Crude Oil Weekly

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Market Commentary

Call of The Week: **Slightly Bearish**
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Highlights:

- Brent Reclaims $115 as Saudi Supply Risks and Falling US Inventories Support Prices
- OPEC+ Has Limited Room to Increase Supply Ahead of US Midterm Elections

Oil Market Summary

WTI crude oil rose sharply last week, gaining around 2.1% on Friday to settle at US$104.12 per barrel, as escalating geopolitical tensions in the Middle East heightened concerns over global oil supply disruptions. Prices were supported by a reported attack on an oil tanker in the Strait of Hormuz, alongside renewed Houthi attacks and threats against Saudi Arabia's energy infrastructure. These developments reinforced fears that the ongoing US-Israeli conflict with Iran could disrupt crude shipments and tighten global supply. Despite intermittent pressure from renewed diplomatic efforts between Washington and Tehran, persistent security risks helped push oil prices to their highest levels since late April.

On Friday, the NYMEX light sweet crude oil was closed at $104.12 a barrel by close of trade and Brent crude up $2.63 to $113.43 a barrel. During the week, NYMEX crude oil was up $2.12 or 2.08%.

U.S. commercial crude oil inventories, excluding the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR)—decreased by 1.9 million barrels from the week ending October 23, 2026.

According to Baker Hughes, the number of weekly active rigs drilling for oil remained the same at 603.

Brent crude rebounded above $115 per barrel, reaching around $115.30, while WTI climbed above $101. The recovery was driven by renewed concerns over Middle East supply disruptions after Yemen's Houthis claimed an attack on Saudi Arabia's Ras Tanura refinery. Meanwhile, US crude inventories fell by 1.89 million barrels to 410.6 million, significantly below market expectations, providing further support to oil prices.

OPEC+ is expected to maintain its December production targets at its upcoming 1 November meeting, as several members are already producing below their quotas due to regional disruptions. With US crude inventories around 4% below the five-year average and the Strategic Petroleum Reserve near its lowest level since 1982, the market has limited supply buffers. Renewed US–Iran tensions ahead of the 3 November midterm elections could further increase geopolitical risk premiums and push Brent towards $120 per barrel.

WTI crude oil is expected to trade within a $86–$114 range this week. WTI crude oil is expected to remain highly volatile, with prices influenced by developments in US-Iran negotiations and the risk of further supply disruptions. On Monday, 2 November, WTI fell to around US$102 per barrel as ongoing talks between Iran and Qatari mediators raised hopes of a potential diplomatic breakthrough, easing immediate supply concerns. However, the market remains cautious ahead of the US midterm elections on 3 November, as any escalation in tensions could renew fears of attacks on energy infrastructure and shipping through the Strait of Hormuz. Meanwhile, OPEC+'s decision to maintain its December production targets provides limited immediate relief to supply concerns. Overall, oil prices may face short-term downward pressure if diplomatic progress continues, but renewed military escalation or further shipping disruptions could trigger another rally

Other Market News

US stock futures edged higher on Monday as investors prepared for a busy week of corporate earnings, key economic data releases, and the US midterm elections.

Dow futures rose 0.3%, while S&P 500 and Nasdaq 100 futures gained around 0.4% each. The gains followed a weaker week on Wall Street, with the Nasdaq Composite falling 2%, while the Dow Jones Industrial Average and S&P 500 dropped 0.85% and 0.57%, respectively.

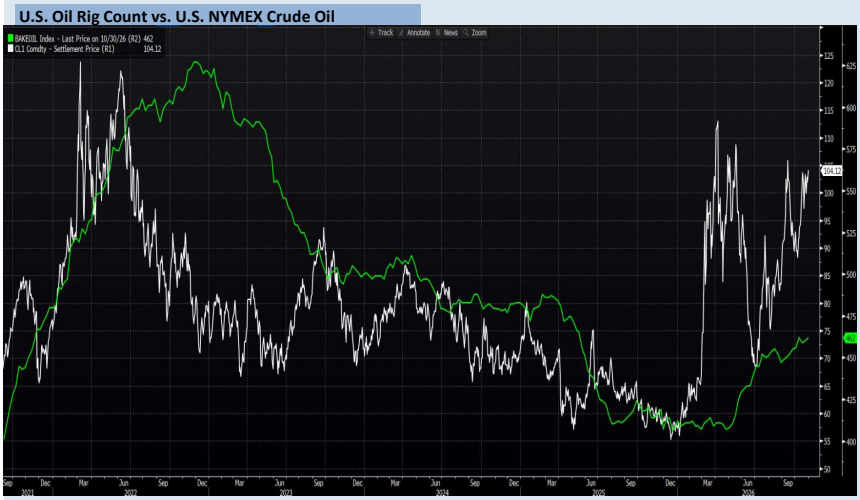
Weekly Market Price as at 30/10/2026

Commodity	Close	Chg	% Chg	High	Low	RSI(14)
NYMEX Crude Oil	104.12	2.12	2.080	104.99	102.43	68.89
IPE Brent Oil	113.43	2.63	2.370	114.29	111.03	73.51
TOCOM Crude Oil	100,190.00	10060.00	1.070	101140.00	100600.00	81.26
Mini Dow Jones	51,918.00	-594.00	-1.130	52662.00	51701.00	44.46
U.S. Dollar Index	101.75	-0.15	-0.140	101.96	101.45	53.42
COMEX Gold	3,898.90	-132.50	-3.290	4038.20	3879.30	27.86

Significant Events to Watch (Malaysian Time)

2/11/2026 (2245hrs)- S&P Global Manufacturing PMI (Oct)
2/11/2026 (2300hrs)- ISM Manufacturing Prices (Oct)
3/11/2026 (2245hrs)- S&P Global Manufacturing PMI (Oct)
3/11/2026 (2300hrs)- JOLTS Job Openings (Sep)
4/11/2026 (2115hrs)- ADP Nonfarm Employment Change (Oct)
4/11/2026 (2245hrs)- S&P Global Services PMI (Oct)
4/11/2026 (2300hrs)- ISM Non-Manufacturing PMI (Oct)
4/11/2026 (2330hrs)- Crude Oil Inventories
5/11/2026 (2130hrs)- Initial Jobless Claims
6/11/2026 (2130hrs)- Nonfarm Payrolls (Oct)

U.S. Oil Rig Count vs. U.S. NYMEX Crude Oil



Source: Bloomberg / Phillip Capital

Chart of the Day - Crude Oil Daily Chart



From the daily chart above, prices is likely to be range bound with downside bias, however, investor should be mindful of next support level will be at $88/barrel

Source: Reuters/Bloomberg/Phillip Capital

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