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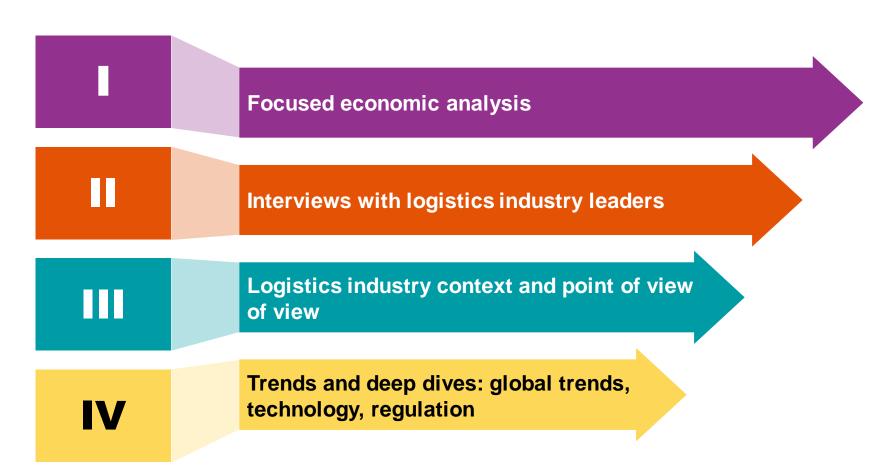


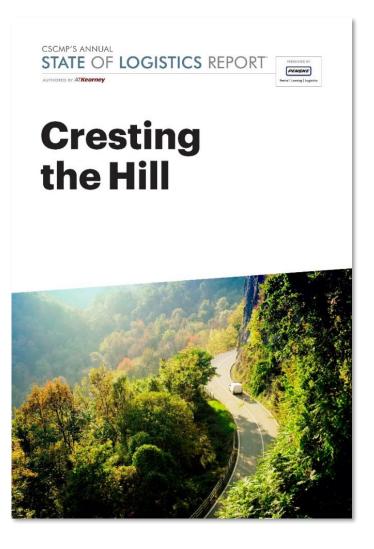
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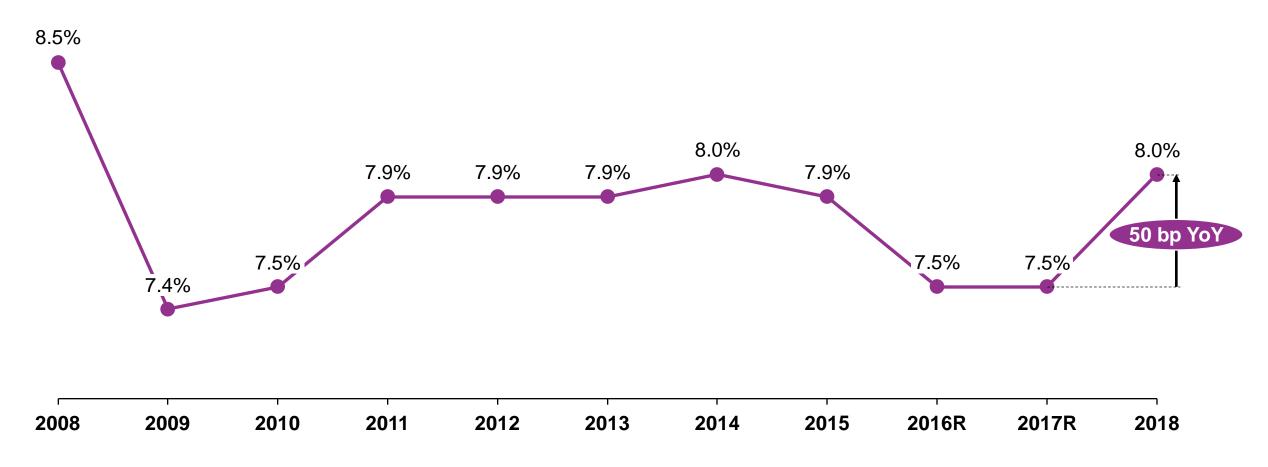
A transparent and consistent estimate of United States business logistics costs (USBLC)

