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# A PERFECT STORM IN ENERGY MARKETS?

Energy Markets Update – March 2020

# OIL MARKETS IN TURMOIL

## ● Dec. 31, 2019 COVID-19

China reported the first case of COVID-19. Since that time, markets have experienced significant turmoil in response to global economic slowdown expectations.

## ● Mar. 2, 2020 OPEC RESPONSE

OPEC and certain non-OPEC countries (collectively known as OPEC+) met in Vienna but failed to reach an agreement on production cuts. Prior to the meeting, the market had anticipated additional production cuts, along with an extension of those previously agreed to cuts, which expire at the end of March.

The group was unable to reach an agreement due to Russia's actions to stall a decision.

Notably, Russia refused to agree to additional production cuts, a decision that could be aimed at adding pressure to the U.S. shale producers and capturing additional market share.

## ● Mar. 6, 2020 PRICE WAR ENSUES

Meeting for a second time during the week, Russia refuses deeper production cuts or an extension of those currently in place.

Subsequently, Saudi Arabia announced cuts to its pricing for crude oil and indicated it would boost production, effectively entering a price war with Russia.

## ● Mar. 9, 2020 OIL PRICES COLLAPSE

In response to these events and concerns that energy markets could suffer from a demand shock driven in part by the Coronavirus, oil prices plunged 25% to close at approximately \$31/barrel. This represented the **largest one-day decline since 1991**.

The implications of sharply lower oil prices are potentially far reaching for the global economy. Energy companies could cut production, leading to layoffs and banks holding loans to energy companies could be negatively impacted.

# DEMAND & SUPPLY SHOCKS – A PERFECT STORM FOR OIL

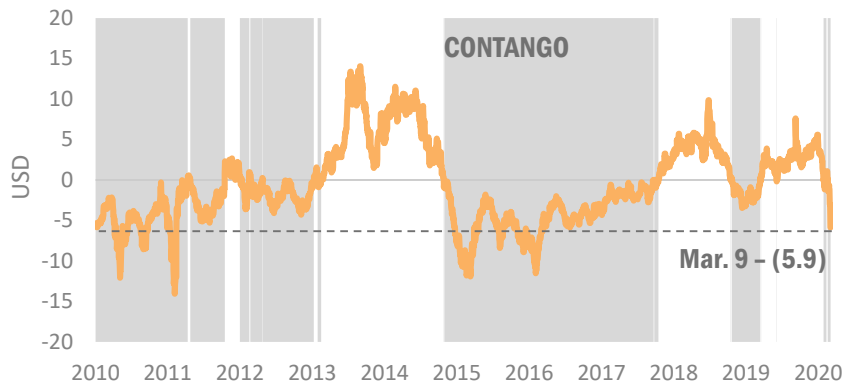
## MARKETS EXPECTED DEEPER OPEC CUTS UNTIL THE MARCH 9<sup>th</sup> DECISION...

EXCESS OPEC SUPPLY & EIA FORECAST EXPECTATIONS /  
As of February 11, 2020



## OIL BEGAN TRADING IN CONTANGO IN FEBRUARY, EXPECTING SOME RELIEF FOR FUTURE PRICING...

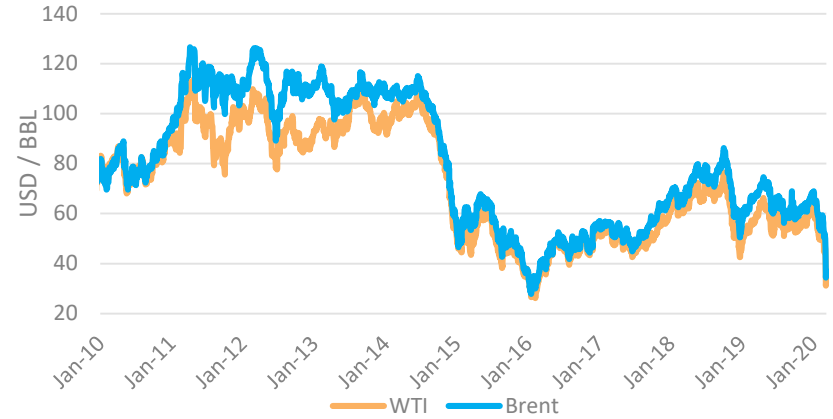
1<sup>ST</sup> MONTH - 12<sup>TH</sup> MONTH CRUDE FUTURE CONTRACT SPREAD /  
As of March 8, 2020



