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## **Look Ahead for Distribution Yield**

#### **Summary and Recommendation**

Rolling forward our Next Twelve Months (NTM) time frame to the period ending 12/31/07 boosts projected distribution yield to a median 8.7% for U.S. royalty trusts from 7.7% last week when our NTM time frame ended 9/30/07. Investors watching the popularly quoted near month oil futures see a similar type of discontinuity around the 22<sup>nd</sup> of each month when trading shifts to the next full near month. Considering that near month futures are lower than far months the shift is generally upward. The two trusts most concentrated on natural gas, **Hugoton Royalty Trust (HGT)** and buy-recommended **San Juan Basin Royalty Trust (SJT)**, get an extra boost when the low point of fourth quarter 2006 is no longer in the NTM time frame (see charts, page 3, Monthly Distributions and Quarterly Distributions). Projected distributions for **Mesa Royalty Trust (MTR)** also render moot the non-recurring deductions for a legal settlement that have reduced recent declarations and contributed to an exaggerated impact on stock price. Volume trends present a steadier picture than recent distributions (see chart, page 3, Quarterly Natural Gas and Oil Volume).

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# Natural Gas and Oil Royalty Trusts Rank by McDep Ratio: Market Cap and Debt to Present Value

			Price		M 1 .	Net	D 1./	
			(\$/sh)		Market	Present	Debt/	
	Symbol/		22-Nov	Shares	Cap	Value	Present	McDep
	Rating		2006	(mm)	(\$mm)	(\$/un)	Value	Ratio
U.S. Royalty Trusts								
Sabine Royalty Trust	SBR		50.32	14.6	730	45.00	-	1.12
Cross Timbers Royalty Trust	CRT		49.48	6.0	300	46.00	-	1.08
Permian Basin RT	PBT		16.43	46.6	770	16.50	-	1.00
San Juan Basin Royalty Trust	SJT	В	38.05	46.6	1,770	40.00	-	0.95
Dorchester Minerals, L.P.	DMLP		23.57	28.2	670	27.00	-	0.87
Hugoton RoyaltyTrust	HGT		27.43	40.0	1,100	34.00	-	0.81
Mesa RoyaltyTrust	MTR		50.00	1.9	90	70.00	-	0.71
Total or Median					5,400			0.95
Canadian Income Trusts (US\$)								
Enerplus Resources Fund	ERF		44.65	123.1	5,500	47.00	0.11	0.96
Pengrowth Energy Trust	PGH		17.87	220.2	3,930	20.00	0.22	0.92
Penn West Energy Trust	PWE	В	31.47	239.0	7,520	39.00	0.13	0.83
Canadian Oil Sands Trust	COSWF	В	25.45	468.1	11,910	35.00	0.08	0.75
Total or Median					28,900		0.12	0.87

B = Buy

McDep Ratio =  $\mathbf{M}$  arket  $\mathbf{c}$ ap and  $\mathbf{D}$ ebt to  $\mathbf{p}$ resent value of oil and gas and other businesses

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### Natural Gas and Oil Royalty Trusts Rank by EV/Ebitda: Enterprise Value to Earnings Before Interest, Tax, Deprec.

			Price (\$/sh)	Adjstd Resrvs/	PV/	EV/		Divd or Distrib
	Symbol/		22-Nov	Prod	Ebitda	Ebitda	P/E	NTM
	Rating		2006	NTM	NTM	NTM	NTM	(%)
U.S. Royalty Trusts								
Cross Timbers Royalty Trust	CRT		49.48		12.2	13.2	13.4	7.4
Sabine Royalty Trust	SBR		50.32		11.6	13.0	13.0	7.7
Permian Basin RT	PBT		16.43		10.5	10.4	11.6	8.6
Dorchester Minerals, L.P.	DMLP		23.57		10.9	9.6	14.6	9.8
San Juan Basin Royalty Trust	SJT	В	38.05		10.0	9.5	11.5	8.7
Mesa RoyaltyTrust	MTR		50.00		11.3	8.1	9.9	10.1
Hugoton RoyaltyTrust	HGT		27.43		9.4	7.6	11.3	8.8
Median					10.9	9.6	11.6	8.7
Canadian Income Trusts (US\$)								
Canadian Oil Sands Trust	COSWF	В	25.45	23.2	12.4	9.3	12.4	7.2
Enerplus Resources Fund	ERF		44.65	9.5	7.3	7.0	14.6	9.8
Penn West Energy Trust	PWE	В	31.47	8.1	8.1	6.7	11.2	11.3
Pengrowth Energy Trust	PGH		17.87	7.6	7.2	6.6	8.9	14.6
Median				8.8	7.7	6.8	11.8	10.6