\$billion	2018	YoY 18/17	5-yr. CAGR				
Transportation costs							
• Full truckload	296.1	7.6%	3.6%				
Less-than-truckload	71.8	8.3%	3.5%				
Private or dedicated	300.9	13.1%	7.1%				
Motor carriers	668.8	10.1%	5.1%				
Parcel	104.9	8.7%	8.0%				
Carload	61.4	7.2%	-0.6%				
• Intermodal	27.0	28.7%	8.1%				
Rail	88.4	12.9%	1.6%				
Air freight (includes domestic, import, export, cargo, and express)	76.5	9.2%	3.8%				
Water (includes domestic, import, and export)	45.7	12.8%	1.5%				
Pipeline	53.0	12.7%	12.7%				
Subtotal	1037.4	10.4%	5.1%				
Inventory carrying costs	Inventory carrying costs						
• Storage	153.1	3.2%	3.0%				
• Financial cost (WACC x total business inventory)	192.5	26.0%	3.0%				
Other (obsolescence, shrinkage, insurance, handling, others)	148.1	14.8%	3.0%				
Subtotal	493.7	14.8%	3.0%				
Other costs							
Carriers' support activities	52.3	10.3%	4.5%				
Shippers' administrative costs	52.1	2.8%	5.3%				
Subtotal	104.4	6.4%	4.9%				
Total US business logistics costs	1,635.46	11.4%	4.4%				

\$billion	Units	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Nominal GDP	\$ billion	16,197.0	16,784.9	17,521.7	18,219.3	18,707.2	19,485.4	20,500.6
Total business inventory	\$ billion	2,337.9	2,395.4	2,524.4	2,513.8	2,527.6	2,628.6	2,750.2
Inventory carrying rate	%	17.5%	17.8%	16.2%	17.0%	16.3%	16.4%	18.0%
Transportation costs	\$ billion	785.8	809.9	903.4	907.0	904.2	939.9	1037.4
• Inventory carrying costs (ICC)	\$ billion	408.9	426.1	408.0	427.2	412.9	430.0	493.7
Other costs	\$ billion	79.3	82.2	89.4	94.7	93.8	98.1	104.4
Total USBLC	\$ billion	1,274.0	1,318.2	1,400.8	1,428.9	1,410.9	1,468.1	1,635.5
Total USBLC as % of GDP	%	7.9%	7.9%	8.0%	7.8%	7.5%	7.5%	8.0%
 Total business inventory as % of GDP 	%	2.5%	2.5%	2.3%	2.3%	2.2%	2.2%	2.4%
Transportation as % of GDP	%	4.9%	4.8%	5.2%	5.0%	4.8%	4.8%	5.1%
• ICC as % of GDP	%	2.5%	2.5%	2.3%	2.3%	2.2%	2.2%	2.4%
 Total business inventory as % of GDP 	base 100	98.6	99.2	91.0	91.6	86.3	86.2	94.1
• Transportation as % of GDP	base 100	100.6	100.1	107.0	103.3	100.3	100.1	105.0
• ICC as % of GDP	base 100	98.6	99.2	91.0	91.6	86.3	86.2	94.1
• Total USBLC as % of GDP	base 100	100.1	99.9	101.7	99.8	96.0	95.9	101.5



USBLC rose 11.4 percent to reach \$1.64 trillion, or 8.0 percent of 2018's \$20.5 trillion GDP



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In 2018, all subsegments of USBLC costs increased to the highest level since 2014

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- In transportation, private and dedicated fleets led the way (up by 13%) and FTL and LTL increases were close behind at 8.3% and 7.6%.
- Parcel was up over 8% reflecting strong e-commerce growth and pricing power from the providers.
- On the rails, intermodal led the way with a near 29% increase and carloads continued its relative underperformance with a 7.2% increase and a 5-year CAGR at -.6%.
- Air freight costs rose 9.2% and over the water swelled 12.8% as both strong international commerce and carrier pricing discipline were confirmed over the year.
- The pipeline sector was strong as recent capacity investments caught up to surging demand from oil and gas production, and exports.
- Inventory carrying costs powered a striking cost rise as the inventory buildup in the back half of 2018 drove inventory costs up 14.8% overall.
- Other costs from carrier and shipper support activities rose 6.4%.

