

# Platts American GulfCoast Select Crude Benchmark

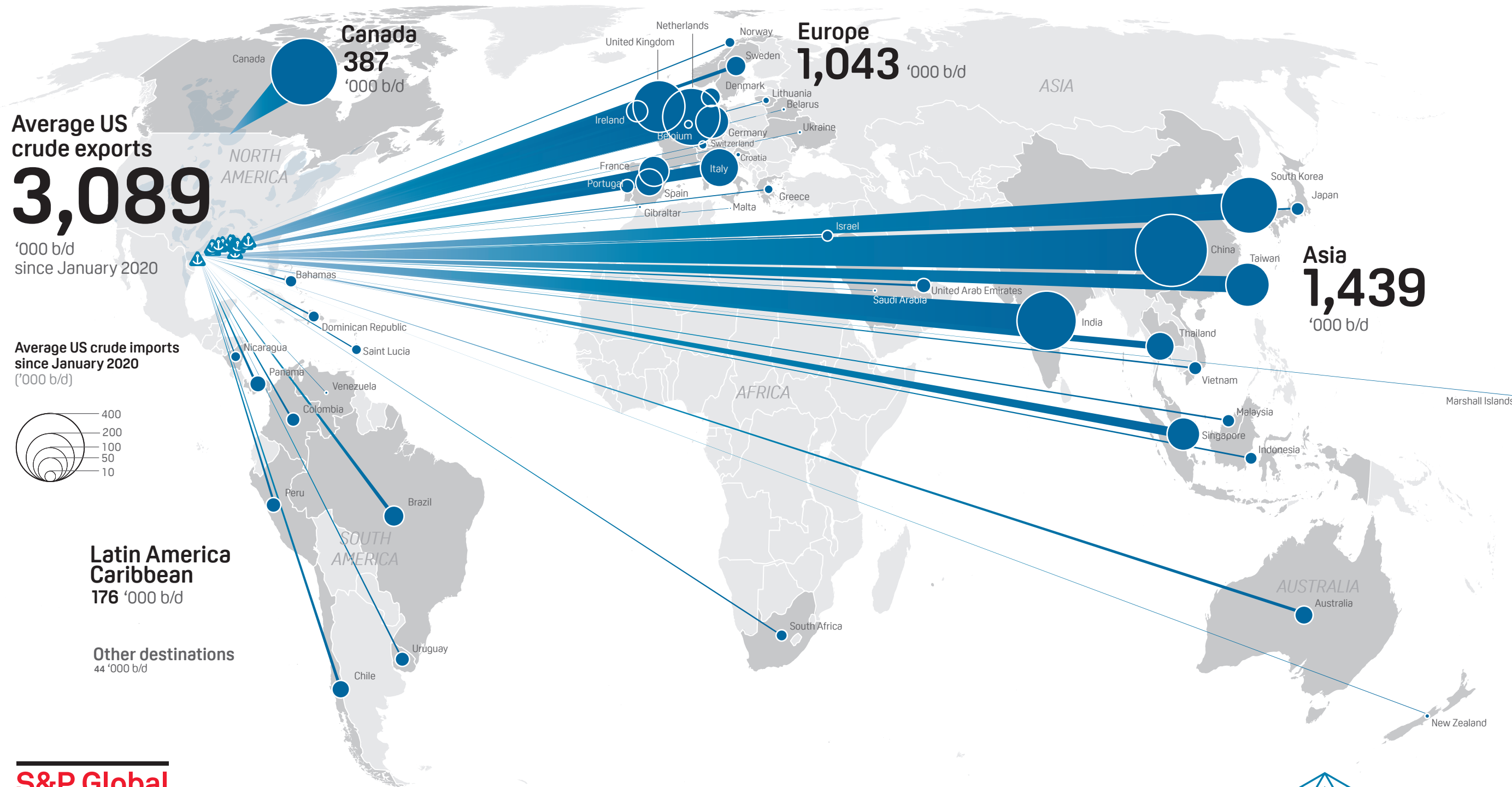
US crude exports have reached over 50 different countries and become an important outlet for US production. With so much WTI Midland shipped globally, this important grade needs a waterborne pricing basis that reflects the FOB value of cargoes loading across the Gulf Coast. That assessment is Platts AGS.

