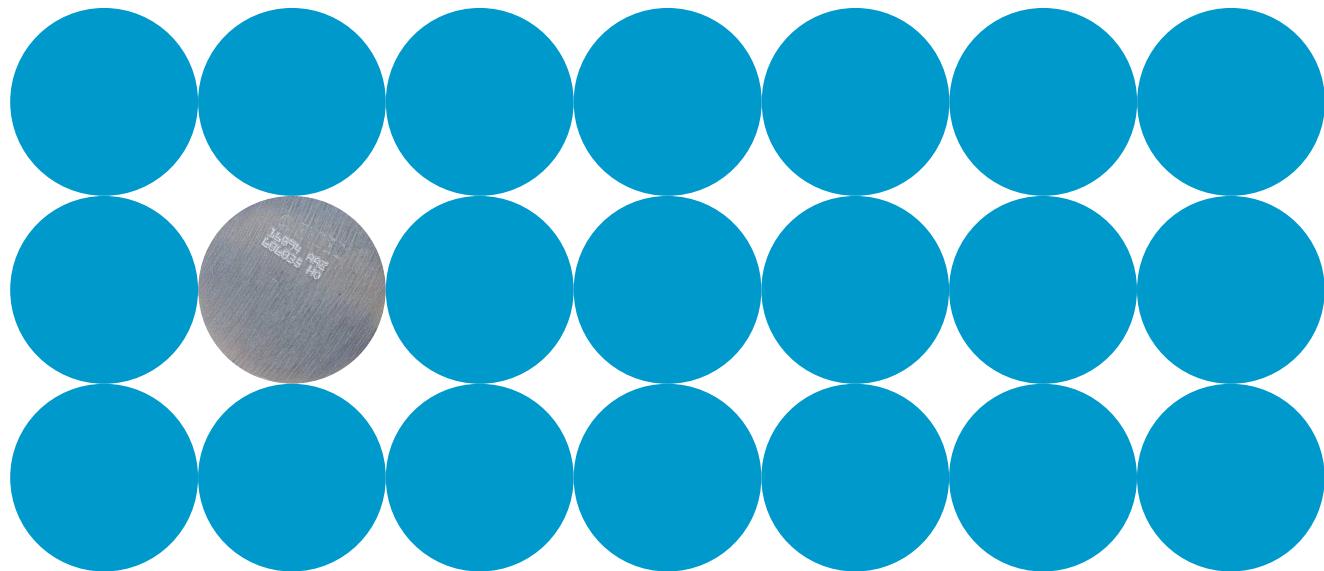


# Hydro - a resourceful aluminium company



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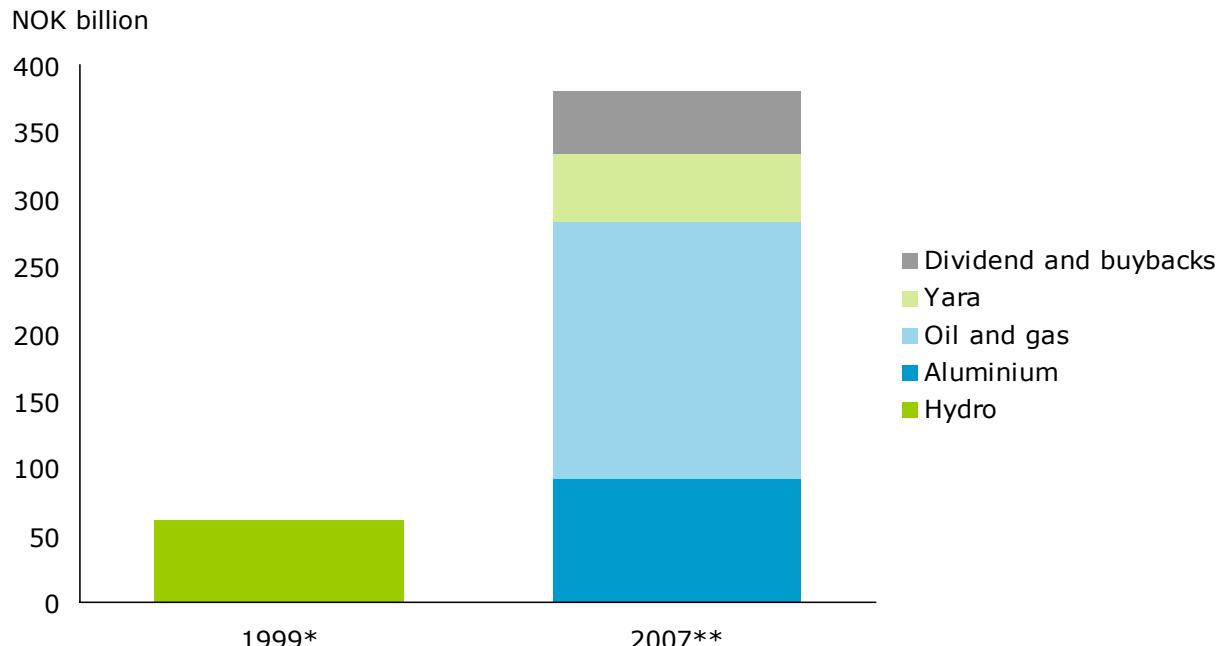
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# Restructuring the Hydro conglomerate has created significant value



