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Steel Scrap Markets

A Bird's Eye View

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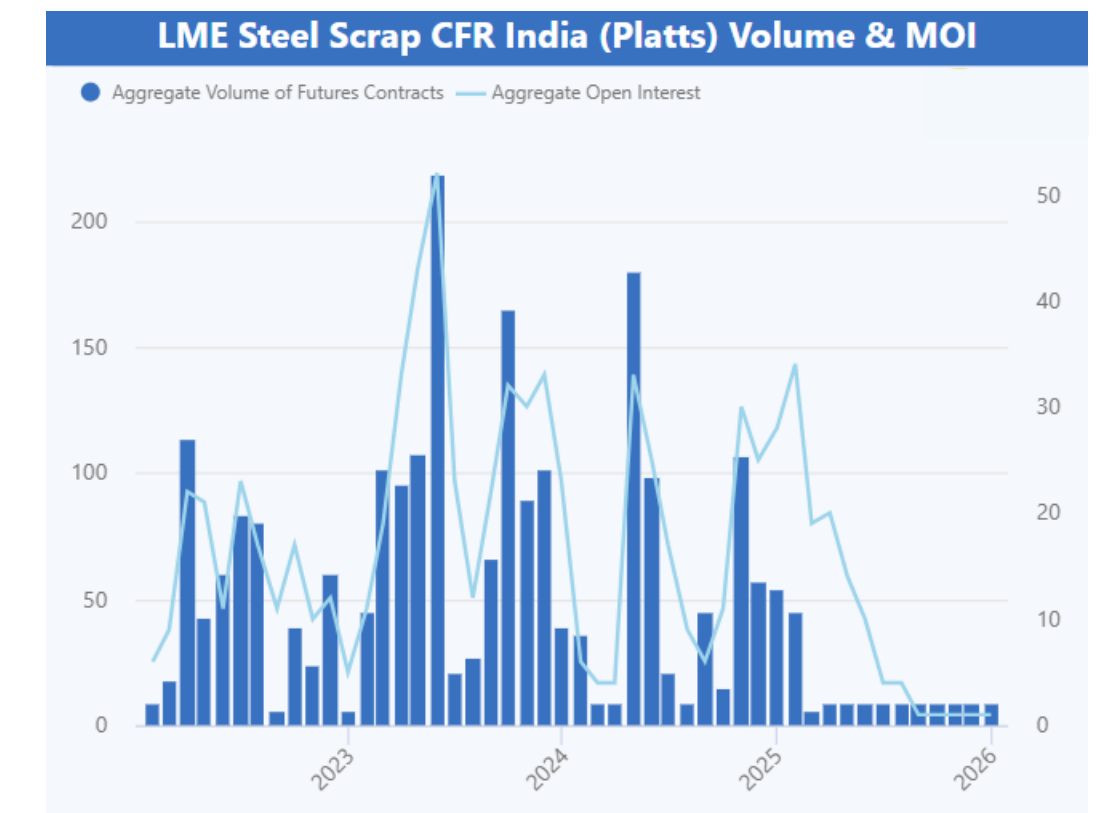
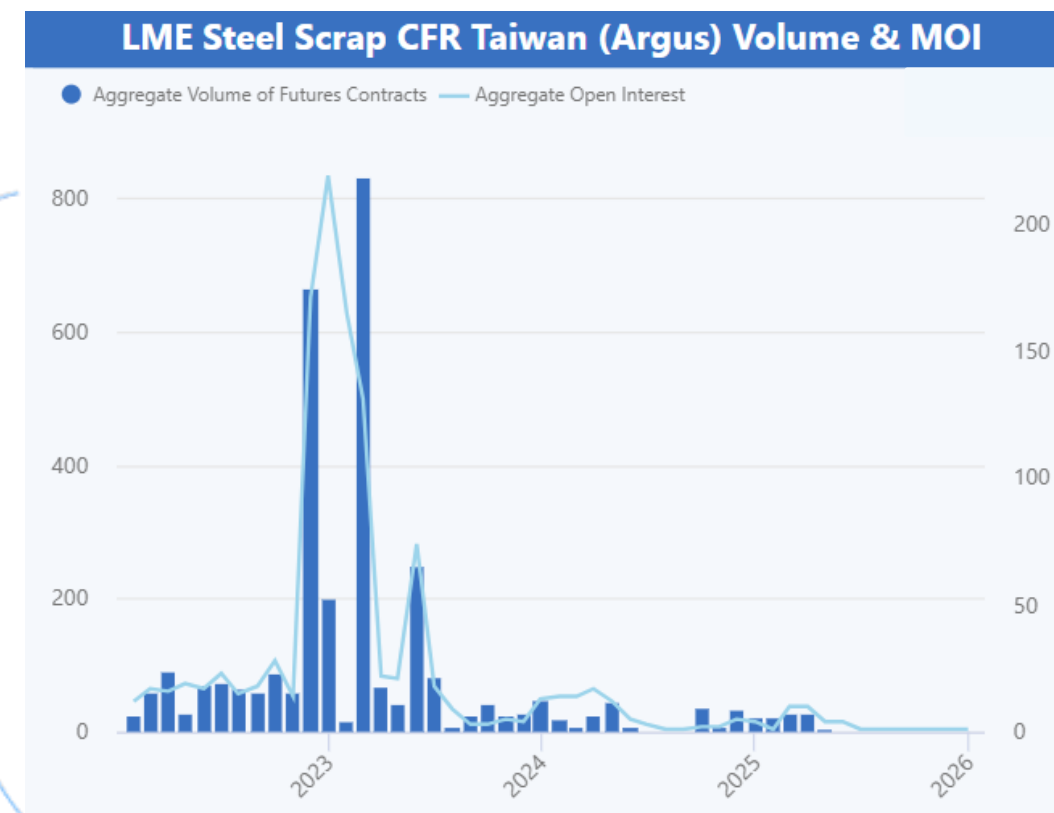
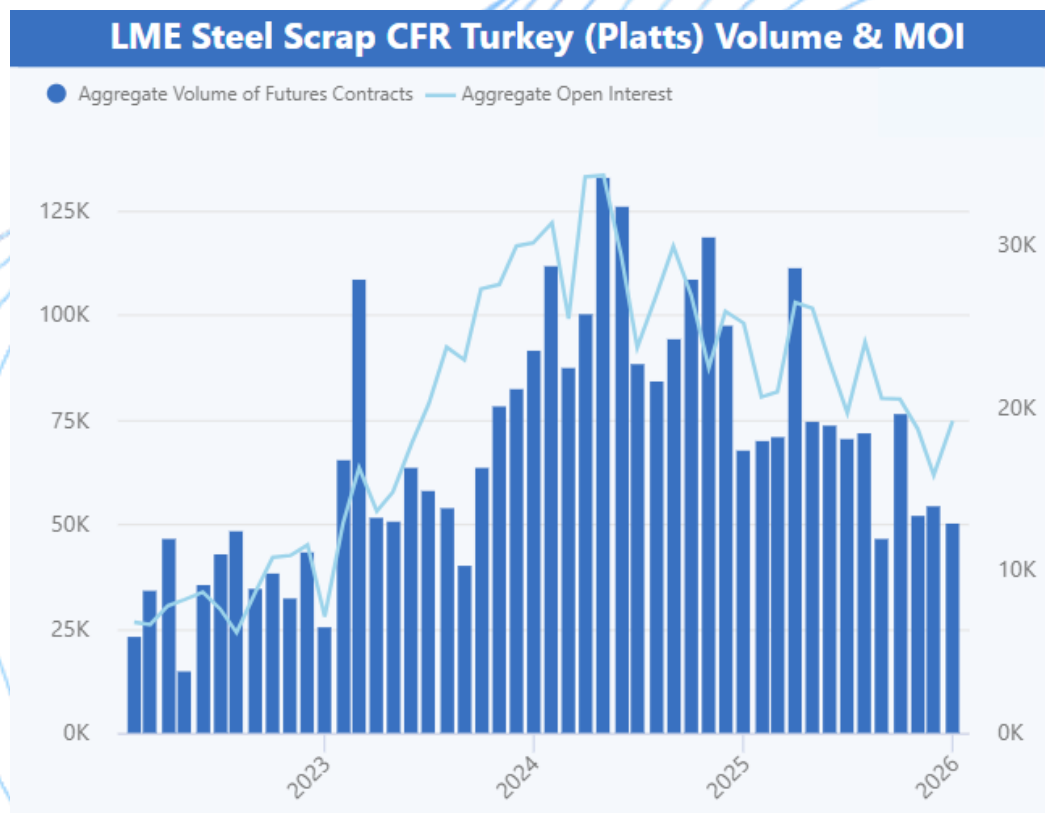
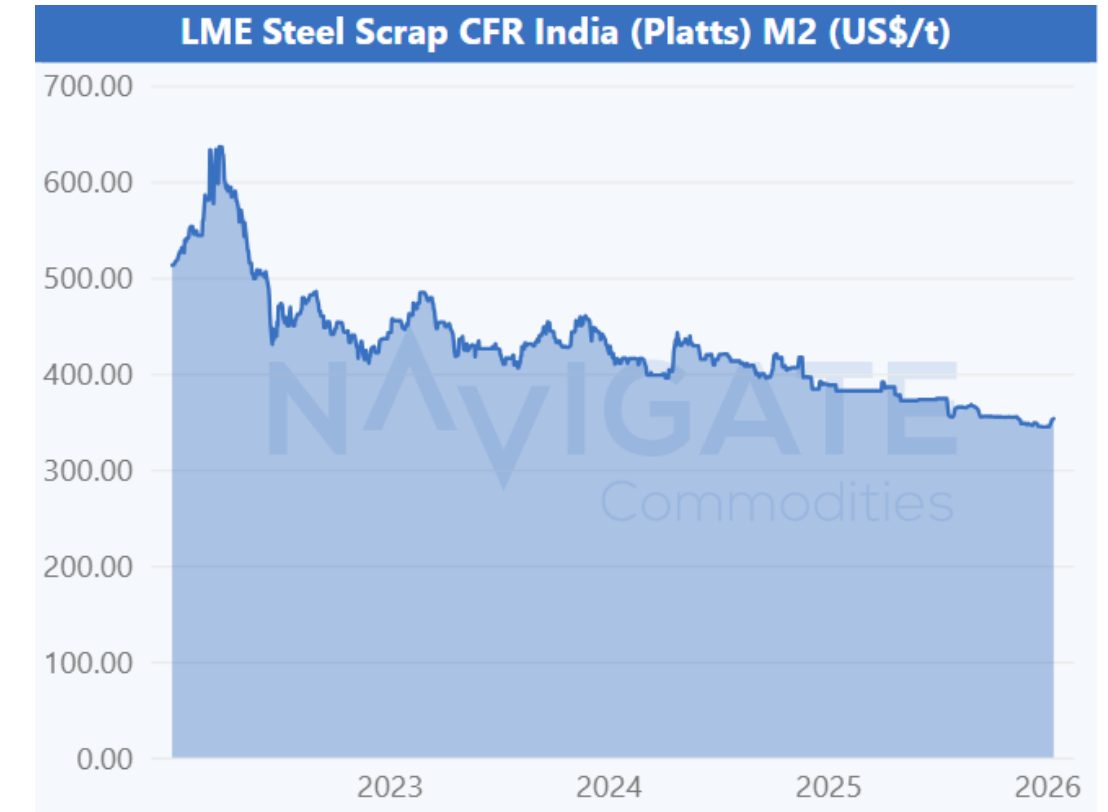
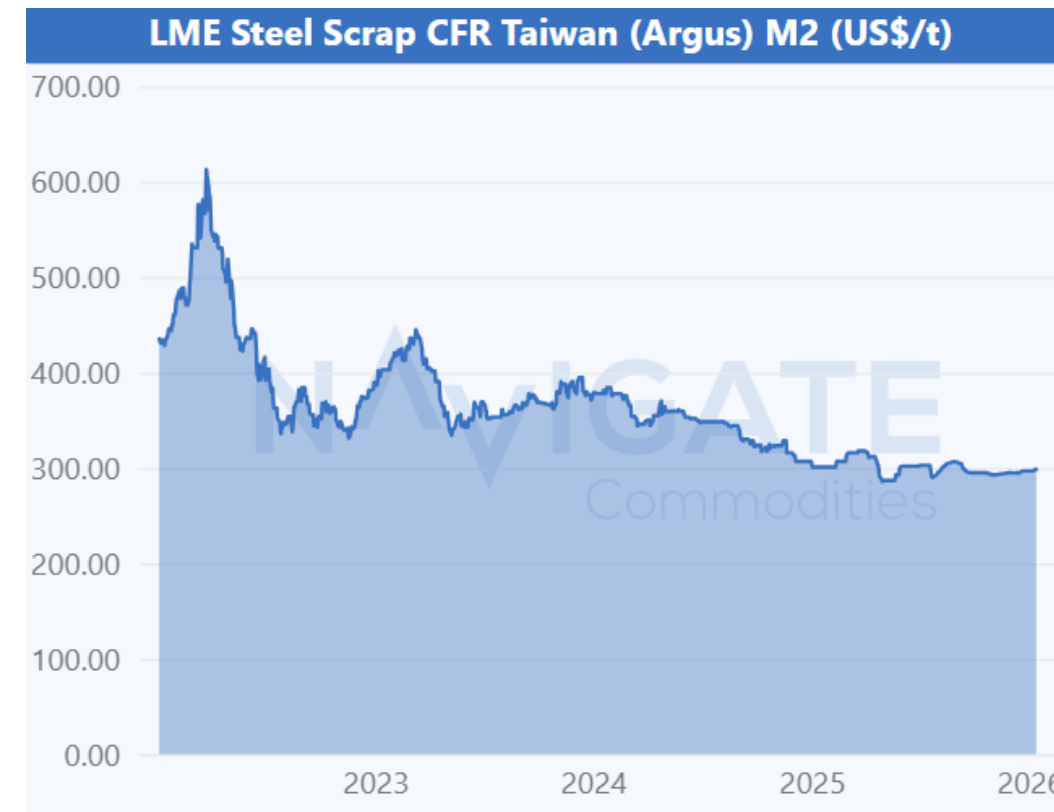
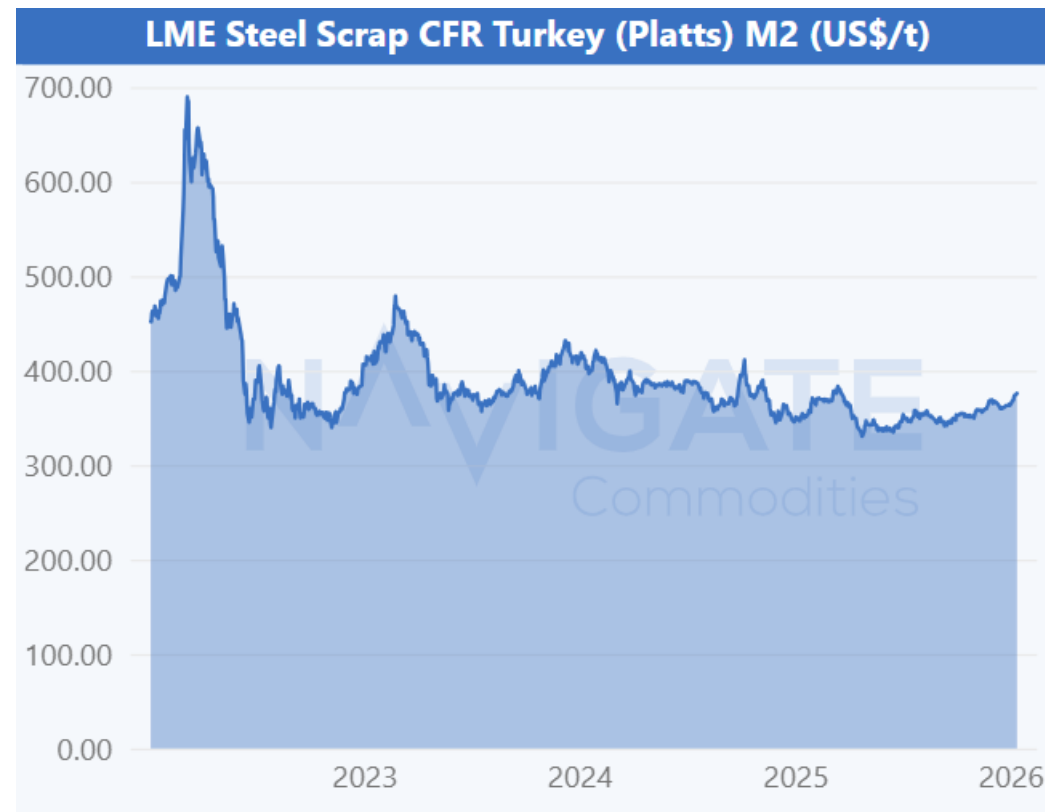
This report includes a wealth of data and provides commentary on supply chains from the key steel scrap markets of Turkey, India, and Taiwan.

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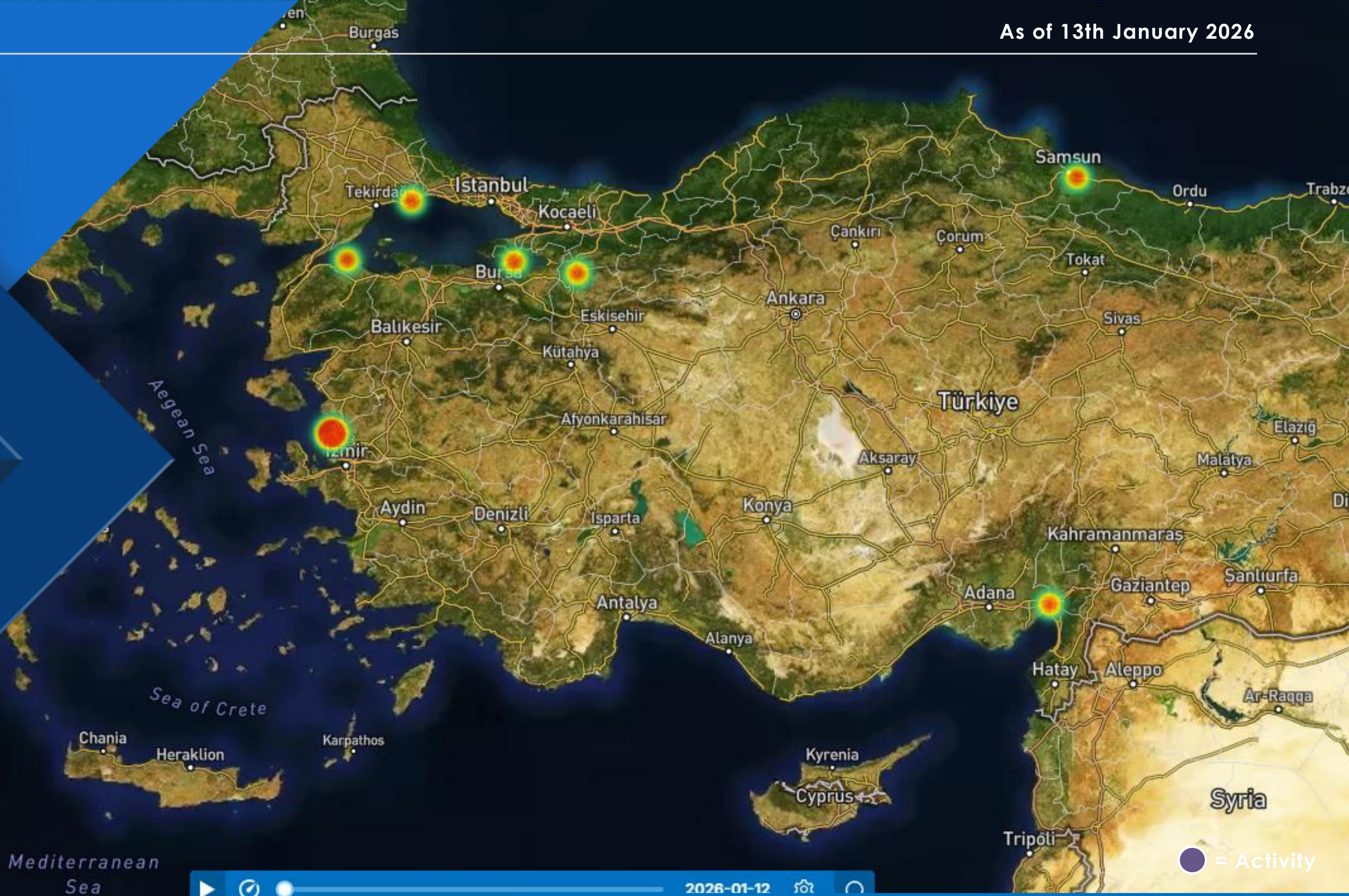




Türkiye Steel Scrap Market Overview



As of 13th January 2026



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Türkiye

Turkish HMS 1&2 (80:20) US-origin Ferrous Scrap import prices climbed US\$20/t over the past two months to nine-month highs of US\$376/t CFR Türkiye (TKY) on 15th January 2026.