## Platts AGS Methodology

Location: Ports across the USGC  
 Size: 550,000-800,000 barrel cargoes normalized to 700,000-barrel typical  
 Timing: 15-45 days forward  
 Quality: Pipeline provenance and Platts WTI Midland specifications

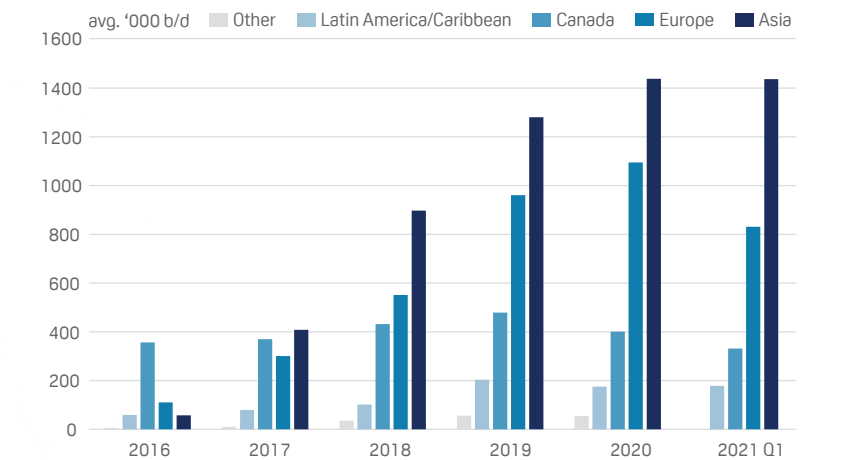
## Platts Global WTI Midland Specifications

Sulfur: 0.2% or less  
 Gravity: 40-44 API  
 Mercaptans: 75 ppm or less  
 BS&W: Under 1%  
 Iron: 10 ppm or less  
 Vanadium: 2 ppm or less  
 Nickel: 2 ppm or less  
 RVP: Under 9.5 psi



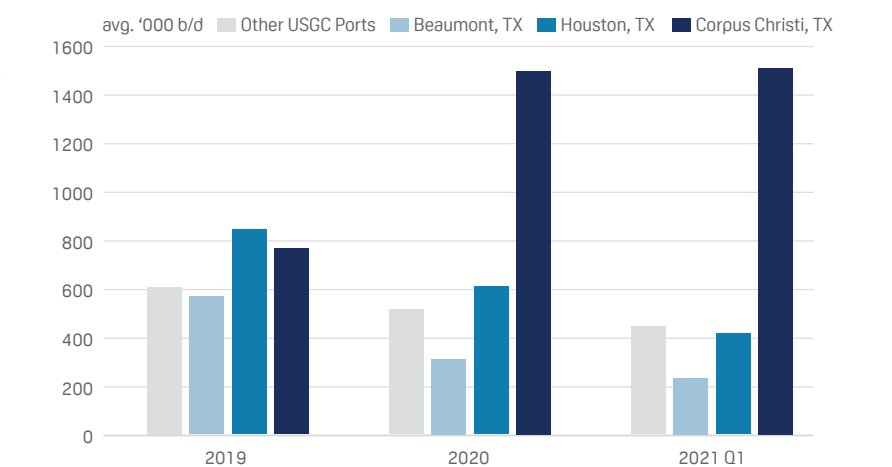
## Asia and Europe emerge as major destinations for US crude exports

So far in 2021, Asia has increased its lead as top destination for US crude exports with Europe still averaging above 800,000 b/d.



## Corpus Christi exports surge with new pipeline connections and terminals

A series of new pipeline and export infrastructure projects have vaulted Corpus Christi into the lead for US crude exports.



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