

Key Trends in Oil & Energy Markets

Just How Much More Uncertain Can It Get?!

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The List of Uncertainties Grows and Grows...

- Demand Side: US-China trade war/talks, Brexit, impact of IMO2020 on bunkers demand, EVs etc
- Supply Side: Iran (Middle East), Venezuela, Libya, Nigeria, US LTO output; and now Russian Urals!
- In background, OPEC+ is juggling supplies to keep market balanced; late-June meeting is critical
- Key factor: What price do the Saudis want? Hints of \$80/bbl (Brent) target: but too high for Trump!

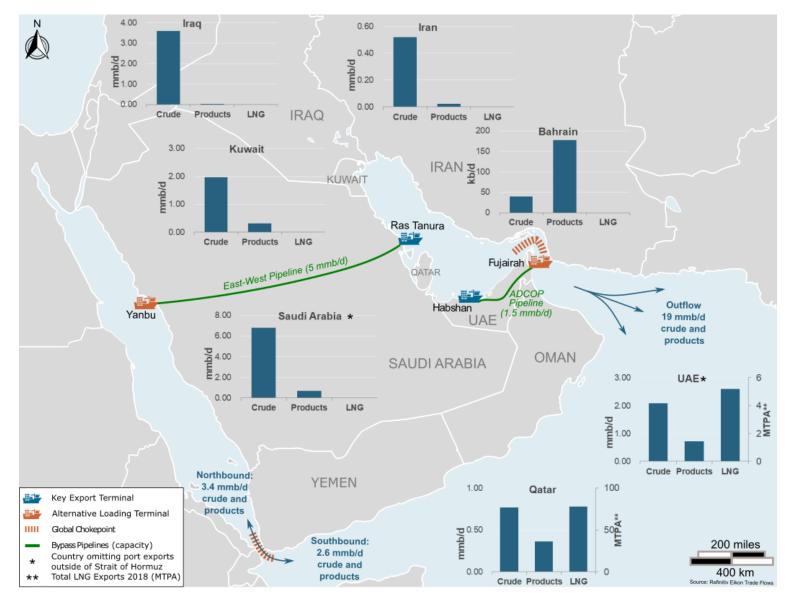


Oil Market: Short-Term Uncertainties/Risks



Middle East Tensions: raising concerns about potentially-huge supply disruption again

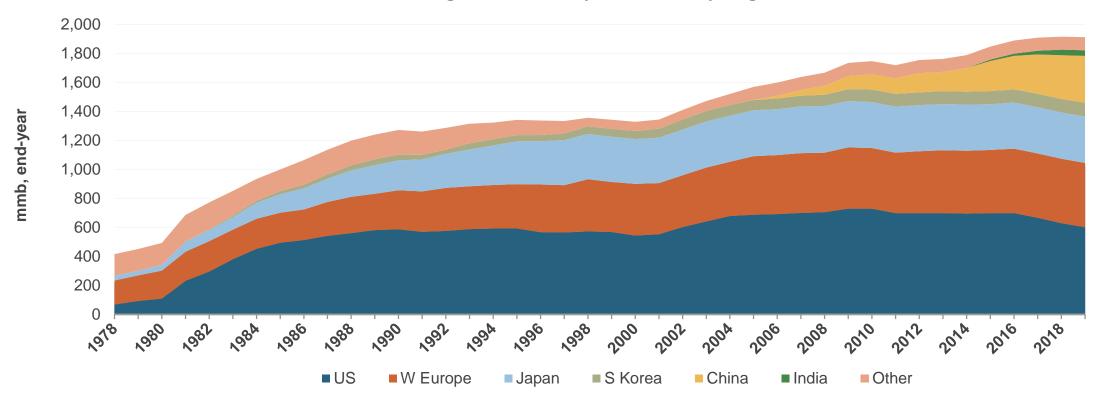
Oil exports through Strait of Hormuz are some 25% of world oil trade; LNG exports (mostly from Qatar) are also some 25% of world LNG trade





Strategic Oil Stocks: Huge Build-up since 1970s, potentially available for disruption

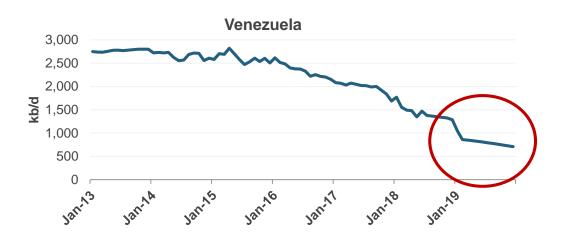
Strategic Oil Stocks by Main Country/Region

