

# DAILY COMMODITY SNAPSHOT

22nd Dec 2020

| Energy           |            |       |          |
|------------------|------------|-------|----------|
|                  | Last Price | СМР   | % Change |
|                  |            |       |          |
| NYMEX WTI        | 47.97      | 47.04 | -1.94    |
| NYMEX NG         | 2.705      | 2.735 | 1.11     |
| MCX Crude Oil    | 3529       | 3485  | -1.25    |
| MCX Natural Gas  | 199.7      | 202.3 | 1.30     |
| Brent Oil        | 50.91      | 50.04 | -1.71    |
| Brent-WTI Spread | 2.94       | 3     | 2.04     |

# **Energy Related News**

Oil prices extending sharp losses, as the rapid spread of a new strain of the novel coronavirus in the United Kingdom prompted several countries to close their borders to British travellers and freight.

India, Pakistan, Russia, Jordan and Hong Kong joined European countries in suspending travel from Britain, and Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Oman closed their borders completely.

The oil market had been overbought, with long positions outweighing short positions by around 4 to 1, so the selloff was inevitable.

The U.S. dollar rising as a safe-haven currency, which added to pressure on oil prices.

Fears are now focused on whether the global economic recovery will be further stalled with this strain's rise, stoking fears of renewed restrictions on movement over the mid-term, which will undermine airline and car travel that requires fuel.

| Inventory Data |        |          |               |       |  |  |
|----------------|--------|----------|---------------|-------|--|--|
|                | Actual | Expected | Previous Week | Total |  |  |
| Crude oil      |        |          | -3.100        | 500.1 |  |  |
| Distillate     |        |          | 0.200         | 151.3 |  |  |
| Gasoline       |        |          | 1.000         | 238.9 |  |  |
| Natural Gas    |        |          | -91           | 3848  |  |  |
| Oil Rigs data  |        |          | 5             | 263   |  |  |

## **Energy Outlook**

Crude oil prices are trading lower for the day. We expect oil prices to trade negative after the new coronavirus strain that has shut down much of Britain and led to tighter restrictions in Europe raising worries about a slower recovery in fuel demand and whether UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson can secure a post-Brexit trade deal with the European Union have raised doubts over the effectiveness of vaccine.

| Events For Today |     |                              |          |          |  |  |
|------------------|-----|------------------------------|----------|----------|--|--|
| Time             | Cur | Events                       | Forecast | Previous |  |  |
| 7:00pm           | USD | Final GDP q/q                | 33.10%   | 33.10%   |  |  |
|                  | USD | Final GDP Price Index q/q    | 3.60%    | 3.60%    |  |  |
| 7:30pm           | CNY | CB Leading Index m/m         |          | 1.30%    |  |  |
| 8:30pm           | USD | CB Consumer Confidence       | 97.5     | 96.1     |  |  |
|                  | USD | Existing Home Sales          | 6.70M    | 6.85M    |  |  |
|                  | USD | Richmond Manufacturing Index | 12       | 15       |  |  |

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