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### 1.0 Market and Portfolio Commentary

1.1 Macro Industry Commentary

US Henry Hub prompt gas prices rose in November with forecasts of a colder than average December and a resulting increase in natural gas demand for heating. Month on more the prompt rose from \$2.71/mmbtu at close on 31 October to \$3.36/mmbtu at close on 29 November. Calendar 2025 also rose, beginning November at \$3.03/mmbtu and closing at \$3.33/mmbtu.

Oil prices drifted lower. The prompt began November at \$69.26/bbl and closed the month at \$68.00/bbl. Calendar 2025 decreased from \$68.16/bbl to 66.76/bbl.

The Republican sweep of US Presidency plus control of both Congress and the Senate is unlikely to have a material impact on the fundamentals of US domestic gas and oil production because industry rules and regulations are predominantly under the purview of individual States. Marginal benefits will be seen from the more rapid removal of the Biden implemented pause on Federal approval of new LNG export facilities, (although note that this pause was generally expected to have been withdrawn early in 2025 irrespective of election winner), with the next wave of LNG facilities from 2030 probably coming on-line a little earlier than would have been the case had the Democrats won. There will also be some modest reduction in the pace of tightening environmental regulations administered by Environmental Protection Agency.

If threats to implement high and broad tariffs come to fruition, demand for oil and gas as an inflation hedge is likely to provide additional price support.

The latest Baker Hughes rig count data follows. In October US total land rigs rose by 4 from 568 to 572. Total oil rigs fell increased by 3 from 479 to 482, gas rigs were unchanged at 102. Oil and gas rig totals include 15 offshore rigs working in November.

Baker Hughes \gg	NORTH AMERICA Rotary Rig Count 6/12/2024				
Location	Week	+/-	Week	+/-	YearAgo
Inland Waters	2	О	2	2	0
Land	572	5	567	-33	605
Offshore	15	2	13	-6	21
United States Total	589	7	582	-37	626
Gulf of Mexico	13	1	12	-6	19
Canada	194	-11	205	0	194
North America	783	-4	787	-37	820
U.S. Breakout Information	This Week	+/-	Last Week	+/-	Year Ago
Gas	102	2	100	-17	119
Oil	482	5	477	-21	503
Miscellaneous	5	0	5	1	4
Directional	49	4	45	-3	52
Horizontal	526	5	521	-33	559
Vertical	14	-2	16	-1	15

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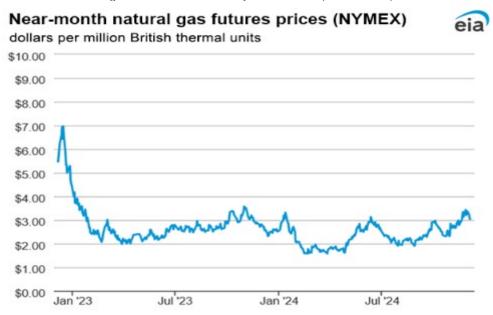
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### **Gas Market**

Henry Hub prompt prices held above \$3.00/mmbtu during November (Figure 1).

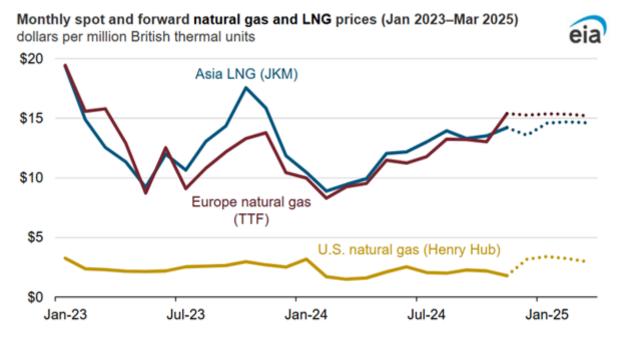
Figure 1: Near Month Henry Hub Futures (Source: EIA)



Data source: CME Group as compiled by Bloomberg, L.P.

US domestic gas prices (Henry Hub) remain substantially below Asian and European gas prices (JKM and TTF respectively) (Figure 2). This price difference provides maximum incentive for US LNG facilities to export the highest possible volumes. The price difference is retained in the forward curves providing strong encouragement for developers of new facilities to expedite construction. The trend to convergence between US domestic and international prices that will be the medium-term consequence of a large US LNG export industry is a core pillar of the Longreach Energy investment thesis.

