



## Fourth Quarter 2025 Update

The Westwood Salient MLP SMA Composite was down 1.06% in the fourth quarter while the Alerian Midstream Energy Index (AMNA) fell 1.39%.<sup>1,2</sup> Crude oil prices fell below \$60 in October and reached a low of \$55 in mid-December as the global surplus continued to increase.<sup>3</sup> However, many of the top performers for the quarter were oil and natural gas liquids (NGLs)-oriented names that had already priced in much, if not all, of the macro headwinds. On the other hand, four of the five worst performers were LNG exporters due to a looming oversupply situation that is expected to develop in 2026 as new export facilities enter service.

For the full year, the SMA composite returned 4.41% vs. 4.98% for the AMNA.<sup>1,2</sup> While 2025 did not deliver the performance we have seen in recent years, we view it as a somewhat inevitable consolidation period following four years of positive returns coming out of the COVID-19 pandemic (29.01% annualized returns from 2021 to 2024, including a 44.53% return in 2024).<sup>2</sup>

As we enter 2026, we see the same themes intact that have been in place over the past few years. From a macro perspective, natural gas demand growth related to LNG exports and artificial intelligence (AI) remains firmly in place, while crude oil and NGLs remain challenged in the near term (more thoughts on oil below). At the company level, management teams continue to focus on free cash flow, balance sheet strength and returning capital to shareholders through dividends (primarily) and buybacks (secondarily and/or opportunistically). Some investors have expressed concerns about capital expenditures (capex) reaching record levels in 2025, but we note that (a) most of the capex is tied to natural gas demand growth, (b) the projects have higher expected returns on capital relative to history and (c) capex is a much lower percentage of EBITDA (~47%) than it was during the 2013–2019 capex cycle, when it ranged from 60% to 121% (85% average).<sup>4</sup> We believe the increase in capex will fuel cash flow and dividend growth in the coming years.

<sup>1</sup> Westwood Management Corp., as of December 31, 2025. Performance shown is net of fees.

<sup>2</sup> Alerian, as of December 31, 2025. Past performance is not indicative of future results. One cannot invest directly in an index.

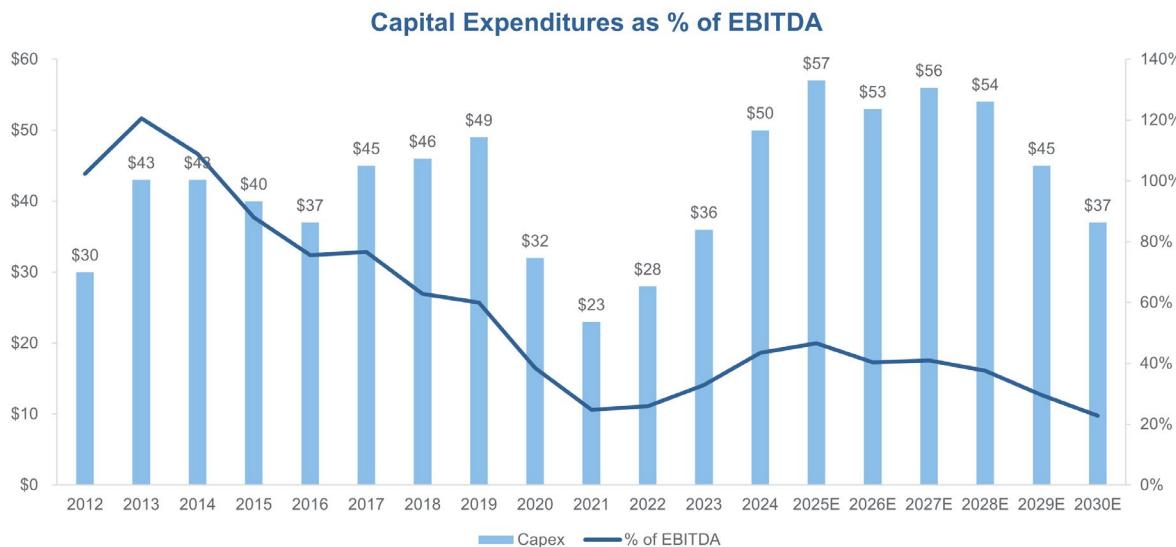
Please see "Notes to Performance Information" at the end of the document for a list of definitions.

