

## 2019/20 – An oil product drama





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## Historical view of US crude production

### An incredible production increase



## Large loss of supply in many places

More than two million barrels of supply has been lost in different places



## Medium sour crude vs. Shale oil

Medium sour crude has much more mid to heavy molecules



Crude type \ Product type	Lights	Mid	Heavy	Mid+Heavy
Ultra-light sweet shale (API, S%) = (45, 0.08%)	41%	34%	24.2%	59%
Brent crude (API, S%) = (38.1, 0.42%)	30%	35%	34.6%	70%
Medium-Sour (API, S%) = (31.3, 1.4%)	22%	32%	46.0%	78%

## Crude curves now and one year ago

Longer term price anchor more or less unchanged around \$60/bl

Forward crude curves end of 2017 vs. end of 2018



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## US gasoline stocks at record high

### But the "normal" is high as well



## Gasoline cracks have crashed

Gasoline – a premium product, no longer yields a profit



### Shipping - the "graveyard for dirty oil" since the 70ies

Now it has to stop says the International Maritime Organization (IMO) In 2020 you'll need to run on cleaner fuel or have a scrubber SEB



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## GOFO peaked at \$700/ton in 2008

But then Brent crude rallied to \$148/bl



## The 2008 Gasoil squeeze

The scatter points from 2008 really stands out from the crowd. The Gasoil crack over Brent crude in USD/ton is normally around \$85/ton



## The 2008 Gasoil crack squeeze

In 2008 a tight Gasoil market led to an upwards spiral move between Gasoil and light sweet crude. Until the global economy fell apart



### -----Sulphur Concentration by cut in % (RHS)



density Vacuum Residue (VR). Done due to economics

Lighter



5.0%

4.0%

3.5%

3.0%

2.5%

2.0%

1.5%

1.0%

0.5%

0.0%

4.5% **%** 

concentration of individual cuts

Sulphur

Simple and semi-simple refining of the Global crude oil barrel 50% Vacuum **Atmospheric Distillation** 45% Volume of different distillation cuts % **Distillation of** Atm. Residue 40% 45% 35% 3.2% Global barrel: 32 30% 1.3% 28% 25% 2.2% 2.2% 20% 3.2% 18% 15% VGO S%: 1.7% 17% 1.7% 16% 14% 10% 0.1% 5% 0.7% 6% 2% 0% Kerosene Vacuum Lt. Hvv Diesel Atm. Vacuum Butane Naphtha Naphtha Gas Oil and Resid. Residue

Volum Cuts (LHS)

API: S%: AR S%: VR S%:

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## Crude S% $\leq$ 0.24% will do the IMO 2020 trick

It will yield an ARS% = 0.5%. If you also want the VRS%  $\leq$  0.5% then the Crude S% needs to be below 0.14%. I.e. Bonny Light type of crude





## Still almost 30 m bl/d of crude with S% < 0.5%

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But crude with S% = 0.5% is not enough.

Crude with S% = 0.5% will yield AR S% = 1.0% and VR S% = 1.6%



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## Crude S% needs to be lower than 0.24%

In order to produce AR S% of 0.5% or lower. The Crude S% needs to be below 0.12% to produce VR S% below 0.5%





### Plenty of straight run MFO 0.5% if VGO is not stripped out

The price of MFO 0.5% just needs to be high enough to incentivise refineries to leave the VGO in the residue. Leave it as straight run fuel oil. Leaving VGO in the fuel oil => a tighter Gasoil market. So the MFO 0.5% price needs to be  $\geq$  than the Low Sulphur VGO price



## Spot: Both Gasoil and HFO expensive



In the spot market for the time being both Gasoil and HFO 3.5% are expensive versus their normal relationships to Brent crude oil



# Forward product price curves



## Gasoil to HSFO 3.5% forward spread



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## GOFO vs historical crude oil prices

Spot spread today is just \$200/ton as HFO 3.5% is unusually tight



## Very little HFO 3.5% discount versus norms

Market is pricing in a surplus and a depressed HFO 3.5% more or less only in 2020 before turning to more or less normal already in 2021/22



## Very little HFO 3.5% discount versus norms

Market is pricing in strong refinery margins for both Gasoil and HFO versus historical norms



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