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## Global Energy Best Ideas List

**Our view:** In December, the RBC Global Energy Best Ideas List was flat sequentially compared to the iShares S&P Global Energy Sector ETF (IXC) which was down 0.4% and a hybrid benchmark (75% IXC, 25% JXI – iShares Global Utilities ETF) that was down 1.0% on a sequential basis. This month, we are adding Ovintiv to and removing Energy Transfer from the RBC Global Energy Best Ideas List.

Total Return Comparison	December	YTD	Inception
iShares S&P Global Energy (IXC)	-0.4%	13.9%	45.1%
Hybrid Benchmark (75% IXC, 25% JXI)	-1.0%	16.8%	69.9%
RBC Global Energy Best Ideas	0.0%	9.7%	203.1%

### December List Changes:

Additions: OVV-US  
Removals: ET-US

RBC GLOBAL ENERGY BEST IDEAS LIST								
	Ticker	Rating <sup>1</sup>	Analyst	Mkt Cap (mn)	Date Added	Add Price	Current Price	Price Target
<b>Integrated Energy</b>								
Suncor Energy	SU-CA	OP	Pardy	C\$73,974	3/1/23	C\$45.86	C\$61.58	C\$67.00
TotalEnergies	TTE-PAR	OP	Borkhataria	€123,105	6/8/25	€51.94	€55.79	€70.00
<b>Exploration &amp; Production</b>								
California Resources	CRC-US	OP	Hanold	\$4,064	9/2/24	\$52.47	\$45.52	\$70.00
Chord Energy Corporation	CHRD-US	OP	Hanold	\$5,154	5/1/24	\$176.98	\$90.63	\$135.00
ConocoPhillips	COP-US	OP	Hanold	\$122,583	5/1/24	\$125.62	\$99.20	\$118.00
Permian Resources	PR-US	OP	Hanold	\$11,472	12/3/25	\$14.74	\$13.82	\$18.00
PrairieSky Royalty	PSK-CA	OP	Harvey	C\$6,076	12/5/24	C\$29.56	C\$26.11	C\$35.00
Canadian Natural Resources	CNQ-CA	OP	Pardy	C\$92,240	4/1/22	C\$38.71	C\$44.28	C\$62.00
Ovintiv Inc.	OVV-US	OP	Pardy	\$9,824	5/1/26	\$38.79	\$38.79	\$55.00
Woodside Energy	WDS-AU	OP	Ramsay	A\$44,353	7/3/24	A\$28.21	A\$23.33	A\$33.50
<b>Oilfield Services</b>								
Enerflex Ltd.	EFXT-US	OP	Mackey	\$1,899	2/1/24	\$5.16	\$15.60	\$17.00
SLB	SLB-US	OP	Mackey	\$65,434	1/4/22	\$29.95	\$43.80	\$43.00
<b>Midstream</b>								
AltaGas Ltd.	ALA-CA	OP	Choy	C\$12,450	8/1/23	C\$26.03	C\$41.57	C\$48.00
Pembina Pipeline Corporation	PPL-CA	OP	Choy	C\$30,366	9/1/22	C\$46.38	C\$52.26	C\$62.00
Cheniere Energy, Inc.	LNG-US	OP	Scotto	\$42,771	6/2/25	\$236.99	\$198.72	\$282.00
Williams Companies, Inc.	WMB-US	OP	Scotto	\$74,690	11/3/25	\$57.87	\$61.16	\$75.00
<b>Utilities, Refiners, Infrastructure &amp; Renewables</b>								
EDP Renováveis, S.A.	EDPR-LIS	OP	Garcia	€13,411	7/2/25	€9.48	€12.76	€16.00
Northland Power	NPI-CA	OP	Ng	C\$4,731	12/7/23	C\$22.82	C\$18.09	C\$27.00
Superior Plus	SPB-CA	OP	Ng	C\$1,594	12/7/22	C\$9.82	C\$7.15	C\$11.00

Current price as of market close, January 5, 2026 ET.

1-OP = Outperform.

