

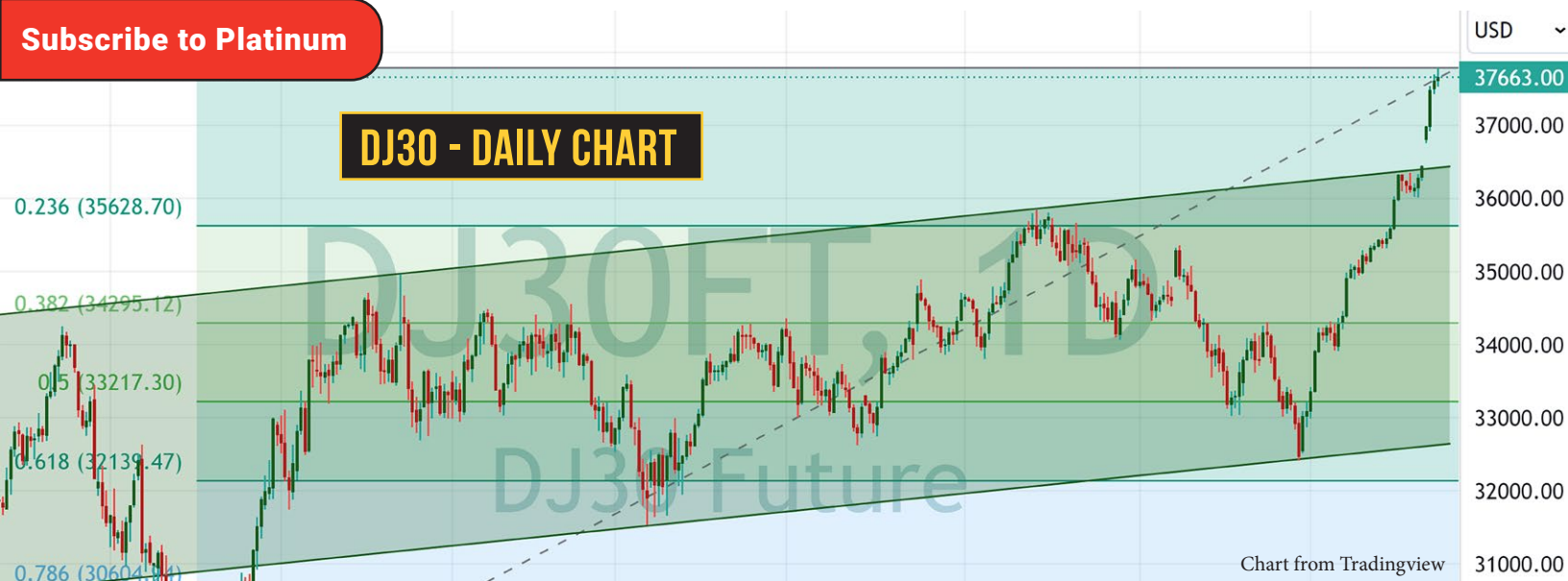


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The Dow Jones Surges as Fed Pivots Toward Rate Cuts

Market Trend News would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays! We hope you are all able to take some time off, spend some quality time with your loved ones, and have safe travels!

On Friday the Dow Jones Industrial Average closed at record highs. After spending most of the year in a mostly sideways channel, the DJ30 has risen more than 8% over the last month. Last Wednesday the Federal Reserve made it pretty clear that there will be no more rate hikes and are projecting a few cuts in 2024.

We hope 2024 will be more on the bullish side after such a turbulent 2023. We also hope 2024 brings you health and happiness!



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Argentina Lithium & Energy Corp

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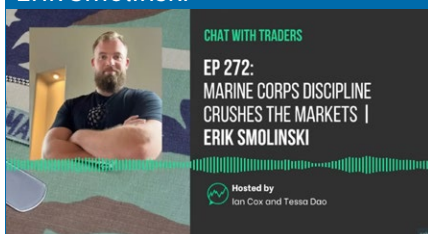
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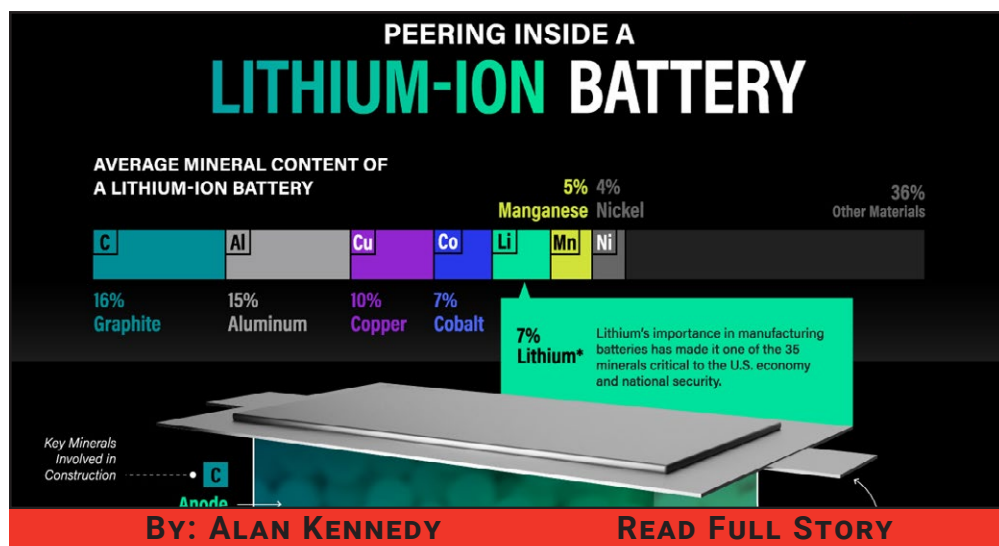
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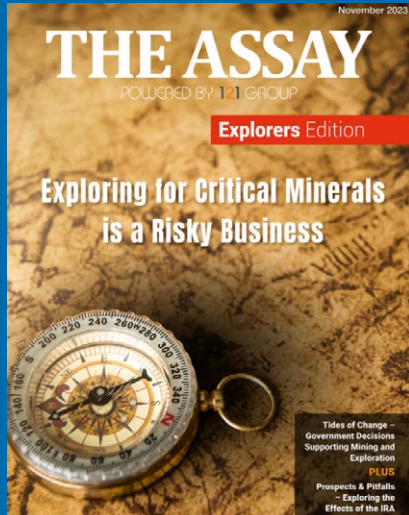


