

Fundamentals:
Oil prices recovered from a brief sell-off to gain by more \$1 per barrel on Friday and ended the week higher, driven by renewed optimism around demand from top oil importer China.

Brent crude futures rose \$1.08, or 1.3%, to settle at \$85.83 a barrel. U.S. West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude futures settled at \$79.68 a barrel, up by \$1.52, or 1.9%. Both benchmarks posted their highest closing levels since Feb. 13.

Prices dropped early by more than \$2 per barrel after a media report said the UAE had held internal debates on leaving OPEC and pumping more oil. Prices rebounded when two sources with direct knowledge told Reuters the report was "far from the truth".

Brent and WTI notched their third biggest weekly percentage gains this year as strong Chinese economic data fed hopes for oil demand growth.

China's service sector activity in February expanded at the fastest pace in six months, and manufacturing activity there also grew. China's seaborne imports of Russian oil are set to hit a record high this month.

China, the world's top oil importer, is getting more ambitious with its 2023 growth target, aiming as high as 6%, sources told Reuters.

The oil market broadly shrugged off a 10th consecutive week of U.S. crude stock builds, and record exports of U.S. crude lent more support to prices. UBS analyst Giovanni Staunovo said.

The dollar weakened, and analysts polled by Reuters expect the greenback to be under pressure over the next 12 months, which would make dollar-denominated oil cheaper for holders of other currencies.

The European Central Bank was still sending hawkish signals, with ECB Governing Council member Pierre Wunsch saying its key interest rate could climb as high as 4% if inflation remains high.

US natural gas futures posted the biggest weekly gain in more than two years, climbing back to the \$3 level, as the outlook for colder weather, sliding output and booming export demand helped lift prices from a recent 29-month low.

Gas for April delivery settled up 8.8% at \$3.009 per mmbtu in New York. Futures gained 24% this week, the biggest weekly rally since Aug. 2020.

European natural gas extended declines amid signs that a slow economic recovery in the region is curbing demand just as the US is set to boost supply.

Benchmark futures fell 3.9% on Friday, bringing this week's drop to 12%. A record amount of gas is heading to US export terminals as a major plant, Freeport LNG in Texas, restarts after a fire last year.

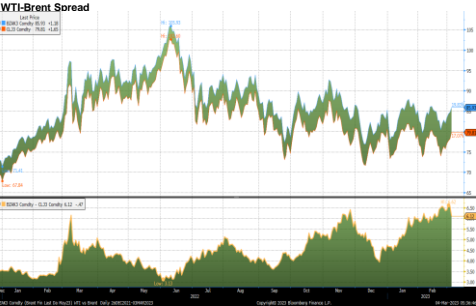
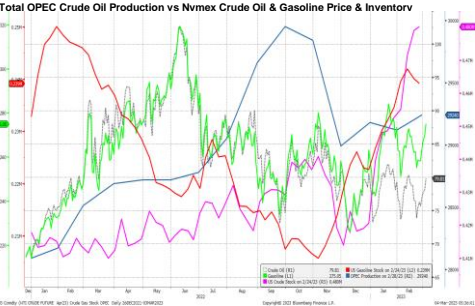
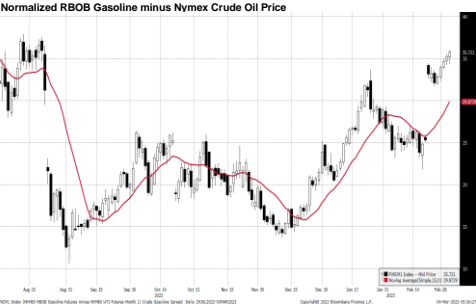
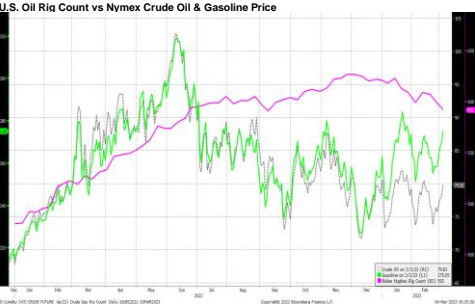
That comes at a time when industrial demand in Europe remains tepid — at least for now. Persistent high inflation pressures are forcing central banks to consider more interest-rate hikes, which risks braking economic activity and energy consumption.

Strong liquefied natural gas imports are also pushing the fuel's cost lower. LNG flows to Europe have surged in recent days, helping the continent offset concerns over the current late-winter cold snap which is expected to continue next week, and even intensify in parts of the region.

