

The Evolution of Midstream Energy
Infrastructure: Poised for the Transition

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Midstream Investing Timeline

1987

Revenue Act of 1987 narrows definition of a Master Limited Partnership (MLP), encouraging the formation of Pipeline MLPs.

Late 1990s/Early 2000s

Growth of full-service Midstream MLPs as business builders, many being the stalwart franchises today. Benefits of capital appreciation accrued in addition to income generation.

2009 – 2017

Capital formation period with many companies pursuing Midstream opportunities to take advantage of supply & demand growth from U.S. shale gas & oil production.

2020 – Present

Large, well-capitalized industry of Midstream MLPs, C-Corps and LLCs.

1990s

Small number of publicly traded MLPs produce very stable cash flow. Advisors begin using as income alternative.

Early 2000s – 2008

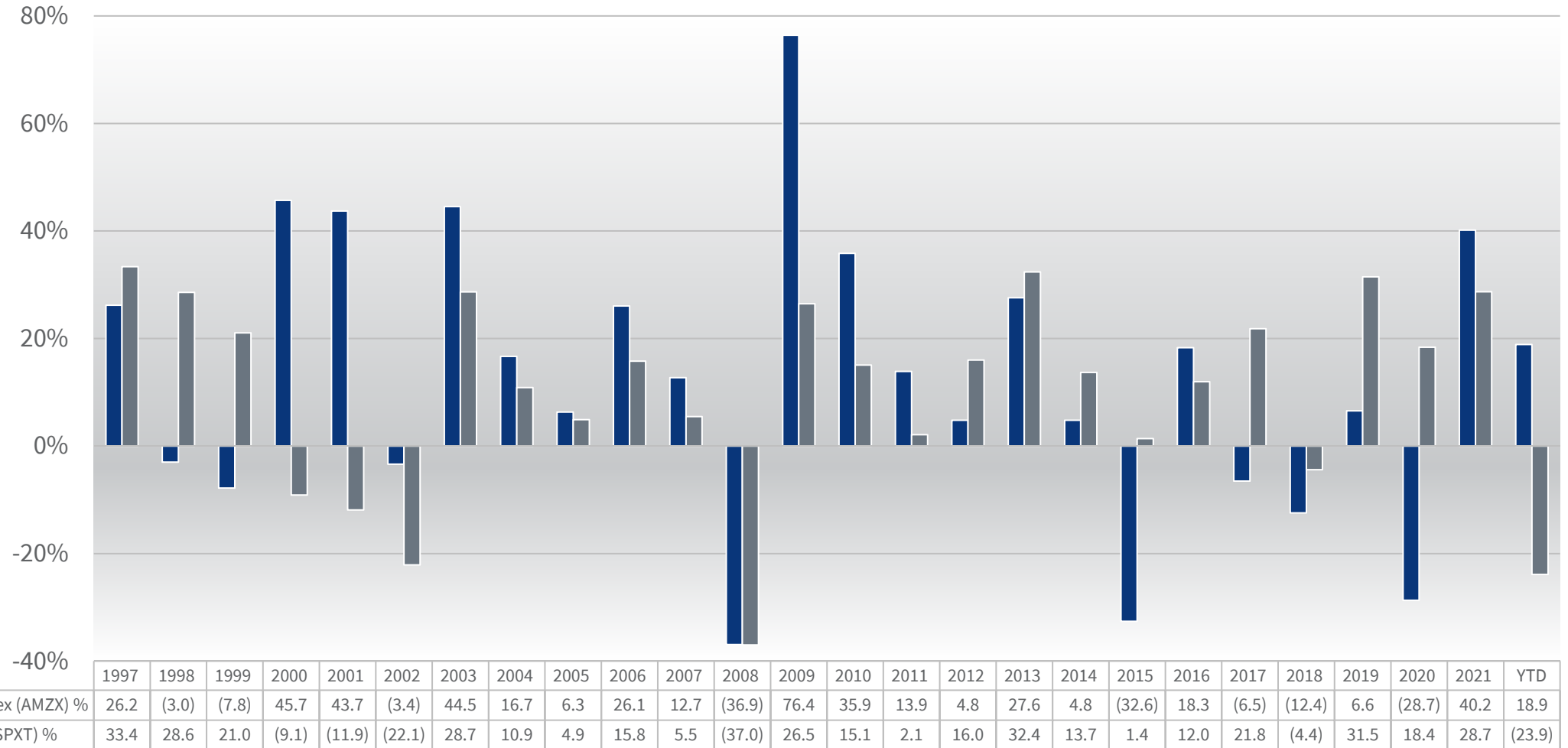
Expansion of Midstream asset class including gathering & processing (G&P) companies.

2017 – 2019

Advent of Midstream 2.0 (elimination of general partners, reduced reliance on capital markets); Peak of large capital expenditure outlays.

