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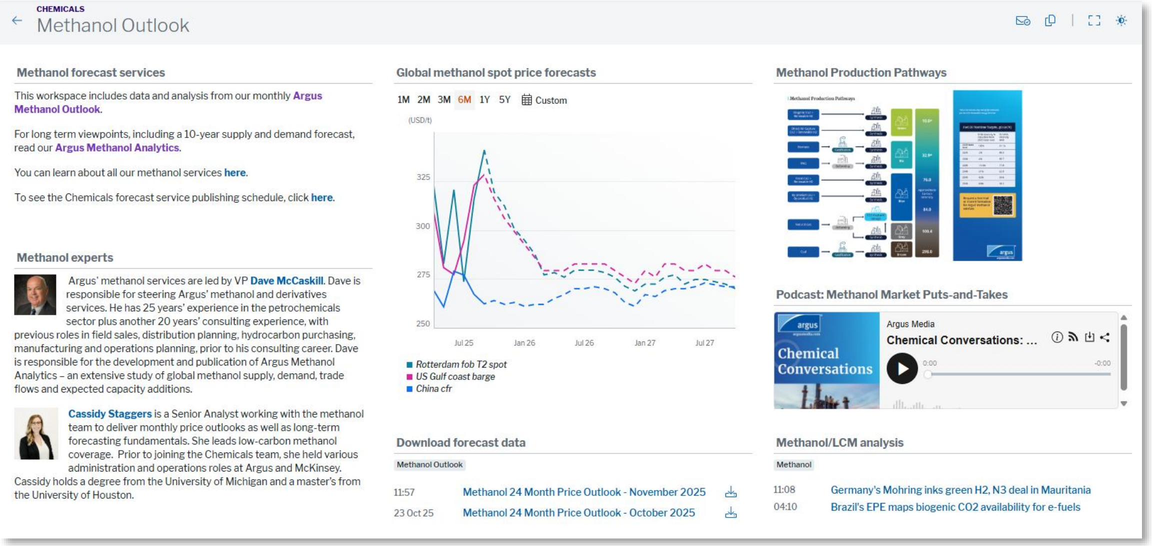

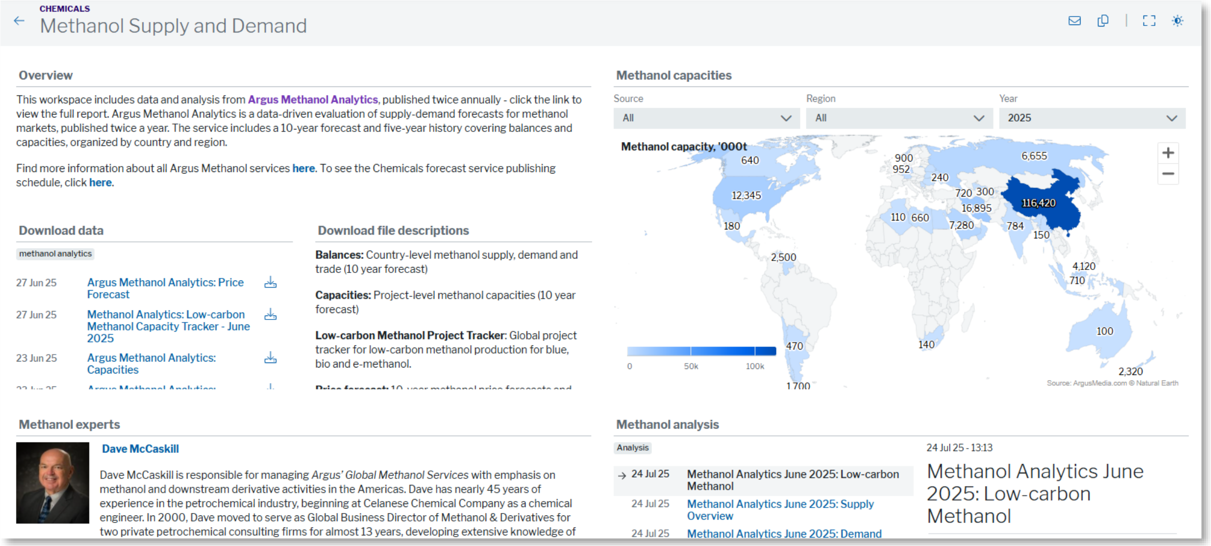

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Methanol Outlook global overview

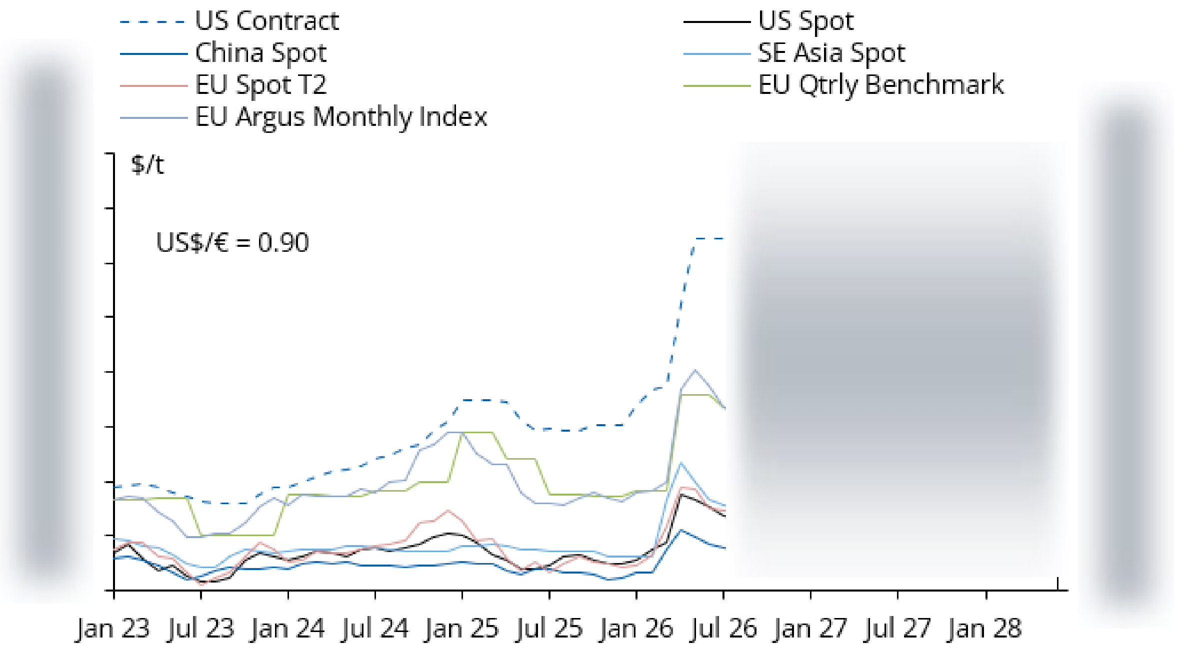
US–Iran peace deal in place. Immediate oil and petrochemical sanctions lifted. Strait of Hormuz to open to all traffic promptly. Oil and other impacted petchems pricing likely to see rapid sentimental weakening. It will still take time for resupply pipelines to fill, but market (price) direction will be bearish.

- The Iran conflict appears to have come to an end this past Sunday with both parties reaching a peace pact to end the near four-month war. Both sides have declared an immediate and permanent termination of military operations. Under the draft terms of the peace deal, the US has committed to issuing Treasury Department waivers permitting Iran to resume exporting oil, petrochemical products and their derivatives.
- Markets remain “upset” through mid-June, but we must expect a rapid change in sentiments, although the physical recover in the supply chain could easily take some time. However, we have understood there is significant methanol in floating storage awaiting safe passage through the Strait. Upon arrival and actual restocking of destination tankage, methanol price premiums seen across Asia-Pacific are expected to fast weaken.
- Atlantic basin prices will see weakening as well, as higher priced export opportunities will fast dwindle. However, the Atlantic basin continues to be driven by its own supply dynamics and will likely be slower in reacting to softer prices witnessed elsewhere.
- As of mid-June, oil prices were just under $100/bl levels, while methanol prices ranged from $400-$600/t, depending on specific markets. Prior to the conflict, oil prices were averaging $65/bl with methanol in the $265-325/t range.
- Again, global methanol inventory levels have dropped—maybe 2-3mn t. China has taken the brunt if the hit with coastal inventories down over 1mn t at this time. Reduced MTO rates absorbed lost supply as well.
- The nearer term impact is how fast supply returns. The longer-term impact will be how Iran pursues other markets.

Methanol Outlook – What's changed?

The Iran conflict negatively impacted world economies and outlook. Assuming peace is maintained, improvement will be seen, but likely months away to repair the damage.

Spot/contract methanol prices: history/forecast $/t, €/t



Pricing: current forecast vs prior forecast change +/-%

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WTI
Brent/NSD
Dubai
US/NAM Methanol Prices
Contract
Spot
Europe Methanol Prices
Contract
Spot
Asia-Pacific Methanol Prices (spot)
China
South Korea
Taiwan
Southeast Asia
India
China Ethylene/Propylene Index

- Forecast oil prices for June (pre peace settlement) have moved up but now will likely This mid-month significant transition will undoubtedly lead to revised
- No market escaped soaring methanol spot prices, but "peak" levels may now quickly become the past. We've moved North America prices up some, reflecting current posting levels, but hear again will be looking for lower posting levels come August in the July Outlook.
- Even before this week's news, we believed Europe posted prices peaked in Q2 and softer price expectations ahead.
- The crude oil forecast done beginning June is now unlikely to occur.

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Methanol price forecast

Spot prices have likely peaked in May/June with the latest announcements. While we expect weaker pricing, the June forecast is likely conservative based on the late breaking news.

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Global supply and demand

The Middle East has seen the loss of export flows since April. A number of loaded methanol vessels are awaiting passage through the Strait. Iran production is returning at reduced rates —but will be looking to start moving methanol to Asia-Pacific as soon as possible.

2026 METHANOL UNIT OPERATING SCHEDULE (Lost Volumes, -000- Metric Tons)

Region
North America
South America
Europe/Central Europe
Russia/CIS
ME/Africa
SEA/Oceania
India
China
Total Capacity - Wld
Lost Production - Wld
Eff. Capacity - Wld
Op Rates - Wld
Total w/o China
Lost w/o China
Eff. Capacity - w/o China
Op Rates - w/o China