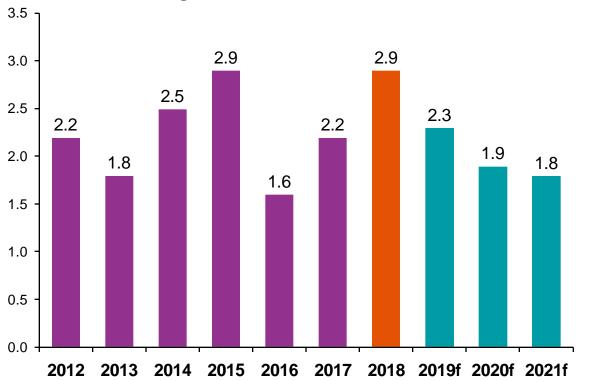


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Macroeconomics

Economic slowdown expected, and trade uncertainty assures volatility

Real US GDP growth



- At 3.7% the global economy registered robust growth, while the US economy grew by a strong 2.9% in 2018.
- The US economy is flashing warning signs, as the IMF and leading investment banks indicate economic growth will slow to sub 2% in 2020. Despite the rebound in consumer sentiment and GDP growth in Q1 2019, talk of recession is in the air. Trade uncertainty ripples through logistics markets, since even trade tension fears cause inventory buildups that shift logistics services demand.
- Employment showed consistent strength in 2019 with the unemployment rate falling to 3.7% and wage growth climbing to 3%, suggesting wages in logistics will probably rise further.

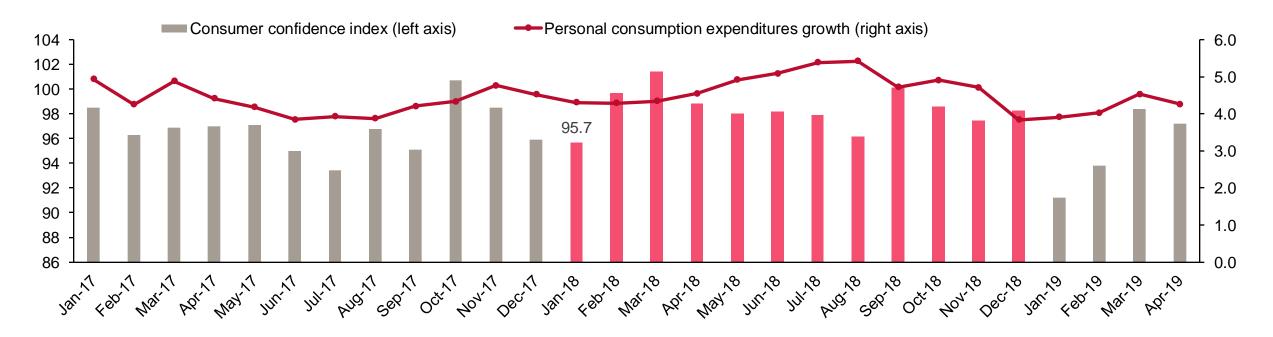


Macroeconomics

Consumer confidence hovered over 95% in 2018

US consumer confidence and personal consumption expenditures growth

Index values (year-over-year percent change)



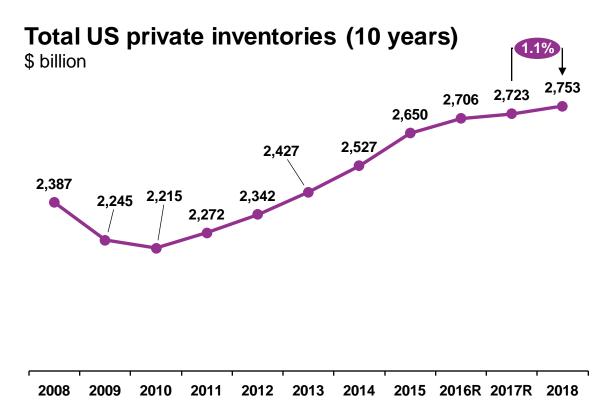
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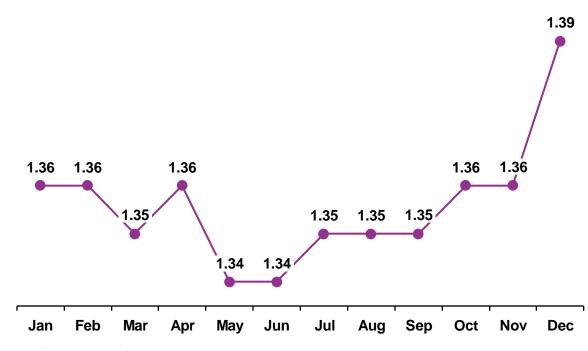
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Macroeconomics