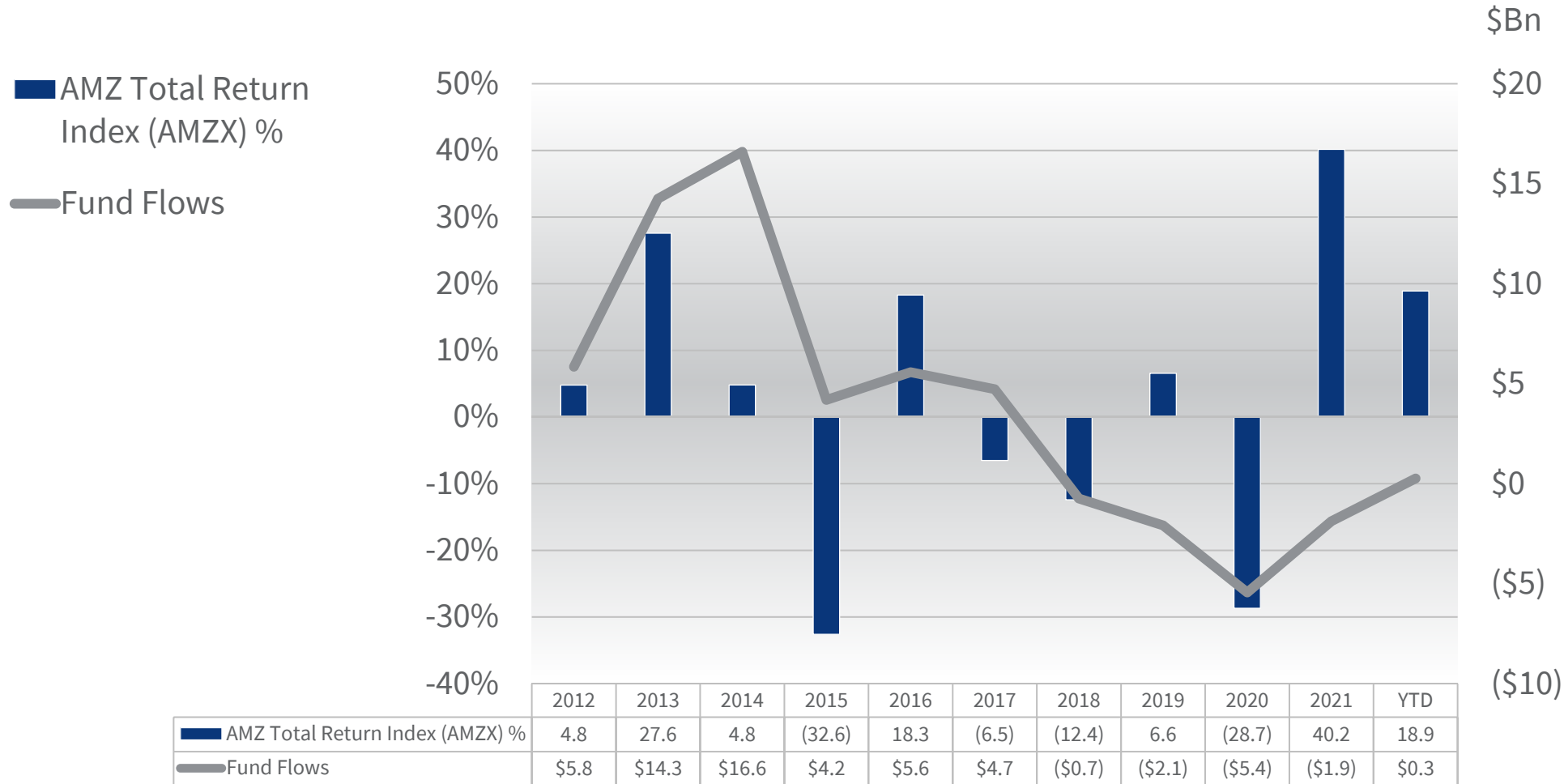
We've Been Here Before

- Alerian MLP Total Return Index (AMZX) %
- S&P 500 Total Return Index (SPXT) %



Source: Bloomberg, LP and Alerian, LP at 9/30/22.

Net Fund Flows and Performance



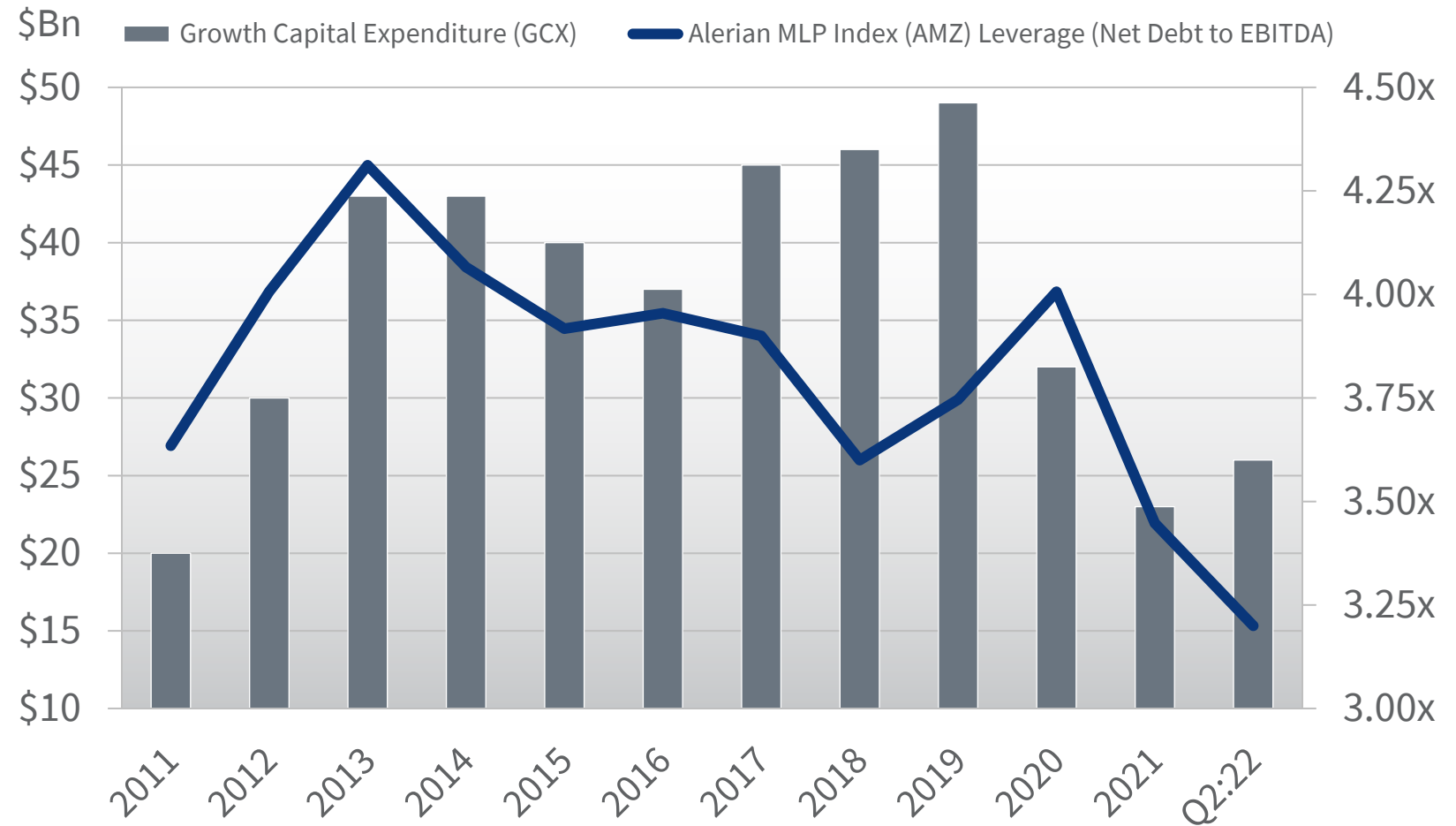
Source: Morningstar at 9/30/22.

Topic	Midstream 1.0	Midstream 2.0 2017-2020	Midstream 2.0 2020-Present
General Partners	Yes	No	No
Coverage	1.0-1.1x	1.3x or higher	2.0x or higher
Growth	Distribution growth	DCF/unit growth	DCF/unit growth; FCF
Funding	Equity Capital Markets	Equity Self Funding	Equity Self Funding; Debt Refinancing
Leverage	3.5 – 4.5x	< 4.5x	~3.5x
Yield	Important	Important	Important
Capital Returns	Distributions & Dividends	Distributions & Dividends	Distributions & Dividends, Equity Repurchases, Special Dividends & Distributions

Growth Capital Expenditures & Leverage Trend

Performance was most recently challenged when growth capital expenditures and Debt to EBITDA leverage were peaking.

