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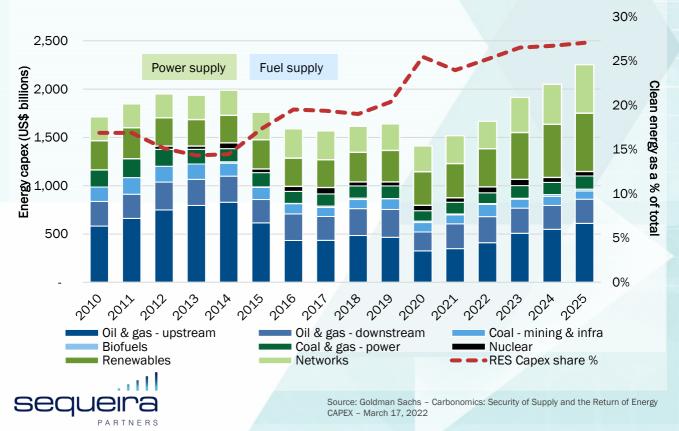
Oilfield Services and Industrials Deep Dive 2022 | Q1 Report

## **Energy Market Sentiment**

A lot has happened over the course of the first quarter of 2022 with many notable events, none of which overshadow the Russian invasion of Ukraine which began at the end of February. The unfortunate actions being taken by Russia continue to result in unnecessary geopolitical instability and notably the loss of lives.

While we've been saying it in these parts of Canada for quite some time, the reliance on energy from unpredictable rogue states is a factor that's often been overlooked in the discussion on energy and transitioning to greener sources. While the move towards environmentally friendlier energy infrastructure continues, governments are beginning to realize the necessity of balance. It's never been more evident then in these last few months that the energy transition will take place over decades, not years, and will require thoughtful dialogue on balancing energy security and reliance with environmental targets, that need to be ambitious while still being achievable.

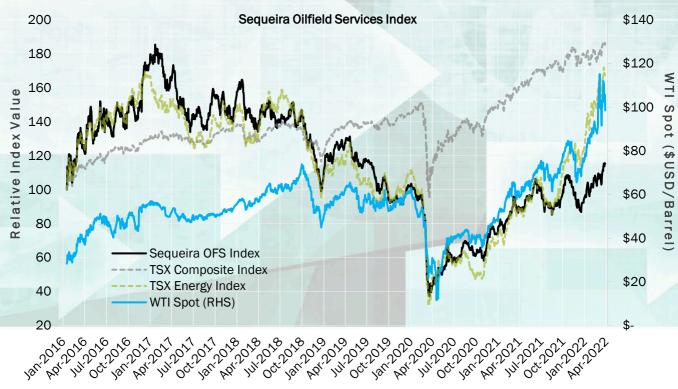
In a recent Goldman Sachs research report on the energy transition, they've highlighted that the focus on energy security will drive a new era for energy investments with the energy industry expecting to experience a revival in investments to support both the globe's rising energy needs and a more affordable and inclusive energy transition. Within hydrocarbons, investments in natural gas and LNG are expected to increase.



## Market Overview

Sequeira's OFS index tracks publicly listed Canadian Oilfield Service companies throughout the year. Investor sentiment for OFS companies represented by our index along with Canadian operators represented by the TSX Energy Index have both increased notably year over year by 31% and 91%, respectively. While any investor should be happy with those types of returns, investors became increasingly bullish towards operators (represented by the TSX Energy Index) versus oilfield service stocks. It's not surprising as we've seen strong pricing for both crude and natural gas, but muted levels of activity relative to similar pricing environments.

We anticipate that pricing will continue to remain strong over the course of 2022, which should result in greater upside for both operators and especially oilfield service companies, who are well overdue to start asking for price increases from operators.





## **Energy Service and Industrial Transactions**

While commodity pricing has been remarkably strong over the course of the last 3 months and we expect it to remain that way, we haven't yet seen that translate into a ramp-up in M&A activity for oilfield service companies. That said, it feels like we could be on the precipice of a strong market for deals in the space. Rigs continue to go back to work, companies are adjusting to a strong labour market and supply chain challenges, and, in general, it finally feels like there are tailwinds in the energy sector to support a strong outlook for earnings.

While we haven't yet seen the ramp-up in deals within OFS, we're engaging in more conversations with prospects interested in planning to sell their business and buyers that are showing an increasing keenness in deploying capital back into the space. As the market digests the current environment, we anticipate an increase in deals over the course of 2022 and into 20223.