2018 followed 2017 with a stable 1.1% growth in inventory levels to ~\$2.75 trillion



Inventories to sales ratio (2018)





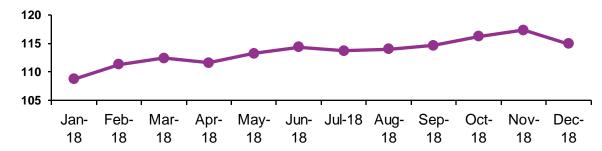
Motor carriers

Excess demand, tight capacity, high rates delivered gain for carriers and pain for shippers

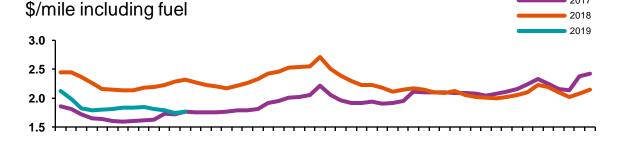
Truck tonnage

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Seasonally adjusted monthly values (2015 [index year] = 100)



Dry van spot rates (2018–2019)



- Truck tonnage continued its upward trend in 2018 with a slight dip in December.
- After a mid-2018 peak, freight rates marched steadily back to "normal" levels, with more capacity available in 2019 against softer demand.
- Carriers found that the challenge of keeping drivers is a structural problem: a generational change in the labor pool combined with competition from well-paying jobs such as working at ecommerce fulfillment centers.
- A variety of tactics were deployed by shippers to soften the blow, including dedicated models, operational improvements, freight efficiency initiatives, and shipper of choice programs.
- The take: carrier profits spiked, shipper budgets blown.

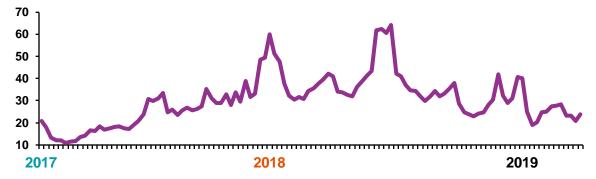




Motor Carriers

Spiking demand, tight capacity, and high rates replenished carrier coffers for investment

Dry van load-to-truck ratio (2017—2019)



Class 8 orders

Net orders (in thousands)

60,000

40,000

20,000

2016

2017

2018

2019

- The load-to-truck ratio was elevated in 2018, peaking in June 2018 and dropping down to 62% of its June peak by March of 2019.
- Oil was expensive, peaking at \$81.03 per barrel before dropping to \$57.36 in Q4.
- After reaching a high in Q3 of 2018, net Class 8 truck orders dropped precipitously in the last two months of 2018.
- In this context, carriers saw 2018 driving improvements in profitability (better operating ratios) and productivity (better revenue per truck) that replenished their coffers.
- Carriers are investing in new technology such as in-cab telematics, predictive analytics technology, and near real-time optimization of tractor planning and operation.
- At the crest of this hill, we see both hope and evidence of a better road being taken as leading shippers looking to control logistics costs have leaned more in the direction of constructive engagement and innovation than ever before, and carriers have been pleased with the new collaboration, while themselves opening for novel solutions to transportation challenges

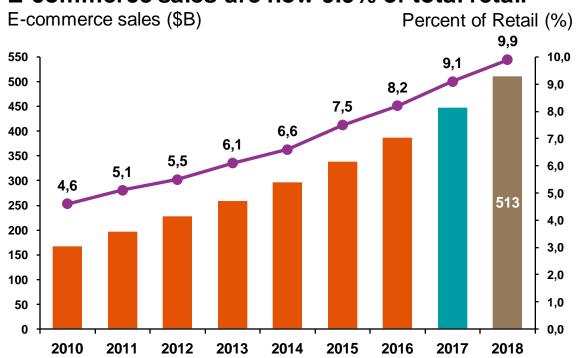


Parcel and last mile

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Relentless competition - where will the shippers choose to compete?

E-commerce sales are now 9.9% of total retail



- As e-commerce sales hit \$513 billion or 9.9% of total retail, parcel expenditures rose 8.7% to \$105 billion in 2018. Rising volumes and customer expectations for shorter delivery windows forced a capitalintensive "re-think" of last mile delivery.
- FedEx and UPS re-thought their ties with Amazon as they continued to raise base rates by about 5% and more than 10% for surcharges.
- Expectations for same-day (or shorter) will continue to grow with a 5-year CAGR of 19.5%; it is now a greater than \$5B market.
- In a world of compressing delivery windows, "freight recovery" models continue to evolve into item baskets and membership models.
- Amazon is training customers to expect ever-faster deliveries—and training its competitors to chase those expectations.
- Amazon enters fright brokerage, raises Prime shipping to same-day, expands in assets, and acquires non-vessel-operating common carrier license.
- The chase sparks a furious last-mile innovation pace, partnerships, and technology advances.

