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# Supply chain stresses coming back: Container freight rates at over half of Covid peaks

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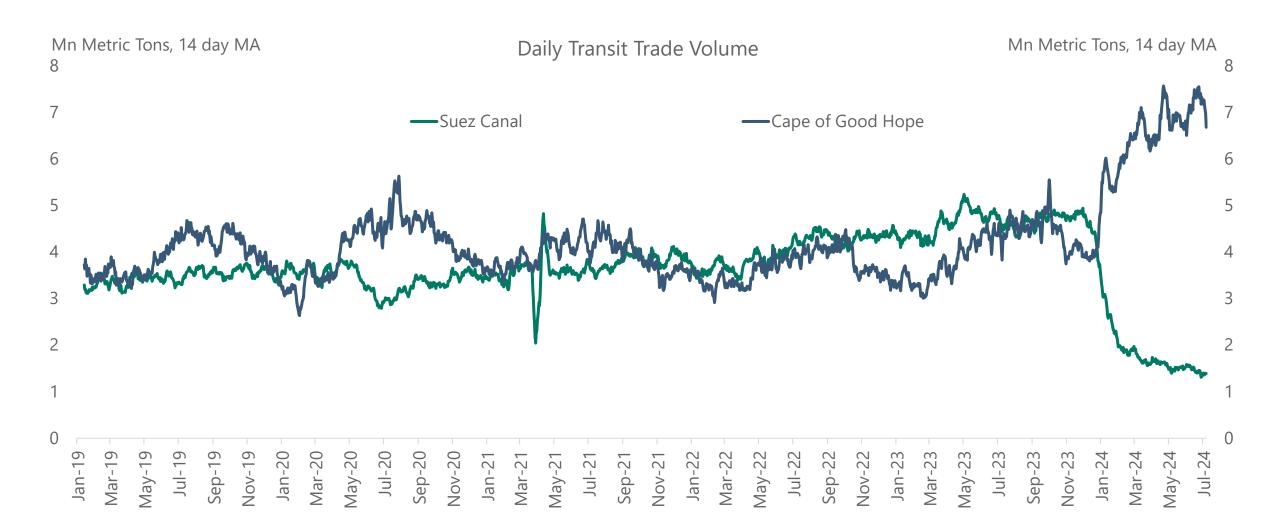
Overview



