### Natural Gas and Oil Royalty Trusts

A Weekly Analysis September 7, 2007

# **Poised to Win**

#### **Summary and Recommendation**

Underperforming since Hurricane Katrina for natural gas and Flaherty's Folly for Canadian issues, oil and gas income stocks may be ready for renewed gains as oil price momentum strengthens, natural gas appears timely before winter, financial strength is high and Wall Street has new incentives to promote oil and gas income. Expected initial public offerings of master limited partnerships would pay financial intermediaries to market investment ideas that also reflect favorably on existing issues. Buy-recommended **Canadian Oil Sands Trust (COSWF)** offers longest life at the same time it generates record cash flow in its first complete quarter of operating at newly built capacity and oil price is climbing. Buy-recommendations **San Juan Basin Royalty Trust (SJT)** and **Hugoton Royalty Trust (HGT)** along with natural gas the commodity have built a long price "base" from which new extended gains may spring. Few securities offer the 13% annual distribution yield of buy-recommended **Penn West Energy Trust (PWE)** with the fundamental backing of high current cash flow and long-term oil potential. Finally, we like all the remaining U.S. royalty trusts in a conservative income portfolio as a superior alternative to government bonds.

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	Symbol/ Rating		Price (\$/sh) 6-Sep 2007	Shares (mm)	Market Cap (\$mm)	Net Present Value (\$/un)	Debt/ Present Value	McDep Ratio
U.S. Royalty Trusts	app		12 10		<b>60</b> 0	45.00		0.04
Sabine Royalty Trust	SBR		43.40	14.6	630	45.00	-	0.96
Cross Timbers Royalty Trust	CRT		43.05	6.0	260	46.00	-	0.93
Permian Basin RT	PBT		14.34	46.6	670	16.50	-	0.87
Mesa RoyaltyTrust	MTR		60.25	1.9	110	70.00	-	0.86
San Juan Basin Royalty Trust	SJT	В	32.90	46.6	1,530	40.00	-	0.82
Dorchester Minerals, L.P.	DMLP		20.64	28.2	580	27.00	-	0.76
Hugoton RoyaltyTrust	HGT	В	23.43	40.0	940	34.00	-	0.69
Total or Median					4,700			0.86
Canadian Income Trusts (US\$)								
Pengrowth Energy Trust	PGH		17.25	246.0	4,240	17.00	0.26	1.01
Enerplus Resources Fund	ERF		43.61	128.0	5,580	52.00	0.12	0.86
Penn West Energy Trust	PWE	В	29.18	241.5	7,050	36.00	0.19	0.85
Canadian Oil Sands Trust	COSWF	В	31.27	479.0	14,980	39.00	0.07	0.82
Total or Median					31,900		0.16	0.85

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

B = Buy

McDep Ratio = Market cap and Debt to present 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.

	Symbol/ Ra	ting	Price (\$/sh) 6-Sep 2007	Adjstd Resrvs/ Prod NTM	PV/ Ebitda NTM	EV/ Ebitda NTM	P/E NTM	Divd or Distrib NTM (%)
U.S. Royalty Trusts	CDT		12.05	12.0	12.0	117	10.5	0.0
Cross Timbers Royalty Trust	CRT		43.05	12.0	12.6	11.7	12.5	8.0
San Juan Basin Royalty Trust	SJT	В	32.90	10.0	13.9	11.4	14.2	7.1
Sabine Royalty Trust	SBR		43.40	9.6	10.8	10.4	10.4	9.6
Mesa RoyaltyTrust	MTR		60.25	21.9	11.7	10.1	11.5	8.7
Dorchester Minerals, L.P.	DMLP		20.64	9.1	12.9	9.8	15.9	10.2
Hugoton RoyaltyTrust	HGT	В	23.43	14.1	12.9	8.9	13.0	7.7
Permian Basin RT	PBT		14.34	8.1	9.6	8.4	10.7	9.4
Media	п			10.0	12.6	10.1	12.5	8.7
Canadian Income Trusts (US\$)								
Canadian Oil Sands Trust	COSWF	В	31.27	20.9	10.5	8.6	10.5	9.8
Pengrowth Energy Trust	PGH		17.25	7.1	8.1	8.2	56.3	16.5
Enerplus Resources Fund	ERF		43.61	9.4	9.3	7.9	16.9	10.9
Penn West Energy Trust	PWE	В	29.18	7.7	8.1	6.9	14.4	13.2
Media	п			8.5	8.7	8.1	15.7	12.1

EV = Enterprise Value = Market Cap and Debt; Ebitda = Earnings before interest, tax, depreciationand amortization; NTM = Next Twelve Months Ended September 30, 2008; P/E = Stock Price toEarnings; PV = Present Value of oil and gas and other businesses

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

	Symbol	Revenue Royalty	Natural Gas⁄ Ebitda	Dist/	Dist/ Equity	NTM Distr	ibution	Dist. Yield
	Symbol	(%)	(%)	Ebitda	Ebitda	(\$mm)	(\$/un)	(%)
U.S. Royalty Trusts							(. ,	
San Juan Basin Royalty Trust	SJT	-	98	0.81	0.81	108	2.32	7.1
Hugoton RoyaltyTrust	HGT	-	88	0.68	0.68	72	1.81	7.7
Cross Timbers Royalty Trust	CRT	84	67	0.94	0.94	21	3.44	8.0
Mesa RoyaltyTrust	MTR	-	70	0.88	0.88	10	5.23	8.7
Permian Basin RT	PBT	35	35	0.78	0.78	63	1.34	9.4
Sabine Royalty Trust	SBR	100	56	1.00	1.00	61	4.18	9.6
Dorchester Minerals, L.P.	DMLP	64	72	1.00	1.00	59	2.10	10.2
Total or Median	ı		70	0.88	0.88	400		8.7
Canadian Income Trusts (US\$)								
Canadian Oil Sands Trust	COSWF	-	(7)	0.76	0.82	1,461	3.05	9.8
Enerplus Resources Fund	ERF	-	41	0.75	0.85	611	4.77	10.9
Penn West Energy Trust	PWE	-	35	0.70	0.87	933	3.87	13.2
Pengrowth Energy Trust	PGH	-	40	1.00	1.35	699	2.84	16.5
Total or Median	1		38	0.75	0.86	3,700		12.1
Kinder Morgan Energy Partners	KMP			0.76	1.60			6.7

NTM = Next Twelve Months Ended June 30, 2008

Ebitda = Earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortization

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