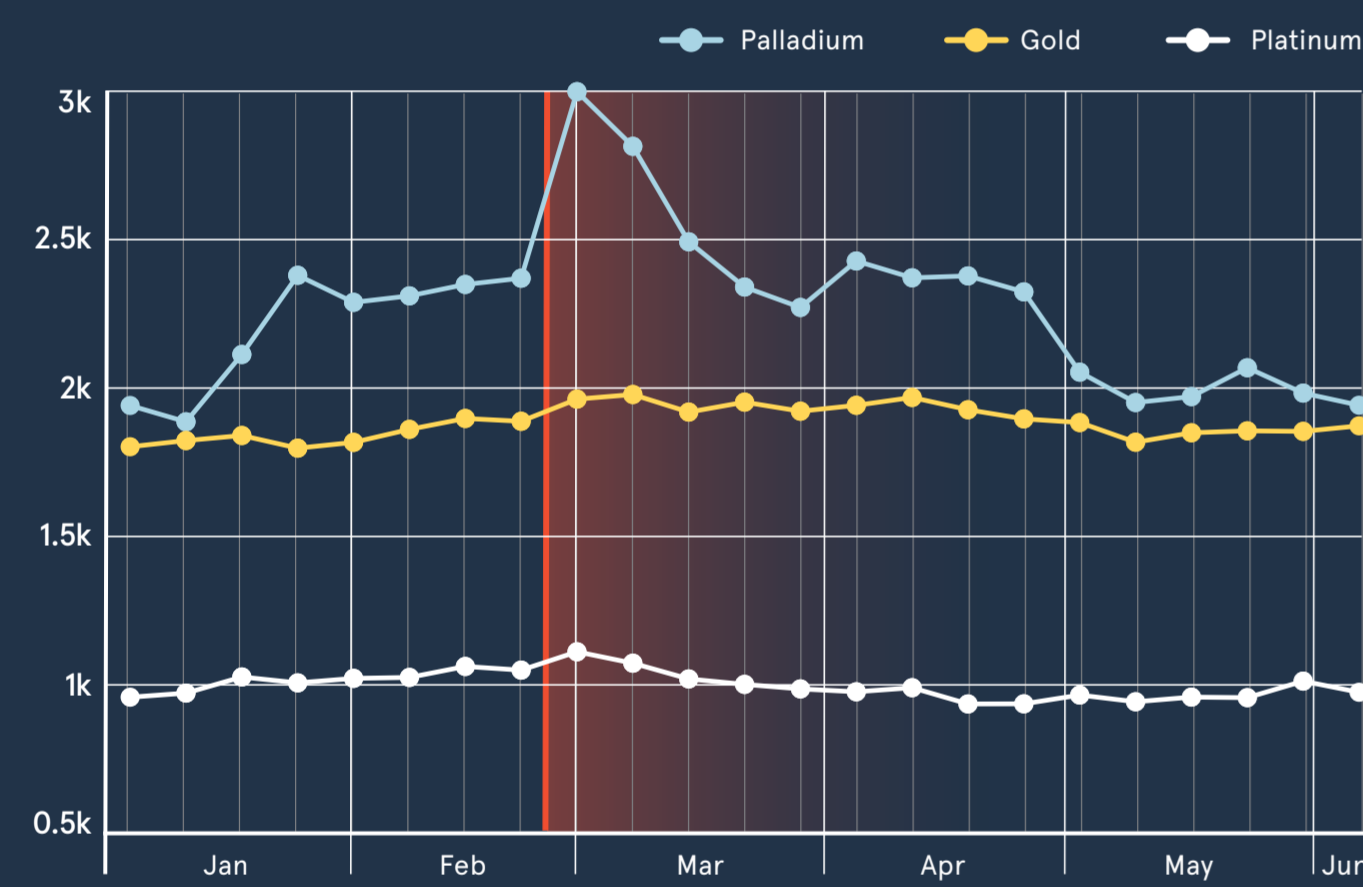


TRADING ASSETS AND MARKET SNAPSHOTS

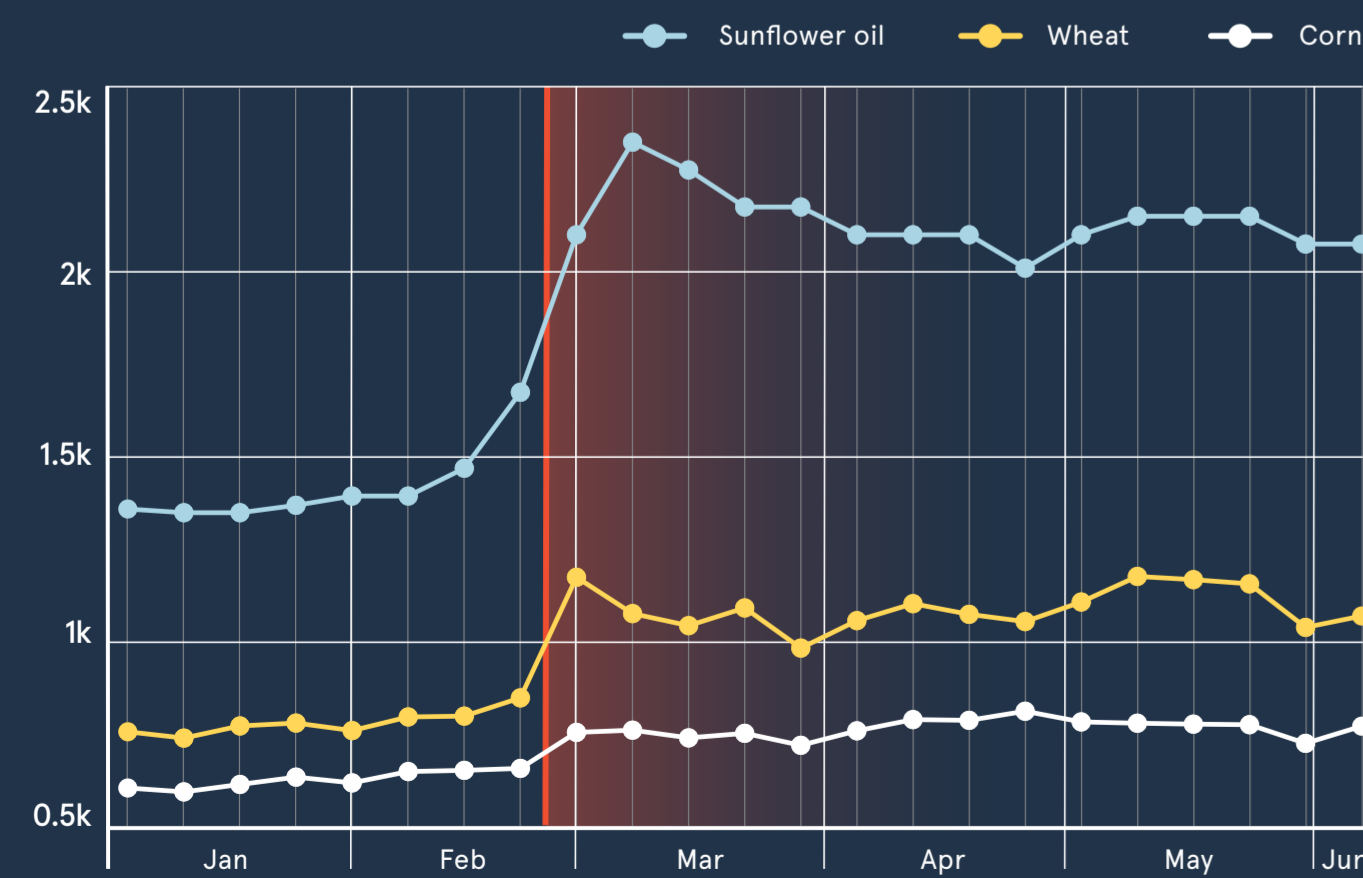
Markets have responded to global events in a variety of ways. The war in Ukraine has taken a toll on wheat and energy commodities, while climbing interest rates and soaring inflation have pushed the price of gold up and crypto down. Indices have also trended downward. The world of trading is complex and volatile, but there are huge rewards for those traders who make the right bets. Here's how common trading assets have fared over the past six months.