Performance returns do not take into account relevant costs, including commissions and interest charges or other applicable expenses that may be associated with transactions in this Equity Best Ideas list. Past performance is not, and should not be viewed as, an indicator of future performance.

Source: RBC Capital Markets estimates, FactSet

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## This Month's Additions and Removals from the Global Energy Best Ideas List

### Exhibit 1 - This Month's Additions

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#### Ovintiv Inc (OVV)

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Rating: Outperform

Price target: USD 55.00

- We are adding Ovintiv to the Global Energy Best Ideas List following the company's announced \$2.7 billion acquisition of NuVista Energy and planned disposition of its Anadarko Basin assets. In our view, the company's announced transactions serve to enhance its portfolio, strengthen its balance sheet, and open the door to bigger shareholder returns. Ovintiv also affords an inexpensive avenue by which to gain exposure to the Montney, an early-stage oil play, with the company trading at a discount to our North American Senior E&P peer group. Please see [Meet Our Dark Horse Pick for 2026](#) for details of the transaction.

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### Exhibit 2 - This Month's Removals

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#### Energy Transfer LP (ET)

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Rating: Outperform

Price target: USD 22.00

- While we continue to think ET is well positioned to benefit from growing natural gas demand and maintain our Outperform rating, we are removing ET from our Best Ideas List as we see greater upside elsewhere in the sector with more visible near-term catalysts.



## Investment Highlights

Below, we provide a summary of our analysts' views on each *Best Idea*.

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### AltaGas Ltd. (ALA)

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Price target: CAD 48.00

- **Stronger price valuation should emerge as AltaGas progresses through its derisking initiatives...** These initiatives reflect: (1) a focus by the company to strengthen the base cash flows (i.e., increased contracting); (2) its pursuit of contracted and/or regulated growth on an equity self-financed basis; and (3) a plan to reduce leverage to 4.0x debt/EBITDA (or 4.65x when including 50% of hybrid and preferred capital) and possibly even lower.
- **... and growth projects.** AltaGas possesses a combination of medium-sized growth opportunities (e.g., REEF joint venture, expansion of the Pipestone plant), low capital intensity expansions and optimizations at the existing assets (e.g., near-term expansions of MVP), and opportunities to increase returns at its regulated utilities, all of which should help support an attractive growth profile.
- **Increasingly visible path to reaching its long-term debt/EBITDA target with the potential to go lower.** AltaGas believes that the de-leveraging plan in place following the decision to retain its 10% stake in the Mountain Valley Pipeline (MVP), will allow for the same net near-term de-leveraging as would have been achieved through a full monetization of MVP; further, we believe the market will positively receive steps the company may take to meaningfully lower debt/EBITDA below its target and build balance sheet room, including to take advantage of future opportunities as they arise.

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### California Resources (CRC)

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Rating: Outperform

Price Target: USD 70.00

- **We expect CRC shares to outperform the peer group over the next 12 months.** CRC provides investors with a unique opportunity to own responsibly sourced oil & gas where there is now a more visible path to production resiliency along with exposure to an evolving 'clean energy' (CCS) business with significant upside and growth. The much-improved California oil & gas regulatory environment, momentum, and potential for the Carbon Management Business (CMB), and attractive valuation underpin a strong investment case. Our risked NAV is \$80-85/ share using a 12% discount rate.
- **Improving outlook for the upstream business.** Established laws are in place providing a runway over the next decade for new oil & gas development. We expect a maintenance to potential modest growth profile comes in 2027/2028 assuming a constructive oil macro outlook. The duration and low subsurface risk nature of CRC conventional inventory is similar to larger global and/or many Canada (oil sands) E&Ps, with an added benefit of ample capacity and a lower carbon footprint. CRC has a 20+ year drilling inventory of vertical infill development with predictable outcomes with modest declines.
- **Carbon management business just getting started.** CRC's Elk Hills gas plant starts up early 2026 and is California's first CO2 sequestration project. Legislative efforts including CO2 pipeline regulations now open the door to more potential opportunities. CRC remains actively engaged with hyper-scalers/industrial users for a behind-the-meter power solution that has a carbon-free option. The focus is the right deal to maximize the value opportunity as CRC's offering is unique. CRC has over 900 MW of power and uses ~50% for its operations.