#### Rising container freight rates: Now more than half of Covid levels.



#### Daily transit volumes: Cape of Good Hope and the Suez Canal

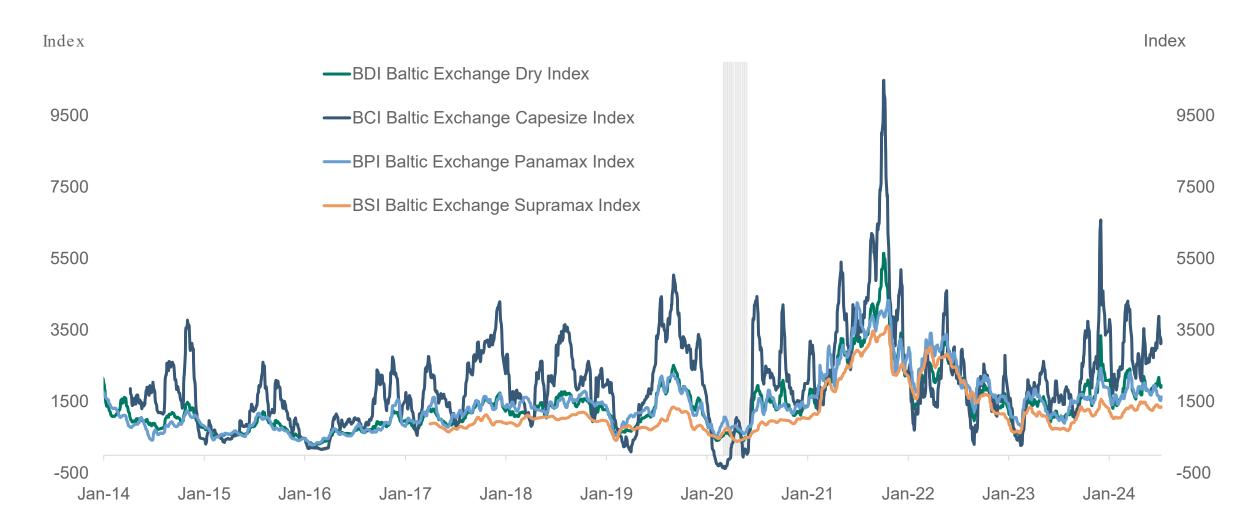


Source: Portwatch, The IMF, Apollo Chief Economist

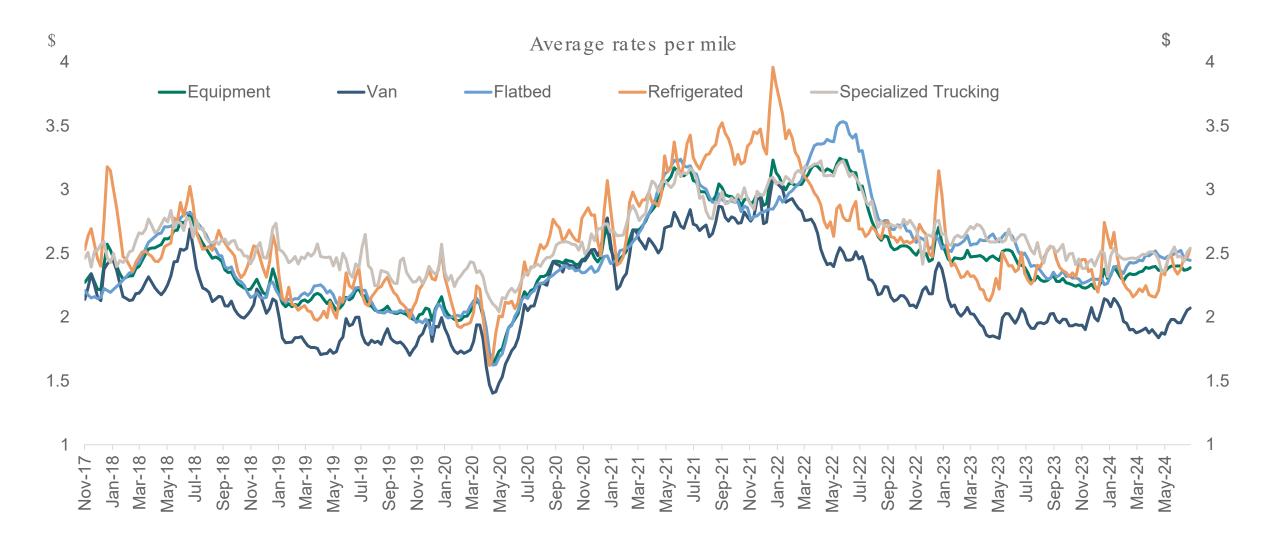
#### China: Containerized freight index half of Covid peak



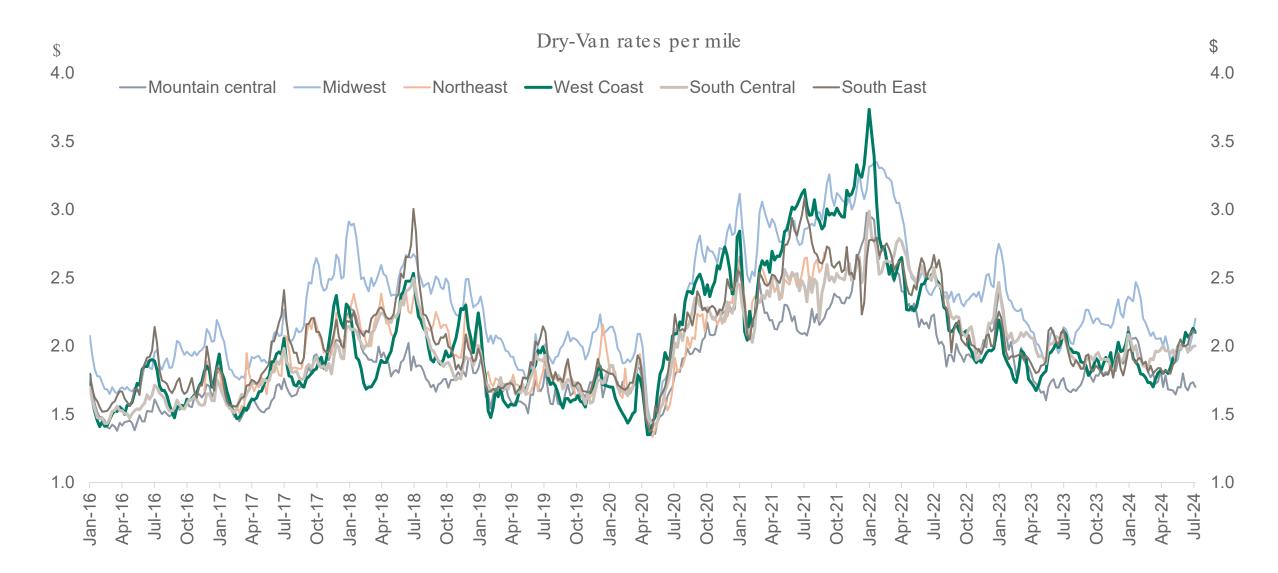
#### Baltic Exchange indexes: Capesize index rising