24 February 2022, Russian invasion of Ukraine

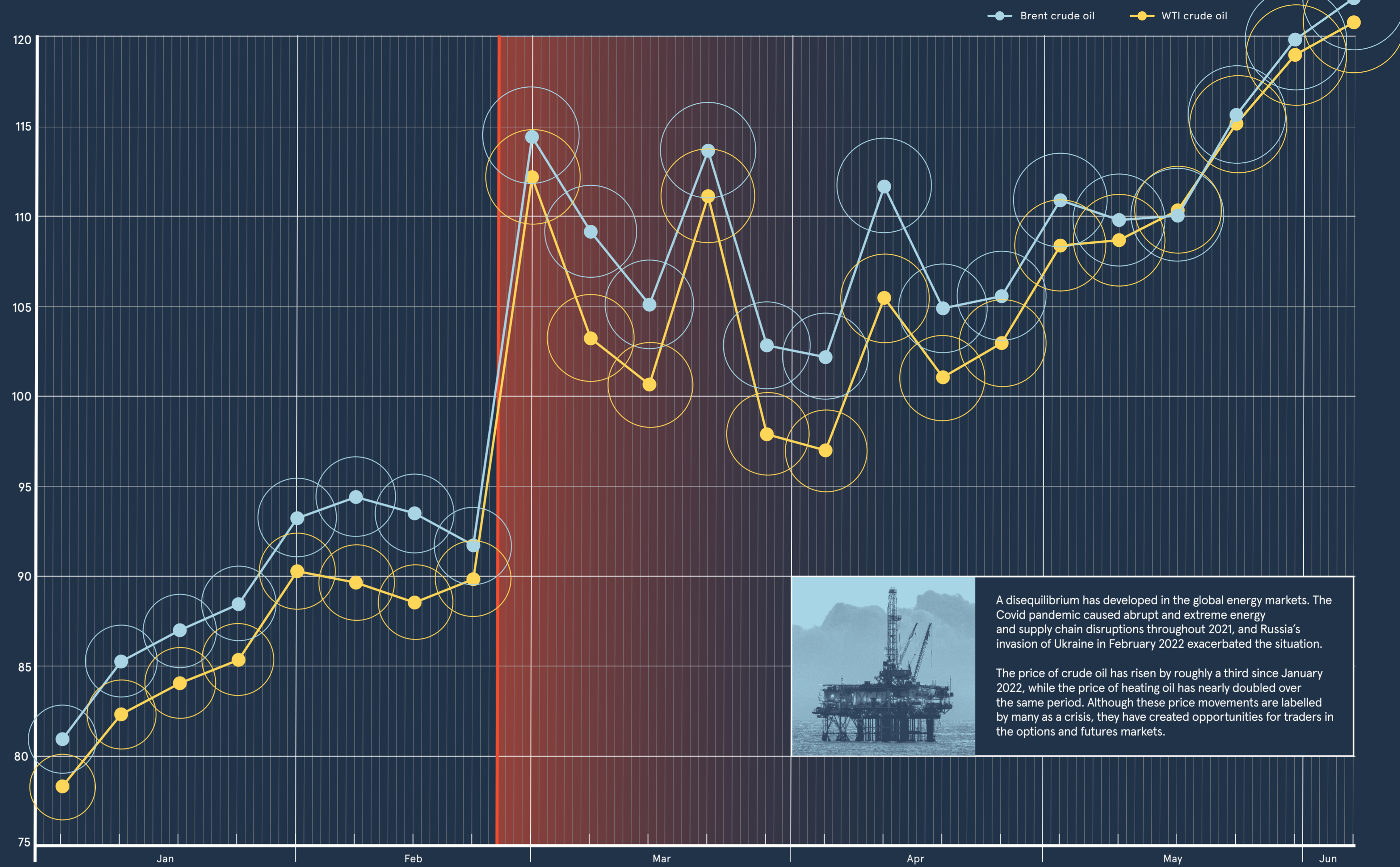
PRECIOUS METALS (\$)