Figure 2: Monthly Spot and Forward Natural Gas and LNG Prices (Source: Bloomberg, via EIA)



Data source: Bloomberg Finance, L.P.

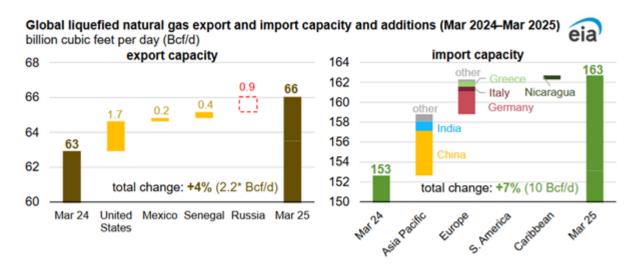
Note: Price curves as of November 21, 2024. Dotted lines represent forward prices. LNG=liquefied natural gas; Asian LNG=the JKM price benchmark (representing spot and forward LNG prices in Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, and China); European natural gas=benchmark prices at the Title Transfer Facility (TTF)



Figure 3 shows global LNG export and import capacity additions for the year to March 2025. US export growth of 1.7bcf/d comes from the first of seven mid-scale trains at Corpus Christi LNG Stage 3, Plaquemines LNG Phase 1, and additional capacity at Freeport LNG achieved through engineering and operational optimisation. By March 2025 total global LNG export capacity is expected to reach 66bcf/d.

From March 2024 to March 2025 global LNG import capacity is expected to increase from 153 bcf/d to 163bcf/d with growth principally occurring in China, India and Germany. Note that utilisation rates of LNG export facilities are much higher than those of LNG import facilities.

Figure 3: Global LNG Export and Import Capacity Additions (Mar 24 to Mar 25) (Source: EIA)

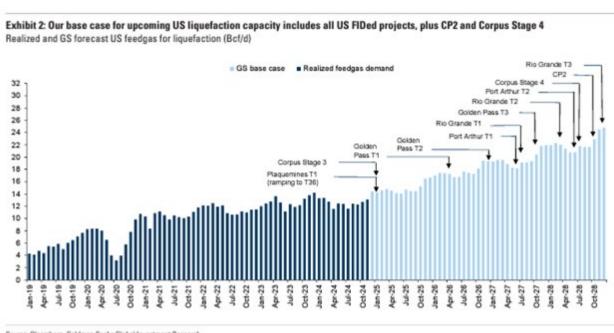


Data source: U.S. Energy Information Administration

Note: \*Exports from Russia's Arctic-2 LNG project (0.9 Bcf/d capacity) may not be available due to sanctions

Goldman's base case is that US LNG export capacity reaches 24bcf/d by the end of 2028 (Figure 4). This growth is all from projects that are already fully approved and under construction.

Figure 4: US LNG Feedgas Demand (Source: GS)

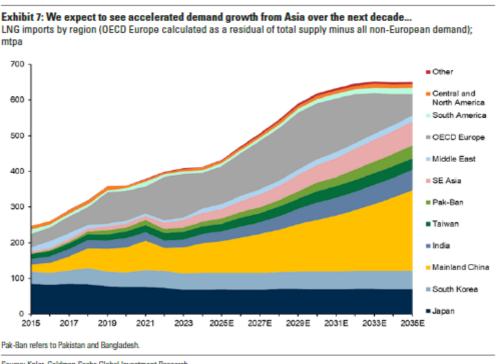


Source: Bloomberg, Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research



Goldman expects accelerated demand growth from Asia over the next decade. There will be significant demand growth through 2030 from China, driven by a growing gas consumption base and only moderate growth in China domestic production and pipeline imports, together with Southeast Asia and India, supported by a combination of GDP and regasification capacity growth (Figure 5).

