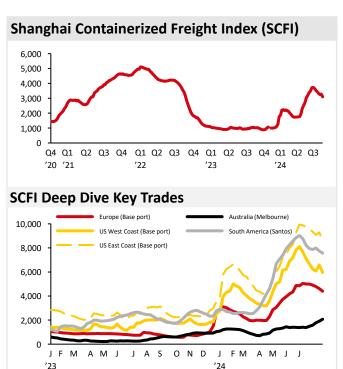
Source: Sea-Intelligence, Linerlytica; intra Asia = Asia – IBPC, TP EB = Asia-NAWC, Asia-Europe = Asia-N. Europe, Asia-S.America = Asia-WCSA, N. America-Asia = Transpacific WB, Asia-East Med = Asia-Med

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- Port congestion is improving in SG, but adverse weather in CN/ZA, strikes in DE, and political unrest in BD contribute to ongoing challenges.
- Normalization is not expected in the near future, with factors like alliance shakeup, carrier yield management, port strikes in USEC/Europe/ India, and CA Rail disruptions impacting the situation.

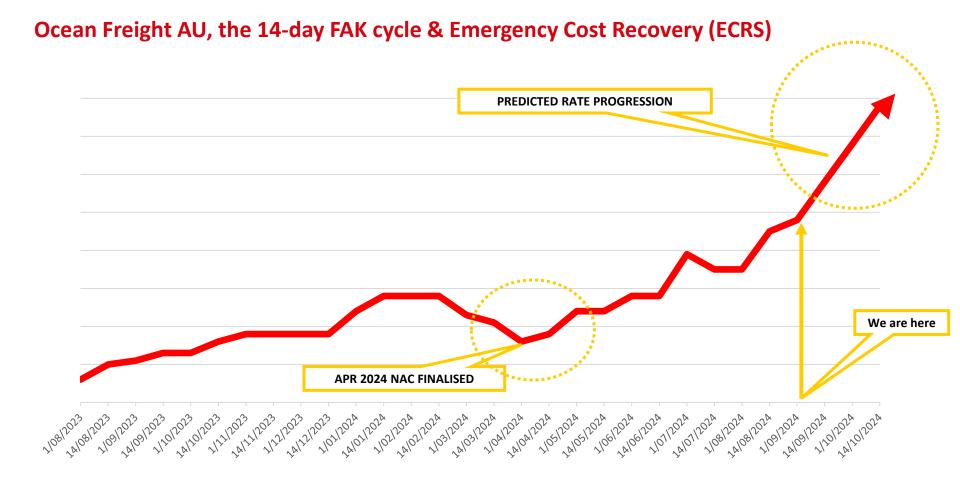
### **Rates**





- Rates have stabilized, reaching a plateau significantly higher than they were a year ago
- Asia-Europe
   experiences slightest
   decrease due to
   limited capacity,
   schedule changes,
   port strikes, and
   adverse weather.
- TP and AMLA see consecutive weeks of decline.
- Oceania and India face equipment shortages.

Note: Surcharges related to e.g., equipment & space availability are not reflected in WCl & SCFI; Source: Drewry, in USD/40ft container, including BAF & THC both ends, 8 individual routes, excluding intra-Asia routes; Shanghai Shipping Exchange, in USD/20ft ctnr & USD/40ft ctnr for US routes, including BAF, EBAF, CAF, PSS, WRS, PCS & SCS/SCF/PTF/PCC, excl. THC, 15 routes from Shanghai DHL Global Forwarding | OFR Market Update | September 2024



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# **Regional Market Development – Additional Trades**

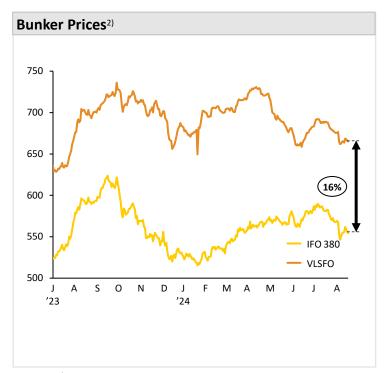
### **Market Development on Additional Regional Tradelanes**