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<sup>3</sup> Bloomberg, January 2026.

<sup>4</sup> Wells Fargo and Westwood, January 2026.





Source: Wells Fargo and Westwood, January 2026

Historically, we have pointed investors to a simple yield + growth formula as a decent expectation for long-term returns. As of December 31, 2025, the yield on the AMNA was 5.0% and 5-year dividend growth is estimated to be 6.1% (Bloomberg consensus) which, in our opinion, represents a solid value proposition.<sup>5,6</sup> (The yield on the SMA composite is slightly higher at 5.1% with dividend growth of 7.0%).<sup>5,6</sup> In a broader portfolio context, energy infrastructure also offers diversification benefits with a 5-year correlation of 0.49 to the S&P 500 and 0.29 to the Nasdaq-100.<sup>6</sup>

## Crude Oil, Venezuela and Maybe Iran

We were cautious on oil prices in 2025 due to our expectation that non-OPEC supply would outpace demand growth, adding to the ~600,000 barrels per day (bpd) oversupply balance that was already present at the end of 2024.<sup>7</sup> OPEC+ exacerbated the situation with their mid-year production increases, ultimately increasing targets by 2.9 million bpd (mmbdp).<sup>8</sup> November data from the International Energy Agency (IEA) indicates that global inventories increased by ~2.5 mmbpd, which indicates the magnitude of the current oversupply situation.<sup>9</sup>

Most of the oil strategists that we follow seem to agree that balances will continue to be loose in the first half of 2026 and then begin to tighten in the second half and into 2027. Our math is slightly less optimistic, with balances only beginning to tighten in 2027. However, a little bit of geopolitical chaos can change the equation in a hurry. And there is chaos afoot in both Venezuela and Iran.

On January 3, 2026, the U.S. surprised the world by removing Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro from power. Venezuela was once meaningful to global oil markets, with production of roughly 3 mmbpd at the beginning of the millenium.<sup>10</sup> However, production began to decline in 2001, and following the seizure of U.S. assets in 2007 by

<sup>5</sup> Westwood Management Corp, as of December 31, 2025.

<sup>6</sup> Bloomberg, as of December 31, 2025.

<sup>7</sup> International Energy Agency, October 2025.

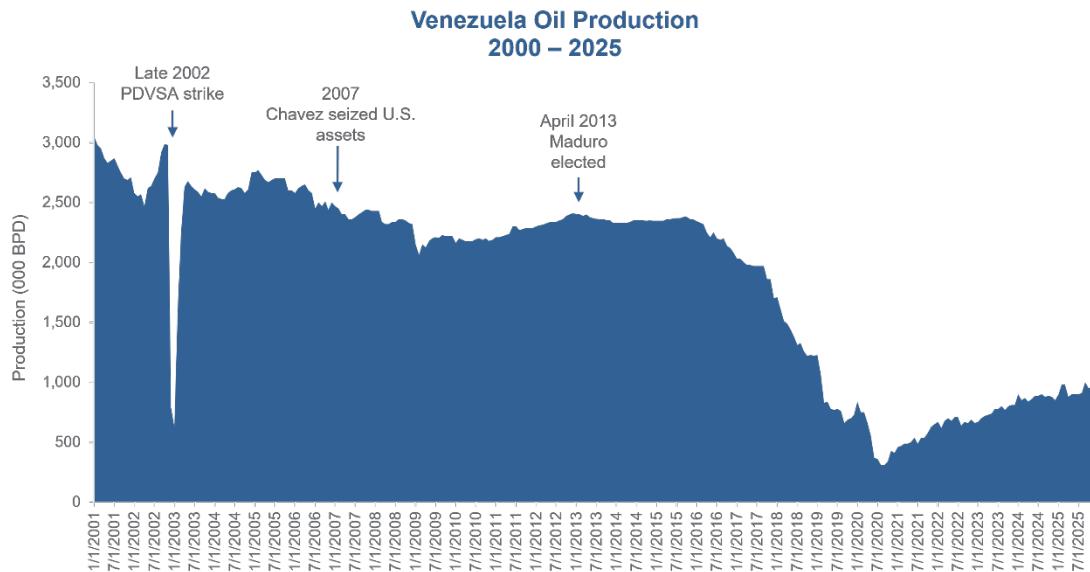
<sup>8</sup> Bloomberg, January 2026.