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December 12th, 2023

Lithium-Ion Technology Solidifies Lead in EV Battery Stakes

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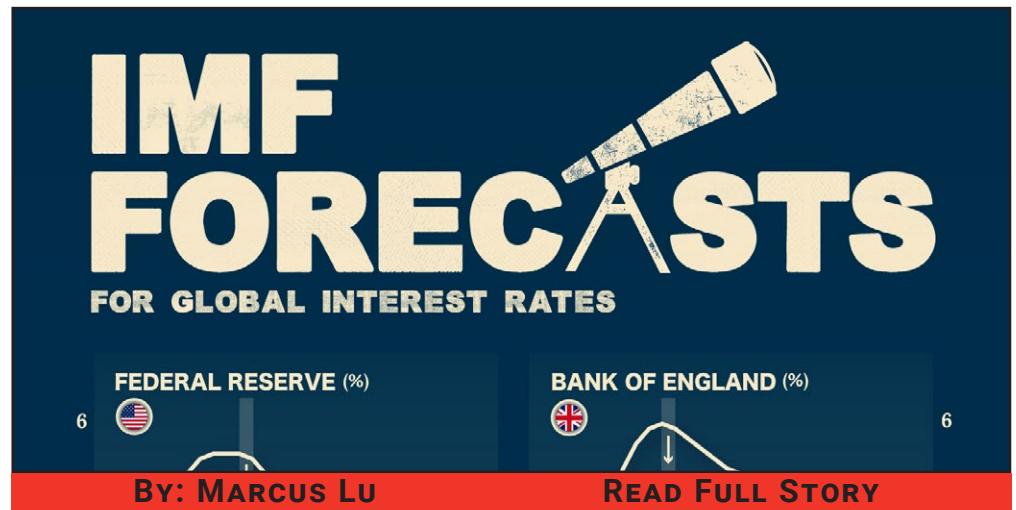
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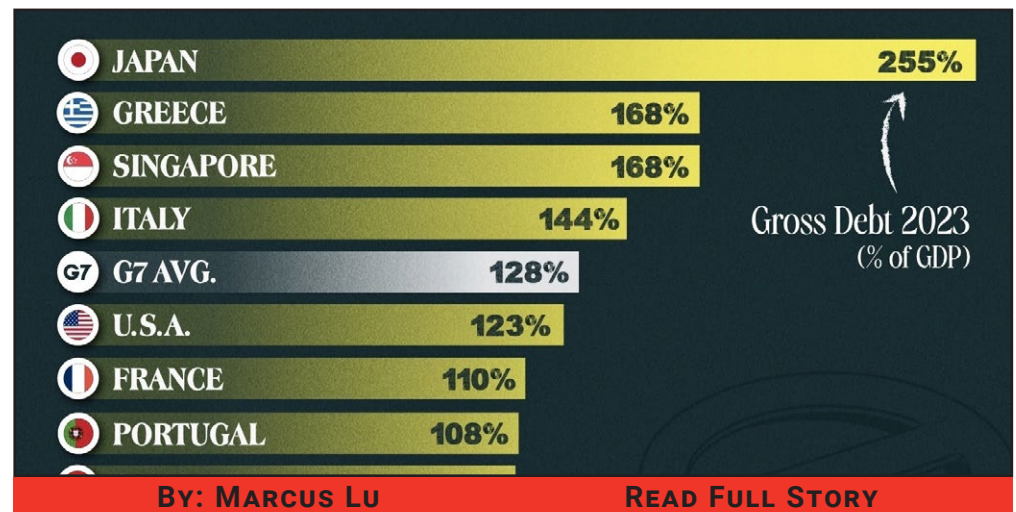
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Argentina Lithium & Energy

Exploring the Prolific Lithium Triangle

Company Overview: Energy from Experience

Argentina Lithium & Energy Corp. is focused on acquiring high quality lithium projects in Argentina and advancing them towards production in order to meet the growing global demand from the battery sector. The management group has a long history of success in the resource sector of Argentina and has assembled a first-rate team of experts to acquire and advance the best lithium properties in the "Lithium Triangle". The company is a member of the Grosso Group, a resource management group that has pioneered exploration in Argentina since 1993 and been involved in four major mineral discoveries in the region.

Prolific Location

- Lithium Triangle produces about half of the world's lithium and hosts ~60% of known lithium reserves
- Most lithium is in salt lake brines known as salars
- Argentina produces ~10% of the world's lithium and is a top-five global producer as of 2022
- Projects are near convenient rail, roads, water, and power
- Argentine government is encouraging foreign investment and renewable energy initiatives



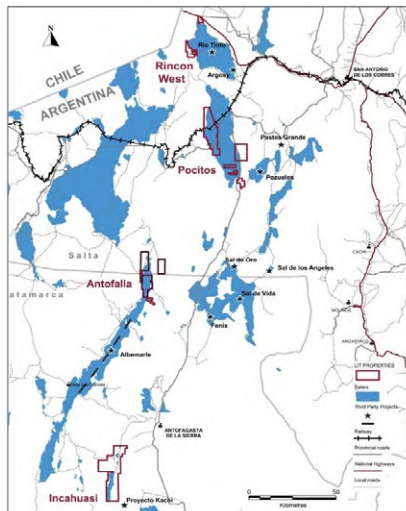
US\$90M (in ARS\$ Eq) Investment by Stellantis

- Stellantis is one of the world's leading automakers and mobility providers with iconic brands including Abarth, Alfa Romeo, Chrysler, Citroën, Dodge, DS Automobiles, Fiat, Jeep®, Lancia, Maserati, Opel, Peugeot, RAM, Vauxhall, Free2Move, and Leasys
- Invested (via Argentine Subsidiary): US\$90M (in ARS\$ eq)
- Ownership in LIT: 19.9% (in Argentina subsidiary with exchange right to LIT shares provided)
- Offtake guarantee: Up to 15Ktpa over seven years, extendable



Lithium Project Pipeline

- +67,000ha of claims on four salars
- Properties strategically located near key infrastructure and towns
- Year-round access available to all properties on existing road network
- Aggressive exploration programmes planned for 2024, including advancing toward first resource estimate at Rincon West and exploration drilling at Antofalla North
- Exploration plans fully funded



Board of Directors & Management

| | |
|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Joseph Grosso | Chairman |
| Nikolaos Cacaos | President, Director, CEO |
| Dr. John Gammon | Director |
| Martin Burian | Director |
| Miles Rideout | VP of Exploration |
| Dr. David Terry | Director |
| Darren Urquhart | CFO |
| Connie Norman | Corporate Secretary |

Key Announcements

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| 20/11/23 | Argentina Lithium Announces Accelerated Exploration Plan |
| 08/11/23 | Argentina Lithium Further Expands Rincon West and Antofalla North Projects |
| 23/10/23 | Argentina Lithium Engages Resource Stock Digest for Marketing Contract |
| 19/10/23 | Argentina Lithium Commences Drilling on the Eastern Extension of Rincon West Project |
| 17/10/23 | Argentina Lithium Engages Red Cloud Financial Services |
| 05/10/23 | Argentina Lithium Closes US\$90M Investment by Stellantis in ARS\$ Equivalent |

Key Financials (November 2023) (CAD)

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| Share Price | \$0.37 |
| Shares Outstanding | 131M |
| Market Capitalization | ~\$48.5M |
| Share Price: Year high-low | \$0.63 – \$0.19 |
| Cash (June 2023) | \$2.2M |
| Debt | Nil |

