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The UK travel sector Competing in a changing world

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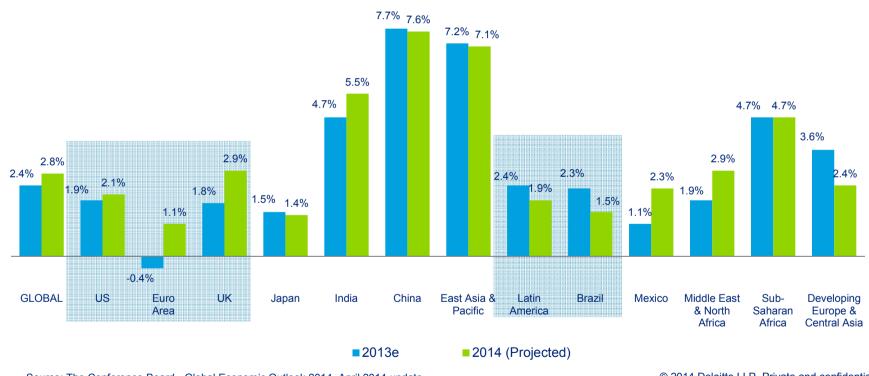
# Business outlook



## **Emerging markets driving economic growth**

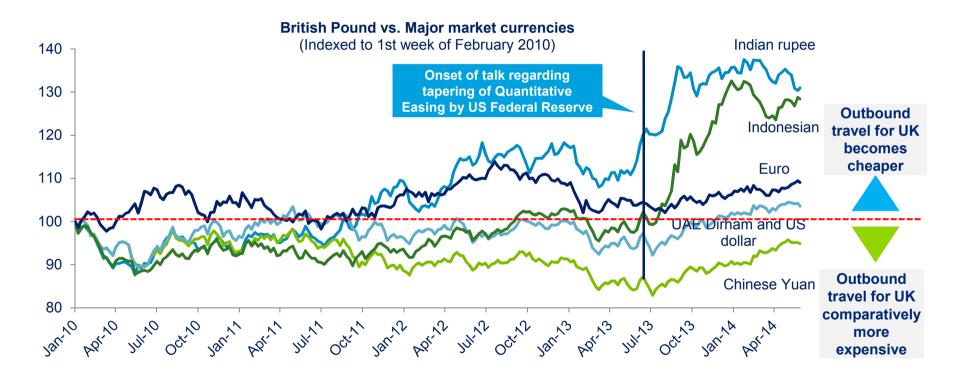
While Eurozone creates concern in the developed countries, some emerging markets are experiencing slower growth

#### Global outlook for growth of Gross Domestic Product (Year on Year,%)



#### The currency effect

Improving currency rates make UK outbound travel more attractive

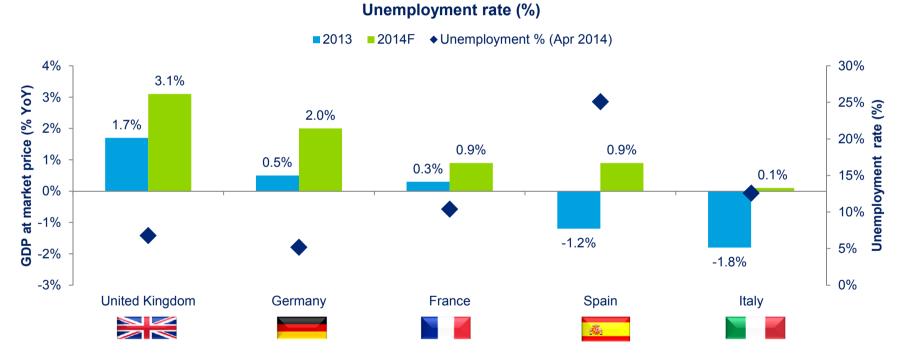


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### **UK vs. other European countries**