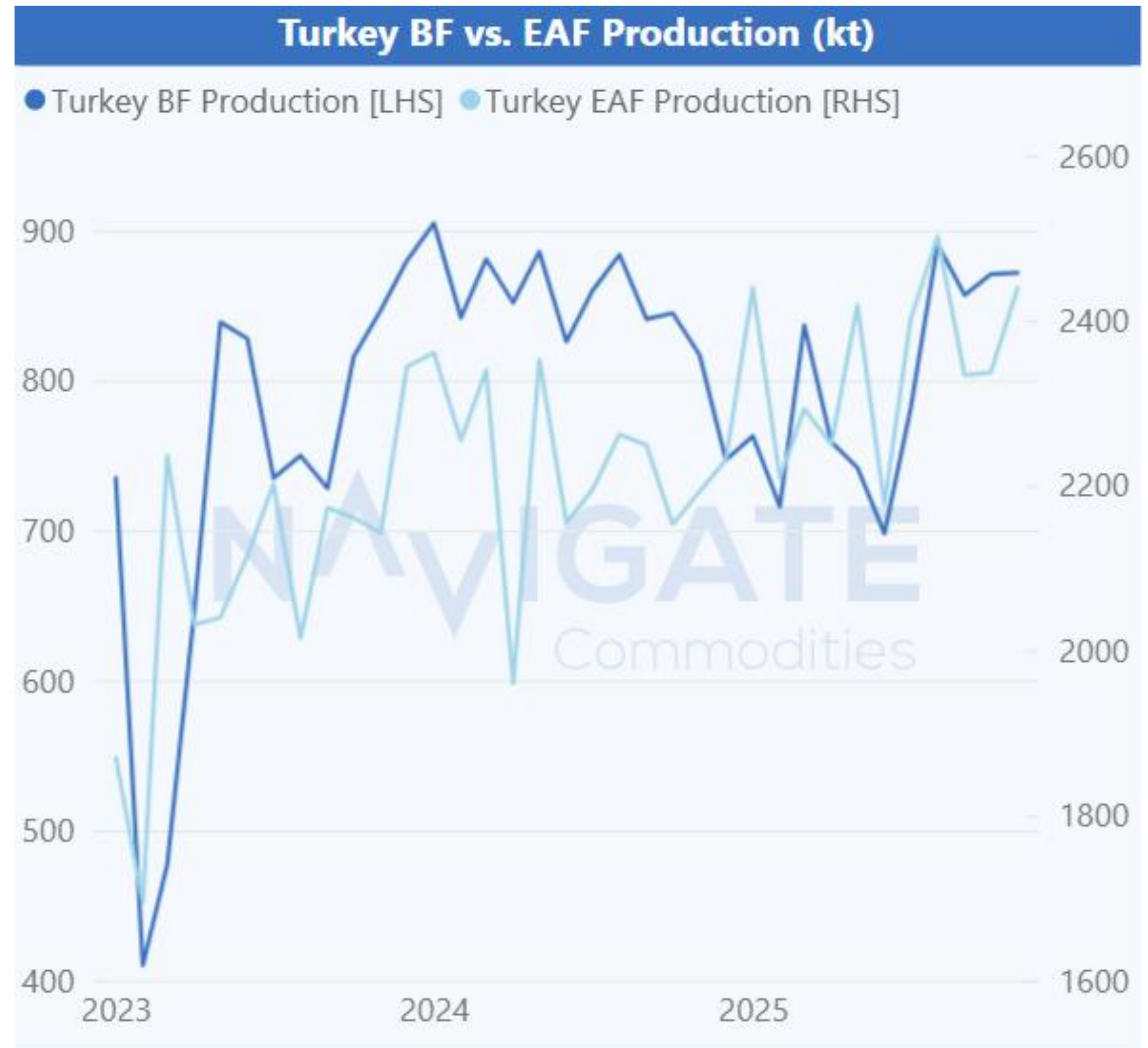
Gains have largely been driven and supported by a far hotter US domestic market, which has seen local electric arc furnace (EAF) capacity utilization rates peak at 86.37% on 30th December 2025.

As such, US domestic monthly mill-yard Ferrous Scrap negotiations were settled at US\$20-30 per gross ton (gt) higher in both December 2025 and January 2026, respectively.

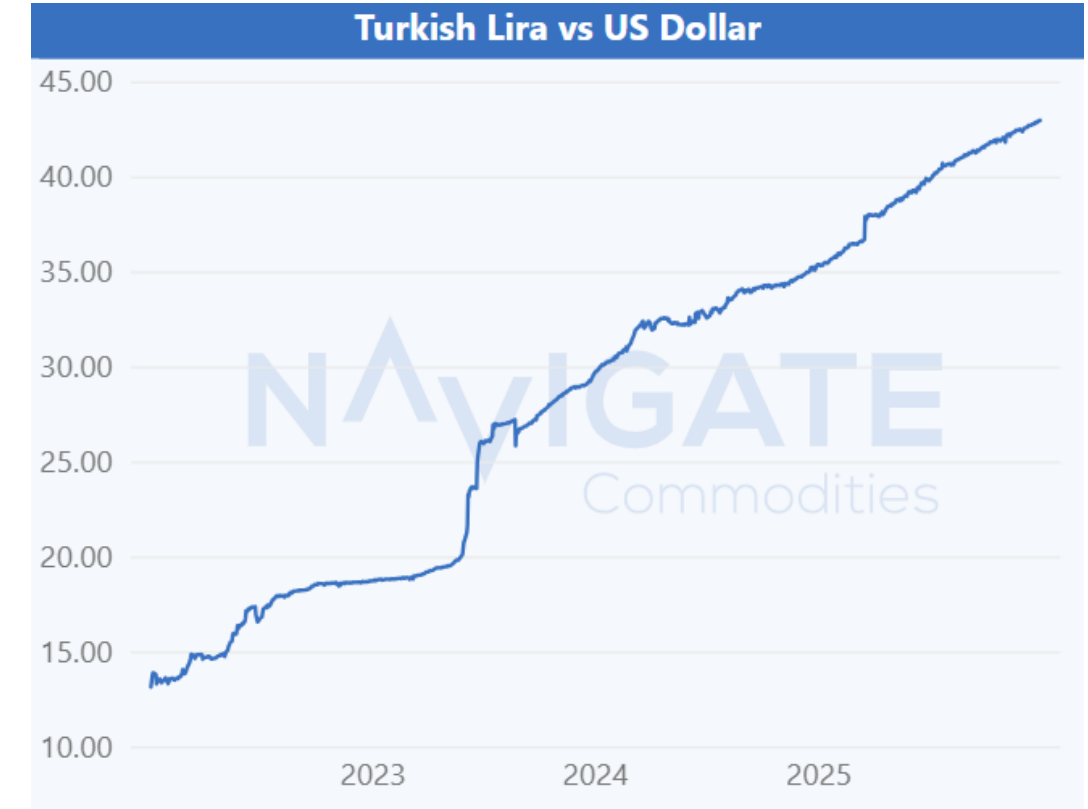
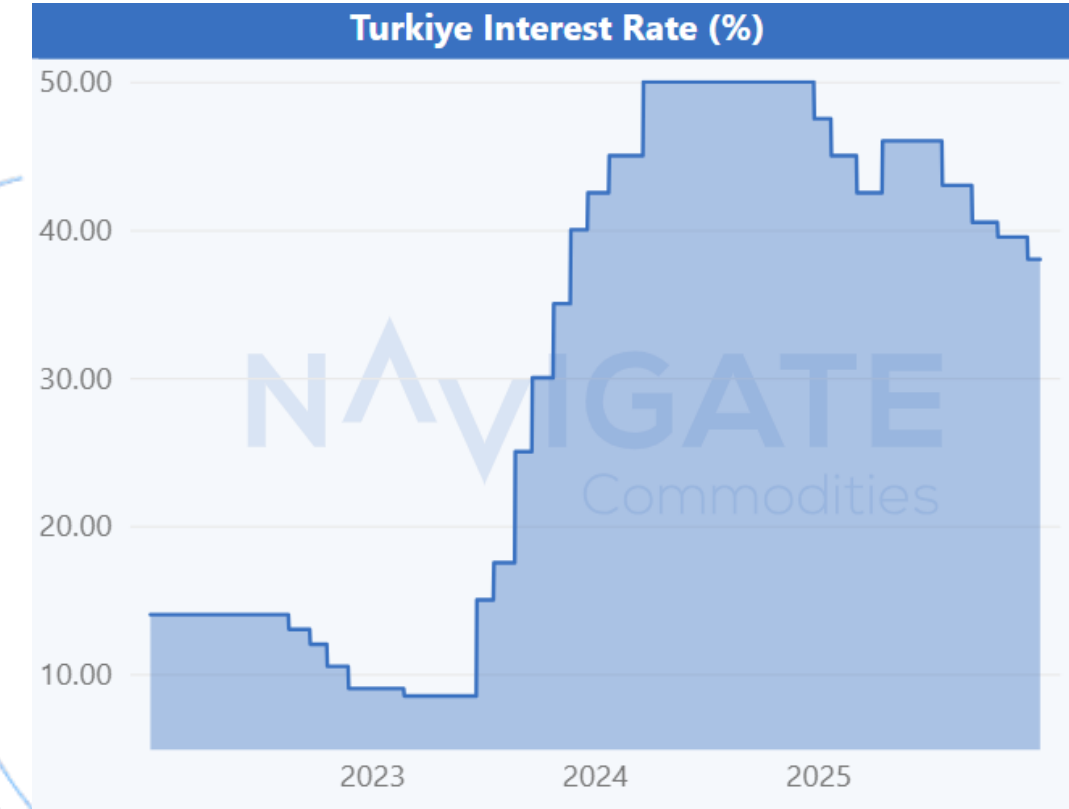
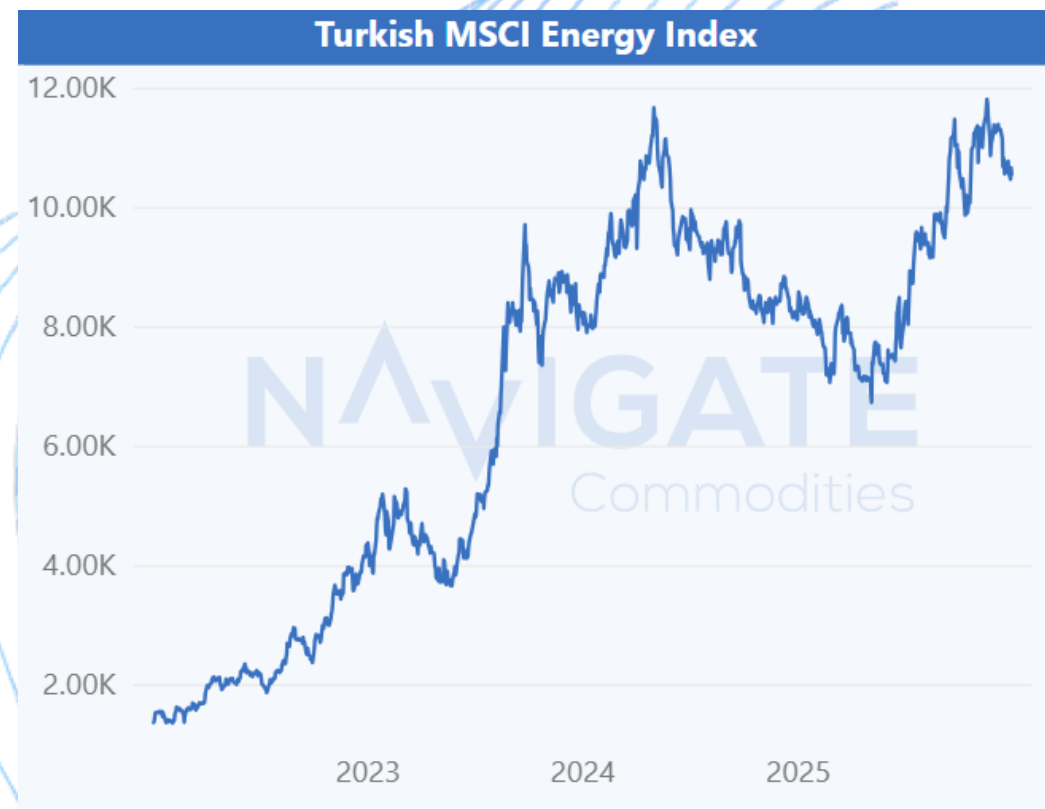
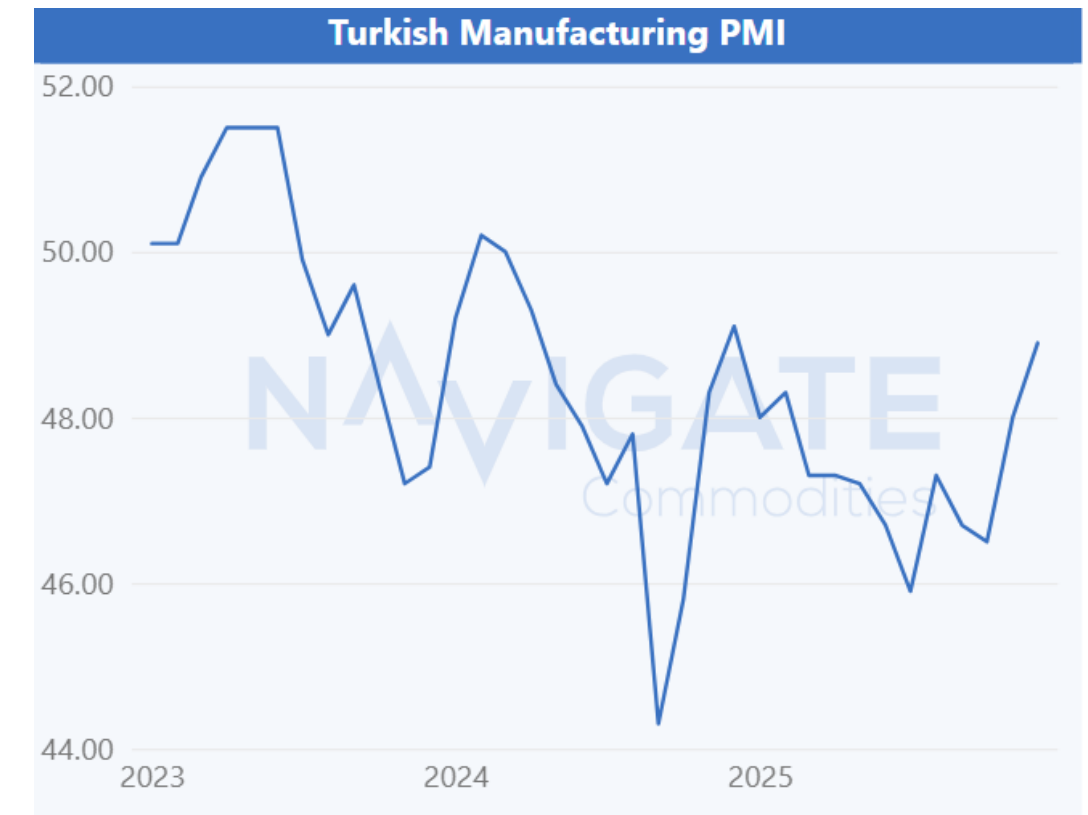
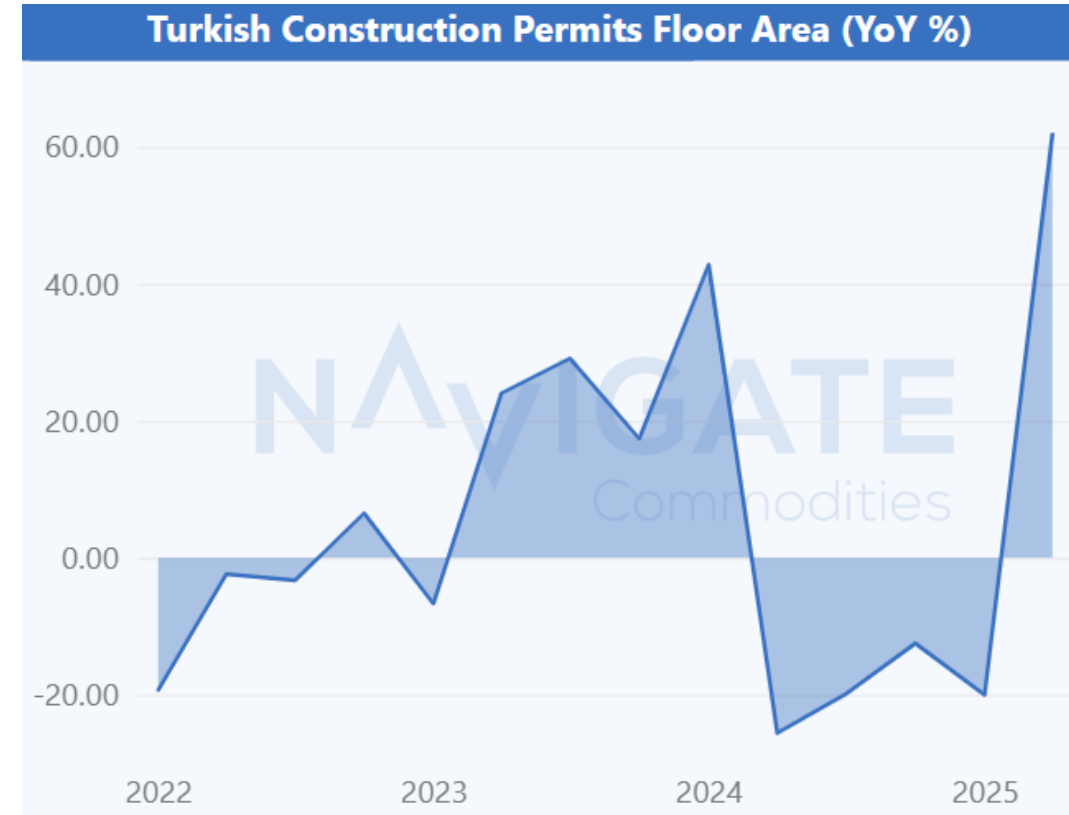
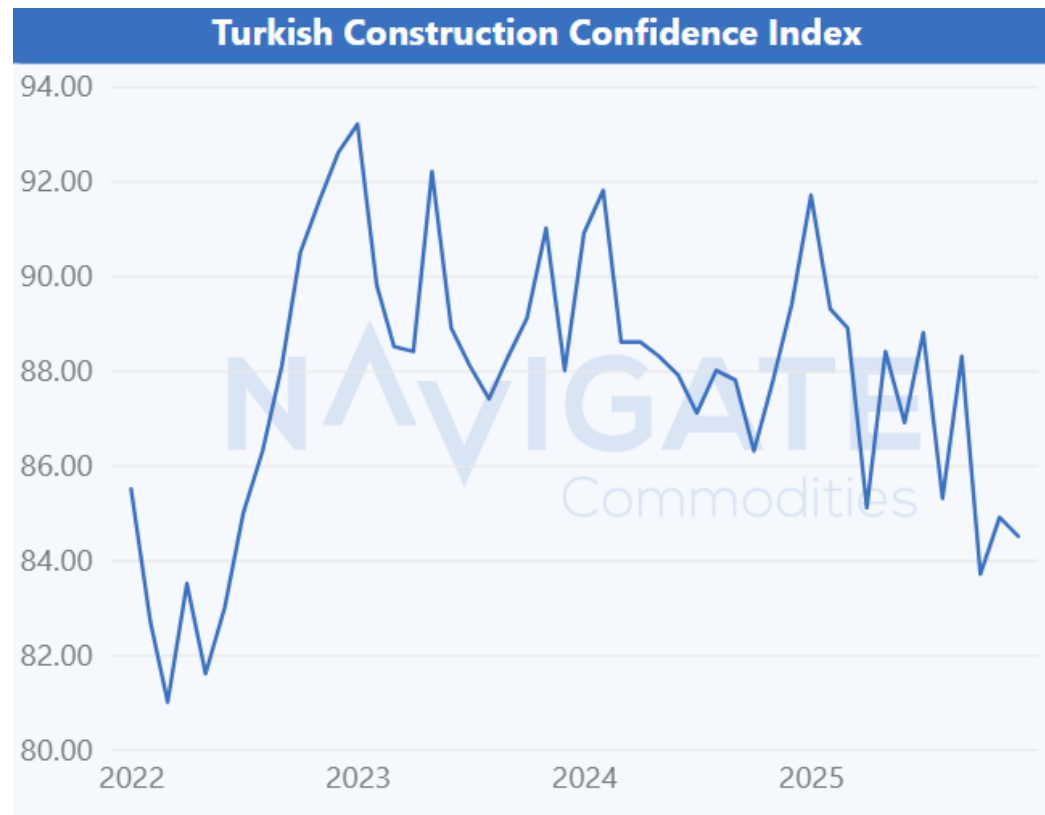
This resulted in a higher pricing floor for the seaborne Turkish Ferrous Scrap market, as US East Coast export terminals had to raise dockside prices to compete with domestic markets to draw volumes to export terminals.