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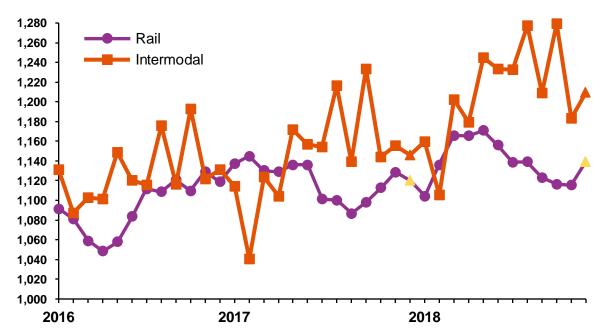


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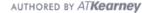
On track—for now

Rail and intermodal US class I Rail Traffic

Thousand carloads



- Rail and intermodal expenditures rose 12.9%, with intermodal leading the way.
- Precision railroading is driving profits for the railroads, which are using a
 disciplined approach to asset and labor productivity. But the process has
 caused shippers to experience localized service failures and extended
 transit times.
- Railroads try to retain profitability while improving service to retain long-term customers.
- Class I railroads are improving their operating ratios, however the earliest adopters are outperforming.
- Railroads have significantly outperformed the S&P 500 since 2016 as they have implemented precision railroading.
- Major shifts in coal volume are unlikely in the short term, unless energy generation policy changes.
- In the long term (15+ years), we expect rail and intermodal challenged by OTR innovation (full digitization, autonomy, electrification), making trucking more competitive and pushing rail conversion thresholds from 500 to 2000+ miles.

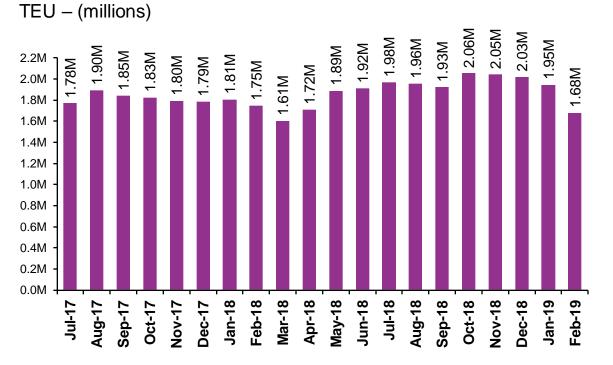




Water and ports

After a great year, turmoil is coming from IMO 2020 sulfur regulations

Monthly inbound container traffic 2017—2019



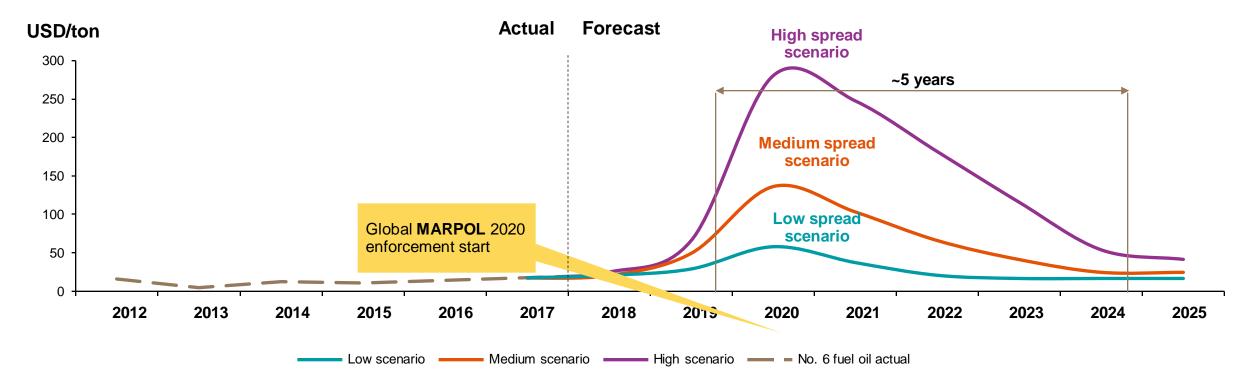
- Water expenditures rose 12.8% in 2018.
- Transpacific carriers were among the chief beneficiaries of US-China trade tensions—their expanded 2018 peak season saw some rates double as Q4 saw an extraordinary 13 percent spike in imports over the previous year. Rates will likely settle this year, at levels higher than last year.
- Carriers were more disciplined in resisting price wars and deploying capacity: while global capacity grew at 5.7 percent—outpacing 4.4 percent demand growth—rates were at times the highest they have been over the past three years.
- There were long delays as imports hit US ports to avoid tariffs for January 2019 with demand soft in early 2019 as most of the cargo was front-loaded due to trade disputes.
- Carriers must gear up for the implementation on January 1, 2020 of the IMO 2020 sulfur regulations, which will require significant capital expenditures or the purchase of expensive low-sulfur fuel.