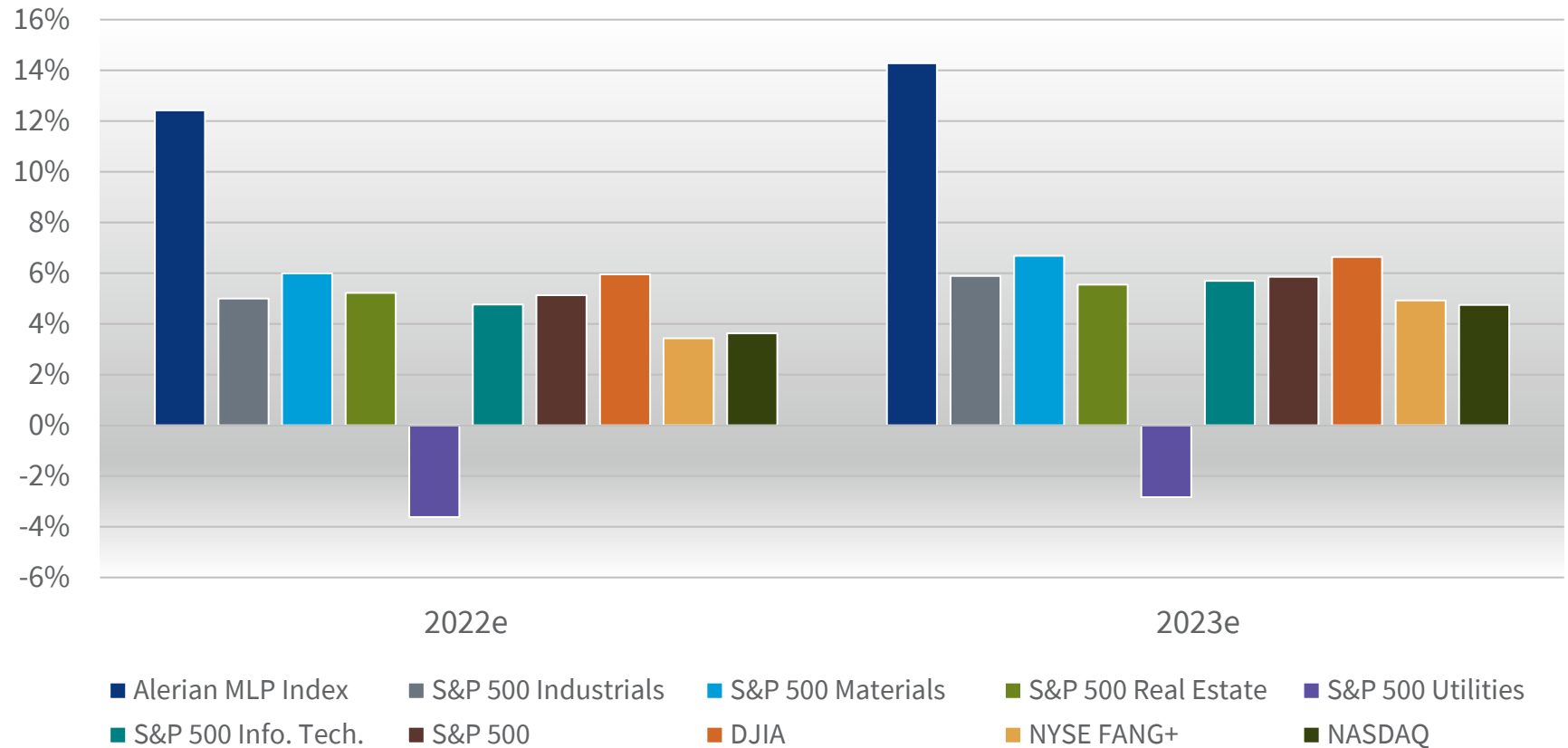
Expectations going forward are for lower capital expenditures and lower leverage.



Source: Bloomberg, LP, Wells Fargo Securities, CCM.

The FCF yield of the Alerian MLP Index (AMZ) appears quite dislocated from other relevant indices.

Estimated Free Cash Flow (FCF) Yield



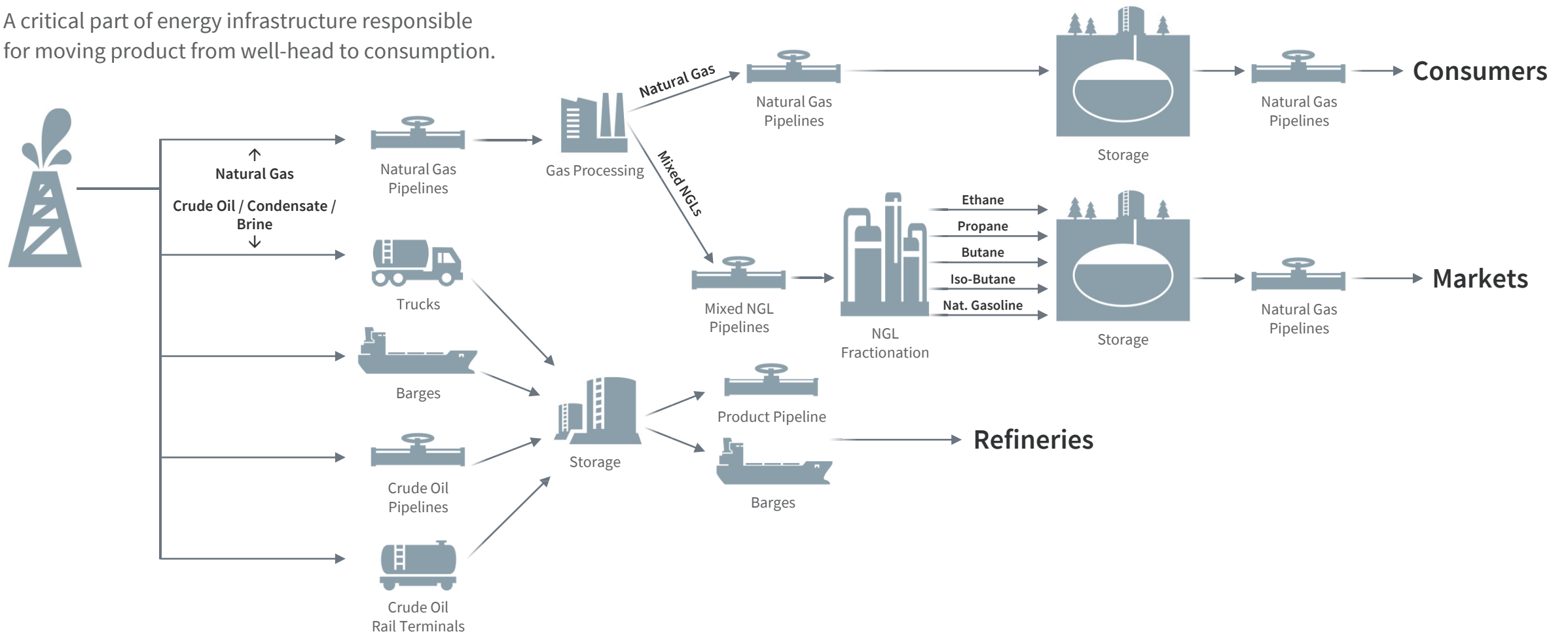
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Fundamental Attributes of Midstream

Midstream Infrastructure – What is That?

The Midstream Value Chain

A critical part of energy infrastructure responsible for moving product from well-head to consumption.

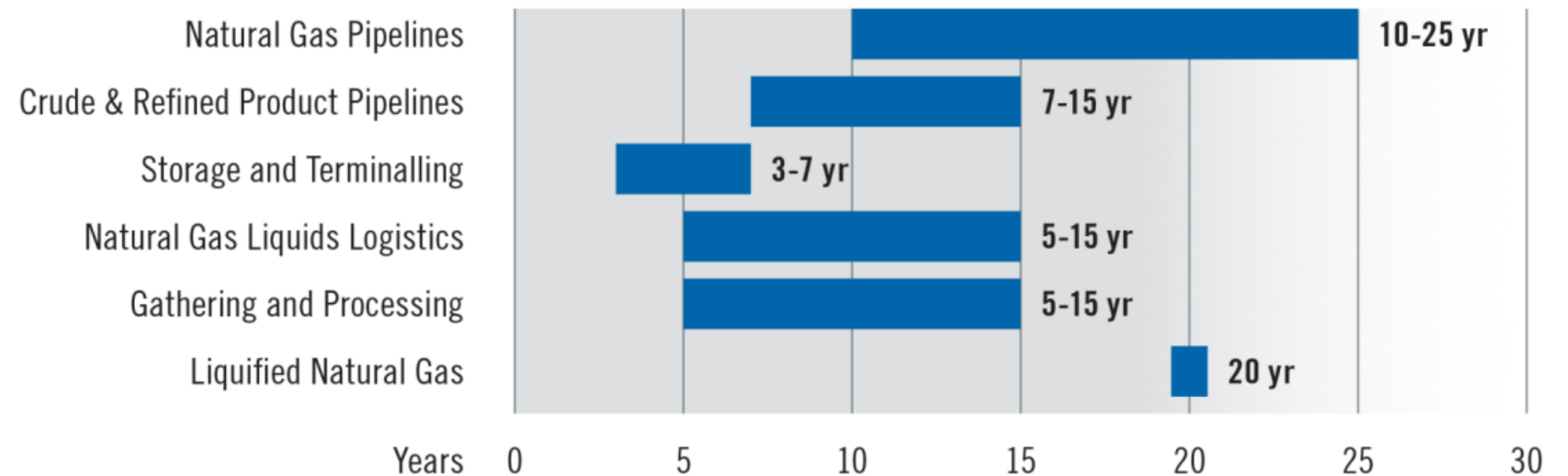


Source: EnLink Midstream, LLC

1. Fee **x** volume **x** contractual term, typically billed monthly or quarterly
 - Typical to have minimum volume commitments (MVCs)
 - Annual resets:
 - (1 + escalator) **x** Fee;
 - escalator typically tied to inflation measure such as CPI/PPI;
 - No clawbacks
 - Volumetric increases through existing assets at contractual fee arrangements
2. New returns from growth capital expenditures; additive to the base cash flow
3. Accretion from M&A
4. Some commodity price exposure; consolidated cash flow typically 90% contracted (fee-based)

