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1. Market and Macro Industry Commentary

General Market Commentary

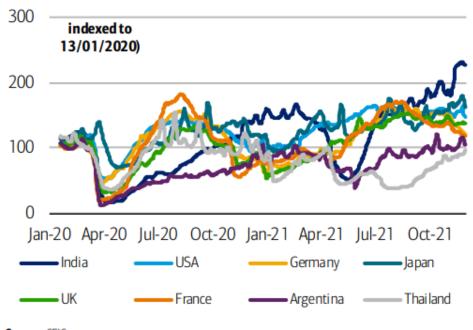
Warm US weather and strong production pushed Henry Hub gas lower during December with the prompt contract closing the month at \$3.73/mmbtu, down 18.3% on price at the end of November. In contrast, strong demand, disruption to international production and reduced Omicron variant concerns combined to push WTI oil price higher, closing December at \$75.21/bbl, up 13.6% on November close.

Global recovery in driving mobility has continued despite the impact of Omicron (Figure 1).

Figure 1: International Driving Mobility (Source: CEIC via BofA)

Exhibit 32: Driving mobility trend by country (7-day MA)

While Omicron could impact air travel, driving mobility has continued to surge since the lockdowns of April/May 2020



Source: CEIC

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Inflation together with continued loose fiscal and monetary policy are likely to provide additional macro support for energy prices in the coming year (Figure 2).

Figure 2: CPI, Money Supply and US Budget Deficit (Source: Bloomberg, BofA)



The latest Baker Hughes rig count data follows. In December US total rigs increased by 17 from 569 to 586. Oil rigs increased by 13 from 467 to 480 while gas rigs increased by 4 from 102 to 106.

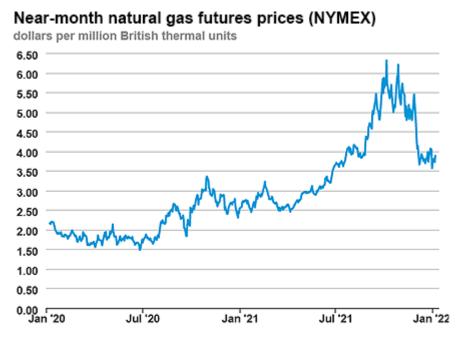
	Rotary Rig	Count			· Hughes S						
	12/31/2021										
Location	Week	+/-	Week	+/-	Year						
Land	570	0	570	238	332						
Inland Waters	1	0	1	-1	2						
Offshore	15	0_	15	-2 _	17						
United States Total	586	0	586	235	351						
Gulf Of Mexico	15	0	15	-2	17						
Canada	90	-43	133	31	59						
North America	676	-43	719	266	410						
U.S. Breakout Information	This Week	+/-	Last Week	+/-	Year Ago						
Oil	480	0	480	213	267						
Gas	106	0	106	23	83						
Miscellaneous	0	0	0	-1	1						
Directional	30	-1	31	9	21						
Horizontal	530	2	528	217	313						
Vertical		-1	27	9	17						



Gas Market

Henry Hub gas futures stabilised above \$3.50 during December with warm weather and strong production the main drivers (Figure 3).

Figure 3: Near Month Henry Hub Futures (Source EIA)



Source: Graph by the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), based or from CME Group as compiled by Bloomberg, L.P.

Reduced demand because of strong production and warm November and December weather (Figure 4) has left storage now at the upper end of the 5-year range (Figure 5).

Figure 4: US Gas Production and December Temperatures (Source Genscape, NOAA via BofA)

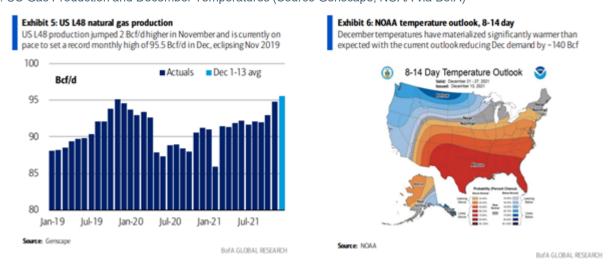
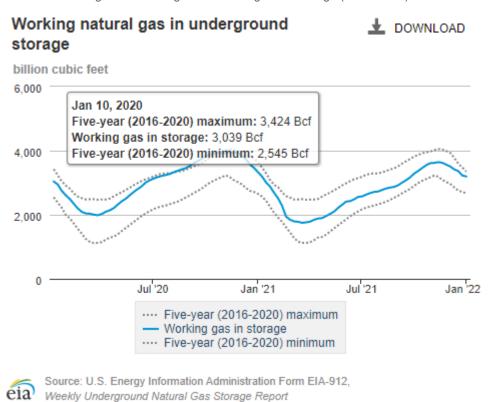