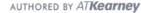
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Tremendous uncertainty surrounding the cost of low-sulfur fuel oil

1% Low Sulfur Fuel Oil (LSFO) and currently used 3.5% Sulfur Fuel Oil —price spread 2012 to 2025





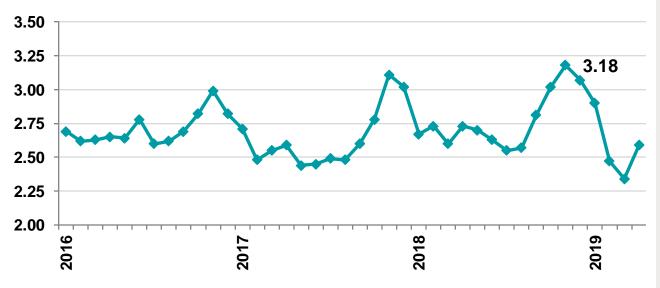


Air

Soaring on e-commerce and making strides in digitization

Drewry East-West Average Air Freight Rate

(\$ per Kg)



- Air expenditures rose 9.2% in 2018. Freight capacity rose by 5.4 percent in 2018, outpacing demand growth, resulting in a fall in load factors. Despite this, carrier rate discipline saw air freight rates increasing in 2018, jumping about 5 percent year over year in the East-West lanes and peaking at \$3.18 in November.
- Despite near-term weakness, e-commerce—and consumer demands for quick delivery—continue to fuel a longer-term positive outlook for air freight.
- The past year saw strides made in digitization, including Internet of Things tracking and visibility, automation of back office and freight services, and other specialized applications such as blockchain. For example, carriers of high-value cargo requiring special handling are expanding real-time smart sensor technologies to track and monitor shipments.
- Additionally, online freight exchanges offer shippers unprecedented transparency into rates while carriers are now starting to price dynamically.

Note: Weighted average of all-in air freight buy rates paid by forwarders to airlines for standard deferred airport-to-airport air freight services on 21 major East-West routes. Rates are expressed in \$/kg and include three components: the base rate, the fuel surcharge, and the security surcharge.

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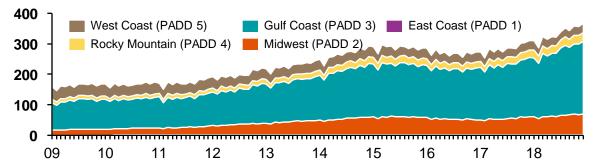




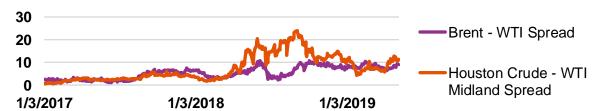
Pipeline

Catching up

Crude oil production (thousand barrels/bn)



Crude oil price spread: Houston crude oil (export market) – WTI Midland (production basin)



- Strong growth continued in oil and gas production.
- US became a net exporter of natural gas despite strong domestic demand growth powered by natural gas-based electricity production.
- Oil exports continued their dramatic growth since lifting of the oil export ban
- The production growth was largely concentrated in the Permian basin for oil and the Marcellus for natural gas.
- Dramatic production increases led to pipeline capacity constraints (driving crude price spreads higher) that were partially relieved by significant capacity additions in 2018; additional projects are expected to be completed in 2019.
- Private equity interest in the pipeline sector continued to remain strong with 2018 investments surpassing the record levels of the prior year.



