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### Chart Watch

4 S&P/TSX E&P Index hits its highest since 2014

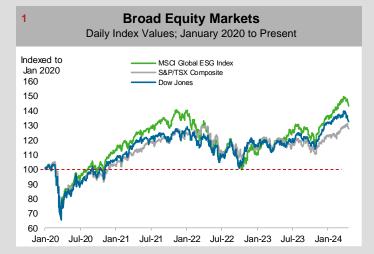
24 Natural gas futures remain in steep contango

**32** US natural gas production down amid low prices

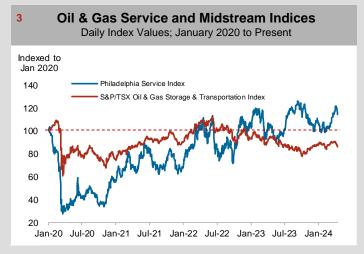
33 W. Canada gas storage well above historic range

36 US gas rig count the lowest since early 2022

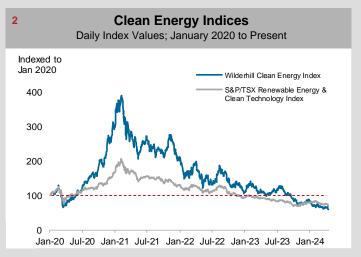
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Spot WTI Crude \$US/B	Spot Henry Hub \$US/ MMBtu	Spot AESO Electricity \$C/MWh	EUA Emissions (ICE) EUR/Tonne	Bloomberg Commodity Index	Currency \$US/\$ Cdn	



Broad market indices are one the many vital signs measuring the health of the economy. Energy demand is a function of economic health. *Source: Bloomberg, ARC Financial Corp.* 

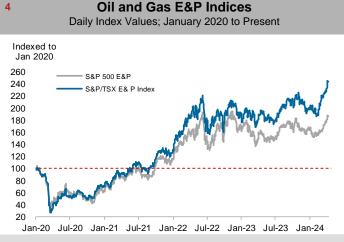


The performance of Canadian And US oilfield equities and Canadian midstream equities are compared against each other. *Source: Bloomberg* 



The performance of global and Canadian clean energy indices are compared against each other.

Source: Bloomberg, ARC Financial Corp.

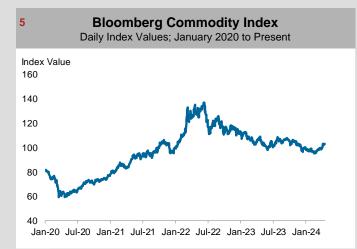


The performance of Canadian and US oil & gas equities are compared against each other. Source: Bloomberg, ARC Financial Corp.

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**Energy Transition** 



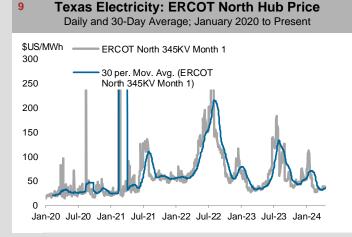


BCOM is a widely tracked benchmark for the commodities market. It is composed of 23 exchange-traded contracts on physical commodities. *Source: Bloomberg* 





EU Allowances (EUA) are carbon credits equivalent to one tonne of CO2 used in the European Union Emissions Trading Scheme (EU ETS). Source: Bloomberg

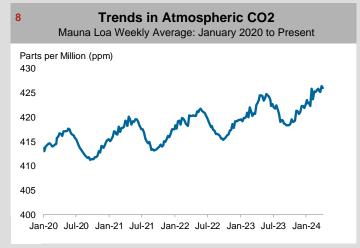


ERCOT is the grid operator for 90% of the electricity sold in Texas. The price shown is for the North Hub and is the wholesale price. Source: Bloomberg

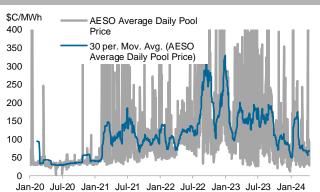


**ARC Energy Charts** 

This series is a measure of expected inflation (on average) over the five-year period that begins five years from today. Source: Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, (FRED) Economic Data



