



3 Dividend Stocks for Long-Term Investors

Description

Whether you just opened your first brokerage account or have been investing for decades, you must own at least one dividend-paying stock, because they far outperform non-dividend-paying stocks over the long term. With this in mind, let's take a look at three high-yielding stocks that you could buy today.

1. Vermilion Energy Inc.: 5.4% yield

Vermilion Energy Inc. ([TSX:VET](#)) ([NYSE:VET](#)) is one of the largest producers of crude oil and natural gas in North America, Europe, and Australia. It pays a monthly dividend of \$0.215 per share, or \$2.58 per share annually, giving its stock a 5.4% yield at today's levels.

Investors should also note that Vermilion has increased its dividend for two consecutive years, but its decreased amount of funds from operations, including a 40.6% year-over-year decline to \$250.3 million in the first half of fiscal 2015, may cause it to simply maintain its current rate until oil and gas prices recover.

2. CT Real Estate Investment Trust: 5.05% yield

CT Real Estate Investment Trust ([TSX:CRT.UN](#)) is one of Canada's largest owners and operators of commercial real estate. It pays a monthly distribution of \$0.05525, or \$0.663 per share annually, which gives its stock a 5.05% yield at current levels.

It is also important to note that CT REIT raised its distribution by 2% in December 2014, and its increased amount of funds from operations, including 14.8% year-over-year growth to \$74.1 million in the first half of fiscal 2015, could allow for another increase in the very near future.

3. AutoCanada Inc.: 3.2% yield

AutoCanada Inc. ([TSX:ACQ](#)) is Canada's largest automobile dealership group. It pays a quarterly dividend of \$0.25 per share, or \$1.00 per share annually, giving its stock a 3.2% yield at today's levels.

Investors should also note that AutoCanada has raised its dividend for four consecutive years, and its

increased amount of free cash flow, including a 3.2% year-over-year increase to \$51 million in its trailing 12-month period ending on June 30, 2015, could allow this streak to continue in 2015.

Which of these high yielders should you buy?

Vermilion Energy, CT REIT, and AutoCanada are three of the most attractive dividend plays in their respective industries. All Foolish investors should strongly consider initiating positions in one of them today.

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