

Resource Report: Monthly Oil & Gas Perspectives

April 2026 Edition

Bottom Line:

WTI prices moved slightly higher in April up 3.6% while Brent crude prices fell 3.7% in April but both contracts remain sharply higher on a year-to-date basis. There is no sign of diplomacy between Iran and the U.S. which is helping to support prices. Product inventories are now at the low end of the seasonal range while New York Harbor crack spreads have jumped to around US\$50/bbl as the summer driving season approaches.

Key Points

Natural Gas. NYMEX natural gas fell 4.0% month-over-month with AECO prices falling 30.9% m/m. Despite very strong natural gas prices in Europe and Asia, Henry Hub and AECO prices have fallen as the prospect of warmer weather and reduced demand has weighed on the market.

Crude Oil. WTI prices increased by 3.6% in April (up 83.0% YTD) as the diplomatic front between the U.S. and Iran appears frozen.

Equities. The TSX E&P and the S&P500 E&P indices were up 32.9%, 31.7% respectively in April.

UAE Leaves OPEC. After years of cheating on the cartel's quotas, the United Arab Emirates (UAE) finally decided to take the plunge by officially quitting the cartel. The UAE is the fourth producer to leave the group in recent years, and by far the biggest.



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Commodity Currents

WTI prices increased by 3.6% in April (up 83.0% YTD) as the diplomatic front between the U.S. and Iran appears frozen. Brent, the international benchmark, fell 3.7% in April but is up 84.4% on a year-to-date basis. Western Canadian Select (WCS) increased 2.2% in April and is up 86.9% year-to-date. Crude oil prices have been buoyed by a recent bullish U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) storage report and a lack of progress of progress on the diplomatic front between the U.S. and Iran.

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Equity Impact

The TSX E&P Index and the S&P 500 E&P Index were up 32.9%, 31.7% respectively in April. Amongst the large cap names OVV, CHRD and VLO were the top performers for the month, while year-to-date OVV, VLO and PR had the strongest performance so far in 2026. Amongst the SMID producers the biggest gains came from TVE, BTE and BKV in April, while year-to-date the best performance has come from PARR, ATH and SM.

UAE Leaving OPEC

After years of cheating on the cartel's quotas, the United Arab Emirates (UAE) finally decided to take the plunge by officially quitting the cartel. The UAE is the fourth producer to leave the group in recent years, and by far the biggest. Angola, which joined OPEC¹ in 2007, quit in 2024, citing disagreements over production levels while Ecuador left in 2020 and Qatar in 2019.

The Emiratis have chafed under the production quotas and have designs on increasing production from 3.6 million barrels/day to 5 million barrels/day. Some members of the cartel want to maximize production to help monetize their assets while others would rather try and keep prices high. The UAE, for example, would be able to produce oil down to US\$50/barrel and still be able to balance its books, whereas Saudi Arabia, which is spending lavishly on real-estate projects, requires close to \$90 a barrel. The UAE has for a long time had the largest spare capacity as a share of its OPEC quota which had generated enormous frustration in Abu Dhabi.

While the UAE's decision to leave OPEC could diminish the cartel's influence, it likely speaks more to the Emiratis desire to further develop an economy that complements oil exports with broader ties to America in technology, travel and investment. OPEC and its allies (OPEC+²) still control about 40% of the world's oil, making them a force to be reckoned with. Given that the UAE often broke ranks with the other members of OPEC by over-producing it may be possible for the cartel and Saudi Arabia, who in effect leads the organization, to maintain discipline.

¹ OPEC was formed in 1960 by Iraq, Kuwait, Venezuela and Saudi Arabia. Today there are 11 member countries. The UAE joined in 1967.

² In 2016, OPEC sought to gain greater influence by forming an alliance with 10 non-member countries, including Russia, which is called OPEC+.

Commodity Performance

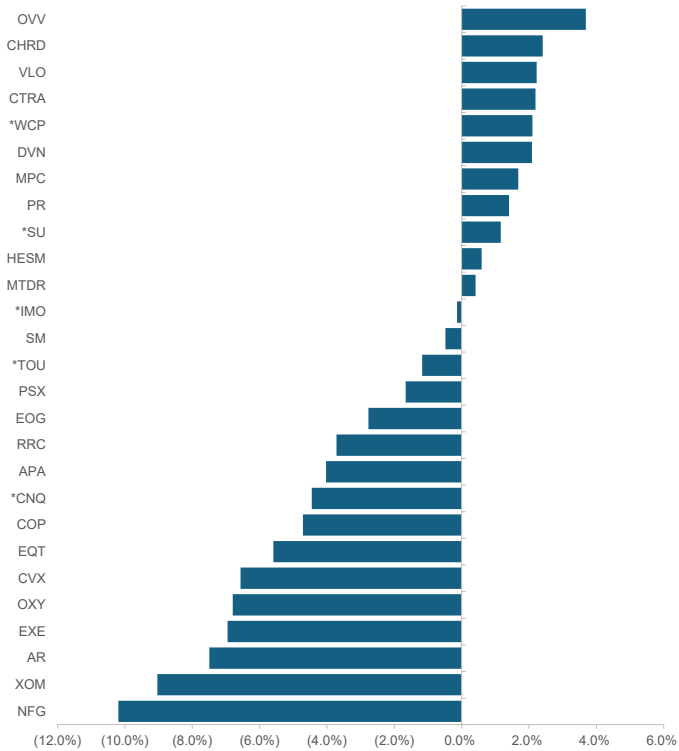
Exhibit 1: Commodities Performance Overview

Commodities	04/30/2026	04/17/2026	04/10/2026	03/31/2026	12/31/2025	04/30/2025	1 Week	2 Week	Percent Change			
									1 Month	YTD	Y/Y Chg.	
Commodities												
WTI (US\$/bbl)	105.07	83.85	96.57	101.38	57.42	58.21	25.3%	8.8%	3.6%	83.0%	80.5%	
Brent (US\$/bbl)	114.01	90.38	95.2	118.35	60.85	63.12	26.1%	19.8%	(3.7%)	87.4%	80.6%	
WCS (US\$/bbl)	81.92	64.94	72.4	80.14	43.83	47.79	26.1%	13.1%	2.2%	86.9%	71.4%	
Henry Hub Prompt (US\$/MMBtu)	2.764	2.71	2.64	2.88	4	3.12	2.0%	4.7%	(4.0%)	(30.9%)	(11.4%)	
AECO Prompt (C\$/Gj)	1.03	1.04	1.04	1.43	2.68	1.95	(1.0%)	(1.0%)	(28.0%)	(61.6%)	(47.2%)	
Indices												
TSX E&P	463.88	420.52	446.04	349.15	344.81	322.61	10.3%	4.0%	32.9%	34.5%	5.1%	
S&P500 E&P	807.34	735.24	771.64	612.98	608.52	643.08	9.8%	4.6%	31.7%	32.7%	(10.4%)	

