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# Diesel, Conventional Gas, Jet Fuel, and Natural Gas Equity and Commodity Project Risk across the Oil and Gas Industry

# **Abstract**

Oil and gas company returns are compared between upstream, midstream, and down-stream sectors from 2000 through 2020. Crude oil, natural gas, and distillate returns reflect project risk, infrastructure, and conditions within the industry. Equity, commodity, and distillate markets positively price returns, and equity market risk and returns are higher than for commodity markets. Refining & marketing and equipment & service firms have the greatest equity market risk, while equipment & service and exploration & production firms have the greatest commodity market risk. Refining & marketing firm returns did not systematically vary with commodity market risk. Producer returns are positively related to crude distillates, and across the oil and gas industry, diesel has the greatest risk and distillate return. Equity, commodity, and distillate returns are collectively significant in individual risk and returns.

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# I. Introduction

Across various industries, a fundamental concern is output, commodity, and financial market interactions that reflect firm value and market performance. Until it is processed, oil has limited value, and well-informed market participants evaluate project risk, infrastructure, and market conditions. Crude oil's usefulness as an energy source is defined by its energy density, which is the amount of stored energy per volume unit, and despite wide-spread appeals for alternatives, no existing energy source has as high of energy density as crude oil and its distillates (EIA, 2012; EIA, 2013). As an energy source, oil is processed into conventional gas, diesel, and aviation fuels, and evaluating the relationship between firm equity, commodity, and distillate returns reflect project risk, infrastructure, and conditions within the industry (Jaffe and Soligo, 2002, pp. 401-402; FTC, 1982, pp. 8-17). Moreover, to evaluate project risk at various stages of production, capital in the oil and gas industry is heterogeneous and segregated along production and service lines. Commodities are simultaneously priced in forward-looking commodity markets, and where firms are positioned within oil and gas production indicates much about access to capital, project risk, and government regulations.

Evaluating firm returns within equity, commodity, and distillate markets is important because conditions are constantly changing. Oil and gas producers used here are measured between January 2000 and August 2020. To assess risk, the oil and gas industry is segregated

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Nuclear energy has greater energy density but as a mobile platform, nuclear is not a safe alternative to crude oil production. Electronic vehicles show promise to complement and eventually displace some crude-oil based platforms.

into five sections along production and services. Upstream exploration & production firms explore for and extract oil. To increase reserves, firms can merge to acquire or find new reserves through exploration & production (FTC, 1982, p. 72). Equipment & service firms are complements to exploration & production and recent fracking techniques with unconventional drilling are increasingly performed by equipment & service firms. Because their compensation varies directly with oil extraction, firm returns physically closer to crude extraction vary more with crude oil (Carson, 2022). Mid-stream transportation & pipeline firms transport and store crude-based products between upstream and downstream producers. Because it is more efficient, nearly all natural gas is transported through pipelines, while 70 percent of crude based-products are transported through pipelines. Downstream refiners and marketers process and distribute crude oil derivatives into conventional, natural gas, aviation fuels, and diesel to end-use consumers. Integrated firms were once classified as Super Majors, and their current operations include every stage of upstream, midstream, and downstream production, and technologies used in each production stage reflect different infrastructure, project risk, and labor supplies (Jaffe and Soligo, 2002, pp. 401-402; FTC, 1982, pp. 8-17). Subsequently, proximity to oil extraction reflects equity, commodity, and distillate project risk from when oil is extracted through its distribution to end use consumers.

Until it is processed into refined products, crude oil is of limited value, and processed distillates considered here are diesel, aviation fuel, conventional gas, and natural gas. Diesel fuel is a distillate used in freight, rail transportation, and manufacturing and is refined crude with less volatile fractions used in gasoline.<sup>2</sup> Aviation fuels are petroleum-based fuels that power aircraft

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Red diesel is used as a heating oil and off-road agricultural uses, whereas green diesel refers to elements associated with plant and animal fats.

and account for about 10 percent of crude production.<sup>3</sup> Conventional gas is the primary fuel used in automobile and ground transportation, and accounts for about half of refined oil production (FTC, 1982, p. 12). Natural gas is the gaseous mixture of hydro-carbon compounds, and its primary component is methane; natural gas is extracted at the same time as oil and is the gaseous hydrocarbon used in many household and commercial energy applications.

The oil and gas industry is capital intensive, and high capital expenditures limit entry into every sector of the industry. Innovation that increases industry productivity is facilitated by skilled labor throughout production, and recent developments in horizontal drilling and unconventional recovery techniques have improved project success, decreasing both risk and returns (Zuckerman, 2013). Skilled innovators require access to capital, and Schumpeterianfinanciers allocate capital by assimilating relevant project-risk to evaluate profitability relative to risk across oil and gas industry sectors (Bodenhorn, 1998, p. 106; Bodenhorn, 1999, pp. 279-280, 283-284; FTC, 1982, p. 73; Ackcigit et al., 2019). Well-informed Schumpeterian-financiers are also active in commodity markets that combine information flows and the type of assets traded on their respective exchanges. Commodity market valuations vary with commodity prices and information from firm's regarding labor supplies and infrastructure in commodity markets. Information regarding oil and gas credit conditions and project risk are provided by a wellinformed publication industry, and the Oil & Gas Financial Journal, Oil & Gas Journal, and Offshore Magazine are publications that inform market participants of profit potential and project risk. Whereas project risk and well completions are risky, Schumpeterian-financiers occupy

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Naptha-type jet fuels ignite at lower temperatures and are primarily used in military turbojet and turboprop engines that have lower freeze points.

important positions in oil production from their role in the production process and price information regarding equity, commodity, and distillate returns.

It is against this backdrop that this study considers three questions regarding the oil and gas industry between 2000 and 2020. First, how do equity markets assess risk across various sectors of the oil and gas industry? Equity markets positively price returns with the appropriate equity market index, and upstream equipment & service firms and downstream refiners & marketers have greater equity market risk than downstream producers. Second, how do different sectors of the oil and gas industry vary with commodity risk? Reflecting greater project risk, upstream exploration & production and equipment & service firm returns vary more with crude oil than midstream and downstream producers. Third, across the industry, how do firm returns vary with respect to fuel distillates? Oil and gas returns are positively related to crude oil distillates, and diesel is the leading derivative that contributes to firm returns, and firm returns are mostly unrelated to natural gas returns.

## II. Literature Review

Oil price variation and macroeconomic performance is a long-standing debate in industrial and macroeconomics. During the 1970s and 1980s, higher energy prices may have reduced US economic growth, and the US Department of Energy estimates that lost economic output from the two 1970s oil shocks was around \$1.2 trillion in 1997-1998 dollars (US DOE, 1988, p. 6). Hamilton (1983) was among the first to find an inverse relationship between oil price changes and Gross National Product (GNP). However, this inverse relationship, while intuitive, has not received widespread support. Mork (1989, pp. 743-744) extends the results to

include the early 1980s and confirms an inverse relationship between energy prices but cannot affirm that energy price decreases increase output (Monk, Myson, and Olsen, 1994). Lee, Ni, and Retti (1995) find that large price increases are greater after unanticipated oil shocks compared to when price movements are erratic and frequent. Gao, Medlock, and Sickles (2001) show that oil price volatility is negatively related to productivity growth.

Across industries, firm valuation is related to industrial economic factors and risk, and Harry Markowitz (1952) was the first to formalize a mean-variance relationship between returns and risk in modern portfolio theory. Sharpe (1964), Litner (1965), and Moussin (1966) use single factor asset pricing models. However, early asset pricing models were not successful at pricing equity returns (Fama and French, 2004). To account for size and value effects, Fama and French (1992) and Fama and French (1993) add small-minus-big and high-minus-low variables. Carhart (1997) adds a momentum variable to account for how firm value is related to near-term performance and momentum. Titman, Wei, and Xei (2004) and Novy-Marx (2013) augment Fama-French models with profitability and investment strategy variables.

Equity return premiums are related across the oil and gas industry and are important when evaluating how markets evaluate risk. Faff and Brailsford (1999) show the effect that crude prices have with the Australian Stock Exchange. Mork et al. (1994) and Arouri (2011) partition the industry into sectors and use four factor Fama-French type asset pricing models to show return variation across the industry. US oil producer returns are related to equity market risk, size, book-to-market, and momentum factors, and risk exposure varies over time, across firms, and across the industry. Goodwin (1993) considers US oil price variation with equities around the 1973 oil price disruptions, and oil price changes have positive relationships with oil returns for refining & marketing firms. Mohanty and Nanda (2011) use Fama-French type

models to show that oil price changes are significant in producer returns, and oil price variation is related to the S&P 500, size, book-to-market, and momentum. Ramos et al (2014) show that upstream and downstream firms follow positive equity and commodity returns. Carson (2020) shows that both Major and Independent equity and firm returns are positively related to crude returns, while natural gas generally does not affect producer returns. Equity and commodity market risk varies across oil and gas extraction and have greater project risk as reflected by equity and commodity market variation (Carson, 2022). To assess project risk across the oil and gas industry, five sector Fama-French return variation models are used here to assess equity, commodity, and distillate market risk, and this study relies on well-informed Schumpeterian-financiers to assess information regarding equity market and infrastructure project risk across the oil and gas industry.

# III. Data

Table 1, Crude Oil, Natural and Conventional Gas, Diesel, and Jet Fuel Returns and Correlations

Commodity	Returns	Standard			
Returns		Deviation			
Brent Crude	.0000613	.0326599			_
Oil					
Natural Gas	.0011192	.0535347			
Conventional	.0001818	.0340214			
Gas					
Diesel	0001725	.0234782			
Jet Fuel	000126	.0263762			
Price	Brent Crude	Natural Gas	Conventional	Diesel	Jet Fuel
Correlation	Oil		Gas		
Brent Crude	1				
Oil					
Natural Gas	.7716	1			
Conventional	.9613	.7480	1		
Gas					
Diesel	.9904	.7823	.9587	1	
Jet Fuel	.9882	.7741	.9564	.9974	1
ROR	Brent Crude	Natural Gas	Conventional	Diesel	Jet Fuel
Correlations	Oil		Gas		
Brent Crude	1				
Oil					
Natural Gas	.0108	1			
Conventional	.6178	.0268	1		
Gas					
Diesel	.5976	.0100	.5875	1	
Jet Fuel	.6471	.0099	.6437	.8860	1

Source: Brent Crude Oil Prices

https://fred.stlouisfed.org/series/DCOILBRENTEU

Conventional Gas Prices

https://fred.stlouisfed.org/series/DGASUSGULF

**Diesel Prices** 

https://fred.stlouisfed.org/series/DDFUELUSGULF

Jet Fuel Prices

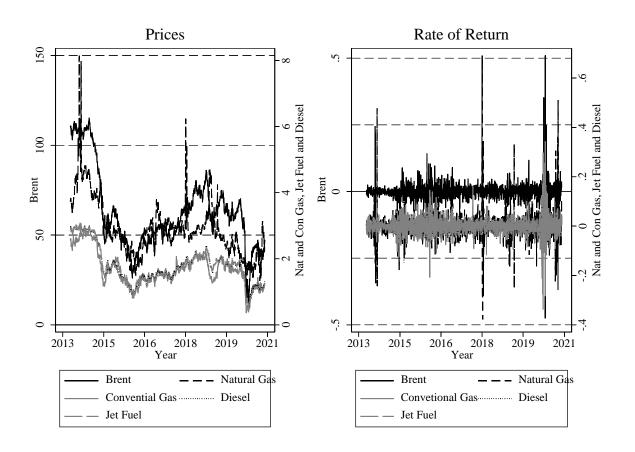
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Natural Gas Prices

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Table 1 presents commodity expected returns, standard deviations, return skewness, kurtosis, and Sharpe Ratios. Across brent, natural gas, conventional gas, diesel and jet fuel, natural gas has the highest daily rate of return, followed by conventional gas, crude oil, jet fuel, and diesel. Natural gas has the highest risk and standard deviation, followed by conventional gas, crude, oil, jet fuel, and diesel. Sharpe ratios measure average expected returns to risk and are standard measures for how markets value equity and project risk. Because they reflect returns to risk, Sharpe ratios are returns per unit of risk and are helpful in industry analysis. The highest commodity Sharpe ratios are for natural gas, conventional gas, crude oil, jet fuel, and diesel. Subsequently, the highest commodity and distillate returns coincide with project and distillate return per unit of risk, which are compensated with higher returns.

