A Few Good Contrarian Buys Left

Summary and Recommendation

Four remaining buy-recommended energy stocks that carry our Contrarian Buy label may soon join peers in stock price uptrends judging by recent market conditions. U.S. Producer EOG Resources, Inc. (EOG) along with Canadian Producers Encana Corporation (ECA), Imperial Oil Limited (IMO) and Canadian Oil Sands Limited (COSWF) are fundamentally attractive stocks, we believe, despite being in stock price downtrends defined by comparison to the 200-day average. Investors with a longer time horizon can benefit from the selling pressure created by investors who may have a shorter time horizon. Time is the friend of the long term investor, we might say. Shale oil and shale gas innovator EOG has accumulated rich future potential, but has made the sensible business decision to slow its drilling in the face of overheated cost to complete wells and low price for natural gas. Pure-play unconventional natural gas producer ECA rests in stock price after its value-creating spinoff of buy-recommended Cenovus (CVE) a year ago. After growing for a hundred years, IMO, Canada's only AAA-rated industrial corporation, has many years of further oil volume growth ahead. IMO's oil volumes are growing in mineable oil sands through its 25% of joint venture Syncrude and in deep oils sands at its Cold Lake and Kearl projects. Largest Syncrude partner with 37%, COSWF suffered in stock price when it announced a lower dividend in 2011 concurrent with its change to a corporation from a trust. The strongly negative effect a dividend reduction can imply for traders can be a special opportunity for investors looking at total return potential measured by McDep Ratio.

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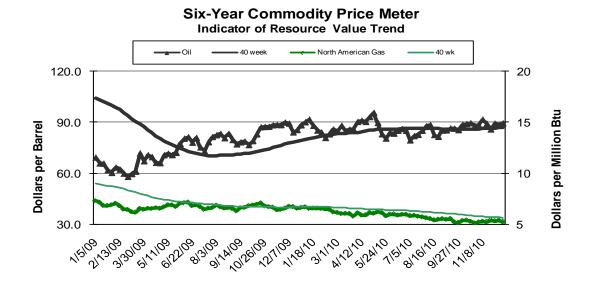




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						Presei	ıt Value by	Segment	(%)	
			Price			North	Rest			
			(US\$/sh)	EV/	Enterprise	Amer.	of World			
	mbol/Rat		13-Dec	Market	Value	Natural	Natural		Down-	McDe
B = Buy, C	B (see bel	ow)	2010	Сар	(\$mm)	Gas	Gas	Prod'n	stream	Rat
U.S. Integrated										
Exxon Mobil Corporation	XOM	В	72.36	1.18	435,000	10	16	53	21	0.8
Chevron Corporation	CVX	В	88.37	1.15	203,000	4	12	71	13	0.7
ConocoPhillips		В	65.47	1.42	130,000	16	9	58	16	0.7
Marathon Oil Corporation	MRO	В	34.97	1.45	36,100	7	2	64	27	0.7
Total or Median					804,000					0.7
Europe										
BG Group	BRGXF		20.91	1.15	82,000		29	40	31	0.9
Royal Dutch Shell plc	RDS-A		65.42	1.35	271,000	3	23	49	25	0.8
Statoil ASA (33%)	STO	В	22.66	1.50	35,700		41	59	-	0.7
BP plc	BP		43.43	1.67	228,000	6	10	62	22	0.7
Total S.A.	TOT	В	53.19	1.32	158,000		19	60	22	0.6
Total or Median					775,000					0.7
Australia/Brazil/China/Russia										
CNOOC Limited (34%)	CEO		236.72	1.04	37,500		10	90	-	1.3
Woodside Petroleum Ltd.	WOPEY	В	42.70	1.15	38,000		70	30	-	0.9
PetroChina Company Ltd (14%)	PTR	В	129.36	1.20	39,600		15	62	22	0.7
Petrobras	PBR		33.93	1.23	269,000		3	77	20	0.7