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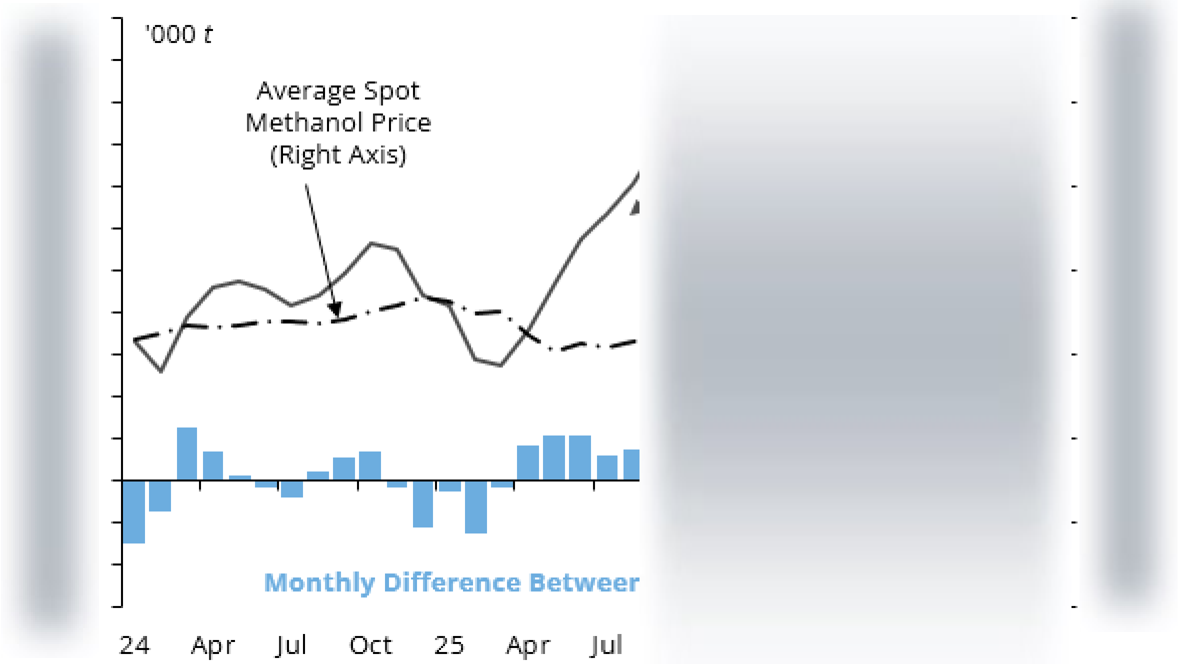
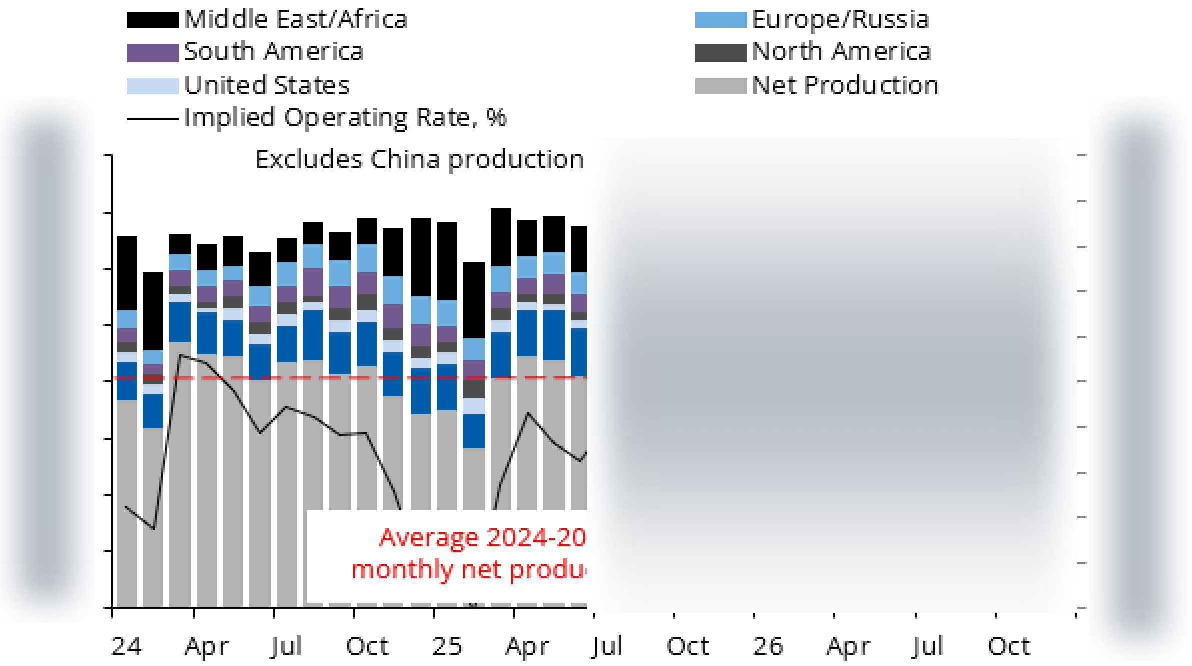
Global supply and demand

Methanol demand was expected to grow about [illegible] in 2026. Now, 2026 won't reach 2025 methanol consumption without a huge turnaround. Demand destruction is likely unrecoverable.

Supply/demand versus spot pricing



Global methanol production/regional losses –'ooot



- Economic outlooks and forecasts changed significantly as of March and the Iran-US-Israel conflict beginning, which as of this week looks to have ended. Regardless, the draw on global inventories will take time to fully recover, but the door is indeed open for a huge wave of ME methanol to bombard Asia-Pacific and quickly send methanol prices falling.

- China coastal inventory levels, MTO operating rates, arrival timing of re-supply, are the key variables across the rest of June and through July.
- Some of the Atlantic basin's high cost of methanol production may be vulnerable depending on how fast and how low methanol prices drop.

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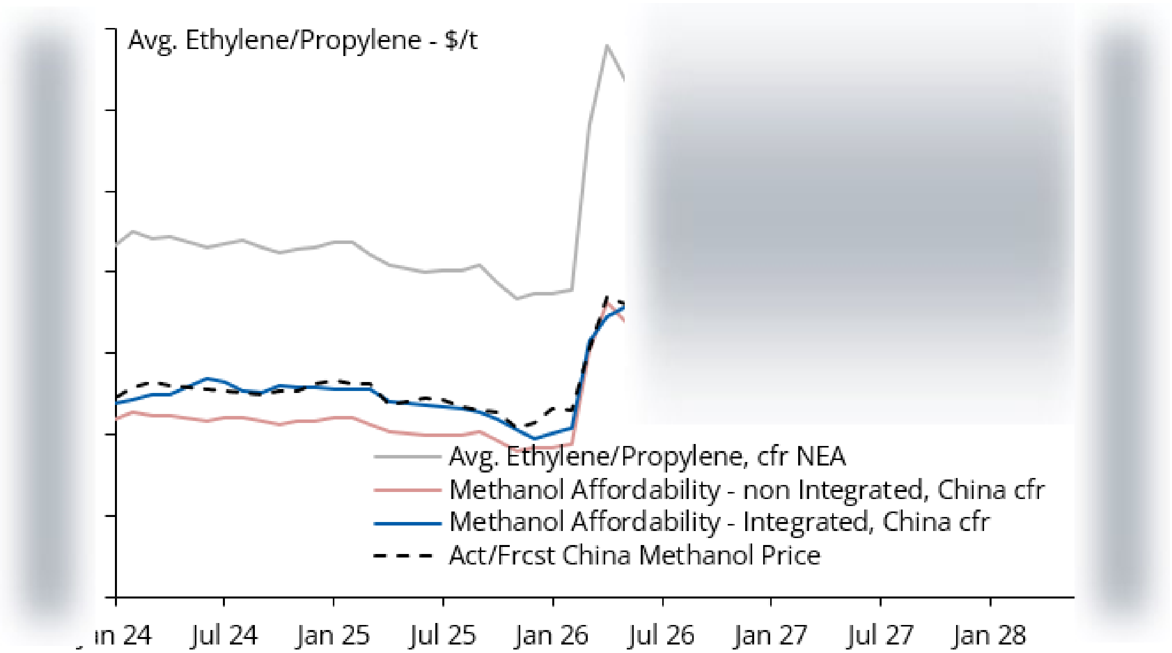
Global pricing outlook

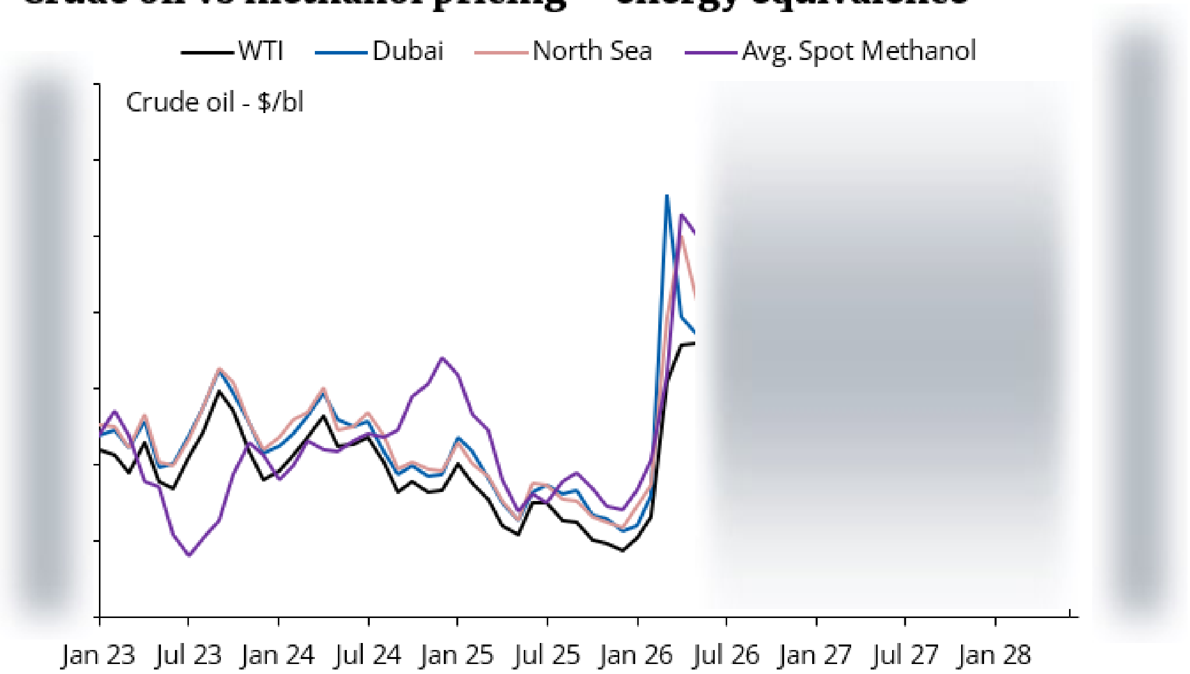
Asia (and world) methanol pricing soared following loss of Middle East methanol supplies, but dynamics may be fast changing, but likely reflected in the July Outlook.

Methanol affordability into MTO



- The spike in crude oil and LNG prices have had less direct impact on methanol prices. Rather, the loss of ME methanol supplies (Iran, Saudi, Qatar) have underpinned the large run-up in prices globally. ME exports through the strait of Hormuz historically account for [illegible] of global trade, mostly targeting Asia/India—and now are returning.

Crude oil vs methanol pricing – energy equivalence



- Methanol prices have risen since mid-March. Posted prices for June rolled at May levels, with another roll for July expected.
- China remains the lowest priced market and not expected to change. MTO methanol affordability will remain a floor, but should olefin prices weaken further, MTO affordability falls as well.

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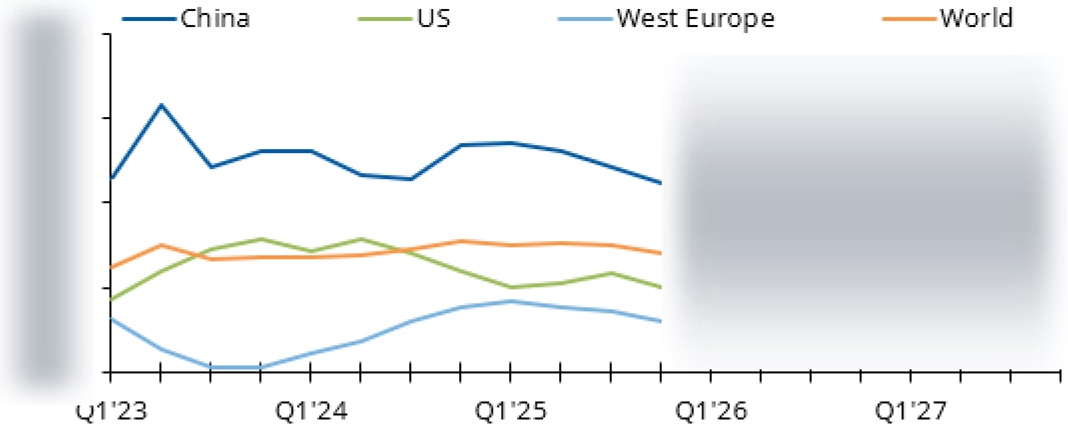
Economy and Energy

GDP forecasts see further downward revision in light of the situation in the Middle East as of beginning June. The mid-June peace settlement changes everyone's outlook.

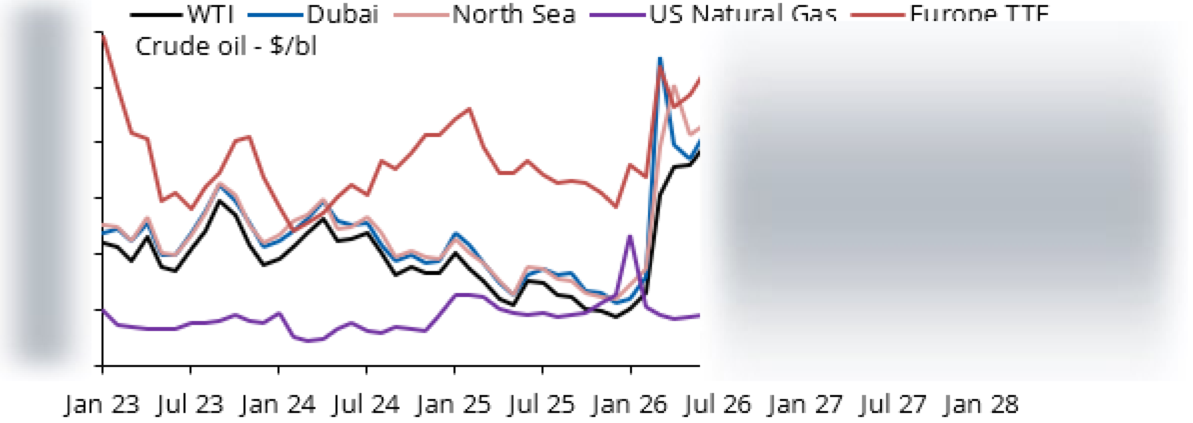
- The return of shipping traffic through the Strait of Hormuz is a game changer, but too late for the June Outlooks. Per Oxford Economics early June views,

  However, the world growth forecasts changed significantly since the onset of the Iran war, but OE still thinks the global economy particular in light of the peace pact just signed.
- Disruption has constrained a significant share of Middle East exports, keeping markets volatile and shaping the crude market outlook. The June outlook was prior to the mid-month peace pact as unfortunately likely now outdated. *Argus* base case had assumed exports would gradually resume and prices will ease as supply returns.

