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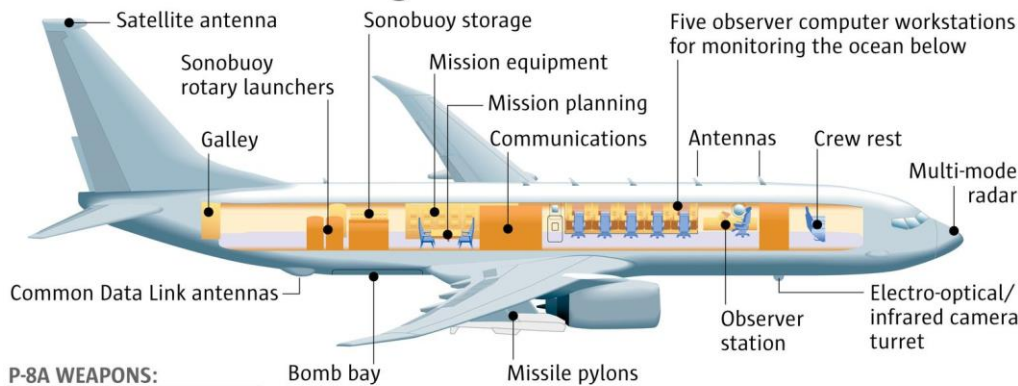
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Boeing's P-8A Poseidon



P-8A WEAPONS:

- Mark 54 torpedoes
- Naval mines
- Harpoon anti-ship missiles
- SLAM-ERs (Radar-guided air-launched missiles)
- Depth charges

Source: Boeing

MARK NOWLIN / THE SEATTLE TIMES



Anti
Naval Mine
Plane

P-8A Poseidon

Manufacturer

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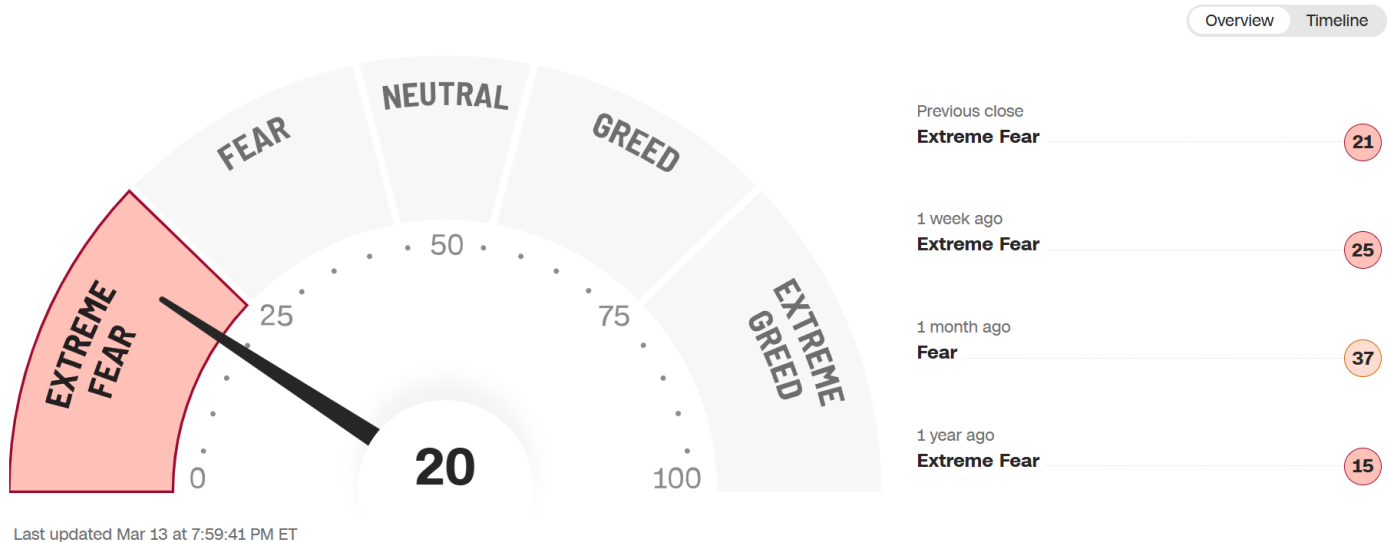
82nd Airborne Division ----- trained and based in Okinawa, why choose them and no other base?
What is the real reason that trigger them to jump off? Just for Hormuz? So simple?

