



Bunkering Market Report

November 2023

Brent Crude Market Analysis & Forecast

November started the month with Brent trading in the mid \$80's level, after a two-week bearish period for oil markets.

This theme would continue into November, although with small spikes into bullish territory, that would ultimately prove futile as the bears remained firmly in control.

Early October

In the first days of November, the US Fed kept interest rates unchanged which buoyed the oil markets briefly, however, poor economic news from the Eurozone and a contraction in manufacturing activity kept a lid on any upsides for oil prices.

In the first week of the month, both Saudi Arabia and Russia pledged to continue their production cuts in order to keep prices "stable" or high as the rest of the world sees it. However, this also would prove unconvincing to the wider market as demand worries were once again more of a concern than the supply side.

Oil prices plummeted in the second week of the month as traders grappled with economic data from China showed continued poor economic outlook for the Asian country driven by deteriorating demand from its largest export destination, the West.

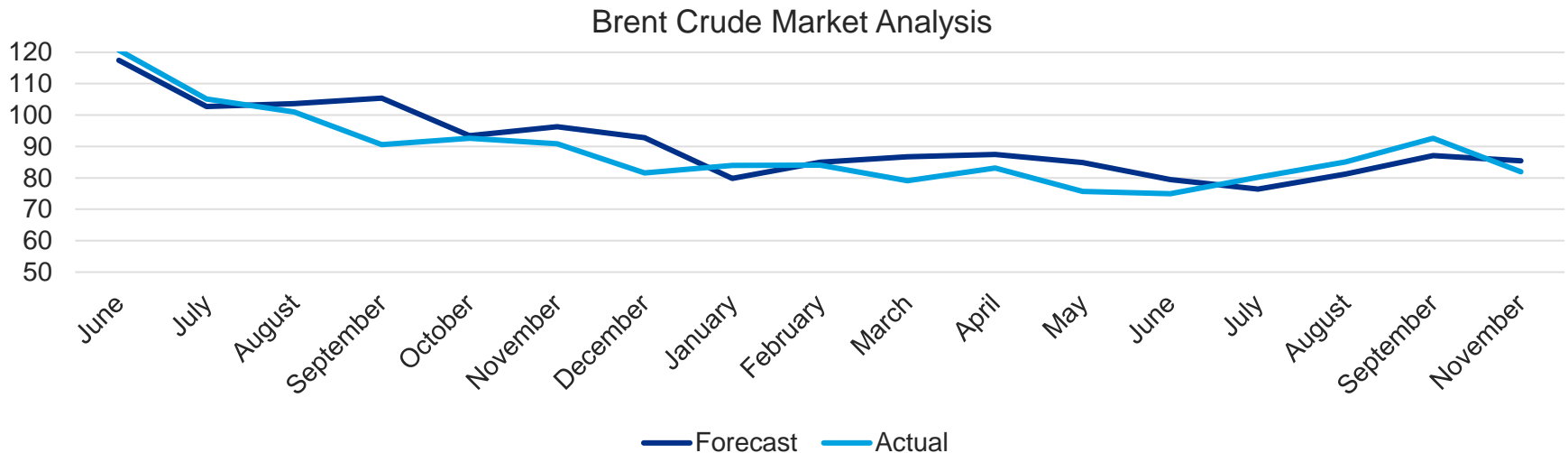
End of November

Also mid-month, ExxonMobil announced that it had begun production from its Payara project in Guyana would increase Guyana's crude oil production to 620 kbpd; and that its third FSP Prosperity was ahead of schedule and would add 220 kbpd to Guyana's oil production.

