

## Haynes and Boone in The Wall Street Journal: Three Years On Oil Industry Comes to Terms With Cheap Crude

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Three years after the price of crude began its rapid descent, the oil industry and investors are finally resigned to the idea of lower prices for longer, potentially ending a period of crisis for the sector.

The price of Brent crude, the international benchmark, is now down 59% since it hit a closing high of \$115.06 a barrel three years ago on Monday. West Texas Intermediate, the U.S. gauge, is also 58% lower than the \$107.26 high it hit a day later.

The steep fall sparked a slump in oil company profits, recessions from Russia to Venezuela and huge job cuts across the world's oil fields.

But now, petrostates, investors and major oil companies are adapting to a world in which they see a range of \$50 to \$60 a barrel as the new equilibrium....

Since the start of 2015, in the U.S. 105 producers and 120 oil field service companies have filed for bankruptcy, according to Haynes Boone. In a calmer environment, there might be one or two bankruptcies of note among oil and gas producers, and a few more among smaller services companies...

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