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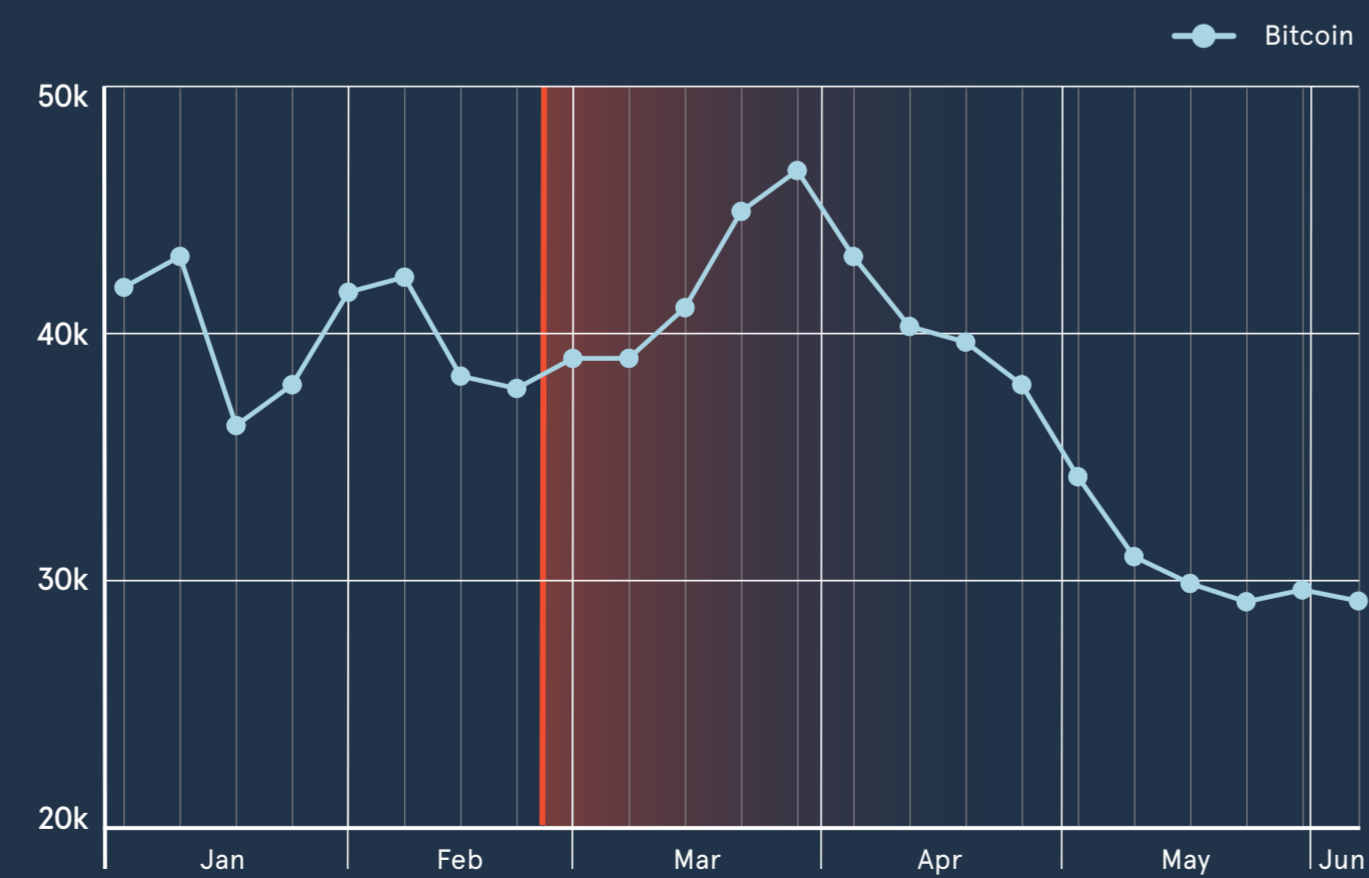
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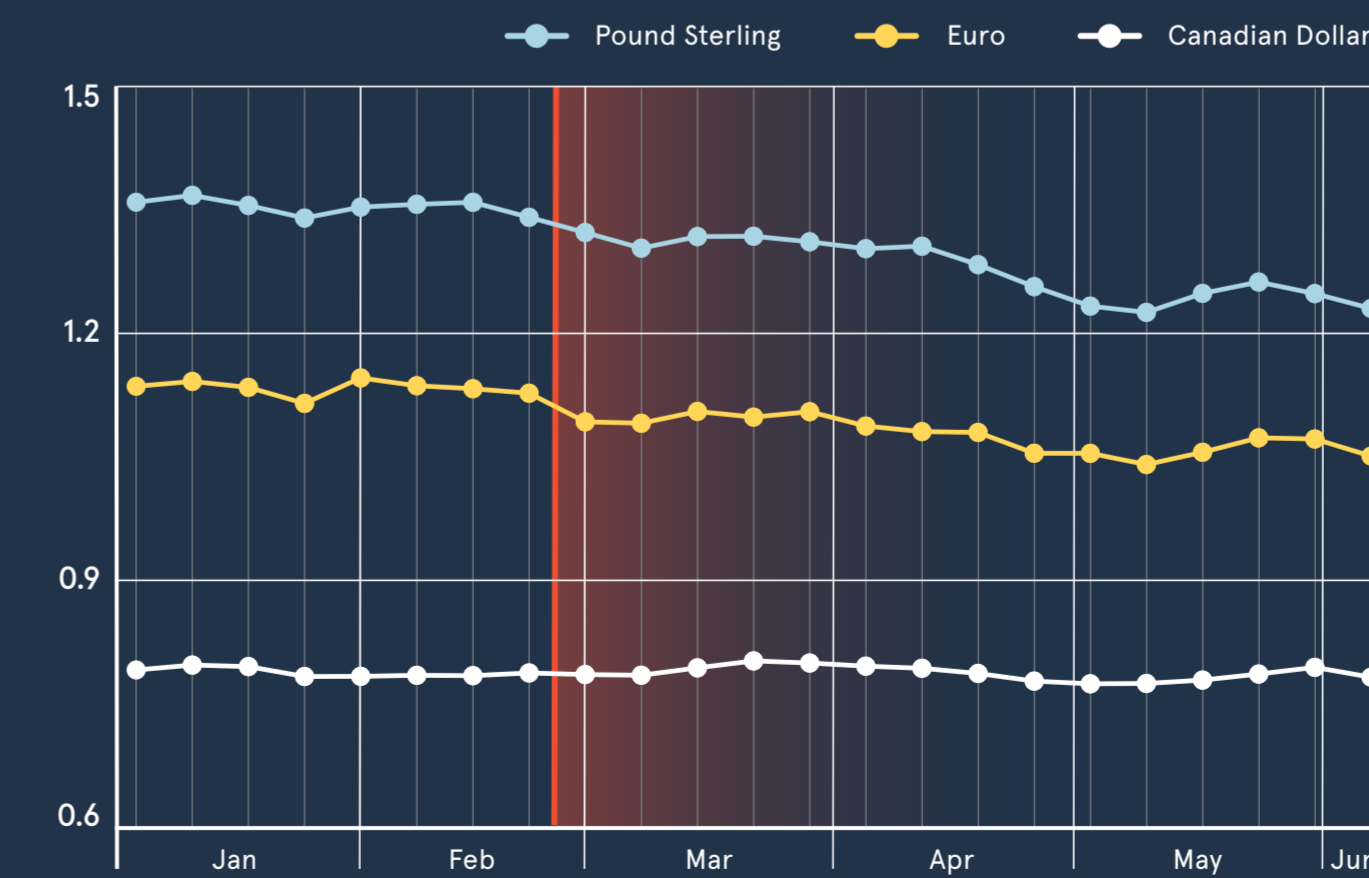
A disequilibrium has developed in the global energy markets. The Covid pandemic caused abrupt and extreme energy and supply chain disruptions throughout 2021, and Russia's invasion of Ukraine in February 2022 exacerbated the situation.