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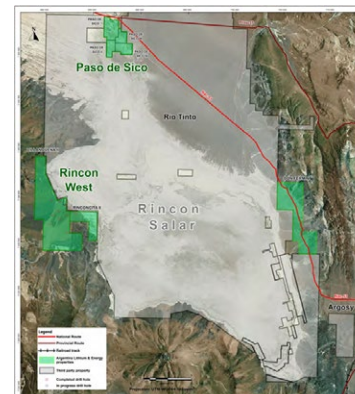
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The Rincon West Project

- 5198.8ha (460.5ha held 100%; and 4,738ha held under option)
- 3,800masl elevation in ultra-arid environment
- Mature salar development with halite deposits drilled to 400m depth
- International highway to pacific ports & major electrical power corridor just north of the salar
- Adjacent to Rio Tinto and proximal to Argosy Minerals, both with proven reserves
- Successful first drill programme complete; high lithium concentrations in multiple holes, including:
 - **329 to 393mg/L Li in 153m interval** (RW-DDH-006) and
 - **334 to 382mg/L Li in 132m interval** (RW-DDH-004) and
 - **225 to 380mg/L Li in 70m interval** (RW-DDH-001) and
 - **337 to 367mg/L Li in 123m interval** (RW-DDH-002) (40m not sampled)
 - **Best interval: 287 to 402mg/L Li in 258m** (RW-DDH-009) (33m and 42m not sampled)
- New five-hole drill programme underway on adjacent second property, plus permitting for pump tests

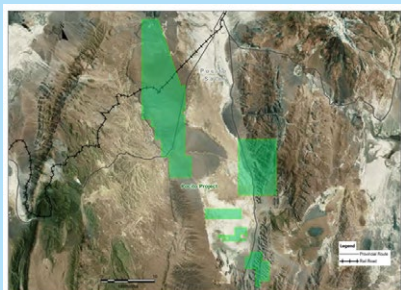


Pocitos Project

- +26,000ha under option
- 3,700masl elevation in arid environment;
- International railway to Pacific ports crosses the property
- Provincial highway and major gas pipeline located close to the property
- Limited historic exploration

Work Plan:

- 170 line-km of TEM soundings underway to detect and delineate brine concentrations for testing



Antofalla North Project

- Covers ~10,839ha of claims, wholly owned and optioned on highly prospective salar
- 3,350masl elevation in arid environment
- Major lithium producer Albemarle has large lithium tenement holdings starting 500m south

Work plan:

- 2024 work plan (subject to permitting): 110 line-km of Transient Electromagnetic (TEM) soundings to delineate brine aquifer
- Six reconnaissance diamond drill holes followed by up to 24 infill holes



Incahuasi Project

- 100% interest in over 25,000ha
- 3,260masl elevation in arid environment
- 34km from town of Antofagasta de la Sierra, Catamarca
- Located north of Lake Resources' Kachi Project
- Maximum values 409mg/L lithium and 1.56% potassium recovered in near-surface sampling (to 8m depth)
- Four drill holes confirmed Li-bearing brines (average 109mg/L Li, 6718mg/L K)

2024 work plan:

- 90 line-km of TEM soundings to detect & delineate new brine concentrations for testing

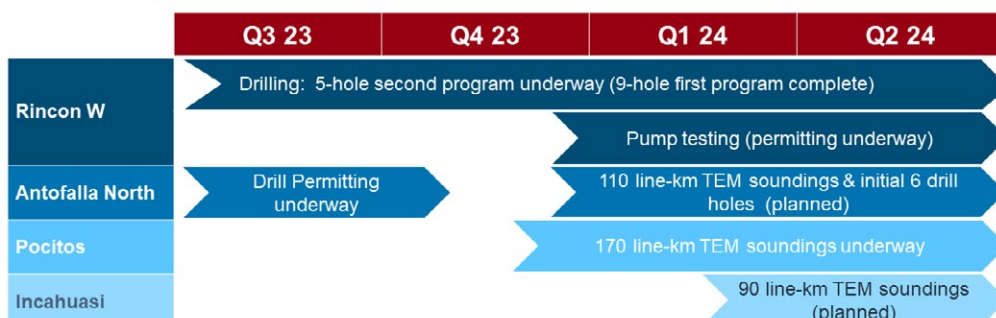


[Proximity to a mineral resource does not indicate that mineralization will occur on the Company's property, and if mineralization does occur, that it will occur in sufficient quantity or grade that would result in an economic extraction scenario.] This profile contains forward-looking statements, including but not limited to comments regarding predictions and projections. Forward-looking statements address future events and conditions and therefore involve inherent risks and uncertainties. Actual results may differ materially from those currently anticipated in such statements. This profile has been reviewed and approved by David Terry, Ph.D., P.Geo., a Director of the company and a Qualified Person as defined by NI 43-101.

Upcoming Catalysts



Road Map to Discovery



CHARLIE THOMAS MUNGER

(JAN. 1ST, 1924 - NOV. 28, 2023)



Charlie Munger, born Charles Thomas Munger on January 1, 1924, is a renowned American investor, businessman, and philanthropist. Munger is best known for his long-time partnership with Warren Buffett as the vice chairman of Berkshire Hathaway, but his life is a tale of resilience, wisdom, and multifaceted success.

Munger's early life was not without its challenges. His father, Alfred Munger, was a lawyer, and his mother, Florence Munger, was a homemaker. However, the family faced financial difficulties during the Great Depression, which had a profound impact on Munger's worldview and investment philosophy.

Despite the economic difficulties, Munger was a bright and determined student. He attended the University of Michigan, where he studied mathematics, meteorology, and economics. His time at the university was interrupted by his service in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II, where he served as a meteorologist.

Post-war, Munger returned to the University of Michigan to complete his undergraduate degree. He then went on to earn a law degree from Harvard Law School. Munger's interdisciplinary education became a cornerstone of his later success, as it equipped him with a broad understanding of various subjects, a trait he would later emphasize in his investment philosophy.

After completing his education, Munger began his career as a lawyer in Los Angeles. However, his innate curiosity and entrepreneurial spirit led him to explore various business opportunities. He ventured into real estate development and found success in the burgeoning Southern California real estate market. Munger's early forays into business provided him with valuable insights into the complexities of the business world.

While Munger achieved success in his professional life, his personal life was not without challenges. In the mid-1950s, he experienced the painful dissolution of his first marriage. The divorce was a difficult period in Munger's life, forcing him to confront personal and emotional challenges. However, Munger's resilience and focus on continuous self-improvement helped him navigate through this turbulent phase.

Tragedy struck Munger's life again when he lost his 9-year-old son Teddy to leukemia. The heartbreaking experience of losing a child profoundly affected Munger and added a layer of depth to his worldview. Despite the immense personal pain, Munger channeled his grief into a renewed commitment to making a positive impact on the world.

Charlie Munger's life took a transformative turn when he crossed paths with Warren Buffett in the early 1960s. The two financial minds shared a similar investment philosophy and a deep respect for rational decision-making. In 1978, Munger officially joined Berkshire Hathaway as vice chairman, marking the beginning of a legendary partnership.

