

# Brookfield CENTER COAST BROOKFIELD MLP SMA STRATEGY

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### QUARTERLY COMMENTARY

#### STRATEGY MONTHLY RETURNS (net of fees)

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2009				11.72%	7.77%	-3.12%	10.56%	-0.51%	4.49%	2.29%	6.49%	6.12%	54.96%
2010	-0.69%	4.81%	3.10%	0.80%	-2.14%	5.58%	5.36%	-0.15%	6.27%	3.66%	1.75%	2.24%	34.75%
2011	1.96%	5.76%	-1.63%	2.47%	-3.78%	1.40%	-2.50%	0.39%	-1.74%	8.27%	1.34%	6.30%	18.97%
2012	0.10%	4.76%	-3.67%	-0.29%	-4.71%	2.70%	4.41%	1.39%	1.92%	-1.12%	0.43%	-3.61%	1.80%
2013	11.54%	2.45%	6.14%	-0.57%	-0.37%	4.67%	-0.33%	-1.90%	2.09%	2.03%	1.00%	0.75%	30.34%
2014	-0.42%	0.80%	2.60%	4.85%	3.69%	6.19%	-4.15%	9.65%	-1.50%	-4.37%	-0.73%	-2.66%	13.74%
2015	-2.88%	2.44%	-3.00%	5.70%	-2.80%	-6.70%	-3.36%	-6.31%	-16.19%	9.40%	-8.45%	-1.72%	-30.92%
2016	-13.42%	2.73%	6.56%	9.94%	-0.10%	4.05%	-1.30%	-1.44%	4.02%	-4.76%	3.01%	5.48%	13.43%
2017	7.06%	0.54%	-1.65%	-0.54%	-5.58%	-0.82%	1.83%	-4.41%	1.51%	-4.76%	-1.40%	4.46%	-4.43%
2018	5.80%	-10.24%	-8.55%	6.14%	2.43%	-0.33%							-5.89%

#### PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

For the quarter ended June 30, 2018, the Center Coast Brookfield MLP SMA Strategy (“the Strategy”) generated an estimated net return of +8.36%. This can be compared to the total return, including dividends and capital gains reinvested, of +3.43% for the broader equity markets as represented by the Standard and Poor’s 500 Index (“S&P 500”) and the total return of +11.80% for the Alerian MLP Index (“AMZ”; a composite of forty-four MLPs calculated using a float-adjusted, capitalization-weighted methodology).<sup>i</sup>

#### Q2 2018 SUMMARY OBSERVATIONS

Midstream equities did well in the second quarter, generating outperformance after a difficult first quarter that ended with regulatory uncertainty creating, yet again, a tremendous amount of investor frustration. While the handful of companies impacted by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s (“FERC”) recently revised policies continued to underperform, the ability of the unimpacted companies to perform well suggests that investors were willing to ignore the noise and move past the FERC headline. This is a stark contrast to other events over the past few years where we saw midstream companies sold indiscriminately as a group regardless of whether these events had a meaningful impact on the companies themselves.

We presume that this dispersion and performance was the result of the positive industry fundamentals that were on full display during this second quarter. Growing production, demand, and exports have filled many existing midstream assets to max capacity. As a result, new assets are needed in key growth regions

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and existing assets are finding new revenue opportunities. Further, under-utilized regions and assets are getting renewed attention and an opportunity to increase cash flow through operating leverage. This puts well-situated midstream companies in an enviable position. That said, as discussed below, there are still market factors and situations worth diligent monitoring—e.g., corporate governance, sponsor alignment, simplification, C-corporation (C-corp) conversions, capital markets access, and global energy macro. Nevertheless, the recognition of the value of the oft-discussed industry fundamentals is an exciting trend we hope continues.

## ***Fundamentals shine as investors focus on market need for new midstream infrastructure***

While we've spoken about industry fundamentals constantly over the last few years, this most recent earnings period provided the most tangible reflection of those fundamentals we can recall. Continued earnings strength is a result of myriad factors, including: (i) record production of crude oil, natural gas, and natural gas liquids (NGLs); (ii) record exports of U.S. produced hydrocarbons and products; (iii) the completion of long-dated pipeline projects such as the Midland-to-Sealy pipeline; (iv) record seasonal natural gas demand, and; (v) start-ups of the first few world-scale ethane crackers being built along the Gulf Coast.