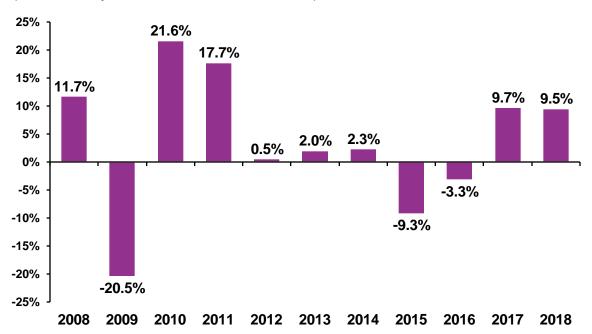


Freight forwarding

Customer service is crucial

Global trade growth

(Year-over-year, in USD, 2008–2018)



- Global trade grows 9%+ for second consecutive year.
- Freight forwarders' focus on customer services and needs will be pivotal to their endurance and continued profitability even thought they are the most profitable industry in the world.
- The trade-war scramble benefited forwarders: Panalpina, DSV, DHL, and Agility all reported high single-digit revenue growth with double-digit jumps in profits. US-based Expeditors had a strong year with profitable growth in ocean and air volumes—net revenue grew 13 percent and operating profit rose 14 percent.
- After initially rebuffing DSV and other suitors, Panalpina agreed to a \$4.6bn bid from DSV who has developed a reputation for deals following its \$1.35bn acquisition of UTi Worldwide in 2016.
- Will escalating trade tensions leave a mark on their fortunes? Or, as they did last year will they be able to use their global reach and relationships to help shippers re-align their supply chains?

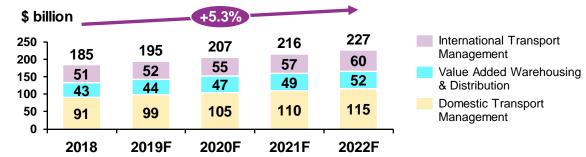
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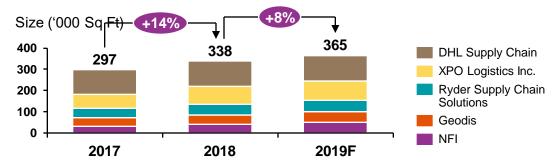
3PL

Increasingly strategic role

US 3PL revenue



Warehouse Footprint of Top 3PLs



- 3PL market is expected to grow 5.3% annually between 2018 and 2022.
- The 3PL warehousing footprint expanded by 14%.
- Management of speed, costs, and transparency involved in value-added warehousing and last-mile deliveries is becoming a necessity for 3PLs to survive the competition.
- Technology enablement is a competitive necessity and key differentiator for market leaders, with some companies doing this organically through inhouse pilots while others take the inorganic approach of acquisitions.
- Three factors continue to weigh down 3PL-shipper relationships to tactical levels: trust in 3PL capabilities to manage core operational activities, temptation to switch partners for short-term monetary benefits, and concern of becoming a guinea pig in trials of technologies and capabilities that are unproven.

Note: 3PL is third-party logistics provider.

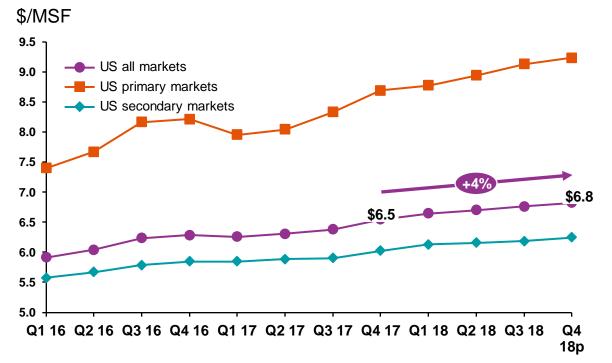




Warehousing

Go big and go small

Warehouse rents



- Warehouse rent growth slowed but continued to extend the upward trend - rents increased at about 4%, albeit at a slower rate than in the past six years.
- Industrial vacancy rate continued to be at all time low all eyes are on leasing activity.
- Development pipeline remained robust speculatively built properties continued to dominate as a majority of all deliveries.
- Leasing activity trended toward smaller transactions and ecommerce continued to reshape the industrial sector.
- Traditional retailers made up nearly 13.6% of total U.S. leasing, followed by 3PLs.
- Warehousing automation is increasingly being driven by the need to overcome labor force scarcity, flexibility and speed to adapt to new consumer requirements, in addition to the traditional drivers such as operational cost and service level improvements.