## Canadian Natural Resources (CNQ)

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Price target: CAD 62.00

- **Globally distinguished.** We believe Canadian Natural Resources' management committee structure and shareholder alignment are unique factors which distinguish the company globally. CNQ's long-life, low-decline portfolio—anchored by low sustaining capital—affords the company with free cash flow generation throughout the cycle.
- **Strong alignment.** CNQ has no CEO. Instead, the company is stewarded by a management committee. This group meets weekly, and oversees all matters ranging from marketing, finance, sustainability, operations and technology amongst others.
- **Chevron & Shell Deals.** In 2025, Canadian Natural Resources closed its US\$6.5 billion (circa \$8.8 billion) cash acquisition of Chevron's assets in western Canada—including a 20% wi in the Athabasca Oil Sands Project (AOSP) and 70% operated interest in the Duvernay Shale—which was a strategically sound and accretive deal in our books. It also fits CNQ's now familiar playbook of consolidating attractive energy assets in Canada as the majors and others seek to exit. Please see [Chevron Deal—Threading the Needle](#) for more. CNQ also recently closed its asset swap with Shell, exchanging its 10% working interest in the Scotford Upgrader and Quest Carbon Capture and Storage project for Shell Canada Limited's remaining 10% working interest in the AOSP mines. Please see [Shell AOSP Asset Swap—A Solid Piece of Business](#) for more details.
- **Updated Shareholder Returns.** Commensurate with the announcement of the Chevron acquisition, CNQ updated its shareholder returns policy. This included raising its common share dividend 7% to an annualized rate of \$2.25 per share. The company also revised its net debt target to \$12 billion, up from \$10 billion, given the increase in its free cash flow generative power post the deal. CNQ's updated shareholder returns framework (effective upon closing of the transaction) is as follows; 60% of free cash flow (adjusted funds flow less all capital and dividends) allocated to shareholder returns and 40% to the balance sheet until net debt reaches \$15 billion; 75% of free cash flow allocated to shareholder returns and 25% to the balance sheet when net debt is between \$12 billion and \$15 billion; and 100% of free cash flow allocated to shareholder returns when net debt is at or below \$12 billion. Importantly, CNQ was largely able to preserve shareholder returns on an absolute basis post-deal, despite the temporarily lower free cash flow payout.

## Cheniere Energy, Inc. (LNG)

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Price target: USD 282.00

- **Highly contracted nature provides a defensive setup.** We believe LNG's highly contracted nature provides a defensive setup supported by stable cash flows that are underpinned by long-term take or pay contracts with high quality credit counterparties. LNG has minimal open capacity which limits its exposure to global natural gas prices, although lifting margin could benefit from higher Henry Hub prices.
- **Returning significant cash to shareholders.** LNG is returning significant cash to shareholders via dividends and share buybacks. We expect LNG will continue to execute its capital return strategy going forward given its large remaining share repurchase authorization and solid balance sheet that provides financial flexibility.
- **Potential growth with expansion opportunities.** We believe LNG can also drive longer-term growth with its Corpus Christi Stage 3 and potential Sabine Pass expansion projects, and see additional contracts and receipt of permits as positive catalysts for the stock.



### Chord Energy Corporation (CHRD)

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**Price target:** USD 135.00

- We believe CHRD shares should outperform the peer group over the next 12 months.
- We forecast a peer-leading 10% FCF yield that has sustainability given its 10+ years of economic inventory. The announced ERF merger provides better visibility for that runway. With minimal debt, CHRD has a robust shareholder return that currently supports its minimum 75% return.
- We believe CHRD's focus on longer-lateral development across its entire acreage has the potential to deliver additional upside economics and value.