Economic indicators: Y-o-Y quarterly GDP



Crude oil and natural gas price history/forecast



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Americas

Across 1H June, spot prices drop just below May's 160¢/USG average. We expect roll in June postings into July—too early to react to potentially softer world price levels.

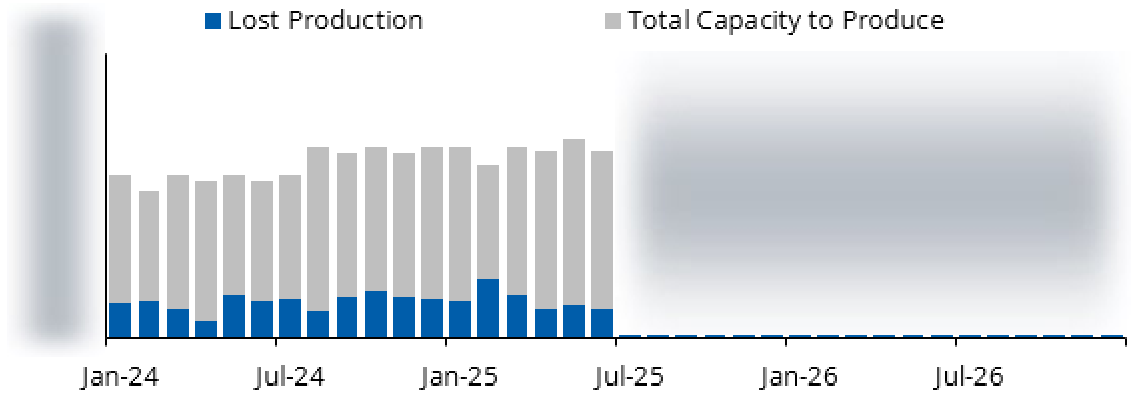
- Oxford Economics lower their early June growth forecast for 2026 by [redacted] prior to the Middle East conflict. The downward revision is mostly attributed to surging imports, which are tied to the AI buildout. Imports have risen more than anticipated this year to date and show no signs of slowing. The upward revision to the global oil price forecast (now fast outdated), stemming from the lack of progress toward reopening the trait of Hormuz, coupled with AI's inflationary impulse prompted forecast [redacted] inflation eases in [redacted] Again, most early month forecasts changed as of the mid-month peace pact.
- As we noted last month, for 2026, we expect the US to produce about [redacted] of methanol, against a demand of nearly [redacted]—essentially exporting the difference. With such a large overhang in supply, the US should remain comfortably supplied, particularly in light of mid-June events. Domestic natural gas prices would not be expected to see particular [redacted] until perhaps summer, and with expected [redacted] oil prices, less upward pressure might be the case—all suggesting little to no upward pressure on methanol prices from the cost of manufacturing perspective.
- Spot methanol prices having touched 185¢/USG levels in late April have averaged just under 160¢/USG levels June to date. With Middle East peace, 2026 peak pricing may be in the rearview mirror. Our June views of softer pricing are likely conservative for June, with only the speed in getting to the bottom likely in the July Outlook.
- Atlantic basin methanol supplies remain "good" although Trinidad's ongoing natural gas supply limitations again force smaller methanol production units there to temporarily idle. US production looks to be running well, but there always seems to be minor bobbles. Remaining units in Europe (Germany) are running at reduced rates, with the region relying more heavily on imports, with the US supplying a good portion.

Americas

Planned outages reduced supply across Q1, but still above demand requirements. Q2 performance better. Favorable arbs driving increased exports may now dwindle.

2026 METHANOL UNIT OPERATING SCHEDULE : NORTH AMERICA/SOUTH AMERICA														*Major facilities - '000t*
COMPANY	*LOCATION*	*CAPACITY*	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Methanex#3	Canada, Medicine H													
Pemex	Texmulcan, MEX													
Methanex	Beaumont, TX													
Natgasoline LLC	Beaumont, TX													
Fairway LLC	Clear Lake, TX													
Eastman	Kingsport, TN													
Lyondell/Basell	Channelview, TX													
Lyondell/Basell (Millennium	Deer Park, TX													
MethanexGeismar #1	Geismar, LA													
MethanexGeismar #2	Geismar, LA													
MethanexGeismar #3	Geismar, LA													
Pampa Fuels LLC	Pampa, TX													
US Methanol	Institute, WV A													
Koch Methanol One	St. James Parish, LA													
YPF	Argentina													
Methanex#1	Chile													
Methanex#4	Chile													
CMC (M2)	Trinidad													
Methanol IV (M4)	Trinidad													
TTMC #1 (M1)	Trinidad													
TTMC #2 (M3)	Trinidad													
MHTL (M5)	Trinidad													
Titan - Methanex	Trinidad													
Atlas Methanex/Ineos	Trinidad													
CGCL/Mitsubishi	Trinidad													
Metor	Venezuela													
Metor 2	Venezuela													
Supermetanol	Venezuela													
Total Nameplate Capacity														
Lost Capacity/Production														
Effective Capacity/Production														
R = Reduced Rate Op														

US methanol production losses/capacity – '000t



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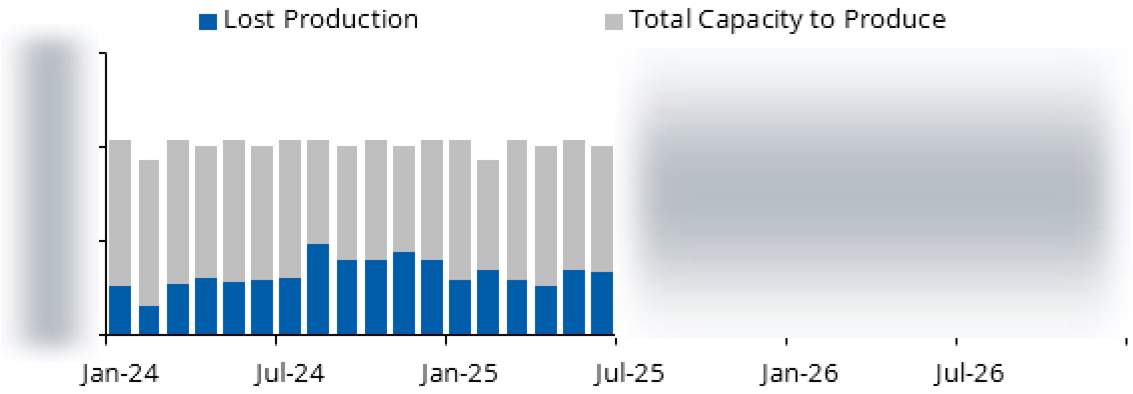
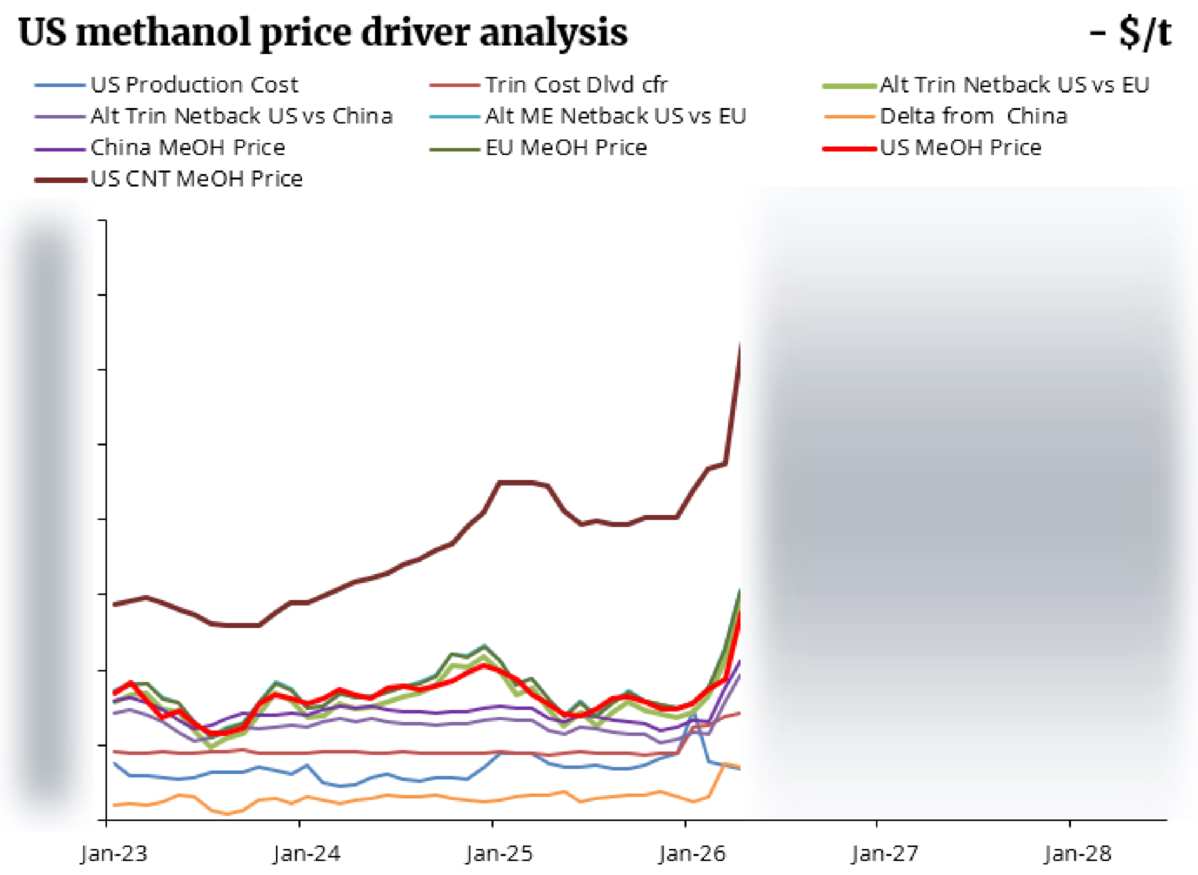


North America

Argus examines a myriad of potential cost/price drivers to ultimately forecast North America methanol prices. Prices currently spiking but eventually retrench.



- North America methanol prices must address competitiveness with Europe and Asia methanol prices, but at the end of the day this region is often a "price taker."
- As a net exporter, the region must also be priced competitively with other major markets to ensure a steady flow of exports.
- To determine the spot methanol price for North America, *Argus* considers the following potential drivers:
  - Cash cost of US methanol production, fob US Gulf.
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  - China methanol price and spreads.
  - Europe methanol price and spreads.
  - Alternate Middle East netback, US versus EU.
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  - Alternate ME netback, US versus EU.
  - Of course, there can be others.
- North America contract prices are simply ratioed higher (compared to spot) based on assumed discounts.

Methanol price history/forecast – North America

Atlantic basin spot prices soared since mid-March, now perhaps peaked in May/June? Now, lower prices and how soon become the challenge. Look for lower price forecasts in July given current events.

