



## Gas Price Movement July 20, 2017

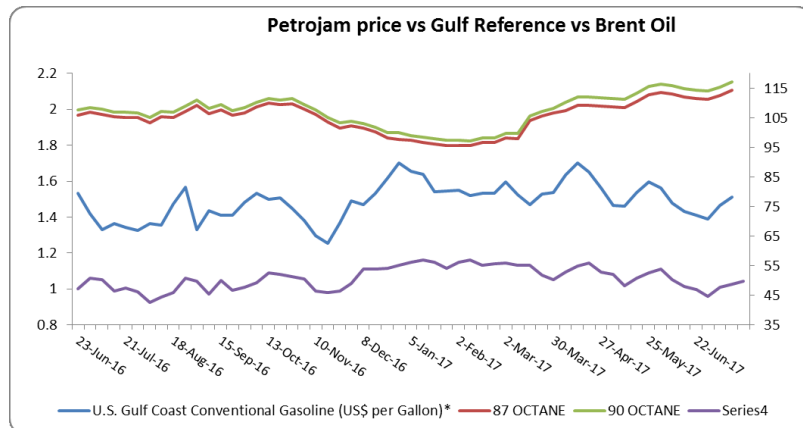
### Brent Oil

Brent Oil prices increased by 1.99%, as oil prices increased for the third consecutive week. The Brent Oil traded on July 19, 2017 at a price of 49.70 (US\$/ barrel).

### Petrojam prices

87 Octane prices increased week over week, by 1.50% . 90 Octane also increased by 1.50% week over week. 87 Octane and 90 Octane opened the year at J\$97.32 and J\$98.98 respectively.

**Figure 1: Petrojam, U.S. Gulf Coast Conventional Gasoline Regular and Brent Crude Oil 1 Year Price History**





### **This Week in Petroleum**

#### **U.S. crude oil production forecast to average 9.9 million barrels per day in 2018**

EIA forecasts that total U.S. crude oil production will average 9.3 million barrels per day (b/d) in 2017, up 0.5 million b/d from 2016. In 2018, crude oil production is expected to reach an average of 9.9 million b/d, which would surpass the previous record of 9.6 million b/d set in 1970. Most of the growth in U.S. crude oil production from June 2017 through the end of next year is expected to come from tight rock formations within the Permian region in Texas and from the Federal Offshore Gulf of Mexico (GOM).

The Permian region is expected to produce 2.9 million b/d of crude oil by the end of 2018, about 0.5 million b/d above the estimated June 2017 production level, representing nearly 30% of total U.S. crude oil production in 2018. The Permian region predominately spans the Permian Basin of western Texas and southeastern New Mexico, covering 53 million acres. Within the Permian Basin are smaller sub-basins, including the Midland Basin and the Delaware Basin, all of which contain historically prolific non-tight formations as well as multiple prolific tight formations such as the Wolfcamp, Spraberry, and Bone Spring. With the large geographic area of the Permian region and stacked plays, operators can continue to drill through several tight oil layers and increase production even with sustained West Texas Intermediate (WTI) prices below \$50 per barrel (b).

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