### ConocoPhillips (COP)

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**Price target:** USD 118.00

- We believe COP shares should outperform the peer group over the next 12 months.
- The depth, quality, and diversity of the company's global inventory is unmatched to its E&P peers in our view.
- The company's strong balance sheet provides a strategic advantage to increase shareholder value through commodity price cycles.
- COP has low break-even point where it can fund its production maintenance capital and dividend at below \$40/bbl WTI prices. This defensive posture positions the company favorably should commodity prices take a downturn.

### EDP Renováveis, S.A. (EDPR)

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- **Trading at discount to invested capital:** EDPR is trading at a discount on invested capital in our estimates on US renewable regulation (~50% of EDPR's business), but the current framework appears reasonably supportive for the company. EDPR is developing 1.5GW in the US in 2026-27 through safe harbour, of which 0.3GW with PPAs, and in our view it should achieve significantly higher merchant/PPAs prices for the remaining 1.2GW. The value of the existing installed capacity should increase on higher power prices due to the end of renewable deployment in the US while electricity demand is increasing.
- **Underlying earnings improving:** We expect recurring earnings growth (ex-asset rotation) of 20% in 2025, following periods with low load factors (the renewables index was 2% and 6% below average in 2024 and 2023, respectively), lower average selling prices and non-recurring impacts such as Romanian clawbacks and Colombia project delays.
- **Buybacks possible:** EDPR's message in terms of the commitment to reducing leverage looks reassuring with the company saying it has "2026 and 2027 growth optionality under a disciplined return/risk criteria". We believe this could result in net debt falling not only in 2025 but 2026 too. We believe share buybacks could be one of the options when the balance sheet is repaired by the end of the year, if the share price continues to be depressed.



### Enerflex Ltd. (EFTX)

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Rating: Outperform

Price target: USD 17.00

- **Exposure to growth trends.** Enerflex stands out as the only stock in our energy services coverage group with positive Street earnings revisions for 2025 and 2026. We expect EBITDA growth of 12% in 2025. Beyond 2025, we see moderate growth supported by L-MSD growth in Energy Infrastructure and Service, with Engineered Systems supported by its \$1.1bn backlog.
- **Improving free cash flow driven by margin expansion.** For 2026 and 2027, we estimate FCF at \$180MM. We expect the improvement in free cash flow to be driven by margin expansion alongside stable capital investment. At our numbers, EBITDA margins should increase by about 400bps from 2023 to 2026, reaching 20%.
- **Positioned for inflection in shareholder returns.** We expect Enerflex to begin to allocate meaningful FCF to shareholders, versus a minimal amount in 2021-2024. We expect Enerflex to increase its dividend this fall and expect buybacks to become a larger part of its capital allocation given the valuation disconnect. To that end, Enerflex instituted an NCIB earlier in 2025.
- **Discounted valuation provides return opportunity in our view.** We believe a sum-of-the-parts valuation opportunity is moving closer to reality. Enerflex trades at a 2026E EV/EBITDA multiple of 5.1x, however there is a clear peer valuation marker for the US contract compression part of its business. Applying a peer multiple to Enerflex's US contract compression implies a value of about 4.4x for the remainder of the company. We believe continued operational performance and judicious capital allocation should close the gap to peers.
- See our latest EFX note [here](#).

### Northland Power (NPI)

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Price target: CAD 27.00

- **Projects under construction should de-risk in 2026.** We believe sentiment and the share price should improve as the company de-risks its major projects under construction in 2026. The offshore wind projects in Poland and Taiwan remain on time and on budget, with the Polish project scheduled to be completed by late 2026, while we expect the Taiwan project to be mechanically completed by October 2026, and fully commissioned in early 2027. We expect these projects to generate ~\$550 million of EBITDA and ~\$180 million of free cash flow annually upon completion, representing ~45% and ~55% of 2025 guidance, respectively. With most construction costs locked in, fixed interest rates, we believe the projects are significantly de-risked, and the market should begin to reflect more value as key milestones are achieved.
- **More clarity in Taiwan in 2026.** We expect to get better colour on the Taiwan offshore wind project with respect to the pace of commissioning and size of a capital injection in 2026. The current base case is a \$150 million capital injection due to the slower-than-expected pace of commissioning activities.
- **Shares trade at an attractive valuation.** We believe NPI shares are attractively valued, trading at a significant discount to the value of its high-quality operating assets and fully funded projects under construction. Following a ~35% decline in the share price after the company announced a 40% dividend cut and released 2030 guidance in November 2025, the market appears to overlook the strong cash flow visibility provided by the company's highly contracted and regulated portfolio. We estimate that the value of the company's operating assets and projects under construction should have a value of at least \$23/share.