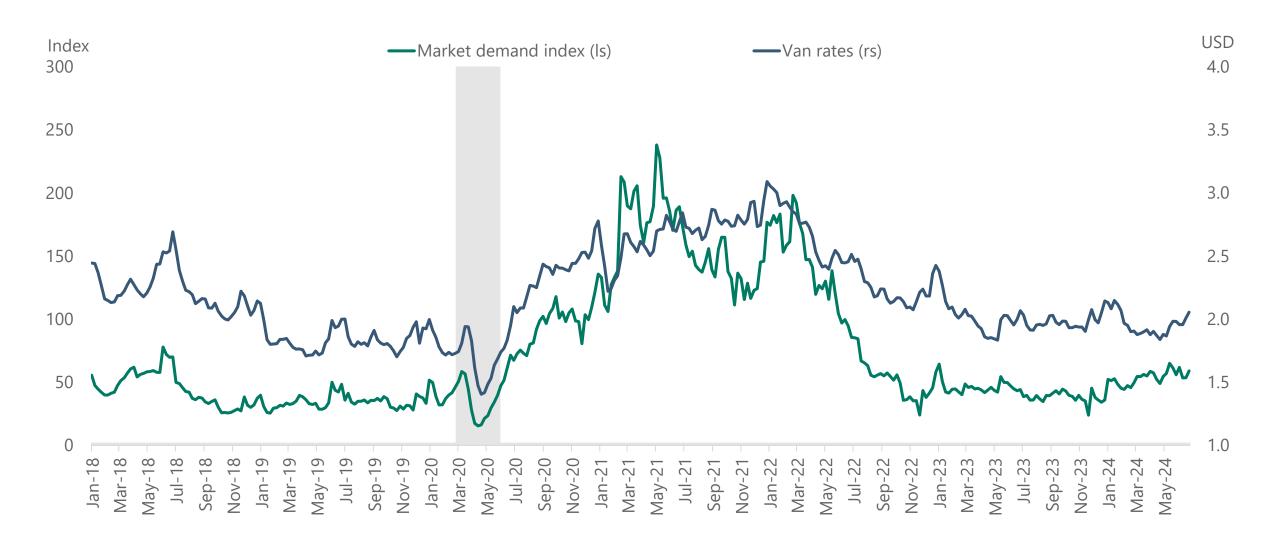
#### Truck transportation costs



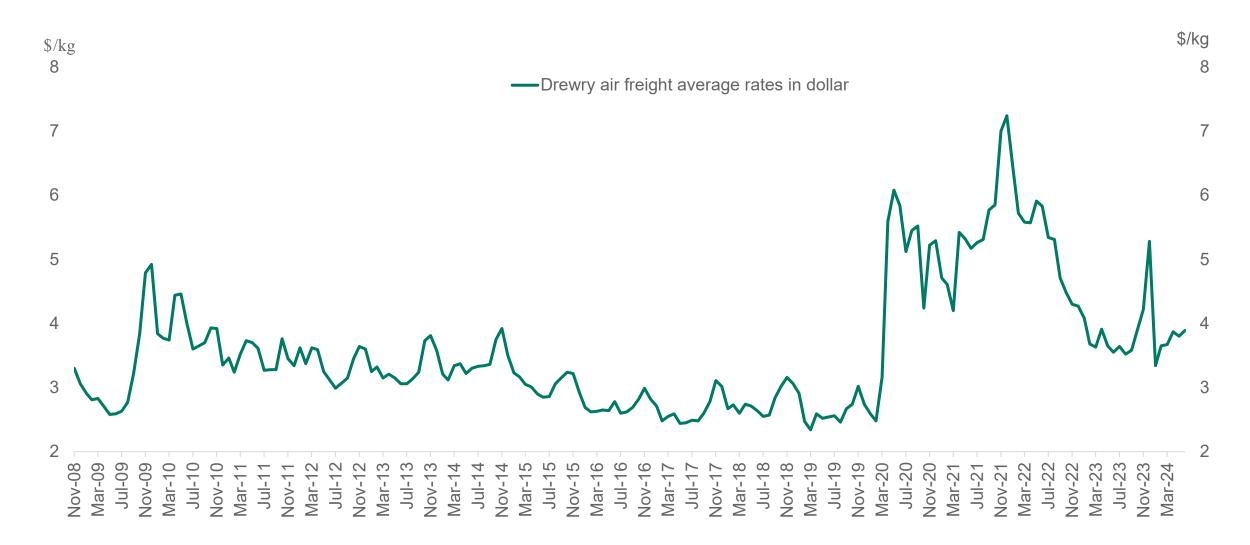
#### Dry van spot rates



#### Demand for trucks correlated with van rates



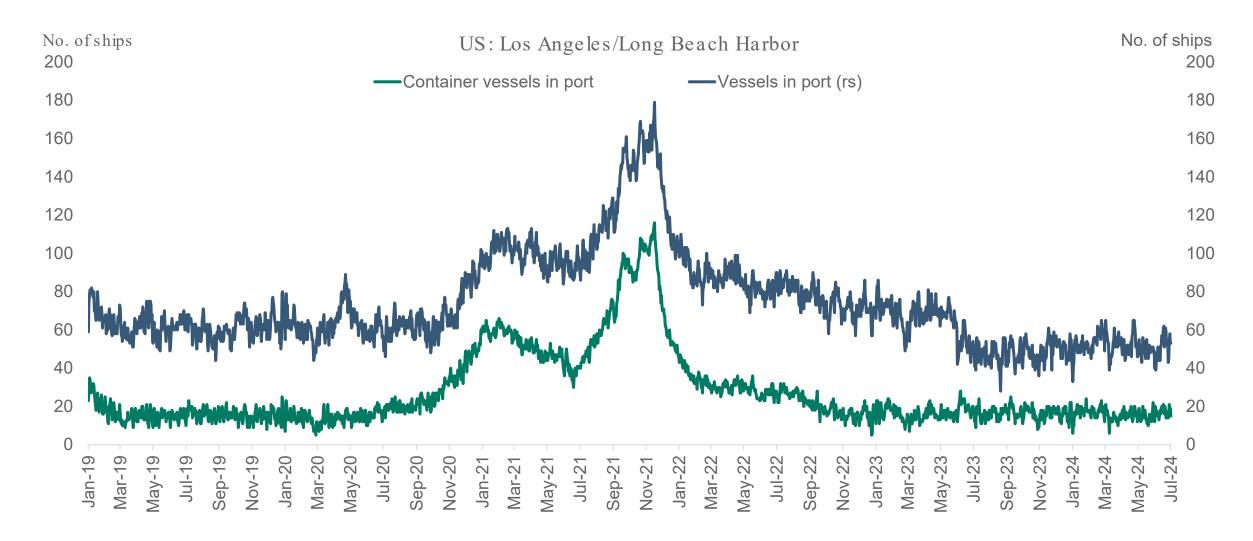
#### Air freight rates above 2019 levels