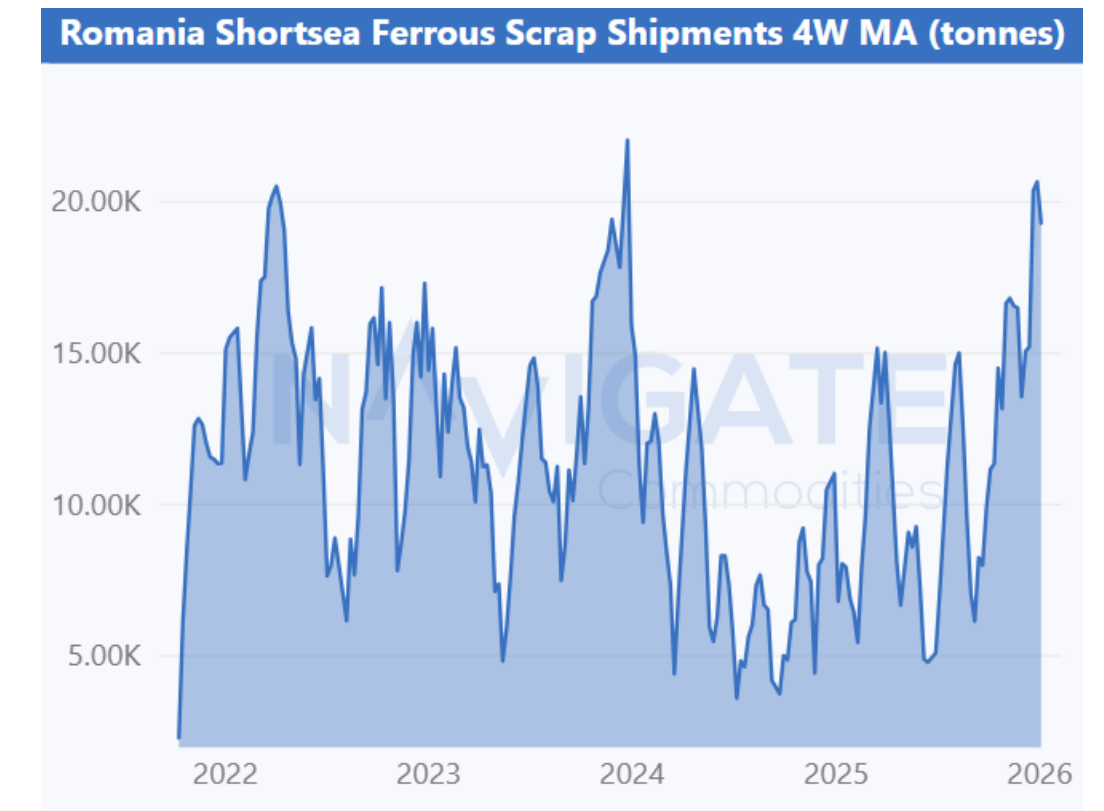
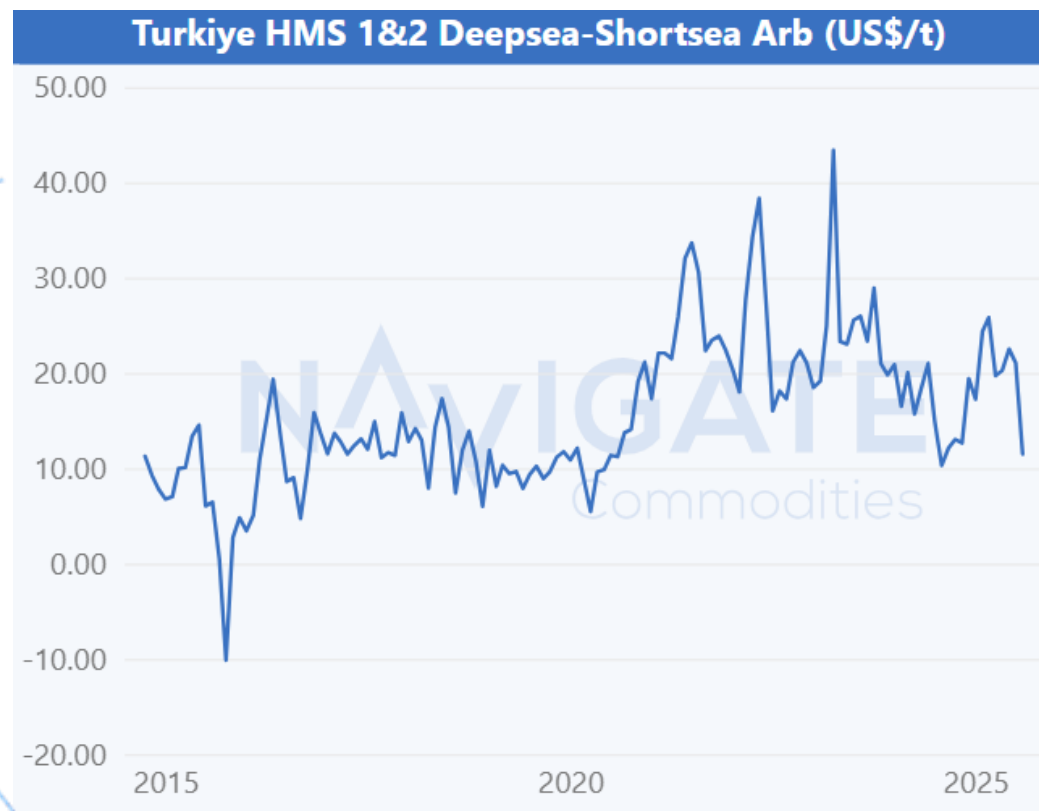
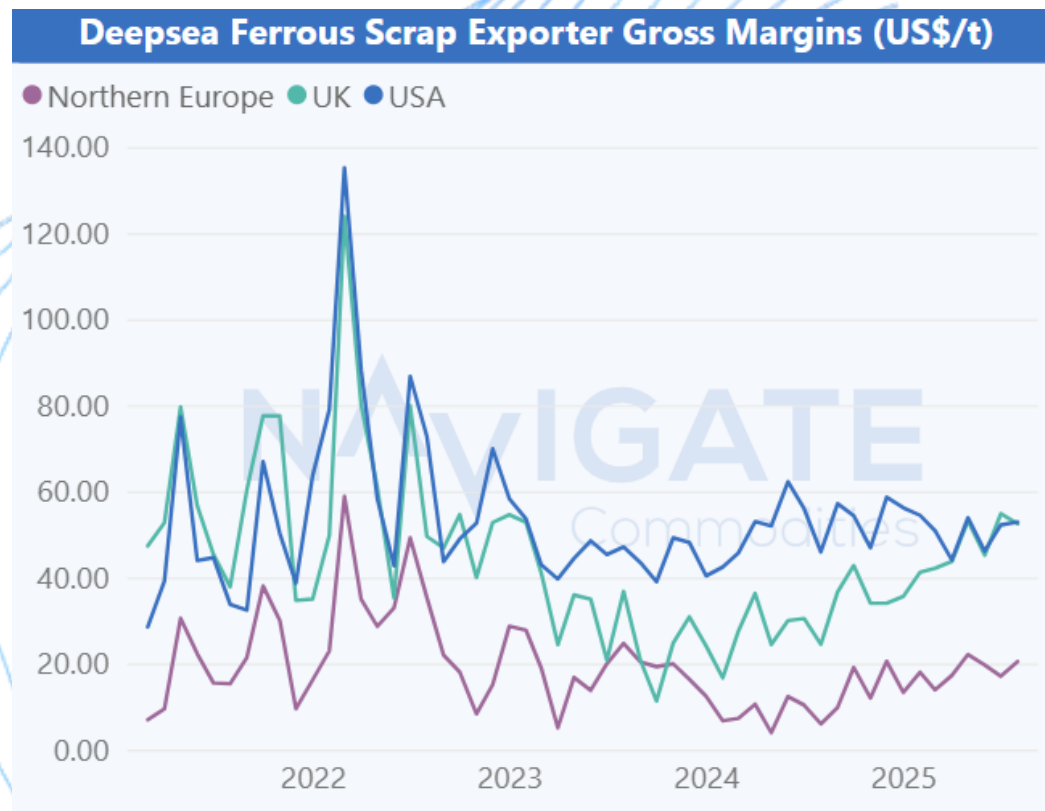
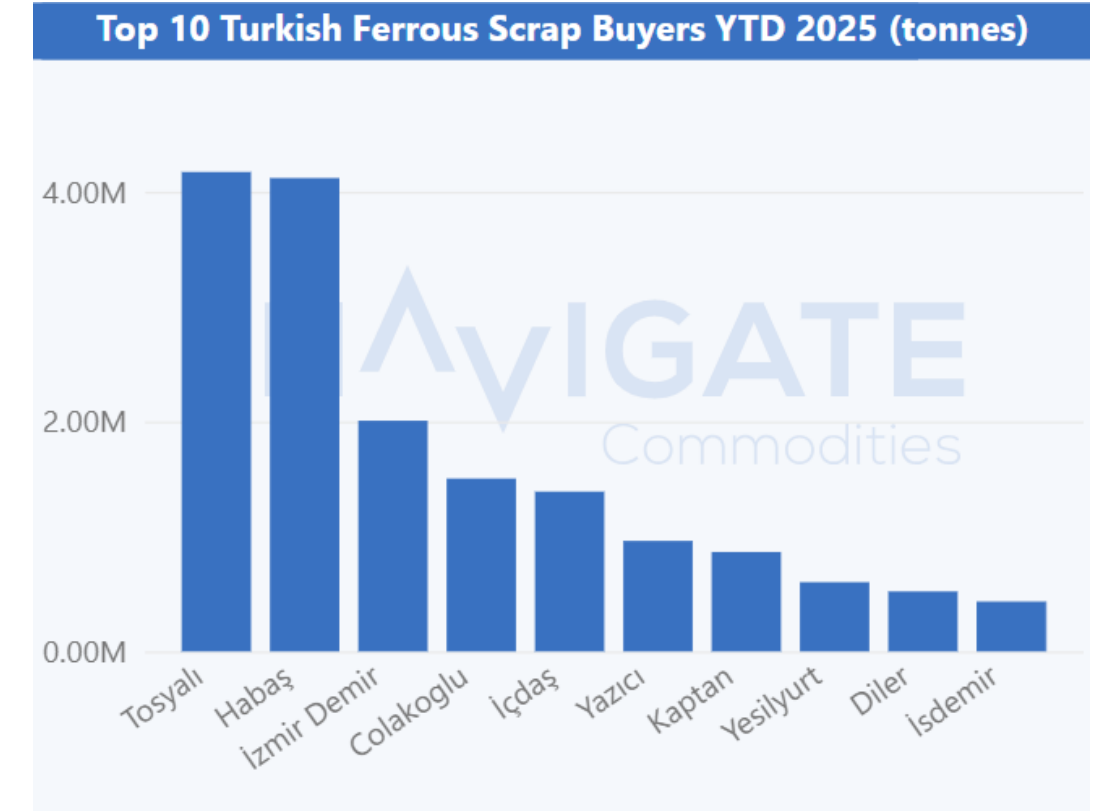
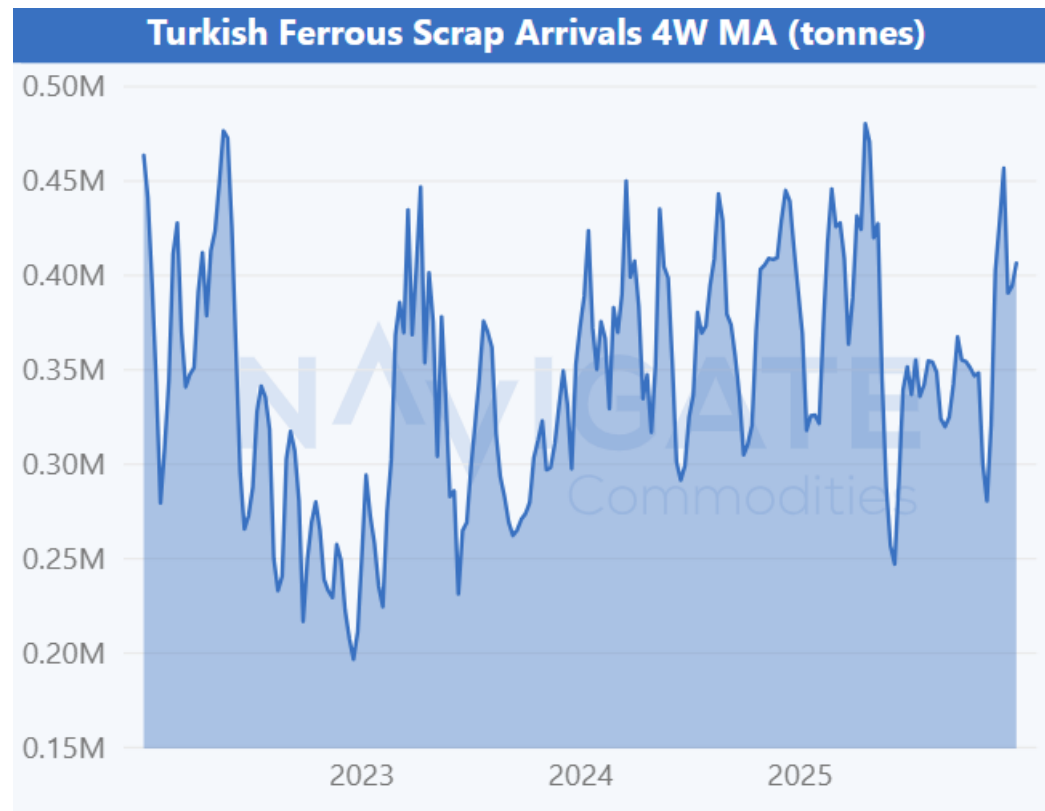
At the very same time, Turkish EAFs pushed capacity utilization rates to highs of 96.54% on 27th December 2025 in response to surprisingly better downstream construction Steel demand in a traditionally weak period.

