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## A LITTLE ABOUT ME



First, congratulations on acting and taking care of your investment portfolio! I'm a passionate investor looking forward to connecting with other passionate investors.

My name is Mike Heroux and I'm the author of [The Dividend Guy Blog](#), [The Moose on the Loose](#), and the founder of [Retirement Loop](#) (yes, I thrive on staying busy!) along with being the owner and portfolio manager at [Dividend Stocks Rock](#) (DSR). I have an unusual sense of humor for a "nerdy finance guy". Before you decide if you trust me or not, let's get to the "boring & serious" stuff first.

I earned my bachelor's degree with a double major in finance and marketing, I completed a CFP (Certified Financial Planner) certification along with an MBA in financial services. I worked in the financial industry for over a decade including 5 years as a financial planner and another 5 as a private banker managing accounts for high net worth (read \$1M+) clients.

Besides being a passionate investor, I'm also happily married with three amazing children, and I live in the beautiful province of Quebec, Canada. Since I'm French Canadian, and French is my native language, I have most of my writings in English edited to minimize any grammar or spelling errors. I started my online venture to capitalize on my education and professional background by educating people about investing. A most fortunate by product of this professional endeavor is that I can work from home which allows me to be able to spend more time with my family.

In 2016, I decided to leave everything behind and go for a 1-year RV trip across North America and Central America (we made it all the way down to Costa Rica). Upon my return in 2017, I quit my job as a private banker and invested all my energy in my online business. I would rather pursue my dream of helping people invest through my sites. Since then, I have been a full-time online entrepreneur.

[You can read more about my investing journey here.](#)

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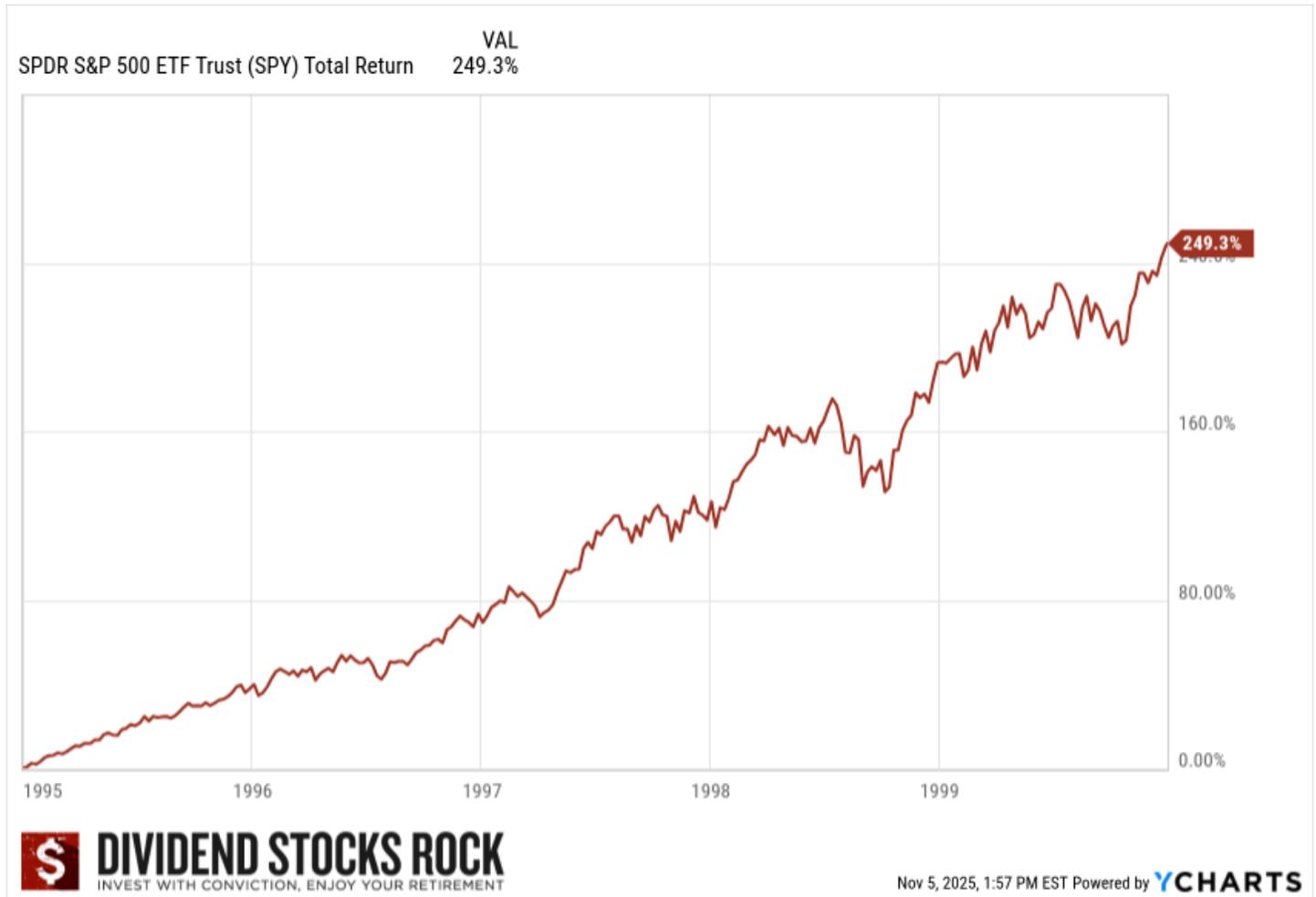