UK is leading the growth scenario in Europe

# Gross domestic product at market prices (% change over previous year) &



6 Source: Eurostat

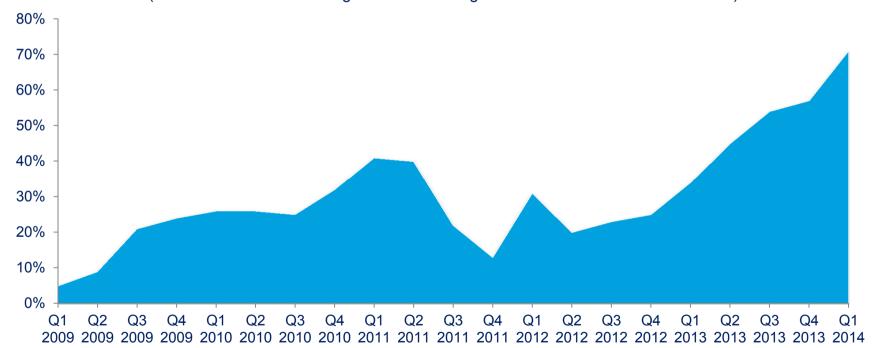
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### Improving business confidence in UK

UK CFOs are becoming more confident and show increasing appetite for risk

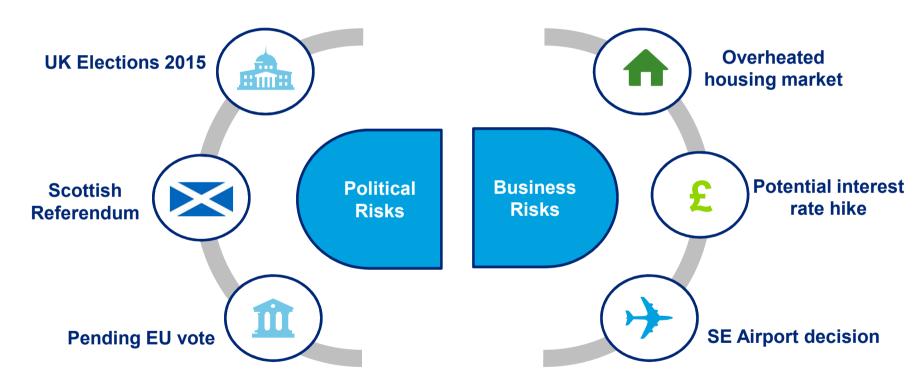


(% of CFO who think it is a good time to take greater risk onto their balance sheets)



#### Political and business uncertainties

The uncertainty around the outcome of the referendum and UK position with the EU has increased business and consumer uncertainty



#### Consumer confidence on the rise

Growing consumer confidence could be reflected in higher consumer spending during the year

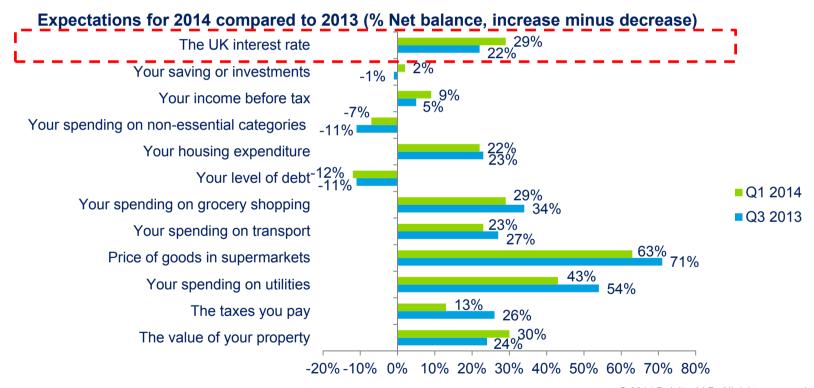
#### **Deloitte Consumer Confidence**

Net % of UK consumers who said that their level of confidence has improved over the last three months



#### **Interest rate risk**

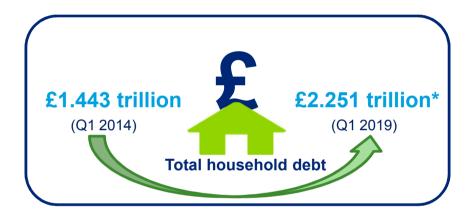
UK consumers also expect conditions to continue to improve in 2014 but rising interest rates remain a key concern



#### **UK** household debt

The rising levels of household debts in the UK raises serious concerns over liquidity







