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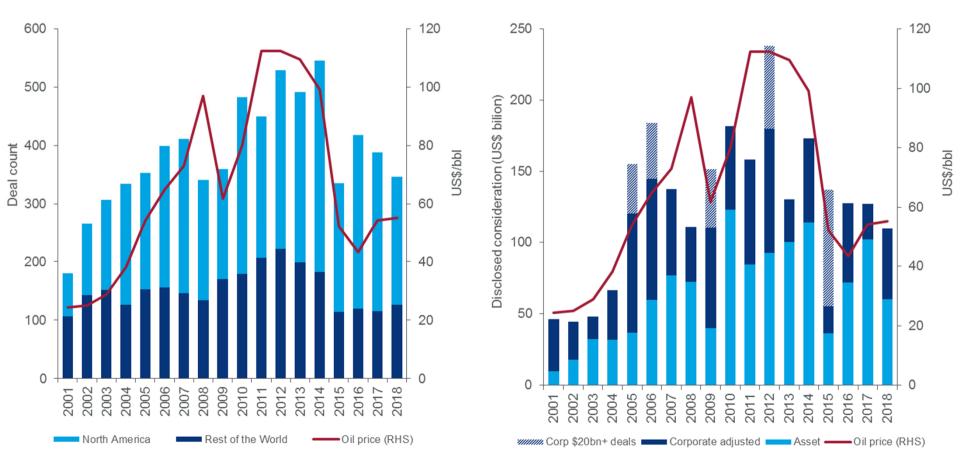


# Global deal activity was booming prior to the oil price collapse in late 2014

North American deal flow recovered quickly but has slowed again since mid-2017. Rest of the World activity trending 40% below peak.

Global deal count, split by primary super-region

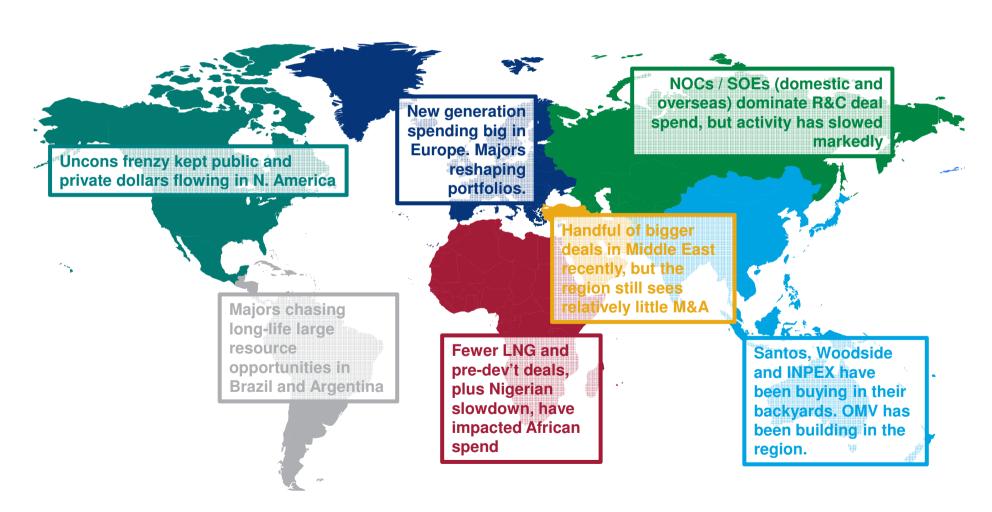
# Global disclosed deal spend, split by corp. vs asset deals



Source: Wood Mackenzie M&A Service. Includes upstream deals with a consideration of at least US\$10 million (disclosed or assumed). Deals must include discovered resources.



# Regional markets moving at different speeds, with different participants



Source: Wood Mackenzie M&A Service. Disclosed considerations only. Note differing scales on charts. Shell / BG allocated Primary Region of Latin America. Latin America chart capped at US\$25 billion.