Figure 1, Crude Oil, Natural and Conventional Gas, Diesel, and Jet Fuel Returns and Correlations



Source: See Table 1.

Table 1 presents commodity prices, returns, risk, and correlations. Price and return variation over time signals information to market participants, and the fracking revolution decreased project risk with new engineering techniques in unconventional and horizontal drilling. The price of crude in highly correlated with diesel, jet fuel, and conventional gas prices (Table 1). Natural gas prices are the least correlated with crude oil and distillates. While related, crude, natural gas, and distillate rates of return are less correlated than prices. Crude, jet fuel, conventional gas, and diesel rates of return are highly correlated, whereas natural gas's rate of

return with crude and distillate returns are unrelated. Price and commodity risk decreased between 2013 and 2016 (Figure 1). Oil, gas, and derivative prices stabilized with modest upward drift between 2016 and 2019. However, in the Spring of 2020, the effects of Covid 19 decreased crude, natural gas, and distillate prices and returns. Crude oil's abrupt Spring 2020 collapse affected firm and commodity returns in general and exposed downstream refining & marketing firms that made contracts on higher crude oil upon delivery but were unable to recover returns after conventional gas, diesel, and jet fuel distillate prices decreased.

The oil and gas industry is partitioned into 57 exploration & production firms, 15 equipment & service firms, 13 integrated firms, nine transportation & pipeline firms, and six refining & marketing firms. In international oil and gas markets, Brent North Sea is the crude grade that is light and sweet and is the leading global crude benchmark for Atlantic Basin oils used to price about two-thirds of international oil. Henry Hub natural gas at Erath, Louisiana is the international benchmark for natural gas prices and returns and is the most heavily traded contract priced off the New York Mercantile Exchange. Conventional gas returns are measured with Gulf Coast conventional gas returns. Diesel returns are measured with ultra-low sulfur No. 2, Diesel Fuel Prices: US Gulf Coast. Jet fuel is the return on US Gulf Coast kerosene type jetfuel prices. Commodity and fuel-blend excess returns are added for natural and conventional gas, diesel, and aviation fuel. Standard small-minus-big (SMB<sub>t</sub>), high-minus-low (HML<sub>t</sub>),

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Downstream refining & marketing is highly concentrated in production and ownership. For example, Koch Industries devotes much of its industrial capacity to refining, along with Goodway Refining, and Kern Oil and Refining.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Brent was originally priced on the International Petroleum Exchange in London but since 2005 has traded on the Intercontinental Exchange (ICE).

robust-minus-weak (RMW $_t$ ), and conservative-minus-aggressive (CMA $_t$ ) factors are included. Carhart's momentum factor, MOM $_t$ , is included to account for the relationship between returns and momentum.

Tables 2 through 5 present firm return and risk descriptive statistics across upstream, midstream, and downstream sectors. Refining & marketing firms have the highest expected returns, followed by transportation & pipeline, integrated, exploration & production, and equipment & services (Tables 2 through 5). The uncertainty over project return is associated the greatest risk and standard deviations for upstream exploration & production and equipment & services firms. The asymmetric payment and delivery periods for midstream transportation & pipeline and downstream refining & marketing are associated with a high degree of risk, followed by integrated firms that are well-capitalized and are better able to withstand refining between when crude is purchased and when refined oil and gas products are sold to downstream consumers. Large integrated firms have the highest Sharpe Ratios, followed by transportation & pipeline, refining & marketing, equipment & services, and exploration & production.

Table 2, Exploration & Production Expected, Risk, and the Shape of Return Distribution

		N	Mean	Median	SD	Skewness	Kurtosis	Sharpe Ratio
<b>Exploration &amp; Production</b>								
NYSE								
Amplify	AMPY	2,141	002251	001879	.073440	2.1095	38.933	03035
Antero	AR	1,776	000681	001188	.038870	1.1133	12.310	01752
Bonanza Creek	CIVI	2,164	000282	000543	.058370	.613812	22.330	00483
Cabot Oil & Gas		3,604	.000710	000040	.027770	.313591	9.3018	.02557
Callon Energy	CPE	3,543	.000577	0	.054093	1.0816	43.2826	.01067
Canadian Natural Resources	CNQ	3,543	.000412	.000232	.028918	468350	16.382	.01425
Cimarex	XEC	3,604	.000426	.000344	.029383	142524	16.983	.01450
CNX	CNX	3,543	.000393	000070	.037455	.236865	9.1688	.01049
Comstock	CRK	3,543	.000433	000200	.052731	2.1013	30.399	.00821
Concho	CXO	3,261	.000893	.000657	.030985	.164721	12.2460	.02882
Continental	CLR	3,378	.001055	.000370	.040028	107875	18.680	.02636
Crescent Point	CPG	3,543	000122	000010	.031528	306084	23.317	00387
Cross Timbers	CRT	3,543	.000073	0	.025188	324867	15.118	.00290
CRV	CVI	3,205	.000909	.000536	.039175	2.5721	49.761	.02320
Devon	DVN	3,543	000016	000001	.028719	237328	17.608	00056
EcoPetrol	EC	2,978	.000262	.000393	.026130	332254	14.070	.01003
Enerplus	ERF	3,541	000113	0	.031387	236135	14.316	00360
EOG	EOG	3,604	.000483	.000242	.026079	189532	14.982	.01852
EQT	EQT	3,543	.000330	.000234	.027019	1.1059	20.275	.01221
Equinor	EQNR	3,604	.000296	.000419	.023565	299874	9.7632	.01256
GeoPark	GPRK	2,456	.000466	0	.032277	316544	16.219	.01444
Kosmos	KOS	2,315	000254	000090	.038894	-1.00066	44.113	00653
Laredo Petroleum	LPI	2,164	000180	000090	.052856	5.0966	112.632	00341
Marathon Oil	MRO	3,543	.000105	.000488	.029983	71988	25.5578	.00350
Matador	MTDR	2,133	.000826	0	.041536	954749	41.6174	.01989
Noble	NE	3,542	000727	000580	.052172	8.4692	288.733	01394
Northern Oil & Gas	NOG	3,341	.000631	000160	.048679	.575691	10.055	.01296
Occidental	OXY	3,543	.000108	.000304	.026754	-1.3372	57.9213	.00404

Ovintiv	OVV	3,543	.000025	000100	.034083	-2.0261	65.3373	.00073
Permian Basin Trust	PBT	3,543	.000043	0	.022122	105646	10.8206	.00194
Pioneer	PXD	3,543	.000682	.000461	.029150	498363	16.1032	.02340
Range	RRC	3,543	.000218	000565	.033714	.621462	10.8361	.00647
Sandridge	SD	965	001492	002098	.051224	3.5226	56.918	02913
Silverbow	SBOW	904	001015	001298	.049687	2.7291	34.501	02043
SM Energy	SM	3,543	.000212	0	.044842	1.1343	41.523	.00473
Southwestern	SWN	3,543	.000126	000536	.035629	.530230	11.2382	.00354
Sun	SU	1,978	.000687	.000254	.024102	.344835	30.450	.02850
Talos Energy	TALO	569	001538	000070	.047494	.018034	9.9597	03238
Vaalco	EGY	3,543	.000293	000090	.042297	.594781	9.2799	.00693
W & T Offshore	WTI	3,543	.000203	000651	.043228	.609081	9.2999	.00470
WPX	WPX	2,172	.000390	000060	.38572	.206839	13.928	.00101
YPF	YPA	3,543	.000033	000281	.029945	596799	25.675	.00110
NYSE Averages		3,017.05	.000086	00013	.045866	.611064	32.1892	.000452
AMEX								
Barnwell	BRN	3,544	.000422	000010	.054650	4.5966	76.339	.00772
Camber Energy	CEI	3,361	.000501	000080	.056076	4.2800	81.362	.00893
Contango	CTGO	3,543	.000283	000453	.041507	.913251	15.273	.00682
Evolution Petroleum	EPM	3.544	.000592	000025	.033086	.171190	14.032	.01789
<b>Evolve Transition Infrastructure</b>	SNMP	3,435	000724	000090	.048855	013512	27.304	01482
Goodrich Petroleum	GDP	919	.000405	000030	.039693	.279880	10.666	.01020
Houston America Energy	HUSA	3,543	.000935	000050	.063088	1.02655	13.599	.01482
Riley Exploration Permian	REPX	3,542	.000667	000050	.059669	2.3804	32.3009	.01112
AMEX Averages		2,736.32	.000385	000100	.049578	1.70430	33.8595	.007835
NASDAQ								
Abraxas	AXAS	3,361	.000501	000080	.056076	4.2800	81.362	.00893
APA	APA	3,544	.000136	.000474	.031012	-1.1191	42.227	.00439
Centenial	CDEV	1,085	000681	000010	.056708	.057441	30.970	01201
DiamondBack	FANG	2,036	.001124	.001760	.032129	90946	30.549	.03498
Epsilon	EPSN	3,179	.000421	0	.046230	96926	72.778	.00911
PDC	PDCE	3,568	.000715	.000293	.046718	8.5815	306.872	.01531

Penn Virginia	ROEC	934	.001408	000553	.081150	7.4252	130.565	.01735
NASDAQ Averages		2,529.57	.000518	.000269	.050003	2.47805	99.3319	.01115
Total Average		2,917.78	.000181	000080	.046910	.993778	40.6692	.005796

Source: https://finance.yahoo.com/

Table 3, Equipment & Services Expected Returns, Risk, Sharpe Ratios, and the Shape of Return Distribution