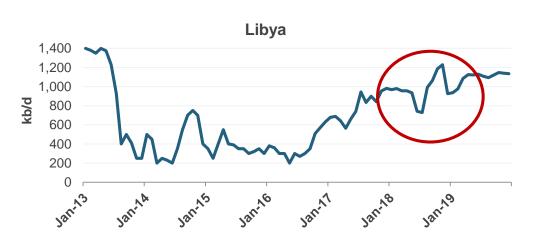


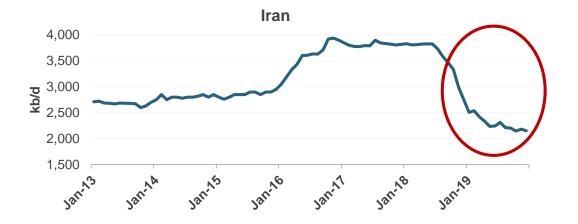
- Upward trend in strategic oil stocks for past four decades (China/India recently), but levelling off now due to US sell-offs.
- In theory, strategic oil stocks globally could cover halt in Strait of Hormuz supplies for 4 months; mandatory stocks for oil companies in Europe & Japan/Korea could add another month.
- But is that rate of stockdraw possible in practice?? Some doubts about US SPR. Biggest disruption previously was at time of Iranian revolution in 1979 and Iran-Iraq war in 1980 (both about 5 mmb/d).



OPEC Wild-Cards: Venezuela Collapsing, Iran Squeezed, Libya & Nigeria Unstable





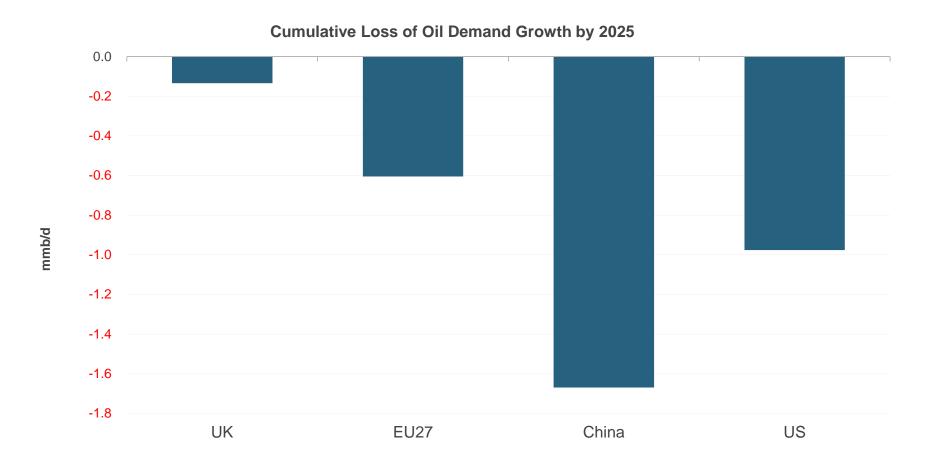






Demand Uncertainties: US-China Trade War & Brexit; Potential Loss of Oil Demand

Worst-case scenario of full-blown US/China trade war and "no-deal" Brexit could halve world oil demand growth up to 2025

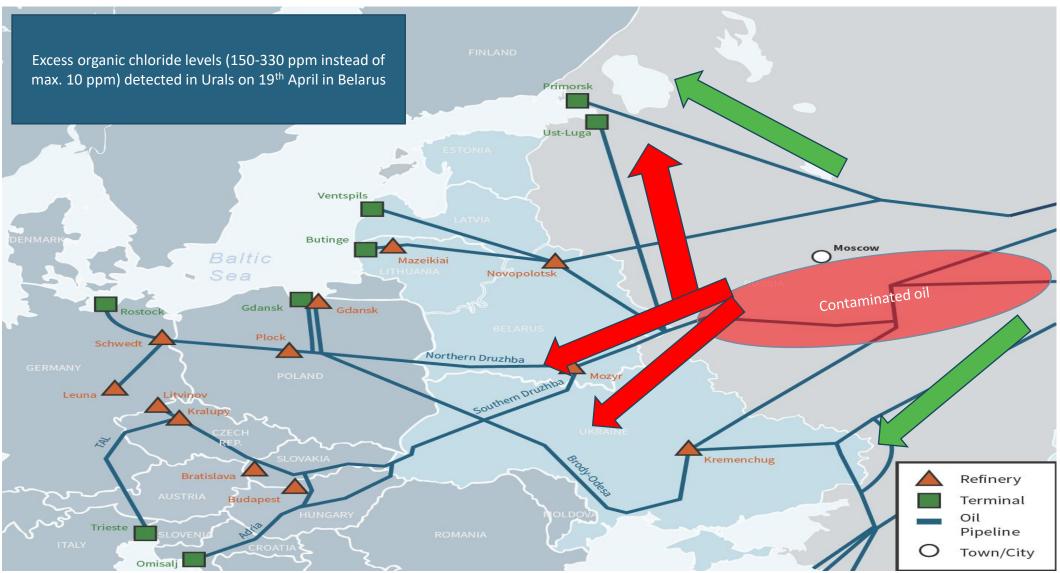


NB - Potential Brexit side-effect in short-term for oil market: switch from EU mandatory stocks rules (on basis of consumption) to IEA rules (on basis of net oil imports) could mean UK stockdraw of some 40 mmb?! – mostly diesel



