

Opec Shocks The Globe

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Opec's plan to cut oil production puts a further strain on already sour relations between the US and Saudi Arabia

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The index ended higher for the first time in four weeks, with energy being the best performer as major exporters' decisions to reduce global supply of oil raised prices.

Our top 3 scoops this week

1. Opec's oil turmoil

Oil prices have fallen almost 30% in the last few months following this summer's unpleasant peak, due to worries about an impending global recession. But the world's largest oil coalition doesn't want you celebrating just yet. This week Opec+ announced that it will cut output by 2M barrels a day, in a major blow to the US and other countries facing the worst energy crisis in 50 years. The move, aimed at boosting oil prices, marks Opec's biggest production cut since the start of the pandemic, a worrisome development for the long-term security of energy supply. White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre reprimanded the group for siding with Russia, while the rest of the world struggles to cope with the negative impact of its war in Ukraine. The decision to cut output came just months after US President Biden's visit to Opec leader Saudi Arabia to mend strained relations. [Will Opec's oil production cut cost the world a warm winter?](#)

2. Musk makes a U-turn on the Twitter takeover

After a long legal battle, Musk kicked off negotiations to buy Twitter (Ticker : TWTR) for the original price of \$44B. The unexpected move came just a few weeks prior to the two parties' scheduled court appearance. The negotiations were centred on terms to prevent litigation until the deal could close and guarantee Musk's debt financing would continue. Twitter, which sued the Tesla CEO to push for the transaction, was thought to have the better case. It's likely that Musk's attorneys lost confidence along the way, and he realized he would probably lose the trial. [Will Musk's reverse card get him out of the legal chaos?](#)

3. Biden goes to White Castle

Who would've thought America's 79-year-old president would bring marijuana reform to the forefront of the country's issues? Last week, Biden began a review of the US's marijuana classification, and pardoned thousands of Americans who had been charged with federal crimes for little more than simple marijuana possession. Nine out of ten Americans endorse the use of marijuana for recreational or medical purposes, with only a month left for midterms, Biden's move aims to increase Democrats popularity' in the polls. The depressed marijuana industry experienced a steep rally in response to the announcement. But that spark, like most rallies in this faltering industry, vanished almost immediately. Innovative Industrial Properties (Ticker : IIPR), Tilray (Ticker : TLRY), and Cronos Group (Ticker : CRON) are a few of the major cannabis stocks that dipped Friday after surging late Thursday. [Will Biden's move set the momentum for the federal decriminalization of pot?](#)

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This week's poll

Which country will be the hardest hit by Opec's oil cuts?

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We asked — "*Will Putin's call for the reserves change the course of the war?*"

Lead response — "*The war won't end unless the US decides it'll end*"

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