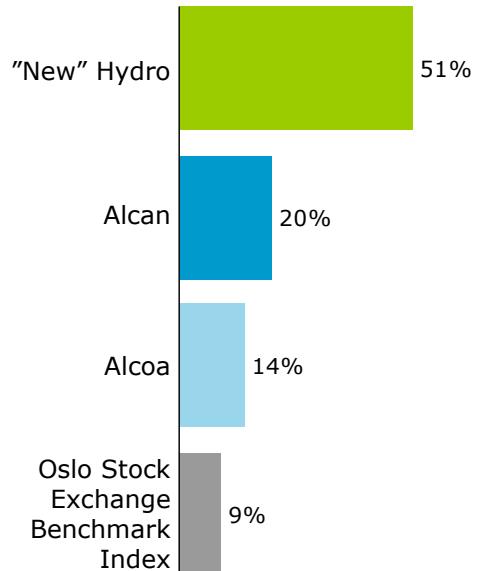
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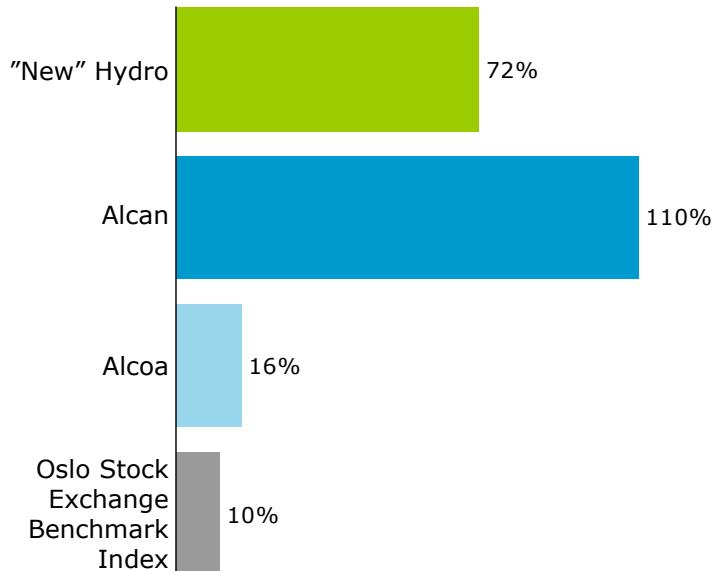
# "New" Hydro well received

## Relative share price development NYSE

18 December 2006 – 1 May 2007



18 December 2006 – 23 November 2007



Source: Yahoo Finance, NYSE (USD), except OBX. Based on closing prices on the respective dates