Munger's partnership with Warren Buffett at Berkshire Hathaway has been instrumental in shaping his legacy. Known for his sharp wit and incisive thinking, Munger has been a key figure in the company's investment decisions and strategic direction. His emphasis on rationality, patience, and a long-term perspective has been a guiding force in Berkshire Hathaway's success. The collaboration between Munger and Buffett proved to be a recipe for success. Munger's analytical acumen complemented Buffett's value investing principles. The duo steered Berkshire Hathaway through decades of remarkable growth, transforming it into a global conglomerate with investments in diverse industries.

One of Munger's distinctive traits is his emphasis on multidisciplinary thinking. He advocates for a broad-based education that incorporates insights from various fields, believing that a well-rounded understanding of the world is crucial for making informed decisions. This philosophy has influenced his approach to investing, where he draws on principles from psychology, economics, and other disciplines.

Munger's speeches and writings are filled with references to mental models and the importance of expanding one's cognitive toolkit. His famous concept of the "latticework of mental models" underscores the idea that success in any field requires a synthesis of knowledge from diverse sources.

Throughout his life, Munger has remained an avid reader and learner. He attributes much of his success to his insatiable curiosity and dedication to continuous improvement. Munger's personal library is a testament to his wide-ranging interests, covering topics from psychology and history to physics and biology. This intellectual curiosity has not only enriched his life but has also contributed to his ability to navigate the complexities of the business world.

Munger's commitment to learning extends beyond the realms of finance and business. He encourages others to adopt a similar mindset, emphasizing the value of being a lifelong student. His speeches at annual meetings and interviews are often filled with book recommendations, showcasing his belief in the power of knowledge.

As Munger accumulated wealth through his successful investment career, he became deeply committed to philanthropy. Alongside Buffett, he pledged to donate the majority of his wealth to charitable causes through the Giving Pledge. The Munger family's philanthropic efforts have supported education, health, and various social causes.

In addition to financial contributions, Munger has actively engaged in philanthropic work, leveraging his intellectual capital to address societal challenges.

His dedication to giving back reflects a sense of responsibility to use his resources and influence for the betterment of humanity.

Charlie Munger's life is a testament to the power of resilience, intellectual curiosity, and lifelong learning. From overcoming personal hardships to achieving remarkable success in the world of finance, Munger's journey has been marked by a commitment to principles and an unwavering pursuit of excellence.

His influence extends beyond the boardrooms of Berkshire Hathaway, reaching aspiring investors, entrepreneurs, and individuals seeking wisdom in various aspects of life. Munger's timeless advice on rational decision-making, multidisciplinary thinking, and the importance of continuous learning continues to inspire generations.

In addition to his professional accomplishments, Munger is also known for his insightful and often humorous quotes. One of his most famous quotes is, "In my whole life, I have known no wise people (over a broad subject matter area) who didn't read all the time — none, zero." This reflects his belief in the importance of continuous learning and intellectual curiosity.

Another notable quote from Munger is, "Spend each day trying to be a little wiser than you were when you woke up." This emphasis on personal growth and self-improvement encapsulates Munger's lifelong commitment to learning and intellectual development.

Charlie Munger's story is not just about financial success; it's about navigating life's complexities with wisdom, humor, and a relentless pursuit of understanding. He leaves behind a legacy that transcends numbers and charts, reminding us that the true measure of a life lies in its depth, its resilience, and its commitment to continuous learning and growth.

A legend. Rest in peace sir.



Trading Tips - Ashford Trader @StratDevilDog

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



















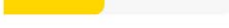


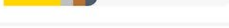





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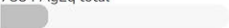


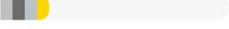


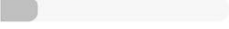


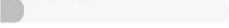


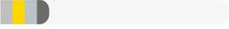


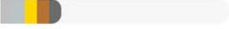


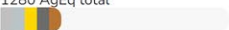




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Top Gold Drilling Highlights



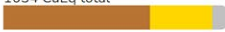





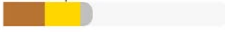


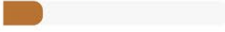


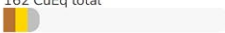

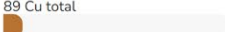


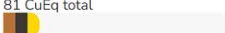







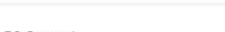
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|  | 12/14/2023 | Mawson Gold Limited 0.34  -0.01 (-2.86%) | Sunday Creek | 3.40* | 382.3 | 382.3 | 1300 AuEq total  | \$100.49M | Victoria, Australia |
|  | 12/6/2023 | Snowline Gold Corp. 4.82  0.07 (1.47%) | Rogue | 2.46 | 5.5 | 519.6 | 1278 Au total  | \$696.86M | Yukon, Canada |
|  | 12/14/2023 | OceanaGold Corporation 2.48  -0.04 (-1.59%) | Haile | 16.17 | 306 | 73.8 | 1193 Au total  | \$1.75B | South Carolina, United States |
|  | 12/13/2023 | Lion One Metals Limited 0.82  -0.02 (-2.38%) | Tuvatu | 1986.23 | 206.1 | 0.6 | 1192 Au total  | \$169.18M | Western, Fiji |
|  | 12/5/2023 | G2 Goldfields Inc. 0.70  0.04 (6.06%) | OKO | 1275.10 | 255.3 | 0.8 | 1020 Au total  | \$128.41M | Cuyuni-Mazaruni, Guyana |
|  | 11/28/2023 | Tudor Gold Corp. 0.99  -0.01 (-1.00%) | Treaty Creek | 1.40* | 67.5 | 601.5 | 843 AuEq total  | \$217.37M | British Columbia, Canada |
|  | 12/14/2023 | I-80 Gold Corp. 2.25  -0.05 (-2.17%) | Granite Creek | 31.10 | 155.8 | 21.9 | 681 Au total  | \$623.41M | Nevada, USA |
|  | 12/7/2023 | Founders Metals Inc. 1.19  -0.11 (-8.46%) | Antino | 94.69 | 152 | 6 | 568 Au total  | \$58.67M | Suriname |
|  | 12/11/2023 | Collective Mining Ltd. 4.03  -0.18 (-4.28%) | Guayabales | 1.36* | 268.55 | 389.45 | 530 AuEq total  | \$244.40M | Colombia |
|  | 12/6/2023 | New Found Gold Corp. 4.78  -0.02 (-0.42%) | Queensway | 42.75 | 173 | 11.6 | 496 Au total  | \$893.25M | Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada |

Top Silver Drilling Highlights

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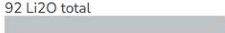