The majority of Midstream cash flows are fee-based, long-term contracted, and typically have inflation protection built into their contractual rates.

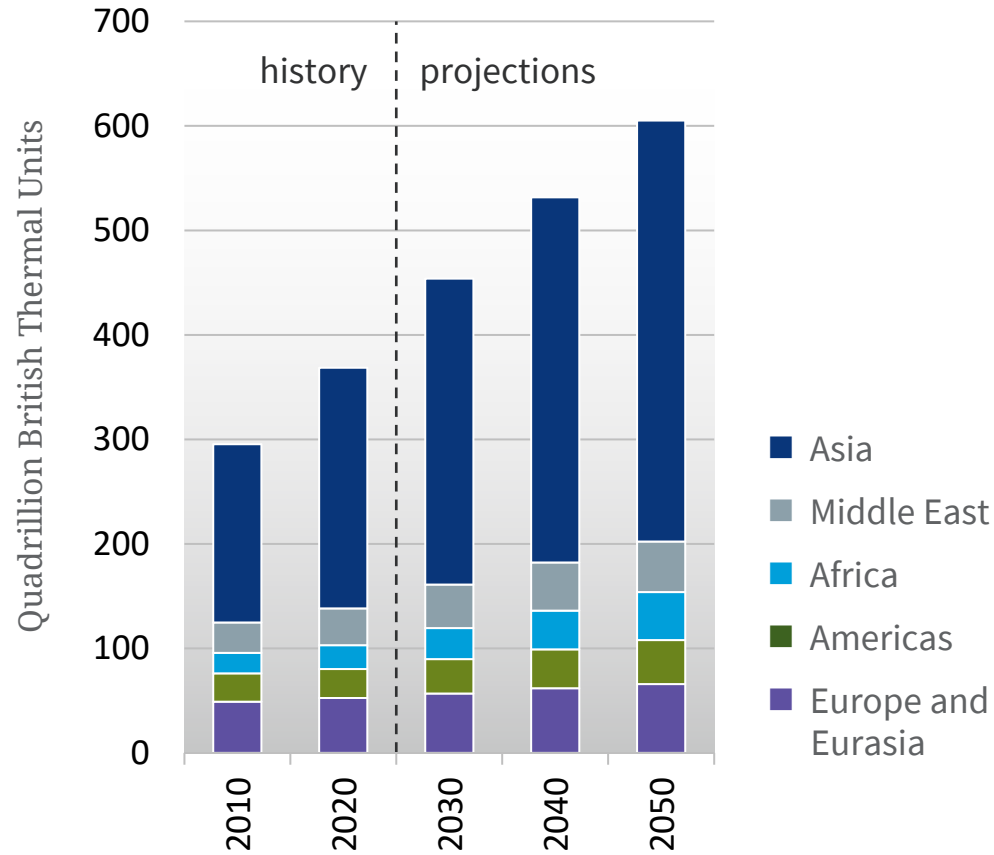
Contract Length by Subgroup



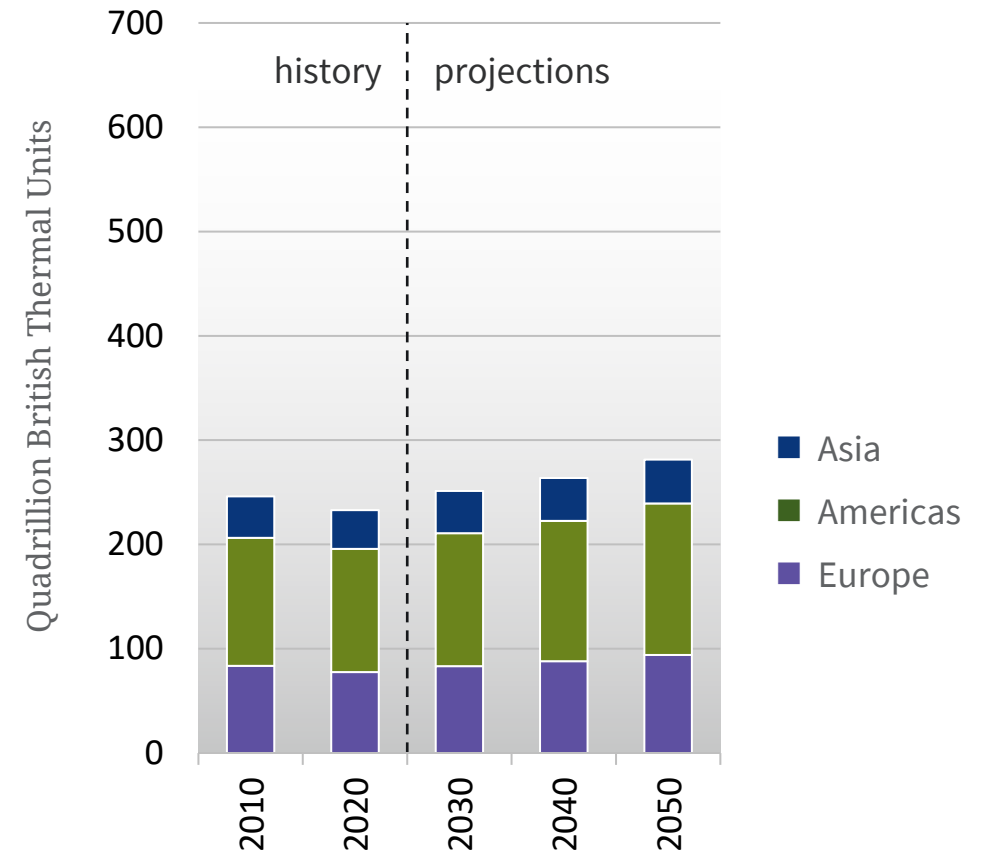
Source: EIA, Data through July 2022

Long-Term Driver: OECD vs Non-OECD Fuel Consumption Projections

Non-OECD Energy Consumption by Region



OECD Energy Consumption by Region



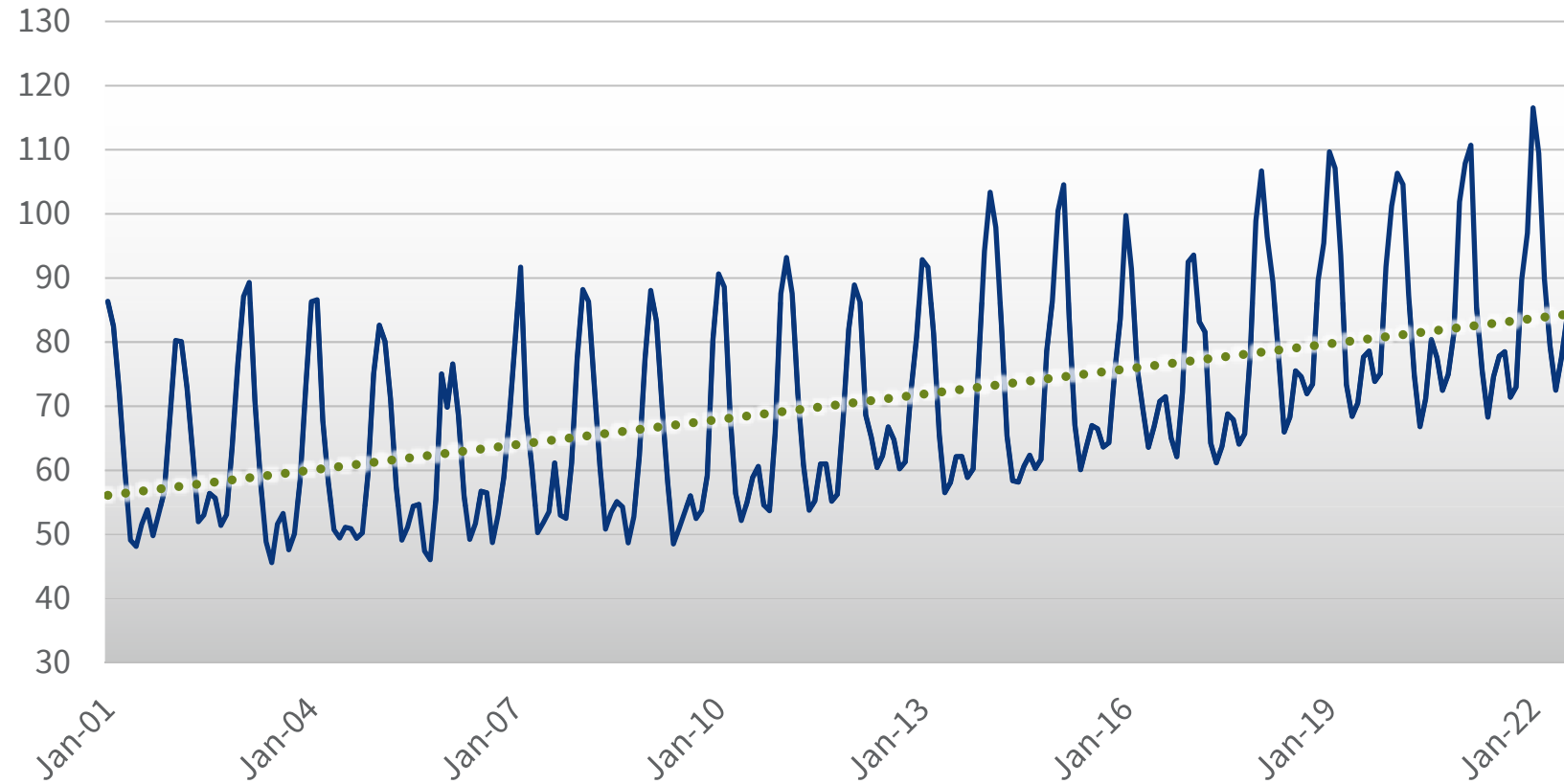
Source: IEO2021 Release, CSIS, October 6, 2021

