

Fundamentals:

Oil prices closed lower on Monday as worries about demand were compounded by disappointing euro zone business activity and a weak Chinese economy.

Brent crude futures for November settled 59 cents, or 0.8%, to \$73.90 a barrel, while U.S. crude futures for November fell 63 cents, or 0.9%, to \$70.37.

Euro zone business activity contracted sharply and unexpectedly this month as the bloc's dominant services industry flatlined while a downturn in manufacturing accelerated.

U.S. business activity was steady in September, but average prices charged for goods and services rose at the fastest pace in six months, potentially hinting at a pickup in inflation in the coming months.

China, the world's top oil importer, is meanwhile battling deflationary pressures and struggling to lift growth despite a series of policy measures aimed at spurring domestic spending.

"Disappointing economic numbers flowing from China along with a surprise slowdown in European manufacturing is placing crude demand at the lowest levels so far this year," said Dennis Kissler, senior vice president of trading at BOK Financial.

Supply concerns stemming from Israel's airstrikes on Hezbollah targets on Monday helped support oil prices.

After almost a year of war in Gaza, Israel is shifting its focus to its northern border, across which Hezbollah has been firing rockets in support of its ally Hamas.

"More attacks from Israel on Lebanon spawn fear that Iran will become more involved, which raises the probability of oil exports being at risk," Kissler added.

A tropical disturbance near the Gulf of Mexico also is threatening oil supply. Shell said on Sunday it would shut production at its Stones and Appomattox facilities in the region as a precautionary measure.

Norwegian oil producer Equinor on Monday said it is evacuating some staff as a precaution from its Titan oil production platform in the U.S. Gulf of Mexico, while Chevron said it was evacuating nonessential personnel from its Gulf of Mexico platforms.

U.S. crude oil stockpiles were expected to have fallen by about 1.2 million barrels last week, a preliminary Reuters poll showed on Monday.

Both oil benchmarks rose more than 4% last week, buoyed by the U.S. Federal Reserve's decision to cut interest rates by 50 basis points and signal further reductions in borrowing costs by the end of the year.

Chicago Fed President Austan Goolsbee on Monday said he expects "many more rate cuts over the next year" as the U.S. central bank seeks a "soft landing" for the economy, where it controls inflation without crashing the labor market.

U.S. natural gas futures jumped about 7% to a 12-week high on Monday on worries some Gulf Coast oil and gas producers would reduce output ahead of a possible hurricane that could hit the region later this week.

(Source: Reuters)

Energy Table

Contract	Sett	Chg	High	Low
Nymex Crude Oil	NOV 24 70.37	-0.45	71.81	69.49
Natural Gas	OCT 24 2.613	0.200	2.638	2.458
RB Gasoline	OCT 24 199.02	-3.82	205.49	197.10
Heating Oil	OCT 24 214.51	-0.77	218.54	211.76
Brent Fin Last Day	NOV 24 74.07	-0.42	75.16	73.11
US Dollar Index		0.144	101.229	100.715

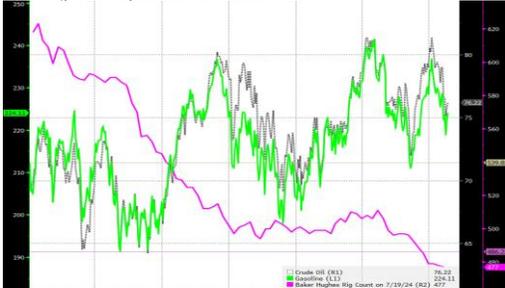
Bloomberg Survey on U.S. Total Change in Inventories

Date	Crude Oil		Gasoline		Crude Oil	
	Actual	Survey	Actual	Survey	Production	Inventory
20/10/2023	1372	-450	156	-1266	13200	421120
13/10/2023	-4491	-550	-2370	-100	13200	419748
6/10/2023	10176	-1400	-1313	-1000	13200	424239
29/9/2023	-2224	50	6481	-300	12900	414063
22/9/2023	-2169	-900	1027	-500	12900	416287
15/9/2023	-2136	-1700	-831	1100	12900	418456
8/9/2023	3955	-2481	5561	-850	12900	420592
1/9/2023	-2666	-2000	-2666	-1000	12800	416637
25/8/2023	-10584	-2191	-214	-1250	12800	422944
18/8/2023	-6134	-3000	1468	-481	12800	433528
11/8/2023	-5960	-2500	-262	-1100	12700	439662
4/8/2023	5851	2300	-2661	-200	12600	445622

Fundamental Data:

