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The world oil outlook

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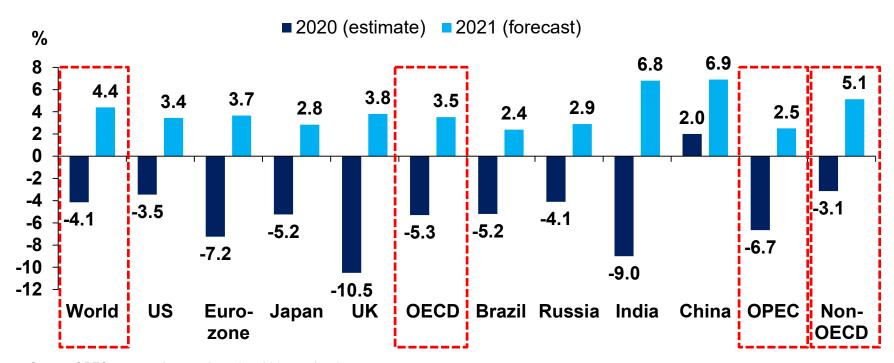


Short-term outlook
 (Based on January 2021 Monthly Oil Market Report)

Medium- and long-term outlook

World economy is expected to recover in 2021



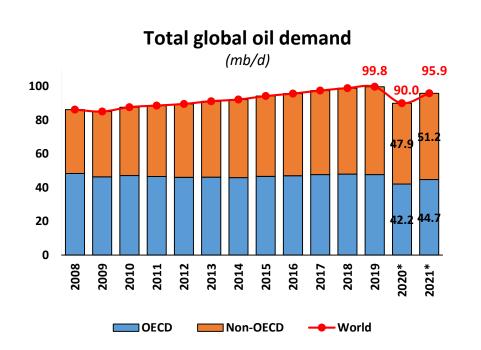


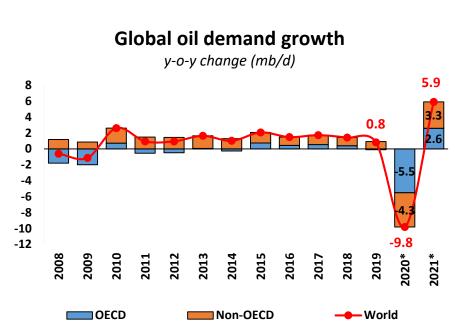
Source: OPEC, aggregations are based on 2017 ppp levels.

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Steady oil demand growth in the decade pre-2020







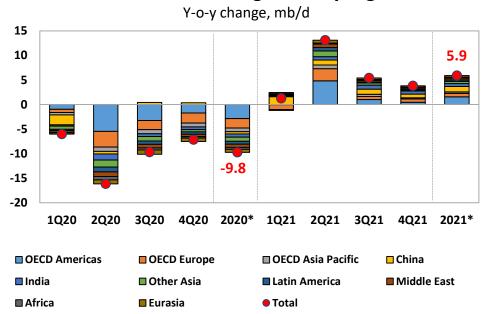
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2021 oil demand to grow by 5.9 mb/d, but uncertainties remain high



World oil demand growth by region



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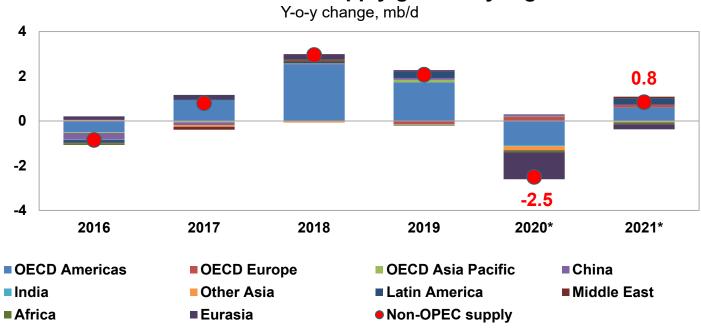
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- Losses in transportation fuels accounted for more than 70% of last year's decline
- Total world oil demand foreseen at 90.0 mb/d in 2020 and 95.9 mb/d in 2021
- Historical low baseline and strong economic recovery is estimated to support consumption potential in 2021
- Uncertainties are high and clouding the outlook particularly to issues related to COVID-19 development

Non-OPEC supply to grow by 0.8 b/d in 2021



Non-OPEC annual supply growth by region

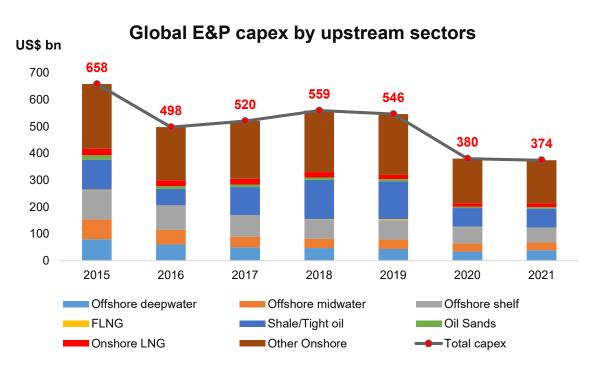


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Upstream spending down by 30% in 2020, y-o-y