The price of crude oil has risen by roughly a third since January 2022, while the price of heating oil has nearly doubled over the same period. Although these price movements are labelled by many as a crisis, they have created opportunities for traders in the options and futures markets.

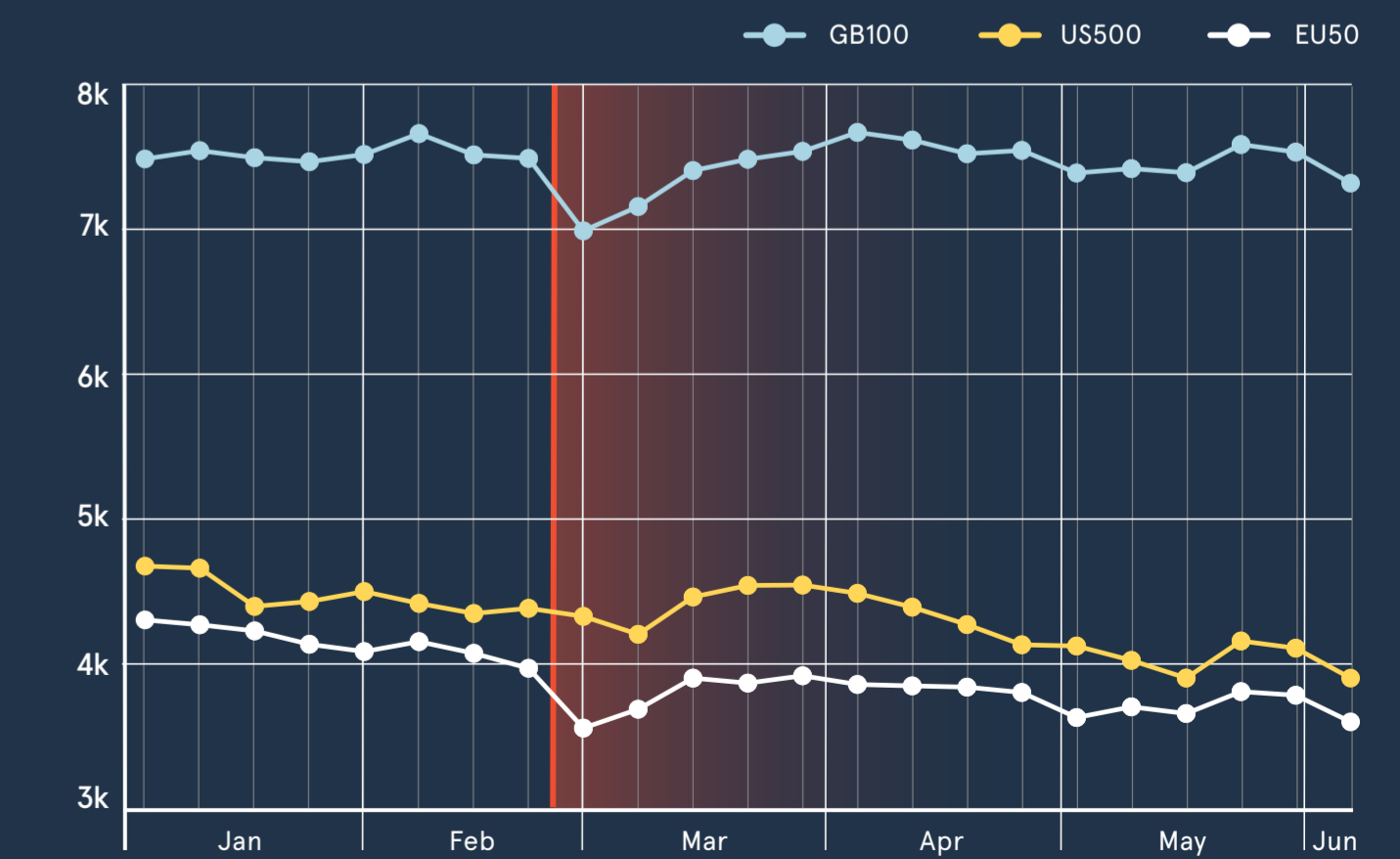
CRYPTOCURRENCY (\$)



CURRENCIES (\$)



INDICES (\$)



7.9%

year-on-year rise in the UK's consumer price index, including owner occupiers' housing costs as of May 2022

£5.38tn

daily trading volume in foreign exchange markets as of April 2019

22.8%

the rise in the Food and Agriculture Organization cereal price index in the 12 months to May 2022

70%

of bitcoin's value has been lost since hitting its high in November 2021