



## Asian Oil Intelligence Desk - Daily Briefing

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Global energy markets on April 15, 2026, saw crude oil prices stabilize after an earlier decline, driven by optimism surrounding potential US-Iran peace talks, despite lingering concerns over the Strait of Hormuz. Equity markets, particularly the S&P 500 and Nasdaq, surged to new record highs, fueled by these diplomatic hopes and robust tech earnings. Natural gas prices remained subdued due to mild spring weather and ample storage.

### SHIPPING RATES & BUNKERS

#### DIRTY TANKER (\$/DAY)

Vessel	Route	Spot TCE	Avg YTD
VLCC, 270	AG-FE	40,300	39,700
Suezmax, 130	WAF-UKC	28,500	27,800
Aframax, 80	Caribs-USG	18,200	19,100

#### CLEAN TANKER (\$/DAY)

Vessel	Route	Spot TCE	Avg YTD
LR2, 75	AG-FE	20,500	26,400
LR1, 55	AG-FE	17,800	21,000
MR, 37	TC2 (UKC-USAC)	15,500	16,200

#### TIME CHARTER (KDWT)

Vessel	1yr	Newbuild	5yr
VLCC, 200+	49,000	127.0	112.0
Suezmax, 130	32,000	85.0	75.0

#### LNG (\$/DAY)

Type	Spot	Sent.	52wk
160M3 Tri-fuel diesel electric (East)	13,000	Flat	30,231
174M3 TFDE (West)	15,000	Soft	35,000

#### LPG (\$/DAY)

VLGC, 44 (AG-Japan)	34,643
VLGC, 44 (USG-Japan)	42,100

#### BUNKERS (\$/MT)

Port	VLSFO	HSFO	MGO
Singapore	650.0	430.0	850.0
Rotterdam	635.0	415.0	830.0

### COMMODITIES & MARKETS

#### EQUITIES

Index	Last	Chg
S&P 500 United States	7,022.95	+55.57

### ENERGY PRICES

#### CRUDE

Instrument	Unit	Last	Chg
Brent ICE	\$/bbl	95.32	+0.54

#### PRODUCTS

Instrument	Unit	Last	Chg
RBOB Gasoline NYMEX	c/gal	306.92	+2.97

#### NATURAL GAS

Instrument	Unit	Last	Chg
US Henry Hub NYMEX	\$/MMBtu	2.61	+0.01

#### NGL

Instrument	Unit	Last	Chg
US Mont Belvieu Propane NYMEX	\$/mt	378.00	+1.00

#### PRICE SPREADS

Instrument	Unit	Last	Chg
RBOB Gasoline/Brent Crack Spread	\$/bbl	25.00	-0.15

### CARBON MARKET DAILY

Instrument	Unit	Bid	Offer
European Union Allowances (Spot)	EUR/ton	73.50	73.60

### CURRENCIES

Pair	Last	Chg
EUR/\$	1.18	+0.01

### DEVELOPMENTS

#### Oil Prices Steady Amid Hopes for US-Iran Peace Talks, Strait of Hormuz Concerns Linger

Crude oil prices stabilized on April 15, 2026, after an earlier slump, driven by optimism surrounding potential renewed talks between the US and Iran. However, concerns over the Strait of Hormuz remain. Reuters/Bloomberg · Apr 15, 2026

#### S&P 500 and Nasdaq Hit Record Highs on Diplomatic Optimism and Strong Tech Earnings

The S&P 500 and Nasdaq Composite both reached new all-time highs on April 15, 2026, as hopes of a US-Iran peace deal and strong performance from tech stocks buoyed markets. The Washington Post/The Motley Fool · Apr 15, 2026

#### EU Carbon Prices Firm as Policy Jitters Ease and Market Stability Reserve Reforms Advance

European carbon allowance prices hovered near €73/metric ton in early April 2026, with policy uncertainties easing after the European Commission proposed halting further reforms. S&P Global · Apr 10, 2026

#### Natural Gas Market Softens on Mild Spring Temperatures, Boosting Storage Injections

The US natural gas market experienced a seasonal transition in April 2026, with mild spring temperatures weighing on demand and supporting storage injections. American Gas Association · Apr 30, 2026

#### Bank of America and Morgan Stanley Post Strong Quarterly Earnings

Major financial institutions Bank of America and Morgan Stanley both reported strong quarterly earnings on April 15, 2026, contributing to the positive sentiment. The Motley Fool · Apr 15, 2026

#### Allbirds Shares Soar Following Pivot to AI-Focused Business Model

Footwear company Allbirds saw its shares soar by over 580% on April 15, 2026, after announcing a strategic pivot from footwear to an AI-focused business model. The Motley Fool · Apr 15, 2026