In addition to current record production levels, the U.S. Energy Information Administration's forward growth estimates for both crude oil and natural gas production are higher than they were at the peak of the market in 2014.<sup>1</sup> As many pipelines are at capacity, more pipelines are needed in "under-built" regions like the Permian Basin. To address this, companies with existing pipelines are finding new opportunities through small bolt-on projects to add capacity or the repurpose of existing pipelines. Existing infrastructure can also be utilized to generate marketing revenue by using capacity to take advantage of regional commodity price differentials. But the longer-term and larger-scale opportunities have the potential to provide the most sustainable upside, and this quarter saw three new long-haul pipeline project announcements out of the Permian Basin: (i) the Permian Highway Pipeline, a 2.0 billion cubic feet per day ("Bcf/d") natural gas pipeline being built by Kinder Morgan, EagleClaw Midstream, and Apache Corporation; (ii) a 1 million barrel per day ("MMbpd") crude and condensate pipeline being built by Plains All American and ExxonMobil, and; (iii) the Gray Oak Pipeline, a 700 thousand barrel per day ("Mbpd") crude oil pipeline being built by Phillips 66 Partners and Andeavor Corporation.

To us, the current situation (in which the U.S. energy industry needs new midstream infrastructure in order to succeed) is a decidedly bullish indicator and a stark reversal of the "midstream overbuild" commentary from a couple of years ago. As always, we will focus on positioning ourselves to benefit from this dynamic by investing in integrated midstream companies with strong customer relationships and franchise positions in leading growth regions.

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<sup>1</sup> July 2018 Energy Information Agency Short-Term Energy Outlook

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## ***FERC fall-out – only a few impacted, but severe market reaction in excess of cash flow impact***

As mentioned above, not every midstream equity performed well this quarter. Those few names impacted by the FERC's recent policy change sold off with uncertainty, reduced growth estimates, and as general partners waved the white flag to avoid rate degradation on cost-of-service interstate pipelines.

Unfortunately, in a few instances, historically strong and supportive sponsors demonstrated very little patience and either made statements or announced decisions that were severely detrimental to the limited partners. Instead of support and patience, certain sponsors/general partners appeared reactionary and almost adversarial to the limited partners. Because of this, and in response to the associated uncertainty, certain partnerships experienced disproportionate equity price moves (losses of up to 50% for some) that far exceeded the potential FERC-related cash flow degradation (5%-15% of EBITDA<sup>2</sup> by our estimates). While we cannot go back in time to avoid all these situations, we can move forward with heightened awareness of sponsor alignment and management incentives. These situations also highlight how the ongoing and accelerating "simplification" trend<sup>3</sup> should benefit investors over the long term by better aligning general partners with limited partners and management teams with common equity investors.

## ***Simplification and Master Limited Partnerships (MLP) conversions into traditional C-corporations***

There were a total of six limited partner acquisitions and one IDR<sup>4</sup> buy-out transaction in the second quarter. All but one of the limited partner acquisitions were done by C-corp parents in response to the FERC policy change. Nevertheless, the brief acceleration of C-corp buyouts amplified discussions about the changing landscape of the midstream universe. Some industry investors, particularly those required to invest in C-corps because of their fund structure, used the headlines to exaggerate the trend by suggesting that the partnership model is on its way out entirely. This is not how we see it.

As mentioned, most of the recent MLP buy-outs by C-corp parents were driven by the FERC policy change. We believe MLPs that are not impacted by the FERC policy change will look at their own fact patterns and circumstances to determine the best and most tax-efficient way of simplifying their corporate structure. Seeing that many midstream companies and investors prefer the tax-advantaged status of the MLP structure and considering the potential tax consequences of a C-corp conversion, we expect a large handful of companies to remain in a partnership structure. Others may indeed end up converting to a C-corp structure, particularly if there is a pre-existing public C-corp parent vehicle that might be able to utilize a basis step-up upon acquisition.

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<sup>2</sup> Earnings before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation and Amortization

<sup>3</sup> As referenced in prior commentary, presentations, or whitepapers, the "simplification" trend refers to a shift towards the elimination of Incentive Distribution Rights ("IDRs") and the collapse of the GP / LP structure.

<sup>4</sup> IDRs entitle the general partner to receive an increasing percentage of quarterly distributions after the MQD and target distribution thresholds have been achieved.