<sup>9</sup> Goldman Sachs Research, January 2026.

<sup>10</sup> Bloomberg, January 2026.



former President Hugo Chavez, 2.5 mmbpd became the new production ceiling.<sup>11</sup> Maduro was elected in 2013 following Chavez's death, and within a few years, production began to fall precipitously and stood at only 830,000 bpd in December 2025.<sup>12</sup> The U.S. blockade has reportedly brought exports down even further in recent weeks.



Source: Bloomberg and Westwood, January 2026

Following Maduro's capture, reports touted Venezuela's massive 303 billion barrels of proven oil reserves<sup>13</sup> (the largest in the world) and the opportunity to grow production rapidly and meaningfully, which would be bearish for long-term oil prices. We see hurdles to meaningful production growth, and we certainly don't think it will be rapid. One of the primary challenges for Venezuela is the sheer level of investment needed following years/decades of underinvestment in the country's production capacity. President Donald Trump would like to see U.S. companies invest \$100 billion in Venezuela,<sup>14</sup> but given the history of asset confiscation, that is not an easy ask. In fact, ExxonMobil's CEO, Darren Woods, recently reminded the president that the company has had its Venezuelan assets seized twice in the past and called the country "uninvestable" until legal issues and protections regarding investment are resolved.<sup>15</sup> In addition, most of those 303 billion barrels of reserves are heavy grades of crude that trade at a large discount to Brent crude oil prices. At current oil prices, returns will not meet the levels required by global producers.

Given these (and other) issues, we do not see Venezuela as adding to the global oversupply situation. In fact, we think exports are more likely to remain at lower levels until a new government is installed and some of the aforementioned hurdles are cleared, which would marginally reduce the global surplus.

The situation in Iran, on the other hand, could have a much more dramatic impact on global balances. Iran is the fourth largest producer in the Middle East with December production of 3.3 mmbpd,<sup>16</sup> of which ~2.0 mmbpd is

<sup>11</sup> Wells Fargo and Westwood, January 2026.

<sup>12</sup> Bloomberg and Westwood, January 2026.

<sup>13</sup> Energy Information Administration, February 2024.

<sup>14</sup> Bloomberg, January 2026.

<sup>15</sup> ExxonMobil, January 2026.

<sup>16</sup> Bloomberg, January 2026.

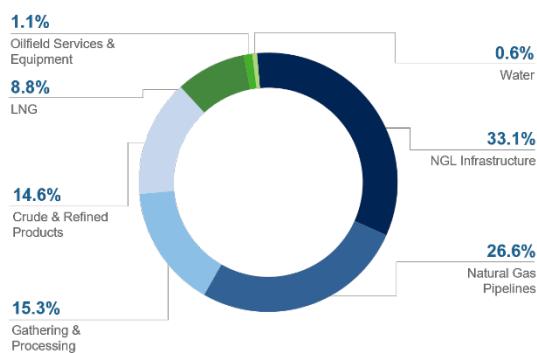


exported.<sup>17</sup> If those exports are disrupted, it could effectively erase the global surplus and lead to much higher prices. Needless to say, the situation bears watching closely.

