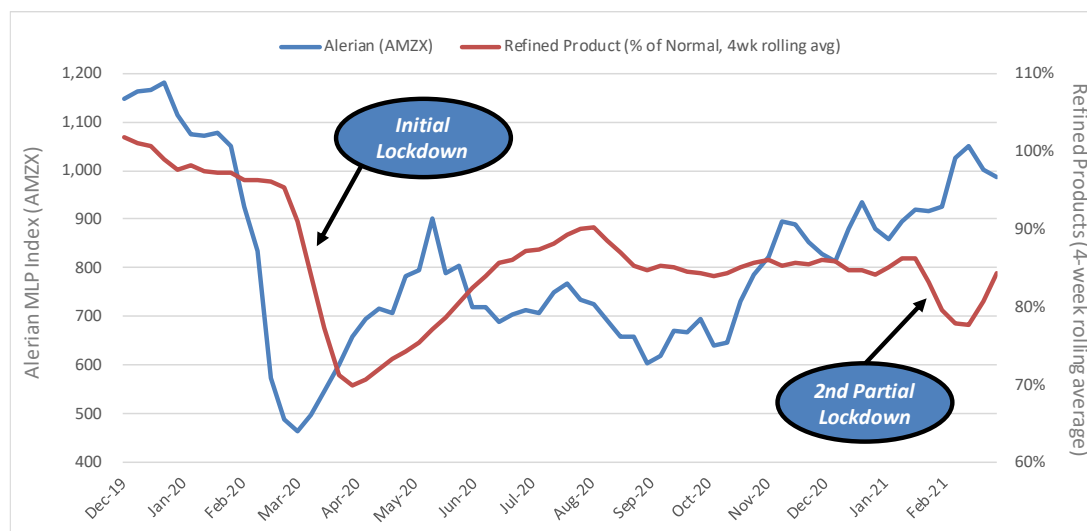


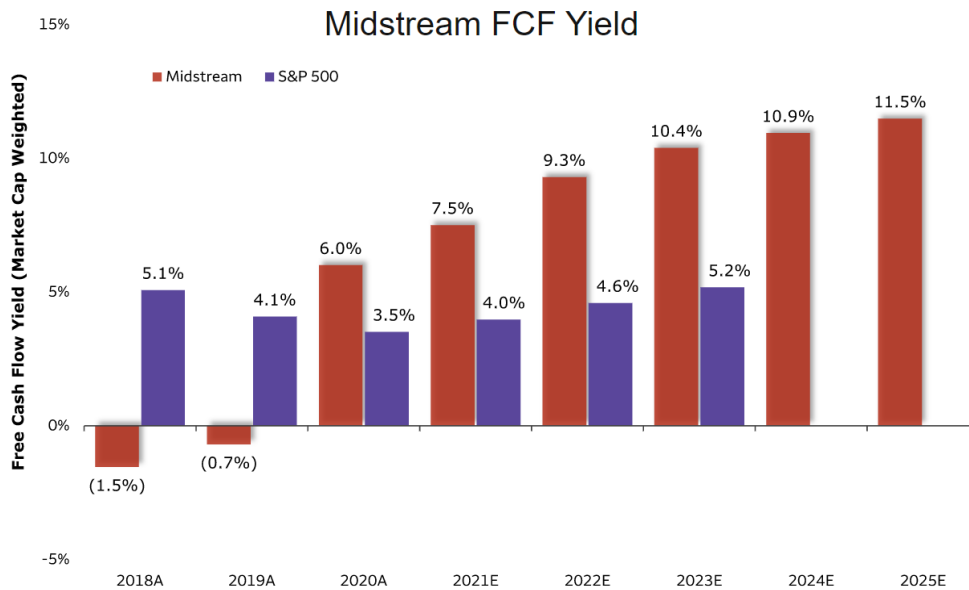
**The Great Re-Opening Continues And Investors Are Noticing**

