

Fundamentals:

Oil prices rose over 1% on Monday, buoyed by optimism over Chinese demand, continued production curbs by major producers and Russia's plans to rein in supply.

Volumes were muted on Monday because of a U.S. market holiday for Presidents' Day.

Both crude benchmarks settled \$2 lower on Friday for a decline of about 4% over the week after the United States reported higher crude and gasoline inventories.

Analysts expect China's oil imports to hit a record high in 2023 to meet increased demand for transportation fuel and as new refineries come on stream.

The optimism around China today may be responsible for the gains we're seeing in crude, which would make a lot of sense given it's the world's largest importer and expected to recover strongly from the COVID transition.

China and India have become major buyers of Russian crude amid Western sanctions on Russian oil and more recently, embargoes and price caps because of the Ukraine war.

In India, the world's third-biggest oil importer, crude imports rose to a six-month high in January, government data showed.

China's commerce ministry has met independent oil refiners to discuss their deals with Russia, five sources with knowledge of the matter said, imports which have saved Chinese buyers billions of dollars.

Russia plans to cut oil production by 500,000 barrels per day (bpd), equating to about 5% of its output, in March after the West imposed price caps on Russian oil and oil products.

Future oil supply shortages are likely to drive prices toward \$100 a barrel by the end of the year, Goldman Sachs analysts said in a Feb. 19 note.

(Source: Reuters)

Energy Table

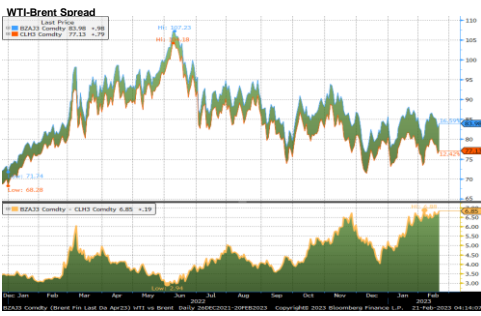
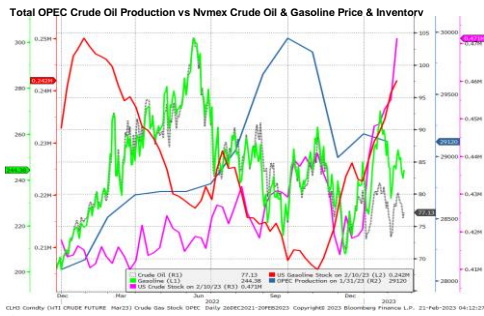
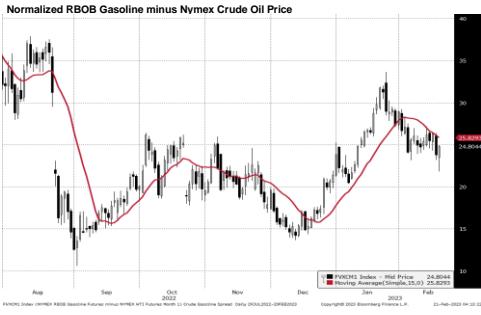
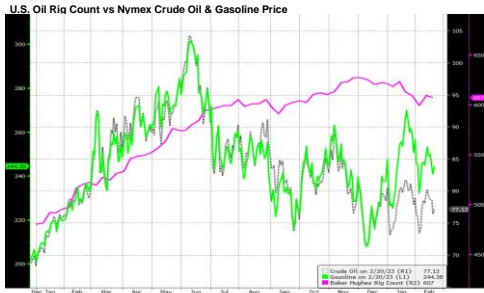
Contract	Sett	Chg	High	Low
Nymex Crude Oil MAR 23	78.31	0.79	77.51	76.12
Natural Gas MAR 23	2.426	-0.043	2.295	2.175
RB Gasoline MAR 23	244.38	3.56	245.53	240.34
Heating Oil MAR 23	284.40	3.68	278.12	271.93
Brent Fin Last Day APR 23	83.98	0.98	84.29	82.77
US Dollar Index	103.89	0.023	104.089	103.76

Bloomberg Survey on U.S. Total Change in Inventories

Date	Crude Oil		Gasoline		Crude Oil	
	Actual	Survey	Actual	Survey	Production	Inventory
03/02/2023	2423	2000	5008	1600	12300	455111
27/01/2023	4140	-1000	2576	2000	12200	452688
20/01/2023	533	1500	1763	1500	12200	448548
13/01/2023	8408	-3000	3483	2400	12200	448015
06/01/2023	18961	-2000	4114	750	12200	439607
30/12/2022	1694	1500	-346	-1000	12100	420646
23/12/2022	718	-1200	-3105	500	12000	418952
16/12/2022	2530	2500	2530	2000	12100	418234
09/12/2022	10231	-3500	4496	2500	12100	424129
02/12/2022	-5186	-3418	5319	2474	12200	413898
25/11/2022	-12581	-3123	2770	2250	12100	4119084
18/11/2022	-3690	-2614	3058	1150	12100	431665

Fundamental Data:

Event	Period	Avg Survey	Actual	Prior
02/18/2023 02:00	Baker Hughes U.S. Rotary Oil Rigs	Feb-17	610	609
02/18/2023 02:00	Baker Hughes U.S. Rotary Gas Rigs	Feb-17	--	151
02/18/2023 02:00	Baker Hughes U.S. Rig Count	Feb-17	--	760
02/23/2023 23:30	EIA Natural Gas Storage Change	Feb-17	--	-100
02/23/2023 23:30	EIA Working Natural Gas Implied Flow	Feb-17	--	-100
02/24/2023 00:00	DOE U.S. Crude Oil Inventories	Feb-17	--	16283k
02/24/2023 00:00	DOE Cushing OK Crude Inventory	Feb-17	--	659k
02/24/2023 00:00	DOE U.S. Gasoline Inventories	Feb-17	--	2316k
02/24/2023 00:00	DOE U.S. Distillate Inventory	Feb-17	--	-1285k
02/24/2023 00:00	DOE U.S. Refinery Utilization	Feb-17	--	-1.40%
02/24/2023 00:00	DOE Crude Oil Implied Demand	Feb-17	--	16206
02/24/2023 00:00	DOE Gasoline Implied Demand	Feb-17	--	9060.1
02/24/2023 00:00	DOE Distillate Implied Demand	Feb-17	--	4913.6
02/25/2023 02:00	Baker Hughes U.S. Rotary Oil Rigs	Feb-24	--	607
02/25/2023 02:00	Baker Hughes U.S. Rotary Gas Rigs	Feb-24	--	151
02/25/2023 02:00	Baker Hughes U.S. Rig Count	Feb-24	--	760



Source: Bloomberg

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

Instrument	1st Resistance	2nd Resistance	1st Support	2nd Support	MACD	MACD DIFF	RSI
Crude Oil	79.48	80.66	77.14	75.96	-0.112	-0.078	47.002
Natural Gas	2.462	2.499	2.390	2.353	-0.332	0.046	29.434
Gasoline	248.05	251.71	240.71	237.05	-0.039	-1.123	48.364
Heating Oil	288.67	292.93	280.13	275.87	-8.687	-1.963	38.681
Brent Fin Last Day	85.24	86.50	82.72	81.46	0.168	-0.102	48.676

Strategy

Instrument	Long Profit target	Long Stop-loss	Short Profit target	Short Stop-loss
Crude Oil	77.14	76.75	79.48	79.88
Natural Gas	2.390	2.378	2.462	2.475
Gasoline	240.71	239.51	248.05	249.29
Heating Oil	280.13	278.73	288.67	290.11
Brent Fin Last Day	82.72	82.31	85.24	85.67

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