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## 2025: DON'T STOP THE PARTY

Unless we hit a streak of 5 consecutive losing weeks on the market, we will end 2025 up double-digits for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row. For the record, the longest double-digit growth streak occurred between January 1995 and 2000, resulting in a 249% gain (or 28.4% compounded annually). You know what happened after that.



This streak is happening despite relatively high interest rates in the U.S., 73 tariff announcements, the ongoing war between Russia and Ukraine, and a government shutdown.

Not bad, huh?

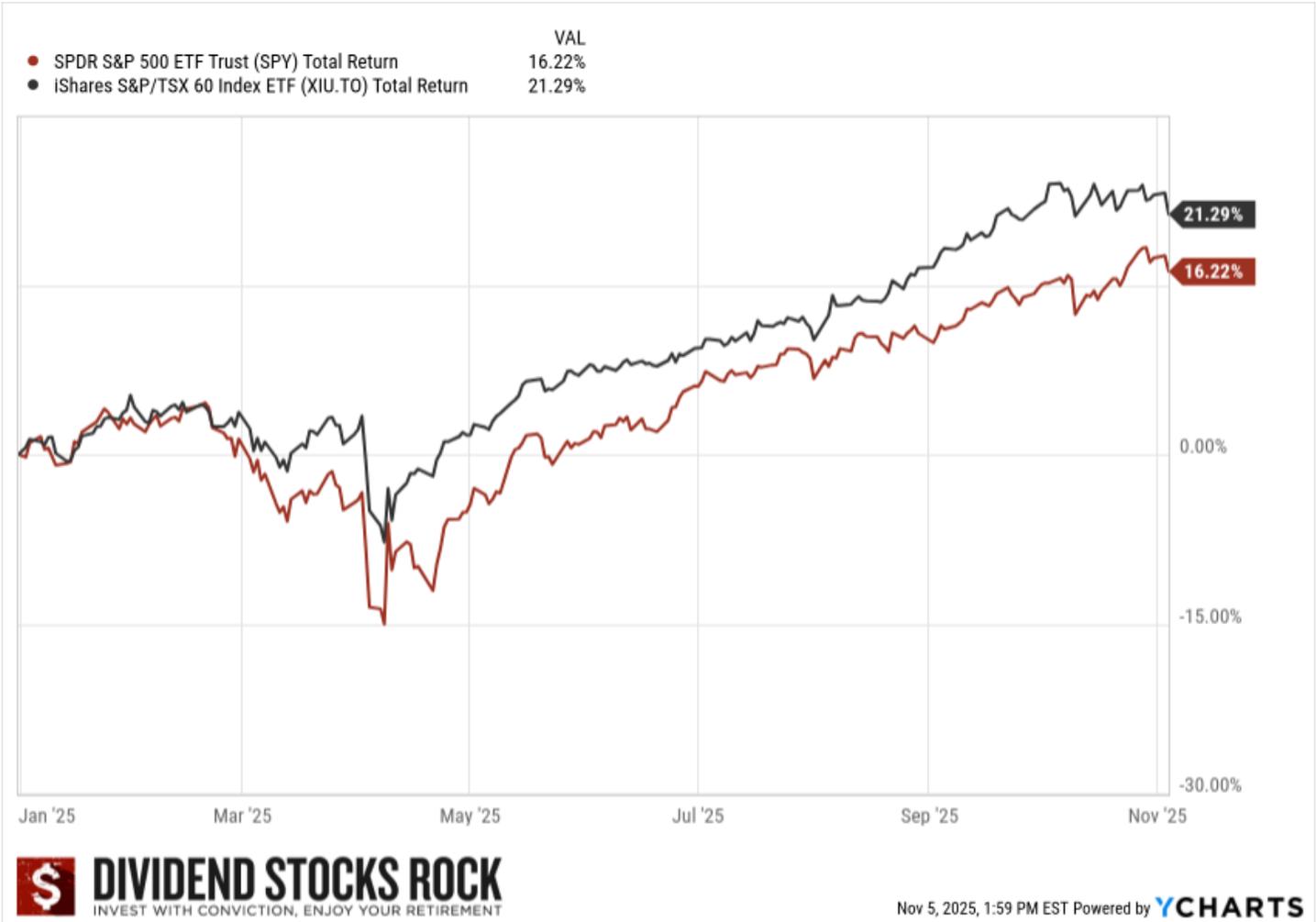
Even more surprisingly, the Canadian market has a good chance to outperform the U.S. market. So, you thought there was only AI driving the market? Think again!