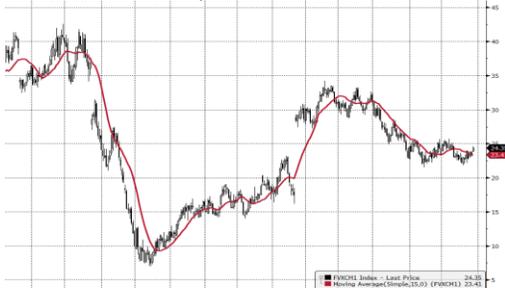
Event	Period	Avg Survey	Actual	Prior
09/19/2024 22:30	EIA Natural Gas Storage Change	Sep-13	53	58
09/19/2024 22:30	EIA Working Natural Gas Implied Flow	Sep-13	53	40
09/21/2024 01:00	Baker Hughes U.S. Rig Count	Sep-20	--	588
09/21/2024 01:00	Baker Hughes U.S. Rotary Gas Rigs	Sep-20	--	96
09/21/2024 01:00	Baker Hughes U.S. Rotary Oil Rigs	Sep-20	--	488
09/25/2024 22:30	DOE U.S. Crude Oil Inventories	Sep-20	--	-1630k
09/25/2024 22:30	DOE Cushing OK Crude Inventories	Sep-20	--	-1979k
09/25/2024 22:30	DOE U.S. Gasoline Inventories	Sep-20	--	69k
09/25/2024 22:30	DOE U.S. Distillate Inventory	Sep-20	--	125k
09/25/2024 22:30	DOE U.S. Refinery Utilization	Sep-20	--	-0.70%
09/25/2024 22:30	DOE Crude Oil Implied Demand	Sep-20	--	19755
09/25/2024 22:30	DOE Gasoline Implied Demand	Sep-20	--	9513
09/25/2024 22:30	DOE Distillate Implied Demand	Sep-20	--	5176.1
09/26/2024 22:30	EIA Natural Gas Storage Change	Sep-20	--	58
09/26/2024 22:30	EIA Working Natural Gas Implied Flow	Sep-20	--	58

U.S. Oil Rig Count vs Nymex Crude Oil & Gasoline Price



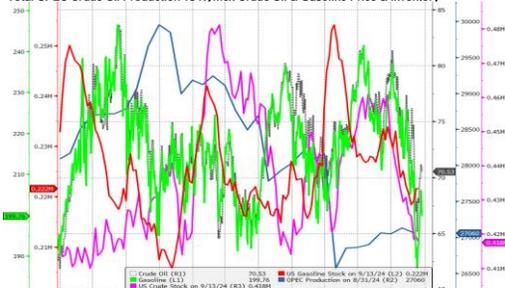
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Normalized RBOB Gasoline minus Nymex Crude Oil Price



FVCH1 Index (RBOB-WTI) month 1) FVCH1 Index, Daily 03/30/2023-26/09/2024 Copyright © 2024 Bloomberg Finance L.P. 24-Sep-2024 03:02:47

Total OPEC Crude Oil Production vs Nymex Crude Oil & Gasoline Price & Inventory



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WTI-Brent Spread



CLX Comdty (Brent Fin Last Day, Nov24) WTI vs Brent, Daily 02/02/2023-13/09/2024 Copyright © 2024 Bloomberg Finance L.P. 24-Sep-2024 03:03:05

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Nymex Crude Daily Chart



Nymex RBOB Gasoline Daily Chart



Nymex Natural Gas Daily Chart



Nymex Heating Oil Daily Chart



Nymex Brent Last Day Daily Chart



Technical Analysis

Crude Oil		Natural Gas		Gasoline	
1st Resistance:	71.43	1st Resistance:	2.652	1st Resistance:	202.01
1st Support:	69.31	1st Support:	2.574	1st Support:	196.03
MACD:	-0.902	MACD:	0.052	MACD:	-3.042
MACD DIFF:	0.494	MACD DIFF:	0.038	MACD DIFF:	1.733
RSI:	48.964	RSI:	68.256	RSI:	46.322
2nd Resistance: 72.48		2nd Resistance: 2.691		2nd Resistance: 204.99	
2nd Support: 68.26		2nd Support: 2.535		2nd Support: 193.05	

Heating Oil		Brent Fin Last Day	
1st Resistance:	217.73	1st Resistance:	75.18
1st Support:	211.29	1st Support:	72.96
MACD:	-5.135	MACD:	-1.062
MACD DIFF:	1.178	MACD DIFF:	0.446
RSI:	43.342	RSI:	47.419
2nd Resistance: 220.95		2nd Resistance: 76.29	
2nd Support: 208.07		2nd Support: 71.85	

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