While we debate the long-term outlook the stock and energy markets are being looked at through a short-term lens. The trauma experienced from Covid-19 remains embedded in our fabric, as evidenced by refined product demand that still tracks below pre-pandemic levels. We believe there are two compelling stories to tell as it relates to Midstream. The first is the re-opening of trade, which as vaccine penetration continues to expand should help refined product demand make that final push back to normal. The market appears to have begun to price in normalization as the partial lockdowns in January-February 2021 were largely met with indifference. As shown below, the initial lockdown in February-March 2020 crashed the Alerian MLP Index, whereas the second lockdown did not appear to slow the Alerian’s MLP recovery. We recognize the second lockdown was partial and not total, though price performance suggests investors did not panic. It is increasingly clear investors are confident in both the improvements in Covid-19 treatment and vaccine distribution. Either way, Covid-19 isn’t the market killer it was in early-2020.



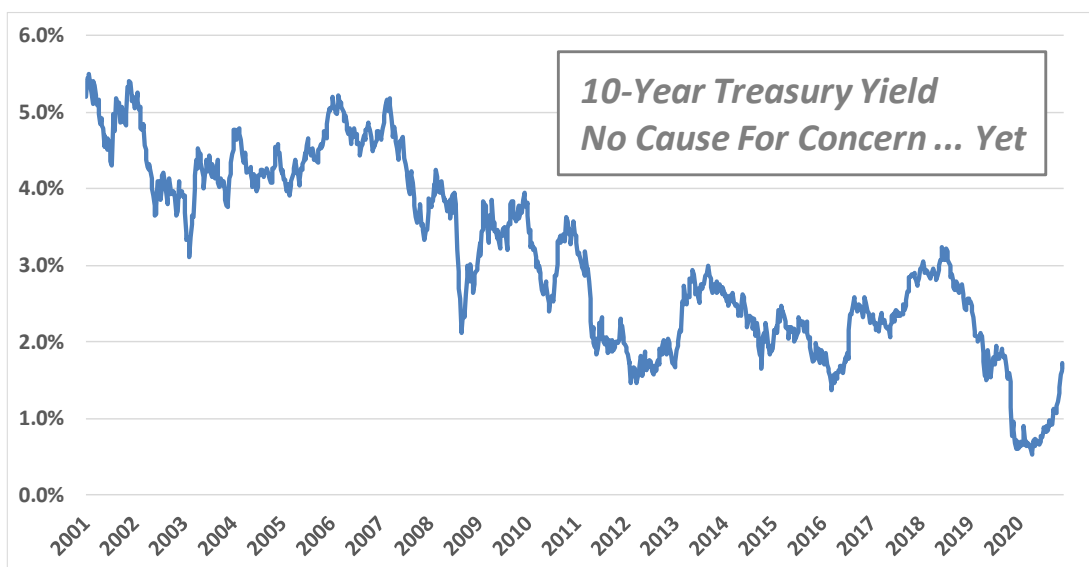
Sources: Bloomberg, Department of Energy (DOE)

The second highly compelling story predates the pandemic. The market is gaining confidence in Midstream’s ability to generate large amounts of free cash flow. This free cash flow provides visibility on de-leveraging and share buybacks, and that is attracting generalist interest. It goes beyond this though. Management teams are more disciplined, and there is less fear that a company will make an ill-advised acquisition or pursue an unnecessary growth project. This is helping calm fears the energy infrastructure overbuild will weigh on the sector for years to come. It’s true that volumes are slated to decline in some instances and contract renegotiations will be difficult, but analyst models are still generating massive free cash flow in spite of these negative catalysts.



Sources: Wells Fargo

These positive trends are also coinciding with rising interest rates. To be clear, rising interest rates are rarely good for investors, though they seem to be less bad for those with stable cash flows. Midstream is in a place where it may benefit from a rise in interest rates (to some degree). Looking around at the rest of the market there are whole sectors where stock valuations have far exceeded their ability to grow. As interest rates rise, the present value of future cash flows declines quickly and a reckoning (or at least a correction) is occurring for the 2020 high-flyers. We believe this is another reason why our companies are gaining momentum, as long as rising interest rates don't spiral out of control.



