

4 TSX Stocks With Jaw-Dropping Returns in 2021

## **Description**

This year, **TSX**'s energy sector and **Bitcoin** have shown resiliency, although the former didn't swing wildly during dips, unlike the latter. The year-to-date gains of each are now 73.88% and 96.7%, respectively. However, the gains aren't jaw-dropping if you compare them to two <u>energy constituents</u> and a pair of crypto-related assets.

NuVista Energy (TSX:NVA) and Crew Energy (TSX:CR) have gained between 440% and 560% thus far. HIVE Blockchain Technologies (TSXV:HIVE)(NASDAQ:HVBT) is up 102.51%, while HUT 8 Mining (TSX:HUT)(NASDAQ:HUT) investors are content with their 320.22% year-to-date (YTD) gain.

The four stocks outperform the broader market and their respective sectors. Had you invested in year-end 2020 in any of them, you would have derived enormous returns. Only HUT 8 trades above \$15, but you won't spend more than \$6.25 per share for the rest. Also, their <u>upwards trajectories</u> could continue in 2022, so you can consider taking positions this year-end.

## **Energy high-flyers**

High-flyers NuVista and Crew were never on investors' radars until crude prices started to rebound early in 2021. The energy stocks trade at \$6.19 (+558.51% YTD) and \$3.06 (+446.43% YTD) per share, respectively. Their magnificent turnarounds reflect in the stock performances.

NuVista's net loss in the first three quarters of 2020 was over \$900 million. But in the nine months ended September 30, 2021, management reported \$563.9 million in total revenue, a year-over-year growth of 87.1%. Notably, net income reached \$151.51 million.

Like other industry players, Crew Energy benefits from rising commodity prices. According to President and CEO, Dale Shwed, the company captured value from its world-class resource because of the positive market developments. In Q3 2021, net income was \$176.18 million compared to the \$21.13 million net loss.

After three quarters this year, net income reached \$154.39 million versus the \$237.84 net loss in the

same period in 2020. Moreover, adjusted funds flow (AFF) climbed 210% to \$26.5 million year-over-year. Management projects its AFF in 2022 to be around \$190 to \$210 million.

### Safer alternatives to Bitcoin

Bitcoin remains highly volatile, so be careful parting ways with your money. The price peaked at US\$67,566.83 on November 8, 2021, but has fallen since. As of December 1, 2021, the crypto is down 15.6% to US\$57.056.70. HIVE and HUT 8 are the next-best alternatives if you want exposure to Bitcoin.

HIVE trades at \$4.84 per share, while you can purchase a HUT share for \$15.59. Apart from the <u>lower prices</u>, the crypto stocks trade on a global stock exchange, therefore, are regulated. Also, the problem with cryptocurrencies is the lack of fundamental value. If it's a tree, it doesn't produce or bear fruits.

While HIVE and HUT 8 are crypto miners, investors can review or evaluate them based on the quarterly financial results. For example, HIVE's gross revenue from digital currency mining grew 466% in Q1 fiscal 2022 (quarter ended June 30, 2021) versus Q1 fiscal 2021. The net income of US\$18.6 million during the quarter was also a record.

HUT 8, one of the pioneers in digital assets mining, achieved a record-breaking quarterly revenue in Q3 2021. Revenue growth was 774.7%, while net income was \$23.37 million compared to the \$900,000 net loss a year ago.

# Momentum should continue

Expect the four stocks to maintain momentum heading into 2022 if the TSX shakes off its current slump.

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- 2. TSX:CR (Crew Energy)
- 3. TSX:HUT (Hut 8 Mining)
- 4. TSX:NVA (NuVista Energy Ltd.)
- 5. TSXV:HIVE (Hive Blockchain Technologies)

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