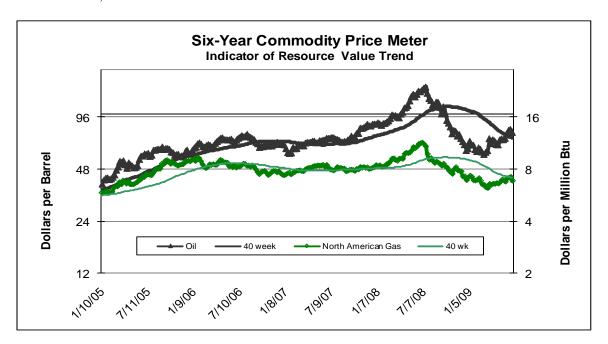
Constructive on Marathon Oil

Summary and Recommendation

As markets have again taken back gains for the year, we call attention to the investment value in **Marathon Oil (MRO)** among 24 large cap buy recommendations. The people at the company have all changed since we first recommended the U.S. Integrated producer in 1973. Yet the functional emphasis continues to be oil production, natural gas and refining/marketing, or downstream. We estimate an enticing present value of \$54 a share compared to current stock price of \$29 making MRO stock more undervalued than two-thirds of its peers (see Tables 1, 2 and 3). In the quarters ahead, the company offers volume growth in oil, a step up in cash flow from a nearly completed refinery expansion and exposure to new natural gas supply from shale formations in Oklahoma and Louisiana. Meanwhile, for investors fortified with patience and rainy day reserves for any unexpected downside, we like the upside prospects for the industry. Oil for delivery over the next six years settled on June 22 at \$78 a barrel, defining an uptrend, as it is above the 40-week average of \$72 a barrel. The price is also above \$75, which underlies our estimates of present value (see chart below, Six-Year Commodity Price Meter and on last page Six-Year and One-Year Natural Gas and Oil Futures). Though six-year natural gas has fallen back below its 40-week average, the new supply from shale formations weighing on the price is a long-term positive that makes the advantages of the clean fuel more obvious to our political leaders. Finally, the outlook for refined oil products improves with the outlook for global growth.

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			Price			North	it Value by Rest	Segment	(%)	
	Symbol	/Ratina	(US\$/sh)	EV/	Enterprise	Amer.	of World			
		B = Buy	22-Jun	Market	Value	Natural	Natural	Oil	Down-	McDej
		I = Hold	2009	Сар	(\$mm)	Gas		Prod'n	stream	Ratio
U.S. Integrated										
Exxon Mobil Corporation	XOM	В	68.84	1.12	383,000	6	21	49	23	0.79
Chevron Corporation	CVX	Н	65.76	1.25	164,000	4	11	66	18	0.72
Marathon Oil Corporation	MRO	В	28.77	1.55	31,800	10	7	57	26	0.64
ConocoPhillips	COP	В	40.43	1.85	112,000	13	10	61	16	0.52
Total or Median *	33%	9%	12%		691,000					0.68
Europe										
BG Group	BRGXF	В	16.37	1.14	63,000		27	46	27	0.77
BP plc	BP	В	46.85	1.44	213,000	8	12	64	15	0.71
Royal Dutch Shell plc	RDS-A	В	49.38	1.33	200,000	3	24	40	33	0.71
Total S.A.	TOT	В	52.25	1.27	149,000	3	25	53	22	0.64
StatoilHydro ASA (33%)	STO	В	18.92	1.42	28,200		53	47	-	0.63
Total or Median *	31%	12%	20%	1.12	653,000		33	.,		0.68
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Brazil/China/Russia	~~~			4.00	40.00					0.00
CNOOC Limited (34%)	CEO		119.46	1.00	18,200		12	88	-	0.88
PetroChina Company Ltd (14%		В	104.81	1.15	31,000		13	74	13	0.73
Petrobras	PBR	В	37.35	1.22	201,000		7	77	16	0.69