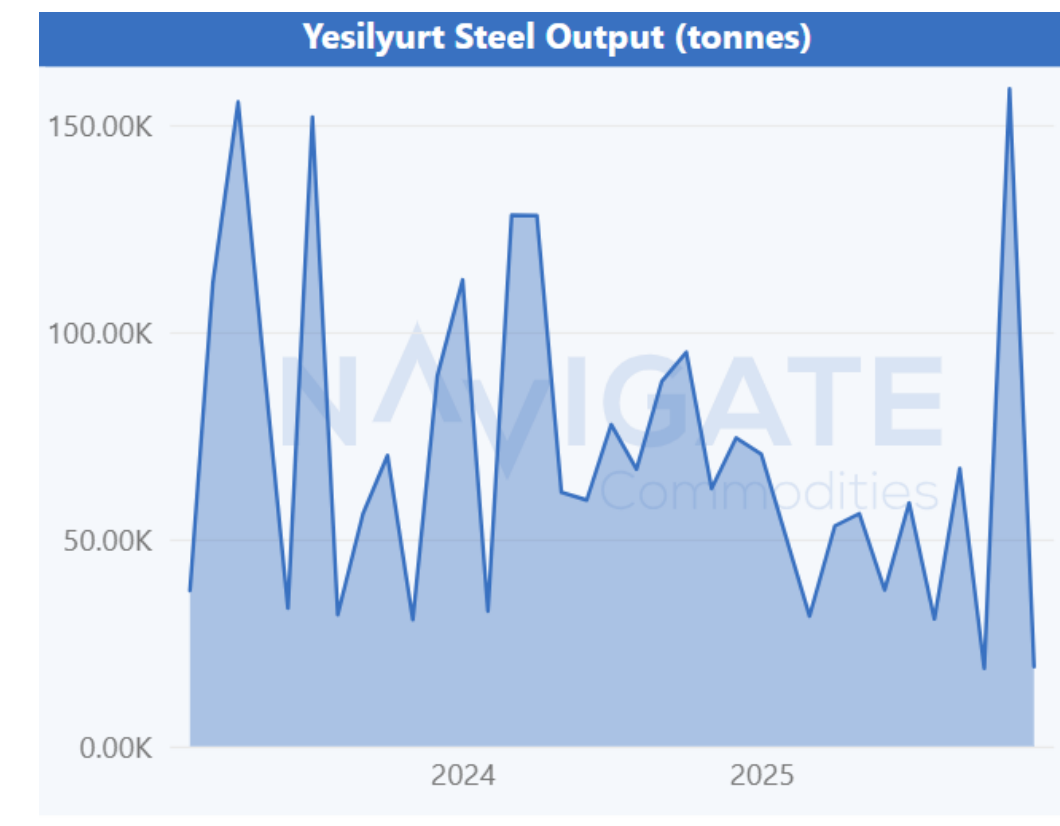
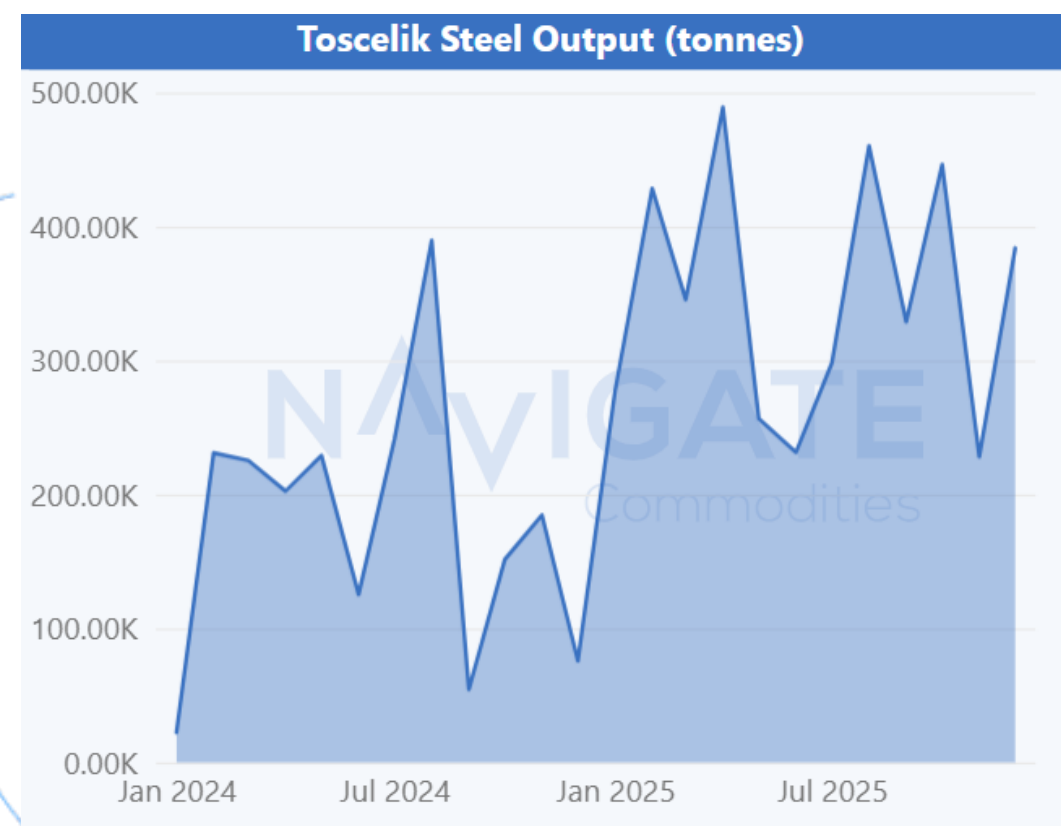
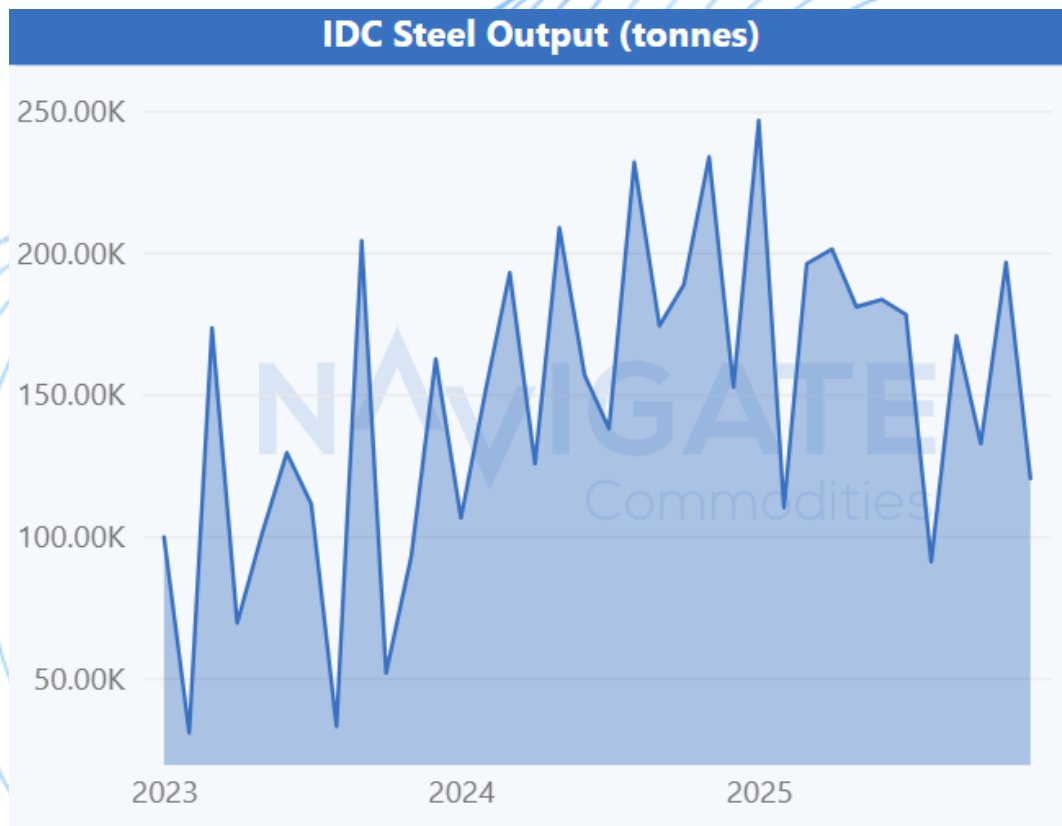
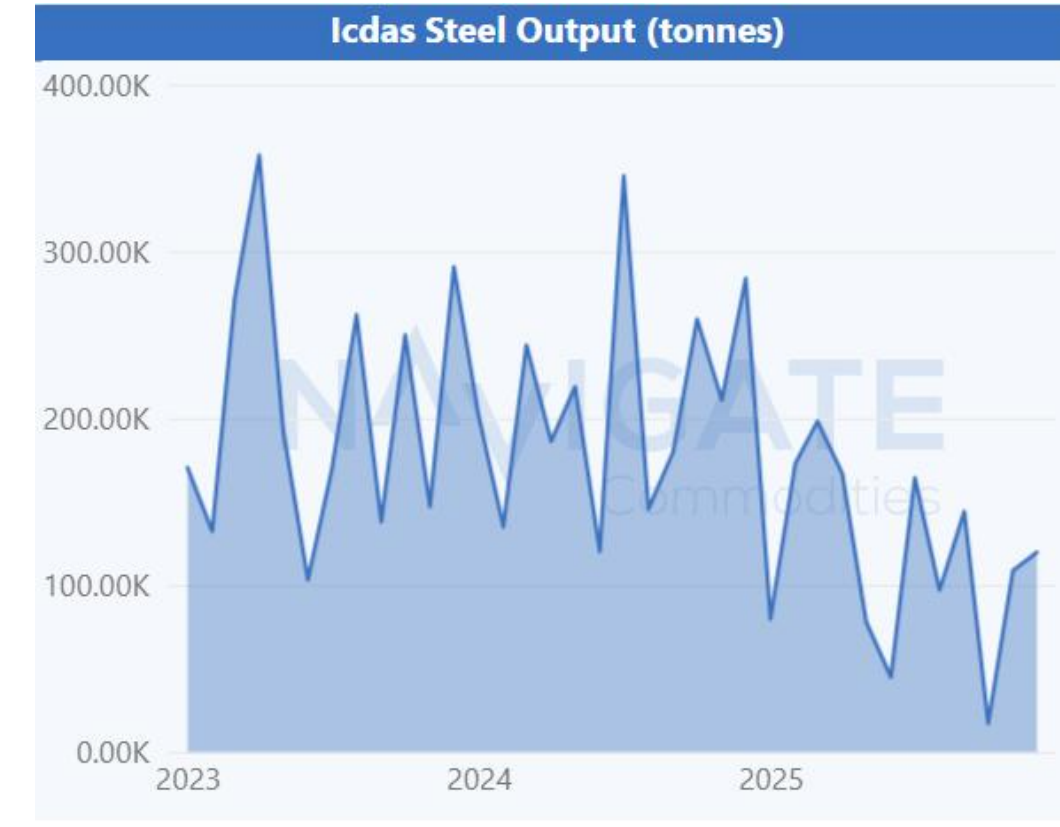
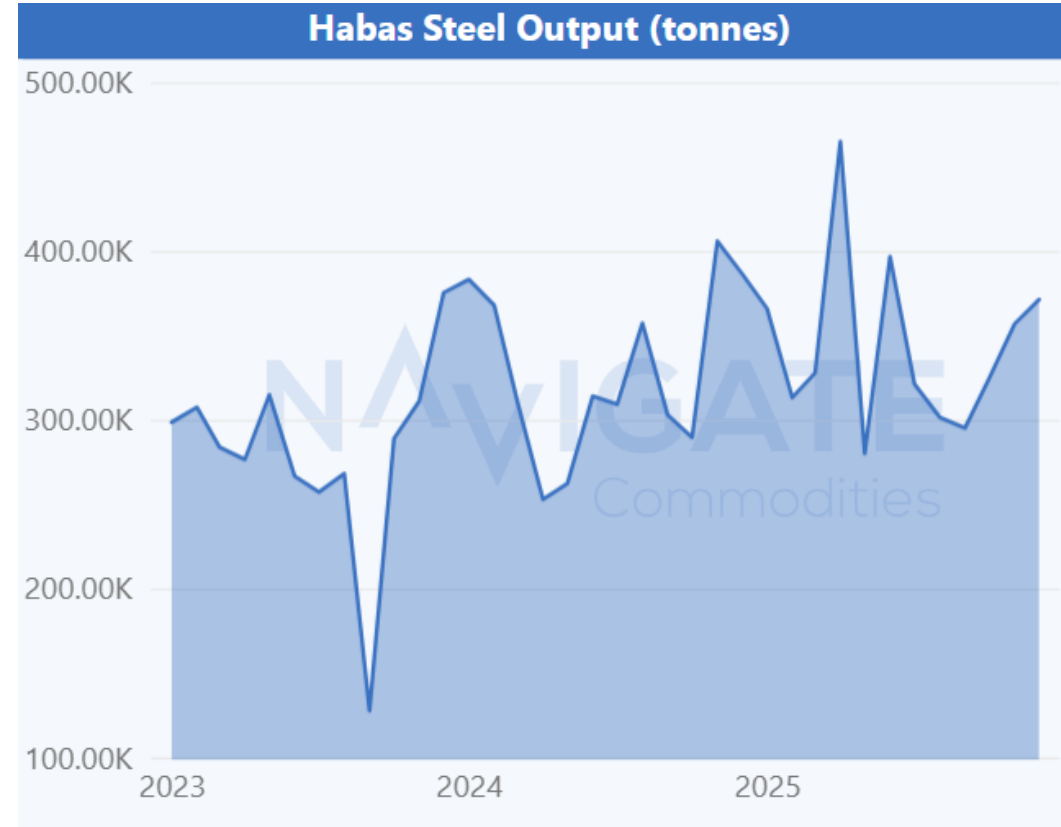
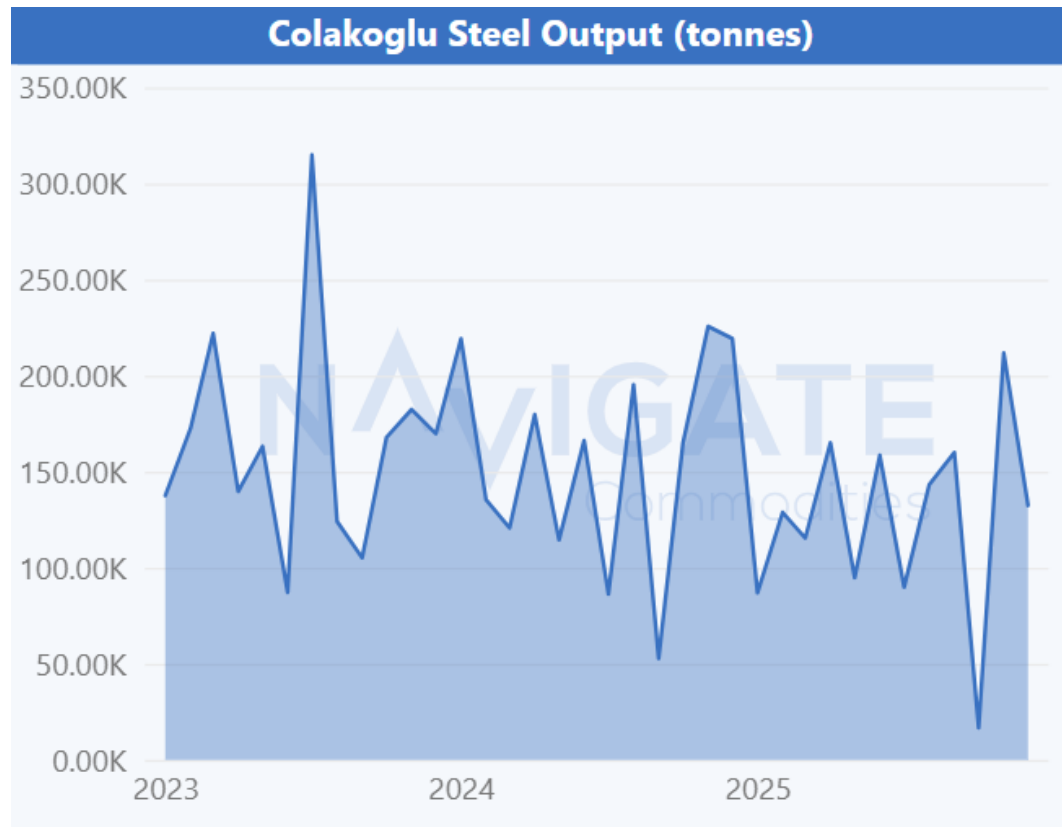
That said, higher Turkish EAF capacity utilization rates were a double-edged sword for Ferrous Scrap prices, given that they undermined local Rebar prices & margins and effectively kept a lid on much further upside over that period.

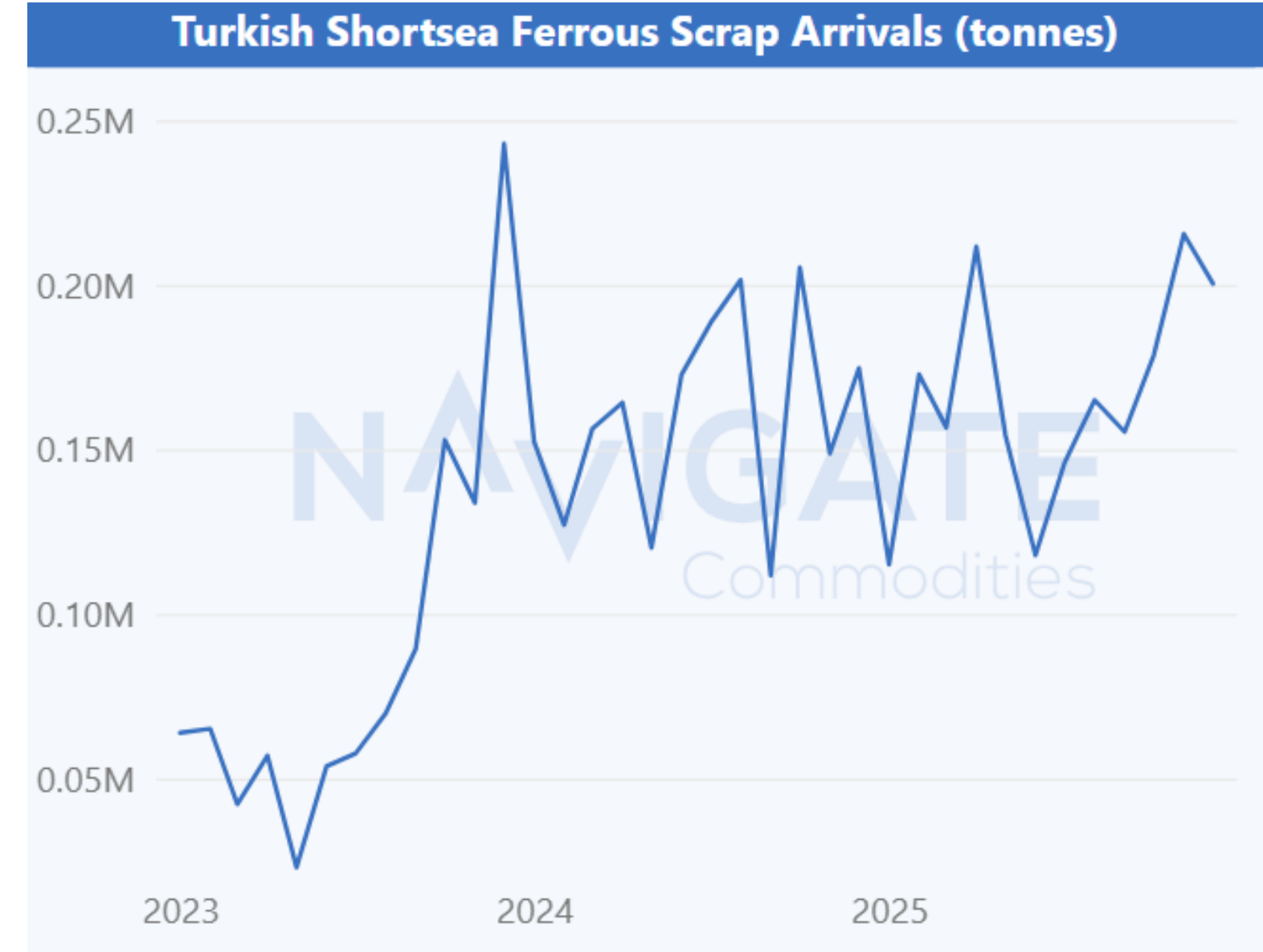
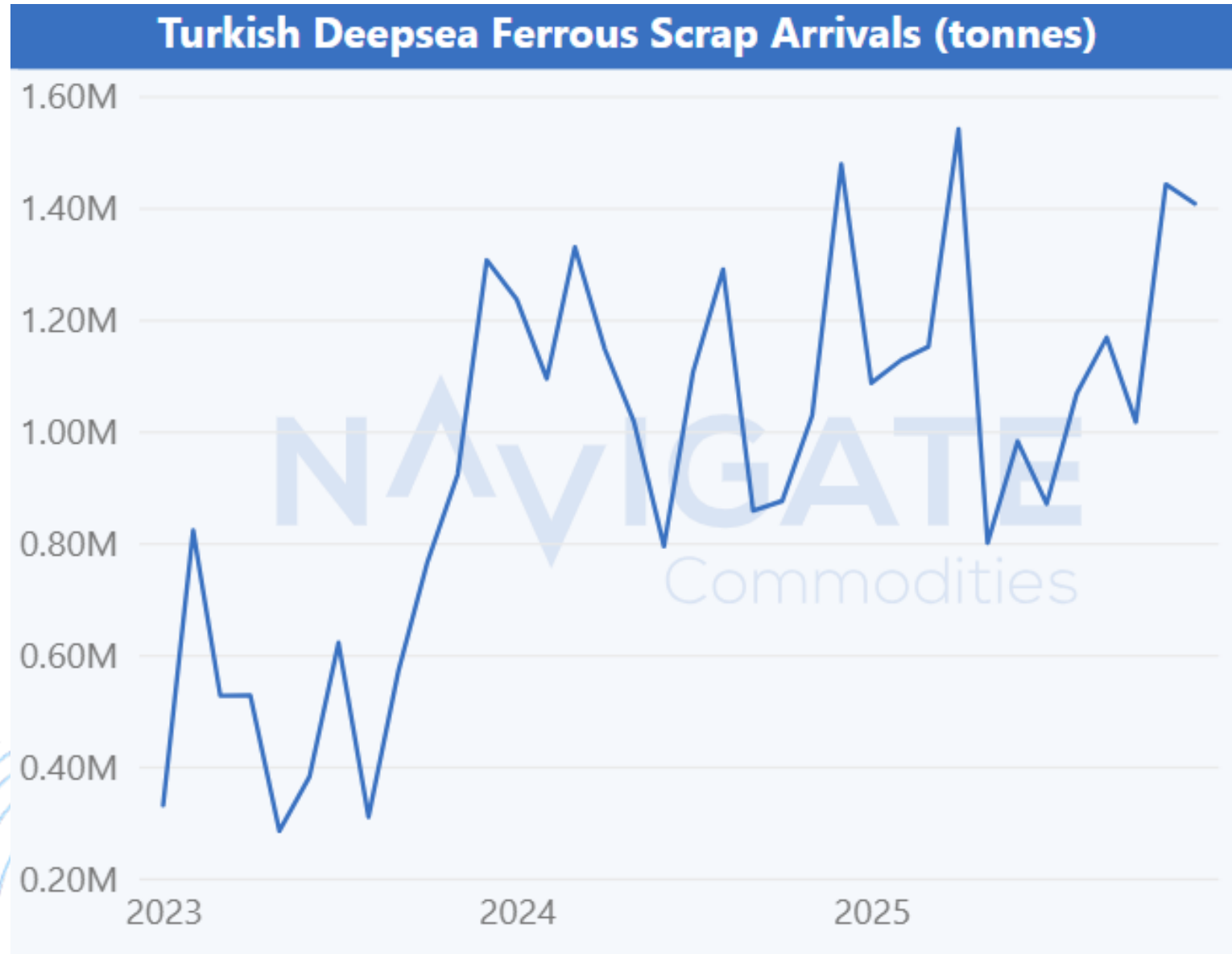


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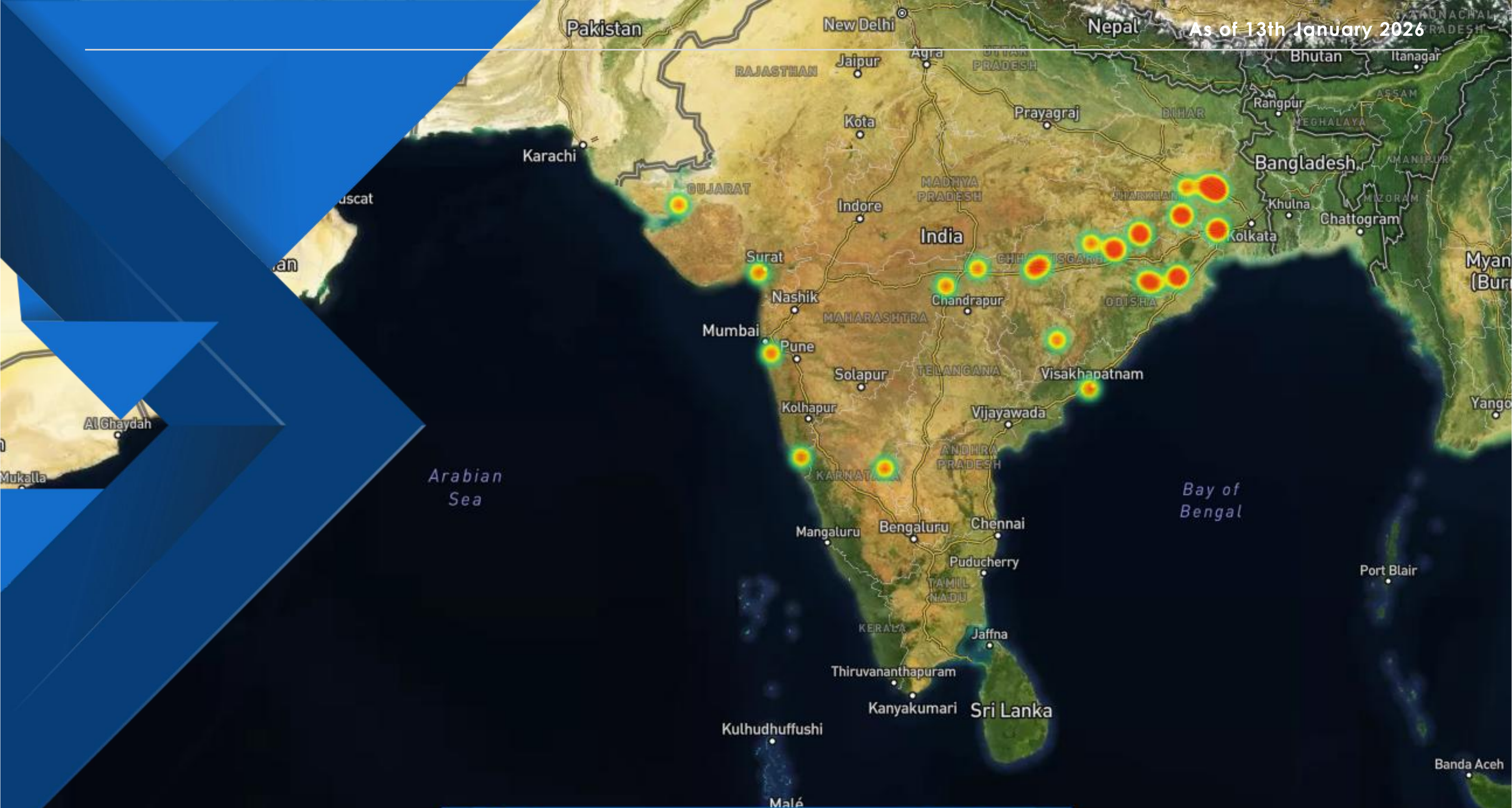




India Steel Scrap Market Overview



As of 13th January 2026



India

Indian integrated Blast Furnace Iron production continued to expand in December 2025 compared with the previous month, according to Navigate Earth's daily thermal satellite imagery readings.

