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Event	MarCon*	IIR Comment	IIR Links	Outlet
Chinese Oil Titans Plan Joint Crude Buying to Add Market Clout	↑ 2	"Senior executives from China Petroleum & Chemical Corp., PetroChina Co., Cnooc Ltd. and Sinochem Group Co. are in advanced talks to iron out details of the plan [...] the group represents refiners that import more than 5 million barrels of oil a day. That's nearly a fifth of OPEC's total output, which would make it the world's largest crude buyer in theory [...] "the group is set to collectively issue bids for certain Russian and African grades in the spot market."	Industrial Info's Weekly Global Refining Impact Report	Bloomberg
China services index hits 10-year high in sign of recovery	↑ 3	"The Caixin/Markit services purchasing managers' index surged to a 10-year high of 58.4 last month, up from 55 in May and a nadir of 26.5 in February, when Beijing put the world's second-largest economy into lockdown. A PMI below 50 indicates contraction."	China Speeds Up Steel Capacity-Replacement Projects, an Industrial Info Market Brief	Financial Times
OPEC+ expected to increase production in August	↓ 2	After record production cuts, OPEC+ will increase production in August. Reports suggest that production will increase by about 2 million barrels of oil per day.	Global Oil Markets Poised for Rebalancing, an Industrial Info Market Brief	Reuters
Saudi Arabia threatens another price war...	↓ 2	Saudi Arabia is upset. After agreeing to massive oil production cuts between OPEC+ members, the oil nation is unhappy with the members that have not kept their part of the promise.	Pivotal OPEC+ Meeting Set for July 15, an Industrial Info Market Brief	WSJ
Russian exports to Europe hit 20-year low	↓ 2	Russian oil exports to Europe fell to only 900,000 barrels per day as other oil – from the U.S. in particular – is more profitable to refine in European refineries.	Oil Refiners Increase Gasoline Output, an Industrial Info Market Brief	Reuters
Weekly Recap: 07/01-07/08	↑ 1	**Plink. Is the sound of yet more dominoes falling in global crude supply chains that we thought we once knew. There are COVID new normals. And then yet-to-be-understood new normals. Could somebody give me tomorrow's scripted orders, today? Russia losing market share in Europe - who would have thunk. Well at least there is China's plan to be the world's largest crude buyer with eyes on its friends – Russia (geopolitical) & Africa (think Belt & Road initiative). And Saudi Arabia is struggling to rein in the Cartel. One that might no longer have the clout or relevance it once did.** **Now if only the World's largest economy can get its House of Cards in order...**		

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