Figure 5: Working Gas in Underground Storage (Source EIA)

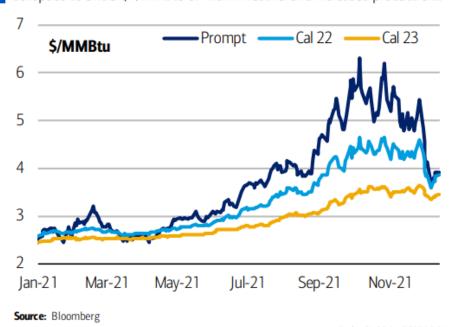


While the prompt contract is well down from highs, calendar 2022 and calendar 2023 natural gas prices have held onto more of their recent gains (Figure 6).

Figure 6: US Natural Gas Prices (Source Bloomberg via BofA)



Since peaking at \$6.312/MMBtuin early October, US natural gas prices have collapsed to under \$4/MMBtu on warm weather and increased production...

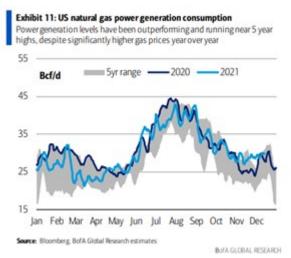


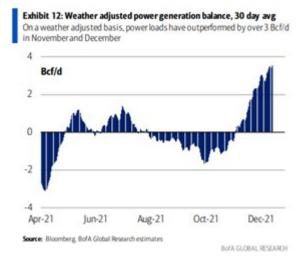
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Weather and production alone would be expected to have driven natural gas prices well below the ~\$3.60/mmbtu floor in December. The factors driving this surprising relative strength are surging gas fired power generation, up nearly 3bcf/d in November and December vs last year, despite higher prices (Figure 7)

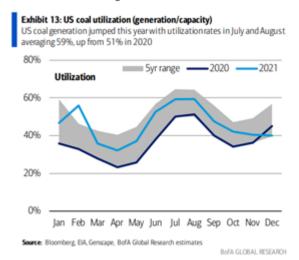
Figure 7: US Natural Gas Power Generation (Source Bloomberg via BofA)

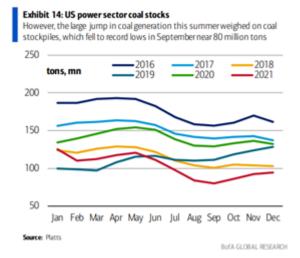




The driver for strength in gas power demand has been disruption in the US coal market where strong coal demand during summer caused a fall in coal stocks (Figure 8). December saw the first fall in month-on-month coal generation in 2021 as strong global thermal coal prices added export demand (Figure 9).

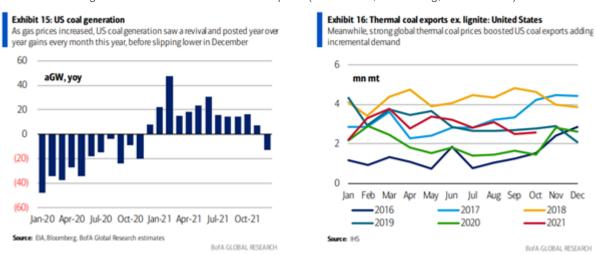
Figure 8: US Coal Utilisation and Stocks (Source Bloomberg, Platts via BofA)





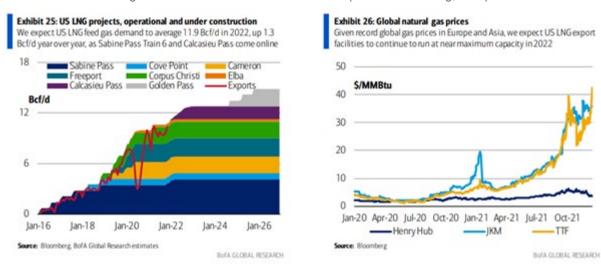
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Figure 9: US Coal Generation and Exports (Source EIA, Bloomberg, IHS via BofA)



US LNG feed gas demand has continued higher in December and set a record high of 11.8bcf/d in December (LHS Figure 10). Record gas prices in Europe and Asia can be expected to encourage US LNG export facilities to continue running at near maximum capacity in 2022 (RHS Figure 10).

