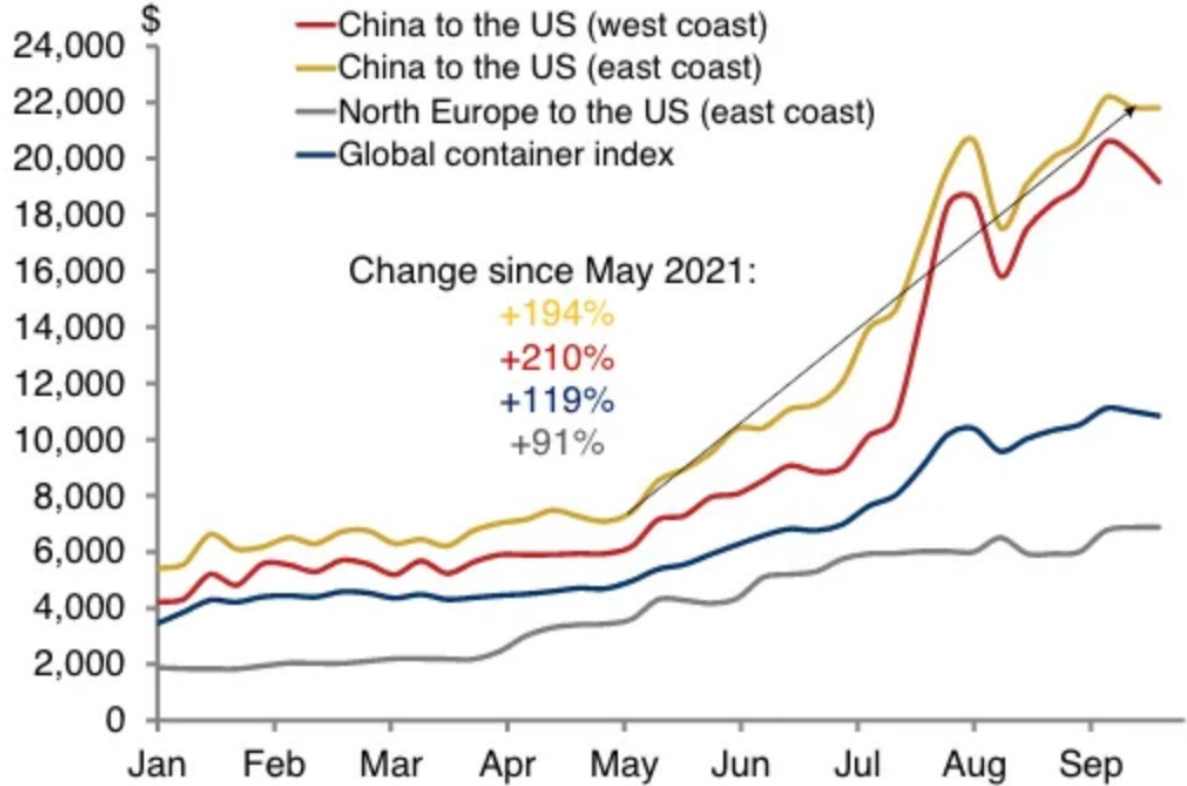


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It really is the perfect storm – increasing demand and decreasing availability of product and personnel. All this and we’re going into the biggest shopping quarter of the year with Christmas now only 80 shopping days away! What happens when supply and demand are out of synch? Higher prices, that’s what happens. And here is a good example of what you will find affecting your stocking this holiday season. Except no coal. That’s having it’s own shortage!

Figure 2: Port congestions and a shortage of containers have pushed up shipping costs

US: The cost of shipping a container from...



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