## Ovintiv Inc (OVV)

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Price target: USD 55.00

- **Streamlined Portfolio.** Ovintiv's \$2.7 billion acquisition of NuVista provides inventory depth in the oil-rich window of the Alberta Montney directly adjacent to its operations, which should boost the company's oil & condensate production in the play to about 85,000 bbl/d pro-forma. Additionally, the company's announced intentions to dispose of its Anadarko Basin assets (targeted for completion by year-end 2026) and direct proceeds toward net debt reduction will accelerate Ovintiv's deleveraging progress toward its long-term net debt target of \$4 billion, as we explored in [Upgrading to Outperform](#). Aside from some staggering, these two announced deals mirror Ovintiv's announced [\\$2.4 billion cash acquisition](#) of Montney assets from Paramount Resources in November 2024 that was largely funded by its coinciding \$2.0 billion Uinta disposition. All said, the transactions serve to complete the company's portfolio streamlining process into two high-quality basins—the Permian and Montney.
- **Enhanced Shareholder Returns.** Prior to the announcement of the NuVista deal which will see Ovintiv pause share buyback activity for two quarters (4Q25-1Q26), the company was returning 50% of free cash flow (post dividends) to shareholders. Upon completion of the Anadarko disposition process and subsequent achievement of its \$4 billion net debt target, the company plans to update its free cash flow (post dividends) allocation framework to direct a greater portion toward shareholder returns. Under our base outlook, we have factored in the company's free cash flow payout ratio rising from 50% to 75% in the fourth-quarter of 2026.
- **Montney & Permian Inventory Depth.** Pro-forma the NuVista acquisition, Ovintiv highlighted 15-20 years of premium inventory (>35% IRR at \$55/bbl WTI & \$2.75/mmBtu NYMEX) in the Montney. The company also has 12-15 years of inventory in the Permian that it would deem as premium, and completed circa \$250 million in bolt-on acquisitions which closed in early October.

## Pembina Pipeline Corporation (PPL)

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Price target: CAD 62.00

- **Well-positioned to benefit from higher WCSB production.** Whether it be uncontracted capacity or within its contract structures that blend minimum take-or-pay levels with fee-for-service upside as volumes grow, we expect Pembina to benefit from growing gas and liquids volumes in the Western Canada Sedimentary Basin (WCSB). Further, growing volumes could result in contract extensions and/or incremental new contracts that support Pembina's base business and/or underpin new expansion projects.
- **Strong free cash flow generation offers a range of capital allocation opportunities.** We believe Pembina's tried and tested financial guardrails offer the company an effective risk framework to execute a low-risk strategy that ultimately delivers sustainable organic growth and attractive dividends to shareholders on a self-funded basis. Over the 2024-2026 period, the company expects to generate largely neutral to slightly positive free cash flow after dividends and all capex, which we view as attractive particularly given elevated capex levels associated with its announced growth projects, including Cedar LNG.
- **Solid base of business with a commodity kicker.** Pembina's guardrails target over 80% of EBITDA coming from fee-based revenues, primarily underpinned by take-or-pay or cost-of-service contracts, which underpin the dividend. As upside optionality, Pembina's Marketing division can benefit from leveraging its asset base to take advantage of various commodity spreads.