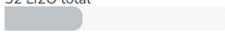


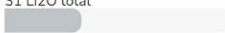


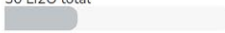


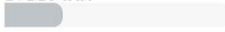


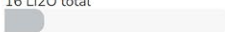
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|  | 11/29/2023 | Aya Gold & Silver Inc. 10.06  -0.33 (-3.18%) | Zgounder | 7868 | 19.2 | 4.8 | 37766 Ag total  | \$1.23B | Morocco |
|  | 12/6/2023 | Ridgeline Minerals Corp. 0.10 0.00 (0.00%) | Selena | 321.90* | 248 | 24.4 | 7854 AgEq total  | \$9.11M | Nevada, USA |
|  | 12/5/2023 | Silver Storm Mining Ltd. 0.145  -0.005 (-3.33%) | La Parrilla | 500.00* | 69.2 | 14.8 | 7400 AgEq total  | \$57.59M | Durango, Mexico |
|  | 12/14/2023 | Kootenay Silver Inc. 1.23  0.03 (2.50%) | Columba | 219 | 157 | 28 | 6132 Ag total  | \$56.29M | Mexico |
|  | 12/7/2023 | Kootenay Silver Inc. 1.23  0.03 (2.50%) | Columba | 174 | 208 | 22 | 3828 Ag total  | \$56.29M | Mexico |
|  | 12/14/2023 | Vizsla Silver Corp. 1.53  0.01 (0.66%) | Panuco | 650.00* | 564 | 3.25 | 2112 AgEq total  | \$318.15M | Sinaloa, Mexico |
|  | 12/13/2023 | Equity Metals Corporation 0.16  -0.005 (-3.03%) | Silver Queen | 157.00* | 182.7 | 8.9 | 1397 AgEq total  | \$23.68M | British Columbia, Canada |
|  | 11/28/2023 | Equity Metals Corporation 0.16  -0.005 (-3.03%) | Silver Queen | 256.00* | 330.6 | 5 | 1280 AgEq total  | \$23.68M | British Columbia, Canada |
|  | 12/7/2023 | Summa Silver Corp. 0.59 0.00 (0.00%) | Hughes | 392* | 323.2 | 3 | 1176 AgEq total  | \$61.74M | Nevada, USA |
|  | 12/4/2023 | Taranis Resources Inc. 0.18 0.00 (0.00%) | Thor | 279.60* | 98.88 | 2.86 | 800 AgEq total  | \$17.03M | British Columbia, Canada |

Top Copper Drilling Highlights

| News | Date | Company | Project | Cu (%) | From (m) | Interval (m) | Grade x Width | Market Cap | Location |
|---|------------|--|------------------|--------|----------|--------------|---|------------|---|
|  | 11/28/2023 | Filo Corp. 21.97  -0.21 (-0.95%) | Filo del Sol | 1.02* | 400 | 1014 | 1034 CuEq total  | \$2.87B | San Juan, Argentina |
|  | 12/13/2023 | Brixton Metals Corporation 0.145  0.005 (3.57%) | Thorn | 0.44* | 426 | 1176 | 517 CuEq total  | \$55.41M | British Columbia, Canada |
|  | 12/5/2023 | Pampa Metals Corp. 0.195  0.015 (8.33%) | Piuquenes | 0.73* | 362 | 558.2 | 407 CuEq total  | \$8.23M | |
|  | 12/7/2023 | Kodiak Copper Corp. 0.59  0.02 (3.51%) | MPD | 0.17 | 9 | 1053 | 179 Cu total  | \$37.65M | British Columbia, Canada |
|  | 12/5/2023 | Pacific Ridge Exploration Ltd. 0.17  0.01 (6.25%) | Kliyul | 0.27* | 10.7 | 600.4 | 162 CuEq total  | \$21.88M | British Columbia, Canada |
|  | 12/5/2023 | Benton Resources Inc. 0.165  0.015 (10.00%) | Great Burnt | 7.20 | 220.39 | 12.3 | 89 Cu total  | \$27.31M | Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada |
|  | 12/12/2023 | Tribeca Resources Corporation 0.235  -0.005 (-2.08%) | La Higuera | 0.36* | 50 | 224 | 81 CuEq total  | \$14.63M | Coquimbo Region, Chile |
|  | 12/6/2023 | Northisle Copper and Gold Inc. 0.41  0.055 (15.49%) | North Island | 0.49* | 109 | 125 | 61 CuEq total  | \$87.30M | British Columbia, Canada |
|  | 11/28/2023 | Ivanhoe Mines Ltd. 12.86  -0.09 (-0.69%) | Western Foreland | 11.64 | 1134.51 | 5.19 | 60 Cu total  | \$15.70B | Lualaba, Democratic Republic of the Congo |
|  | 12/13/2023 | Benton Resources Inc. 0.165  0.015 (10.00%) | Great Burnt | 3.07 | 276.43 | 18.18 | 56 Cu total  | \$27.31M | Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada |

Top Li2O Drilling Highlights

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| News | Date | Company | Project | Li2O (%) | From (m) | Interval (m) | Grade x Width | Market Cap | Location |
|---|------------|---|---------------------|----------|----------|--------------|---|------------|-------------------------------|
|  | 12/12/2023 | Lithium Ionic Corp. 1.52  -0.01 (-0.65%) | Bandeira | 1.72 | 113.37 | 53.73 | 92 Li2O total  | \$210.04M | Minas Gerais, Brazil |
|  | 12/4/2023 | Brunswick Exploration Inc. 0.78  -0.01 (-1.27%) | Mirage | 2.57 | 8.8 | 25.8 | 66 Li2O total  | \$151.38M | Quebec, Canada |
|  | 12/12/2023 | Pan American Energy Corp. 0.45 0.00 (0.00%) | Big Mack | 1.13 | 6.5 | 27.98 | 32 Li2O total  | \$30.39M | Ontario, Canada |
|  | 12/7/2023 | Lithium Ionic Corp. 1.52  -0.01 (-0.65%) | Salinas | 1.13 | 108.26 | 27.58 | 31 Li2O total  | \$210.04M | Minas Gerais, Brazil |
|  | 12/5/2023 | Li-FT Power Ltd. 5.15  -0.10 (-1.90%) | Yellowknife Lithium | 1.14 | 170 | 26 | 30 Li2O total  | \$203.05M | Northwest Territories, Canada |
|  | 11/28/2023 | Li-FT Power Ltd. 5.15  -0.10 (-1.90%) | Yellowknife Lithium | 1.12 | 69 | 21 | 24 Li2O total  | \$203.05M | Northwest Territories, Canada |
|  | 12/12/2023 | Li-FT Power Ltd. 5.15  -0.10 (-1.90%) | Yellowknife Lithium | 1.24 | 47 | 13 | 16 Li2O total  | \$203.05M | Northwest Territories, Canada |

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- Senegalese Proverb

Metals/Crypto Prices

| CEO.CA | Price | 1 Week | YTD |
|----------|-------------|--------|---------|
| Gold | \$2,035.30 | -0.41% | 11.10% |
| Silver | \$24.05 | -0.95% | -1.09% |
| Copper | \$3.83 | 2.64% | 0.59% |
| CAD/USD | \$0.74 | 0.66% | 0.37% |
| Bitcoin | \$42,868.23 | -2.22% | 159.12% |
| Ethereum | \$2,258.63 | 0.21% | 89.16% |

*Metal and cryptocurrency data as of 4:00pm ET yesterday.