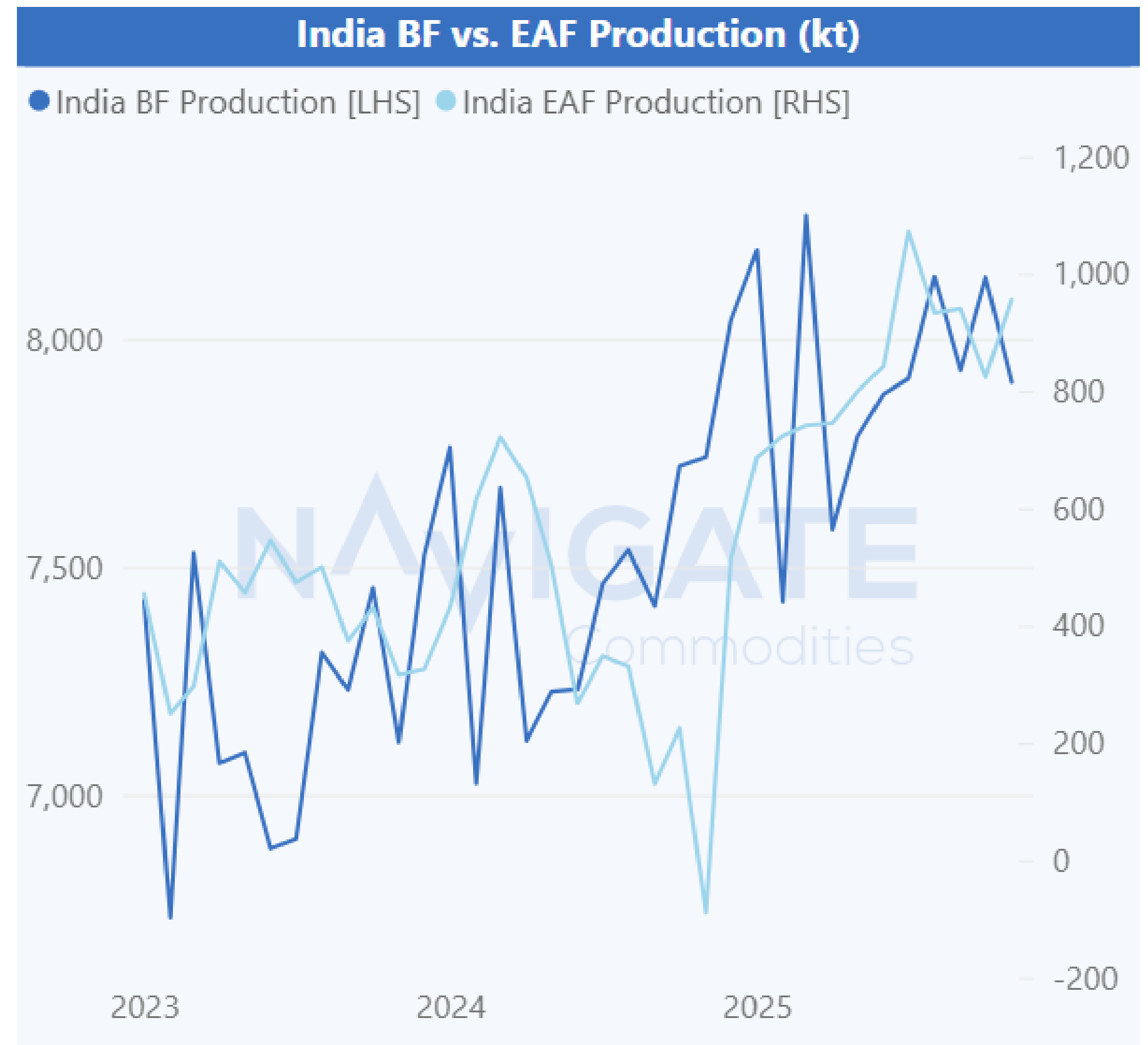
It's highly likely domestic integrated Steel output has responded to sustained growth in infrastructure output in November (+1.80% YoY) and manufacturing activity in November (56.6pts) and December (55.00pts) 2025.

While integrated Blast Furnace Iron production has no doubt strengthened during this period, this has not translated into better demand for containerized Shredded Ferrous Scrap flows.

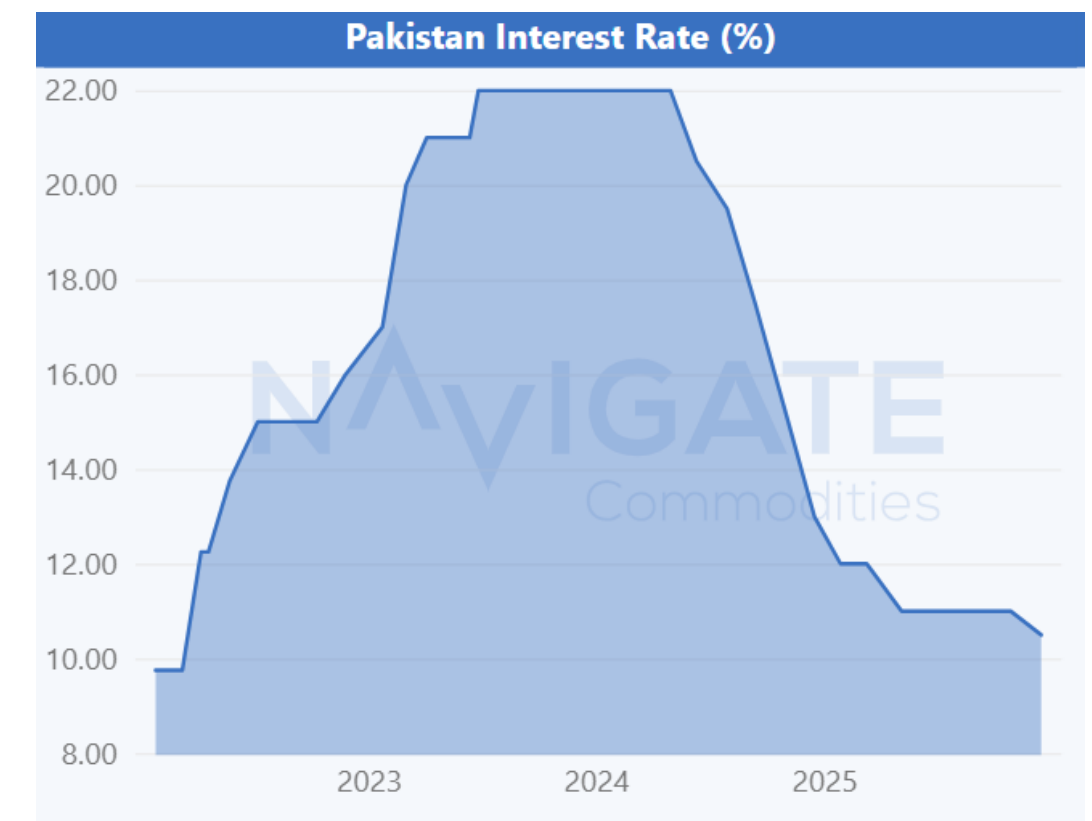
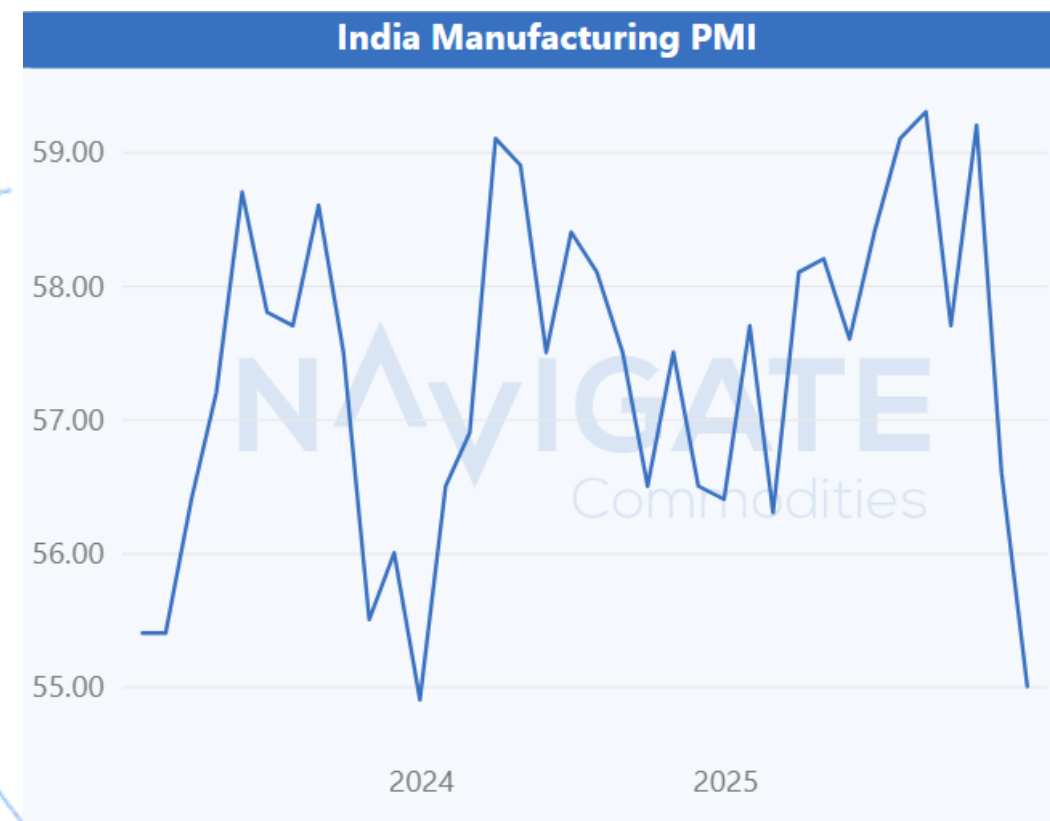
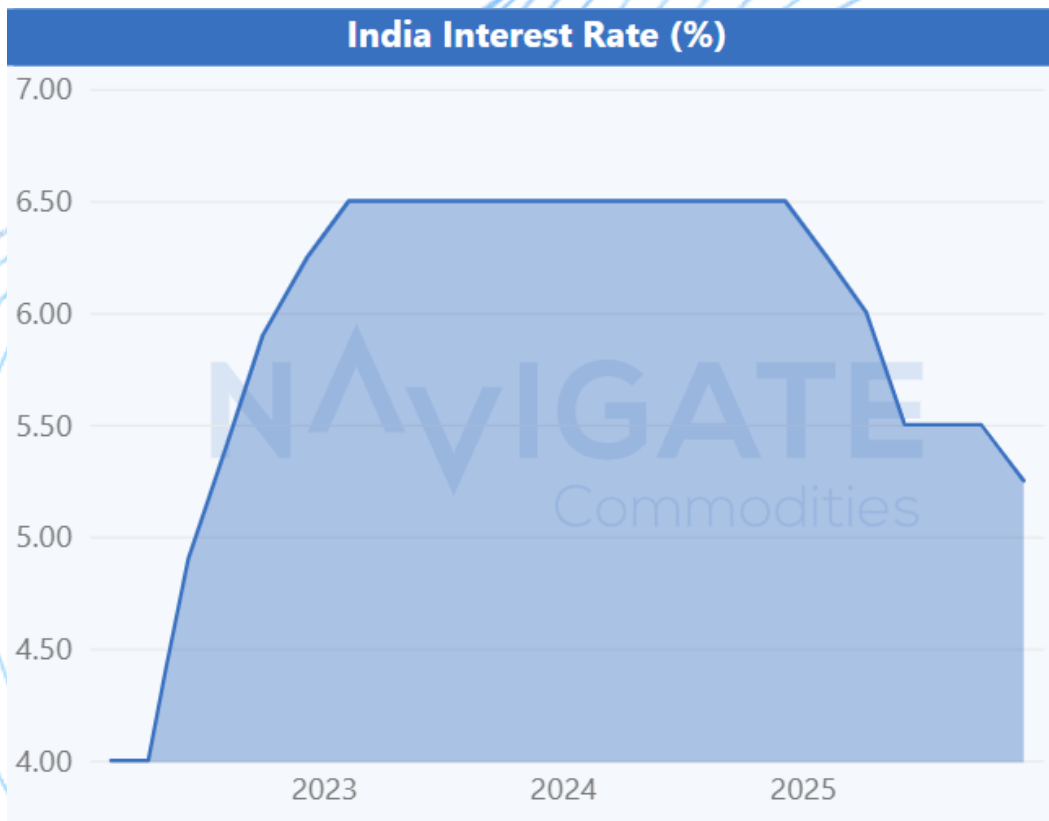
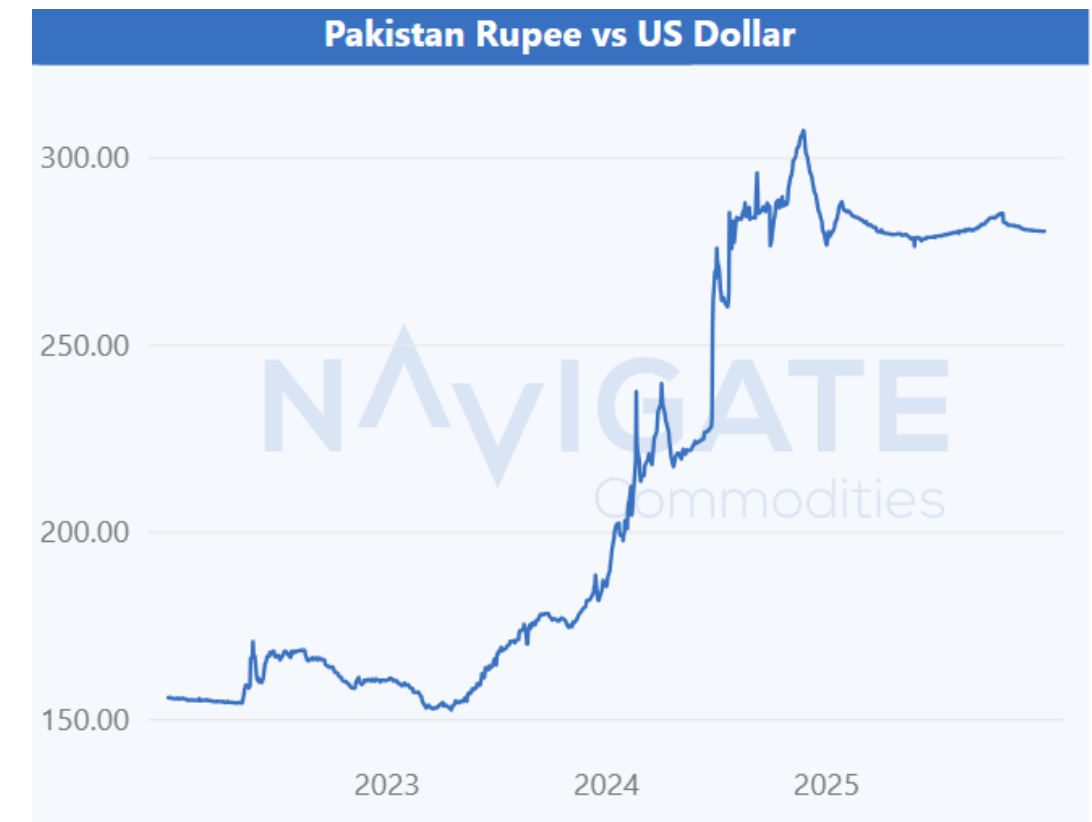
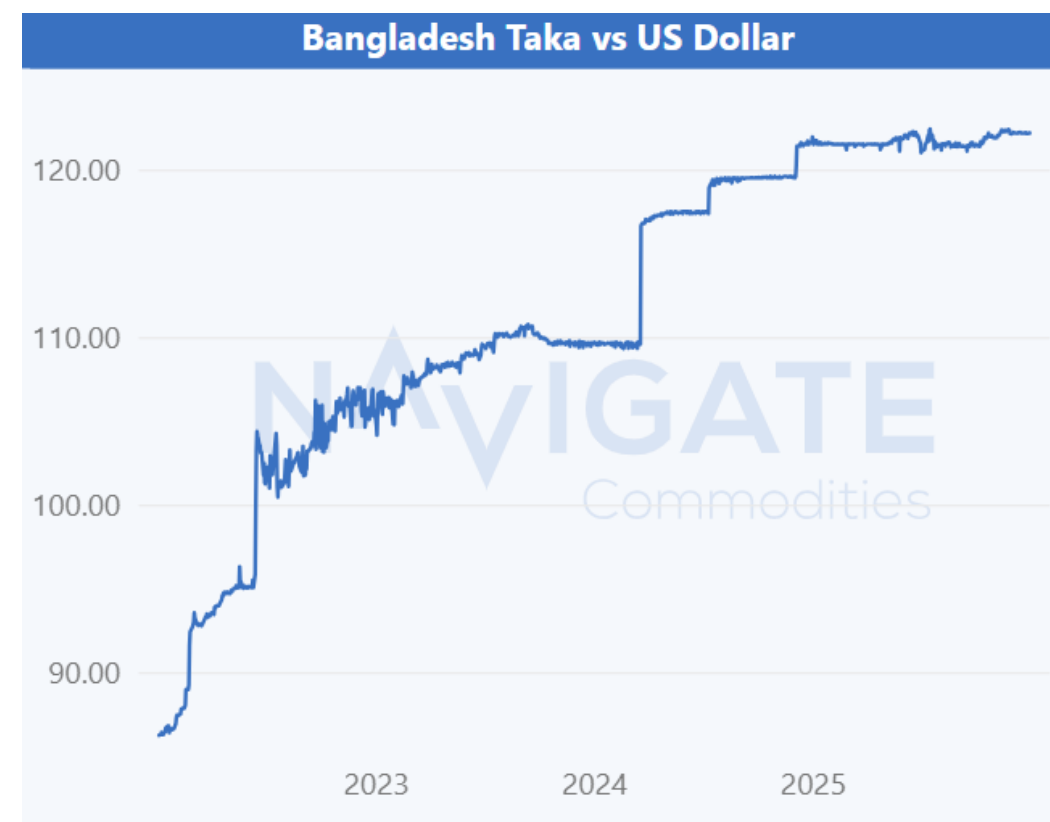
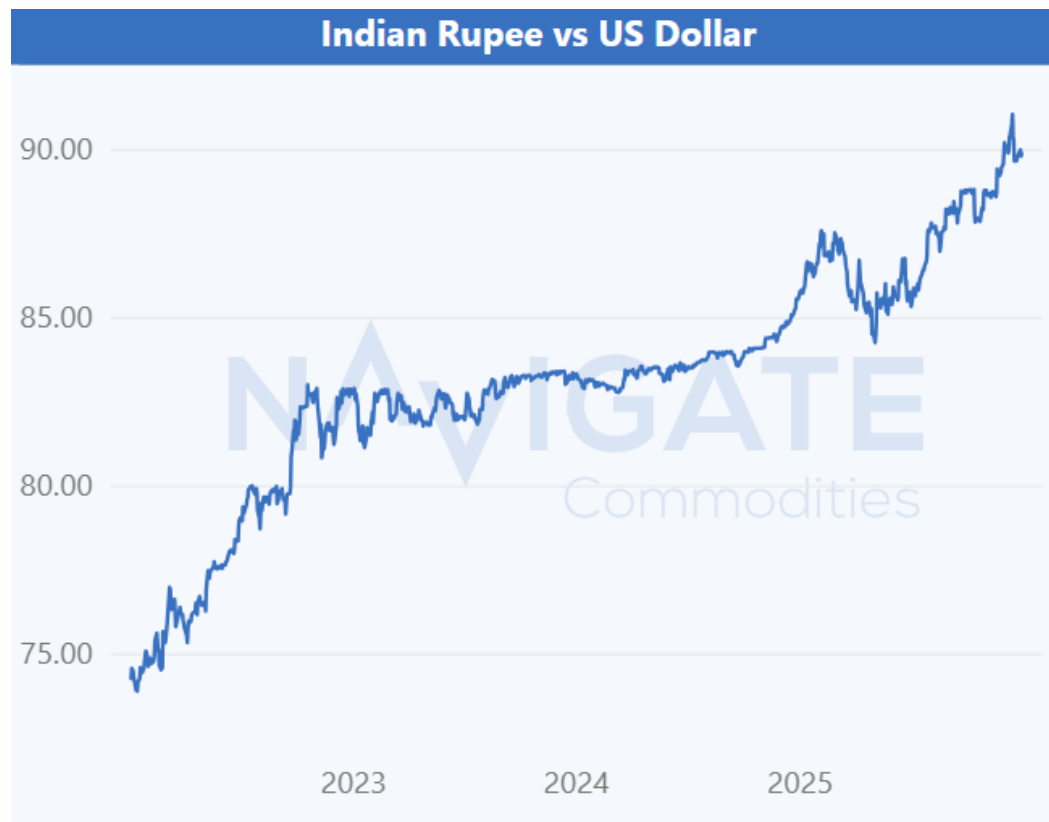
In fact, stronger bulk deepsea Ferrous Scrap prices into Turkey over this period have rendered the Indian containerized Shredded trade route materially less competitive – for now.