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Blockchain

Beyond the hype

How do we make sure we have interoperability of existing data—can we settle on common standards? How do we eliminate How do we automate the human touchpoints and decisions made with all this data entry to avoid information—can we inadvertent errors— can achieve the holy grail of we integrate the blockchain integrating the blockchain with sensors and networks with artificial intelligence? often summarized as the Internet of Things? How do we create more electronic data to live on the blockchain-can we digitize?

- Relentless hype obscures what it promises.
- The value of blockchain can only be realized with a robust network of companies that are willing and able to adopt a joint solution.
- Today's hype is sometimes unrealistic concerning the problems that blockchain can solve.
- The big hurdle is not technology but participation—and clearing that hurdle requires ensuring the confidentiality of member data to minimize risks and incentivize enrollment.

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5G

Setting the standard for logistics of the future

Long term (3+ years) Near-term (0-3 years) 5G's increased networking capabilities 5G will reduce cost of operations and increase visibility for all stakeholders across the supply chain, will enable massive IoT, robotics, AI tools, driven by huge improvements in transfer speeds, and real-time tracking, thereby transforming fundamental latency, and device density business economics to generate higher margins **Operations** Drone delivery execution Augmented driver Real-time vehicle Autonomous driving & Visor or helmet Unassisted. video surveillance responsive structures cloud robotics DCs computer AR dashboards for last mile **Planning and** management Multi-angle, hi-res Al-unassisted supply Remote quality Smart equipment Predictive maintenance Large inspection and wearables chain management video stream sensors network and real-time alerts **Additional** High-security supply Cloud-based tracking Advanced metering Goods tracking across Reduced Highly-customized

infrastructure (AMI)

supply chain

and intelligence

chain encryption

energy sensors

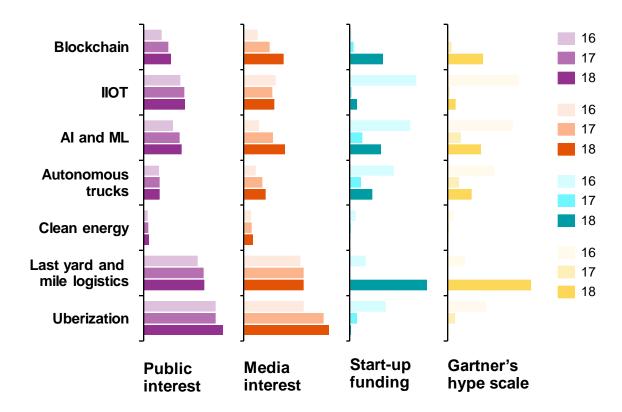
logistics services



Trends and outlook

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Sustenance requires innovation



- Trade tensions are having a profound impact on the industry with the inventory pull-forward of late last-year gaining momentum and redrawing supply chains in the process.
- Players in the industry are being forced to digitally transform and innovate to sustain not least because of the new players from the valley but also because of structural issues like labor shortages.
- Several key technologies are enabling digital transformation in logistics with blockchain and last yard being the hot new developments while "uberization" and autonomous trucking entering phases of maturity in their development.
- eCommerce growth continues and with it Amazon is making bigger bets in the logistics industry across multiple modes.
- Trucking technology is rapidly evolving and Tesla's Semi is showing promise, with fleet owners targeted to be early adopters but they will need a robust recharging infrastructure in place to venture far.
- Threat of global trade tensions casts a fog of uncertainty.



Trends and outlook

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Technology use case adoption and implications for logistics

		Planning	Operations	Assets	Warehousing	Business Model
Technological enablers	Al and ML	RoutingLoad-matchingBooking	Exception handlingAutomated gates	Predictive maintenanceAutonomous trucking	Inventory positioningForecasting	 Crowdsourcing On-demand Sharing economy Last mile/yard
	IoT and 5G		Asset trackingCargo provenance monitoring	Predictive maintenanceAutonomous trucking	Track and trace	 Crowdsourcing On-demand Sharing economy Last mile/yard
	AR and VR		Training Maintenance		Picking	
	Robotics			 Drones Sidewalk robots	 Drones Automated guided vehicles	
	Blockchain		Document managementTraceability			
	Renewable energy			 Electric trucks Hydrogen trucks	Carbon neutral warehouses	

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