Higher oil prices in the past led to substantial investments in the development of additional oil production capacity. However, those investment decisions were usually grounded on the fundamental assumption that if the economy as a whole was to grow, then it will do so based on oil consumption and therefore oil production will be required to grow proportionally.

Even with a growing economy, the incremental relevance of new technologies and consumption patterns may in the future demand less units of oil per unit of economic growth. That change in the demand pattern will certainly drive fundamental changes in both the business and operating models adopted by the oil industry.

The main argument behind our upcoming report, *A world without oil?*, aims to challenge some of these assumptions, meaning certain demand changes such as growing renewable energy production, mobility electrification, changes in consumption patterns from ownership to access, mobility as a service, or additive manufacturing among other technological disruptions may indicate the potential of a demand peak before we reach an oil supply peak.

In this scenario, oil companies may need to adapt to a new reality of the industry, a reality requiring leaner and more agile business models instead of the traditional capacity driven mentality.

Launching soon: *A world without oil?*

Players must change to adapt, facing the new reality of the industry. *A world without oil?* will be available October 2018 and can be downloaded then at www.kpmg.com/oilgas.
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