Source: FactSet, Granite Point Research

Equity Performance Overview

Exhibit 2: Large Cap M/M Share Performance



Source: FactSet, Granite Point Research

Exhibit 3: Large Cap YTD Share Performance

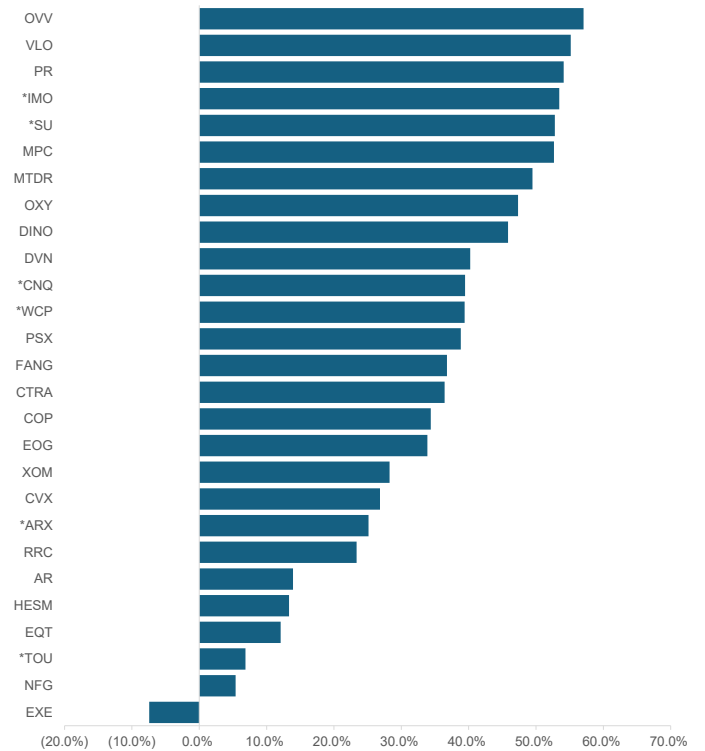


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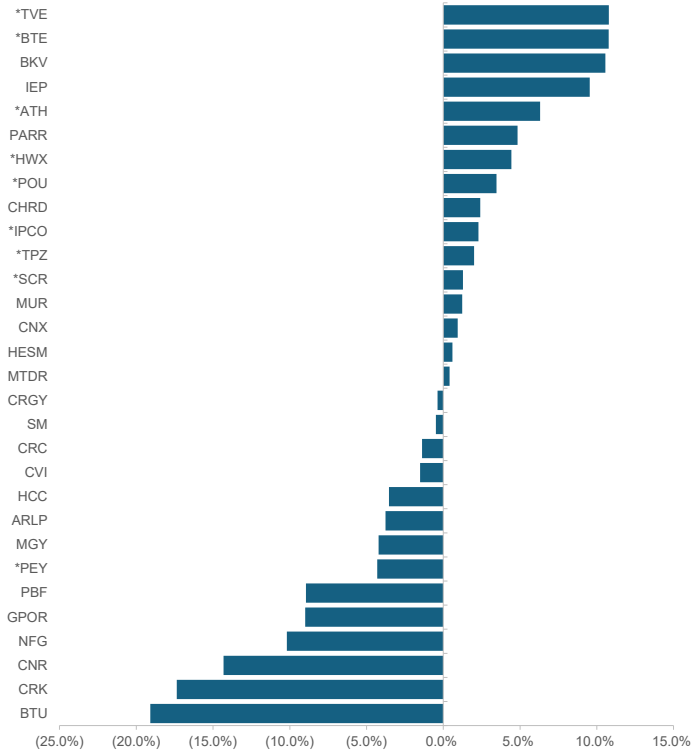


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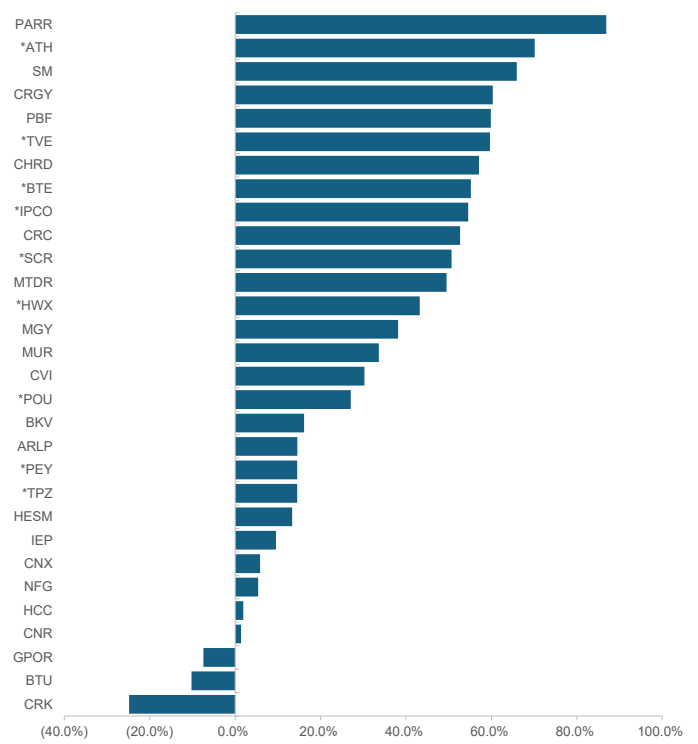


Exhibit 6: Large Cap 2026E Consensus M/M CFPS Revisions

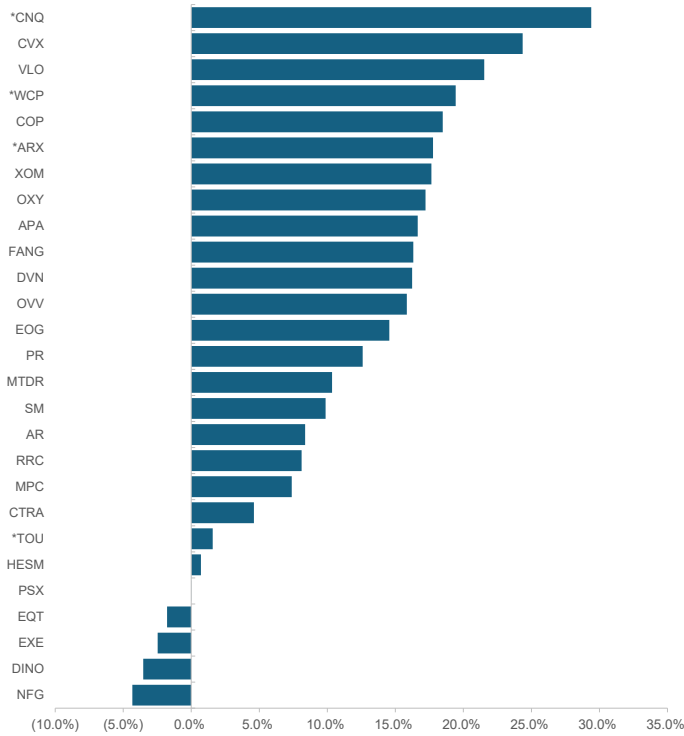
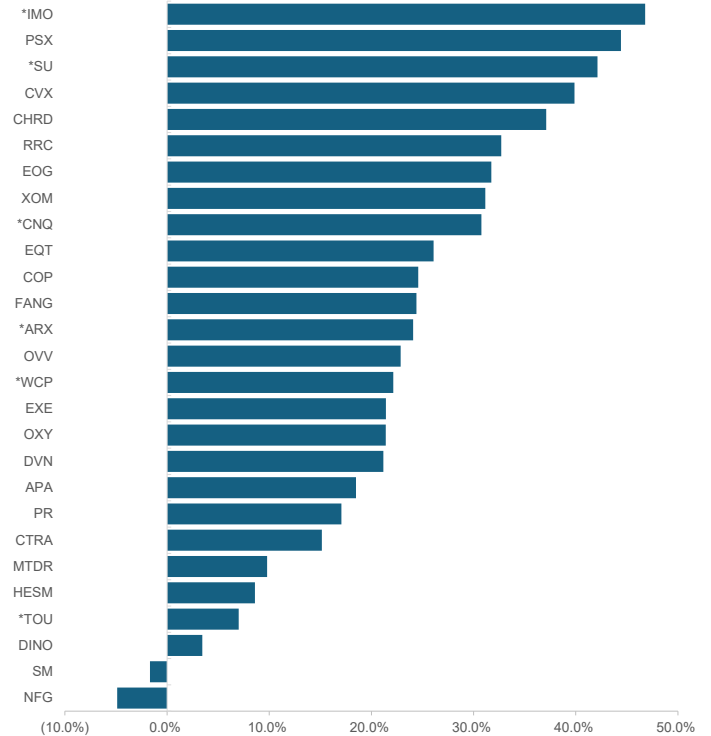
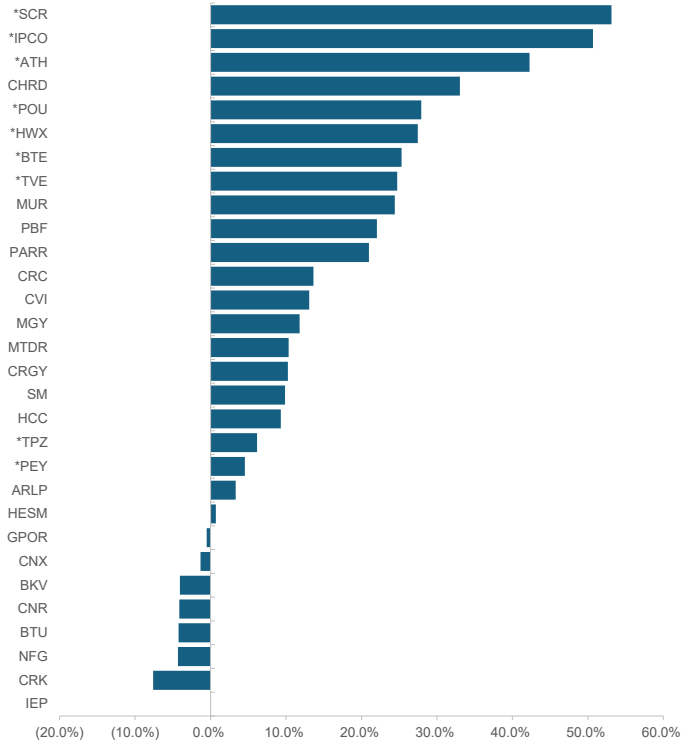
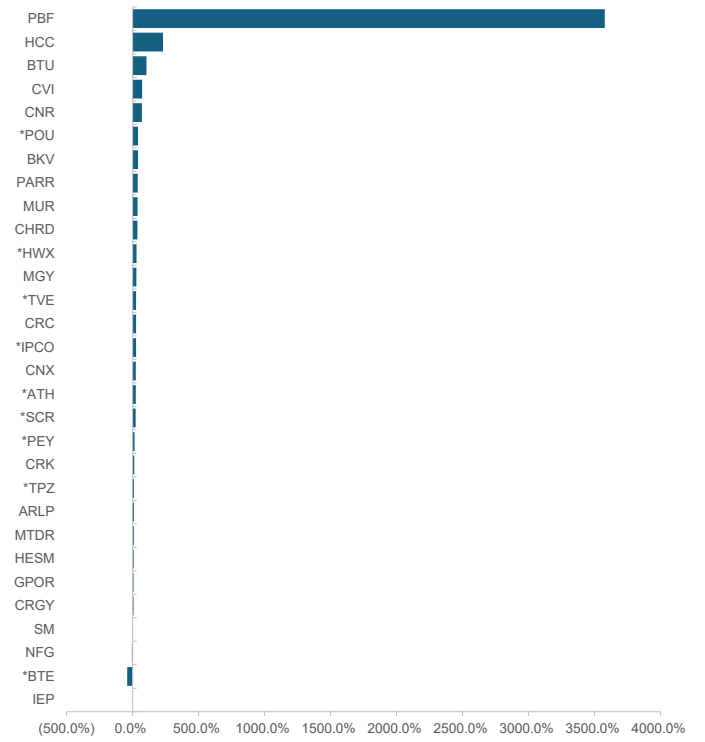