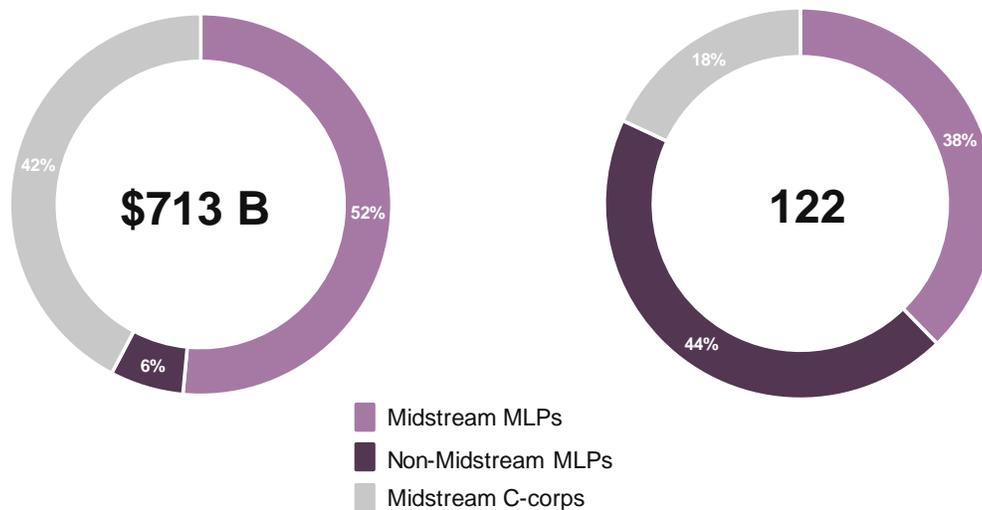
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Together, energy infrastructure C-corps and MLPs represent an ~\$750 billion opportunity set<sup>5</sup>, with more partnership securities available and approximately equal market capitalization concentration (see Exhibit A below). Our approach to investing in energy infrastructure is to be structure agnostic— we follow our convictions and invest in what we believe to be the best assets run by the best management teams, regardless of the corporate structure. This is the approach we apply consistently across our suite of products and strategies.

## Exhibit A: Current Midstream Universe Breakdown by Structure

Market Capitalization (\$B)

# of Securities



As of May 29, 2018. Source: Bloomberg. Brookfield Investment Management Inc

### Capital markets and Mergers & Acquisitions (M&A) activity remain fairly quiet

This might have been one of the quietest quarters we can remember for capital markets activity. Investment grade and high yield debt offerings continued to go well, but there were only four equity capital markets transactions during the entire quarter. Year-to-date, the asset class has only raised \$2.5 billion of new equity compared to the \$15 billion raised in 2017<sup>6</sup>. We believe this may partially be a result of the widespread shift to “self-funding,”<sup>7</sup> but it also reflects the weakness of the new issuance market and the unwillingness of companies to sell at today’s prices.

<sup>5</sup> Bloomberg

<sup>6</sup> Brookfield Investment Management, Wells Fargo

<sup>7</sup> “Self-funding,” as we’ve discussed in other commentaries, refers to a company’s ability to fund capital expenditures through internally generated cash flow with little to no need for capital markets issuances.

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This is not much of an issue if a company is already self-funding. But if a company needs outside equity capital to meet its growth objectives, it could find itself in a tight spot to the extent new common equity issuances remain out of favor and the gap can't be bridged by alternative financing solutions (e.g., joint ventures and preferred equity offerings). Companies like Targa Resources Corp. and Energy Transfer Partners LP. were able to execute on some of these alternative financing solutions this last quarter, but the depth of these markets and future costs of these solutions is difficult to project. In our view, given the state of capital markets today, growth objectives and cash flow forecasts must be viewed through the lens of a clearly articulated and readily available financing plan. Over time, as more companies move to self-funding, the health of the new issue market will be less and less important and the blended cost of capital should come down to create more value for equity holders.