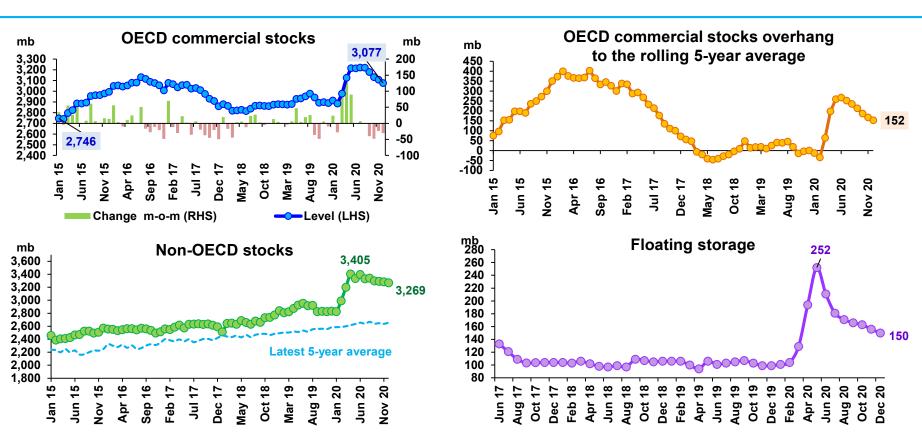
- Market volatility and demand uncertainty negatively impacted spending in 2020
- The sharper decline in capex was observed in shale tight oil sector, down by around half in 2020
- Financial discipline is expected to continue into 2021

Sources: OPEC and Rystad Energy.

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Huge build in global oil stocks is in decline





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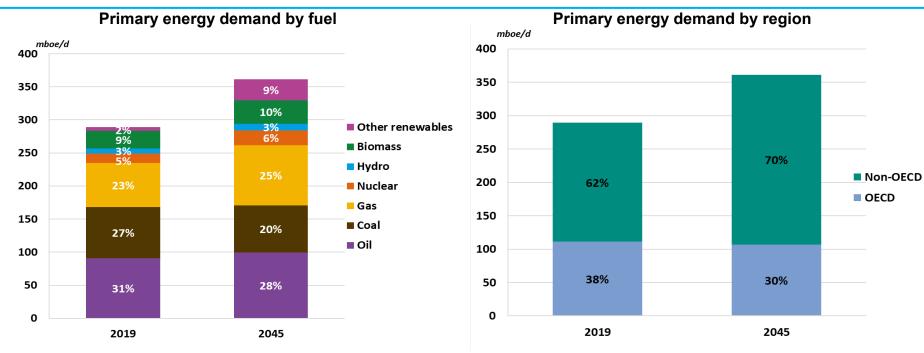


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Medium- and long-term outlook

All energy sources needed to meet future demand, fuel economic growth, and eradicate energy poverty





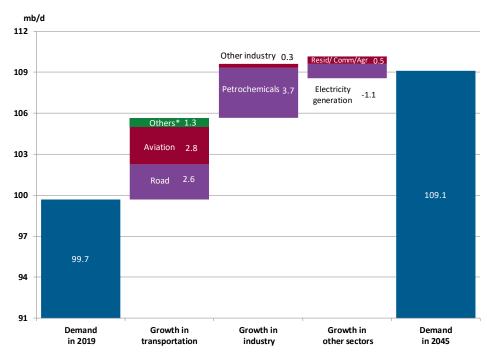
- Global energy demand projected to increase by around 25% between 2019 and 2045
- Demand increases in non-OECD regions but drops in OECD

Transport & petrochemicals remain key to future demand



- Various transport modes will continue providing basis for oil demand growth
 - Aviation sector +2.8 mb/d
 - Road transport +2.6 mb/d
 - Marine bunkers +0.8 mb/d
- Petrochemicals will be the largest incremental demand (+3.7 mb/d)
- Some demand increase also in "other industry" and "res./comm./agriculture"
- Electricity generation demand is expected to decline by more than 1 mb/d

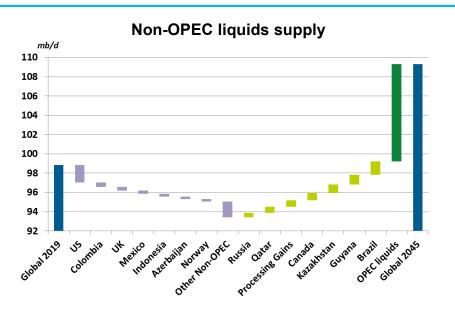
Oil demand growth by sector between 2019 and 2045



*Marine bunkers, rail and domestic waterways

Ample scope for OPEC total liquids supply

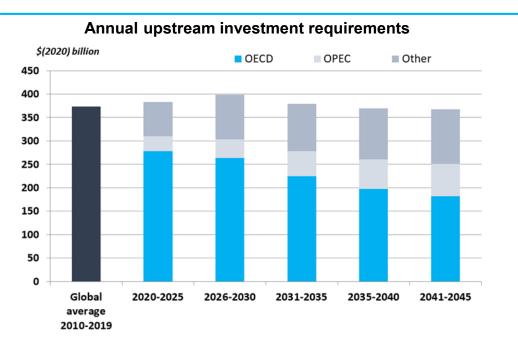




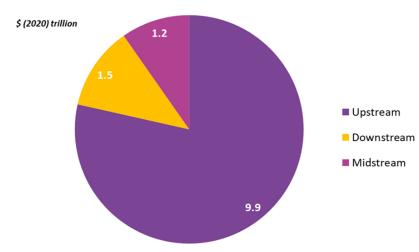
- After 2020 sharp decline, non-OPEC liquids supply in medium-term to recover from pandemic-related shut-ins
- Few non-OPEC producers to see growth beyond late 2020s, resulting in supply to return almost to 2019 levels
- Over long-term, OPEC liquids will fill the gap, growing from 34 mb/d in 2019 to 44 mb/d by 2045

Cumulative oil-related needed investments ~\$12.6 trn





Cumulative oil-related investment requirements 2020-2045



- Recent drop in global upstream investments is a major concern
- **Upstream** spending needs to average \$380 billion per year

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