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- WTI Crude oil is now trading at 83.20 moderately lower from recent high of \$85.41 registered on Monday. However prices are still at multiyear high on the back drop of limited global oil supplies and signs of increasing demand.
- On economic data front US Sep new home sales jumped +14.0% m/m to a 6-month high of 800,000, against expectations of 756,000. Also, the Conference Board's U.S. Oct consumer confidence index unexpectedly rose +4.0 to 113.8, against expectations of a decline to 108.0. In addition, the Oct Richmond Fed manufacturing survey rose +15 to 12, stronger than expectations of 5. US economic data was supportive for energy demand and positive for crude oil prices.
- Saudi Aramco's CEO said on Tuesday that global oil-production capacity is rapidly declining, causing "huge concern as capacity shrinks."
- If the pandemic in the United States improves, the lockdowns and travel restrictions may be lifted. On Monday, the seven-day average of new Covid infections in the United States fell to 70,668, a two-and-a-half-month low. This is likely to have a positive impact on energy demand.
- However, Russian Deputy Prime Minister Novak said that Russia expects OPEC+ to increase its output by 400,000 bpd at its Nov 4 meeting which is negative for crude oil prices.
- Additionally Crude oil prices are likely to be hampered by the resumption of nuclear talks between Iran and Western powers, which could lead to the lifting of sanctions against Iran and the entry of Iranian crude oil onto the global market. Today, Iran and the EU are meeting in Brussels as a precursor to the resumption of broader talks in Vienna.
- The official Inventory report due later today is likely to have an impact on crude oil prices. The consensus is for the weekly EIA crude inventories to rise by 2.0 million barrels on Wednesday. Meanwhile, the API reported that US crude supplies increased by 2.32 million barrels per week last week, while gasoline stockpiles increased by 530,000 barrels per week.
- According to the weekly EIA report released last Wednesday, U.S. crude oil inventories were -6.1 percent lower on October 15 than the seasonal 5-year average, gasoline inventories were -3.2 percent lower, and distillate inventories were -10.0 percent lower.
- Meanwhile, net long of crude oil futures increased by 24 818 contracts to 429 594, according to the CFTC Commitments of Traders report for the week ended October 19. Longs gained +1 719 contracts, while shorts lost -23 099 contracts. On the back of a power shortage, the front-month WTI crude contract has rallied for the seventh week in a row to a level last seen in 2014.
- Baker Hughes reported last Friday that active U.S. oil rigs fell by -2 rigs to 443, down from a one-and-a-half-year high of 445 rigs the week before.

## Outlook

■ Oil prices are expected to remain stable due to limited supply and rising demand. It will most likely find strong support near the 20-day EMA of \$80.62 and the 50-day EMA of \$76.75. Near \$86.10 and \$87.30, there is immediate resistance.



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