The carbon dioxide data on Mauna Loa constitutes the longest record of direct measurements of CO2 in the atmosphere. Source: NOAA



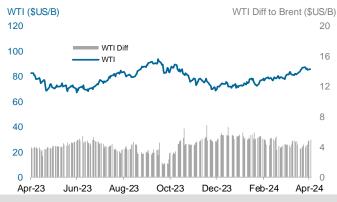
The Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) manages and operates the provincial power grid. Source: Bloomberg

#### 10 Alberta Electricity: AESO Average Pool Price Daily and 30-Day Average; January 2020 to Present



**Crude Oil** 

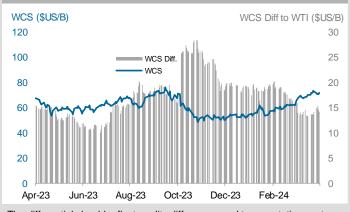
#### 11 WTI Crude Oil Price and Differential to Brent Near-Month WTI and Brent Differential; Rolling 12-Month History



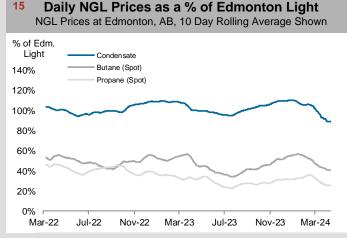
North American crude oil prices can sometimes disconnect from global prices depending on regional supply and demand dynamics. *Source: Bloombera* 

### 13 CDN Heavy Oil Price Differential to WTI

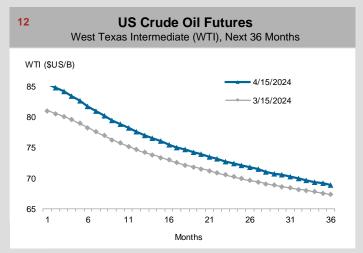
Western Canadian Select (WCS) Differential; Rolling 12-Month History



The differential should reflect quality differences and transportation costs. Greater discounts can result from infrastructure or refinery outages. Source: Bloomberg



Natural gas liquids have become critical contributors to producer's cash flow. Prices are influenced by the price of oil as well as local supply and demand. *Source: Bloomberg, FactSet, ARC Financial Corp.* 

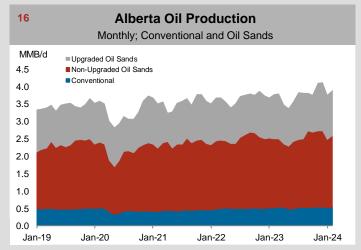


Forward prices for WTI are plotted for the next 36 contracts, and compared against the same contracts one month prior. *Source: Bloomberg* 

#### 14 CDN Light Crude Oil Price Differential to WTI WTI and Edmonton Light differential; Rolling 12-Month History



The differential should reflect the transportation cost from Alberta to Cushing. Greater discounts can result from infrastructure or refinery outages. Source: Bloomberg, FactSet

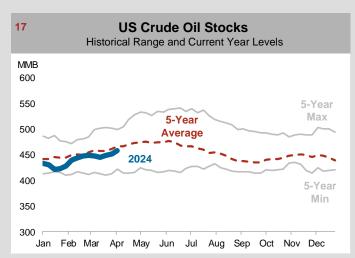


Most of Canada's oil production comes from Alberta; split between oil sands and conventional production.

Source: Alberta Energy Regulator

Crude Oil

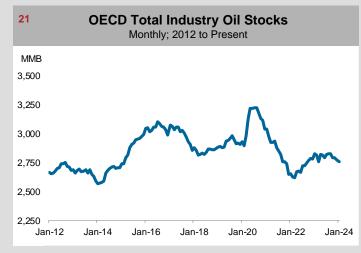




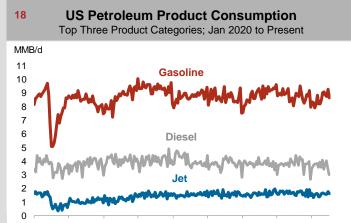
US crude oil stock levels can affect crude oil prices. Stock levels for the current year are represented by the blue line. Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration

19 **US Weekly Crude Oil Production** US Field Production of Crude Oil; 2019 to Present MMB/d 14 13 12 11 10 9 Jan-19 Jan-20 Jan-21 Jan-22 Jan-23 Jan-24

Weekly production is modelled by the EIA. It is less accurate then monthly reported numbers, but is instructive of up to date changes. Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration



OECD stock levels can affect crude oil prices. Source: International Energy Agency



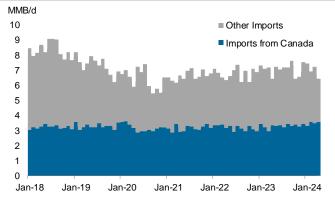
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Jan-20 Jul-20 Jan-21 Jul-21 Jan-22 Jul-22 Jan-23 Jul-23 Jan-24

Gasoline, diesel and jet fuel consumption represent the majority of oil use in the US.

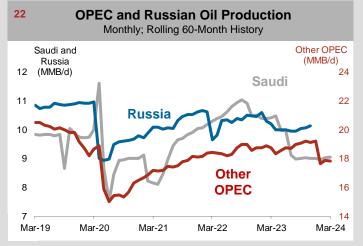
Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration

### 20 US Crude Oil Imports Weekly Data; 2018 to Present



Crude oil imports from Canada are taking market share from overseas imports.

Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration



OPEC's production levels relative to its sustainable and spare capacity influences global crude prices. Note: scale has been expanded. *Source: Bloomberg, OPEC, US Department of Energy* 

**Natural Gas** 

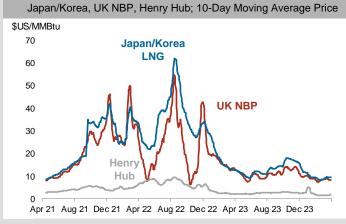


23 Near-Month North American Natural Gas Prices Daily Prices; Rolling 12-Month History



Near-month prices at AECO track Henry Hub prices, the exchange rate and the cost of transportation. Local factors can also affect price. *Source: Bloomberg* 

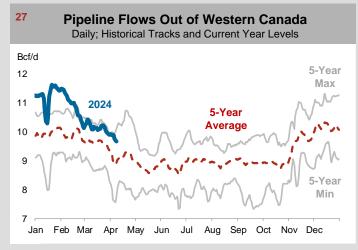
**Global Natural Gas Prices** 



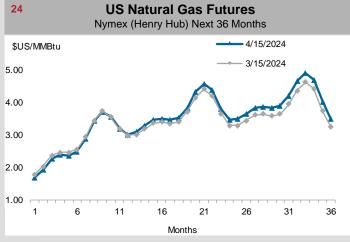
International natural gas prices strongly impact the economics of proposed LNG projects.



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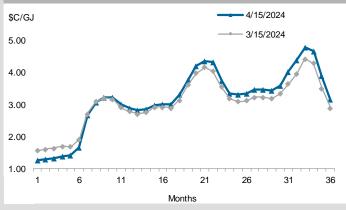
The ability of gas producers to move gas out of the WCSB to eastern markets and the US is a major factor in local natural gas prices. *Source: Various Pipeline Companies* 



Forward contract prices are plotted for the next 36 months, and compared against the curve one month prior. Source: Bloomberg

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26 CDN Natural Gas Futures AECO Hub (Bloomberg Estimate) Next 36 Months

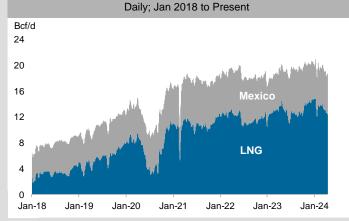


AECO forward prices mimic Henry Hub futures minus a differential.