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What's driving the market besides AI (we will have plenty of time to discuss this topic in the coming weeks)?

## GOLD.

Companies like Agnico Eagle (AEM.TO), Newmont (NEW.TO), and Barrick Gold (ABX.TO) all doubled in value between January and November. Since the TSX 60 includes 13% of basic material stocks, you can imagine why you lag the market if you ignore gold this year (yes, I'm part of that group).

The financial sector also contributed to driving the market higher with major banks out performing such as TD (+55%), CIBC (+35%), and ScotiaBank (+29%).

Lets look at the other sectors before we start our selections.

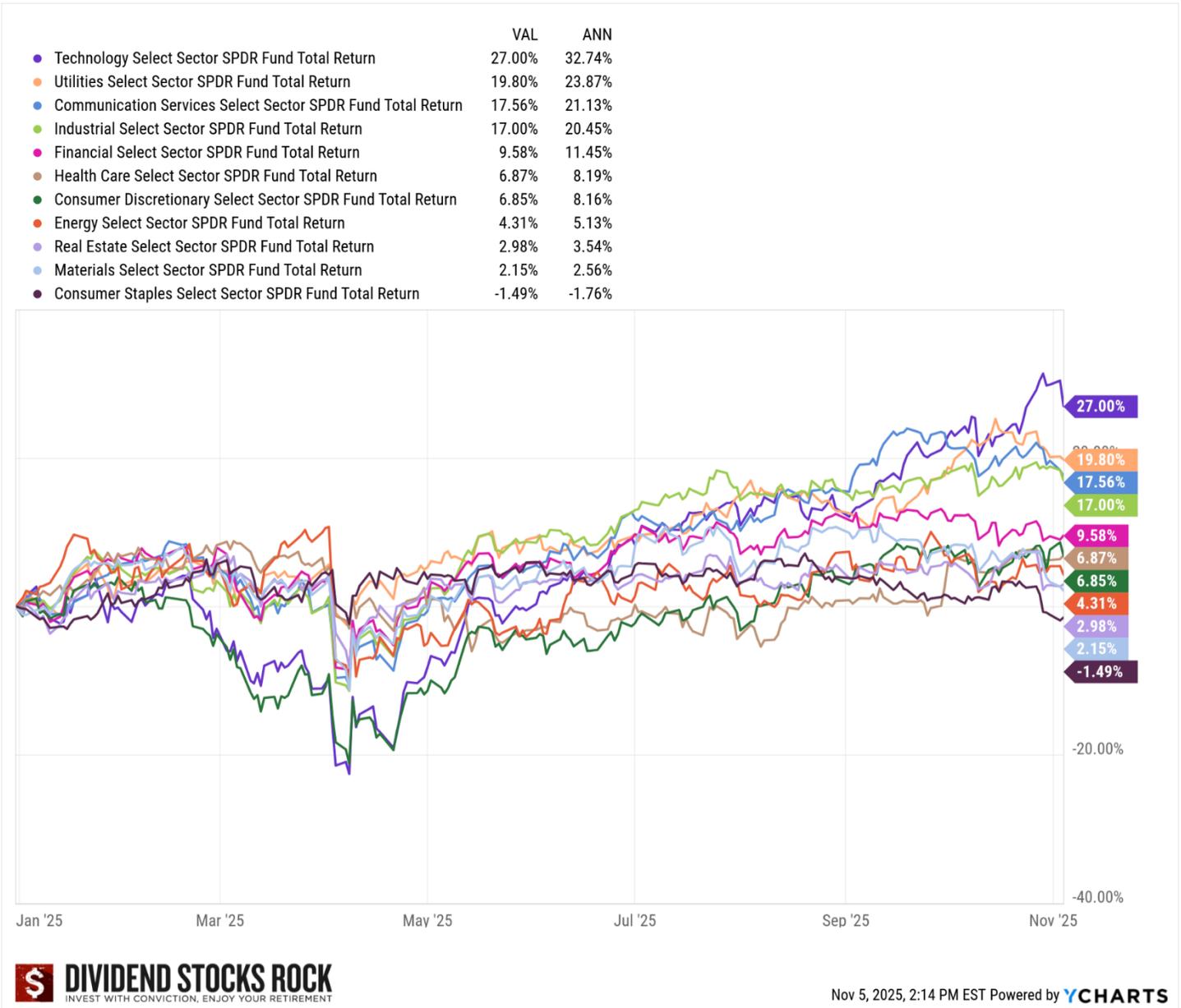
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## Everyone is using CHAT GPT over toothbrushes



Before 2025 started, I wrote a newsletter about the themes for the year. There was a section about artificial intelligence and energy where I explained that both are intertwined. The rise of AI requires a lot of computing power. The logic led us to think that we need as many chips (semiconductors) as possible. We were correct. But you also need two other things: more data centers (therefore, industrials are participating in the construction) and energy to power the whole thing (here comes utilities). Since the communication sector is driven by Meta and Alphabet, you now have in a nutshell why the market is up double-digits.

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Returns by sector drop “drastically” to the financial sector at the 5<sup>th</sup> place, lagging by about 10% the top 4. **This situation screams for opportunities and for red flags at the same time.** The narrative in the U.S. is all about AI and not much else.

On the other side of the spectrum, you find sectors with little to no links to AI with REITs, materials and consumer staples. Keep in mind, consumer staples are a great place to invest when the market crashes. The key is to invest **before it crashes**, as investors will run for value plays once they panic.

## The gold rush is in Canada

Here’s a fascinating discovery when you compare the U.S. and Canadian sectors: their composition varies greatly! While Canada is not known to be a tech hub for AI, it’s surely the place to invest if you look for gold!

Most gold miners will be found on the Canadian market even if they also trade on the New York Stock Exchange. The rise of gold has propelled this industry to a record high, pushing the Canadian market index higher than the S&P 500 for 2025.

Fear about the market, fear about tariffs, fear about inflation, and fear about everything else have pushed investors toward gold as a store of value. We call this the “debasement trade”. Some investors don’t see value in our fiat currency and decide to hedge their bets by investing capital into gold. Gold is known to retain its value, while governments continue to print money and run into massive deficits.

I personally prefer to hedge my portfolio with quality companies, but I get the play on gold as a store of value.