Data Sources: Energy Information Agency

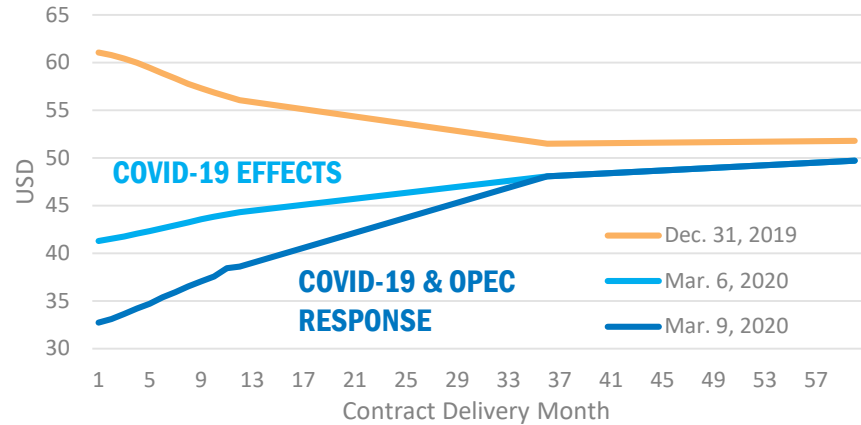
## ...RESULTING IN A -25% SINGLE DAY DECLINE, AND -49% YEAR TO DATE

WTI & BRENT CRUDE FRONT MONTH PRICE /  
As of March 9, 2020



## ...BUT THE RECENT PRICE WAR HAS ONLY DEEPENED PRICING EXPECTATIONS

CRUDE FUTURES CURVE /  
As of March 9, 2020

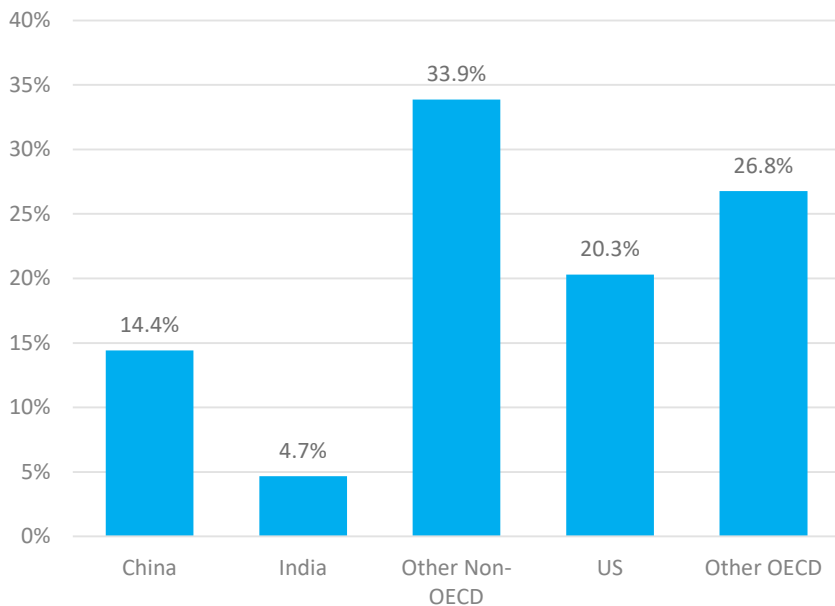


# DEMAND DESTRUCTION LIKELY TO BE LED BY CHINA

## CHINA IS ONE OF THE PRIMARY CONSUMERS OF LIQUID FUELS...

In 2019, China consumed nearly 15% of global liquid fuels for use in their industrial and manufacturing processes and transportation end use.