Long Term Driver: U.S. Natural Gas Demand

Natural Gas demand has shown relative inelasticity over the previous 20 years.

Billion cubic feet per day (BCF/d)

U.S. Natural Gas Demand since 2001

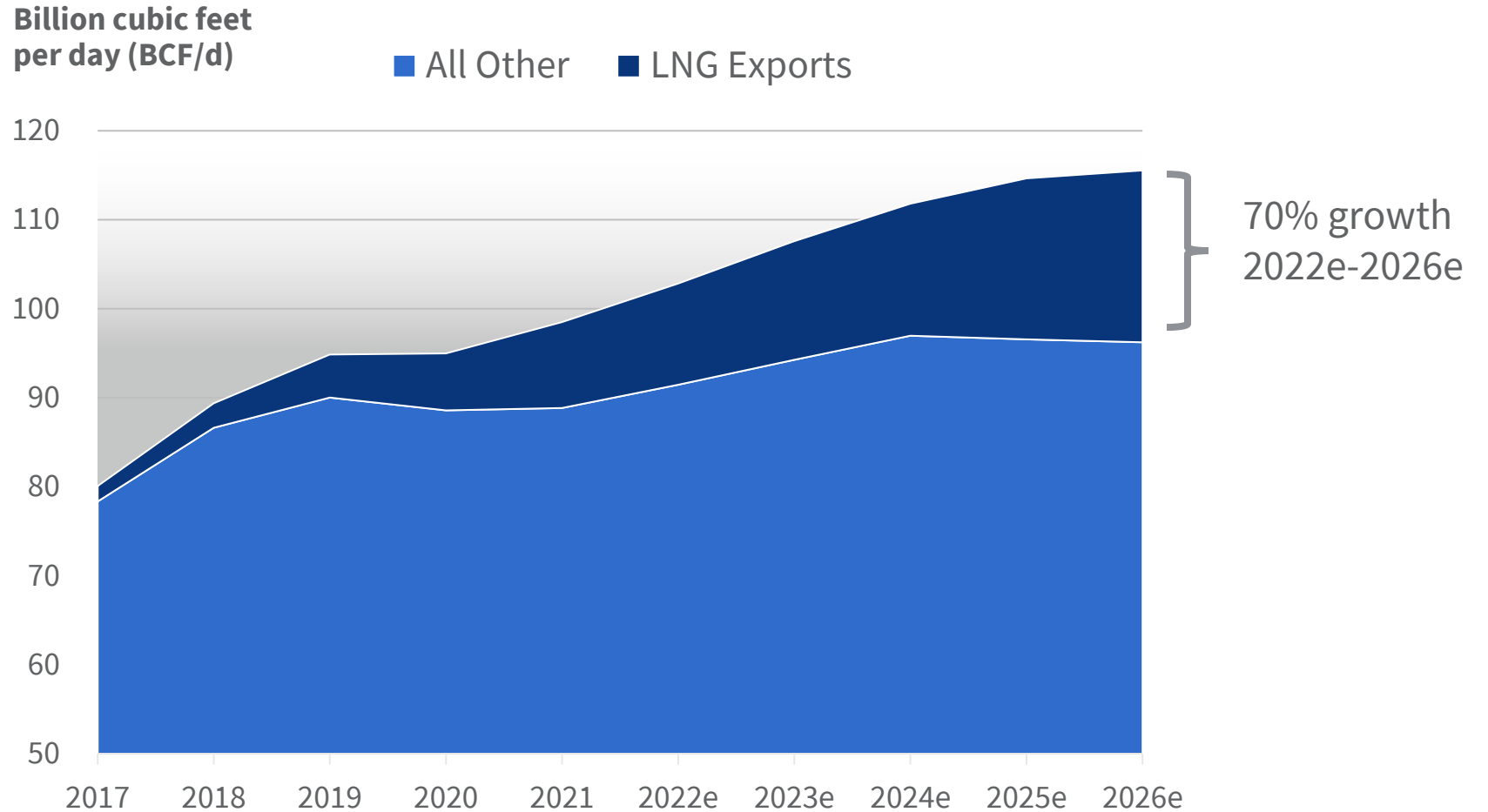


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Long Term Driver: LNG Demand Forecast

Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) demand growth of ~70% from 2022e through 2026e far outpaces the traditional sources of demand of ~5.2%, which is in line with the historical trend.

