

The Oil Price

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## The Oil Price: Summary

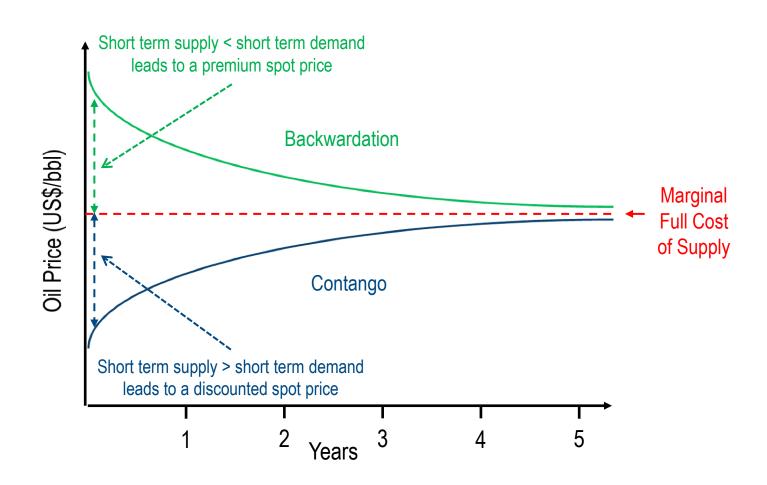
#### In the Medium Term:

- The Mid-cycle oil price will be lower than it was a year ago
- Last year Brent long dated contracts traded at US\$95/bbl US\$100/bbl
- We estimate that US\$75/bbl US\$80/bbl will be more appropriate for the next few years

#### In the Short Term:

- We believe a pull back is likely after the recent rally
- The onshore US rig count appears to have stabilised.
  There are a few thousand drilled but yet to be completed US onshore wells waiting in the wings for higher oil prices
- Global crude and product stocks are still at high levels and likely to grow over the next couple of months
- The marginal cash cost of production sets the Brent oil price floor at around US\$30/bbl. However, we do not expect the oil price to approach this level in this cycle.

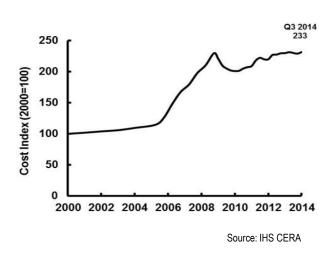
## Oil Price Formation: Spot Prices And The Forward Curve



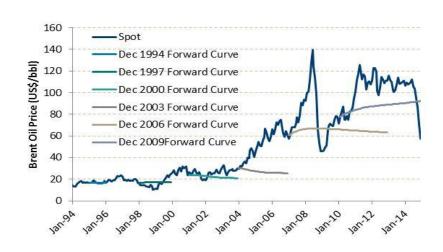


## Structural Component Of The Oil Price

#### **Upstream Capital Cost Index**

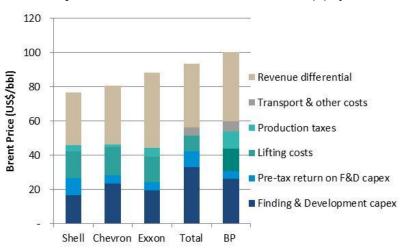


#### Brent Spot and Forward Curves: 1994 - 2014

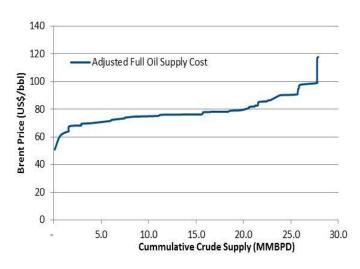


## The Marginal Full Cost Of Oil Supply

#### Majors 2013 Full Cost of Oil Supply



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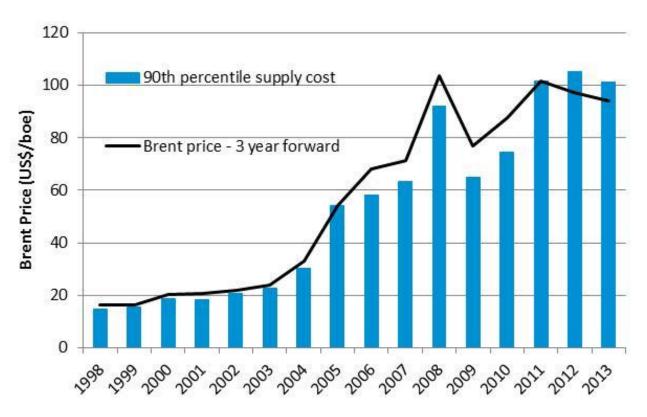