## Permian Resources (PR)

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Price target: USD 18.00

- **Highly competitive Delaware position.** The company has large, contiguous acreage positions in the core of the southern and northern Delaware Permian with a 12-15 year inventory alongside a sizable position in the southern Midland Permian. Consolidation remains a consideration but PR's 12+ year drilling inventory supporting maintenance production provides the flexibility to be patient and opportunistic.
- **Operational performance driving 2026.** Management appears confident in the ability to hold capital flat at these levels while generating strong FCF with the dividend covered down to \$40/bbl (WTI). Operationally, PR remains solid demonstrated by a strong step-up in organic production while spending relatively unchanged. We think PR can maintain the higher production base on a similar capital spend YoY due to operational and financial efficiencies.
- **Shareholder return strategy remains strong.** Management prioritizes a strong, growing fixed dividend along with stock buybacks. The fixed dividend (4.5% yield), likely gets a boost in early 2026 and stock buybacks are more opportunistic. Remaining FCF further enhances an already strong balance sheet (0.8x leverage ratios). Excess shareholder returns could be allocated to M&A, but PR is focusing on ground game-transactions in the near-term. The opportunity set appears more on smaller transactions with commodity macro volatility hindering larger deals.

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Price target: CAD 35.00

- **Largest royalty owner in WCSB - Diversified.** PrairieSky 2026E/27E production profile is 64%/64% liquids-weighted with royalty revenue driven by liquids at 88%/85%. PrairieSky is the largest royalty landowner in the WCSB (18.5 million acres; 9.8/8.7 million acres Fee/GORR lands) and is supported by some of the top operators. The company has significant lands in all key plays throughout the WCSB. We expect 2026/27E corporate production to increase by 5%/4% with the Mannville Heavy, Clearwater, Viking and Duvernay plays leading the pack in activity. The royalty business model is also insulated from industry cost inflation, providing margin stability. See our recent quarterly note [here](#) and PSK's Investor Day highlights [here](#).
- **Multi-lateral tailwind – Ample inventory for growth.** PrairieSky has the largest Clearwater royalty acreage position with over 1.4 million acres namely with its key operating partner, Spur Petroleum. PSK's current Clearwater royalty volumes map towards ~2,400 bbl/d with play activity effectively doubling over the prior three years PSK has also seen the implementation of modern drilling techniques into established fields, most notably in the Mannville Heavy Oil stack, which accounts for 14% of the company's FPV (future potential value) and 2,590 future locations. The company owns ~1.3 million acres of royalty land within the play, namely with its key counterparties (Canadian Natural Resources Ltd., Caltex Trilogy, and others) where total royalty volumes are in the range of 800 bbl/d. Activity levels in the stack and low supply costs suggest to us that PSK is well positioned to benefit, where we forecast 15-20% YoY growth within the play assuming crude prices remain at current levels. Multi-lateral prospects now constitute roughly one-third of drilling activity and 15–20% of corporate royalty volumes, suggesting that overall share of volumes will increase.
- **FCF allocation – Focus on the buyback, sustainable dividend.** During 2025, PSK reinitiated their buyback program after being dormant since 2021. At its recent Investor Day, the PSK team noted a preference for buybacks over dividends, though this is largely a function of stock valuation and positioning in the market cycle. On current strip, we estimate a 65%/64% effective payout ratio in 2026E/27E.

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**Rating:** Outperform**Price target:** USD 43.00

- **Leading size, scale, geographic reach.** SLB's size, scale, and geographic diversification leave it favorably positioned under prevailing industry trends, in our view. We believe SLB is well-positioned to benefit from the next leg of growth in International markets. Over the long term, we believe International short and longer cycle investment should increase, led by Latin America, the Middle East, and key offshore basins.
- **Digital evolution to drive financial results.** Growing contribution from the Digital business should drive margin accretion over time. Integrated digital platform adoption also improves revenue stability and provides competitive advantage as the E&P industry increasingly embraces efficiencies. Over time, we believe the reduced capital intensity should drive improvement in the company's financial metrics. We believe the increased disclosure should provide more visibility on the digital growth. Notably, SLB expects its digital business to outpace its core business by double-digits.
- **CHX acquisition adds future upside potential.** The acquisition of CHX enhances SLB's exposure to future growth markets and strengthens its position as a leader in the production space and provides margin upside as the company expects to realize \$400MM of annual synergies within the first three-years, with 70%-80% of the synergies realized in the first 24 months.
- **Attractive valuation.** SLB is trading at 2026E EV/EBITDA multiples of 7.7x, versus its long-term averages of approximately 8.7x and large cap peer average of 7.6x. We ultimately believe SLB deserves a premium given its leading margins, strong FCF generation, and a peer leading 6% 2026E TSR yield. See our latest SLB note [here](#).