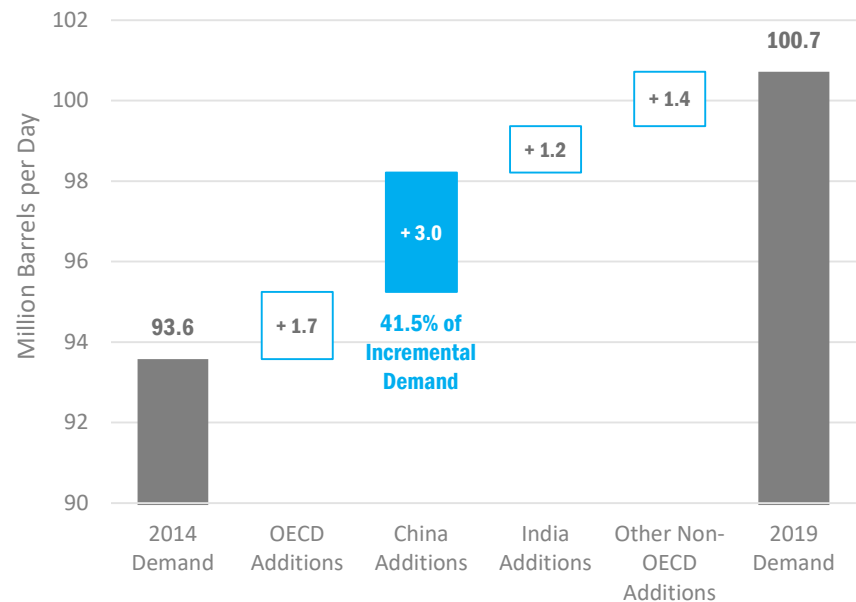
**PERCENT OF GLOBAL LIQUID FUEL CONSUMPTION /**  
Year Ending December 31, 2019



## ...AND HAS BEEN THE PRIMARY DRIVER OF CONSUMPTION GROWTH

Further, China has grown its fuel consumption considerably over the past five years, with the expectation this trend continues. A disruption in China's fuel consumption can and has had an outsized impact on energy commodity prices.

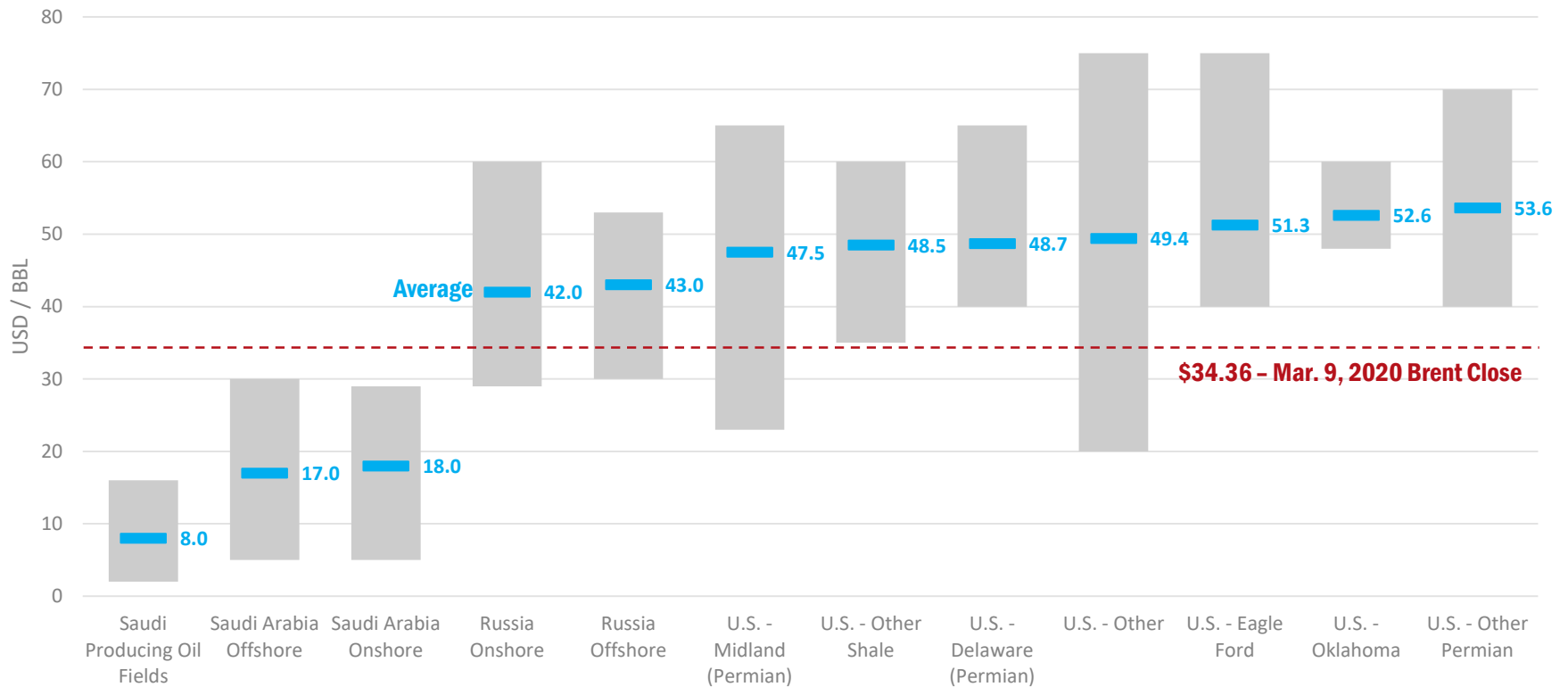
**CONTRIBUTION TO LIQUID FUEL CONSUMPTION GROWTH /**  
Year Ending Dec. 31, 2014 to Year Ending Dec. 31, 2019