Lukoil Oil Company	LUKOY	В	43.21	1.17	42,900			62	38	0.36
Gazprom (50%)	OGZPY		19.10	1.29	72,000		79	21	-	0.35
Total or Median *	17%	12%	16%		365,000					0.69
U.S. Independent										
Anadarko Petroleum Corp.	APC	В	43.16	1.78	35,400	55		41	4	0.74
XTO Energy Inc.	XTO	В	37.18	1.52	32,600	79		21	-	0.71
Occidental Petroleum Corp.	OXY	В	61.37	1.11	55,500	12	1	78	9	0.71
EOG Resources	EOG	В	67.48	1.14	19,200	77	3	19	-	0.64
Chesapeake Energy Corp.	CHK		19.36	2.22	25,600	89		11	-	0.62
Devon Energy Corporation	DVN	В	56.31	1.36	34,100	67		33	-	0.56
Total or Median *	10%	14%	16%		202,000					0.68
Canada	D. ()	- P	27.20	1.00	10.400	-		70	1.0	0.50
Imperial Oil Limited (30%)	IMO		37.39	1.08	10,400	5		79	16	0.79
Encana Corporation	ECA	В	47.40	1.34	47,700	69		26	4	0.70
Canadian Natural Resources	CNQ	В	47.51	1.49	38,200	24		76		0.65
Suncor Energy pro forma	SU	В	27.96	1.37	60,000	6		86	7	0.61
Canadian Oil Sands Trust	COSWF		22.15	1.12	11,900			100	-	0.56
Petro-Canada (to be SU@1.28)			35.33							
Total or Median *	8%	12%	20%		168,000					0.65
Income and Small Cap (see se										
Composite	2%	42%	16%		40,700	46		54		0.74
Enterprise Value Weighting	100%				2,119,700	12	16	55	17	0.67
Equal Weighting	100/0	100%			2,112,700	35	7	50	7	0.68
Equal Weighted Buys		100/0	100%			18	12	59	11	0.67



			Table 2					
	McD	ep l	Energy	Portfol	lio			
Net	Preser	nt Va	alue and	d McDe	ep Ratio			
	~		Price			Net		
	Symbol/Re		(US\$/sh)	GI.	Market	Present	Debt/	
		= Buy	22-Jun	Shares	Cap	Value	Present	McDep
	H=	Hold	2009	(mm)	(US\$mm)	(US\$/sh)	Value	Ratio
U.S. Integrated								
Exxon Mobil Corporation	XOM	В	68.84	4,959	341,000	90.00	0.09	0.79
Chevron Corporation	CVX	Н	65.76	2,000	132,000	98.00	0.03	0.72
Marathon Oil Corporation	MRO	В	28.77	712	20,480	54.00	0.14	0.72
ConocoPhillips	COP	В	40.43	1,495	60,000	109.00	0.24	0.52
Total or Median	COI	ь	70.73	1,475	553,000	102.00	0.18	0.68
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Europe								
BG Group plc	BRGXF	В	16.37	3,384	55,390	22.00	0.09	0.77
BP plc	BP	В	46.85	3,153	148,000	74.00	0.22	0.71
Royal Dutch Shell plc	RDS-A	В	49.38	3,063	151,000	80.00	0.17	0.68
Total S.A.	TOT	В	52.25	2,235	117,000	90.00	0.14	0.64
StatoilHydro ASA (33%)	STO	В	18.92	1,051	19,890	35.00	0.18	0.63
Total or Median					491,000		0.17	0.68
Brazil/China/Russia								
CNOOC Limited (34%)	CEO	В	119.46	152	18,190	135.00	-	0.88
PetroChina Company Ltd (14%)	PTR	В	104.81	256	26,850	150.00	0.10	0.73
Petrobras	PBR	В	37.35	4,387	163,850	58.00	0.13	0.69
Lukoil Oil Company	LUKOY	В	43.21	847	37,000	135.00	0.05	0.36
Gazprom (50%)	OGZPY	В	19.10	2,925	55,900	64.00	0.08	0.35
Total or Median					302,000		0.08	0.69
U.S. Independent								
Anadarko Petroleum Corp.	APC	В	43.16	460	19,900	70.00	0.33	0.74
XTO Energy Inc.	XTO	В	37.18	578	21,490	60.00	0.24	0.71
Occidental Petroleum Corp.	OXY	В	61.37	814	50,000	89.00	0.07	0.71
EOG Resources	EOG	В	67.48	250	16,900	110.00	0.08	0.64
Chesapeake Energy Corp.	CHK		19.36	597	11,560	46.00	0.34	0.62