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Fear & Greed Index

What emotion is driving the market now?

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North East West South is **NEWS**

Forbes magazine reports that Elon Musk's estimated net worth is \$839 billion, making him the richest person on record. Meanwhile, the total wealth of the world's billionaires surged in the past year, reaching a record high of \$20.1 trillion. Musk tops Forbes' list of the world's billionaires for the second consecutive year. Benefiting from rising valuations of Tesla and SpaceX, his wealth increased by approximately \$500 billion in the past 12 months, with SpaceX planning its initial public offering (IPO) this year.

Apple announced celebrations for its 50th anniversary under the theme "Think Different," paying tribute to half a century of innovation that has driven the world to connect, create, learn, and experience. CEO Tim Cook released an open letter reviewing the company's history and core values, while thanking the employees, developers, and users who have made Apple what it is today.

Following Energy Secretary Chris Wright's statement that the U.S. military was not yet prepared to escort ships through the Strait of Hormuz, Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent said on the same day that the U.S. Navy would cooperate with the international coalition to escort ships through the Strait of Hormuz when military conditions permitted. Other countries are likely to participate as well.

U.S. President Trump stated today that Iran has been thoroughly defeated in the U.S.-Israel military action against Iran and wants to reach an agreement, but he will not accept it.

UN Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs Tom Fletcher called for safe passage of aid supplies through the Strait of Hormuz.

Reports say Gulf countries are discussing the idea of building a canal that would connect the Persian Gulf to the Arabian Sea.



This canal could bypass the Strait of Hormuz, one of the world's most important oil shipping routes.

This is a long-term solution but no help today.



Once XOM was the largest enterprise of the world



Energy stocks will continue to rise for a period of time when war in Iran accelerates



World Observation

Day 1482
Russia/Ukraine Conflict

Convoy Service

The US said that they would provide convoy service to tankers passing through Hormuz Strait. Hang on! It would not launch out so soon even already disclosed for a week, it still needs one or two weeks to come true. The UK Defense Secretary said they are considering possible options to help defend shipping in the Strait of Hormuz from Iranian attacks. However, there is a video circulating in the internet that the Prime Minister Keir Starmer officially declared war against Iran and asked them to surrender. Apparently, it is generated by AI and very easy to detect. So naïve!

The US already had 3 aircraft carrier strike groups in the Middle East, what are they doing now? The first and foremost mission is to protect their flagship which is the aircraft carrier. They cannot leave the flagship alone. A standard strike group consists of 6 or more convoys including 1 submarine which goes 50 miles ahead of the carrier to clear off all underwater risks. There are also 2 cruisers and 2 missile destroyers on each side of the carrier to act as human shields. After that group there is 1 logistic ship carrying all kinds of supplies. In the air there are 2 reconnaissance planes flying at a circle of 250 miles for protection so that nothing can enter their circle. When they leave for another mission, it means there is a gap for enemies to jam in.

Even the US now has air supremacy and all traditional air forces of Iran cannot fly up, but the threat of Kamikaze drones is still a real trouble, which is quite troublesome indeed. If the US provides escort service, they will act as human shields and easily be shot. So, they must use multi-layer reconnaissance to clear all potential attacks from lower orbit level to high atmosphere to the latest interceptor drone system of US which is known as *Merops*. The Israel *Drone Dome* system can detect the UAV and can even stay in the air for 30 hours to destroy the outpost on the ground. That is when police are gathering at the outpost or sentry post to carry out their duty of pressing and checking general citizens or demonstrators will also be attacked. Israel is using US technology to develop the *Iron Beam* system which is a low-cost laser to shoot down

drones as low as US\$1 per shot. That is *death-ray* in scientific fiction or movie comes true now. They are aiming to shoot the command drone by PLTR.

