



Tortoise North American Pipeline Fund (TPYP)



Tortoise North American Pipeline Fund received a Five-Star Overall Morningstar Rating™ among 87 Energy Limited Partnership Funds (based on a weighted average of the fund's three-, five- and ten-year risk-adjusted return measure, if applicable) as of 12/31/2020.

4Q 2020 QUARTERLY COMMENTARY

The Tortoise North American Pipeline Fund is an exchange traded fund that uses a passive management approach and seeks to track the total return performance of the Tortoise North American Pipeline IndexSM.

Tortoise provides research-driven indices that can be used as a realistic basis for exchange-traded products and thought leadership in the universe of essential assets. Its indices are intended to fill a void in the market and provide benchmarks and investable asset class universes for use by investment professionals, research analysts and industry executives to analyze relative performance as well as to provide a basis for passively managed exchange-traded products.

The broader energy sector, as represented by the S&P Energy Select Sector® Index, had a strong fourth quarter returning 28.3%, bringing the 2020 return to -32.8%. Energy markets and prices experienced significant volatility throughout 2020 driven by the uncertainty around energy demand due to COVID-19, concerns over an oversupplied global oil market in April and ultimately experienced a recovery in latter part of 2020. Looking ahead to 2021, all eyes will be focused on energy demand and the subsequent rollout of COVID-19 vaccinations. Pfizer and Moderna's November announcements of positive data regarding their vaccines for COVID-19 led to a stock market surge, with beaten down energy companies leading the charge, along with commodities such as crude oil. With the growing belief in vaccine success and visibility to significantly improved economic activity, 2021 energy demand growth could exceed anything ever seen on a year-over-year basis.

Energy update

Midstream energy also had a strong fourth quarter with the Tortoise North American Pipeline IndexSM returning 17.6%, bringing the 2020 return to -20.9%.

During the quarter, midstream earnings were strong, highlighting resilient cash flows and the essential nature of the assets that midstream businesses operate. During the quarter, most companies beat expectations and raised their 2020 EBITDA outlook. Compared to initial COVID-19 EBITDA downward revisions of 8%-10%, midstream EBITDA, guidance is now expected to be down just 4% in 2020. The other clear theme from the earnings season was the continued shift towards free cash flow generation. Improved visibility to cash flow from operations coupled with progress in optimizing capital expenditures, operating costs, and selling, general and administrative (SG&A) expenses should lead to growing free cash flow. The resulting rise over the next several years, should produce a free cash flow yield meaningfully higher than the S&P 500.

While continuing to pay out very high dividend yields, we are advocating midstream companies to utilize stock buybacks to create their own flows and help turn the tide on stock performance. During the quarter, buybacks came fast and furious. In early October, Targa Resources Corp. (TRGP) announced a \$500 million stock buyback program. MPLX LP (MPLX) and Plains All American LP (PAA) followed suit, announcing significant buyback programs for \$1 billion and \$500 million, respectively. In total, 10 midstream companies announced share buyback programs in 2020, including six during the fourth quarter.

2020 also ushered in continued questions about midstream energy's role in an energy transition environment. During the year, oil majors Royal Dutch Shell PLC (RDS.A) and BP PLC (BP) openly discussed a shifting view and path forward around renewable energy. The European Union (EU) moved further towards renewables and 7 of the 10 largest economies stated their intention to have net-zero emissions by 2050. While the energy transition will take time to play out, midstream management teams openly discussed the role their companies could play in such a transition. Pipeline infrastructure, for example, could be repurposed to transport hydrogen. As the world continues to demand more energy and less carbon, we are encouraged midstream companies are viewing energy transition opportunistically.

While the 2020 presidential election created headline risks for the energy sector, we believe the consensus path forward for the Biden Administration will focus on getting Americans back to work with supportive policies versus policies aimed at opposing the oil and gas industry or destroying jobs. The predominant theme around Biden's energy plan.

Top 10 holdings (as of 12/31/2020)

1. Enbridge Inc.	7.5%
2. Kinder Morgan, Inc.	7.4%
3. TC Energy Corporation	7.1%
4. The Williams Companies, Inc.	7.1%
5. Enterprise Products Partners L.P.	6.8%
6. ONEOK, Inc.	5.0%
7. Cheniere Energy, Inc.	4.2%
8. NiSource Inc.	4.2%
9. Atmos Energy Corporation	4.1%
10. Energy Transfer LP	4.0%

Key quarterly asset performance drivers

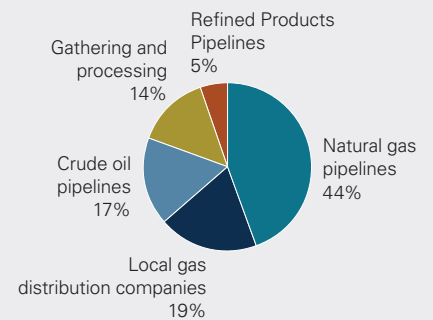
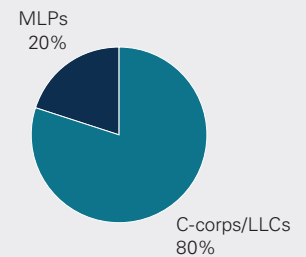
- The fund's large allocation to natural gas pipeline companies, in particular ONEOK, Inc., added the most to positive performance
- Exposure to gathering & processing companies was additive to performance driven by expectations for economic recovery
- The fund's allocation to refined product pipeline companies added positive performance, but not as much as other segments

Top five contributors

ONEOK, Inc
Targa Resources Group
Enterprise Products Partners L.P.
Pembina Pipeline Corp.
Cheniere Energy Inc.

Bottom five contributors

TC Energy Corporation
Equitrans Midstream Corporation
Southwest Gas Corporation
PBF Logistics LP
Delek Logistics Partners LP

Portfolio* as of 12/31/2020
By pipeline type

By structure type


Due to rounding, totals may not equal 100%.

*Portfolio composition is subject to change due to ongoing management of the fund. References to specific securities or sectors should not be construed as a recommendation by the fund or its adviser.

Performance (as of 12/31/2020)

	4Q 2020	1 year	3 year	5 year	Since inception ¹
TPYP market price (total return)	17.24%	-20.98%	-4.69%	4.45%	-2.04%
TPYP NAV (total return)	17.23%	-20.82%	-4.59%	4.06%	-2.04%
Tortoise North American Pipeline Index SM (TNAPT)	17.62%	-20.94%	-4.25%	4.58%	-1.56%

Source: Bloomberg for TNAPT

¹The fund commenced operations on 6/29/2015.

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As stated in the Prospectus, the total annual operating expenses are 0.40%. The advisor has agreed to pay all expenses incurred by the fund except for the advisory fee, interest, taxes, brokerage expenses and other fees, charges, taxes, levies or expenses (such as stamp taxes) incurred in connection with the execution of portfolio transactions or in connection with creation and redemption transactions.

Index returns are for illustrative purposes only. Unlike the fund return, index return is pre-expenses and taxes. Index performance returns do not reflect any management fees, transaction costs or expenses.

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The fund's investment objective, risks, charges and expenses must be considered carefully before investing. The summary and statutory prospectus contains this and other important information about the fund and may be obtained by calling 844-TR-INDEX (844-874-6339) or visiting www.TortoiseEcofin.com. Read it carefully before investing.

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EBITDA, or earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization, is a measure of a company's overall financial performance.

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