# CURRENT PRICE LEVELS UNSUSTAINABLE IN THE LONG TERM

- Current oil prices are not sustainable for new projects within the US, and most other geographies.
- Saudi Arabia has the lowest cost of crude oil extraction, but this does not consider the commonly quoted breakeven figure that the country would need to balance its budget.
- In the short term, it may be important to consider drilled but uncompleted wells in the U.S. that may have a lower breakeven point when sunk costs are disregarded.

## BREAKEVEN PRICE PER BARREL FOR CRUDE PRODUCTION /



**Notes:** Saudi Arabian and Russian breakeven rates were calculated by IHS Markit for Brent production in 2018. The results of this analysis was included in the Saudi Aramco prospectus. The calculation considers post-tax price per barrel required to achieve a 10% rate of return through 2030. U.S. breakeven rates consider WTI production and were collected by the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas through a 2019 survey of 82 exploration and production company executives, responding to the question "In the top two areas in which your firm is active: What WTI oil price does your firm need to profitably drill a new well?"

**Data Sources:** IHS Markit; Federal Reserve of Dallas

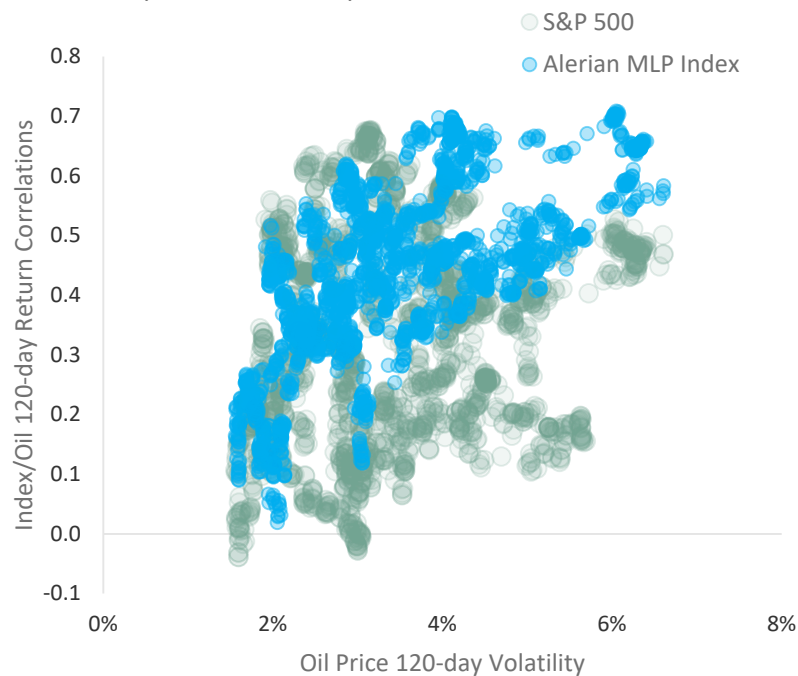
# MIDSTREAM ENERGY AND COMMODITY PRICES

## OIL VOLATILITY BLEEDS INTO MIDSTREAM...

While midstream is a “volume business” that paid based on the throughput of their infrastructure, it has historically traded in line with oil in times of excessive volatility – a relationship that is not present in broader equity markets.

