

# Investing Across the Energy Value Chain





## An evolving chain of opportunity

The North American energy value chain is a dynamic and essential commerce network continuously creating opportunities and catalysts that impact its participants - from upstream (oil and natural gas) producers - to companies that transport the commodity by pipeline, rail or by other means - to the downstream end users of energy. The transformation taking place in North America's shale basins is an example of a catalyst creating never before seen opportunities across this growing network.

Tortoise Capital Advisors, among the largest investment managers of registered energy infrastructure funds with approximately \$16.1 billion in assets under management (as of 6/30/2017), provides differentiated mutual fund solutions to access these areas of opportunity.

Tortoise, an industry pioneer, has managed energy infrastructure investments for more than a decade, across economic cycles and natural disasters. Among the first investment firms dedicated to listed energy infrastructure investments, Tortoise formed the first NYSE listed, closed-end fund (TYG) focused on energy infrastructure MLPs and led the first MLP direct placement in 2002.

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VALUE CHAIN FOCUS	MIDSTREAM	ENTIRE VALUE CHAIN+
		
<b>Names</b>	<b>Tortoise MLP &amp; Pipeline Fund</b> <b>Tortoise VIP MLP &amp; Pipeline Portfolio</b>	<b>Tortoise Select Opportunity Fund</b>
<b>Tickers</b>	TORTX, TORIX, TORCX TVPTX*	TOPTX, TOPIX, TOPCX
<b>Primary focus</b>	North American pipeline companies	North American energy companies and beneficiaries
<b>Security type</b>	Equity	Equity
<b>Investment objective</b>	Total return	Total return
<b>Investment strategy</b>	The fund and portfolio focus on the large and diverse North American pipeline universe, providing access to the sizable pipeline network of one of the world's largest consumers of energy. They have the ability and flexibility to access a portfolio of pipeline companies (MLPs, general partners and corporations) that transport, gather and process, distribute and/ or store natural gas, natural gas liquids, crude oil and refined petroleum products.	The fund focuses on companies across the North American energy value chain as well as its beneficiaries (such as oilfield servicing, steel production, manufacturing, engineering, and non-pipeline transportation and logistics companies) that are believed to be in a differentiated position, now or in the future, to benefit from changing dynamics, catalysts and opportunities.
<b>Investment characteristics</b>		
<b>Commodity price exposure</b>	Limited	Likely/varies
<b>Key drivers</b>	More predictable/fee-based/inelastic demand	Catalysts/opportunistic/paradigm shifts
<b>Portfolio holding period</b>	Longer term	Shorter term/more opportunistic
<b>Potential portfolio allocation</b>	Infrastructure/MLPs/real assets	More opportunistic/broader energy

\*Currently available on Jefferson National's Monument Advisor

All funds structured as traditional tax flow-through regulated investment companies (RICs), providing daily liquidity at NAV, one 1099 (no K-1s) and no unrelated business taxable income (UBTI). Each fund offers an Investor Class, Institutional Class and C Class.

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