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**Rating:** Outperform**Price target:** CAD 67.00

- **Leadership Making an Impact.** President & CEO Rich Kruger wasted no time making his presence felt within the company and market following his appointment in April 2023. What's clear to us is that the emphasis on high-performance and accountability has been well-received throughout the organization. A continual focus on the identification and elimination of constraints or limiting factors company-wide that can be modified or changed to increase capacity and/or improve utilization rates appears at the root of Suncor's strong operating performance in 2025.
- **Shareholder Returns.** Suncor announced the early achievement of its \$8.0 billion net debt target alongside its 2024 [third-quarter results](#), which unlocked the allocation of at/near 100% of excess funds flow towards share repurchases on an annual basis, up from 75% previously. More recently, alongside the company's third-quarter 2025 results, Suncor raised its common dividend by 5% to an annualized rate of \$2.40 per share.
- **Business Update.** Suncor's [2024 Business Update](#) (2024-26) emphasized the power of its integrated model and big opportunity to capture low-hanging fruit across its portfolio. Recently, the company highlighted that it has achieved its targeted three-year corporate goals released at its 2024 Business Update one year ahead of its plan. These included a US\$10/bbl reduction in its WTI corporate breakeven and an incremental 100,000 bbl/d of production over the 2023-26 timeframe, alongside an increase in normalized free funds flow of \$3.3 billion.
- **Long-Term Bitumen Supply Options.** We anticipate that Suncor's long-term production visibility (and indirectly its reserve-life index) to offset Base Mine depletion in the 2030+ timeframe may be framed at its investor open house on March 31, 2026, providing a 10-20 year bitumen supply plan. We suspect this event could serve as a positive catalyst for the company and a key ingredient in building a premium relative valuation.



### Superior Plus (SPB)

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Rating: Outperform

Price target: CAD 11.00

- **Robust share buyback program.** The company has outlined a balanced capital allocation strategy for the next three years, allocating 50% of capital to share buybacks (~C\$140 million/year, ~8% of market cap) and debt reduction, with the remaining 40% and 10% directed towards capex and dividends, respectively. We view this favourably, as the plan supports share repurchases of ~C\$400 million while enabling deleveraging to 3x Debt/EBITDA by 2027 (from 4x in 2024).
- **Management focused on driving upside in the propane business.** Superior Plus operates an attractive propane distribution business, targeting US\$75 million of incremental EBITDA growth (+15%) by 2027 through its "Superior Delivers" initiatives. These efforts aim to lower costs-to-serve, enhance the customer value proposition, and increase customer density to drive predictable cash flows (weather-dependent). As the largest propane distributor in Canada (35% market share) and fourth largest in the U.S. (4%), the company has shifted from a roll-up strategy to organic growth.
- **Trades at deep discount to closest peer.** We view Superior Plus shares as attractively valued, trading at a deep discount to its closest propane distribution peer. The stock appears to imply limited value for the Certarus business, despite Certarus generating US\$147 million of EBITDA over the last four quarters (~30% of the company's total) and holding a leading ~30% market share in compressed natural gas distribution. While margin pressures in this division has weakened sentiment, management has adopted a more disciplined capital approach, with the aim of stabilizing margins.