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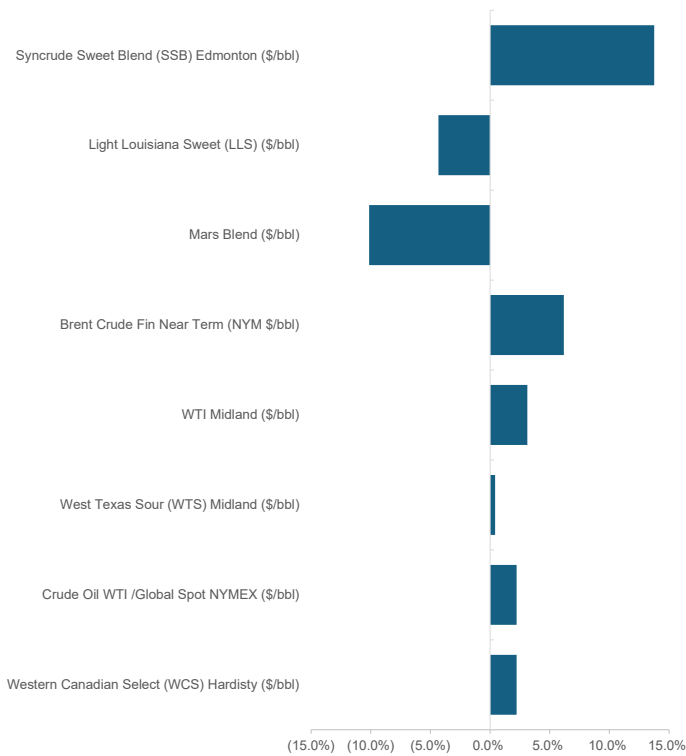
Oil Market

Exhibit 10: WTI Price



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Exhibit 11: Crude Oil M/M Performance



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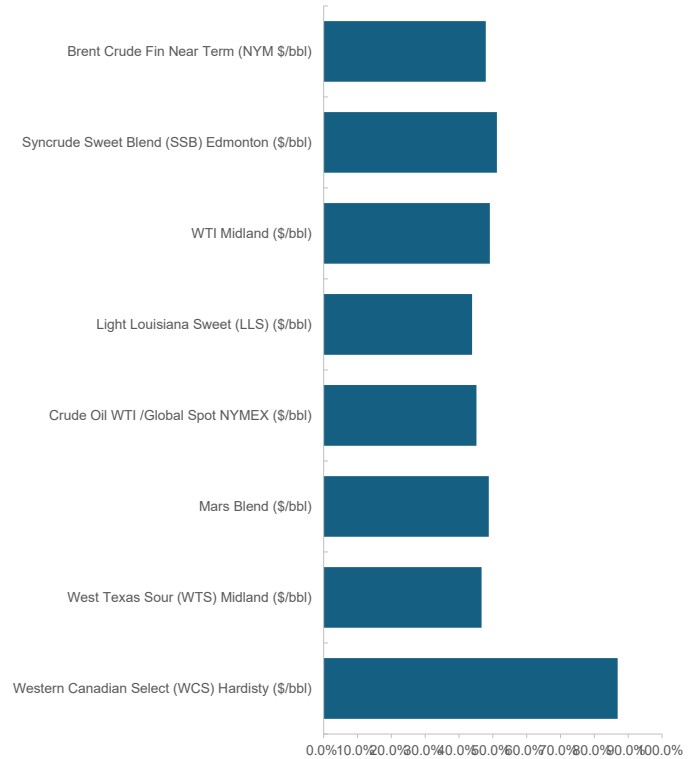
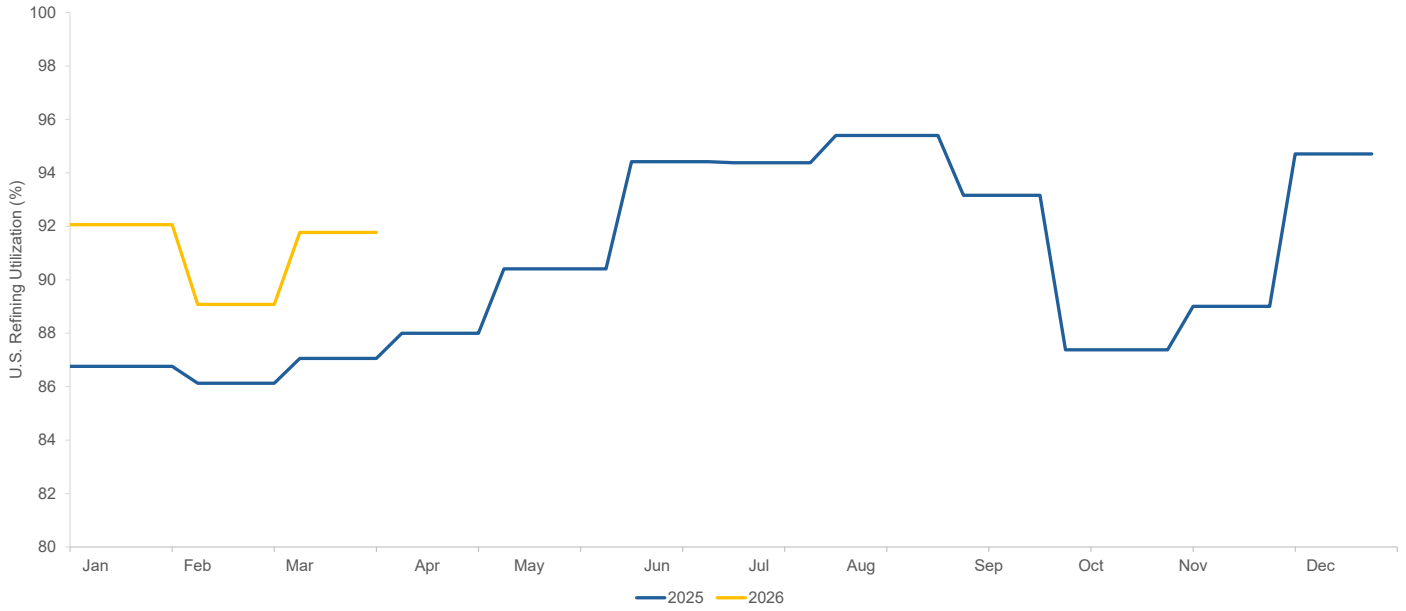


