Oil prices rose over the past week, supported by improving demand and tighter supply

- As demand expectations continued to improve and supply conditions tightened further, oil prices rose again in the past week, returning to the same levels seen at the start of October last year. Since the beginning of 2016:Q1, reassessment of global demand expectations has been a somewhat more prominent driver of oil price movements than perceived supply conditions.

- These developments follow the sustained oil price weakness over 2015:Q4, which was predominantly supply-driven.

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Cumulative Weekly Decomposition, Jan 1-Apr 29, 2016

Recent Decomposition Data

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The model is re-estimated every week using weekly data from January 1986 through the close of business on Friday of the most recent week. Over this sample, the model can explain about two-thirds of the weekly oil price dynamics.

3) How to interpret the results?

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Given the noise in weekly price changes, we choose to show the results as a cumulation from a certain starting point (usually the start of the previous quarter).

References


Authors

Jan Groen and Patrick Russo
Oil prices declined in the past week, mainly in response to changed demand perceptions

- Oil prices fell over the past week, largely owing to deteriorating demand conditions. Since the beginning of 2016:Q1, reassessment of global demand expectations has been a somewhat more prominent driver of oil price movements than perceived supply conditions.

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References


Authors

Jan Groen and Patrick Russo
Oil prices rose in the past week, mostly owing to the residual, but also to somewhat improved demand

- Oil prices recovered over the past week, largely owing to the residual and, less so, to improving demand conditions. Since early 2016:Q1, reassessment of global demand expectations has been a somewhat more prominent driver of oil price movements than perceived supply conditions.

- These developments follow the sustained oil price weakness over 2015:Q4, which was predominantly supply-driven.

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Cumulative Weekly Decomposition, Jan 1-May 13, 2016

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**References**


**Authors**

Jan Groen and Patrick Russo
Oil prices rose in the past week, driven by tighter supply conditions and higher perceived demand

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Cumulative Weekly Decomposition, Jan 1-May 20, 2016

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Authors

Jan Groen and Patrick Russo
Oil prices scarcely moved over the past week, with expanded supply offsetting higher demand and the residual.

- Perceived oil demand improved somewhat and the residual increased, but supply conditions loosened; these moves left oil prices essentially unchanged over the past week. Since early 2016:Q1, reassessment of global demand expectations has been a slightly more prominent driver of oil price movements than perceived supply conditions.

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References


Authors

Jan Groen and Patrick Russo
Oil prices ticked down over the past week on account of weaker demand conditions and a decreasing residual.

- Despite somewhat tighter supply conditions over the past week, oil prices decreased as perceived demand deteriorated and the residual fell. Since early 2016:Q1, reassessment of global demand expectations has been a slightly more prominent driver of oil price movements than perceived supply conditions.

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References


Authors

Jan Groen and Patrick Russo
Over the past week, oil prices continued to tick down owing to weaker demand conditions and a decreasing residual.

- Although supply conditions tightened again over the past week, perceived demand and the residual continued to decrease, resulting in another oil price decline. Since early 2016:Q1, reassessment of global demand expectations has been a slightly more prominent driver of oil price movements than perceived supply conditions.

- These developments follow the sustained oil price weakness over 2015:Q4, which was predominantly supply-driven.

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## Cumulative Weekly Decomposition, Jan 01–Jun 24, 2016

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Oil Price Decomposition Q&A

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Authors
Jan Groen and Patrick Russo
Over the past week, oil prices rose owing to increased demand expectations.

- Global demand expectations increased sharply over the past week, and, though partially offset by loosening supply conditions, resulted in an oil price increase. Since early 2016:Q2, reassessment of global demand expectations and tighter supply conditions have both exerted upward pressure on oil prices.

- These developments follow the temporary demand-driven oil price weakness of early Q1. Tighter supply conditions, however, exerted upward pressure during this period, leaving oil prices up modestly.

- Overall, since the end of 2014:Q2, both lower global demand expectations and looser supply have held oil prices down—a trend that has been reversing since the end of 2016:Q1.

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Oil prices climbed over the past week as demand expectations and the residual rose.

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Jan Groen and Patrick Russo
Oil prices fell in recent weeks owing to weaker demand and easing supply conditions.

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Oil prices recovered in response to stabilizing supply conditions and a larger residual.

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Jan Groen and Patrick Russo
Oil prices continued their increases owing to tighter supply and improving demand.

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Authors

Brandyn Bok, Jan Groen, and Patrick Russo
Tighter supply conditions again push up oil prices.

- The principal driver of higher oil prices this week was the tightening of perceived supply conditions, although improving demand provided some additional impetus. In 2016:Q2, reassessment of global demand expectations and tighter supply conditions both exerted upward pressure on oil prices.

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Brandyn Bok, Jan Groen, and Patrick Russo
Decreasing demand led to somewhat lower oil prices.

- Anticipated global demand declined slightly over the past week, which led to modestly lower oil prices since perceived supply barely changed. In 2016:Q2, reassessment of global demand expectations and tighter supply conditions both exerted upward pressure on oil prices.

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Oil prices continue to fall owing to lower demand and expanding supply.

- Oil prices fell again over the past week, at an accelerated pace relative to the previous week. This price decrease stemmed more or less equally from declining anticipated global demand, larger perceived supply, and a lower residual. In 2016:Q2, reassessment of global demand expectations and tighter supply conditions both exerted upward pressure on oil prices.

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Decreasing oil supply expectations resulted in higher oil prices.

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Brandyn Bok and Jan Groen
Oil prices went up owing to increased demand expectations.

- Over the past week, oil prices rose following an increase in expected demand, which was only slightly offset by a perceived loosening in supply and a declining residual. For 2016:Q3, oil prices were somewhat lower as a result of volatile but weakening global demand expectations as well as looser supply conditions.

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