Energy Table					
Contract	Sett	Chg	High	Low	
Nymex Crude Oil	APR 23	79.68	1.69	79.88	75.83
Natural Gas	APR 23	3.009	0.245	3.027	2.772
RB Gasoline	APR 23	275.04	5.17	275.34	262.35
Heating Oil	APR 23	291.31	4.19	291.98	280.05
Brent Fin Last Day	MAY 23	85.96	1.21	85.99	82.36
US Dollar Index		104.56	-0.471	105	104.485

Bloomberg Survey on U.S. Total Change in Inventories						
Date	Crude Oil		Gasoline		Crude Oil	
	Actual	Survey	Actual	Survey	Production	Inventory
24/02/2023	1166	1900	-874	-1000	12300	480207
17/02/2023	7647	2800	-1856	900	12300	479041
10/02/2023	16283	2000	2316	1500	12300	471394
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	4114	-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	-5895	2500	2530	2000	12100	418234
09/12/2022	10231	-3500	4496	2500	12100	424129

Fundamental Data:					
Event	Period	Avg Survey	Actual	Prior	
03/04/2023 02:00	Baker Hughes U.S. Rotary Oil Rigs	Mar-03	602	592	600
03/04/2023 02:00	Baker Hughes U.S. Rotary Gas Rigs	Mar-03	--	154	151
03/04/2023 02:00	Baker Hughes U.S. Rig Count	Mar-03	--	749	753
03/08/2023 01:00	STEO Fwd Yr Dry Nat Gas Forecast	Mar	--	--	101.58
03/08/2023 01:00	STEO Curr Yr Dry Nat Gas Forecast	Mar	--	--	100.27
03/08/2023 01:00	STEO Fwd Yr Crude Forecast	Mar	--	--	12.65
03/08/2023 01:00	STEO Current Yr Crude Forecast	Mar	--	--	12.49
03/08/2023 23:30	DOE U.S. Crude Oil Inventories	Mar-03	--	--	1166k
03/08/2023 23:30	DOE Cushing OK Crude Inventory	Mar-03	--	--	307k
03/08/2023 23:30	DOE U.S. Gasoline Inventories	Mar-03	--	--	-874k
03/08/2023 23:30	DOE U.S. Distillate Inventory	Mar-03	--	--	179k
03/08/2023 23:30	DOE U.S. Refinery Utilization	Mar-03	--	--	-0.10%
03/08/2023 23:30	DOE Crude Oil Implied Demand	Mar-03	--	--	18341
03/08/2023 23:30	DOE Gasoline Implied Demand	Mar-03	--	--	9763
03/08/2023 23:30	DOE Distillate Implied Demand	Mar-03	--	--	4780.4
03/08/2023 23:30	EIA Natural Gas Storage Change	Mar-03	--	--	-91
03/09/2023 23:30	EIA Working Natural Gas Implied Flow	Mar-03	--	--	-81



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

Crude Oil

1st Resistance:	80.88	2nd Resistance:	82.07
1st Support:	78.48	2nd Support:	77.29
MACD:	-0.111		
MACD DIFF:	0.244		
RSI:	57.454		

Natural Gas

1st Resistance:	3.054	2nd Resistance:	3.099
1st Support:	2.964	2nd Support:	2.919
MACD:	-0.071		
MACD DIFF:	0.104		
RSI:	58.352		

Gasoline

1st Resistance:	279.17	2nd Resistance:	283.29
1st Support:	270.91	2nd Support:	266.79
MACD:	1.133		
MACD DIFF:	0.844		
RSI:	61.110		

Heating Oil

1st Resistance:	295.68	2nd Resistance:	300.05
1st Support:	286.94	2nd Support:	282.57
MACD:	-2.383		
MACD DIFF:	1.976		
RSI:	54.036		

Brent Fin Last Day

1st Resistance:	87.25	2nd Resistance:	88.54
1st Support:	84.67	2nd Support:	83.38
MACD:	0.114		
MACD DIFF:	0.216		
RSI:	57.521		

Strategy

	Long	Profit target:	Stop-loss:	Long	Profit target:	Stop-loss:	Short	Profit target:	Stop-loss:	Short	Profit target:	Stop-loss:
Crude Oil	78.45	79.27	78.09	77.29	78.06	76.90	80.88	80.07	81.28	82.07	81.25	82.48
Natural Gas	2.964	2.994	2.949	2.919	2.948	2.904	3.054	3.024	3.069	3.099	3.068	3.115
Gasoline	270.91	273.62	269.56	266.79	269.46	265.45	279.17	276.37	280.56	283.29	280.46	284.71
Heating Oil	286.94	289.81	285.51	282.57	285.40	281.16	295.68	292.72	297.16	300.05	297.05	301.55
Brent Fin Last Day	84.67	85.52	84.25	83.38	84.22	82.96	87.25	86.38	87.69	88.54	87.65	88.98

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