Equipment & Services		N	Mean	Median	SD	Skewness	Kurtosis	Sharpe Ratio
NYSE								
Fluor	FLR	3,543	.000086	.000441	.032221	2.9988	100.011	.00267
Halliburton	HAL	3,543	.000192	.000146	.028117	680614	21.7503	.00683
Helmerich & Payne	HP	3,543	.000441	.000823	.030700	232013	14.3210	.01437
Nabors Drilling	NBR	3,543	000096	000501	.043162	.646594	20.2003	00222
National Oilwell Varco	NOV	3,543	.000252	.000507	.030689	227100	13.5455	.00821
Newpark	NR	3,544	.000496	000020	.039706	.016860	15.071	.01249
Nextier Oilfield	NEX	892	00108	001432	.049816	.793824	18.5875	02168
Precision Drilling	PDS	3,543	000283	00009	.037536	305900	12.0733	00754
Schlumberger	SLB	3,543	.000034	000180	.024358	508566	14.1663	.00140
TechniFMC	FTI	3,543	.000279	.000333	.028341	229772	11.6050	.00984
Tidewater	TDW	3,543	000758	.000217	.037474	401174	17.0553	02023
NYSE Averages		3,302.09	<b>-3.98</b> <sup>-5</sup>	2.22-5	.034738	.170085	23.4897	00114
MAGDAO								
NASDAQ	DIID	0.540	000000	000050	005115	010770	10 100 5	00001
Baker Hughes	BKR	3,543	.000060	.000052	.027115	018553	13.1985	.00221
Patterson Drilling	PTEN	3,543	.000104	0	.035395	318079	16.0630	.00294
		3543	8.20-5	2.60-5	.031255	16832	14.6308	.002624
		3,339.15	000021	-2.28-5	.034202	.118024	22.1268	000610

Source:https://finance.yahoo.com/

Table 4, Integrated Expected Returns, Risk, Sharpe Ratios, and the Shape of Return Distribution

Integrated		N	Mean	Median	SD	Skewness	Kurtosis	Sharpe
								Ratio
BP	BP	3,543	.000048	.000245	.019839	182945	19.0837	.00242
Chevron	CVX	3,543	.000383	.000852	.018547	.087754	27.9742	.02065
ConocoPhillips	COP	3,533	.000255	.000355	.022039	066675	18.9175	.01157
ENI	Е	3,543	.000160	.000820	.020810	485032	13.7681	.00769
Enlink	ENLC	3,543	.000452	-	.043905	2.56066	56.0172	.01029
				.000050				
Exxon	XOM	3,545	.000159	.000151	.016452	.179705	17.0156	.00967
Hess	HES	3,543	.000486	.008000	.029072	494450	14.4078	.01672
Murphy Oil	MUR	3,543	.000283	.000390	.030038	.306754	9.1918	.00642
Petrobras	PBR	3,543	.000475	.000812	.034974	.052305	11.5059	.01358
Petro China	PTR	3,543	.000074	-	.023298	.306754	9.19184	.00318
				.000317				
Royal Dutch	RDS	3,568	.000136	.000719	.019704	085433	20.3876	.00690
Shell								
Sinopec	SNP	3,543	.000460	.000381	.024014	.569700	10.2945	.01916
Total, SA	TTE	3,543	.000241	.000702	.019394	253300	13.7427	.01243
Integrated		3,544.31	.000278	.000451	.024776	.191984	18.5768	.01082
Averages								

Source:

https://finance.yahoo.com/

Table 5, Refining & Marketing and Transportation & Pipeline Expected, Risk, and Shape of Return Distribution

Refining & Marketing		N	Mean	Median	SD	Skewness	Kurtosis	Sharpe
								Ratio
Dalek	DK	3,543	.000735	.000334	.034278	.354704	10.184	.021443
Holly Frontier	HEP	3,543	.000628	.001031	.029857	.105311	8.9380	.021034
Marathon Petroleum	MPC	2,285	.000807	.001343	.026535	373685	15.547	.030413
PBF	PBF	1,922	.000369	.001330	.036424	.707620	28.256	.010131
Par Pacific	PARR	1,987	.001615	0	.050838	18.0815	539.034	.031768
Phillips 66	PSX	2,087	.000542	.000925	.020079	148747	12.9628	.026993
Targa Resources	TRPG	2,420	.000631	.000852	.032273	-2.1535	49.2675	.019552
Valero	VLO	3,543	.000424	.000864	.026700	302505	10.6340	.015880
Refining & Marketing Averages		2,666.25	.000719	.000835	.032123	2.03387	84.3529	.022253
Transportation & Pipeline		,						
Cheniere (AMEX)	LNG	3,543	.001060	000070	.045358	2.2396	37.6602	.023370
HES Midstream	HESM	840	.000337	.000435	.032941	921411	37.806	.010230
Kinder Morgan	KMI	2,435	.000053	000040	.019740	321324	18.9889	.002685
Prime Energy	PNRG	3,543	.000641	000010	.038485	1.51889	29.4211	.016656
(NASDAQ)		,						
One OK	OKE	3,543	.000643	.000965	.024814	376207	47.2708	.025913
TC Energy	TRP	3,543	.000464	.000704	.016752	111406	20.4700	.027698
Western Midstream	WES	1,925	.000175	0	.032384	-1.6086	65.9035	.005404
Whiting	WLL	3,543	.000303	.000160	.061787	8.1223	179.52	.004904
Transportation & Pipeline	22	2,864.38	.000460	.000268	.034033	1.06773	54.6300	.014608
Averages		2,004.50	•000-100		1007000	1.00770	24,0200	1041000

Source: https://finance.yahoo.com/

# **IV.** Research Design

To triangulate information regarding firm risk and returns from equity, commodity, and distillate markets, equity and commodity market Fama-French type models are now augmented with distillate returns. Oil and gas firm returns are now regressed on appropriate equity market indices, oil, gas, and distillate returns.

$$R_{it} - R_{ft} = \theta_0 + \theta_1 \left( R_{mt} - R_{ft} \right) + \theta_2 \left( R_{ot} - R_{ft} \right) + \theta_3 \left( R_{gt} - R_{ft} \right) + \theta_4 \left( R_{cg} - R_{ft} \right) + \theta_5 \left( R_d - R_{ft} \right)$$

$$+ \theta_6 \left( R_j - R_{ft} \right) + \theta_7 SMB_t + \theta_8 HML_t + \theta_9 RMW_t + \theta_{10} CMA_t + \theta_{11} MOM_t + \varepsilon_t$$

 $R_{it}$  is each firm's daily adjusted return.  $R_{ft}$  is the daily US three-month Treasury Bill rate. Market returns vary with respect to project risk and exchange listing requirements.  $R_{mt}$  is the Standard & Poor's daily rate of return for firms on the New York Exchange;  $R_{mt}$  is the NYSE—American index for firms on the American Exchange;  $R_{mt}$  is the NASDAQ index for firms on the National Association Securities Automated Quotations.  $\theta_1$  is the appropriate index excess return for market systematic risk.  $R_{ot}$  is the daily return on North Sea Brent.  $\theta_2$  is the North Sea returns sensitivity parameter.  $R_{gt}$  is the Henry-Hub daily rate of return on natural gas, and  $\theta_3$  is firm excess return variation with Henry Hub natural gas excess returns and  $\theta_2$  and  $\theta_3$  represents oil systematic risk.  $R_c$  is the conventional gas daily returns, and  $\theta_4$  is firm excess return variation with conventional gas excess return variation.  $R_d$  is the diesel fuel daily returns, and  $\theta_5$  is firm excess return variation with diesel excess return variation.  $R_d$  is jet fuel daily returns, and  $\theta_6$  is firm excess return variation with jet fuel. SMB<sub>1</sub>, HML<sub>4</sub>, RMW<sub>4</sub>, and CMA<sub>4</sub> are small-minus-big,

high-minus-low, robust-minus-weak, and conservative-minus-aggressive.<sup>6</sup>  $\theta_7$ ,  $\theta_8$ ,  $\theta_9$ , and  $\theta_{10}$  are firms' sensitivities for excess returns with respect to SMB<sub>t</sub>, HML<sub>t</sub>, RMW<sub>t</sub>, and CMA<sub>t</sub>.

MOM<sub>t</sub> is a daily momentum factor, and  $\theta_{11}$  is how firm returns vary with momentum. Returns are estimated with GARCH (1, 1) models, which is common in the return's literature.

Three paths of inquiry are considered when evaluating firm equity, commodity, and distillate returns. First, individual equity betas are positively related to broader equity market indices, and financial markets positively price oil producer equity returns with the appropriate equity market index. Equity markets measure project risks, which are informed by financiers across exchanges, and refining & marketing firms have the highest equity market risk, followed by equipment & services, integrated, exploration & production, and transportation & pipeline (Table 13; Kim and Choi, 2019, p. 361). Although upstream exploration & production and equipment firms assume capital market project risk, downstream refining & marketing firms assume considerable project risk because risk depends on price asymmetries between when refiners take physical possession of crude oil and when it is delivered to downstream consumers. For example, in 2008 and 2020, smaller refiners contracted and took delivery of oil at high crude

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Fama-French factors are constructed using the six value-weighted portfolios that represent size and book-to-market values. Small-minus-big is the daily average on small equity portfolios, less the average nine big stock average returns, the size effect for an equity. High-minus-low is the average return on two value portfolios, less the average return on two growth portfolios, the value effect. Robust-minus-weak is the average returns on two operating profitability portfolios, less average returns on the two weak operating portfolios, a profitability effect. Conservative-minus-weak is two average returns on conservative investment portfolios, less the average returns on two aggressive investment portfolios.

prices. However, downstream gas and distillate prices decreased before refiners delivered refined products as fuel and other distillates (Rueters, 2008; Edelhart, 2010; Morenne, 2022). Refining & marketing equity market returns are further complicated by fewer downstream refineries, and around 50 percent of refining capacity is controlled by Chevron, ExxonMobil, ConocoPhillips, Marathon Petroleum, and Valero. Larger integrated firms also have greater market power to determine refinery margins. Subsequently, downstream refining & marketing equity returns have greater equity market return variation, and risk is related to their physical position in the oil and gas industry (Kim and Choi, 2019).

**Table 6, Exploration & Production GARCH Return Models, New York Stock Exchange** 

	Amplify	Antero	Bonanza Creek	Cabot	Callon	Canadian Natural	Cimarex	CNX	Comstock	Concho
Intercept	-	-	.001	$2.32^{-4}$	.001**	-6.46 <sup>-5</sup>	$6.54^{-4}$	-2.15 <sup>-4</sup>	-3.15 <sup>-4</sup>	.001
	.002***	.001***								
	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	$(3.42^{-4})$	(.001)	$(2.46^{-5})$	$(2.77^{-4})$	$(3.81^{-4})$	(.001)	$(3.27^{-4})$
S & P 500	1.18***	.920***	1.02***	.959***	1.23***	.936***	.937***	1.22***	1.07***	.967***
	(.045)	(.055)	(.062)	(.029)	(.040)	(.023)	(.028)	(.043)	(.048)	(.027)
Brent	.052	036	.063**	024	.112***	.106***	.085***	.003	.023	.120***
	(.032)	(.032)	(.032)	(.019)	(.020)	(.012)	(.016)	(.023)	(.020)	(.016)
Natural Gas	_	.037***	.012	.034***	.022**	.007	.014**	.032***	.045***	.008
	.032***									
	(.006)	(.010)	(.018)	(.007)	(.009)	(.006)	(.007)	(800.)	(.011)	(.009)
Conventional	.116***	.065**	.092***	.070***	.028	.069***	.054***	.058***	.062**	.077***
Gas										
	(.033)	(.026)	(.032)	(.002)	(.027)	(.013)	(.016)	(.021)	(.025)	(.016)
Diesel	.034	.178**	.406***	.213***	.334***	.166***	.187***	.160***	.199***	.278***
	(.060)	(.070)	(.063)	(.031)	(.046)	(.024)	(.028)	(.033)	(.050)	(.041)
Jet Fuel	.261***	025	.004	.013	.156***	.132***	.071**	.078**	.115**	021
	(.032)	(.053)	(.007)	(.033)	(.046)	(.023)	(.025)	(.039)	(.051)	(.040)
SMB	.006***	.005***	.008***	.003***	.014***	.002***	.004***	.005***	.006***	.003***
	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	$(4.32^{-4})$	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)
HML	.002	.002**	.003**	.002***	.011***	.002***	.003***	.003***	.002**	.001
	(.002)	(.001)	(.002)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)
RMW		-	008***	.003***	002	001	001	001	.002	002**
	.007***	.010***								
	(.002)	(.002)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)
CMA	.002	.002	002	-	002	$1.10^{-4}$	$1.99^{-4}$	003**	010***	.001
				.003***						
	(.003)	(.002)	(.002)	(.001)	(.002)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	(.002)	(.001)
MOM	-	-	006***	$-3.03^{-4}$	-3.77 <sup>-4</sup>	003***	-	_	001	-
	.010***	.009***	.000	2.02	2	.002	.002***	.004***		.003***

	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	$(4.04^{-4})$	(.001)	$(3.08^{-4})$	$(3.51^{-4})$	(.001)	(.001)	$(4.44^{-4})$
N	2,141	1,776	2,164	3,604	3,543	3,543	3,604	3,543	3,543	3,261
Log Likelihood	3,649.15	4,096.49	4,088.44	8,858.82	6,899.98	9,465.79	9,285.80	7,947.25	6,863.25	8,081.77
Wald	2,157.59	1,174.11	1,262.06	2,203.50	5,725.18	13,834.38	3,923.91	2,531.02	1,817.64	3,748.36

Source: See Table 2.