## Portfolio Breakdown

The breakdown of the Westwood Salient MLP SMA Composite by subsector as of December 31, 2025, is shown in the graph below.

Portfolio Breakdown as of 12/31/2025



Source: FactSet, December 31, 2025. Percentages have been rounded to the nearest tenth for illustrative purposes only. The Composite's allocation may vary at any point in time. Sector weightings are stated ex-cash and shown as supplemental information.

## Portfolio Performance, Contribution and Attribution

In the fourth quarter, the Westwood Salient SMA composite returned -1.06% vs. -1.39% for the AMNA. MLPs — which we are overweight relative to the AMNA — generally outperformed C-Corps, while crude oil and NGL-related names were among the top performers across the space.

Returns and Contribution of Top 10 Holdings – 4Q 2025

Ticker	Company	12/31/2025 Weight	Average Weight	Average Weight (AMNA)	4Q 2025 Return	4Q 2025 Contribution
ET	Energy Transfer L.P.	13.2%	13.4%	9.2%	-2.0%	-0.27%
WMB	Williams Companies, Inc.	12.3%	12.2%	10.4%	-4.4%	-0.53%
KMI	Kinder Morgan, Inc.	10.3%	10.3%	9.4%	-1.8%	-0.18%
LNG	Cheniere Energy, Inc.	8.8%	9.0%	8.2%	-17.1%	-1.73%
EPD	Enterprise Products Partners L.P.	8.8%	8.7%	8.3%	4.3%	0.38%
OKE	ONEOK, Inc.	7.8%	7.5%	8.0%	2.3%	0.16%
TRGP	Targa Resources Corp.	7.8%	7.1%	6.4%	10.8%	0.79%
MPLX	MPLX L.P.	4.4%	4.4%	3.5%	9.1%	0.39%
ENB	Enbridge, Inc.	4.0%	4.1%	10.0%	-3.9%	-0.17%
TRP	TC Energy Corp.	4.0%	3.9%	10.0%	2.3%	0.09%

Source: Westwood Management Corp., December 31, 2025. Numbers have been rounded for illustrative purposes only. Past performance is not indicative of future results.

<sup>17</sup> OilPrice.com, January 2026.



## Contribution

Targa Resources Corp. (TRGP, 10.8% return, 0.79% contribution) was the top contributor to portfolio returns in the fourth quarter. Targa reached its year-to-date lows in October as oil fell to ~\$57,<sup>18</sup> signaling a potential slowdown in Permian Basin drilling. Even if oil volumes flatline in 2026, we expect Targa's NGL volumes to grow 6% as gas/oil ratios (GOR) and NGL content generally increase as oil wells age.<sup>19</sup>

The top detractor for the quarter was Cheniere Energy, Inc. (LNG, -17.1% return, -1.73% contribution) as concerns about a developing global LNG oversupply situation impacted LNG-related stocks. The company has long-term contracts for 90% of its volumes,<sup>20</sup> and we believe that investors were assigning zero value to the marketing business. Thus, we added to the position on weakness in December.

### Top 5 Contributors – 4Q 2025

Ticker	Company	12/31/2025 Weight	Average Weight	Average Weight (AMNA)	4Q 2025 Return	4Q 2025 Contribution
TRGP	Targa Resources Corp.	7.8%	7.1%	6.4%	10.8%	0.79%
MPLX	MPLX L.P.	4.4%	4.4%	3.5%	9.1%	0.39%
EPD	Enterprise Products Partners L.P.	8.8%	8.7%	8.3%	4.3%	0.38%
PAA	Plains All American Pipeline L.P.	2.4%	2.2%	1.4%	7.7%	0.18%
OKE	ONEOK, Inc.	7.8%	7.5%	8.0%	2.3%	0.16%

Source: FactSet, December 31, 2025. Numbers have been rounded for illustrative purposes only. Past performance is not indicative of future results.