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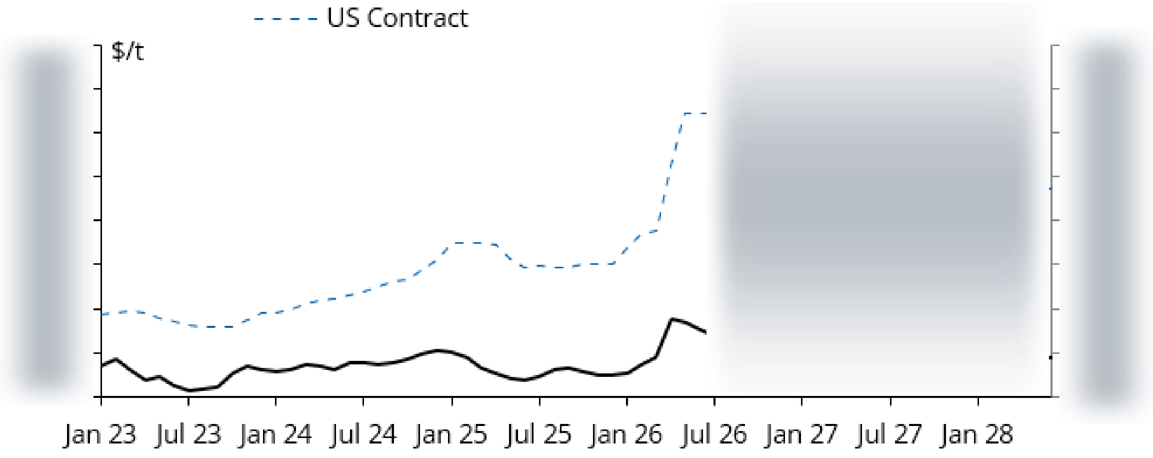
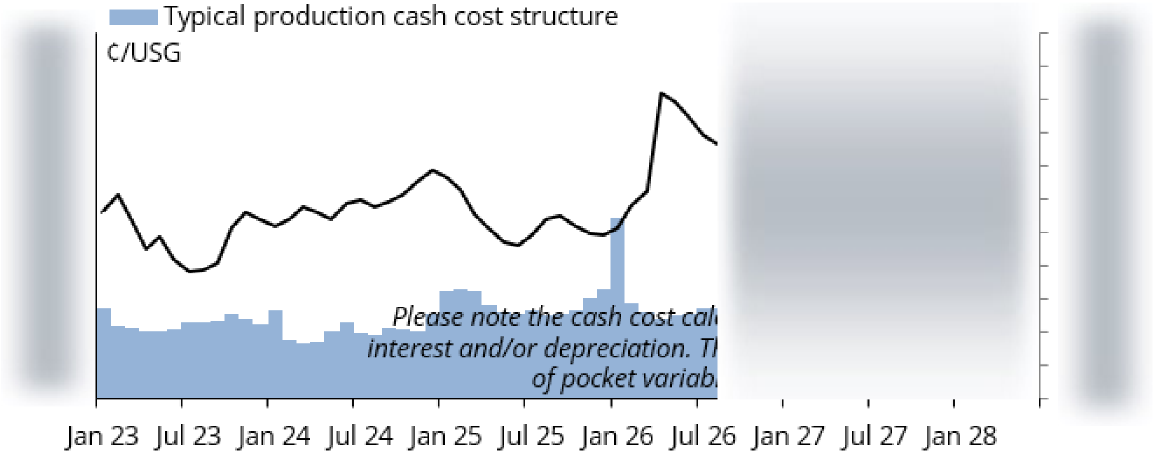
US methanol pricing – $/t or ¢/USG



US methanol production costs – $/t or ¢/USG



Western Europe

Europe supply is stable, relying on increased imports. Spot prices likely [redacted] and should start to [redacted] Q2 saw a huge [redacted] benchmark prices—Q3 possibly [redacted]

- *With the February Outlook, we began forecasting the Europe monthly contract price for the European market. Like all other price forecasts, this will become a staple of our 24-month rolling price forecast process.*
- OE has cut their GDP growth forecast for this year by [redacted] Eurozone GDP declined by [redacted] due to a significant contraction in Irish GDP. This mechanically reduced the Eurozone GDP growth forecast for this year.
- Europe's domestic methanol production is expected to [redacted] as German refineries [redacted] rates and/or transition to biofuels and focus on [redacted] Europe is forced to buy trade away from other destinations, leading to one of the more high-priced markets of the major regions—again only exacerbated by the recent run-up in global methanol values. A small fraction of Europe's methanol imports come from ME origins (mostly Saudi Arabia and Oman). The US and Trinidad are the largest suppliers to Europe and these flow continue normally—and increasing some to cover other shortfall imports.
- Fundamentals remain mostly unchanged for another month. Demand destruction in recent months continue to be part of discussions as the huge increase in oil and natural gas prices dampened consumer spending. Europe methanol demand toping 2025 levels (in 2026) is unlikely.
- The recent peak in spot prices was seen at [redacted]. Like other markets, Europeans will now keenly watch the return of Middle East methanol flows and how pricing reacts. As Europe seeks stable price levels, its now possible Q3 benchmarks will move [redacted] other major markets.

Western Europe

West Europe methanol production reduced but stable. German production remains reduced with one producer already exiting—more expected in 2026. Imports increase.

2026 METHANOL UNIT OPERATING SCHEDULE : WEST EUROPE	*Major facilities - '000t*
COMPANY	LOCATION
BASF	Germany #1
Shell/DEA	Germany
Mider	Germany
BP RP	Germany
Methanex	Netherlands
Equinor	Norway
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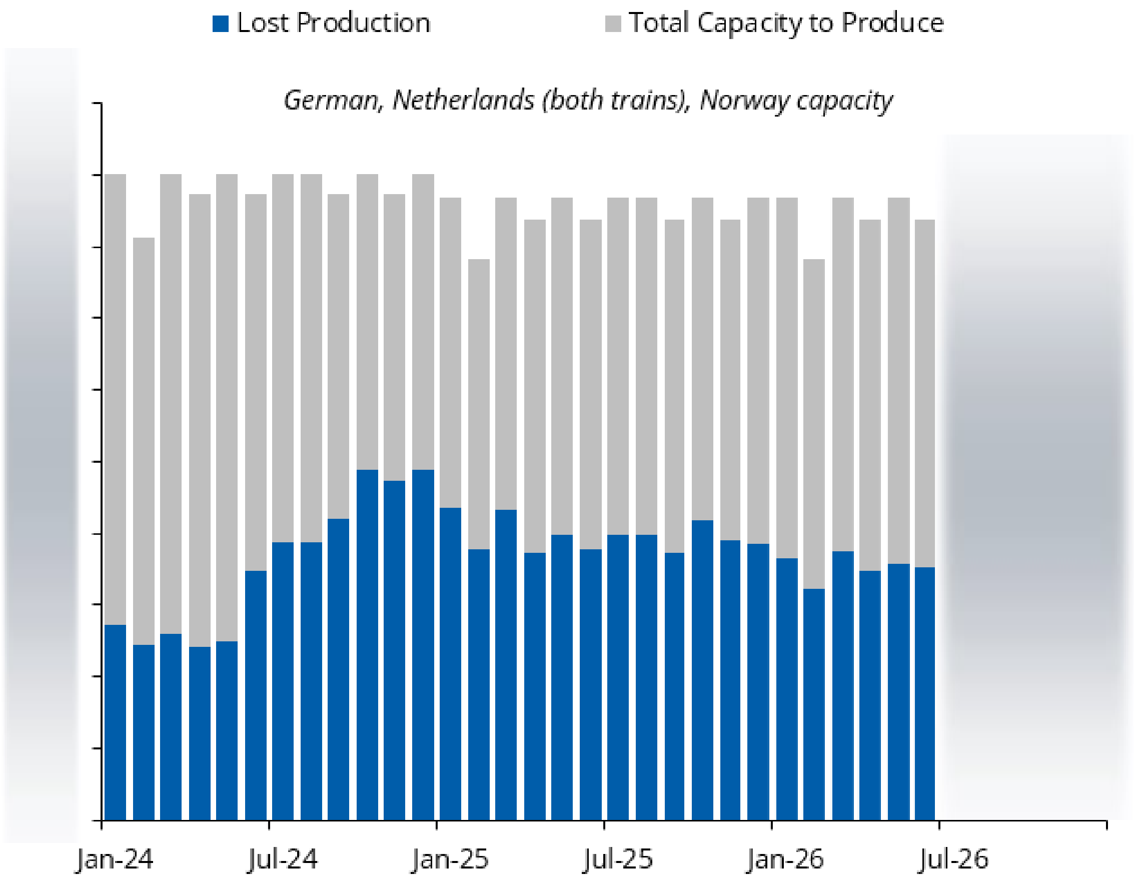
Europe methanol production losses/capacity '000t



Western Europe

Spot prices rise in reaction to ME conflict. Europe forced to (price) compete with other markets. Sideways May/June spot prices may see Q3/'26 benchmarks roll.

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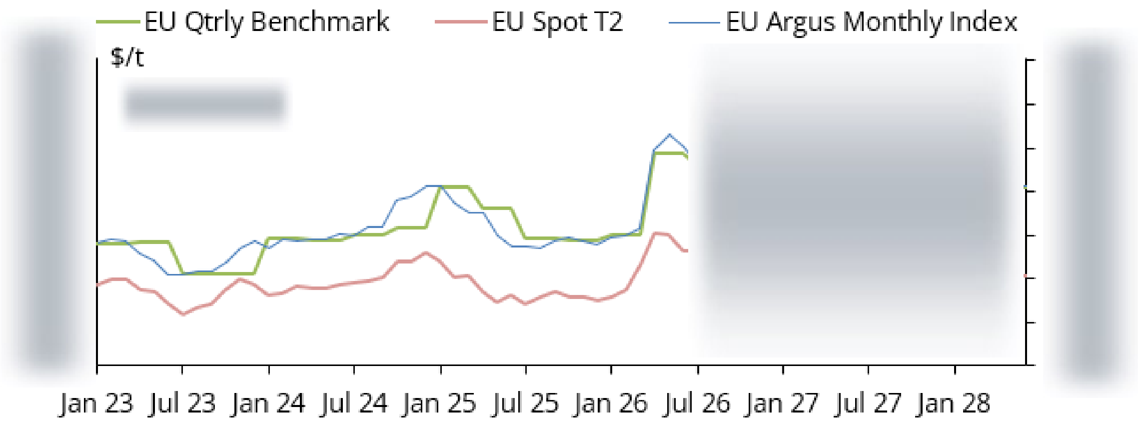
- As noted, *Argus* is now forecasting the Europe monthly contract price as an alternative to the quarterly benchmark mechanism, ideally better reflecting monthly market conditions.
- Following the upward global price trend, the Q2'26 quarterly benchmark [illegible] The June forecast now [illegible] the [illegible] We look for the monthly and quarterly indexes to generally follow [illegible]

Western Europe methanol pricing



Western Europe

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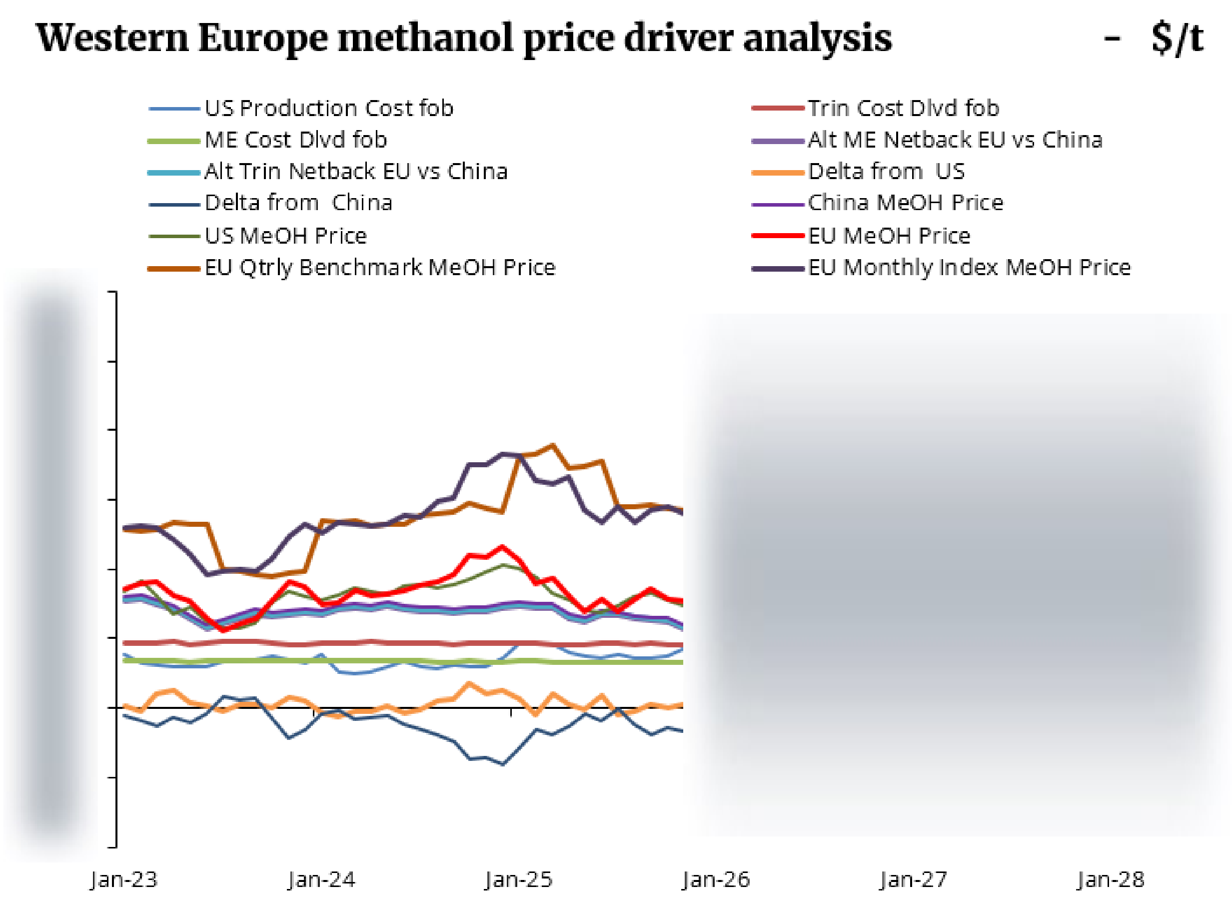

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- While there can occasionally be exceptions, *Argus* believes alternate netback prices and well as North America prices underpin Europe spot pricing. Europe contract prices are then simply ratioed higher based on assumed discounts.