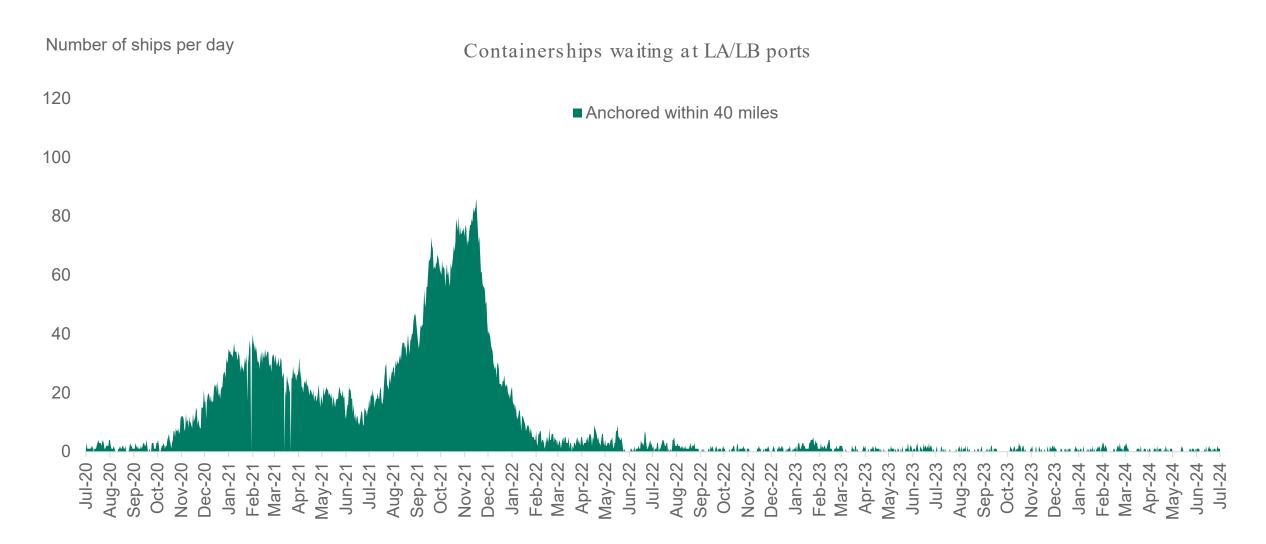
Costs of distribution and logistics



#### Vessels at LA/Long Beach Harbor back to 2019 levels

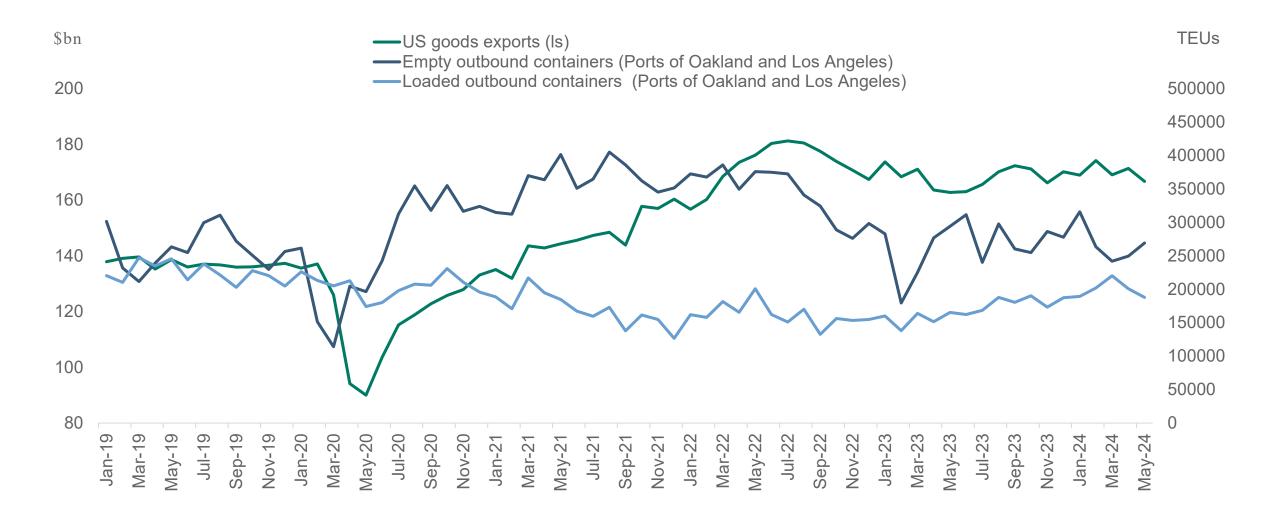


#### US: Los Angeles/Long Beach Harbor: