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## TOP 10 DAILY NEWS DIGEST

1. OIL PRICES STEADY AS VIRUS SPREAD COUNTERS TIGHT SUPPLIES
2. OPEC DAILY BASKET PRICE STOOD AT \$72.68 A BARREL
3. WHY THE US WANTS CHINA TO STOP IMPORTING IRANIAN CRUDE
4. INDIA MAY JOIN CHINA IN BID TO LOWER OIL PRICES
5. VENEZUELA PLANS TO REVIVE ITS OIL INDUSTRY
6. CHINA'S CRUDE THROUGHPUT TO FALL ON REFINER CUTS
7. US STOCKS, REAL US BOND YIELDS SLIP AS FED MEETS
8. FED MORE WORRIED ABOUT THE VIRUS & LESS READY TO TIGHTEN POLICY
9. WALL ST SEES RISKS CAUSING A 'GROWTH SCARE' FOR GLOBAL MARKETS
10. CHINA CALLS FOR OIL & GAS SPENDING BOOST AS ECONOMY SURGES

### RECOMMENDED VIDEOS & REPORTS

- EIA: US LNG EXPORTS IN FIRST HALF UP 42% FROM A YEAR AGO
- FLOODS, WILDFIRE & DELTA SURGE BOOST APPEAL OF US DOLLAR
- VANDA INSIGHTS: BULLS & BEARS SENTIMENT ON OIL
- EU SEES VACCINE PASSPORT EXPLOSION FOR HOTELS, RESTAURANTS, MUSEUMS & MORE
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# TAKEAWAYS

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Morning all. Brent is trading this morning, guess where? Gold star! Not far from \$75/bbl on Brent, \$74.69/bbl in fact, up 0.28/bbl. WTI is trading at \$71.94/bbl, up 0.29/bbl. Ok, what shall we talk about? How to bake a cake like Mary Berry? OK fine, not that. What about if animals could talk? Which one would be the rudest? I personally think a hyena. OK, not that. I know, let's talk about oil, shall we? Here's a sentence that sums things up pretty nicely at the moment ... "Most energy traders were unfazed by last week's build, so expectations should be high for the EIA crude oil inventory data to confirm inventories resume their



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declining trend," OANDA senior market analyst Edward Moya said in a note. I mean, do I need to say any more? The thing is that Mr. Moya is absolutely spot on. Builds on crude?

Oh, and gasoline? Hmm, driving season? Yeah, nah ignore that move on, nothing to see here. Mineeee! Honestly, it's nuts. API data out last night told us that we can expect to see sizeable draws on both crude and products later. Something the market has been waiting for ever since the driving season started really. Gasoline stocks are going to be what everyone will keep an eye on until driving season is over, which incidentally is in five weeks. Crazy when you think about that, where has 2021 gone? Don't answer that. What should be kept an eye on, veryyyy closely is US crude production, we haven't broken out of the current

range on Brent for over a month now, apart from one day when markets looked like they were facing reality before that was swiped away like a wasp near your cider and bosh, up we rallied to the comfort bosom of \$75/bbl in a matter of days. 11.4mn b/d of US production we are currently at. That's the highest since May 2020. Is it just me, or is the market becoming a little concerned that the upward trajectory of this figure, and more production from OPEC+ to come, may just outweigh those demand forecasts? Because let's remember, those forecasts are still just forecasts. All eyes on EIA. Oh, and the Fed. Transitory inflation? Hmmm. Good day.

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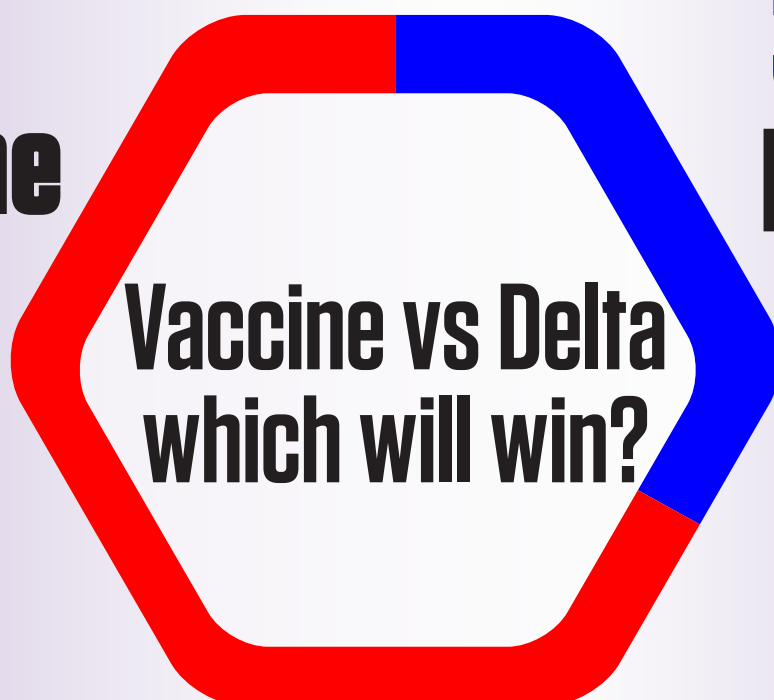
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#### Are markets looking for direction?

There's a cap in commodities and oil is the primary one. I'm bearish in general at these levels. I see WTI heading closer to \$60. The market seems to have forgotten about supply elasticity. Demand has had a short-term spike, but the bigger picture is we're going back to what we had before the pandemic - lackluster oil demand while supply picks up. The stock market also needs to go higher for crude to sustain above \$70. If we get a 10% correction - which used to be normal in the S&P 500 - WTI is going to easily get to a \$50 handle and that's just the average price. I'm also bullish USD - another reason to be bearish commodities, while gold and bitcoin should continue to outperform. They're fundamentally solid - they're quasi currencies and have had their corrections in the current trend.

#### Is the general bullishness in markets a rebound or a real recovery?

Don't underestimate the enduring trends and when they give you a relative edge, jump on them. Gold's giving you a dip, Bitcoin's giving you a dip, crude's giving you a bounce in a bear market. The key one is the bond market - I think US bond yields are going to zero. The better performers in 2H 2021 are going to be Bitcoin, gold and US long bonds. The key one that is still overdue at least a small correction is the stock market - it needs a stress test.

#### Anything in the US economic outlook to be concerned about?

A year from now, we will look back, having had the most significant fiscal monetary stimulus in history but see an economy that has not changed much, with slack demand for energy. We're going to have some major issues going back to where we were and the Fed is just going to have to keep printing money. ■

*\*Paraphrased comments*

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