In Today's Briefing

Gold

The precious metal is trading H2O as I edit this Briefing in the pre-market hours of Wednesday Dec. 13, trading just under the \$2k line, a level those with a bullish bias hope will serve as long-term support going forward. With the November consumer price index digits falling directly in line with expectations, all eyes are now on the Fed as it updates its monetary policy later this day - [Cooling November CPI Might Not Be Enough For Fed Interest Rate Cuts](#).

The press conference that follows—when Chairman Powell steps up to the mic and waxes poetic—is often the source of market drama. According to Kitco's [Jim Wyckoff](#), "The marketplace consensus is that the FOMC will leave interest rates unchanged. However, it's also expected the FOMC statement and Powell at his press conference will still lean a bit hawkish by saying the inflation fight is not yet finished. Still, many market watchers expect the Fed to cut U.S. interest rates by mid-year in 2024."



Regarding future price direction, the CEO from mining behemoth Barrick Gold weighed in on the subject - [‘A decade of free money’ is why the price of gold has continued to rise, says Mark Bristow](#).

This just in...

[Fed holds rates steady as inflation eases, forecasts 3 cuts in 2024](#)

The Federal Reserve left its key short-term interest rate unchanged again Wednesday, hinted that rate hikes are likely over and forecast three cuts next year amid falling inflation and a cooling economy.

Gold's reaction to the prospect of three rate cuts via this 15-minute intraday chart...



Inflation

While the latest round of inflation numbers show price pressures cooling off somewhat, the reality the average consumer encounters flies in the face of any such notion - [‘Home Alone’ fans shocked by almost 250 percent increase in grocery prices since iconic shopping trip](#).

When eight-year-old Kevin McCallister went on his little shopping trip after being left at home for the holidays in the 1990 Christmas classic “Home Alone,” his grocery list—a half gallon of milk, a half gallon of orange juice, a TV dinner, bread, frozen mac and cheese, laundry detergent, cling wrap, toilet paper, a pack of army men and dryer sheets — cost him \$19.83. Today, those same items would ring in at a whopping \$72.28.



Copper

There’s been a lot of bullish talk surrounding copper, a key metal in our push to decarbonize and electrify everything in motion, ever since Panama’s Supreme Court put the kibosh on First Quantum’s Cobre Panama copper mine, which accounted for roughly 1.5% of the world’s Cu.

Two recent headlines:

[Tighter supplies to create tailwind for copper prices](#)

Mine closures and disruptions have rapidly changed the landscape for copper supplies and prompted analysts to lower their forecasts for surpluses in a positive signal for prices of the industrial metal.

[The World's Copper Supply Is Suddenly Looking Scarce](#)

BMO Capital Markets, which was forecasting a large surplus of refined copper next year, now sees a small deficit instead. Goldman Sachs Group Inc. — which has been much more bullish on copper and already forecast a deficit of refined metal for 2024, now sees that shortfall ballooning to more than half a million tons. Jefferies also now expects a major deficit next year.



Chile Looks to Help Fill Cu Supply Gap

President Gabriel Boric has set his sights on increasing Chile's Cu output by 1.04 million metric tons over the next few years - [Chile Targets One Million Ton Copper Boost in Tightening Market](#).

This lofty goal represents a 20% jump from last year's levels. According to Bloomberg, the increase would be the equivalent of adding another Escondida, the world's biggest copper mine run by mining colossus BHP Group.

Chilean copper commission Cochilco estimates national production will rise 1% to 5.4 million tons this year and increase 4.3% next year to 5.6 million tons. The agency has identified a project pipeline for 2022-2031 of almost \$74 billion, with Codelco, Anglo American Plc, Antofagasta Plc and BHP among those set to spend. BloombergNEF said in an October report that Chile could add about 1.5 million tons to its annual production by 2028.

BNEF metals and mining analyst Sung Choi: "A million-ton increase sounds feasible, but 2026 seems a bit early."

Friedland Ramps Up Exploration in the Congo

Though the serially successful Robert Friedland likely wouldn't sneer at a major gold discovery, he's got copper in his crosshairs - [Ivanhoe Mines to Quadruple 2024 Exploration Budget](#).

Ivanhoe Mines (IVN.TO) has increased its 2024 exploration budget fourfold over last year's, to a weighty \$90 million. The primary focus of this aggressive campaign will be the [Western Foreland](#) exploration project in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), which lies adjacent to the company's 400-square-kilometre copper operation.



The company recently tabled maiden MREs for its high-grade Makoko and Kiala deposits, both contained within the ‘uniquely endowed geological terrain’ within Western Foreland’s borders:

- Makoko contains an Indicated mineral resource of 16 million tonnes at 3.55% Cu plus Inferred resource of 154 million tonnes at 1.97% Cu using a 1.5% Cu cut-off.
- Kiala contains an Indicated mineral resource of 5 million tonnes at 3.56% copper using the same cut-off.

Two weeks back, Ivanhoe announced a significant new Cu discovery at Western Foreland, which included a highlight interval of 5.19 meters (true width) grading 11.64% copper - [Ivanhoe Mines Announces the KITOKO Sedimentary Copper Discovery in Western Foreland, Democratic Republic of Congo](#).

Regarding this aggressive ninety MM campaign at Western Foreland, Friedland made the following comments:

“Given the ongoing exploration success across the Western Foreland, highlighted by the recently announced high-grade Kitoko copper discovery and the release of the Makoko and Kiala maiden Mineral Resource estimates, we are really accelerating our exploration drilling into 2024.”

“The goals of this expanded exploration effort will be threefold. Firstly, we will continue to expand the Kitoko copper discovery with additional drill rigs, thereby increasing our knowledge of its substantial exploration opportunities. Kitoko highlights the potential for high-grade copper mineralization across a much greater area, and within a wider variety of geological conditions, than previously conceived by our geologic team who have decades of experience in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Zambia. Second, we will advance our understanding of the Makoko and Kiala deposits and optimize our studies for near-term copper mine production on our majority-owned licences. Finally, we will continue to evaluate high-priority targets across the Forelands, based on our fast-evolving proprietary database and geologic models for additional tier-one, high-grade copper discoveries.”