If additional projects are approved, 2026e forecasted demand could increase further to ~25 Bcf/d from 19.3 Bcf/d currently.



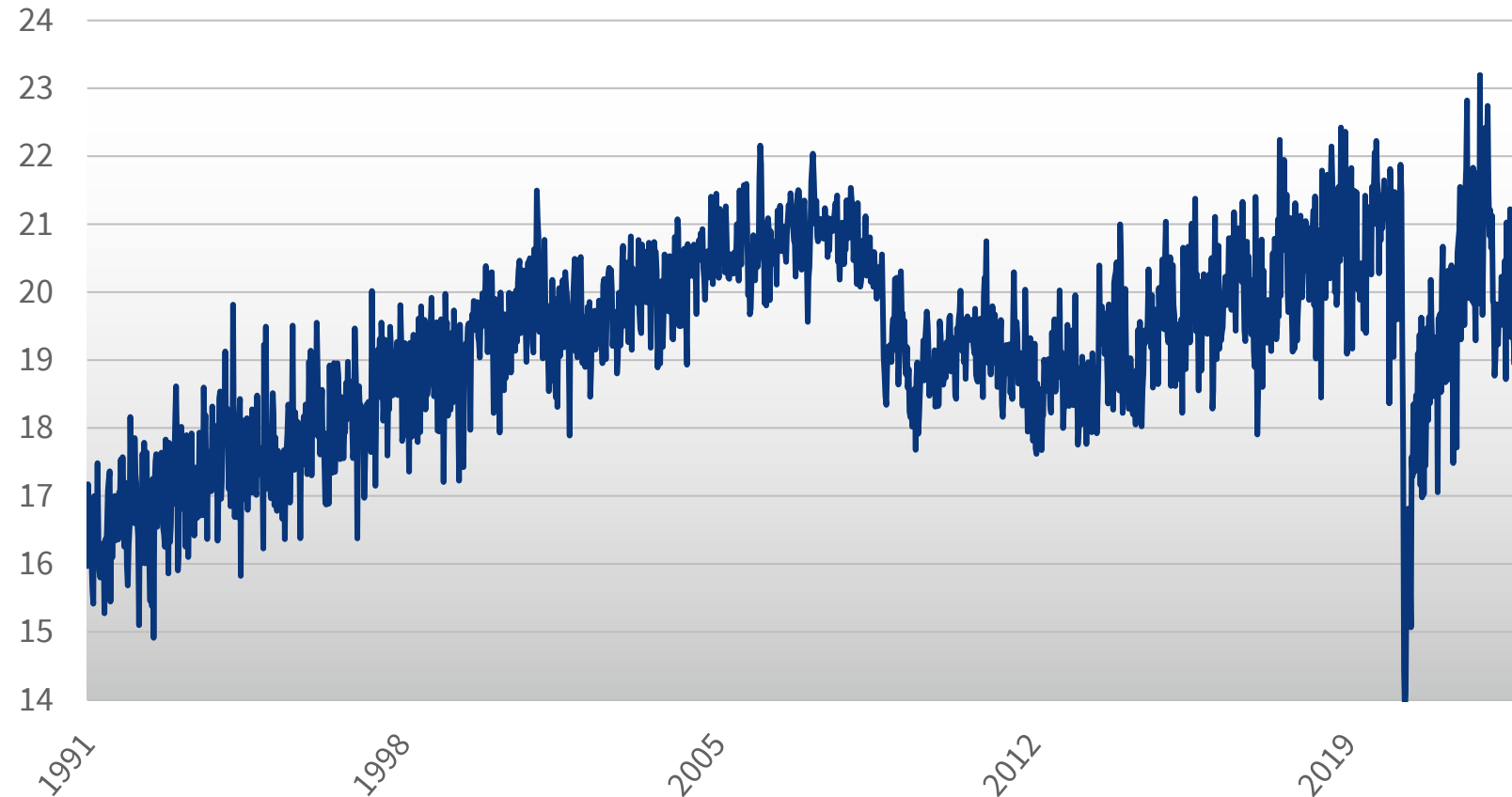
Source: EIA, CCM

Long Term Driver: U.S. Petroleum Demand

Petroleum demand has shown relative inelasticity over the previous 30 years excluding the recent near-term volatility from the quarantine.

Million Barrels
per Day (MMBpd)

U.S. Petroleum Demand Since 1991



Source: EIA, Weekly Data through September 2022

Long Term Driver: U.S. Crude Oil Production

Crude oil production has increased by over ~100% since 2010 nearly reaching 13 million barrels per day (MMBpd) in December 2019, and is currently approaching ~12 MMBpd.

The U.S. has well-exceeded the previous oil production peak last seen in 1970 of ~10 MMBpd.

Million Barrels
per Day (MMBpd)

U.S. Crude Production, Onshore and Offshore



Source: EIA, Monthly Data through July 2022

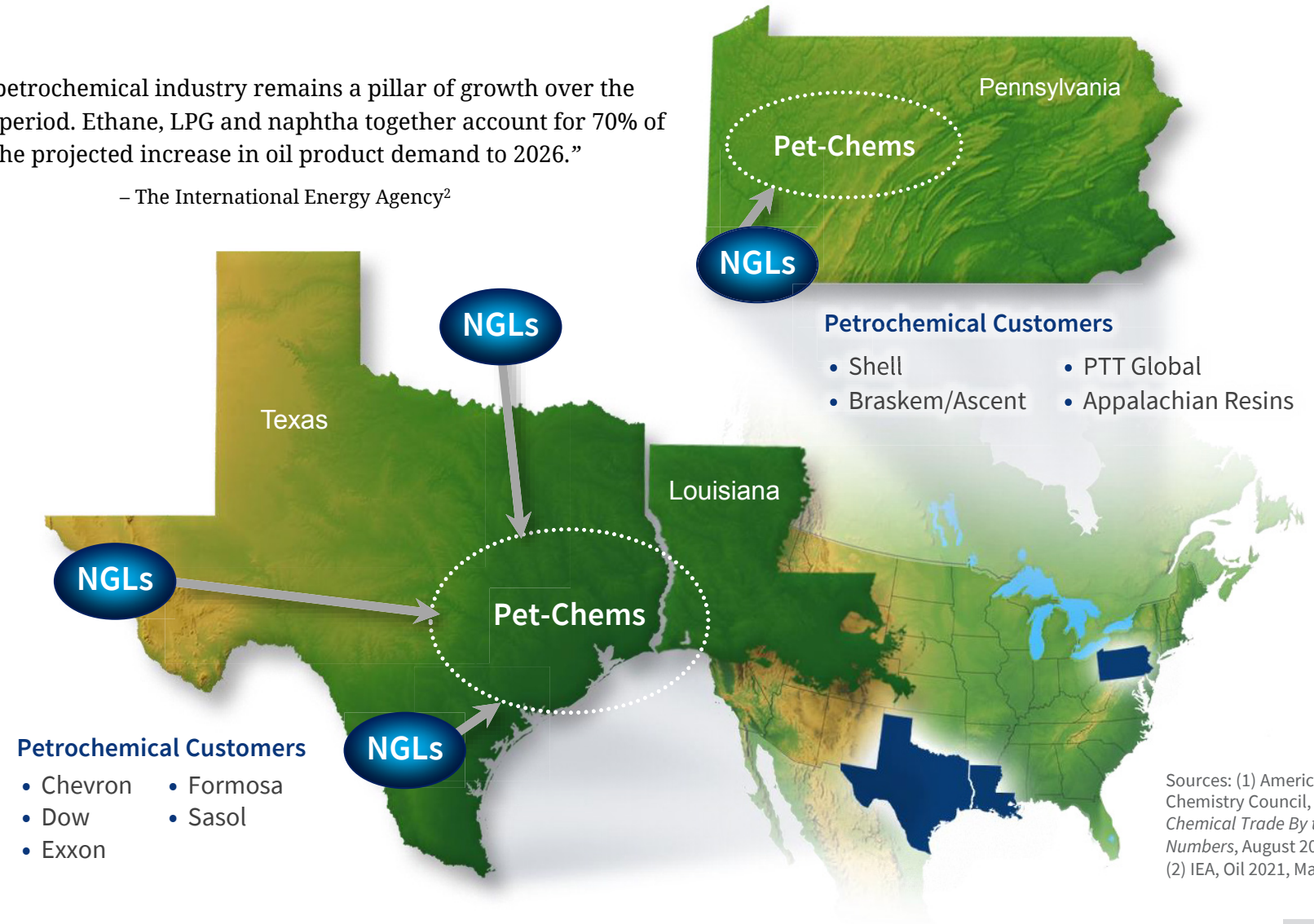
Long Term Driver: Growth from U.S. Petrochemical Expansion