Sources: Bloomberg

## **Outlook & Positioning**

As we head further into 2021, our portfolio priorities are:

- own stable, predictable cash flows capable of **benefitting from improving economic activity**
- focus on **free cash flow generation**
- **strong contractual counter party exposure**, with emphasis on investment grade debt ratings
- own **vertically integrated assets** that touch the molecule from the well head to the consumer
- **select higher beta exposures** (e.g. PAA, TRGP, WES)
- continue to participate in the **growing demand for renewable power**

We continue to focus on the research and portfolio execution effort and are in constant dialogue with industry experts and management teams. We continue to believe oil and natural gas will play a major and increasing role in the global economy, and owing to healthier balance sheets, higher coverage, and heightened discipline are optimistic about the long-term viability of Midstream as a sector.

*Economic conditions remain highly uncertain and there is no guarantee that these opinions or forecasts will come to pass.*

Important Risk Disclosures:

*Investors should carefully consider the investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses of the Eagle MLP Strategy Fund. This and other important information about the Fund is contained in the prospectus, which can be obtained by calling 1-888-868-9501 or visiting [www.eaglemlpfund.com](http://www.eaglemlpfund.com). The prospectus should be read carefully before investing. The Eagle MLP Strategy Fund is distributed by Northern Lights Distributors, LLC member FINRA/SIPC. This is an actively managed dynamic portfolio. There is no guarantee that any investment (or this investment) will achieve its objectives, goals, generate positive returns, or avoid losses. The information provided should not be considered tax advice. Please consult your tax advisor for further information. Eagle Global Advisors, Princeton Fund Advisors, LLC and Northern Lights Distributors, LLC are not affiliated.*

*A master limited partnership (MLP) is a limited partnership that is publicly traded on a securities exchange. It combines the tax benefits of a limited partnership with the liquidity of publicly traded securities. To qualify for MLP status, a partnership must generate at least 90 percent of its income from what the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) deems "qualifying" sources, generally relating to the production, processing or transportation of natural resources, such as oil and natural gas.*

*The Alerian MLP Index is a composite of the 50 most prominent energy master limited partnerships calculated by Standard & Poor's using a float-adjusted market capitalization methodology.*

*The Alerian Midstream Energy Index is a broad-based composite of North American energy infrastructure companies.*

*The S&P 500 Index is a capitalization-weighted index that measures the performance of 500 U.S. large-capitalization domestic stocks representing all major industries.*

*The Barclays Capital U.S. Aggregate Index provides a measure of the performance of the U.S. investment grade bonds market.*

*Enterprise Value-to-EBITDA is a multiple used to determine the value of a company. It shows the value of a company based on a multiple of earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA).*

*Price-to-Distributable Cash Flow is a valuation ratio calculated by dividing a company's current stock price by its distributable cash flow per share.*

*Standard Deviation is a statistical measurement of volatility risk based on historical returns.*

Risk Factors:

*Credit Risk: There is a risk that note issuers will not make payments on securities held by the Fund, resulting in losses to the Fund. In addition, the credit quality of securities held by the Fund may be lowered if an issuer's financial condition changes.*

*Distribution Policy Risk: The Fund's distribution policy is not designed to guarantee distributions that equal a fixed percentage of the Fund's current net asset value per share. Shareholders receiving periodic payments from the Fund may be under the impression that they are receiving net profits. However, all or a portion of a distribution may consist of a return of capital (i.e. from your original investment). Shareholders should not assume that the source of a distribution from the Fund is net profit. Shareholders should note that return of capital will reduce the tax basis of their shares and potentially increase the taxable gain, if any, upon disposition of their shares.*