Lukoil Oil Company	LUKOY	В	57.15	1.16	53,800			66	34	0.4
Gazprom (50%)	OGZPY	В	25.45	1.24	90,000		82	18	-	0.4
Total or Median					528,000					0.7
U.S. Independent										
Anadarko Petroleum Corp.	APC		69.71	1.61	55,600	43		53	4	1.1
Southwestern Energy Company	SWN		36.23	1.10	13,800	100			-	1.0
Occidental Petroleum Corp.	OXY	В	93.88	1.07	81,400	10	1	82	7	0.9
Chesapeake Energy Corp.	CHK		22.91	1.82	31,000	90		10	-	0.8
EOG Resources, Inc.	EOG	CB	90.70	1.22	27,600	52	4	44	-	0.7
Devon Energy Corporation	DVN	В	73.88	1.12	36,200	62		38	-	0.7
Total or Median					246,000					0.9
Canada										
Penn West Petroleum Ltd.	PWE		22.37	1.34	13,100	22		78	-	0.9
Canadian Natural Resources Lin	CNQ	В	42.90	1.23	57,300	15		85	-	0.8
Cenovus Energy Inc.	CVE	В	30.93	1.29	30,100	17		77	6	0.8
Imperial Oil Limited (30%)	IMO		37.98	1.11	10,900	4		82	15	0.8
Suncor Energy	SU		36.34	1.28	73,300	5		84	11	0.8
Canadian Oil Sands Limited	COSWF	CB	24.70	1.13	13,500			100	-	0.6
EnCana Corporation	ECA			1.41	29,800	94		6	-	0.6
Total or Median					228,000					0.8
Composite					2,581,000	10	15	59	17	0.7



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\mathbf{M}	cDep I	Larg	e Cap E	Cnergy 1	Portfolio			
No	et Pres	ent \	Value ar	nd McD	ep Ratio			
			Price			Net		
			(US\$/sh)		Market	Present	Debt/	
	Symbol/R	ating	13-Dec	Shares	Сар	Value	Present	МсDep
B = Buy	, CB (see b	elow)	2010	(mm)	(US\$mm)	(US\$/sh)	Value	Ratio
U.S. Integrated								
Exxon Mobil Corporation	XOM	В	72.36	5,089	368,000	89.00	0.13	0.84
Chevron Corporation	CVX	В	88.37	2,007	177,000	116.00	0.10	0.79
ConocoPhillips	COP	В	65.47	1,400	92,000	95.00	0.10	0.76
Marathon Oil Corporation	MRO	В	34.97	712	24,900	53.00	0.23	0.70
Total or Median	WIKO	ь	34.71	/12	662,000	33.00	0.23	0.74
Europe Total of Median					002,000		0.18	0.77
BG Group plc	BRGXF		20.91	3,402	71,100	22.00	0.13	0.96
Royal Dutch Shell plc	RDS-A	В	65.42	3,069	201,000	79.00	0.22	0.87
Statoil ASA (33%)	STO	В	22.66	1,050	23,800	35.00	0.24	0.73
BP plc	BP		43.43	3,156	137,000	72.00	0.29	0.72
Total S.A.	TOT	В	53.19	2,245	119,000	90.00	0.16	0.66
Total or Median			00.127		552.000	, , , ,	0.22	0.73
Australia/Brazil/China/Russia					222,000		0.22	01, 0
CNOOC Limited (34%)	CEO		236.72	152	36,100	170.00	0.05	1.37
Woodside Petroleum Ltd.	WOPEY	В	42.70	782	33,400	44.00	0.13	0.97
PetroChina Company Ltd (14%)	PTR	В	129.36	256	33,100	170.00	0.13	0.79
Petrobras	PBR		33.93	6,428	218,100	51.00	0.13	0.71
Lukoil Oil Company	LUKOY	В	57.15	814	46,500	135.00	0.06	0.46
Gazprom (50%)	OGZPY	В	25.45	2,865	72,900	64.00	0.09	0.45
Total or Median	O GET T		201.0	2,000	440,000	000	0.11	0.75
U.S. Independent					7.0,000		0.11	01, 0
Anadarko Petroleum Corp.	APC		69.71	496	34,600	60.00	0.41	1.10
Southwestern Energy Company	SWN		36.23	349	12,600	35.00	0.09	1.03
Occidental Petroleum Corp.	OXY	В	93.88	814	76,400	95.00	0.06	0.99
Chesapeake Energy Corp.	CHK		22.91	744	17,100	31.00	0.38	0.84
EOG Resources, Inc.	EOG	СВ	90.70	250	22,700	120.00	0.14	0.79