Container Vessels in Port at Anchor

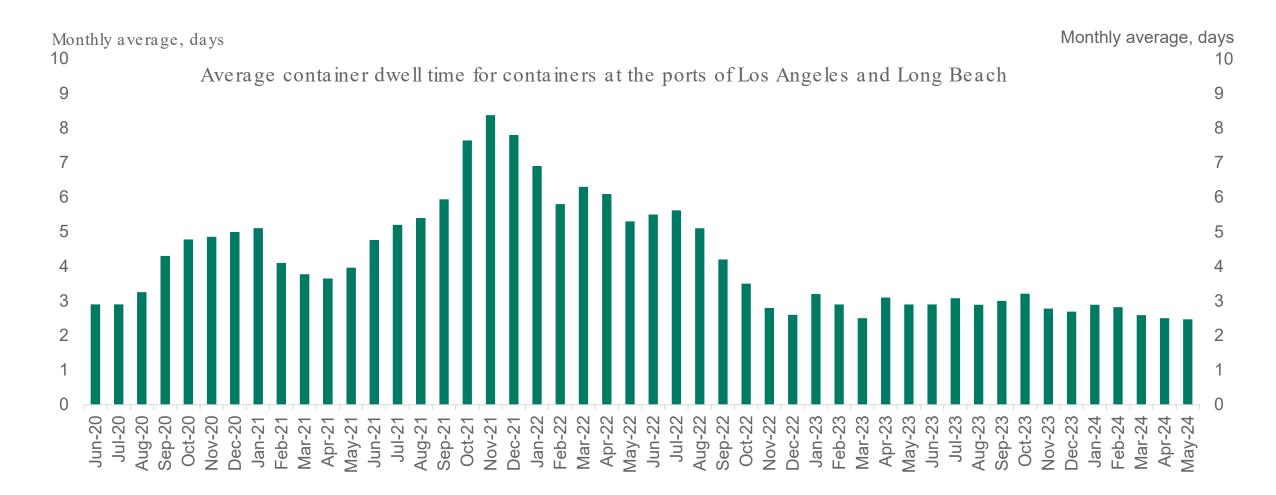


Source: Haver, Apollo Chief Economist

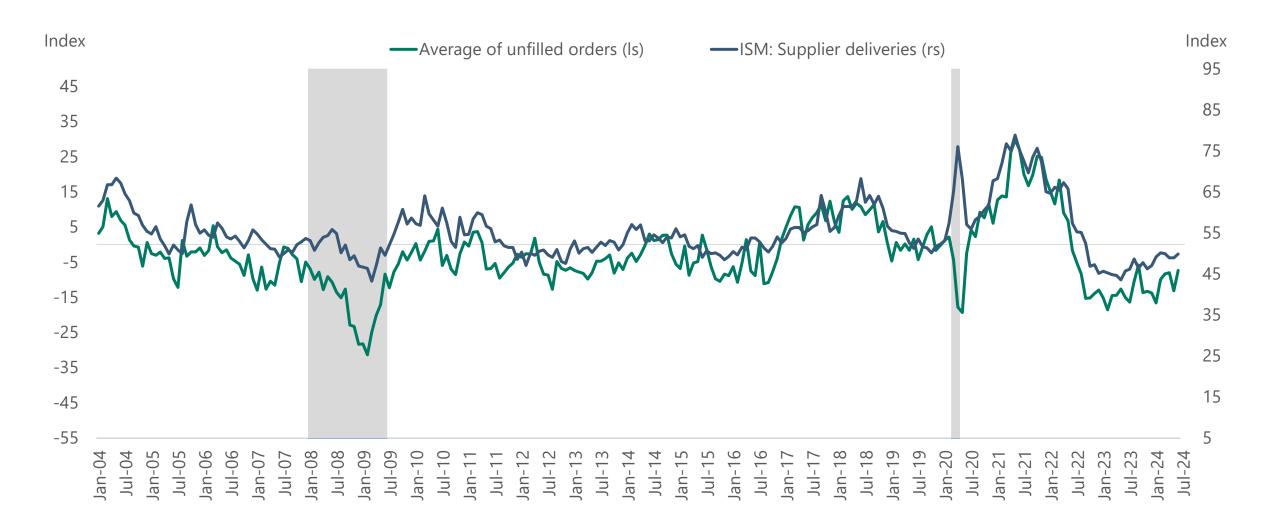
#### US goods exports



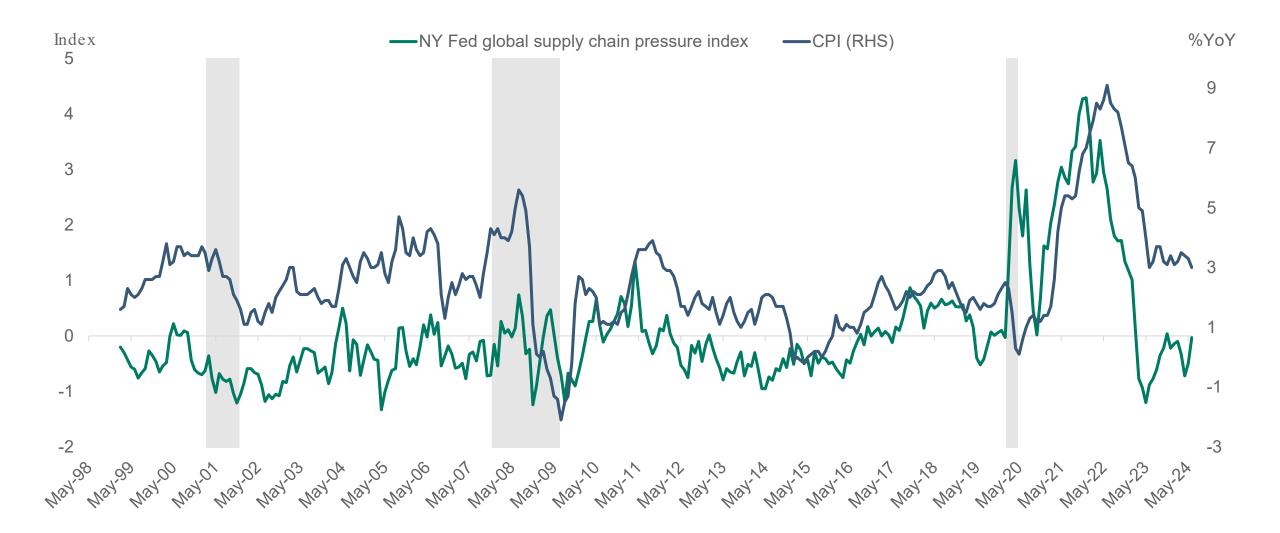