Figure 10: US LNG and Global Gas Prices (Source Bloomberg, BofA)





On the weather front, January has seen the first real cold weather in the US, likely to drive a substantial lift in demand (Figures 11 and 12).

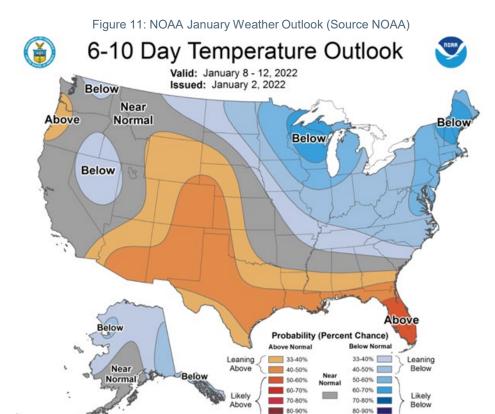
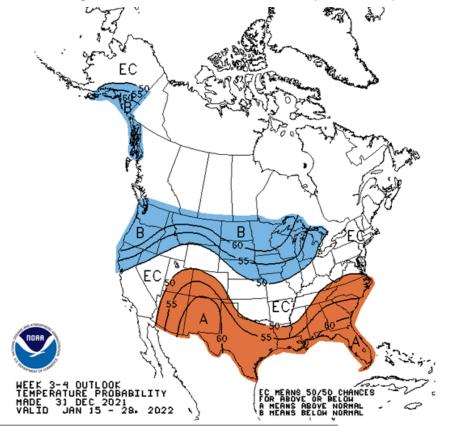


Figure 12: NOAA 3-4 Week Weather Outlook (Source NOAA)



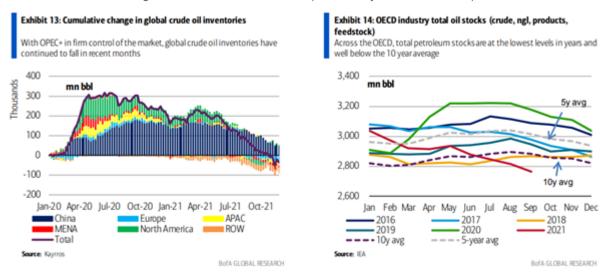


Oil Market

Vitol and Goldman Sachs have both warned that lack of investment in new oil production is likely to deliver higher oil prices over coming years as supply additions are too slow to meet enduring strong demand.

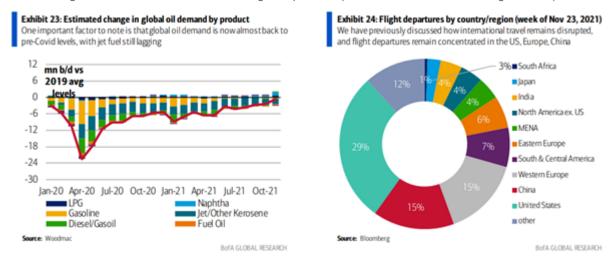
Strong demand and restrained OPEC+ production have caused global oil inventories to continue their decline in recent months (LHS Figure 12). Across the OECD total petroleum stocks are well below the 10-year average (RHS Figure 12).

Figure 13: Petroleum Inventories (Source Kayrros, IEA via BofA)



Global oil demand is now almost back to pre-pandemic levels (LHS Figure 14), this despite continued disruption to international travel and resulting loss of jet-fuel demand (RHS Figure 14).

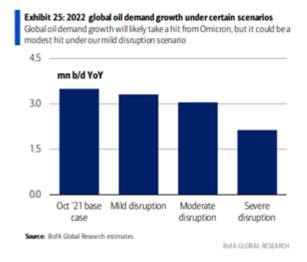
Figure 14: Global Oil Demand and Flight Departures (Source Woodmac, Bloomberg via BofA)

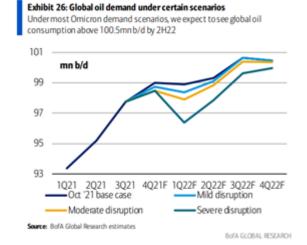




Global oil demand will be reduced because of Omicron but under most scenarios global oil consumption is likely to be above 100.5mmbbld by 2H22 (Figure 15).

