UNCONVENTIONAL OIL
A U.S. Game Changer

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1.7 mbd of unconventional production comes online between 2008 and 2012.

The innovative pairing of horizontal drilling with hydraulic fracturing cracks the shale energy code. First used to produce natural gas from shale, this pairing of technologies was introduced to shale oil production, unlocking vast new U.S. oil plays.

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The US is expected to surpass Saudi Arabia as the world’s largest oil producer in 2017.

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