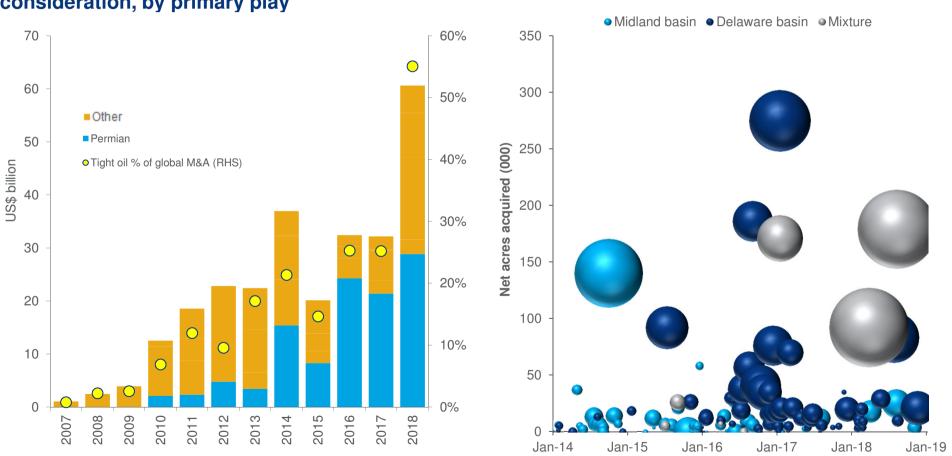


# The hot spot: North American tight oil has attracted an increasing share of global M&A dollars

"Permania" of 2016 / 2017 subsided as capital discipline rose to prominence, but corporate consolidation kicked-off in 2018 – across the Permian and other plays

North American tight oil deals: aggregate consideration, by primary play

#### **Permian deals**



Source: Wood Mackenzie M&A Service

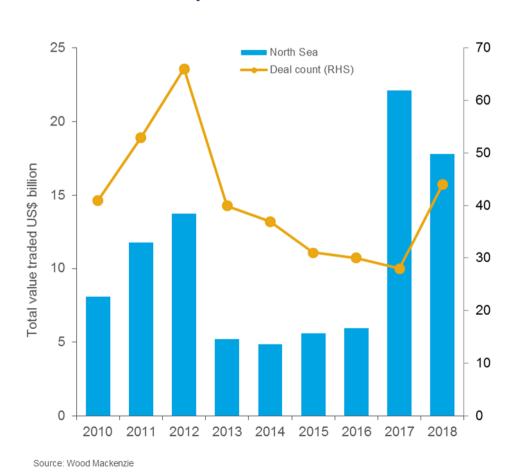
Source: Wood Mackenzie M&A Service. Bubbles are sized by disclosed consideration



## North Sea: US\$35 billion of value\* traded in last two years

New generation of mid-sized producers mixing it with the Majors, as utilities exit

### North Sea M&A spend\* vs. deal count



### North Sea 10 biggest deals 2017 - 2018

Date	Buyer	Seller	Primary Country	Consideration (US\$M)
Aug-17	Total	Maersk Oil	Norway	4,182 <sup>ab</sup>
Jan-17	Chrysaor	Shell	UK	3,000
Jul-18	BP	ConocoPhillips	UK	n/a
Sep-18	Wintershall	DEA	Norway	n/a
Oct-17	Aker BP	Hess	Norway	2,000
Oct-18	Noreco	Shell	Denmark	1,910
Jul-18	Eni	Point	Norway	n/a
Nov-17	Statoil	Total	Norway	1,450
May-17	Neptune	Engie	Norway	1,394 <sup>abc</sup>
May-17	Ineos	DONG Energy	Denmark	1,129

Source: Wood Mackenzie. \*WM valuation used when no consideration announced. Full deal consideration / value is attributed to Primary country. Merger value is allocated to the company which holds the smaller ownership percentage post-deal. "North Sea" includes all deals with a Primary Country of UK, Norway, Denmark and Netherlands. aNorth Sea portion only. bWM estimate. "70% interest."



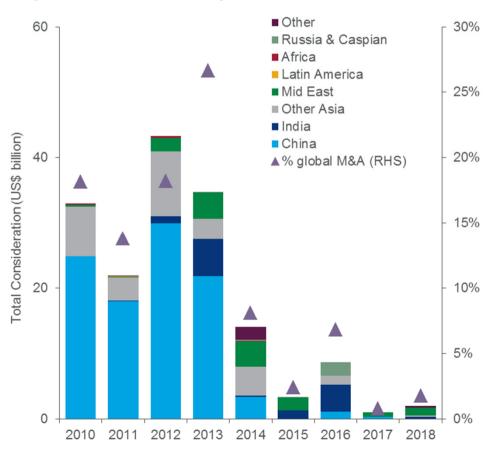
## Majors have returned to M&A over the last 3 years; NOCs have not