Exhibit 13: U.S. Refining Utilization %



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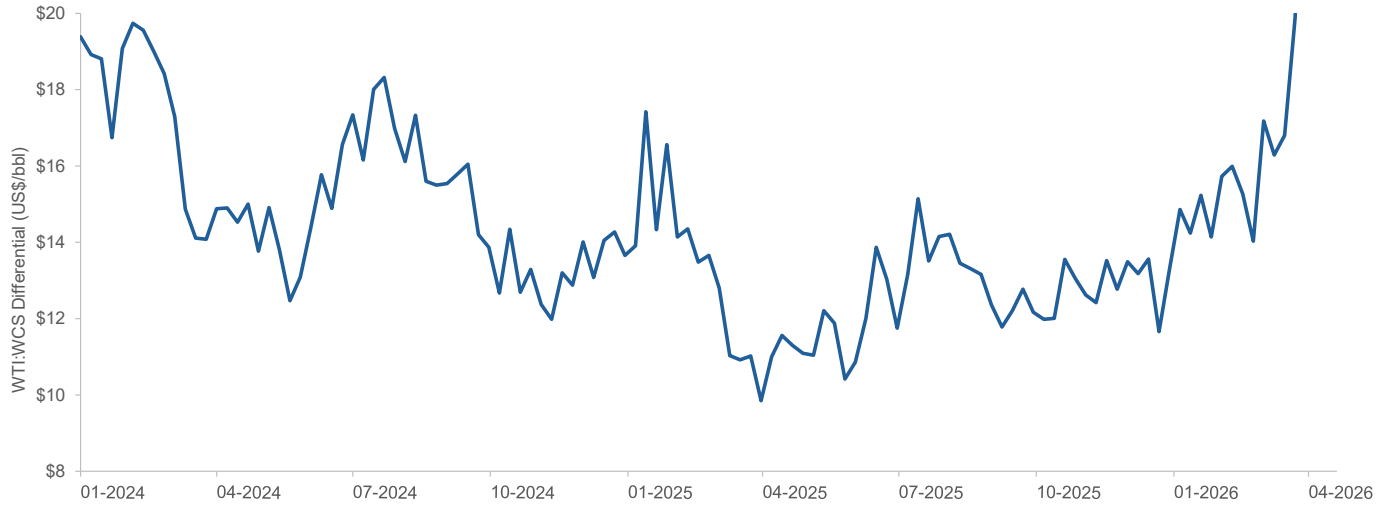
Exhibit 14: WTI and Crude Inventory



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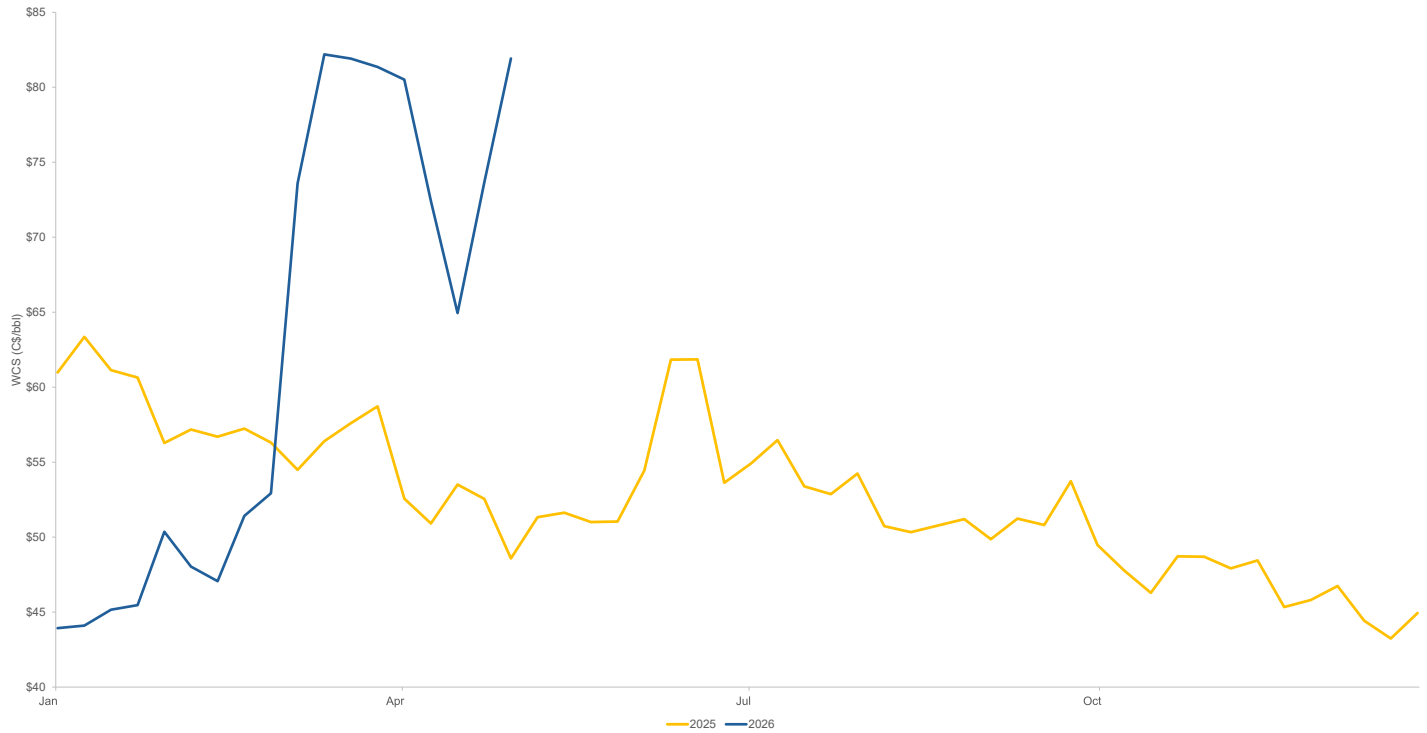
Canadian Oil Market

Exhibit 15: WTI: WCS Differential (US\$/bbl)



