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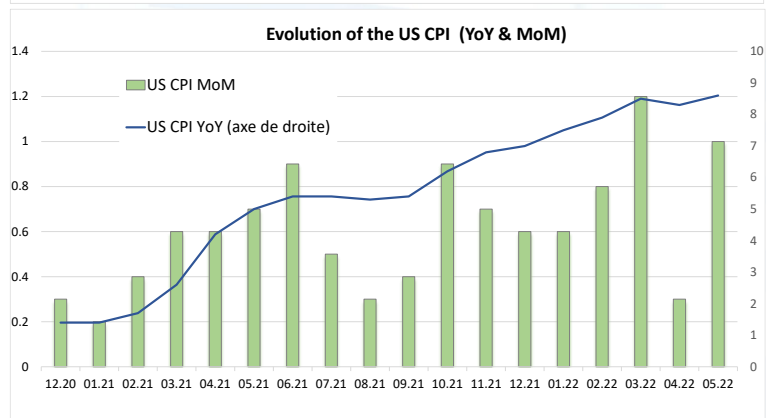
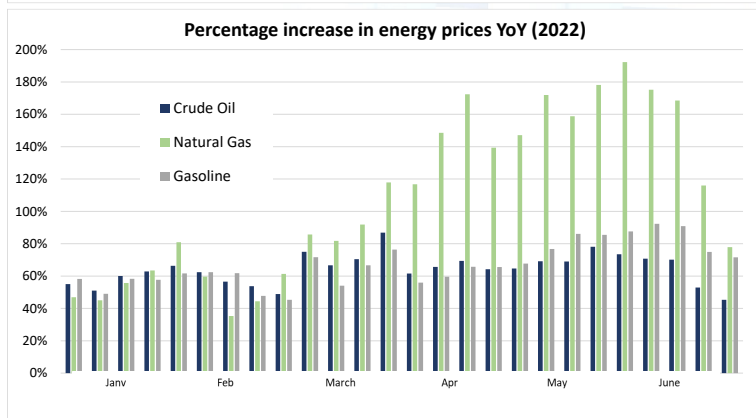
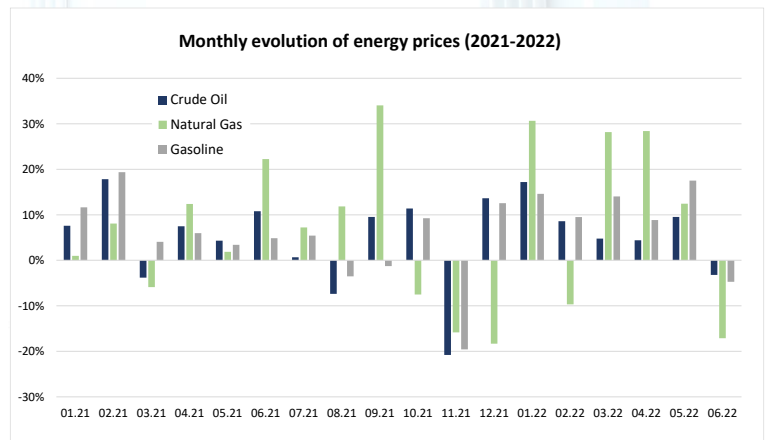
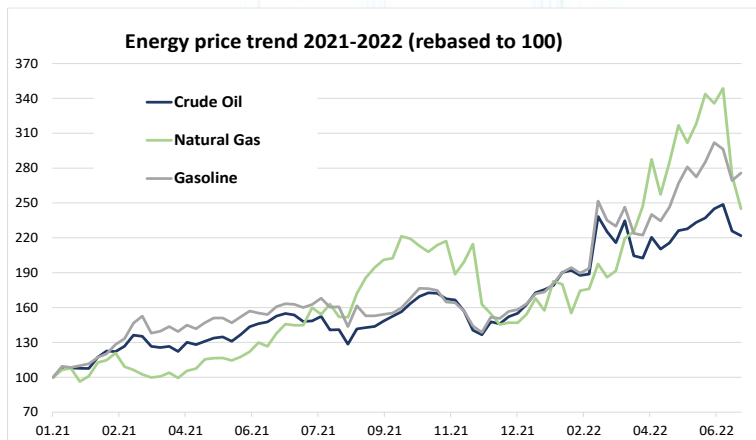
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ENERGY PRICES FINALLY FALL IN JUNE

Positive impact on inflation and investors' sentiment

After falling sharply from a high of \$123.6 on June 14, WTI oil prices rebounded above \$110 before the OPEC+ meeting, but are expected to end the month with their first monthly decline since November 2021. After a +9.5% rise in May, a stabilization or even a decline of -3 to -5% in June should positively affect the upcoming inflation figures in the US. On a yearly basis, the increase in crude oil prices in June (+51%) will be significantly lower than in May (+71.7%). Natural gas prices also collapsed by almost -20% during the month, erasing the entire increase of May. On a yearly basis, the increase in US natural gas was +170% in May, it could be only +80% at the end of June. Gasoline prices could also follow a similar trend and show a year-over-year increase declining from +92% in May to +73% in June.

A decrease in energy market tensions seems difficult to predict, while Saudi Arabia and the UAE indicate that a significant rapid increase in their production does not seem possible given their already very high production capacity. Without questioning the still bullish forward outlook for energy costs, recent developments could still affect investor sentiment more favorably. Indeed, the last inflation figure of +8.6% published in May, which had strongly disappointed and worried investors on June 10, could now be followed by more favorable statistics for June and July.



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