M&A was also quiet this quarter; the most notable transactions were the corporate simplification transactions driven by the FERC policy change discussed above. Private equity continues to be an active buyer of midstream assets at premium multiples, with the largest transaction being Global Infrastructure Partners' buyout of Devon's interests in the EnLink midstream family (i.e., EnLink Midstream, LLC and EnLink Midstream Partners LP) in mid-June. Perhaps the most noteworthy strategic deal was at the parent level between two independent refiners: in late April Marathon Petroleum Corporation agreed to acquire Andeavor Corporation at a 24.4% premium. Both subsidiary MLPs, MPLX LP and Andeavor Logistics LP, have underperformed since that time but Andeavor Logistics experienced a more pronounced sell-off based on initial fears that its growth and distribution payout would eventually be reduced by its new parent. While the inevitable combination of the two MLPs is likely to be synergistic and a long-term positive for all unitholders, this market continues to avoid uncertainty related to undefined simplifications or MLP-to-MLP combinations.

## ***Global energy macro – ever-changing and increasingly important***

Macro-related news grabbed our attention this quarter and has become increasingly important as the success of the U.S. energy industry, in our opinion, is more dependent on external market forces than ever before (generally speaking, the marginal barrel of crude oil or cubic foot of natural gas produced in the U.S. needs to be exported to a demand market abroad).

On the crude oil side, the Trump administration unilaterally withdrew from the Iran nuclear deal and announced that sanctions would once again be imposed. Initial estimates of Iranian crude oil interruptions ranged from 200 Mbpd to 1 MMBpd but recent news suggests that the U.S. is demanding a complete reduction of Iranian oil imports across the globe (~1.5 MMBpd of crude oil)<sup>8</sup>. Subsequently, OPEC left its overall quota unchanged but still targets a production increase from those member nations with excess capacity. The extent to which excess capacity exists and can offset Iranian export restrictions will largely determine the direction of crude oil prices over the next year or two. As the debate rages on both sides,

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<sup>8</sup> International Energy Agency

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the supply/demand outlook still looks tight and prices sit comfortably within the profitability window for U.S. energy.

In addition to the ongoing global crude oil drama, we are focused on the impact of escalating trade tensions and tariffs on the U.S.'s ability to export crude oil, natural gas, NGLs, and purity products. Escalating trade tensions and tariffs have not yet impacted export volumes—new records continue to be set and new infrastructure is needed and being built—but if the situation escalates it could represent a real headwind for the U.S. energy industry. Unless and until we see a tangible threat to export volumes, we remain bullish and believe are well positioned to take advantage of growth in hydrocarbon exports out of the U.S.

## **Conclusion**

Prior to this quarter, the Alerian MLP Index (AMZ) had not outperformed the S&P 500 since the second quarter of 2016—two full years. But that quarter's outperformance came and went with a spike in crude oil prices. Is this quarter's outperformance the start of a more sustainable trend? We hope so. Crude oil price correlation is down, fundamentals are up, and the industry is currently "under-built." Further, the ability of many pipeline MLPs to outperform shortly after the unexpected FERC policy change in mid-March feels like a reversal of some of the extreme bearishness that sold the group indiscriminately in the three years prior. There are still some simplifications and FERC issues to sort out, and not every company's financing plan is set in stone, but the asset class has made meaningful progress over the last few difficult years. We believe that the asset class is well positioned to realize the potential benefits of the fundamental tailwinds that were on full display in the first half of 2018.

As always, we appreciate your investment with us.

Best Regards,



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## EI MLP SMA ANNUAL COMPOSITE DISCLOSURE PRESENTATION

YEAR END	FIRM DATA	COMPOSITE DATA	ANNUAL PERFORMANCE RESULTS			3-YEAR DEVIATION			Asset-Weighted Composite Dispersion	
	Total Firm assets (mm)	USD (mm)	No. of accounts	Composite (Net)	Alerian MLP (TR) Index	S&P 500 Index	Composite (Net)	Alerian MLP (TR) Index		S&P500Index
<b>2017</b>	\$3,619.2	\$497.7	30	-4.43%	-6.52%	21.83%	19.60%	19.06%	9.92%	0.24%
<b>2016</b>	\$4,032.6	\$474.7	38	13.43%	18.31%	11.96%	20.28%	19.95%	10.59%	0.61%
<b>2015</b>	\$3,131.6	\$357.9	44	-30.92%	-32.59%	1.38%	18.42%	18.50%	10.48%	0.44%
<b>2014</b>	\$4,094.9	\$95.0	49	13.74%	4.80%	13.69%	12.75%	13.54%	8.99%	0.99%
<b>2013</b>	\$2,893.8	\$80.8	32	30.34%	27.58%	32.39%	12.05%	13.44%	11.94%	0.62%
<b>2012</b>	\$1,230.8	\$27.7	9	1.80%	4.80%	16.00%	11.15%	13.37%	15.09%	N/A <sup>2</sup>
<b>2011</b>	\$435.5	\$24.6	8	18.97%	13.88%	2.11%	N/A <sup>1</sup>	N/A <sup>1</sup>	N/A <sup>1</sup>	N/A <sup>2</sup>
<b>2010</b>	\$104.3	\$8.0	4	34.75%	35.85%	15.06%	N/A <sup>1</sup>	N/A <sup>1</sup>	N/A <sup>1</sup>	N/A <sup>2</sup>
<b>2009*</b>	\$92.0	\$4.8	3	54.96%	58.64%	42.11%	N/A <sup>1</sup>	N/A <sup>1</sup>	N/A <sup>1</sup>	N/A <sup>2</sup>