Source: Company data, RFC Ambrian estimates



# Long-dated Oil Prices = The Marginal Full Cost Of Oil Supply

#### Marginal Full Cost of Oil Supply and 3 Year Forward Contracts

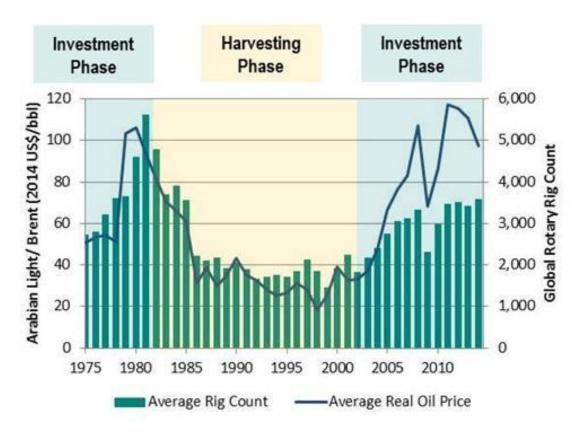


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## Overcapacity In Oil Service Inputs Should Lead To Lower Oil Prices

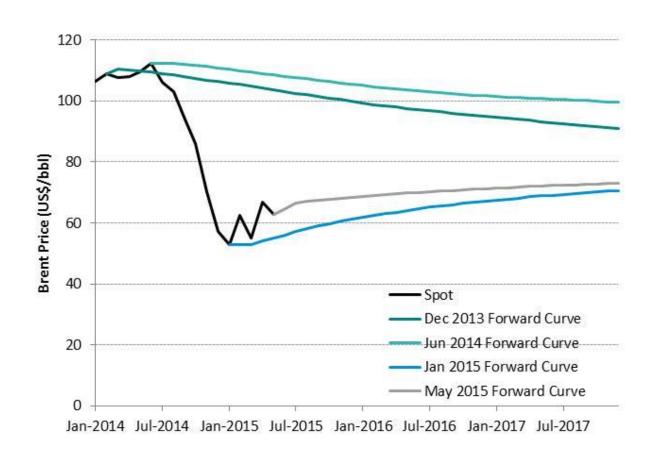
#### Real Oil Prices & Global Rig Count



Source: Baker Hughes, BP

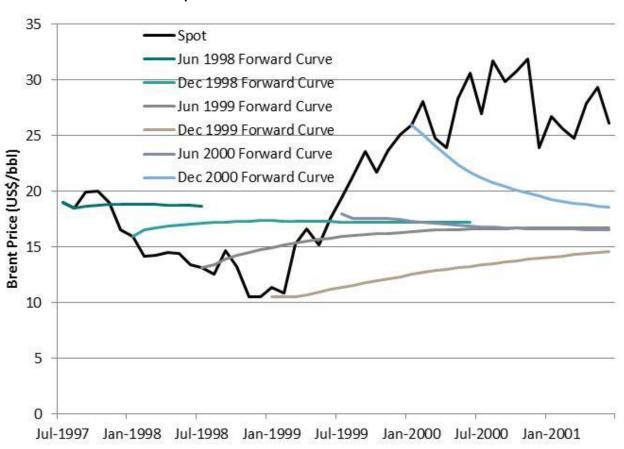


# Long-dated Brent Oil Price



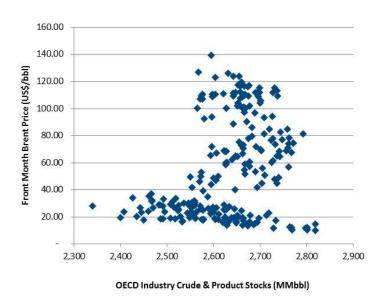
# Cyclical Component Of The Oil Price

#### Brent Spot and Forward Curves: 1997-2001

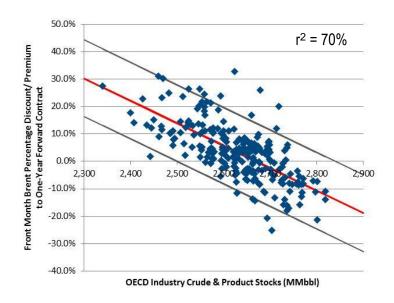


## Spot Discount To Long-dated Forward Contract vs Stock Levels

#### Brent Spot vs Stocks: 1995-2014



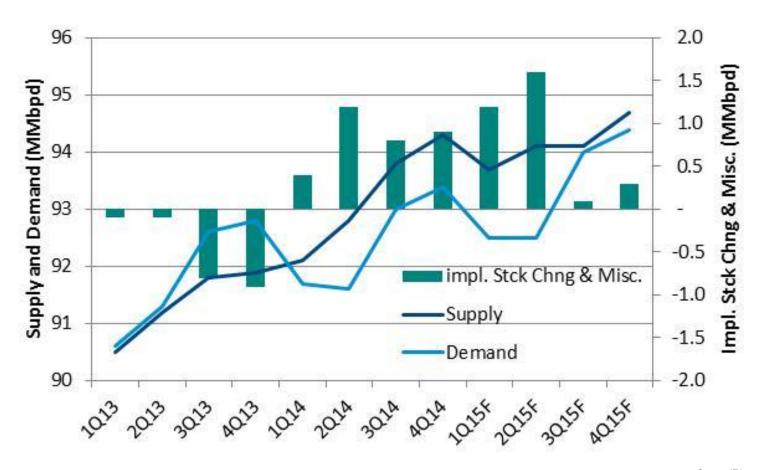
#### Brent Spot Discount vs Stocks: 1995-2014