Notes: \*\*\* Significant at .01; \*\* Significant at .05; \* Significant at .10.

**Table 6, Exploration & Production GARCH Return Models, New York Stock Exchange** 

	Continental	Crescent	Cross	CRV	Devon	EcoPetrol	Enerplus	EOG	EQT
		Point	Timbers						
Intercept	.001**	-9.66 <sup>-5</sup>	-6.20 <sup>-5</sup>	.001***	-2.40 <sup>-4</sup>	-6.25 <sup>-5</sup>	-3.80 <sup>-4</sup>	1.14 <sup>-4</sup>	-8.42 <sup>-4</sup>
	$(3.50^{-4})$	$(2.71^{-4})$	$(2.81^{-4})$	$(3.84^{-4})$	$(2.52^{-4})$	$(2.89^{-4})$	$(2.70^{-4})$	$(2.53^{-4})$	$(2.57^{-4})$
S & P 500	1.05***	.617***	.286***	1.12***	.962***	.690***	.671***	.951***	.983***
	(.032)	(.028)	(.028)	(.038)	(.025)	(.029)	(.026)	(.024)	(.027)
Brent	.169***	.189***	.129***	.013	.061***	.101***	.095***	.077***	.035**
	(.022)	(.012)	(.015)	(.021)	(.013)	(.014)	(.019)	(.014)	(.017)
Natural Gas	.007	006	.012**	012	.015***	002	.008	.006	.038***
	(.009)	(.005)	(.006)	(.010)	(.005)	(.006)	(.007)	(.006)	(.006)
Conventional	.046**	.028*	004	.085***	.043***	.047***	.008	.048***	.033**
Gas									
	(.022)	(.014)	(.012)	(.019)	(.013)	(.015)	(.016)	(.013)	(.016)
Diesel	.375***	.179***	.056***	.136***	.200***	.195***	.181***	.216***	.126***
	(.040)	(.026)	(.021)	(.041)	(.024)	(.035)	(.027)	(.024)	(.025)
Jet Fuel	.095***	.118***	.103***	.047	.084***	.050	.081***	.056***	.014
	(.031)	(.026)	(.017)	(.037)	(.024)	(.032)	(.025)	(.020)	(.024)
SMB	.005***	.001**	.003***	.008***	.002***	001*	.001**	.002***	.002***
	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	$(4.32^{-4})$	(.001)
HML	.003***	$-2.38^{-4}$	.003***	.004	.003***	002***	.002***	.002***	.001*
	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)
RMW	002**	001	.003***	$1.25^{-4}$	.001*	002**	001	-3.84 <sup>-4</sup>	.003***
	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)
CMA	001	$-2.32^{-4}$	003***	$-2.13^{-4}$	002**	.007***	004***	002*	001
	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)
MOM	004***	002***	$2.96^{-4}$	$3.97^{-5}$	003***	004***	001***	-	-1.63 <sup>-4</sup>
								.002***	
	(.001)	$(4.30^{-4})$	$(3.99^{-4})$	(.001)	$(3.49^{-4})$	$(3.57^{-4})$	$(4.15^{-4})$	$(3.16^{-4})$	$(3.26^{-4})$
N	3,378	3,543	3,543	3,205	3,543	2,978	3,541	3,604	3,543
Log Likelihood	7,852.58	8,786.68	9,061.52	7,255.50	9,475.85	7,785.23	8,537.16	9,724.10	9,248.00

Wald 4,68
Source: See Table 2. 2,521.97 5,990.50 2,733.16 4,681.88 3,909.02 1,148.23 2,611.08 4,801.22 3,345.17

Notes: \*\*\* Significant at .01; \*\* Significant at .05; \* Significant at .10.

 Table 6, Exploration & Production GARCH Return Models, New York Stock Exchange

	Equinor	GeoPark	Kosmos	Laredo	Marathon	Matador	Noble	Northern	Occidental
	_			Petroleum	Oil			Oil &	
								Gas	
Intercept	$-2.05^{-4}$	.001	4.47 <sup>-6</sup>	-3.37 <sup>-4</sup>	-7.11 <sup>-5</sup>	$2.25^{-4}$	-6.07 <sup>-4</sup> *	.001	-2.71 <sup>-4</sup>
-	$(2.12^{-4})$	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	$(2.36^{-4})$	(.001)	$(3.26^{-4})$	(.001)	$(1.98^{-4})$
S & P 500	.972***	.329***	.848***	1.07***	1.08***	1.16***	1.08***	1.10***	.978***
	(.022)	(.050)	(.051)	(.066)	(.024)	(.061)	(.034)	(.046)	(.021)
Brent	.129***	.041**	.013	.135***	.097***	.048**	.114***	.106***	.046***
	(.011)	(.018)	(.026)	(.029)	(.016)	(.020)	(.019)	(.026)	(.012)
Natural Gas	.003	.011	.003	.029**	005	.011	012*	008	.004
	(.004)	(.018)	(.013)	(.015)	(.006)	(.013)	(.007)	(.011)	(.004)
Conventional	.038***	.026	.084***	.075**	.081***	.094***	.087***	.012	.046***
Gas									
	(.010)	(.021)	(.028)	(.032)	(.014)	(.027)	(.018)	(.013)	(.011)
Diesel	.135***	.097**	.268***	.262***	.189***	.317***	.213***	.350***	.175***
	(.023)	(.048)	(.032)	(.072)	(.029)	(.050)	(.035)	(.046)	(.019)
Jet Fuel	.080***	.069	.035	.112*	.056*	.047	.054	.081*	.037**
	(.021)	(.047)	(.033)	(.058)	(.029*)	(.049)	(.036)	(.044)	(.018)
SMB	$2.37^{-4}$	.002**	.003***	.008***	$8.88^{-5}$	.010***	.001	.011***	$2.97^{-4}$
	$(3.97^{-4})$	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	$(3.68^{-4})$
HML	.001**	.001	.001	$2.75^{-4}$	.001*	.004***	-2.19 <sup>-4</sup>	.003***	.001*
	$(4.43^{-4})$	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	$(4.03^{-4})$
RMW	1.69 <sup>-4</sup>	$1.81^{-4}$	-	011***	$3.50^{-4}$	-	.001	002	.001
			.006***			.011***			
	$(6.11^{-4})$	(.001)	(.001)	(.002)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	(.002)	(.001)
CMA	.004***	.002	.001	.014***	.001	.002	003**	006***	.001*
	(.001)	(.002)	(.001)	(.002)	(.001)	(.002)	(.001)	(.002)	(.001)
MOM	002***	002**	-	009***	003***	-	-	003***	002***
			.009***			.008***	.001***		
	$(2.88^{-4})$	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	$(3.47^{-4})$	(.001)	$(3.94^{-4})$	(.001)	$(2.63^{-4})$

N	3,604	2,456	2,315	2,164	3,543	2,133	3,542	3,339	3,543
Log	10,398.07	5,225.61	5,239.09	4,406.87	9,377.15	4,829.04	7,883.77	6,434.94	10,265.63
Likelihood									
Wald	7,519.40	308.91	1,755.86	3,027.63	5,756.14	3,199.05	3,662.20	3,780.30	5,139.56

Source: See Table 2.

Notes: \*\*\* Significant at .01; \*\* Significant at .05; \* Significant at .10.

**Table 6, Exploration & Production GARCH Return Models, New York Stock Exchange** 

	Ovintiv	Permian	Pioneer	Range	Sandridge	Silverbow	SM Energy	Southwestern	Sun
		Basin							
		Trust							
Intercept	-3.18 <sup>-4</sup>	-6.71 <sup>-5</sup>	$4.78^{-5}$	$-2.29^{-4}$	002*	001	$1.30^{-4}$	001	.001***
	$(2.99^{-4})$	$(2.44^{-4})$	$(2.88^{-4})$	$(3.56^{-4})$	(.001)	(.001)	$(3.71^{-4})$	$(3.62^{-4})$	$(4.12^{-4})$
S & P 500	.778***	.401***	1.09***	.924***	1.12***	.700***	.954***	.946***	.571***
	(.030)	(.024)	(.026)	(.037)	(.115)	(.120)	(.039)	(.037)	(.051)
Brent	.104***	.100***	.067***	.040*	.245***	062	.187***	.006	.009
	(.013)	(.014)	(.010)	(.022)	(.037)	(.042)	(.021)	(.022)	(.019)
Natural Gas	.033***	.009	.010	.047***	.049***	.014	.040***	.072***	.015
	(.006)	(.006)	(.007)	(.007)	(.016)	(.022)	(.006)	(.007)	(.010)
Conventional Gas	.083***	.049***	.060***	.066***	.104***	.056	.082***	.072***	.036
	(.016)	(.013)	(.014)	(.020)	(.040)	(.049)	(.023)	(.020)	(.022)
Diesel	.194***	.158***	.247***	.216***	.365***	.413**	.254***	.170***	013
	(.025)	(.024)	(.026)	(.038)	(.121)	(.162)	(.035)	(.034)	(.048)
Jet Fuel	.120***	.012	.043*	.065*	214*	153	.107***	.087**	.022
	(.023)	(.024)	(.025)	(.035)	(.120)	(.155)	(.035)	(.037)	(.046)
SMB	.003***	.003***	.003**	.006***	.010***	.008***	.006***	.005***	001
	(.001)	$(4.17^{-4})$	(.005)	$(6.64^{-4})$	(.002)	(.002)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)
HML	.001	.003***	.004***	.003***	.004***	.001	.002***	.002***	003***
	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)
RMW	.001	.002***	$-2.54^{-4}$	.005***	011***	002	002*	.004***	001
	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	(.002)	(.003)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)
CMA	.002*	001	003***	006***	.002	.007**	001	006***	.005***
	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	(.003)	(.003)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)
MOM	-	.001***	001***	$-4.02^{-4}$	007***	007***	002***	002***	004***
	.003***								
	$(3.68^{-4})$	$(3.21^{-4})$	$(3.36^{-4})$	(.001)	(.001)	(.002)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)
N	3,543	3,543	3,543	3,543	965	904	3,543	3,543	1,978
Log Likelihood	8,748.48	9,503.77	9,165.60	8,267.09	1,997.70	1,783.73	7,797.13	8,094.03	5,126.18
Wald	5,292.69	2,268.35	10,161.91	2,067.29	4,705.68	299.01	2,907.25	2,280.29	315.67