# A resourceful aluminium company

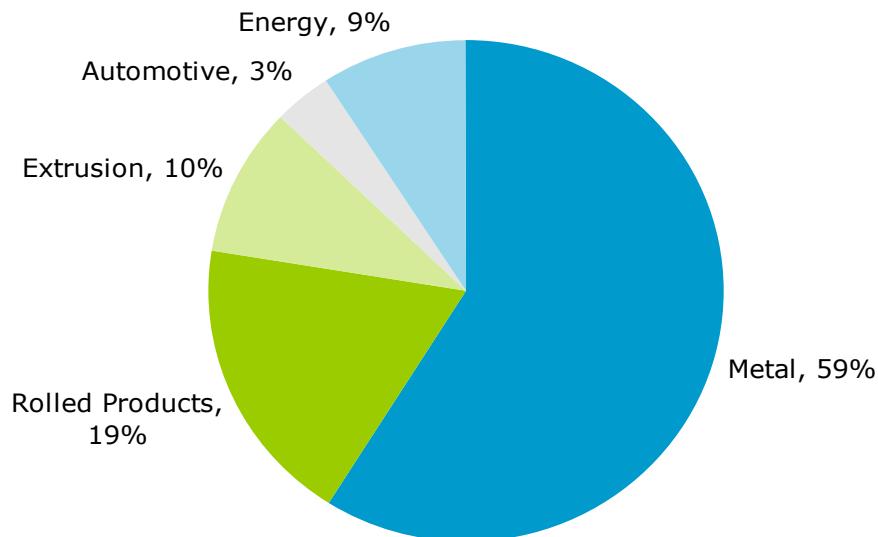


- 25 000 employees<sup>1)</sup>
- Operations in more than 30 countries
- Turnover
  - 2006: NOK 99 billion
  - First nine months 2007: NOK 73 billion
- EBIT
  - 2006: NOK 7.5 billion
  - First nine months 2007: NOK 9.0 billion
- Market capitalization  
~NOK 87 billion / USD 16 billion

