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Capital Flows

What's driving recent energy market performance?

Valuation & Fundamentals

Why is deep value money still on the sidelines?

Looking Ahead: 2020-2021

What macro & sector developments can we expect?

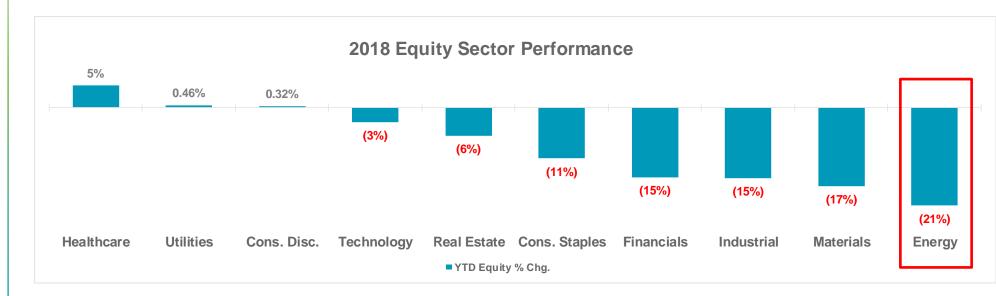
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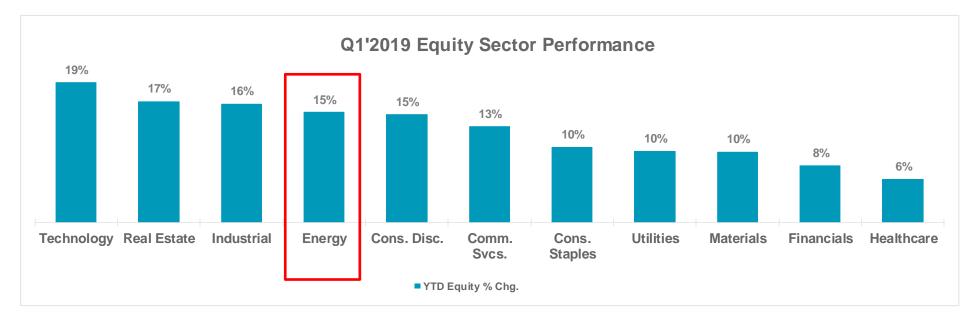
How to craft a winning strategy



Capital Flows What's Driving Performance & What Does That Tell Us?

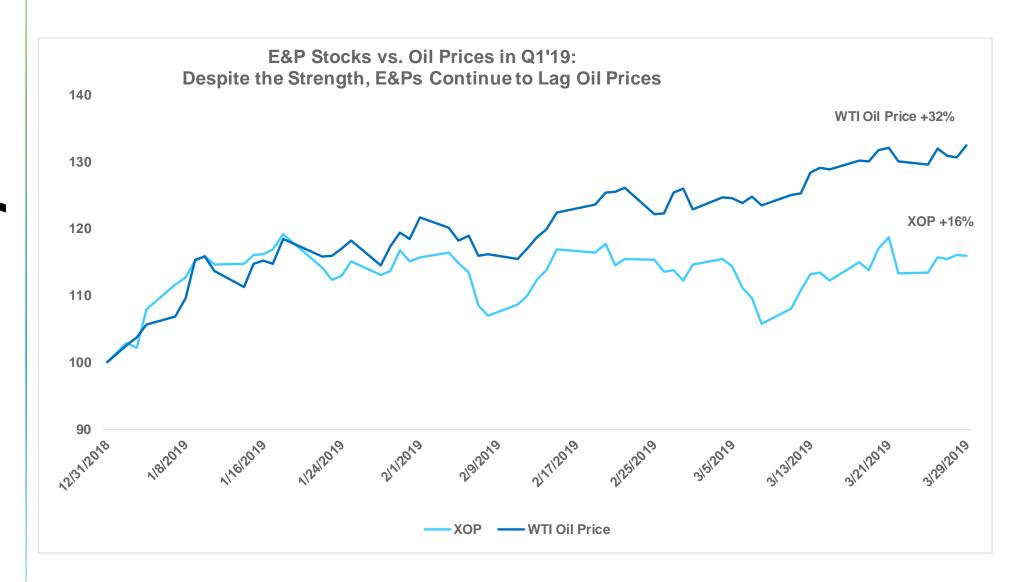
After Being The Worst Performer In 2018, Energy Is One Of The Better Performers In 2019