Source: IEA, RFC Ambrian estimates



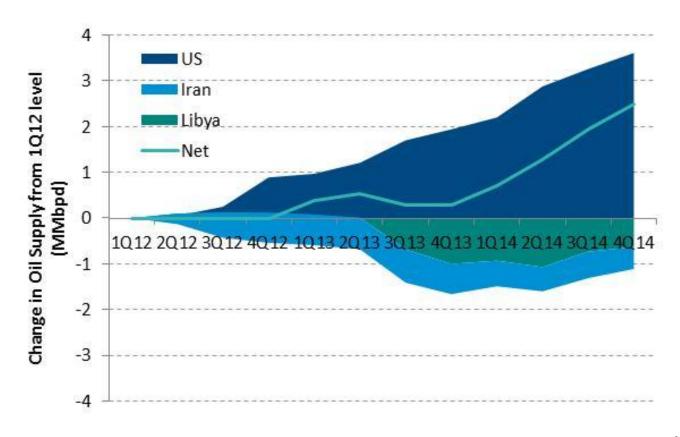
## **IEA Supply/ Demand Forecasts**



Source: IEA

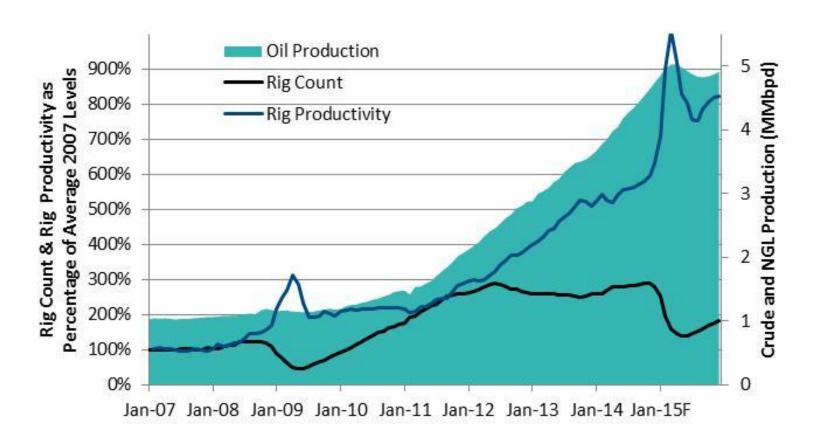


# US Supply Growth Offset By Unexpected Outages Until 2014



Source: IEA

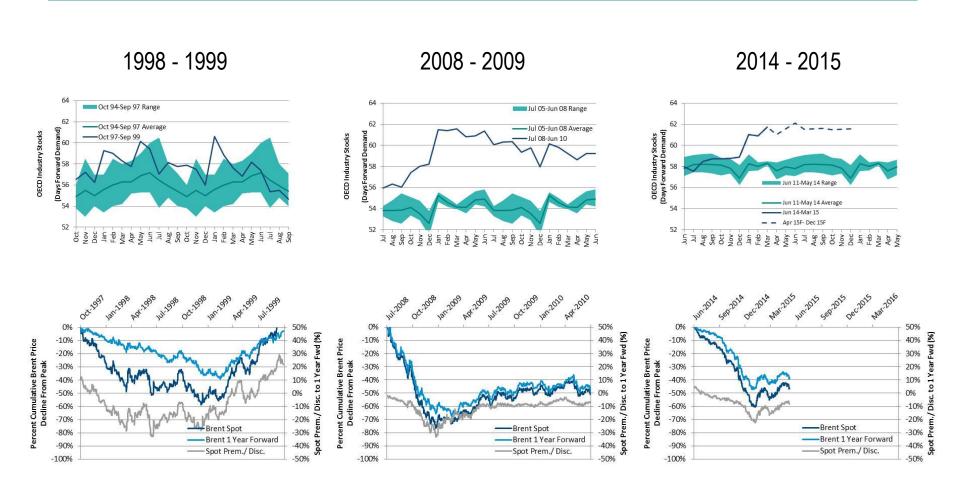
# Permian, Eagle Ford & Bakken Regions Oil Production



Source: US DOE, RFC Ambrian estimates



# OECD Industry Oil Stocks, Spot Prices And Contango Steepness



Source: IEA, RFC Ambrian estimates



## Why Has The Brent Spot Price Not Fallen Further?

#### The stock build has been confined to the US

- Tight oil supply is a US phenomenon