### Bottom 5 Contributors – 4Q 2025

Ticker	Company	12/31/2025 Weight	Average Weight	Average Weight (AMNA)	4Q 2025 Return	4Q 2025 Contribution
LNG	Cheniere Energy, Inc.	8.8%	9.0%	8.2%	-17.1%	-1.73%
WMB	Williams Companies, Inc.	12.3%	12.2%	10.4%	-4.4%	-0.53%
ET	Energy Transfer L.P.	13.2%	13.4%	9.2%	-2.0%	-0.27%
KMI	Kinder Morgan, Inc.	10.3%	10.3%	9.4%	-1.8%	-0.18%
ENB	Enbridge, Inc.	4.0%	4.1%	10.0%	-3.9%	-0.17%

Source: FactSet, December 31, 2025. Numbers have been rounded for illustrative purposes only. Past performance is not indicative of future results.

For 2025, the top contributor in the portfolio was The Williams Companies, Inc. (WMB, 14.9% return, 1.51% contribution). Williams is one of the prime beneficiaries of the AI data center build-out due to its premier natural gas pipeline network, and the company has announced both “behind the meter” projects and pipeline expansions with very attractive returns.

ONEOK, Inc. (OKE, -22.6% return, -2.23% contribution) was the top detractor for the full year. ONEOK is a well-diversified company with a meaningful NGL asset footprint in the Bakken formation. Expectations for volume growth in the Bakken declined along with oil prices, leading to weak share performance in 2025.

<sup>18</sup> Bloomberg, January 2026.

<sup>19</sup> Westwood Management Corp., January 2026.

<sup>20</sup> Fitch Ratings, March 2025.



## Top 5 Contributors – YTD 2025

Ticker	Company	12/31/2025 Weight	Average Weight	Average Weight (AMNA)	YTD 2025 Return	YTD 2025 Contribution
WMB	Williams Companies, Inc.	12.3%	11.3%	10.2%	14.9%	1.51%
GEL	Genesis Energy L.P.	1.8%	1.9%	0.3%	61.9%	0.91%
SEI	Solaris Energy Infrastructure, Inc.	1.1%	1.3%	0.0%	73.3%	0.86%
TRP	TC Energy Corp.	4.0%	3.5%	9.1%	24.1%	0.78%
MPLX	MPLX L.P.	4.4%	4.2%	3.4%	20.5%	0.76%

Source: FactSet, December 31, 2025. Numbers have been rounded for illustrative purposes only. Past performance is not indicative of future results.

## Bottom 5 Contributors – YTD 2025

Ticker	Company	12/31/2025 Weight	Average Weight	Average Weight (AMNA)	YTD 2025 Return	YTD 2025 Contribution
OKE	ONEOK, Inc.	7.8%	8.4%	8.8%	-22.6%	-2.23%
ET	Energy Transfer L.P.	13.2%	13.8%	9.6%	-9.3%	-1.36%
LNG	Cheniere Energy, Inc.	8.8%	9.6%	8.8%	-8.6%	-0.58%
KNTK	Kinetik Holdings, Inc.	0.8%	0.9%	0.3%	-31.6%	-0.36%
KEY	Keyera Corp.	1.0%	0.3%	1.2%	7.0%	-0.03%

Source: FactSet, December 31, 2025. Numbers have been rounded for illustrative purposes only. Past performance is not indicative of future results.

## Attribution

Venture Global, Inc. (VG) was the top individual source of alpha during the quarter at 41 basis points (bps). As mentioned above regarding Cheniere, LNG-related stocks declined in the quarter due to a looming oversupply situation. While Cheniere contracts 90%+ of its volumes, Venture has a significant amount of uncontracted volumes, leaving the company's cash flow exposed to global LNG margins, which have declined significantly. We do not own Venture in our portfolios. Overweight positions in Solaris Energy Infrastructure, Inc. (SEI) (which is not in the AMNA), MPLX L.P. and Targa contributed 17 bps, 9 bps, and 7 bps, respectively, while an underweight position in Enbridge, Inc. (ENB) added 15 bps to alpha.

