

OIL

iPath Pure Beta Crude Oil ETN

Analyst Report

This particular ETN looks at the commodity of crude oil, arguably, the most important resource in the world. Crude is vital to modern society and as such it can be a great play on the health of the world economy, surging when growth is robust and slumping when markets hit recessions. This note tracks the S&P GSCI Crude Oil Total Return Index which is designed to reflect the returns that are potentially available through an unleveraged investment in the West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude oil futures contract plus the Treasury Bill rate of interest that could be earned on funds committed to the trading of the underlying contracts. Thanks to this focus, the fund could offer investors a higher return than comparable products since it collateralizes its investment with T-Bills, a move that helps reduce overall costs to investors. In terms of futures contracts the fund is heavy in long dated contracts which expire a year from now. This reduces the risks of contango-- at least initially-- but it likely means that fund will deviate significantly from spot prices, at least in the near term. For investors seeking exposure to spot prices, contracts closer to maturity would probably be more appropriate. Besides this fund, investors have a few other options for achieving exposure to oil via the futures market. Other options are far more liquid but they face steeper contango issues as well. Additionally, investors have a number of equity options which allow for exposure to crude without the issues of contango but face risks of stocks. One particularly intriguing choice in this slice of the market is XOIL as it looks to stay very correlated to crude oil prices over the long haul.

ESG Themes and Scores

N/A

ESG Rate

N/A

Global Percentile

N/A

Peer Percentile

Performance Data

	OIL	ETF Database Category Average	Factset Segment Average
1 Month	-2.71%	-4.48%	-3.50%
3 Month	-5.30%	-12.82%	-6.08%
YTD Return	-8.10%	-20.13%	-8.35%
1 Year Return	-25.35%	-39.70%	-14.87%
3 Year Return	40.72%	23.81%	33.78%
5 Year Return	6.32%	-0.08%	-1.67%

Top 5 Holdings

No Holdings Data Available

Vitals

Issuer	Barclays Capital
Brand	iPath
Structure	ETN
Expense Ratio	0.57%
Inception	Apr 20, 2011
Index Tracked	Barclays WTI Crude Oil Pure Beta (TR)

ETF Database Themes

Category	Oil & Gas
Asset Class	Commodity
Asset Class Size	N/A
Asset Class Style	N/A
Region (General)	Global
Region (Specific)	Broad

FactSet Classifications

Segment	Commodities: Energy Crude Oil
Category	Energy
Focus	Crude Oil
Niche	Optimized
Strategy	Optimized commodity
Weighting	Single Asset