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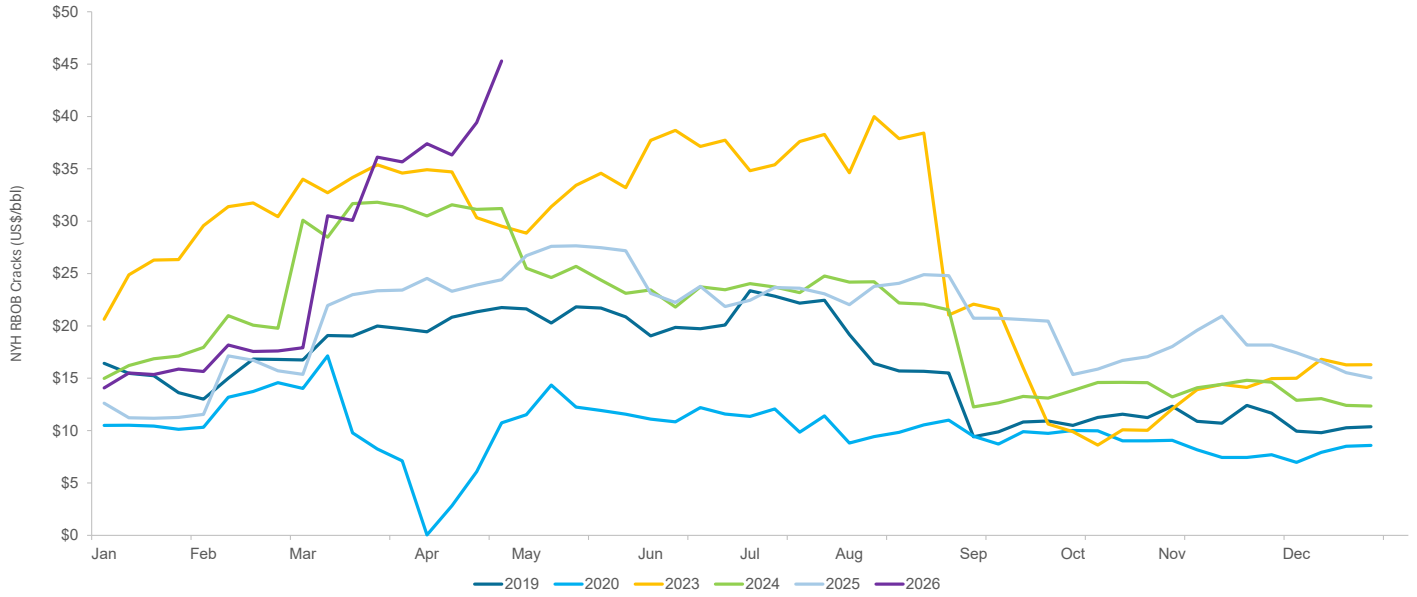
Exhibit 16: Western Canadian Select (\$/bbl)



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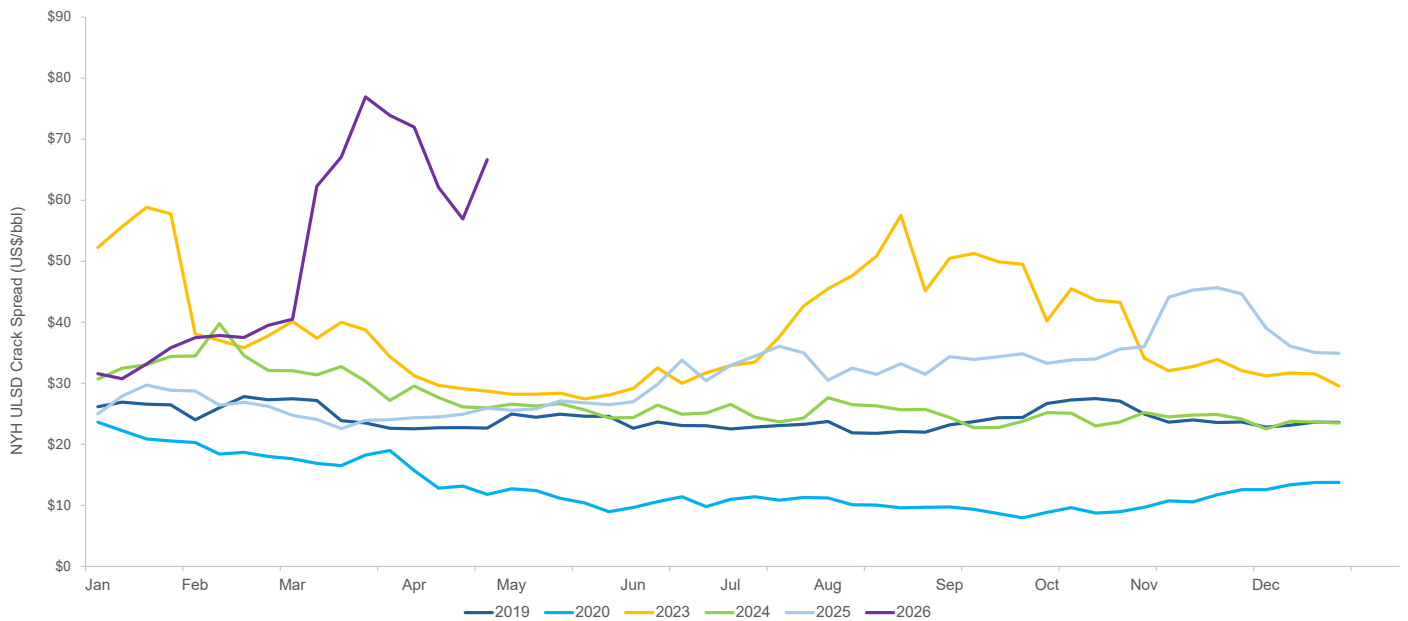
Oil Products Market

Exhibit 17: NYH RBOB Cracks (US\$/bbl)



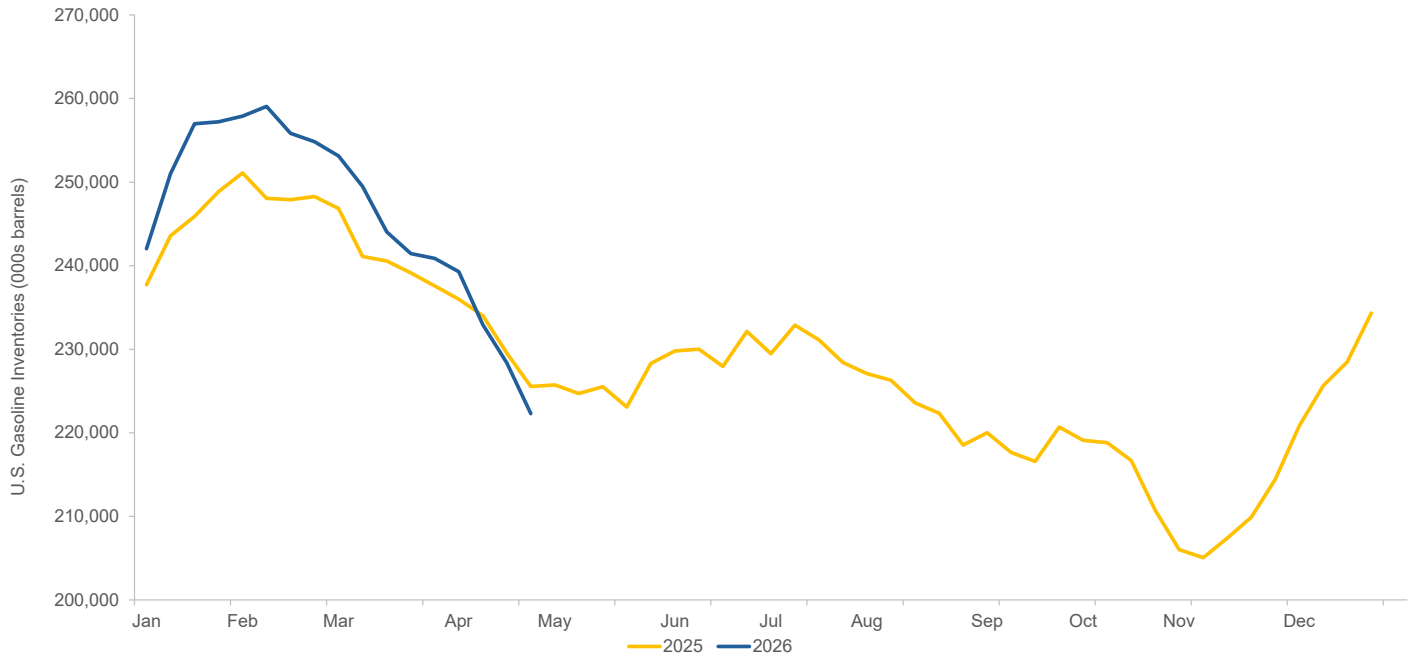
Source: FactSet, Granite Point Research

Exhibit 18: NYH ULSD Cracks (US\$/bbl)



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Exhibit 19: U.S. Gasoline Inventories