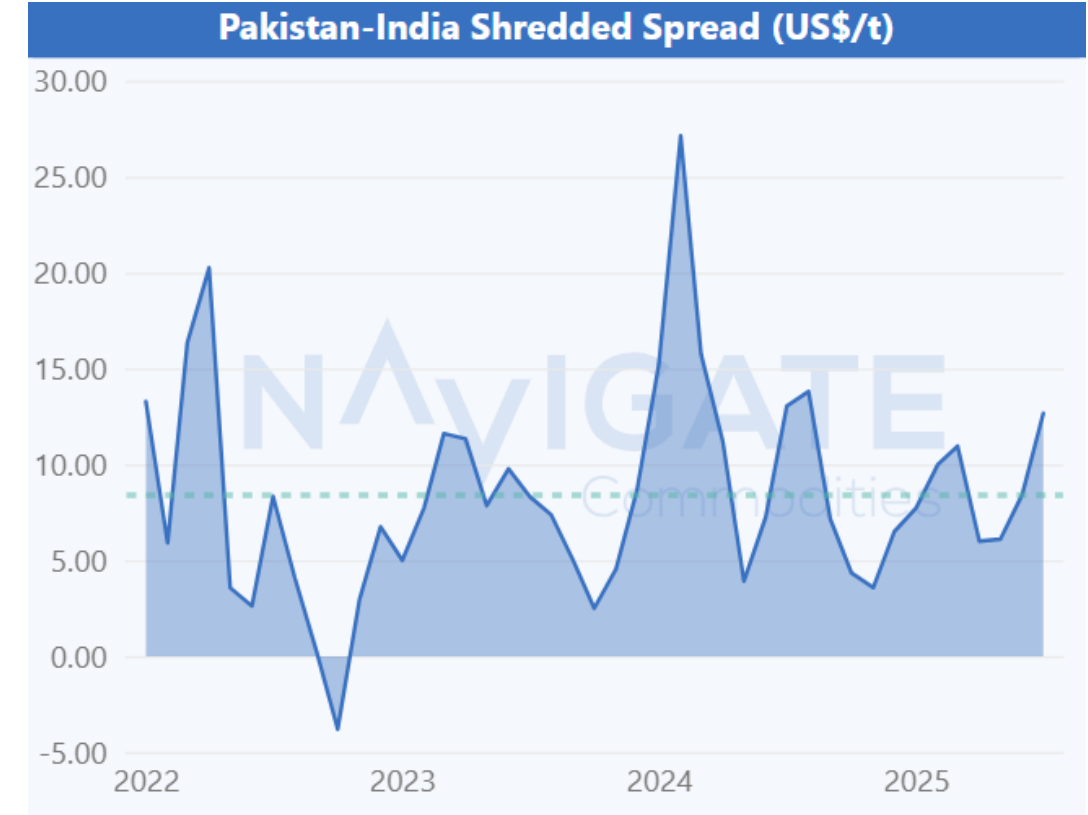
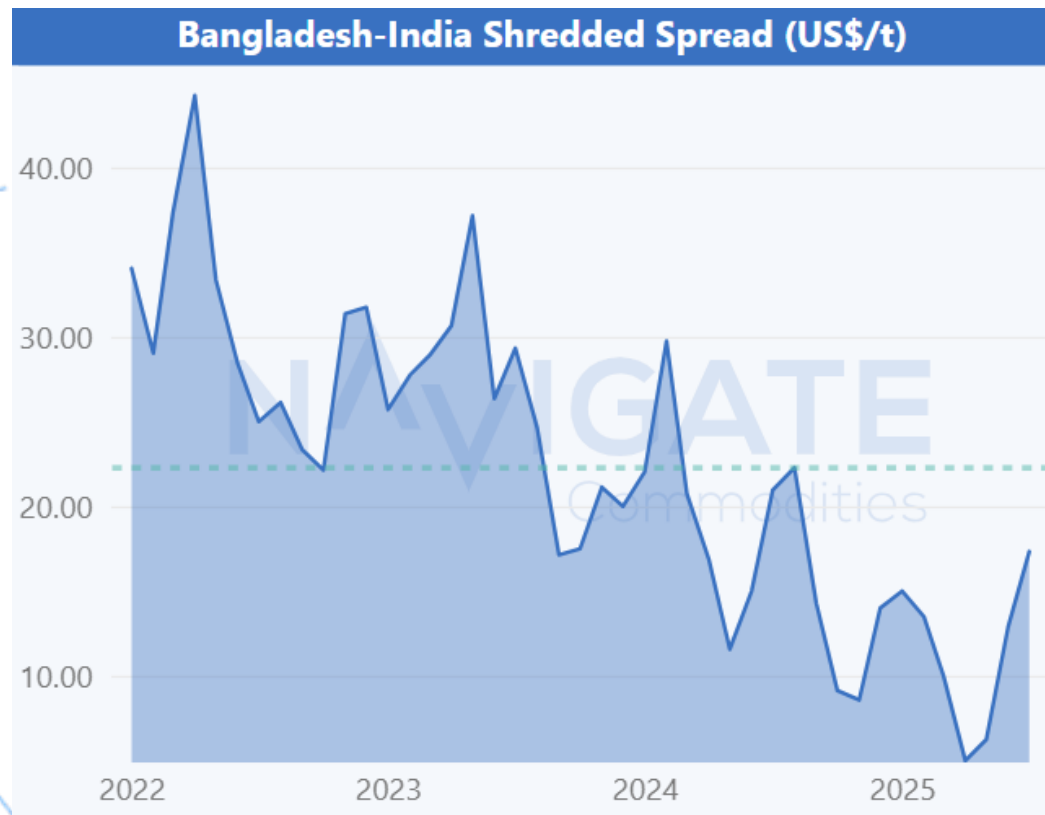
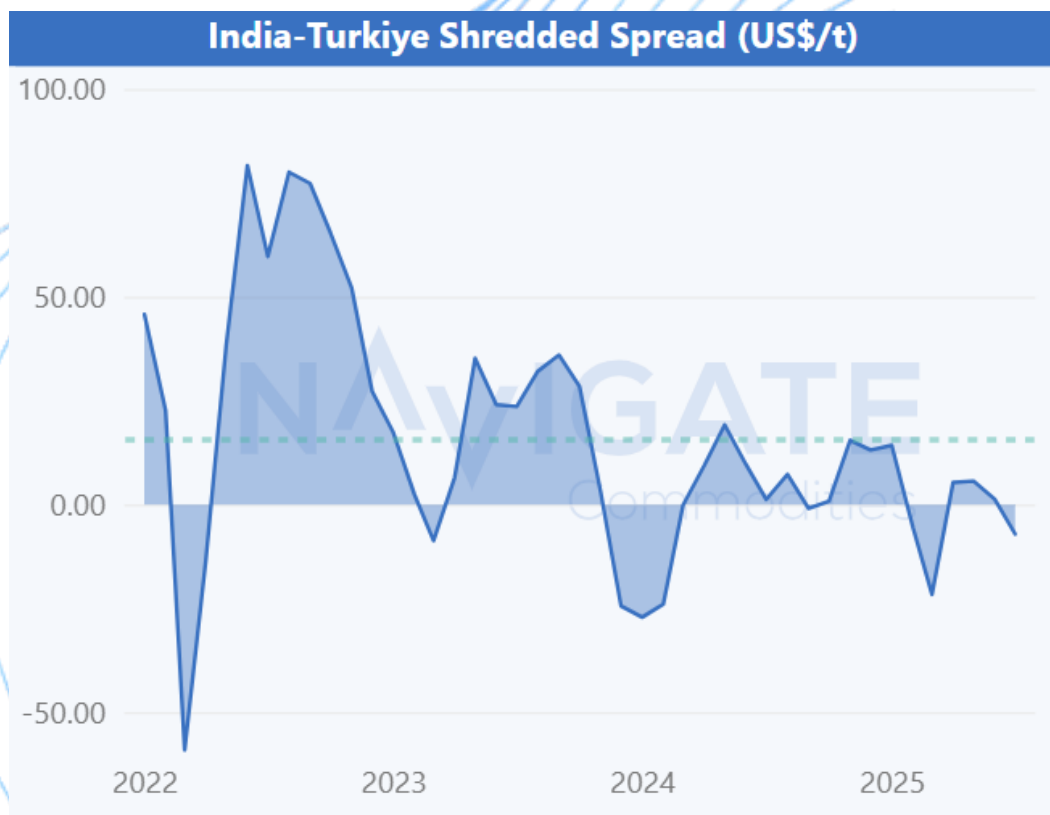
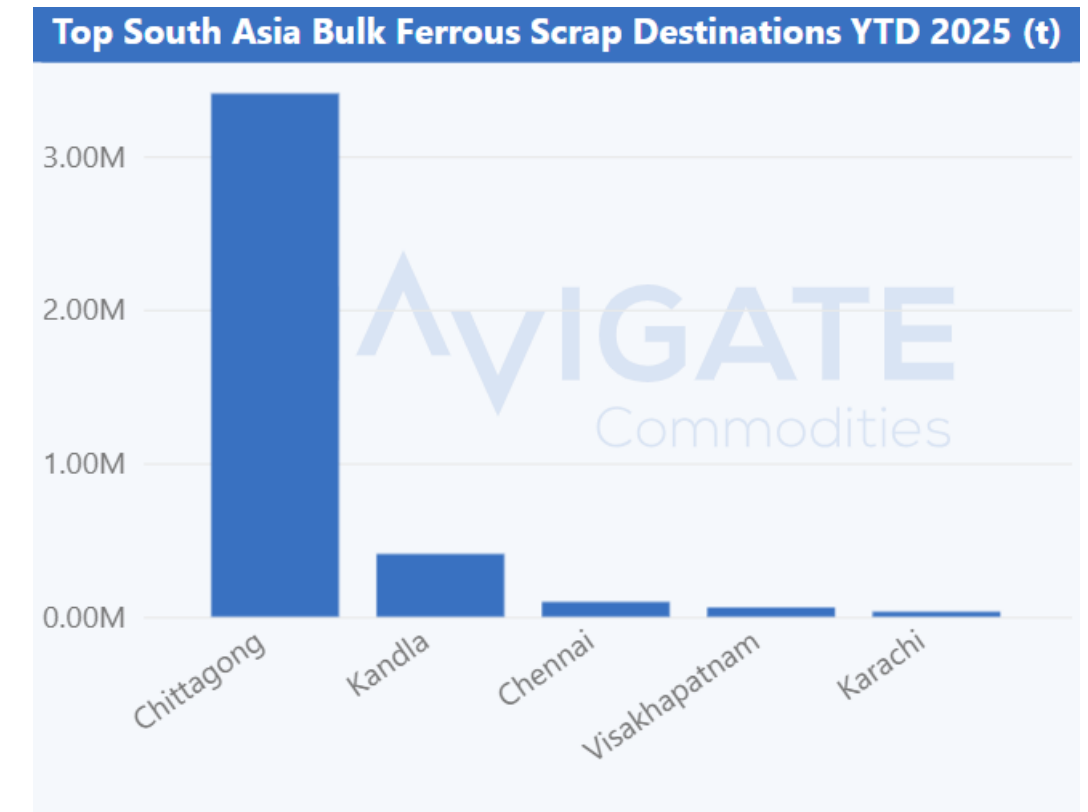
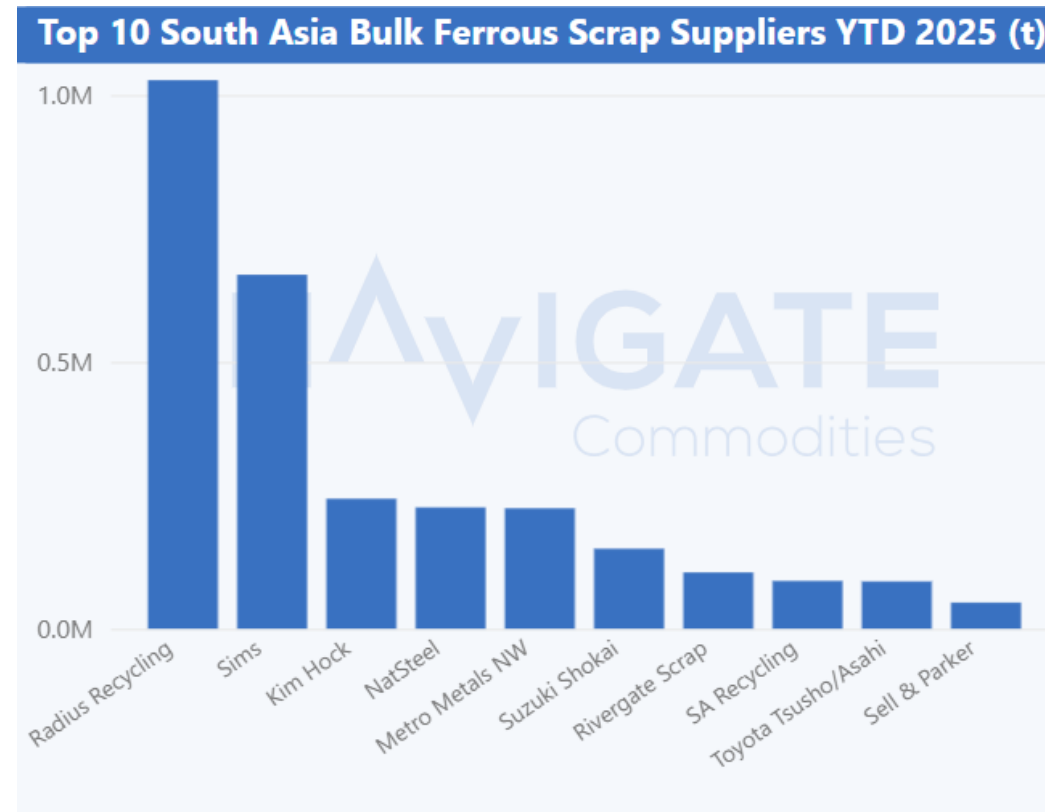
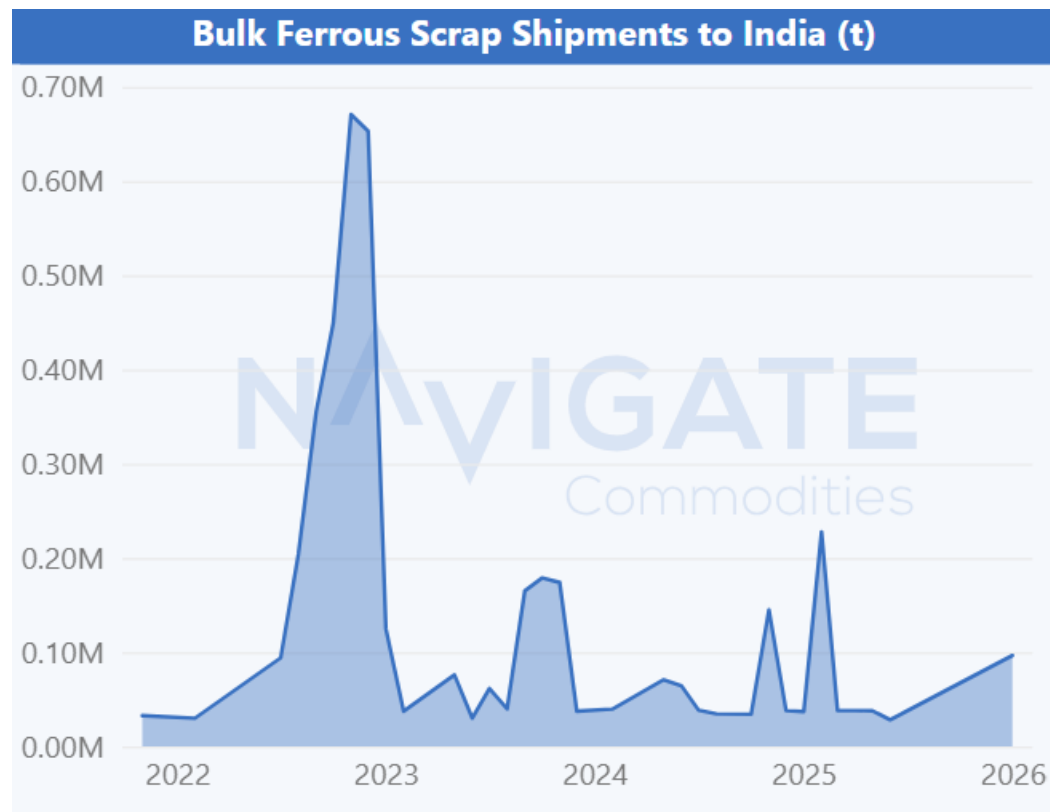
For example, S&P Global Platts' Indian containerized Shredded Ferrous Scrap index has inverted from trading at a premium in October 2025 to a discount of US\$25.50/t on 15th January 2026.

Until such a time that the Turkish HMS 1&2 (80:20) index corrects or Indian containerized Shredded cargoes rebase relative to the Turkish benchmark, it will be challenging for most UK and northern European box traders to serve the South Asian peninsular.



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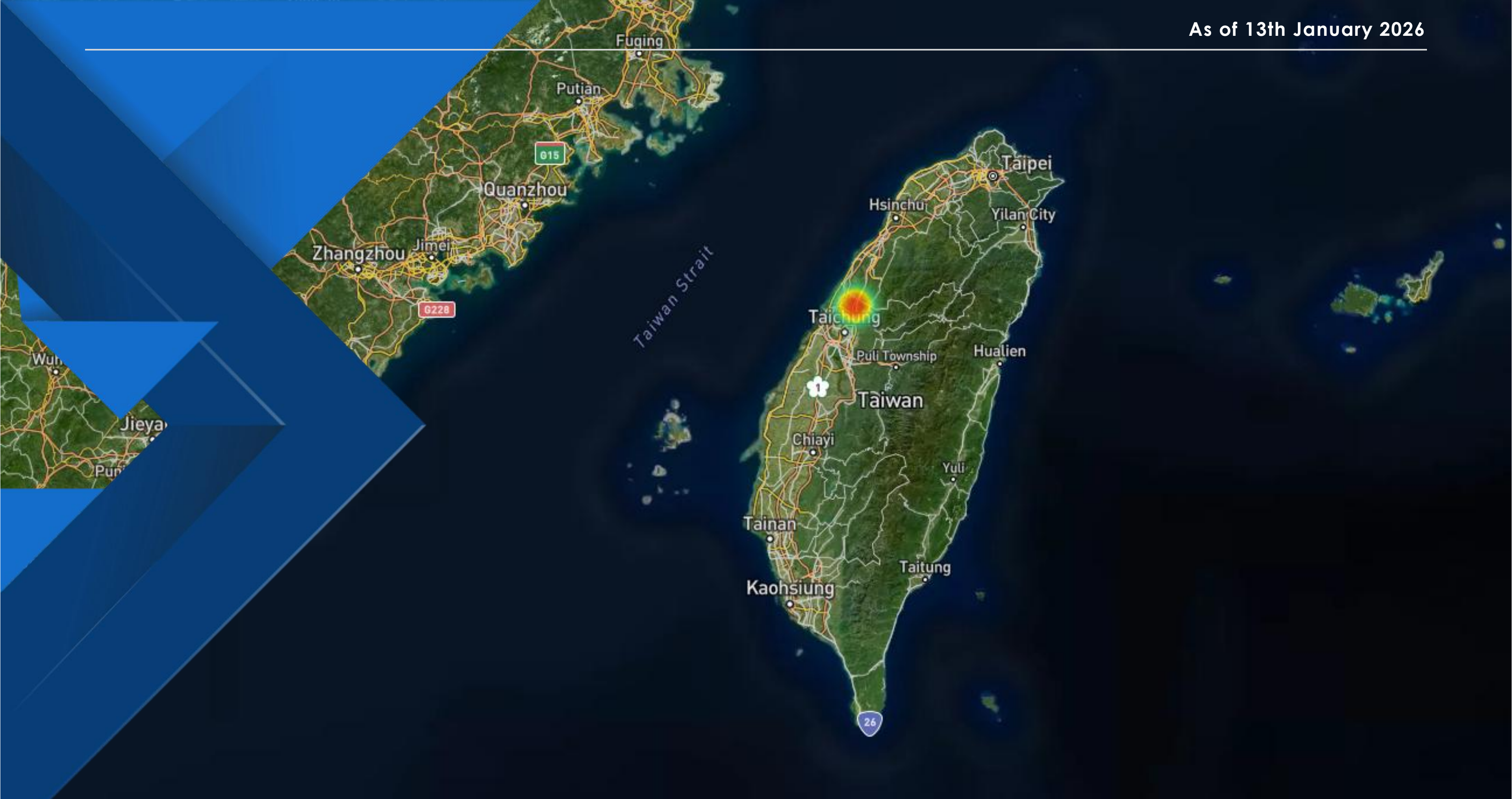






Taiwan Steel Scrap Market Overview





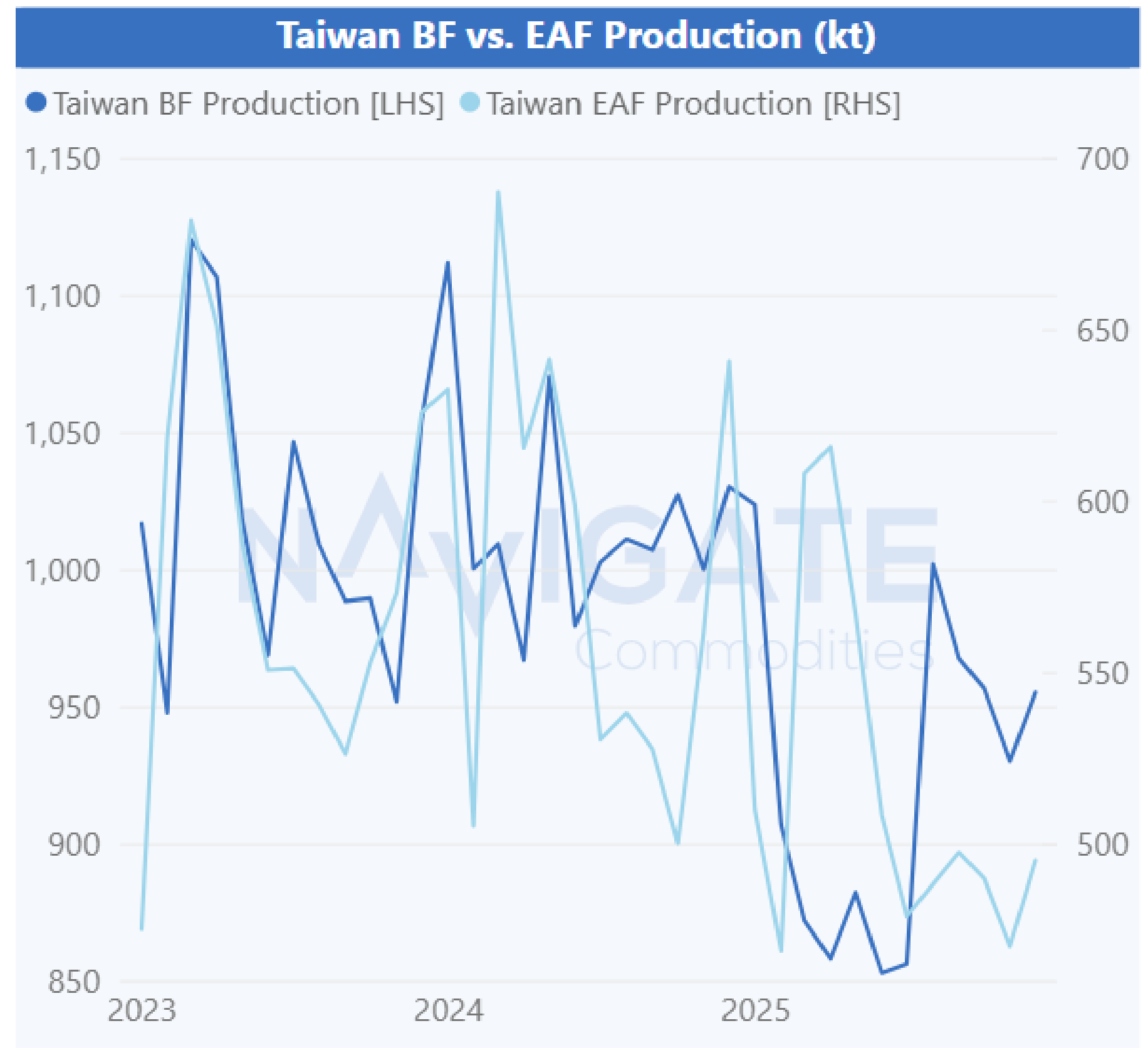
Taiwan

Taiwan's integrated Blast Furnace Iron and electric arc furnace (EAF) Steel production rebounded through December 2025, according to real-time thermal satellite imagery readings (Navigate Earth).