The US must clear all remaining drone attacks which can be carried in a small truck or container so as to lower the damage when they launch out the convoy service. As for naval mines, it is said that only 10 of them are being laid down. For every day there are still 10 tankers passing, some of them are shadow fleet, some of them are officially applied for passing by China and officially granted passing by Iran. For China is their financial supporter even though in the UN resolution had not voted for them. They had a feeling of being betrayed but anyway they still need the money of China. Now the US must wait for further destroyers to arrive the Middle East to clear all underwater risk, and land or air potential risk. The attack of Kharg Island is an action that Trump showed that he would continue to carry on bombarding until Iran give up blocking the public waterway of Hurmuz and let all ships pass through freely. A number of 2500 Marine Corps and the 28 Airborne Division are ready to send to the Persian Gulf for the mission from Okinawa.

Ultimately, both Iran and the US can say they have won the war. The US already had the decapitation of Khamenei and now is finding the 460 kg of condensed uranium, when they find them, mission is over and can retreat at any time. Iran had already pushed oil prices up to \$120 and this round may be higher, so they can also reach their target of giving trouble to the financial market of the world. The trouble is really more than expected. Even if the war stops today, both of them can claim victory and tell their citizens they have won the war and defeated their stubborn enemy.

When reviewing history, now is quite near to the eve of World War I & II or some even said World War III has already started. When you believe Trump can press down nuclear war or World War III, just bet the US can win. When you think Trump is accelerating World War III, you should prepare well for it. Anyway, confirmation can only be made after World War III is over and not now. If so, World War IV will be fought with stones and rods only, for the destruction of nuclear war is so great that all civilization will vanish. The League of Nations cannot prevent World War II, but now after that, do you think the United Nations can prevent World War III? Certainly not! Definitely not! Because there is no super nation which is above the Five Powers of the UN to control over them.



Market Observation

GTC Conference Mar 16-19

SOX

Philadelphia Semiconductor

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+3.40 (+0.05%)

The war in Iran is entering into stage 2 which is longer than expected. As I have said it would pass through the Summer Solstice of June 21st and end before Aug 12th the total solar eclipse. Anyway, said long before it would not end just in a few days. Market is not yet paralysed but will be indifferent to it soon. The landing of Marine Corps or 82 Airborne Division will bring the fighting to another stage. In response to this I asked the AI to give recommendations to energy stocks which are quite hot these weeks.

XOM and CVX are blue chips of petroleum stocks and are also known as evergreen trees. They have their demand and fans at all times, but just see at what level you enter. COP, OXY and DVN are of second importance, but one more problem is that most petroleum or energy related stocks are quite high now, even if the war will last for a longer time, but hard to chase high in such a case. If you have such an idea, there is an ETF you can try which is XLE for it has really dropped a lot from \$91 to \$43 and now rebounded to \$57. Those that wish to buy at low in energy stocks or ETF, this rare chance has come. Would you like to grasp it? Must handle with care!

Why would this happen? It's a great regret that few people would report the verdict of the Federal Court of New York in Brooklyn that Pakistani youth Asif Merchant is convicted of being recruited by Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) of Iran to assassinate Trump in July 2024. This news should not be missed no matter whether you are for or against Trump. Why did Trump take action against the Kharg Island suddenly, is it an immediate response to the verdict? The strike started tightly after the verdict! The UN

cannot prevent this to happen and after that cannot prevent what follows! Just watch the disastrous outcome to happen. So, whether the UN can or cannot carry on its function, they cannot prevent World War III!

We can hardly know when the market will shift the focus away from petroleum. However, some more items need to be kept in mind is the GTC Conference of NVDA at San Jose from Mar 16-19. Mind that Jensen Huang has something special concerning light to announce. All tickets are sold out, when you want to join in and listen to Huang's live speech, the ticket is worth US\$2525, if you just attend the exhibition, it still costs US\$930. The price of NVDA had been going horizontally for months since the good news of Nov, now is the time for a new impact to come. Something revolutionary!

The FOMC meeting of the Fed seemed unimportant, the much-appreciated Dot Plot chart is relegated to limbo, no one would care for it. Interest rates cannot replace the impact of petroleum. Put them aside after watching.


Looking further forward, one more thing should be aimed at besides the War in Iran, that is the Trump/Xi meeting from March 31 to April 2. It is said that China will buy 500 Boeing planes and H200 of NVDA. Mind that in the outlook of NVDA, they had already put down the sales of chips to China, not accounting for it, so any sales will surely be of good news.

