



GAS ETF and CGI index

After a multi-year post Claymore hiatus, the GAS ETF relaunched October 27th- 2016 directly in the Auspice brand.

Index and ETF Performance Review: Update Spring 2017

Since the beginning of the winter natural gas period and the election of Donald Trump in November, the top performing gas market has been the Canadian Gas Index and the GAS ETF, a rally that started in early 2016. Per Table 1, the GAS ETF has outperformed both the Nymex (US) gas market and ETFs as well as the TSX Capped Energy index.

Table 1:

Term	Nymex Henry Hub (prompt)	UNG ETF	CGI Reference Price (CDNGAS)	CGI ER (Investable)	GAS ETF	TSX Capped Energy Index
Nov 8 – Dec 30/16	33%	33%	34%	40%	40%	9%
First 60 days 2017	-26%	-28%	-31%	-31%	-31%	-11%
March 1 to May 11th	25%	16%	32%	29%	28%	-0.3%



After rallying to the end of 2016, the commodity softened to start the new year, with the CGI dropping over 30% in the first 60 days of 2017. **However, since the beginning of March, the market has risen steadily gaining approximately 30%. Why?**

- Winter dragged on – as the traditional withdrawal season ended March 31st, inventories were at 2925BCf, greater than the 5 year average but 192 Bcf lower than 2016 at that time.
 - Currently, storage levels are 375 bcf or 14% below last year’s level growing very little since March at 2301 bcf. (EIA storage data, US Energy Information Administration: <http://ir.eia.gov/ngs/ngs.html>).
- Lower production: Growing concern that despite the price rally gas storage may have trouble filling in the summer. This is possible given the lack of incentive for producers at these price levels, which could cause them to maintain current production levels despite existing declines.
- For the first year in many, gas may go into the fall of 2017 without reaching its full storage capacity. A seasonally normal or cold winter season then could cause upwards price pressure.

The Canadian natural gas market plays a critical role in supplying both the Canadian domestic marketplace and massive US market. Natural gas remains fundamentally important even in weak environments. Given the substantial discount and highly variable correlation to the US market, the Canadian gas market often outperforms both up and down, on a relative return basis. Given the volatility remains high, the trading opportunities are plentiful.

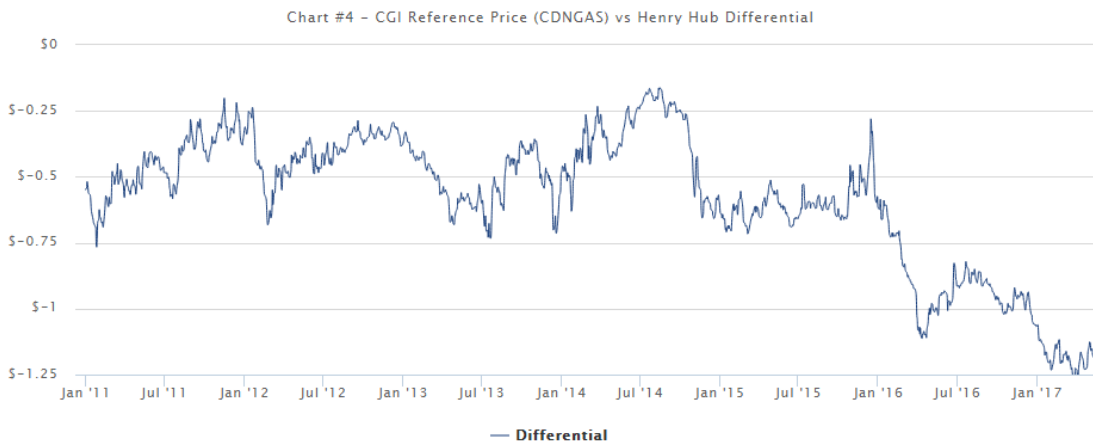
The Canadian Natural Gas Market in the last year

The natural gas market had been sliding in North America since early 2014 while the differential between US Nymex Henry Hub and CDNGAS widened to over \$1.00, more than double its historic average (see Chart #4 on next page). However, some substantial changes occurred causing the commodity to gain 8.5% in the second half of the year and finish strong in 2016.

- Natural Gas, despite being plentiful, is vitally important. As the cleanest burning fossil fuel, its long-term outlook is positive.
- With changes in either summer or winter weather, the storage situation can change very quickly and supplies can go from abundant to concerning. When this happens, its pricing often reacts violently given the dependence on it for heating and cooling in addition to ongoing industrial demand.

Coincidentally, right at the time of the US election and just after the GAS ETF launched, the weather forecast became cold. From November 8th to year end, the GAS ETF gained 40%, outperforming Nymex futures (and related ETFs) which gained 33%.

- The gas market has a tendency to follow whatever is happening in the 11-15 day weather forecast. Often, the market assumes this momentum will continue for another month or two and will react overly bullish or bearish depending on the sentiment of the day.



Strategy and Indices for Reference

The GAS ETF (Exchange Traded Fund) seeks to replicate, to the extent possible, the performance of the Canadian Natural Gas Excess Return Index (CGIER) net of expenses, and allows investors to access the price of Natural Gas produced in Canada. The Canadian Natural Gas Excess Return Index is designed to measure the performance of the Canadian natural gas market in an investable format.

The Canadian Gas Index (CGI) “Reference Price” represents a simple, transparent and liquid benchmark price for natural gas that is produced in Canada. The CGI Excess Return Index reflects the returns that an investor would expect to receive



from holding and rolling the contracts that comprise the CGI. The current global benchmarks are not representative of actual Canadian natural gas prices. The CGI gives investors a tool to better understand the price of Canadian Natural Gas.

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Nymex Henry Hub: Natural gas **futures** prices are based on delivery at the Henry Hub in Louisiana. Traded via open outcry, electronically on CME Globex and off-exchange for clearing only as an EFS, EFP or block trade through CME ClearPort.

UNG ETF: The United States Natural Gas Fund® LP (UNG) is an exchange-traded security that is designed to track in percentage terms the movements of natural gas prices. UNG issues shares that may be purchased and sold on the NYSE Arca. The investment objective of UNG is for the daily changes in percentage terms of its shares' net NAV to reflect the daily changes in percentage terms of the price of natural gas delivered at the Henry Hub, Louisiana, as measured by the daily changes in the Benchmark Futures Contract, less UNG's expenses. The Benchmark is the futures contract on natural gas as traded on the NYMEX. If the near month contract is within two weeks of expiration, the Benchmark will be the next month contract to expire. The natural gas contract is natural gas delivered at the Henry Hub, Louisiana. UNG invests primarily in listed natural gas futures contracts and other natural gas related futures contracts, and may invest in forwards and swap contracts. These investments will be collateralized by cash, cash equivalents, and US government obligations with remaining maturities of two years or less.

TSX Capped Energy Index: The S&P/TSX Capped Sector Indices provide liquid and tradeable benchmarks for related derivative products of Canadian economic sectors. Constituents are selected from a stock pool of S&P/TSX Composite Index stocks, and the relative weight of any single index constituent is capped at 25%. The indices are based upon the Global Industry Classification Standards (GICS®).