#### Q1 2022 vs 2021 Industry Activity<sup>(1)</sup>



This past quarter (Q1 2022) saw 105 disclosed transactions in the industrials and oilfield services sector with either a Canadian target or buyer. That represented a modest decline from the previous quarter (Q4 2021) which saw 115 transactions and a similar level to the comparative quarter from the prior year (Q1 2021) which saw 107 transactions. Of the 105 transactions this quarter, 12% were in the oilfield services sector versus 7% in Q4 2021, and 17% in Q1 2021.



## **Buyer Profile**

#### Industrial & OFS Transactions By Buyer Location(1)

Buyer Location	Q1 2022 (Count)	Q1 2022 (%)	Q1 2021 (Count)	Q1 2021 (%)
Western Canada	26	25%	31	29%
Eastern Canada	51	48%	61	57%
USA	22	21%	13	12%
International	6	6%	2	2%
Total	105	100%	107	100%

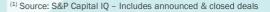
Consistent with historical trends, domestic parties continue to be the largest acquirer of Canadianbased businesses. However, US-based buyer activity grew for both the number and percentage of transactions. This is a trend we've observed in recent engagements as well.

#### By Buyer Type(1)

Strategics continue to remain the dominant acquirer in Q1 2022, looking to make acquisitions as a means of growth. We anticipate financial buyers will begin to show greater appetite going forward.

Buyer Type	Q1 2022	Q1 2021
Strategic	57%	71%
Financial	9%	6%
Financial Backed Strategic	34%	23%





### Commodity Pricing and Analyst Forecasts

Q1 2022 began with WTI and WCS trading at \$75.85 and \$62.48 USD and have increased dramatically since the year began. The strong pricing momentum that first began in early 2021 continued into 2022 as concerns around possible shutdowns from Omicron subsided. The momentum quickly kicked into overdrive with the aforementioned invasion of Ukraine by Russia lead to a series of sanctions against Russia, pushing prices to closing day highs of \$115.21 and \$111.00 USD in mid-March, prices not seen in nearly 10 years. Prices have since softened, largely due in part to signs of weaker demand from China due to a strict covid policy and consequently shutdowns of large city centers. Continued geopolitical instability and the hesitancy of OPEC members and key producers to boost production will continue to foster price volatility.

Our view is that we will continue to see a strong pricing environment for crude over the course of 2022 and likely 2023 as underinvestment in meaningful new production comes to the forefront as demand returns to its normal course pattern of continued increases for hydrocarbons.

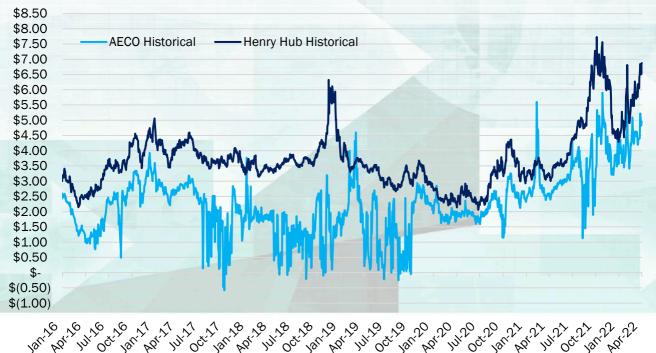




### Commodity Pricing and Analyst Forecasts

The name of the game with natural gas prices continues to be volatility supported by strong underlying fundamentals. Pricing was heavily influenced by overseas markets, notably robust LNG demand in Europe as that part of the world grapples with finding alternative gas supplies outside of relying on Russia. Prices rose throughout the quarter pushing towards the recent highs seen during Q4 2021. With a philosophical shift from energy sustainability to energy security and affordability, natural gas is now considered an important element of the energy transition. Given its ability to displace more carbon intensive energy sources such as coal, we anticipate that demand for natural gas and LNG will continue to outpace the growth in demand for any other fossil fuel.

With the expectation of increased demand, there's reinvigorated talk of additional LNG projects off the coast of British Columbia as well as the possible commissioning of the phase 2 expansion of LNG Canada.





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## Team Update



Building on the momentum of 2021 we continue to enhance the strength and depth of our team, adding a new member to Sequeira Partners in our Vancouver office. Welcome to the team Robyn!

Robyn Katz Vancouver

## **Recently Completed Transactions**







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