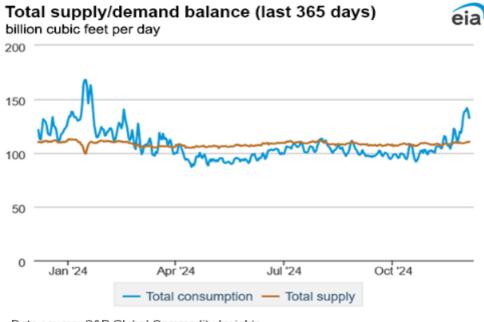
Figure 5: LNG Imports by Region (Source: Kpler, via GS)



Source: Kpler, Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

In the near-term US gas prices will be determined by winter temperatures. The market currently trades on forecast for the next two weeks and this will likely persist until end January. The reason is that cold weather can deliver large spikes in gas demand as seen in the first few days of December (Figure 6). As noted in the October report, an even average cold winter will make a large dent in the current high storage levels.

Figure 6: Total US Gas Supply/Demand Balance (Source: EIA)

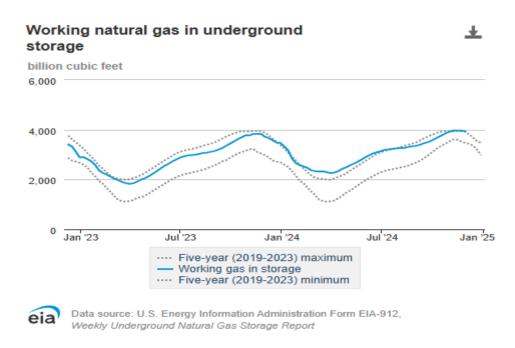


Data source: S&P Global Commodity Insights



Ahead of this cold weather, net withdrawals from storage for the week ending 29 November totalled 30 bcf, compared to the five-year (2019-2023) average net withdrawals of 47 bcf and last year's net withdrawals of 81 bcf during the same week (Figure 7). Working natural gas stocks totalled 3,937 bcf, which is 284 bcf (8%) more than the five-year average and 185 bcf (5% more than last year at this time).

Figure 7: Working Natural Gas in Underground Storage (Source: EIA)

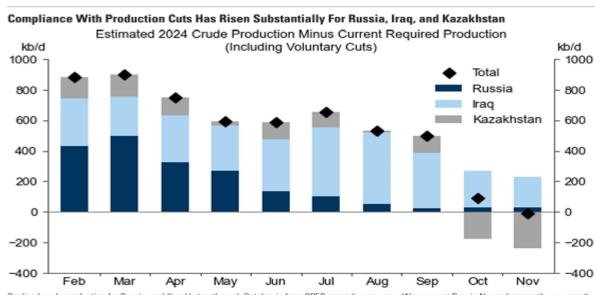




### Oil Market

OPEC+ (OPEC plus Russia) compliance with voluntary cuts to oil supply has risen in October and November (Figure 8). In early December OPEC+ announced an extension of these cuts until at least April 2025. These moves are likely to provide near term support to oil prices.

Figure 8: Estimated 2024 Crude Production Minus Current Required Production (Source: various, via GS)

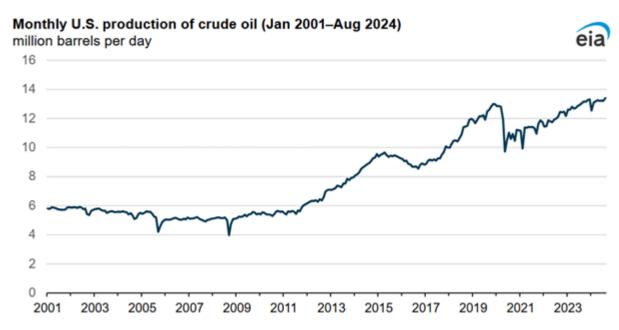


Realized crude production for Russia, and Kazakhstan through October is from OPEC secondary sources. We nowcast Russia November month-over-month production growth using our Russia production nowcast. We nowcast monthly changes in Kazakhstan crude production from OPEC secondary sources in November using a regression model with monthly changes in total Kazakhstan oil exports from Kpler (including Kazakhstan grade crude from the CPC terminal). We use our Iraq production nowcast for all months. Current required production corresponds to required October production levels from the OPEC Sep 5, 2024 statement and does not include revised compensation pledged adjusted for the recent overproduction from Iraq and Kazakhstan.

