

Today's economic highlights...

Oil mixed, but solid U.S. demand underpins sentiment

- TOKYO (Reuters) -Oil prices were mixed on Thursday, paring earlier gains, as some investors scooped up profits from the recent rally while solid demand in the United States and a switch to fuel oil from coal and gas amid surging prices underpinned market sentiment.
- [Brent crude](#) futures fell 11 cents, or 0.1%, to \$85.71 a barrel at 0355 GMT, reversing earlier gains that took the benchmark to the highest since October 2018. It rose 0.9% the previous day.
- U.S. West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude futures for December rose 5 cents, or 0.1%, to \$83.47 a barrel. November WTI crude, which expired on Wednesday, settled up 91 cents, or 1.1%, after touching the highest since October 2014 earlier in the session. [Read more...](#)

China Evergrande Group secures extension for \$260 mln bond -REDD

- HONG KONG, Oct 21 (Reuters) - Debt-ridden property developer China Evergrande Group has secured an extension on the maturity of a \$260 million bond issued by its joint venture and which it guaranteed, financial information provider REDD reported on Thursday.
- The bond issued by Jumbo Fortune Enterprise matured on Oct. 3.
- The extension period is more than three months, REDD reported, citing two people briefed by holders of the bond. [Read more...](#)

U.S. coronavirus vaccine donations reach 200 million doses

- WASHINGTON (Reuters) - The United States, under pressure to share its coronavirus vaccine supply with the rest of the world, has now donated 200 million doses to more than 100 countries, the White House announced on Thursday.
- President Joe Biden has faced some criticism from other world leaders for offering vaccine booster shots in the United States at a time when many people around the world have not received their first shot.
- In recent weeks, the United States has stepped up its donations. Biden told Kenyan President Uhuru Kenyatta last week <https://www.reuters.com/world/africa/us-donates-17-million-jj-doses-african-union-2021-10-14> that the United States will make a one-time donation of the Johnson & Johnson (NYSE:[JNJ](#)) vaccine to the African Union. [Read more...](#)