U.S. and Foreign petrochemical companies have committed over \$200 billion towards expansions¹.

Midstream companies provide the infrastructure to connect Natural Gas Liquids (NGLs) supply with demand generated by petrochemical facilities.

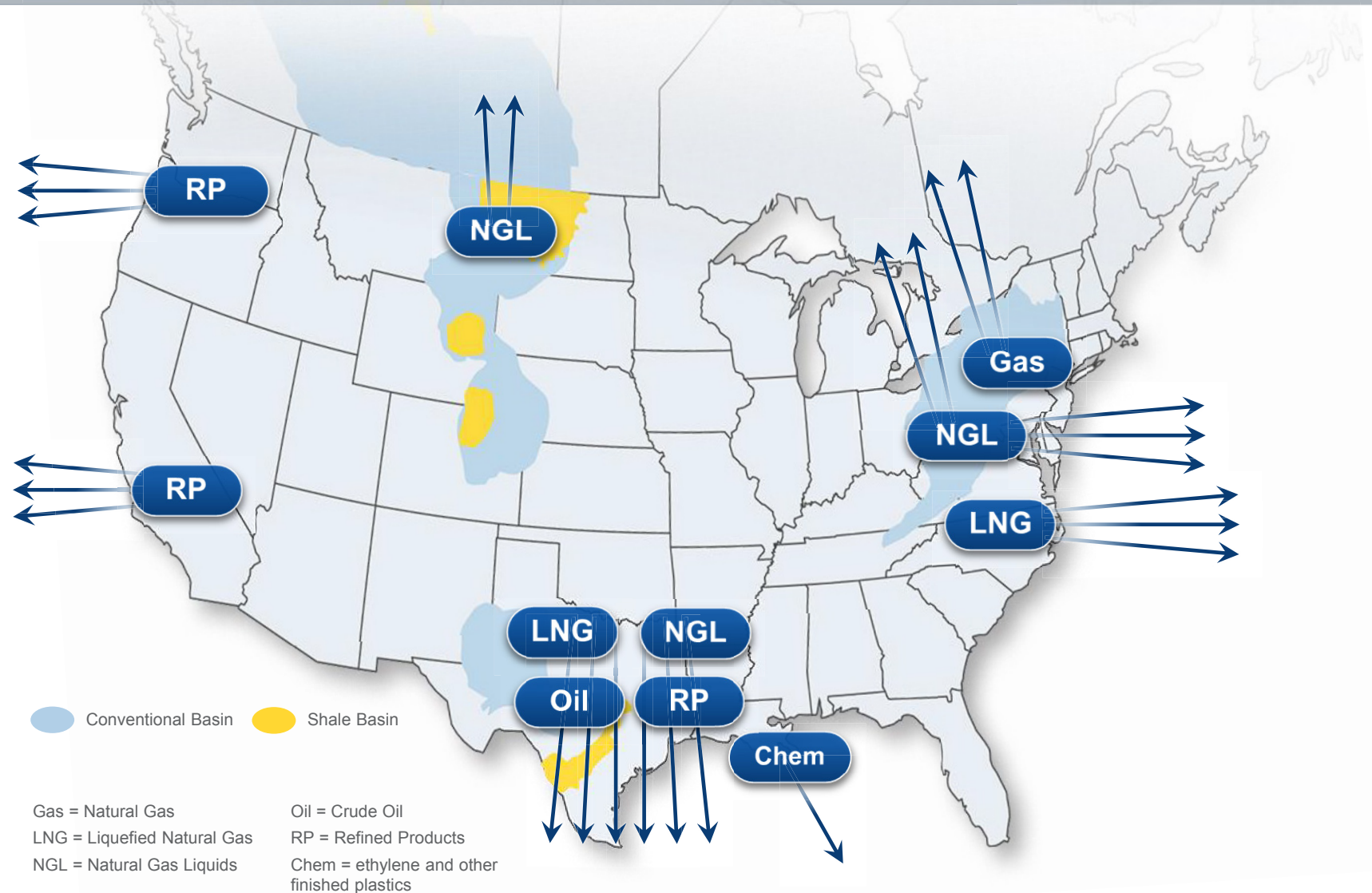
“The petrochemical industry remains a pillar of growth over the forecast period. Ethane, LPG and naphtha together account for 70% of the projected increase in oil product demand to 2026.”

– The International Energy Agency²



Exportation of U.S. Hydrocarbons

Midstream companies are opening up new global demand markets for supply and demand customers across all hydrocarbons and certain finished products.






Source: CCM


Investment Attributes of Midstream

How Do Investors Earn Returns in Midstream?

1  **Capital Appreciation**

2  **Income Generation**

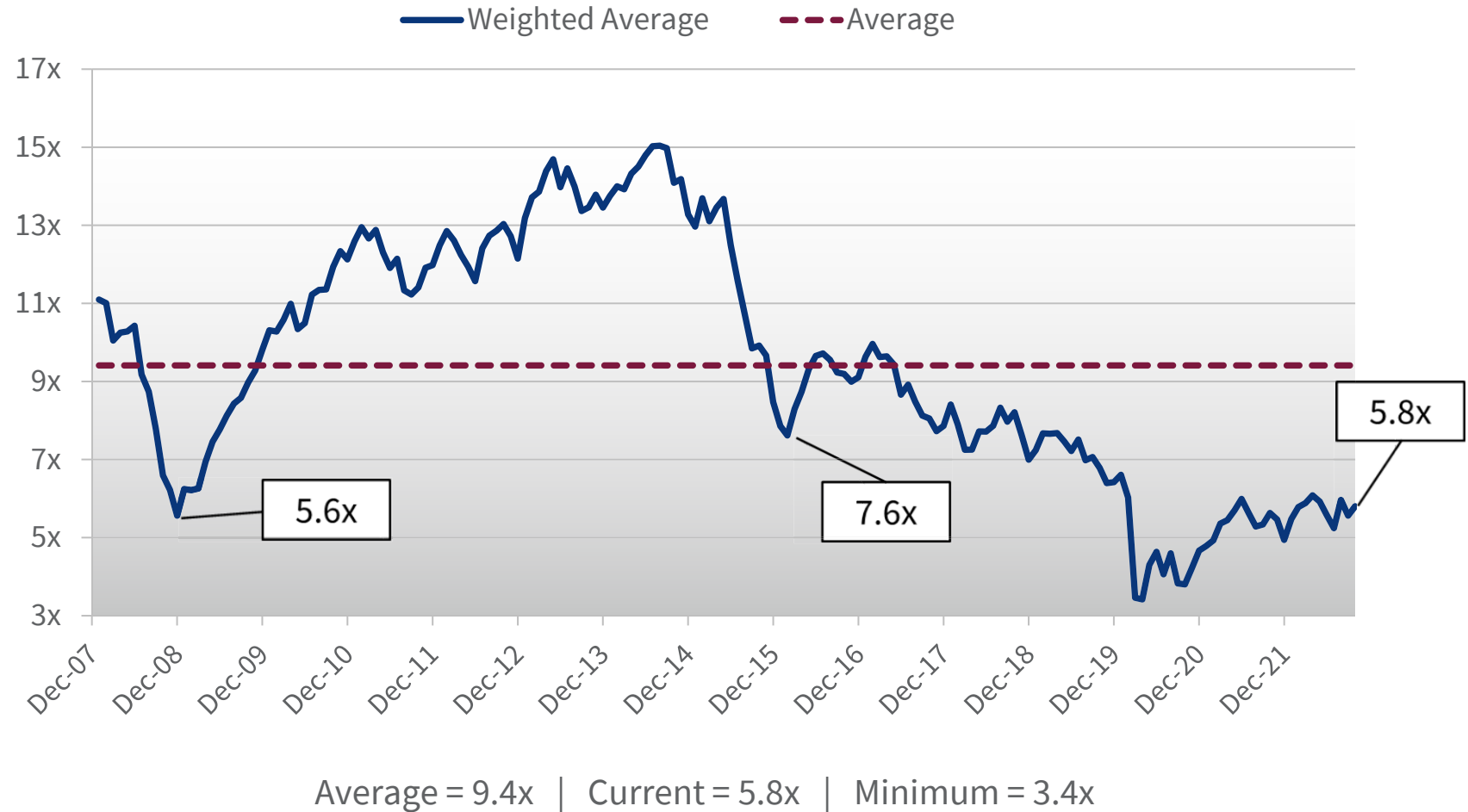
3   **BOTH
Capital Appreciation &
Income Generation**