Devon Energy Corporation	DVN	В	56.31	444	25,000	116.00	0.15	0.56
Total or Median					144,900		0.20	0.68
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Canada	DAG	P	27.20	257	0.000	40.00	0.00	0.70
Imperial Oil Limited (30%)	IMO	В	37.39	257	9,600	48.00	0.06	0.79
Encana Corporation	ECA	В	47.40	751	35,600	75.00	0.18	0.70
Canadian Natural Resources	CNQ	В	47.51	541	25,700	85.00	0.21	0.65
Suncor Energy pro forma Canadian Oil Sands Trust	SU	В	27.96	1,565	43,750	52.00	0.17	0.61
	COSWF	В	22.15	482	10,680	42.00	0.06	0.56
Petro-Canada (to be SU@1.28) Total or Median	PCZ	В	35.33		125,000		0.17	0.65
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	McDe	ep l	Energy 1	Portfol	io			
Value		_	and Di			ld		
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S	ymbol/Rai	ing	(US\$/sh)	Resrvs/	PV/	EV/		Distril
	$\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{I}$	Buy	22-Jun	Prod	Ebitda	Ebitda	P/E	NTN
	H=I	Iold	2009	NTM	NTM	NTM	NTM	(%
U.S. Integrated								
Exxon Mobil Corporation	XOM	В	68.84	11.9	8.5	6.7	12	2.3
Chevron Corporation	CVX	Н	65.76	9.9	7.6	5.4	12	4.0
Marathon Oil Corporation	MRO	В	28.77	9.2	7.5	4.8	10	3.3
ConocoPhillips	COP	В	40.43	10.5	8.9	4.7	7	4.7
Total or Median				10.2	8.1	5.1	11	3.6
Europe								
BG Group plc	BRGXF	В	16.37	9.1	8.7	6.7	13	1.1
BP plc	BP	В	46.85	9.8	7.5	5.3	9	7.2
Royal Dutch Shell plc	RDS-A	В	49.38	7.6	7.2	4.9	9	6.8
Total S.A.	TOT	В	52.25	9.3	7.6	4.8	9	6.1
StatoilHydro ASA (33%)	STO	В	18.92	7.4	6.0	3.7	7	6.0
Total or Median	510	Б	10.72	9.1	7.5	4.9	9	6.1
Total of Median				7.1	7.13	7.2		0.1
Brazil/China/Russia								
Petrobras	PBR	В	37.35	9.4	11.5	7.9	14	4.4
PetroChina Company Ltd (14%)	PTR	В	104.81	14.3	9.9	7.2	24	3.9
CNOOC Limited (34%)	CEO	В	119.46	7.5	6.9	6.1	12	4.3
Gazprom (50%)	OGZPY	В	19.10	24.6	11.4	4.0	6	1.8
Lukoil Oil Company	LUKOY	В	43.21	16.4	11.0	3.9	8	2.8
Total or Median				14.3	11.0	6.1	12	3.9
U.S. Independent								
XTO Energy Inc.	XTO	В	37.18	11.5	12.8	9.1	16	1.3
Chesapeake Energy Corp.	CHK		19.36	11.7	13.6	8.4	18	1.5
EOG Resources	EOG	В	67.48	9.8	11.9	7.7	56	0.9
Anadarko Petroleum Corp.	APC	В	43.16	9.2	9.3	6.9		1.7
Occidental Petroleum Corp.	OXY	В	61.37	10.9	8.0	5.7	12	2.1
Devon Energy Corporation	DVN	В	56.31	8.8	10.0	5.6	13	1.1
Total or Median				10.3	11.0	7.3	16	1.4
Canada								
Imperial Oil Limited (30%)	IMO	В	37.39	18.2	13.6	10.7	21	0.9
Canadian Oil Sands Trust	COSWF	В	22.15	21.5	13.7	7.6	10	9.1
Encana Corporation	ECA	В	47.40	9.0	10.7	7.5	12	3.4
Canadian Natural Resources	CNQ	В	47.51	7.9	10.7	7.0	14	0.7
Suncor Energy pro forma	SU	В	27.96	-	9.4	5.8	38	0.6
Petro-Canada (to be SU@1.28)	PCZ	В	35.33					
Total or Median				9.0	10.7	7.5	14	0.9
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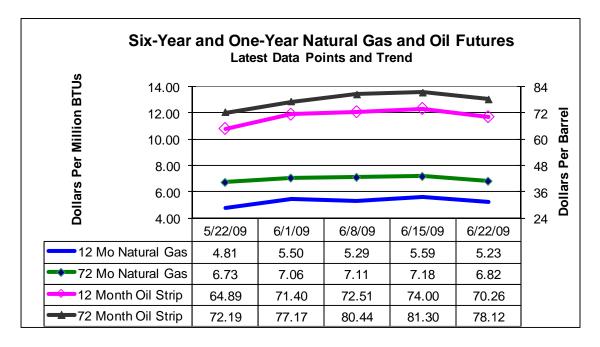


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<i>Date</i> 19-Jun	H	Symbol PWE	<u>Subject</u> Penn West Energy Trust	Theme Play It by Income in Canadian Light Oil (ISC Weekly)