The financial sector has done incredibly well in Canada. Banks are performing, and life insurance companies are making a huge comeback, and they still show growth perspective. Canadian banks continued to report record earnings despite higher provisions for credit losses, and life insurance companies are writing more contracts, benefiting from a healthy stock market for their wealth management business.

The rest of the story is fueled by the consequences of the AI boom (utilities and industrials). Again, consumer staples returns aren’t impressive, but that’s the price we pay to have boring stocks in an overhyped market.

I must admit I’m slightly surprised to see the energy sector performing (+10%) as the oil price is going nowhere. After all, oil prices have been on a downtrend since the beginning of the year (about -14%).

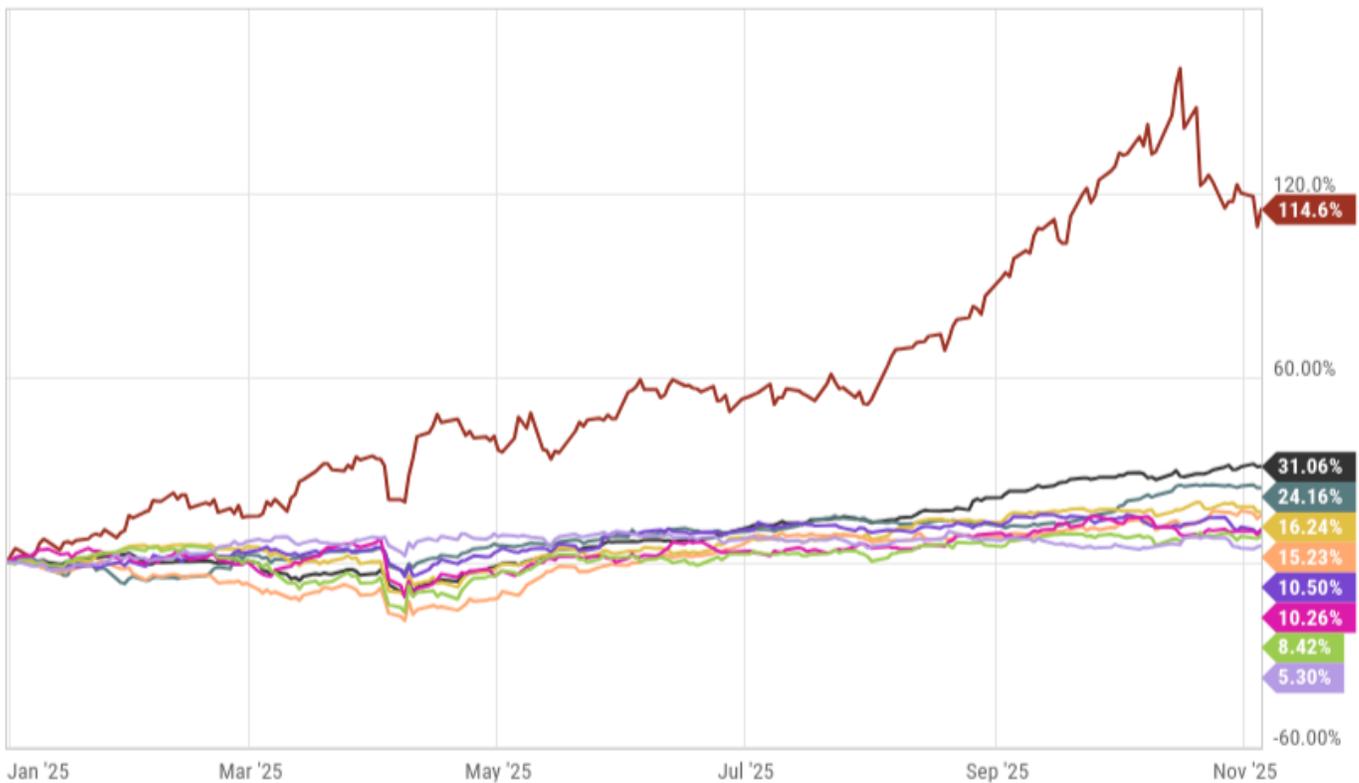
I’ll let you have a look at the graph on the following page, and we will jump into each sector more specifically.