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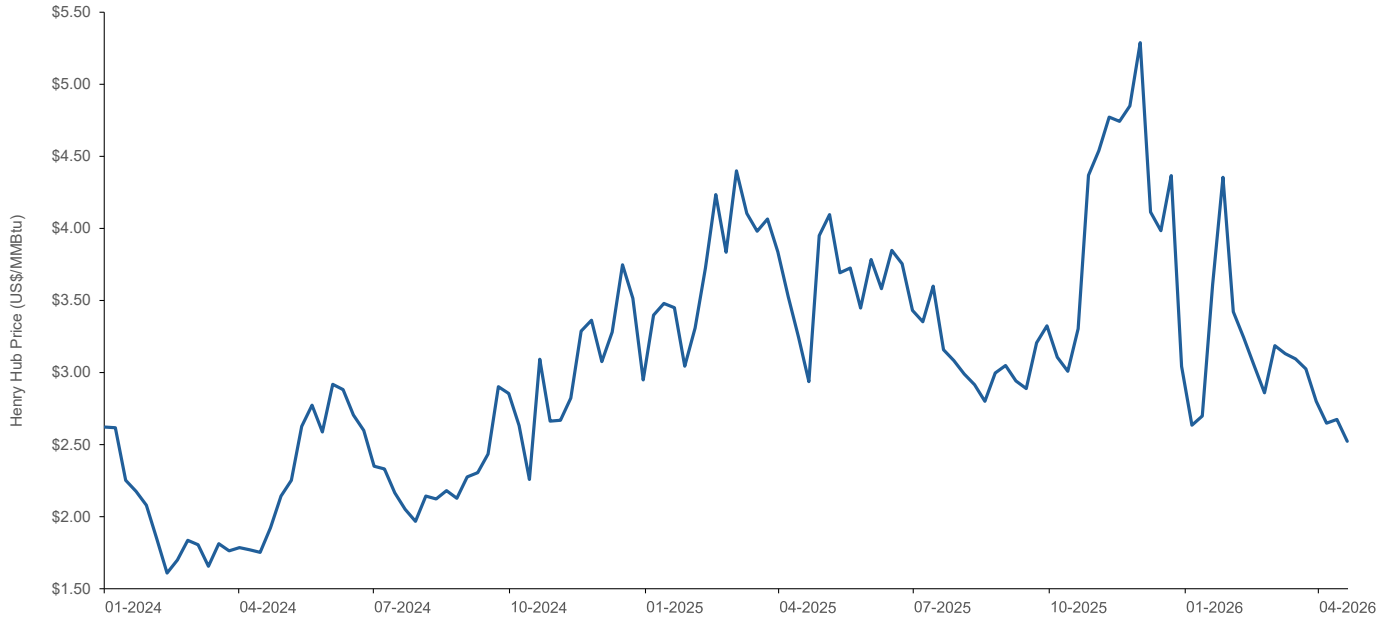
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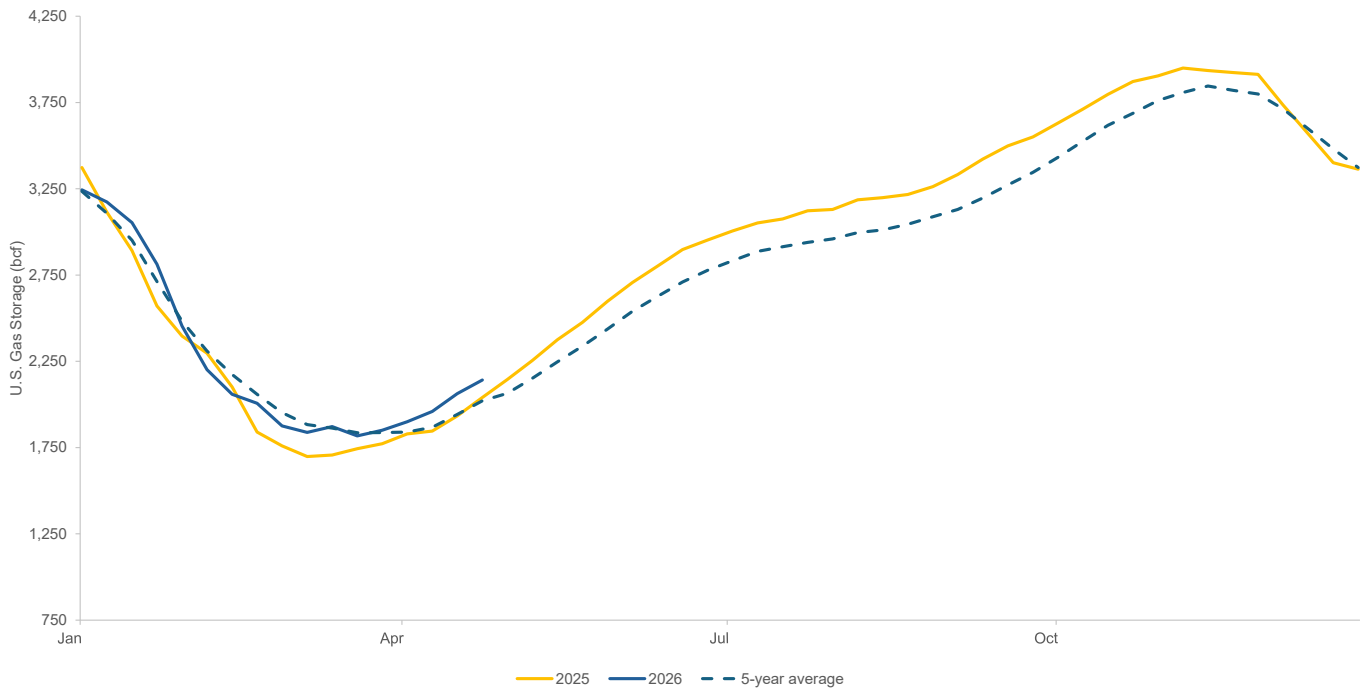
Natural Gas Market

Exhibit 21: Henry Hub Price (US\$/MMBtu)