## Chinese NOCs were huge international buyers at start of the decade

### Majors' disclosed A&D spend, by company

## ■ Total 100 ■ Equinor Shell ExxonMobil 80 Chevron 60 Total A&D (US\$ billion) 40 -40 -60 -80 -100 2010 2015

# State-Owned Entity (SOE) overseas acquisitions, by SOE home country

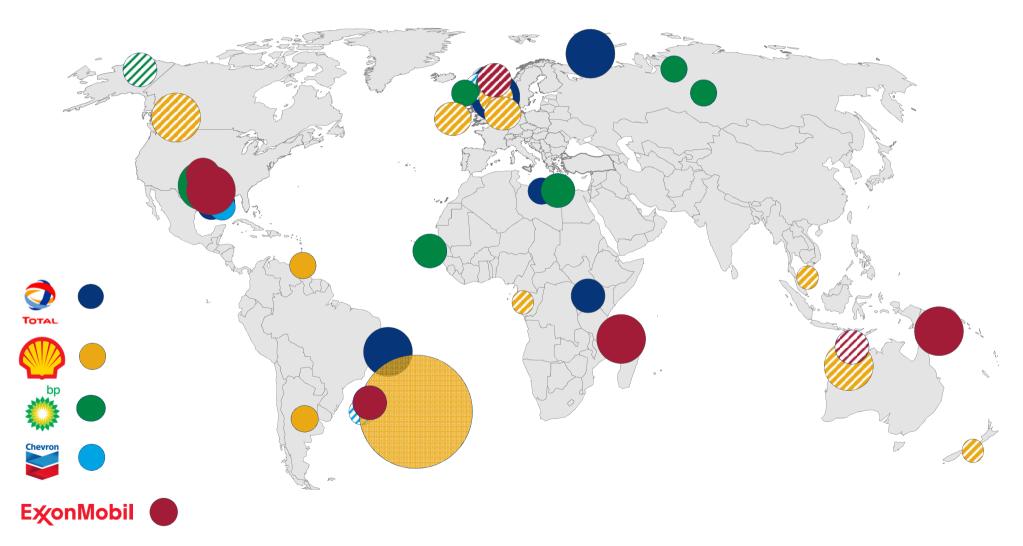


Source: Wood Mackenzie. Note divestments are shown as negative values.



# Post-downturn, the Majors have mostly focused on managing portfolios towards long-life, low cost growth assets

Majors' A&D 2015 -

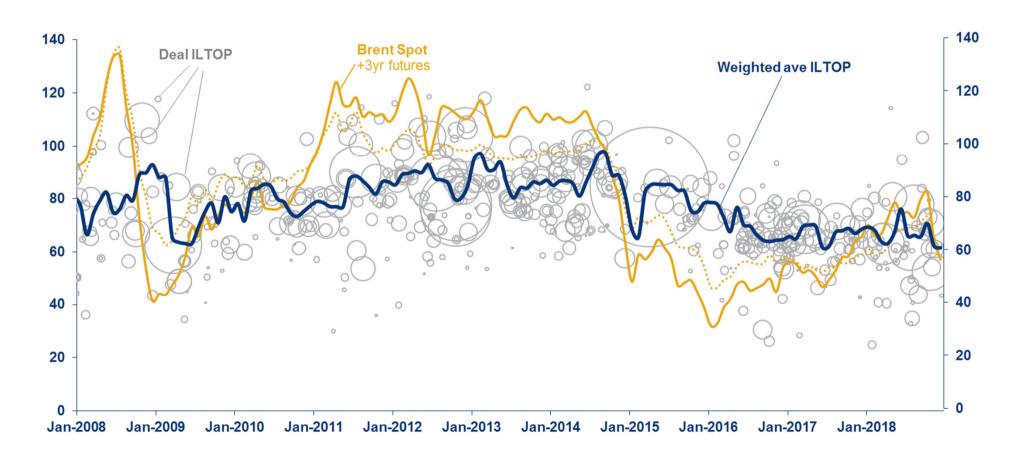




# Valuations: our deal-by-deal modelling suggests long-term Brent price assumptions have settled around US\$60 to US\$65/bbl

Long-term oil price assumptions are more stable than spot prices

Implied Long-term Oil Price (NPV10): weighted average and deal-by-deal (US\$/bbl)



