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1	BP p.l.c.	2
2	Gazprom	4
3	Royal Dutch Shell plc	5
4	Rosneft Oil Co	6
5	Total SA	8
6	LUKOIL Oil Co	11
7	Statoil ASA	16
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European Refiners, Utilities Lose Footing Due to Challenging Operating Environment

Despite the dominance of European IOGs in the leaderboard positions, EMEA energy companies fielded 65 positions on the [overall Top 250 roster](#), five fewer than in 2013.

"Many of Europe's refiners struggled to remain in profit as a capacity glut overshadowed plant closures," said Edwardes-Evans. "Meanwhile, the region's electric and natural gas utilities faced similar strong headwinds due to significant overcapacity in generation."

All but six of the 15 companies that lost more than 50 positions on a year-over-year basis were based in Europe. However, EMEA had three companies among the 19 that rose more than 50 places and one that entered the ranks for the first time.

Measured by a three-year compound growth rate (CGR), six EMEA companies ranked within the [50 fastest growers](#) globally, a loss of six from the 11 in last year's ranking. In terms of the EMEA region alone, of the 10 fastest growing companies, four were from Russia, though UK, Austria, Turkey, Poland, Finland and South Africa were also represented.

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