An underweight position in TC Energy Corp. (TRP) detracted 22 bps in the fourth quarter, while overweights in Waterbridge Infrastructure, LLC (WBI, -14 bps), Cheniere (LNG, -11 bps) and Genesis Energy L.P. (GEL, -7 bps) also detracted from relative returns. We do not own NGL Energy Partners L.P. (NGL) in our portfolios, and despite being only an 18 bps weight in the AMNA, it detracted 9 bps due to its 66.7% return for the quarter.

## Top 5 Attribution vs. AMNA – 4Q 2025

Ticker	Company	12/31/2025 Weight	Average Weight	Average Weight (AMNA)	4Q 2025 Return	4Q 2025 Attribution
VG	Venture Global, Inc.	0.0%	0.0%	0.5%	0.0%	0.41%
SEI	Solaris Energy Infrastructure, Inc.	1.1%	1.2%	0.0%	15.3%	0.17%
ENB	Enbridge, Inc.	4.0%	4.1%	10.0%	-3.9%	0.15%
MPLX	MPLX L.P.	4.4%	4.4%	3.5%	9.1%	0.09%
TRGP	Targa Resources Corp.	7.8%	7.1%	6.4%	10.8%	0.07%

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## Bottom 5 Attribution vs. AMNA – 4Q 2025

Ticker	Company	12/31/2025 Weight	Average Weight	Average Weight (AMNA)	4Q 2025 Return	4Q 2025 Attribution
TRP	TC Energy Corp.	4.0%	3.9%	10.0%	2.3%	-0.22%
WBI	Waterbridge Infrastructure, LLC	0.6%	0.7%	0.0%	-20.7%	-0.14%
LNG	Cheniere Energy, Inc.	8.8%	9.0%	8.2%	-17.1%	-0.11%
NGL	NGL Energy Partners L.P.	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%	-0.09%
GEL	Genesis Energy L.P.	1.8%	1.9%	0.3%	-5.7%	-0.07%

Source: FactSet, December 31, 2025. Numbers have been rounded for illustrative purposes only. Past performance is not indicative of future results.

Three of the top five sources of alpha in 2025 were overweight positions that outperformed the AMNA, led by Solaris at 81 bps with Genesis a close second at 77 bps. Western Midstream Partners L.P. (WES) was also overweight and added 22 bps to alpha. The underweight on Venture contributed 39 bps, and while ONEOK was the top detractor for the year, we were underweight relative to the benchmark so it was actually a source of alpha (18 bps).

Canadian names represented three of the top five detractors from alpha in 2025, led by TC Energy (-102 bps) and including Enbridge (-85 bps) and South Bow Corp. (SOBO, -18 bps). Overweight positions in Energy Transfer and Kinetik Holdings, Inc. (KNTK) detracted 67 bps and 27 bps, respectively.

## Top 5 Attribution vs. AMNA – YTD 2025

Ticker	Company	12/31/2025 Weight	Average Weight	Average Weight (AMNA)	YTD 2025 Return	YTD 2025 Attribution
SEI	Solaris Energy Infrastructure, Inc.	1.1%	1.3%	0.0%	73.3%	0.81%
GEL	Genesis Energy L.P.	1.8%	1.9%	0.3%	61.9%	0.77%
VG	Venture Global, Inc.	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%	0.39%
WES	Western Midstream Partners L.P.	2.8%	3.5%	1.5%	12.8%	0.22%
OKE	ONEOK, Inc.	7.8%	8.4%	8.8%	-22.6%	0.18%

Source: FactSet, December 31, 2025. Numbers have been rounded for illustrative purposes only. Past performance is not indicative of future results.