Devon Energy Corporation	DVN	В	73.88	436	32,200	98.00	0.09	0.77
Total or Median	DVII		75.00	150	195,600	70.00	0.12	0.91
Canada					1,5,000		0.12	0.71
Penn West Petroleum Ltd.	PWE		22.37	440	9,800	23.00	0.25	0.98
Canadian Natural Resources Limited		В	42.90	1,089	46,700	50.00	0.16	0.88
Cenovus Energy Inc.	CVE	В	30.93	752	23,300	37.00	0.20	0.87
Imperial Oil Limited (30%)	IMO	СВ	37.98	257	9,700	48.00	0.08	0.81
Suncor Energy	SU	В	36.34	1,572	57,100	48.00	0.18	0.80
Canadian Oil Sands Limited	COSWF	СВ	24.70	484	12,000	38.00	0.08	0.68
EnCana Corporation	ECA	СВ	28.63	736	21,100	50.00	0.19	0.65
Total or Median		CD	20.03	130	180,000	20.00	0.18	0.81
CB=Contrarian Buy, Stock Price may		end c	omnared to	200-day ay			0.10	0.01
McDep Ratio = \mathbf{M} arket \mathbf{c} ap and \mathbf{De} b						e e		
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			Table 3					
McI	ep La	rge	Cap Eı	nergy P	ortfolio			
	_	_			ion Yield	l		
			Price	Adjustd				Divd or
			(US\$/sh)	Resrvs/	PV/	EV/		Distrib
S	ymbol/Rai	ting	13-Dec	Prod	Ebitda	Ebitda	P/E	NTM
B = Buy, C	CB (see be	low)	2010	NTM	NTM	NTM	NTM	(%)
U.S. Integrated								
Exxon Mobil Corporation	XOM	В	72.36	13.3	7.5	6.2	11	2.4
ConocoPhillips	COP	В	65.47	10.4	7.3	5.6	12	3.4
Marathon Oil Corporation	MRO	В	34.97	9.2	6.7	5.0	11	2.9
Chevron Corporation	CVX	В	88.37	9.2	6.0	4.7	10	3.3
Total or Median	CVA	, D	00.57	9.8	7.0	5.3	11	3.1
Europe				7.0	7.0	3.3	11	3.1
BG Group plc	BRGXF		20.91	14.9	8.6	8.2	16	0.9
Royal Dutch Shell plc	RDS-A	В	65.42	8.6	6.2	5.4	10	5.1
BP plc	BP		43.43	10.2	7.1	5.1	7	5.1
Total S.A.	TOT	В	53.19	9.5	6.7	4.4	8	5.8
Statoil ASA (33%)	STO	В	22.66	7.0	5.7	4.2	8	4.5
Total or Median	510		22.00	9.5	6.7	5.1	8	4.5
Australia/Brazil/China/Russia				7.0	0.7	0.1		7.10
Woodside Petroleum Ltd.	WOPEY	В	42.70	17.1	11.2	10.9	20	2.4
Petrobras	PBR		33.93	10.0	9.6	6.8	12	3.5
CNOOC Limited (34%)	CEO		236.72	5.6	4.6	6.3	11	2.3
PetroChina Company Ltd (14%)	PTR	В	129.36	13.6	6.7	5.3	10	3.4
Gazprom (50%)	OGZPY	В	25.45	30.2	9.0	4.1	5	0.2
Lukoil Oil Company	LUKOY	В	57.15	16.0	7.1	3.3	5	3.0
Total or Median				14.8	8.1	5.8	11	2.7
U.S. Independent								
Southwestern Energy Company	SWN		36.23	5.7	9.2	9.5	21	-
Chesapeake Energy Corp.	CHK		22.91	10.2	11.0	9.2	16	1.3
Anadarko Petroleum Corp.	APC		69.71	8.5	7.3	8.0		0.5
Devon Energy Corporation	DVN	В	73.88	10.1	8.9	6.9	13	0.9
EOG Resources, Inc.	EOG	CB	90.70	8.6	8.7	6.8	30	0.7
Occidental Petroleum Corp.	OXY	В	93.88	10.4	6.7	6.6	14	2.0
Total or Median				9.4	8.8	7.5	16	0.8
Canada								
Cenovus Energy Inc.	CVE	В	30.93	18.2	10.8	9.4	23	2.6
EnCana Corporation	ECA	СВ	28.63	13.9	13.3	8.7	26	2.8
Penn West Petroleum Ltd.	PWE		22.37	9.9	8.7	8.5	33	4.8
Canadian Natural Resources Limited	CNQ	В	42.90	18.2	9.5	8.4	21	0.7
Imperial Oil Limited (30%)	IMO	СВ	37.98	21.0	10.2	8.2	15	1.2
Suncor Energy	SU	В	36.34	21.9	9.7	7.8	22	1.1
Canadian Oil Sands Limited	COSWF	СВ	24.70	29.2	10.4	7.0	13	3.2
Total or Median				18.2	10.2	8.4	22	2.6
CB=Contrarian Buy, Stock Price may be i	n downtre	nd c	ompared to	200-day av	erage.			