Table 6, Exploration & Production GARCH Return Models, New York Stock Exchange

	Talos	Vaalco	W&T Offshore	WPX	YPF	Total
Intercept	001	-2.59 <sup>-4</sup>	-1.93 <sup>-4</sup>	.001	1.79-4	-4.93 <sup>-4</sup>
•	(.001)	(.001)	$(4.28^{-4})$	(.001)	$(3.24^{-4})$	(.001)
S & P 500	.828***	1.06***	1.08***	.565***	.522***	.903***
	(.095)	(.042)	(.034)	(.062)	(.033)	(.039)
Brent	.249***	.018	.156***	.279***	.104***	.086***
	(.048)	(.027)	(.022)	(.036)	(.015)	(.021)
Natural Gas	022	.011	.011	.020*	008	.014
	(.027)	(.012)	(.010)	(.010)	(800.)	(.009)
Conventional Gas	.026	.090***	.061**	.026	.028*	.057***
	(.051)	(.026)	(.024)	(.030)	(.015)	(.021)
Diesel	.240***	.234***	.341***	.201***	.171***	.215***
	(.082)	(.043)	(.040)	(.071)	(.028)	(.044)
Jet Fuel	.071	.079*	.063*	.096	029	.057
	(.061)	(.041)	(.035)	(.070)	(.029)	(.040)
SMB	.011***	.011***	.013***	.003**	.002***	.005***
	(.002)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)
HML	.004*	.001	.003***	-9.01 <sup>-5</sup>	001**	.002*
	(.002)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)
RMW	007**	001	-1.85 <sup>-4</sup>	-	001	001
				.009***		
	(.003)	(.001)	(.001)	(.002)	(.001)	(.001)
CMA	005	008***	008***	.010***	.003**	-1.93 <sup>-4</sup>
	(.004)	(.002)	(.001)	(.002)	(.001)	(.001)
MOM	007***	001	003***	-	$1.83^{-4}$	003***
				.006***		
	(.002)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)
N	569	3,543	3,543	2,170	3,543	
Log Likelihood	1,196.51	6,674.60	7,340.23	4,606.09	8,197.51	
Wald	1,706.92	2,052.24	4,757.48	1,625.82	839.55	

Source: See Table 2.

Table 7, Exploration & Production GARCH Return Models, National Association of Securities Dealers Automated Quotations

	Abraxas	APA	Centennial	Diamond Back	Epsilon	PDC	Penn Virginia	Total
Intercept	-1.66 <sup>-4</sup>	001**	-2.67 <sup>-4</sup>	.001	001**	.001	2.78 <sup>-4</sup>	-1.02 <sup>-4</sup>
-	(.001)	$(2.67^{-4})$	(.001)	$(4.33^{-4})$	(.001)	$(4.19^{-4})$	(.001)	.001
NASDAQ	1.04***	.852***	.889***	1.02***	.511***	1.05***	.756***	.874***
	(.044)	(.023)	(.103)	(.046)	(.045)	(.037)	(.074)	.053
Brent	.285***	.106***	.009	.004	.013	.006	.129***	.079***
	(.016)	(.015)	(.039)	(.012)	(.011)	(.007)	(.049)	.017
Natural Gas	.017	.013**	.005	003	.088***	.011	044*	.012
	(.013)	(.001)	(.024)	(800.)	(.007)	(.009)	(.023)	.008
Conventional Gas	.070***	.066***	.154***	.032***	.012	.008	010	.047***
	(.016)	(.014)	(.043)	(.012)	(.028)	(.009)	(.050)	.020
Diesel	.090***	.152***	.312***	.147***	.016	.381***	.333***	.204***
	(.026)	(.028)	(.118)	(.046)	(.067)	(.024)	(.125)	.055
Jet Fuel	.298***	.105***	033	.112***	.035	003	.059	.082*
	(.028)	(.027)	(.100)	(.039)	(.069)	(.018)	(.113)	.048
SMB	.009***	001**	.006***	.003***	.004***	.006***	.005***	.005***
	(.001)	(.001)	(.002)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	(.002)	.001
HML	.004***	.003***	.001	.006***	.003**	.005***	.004**	.004***
	(.001)	(.001)	(.002)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	(.002)	.001
RMW	008***	.001	007***	010***	.007***	005***	008***	004***
	(.002)	(.001)	(.002)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	(.003)	.001
CMA	.009***	.003***	.011***	.010***	006**	.003**	010***	.003**
	(.002)	(.001)	(.003)	(.002)	(.002)	(.001)	(.003)	.001
MOM	003***	003***	007***	006***	$2.67^{-4}$	003***	014***	005***
	(.001)	$(3.36^{-4})$	(.001)	(.001)	$(3.95^{-4})$	(.001)	(.002)	.001
N	3,361	3,544	1,085	2,023	3,179	3,543	934	
Log Likelihood	6,089.89	9,212.69	2.187.91	4,925.77	5,545.30	7,698.83	1,800.91	
Wald	5,310.35	5,114.40	935.86	2,217.54	1,175.91	3,803.24	1,044.00	

See Table 2.

 Table 8, Exploration & Production GARCH Return Models, American Stock Exchange

	Barnwell	Camber	Contango	Evolution	Evolve	Goodrich	Houston	Riley	Total
				Petroleum	Transition	Petroleum	American	Exploration	
Intercept	001*	3.06-4	-4.22 <sup>-4</sup>	.001	-3.07 <sup>-4</sup>	.001	.001	$5.65^{-5}$	2.04-4
_	(.001)	(.001)	$(4.16^{-4})$	$(3.79^{-4})$	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	$(6.32^{-4})$	(.001)
AMEX	.312***	1.13***	.830***	.671***	.496***	.785***	.899***	.466***	.699***
	(.048)	(.050)	(.043)	(.038)	(.058)	(.136)	(.069)	(.064)	(.054)
Brent	070***	.304***	046**	.106***	017	003	.050	.113***	.055***
	(.027)	(.016)	(.020)	(.019)	(.023)	(.004)	(.046)	(.033)	(.024)
Natural Gas	.025**	.013	.017**	009	.029***	.005	042	.017	.007
	(.013)	(.012)	(800.)	(.009)	(.011)	(.020)	(.025)	(.015)	(.014)
Conventional	003	.082***	.058***	.004	.040	.129***	008	-1.21 <sup>-4</sup>	.038
Gas									
	(.027)	(.016)	(.022)	(.018)	(.024)	(.044)	(.044)	(.037)	(.029)
Diesel	.391***	.075***	.526***	.153***	050	.106	.045	.190***	.180***
	(.036)	(.024)	(.024)	(.039)	(.048)	(.091)	(.082)	(.055)	(.050)
Jet Fuel	182***	.184***	216***	004	.138***	133**	.082	.096*	004
	(.044)	(.028)	(.038)	(.034)	(.048)	(.061)	(.081)	(.049)	(.048)
SMB	1.81 <sup>-4</sup> *	.011***	.007***	.010***	$3.70^{-4}$	.004**	.002	002	.004
	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	(.002)	(.002)	(.001)	(.025)
HML	002	.003***	.003***	.003***	.001	001	.006***	.002**	.002
	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	(.002)	(.002)	(.001)	(.002)
RMW	001	-	$-4.43^{-4}$	002**	004***	004	010***	007***	002
		.011***							
	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	(.002)	(.003)	(.003)	(.002)	(.002)
CMA	.001	.002	004**	003**	006***	$-2.72^{-6}$	007**	007***	003
	(.002)	(.002)	(.002)	(.001)	(.002)	(.003)	(.003)	(.002)	(.002)
MOM	003	-	001	.001	001	003*	$1.20^{-4}$	$1.67^{-4}$	001
		.003***							
	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	(.002)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)

N	3,544	3,361	3,543	3,544	3,435	919	3,543	3,542	
Log	6,288.35	6,103.03	7,380.07	7,974.99	6,127.60	1,863.26	4,996.25	5,578.96	
Likelihood									
Wald	4323.72	5,662.85	3,250.14	1,903.24	296.11	155.84	435.95	624.82	

Table 9, Equipment and Service GARCH Return Models, New York Stock Exchange

	Fluor	Halliburton	Helmerich	Nabors	National	New	Nextier	Precision	Schlumberger
			& Payne	Drilling	Oilwell	Park		Drilling	
					Varco				
Intercept	-1.02 <sup>-4</sup>	6.46 <sup>-5</sup>	.011***	-1.90 <sup>-4</sup>	-1.12 <sup>-4</sup>	.001	001	-1.92 <sup>-4</sup>	-2.94 <sup>-4</sup>
	$(2.08^{-4})$	$(2.51^{-4})$	(.004)	$(3.80^{-4})$	$(2.87^{-4})$	$(3.99^{-4})$	(.001)	$(4.08^{-4})$	$(2.01^{-4})$
S & P 500	1.24***	1.06***	.620**	1.13***	1.09***	1.18***	1.37***	.979***	1.04***
	(.027)	(.024)	(.027)	(.037)	(.030)	(.037)	(.093)	(.041)	(.019)
Brent	.120***	.094***	.052	.130***	.082***	.134***	.228	.181***	.083***
	(.015)	(.015)	(.140)	(.024)	(.015)	(.016)	(.030)	(.025)	(.013)
Natural Gas	.012***	.003	.009	.022***	.010	.009	.003	.010	.005
	(.004)	(.007)	(.102)	(800.)	(.007)	(.009)	(.018)	(.010)	(.004)
Conventional	-	.060***	073	.050**	.051***	.058***	087**	.055**	.070***
Gas	.031***								
	(.012)	(.013)	(.177)	(.021)	(.016)	(.019)	(.044)	(.022)	(.010)
Diesel	.032	.191***	160	.261***	.173***	.184***	.420***	.297***	.133***
	(.029)	(.026)	(.392)	(.033)	(.032)	(.034)	(.105)	(.041)	(.022)
Jet Fuel	.035	.044**	.411	.132***	.046	.001	.038	.106***	.026
	(.027)	(.023)	(.332)	(.032)	(.030)	(.029)	(.109)	(.039)	(.020)
SMB	.004***	.003***	$3.09^{-4}$	.005***	.003***	.015***	.014***	.006***	.002***
	$(4.19^{-4})$	(.001)	(.007)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	(.002)	(.001)	$(4.09^{-4})$
HML	.001	.002***	005	.002***	.004***	.005***	.002	.001	.003***
	(.001)	(.001)	(800.)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	(.002)	(.001)	$(4.42^{-4})$
RMW	-	$-1.11^{-4}$	.007	-	$3.24^{-4}$	.003***	013***	004***	$3.73^{-4}$
	.005***			.004***					
	(.001)	(.001)	(.011)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	(.003)	(.001)	(.001)
CMA	-	.001*	.035**	.002*	001	.002	.007**	.003*	.001
	.002***								
	(.001)	(.001)	(.015)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	(.004)	(.001)	(.001)

