



CFF Media Kit

Euronext — Bringing Freight
Hedging to the World



The Problem: Unprecedented Freight Rate

Volatility

Container shipping has become one of the most volatile commodity markets in the world

- During 2020–2021, a 40-foot container from Shanghai to Rotterdam surged from \$1,500 to over \$14,000 — a 9x increase in 18 months
- The Red Sea crisis in 2024 drove another spike — the SCFI averaged 2,496 points, up 149% from 2023
- Container shipping prices rose to 5x the 2011–2019 average during COVID-19 supply chain bottlenecks
- Freight rate volatility has become "the new normal" according to UNCTAD, driven by geopolitical tensions, trade policy shifts, and supply-demand imbalances
- Yet unlike energy, metals, and agriculture — container freight has had virtually no listed hedging infrastructure outside China

The container freight industry today is where the energy industry was in the early 1980s: every participant carries rate exposure, but almost none manage it with listed derivatives.



The Market Opportunity

A \$120+ billion annual market with extreme volatility and virtually no hedging infrastructure

Container Shipping at a Glance

- Global container shipping market valued at ~\$120 billion in 2025
- 183+ million TEUs handled globally in 2024, with 6% annual growth
- 80% of international trade by volume moves by sea

The Hedging Gap

- Airlines hedge jet fuel. Steel producers hedge iron ore. Container freight? Almost entirely unhedged
- INE SCFIS futures in China proved the model works — daily turnover of \$100M-\$2B
- International participants lacked access — different timezone, currency, and regulatory framework
- Euronext CFF fills this gap: USD-denominated, European hours, MiFID II compliant



Introducing Euronext Container Freight Futures

The first European listed derivatives for container shipping

- Euronext Container Freight Futures (CFF) are the first European listed derivatives for container shipping rates
- Listed on Euronext Amsterdam, trading 07:00–18:30 CET — covering European and US business hours
- Cash-settled in USD against the Xeneta Shipping Index by Compass (XSI®-C) — the industry's most transparent daily freight rate benchmark
- Four route-specific contracts covering Asia–Europe and Transatlantic trade lanes
- 18 consecutive monthly maturities — providing an 18-month forward curve for the first time
- Centrally cleared through Euronext Clearing (CCP) — eliminating bilateral counterparty risk
- Lot size: 5 FEU containers per contract
- Minimum tick: \$1 USD per FEU
- MiFID II compliant — eligible for hedge accounting under IFRS 9



How Container Freight Futures Work

Cash-settled, centrally cleared contracts based on the Xeneta Shipping Index

The Mechanism

- Participants buy or sell futures contracts at a price reflecting expected future freight rates
- At expiry, contracts are cash-settled based on the XSI®-C index value — no physical delivery required
- Euronext Clearing acts as the central counterparty, guaranteeing every trade

Two Ways to Trade

- **Screen Trading:** Place orders directly on Euronext's electronic order book via any connected trading platform
- **Exchange for Swaps (EFS):** Negotiate off-screen with a broker, then register the trade on Euronext for central clearing — ideal for physical participants new to exchange trading

Daily Settlement Prices

- Published daily on Bloomberg, Refinitiv, and Xeneta platforms
- Creating the first publicly visible forward curve for international container shipping



Four Route-Specific Contracts

Covering the world's largest container trade lanes

Each contract is independently priced and traded, allowing participants to hedge specific route exposure with precision.

All four contracts share the same structure: 5 FEU lot size, USD cash-settled, 18 monthly maturities, centrally cleared.

FENE

Far East to
North Europe

The flagship route
Highest volume

FEUW

Far East to
US West Coast

Transpac headhaul
Peak season sensitive

NEFE

North Europe to
Far East

Backhaul route
European exporters

NEUE

North Europe to
US East Coast

Transatlantic trade
Industrial cargo



Key Features and Benefits

Why Euronext Container Freight Futures

Volatility Protection

- Hedge against unpredictable rate fluctuations — reduce exposure to sudden cost surges or drops

Price Transparency

- Continuous trading on a central order book with real-time price discovery and daily settlement prices

Budget Stability

- Predictable logistics costs support accurate financial planning and prevent margin erosion

Competitive Advantage

- Early adoption enables more stable pricing models and improved negotiation leverage

Central Clearing

- Euronext Clearing guarantees every trade — no bilateral counterparty risk, no ISDA required

Forward Curve

- 18-month forward curve — the first for international container shipping — enabling strategic planning



The Underlying Index: Xeneta Shipping Index by Compass

EU BMR compliant — the industry's most transparent container rates benchmark

What Is the XSI®-C?

- The Xeneta Shipping Index by Compass is a regulated daily container freight rate benchmark
- Co-owned by Xeneta and Compass Financial Technologies — EU Benchmarks Regulation (BMR) compliant
- Measures short-term FAK rates for 40-foot containers across 8 major global trade corridors

Data Quality

- Built on 600+ million contracted freight rates from leading shippers and forwarders worldwide
- Represents over \$20 billion in annual ocean freight spend
- Trusted by ABB, Electrolux, Continental, Unilever, Nestlé, Volvo Group, and many more
- Published daily at 6:00 PM CET — available on Bloomberg, Refinitiv, and Xeneta platforms
- Includes all charges and surcharges required to ship a container (fuel, security, THC where applicable)



Who Are Container Freight Futures For?

Designed for the full spectrum of freight market participants

Shippers and Beneficial Cargo Owners (BCOs)

- Protect logistics budgets against rate spikes — lock in forward rates for procurement planning

Freight Forwarders and NVOCCs

- Hedge the gap between buy-side capacity commitments and sell-side customer pricing

Ocean Carriers

- Manage revenue risk on backhaul routes and lock in forward revenue for capacity planning

Logistics Procurement Teams

- Use the forward curve to inform tender negotiations and annual contract strategy

Investors and Trading Firms

- Access a new uncorrelated asset class — trade freight rate movements with full transparency



CFF in the Competitive Landscape

How Euronext CFF compares to existing instruments

Euronext CFF vs. INE SCFIS (China)

- Complementary, not competing — like Brent vs. WTI, or COMEX vs. LME
- SCFIS: RMB, Asian hours, Shanghai composite index, Chinese domestic market
- CFF: USD, European hours, route-specific, international participants, EU regulatory framework

Euronext CFF vs. OTC Freight Forwards

- Central clearing eliminates counterparty risk — no ISDA or bilateral CSA required
- Full order book transparency vs. opaque broker-mediated OTC quotes
- Standardised contracts with consistent liquidity vs. bespoke bilateral deals

Euronext CFF vs. No Hedging (Status Quo)

- The biggest competitor is inertia — the risk already exists in every supply chain
- Airlines answered this question for jet fuel decades ago — container freight is next



Key Facts at a Glance

Everything you need to know about Euronext CFF

Contract Specifications

- Exchange: Euronext Amsterdam | Segment: V | MIC: XECO
- Lot Size: 5 FEU | Currency: USD | Tick Size: \$1 per FEU
- Maturities: 18 consecutive months | Settlement: Cash-settled against XSI®-C
- Trading Hours: 07:00-18:30 CET | Clearing: Euronext Clearing (CCP)

Launch Details

- Launch Date: 8 April 2026
- Liquidity Provider programme active from Day 1
- Confirmed clearing members: StoneX, Marex

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