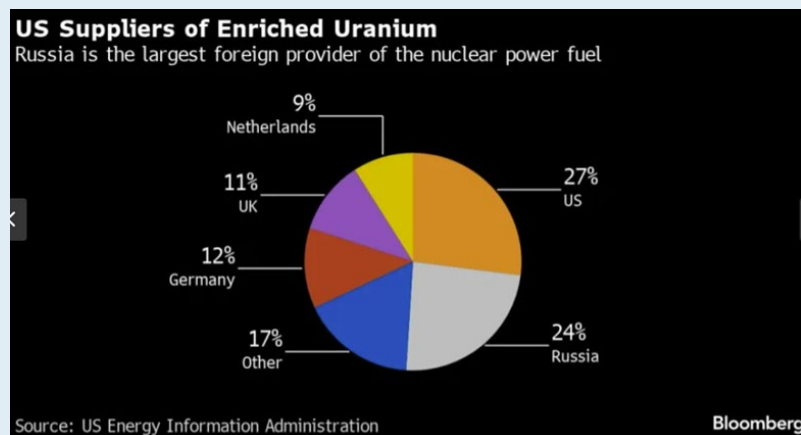
Ivanhoe shares are currently trading in the \$12.50 range, giving it a market cap of roughly \$15 billion.

Uranium

US to Ban Russian U3O8

Earlier this week, the U.S. House passed a ban on importing Russian uranium, though the bill still needs Senate approval and Biden’s autograph - [U.S. House passes bill banning uranium imports from Russia](#).

According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, U.S. nuclear power plants imported roughly 12% of their uranium from Russia in 2022 (27% was sourced from Canada and 25% from Kazakhstan). The U.S. produced only 5% of the U3O8 it consumed domestically that year.



Representative Cathy McMorris Rodgers: *“The risks of continuing this dependence on Russia for our nuclear fuels are simply too great. It’s weakening America’s nuclear fuel infrastructure, which has declined significantly because of reliance on these cheap fuels.”*

But get this: The bill contains waivers allowing the import of low-enriched uranium from Russia if the US energy secretary determines there are no alternative sources.

Some M&A in the U3O8 Space

Atha Energy (SASK.CN) recently announced its intention to acquire Latitude Uranium (LUR.CN) and ASX-listed 92 Energy to create a company that boasts “a suite of highly complementary uranium assets across the exploration spectrum” - [ATHA Energy to Acquire Latitude Uranium and 92 Energy to Create a Leading Canadian Uranium Exploration Company](#).

Strategic Rationale for the Transaction:

- **Largest Exploration Portfolio in Canada:** The Company is expected to provide shareholders with exposure to 7.1 million acres of exploration acreage spread across Canada’s top three uranium jurisdictions, including the largest holdings in both the Athabasca Basin (Saskatchewan) and Thelon Basin (Nunavut) – two of the highest-grade uranium districts in the world.
- **Historical Resources with Expansion Potential:** The Company will hold two projects with significant expansion potential with historical mineral resource estimates of:
 - 2.8 million tons at 0.69% U3O8 containing 43.3 million lbs of U3O8 Inferred at the Angilak Deposit in Nunavut.
 - 14.7 million tons at 0.03% U3O8 containing 5.2 million lbs of U3O8 Indicated and 28.3 million tons at 0.03% U3O8 containing 4.4 million lbs of U3O8 Inferred at Moran Lake and 5.1 million tons at 0.04% U3O8 containing 4.9 million lbs of U3O8 Inferred at Anna Lake, both in the Central Mineral Belt (“CMB”) of Labrador.

Latitude brings its Angilak uranium project in Nunavut and the CMB project in Newfoundland to the table. 92E brings nine uranium exploration projects in the Athabasca Basin region of Saskatchewan. ATHA lays claim to the most extensive cumulative exploration package in each of the Athabasca Basin and Thelon Basin (Nunavut) totaling some 6.1 million acres, along with a 10% carried interest in a portfolio of claims in the Athabasca Basin operated by NexGen Energy (NXE.TO) and Iso Energy (ISO.TO).

Gold Company News

Nevada Gold Mines gets Goldrush Ramp-up Green Light

The U.S. Bureau of Land Management has approved Nevada Gold Mines’ (NGM) plan of operations for its Goldrush mine at the Cortez complex near Beowawe, Nevada - [Barrick gets go ahead for Goldrush mine ramp-up](#) (NGM is a JV between mining behemoths Barrick and Newmont).

The underground mine—initially expected to produce 130,000 ozs of gold next year, maxing out at roughly 400,000 ozs per annum by 2028—is expected to start ramping up in 2024 after initial infrastructure commissioning is complete.



NGM is the world's largest gold mining complex. Barrick, the operator, owns a 61.5% stake—Newmont holds the remaining 38.5%. More than \$370 million has been poured into the project thus far. The JV partners will spend nearly \$1 billion before they're done.

Barrick CEO Mark Bristow said the addition of Goldrush would expand an asset base that already hosts three Tier One deposits, with the potential to grow additional ounces via the business end of the drill bit.

The Goldrush mine development is a positive step for Barrick's plan for its adjacent Fourmile deposit, which is not part of the NGM joint venture. The gold giant unveiled in September details from a conceptual preliminary economic assessment on the project in which it envisioned production of 300,000-400,000 oz. of gold per year with a resource grade of more than 10 g/t, for more than 15 years.

Osisko Looking for a Partner to Develop Cariboo

Sean Roosen, of Canadian Malartic fame, is looking for a partner to help push his latest project—[Cariboo](#)—further along the development curve - [Mining CEO seeks partner for Cariboo gold project 'beachhead' in B.C.](#)

The feasibility stage project, located in the historical Wells-Barkerville mining camp of central British Columbia, is expected to produce 1.87 million ounces of gold (at a grade of 3.7 g/t) over a 12-year mine life. Anticipated economics = an after-tax NPV5% of C\$502 million and 20.7% IRR using a \$1,700 Au input.



Rosen says he's already been discussing options with potential parties for over six months to help foot the project's \$588 million CapEx. Osisko expects an operating permit by mid-2024. Roughly two years of mine construction will follow.

"By getting this beachhead in there, the power and the mill, this becomes a central processing facility for many more mines to be developed in the open," Roosen said. "We like to find these big systems, bring new science, bring capital intensity."

Hits Of The Week



Argentine economy minister Luis Caputo: “We are going to be worse off than before for a few months, particularly in terms of inflation. And I say that because, as the president says, it is better to tell an uncomfortable truth than a comfortable lie” - [Argentina peso: Milei begins ‘shock therapy’ by devaluing currency](#)

The promise of galactic beverages drew hundreds to the Chicago suburb of Bolingbrook, Illinois, last Thursday. Customers queued for hours; some offered bribes to shorten their wait. Lines of cars snaked around the village of fewer than 80,000 residents, all in pursuit of one thing: a specialty sip from CosMc’s, McDonald’s new beverage concept store - [McDonald’s concept CosMc’s could win the coffee war against Starbucks and Dunkin’](#)

For years, one of the most powerful people in commodity trading has been a quietly spoken English accountant who is barely known outside his own company. But this week, Trafigura Group’s Mike Wainwright was thrust into the spotlight after being charged by Switzerland’s top prosecutor for allegedly bribing an Angolan government official - [Bribery Case Snares Man Who Held Trafigura’s Secrets and Purse Strings](#)

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THE POWER OF DIVIDEND INVESTING: THE SNOWBALL EFFECT

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Investing in dividends can be a powerful strategy, especially when understanding the snowball effect it can create in your portfolio. This approach, often overlooked in the pursuit of quick gains, offers a steady path to wealth accumulation and financial security. By harnessing the potential of dividends and the compounding growth they can provide, investors can see their initial investments grow exponentially over time.