### TotalEnergies (TTE)

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Price target: EUR 70.00

- **Track record of defensiveness.** Amid broader market turmoil, we believe a key positive attribute of the TTE investment case is its defensiveness, on show through the worst of the pandemic when it was the only European major to not cut the dividend. The management team has navigated the company well through various downturns over the past decade while also showcasing strength in executing counter-cyclical activity.
- **Differentiated growth potential.** Amid evolving views on the energy transition, we think focus is likely to shift to who can grow underlying cash flow medium term without support from the macro. In recent years, TTE has portrayed itself as the 'growth' European major, with less emphasis on winding down its oil and gas business to build its new transition engine(s) than peers. TTE offers a more balanced approach to EPS and FCF/share growth than many of its peers, with growing headline volumes across liquids and gas into the 2030 time period, a strengthening LNG portfolio and diversified growth in its power segment.



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Price target: USD 75.00

- **We think WMB is well positioned to benefit from growing power and natural gas demand.** We expect WMB will be among the biggest beneficiaries of growing power and natural gas demand given its existing asset footprint and attractive opportunity set that can drive growth through 2030 and beyond. WMB's transmission projects, anchored around Transco expansions, should meaningfully grow capacity and visible cash flows over time. WMB is evaluating additional high return, fast to market Power Innovation projects with hyper-scalers that can drive meaningful EBITDA growth with no commodity/power price risk.
- **Strong balance sheet can support growth.** WMB's balance sheet strength provides the financial flexibility to pursue incremental growth and remain within its targeted leverage range of 3.5-4.0x. While leverage may move slightly higher in the short-term, we believe the low build multiples and relatively fast in-service timelines would drive it lower at an accelerated pace as projects are placed into service.
- **Potential for growth beyond our estimates.** Our estimates could prove conservative as we do not include any transmission projects that have not already been announced. WMB has a large backlog of identified potential transmission projects that could come online from 2027-2033 and would drive incremental growth at attractive build multiples.

## Woodside Energy (WDS)

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Price target: AUD 33.50

- **Production to grow by more than 50% to over 300 mmboe** by the early 2030s, mainly from a mixture of world-class Australian and international LNG and high margin oil projects. We see Woodside doubling its global LNG portfolio to ~24 Mtpa by the early 2030's.
- **Net operating cash flow to grow at CAGR of more than 6%** through to 2032 (Mid-Case) to ~US\$9bn after Woodside's next generation cash-generative assets come online.
- **Scarborough (WDS 75% and operator)** in Western Australia was 91% complete at 30 Sept and is on track for first LNG from 2H 2026. Long term cash flows from the Scarborough gas field expands Pluto LNG life (new Pluto LNG T-2 development) and also extends the life of the Woodside operated North West Shelf LNG project (Environmental approval to 2070).
- **Louisiana LNG (WDS 90% HoldCo, 54% InfraCo)** US Gulf Coast three train 16.5 Mtpa foundation project was 19% complete at 30 Sept and is expected on stream by 2029. **Stonepeak Partners** acquired 40% of InfraCo in exchange for contributing US \$5.7bn to project capex in 2025 and 2026. **Williams** has outlaid US\$378m to acquire 10% in HoldCo (6% of InfraCo), and 80% in Driftwood Pipeline LLC, plus LNG offtake. We expect Woodside to make further HoldCo equity sales that include LNG offtake. The uncommitted T-4 and T-5 11 Mtpa project expansion is now included in Woodside's Mid-case scenario.
- **Sangomar (WDS 82% and Operator)** Phase 1 offshore Senegal, West Africa started up in June 2024 and has outperformed by delivering exceptional S500 reservoir oil production performance and operating reliability. We remain optimistic with respect to a potential Phase 2 future development based on the S400 upper sandstone reservoir.
- **Trion (WDS 60% and operator)** in the offshore Mexican side of the Gulf was 43% complete at 30 Sept with first oil of 120,000 bopd (gross) targeted in 2028. We see asset upside from an increased recovery factor, northern field area development, and potential tie backs.
- **Capital allocation framework** supported by a dividend payout ratio based on 50% - 80% of underlying NPAT, with payments at the 80% level for more than a decade. After completion of the Scarborough investment phase gearing is projected to peak at ~20% (within target range of 10-20%) and Net Debt of <US\$10bn.

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