\* Composite and benchmark performance is for the period April 1, 2009- December 31, 2009. Composite performance for this period is annualized.

N/A<sup>1</sup> The three-year annualized standard deviation measures the variability of the composite and the benchmark returns over the preceding 36-month period. The three-year annualized standard deviation is not presented for 2009, 2010, or 2011 due to less than 36 months of actual composite and benchmark data.

N/A<sup>2</sup> Composite dispersion information is not statistically meaningful due to an insufficient number of portfolios in the composite for the entire year.

The Center Coast Brookfield MLP SMA Strategy (the "Strategy") is the only component of the Energy Infrastructure MLP SMA Composite (the "Composite"). The Strategy invests in high-quality midstream energy MLP companies that have strong risk adjusted returns and stable and growing cash distributions. The Strategy was created April 1, 2009 with a \$100,000 minimum account size. Due to the acquisition of Center Coast Capital Advisors LP ("CCC") by a wholly owned subsidiary of Brookfield, the Strategy was renamed as of February 2, 2018. No other change to the Composite occurred as a result of the transaction.

The GIPS firm is defined as Brookfield Investment Management Inc., which is also known as the "Brookfield Public Securities Group" (the "Firm"), an SEC registered investment adviser. The Firm is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Brookfield Asset Management Inc. ("Brookfield"). The Firm was formed on October 1, 2009 by integrating Brookfield Redding LLC into Hyperion Brookfield Asset Management, Inc. On June 1, 2011, AMP Capital Brookfield Pty limited and Brookfield Investment Management (UK) Limited were included within the GIPS firm definition. Effective March 31, 2012, as a result of an internal reorganization, the Firm redefined its GIPS definitions by removing AMP Capital Brookfield Pty Limited and including Brookfield Investment Management (Canada) Inc. On February 2, 2018, CCC was acquired by a wholly owned subsidiary of Brookfield and was included within the Firm's GIPS firm definition.

The Firm's list of composite descriptions are available upon request. Additionally, policies for valuing portfolios, calculating performance, and preparing compliant presentations are also available upon request.

The Firm claims compliance with the Global Investment Performance Standards (GIPS®) and has prepared and presented this report in compliance with the GIPS standards. Brookfield has been independently verified for the periods from July 1, 2000 through December 31, 2016. CCC, which was included in the Firm's GIPS definition effective February 5, 2018, had previously claimed compliance with GIPS and has been independently verified for the periods September 1, 2007 through September 30, 2017. The Composite has been examined for the periods April 1, 2009 through September 30, 2017. The verification and performance examination reports are available upon request.

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The Strategy may not be suitable for all investors. We encourage you to consider the Strategy carefully and consult with appropriate tax and accounting professionals before considering an investment in the Strategy.

The Strategy’s investments are concentrated in the energy infrastructure industry with an emphasis on securities issued by MLPs, which may increase price fluctuation. The value of commodity-linked investments such as the MLPs and energy infrastructure companies (including Midstream MLPs and energy infrastructure companies) in which the Strategy invests are subject to risks specific to the industry they serve, such as fluctuations in commodity prices, reduced volumes of available natural gas or other energy commodities, slowdowns in new construction and acquisitions, a sustained reduced demand for crude oil, natural gas and refined petroleum products, depletion of the natural gas reserves or other commodities, changes in the macroeconomic or regulatory environment, environmental hazards, rising interest rates and threats of attack by terrorists on energy assets, each of which could affect the Strategy’s profitability.

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<sup>1</sup> Total return is based on the combination of capital gain and return of capital distributions, if any. Total returns are net of fees and expenses.