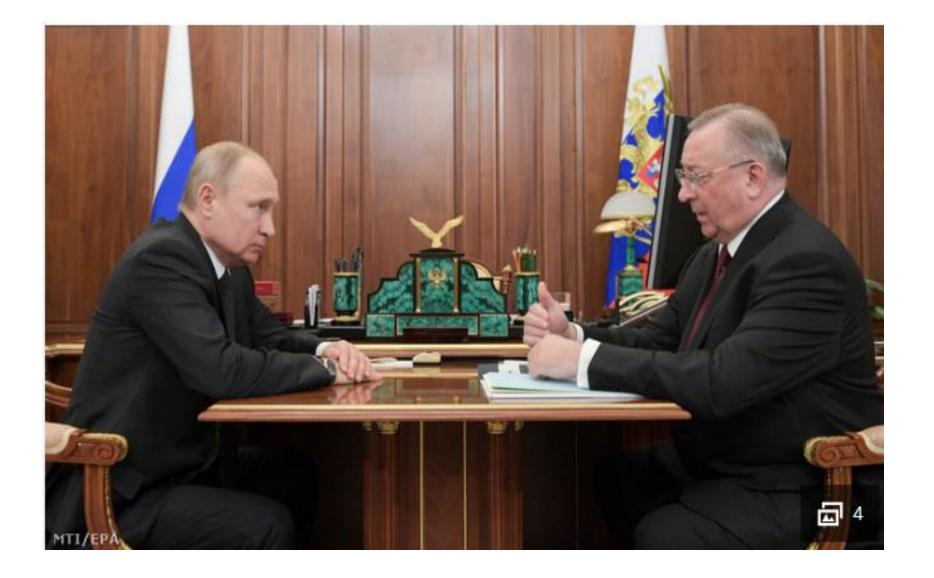
An "Unknown Unknown"?! The Urals Contamination Crisis; A Logistics Nightmare!

About 1 mmb/d of Urals supply through Druzhba pipeline halted on 19th April; refineries in Central Europe using other routes & strategic stocks



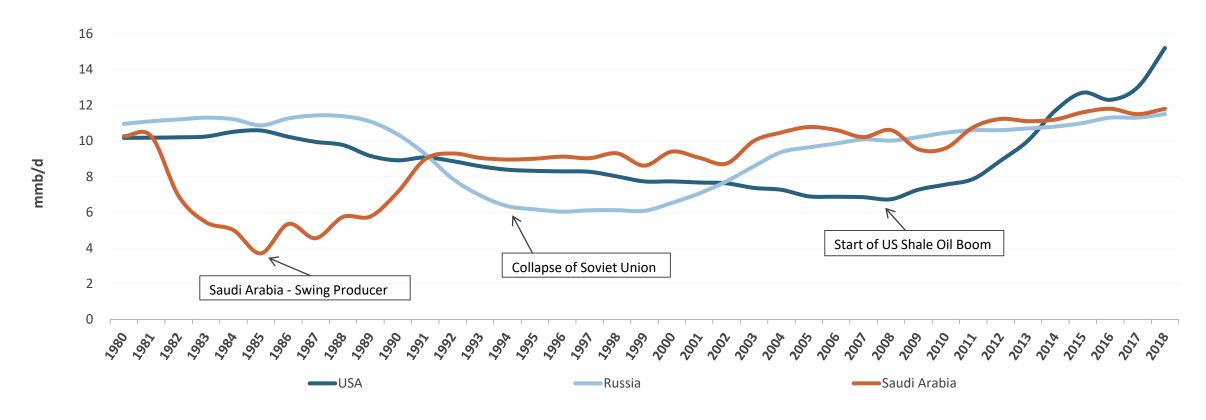


The Head of Transneft Gives Briefing on the Urals Contamination Problem to his Boss...!!





Oil Output in Russia, US & Saudi Arabia—Key Trends; but US racing ahead now



- Total oil output (including NGL) similar in US, Russia & Saudi Arabia; but US racing ahead; almost all non-OPEC growth).
- Saudi policy is to try to juggle sharing the burden of output cuts (unlike in 1980s), while aiming to support price.
- Currently, Saudis aiming at \$80/bbl Brent? But highly sensitive Trump unhappy at price above \$75/bbl? (year-ago level).



US LTO Output: Major controversy over upwards trend; EIA is the most optimistic

Critically, EIA forecast leads to White House view that oil market is adequately supplied; but latest actual output (Feb) was revised down!

