

Oil Rises = Tighter Market

But 2018 hangs in the balance

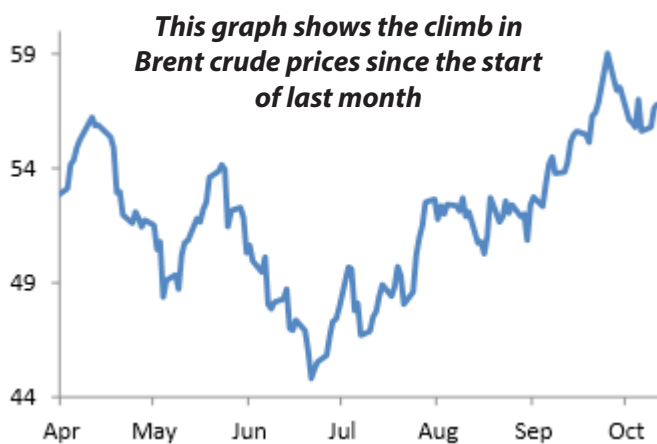
Oil prices rose for a third day in a row this Wednesday (11th), meaning that after years of oversupply, markets are beginning to tighten. But 2018 looks less certain.

World GDP to grow 3.6% this year, 3.7% in 2018

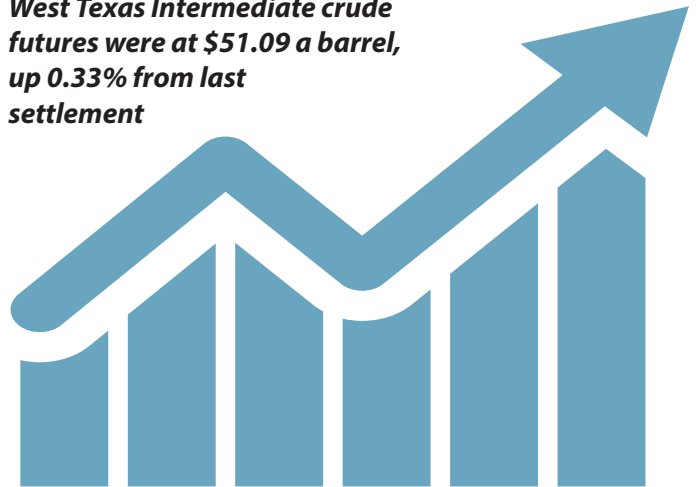
Barclays raises Q1 2018 Brent forecast to \$56 per barrel

Barclays says Q2 2018 prices to fall back to \$48 per barrel

Vitol CEO calls oil market "boringly rangebound"

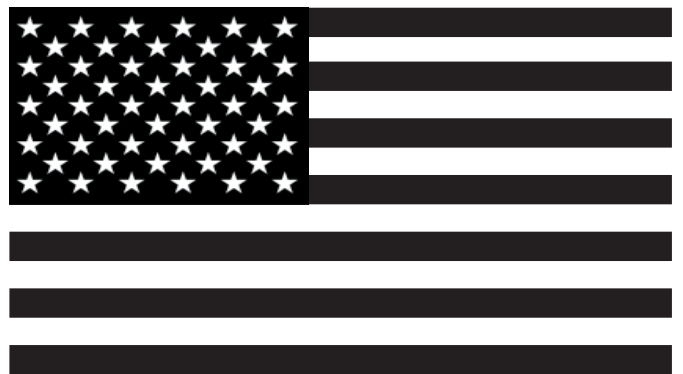


West Texas Intermediate crude futures were at \$51.09 a barrel, up 0.33% from last settlement

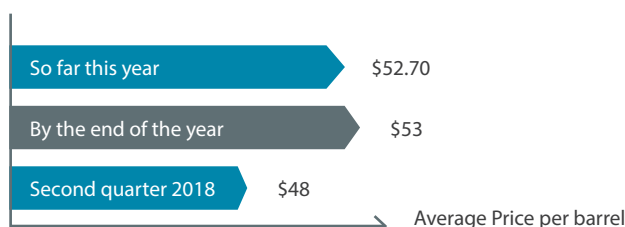


But the U.S. are keeping quiet about the issue

Due to a federal holiday (OK, a fair enough excuse), the release of fuel inventory data has been delayed. Also the American Petroleum Institute (API) will release last week's data this evening. And the U.S. Department of Energy's report tomorrow (Thursday). These will be key insights into the future price direction.



Barclays: Brent oil price forecast



"Although Saudi Aramco plans to make 'the deepest customer allocation cuts in its history' by cutting 560,000 bpd next month, its impact could be diluted if the U.S. shale producers see this as a Christmas gift." - Lukman Otunga, analyst at futures brokerage at FXTM