

# Perspectives on UK Oil & Gas investment

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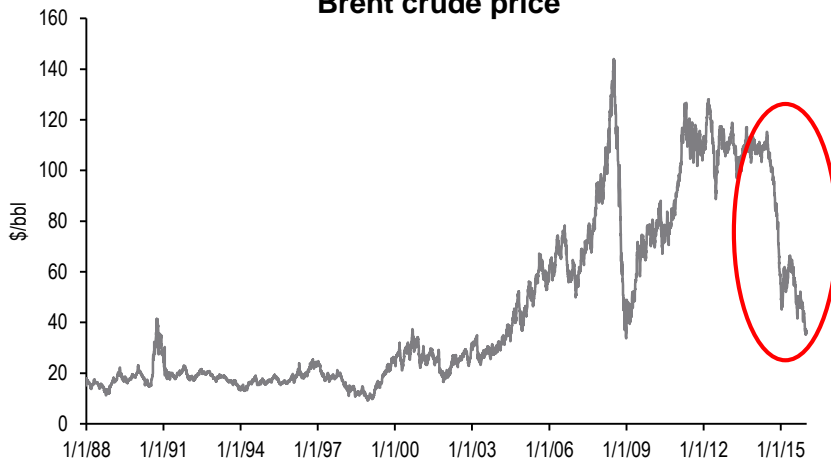
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# Things have changed a lot in the last year

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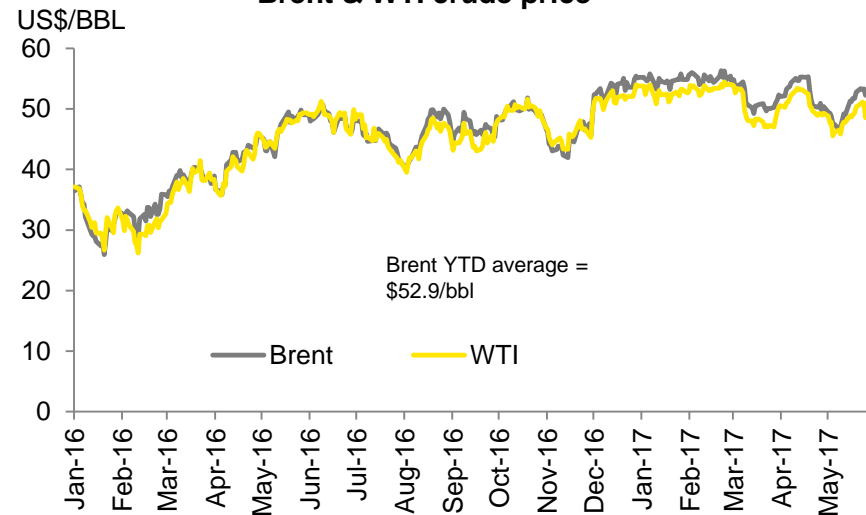
**Brent crude price**