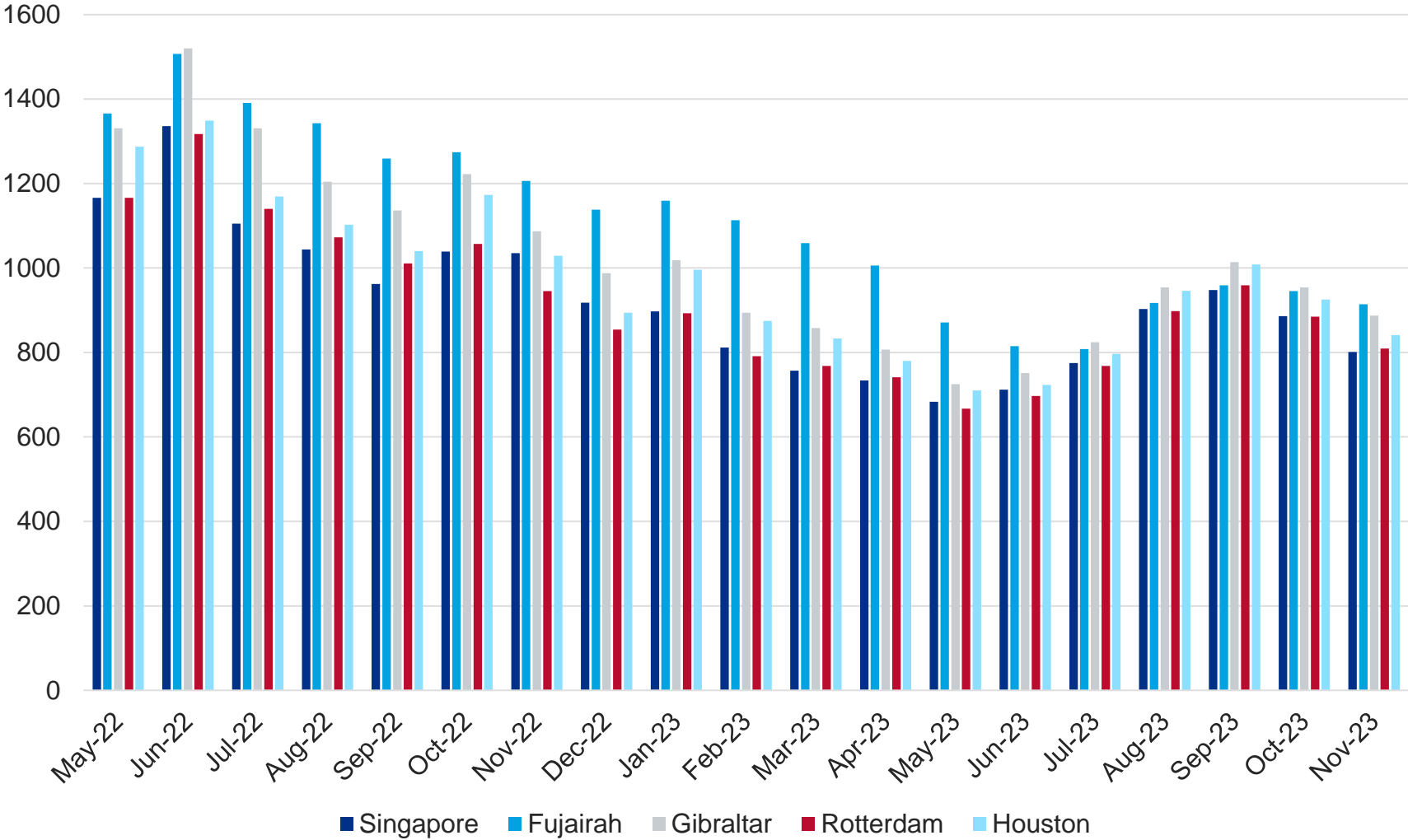
The bullish theme continued for the rest of the month, so much that by the end of the month Brent would be trading just under the \$80/b level.

In shipping markets, the Panama canal continued to see reduced transits due to a drought affecting Panama this year. The OPEC+ groups meeting in November had to be delayed due to a lack of agreement on production cuts.

The meeting eventually took place 4 days later than planned, and as well as extending the Saudi and Russian production cuts, announced a further voluntary cut that the market viewed with scepticism as oil prices continued to cave under pressure.



Global LSMGO Average Prices



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