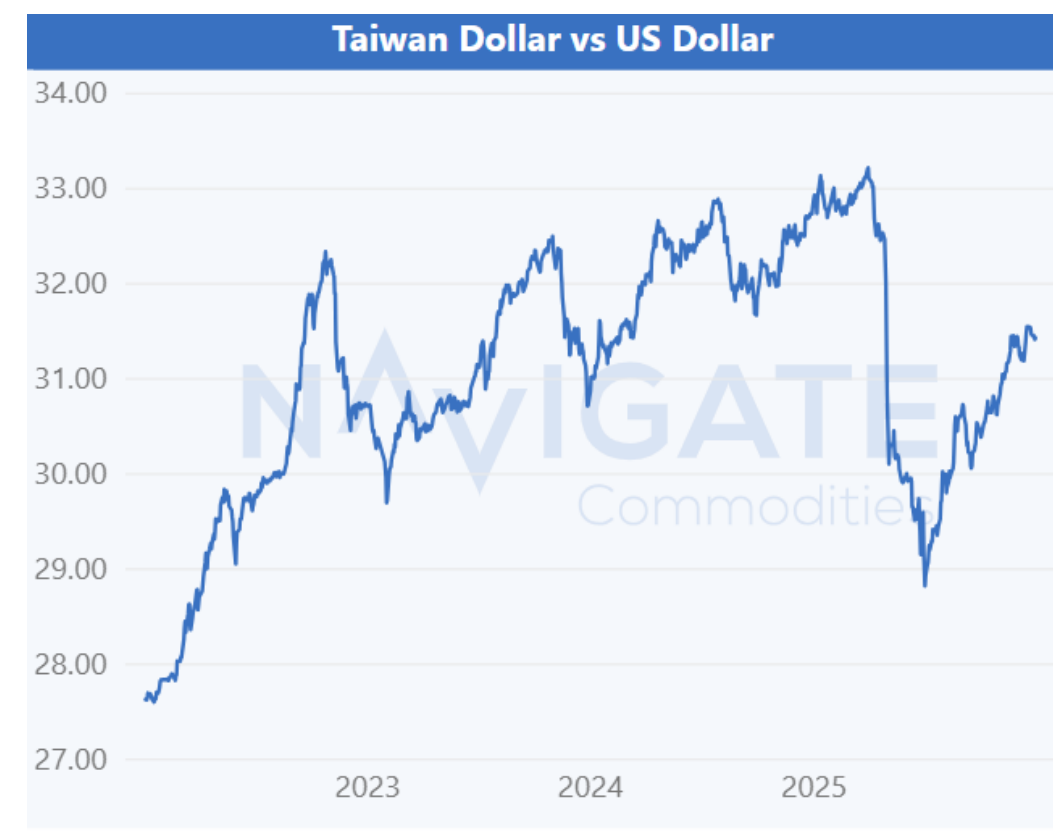
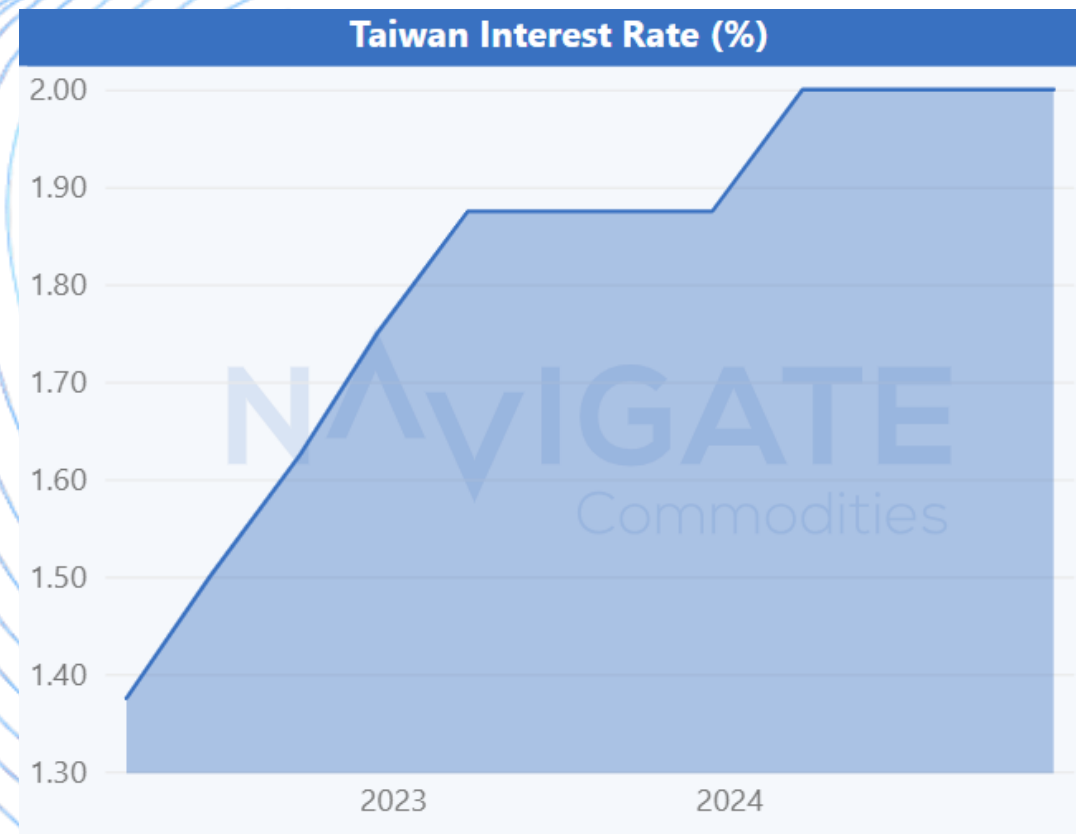
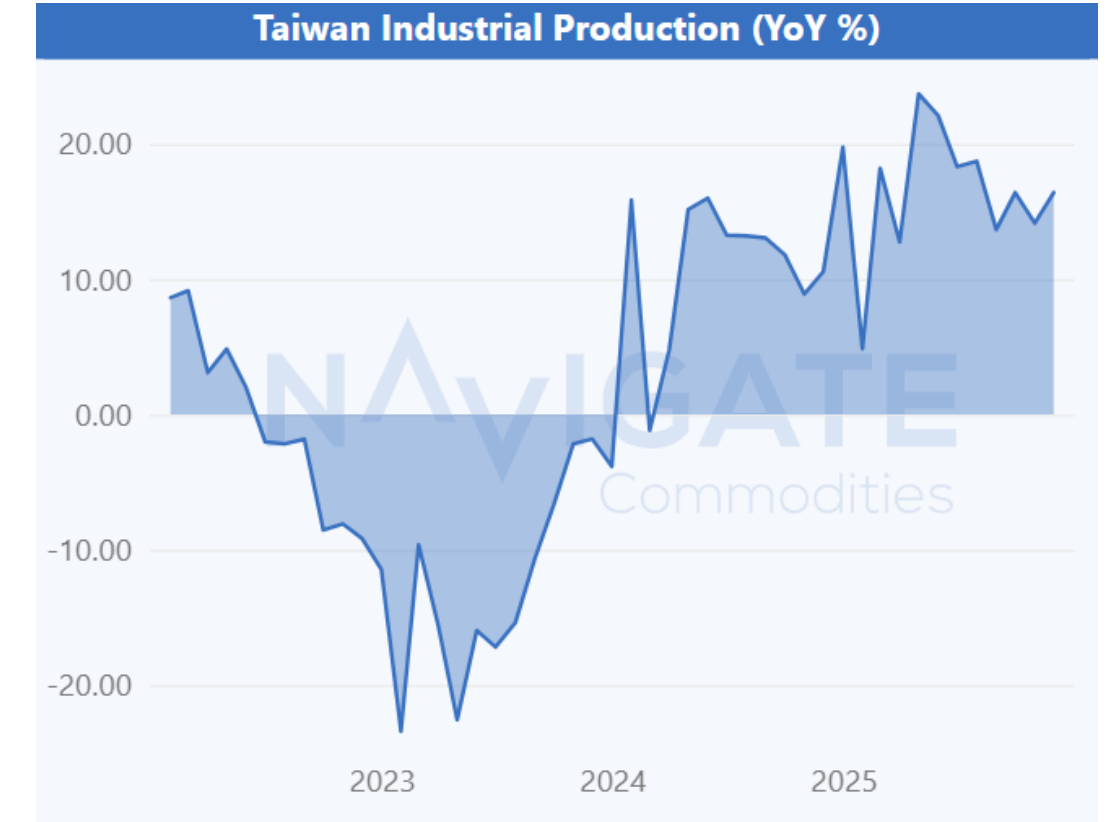
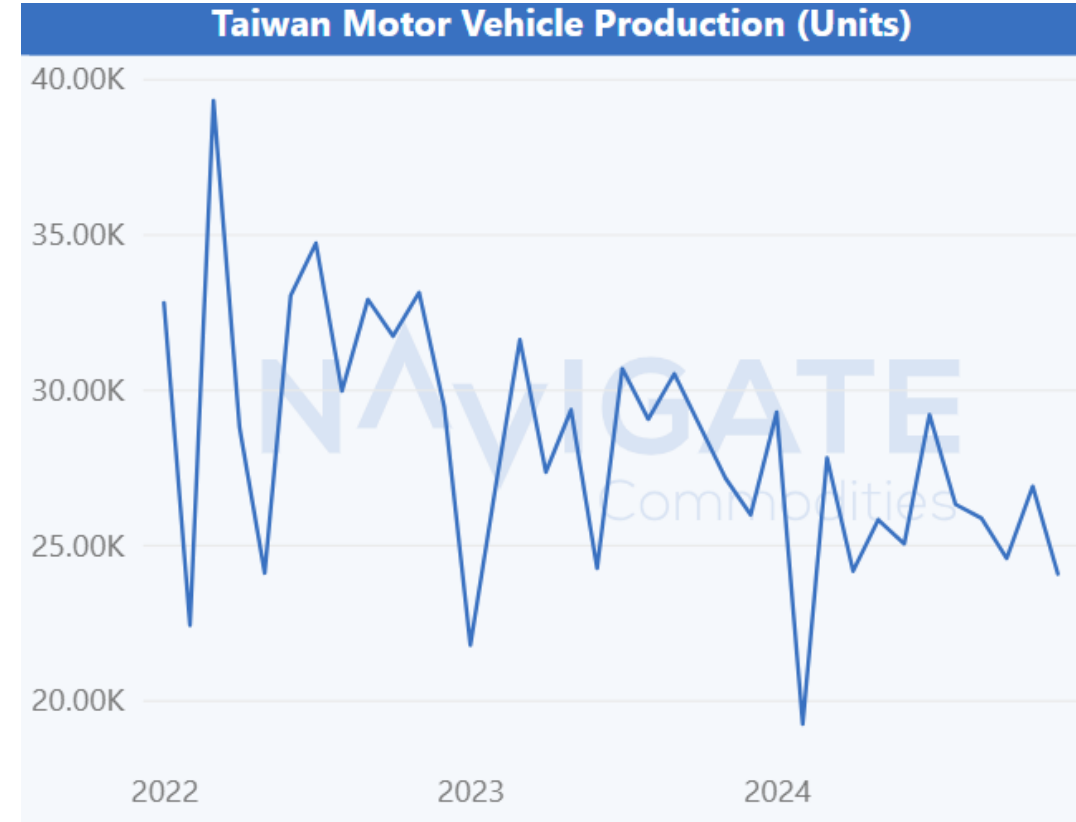
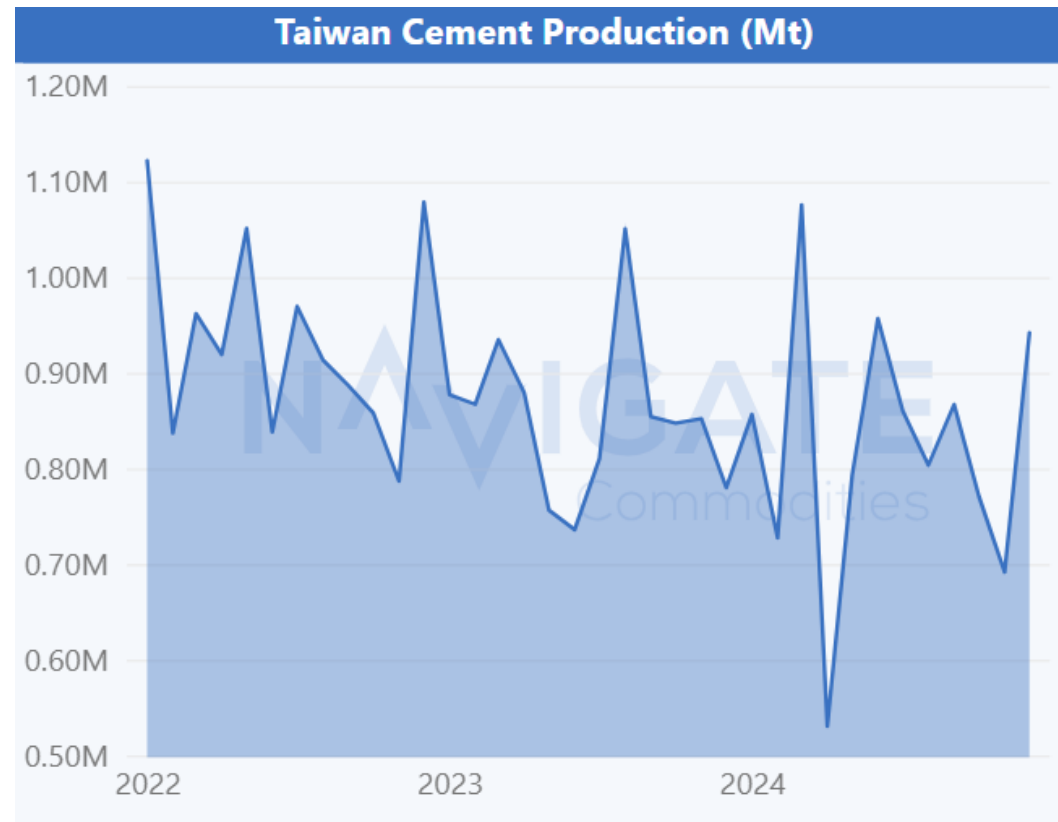
While domestic motor vehicle production has extended its downward trajectory over this period, Taiwanese manufacturing activity surprisingly advanced into expansionary territory (50.90pts) in December 2025 compared with a contractionary 48.80pts the previous month.