Figure 15: Omicron Impact on Global Demand (Source BofA)

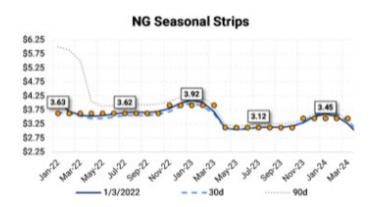




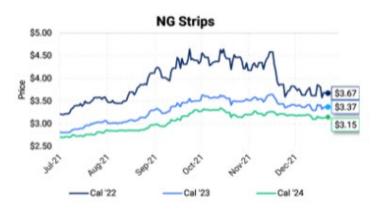


Gas and Oil Prices 3 January 2022









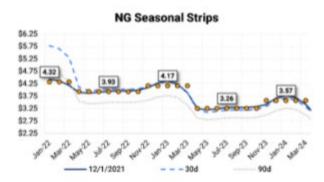
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		Month 1	Cal 22	Cal 23		Cal 24			Cal 25
NYMEX WTI Crude	\$	74.34	\$ 71.96	\$	66.33	\$	62.69	\$	60.18
ICE Brent Crude	\$	77.01	\$ 74.84	\$	70.27	\$	67.38	\$	65.45
Light Louisiana Sweet	\$	75.06	\$ 73.46	\$	68.76	\$	64.42	S	60.90
TM Midland Differential		\$0.67	\$ 0.53	\$	0.48				
WCS Differential	\$	(13.11)	\$ (13.25)	\$	(15.20)				
NYMEX Natural Gas	\$	3.70	\$ 3.68	\$	3.37	\$	3.15	\$	3.08
Source: Bloomberg LP									

Location	- 1	Spot	Wint	ter '21/'22		Summer '22	Winter	'22/'23		Summer '23
Henry Hub Fixed		3.66		3.63		3.60		3.90		3.90
Malin	S	3.58	\$	0.73	\$	(0.11)	\$	0.40	\$	0.40
Opal	\$	3.45	\$	0.75	\$	(0.24)	\$	0.46	\$	0.46
Sumas	S	3.06	\$	0.77	\$	(0.24)	\$	0.88	\$	0.88
PEPL.	8	(0.12)	\$	0.05	\$	(0.33)	8	(0.08)	\$	(0.08)
Chicago CG	ŝ	(0.19)	8	(0.14)	ŝ	(0.22)	S	(0.22)	8	(0.22)
TETCO M3	S	(0.29)	8	1.09	\$	(0.75)	8	1.47	8	1.47
Waha	S	(0.33)	S	(0.22)	\$	(0.66)	9	(0.31)	\$	(0.31)
AECO	8	(0.37)	\$	(0.66)	8	(1.18)	8	(1.08)	8	(1.08)
Dominion S	8	(0.97)	S	(0.64)	\$	(0.92)	8	(0.67)	8	(0.67)

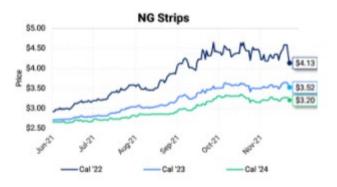


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		Bal 21		Cal 22		Cal 23		Cal 24	Cal 25	
NYMEX WTI Crude	\$	68.03	\$	65.58	\$	61.75	\$	59.61	\$	58.47
ICE Brent Crude	\$	71.32	\$	68.81	\$	65.74	\$	64.23	S	63.63
Light Louisiana Sweet	\$	68.67	\$	66.25	\$	62.24	\$	59.97	S	58.77
TM Midland Differential	S	0.22	\$	0.64	\$	0.58				
WCS Differential	\$	(17.94)	\$	(14.72)	\$	(15.57)				
NYMEX Natural Gas Source: Bloomberg LP	S	5.45	\$	4.07	S	3.53	\$	3.19	\$	3.09

Location		Spot	Winter	21/22		Summer '22	Winter	722/723		Summer '2
Henry Hub Fixed		4.52		4.32		3.96		4.19		4.15
Opal	- 8	(0.18)	8	0.22	8	(0.28)	8	0.28	8	0.28
TETCO M3	8	(0.21)	8	2.73	8	(0.69)	8	1.53	8	1.53
Chicago CG	8	(0.33)	9	(0.21)	5	(0.22)	9	(0.25)	\$	(0.28
Waha	- 5	(0.55)	9	(0.16)	\$	(0.60)	9	(0.29)	5	(0.29
Dominion S	- 8	(0.56)	8	(0.54)	8	(0.87)	9	(0.63)	8	(0.60
PEPL.	8	(0.58)	8	0.00	8	(0.35)	8	(0.11)	8	(0.11
Malin	5	(0.64)	5	0.34	\$	(0.14)	9	0.33	5	0.33
Sumes		(0.89)	8	0.46	8	(0.31)	8	0.56	8	0.56
AECO	8	(1.57)	8	(1.37)	8	(1.38)	8	(1.16)	8	(1.16