

### **Topics Covered in Today's Presentation**

- Recap of 2018
- Impact of Shale Revolution
- Update on Midstream Industry
- Outlook for 2019

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## Midstream Market: Recap of 2018

It was a very active year for the midstream industry, with most of the news flow driven by a handful of key themes:

- Strong operating environment
  - Record volumes of oil, natural gas and NGLS
- Record earnings for the sector
- Trend of simplifications accelerated during 2018
  - More than 30 transactions have occurred over the last four years
- Investors demanding energy companies focus on shareholder returns

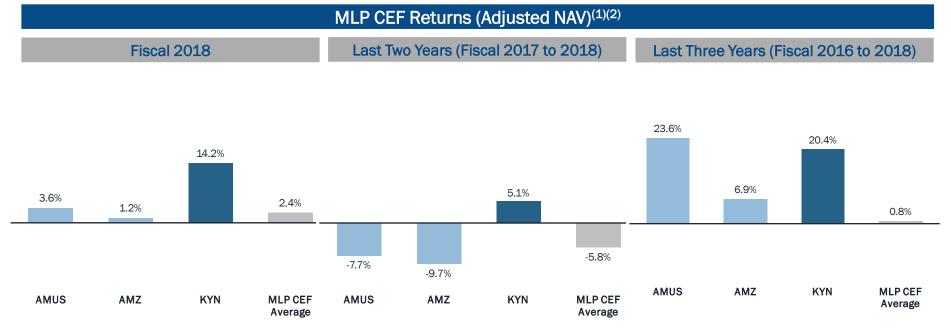
Our outlook for the next few years is positive. Midstream companies are attractively valued and well positioned to generate strong returns.

## Kayne Closed-End Funds: Recap of 2018

- While fiscal 2018 had its share of challenges, we accomplished several important things during the year
  - Completed CEF mergers, delivering meaningful cost savings to investors
  - Moved to monthly distributions, providing more frequent income stream to investors
  - Performed well on a relative basis, with KYN up for the year and KMF down modestly
- KYN and KMF's net distributable income (NDI) has been negatively impacted by recent simplification transactions
  - Goal is to pay a distribution that is supported by the fund's NDI
  - Reduced distributions at both funds in December
  - Will revisit distribution on an annual basis and provide guidance for the next 12 months
- Our funds are well positioned to deal with the current environment
  - Leverage ratios near target levels, which provides a cushion against the impact of stock price declines
  - Our investment process is focused on delivering attractive returns over multi-year periods

## **KYN Performance**

- KYN was the best performing MLP CEF for the fiscal year (total NAV return of 14.2%)
  - Peer MLP CEFs had an average total NAV return of 2.4%
  - AMZ's total return was 1.2%
- KYN is also the top performing MLP CEF over the last two and three years
  - Total return of 5.1% for the last two years
  - Total return of 20.4% for the last three years



Note: MLP CEF average is comprised of 12 closed-end funds whose structure, investment strategies and objectives, in the opinion of KAFA, most closely

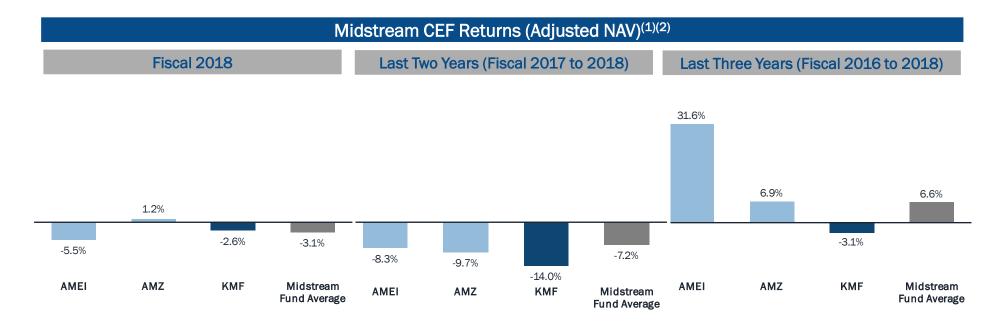
resemble that of KYN. Performance data quoted represents past performance; past performance does not guarantee future results.

<sup>(1)</sup> Total Return reflects adjusted NAV return defined as NAV plus reinvested dividends paid during the period, divided by NAV at the beginning of the period.

<sup>(2)</sup> Returns for the Alerian US Midstream Energy Index (AMUS) and the Alerian MLP Index (AMZ) are total returns.