19-Jun 12-Jun	H		Canadian Oil Sands Trust	Raise Estimated Distribution to US\$2.06 from 0.55 (ISCW
12-Jun 5-Jun	H	DMLP	Dorchester Minerals, L.P.	New Buy on Shale Formation Backlog (ISC Weekly)
2-Jun	*	RDSA	·	
2-Jun 2-Jun	-	BP	Royal Dutch Shell plc	Restore Buy (Meter Reader) Restore Buy (Meter Reader)
2-Jun 2-Jun	-	MRO	BP p.l.c. Marathon Oil Corporation	Restore Buy (Meter Reader) Restore Buy (Meter Reader)
12-May	-	OXY	Occidental Petroleum Corporation	Restore Buy (Meter Reader) Restore Buy (Meter Reader)
12-May	-	LUKOY		Restore Buy (Meter Reader) Restore Buy (Meter Reader)
11-May	-	STO	StatoilHydro ASA	Alternative Energy Practical Idealist
8-May	-	EAC	Encore Acquisition Company	Restore Buy (Income and Small Cap Weekly)
8-May	-	SU	Suncor Energy	
•	-	PCZ	Petro-Canada	Restore Buy on New Price Trend Restore Buy on New Price Trend
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8-May	-	_	Imperial Oil Limited	Restore Buy on New Price Trend
8-May	-	CNQ	Canadian Natural Resources	Restore Buy on New Price Trend
7-May	-	APC	Anadarko Petroleum Corporation	Restore Buy on New Price Trend
6-May	-	XTO	XTO Energy Inc.	Restore Buy on New Price Trend Efficient Producer
6-May	-	DVN	Devon Energy Corporation	
6-May	-	TOT	Total S.A.	Resilience to Recession
5-May	-	XEC	Cimarex Energy Company	Ready to Drill Shale
5-May	-	EOG	EOG Resources Inc.	Ready to Develop More Oil and Gas
5-May	-	BRGXF	BG Group	New Buy on Global LNG and Brazil Oil
5-May	-	PBR	Petrobras	New Buy on Oil Growth
1-May	-	CVX	Chevron Corporation	Creating Energy Wealth Globally
1-May	-	BRY	Berry Petroleum	Getting through Tough Times
30-Apr	-	IMO	Imperial Oil Limited	Investing through the Cycle
30-Apr		XOM	Exxon Mobil Corporation	Strong Performer in Tough Times
29-Apr	-	OGZPY	•	Expect Modest Results for 2009
29-Apr	-	CEO	CNOOC Ltd	Reinstate Buy on Rising Outlook
28-Apr	-	PTR	PetroChina Company Limited	Tax and Price Control Relief
23-Apr	-	COP	ConocoPhillips	Overlooked Rich Resources
22-Apr	-	ECA	EnCana Corporation	Billion Dollar Hedge Gain
17-Apr	-	SJT	San Juan Basin Royalty Trust	Lower Net Present Value to \$26 from \$34 a Unit (Weekly
17-Apr	-	HGT	Hugoton Royalty Trust	Natural Gas Price Limits Distributions (ISC Weekly)
4-Mar	*	BIR.TO	Birchcliff Energy Ltd.	Alberta Reduces Royalties (Taxes) on New Wells
Meter	R	eader		
23-Jun	Т		Weekly	
16-Jun	t		Weekly	Long-Term Natural Gas Price in Uptrend
9-Jun	t		Weekly	Energy Policy Warning
2-Jun	*		Marathon, BP and Royal Dutch	Restore Buys
	a	nd Sma	ll Cap Weekly	
19-Jun			Penn West, Pengrowth, Enerplus	Play It by Income in Canadian Light Oil
12-Jun	L		Canadian Oil Sands Trust	Raise Estimated Distribution to US\$2.06 from 0.55
5-Jun	L		Dorchester Minerals, L.P.	New Buy on Shale Formation Backlog
29-May	*		Weekly	Deal Conditions Ripe
Industi	v	Ideas		
2-Apr	*		Presentation	Making Money in Oil and Gas Stocks
	*	Archived	d on www.mcdep.com	



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