4  **Hedge**



Capital Appreciation: Alerian Weighted Price/DCF

The current Price/DCF ratio remains at the low end of its historic range and below the average for the historic period since 2008.



Source: Bloomberg LP, CCM;
as of 10/31/22



Income Generation: Comparative Yield

MLPs have a relatively higher current yield than many other income-oriented investments.

Current Yield Comparison ¹	10/31/2022
Alerian MLP Total Return Index	6.8%
10 Year U.S. Treasuries	4.1%
Moody's Baa Bonds	6.4%
Bloomberg High Yield Index	9.1%
DJ Americas Select Real Estate Index	3.8%
S&P Utilities Index	3.1%
S&P 500 Index	1.7%

(1) Prices and data as of the date listed in the table; sourced from Bloomberg LP and Alerian. Higher-yielding instruments may carry more risk. Yields are not guaranteed. Past performance does not guarantee future results.



Potential Hedge: Midstream Companies Exposure to Inflation & Deflation

Midstream companies have characteristics that are attractive to investors in both inflationary and deflationary scenarios.

Inflationary Environment

- We believe hard assets could have an increasing replacement value.
- Long term contracts with price renewal escalators tied to PPI and CPI help to offset potentially higher costs.
- We estimate the majority of contracts are fee-based thus reducing commodity exposure whether prices are higher or lower.
- Distribution growth historically higher than the inflation rate, though inflation rates could be higher than recent history.

Deflationary Environment

- Starting with a higher yield could be favorable if yields move lower again.
- Yield compression could provide an additional source of return (capital gain).
- Lower cost of financing could increase corporate flexibility for M&A and increased growth capital expenditures.

There may be structural and fundamental risks to the Midstream asset class, and individual MLPs.

- Regulatory Risk – The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) is charged with regulating interstate tariff rates and regulating many Midstream companies' business.
- Tax Law Changes – Congress could change the pass-through nature of limited partnerships or make other unfavorable changes to regulations in the tax code.
- End-User Demand – Change of end-user demand for energy products or innovative energy alternatives could substitute the need for transportation, processing, and storage through the existing infrastructure owned by Midstream companies.
- Commodity Prices – Lower commodity prices can affect companies through lower customer drilling programs impacting future growth projects, and, for those with equity volumes in their contracts, lower their margins on natural gas and natural gas liquids (NGLs).

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DJIA Total Return Index: Tracks the total return of The Dow Jones Industrial Average, a price-weighted average of 30 significant stocks traded on the New York Stock Exchange and the Nasdaq. Dividends are reinvested. The DJIA was invented by Charles Dow back in 1896.

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MSCI World Total Return Index: Tracks the total return of the MSCI World Index, a market capitalization weighted index designed by Morgan Stanley Capital International to track the overall performance of commodity producers throughout the world. Dividends are reinvested. Stocks in the MSCI All Country World Commodity Producers Sector Capped Index are primarily focused on emerging market economies.

NASDAQ: A market-capitalization weighted index of the more than 3,000 common equities listed on the Nasdaq stock exchange. The types of securities in the index include American depository receipts, common stocks, real estate investment trusts (REITs) and tracking stocks. The index includes all Nasdaq listed stocks that are not derivatives, preferred shares, funds, exchange-traded funds (ETFs) or debentures.

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S&P 500 Utilities Index: The S&P 500® Utilities Index comprises those companies included in the S&P 500 that are classified as members of the GICS® utilities sector.

One cannot directly invest in an index.

Cash Flow is a revenue or expense stream that changes a cash account over a given period. Cash inflows usually arise from one of three activities - financing, operations or investing - although this also occurs as a result of donations or gifts in the case of personal finance. Cash outflows result from expenses or investments. This holds true for both business and personal finance. An accounting statement called the "statement of cash flows" shows the amount of cash generated and used by a company in a given period. It is calculated by adding noncash charges (such as depreciation) to net income after taxes. Cash flow can be attributed to a specific project, or to a business as a whole. Cash flow can be used as an indication of a company's financial strength.

Consumer prices (CPI) are a measure of prices paid by consumers for a market basket of consumer goods and services. The yearly (or monthly) growth rates represent the inflation rate

Distributable Cash Flow is calculated as net income plus depreciation and other noncash items, less maintenance capital expenditure requirements.

Distributions are quarterly dividend payments made to Limited Partner (LP) and General Partner (GP) investors. These amounts are set by the GP and are supported by an MLP's operating cash flows.

Distribution Coverage Ratio is calculated as cash available to limited partners divided by cash distributed to limited partners. It gives an indication of an MLP's ability to make dividend payments to limited partner investors from operating cash flows. MLPs with a coverage ratio of in excess of 1.0 times are able to meet their dividend payments without external financing. The coverage ratio on slide 14 is for estimated 2022 coverage on a weighted average basis.

EBITDA (Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation, and Amortization) is a metric used to evaluate a company's operating performance.

Free cash flow (FCF) is a measure of financial performance calculated as operating cash flow minus capital expenditures.

Growth Capital Expenditures or Growth CapEx or GCX refers to the aggregate of all capital expenditures undertaken to further growth prospects and/or expand operations and excludes any maintenance and regulatory capital expenditures.

Net Debt To EBITDA Ratio: A measurement of leverage, calculated as a company's interest-bearing liabilities minus cash or cash equivalents, divided by its EBITDA. The net debt to EBITDA ratio is a debt ratio that shows how many years it would take for a company to pay back its debt if net debt and EBITDA are held constant. If a company has more cash than debt, the ratio can be negative.

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PPI (Producer Price Index) is a measure of the change in the price of goods as they leave their place of production.

Yield refers to the earnings generated and realized on an investment over a particular period of time. It's expressed as a percentage based on the invested amount, current market value, or face value of the security.

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