## Amount of time a container waits to get picked up at a marine terminal after being unloaded from a vessel



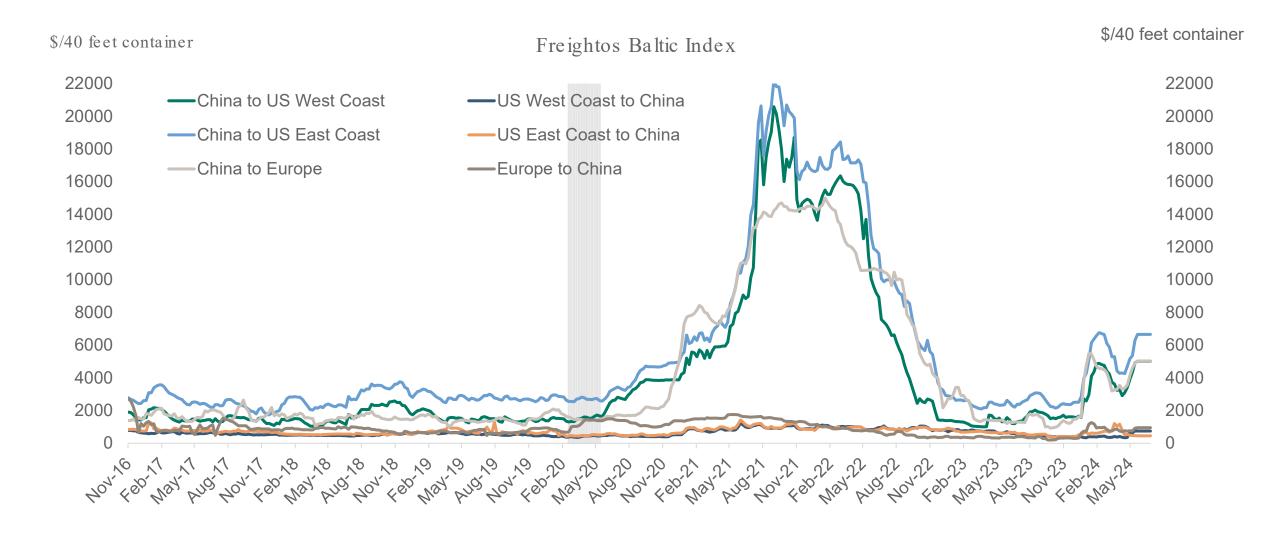
#### Supply chains: Unfilled orders and supplier deliveries