The greatest worry of the market is that S&P is in a curved top situation. Any bad news in Iran would trigger a big black candlestick and push the price downward. But if you are calm enough, you should know that a drop from record high of 7002 is necessary, even up to 1000 or 2000 points is no strange at all. DJIA had started to drop since 50512 of Feb 10, normally Feb is a dropping month, therefore no need to be afraid. The year line at 45314 is support, last closing is 46558. NASDAQ (NDX) is mixed and averages are mixing downward. Greatest support is at 250-SMA which is 21194.

With oil prices spiking above \$100 due to the Hormuz Strait crisis, U.S. energy stocks—particularly integrated majors and shale producers—are seeing strong momentum. The most compelling buys right now are ExxonMobil (XOM), Chevron (CVX), ConocoPhillips (COP), Occidental Petroleum (OXY), and Devon Energy (DVN), alongside ETFs like XLE for diversified exposure. Investing.com + 2

Key Energy Stock Opportunities

Company / ETF	Segment	Strengths	Current Catalyst
ExxonMobil (XOM)	Integrated oil & gas	Scale, downstream refining, dividend stability	Benefits from crude price surge and refining margins
Chevron (CVX)	Integrated oil & gas	Strong balance sheet, global upstream assets	High leverage to Brent crude prices
ConocoPhillips (COP)	Upstream producer	Focused on exploration & production, strong buybacks	Direct exposure to rising crude prices
Occidental Petroleum (OXY)	Shale & chemicals	Aggressive shale exposure, Berkshire Hathaway backing	High beta to oil price spikes
Devon Energy (DVN)	Shale producer	Variable dividend strategy, diversified operations	Attractive for income investors in volatile oil markets
Energy Select Sector SPDR ETF (XLE)	Diversified ETF	Broad exposure to U.S. energy majors	Safer way to play sector-wide upside

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Why These Stocks Stand Out

- **Integrated majors (XOM, CVX):** Offer stability through refining and downstream operations, making them less vulnerable if oil prices retreat quickly.
- **Pure upstream plays (COP, OXY, DVN):** Provide higher upside when crude prices spike, but carry more volatility risk.
- **ETFs (XLE):** Ideal for investors seeking diversified exposure without picking individual winners.

⚠ Risks & Considerations

- **Geopolitical volatility:** If the Strait of Hormuz reopens or tensions ease, oil prices could fall sharply, reversing gains. [U.S. News](#)
- **Shale cost inflation:** Rising U.S. shale production costs may limit profitability despite higher crude prices. [www.tradingkey.com](#)
- **Inflationary pressures:** Higher energy costs can weigh on broader equity markets, creating sector-specific winners but overall market drag.

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📊 Strategic Approach

- **Short-term traders:** Focus on **OXY** and **DVN** for high beta exposure to oil spikes.
- **Long-term investors:** Favor **XOM** and **CVX** for dividends and resilience.
- **Diversification seekers:** Use **XLE ETF** to capture sector upside while reducing single-stock risk.

Would you like me to build a **scenario matrix** showing how these stocks might perform under different oil price paths (e.g., sustained \$100+, quick retreat to \$80, prolonged volatility)? That would give you a clearer risk/reward picture for positioning.



OXY formed a curved bottom and rocketed up, but S&P formed curved top (see page 13).

The premise holds: there is an ongoing crisis in the Strait of Hormuz tied to the escalating Iran conflict (U.S.-Israeli strikes and Iranian responses), which has severely disrupted shipping and effectively snarled or halted much of the traffic through this critical chokepoint. [axios.com](#) [+2 more](#)

Roughly 20% of global oil (and significant LNG) flows through it daily. This has driven sharp oil price spikes—WTI and Brent up 25-50%+ in recent days/weeks, with benchmarks briefly topping \$100–\$110+ per barrel (highest levels in years), and some analysts warning of potential \$200+ in extreme scenarios if disruptions persist. [yahoo.com](#) [eia.gov](#)

Important disclaimer: I am not a financial advisor, and this is **not personalized investment advice**. Stock markets are volatile, especially amid geopolitics. Oil prices could reverse sharply if the conflict de-escalates, Hormuz reopens, or demand weakens (e.g., from recession risks or SPR releases). High energy costs can also hurt broader economies. Always do your own due diligence, consider your risk tolerance/time horizon, review financials/analyst reports, and consult a licensed professional. Past performance ≠ future results. These are general observations based on how sectors historically perform in supply-shock environments.