		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Europe -	■ East MED	A	R	A	A	A	G	G	G	G	G	G	0
-	Africa	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	R	R	G	
-	S. America	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	
-	→ Middle East	A	G	G	G	R	R	R	R	G	G	G	
-	—▶ Europe	G	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	G	<b>G</b>	G	
Middle East -		G	G	G	G	G	A	A	<b>G</b>	A A	A	A	
-	→ Middle East	G	G	G	G	<b>G</b>	A	A	<b>G</b>	orecast	<b>G</b>	G	
N. America	S. America	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	A	A	A	A	
-	Europe	G	G	G		G	G	<b>G</b>	R	G	G	G	
-	N. America	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	A	A	A	A	
Oceania -	Asia	G	G	G	G	G	G	A	A	A	A	A	0
S. America	Europe	G	A	G	G	G	G	A	A	A	A	A	$\bigcirc$
-	Asia	A	A	A	G	A	A	A	R	A	A	A	
		R	Demand >	Capacity		G	Demand, C	Capacity bala	nced	A	Demand <	Capacity	

Source: DHL

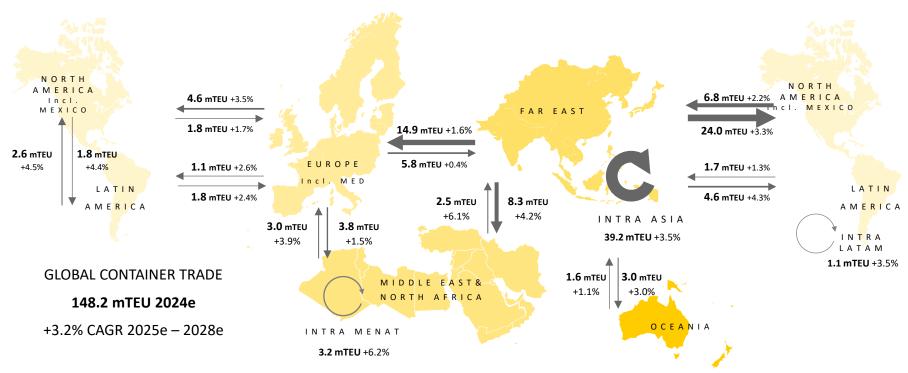
### **GDP Growth & Bunker Prices**

	2024F	2025F	2026F	2027F	2028F	CAGR (2025-28)
AMER	2.3%	1.8%	1.9%	1.9%	2.0%	1.9%
ASPA	4.2%	4.1%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%
EURO	1.2%	1.9%	1.8%	1.8%	1.7%	1.8%
MEA	2.3%	3.1%	4.0%	4.0%	3.6%	3.8%
DGF World	2.6%	2.7%	2.7%	2.8%	2.7%	2.7%



<sup>1)</sup> Real GDP, Copyright © IHS Markit, now part of S&P Global, Q2 2024 Update 5 Jun '24. All rights reserved; 2) Source: Bunkerindex, in US\$

# **Demand Development 2024 – 2028**



Source: Accenture Cargo Jun24 update

### **Acronyms and Explanations – Ocean Freight glossary**

AMLA - Latin America

AMNO - North America

ASPA - AsiaPacific

BAF - Bunker Adjustment Factor

CAF - Currency Adjustment Factor

CAGR - Compound Annual Growth Rate

East MED - Eastern Mediterranean

B – Eastbound

EBAF - Emergency Bunker Adjustment Factor

ETS - European Union Emission Trading System

EURO - Europe

DP - Gross Domestic Product

GRI - General Rate Increase

HL – Hapag-Lloyd

HMM – Hyundai

IFO - intermediate fuel oil

M.E. - Middle East

MEA - Middle East and Africa = MENAT + SSA

MENAT - Middle East and North Africa

ML – Maersk Line

mn - Millions

MoM - Month-on-Month

MX - Mexico

OOCL - Orient Overseas Container Line

PCC - Panama Canal Surcharge

PCS - Port Congestion Surcharge

PMI - Purchase Manager Index compiled by S&P Global

Ppt - Percentage points

PSS - Peak Season Surcharge

PTF - Panama Transit Surcharge

2οQ - Quarter on quarter

SCF - Suez Canal Fee

SCS - Suez Canal Surcharge

SPAC - South Pacific Australia

SSA - Sub-Saharan Africa

T - Thousands

TEU - Twenty-foot equivalent unit (20' container)

THC - Terminal Handling Charge

VLSFO - Very Low-Sulphur Fuel Oil

TP - Transpacific

NB – Westbound

WRS - War Risk Surcharge

YoY - Year-on-Year

YTD - Year-to-Date

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