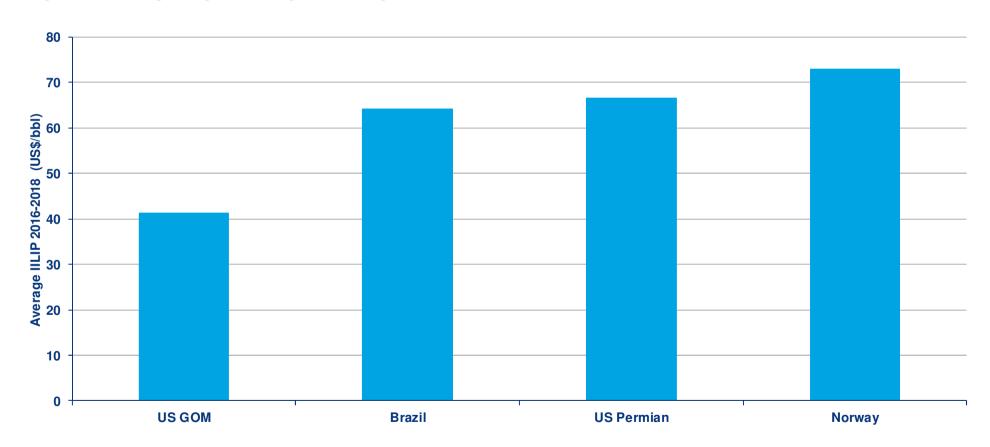
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# Valuations: big regional differences in full-cycle M&A economics

Extremes of US GoM and Norway reflect supply-demand factors

Weighted average regional Implied Long-term Oil Price in transactions between 2016 and 2018



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## Outlook: 2019 unlikely to be a bumper year for global M&A

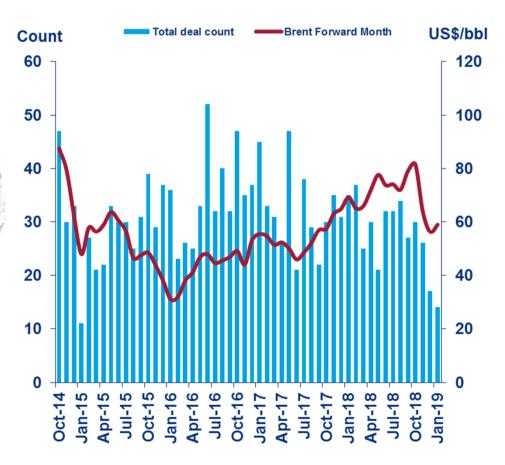
Tough start, as uncertainty from late 2018 oil price and macro volatility re-set negotiations and widened bid-ask spread. And capital discipline was already in vogue.

QEP Resources Inc said on Wednesday it was **not going forward with the \$1.65 billion deal** to sell its Williston Basin assets to Vantage Energy Acquisition Corp, **following a fall in crude prices.** 

Earthstone Energy, Inc. is **terminating its \$950 million acquisition** of Sabalo Energy, LLC due to market conditions. **Citing a decline in commodity prices and market conditions**, the companies have entered into an agreement to terminate the pending acquisition.

ConocoPhillips has ended exclusive talks with Ineos over a package of North Sea assets and will open up the sale to other bidders. Conoco entered exclusive talks with Ineos in the middle of November. Brent crude dropped from about \$67 a barrel to near \$50 in December. Ineos was earlier said to be seeking to renegotiate terms of its bid.

### Monthly deal count versus Brent price





# But there are always deals. We currently track 235 potential disposals worth at least US\$177 billion in our Deal Pipeline.

Majors and IOCs will continue using A&D to tighten portfolios. Rationalisation has a lot further to run.

### Selected potential disposal plans



Targeting US\$10 billion of disposals over next 2 years



Up to US\$27 billion monetizations by 2023



~US\$2 billion left on US\$7.9 billion 2019 target

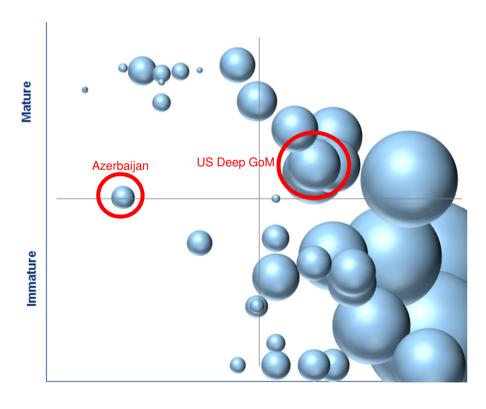


Up to US\$8 billion outstanding on 2019 target



US\$5 billion per year in 2019 and 2020

### **ExxonMobil Strategic Fit**



Non-Core Core

Source: Wood Mackenzie. Bubble chart highlights the distribution of the company's top regions in terms of commercial value, maturity and relevance to the company's upstream portfolio. Bubble sizes proportional to remaining NPV.10. CBT Q4 2018 dataset.



