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## TOP 10 DAILY NEWS DIGEST

1. OIL STEADY AHEAD OF OPEC+ SUPPLY DECISION
2. OPEC AUGUST OIL OUTPUT RISES, BUT OUTAGES LIMIT GAIN
3. API REPORTS LARGER-THAN-EXPECTED CRUDE DRAW AHEAD OF KEY OPEC MEETING
4. CHINA'S OIL DEMAND RECOVERS AS COVID IMPACT EASES
5. US GULF COAST SOUR-SWEET SPREAD NARROWS AFTER HURRICANE
6. IRAN NUCLEAR TALKS RETURN MAY BE MONTHS AWAY
7. POWER OUTAGES, FLOODING HAMPER LOUISIANA IDA RECOVERY
8. CEOS BACK TO PRE-PANDEMIC LEVELS OF CONFIDENCE, KPMG SURVEY SHOWS
9. US CONSIDERING MORE THAN 560,000 ACRES IN WYOMING FOR OIL & GAS LEASING
10. JAPAN'S AUG FACTORY ACTIVITY GROWTH SLOWS ON RESURGENCE OF COVID-19

### RECOMMENDED VIDEOS & REPORTS

- KPLER REPORT: DAILY CRUDE
- EIA: RUSSIA RANKS SECOND BY PETROLEUM EXPORTS TO US IN JUNE 2021
- VENEZUELA DATA: AUG AVERAGE CRUDE PRODUCTION DECLINES TO 520,000 B/D
- OPEC+ TO MEET AS DEMAND FEARS GROW
- OPEC+ SEES TIGHTER OIL MARKET UNTIL MAY 2022



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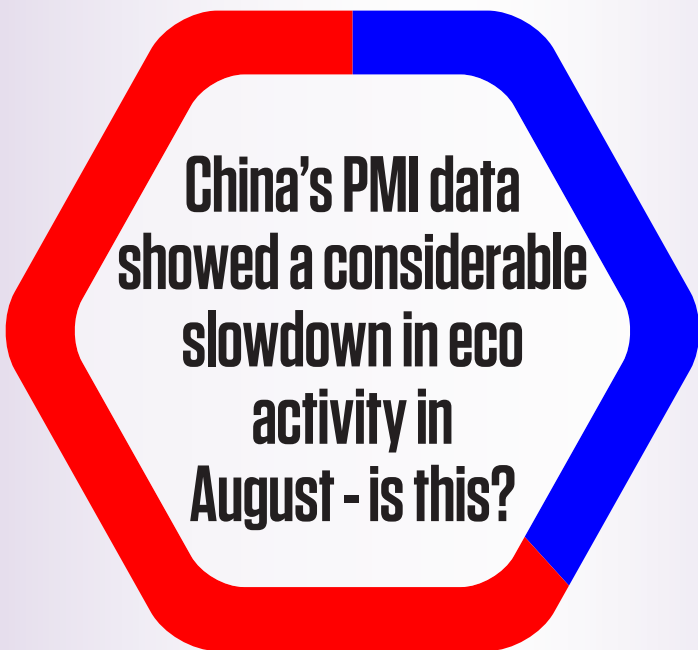


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**INDUSTRY SURVEY**



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**62%**  
**Blip in  
Recovery**



**38%**  
**New  
Slowdown**

Source: GI Research Aug 2021

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***"OPEC+ set to maintain  
plan for Supply  
increases as Asian  
Demand is Back."***

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## DAILY OIL COMMENTARY

### FX

Currency markets were generally range bound overnight although the jump in inflation for the Eurozone helped to lift the single currency higher. After an initial pop the euro moderated its gains to end up 0.1% for the day at 1.1809. USDJPY held close to the 110 level while GBPUSD was little changed for the second day in a row. Commodity currencies saw a bit more action with USDCAD rising on weaker than expected Canada GDP numbers while both AUD and NZD gained the most among developed market FX, rising 0.27% and 0.66% respectively.

### Equities

Equity markets sank overnight as more and more data affirms that Q3 is shaping up to be a softening in the recovery. All major US benchmarks were lower with the S&P 500 down 0.1% while in Europe the FTSE led the declines, sinking by 0.4%. Regional markets showed another day of mixed performance. The Tadawul was up strongly, adding 0.57% overnight while markets in the UAE were softer: the DFM added 0.1% while the ADX was unchanged. Asian markets are leaning negative in early trade today with the Hang Seng and CSI both declining while the Nikkei is up a strong 1.1%.

### Commodities

Oil prices weakened in the run up to today's OPEC+ meeting. Brent futures fell 0.6% to 72.99/bbl while WTI was off by 1% to USD 68.50/bbl. OPEC+ is expected to stick to its plan of adding 400k b/d per month at today's meeting but internal projections from OPEC+ would suggest that they could contribute to an oversupplied market next year if they carry on adding volumes on a steady pattern.

Source: Emirates NBD

## DAILY ENERGY MARKETS FORUM VIEWS YOU CAN USE

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### China's PMI data slowed considerably in August - outlook going forward?

The resurgence of the virus in late July hit demand into August but the virus has now been brought back under control. Economic growth has not been the government's top priority this year. Rather, it has been about laying a foundation for a cleaner future, by setting carbon emissions to peak by 2030 and achieving carbon neutrality by 2050. Local governments have taken this very seriously, in some cases going to extremes by stopping many projects that could generate more pollution. We are going to continue to see deeper reforms this year; it kind of harks back to the start of China's reform policy a few decades ago. The country wants to strengthen regulations against monopoly and unfair competition, particularly by large platform companies. They are trying to level the playing field for small and medium sized companies. This focus on equal opportunity has been quite a dramatic change. The other shift has been that before the pandemic, China had for a few years been trying to boost the importance and share in the economy of the services sector. That has now changed again with a refocus on the industrial sector.

### Is the US withdrawal from Afghanistan seen as an opportunity by China?

China views the end of the US occupation as something positive for Afghanistan. It's also time to now rebuild the country and the Chinese government has met with the Taliban earlier this month and exchanged ideas on the country's future so it's possible China will boost investment in the country's infrastructure. From a security point of view, China started evacuating its nationals that wanted to leave Afghanistan a month ago, so that has not been a significant issue, at least for the moment. ■

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