Sources: EY analysis, Thomson Reuters Datastream

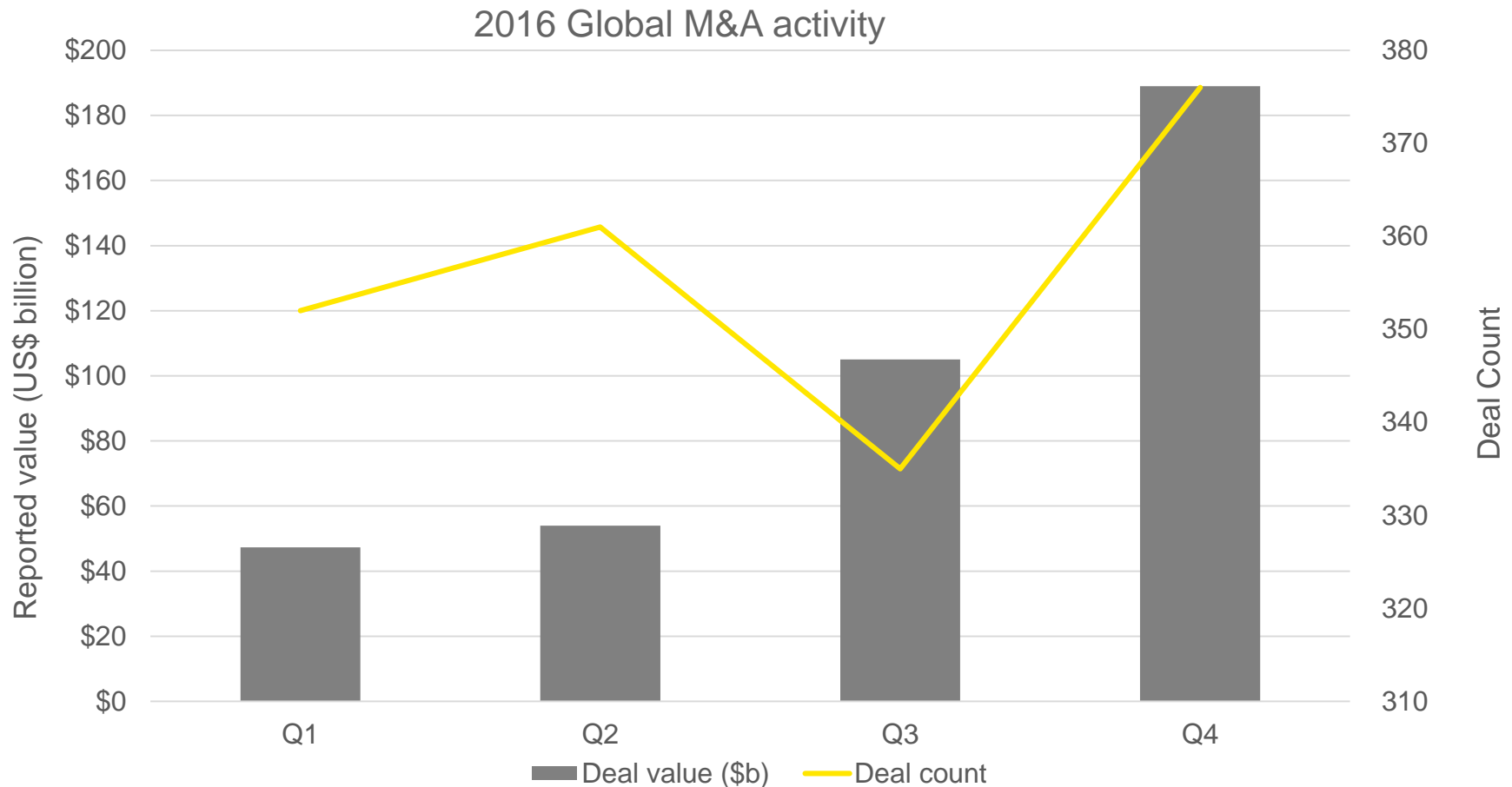
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**Brent & WTI crude price**



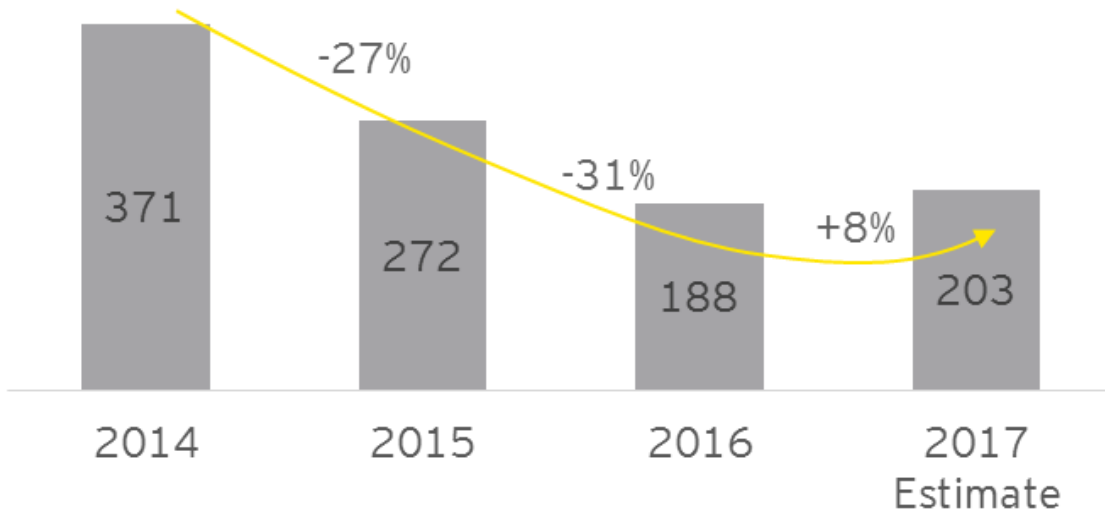
- ▶ Greater stability in crude price and greater consensus on outlook = more confidence in the future

# Global M&A activity has responded positively



# However, capital rationing continues...

Upstream exploration & development capex (US\$bn)