1) Excluding Polymers

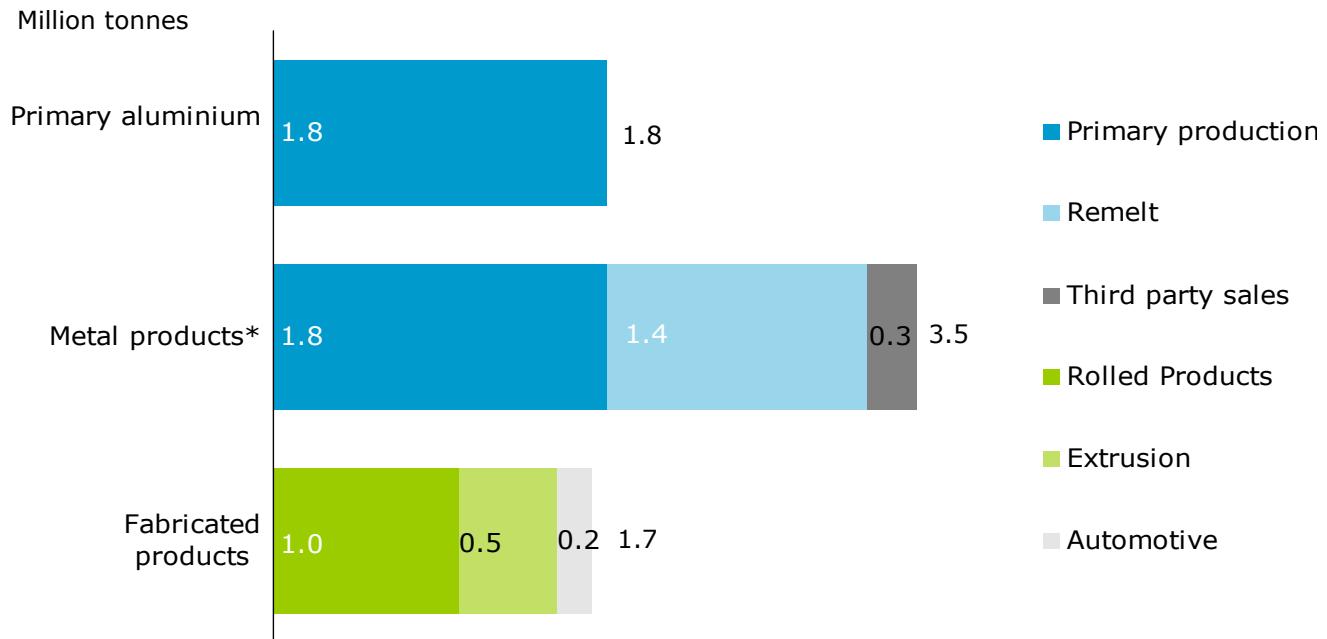
# Capital employed – upstream focus

Total NOK 46 billion<sup>1)</sup> 30 September 2007



1) Including NOK 2.5 billion in negative capital employed in "Corporate and Other" not shown in graph

# Large supplier of aluminium



2006 figures

\* Upgraded primary metal such as extrusion ingot, rolling slabs and foundry alloys.

# Qatalum smelter

Largest greenfield capacity built in one step



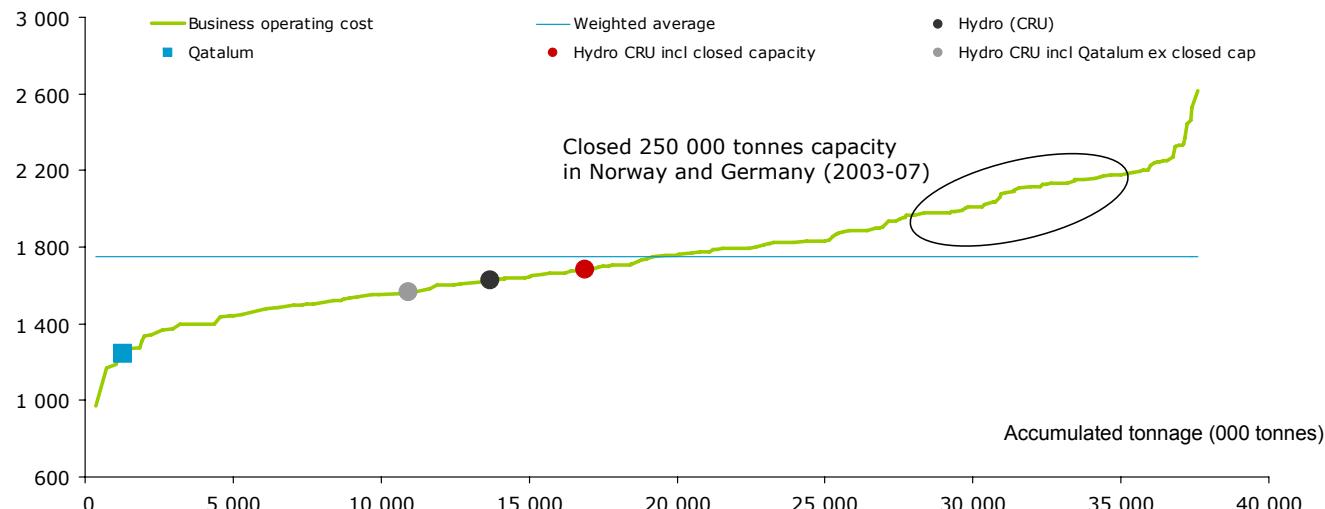
- First-stage capacity
  - Smelter: 585 000 tonnes per year
  - 704 cells in 2 double-lined potrooms
  - Hydro technology
  - Anode plant and cast houses
  - 1 250 MW power plant
  - Possible expansion to 1 200 000 tonnes per year
- Technology designed for
  - Low specific energy consumption
  - High-labour productivity
  - Low emissions
- Investment costs USD 5.6 billion (100%)
- 50/50 joint venture between Hydro and Qatar Petroleum

# Growth and restructuring efforts

## Improved cost position

### Business operating cash cost

USD/tonne



\* Source: CRU, 2007. Business operating cost definition. Assumptions 3 month LME 2 705 USD/tonne and 3 month LME lagged 1Q 2 747 USD/tonne. Alumina spot 329 USD/tonne. Hydro numbers for Qatalum