## Bottom 5 Attribution vs. AMNA – YTD 2025

Ticker	Company	12/31/2025 Weight	Average Weight	Average Weight (AMNA)	YTD 2025 Return	YTD 2025 Attribution
TRP	TC Energy Corp.	4.0%	3.5%	9.1%	24.1%	-1.02%
ENB	Enbridge, Inc.	4.0%	4.0%	10.2%	19.4%	-0.85%
ET	Energy Transfer L.P.	13.2%	13.8%	9.6%	-9.3%	-0.67%
KNTK	Kinetik Holdings, Inc.	0.8%	0.9%	0.3%	-31.6%	-0.27%
SOBO	South Bow Corp.	0.0%	0.0%	1.0%	0.0%	-0.18%

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The Westwood Salient Energy Infrastructure Team



## Risk Disclosure

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### Notes to Performance Information

1. Annualized returns are period returns re-scaled to a period of 1 year. This allows investors to compare returns of different assets that they have owned for different lengths of time.
2. Midstream sector involves the transportation (by pipeline, rail, barge, oil tanker or truck), storage, and wholesale marketing of crude or refined petroleum products.
3. Master limited partnerships (MLPs) are publicly traded limited partnerships and limited liability companies that are treated as partnerships for federal income tax purposes.
4. Alerian Midstream Energy Index (AMNA) is a market-capitalization weighted, float-adjusted index of North American energy infrastructure companies. Launch date of the AMNA is June 25, 2018.



5. Gathering and Processing (G&P) describes the actions important in the natural gas sector; when natural gas is produced from wells, the wells are connected to a gathering system comprising a network of smaller pipelines that collect the gas and deliver it to larger pipeline systems for longer-distance transport.
6. COVID-19 Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) is an infectious disease caused by a new virus. The disease was first identified in December 2019 in Wuhan, the capital of China's Hubei province, and has since spread globally, resulting in the ongoing 2019–20 coronavirus pandemic.
7. A commodity trading advisor (CTA) is an individual or firm that provides personalized advice regarding the buying and selling of futures contracts, options on futures and retail off- exchange forex contracts or swaps.
8. Beta ( $\beta$ ) is a measure of the volatility—or systematic risk—of a security or portfolio compared to the market as a whole (usually the S&P 500).
9. Crude oil is a naturally occurring petroleum product composed of hydrocarbon deposits and other organic materials.
10. Natural gas liquids (NGLs) are components of natural gas that are separated from the gas state in the form of liquids.
11. Brent crude oil is a light, sweet oil produced in the North Sea, with most of it being refined in Northwest Europe.
12. Liquefied natural gas (LNG) is natural gas that has been cooled to a liquid state, at about -260° Fahrenheit, for shipping and storage.
13. A futures market is an auction market in which participants buy and sell commodity and futures contracts for delivery on a specified future date.
14. The International Energy Agency (IEA) is an international intergovernmental organization that was established in 1974 to ensure the world's oil supply.
15. Time spread is an options strategy in which an investor takes the same position in two different option contracts that are identical in every way
16. except the expiration date.
17. Backwardation means that crude oil prices in the future are significantly lower than today – a sign of tight markets.
18. The Energy Information Administration (EIA) is a government agency formed in 1977. The EIA is responsible for objectively collecting energy data, conducting analysis and making forecasts.
19. Natural gas is a fossil energy source that formed deep beneath the earth's surface.
20. OPEC+ is a group of 24 oil-producing nations, made up of the 14 members of OPEC and 10 other non-OPEC members, including Russia and Mexico. The expanded group arose from a desire to coordinate oil production in a bid to stabilize global oil prices.
21. Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) is an international organization of 34 countries that accept the principles of representative democracy and a free market economy. The organization collaborates on domestic and international policies concerning economic, environmental and social issues.
22. Carbon capture is the process of capturing and storing carbon dioxide before it is released into the atmosphere.
23. Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) is a law passed in August 2022 that aims to curb inflation by reducing the deficit, lowering prescription drug prices and investing into domestic energy production while promoting clean energy.
24. National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) was signed into law in 1970 to promote efforts that prevent or eliminate damage to the environment.
25. Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR) is an emergency stockpile of crude oil set aside to ensure supply in the event of a disruption.



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