Asia-Pacific

Asia/India have been most impacted by the Middle East conflict, and the first to see lower pricing with the peace pact. Spot prices started dropping the day after the pact.

- Again, based on views before the peace agreement, OE expected China's GDP to expand by [illegible] oriented start to the year. Cost-push inflation is likely [illegible] in the near term, but fiscal support will be calibrated to prevent sharp decelerations. Although China's economy has been relatively insulated from the upstream energy supply shocks given large strategic reserves, strains have begun to appear but may be mitigated by the recent peace agreement.
- [illegible] of ME exports target non-China markets, with India heavily reliant on non-Iran ME exports. Spot methanol prices in southeast Asia and India had nearly [illegible] since February, from middle [illegible] levels, but as of mid-June are hovering near [illegible] With the strait of Hormuz again open, significant methanol flows will resume, likely driving [illegible] methanol becomes more available. With sanctions removed, India will again be a main target of Iran methanol shipments and here too fast driving spot prices [illegible]
- China remains the lowest priced market for now, with peak prices towards [illegible] levels in late April now hovering at [illegible] (plus or minus). As China is typically much more dependent on Iran exports than other Asia markets, the return of Iran exports will quickly drive bearish price sentiments.
- China's supply/demand situation was fast approaching a pinch point, with coastal inventories very low and some MTO producers forced to idle. Soaring olefin prices had yielded positive margins to MTO producers for a brief time, but softer olefin prices then resulted in negative MTO margins for some. Now, with the peace pact, China coastal inventories should rebuild soon, opening the door for MTO units to return to production and hopefully recover some of the lost methanol demand. However, there will still likely be a see-saw battle between olefin prices, methanol prices and more methanol availability allowing MTO producers to run harder.
- Southeast Asia sees local planned/unplanned outages ongoing, serving to exacerbate short term regional supply issues.

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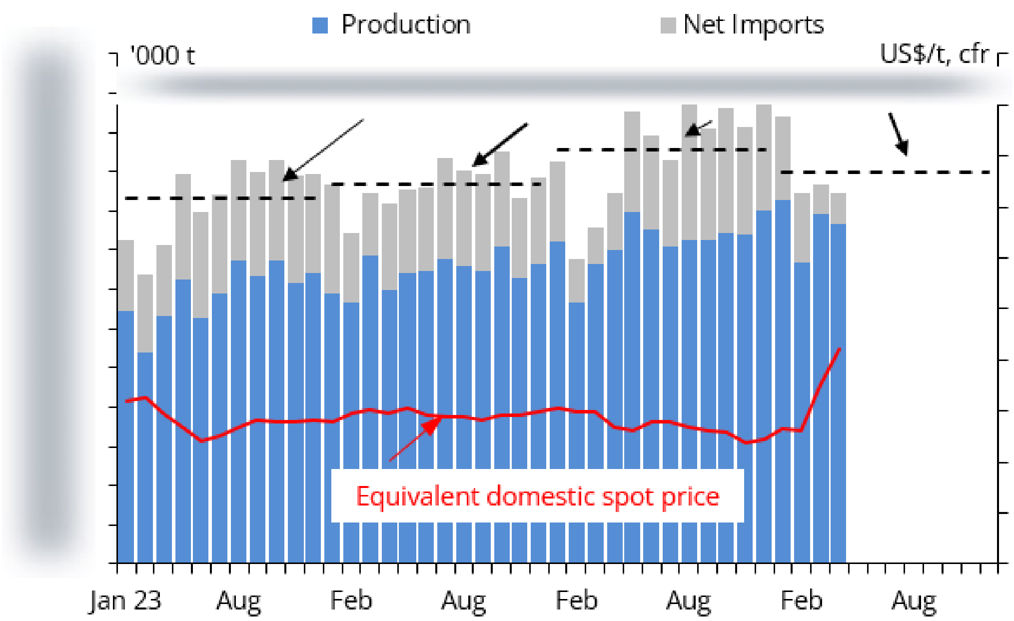
Asia-Pacific - China

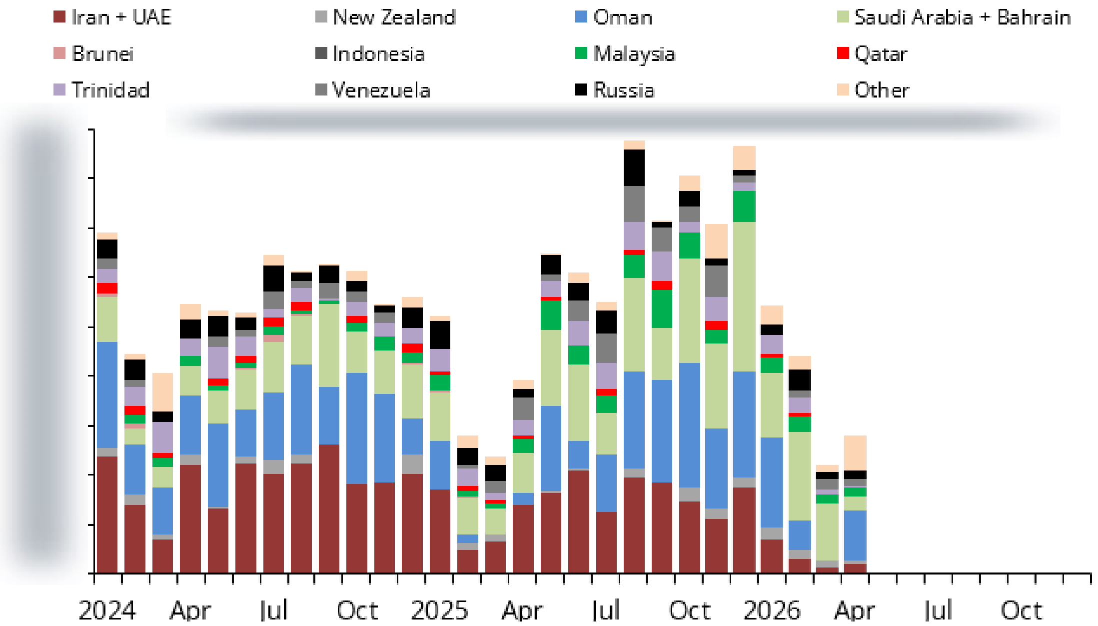
China methanol demand, production and imports seemingly always grow, but 2026 is challenging past performance. Unfortunately, MTO production declines in 2026.

China methanol supply (implied demand) – '000t



- China methanol production makes up the difference between demand and imports, serving to "balance" the world. However, few envisioned the ME conflict scenario which has played out the last three months.
- But now with peace, expected large Iran methanol exports may fast flood China with imports, driving prices weaker.

China methanol imports – '000t

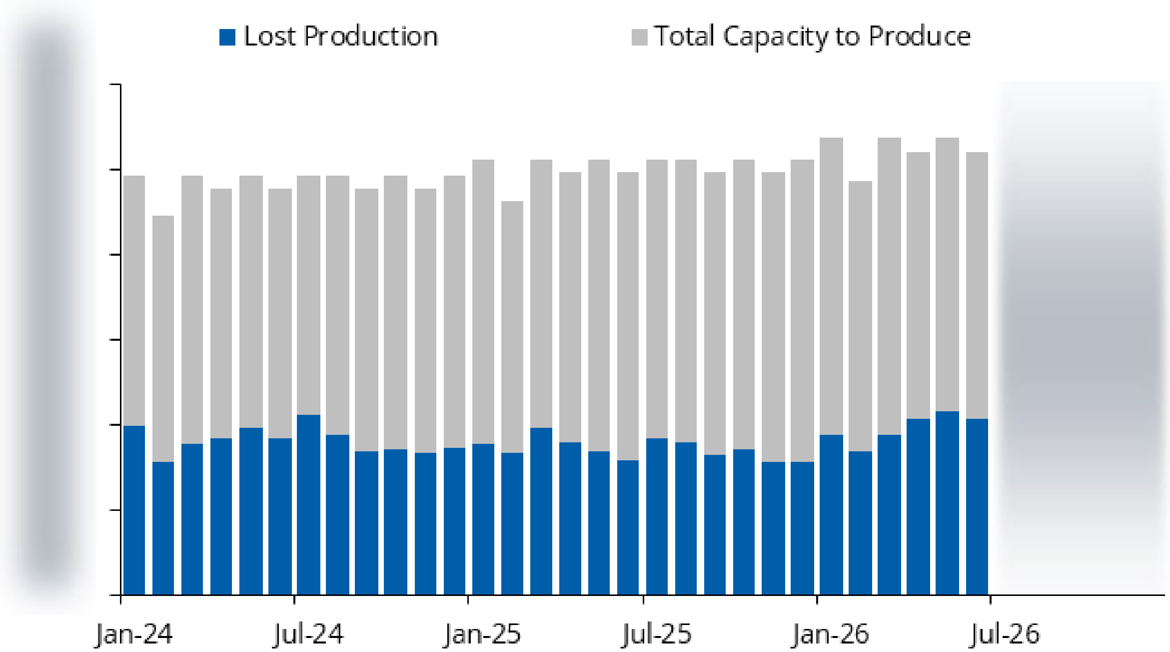


- Conversely, to the degree Iran methanol is "free" to move again anywhere, reduced China exports keep China vulnerable.
- Exports from Russia and South America have increased over time and are likely beginning to level out, although there are always ups and downs.

Asia-Pacific - China

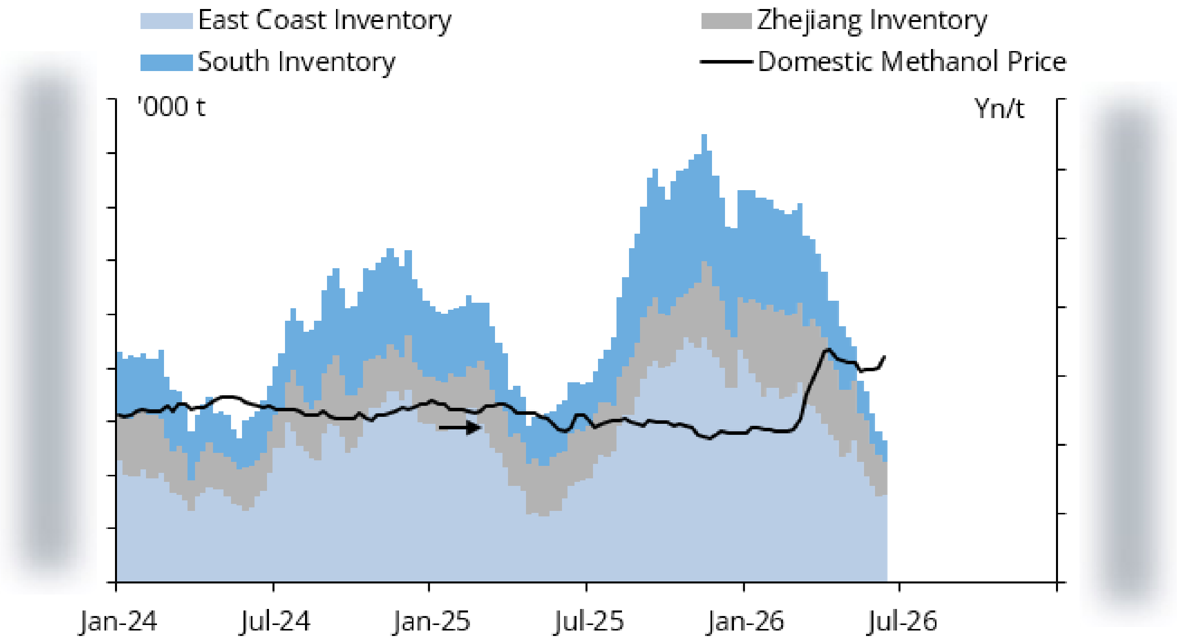
China produces the necessary methanol to “balance” the world but could not compensate for the ME’s lost volumes in total. Global inventories dropped.