# Hydro well covered with alumina

## New refinery positions Hydro for further growth in metal

### Alumina coverage

Percent



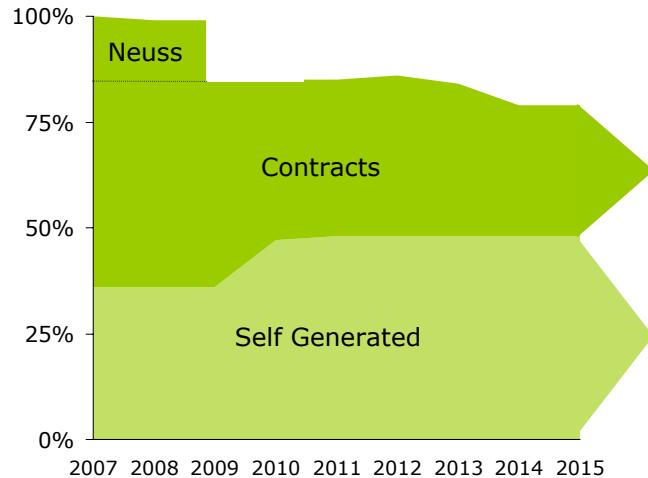
Based on existing smelter capacity and decided smelter and alumina projects

Excluding recently announced 400 000 tonnes of alumina under contract from RioTinto from 2011

# Competitive power sourcing

## Critical for aluminium smelting

### Power coverage



- Power represents 30% of production costs
- Long-term power sourcing ensures predictable costs
- Globalization of Hydro's power activities