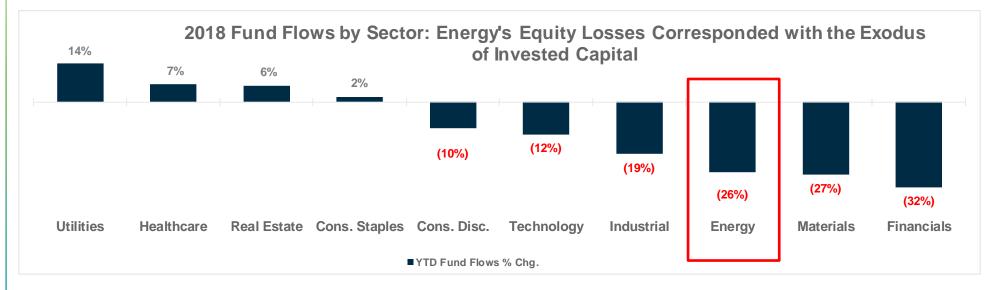


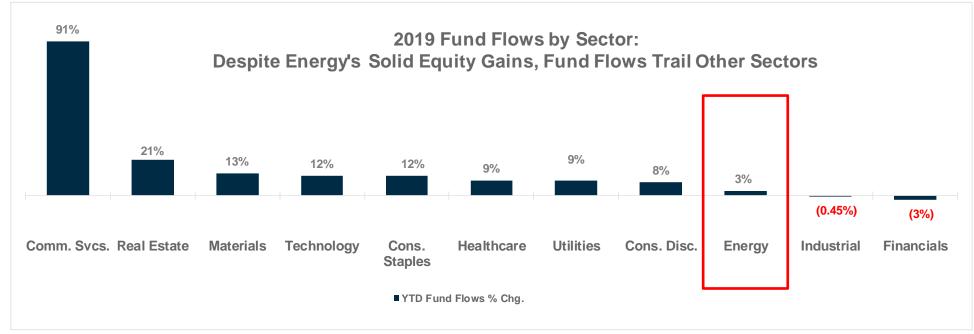
Even With Strong Gains, Energy Stocks Continue to Disappoint





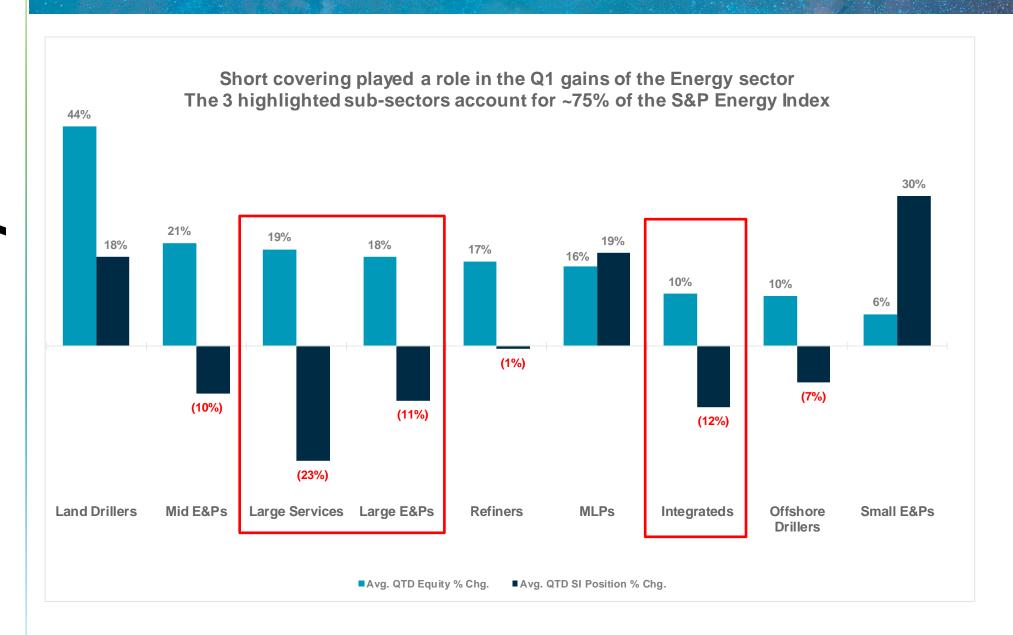
Energy Continues to Lag Other Sectors in Fund Flows