EV = Enterprise Value = Market Cap and						ciation		
and amortization; NTM = Next Twelve M	onths Enc	led I	December 31	, 2011; P/E	= Stock Price	e to		
Earnings; PV = Present Value of oil and g	as and otl	ner b	usinesses					



			Table	4						
McDep Large Cap Energy Portfolio										
Rank by Enterprise Value to 200 Day Average										
			Price							
			(\$/sh)		Enterprise					
	Symbol		13-Dec	52Wk	52Wk	50 Day	200 Day	McDep		
	R	atin	2010	High	Low	Avg.	Avg.	Ratio		
U.S. Integrated										
ConocoPhillips	COP	В	65.47	0.99	1.25	1.05	1.12	0.76		
Chevron Corporation	CVX	В	88.37	0.99	1.27	1.05	1.12	0.79		
Exxon Mobil Corporation	XOM	В	72.36	1.00	1.24	1.05	1.11	0.84		
Marathon Oil Corporation	MRO	В	34.97	0.97	1.17	1.01	1.05	0.74		
Median				0.99	1.25	1.05	1.11	0.77		
Europe										
BG Group plc	BRGXF		104.56	0.99	1.41	1.07	1.17	0.96		
Royal Dutch Shell plc	RDS-A	В	65.42	0.97	1.23	1.02	1.09	0.87		
Statoil ASA (33%)	STO	В	22.66	0.89	1.14	1.04	1.04	0.73		
Total S.A.	TOT	В	53.19	0.83	1.17	1.00	1.02	0.66		
BP plc	BP		43.43	0.79	1.30	1.02	1.00	0.72		
Median				0.93	1.24	1.03	1.06	0.75		
Australia/Brazil/China/Russia										
CNOOC Limited (34%)	CEO		236.72	0.99	1.66	1.08	1.29	1.37		
Gazprom (50%)	OGZPY	В	25.45	0.96	1.31	1.11	1.13	0.45		
PetroChina Company Ltd (14%)	PTR	В	129.36	0.96	1.24	1.02	1.09	0.79		
Woodside Petroleum Ltd.	WOPEY	В	42.70	0.93	1.25	1.00	1.05	0.97		
Lukoil Oil Company	LUKOY	В	57.15	0.95	1.24	1.00	1.03	0.46		
Petrobras	PBR		33.93	0.73	1.07	1.00	0.92	0.71		
Median				0.95	1.25	1.01	1.07	0.75		
U.S. Independent										
Occidental Petroleum Corp.	OXY	В	93.88	0.98	1.28	1.10	1.14	0.99		
Anadarko Petroleum Corp.	APC		69.71	0.95	1.46	1.07	1.12	1.10		
Devon Energy Corporation	DVN	В	73.88	0.97	1.23	1.06	1.11	0.77		
Chesapeake Energy Corp.	CHK		22.91	0.87	1.09	1.01	1.01	0.84		
Southwestern Energy Company	SWN		43.77	0.70	1.16	1.01	0.96	1.03		
EOG Resources, Inc.	EOG	СВ	90.70	0.82	1.05	0.97	0.93	0.79		
Median				0.91	1.20	1.04	1.06	0.91		
Canada										
Canadian Natural Resources	CNQ	В	42.90	0.99	1.32	1.09	1.15	0.88		
Suncor Energy	SU	В	36.34	0.96	1.23	1.05	1.09	0.80		
Cenovus Energy Inc.	CVE	В	30.93	0.95	1.25	1.04	1.08	0.87		
Penn West Petroleum Ltd.	PWE		69.71	0.95	1.27	1.00	1.07	0.98		
Imperial Oil Limited (30%)	IMO	СВ	37.98	0.88	1.07	1.00	0.98	0.81		
EnCana Corporation	ECA	СВ	28.63	0.85	1.07	0.99	0.95	0.65		
Canadian Oil Sands Limited	COSWF		24.71	0.77	1.06	0.95	0.93	0.68		
Median	202111	22	2,1	0.95	1.23	1.00	1.07	0.81		
CB=Contrarian Buy, Stock Price n	nav he in d	lownt	rend compare				2.07	3.01		

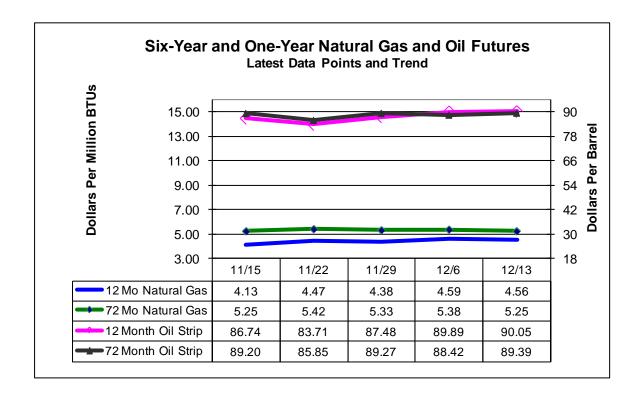


		Index of Rece	ent Research
Stock	Ideas		
Date	Symbol	Subject	Theme
6-Dec	COSWF	Canadian Oil Sands Trust	Buy on Stock Price Drop