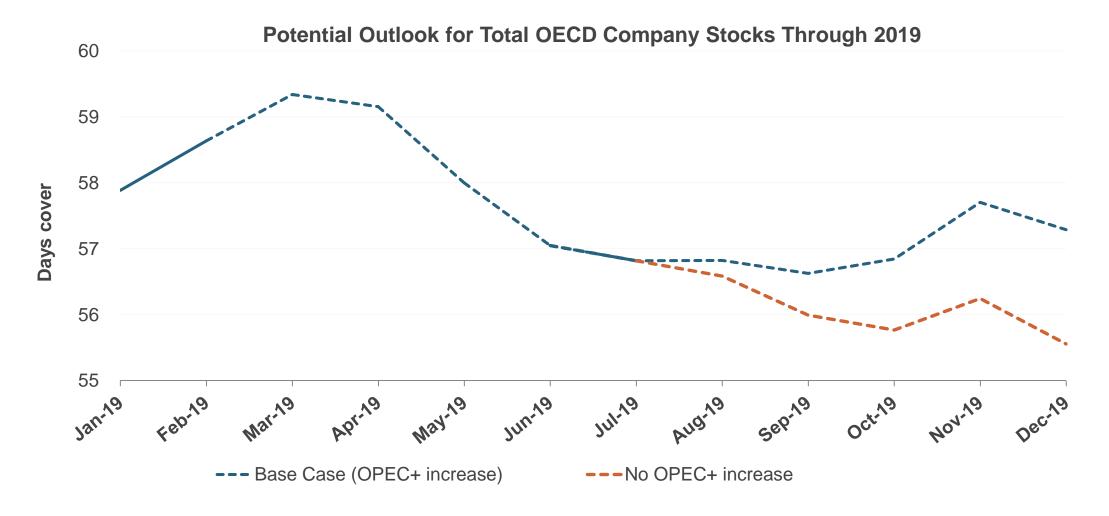






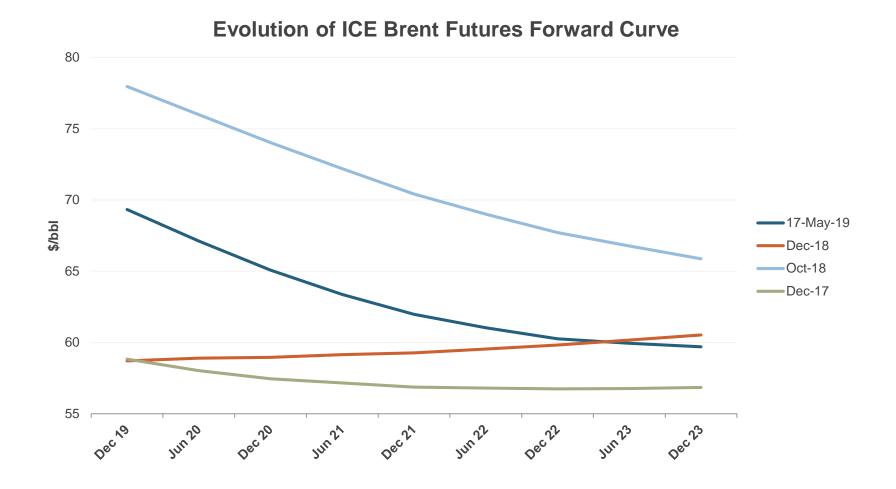
Stocks: Underlying stocks position seen tightening into 2H19

If Venezuela crisis continues, OPEC+ needs to raise output by 1 mmb/d in 2H19; but will they? Balanced stocks about 57 days





Oil Market Tightening Up? Backwardation in Brent back to last October's pattern....

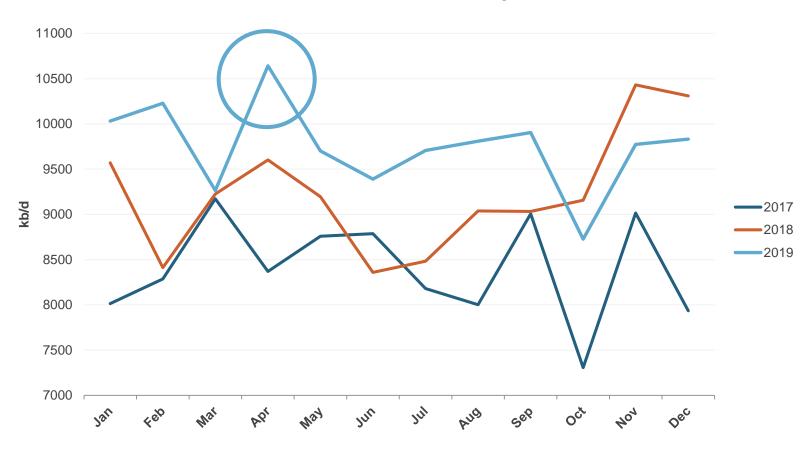




Chinese Crude Oil Imports – how long can they keep hitting new record highs?

Crude imports into China hit record level in April; thought to be stockbuilding by new refineries, plus precautionary buying?