- The US still bans the export of crude, although not products
- The WTI's contango is steeper than Brent's contango (the spot spread is wider than long-dated spread)

#### US Tight oil production has peaked earlier than we had anticipated

- Tight oil supply appears to have peaked in April/ May. We had expected a peak in June
- Rig efficiency gains (new production per rig per month) have not accelerated as they did in 2008/9.
- Anecdotal evidence suggests that a few thousand wells have been drilled, but not completed

#### Demand has been slightly stronger than forecast

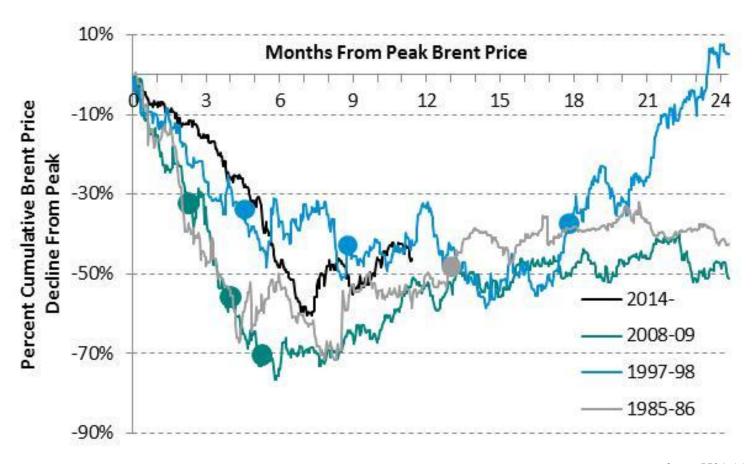
European demand has surprised on the upside