Per 5 min 12 sec



A person declared bankrupt

£1.496 billion



**Daily purchases** using plastic cards

£7.3 million

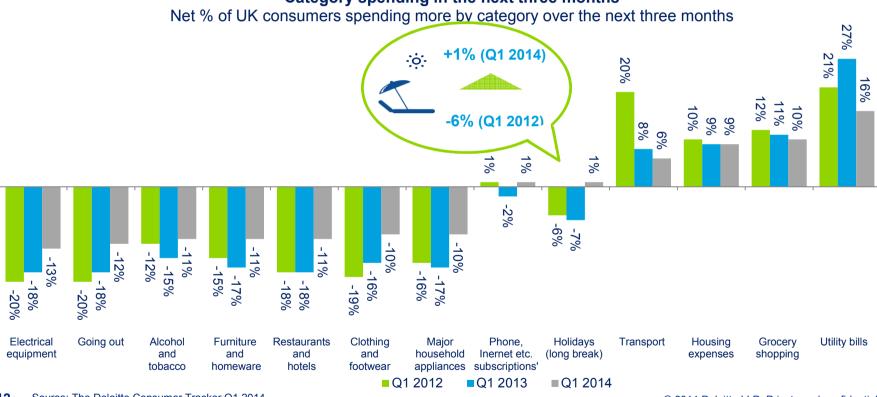


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### Consumer category spending in UK

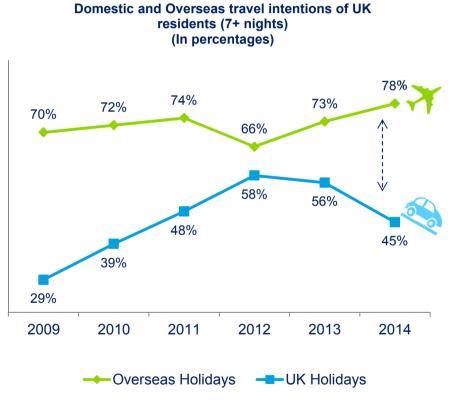
UK consumers are more positive about the economy and are expected to take more holidays this year

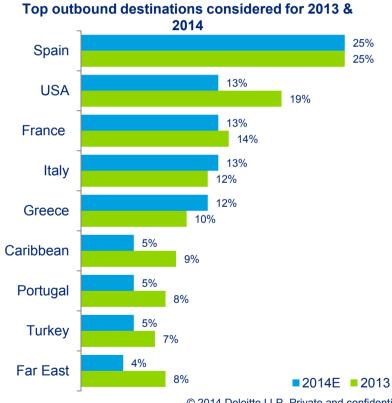
#### Category spending in the next three months



#### UK domestic vs. international travel

Greater consumer confidence and expectations for rises in real income in 2014 is likely to see an increase in overseas travel at the cost of holidays in UK



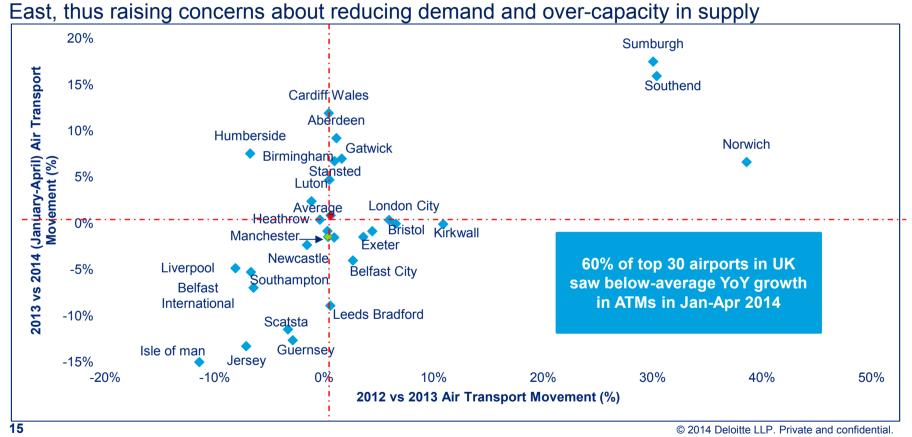


# Over-capacity concerns in the airline industry



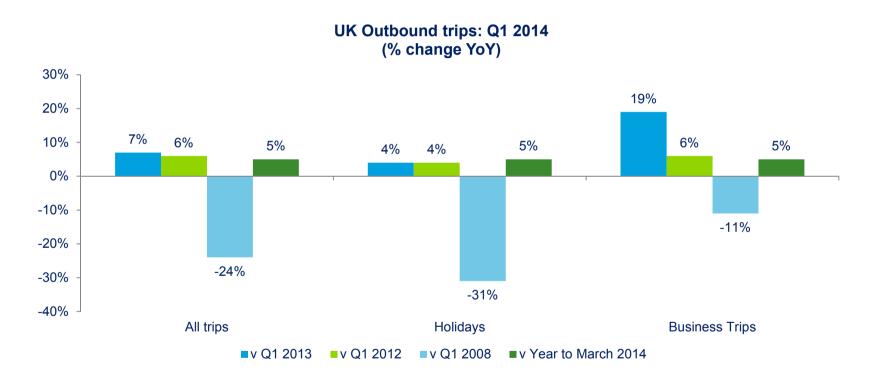
#### Air traffic movement

Airline movement at major UK airports grew at a slower pace in early 2014, except in South