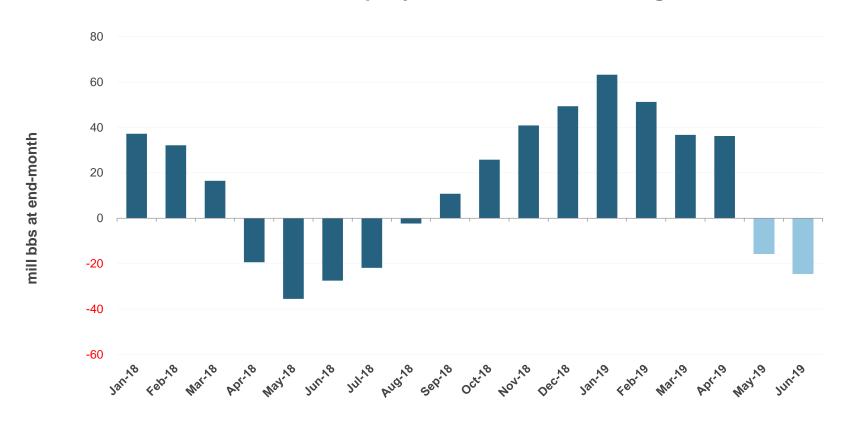




OECD Company Stocks: heading back below 5-year average; but will OPEC+ react?

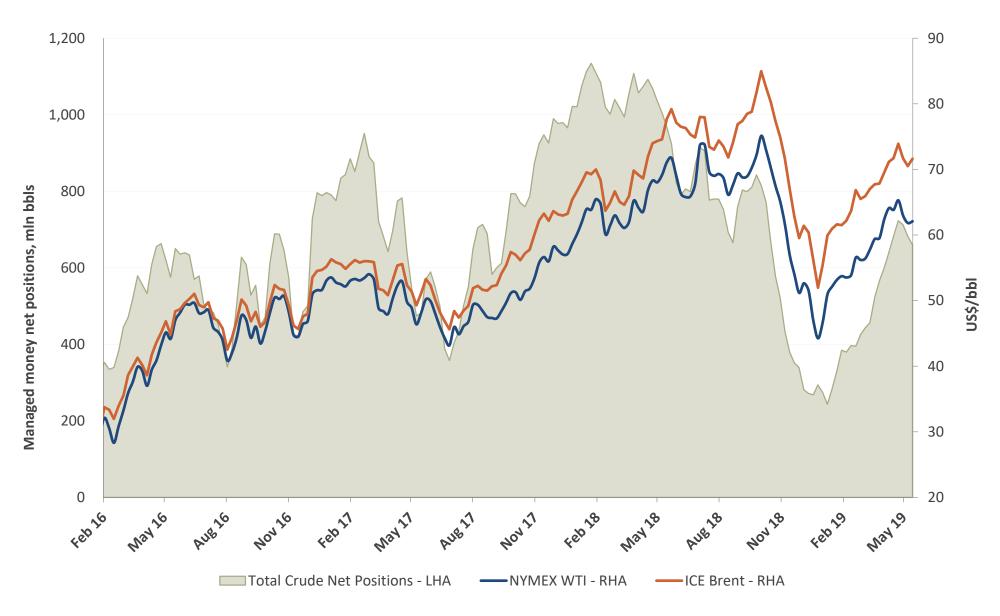
OPEC+ (ie Saudi Arabia) wary of repeating the mistake they made last year, of raising output too much – with subsequent slump in prices in 4Q

Total OECD Company Stocks vs 5-Year Average





ICE/NYMEX Crude Net Longs: at highest since Oct18, so potential downside now?





Potential Upsides & Downsides in World Oil Supplies

- Iran/Venezuela: potential downside (from now) of only about 500 kb/d each
- Libya: planned upside of 500 kb/d; but potential downside of up to 800 kb/d
- Nigeria: planned upside of 400 kb/d; but potential downside of 500 kb/d
- OPEC+ deal: potential upside of about 1 mmb/d, if current cuts restored
- **US tight oil:** potential downside & upside of c300 kb/d? (but hurricanes can knock out c1 mmb/d)
- But all dwarfed by potential disruption to Strait of Hormuz supplies about 19 mmb/d!!



Oil Market Longer-Term: Key Factor – IMO2020 Getting Closer!



IMO2020: Move to 0.5% Marine Fuel Oil Global Sulphur Cap Changes Everything



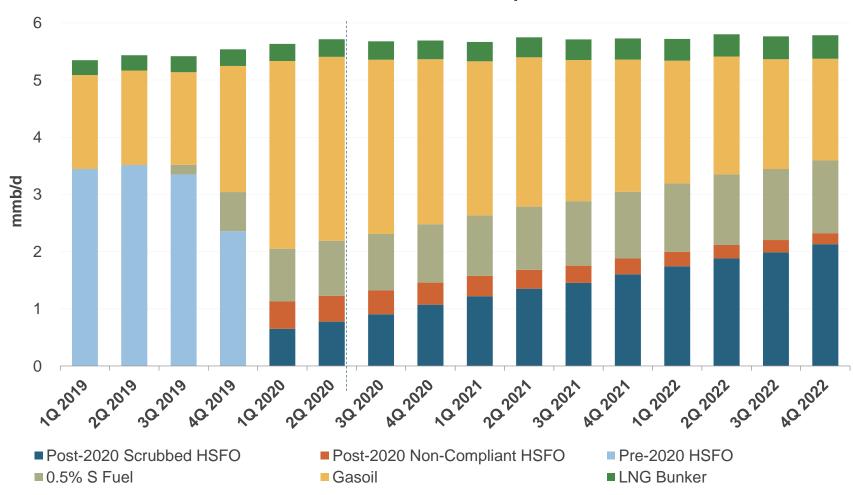
Biggest single change for refiners and shippers—ever?! Other sectors too Now only just over 7 months away....but impact still a major controversy



