

3 Brand New Bargain Stocks to Boost Your Wealth Now

Description

Hello again, Fools. I'm back to highlight three stocks that fell sharply last week. As a quick refresher, I do this because the biggest gains are made by buying solid companies during times of <u>maximum</u> <u>bearishness</u>, when they're being ignored by Bay Street, and when they're selling well below intrinsic value.

The **S&P/TSX Composite Index** rallied 1.25% last week, so maybe this list can help you find some overlooked value.

Let's get to it, shall we?

Off a Birchcliff

Kicking things off this week is **Birchcliff Energy** (<u>TSX:BIR</u>), whose shares fell 10% last week. The intermediate oil and gas explorer is now down 29% over the past year versus a loss of 23% for the **S&P/TSX Capped Energy Index**.

The plunge in oil prices — about 22% in November — continues to weigh heavily on the stock, but there's reason to remain optimistic. In Birchcliff's Q3, average production increased 22% from the year-ago period to 79,331 boe/d. Meanwhile, cash flow jumped 17% to \$75.4 million.

Looking ahead, management expects significant cash flow in 2019, which could be used to reduce debt, pursue growth, or boost the dividend.

The stock currently boasts a cheapish forward P/E of 8.8, along with a solid yield of 2.8%.

Pot plunge

Next up, we have **Aphria** (TSX:APHA)(NYSE:APHA), which sank 11% last week. Shares of the cannabis producer are now off 38% over just the past three months, while the **S&P/TSX Composite Index** is off 7% in the same time frame.

Pot stocks have plunged sharply ever since legalization in mid-October, but Aphria has been particularly disappointing. In its recent Q1 results, revenue increased only 10.5% from Q4. Furthermore, EBITDA clocked in at negative \$4 million, breaking a streak of 11 straight guarters of positive adjusted EBITDA.

On the bullish side, Aphria now sports a price-to-sales ratio of 45 — well below that of pot peers like Canopy Growth and Aurora Cannabis. So if you're ready to jump into the industry, Aphria is a relatively cheap way to do it.

Point of big returns

Rounding out our list this week is Crescent Point Energy (TSX:CPG)(NYSE:CPG), whose shares fell 10% last week. The oil and gas operator is now down a whopping 61% over the past six months versus a loss of 26% for the S&P/TSX Capped Energy Index.

Just like Birchcliff, slumping oil prices have wreaked havoc with Crescent Point shares. Of course, if you're willing to take on some uncertainty, the stock's super-fat dividend yield of 9.1% is intriguing.

In Q3, production averaged 174.275 boe/d, nicely ahead of forecasts. Furthermore, funds from operations — a key cash flow metric — came in at a solid \$474.7 million.

Crescent Point still has several risks surrounding it, including a big debt load and its exposure to volatile oil prices. But with the stock at all-time lows, value-hounds should definitely sniff around. eta

The bottom line

There you have it, Fools: three recently battered stocks worth checking out.

As always, don't consider them formal recommendations. Instead, view them as a good starting point for further research. Slumping stocks can keep falling for a prolonged period of time, so extra due diligence is required.

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