With that said, higher oil (and related gas/LNG) prices from supply disruptions typically benefit U.S. energy companies with domestic or non-Middle East production—they can ramp output, enjoy wider margins, and generate strong free cash flow without the direct risk to Middle East assets. Here are the main kinds (categories) of U.S.-listed petroleum, gas, and related energy stocks that analysts and market commentary have highlighted as potential beneficiaries right now. I'll group them with representative examples (tickers) and why they fit this scenario:

1. Integrated Oil Majors (Upstream + Downstream + Chemicals)

These large, diversified giants produce oil/gas while also refining and selling products. They gain from higher crude prices on the production side but have built-in hedges (refining margins often expand in volatility; chemicals add stability). Strong balance sheets, dividends (often 3%+ yields), and share buybacks make them relatively defensive plays in the sector.

Examples:

- **ExxonMobil (XOM)** — Massive U.S. shale/Permian output + global assets; recent record production levels position it for big earnings boosts from sustained high prices. [intellectia.ai](#) [247wallst.com](#)
- **Chevron (CVX)** — Similar diversification (Permian, LNG, international), refining hedges, and disciplined capital returns; benefits across the value chain. [intellectia.ai](#) [247wallst.com](#)

2. Upstream / Exploration & Production (E&P) Companies (Pure-Play Producers)

These focus on finding/drilling/producing oil and gas, often with heavy U.S. shale exposure. They offer **higher leverage** (more upside when prices spike) because profitability is directly tied to commodity prices. Low-cost Permian or other U.S. basins shine here as global supply tightens.

Examples:

- **ConocoPhillips (COP)** — Low-cost global assets + recent acquisitions for scale; strong free-cash-flow generator across price cycles. [intellectia.ai](#)
- **Occidental Petroleum (OXY)** — Concentrated Permian focus (big low-cost inventory); higher-beta play with direct oil-price sensitivity; backed by major investors for stability. [intellectia.ai](#)

3. Refiners & Downstream Companies

They buy crude and sell refined products (gasoline, diesel, etc.). When crude spikes due to supply fears, crack spreads (refining margins) can widen if product demand holds, turning volatility into profit. Less direct exposure to raw commodity swings.

Examples:

- **Marathon Petroleum (MPC)** — Strong refining footprint; benefits from tight product inventories and global fuel demand amid turmoil. [247wallst.com](#)
- **Phillips 66 (PSX)** — Refining + midstream/chemicals diversification; captures spread advantages with lower pure-commodity risk. [intellectia.ai](#)

4. Oilfield Services & Equipment Providers

These supply drilling rigs, tech, and support to producers. Higher sustained oil prices → more drilling activity and capex from E&P firms → revenue surge for services. Indirect play on the boom.

Common mentions in recent energy commentary: Baker Hughes (BKR), TechnipFMC (FTI), Archrock (AROC). These often see order backlogs grow in high-price environments.

5. Natural Gas / LNG Exporters & Related

The Hormuz crisis also hits LNG flows (e.g., from Qatar). U.S. exporters gain from tighter global supply and higher international gas prices, even if domestic Henry Hub is less directly impacted.

Example:

- **Cheniere Energy (LNG)** — Leading U.S. LNG exporter; positioned for global price uplift and export volumes. [money.usnews.com](#)