#### New York Fed supply chain index shows improvement has stalled

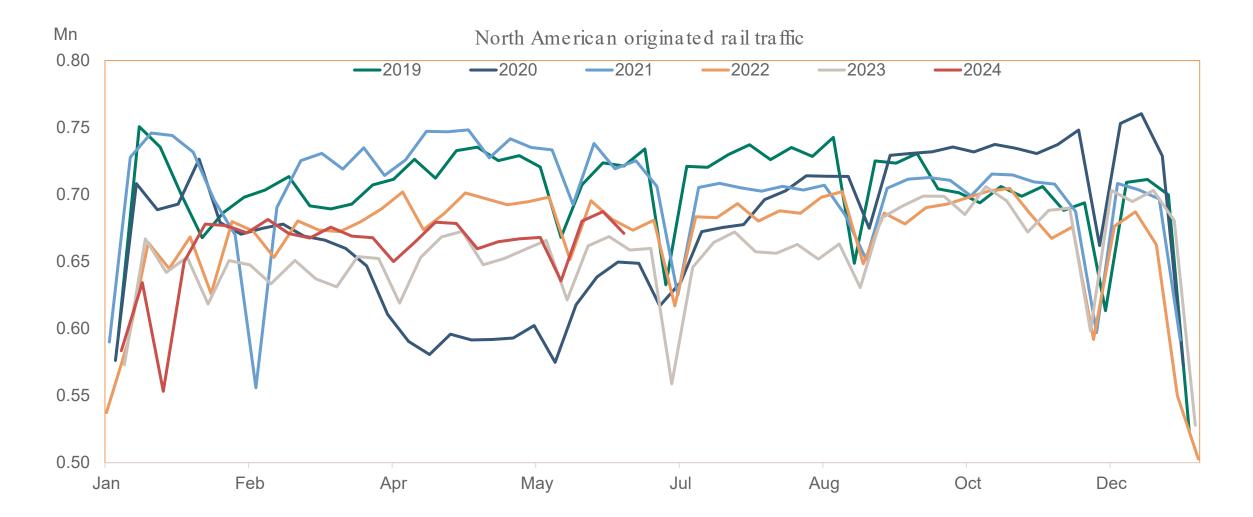


#### Freightos Baltic index



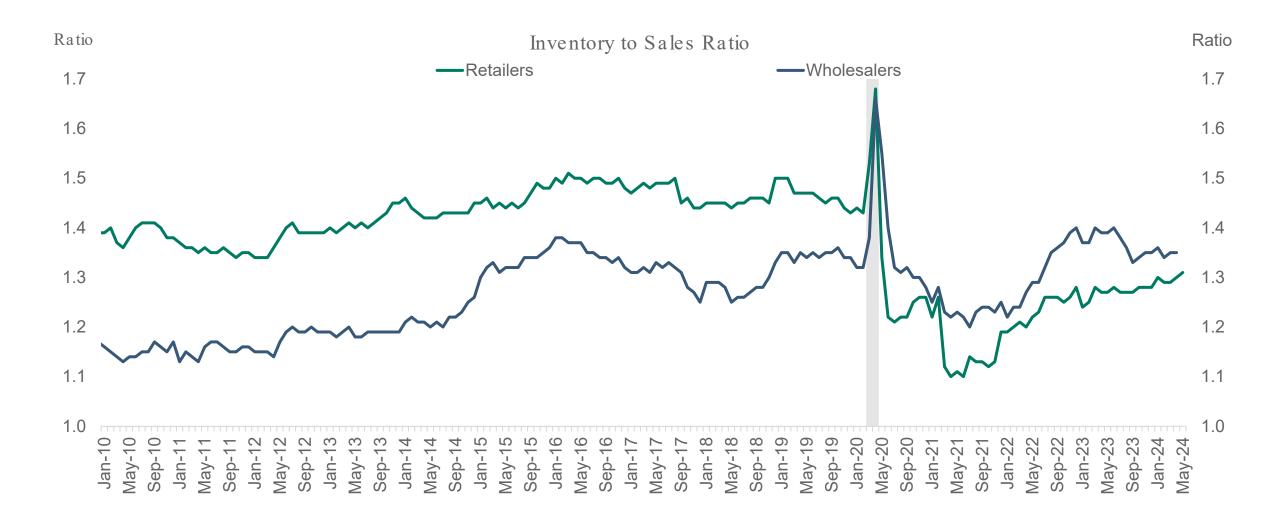
Source: Freightos, Bloomberg, Apollo Chief Economist

#### Rail traffic volumes



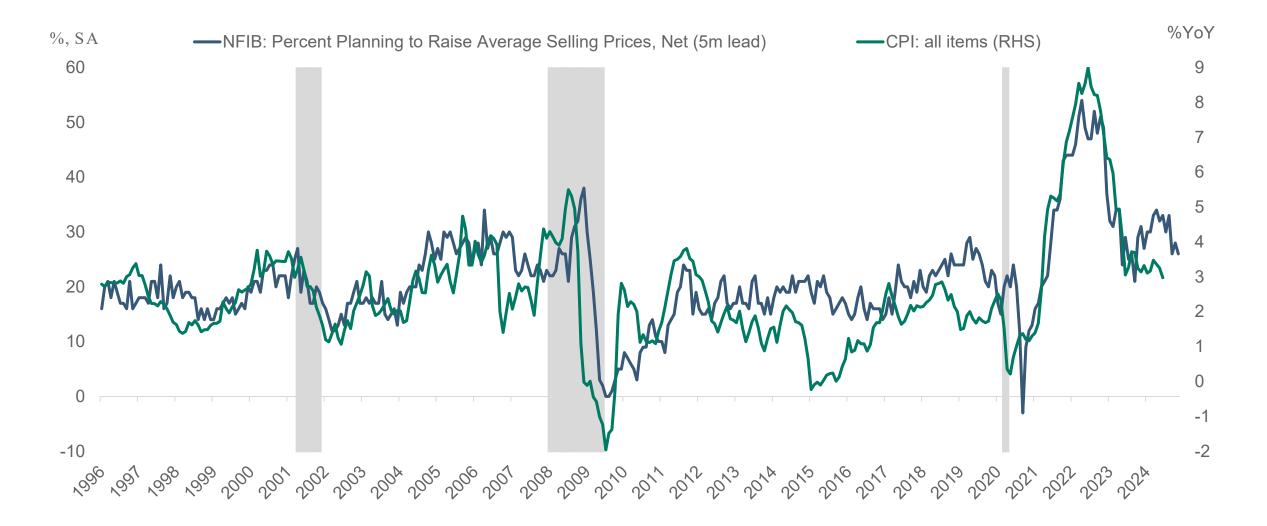
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#### Inventory to sales ratio for wholesalers near pre-pandemic levels