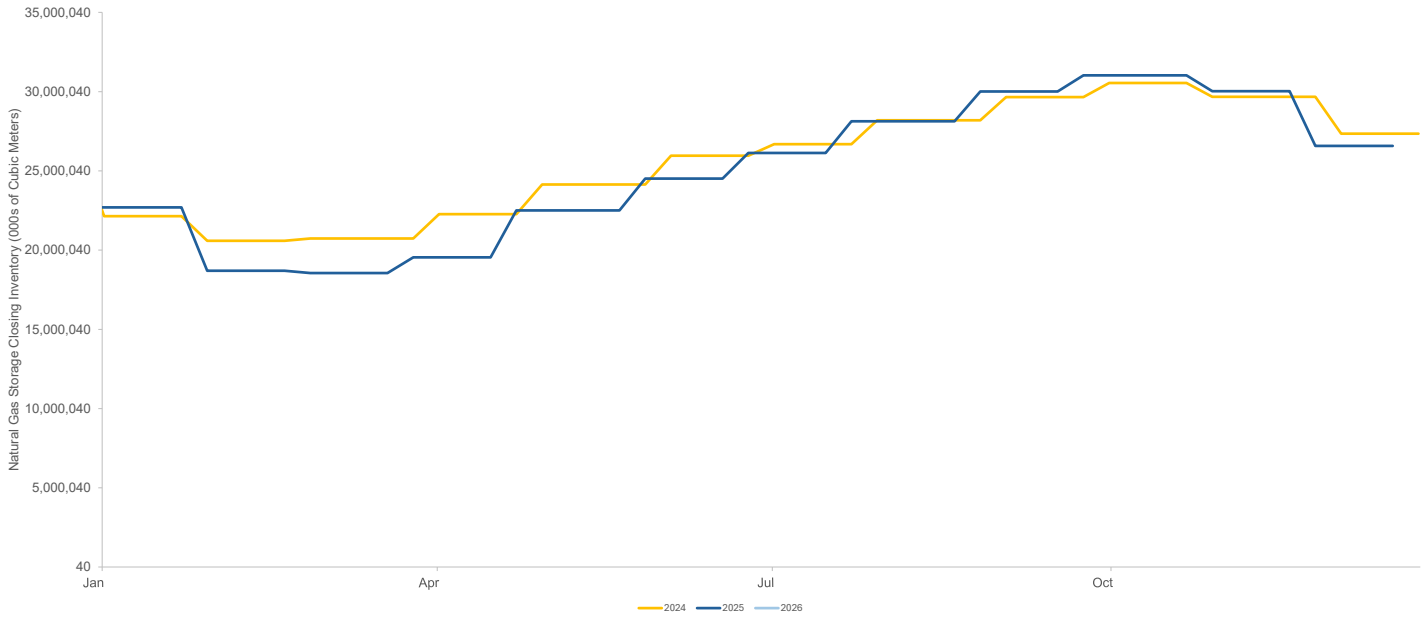
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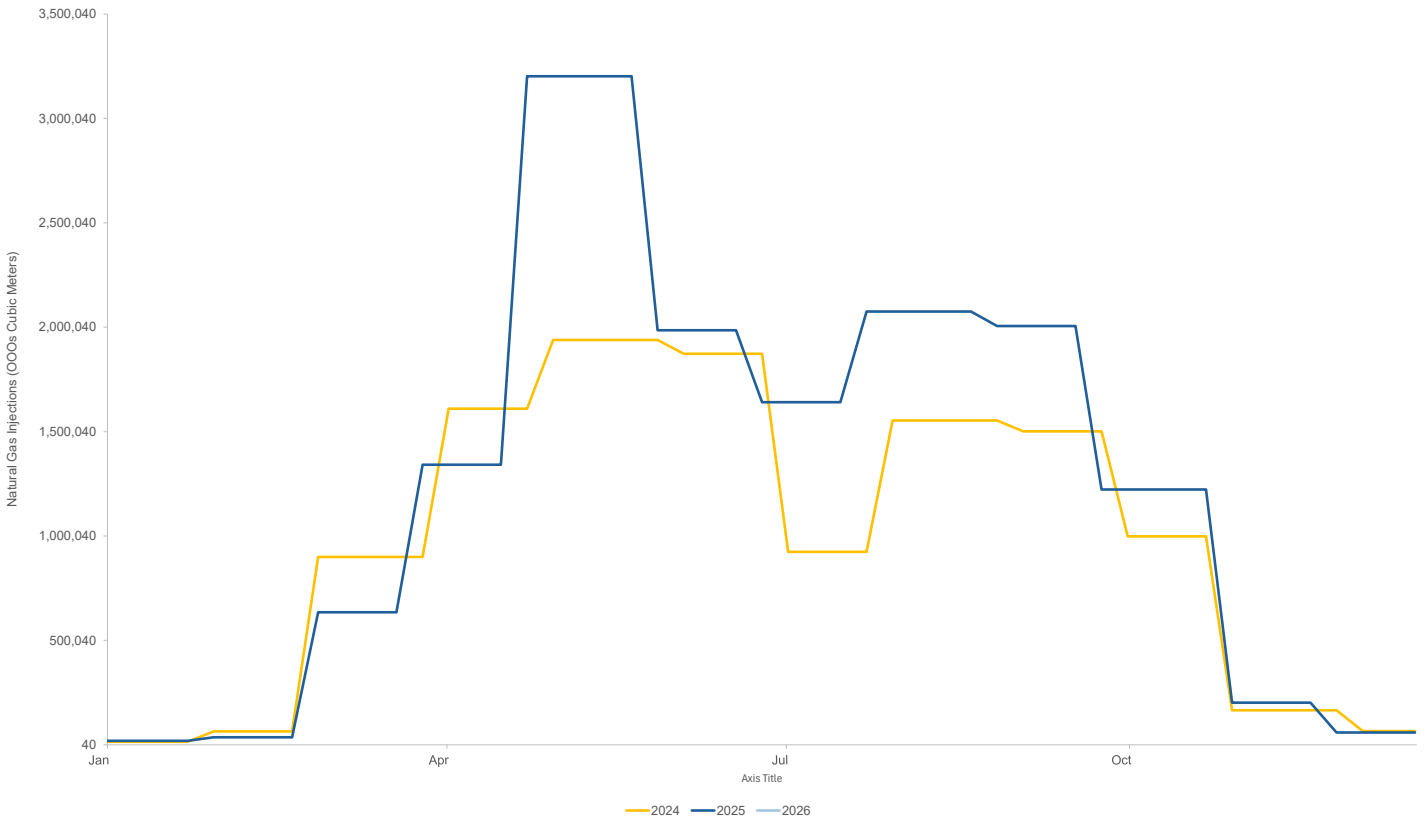
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Exhibit 23: Natural Gas Storage Closing Inventory – Canada



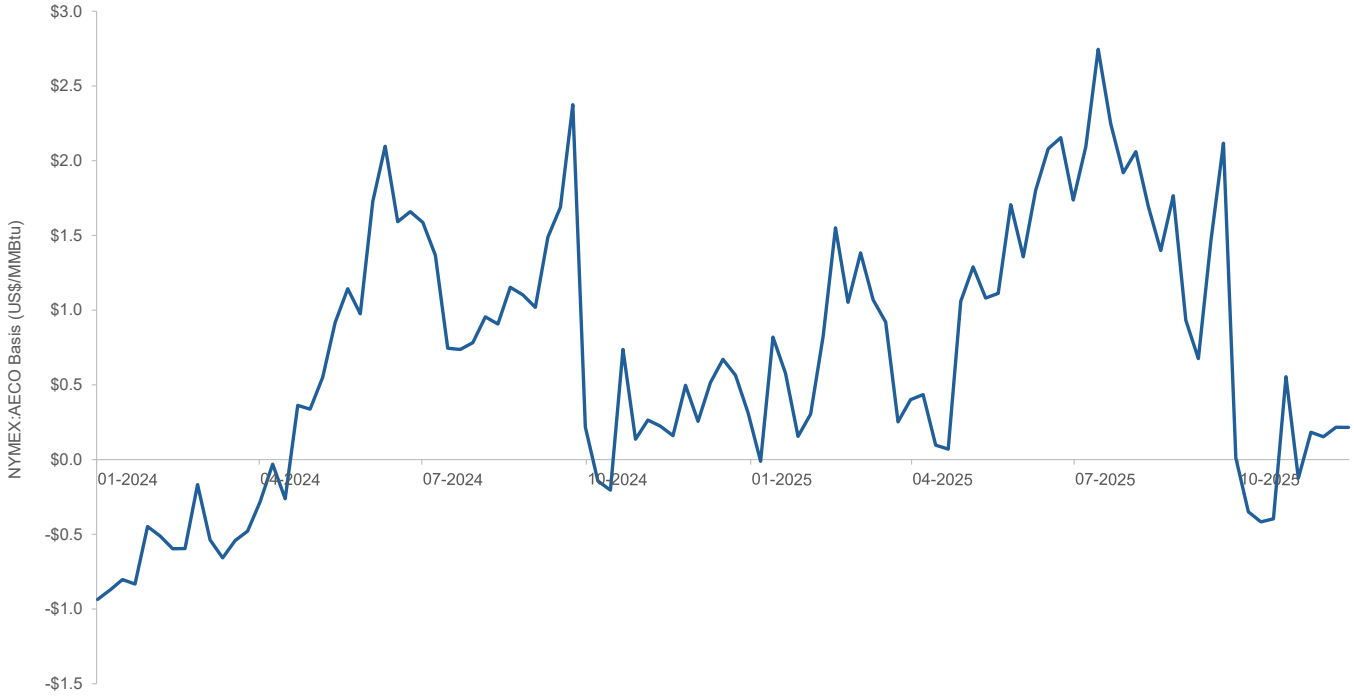
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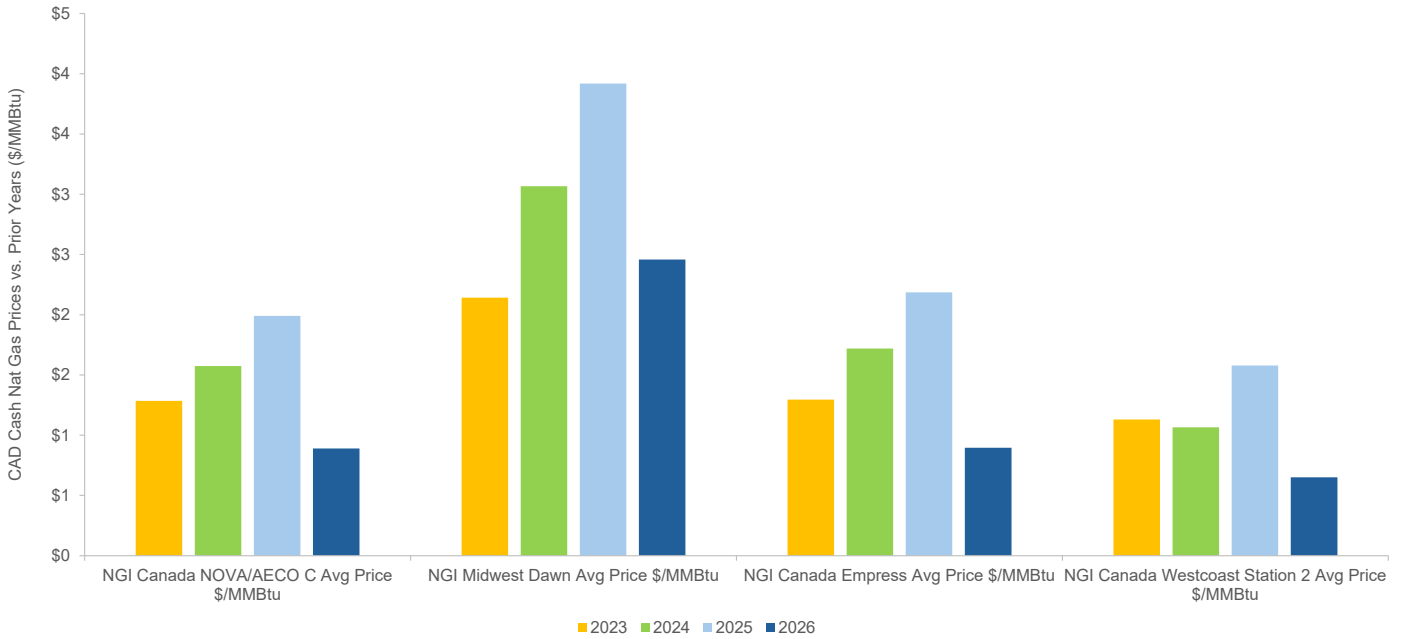
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Exhibit 25: NYMEX: AECO Basis (US\$/MMBtu)