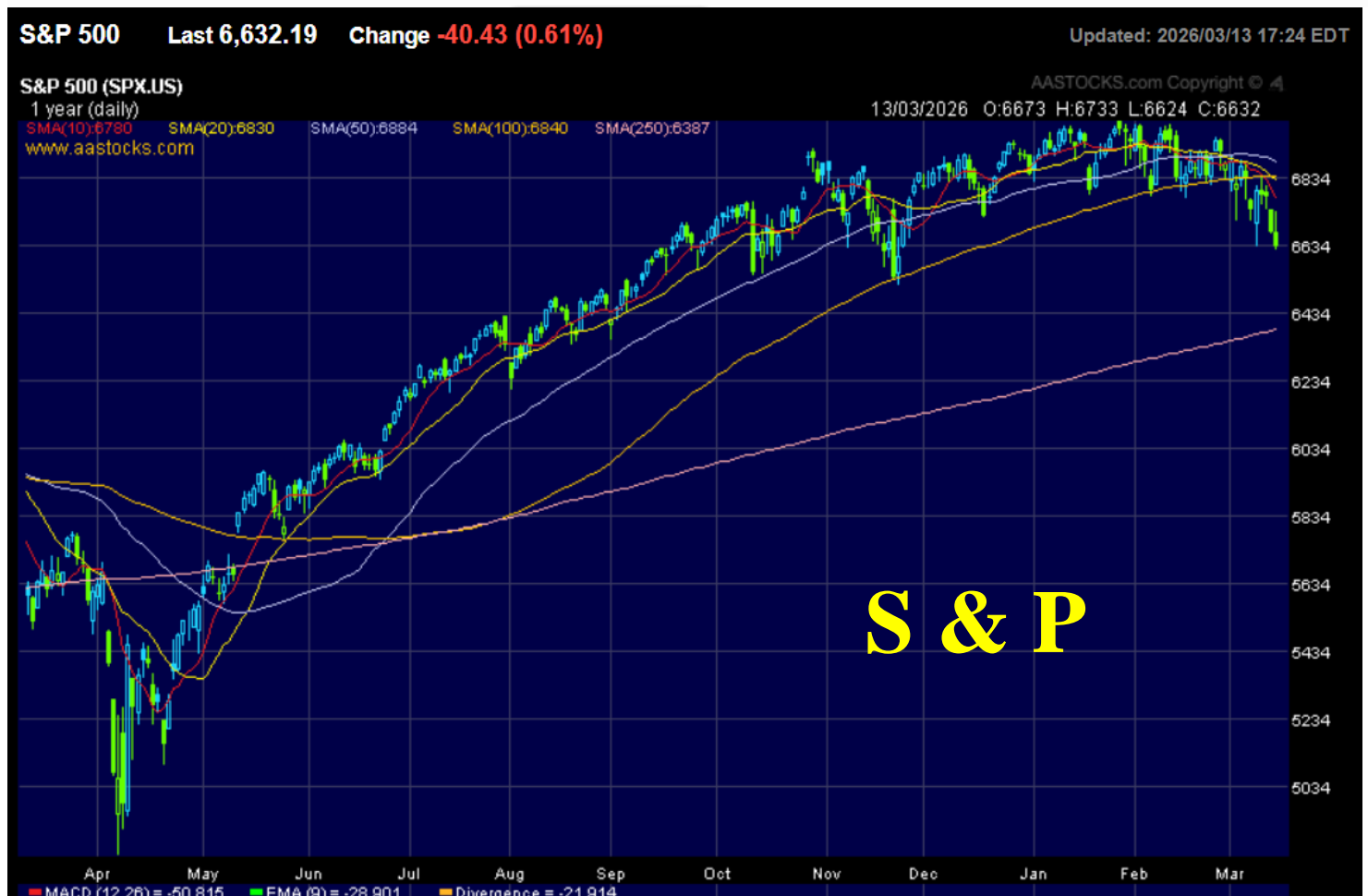


Bonus: Broad Exposure via ETFs

For easier diversification without single-stock risk: Energy Select Sector SPDR Fund (XLE) or similar (covers majors, upstream, services). Less volatile than individual names.

Bottom line on "kinds" to consider buying into: Prioritize **U.S.-centric upstream/integrated names** for the strongest direct tailwind from this supply crunch—they're insulated from the disrupted region and can increase output. Refiners and services add balance. Gas/LNG adds the related-energy angle. Analysts often favor those with low breakeven costs, strong free-cash-flow yields, dividends, and disciplined balance sheets in this environment. [intellectia.ai](#)

Watch for updates on conflict resolution, OPEC+ responses, strategic reserve releases, or demand signals—these could swing prices fast. Monitor earnings seasons for updated guidance. If you're new to the sector, start small and diversify. Stay informed via reliable sources, and remember: energy investing carries commodity, geopolitical, and regulatory risks.



S&P formed a curved top where a drop of 1000 points is a normal correction from 7002.