MOM	-2.27 <sup>-4</sup>	002***	004	-	-	002***	009***	005***	002***
				.003***	.002***				
	$(3.03^{-4})$	$(3.21^{-4})$	(.005)	(.001)	$(3.72^{-4})$	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	$(2.94^{-4})$
N	3,543	3,543	1,919	3,543	3,543	3,544	892	3,543	3,543
Log	9,104.04	9,515.86	840.03	8,012.75	9,108.01	7,695.87	1,871.92	7,870.76	10,222.60
Likelihood									
Wald	6,368.55	5,927.24	35.99	3,049.43	4,637.42	5,665.72	1,448.58	4,119.13	9,520.39

 Table 9, Equipment and Services GARCH Return Models, New York Stock Exchange

	TechnipFMC	Tidewaters	Total	NASDAQ	Baker	Patterson	Total
					Hughes	Drilling	
Intercept	7.67 <sup>-5</sup>	-4.82 <sup>-4</sup> *	.001		-1.19 <sup>-4</sup>	$-2.50^{-7}$	-5.96 <sup>-5</sup>
	$(2.81^{-4})$	$(2.71^{-4})$	(.001)		$(2.70^{-4})$	$(3.68^{-4})$	$(3.19^{-4})$
S & P 500	1.07***	.855***	1.66****		1.03***	1.11***	1.07***
	(.030)	(.029)	(.035)		(.026)	(.035)	(.031)
Brent	.080***	.032*	.104***		.038***	.113***	.076***
	(.016)	(.019)	(.018)		(.011)	(.020)	(.016)
Natural Gas	.001	.031*	.011		.009	.007	.008
	(.006)	(.019)	(.018)		(800.)	(.009)	(.009)
Conventional	.067***	011*	.033		.059***	.059***	.059***
Gas							
	(.015)	(.001)	(.033)		(.012)	(.021)	(.017)
Diesel	.134***	.079***	.145**		.151***	.253***	.202***
	(.030)	(.016)	(.072)		(.024)	(.039)	(.032)
Jet Fuel	.061**	.179***	.097***		.063***	.091**	.077***
	(.030)	(.038)	(.037)		(.021)	(.036)	(.029)
SMB	.005***	.005***	.006***		.003***	.005***	.004
	(.001)	(.001)	(.002)		(.005)	(.001)	(.003)
HML	.003***	.001*	.002		.003***	.004***	.004
	(.001)	(.001)	(.002)		(.001)	(.001)	(.002)
RMW	.001	.002**	$-8.41^{-4}$		.002**	$4.22^{-4}$	.001
	(.001)	(.001)	(.002)		(.001)	(.001)	(.001)
CMA	$2.30^{-4}$	003***	.004		.013***	001	.006***
	(.001)	(.001)	(.003)		(.001)	(.001)	(.001)
MOM	001**	002***	003***		001***	003***	002***
	$(3.74^{-4})$	$(3.79^{-4})$	(.001)		$(3.51^{-4})$	(.001)	(.001)
N	3,543	3,543			3,543	3,543	
Log	9,262.51	8,333.19			9,298.55	8,365.18	
Likelihood							
Wald	4,458.97	2,743.08			5,973.83	3,455.76	

**Table 10, Integrated GARCH Return Models, New York Stock Exchange** 

	British Petroleum	Chevron	Conoco Phillips	ENI	Enlink	Exxon
Intercept	-7.26 <sup>-5</sup>	-1.11 <sup>-5</sup>	4.54 <sup>-5</sup>	-2.40 <sup>-4</sup>	.003***	-2.15 <sup>-4</sup> *
-	$(1.81^{-4})$	$(1.49^{-4})$	$(1.82^{-4})$	$(1.84^{-4})$	$(2.86^{-4})$	$(1.24^{-4})$
S & P 500	.824***	.912***	.897***	.977***	1.03***	.867***
	(.015)	(.014)	(.019)	(.016)	(.032)	(.013)
Brent	.095***	.035***	.089***	.077***	.019	.025***
	(.010)	(.008)	(.010)	(.008)	(.018)	(.001)
Natural Gas	009***	.003	005	002	003	.005*
	(.003)	(.004)	(.005)	(.004)	(.008)	(.003)
Conventional Gas	.028***	.031***	.051***	.022**	002	.018***
	(.009)	(.007)	(.010)	(.001)	(.016)	(.006)
Diesel	.125***	.110***	.125***	.082***	.149***	.082***
	(.016)	(.014)	(.020)	(.017)	(.019)	(.013)
Jet Fuel	.014	.014	.046**	.034**	.199***	.018
	(.017)	(.013)	(.019)	(.015)	(.016)	(.011)
SMB	-2.94 <sup>-4</sup>	001***	-4.43 <sup>-4</sup>	$3.62^{-4}$	.009***	001***
	$(3.20^{-4})$	$(2.55^{-4})$	$(3.37^{-4})$	$(3.34^{-4})$	(.001)	$(2.36^{-4})$
HML	1.49 <sup>-4</sup>	.001***	.003***	.001***	.009	$2.37^{-4}$
	$(3.38^{-4})$	$(2.85^{-4})$	$(3.98^{-4})$	$(3.95^{-4})$	(.001)	$(2.42^{-4})$
RMW	-4.27 <sup>-4</sup>	.002***	.002***	001	003***	.003***
	$(4.18^{-4})$	$(3.67^{-4})$	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	$(3.49^{-4})$
CMA	.004***	.004***	.013***	.016***	017***	.014***
	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)
MOM	001***	001**	001**	001**	.002***	001***
	$(2.21^{-4})$	$(1.86^{-6})$	$(2.46^{-4})$	$(2.57^{-4})$	$(4.22^{-4})$	$(1.72^{-4})$
N	3,543	3,543	3,515	3,543	3,544	3,544
Log Likelihood	10,798.96	11,580.14	10,582.58	10,624.37	7,538.26	11,889.31
Wald	15,663.62	11,472.56	7,876.22	9,193.38	6,718.87	8,323.45

**Table 10, Integrated GARCH Return Models, New York Stock Exchange** 

	Hess	Murphy	Petrobras	Petro	Royal	Sinopec	Total SA	Total
		Oil		China	Dutch Shell	_		
Intercept	1.03 <sup>-4</sup>	4.26 <sup>-4</sup>	-2.80 <sup>-4</sup>	-4.49 <sup>-4</sup> **	-1.03 <sup>-4</sup>	-2.94 <sup>-5</sup>	-6.00 <sup>-5</sup>	1.63 <sup>-4</sup>
-	$(2.37^{-4})$	(.001)	$(3.06^{-4})$	$(2.26^{-4})$	$(1.63^{-4})$	$(2.43^{-4})$	$(1.70^{-4})$	$(2.65^{-4})$
S & P 500	1.11***	.945***	1.20***	.998***	.841***	.996***	.976***	.967***
	(.024)	(.022)	(.030)	(.022)	(.016)	(.020)	(.014)	(.020)
Brent	.087***	.105***	.092***	.052***	.037	001	.078***	.061***
	(.014)	(.015)	(.020)	(.012)	(.004)	(.011)	(.009)	(.011)
Natural Gas	.004	.002	013*	001	001	003	003	002
	(.006)	(.006)	(.007)	(.001)	(.004)	(.005)	(.003)	(.004)
Conventional	.071***	.062***	.063***	.009	.008	.015	.024***	.031***
Gas								
	(.013)	(.015)	(.017)	(.011)	(.006)	(.012)	(.008)	(.010)
Diesel	.212***	.152***	.104**	.110***	.205***	.085***	.103***	.127***
	(.024)	(.024)	(.041)	(.015)	(.012)	(.018)	(.016)	(.019)
Jet Fuel	.050**	.113***	.113***	.043***	007	.021	.027*	.053***
	(.024)	(.024)	(.040)	(.011)	(.010)	(.015)	(.015)	(.018)
SMB	.001**	.002***	.001	$2.61^{-5}$	$-2.87^{-4}$	$1.15^{-4}$	-1.56 <sup>-4</sup>	.001
	(.001)	$(4.04^{-4})$	(.001)	$(3.96^{-4})$	$(3.21^{-4})$	$(4.30^{-4})$	$(3.04^{-4})$	(.001)
HML	.002***	.003***	.001	.001	.001*	$2.58^{-4}$	.001***	.002***
	(.001)	$(3.92^{-4})$	(.001)	(.001)	$(3.64^{-4})$	$(4.79^{-4})$	$(3.44^{-4})$	(.001)
RMW	001	.001**	.003***	-1.34 <sup>-5</sup>	.001	002***	.001**	$4.28^{-4}$
	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)
CMA	.017***	.016***	$1.67^{-5}$	.001	.005***	.001	.003***	.006***
	(.001)	$(2.55^{-7})$	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)
MOM	003***	$-2.41^{-7}$	003***	002***	001***	002	001***	001***
	$(3.39^{-4})$	$(2.55^{-7})$	$(4.33^{-4})$	$(2.80^{-4})$	$(2.37^{-4})$	(.001)	$(2.30^{-4})$	$(3.10^{-4})$
N	3,543	3,543	3,604	3,543	3,543	3,544	3,543	
Log	9,502.25	9,314.49	8,497.81	9,909.62	10,918.11	9,665.63	11,033.58	
Likelihood								
Wald	6,881.94	7,908.50	5,141.71	5,942.00	7,376.27	4,113.52	13,249.01	

Table 11, Transportation & Pipeline GARCH Return Models, New York Stock Exchange

	Transportation & Pipeline									
	Cheniere (AMEX)	HES Midstrea m	Kinder Morgan	One OK	Prime Energy (NASDA Q)	TC Energy	TransGlob e Enegy	Western Midstrea m	Whitin g	Total
Intercept	.001** (3.30 <sup>-4</sup> )	2.52 <sup>-4</sup> (.001)	-5.84 <sup>-5</sup> (2.38 <sup>-4</sup> )	.001*** (1.70 <sup>-4</sup> )	.001	2.64 <sup>-4*</sup> (.002)	-4.41 <sup>-4</sup> (.001)	$2.39^{-4}$ $(3.50^{-4})$	4.24 <sup>-4</sup> (3.00 <sup>-4</sup> )	4.09 <sup>-4</sup> (.001)
S & P 500	.944***	.794***	.811**	.877***	.327***	.619***	.487***	.677***	1.26**	.755**
Brent	(.035) 015	(.062) .009	(.022) .020*	(.013) .044***	(.011) .100***	(.016) .042***	(.022) .207***	(.047) .030	(.027) .181** *	(.029) .069** *
Natural Gas	(.021) 002 (.007)	(.026) .020* (.011)	(.012) .008 (.005)	(.010) .015*** (.005)	(.027) 038*** (.012)	(.008) .001 (.004)	(.019) 005 (.011)	(.022) .019** (.008)	(.016) .002 (.008)	(.018) .002 (.008)
Convention al Gas	.040**	032	.018	.057***	051**	.015*	.071***	005	.105**	.024
Diesel	(.019) .116***	(.025) .014	(.015) .073** *	(.008) .056***	(.024) 058	(.008) .071***	(.021) .304***	(.018) .069	(.019) .270** *	(.017) .102** *
Jet Fuel	(.039) .053 (.040)	(.064) .099** (.047)	(.026) 004 (.030)	(.014) .028* (.015)	(.041) .175*** (.026)	(.015) .009 (.014)	(.044) 064 (.042)	(.042) .069* (.042)	(.038) .070** (.035)	(.036) .048 (.032)
SMB	.004***	.002*	.001	.002***	.001	-3.88 <sup>-4</sup>	.002***	.001	.006**	.002**
HML	(.001) .001 (.001)	(.001) 002* (.001)	(.001) .001* (.001)	(3.05 <sup>-4</sup> ) -3.35 <sup>-5</sup> (3.57 <sup>-4</sup> )	(.001) .005*** (.001)	(3.06 <sup>-4</sup> ) 001*** (3.11 <sup>-4</sup> )	(3.59 <sup>-4</sup> ) .003*** (.001)	(.001) .002* (.001)	(.001) .001 (.001)	(.001) .001 (.001)