## Full retrenchment to the US Lower 48 on the cards for some IOCs

We see diverging strategies, but some are almost there already

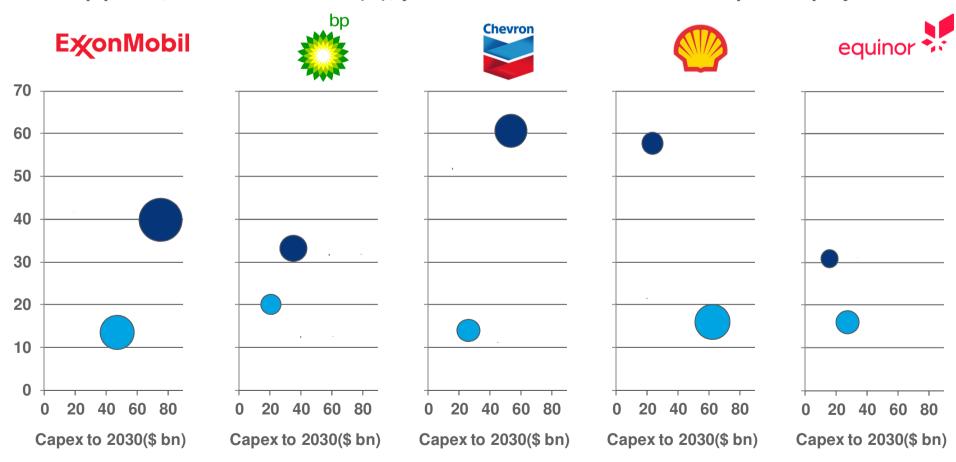




## Why re-focus on tight oil?

Majors' portfolio returns illustrate why Devon, Marathon and others continue to retrench

Pre-FID pipeline; investment vs. IRR (%); yet-to-drill US uncons vs. other pre-FID projects

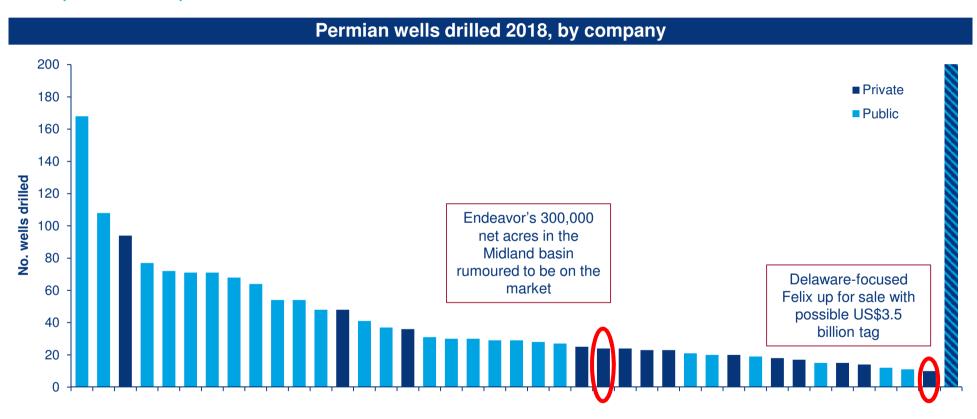


Source: Wood Mackenzie Corporate Benchmarking Tool. Includes incremental projects. Capex from 2018-2030. IRR reflects weighted average (weighted by capex). Bubbles proportional to capex.



# Still more big deals to come in the Permian – scale is now seen as a virtue

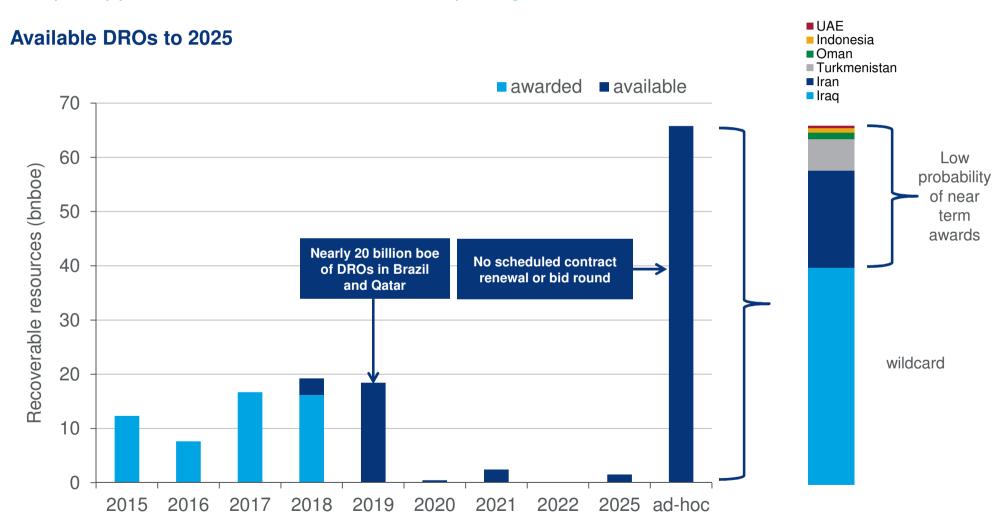
Big private companies still exist in the Permian and there is a long tail of active players, both public and private, which could be consolidated