*ETN Risk: ETNs are subject to administrative and other expenses, which will be indirectly paid by the Fund. Each ETN is subject to specific risks, depending on the nature of the ETN. ETNs are subject to default risks. Foreign Investment Risk: Investing in notes of foreign issuers involves risks not typically associated with U.S. investments, including adverse political, social and economic developments, less liquidity, greater volatility, less developed or less efficient trading markets, political instability and differing auditing and legal standards.*

*Interest Rate Risk: Typically, a rise in interest rates can cause a decline in the value of notes and MLPs owned by the Fund.*

*Liquidity Risk: Liquidity risk exists when particular investments of the Fund would be difficult to purchase or sell, possibly preventing the Fund from selling such illiquid securities at an advantageous time or price, or possibly requiring the Fund to dispose of other investments at unfavorable times or prices in order to satisfy its obligations.*

*Management Risk: Eagle's judgments about the attractiveness, value and potential appreciation of particular asset classes and securities in which the Fund invests may prove to be incorrect and may not produce the desired results. Additionally, Princeton's judgments about the potential performance of the Fund's investment portfolio, within the Fund's investment policies and risk parameters, may prove incorrect and may not produce the desired results.*

*Market Risk: Overall securities market risks may affect the value of individual instruments in which the Fund invests. Factors such as domestic and foreign economic growth and market conditions, interest rate levels, and political events affect the securities markets.*

*MLP Risk: Investments in MLPs involve risks different from those of investing in common stock including risks related to limited control and limited rights to vote on matters affecting the MLP, risks related to potential conflicts of interest between the MLP and the MLP's general partner, cash flow risks, dilution risks and risks related to the general partner's limited call right. MLPs are generally considered interest-rate sensitive investments. During periods of interest rate volatility, these investments may not provide attractive returns. Depending on the state of interest rates in general, the use of MLPs could enhance or harm the overall performance of the Fund.*

*MLP Tax Risk: MLPs, typically, do not pay U.S. federal income tax at the partnership level. Instead, each partner is allocated a share of the partnership's income, gains, losses, deductions and expenses. A change in current tax law or in the underlying business mix of a given MLP could result in an MLP being treated as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes, which would result in such MLP being required to pay U.S. federal income tax on its taxable income. The classification of an MLP as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes would have the effect of reducing the amount of cash available for distribution by the MLP. Thus, if any of the MLPs owned by the Fund were treated as corporations for U.S. federal income tax purposes, it could result in a reduction of the value of your investment in the Fund and lower income, as compared to an MLP that is not taxed as a corporation.*

*Energy Related Risk: The Fund focuses its investments in the energy infrastructure sector, through MLP securities. Because of its focus in this sector, the performance of the Fund is tied closely to and affected by developments in the energy sector, such as the possibility that government regulation will negatively impact companies in this sector. Energy infrastructure entities are subject to the risks specific to the industry they serve including, but not limited to, the following: Fluctuations in commodity prices; Reduced volumes of natural gas or other energy commodities available for transporting, processing, storing or distributing; New construction risk and acquisition risk which can limit potential growth; A sustained reduced demand for crude oil, natural gas and refined petroleum products resulting from a recession or an increase in market price or higher taxes; Depletion of the natural gas reserves or other commodities if not replaced; Changes in the regulatory environment; Extreme weather; Rising interest rates which could result in a higher cost of capital and drive investors into other investment opportunities; and Threats of attack by terrorists.*

*Non-Diversification Risk: As a non-diversified fund, the Fund may invest more than 5% of its total assets in the securities of one or more issuers. Small and Medium Capitalization Company Risk: The value of a small or medium capitalization company securities may be subject to more abrupt or erratic market movements than those of larger, more established companies or the market averages in general. Structured Note Risk: MLP-related structured notes involve tracking risk, issuer default risk and may involve leverage risk. Mutual Funds involve risk including possible loss of principal.*

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