### **KMF** Performance

- KMF's total NAV return was negative 2.6%
  - Outperformed peer Midstream CEFs during fiscal 2018 (average return of negative 3.1%)
- KMF's discount to NAV significantly widened over the year, ending fiscal 2018 at a discount of 12.8%
  - To the extent the discount remains greater than 10%, we will review the merits of a stock buyback program with the Board of Directors



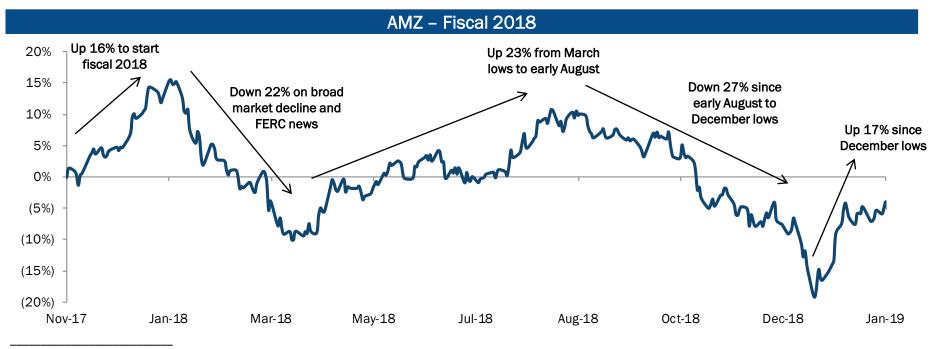
Note: Midstream CEF average is comprised of 7 closed-end funds whose structure, investment strategies and objectives, in the opinion of KAFA, most closely resemble that of KMF. Performance data quoted represents past performance; past performance does not guarantee future results.

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## 2018: Midstream Index Returns

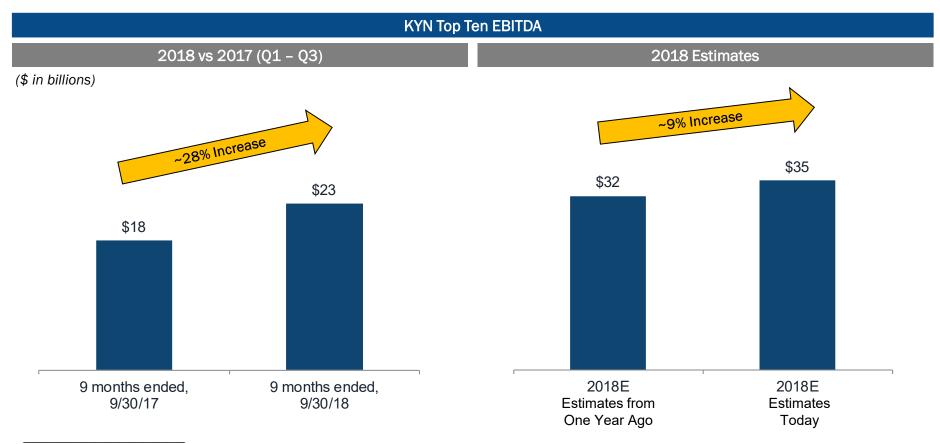
- It has been a bit of a rollercoaster in the midstream space for the last year
  - Fiscal 2018 started off on a very good note, only to be derailed by broader market volatility and the FERC news
  - A steady recovery in the spring and summer was overshadowed in the early fall by concerns about a Colorado ballot initiative, simplification transactions and weakness in crude oil prices
  - Record results during Q3 for the sector were more than offset by lower crude prices and broader market jitters
- Things have stabilized since late December with the AMZ up 17% from its lows



Note: Market data as of January 31, 2019.

### 2018: Midstream Financial Results

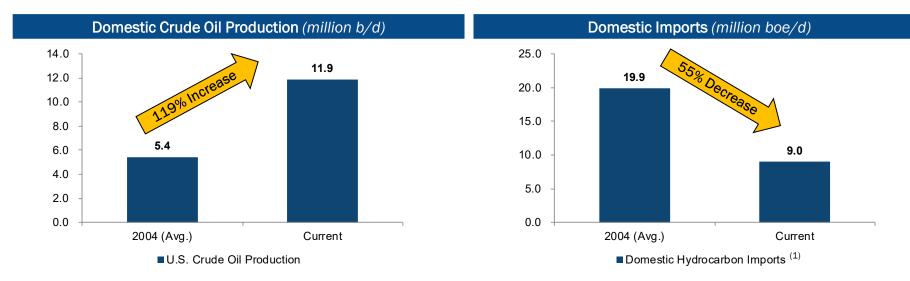
- The year is shaping up to be a record year for the midstream sector
  - Year-to-date results for KYN's top 10 positions are nearly 30% better than 2017



(1) Based on KYN's top ten holdings. Estimates are FactSet consensus as of February 4, 2019 unless otherwise indicated.