RMW	009***	003**	-	.004***	.001	.001	.004***	003***	.001*	001
			.005**							
	(.001)	(.002)	(.001)	$(4.25^{-4})$	(.001)	$(4.40^{-4})$	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)
CMA	.001	.006***	.004**	.006***	-1.23 <sup>-4</sup>	.004***	005***	-1.12 <sup>-4</sup>	.008**	.001
	(.001)	(.002)	(.001)	(.001)	(.002)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)
MOM	001**	003**	.002**	4.09 <sup>-4</sup> *	002***	-2.14 <sup>-4</sup>	.019	004***	.002**	.001
	(.001)	(.001) 840	$(2.93^{-4})$	$(2.28^{-4})$	(.001)	$(2.16^{-4})$	(.076)	(.001) 1,925	(.001)	(.001)
N	3,543	2,097.12	2,435	3,543	3,543	3,543	3,543	4,897.10	3,543	
Log	7,820.07	493.50	7,189.1	10,134.7	7,022.36	11,125.5	7,512.46	840.01	7,374.5	
Likelihood			5	5		5			1	
Wald	1,714.72		6,677.7	10,901.3	806.00	4,735.79	$6.11^6$		7,138.3	
			8	1					0	

Table 12, Refining & Marketing GARCH Return Models, New York Stock Exchange

		Refining					
		&					
		Marketing					
	Delek	Holly	Marathon	PBF	Phillips	Valero	Total
		Frontier	Petroleum		66		
Intercept	$2.42^{-4}$	.001	$2.97^{-4}$	$1.45^{-4}$	$2.60^{-5}$	$3.77^{-4}$	$3.49^{-4}$
	$(4.04^{-4})$	$(3.49^{-4})$	$(3.76^{-4})$	(.001)	$(2.59^{-4})$	$(2.74^{-4})$	$(4.44^{-4})$
S & P 500	1.08***	.955***	1.05***	1.40***	1.06***	1.08***	1.10***
	(.038)	(.032)	(.034)	(.056)	(.025)	(.025)	(.035)
Brent	.026	.006	.044**	064**	.031**	.006	.008
	(.021)	(.020)	(.022)	(.031)	(.015)	(.026)	(.023)
Natural Gas	.004	007	017*	019	008	002	008
	(.010)	(.009)	(.009)	(.013)	(.006)	(.007)	(.009)
Conventional	.094***	.124***	.068***	.114***	.039***	.105***	.091***
Gas							
	(.019)	(.017)	(.015)	(.025)	(.011)	(.013)	(.017)
Diesel	.133**	.144***	.043	.172***	.066**	.090***	.108***
	(.034)	(.035)	(.041)	(.061)	(.027)	(.030)	(.038)
Jet Fuel	026	002	.020	020	-3.14 <sup>-4</sup>	011	007
	(.032)	(.033)	(.040)	(.061)	(.023)	(.027)	(.036)
SMB	.008***	.005***	.003***	.006***	.002***	.004***	.005***
	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)
HML	.003***	.003***	.005***	.005***	.002***	.004***	.004***
	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)
RMW	001	.002*	001	.003*	001	.002**	.001
	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	(.002)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)
CMA	002	003**	003*	.013***	.004***	-	.001
						.005***	
	(.001)	(.001)	(.002)	(.002)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)
MOM	$-2.04^{-4}$	$1.79^{-4}$	001**	002**	-	.001	001
					.001***		

	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	$(4.03^{-4})$	$(3.91^{-4})$	(.001)
	3,543						
N	7,981.78	3,543	2,285	1,922	2,088	3,543	
Log	2,406.29	8,505.70	5,885.42	4,317.49	6,129.65	9,291.37	
Likelihood							
Wald		2,593.60	2,583.44	1,542.43	3,459.27	3,836.38	

Second, commodity markets also reflect project risk and are positively related to oil and gas excess commodity returns that are smaller than equity risk. The physically closer firms are to resource extraction, the greater their commodity risk and returns are associated with firm value (Table 13). Across sectors, Brent North Sea crude risk is highest for equipment & services, followed by exploration & production, transportation & pipelines, integrated, and refining & marketing, indicating that markets assess the greatest project risk to upstream producers (Carson, 2022). Commodity market risk is related to how frequently new oil production equipment is updated and replaced, and commodity market risk is highest for equipment & service firms that must continuously update new oil and gas equipment to remain competitive, and closer proximity to oil extraction is associated with equipment & service firms. Competition between exploration & production and integrated firms to maintain the most recent technologies and continuous equipment upgrading is risky with each new extraction technology. Integrated firms also bear less project risk because they are more liquid, with greater access to credit to survive during down markets. Downstream firms are not as exposed to commodity project risk. For example, refineries & marketers are furthest removed from oil and gas extraction, however, still have high return variation with equity markets, which is related to their position in the supply chain. Transportation & pipelines and refining & marketing firm returns vary less because their compensation is based on units transported and refined, which are not as directly tied to oil and gas prices. As is well-known in the oil and gas industry, natural gas is mostly a by-product of crude production and does not drive firm returns (Carson, 2020; Carson, 2022). Failing to account for statistically significant commodity risk with single factor model may also lead to biased and inconsistent single-price oil and gas asset models.

The ratio of equity to commodity coefficients illustrates how equity and commodity markets allocate risk across sectors. The ratio of equity to commodity project risk is highest for downstream refining & marketing, followed by integrated, transportation & pipeline, exploration & production, and equipment & service. Similar to the ratio of equity to crude risk, equity and distillate markets price the greatest diesel to crude risk for refining & marketing, exploration & production, and integrated; however, the ratio of diesel to oil risk is highest for equipment & services compared to transportation & pipeline. Consequently, refining & marketing has the highest ratio of equity to commodity risk, while firms physically closer to oil and gas production have lower yet still significant return ratios.

Third, oil and gas producer returns are positively related to distillates refined from crude, and across the oil and gas industry, diesel is the leading fuel derivative for individual firm returns. As a fuel, diesel has the lowest relative risk (Table 1). Most of crude oil is refined into conventional gas used in the transportation sector. While at the margins, diesel remains a smaller portion of the oil and gas industry, the relatively small proportion has a larger marginal effect between fuel distillates and firm returns. Furthermore, diesel commodity market risk is greatest for upstream exploration & production and equipment & service firms. Integrated firm returns are related to diesel commodity risk, while transportation & pipeline firms are less exposed to diesel risk. Downstream refining & marketing is more sensitivity to conventional gas returns than upstream firms, and refining & marketing firm returns and risk are more sensitive to conventional gas. After controlling for equity, crude oil, and diesel return variation, only equipment & services and integrated firms are related to jet fuel. Refining & marketing firms' isks are greater because they purchase crude to be refined into gasoline and other distillates that

are asymmetrically delivered to consumer markets, and downstream refining & marketing have greater project risk and higher returns associated with refined conventual gas.

Other patterns are consistent with expectations. A firm's size effect measures investment returns on market value, and resource allocation to smaller firms may provide higher risk adjusted returns. While the size effect is positively related to firm size, equity markets positively price oil and gas returns with equipment & service, exploration & production, and refining & marketing, while transportation & pipelines, and the overall size effect for integrated firms do not affect firm returns. However, while positive across the industry, the size effect is small compared to equity, commodity, and distillate market risk. High-minus-low, the value premium in oil and gas firm return variation with book-to-market, does not affect all firms across the industry. Refining & marketing are the most affected by the value effect, while transportation & pipeline and equipment & services are not related to the value effect. Like the size effect, the value effect is small across the oil and gas industry.

Oil and gas producer returns are not related to robust-minus-weak, indicating that oil and gas returns are not systematically related to the difference in returns with firm profitability.

Integrated and equipment & service firms are the only oil and gas sectors related to conservative-minus-aggressive and the only sector of the oil and gas industry systematically related to the difference between firms with low and high investment policies. Conservative firms have low investment policies, while aggressive firms show a higher degree of investment policies, and integrated firms are the only sector where low investment policies consistently exceed that of higher degrees of investment policies.

Jenson's alpha is a portfolio's average return above that predicted by a pricing model and is a measure for market efficiency and Jensen's alpha is the most widely used measure of fund

performance (BKM, 2018, p. 819). Superior performance requires a positive alpha. Markets are more efficient the closer Jensen's alpha is to zero (Fama and French, 2015, p. 3). Around 80.1 percent of exploration & production intercepts were zero and insignificant, 86.7 percent of equipment & services; 76.9 percent of Integrated intercepts are zero and insignificant. 100 percent of refining & marketing have zero Jenson's alpha, while 77.8 percent of transportation & pipeline are zero. Nonetheless, in the equity market, the further a firm's operation is from production, transportation & pipeline and integrated, the less efficient the sector, while refining & marketing firms are efficiently priced (Carson, 2022). Subsequently, equity markets may more efficiently price upstream exploration & production and equipment & service firms that are closest to oil extraction, whereas further downstream transportation & pipeline and refining & marketing firms may be less efficiently priced.

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While the relationship between firm returns and natural gas are small across sectors, markets price firm returns according to process and infrastructure specialization between crude and natural gas. For example, Cabot historically specializes in natural gas and has a higher rate of return from natural gas, whereas Cimirex specializes in crude has a higher return from Brent. Firms merge for market power or infrastructure (FTC, 1982, p. 72), and Cabot and Cimirex, recognizing their comparative infrastructure and technological advantages in natural gas and crude, announced a merge in May 2021 to form the new company Coterra Energy to combine assets in supply chain activities to increase returns and diversification.<sup>7</sup>

**Table 13, Oil and Gas Industry Sector Comparison** 

	Exploration &	Equipment	Transportation	Refining &	Integrated
	Production	& Services	& Pipeline	Marketing	O
Intercept	-1.04 <sup>-5</sup>	.001	4.09 <sup>-4</sup>	3.49 <sup>-4</sup>	1.63 <sup>-4</sup>
-	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	$(4.44^{-4})$	$(2.65^{-4})$
<b>Equity Index</b>	.871***	1.07***	.755***	1.10***	.967***
	(.042)	(.035)	(.029)	(.035)	(.020)
Brent	.081***	.090***	.069***	.008	.061***
	(.021)	(.018)	(.018)	(.023)	(.011)
Natural Gas	.014	.009	.002	008	002
	(.009)	(.017)	(800.)	(.009)	(.004)
Conventional	.053***	.046*	.024	.091***	.031***
Gas					
	(.025)	(.025)	(.017)	(.017)	(.010)
Diesel	.215***	.173***	.102***	.108***	.127***
	(.043)	(.052)	(.036)	(.038)	(.019)
Jet Fuel	.051	.087***	.048	007	.053***
	(.043)	(.033)	(.032)	(.036)	(.018)
SMB	.005***	.005**	.002	.005***	.001
	(.001)	(.002)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)
HML	.002*	.003*	.001	.004***	.002***
	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)
RMW	002	$1.85^{-4}$	001	.001	$4.28^{-4}$
	(.001)	(.002)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)
CMA	$1.13^{-6}$	.005***	.001	.001	.006***
	(.002)	(.002)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)
MOM	003***	002***	.001	001	001***
	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	(.001)	$(3.10^{-4})$

Source: See Tables 2 through 12.