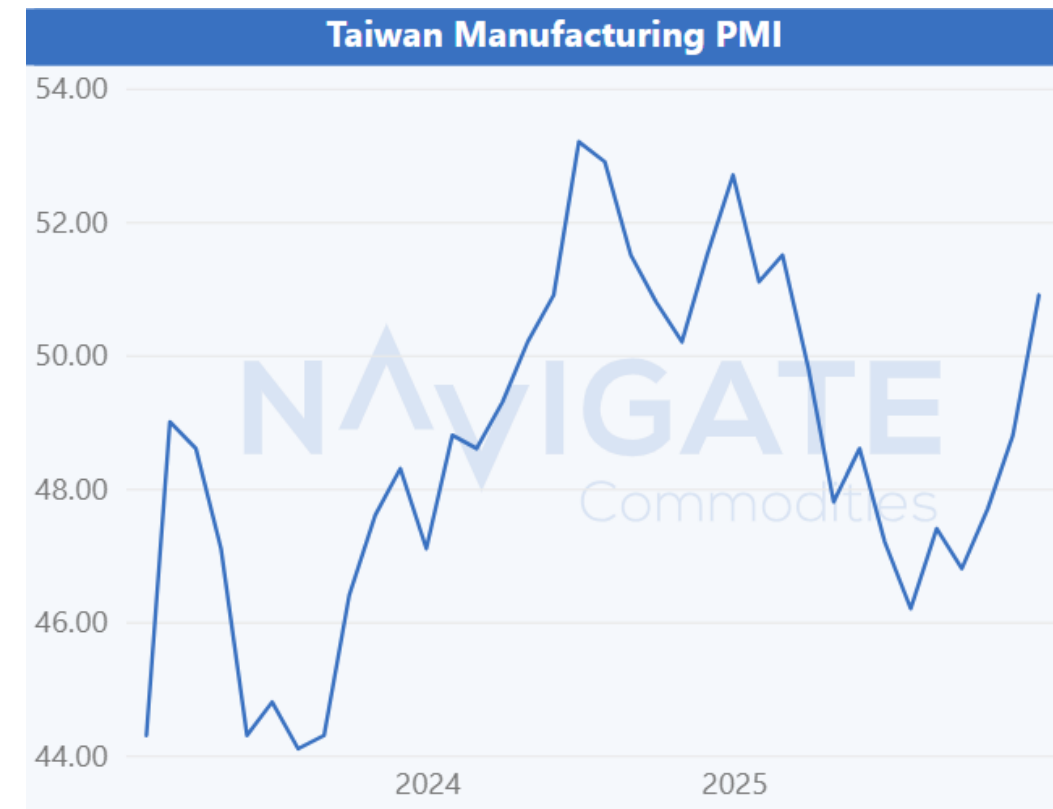
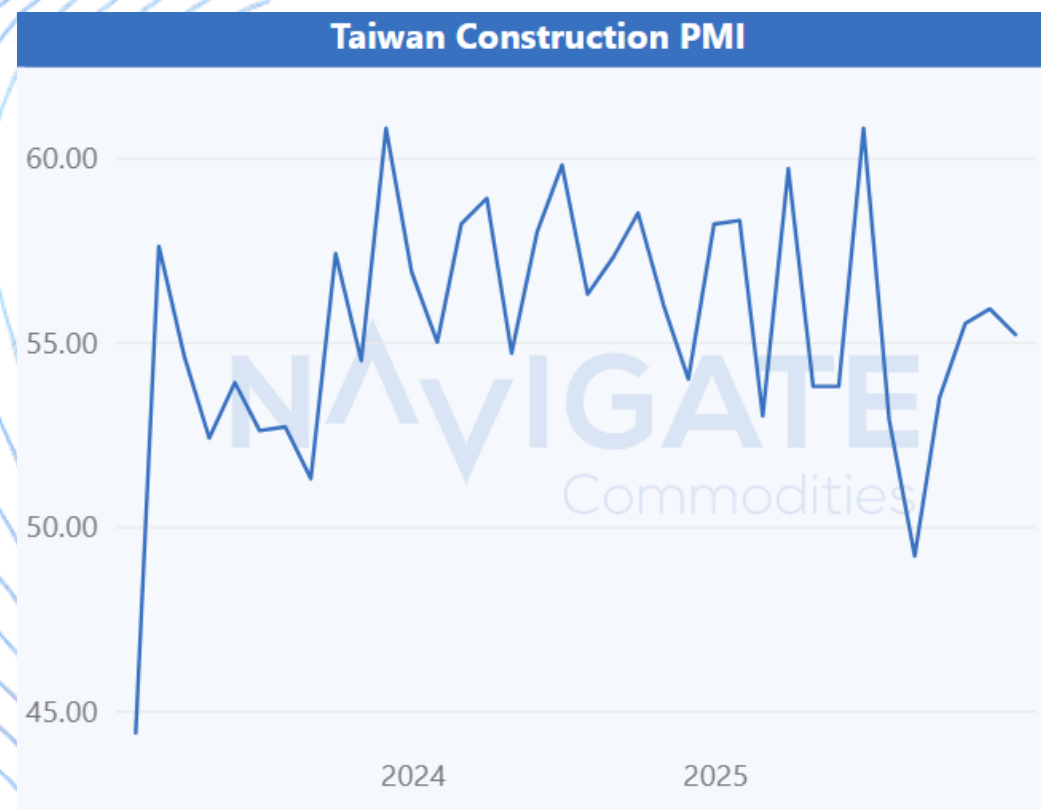
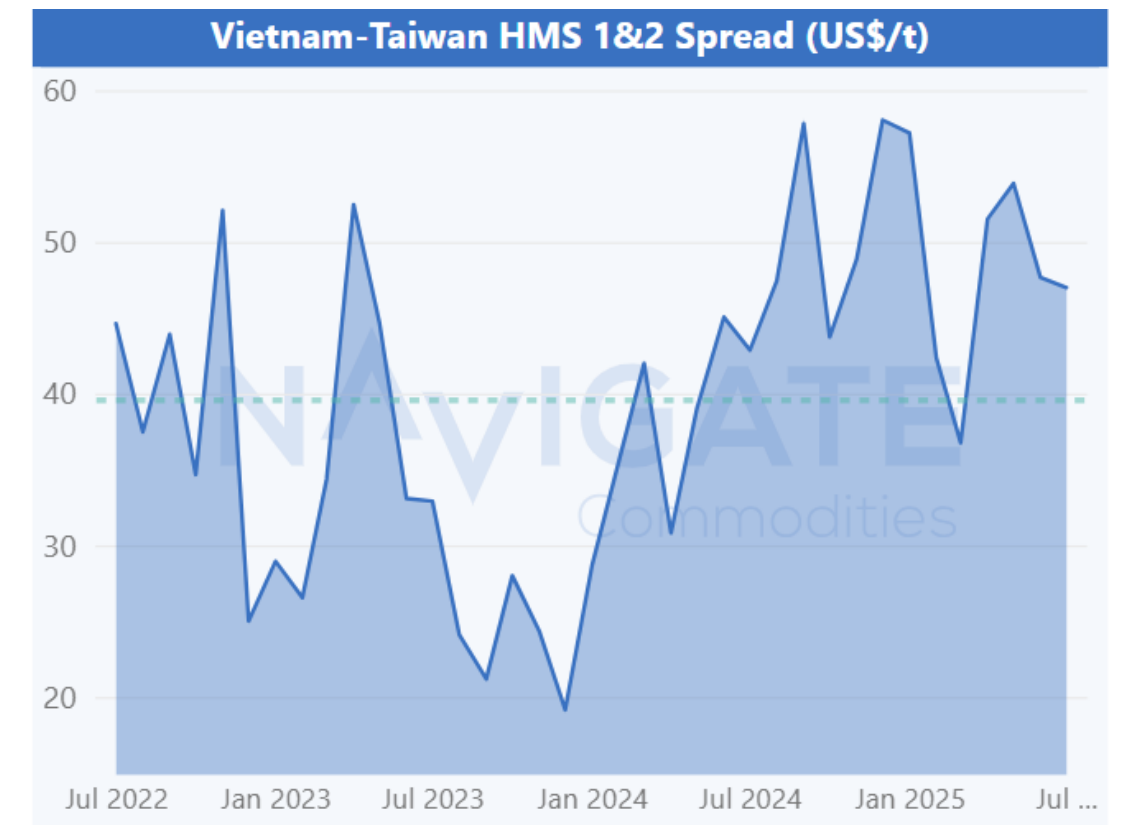
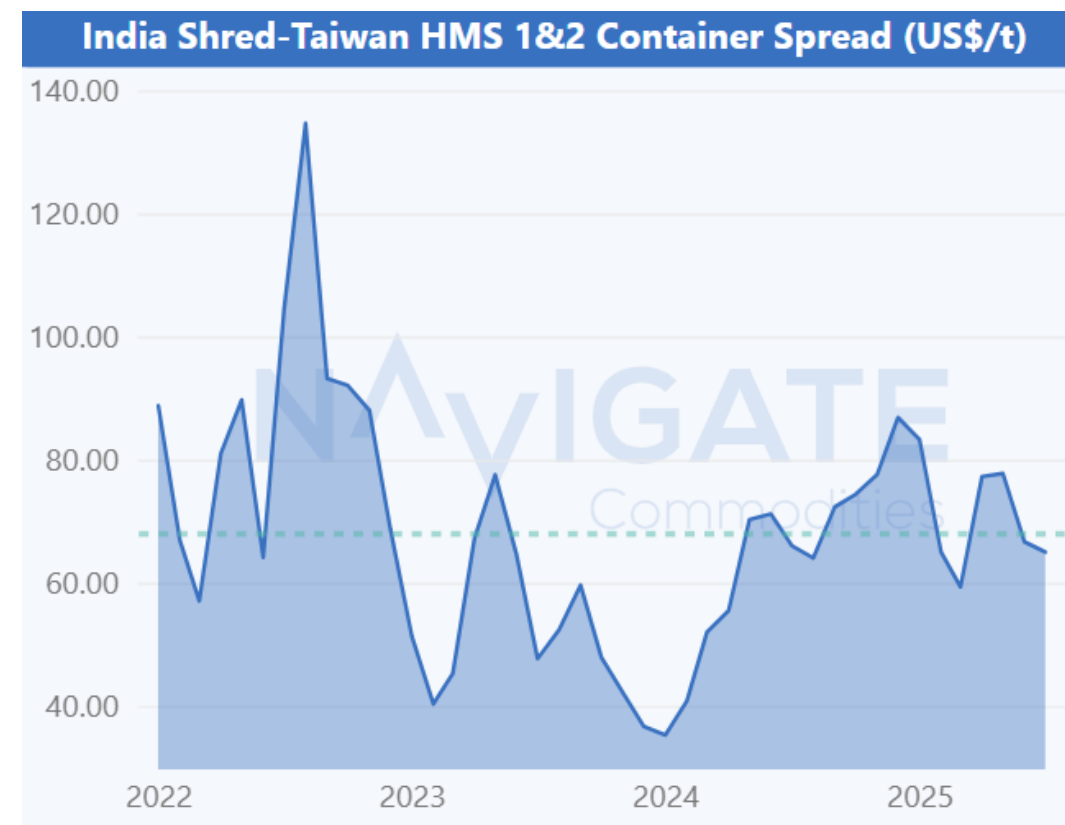
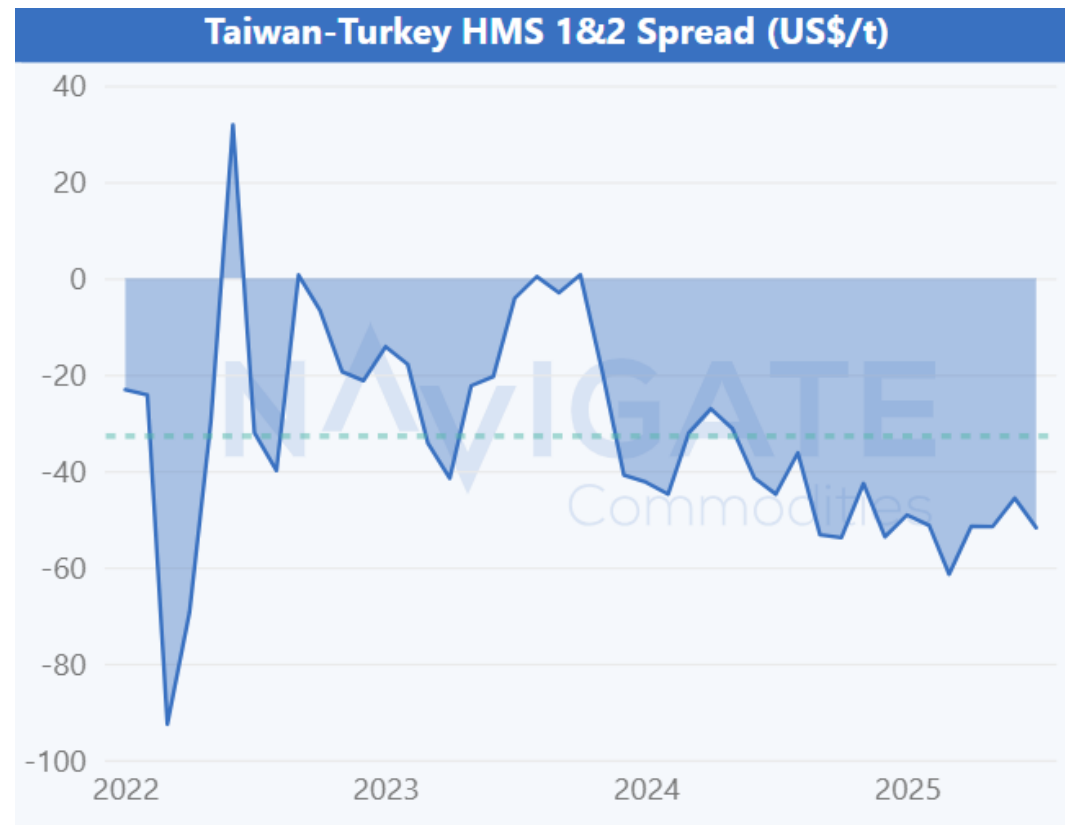
As such, we believe some Taiwanese integrated flat-rolled Steel producers responded to rebounding downstream manufacturing activity and associated Steel demand by raising production rates over this period. That said, re-inflating integrated Steel production has not resulted in any meaningful expansion in Ferrous Scrap consumption – whether in containers or bulk shortsea flows.

In fact, we calculate that competitive Hot Metal production costs in the form of relatively lower-priced Iron Ore and Metallurgical Coal cargoes have rendered many Ferrous Scrap suppliers highly uncompetitive.



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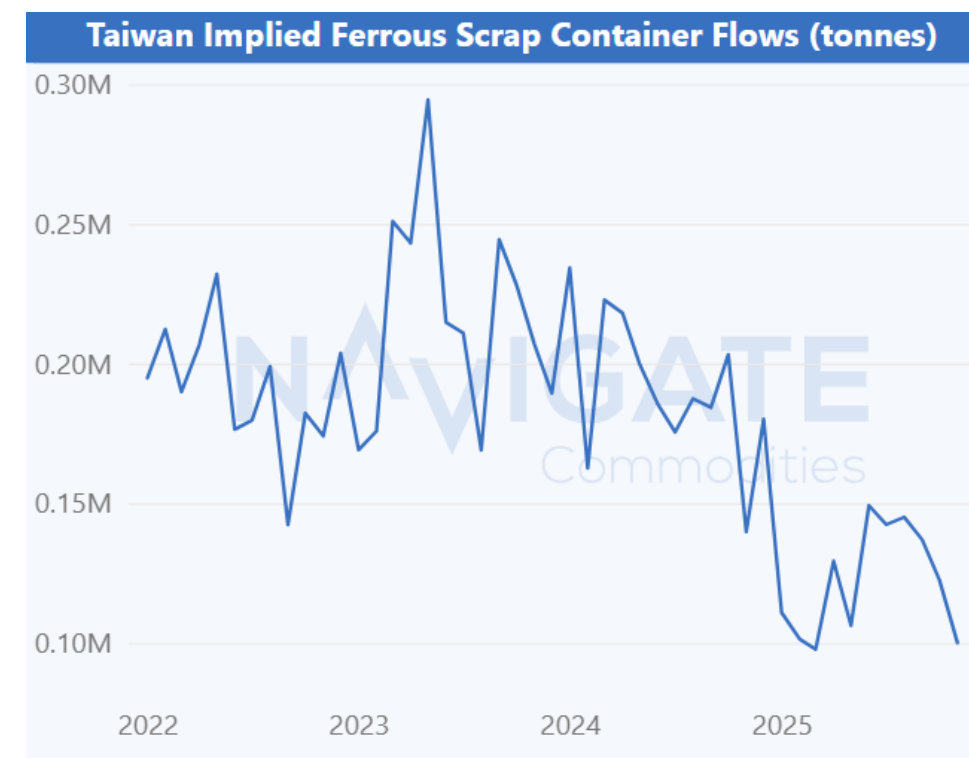
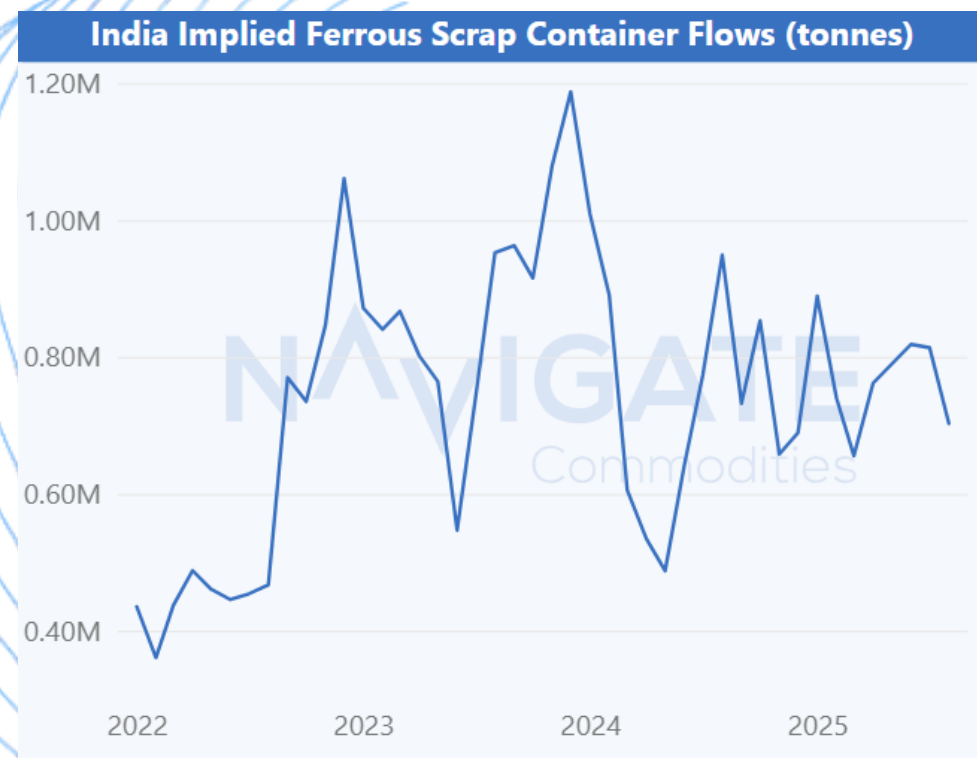
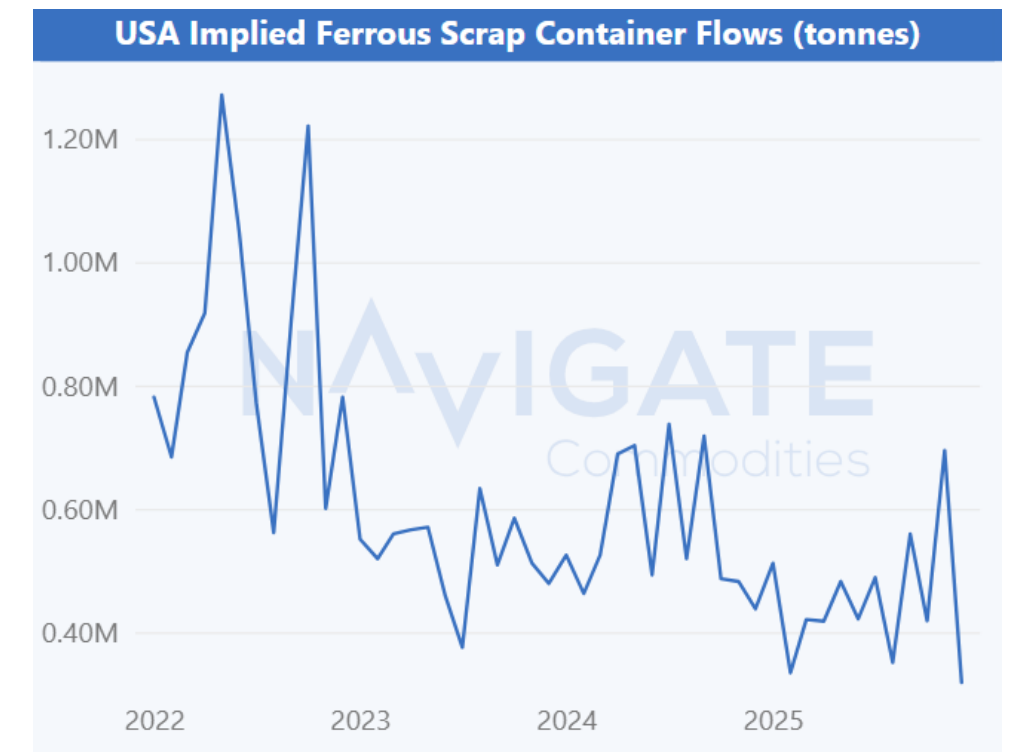
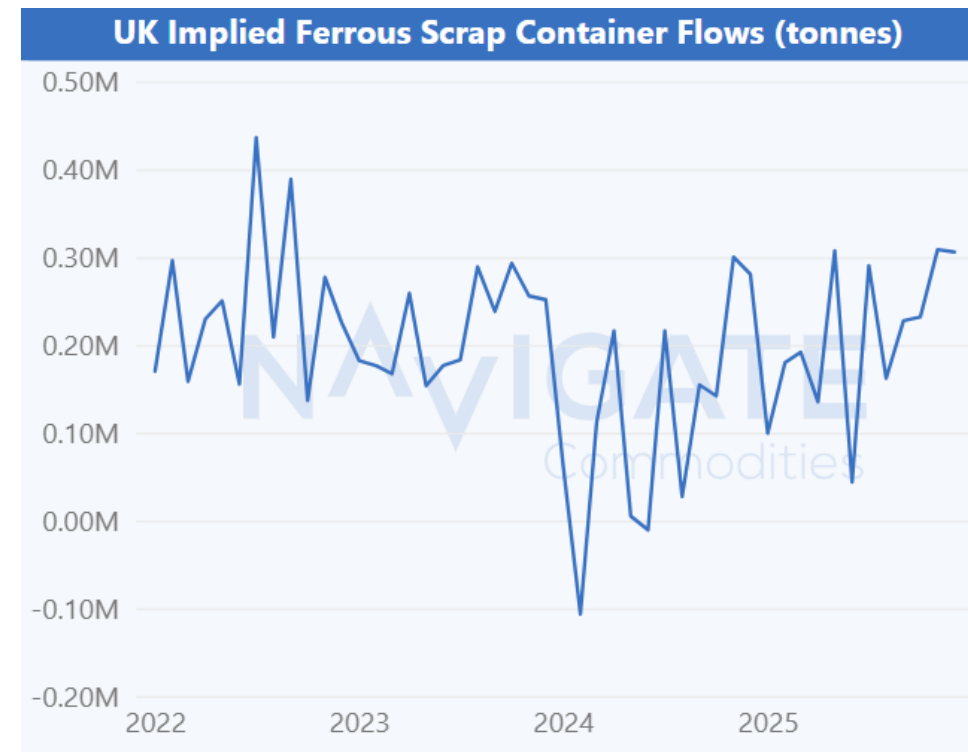
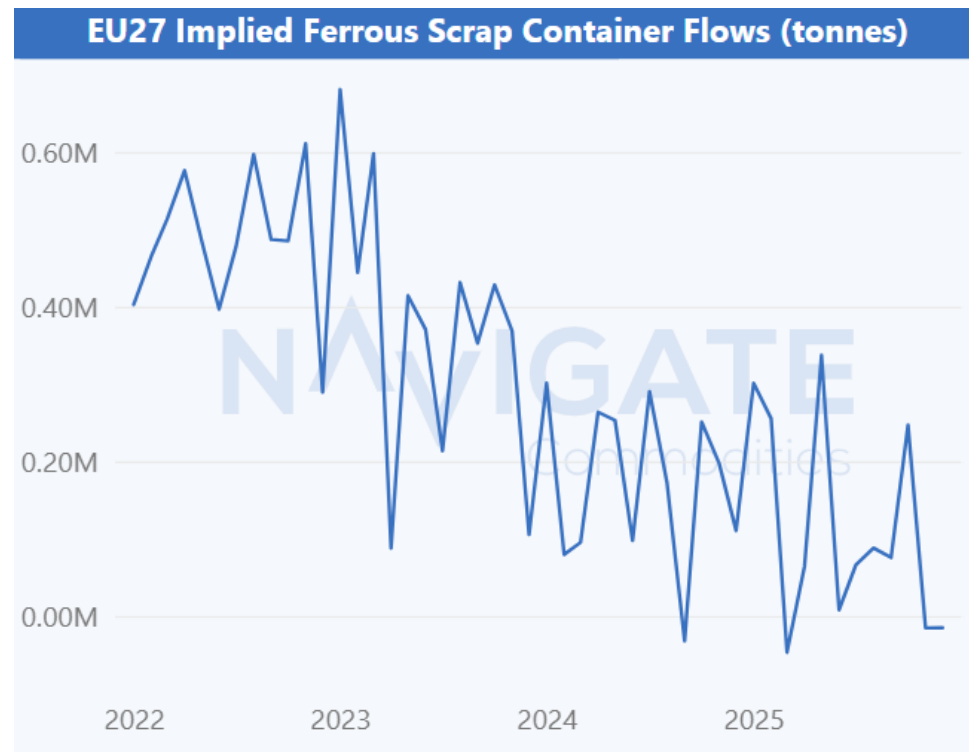






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