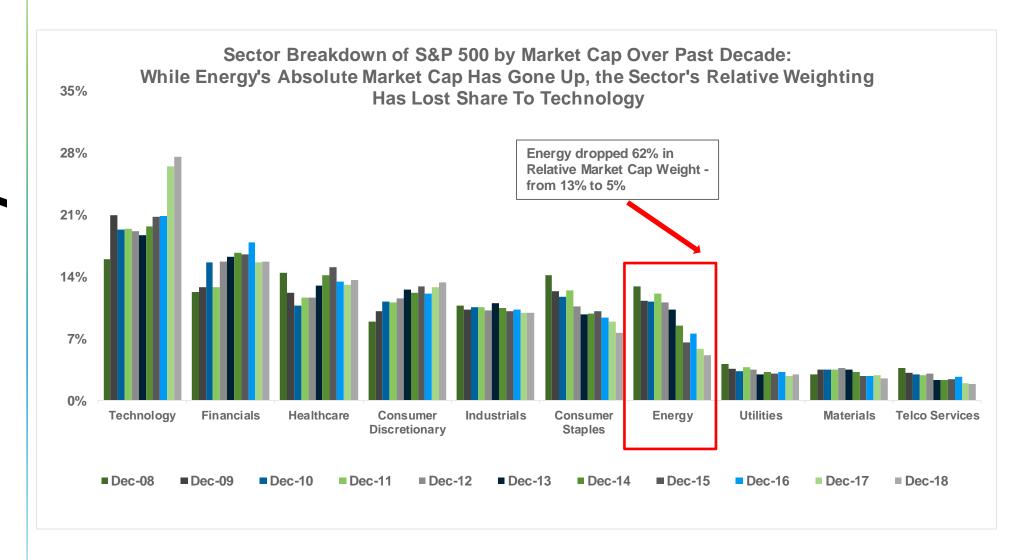
Q1'19 Energy Performance vs. Short Interest Positioning





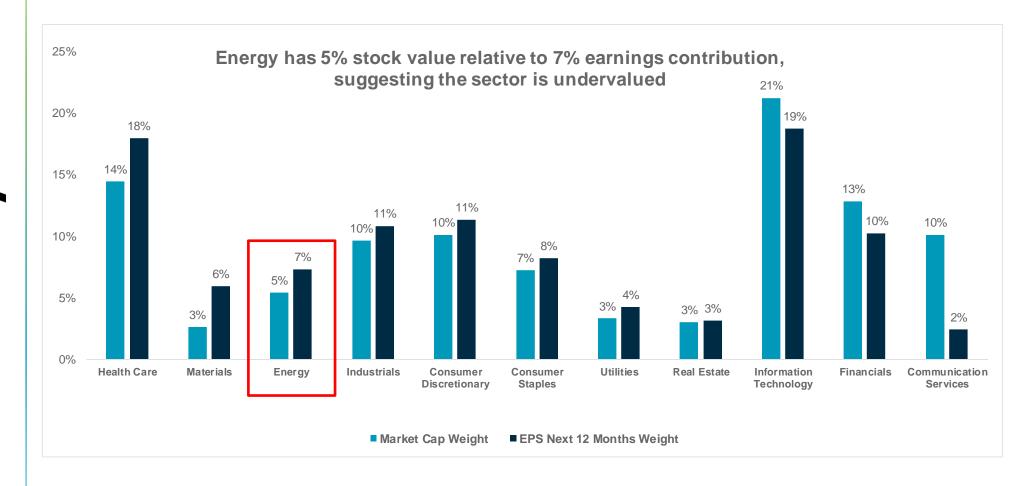
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Putting the Market into Perspective by Size



