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Slickorps Ventures this week focuses on the structural changes in the global energy landscape amid the Middle East conflict. The energy supply shock triggered by the 2026 Iran war has become the largest global oil and gas supply disruption in history. The long-term blockade of the Strait of Hormuz, a critical chokepoint for world energy transportation, has disrupted approximately 15% to 20% of global oil and gas supply, plunging energy markets into historic turmoil.

Slickorps Ventures believes that this shock has not only altered oil prices but also tested the global energy security system and the institutional coordination capabilities among nations. The responses of various countries will directly impact long-term supply resilience and risk premium pricing.

Six Typical Strategies of Countries in Responding to Energy

Shocks

According to the World Economic Forum, countries have primarily adopted the following six strategies in response to energy supply disruptions, each with its own short-term and long-term considerations:

1.Releasing Strategic Petroleum Reserves

By releasing reserve oil or natural gas to buffer short-term market gaps, stabilize energy prices, and reduce the impact on the public and industrial sectors. (iea.org)

2.Adjusting Energy Trade Routes and Partnerships

By seeking alternative supply routes and adjusting the countries of import origin, reliance on a single transportation corridor and producer nation is reduced, thereby enhancing supply chain resilience.

3.Promoting Energy Diversification and Domestic Production Growth

Enhancing the production capacity of renewable energy, natural gas liquefaction facilities, or domestic energy sources to reduce dependence on crude oil from conflict regions.

4.Fiscal and Price Control Measures

These include fuel subsidies, energy rationing, and price ceiling controls, aimed at alleviating inflationary pressures and public social reactions, while protecting economically sensitive sectors.

5.Strategic Reserves and Inventory Coordination

Regional or multinational joint reserve coordination, such as through regional reserve mutual assistance agreements, ensures that critical resources can be rapidly deployed during disruptions.

6.Long-term Energy Security Institutional Framework

Establish an energy reserve management system, an emergency response mechanism, and a cross-border cooperation framework to enhance the resilience of the energy system and form a rule-based response mechanism for future shocks.

Slickorps Ventures points out that these six strategies are not merely isolated policy measures but rather a systematic framework of energy security logic. The combination of strategies adopted by different countries will affect global market risk premiums and capital allocation.

Structural Risk: From Price Volatility to Risk Premium Restructuring

Slickorps Ventures emphasizes that the impact of the Middle East shock on the global energy market is not limited to oil price fluctuations, but rather reshapes risk premiums and macro structures. The IMF projects that if the conflict persists, global economic growth could decline from the previous estimate of approximately 3.1% to 2.5%, while inflation may reach 5.4% or higher.

Slickorps Ventures believes that market participants must recognize that price volatility is merely a short-term signal, and the real opportunities and risks lie in the long-term stability of the energy system, supply chain resilience, and institutional response capacity. Resources with thin inventories, weak substitution options, and high transportation dependency, such as intermediate goods like aluminum, natural gas, and fertilizers, may experience fluctuations that are more unpredictable than crude oil and carry more structural impacts.

For capital markets, this means that the traditional logic of relying on "price fluctuations for trading or hedging" has become outdated. The real opportunities or risks in the future are not short-term price shocks, but rather the long-term repricing of energy supply stability and its impact on the global inflation trajectory, technology substitution pathways, and the competitive landscape of industries. For example, intermediate goods that were originally fragile yet extremely critical in the supply chain (such as metals and fertilizers), regional energy hubs, and new energy substitution pathways will all gain new valuation logic due to supply security.

Strategic Analysis of Slickorps Ventures: Energy Security Becomes the Core of Capital Allocation

Slickorps Ventures believes that the current shock is a systemic test of global economic resilience. Based on historical and empirical research, geopolitical risks produce profound lagged effects on energy trade -- political conflicts not only suppress energy trade itself but can also influence energy imports, exports, and price structures for months or even years. This conclusion is supported by multiple empirical studies, which indicate that geopolitical risks have a significant negative impact on energy trade, and this impact is often long-term in nature.

Therefore, when pricing energy-related risks, the market should consider a higher-order concept of "structural tolerance": it must assess not only supply disruptions and alternative production capacity but also the flexibility of the energy system, inventory dispatch capabilities, the ability to reconfigure trade hubs, and the capacity for institutional coordination among nations. For Slickorps Ventures, true energy security in the future does not lie in eliminating risk itself, but in establishing a systemic mechanism that allows markets and policies to hedge against risks, thereby minimizing the long-term erosion of economic growth, capital returns, and financial stability caused by energy supply shocks.