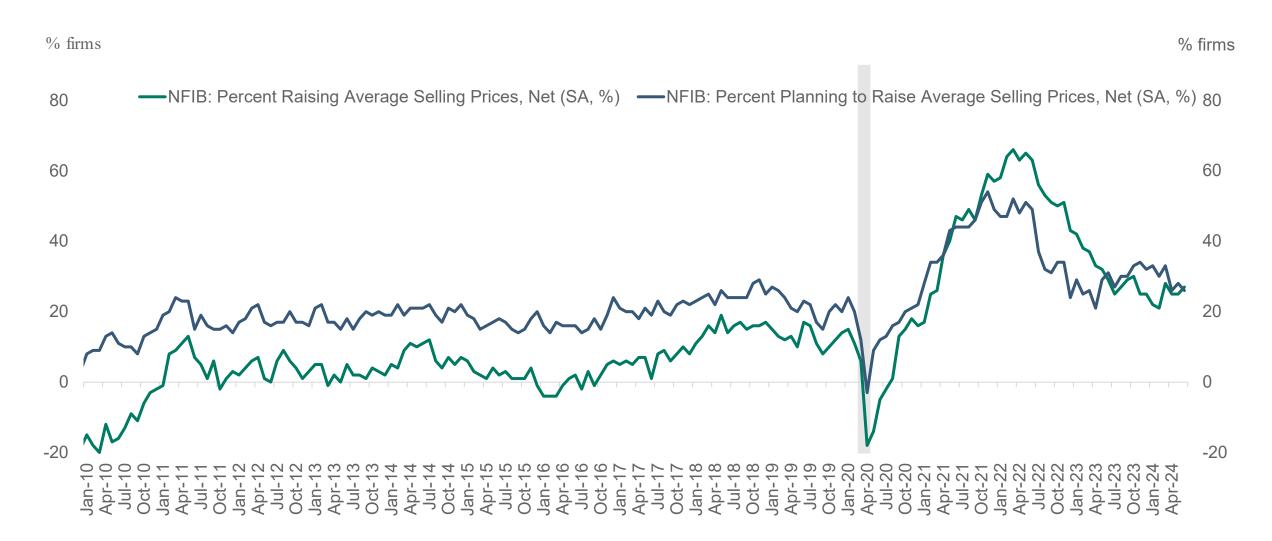
Source: Census, Haver Analytics, Apollo Chief Economist

#### Upside risks to inflation remain



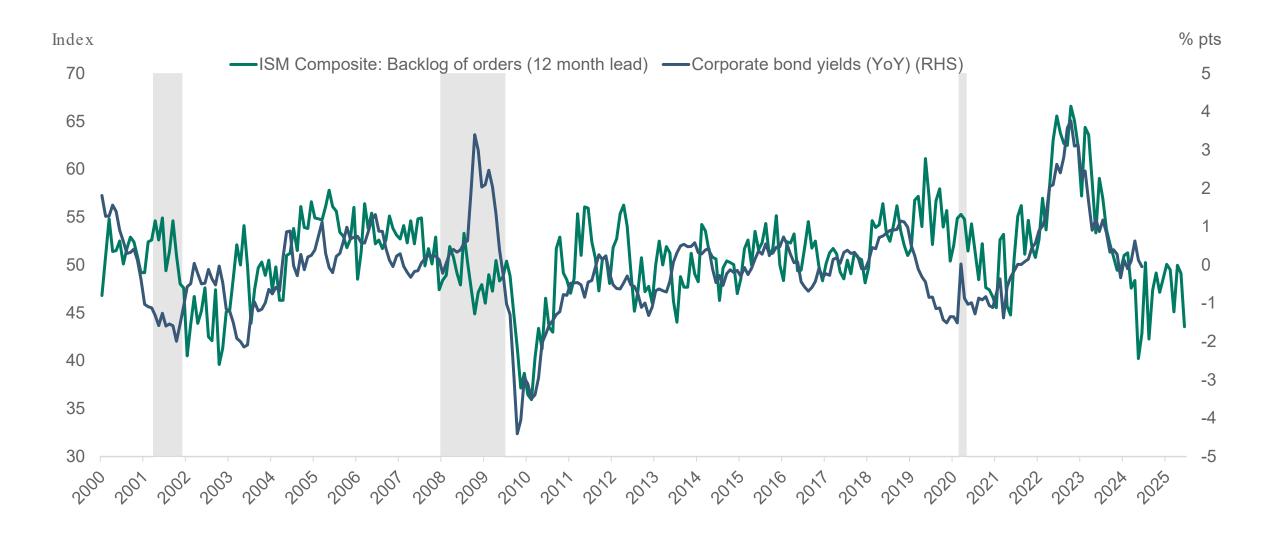
Source: NFIB, Haver Analytics, Apollo Chief Economist

#### Some upside risks to inflation



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#### Supply chain bottlenecks correlated with corporate bond yields





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