US Natural Gas Exports – Excluding Canada

Source: Bloomberg

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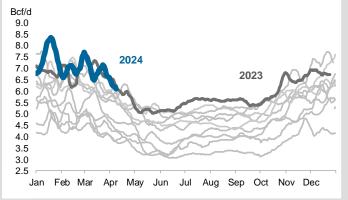


# Between exports to Mexico and LNG shipments, the US is growing as a natural gas exporter. Robust US supply growth has driven this trend. *Source: Bloomberg*



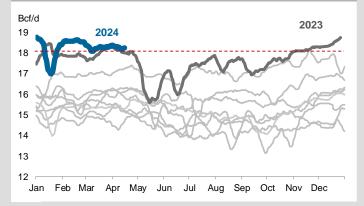
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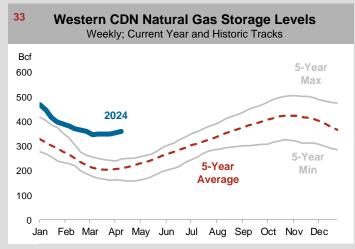
Alberta natural gas demand has grown steadily in recent years, largely driven by new oil sands demand and power generation projects. Source: TransCanada Pipelines

### 31 Daily Western CDN Production Estimated Using Major Pipeline Receipts

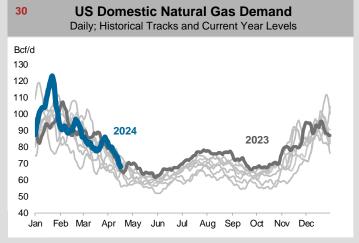


This includes receipts on the TCPL, Alliance, WestCoast and TransGas pipelines.

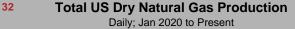
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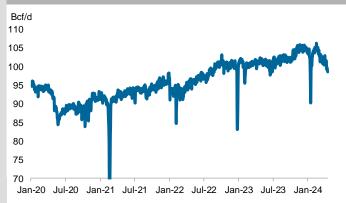


Canada's natural gas storage level provides a good metric if the country is well stocked. Abnormally high or low storage can affect the basis. *Source: Bloomberg* 



Domestic US demand fluctuates in the summer and during the winter as weather is an important driver of consumption. Source: Bloomberg





US production started ramping up in late 2007 and continues to grow year over year. Source: Bloomberg

34 **Total Working Natural Gas in US Storage** Historical Range and Current Year Levels Tcf 5-Year 4.5 Max 4.0 3.5 3.0 5-Year 2024 Min 2.5 2.0 5-Year Average 1.5 1.0 0.5 Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec

The EIA reports changes in US natural gas inventories held in underground storage facilities on a weekly basis.

Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration

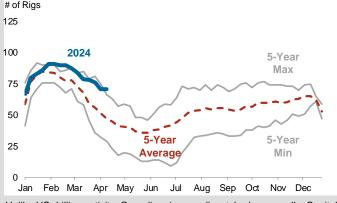
**Oilfield Activity** 



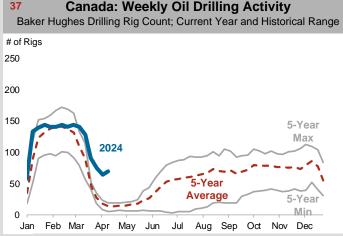
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#### 35 Canada: Weekly Gas Drilling Activity

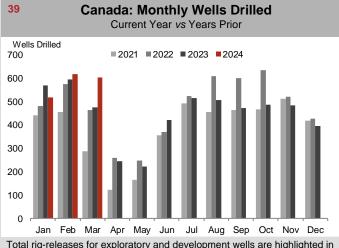
Baker Hughes Drilling Rig Count; Current Year and Historical Range



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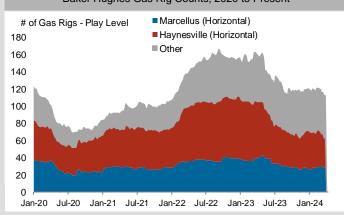
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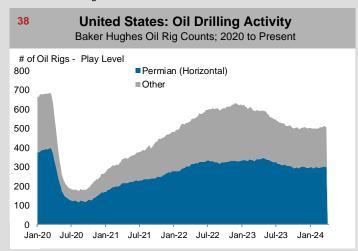
Total rig-releases for exploratory and development wells are highlighted in this chart. Rig releases for the current year are shown in red. Source: Daily Oil Bulletin/JWN