China methanol production losses/capacity – ‘000t



- China methanol capacity far exceeds production, as the country has some of the highest cost methanol production in the world.
- Coal and coking-gas based production dominates, as most natural gas-based units remain challenged by high gas costs, resulting in poor economics.

China methanol inventory levels – ‘000t

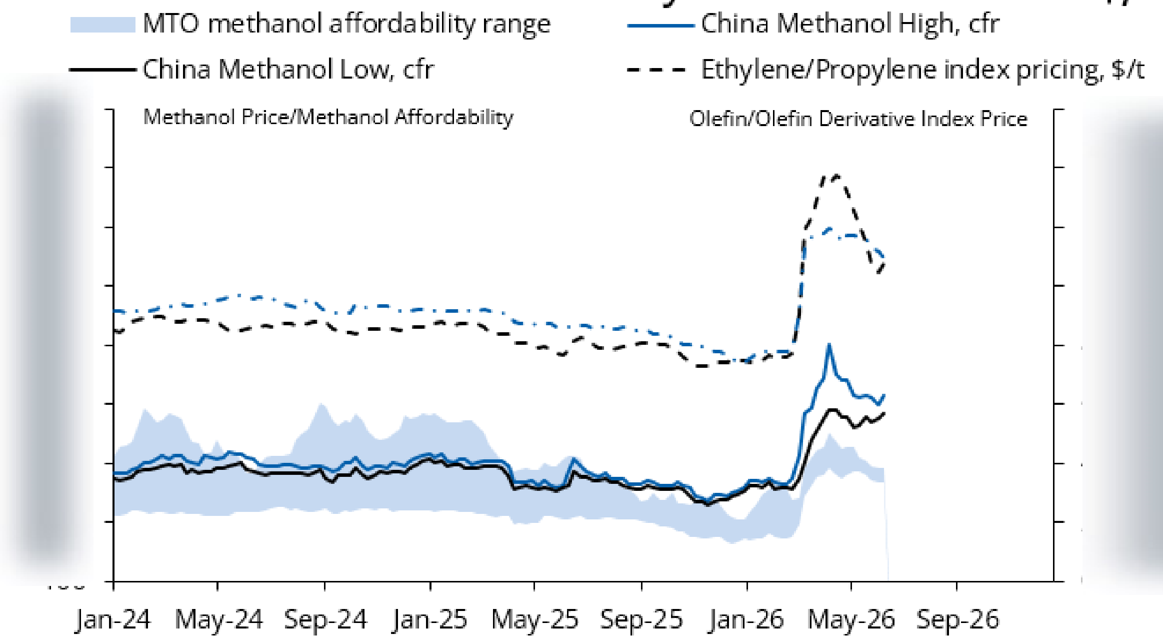


- Methanol inventory levels at main ports often influence price sentiments, but looking at the last two years, low or high inventory levels have done little to move prices. High inventories helped to offset Iran’s reduced exports. Further decline was likely to create problems, but now with the peace agreement has likely been avoided.

Asia-Pacific - China

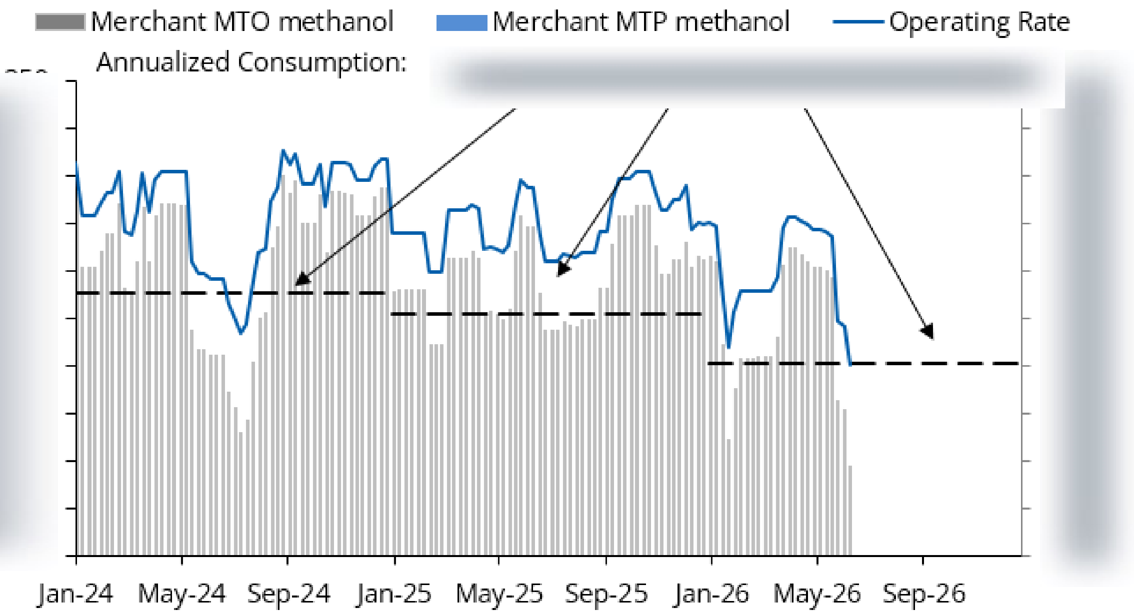
Year to date MTO production losses underpin 2026 industry demand loss. Soaring methanol prices have driven several MTO producers to idle. A turnaround is possible?

China MTO methanol affordability – $/t



- The June olefins forecast (completed early June) is likely to change significantly, just as most forecasts are likely to do. Olefin prices looked set to fall and now could fall further. Should this be the path, MTO economics turn even worse, unless methanol prices see significant decline as well. Olefin versus methanol prices will be key to watch.

China MTO weekly methanol demand - ‘000t

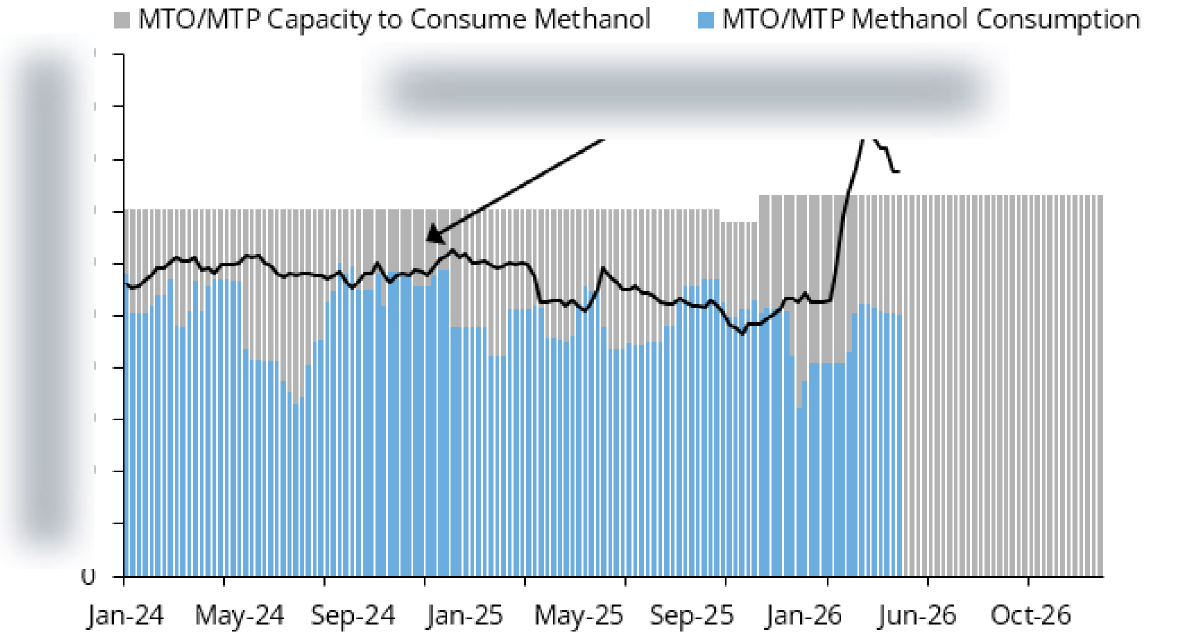


- The loss of ME exports to Asia/India markets has clearly been disruptive, but the loss of Iran methanol to China—where the bulk of Iran methanol ships—was getting critical. These concerns obviously changed this week and now just how fast China inventories rebuild will set the stage for spot price levels and perhaps MTO operating rates.

Asia-Pacific - China

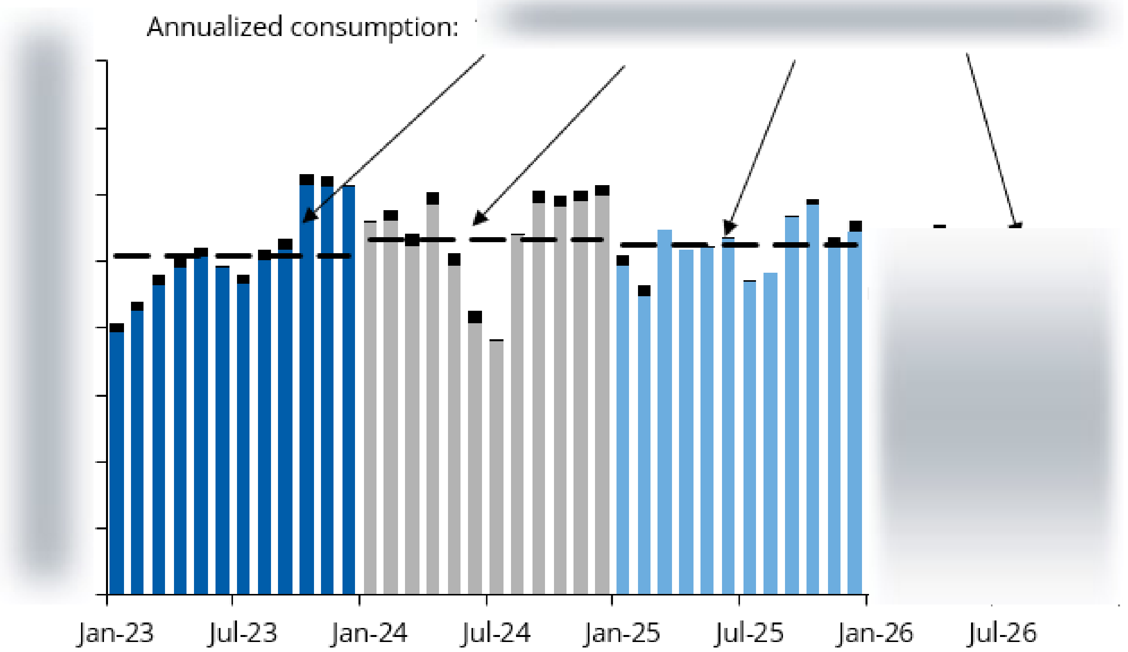
MTO methanol demand remains the incremental appetite for the methanol industry. Olefin/methanol prices battle to maintain MTO operational viability.

Merchant MTO weekly methanol demand – '000t



- MTO operating rates typically hover in the [illegible] range but for much of the year have been notably reduced, unable to handle the run-up in spot methanol prices.
- New capacity commissioned in December helped less than expected as ongoing negative margins suggest uncertainty about future rates.

MTO/MTP total methanol demand – '000t



- Spot methanol prices soared but similarly soaring olefin/derivative prices for a brief period generated positive margins for most MTO producers. Methanol prices must fall further to underpin MTO production, but at the same time olefin prices may weaken faster, underpinning ongoing uncertainty for MTO producers.