#### Risks to some North African and Middle Eastern production remain high

- Iraq is struggling with chronic budget deficits and the cost of fighting ISIS
- Libyan exports are erratic



# When Has OPEC Acted In Past Cycles?

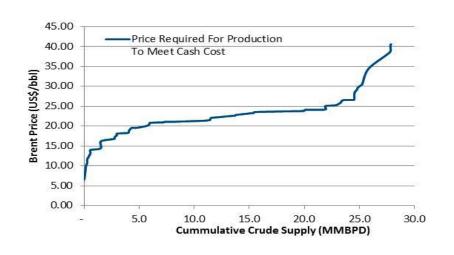


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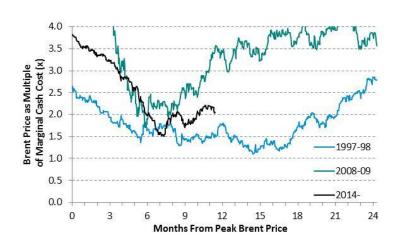


## Marginal Cash Cost Of Oil Supply

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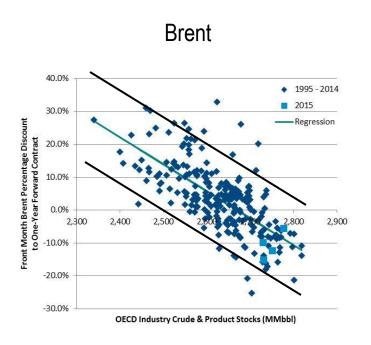
#### Brent as a Multiple of Marginal Cash Cost

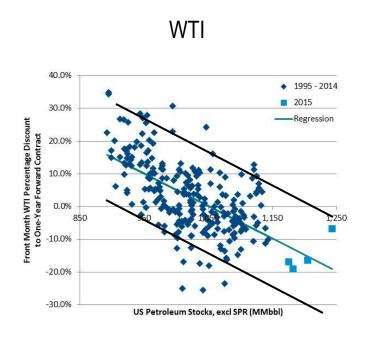


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# Recent Inventory And Spot Discount Levels

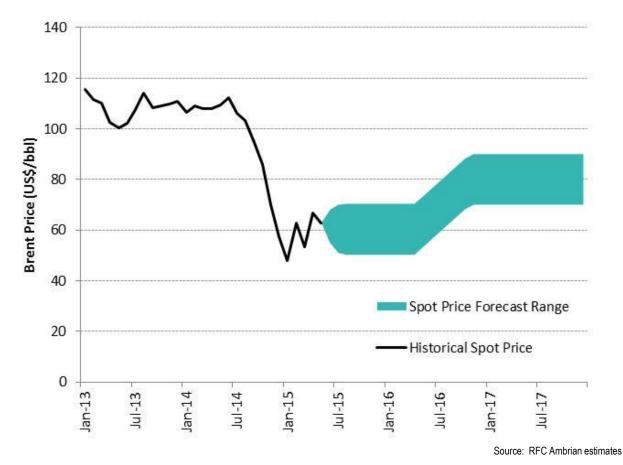




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# **Brent Forecast Range**

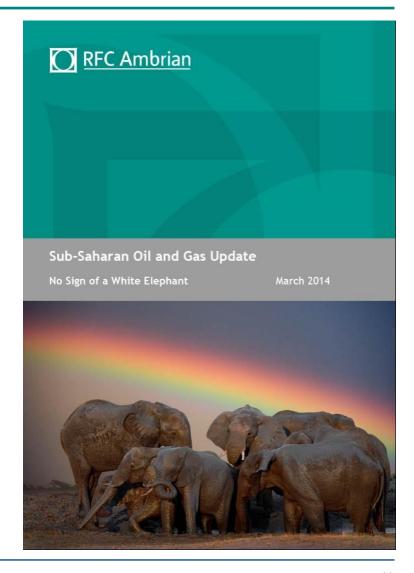




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