IMO2020: Forecast Bunker Fuel Demand Switching – big drop in HSFO, jump in MGO

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Near-Term Global Marine Fuel Consumption 1Q 2019-4Q 2022



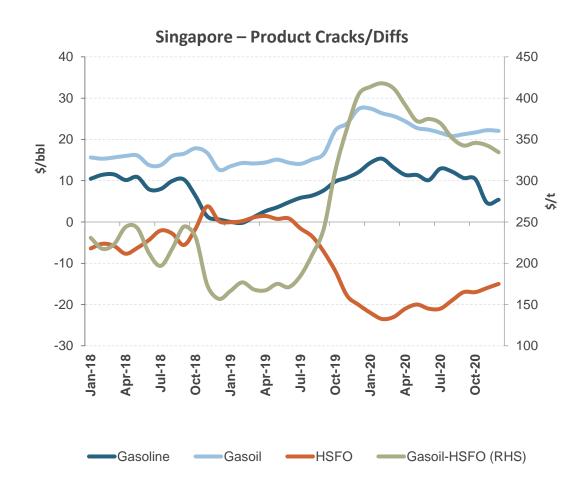
- The shift away from HSFO to cleaner fuels will start from 3Q 2019.
- By 1Q 2020 HSFO demand will have lost some 2 mmb/d compared with 1Q 2019, while the majority of ships will use MGO as compliant fuel.
- However, the quick uptake of scrubbers, in response to very weak HSFO prices, will bring some demand back in next few years; but very reactive.

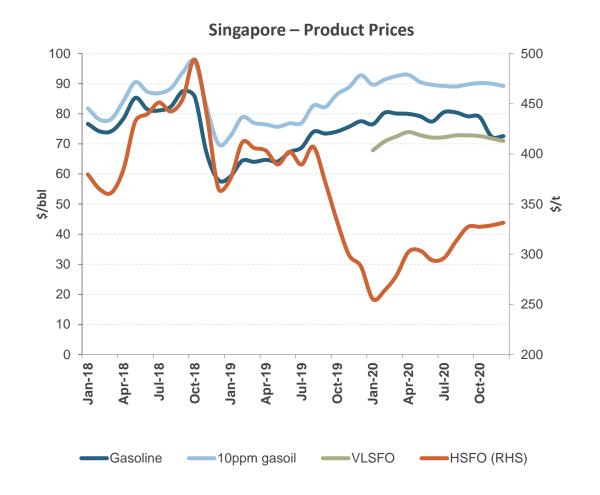


IMO2020 Transition Outlook – Potential Impact on Product Cracks & Prices

Fuel oil prices surprisingly strong in 1Q19, partly due to loss of Iran/Ven heavy crude supplies; but we still expect significant HSFO weakness, gasoil strength

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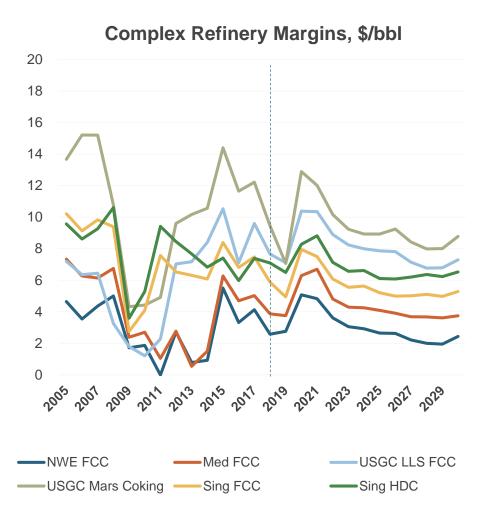


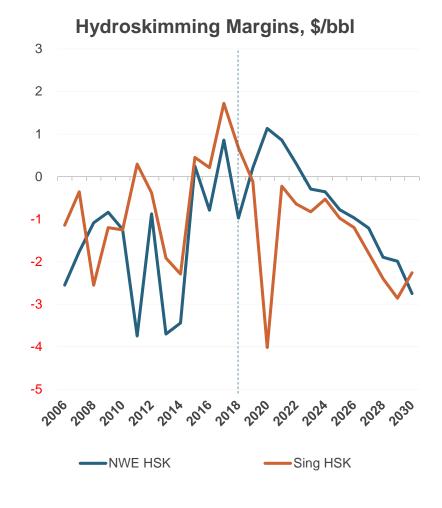




IMO2020: Margins Will Spike for Complex Refiners...But Simple Refiners Will Struggle