### Impact of the Shale Revolution

- KYN went public in late 2004 when the Shale Revolution was very much in its infancy
- The best way to illustrate how much things have changed since 2004 is domestic production levels
  - Crude oil production has grown by more than 100% and America is the largest oil producer in the world
  - Stats for domestic natural gas and NGL production are equally as impressive
- The Midstream industry has been instrumental in enabling this production growth
- Along the way, the U.S. has switched from being reliant on imports to an increasingly important exporter of energy-related commodities

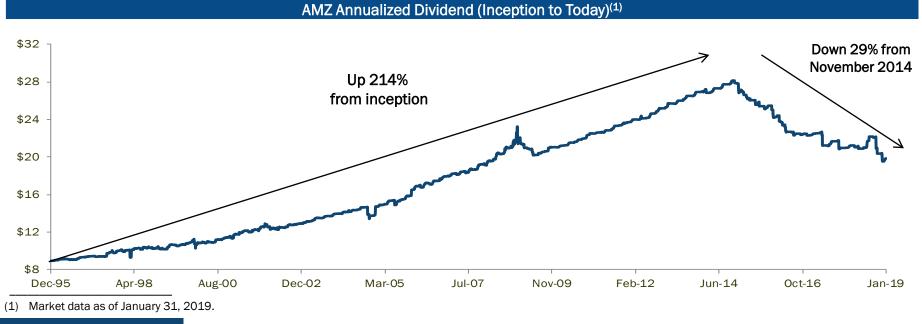


Source: EIA data as of January 31, 2019.

(1) Includes crude oil, natural gas, refined products and natural gas liquids.

### Impact of Simplification Transactions

- Simplification transactions between MLPs and Midstream Companies is the most impactful industry trend over last few years
  - Over 30 MLPs have pursued simplification transactions since 2014
- Sector positive: eliminated incentive distribution rights ("IDRs") for vast majority of MLPs and created better GP/LP economic alignment
- Sector negative: most transactions were accomplished by the lower-yielding entity purchasing the higher-yielding entity, resulting in "back-door" distribution cuts for the unitholders of the acquired MLP
- Today's companies are much healthier with stronger balance sheets and higher distribution coverage ratios



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### What's Next for the Energy Industry?

- Domestic production has skyrocketed over the last fifteen years, but often that hasn't translated into attractive returns for energy investors
  - Investors are demanding that things change
- The energy industry is being asked to focus on capital efficiency and return on capital metrics
  - Shift away from "growth at all cost" mindset
- Investor's push to improve shareholder returns (often at the expense of growth rates) should also:
  - Make activity levels more sustainable
  - Help stabilize commodity prices
  - Dampen the industry's "boom and bust" cycles
- Midstream companies are responding to investors demands
  - Simplification transactions have eliminated IDRs and resulted in better alignment of interests
  - Higher coverage ratios and lower leverage ratios enable companies to self finance growth projects
- Tremendous progress has been made thus far, but more work remains
  - Improved governance and capital discipline will continue to be two key areas of focus

# 2019 Outlook

### Our outlook for the midstream industry over the next few years is very positive

- Companies are attractively valued
  - Do not think current valuations reflect recent operational/financial results
- Continued domestic production growth should lead to further improvement in financial results during 2019
  - Expect E&P companies will moderate spending levels this year, but still forecast production growth
  - Believe crude prices in the mid \$50 per barrel area is a "sweet spot" for the industry (production growth is not too slow, not too fast)
- Sector's transformation is largely complete all the material simplification transactions have already been announced
- Companies are well positioned to deal with lower commodity prices leverage levels are lower and coverage ratios are higher

KYN Portfolio Statistics<sup>(1)</sup>

Metric	Statistic	Comments
EV/EBITDA	11.5x	Roughly in-line with utilities and S&P 500
Current Yield	7.1%	Yield spreads to the 10-yr US Treasury bond are much higher than historical averages
Distribution Coverage Ratio	1.4x	Coverage ratios are much higher than 2013-2014 timeframe (1.0-1.1x area)
Debt/EBITDA	4.1x	Over 50% of KYN's portfolio investments are investment grade rated entities

<sup>(1)</sup> Portfolio statistics as of January 31, 2019; statistics based on weighted average.

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