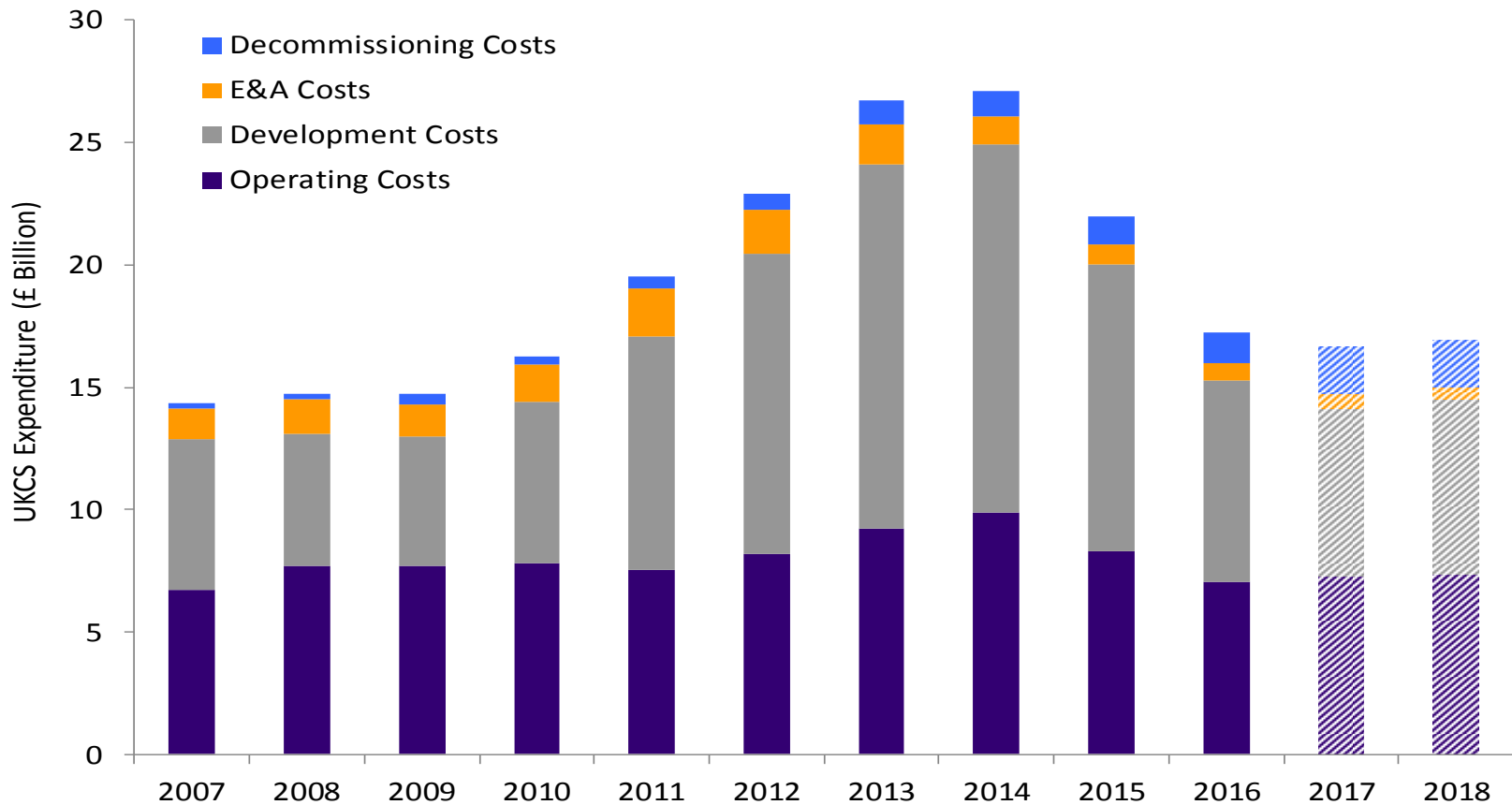


- ▶ Global capex is expected to increase 8% in 2017, driven largely by US onshore activity
- ▶ Capex budgets will still be 26% lower than in 2015 and 45% down on 2014
- ▶ IEA predicts that low levels of investment will create a capacity crunch before the end of the decade

Sources: RBN Energy, Morgan Stanley

# The UKCS “investment” story is comparable

- ▶ \$8bn+ of announced UK oil & gas M&A transactions in 2017 YTD exceeds the total for 2013-2016. However.....
- ▶ Capital expenditure outlook (excluding decommissioning) is not positive



Source: OGA, Oil & Gas UK

# Achieving ownership change has required more risk sharing in deal structures

Contingent payments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ "Future payments....contingent upon future exploration results and commodity prices" (1)</li> <li>▪ "A contingent payment related to the Rosebank FID" (2)</li> <li>▪ "A contingent payment related to the Federica stabilisation plant .... and a contingent payment subject to development of Rosebank" (3)</li> </ul>
Deferred consideration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ "...will be funded by deferred consideration payable from the cash flow of the Transaction Assets" (4)</li> </ul>
Options	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ "EnQuest has an option to acquire the remaining 75%" (4)</li> </ul>
Liability sharing/management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ "Shell has undertaken to contribute a fixed \$1.0 billion towards the eventual decommissioning costs" (1)</li> <li>▪ "EnQuest has the option to receive \$50m from BP in exchange for undertaking the management of the physical decommissioning...." (3)</li> </ul>