United States: Weekly Gas Drilling Activity 36 Baker Hughes Gas Rig Counts; 2020 to Present

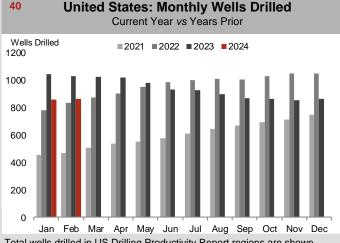
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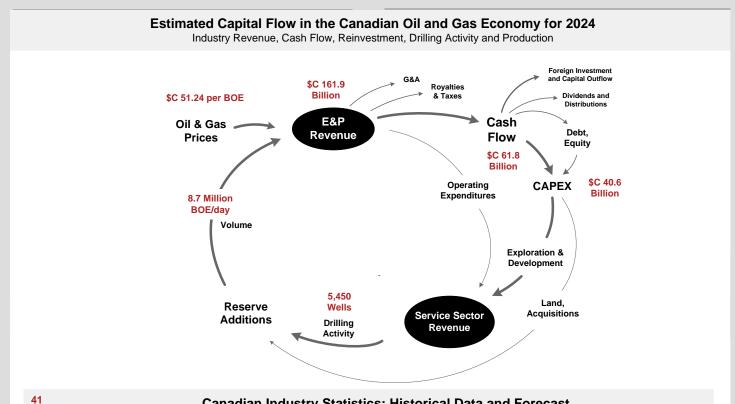
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Total wells drilled in US Drilling Productivity Report regions are shown. These are the most active onshore US plays. Source: EIA



**Canadian Industry Metrics** 



### **Canadian Industry Statistics: Historical Data and Forecast**

	Canadian Industry Metrics															
		Price		Production Volume		Capital Inflow		Reinvestment			Drilling		Well Split			
	Average Price	Edmonton Par	AECO	Conv. Liquids	Bitumen + Synthetic	Natural Gas	Total Volume	Total Revenue	After-tax Cash Flow	Conv. Oil and Gas	Oilsands	Reinvest Ratio	Wells Rig Releas.	Avg Rig Utiliz.	Oil Wells	Gas Wells
	\$/BOE	\$C/B	\$C/GJ	Average MBOE/d	Average MBOE/d	MBOE/d (@ 6:1)	MBOE/d (@ 6:1)	\$C millions	\$C millions	\$C millions	\$C millions	x:1	#/ Year	%	%	%
2015	37.34	57.63	2.56	1,995	2,381	2,531	6,907	94,127	29,985	31,609	22,929	1.82	5,382	24%	69%	31%
2016	32.61	53.09	2.06	2,013	2,421	2,564	6,998	83,298	23,701	23,040	15,426	1.62	4,060	17%	73%	27%
2017	39.18	62.42	2.10	2,119	2,674	2,605	7,398	105,788	45,031	28,712	13,803	0.94	7,076	30%	73%	27%
2018	39.57	69.24	1.46	2,292	2,913	2,737	7,942	114,705	49,708	27,374	11,661	0.79	6,927	32%	79%	21%
2019	42.34	69.02	1.70	2,409	2,950	2,673	8,032	124,115	55,343	25,847	9,306	0.64	4,886	26%	81%	19%
2020	30.29	46.10	2.12	2,248	2,843	2,566	7,657	84,647	32,659	14,068	7,254	0.65	2,970	18%	65%	35%
2021	51.58	80.83	3.47	2,240	3,101	2,685	8,027	151,134	70,953	16,819	8,957	0.36	4,638	28%	71%	29%
2022e	75.67	119.84	5.14	2,338	3,163	2,884	8,385	231,572	111,075	25,204	11,867	0.33	5,723	40%	75%	25%
2023e	59.52	100.42	2.51	2,392	3,200	2,943	8,535	185,427	81,828	26,678	12,579	0.48	5,389	42%	73%	27%
2024e	51.24	87.99	1.93	2,340	3,300	3,015	8,655	161,865	61,767	27,282	13,333	0.66	5,446	42%	75%	25%

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