3-Dec	HK	Petrohawk	New Buy - Selling Pressure Exhausted (I and Small Cap Wkly
3-Dec	RRC	Range Resources	New Buy - Selling Pressure Exhausted (I and Small Cap Wkly
26-Nov		Sabine Royalty Trust	Raise NPV on Proven Performance (Income and SC Weekly)
22-Nov		San Juan Basin Royalty Trust	Distribution Yield 5.8%, Not 4.6%
19-Nov		Vanguard Natural Resources	Vanguard to Manage High-Income Encore (Income and SCW
19-Nov	1	Encore Energy Partners	Vanguard to Manage High-Income Encore (Income and SCW
16-Nov		Petrobras	Digesting Record Stock Offering (Meter Reader)
	DMLP	Dorchester Minerals, L.P.	Volume Trend Strengthening (Income and Small Cap Weekly
11-Nov		Birchcliff Energy Ltd.	Production Ahead of Forecast
9-Nov	OGZPY	Gazprom	Breakout from a Long Stock Price Base (Meter Reader)
9-Nov	SU	Suncor Energy	Breakout from a Long Stock Price Base (Meter Reader)
9-Nov	DVN	Devon Energy Corporation	Breakout from a Long Stock Price Base (Meter Reader)
4-Nov	EOG	EOG Resources	Buy on Stock Price Drop
2-Nov	XOM	ExxonMobil	Political Trends Turning (Meter Reader)
29-Oct	HGT	Hugoton Royalty Trust	Natural Gas Income at Low Price (Income and SC Weekly)
28-Oct	PTR	PetroChina	Raise NPV to \$170 from \$150 on Natural Gas and Downstream
28-Sep	CVX	Chevron Corporation	Reload Oil Stock Classics (Meter Reader)
28-Sep	MRO	Marathon Oil Company	Reload Oil Stock Classics (Meter Reader)
28-Sep	COP	ConocoPhillips	Reload Oil Stock Classics (Meter Reader)
7-Sep	LUKOY	Lukoil	Russian Growth in Oil (Meter Reader)
7-3ep 24-Aug		CNOOC Ltd	Raise NPV on Volume and Profit (Meter Reader)
24-Aug	CLO	CIVOOC LIU	Raise M voi voidine and Holit (weter Reader)
	For historical resear	ch by stock, go to <u>mcdep.com,</u> click	on <u>Stock Ideas</u> , click on stock by name.
Meter	Reader		
7-Dec	MRO CVX STO TO	T OGZPY LUKOY	Cash Machines
30-Nov	COP TOT COSWF		Free Money Enhances Energy Outlook for 2011
23-Nov	DVN, ECA, RDS, LU	JKOY, MRO	A Little Life in Natural Gas Price and Oil Refining Margin
16-Nov	PBR	Petrobras	Digesting Record Stock Offering
9-Nov	DVN, SU, OGZPY		Breakout from a Long Stock Price Base
2-Nov	XOM	ExxonMobil	Political Trends Turning
26-Oct	TOT, STO, RDS		Euro Oil Income Buys
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10-Dec	e and Small Cap PWE BRY FRHLF E	•	Payarsa MaDan Indantifias Higher Oil Values
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3-Dec	RRC, HK	Range Resources, Petrohawk	New Buys - Selling Pressure Exhausted
		Sabine Royalty Trust	Raise NPV on Proven Performance
			Vanguard (VNR) to Manage High-Income Encore (ENP)
12-Nov	DMLP	Dorchester Minerals, L.P.	Volume Trend Strengthening
5-Nov	CIT LICT	Weekly Valuation	Frac Shortage Limits Energy Supply
29-Oct	SJT, HGT	San Juan RT, Hugoton RT	Natural Gas Income at Low Price
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