- (1) Chrysaor – Shell  
 (2) OMV – Siccar Point  
 (3) DONG Energy – INEOS  
 (4) EnQuest – BP

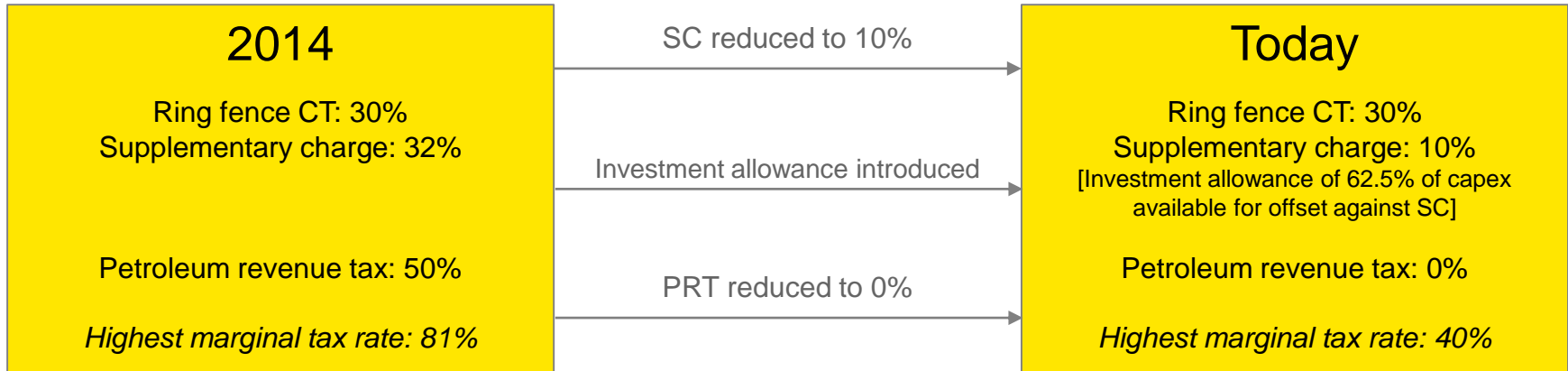
# “No surprises” above ground will encourage new owners to deploy capital

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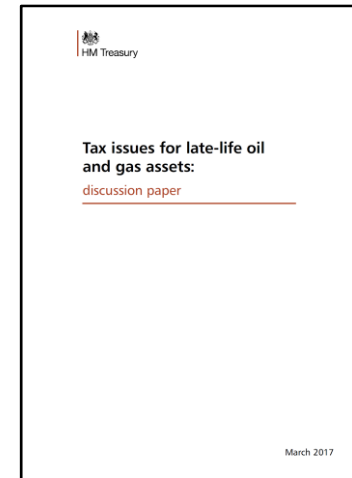
- ▶ Commodity price outlook
- ▶ Joint venture alignment
- ▶ Infrastructure access / reliability
- ▶ Regulatory stability
- ▶ Fiscal stability / predictability
- ▶ Decommissioning confidence

**MERUK is a simple objective to articulate – but defining “E” is incredibly complex**

# UKCS fiscal regime – an improving picture?



- ▶ Given maturity of the basin, decommissioning (including associated tax relief) remains a key transactional issue
- ▶ At Budget 2016, HMRC gave a level of assurance that sellers can obtain decommissioning relief when they retain decommissioning liabilities after a disposal
- ▶ HM Treasury is currently consulting on tax issues for late-life oil and gas assets, and an “expert panel” has been formed to inform Government thinking in this area
- ▶ Consultation closes 30 June, with conclusions anticipated at Autumn Budget 2017





# Investors hope to escape the “vicious cycle” of decommissioning stagnation

With an estimated £50bn+ spend over the next 30 years, decommissioning is a major opportunity and challenge.



# Outlook for the next year

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- ▶ Positive M&A prospects given stable oil price outlook, improving valuation consensus and capital availability
- ▶ Continuing refinancing activity and creative deal structures
- ▶ Sustained focus on portfolio optimisation for both NOCs and IOCs with capital most likely to be allocated to upstream regions with lower costs and/or greater capex flexibility
- ▶ UK is delicately poised between these two potentially opposing dynamics
  - ▶ Diversity of capital is essential
  - ▶ Imperative to “get it right” on controllable above-the-ground factors

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