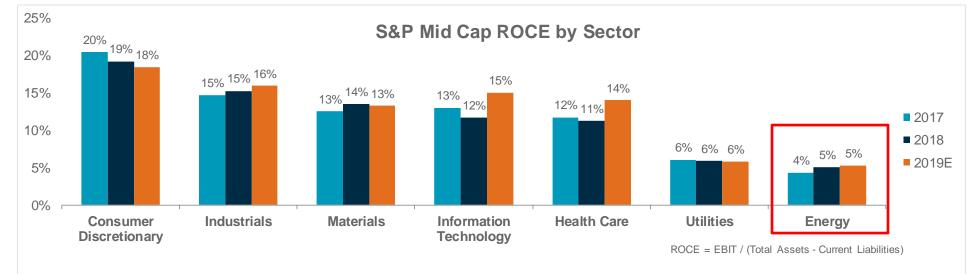


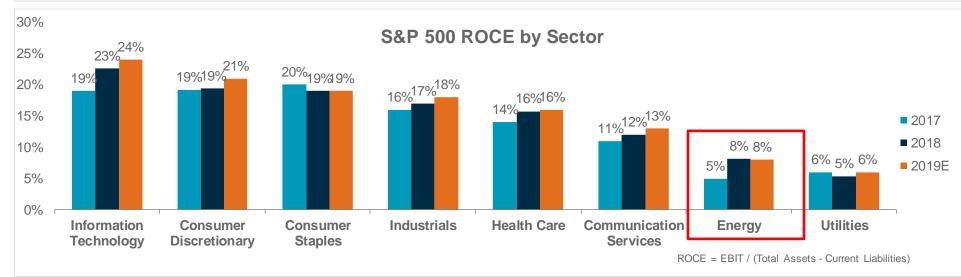
S&P 500 Sector View: Market Cap Weightings vs. Percentage of Earnings





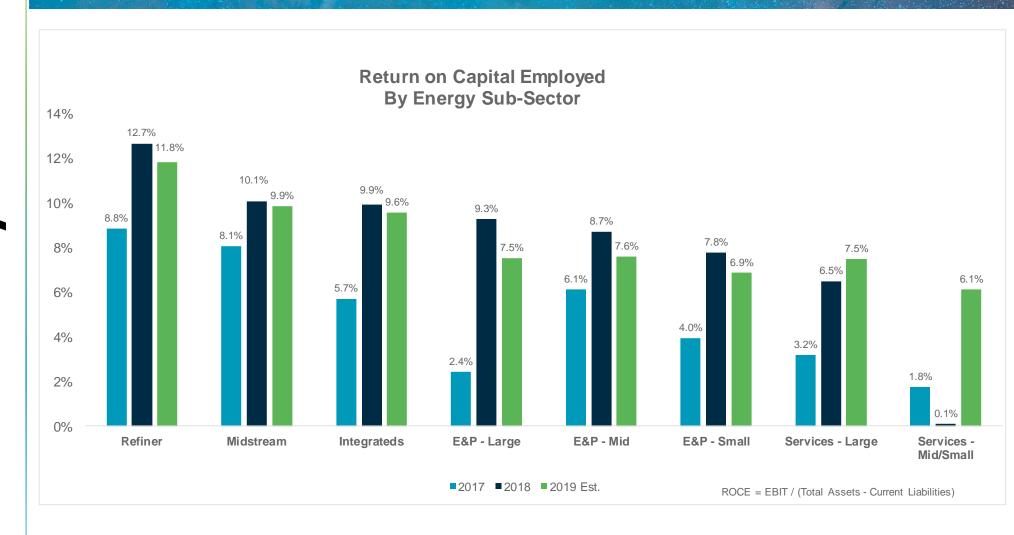
Energy Returns Have Improved But Still Lag Other Sectors







Refiners Continue To Outpace All Other Energy Sub-sectors In Returns





Looking Ahead What Developments Can We Expect in 2020 – 2021?