Based on existing smelter capacity and decided smelter projects

# Distinct businesses with leading positions

## Rolled Products (50% of revenues)

Rolled Products



**Reporting  
sub-segments  
and sectors**

\*Casting and Magnesium revenues excluded

## Extrusion (40% of revenues)

Extrusion Eurasia



Extrusion Americas



Building Systems



## Automotive\* (10% of revenues)

Precision Tubing



Automotive  
Structures



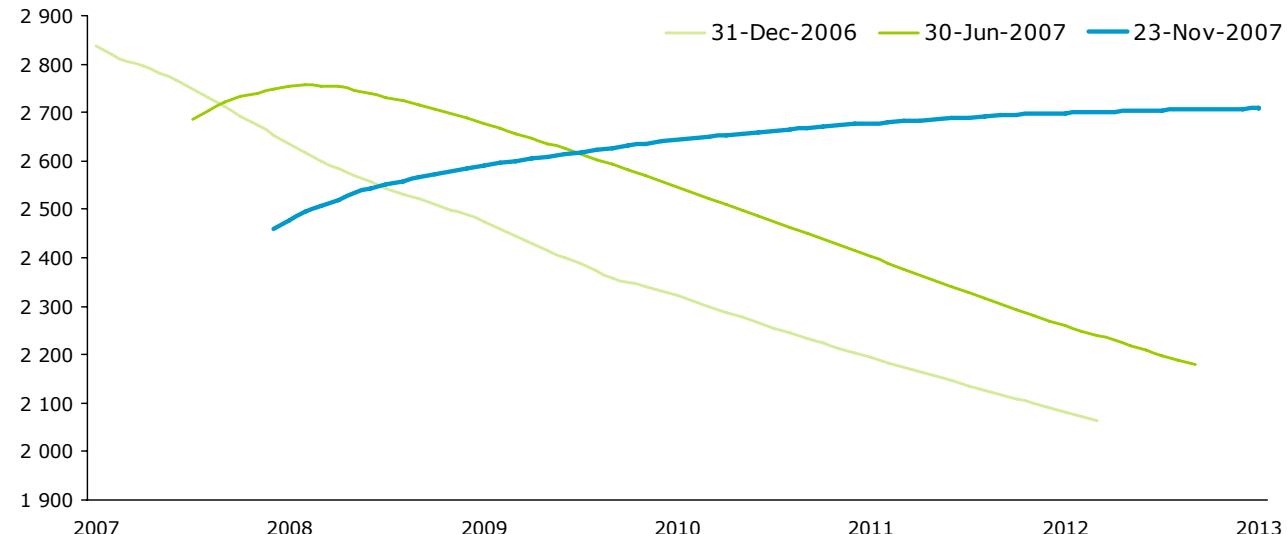
# Healthy demand for aluminium

- Properties give competitive edge
- Recyclability more important with high energy price
- Expected annual demand growth 4.0-4.5% coming 10 years
- China represents almost 2/3 of expected growth
- Main product segments expected to grow 4.0-5.0% annually

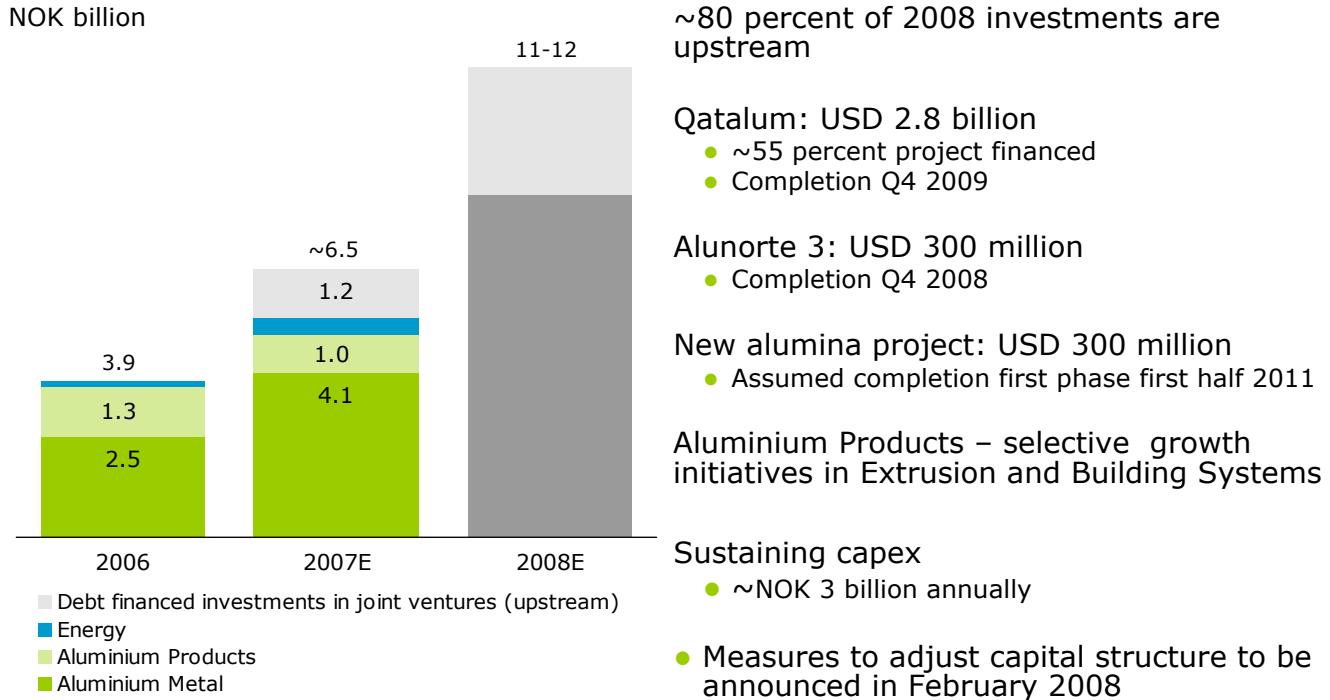


# Shift in forward curve

LME USD/tonne



# Capital allocation – upstream focus





## Hydro's competitive strengths

- Power position
- Operational performance
- Technological leadership across value chain
- Close to markets and customers
- Reputable partner in joint ventures
- Distinct project management skills
- Financial capacity to grow

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