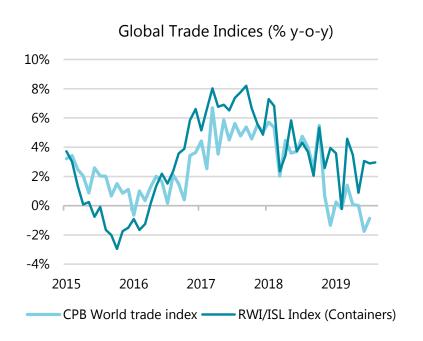
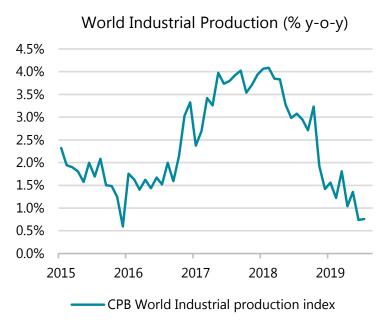


# The background: global economy is slowing

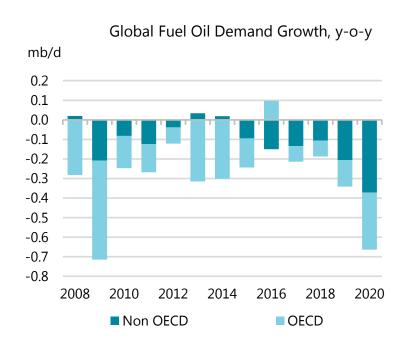


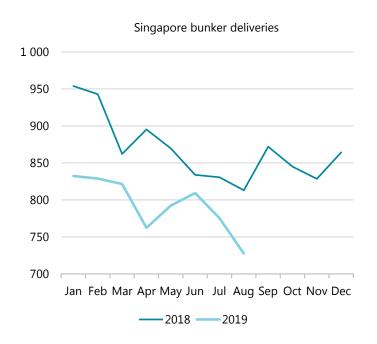


Bunker demand affected by deceleration in world industrial production and trade.



### Fuel oil, bunker demand in freefall

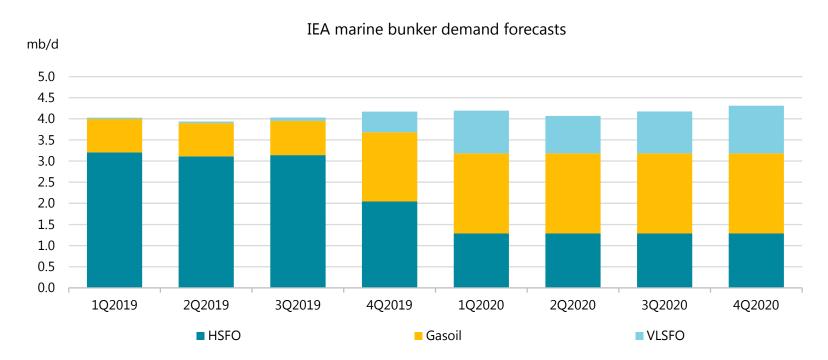




Fuel oil demand to fall 340 kb/d y-o-y in 2019, largest annual fall since 2009.



# IMO fuel switch under way



Switch starts in 4Q19, from a relatively low base.



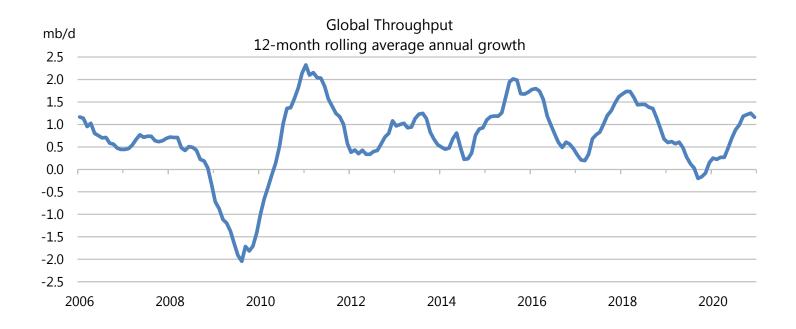
### VLSFO: what's in the name...

