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# The Wintershall interview: Martin Bachmann, executive director

The proposed merger of Wintershall and DEA would create a sizeable independent upstream oil and gas production company, with a portfolio dominated by natural gas. As the company presented its 2017 financial results [1], Gas Matters took the opportunity to elicit the views of Martin Bachmann, Wintershall executive director and head of the company's exploration and production for Europe and the Middle East, on the post-merger future of the company, the health of the industry after the oil price crash, and the controversial Nord Stream 2 pipeline. He believes that the industry is in much better shape than it was – and that we could be witnessing the dawning of what the International Energy Agency once described as “the Golden Age of Gas”.



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