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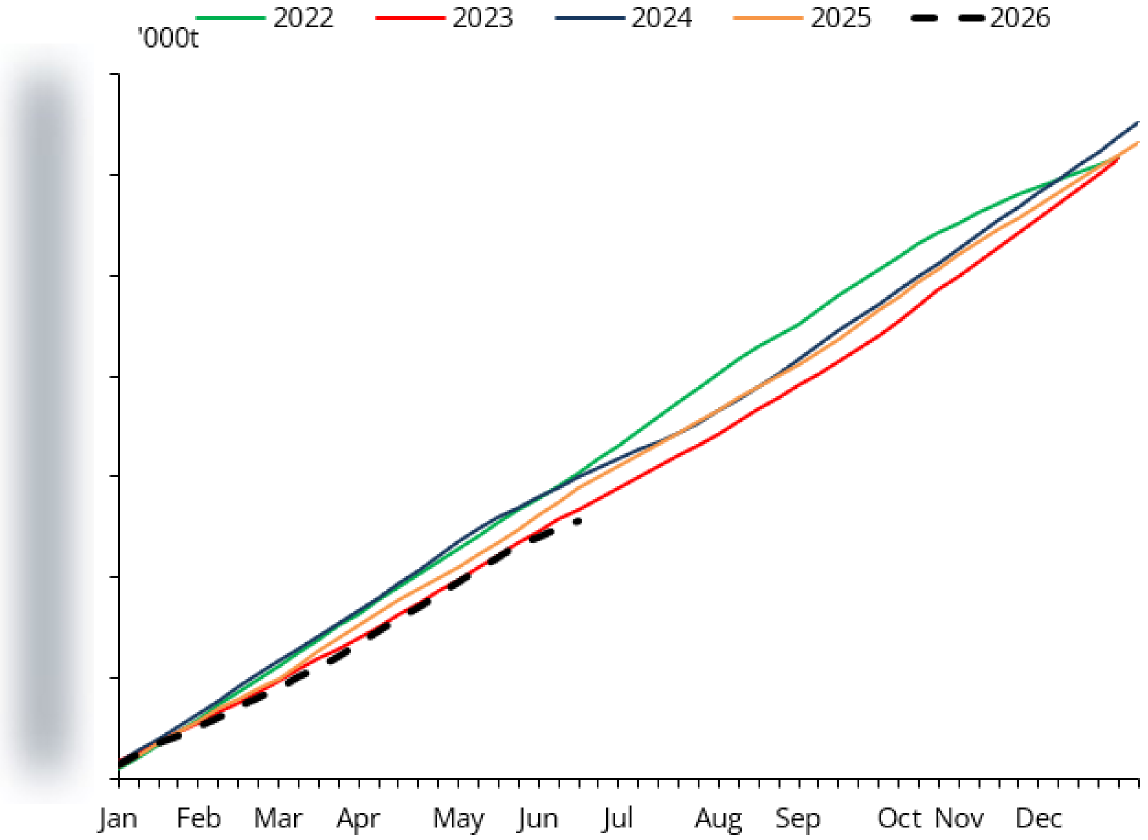
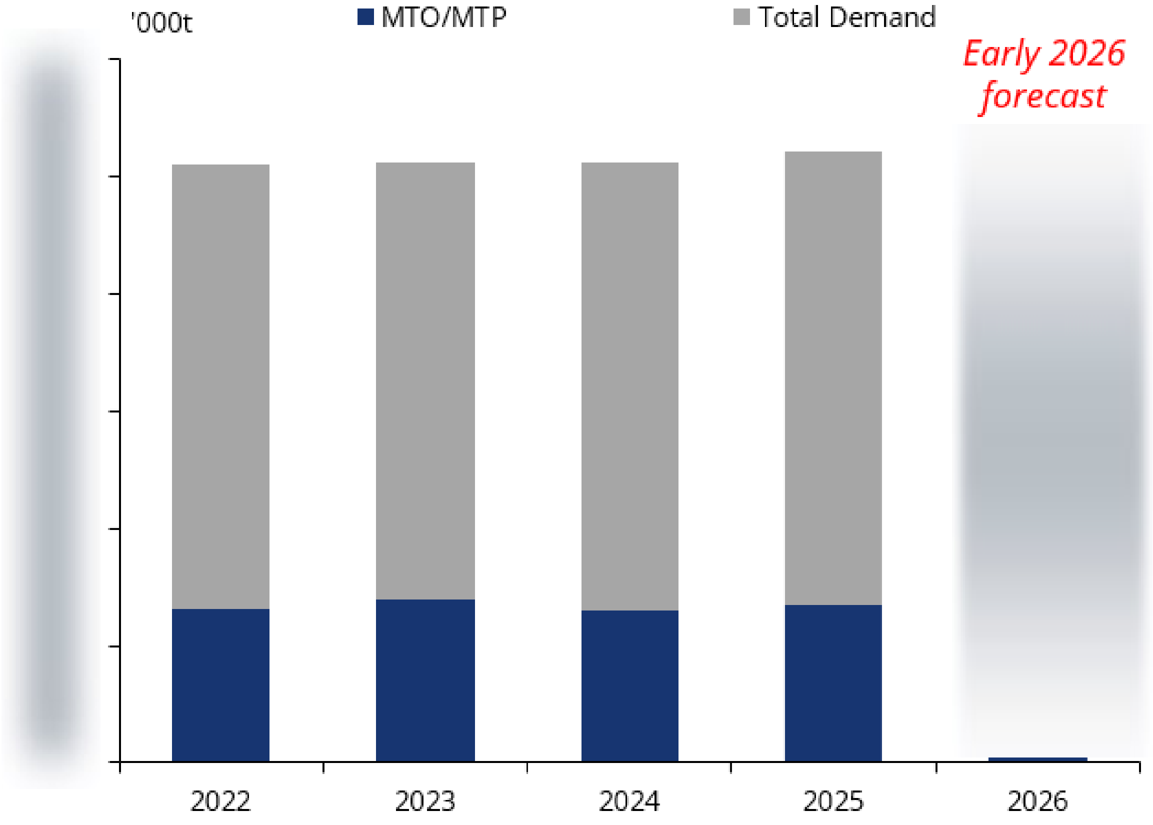
Asia-Pacific - China

MTO methanol demand is a key driver of global demand. 2025 demand only matched 2024 demand. 2026 is already well below 2025 rates and likely slipping further.

MTO merchant methanol cumulative demand – '000t



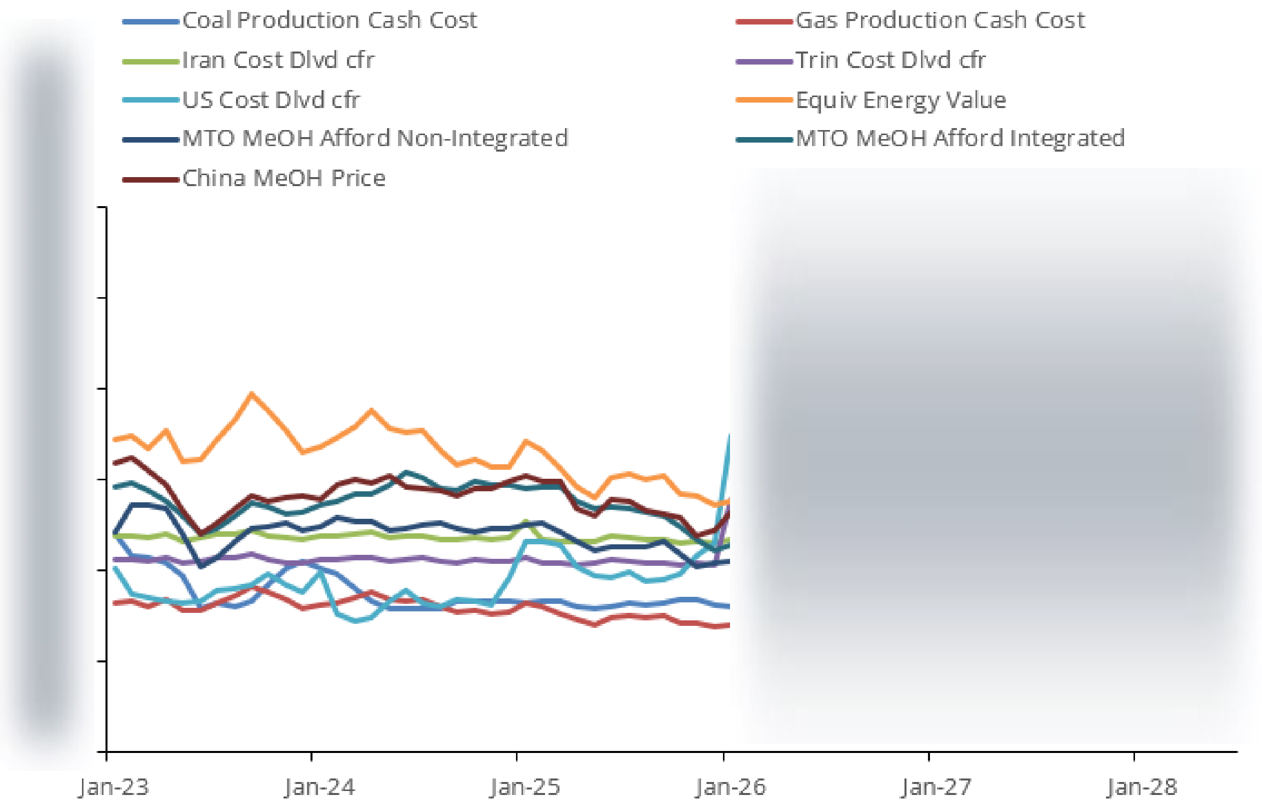
China MTO/MTP portion of total methanol demand – '000t



Asia-Pacific - China

Argus examines a myriad of potential cost/price drivers to ultimately forecast China spot methanol prices. The world hopes the ME conflict will be of short duration.

China methanol price driver analysis - $/t



- With China methanol supply and demand as much as [illegible] world total and serves as the clearing house for world excess supply, China is deemed the price setter for the world. To determine the spot methanol price for China, *Argus* first considers the following potential drivers:
  - Cash cost of US methanol production, fob US Gulf.
  - Cash cost of Trinidad methanol production delivered, fob US Gulf.
  - China methanol price and spread.
  - Europe methanol price and spread.
  - Alternate Middle East netback, US versus EU.
  - Alternate Trinidad netback, US versus EU.
  - Alternate ME netback, US versus EU.
  - Of course, there can be others.
- While there can occasionally be exceptions, *Argus* believes MTO methanol affordability has been and will continue to be the dominate "price setter" in the China market. This serves as the base for the world, with rest of world prices set in relations to China.

Asia-Pacific - China

Loss of ME imports have underpinned soaring spot methanol prices—in some instances doubling since February. All markets still jolted by the ongoing ME conflict.

Asia-Pacific (cfr)																										Full Year Average		
	Jun-26	Jul-26	Aug-26	Sep-26	Oct-26	Nov-26	Dec-26	Jan-27	Feb-27	Mar-27	Apr-27	May-27	Jun-27	Jul-27	Aug-27	Sep-27	Oct-27	Nov-27	Dec-27	Jan-28	Feb-28	Mar-28	Apr-28	May-28	Jun-28	2025	2026	2027
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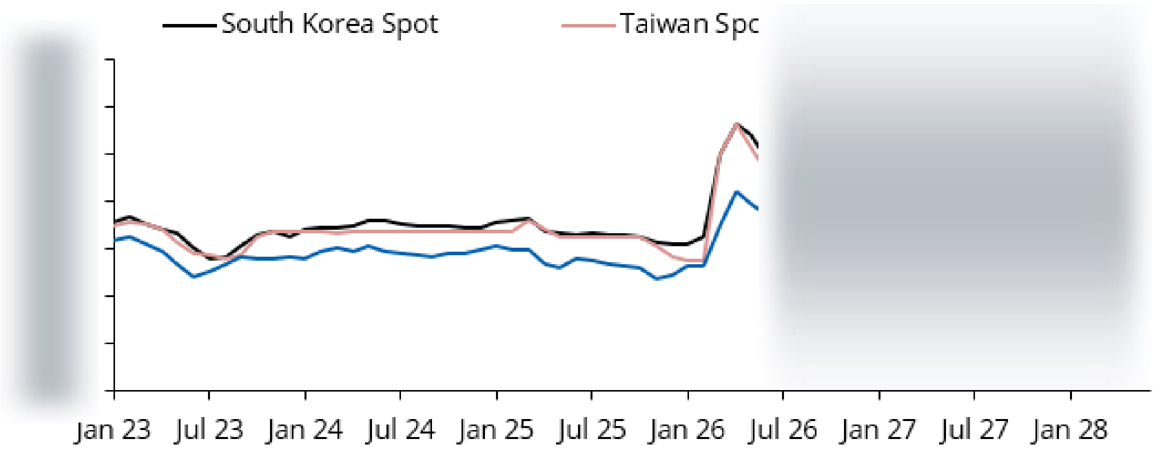
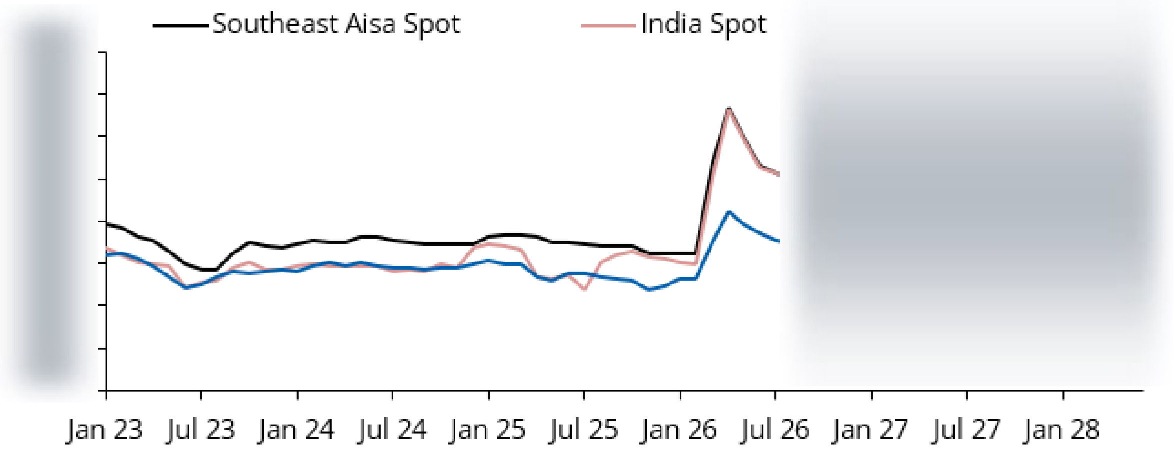
Northeast Asia spot methanol prices –$/t