- Atmospheric residue (straight-run fuel oil), 0.5%
  - 2-3 mb/d produced globally from very low sulphur crude oils (US shale, Algeria, Nigerian grades)
  - but most of it locked in refinery processes to produce diesel, gasoline, etc.
- Desulphurised atmospheric residue (≈3.5 mb/d)
  - Currently used to pre-treat feedstock to upgrading units to produce premium transport fuels
- Blended from refinery feedstock streams
  - Vacuum gas oil (VGO), light cycle oil (LCO), upgrader "bottoms", etc
- Blended (after refinery gate) from gasoil and fuel oil
  - To blend down 3.5% fuel oil to new sulphur levels, a mix of 80% gasoil and 20% fuel oil is required
- Blended on the basis of crude oil (heavy sweet)

IMO compliant fuel production would generally require a *trade-off* (between bunkers and other transport fuels) unless total refinery production exceeds demand.



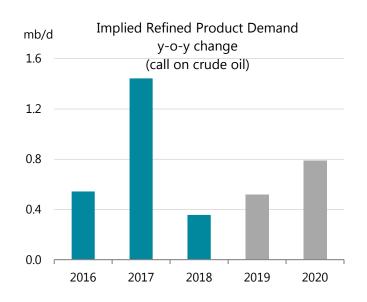
# Refining activity cycle bottoming out

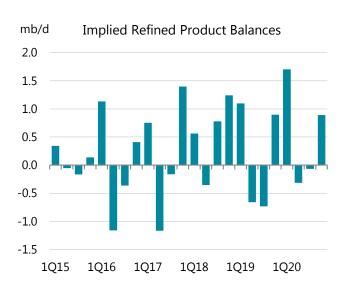


Refining activity is set to return to growth from 4Q19 onwards



# 2020 refining activity grows faster than overall demand

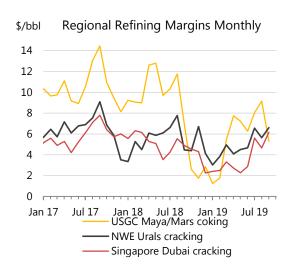


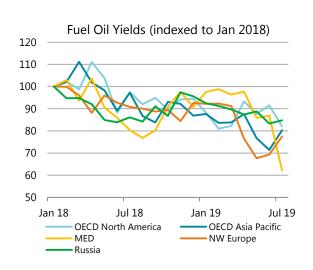


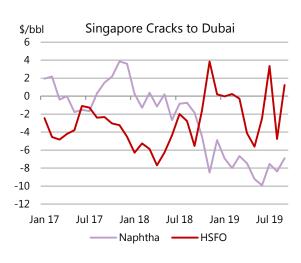
Refined product stock builds in 1Q20 help the market meet new bunker demand



# Recent volatility in fuel pricing has been confusing







HSFO cracks and sour refining margins increased recently, but more due to on shrinking supply rather than robust demand



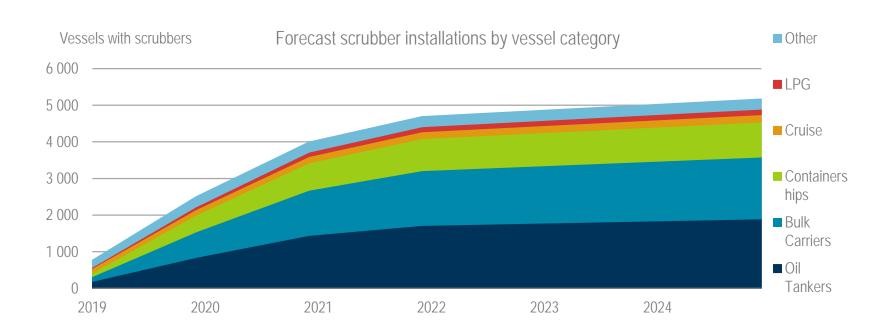


### **IMO 2020**

- Weakening Global economic environment
- Sharp decline in bunker demand in recent data
- Scrubbers ?
- Assumption for the IMO switch
- Global refining context ?
- Availability of low sulfur material?
- Conclusion: need (and possibility) to monitor market conditions with data currently available ?



# Scrubber installations rise rapidly in 2019-20



But investments slow markedly in 2021 as gasoil availability rises.