# Big Oil will also continue acquiring internationally, but Discovered Resource Opportunities may crowd out large-scale M&A this year

Unique opportunities in Brazil and Qatar up for grabs in 2019



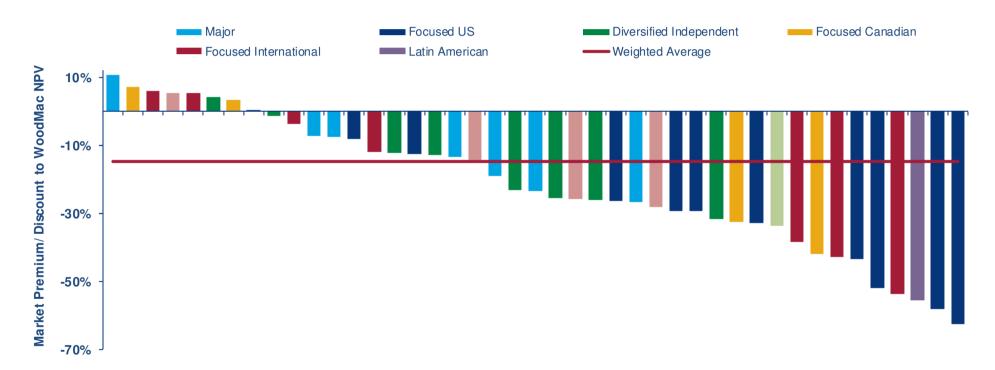
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## Will corporate consolidation gather steam?

Corporate acquisition targets may now be cheap; shareholders are struggling; debt and equity markets are closed

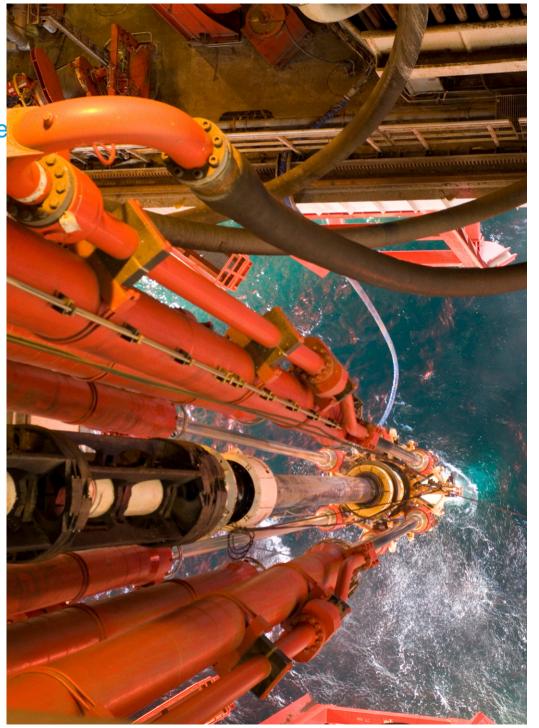
Market premium / discount to WM base case NPV10 (%)



## **Key M&A themes for 2019**

Not a blockbuster year, but deals will continue

- Majors keep tightening portfolios to focus on long-term, low-breakeven growth
- 2. US-homed IOCs continue retrenching towards unconventionals
- 3. Capital discipline keeps a lid on US asset deals
- 4. Corporate consolidation could increase
- 5. ILTOP valuations stay in low US\$60s per barrel





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- Greig leads Wood Mackenzie's global research into upstream mergers and acquisitions. This includes assessment of corporate strategies, analysis of value creation and deal evaluation. He regularly engages with industry and financial clients, and presents at conferences around the world. His views on upstream mergers and acquisitions are regularly sought by the media.
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