Southeast Asia/India methanol prices - $/t



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Asia Pacific – Southeast Asia/India

Methanol production still volatile but loss of ME supply has underpinned higher spot methanol prices across Q2. Opening of the Strait should quickly reverse higher prices.

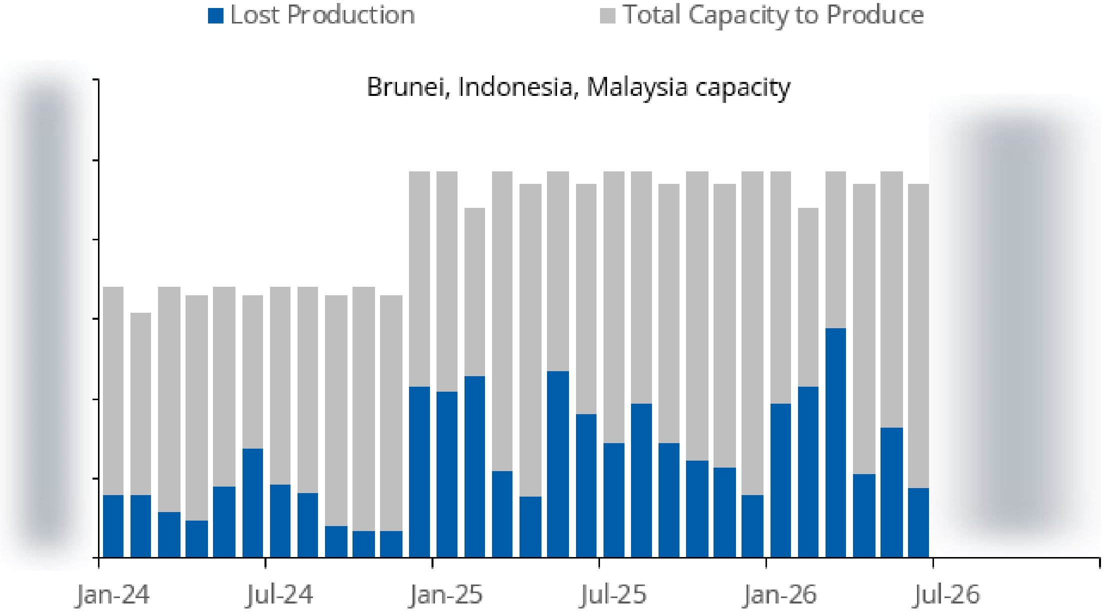
Southeast Asia methanol unit operating performance – '000t

2026 METHANOL UNIT OPERATING SCHEDULE : SOUTHEAST ASIA/INDIA														*Major facilities - '000t*
COMPANY	*LOCATION*	*CAPACITY*	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
India	Various India													
Brunei Methanol Company	Brunei													
Kaltim	Indonesia													
MEDCO	Indonesia													
Petronas Chemicals	Maylaysia													
Petronas Chemicals	Maylaysia													
Sarawak Petchem	Maylaysia													
Methanex	Waitara													
Methanex	Montunui													
Methanex	Montunui													
	Total Nameplate Capacity													
	Lost Capacity/Production													
	Effective Capacity/Production													
	R = Reduced Rate Op													

Asia-Pacific – Southeast Asia/India

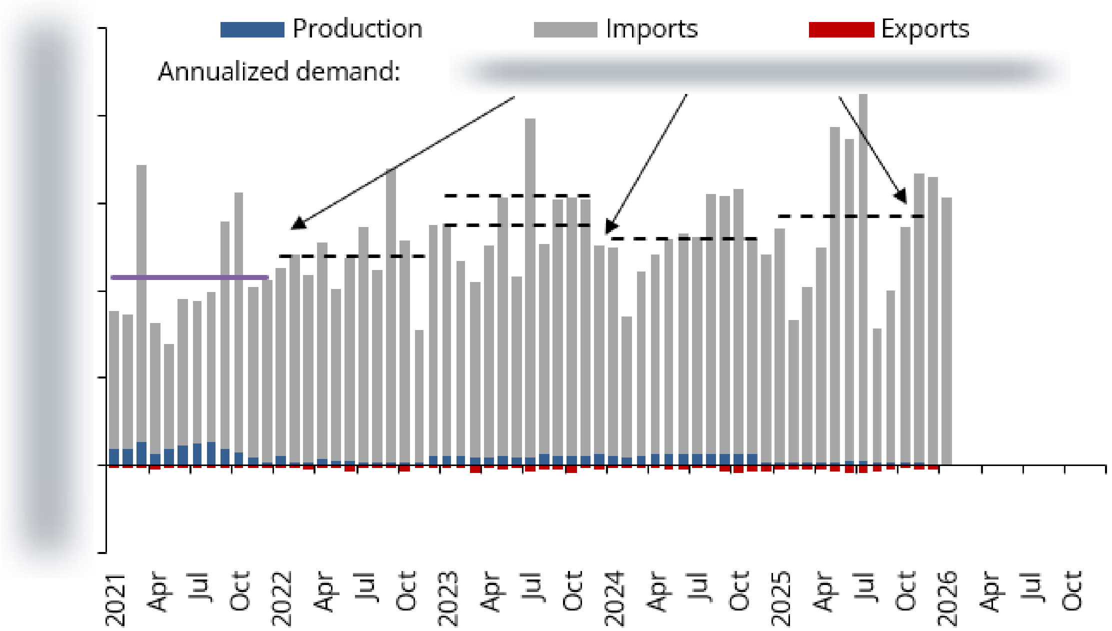
Southeast Asia outages continue. Region imports have been impacted by reduced Saudi/Qatar flows. Spot prices doubling since February will fast turn.

Southeast Asia methanol production losses/capacity –'000t



- Southeast Asia production continues to see volatility, with Brunei and Petronas outages in May/June and now Brunei delayed until late June.
- Southeast Asia methanol production supplies the local region, some into northeast Asia and now some into India.

India implied methanol demand – '000t

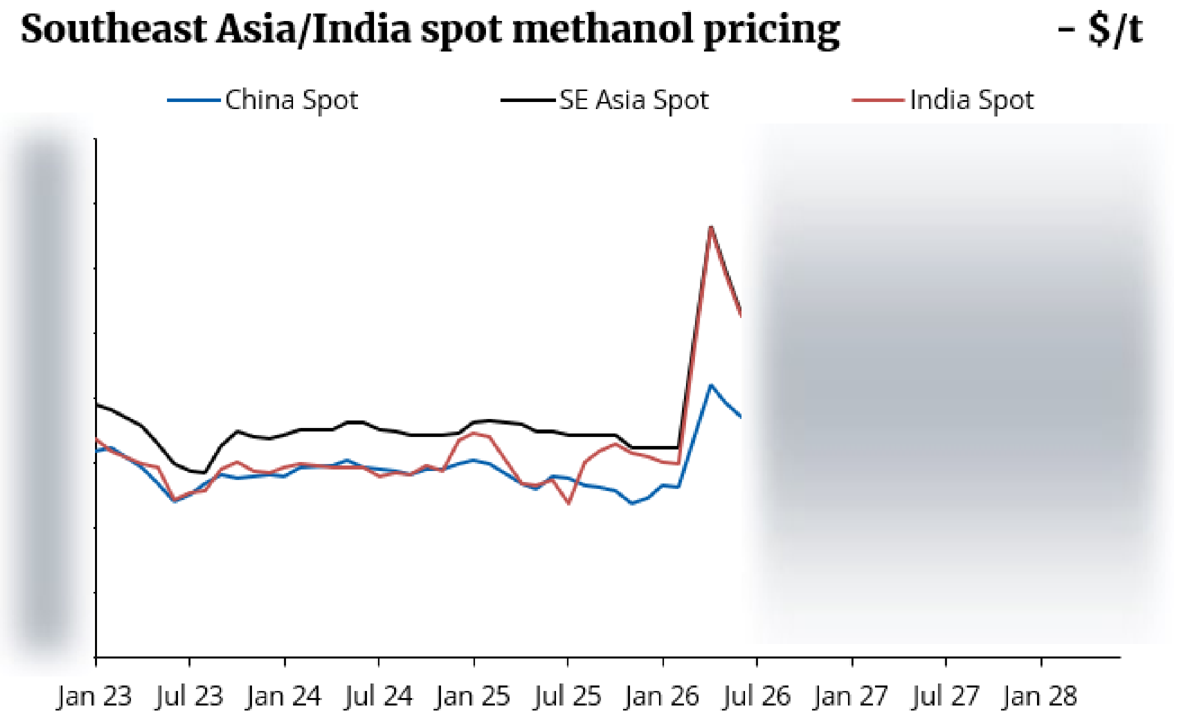


- India's domestic methanol production is quite small, relying heavily on imports. The Middle East is the dominant supply, with occasional parcels from Russia, the US and at times southeast Asia. The ME conflict hurt India import options significantly, with soaring spot methanol prices the result. Now with the return of ME supply, prices are expected to weaken.

Asia-Pacific – Southeast Asia/India

China, southeast Asia and India spot methanol prices (traditionally) move closely with each other, but relationships changed the last few months. Will they transition back?

- China and India spot methanol prices have tended to be the lowest in the world, but as India moved away from "sanctioned methanol," methanol prices there fast rose.
- Southeast Asia spot prices [redacted] higher than China values but follow the China trend.
- Southeast Asia production upsets can (and do) cause disconnects to other regional markets.
- India has generally tracked just above China spot methanol prices [redacted] ut of course can separate. As India moved away from sanctioned methanol, spot prices rose. With India likely to resume Iran imports, prices are expected to weaken toward pre-Iran sanction relationships. But may take time.
- Directionally, we see southeast Asia and India methanol prices now more linked, and less connected to China's direction. This may be again changing.



Addendum: Middle East/Africa Operations Summary

Middle East/Africa methanol unit operating performance - ‘000t

2026 METHANOL UNIT OPERATING SCHEDULE : MIDDLE EAST/AFRICA														*Major facilities - '00*
COMPANY	*LOCATION*	*CAPACITY*	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Gulf PC	Bahrain													
NPC-Shiraz	Iran													
Kaveh	Iran													
NPC-Kharg Island	Iran													
NPC-Fanavaran	Iran													
NPC-Zagros #1	Iran													
NPC-Zagros #2	Iran													
Marjan	Iran													
Bushehr	Iran													
Kimiya Pars	Iran													
Sabalan	Iran													
Sabalan #2	Iran													
Adapana	Iran													
Di Polymer Aryan	Iran													
Siraf	Iran													
NOC	Libya													
QAFAC	Qatar													
Ar Razi	Saudi Arabia #1													
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Nat'l MeOH	Saudi Arabia													
IMC	Saudi Arabia													
Chemanol	Saudi Arabia													
Oman Methanol Company	Oman													
Salalah Methanol	Oman													
AMPCO	Equatorial Guine													
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