What Can We Expect in 2019-2020? Challenges from the Macro Environment

Regulation on Corporate Access → Unbundling of Research & Trading

- Contraction of sell-side
- Small & Mid-caps will receive less research coverage
- Decrease in conference & meeting quality
- International marketing particularly difficult
- Issuers will need to set up their own investor meetings





Increased Dominance of ETFs and Index Funds

- Passive assets are poised to surpass actively managed assets in the U.S. in 2021 according to Moody's Investor Services
- Passive assets already hold 35% of S&P 500
- How to make the nuances of your investment thesis matter in a market with less discretionary capital?



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More Macro Headwinds

Less Exclusive Focus On Energy

Increased Importance of Generalist Investors

- Analysts covering multiple unrelated sectors
- Issuers need to simplify the investment thesis
- Think in investment themes vs. sectors
- How do you compete outside of your sector?



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11 SECTORS

24 INDUSTRY GROUPS

68 INDUSTRIES

157 SUB-INDUSTRIES



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- IMO 2020
- Improved Financial Results
- Uptick in Reverse Mergers
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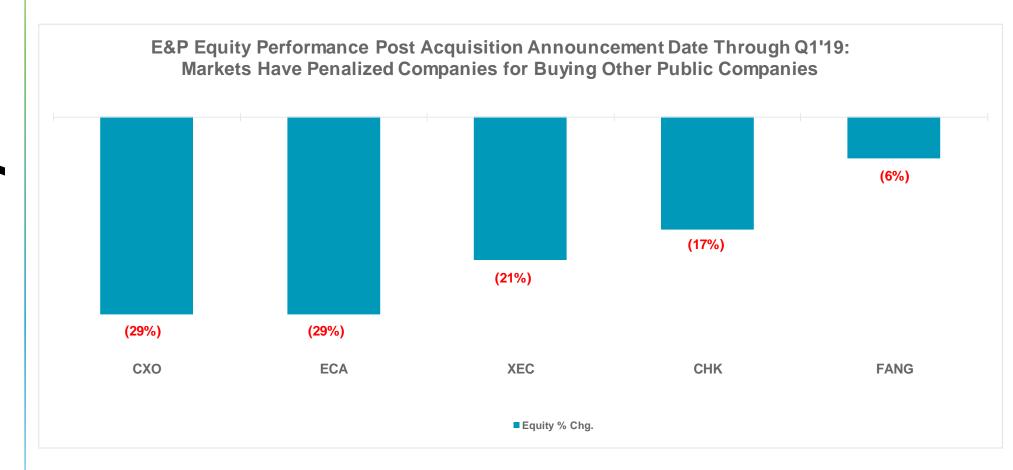
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M&A: A Necessary Catalyst to Excite Investors

But Impediments to Deal Consummation Still Exist





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Other trends for 2020-2021

Increased Focus on Environmental, Social & Governance (ESG):