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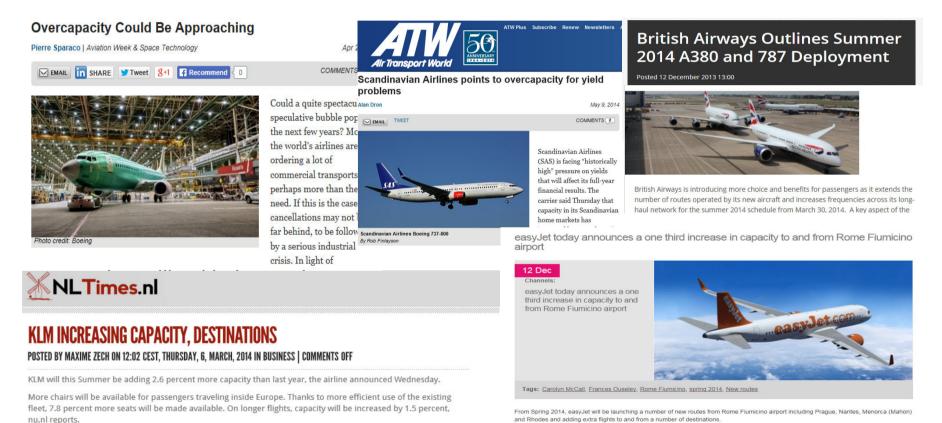
Outbound holiday trips see a modest growth in the first quarter of 2014, adding to the fear of over-capacity



Source: Travel Weekly Insight, May 2014

#### Industry concerns on over-capacity

Concerns on over-capacity increases as more airlines plan to add new planes and new routes



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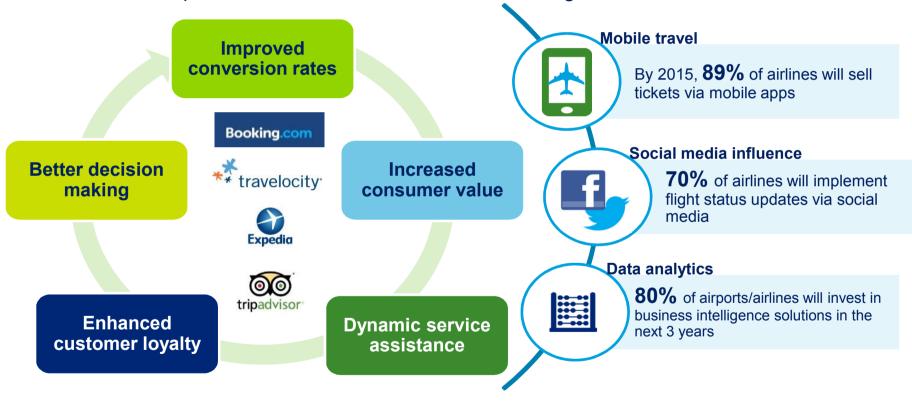
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# The successful travel company of tomorrow



## Investing in digital technologies

Digital has become a major driver in the sector as travel companies recognise the efficiency and customer acquisition and retention benefits it can bring



### **Consumer centricity**

Travel agents are looking at innovative ways to increase consumer engagement and enhance customer experience



Source: Travel Weekly consumer trend survey 2013

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### **Key takeaways**

How to build on success in 2014/2015?



#### **UK** economy

- Improving consumer confidence and economic situation in the UK creates a positive environment for more overseas trips
- But interest rate hikes and rising household debt remain key concerns for UK consumers
- · Political uncertainty over Scottish referendum and potential EU votes add to business fears
- Fear of over-capacity due to disproportionate increase in fleet additions and slower growth in passenger traffic could create pricing pressures for the industry later this summer season







- Striving to provide end-to-end travel solution leveraging digital technology to enhance customer experience
- Strengthening loyalty programmes to compete with online and offline travel agency competitors



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