Table 14, Summary of Oil and Gas Industry Structure and Returns

	Exploration & Production	Equipment & Services	Integrated	Transportation & Pipeline	Refining & Marketing
Number of	57	15	13	9	6
Firms					
Average	2,917.78	3,33.15	3,434.27	2,997.80	2,315.00
Days in					
Operation					
Average	.000181	000021	.000373	.000475	.000173
Daily					
Expected					
Returns	0.4.60.1	02.4202	025224	00.6600	020147
Average	.04691	.034202	.025234	.036682	.039147
Return Standard					
Deviation Deviation					
Sharpe Ratio	.005796	000610	.0152	.0133	.0100
Average $\hat{\alpha}$	-1.04 <sup>-4</sup>	.001	1.63 <sup>-4</sup>	$4.09^{-4}$	$3.5^{-4}$
Average A	.871***	1.07***	.967***	.755***	1.10***
$\hat{eta}_{S\&P}$	.071	1.07	.507	.755	1.10
^	.081***	.090***	.061***	.069***	.008
Average $\hat{\beta}_{Oil}$					
Average	.001	.009	002	.002	008
$\hat{eta}_{\scriptscriptstyle NaturalGas}$					
Average	.053**	.046*	.031***	.024	.091***
$\hat{eta}_{ extit{Conventional Gas}}$					
Average	.209***	.173**	.127***	.102***	.108***
$\hat{eta}_{\scriptscriptstyle Diesel}$					
Average	.051	.087	.053***	.048	007
$\hat{eta}_{ extit{Jet Fuel}}$					

Source: See Table 2-12.

Notes: \*\*\* Significant at .01; \*\* Significant at .05; \* Significant at .10.

Tables 13 and 14 summarize the US oil and gas industry and market risk assessment across the industry. There are more publicly traded upstream exploration & production firms, with less time in the industry. Integrated firms have the greatest time in the industry, while firms in the concentrated transportation & pipeline and refining & marketing have shorter industry

duration; however, this is influenced by Marathon Petroleum and PBF. Marathon Petroleum is a subsidiary of Marathon Oil, and PBF is a combination between ExxonMobil and Royal Dutch Shell refineries.

Markets measure project risk, and upstream firms have greater average equity returns than downstream transportation & pipeline and refining & marketing firms (Tables 13 and 14). Upstream producers are also closer to commodity market risk, and exploration & production and equipment & service commodity market risk is greater than downstream transportation & pipeline and refining & marketing. For the most part, conventional gas refining is related to downstream refining & marketing. Across the industry, firm returns are highly related to refined diesel, followed by jet fuels, and average natural gas return variation does not affect firm return variation. Subsequently, oil and gas return variation are highly related to proximity to upstream midstream, and downstream production, and diesel is the leading distillate in oil and gas return variation.

# V. Collective Equity and Commodity Risks across the Oil and Gas Industry

Oil and gas returns independently vary with respect to equity and commodity market risk. However, firm returns also collectivity vary with respect to equity and commodity market risk. Tables 15 and 16 present firm restrictions and returns for both collective equity and commodity market restriction returns. Oil and gas excess returns are individually and collectively related to both equity and commodity market returns.

**Table 15, Equity Market Multiple Restriction Tests** 

Exploration				Equipment &			
& Production				Services			
NYSE						TC Energy	1,766.20
Amplify	838.63	Pioneer	2,596.51	Fluor	3,408.05	Western Midstream	363.60
Antero	800.47	Range Sandridge	974.48 392.80	Halliburton Helmerich &	2,520.13 2,213.50	Whiting	2,704.98
				Payne			
Bonanza Creek	467.82	Silverbow	134.24	Nabors Drilling	1,352.92	Refining & Marketing	
Cabot		SM Energy	943.76	National Oilwell Varco	1,999.34	Delek	1,434.59
Callon	2,332.71	Southwestern	1,080.51	New Park	3,683.91	Holly Frontier	1,161.67
Canadian Natural Resources	2,668.76	Sun	198.03	Nextier	527.02	Marathon Petroleum	1,517.42
Cimarex	1,843.43	Talos	310.58	Precision Drilling	1,166.23	PBF	852.34
Cimarex	1,843.43	Vaalco	1,094.89	Schlumberger	3,920.81	Par Pacific	282.78
Comstock	852.01	Vermillion	1,342.79	TechnipFMC	1,899.88	Phillips 66	2,056.49
Concho	1,754.83	W &T Offshore	2,233.63	Tidewater	1,346.10	Targa Resources	638.49
Continental	1,491.58	WPX	253.09	Baker Hughes	2,435.05	Valero	2,423.47
Crescent	665.39	YPF	349.88	Patterson	1,603.18		
Point				Drilling (NASD)			
Cross Timbers	223.26	NASDAQ		Integrated			
CVR	1,305.16	Abraxas	1,489.61	BP	3,526.99		

Devon EcoPetrol         2,318.30 biamond Back         257.57 biamond Back         ConocoPhillips A,552.93         3,202.55           Enerplus Enerplus I,276.58 Epsilon EOG 2,146.13 PDC EQT I,650.24 Penn Virginia Equinor Campark Geopark I37.31 Barnwell Camber I,373.31 Barnwell Camber I,865.01 Royal Dutch Shell	Delek		APA	1,903.26	Chevron	6,076.49
EcoPetrol   848.32   Diamond Back   1,216.06   ENI   4,552.93		2,318.30				,
Enerplus	EcoPetrol	*				•
EOG         2,146.13         PDC         2,317.67         Hess         2,627.96           EQT         1,650.24         Penn         341.61         Murphy Oil         2,454.40           Equinor         2,464.60         AMEX         Petrobras         2,020.08           Geopark         137.31         Barnwell         Petro China         2,988.97           Camber         1,865.01         Royal Dutch         3,551.50           Shell         Shell         Shell           Kosmos         684.81         Contango         718.22         Sinopec         2,738.82           Laredo         609.64         Evolution         1,023.51         Total         5,217.57           Petroleum         Petroleum         Petroleum         American         American         American           Matador         1,074.00         Goodrich         76.06         Cheniere         1,100.66           Northern         1,410.31         Houston         290.24         HES Midstream         176.89           Oil & Gas         American         Nobel         Kinder Morgan         2,092.55           Ovintiv         1,167.53         Frime Energy         145.04           Permian         540.21         Tran	_				_	
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Shell	Geopark	137.31	Barnwell		Petro China	2,988.97
Shell	-		Camber	1,865.01	Royal Dutch	3,551.50
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Source: See Tables 2 through 12.

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Antero	800.47	Range Sandridge	974.48 392.80	Halliburton Helmerich &	2,520.13 2,213.50	Whiting	2,704.98
				Payne			
Bonanza Creek	467.82	Silverbow	134.24	Nabors Drilling	1,352.92	Refining & Marketing	
Cabot		SM Energy	943.76	National Oilwell Varco	1,999.34	Delek	1,434.59
Callon	2,332.71	Southwestern	1,080.51	New Park	3,683.91	Holly Frontier	1,161.67
Canadian Natural Resources	2,668.76	Sun	198.03	Nextier	527.02	Marathon Petroleum	1,517.42
Cimarex	1,843.43	Talos	310.58	Precision Drilling	1,166.23	PBF	852.34
Cimarex	1,843.43	Vaalco	1,094.89	Schlumberger	3,920.81	Par Pacific	282.78
Comstock	852.01	Vermillion	1,342.79	TechnipFMC	1,899.88	Phillips 66	2,056.49
Concho	1,754.83	W &T Offshore	2,233.63	Tidewater	1,346.10	Targa Resources	638.49
Continental	1,491.58	WPX	253.09	Baker Hughes	2,435.05	Valero	2,423.47
Crescent	665.39	YPF	349.88	Patterson	1,603.18		
Point				Drilling (NASD)			
Cross Timbers	223.26	NASDAQ		Integrated			
CVR	1,305.16	Abraxas	1,489.61	BP	3,526.99		

Delek		APA	1,903.26	Chevron	6,076.49
Devon	2,318.30	Centennial	257.57	ConocoPhillips	3,202.55
<b>EcoPetrol</b>	848.32	Diamond	1,216.06	ENI	4,552.93
		Back			
Enerplus	1,276.58	Epsilon	401.42	Exxon	5,536.86
EOG	2,146.13	PDC	2,317.67	Hess	2,627.96
EQT	1,650.24	Penn	341.61	Murphy Oil	2,454.40
		Virginia			
Equinor	2,464.60	AMEX		Petrobras	2,020.08
Geopark	137.31	Barnwell		Petro China	2,988.97
		Camber	1,865.01	Royal Dutch	3,551.50
				Shell	
Kosmos	684.81	Contango	718.22	Sinopec	2,738.82
Laredo	609.64	Evolution	1,023.51	Total	5,217.57
Petroleum		Petroleum			
Marathon	2,602.17	Evolve	143.44	Transportation	
Oil		Transition		& Pipelines	
Matador	1,074.00	Goodrich	76.06	Cheniere	1,100.66
		Petroleum			
Northern	1,410.31	Houston	290.24	HES Midstream	176.89
Oil & Gas		American			
Nobel	1,603.36	Riley	108.08		
		Exploration			
Occidental	2,660.94			Kinder Morgan	2,092.55
Ovintiv	1,167.53			Prime Energy	145.04
Permian	540.21			One OK	7,768.92
Basin Trust					
Permian	540.21			TransGlobe	793.11
Basin Trust					

Source: See Tables 2 through 12.

## VI. Conclusion

Across various oil and gas sectors, a primary concern is equity, commodity, and distillate market interaction to price risk. This study compares oil and gas firm returns by upstream, midstream, and downstream producers between 2000 and 2020. Equity, commodity, and distillate markets positively price firm return, and equity market risk is greater than commodity market risk. Moreover, equity and commodity markets price greater risk for upstream compared to mid and downstream producers. Across sectors, oil and gas producer returns positively price returns with distillates, and diesel is the leading distillate associated with firm returns across the oil and gas industry. The small proportion of oil and gas production devoted to diesel has a greater marginal effect on firm returns, and diesel has the greatest firm return coefficients, second only to equity market coefficients. Failing to account for commodity market risk also creates biased and inconsistent single-price oil and gas models. Firm returns across sectors are not related to natural gas, and equity and commodity markets may be more efficiently priced the closer they are to production. In sum, firm value is sensitive to physical infrastructure, project risk, and proximity to oil and gas production, and risk and market conditions vary throughout the oil and gas industry.

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