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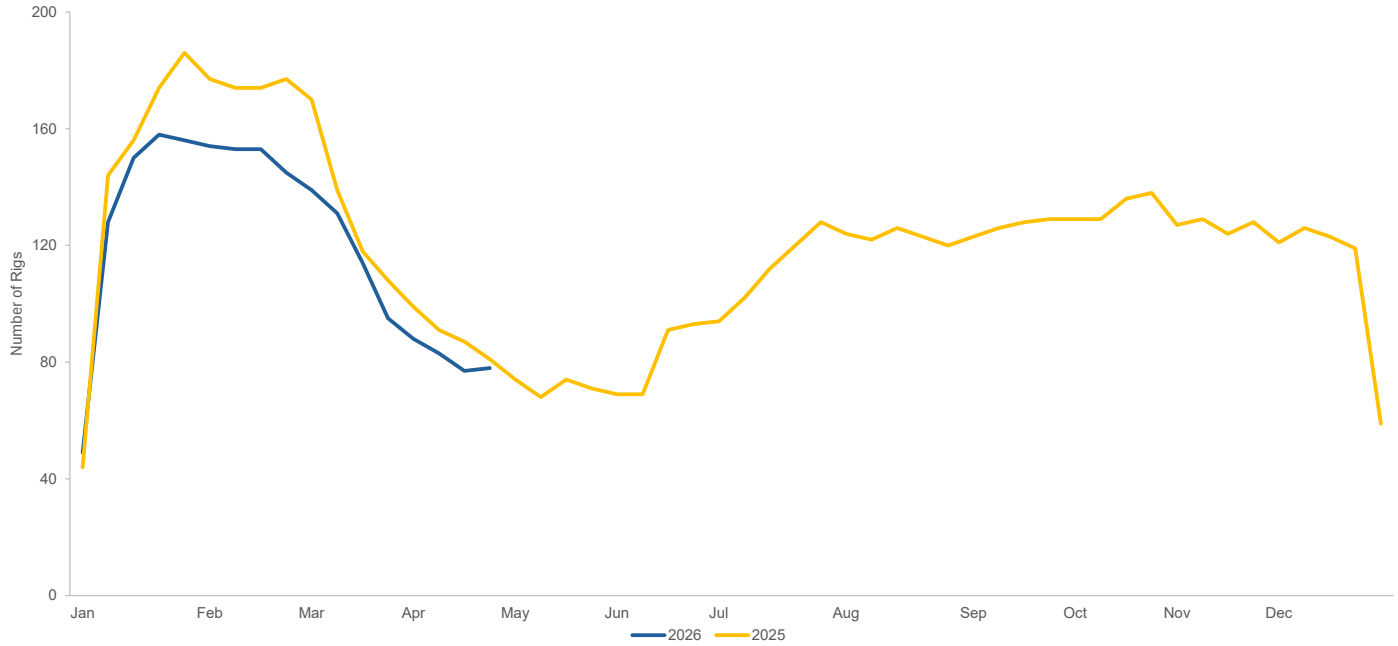
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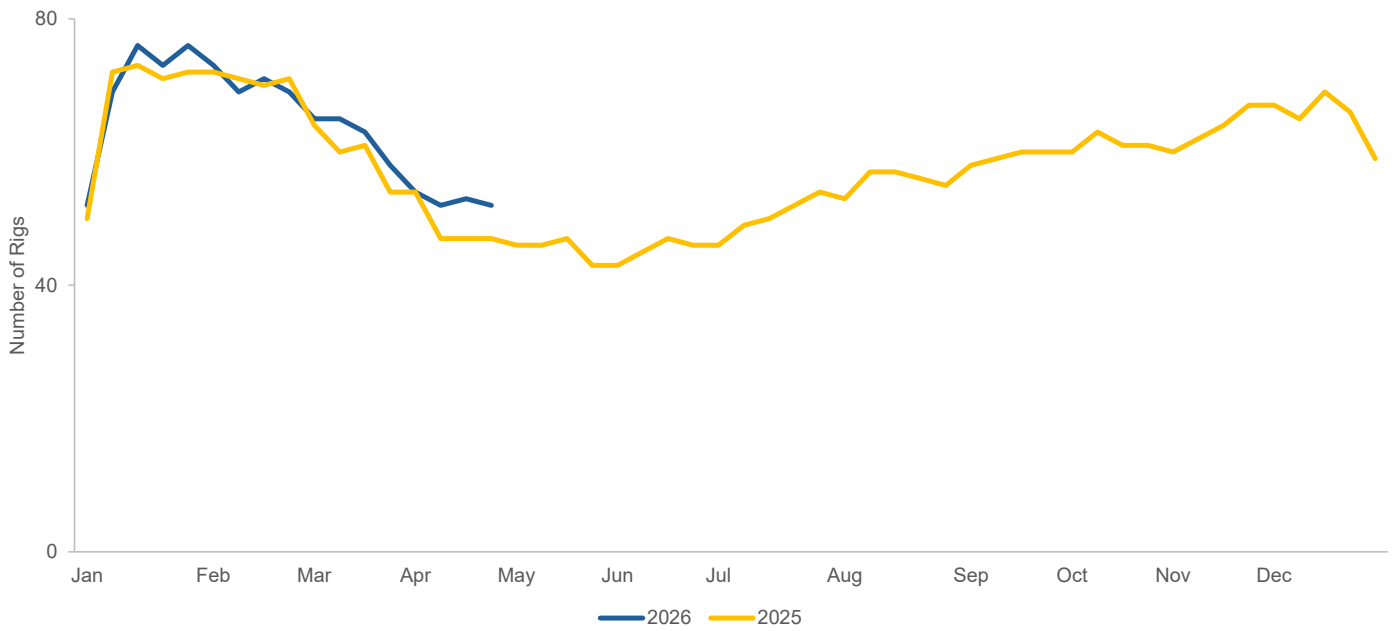
Rig Counts – Canada

Exhibit 27: Oil Rig Count – Canada



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Exhibit 28: Natural Gas Rig Count - Canada



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