Source: IEA, Kpler, OPEC, Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

An average of 13.4 million bbls/d of crude oil was produced in the Unted States during August 2024, a new record according to data form the EIA's Petroleum Supply Monthly (Figure 9). The previous monthly record of 13.3 million bbls/d was set in December 2023.

Figure 9: Monthly US Production of Crude Oil (Jan 2001-Aug-2024) (Source: EIA)



Data source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, Petroleum Supply Monthly



### Gas and Oil Prices 2 December 2024

# Historical WTI CMA Calendar Strips - Bal 25 - Cal 26 - Cal 27 \$76.00 74.00 70.00 68.00 70.00 66.00 Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec

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### Crude Oil Swap Pricing

	Bal 25	Cal 26	
NYMEX WTI	\$67.27	\$65.31	
LLS	\$69.68	\$67.97	
Mars	\$66.33	\$64.38	
Dubai	\$70.20	\$68.47	
WCS-WTI	-\$13.77	-\$14.97	
ICE Brent	\$70.92	\$69.32	
Dated Brent	\$70.94	\$69.23	
West TX Sour (WTS)	\$66.56	\$64.56	



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### Henry Hub Seasonal Strips



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### Natural Gas Basis Swap Pricing

	prompt	Winter 24/25	Summer 25	Summer 26	Winter 25/26
Henry Hub Fixed	\$3.129	\$3.110	\$3.151	3.523	\$3,950
Panhandle East	\$0.263	\$0.248	\$-0.485	-0.498	\$0.107
Eastern Gas South	-\$0.460	\$-0.484	\$-0.804	-0.951	\$-0.762
Waha	-\$1.150	\$-1.034	\$-1.734	-1.731	\$-1.473
TETCO M3	\$0.470	\$0.777	\$-0.657	-0.791	\$0.612
Houston Ship Channel	-\$0.200	\$-0.223	\$-0.415	-0.474	\$-0.334
Columbia Gulf Mainline	-\$0.115	\$-0.138	\$-0.235	-0.250	\$-0.163

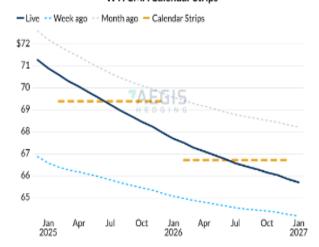


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### WTI CMA Calendar Strips



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### Crude Oil Swap Pricing

	Bal 24	Cal 25	Cal 26
NYMEX WTI	\$71.56	\$69.56	\$67.03
LLS	\$73.43	\$71.84	\$69.86
Mars	\$70.30	\$68.04	\$65.31
Dubai	\$74.48	\$72.47	\$70.61
WCS-WTI	-\$13.36	-\$13.73	-\$15.35
ICE Brent	\$75.27	\$73.51	\$71.29
Dated Brent	NaN	\$73.55	\$71.31
West TX Sour (WTS)	\$71.09	\$69.17	\$66.53

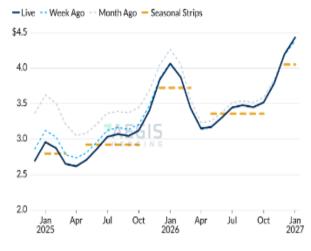
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### Historical Natural Gas Strips



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### Henry Hub Seasonal Strips



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### Natural Gas Basis Swap Pricing

	prompt	Winter 24/25	Summer 25	Summer 26	Winter 25/26
Henry Hub Fixed	\$2.781	\$2.867	\$2.951	3.383	\$3.748
Panhandle East	-\$0.276	\$0.099	\$-0.490	-0.520	\$0.110
Eastern Gas South	-\$0.626	\$-0.563	\$-0.806	-0.962	\$-0.721
Waha	-\$3.016	\$-1.604	\$-1.779	-1.641	\$-1.463
TETCO M3	-\$0.456	\$0.444	\$-0.657	-0.803	\$0.523
Houston Ship Channel	-\$0.436	\$-0.293	\$-0.396	-0.447	\$-0.364
Columbia Gulf Mainline	-\$0.176	\$-0.162	\$-0.242	-0.275	\$-0.178
NGPLTXOK	-\$0.326	\$-0.317	\$-0.377	-0.404	\$-0.307



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