

# Risk Taking in the Age of Transition-Driven Austerity

Navigating the Energy Crisis Era

## Where Are We In The Energy Transition?

- What transition?
- Coal, oil, nat gas all expected to grow over at least the next decade
- But CAPEX is lagging and shale is maturing
- Super Vol macro --> Demand destruction pricing
- Best positioned: Privates and NOCs



## Will Capital Be Available To Your Company?

- Who is your banker and insurer? Hopefully not part of GFANZ
- Divesting Europe: banks, insurers, headquarters?
- Lessons from US coal:
  - No debt
  - No obligations
- FCF is king



#### Where Are The Risk Takers?

- Public investors are understandably demanding NO NEW CAPEX!!!
- But we are early in the capital cycle and set up for an extended S/D mis-match
- Spending on CAPEX, mega projects, or M&A early in a cycle better than late in a cycle



#### **Privates and NOCs Best Positioned**

- Public: What's the point if you don't have superior capital access or a premium valuation?
- Privates: Lots of options...if you have capital
- NOCs: Mega projects
- Major Oils: Mega projects and M&A



# **On A Personal Note: Un-Retirement**

- I really dislike how most discuss energy transition
- We have a new cycle
- I have always loved engaging with managements, boards, policy makers, and strategic investors
- I don't miss short-term Wall Street mindset
- Veriten: Truth in Energy



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