### OIL PRICE VOLATILITY V. INDEX/OIL RETURN CORRELATIONS /

As of January 1, 2011 - February 7, 2020

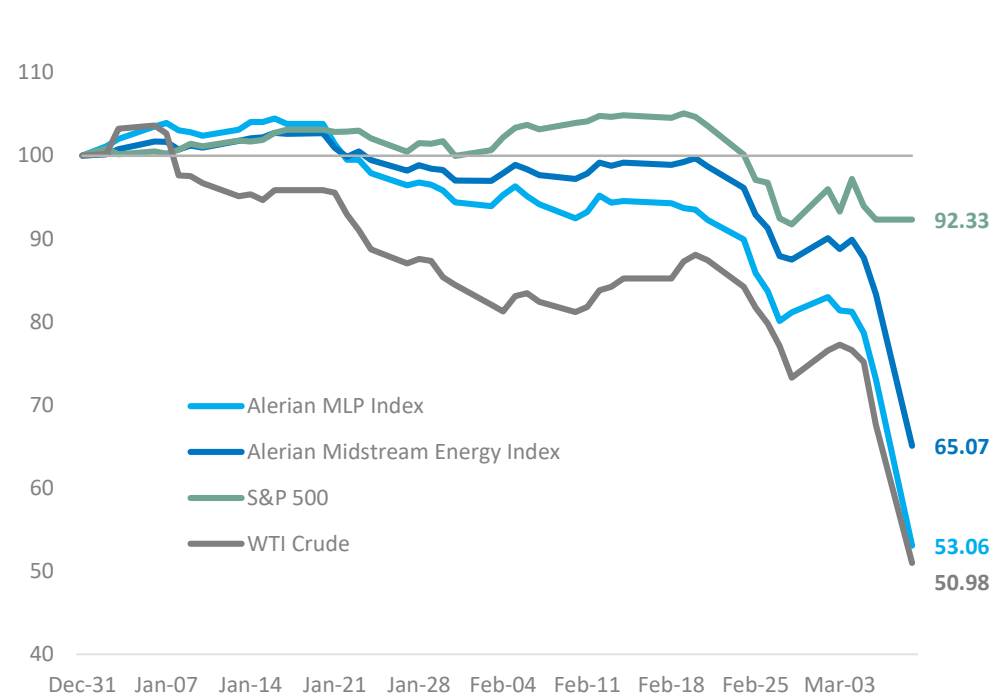


## ...AND WAS SEEN IN THE RECENT COLLAPSE

Midstream was already off to slow start this year, particularly MLPs. With the collapse in oil prices, MLPs and C-corps experienced a sell off on general sentiment around the commodity and potential declines in future throughput.

### INDEXED RETURNS OF MIDSTREAM & CRUDE /

As of March 9, 2020, Indexed to 100 on December 31, 2019



# COMMODITY PRICES WILL IMPACT PRIVATE ENERGY VALUATIONS

## VALUATIONS

- Expect mark-downs in asset values in private energy funds for First Quarter 2020
- Managers use a number of inputs into their valuation process. Apart from commodity prices, these include reserves, production rates, operating costs, and estimated capital expenditures.
- Estimates and assumptions apply a discount rate commensurate with production profile. A discount rate of 10% will typically be used for proved reserves.
- Managers also calculate values based on the three-year NYMEX (New York Mercantile Exchange) strip. In this case, the NYMEX forward curves for oil and gas prices as of the end of the current quarter are applied to the production forecast for the next three years.
- “Resource Funds” – Those that own and operate oil and gas properties are more exposed to commodity price movements
- Energy services companies may be particularly vulnerable to cutbacks in drilling activity

## MITIGATING FACTORS

- Many of FEG’s private energy managers maintain hedges on crude and natural gas production
- Many underlying portfolio companies have limited leverage

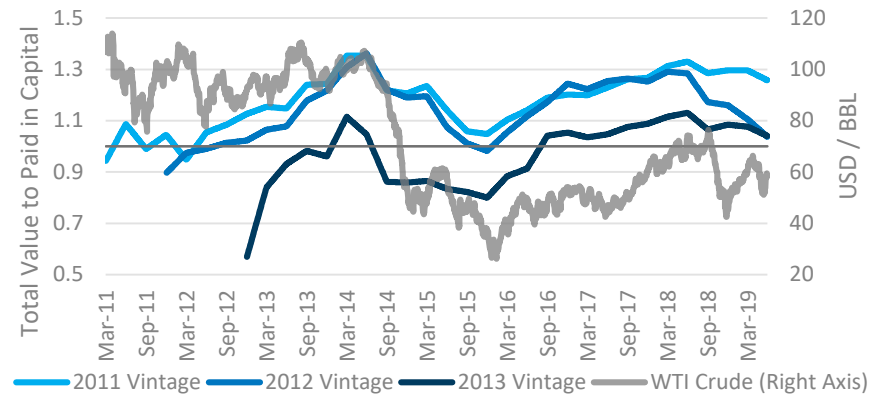
# PRIVATE ENERGY FUNDS THROUGH PRIOR DOWNTURN

## MARKS ON CURRENT INVESTMENTS

Funds raised before 2014 saw markdowns immediately following the collapse in oil prices and subsequently followed prices upwards. Private managers typically use forward curves within their valuations.