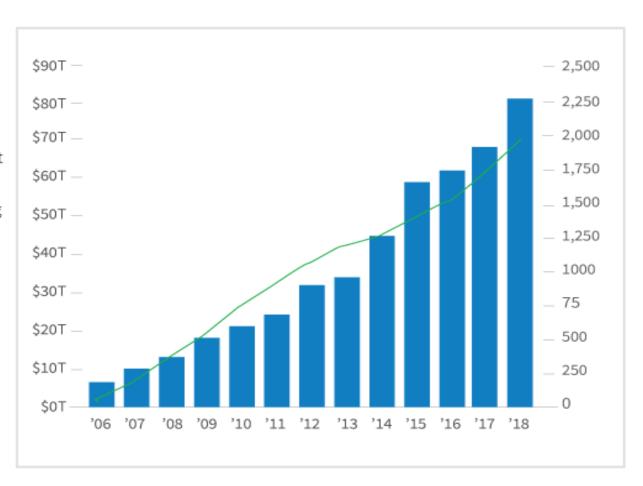
A Challenge → Opportunity

Institutions embrace responsible investing

ranks of investment managers that have signed the UN Principles of Responsible Investing, committing to consider ESG issues in portfolio decisions.

- Assets under management (U.S. \$ trillion)
- Number of signatories





Investors Across All Strategies Are Focusing On ESG

- No longer just a European phenomenon
- No longer only the domain of small pension funds/religious endowments

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Long-Only

Activist

















Sustainable Investing Rarely Implies Divesting:

Being Best in Class within Oil & Gas Can Help Issuers Attract New Money

\$1 of Every \$4

institutional assets are invested sustainably

\$23T

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The "G" is the Most Important Part of ESG: Top Governance Priorities for Investors

- Board Composition, with a particular focus on enhanced diversity
 - Board-level expertise that is more aligned with business goals

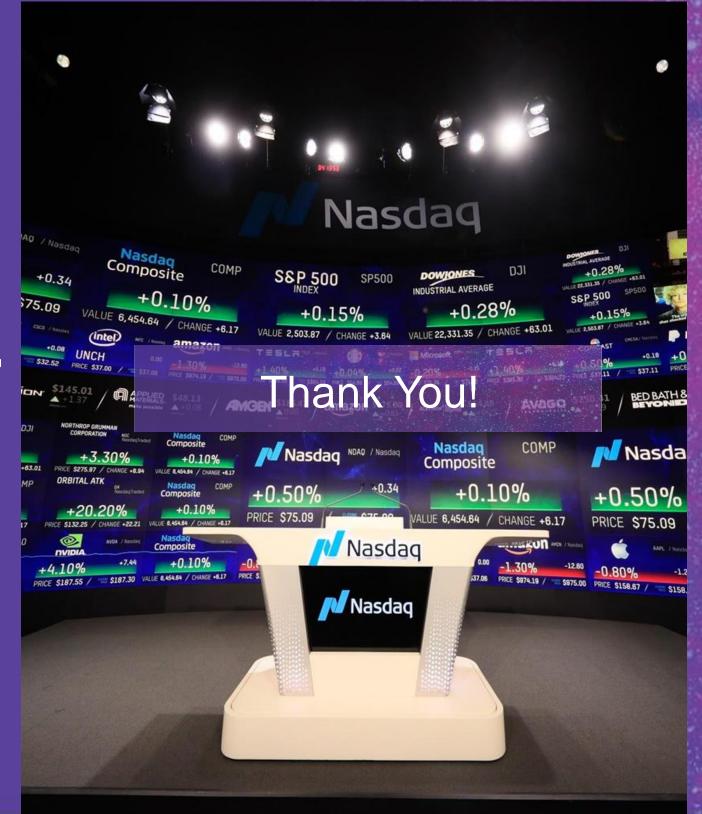
- Increased attention to climate risk and the environment
- Enhanced attention to talent and human capital management

Compensation that is more aligned with performance and strategy

In Conclusion How To Craft A Winning Strategy

In Conclusion: How Should Issuers Position Themselves to Win?

- Acknowledge past performance as a steward of capital
- Simplify the investment case
- Demonstrate competitiveness relative to stocks in other sectors
- Focus on returns rather than growth
- Cut costs, reduce debt & compensate shareholders
- Be transparent about managing risk for the future
 - Stress test around carbon tax and reserves write downs
- Focus on lowering carbon intensity
- Institute incentive metrics that align with long-term strategy
- Increase female representation at board and management level





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