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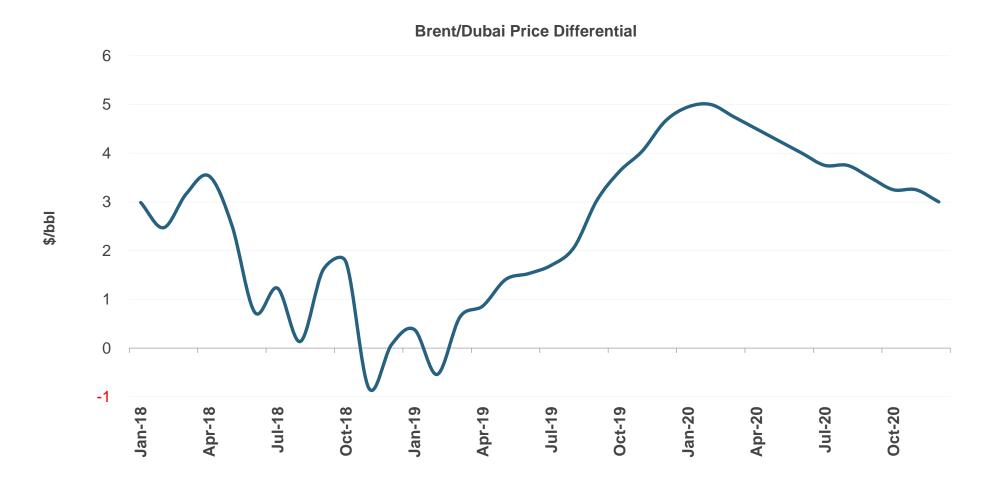






Brent/Dubai Diff: a double-whammy effect from IMO2020; weak fuel oil, strong sweet crudes

• Fuel oil tightness will support the Dubai price over the next 6 months, but the Brent/Dubai diff will widen as fuel oil price collapses from 4Q19 onwards





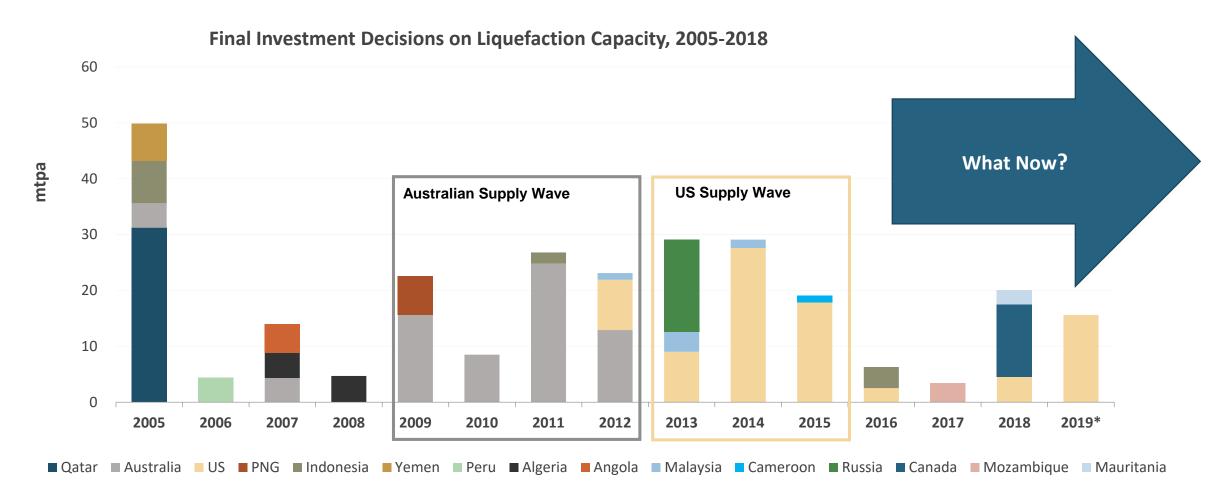
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Lack of FIDs during 2016-17 Contributing to a New Wave of FIDs