EV = Enterprise Value = Market Cap and Debt; Ebitda = Earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortization; NTM = Next Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2007; P/E = Stock Price to Earnings; PV = Present Value of oil and gas and other businesses

### Natural Gas and Oil Royalty Trusts Rank by NTM Distribution Yield

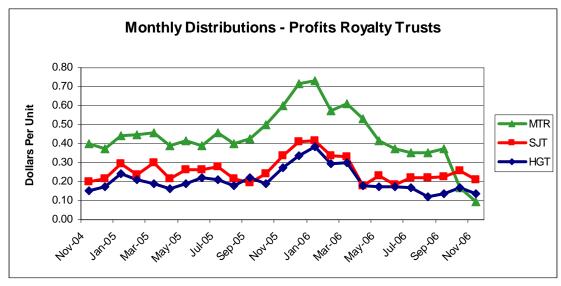
			Natural					
		Revenue	Gas/	Dist/				Dist.
	Symbol	Royalty	Ebitda	Dist/	Equity	NTM Distribution		Yield
	•	(%)	(%)	Ebitda	Ebitda	(\$mm)	(\$/un)	(%)
U.S. Royalty Trusts								
Cross Timbers Royalty Trust	CRT	81	71	0.98	0.98	22	3.68	7.4
Sabine Royalty Trust	SBR	100	58	1.00	1.00	56	3.87	7.7
Permian Basin RT	PBT	29	38	0.90	0.90	66	1.41	8.6
San Juan Basin Royalty Trust	SJT	-	98	0.83	0.83	154	3.31	8.7
Hugoton RoyaltyTrust	HGT	-	92	0.67	0.67	97	2.43	8.8
Dorchester Minerals, L.P.	DMLP	56	76	0.93	0.93	65	2.30	9.8
Mesa RoyaltyTrust	MTR	-	78	0.82	0.82	9	5.07	10.1
Total or Median			76	0.90	0.90	500		8.7
Canadian Income Trusts (US\$)								
Canadian Oil Sands Trust	COSWF	-	(9)	0.60	0.65	857	1.83	7.2
Enerplus Resources Fund	ERF	-	46	0.60	0.68	541	4.40	9.8
Penn West Energy Trust	PWE	-	41	0.64	0.73	850	3.56	11.3
Pengrowth Energy Trust	PGH	-	44	0.74	0.94	576	2.62	14.6
Total or Median			43	0.62	0.71	2,800		10.6
Kinder Morgan Energy Partners	KMP			0.75	1.70			7.2

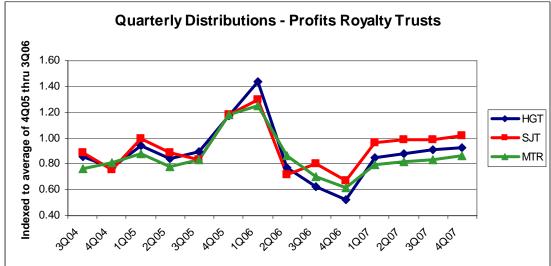
NTM = Next Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2007

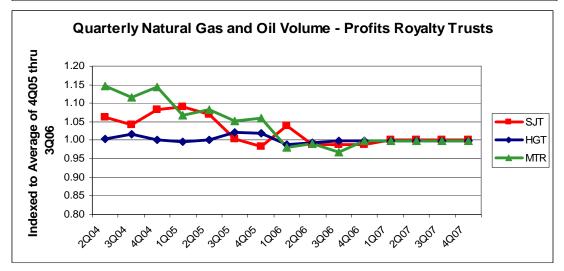
Ebitda = Earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortization

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