### PRIVATE ENERGY TVPI MARKS & WTI CRUDE PRICES /

As of June 30, 2019

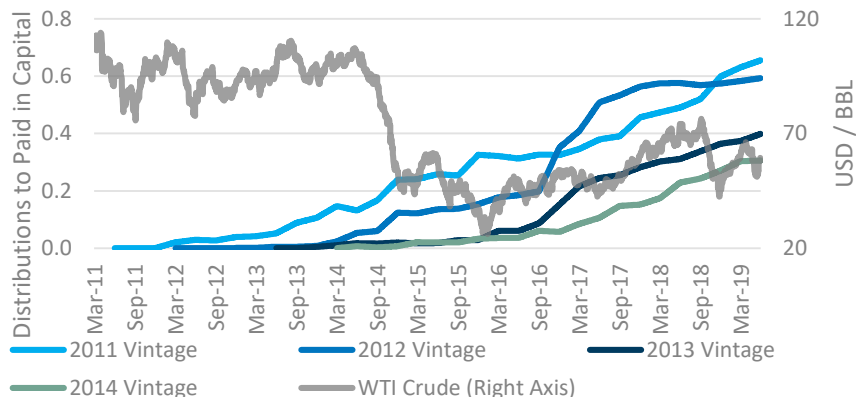


## DISTRIBUTIONS ON CURRENT INVESTMENTS

During the last collapse in oil prices, distributions slowed, but gradually increased as prices improved.

### PRIVATE ENERGY DPI & WTI CRUDE PRICES /

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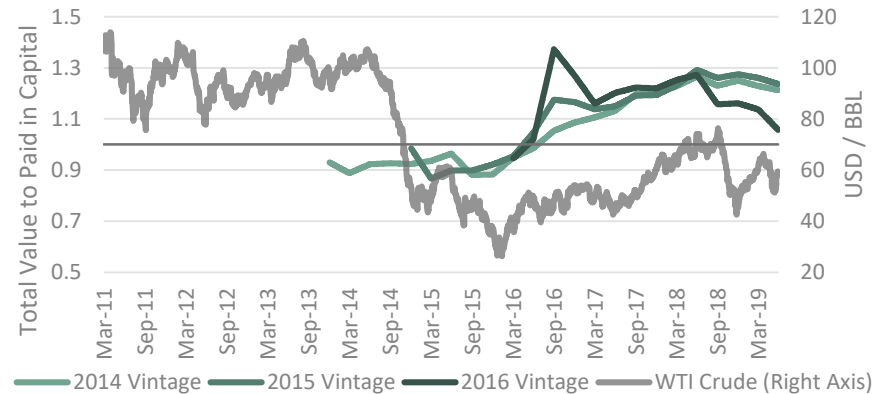
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## MARKS ON CAPITAL INVESTED THROUGH THE DOWNTURN

While initially slow to mark up assets, fund performance improved coming out of the trough in commodity prices.

### PRIVATE ENERGY TVPI MARKS & WTI CRUDE PRICES /

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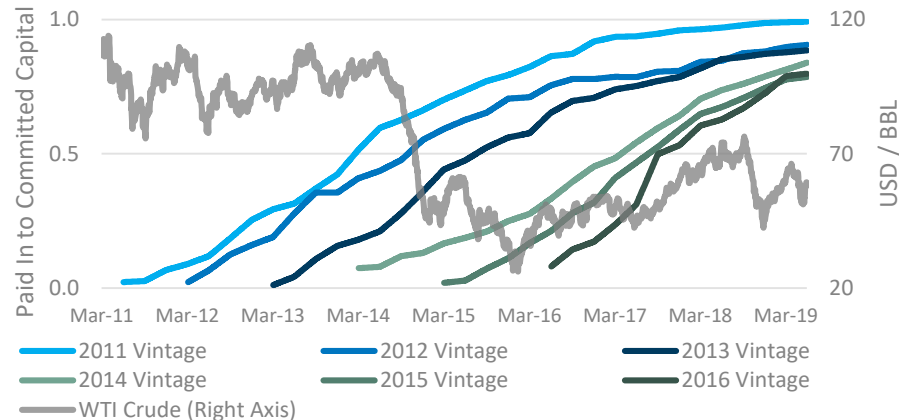


## CALLED CAPITAL ON CURRENT AND NEW COMMITMENTS

Funds following the initial decline increased pacing, drawing down committed capital faster than earlier vintages.

### PRIVATE ENERGY PAID IN CAPITAL TO COMMITTED & WTI CRUDE PRICES /

As of June 30, 2019





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