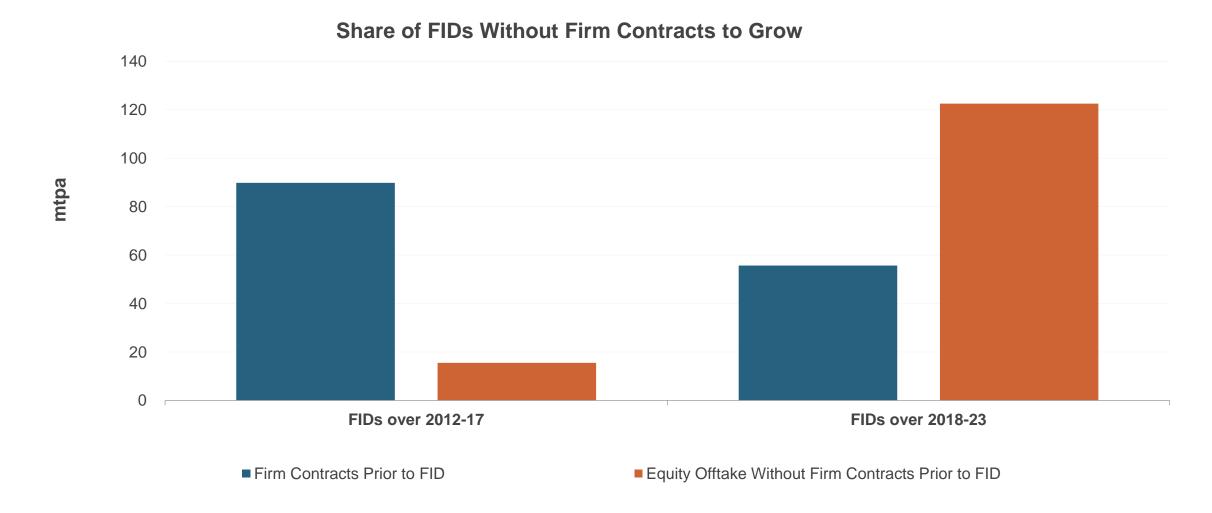


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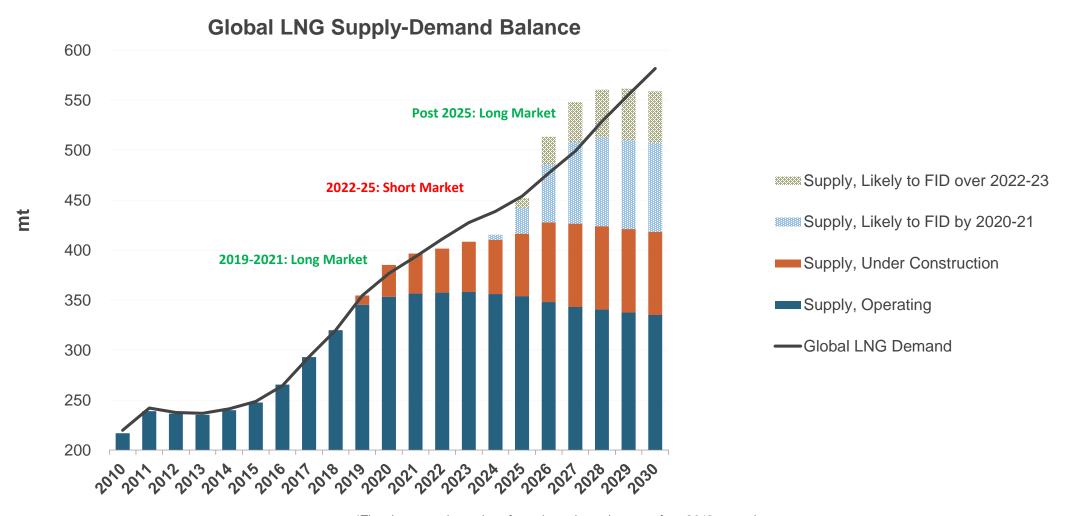


Projects Looking to Take FID Even Without Firm Contracts





LNG Outlook: Boom-and-Bust Cycles are Alive and Well



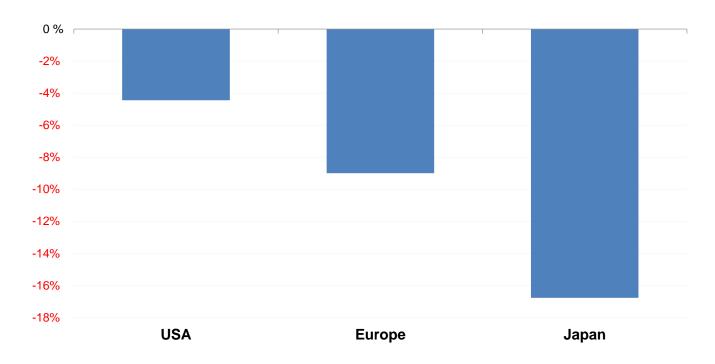




Don't Ignore the Impact of the Winter Weather! Huge Marginal Impact on Gas/LNG Demand

In recent years, big regional divergence vs long-term winter weather "norms": Europe/Japan much warmer, but USA nearer normal on average

Average Annual "Heating Degree-Days" 2010-18 vs Long-Term Norms (+ colder, - warmer)



• A "normal" winter (especially in Europe/Japan) might bring big upside shock to gas demand/prices!



Summary – Key Points

- Range of uncertainties in oil market currently probably bigger than ever!
- Overall, bullish geo-political factors currently just outweighing bearish sentiment over US-China etc.
- Crucial OPEC+ meeting on 25-26th June: will they raise output again, or not?
- We expect oil prices (Brent) at \$70-80/bbl in 2H19; at top of this range, if OPEC+ holds its constraint
- We still see IMO2020 bringing severe weakness in fuel oil cracks, strength in middle distillates
- LNG market expected to swing back short in 2022-25, before getting long again post-2025





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