This blog post delves into the intricacies of dividend investing, illustrating how it can lead to significant wealth building and become a cornerstone of a robust investment strategy.

Dividend investing leads to “The Snowball Effect” in [wealth building](#), primarily through the reinvestment of dividends. Here’s how it works:

- 1. Initial Investment:** You start by investing in dividend-paying stocks.
- 2. Receiving Dividends:** These stocks pay you dividends, typically every quarter.
- 3. Reinvesting Dividends:** Instead of taking these dividends as cash, you reinvest them to buy more shares of the stock.
- 4. Increased Share Count:** By reinvesting, you grow the number of shares you own.
- 5. More Dividends:** More shares mean you’ll receive larger dividend payments in the future.
- 6. Compounding Growth:** This cycle of reinvesting dividends to buy more shares, generating more dividends, continues. Over time, even small initial investments can grow significantly due to the compounding effect.

The key to the snowball effect in [dividend investing is time and the power of compounding](#). The longer you reinvest your dividends, the larger your investment grows, and the process accelerates over time, much like a snowball rolling downhill. This strategy can be compelling in a diversified portfolio of stable, high-quality dividend-paying stocks.

Keep reading for a deep dive into understanding each of these principles.

Understanding Dividend Investing

Dividend investing is a strategy that focuses on buying stocks of companies that pay dividends.



Dividends are portions of a company’s profit paid to shareholders, typically every quarter. There are various types of dividends, but the most common are cash dividends, where investors receive a set amount per share owned.

The Basics Of Dividends: What You Need To Know

Dividends are usually paid out regularly, often quarterly, and can be received in cash or reinvested to purchase additional shares. The dividend yield, a key metric for dividend investors, represents the dividend as a stock price percentage. Historically, dividend-paying stocks have provided investors with a steady income and the potential for capital appreciation.

The Snowball Effect: Compounding Wealth Over Time

The snowball effect in dividend investing refers to reinvesting dividends to purchase more shares, which generates more dividends, leading to [exponential growth](#) over time. This compounding effect can significantly increase the value of an investment. For example, if you own shares that pay dividends and use those dividends to buy more shares, your future dividend payments will be based on this more significant number of shares, snowballing your investment.

Reinvesting Dividends: The Key To Accelerated Growth

Reinvesting dividends is crucial for accelerating the growth of your investment. When dividends are reinvested, they buy more shares, generating additional income.

Over time, this reinvestment can lead to owning significantly more shares and receiving substantially larger dividend payments, enhancing the growth of your [investment portfolio](#).

Choosing The Right Dividend Stocks

Selecting the right [dividend stocks](#) is vital. Look for companies with a stable dividend history and solid financials. Stability in earnings and a consistent dividend-paying record are good indicators. Diversifying your dividend stock holdings can also help manage risk.

The Impact Of Time: Patience And Long-Term Planning

Long-term planning and patience are essential in dividend investing. The compounding effect of reinvesting dividends grows more potent over time. Starting early can significantly enhance the potential growth of your investment. Conversely, short-term strategies in dividend investing often miss out on the benefits of compounding.

Risks And Considerations In Dividend Investing

Like all investment strategies, dividend investing comes with risks. These include dividend cuts by companies during economic downturns. To mitigate these risks, it's essential to diversify your portfolio and regularly review your investments to ensure they continue to meet your financial goals.

Diversification And Portfolio Management

Dividend investing should be part of a broader [investment strategy](#). Diversifying your investments can reduce risk. Effective portfolio management is crucial, especially in monitoring the performance of your dividend stocks and rebalancing your portfolio as needed.

Strategies For Maximizing Your Dividend Returns

To maximize your dividend returns, consider strategies like focusing on stocks with a history of dividend growth, understanding the tax implications of dividend income, and staying informed about market and company changes that could impact your investments.

The Role Of Dividend Investing In Retirement Planning

Dividend investing can play a crucial role in [retirement planning](#). The regular income from dividends can be a reliable source of funds during retirement, complementing other retirement [income sources](#).

Building Wealth With Dividends

Dividend investing, particularly when combined with the power of the snowball effect, can be a potent tool for [building wealth](#). By understanding and applying the principles of dividend investing, investors can potentially see their investments grow significantly over time. As with any investment strategy, conducting thorough research and seeking advice from financial professionals is essential. Whether you're just starting or looking to diversify your portfolio, dividend investing is worth considering as part of your overall financial strategy.

Key Takeaways

- Dividend investing involves acquiring shares in profit-sharing companies.
- Regular dividend payouts, often quarterly, can be reinvested to boost share ownership.
- The 'Compounding Effect' is central to dividend investing, where reinvested dividends purchase more shares, increasing future dividends.
- Selecting robust dividend-yielding stocks requires analyzing company stability and dividend consistency.
- Long-term commitment and early investment initiation are crucial for maximizing the impact of dividend reinvestment.
- Diversification and ongoing portfolio assessment are essential to mitigate investment risks.
- Dividend strategies can significantly contribute to retirement income, offering steady cash flow.

Conclusion

Dividend investing is a formidable approach to wealth accumulation, harnessing the dynamic power of compounding through strategic reinvestment. This method offers a pathway to escalating investment returns and provides a foundation for a resilient financial portfolio. Embracing this approach requires patience, astute stock selection, and a long-term vision, positioning it as a viable strategy for growth-oriented and retirement-focused investors. By integrating these principles, income investors can effectively navigate the investment landscape, leveraging dividends for portfolio growth and stability.

- Steve Burns



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Doji Candles look like a cross because the financial instrument's open and close for the time period are close to equal.

Fibonacci Retracement (Fib)

These are levels in the chart where support and resistance are likely to occur. The levels are 23.6%, 38.2%, 61.8%, and 78.6%. 50% is often added but is not an official level. The levels are calculated from two points chosen by the user, usually an extreme low and an extreme high.

FLEM & DHEM

Fixed Loop Electromagnetic and Down Hole Electromagnetic Surveys

FOMC

The Federal Open Market Committee consists of 12 members and is the U.S. Fed's monetary policy making body. It is responsible for formulation of a policy designed to promote stable prices and economic growth.

FOMO

Fear Of Missing Out

Naked Shorting

It is the illegal practice of shorting stock that is not borrowed.

Nonfarm Payrolls

Is an official statistic released by the U.S. department of labor, usually on the first Friday of the month. It is a measure of the number of workers in the U.S. excluding farm workers and those employed in private households or non-profit organisations.

Shorting

Borrowing stock, selling it in the market to hopefully buy it back at a lower price, making profit from the difference in price, and then returning the borrowed stock.

Short Squeeze

When a company's stock starts to quickly rise because people shorting the stock are trying to cover their losing positions to prevent further loss.

YOLO

You Only Live Once