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● BMO Equal Weight Global Gold Index ETF (ZGD.TO) Total Return	114.6%
● BMO Equal Weight Banks Index ETF (ZEB.TO) Total Return	31.06%
● BMO Equal Weight Utilities Index ETF (ZUT.TO) Total Return	24.16%
● BMO Global Communications Index ETF (COMM.TO) Total Return	16.24%
● BMO Equal Weight Industrials Index ETF (ZIN.TO) Total Return	15.23%
● BMO Equal Weight REITs Index ETF (ZRE.TO) Total Return	10.50%
● BMO Equal Weight Oil & Gas Index ETF (ZEO.TO) Total Return	10.26%
● BMO Glo Consumer Discretionary Hdgd to CAD Idx ETF (DISC.TO) Total Return	8.42%
● BMO Global Consumer Staples Hedged to CAD Idx ETF (STPL.TO) Total Return	5.30%



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## 2025 IDEAS RECAP

While there is still one month for stocks to perform (or not!), I think we have a pretty good idea of the performance of my 2025 selections. We used iShares sector ETFs for our U.S. benchmarks and BMO sector ETFs for our Canadian benchmarks (when available). Results are as of Nov 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

Stock	Return	ETF	Δ	Stock	Return	ETF	Δ
GOOG	50.46%	15.86%	34.60%	T.TO	8.80%	14.21%	-5.41%
HD	-6.25%	2.61%	-8.86%	DOL.TO	40.48%	5.04%	35.44%
TJX	21.65%	2.61%	19.04%	ATD.TO	-11.40%	6.40%	-17.80%
PG	-10.72%	-0.47%	-10.25%	CNQ.TO	9.87%	15.44%	-5.57%
PEP	0.11%	-0.47%	0.58%	IMO.TO	59.90%	15.44%	44.46%
MA	2.53%	7.55%	-5.02%	NA.TO	26.63%	33.04%	-6.41%
UNH	-35.50%	11.73%	-47.23%	BN.TO	9.81%	33.04%	-23.23%
SYK	0.69%	11.73%	-11.04%	STN.TO	24.26%	7.85%	16.41%
ADP	-12.95%	15.40%	-28.35%	WCN.TO	-2.81%	7.85%	-10.66%
AVGO	48.86%	22.55%	26.31%	LIF.TO	4.64%	3.03%	1.61%
LRCX	105.70%	22.55%	83.15%	CCL.B.TO	15.79%	3.03%	12.76%
SHW	-3.00%	3.03%	-6.03%	GRT.UN.TO	14.11%	9.63%	4.48%
EQIX	-16.23%	2.33%	-18.56%	H.TO	24.81%	21.00%	3.81%
XEL	24.42%	20.76%	3.66%				
<b>Avg</b>	12.13%		2.29%	<b>Avg</b>	17.30%	13.46%	3.84%
<b>SPY</b>	14.57%		0.89%	<b>XIU.TO</b>	22.80%		-5.50%
<b>VIG</b>	11.24%		-2.44%	<b>XDV.TO</b>	22.41%		-5.11%

Here are my conclusions:

- 13 out of 27 companies did better than their respective sectors.
- 3 companies produced double-digit negative returns (PG, UNH and ATD.TO).
- On average, U.S. stocks outperformed their sector and dividend benchmark but lagged the S&P 500.
- It shows how the magnificent seven have influenced the S&P 500!
- On average, Canadian stocks outperformed their sector but underperformed their market benchmarks.
- I had 5 home runs (30%+) in GOOG, AVGO, LRCX, DOL.TO and IMO.TO.

It's always a fun exercise to do but you can see how it's difficult to beat the market when it's strongly driven by one narrative. There are several companies on this list that I'm very happy to own but didn't perform as well as the rest of their sector.

We are looking forward to sharing more ideas in this newsletter! As always, please review the company's financial metrics and read the DSR stock card before pulling the trigger (that's another way of saying to do your own due diligence 😊).

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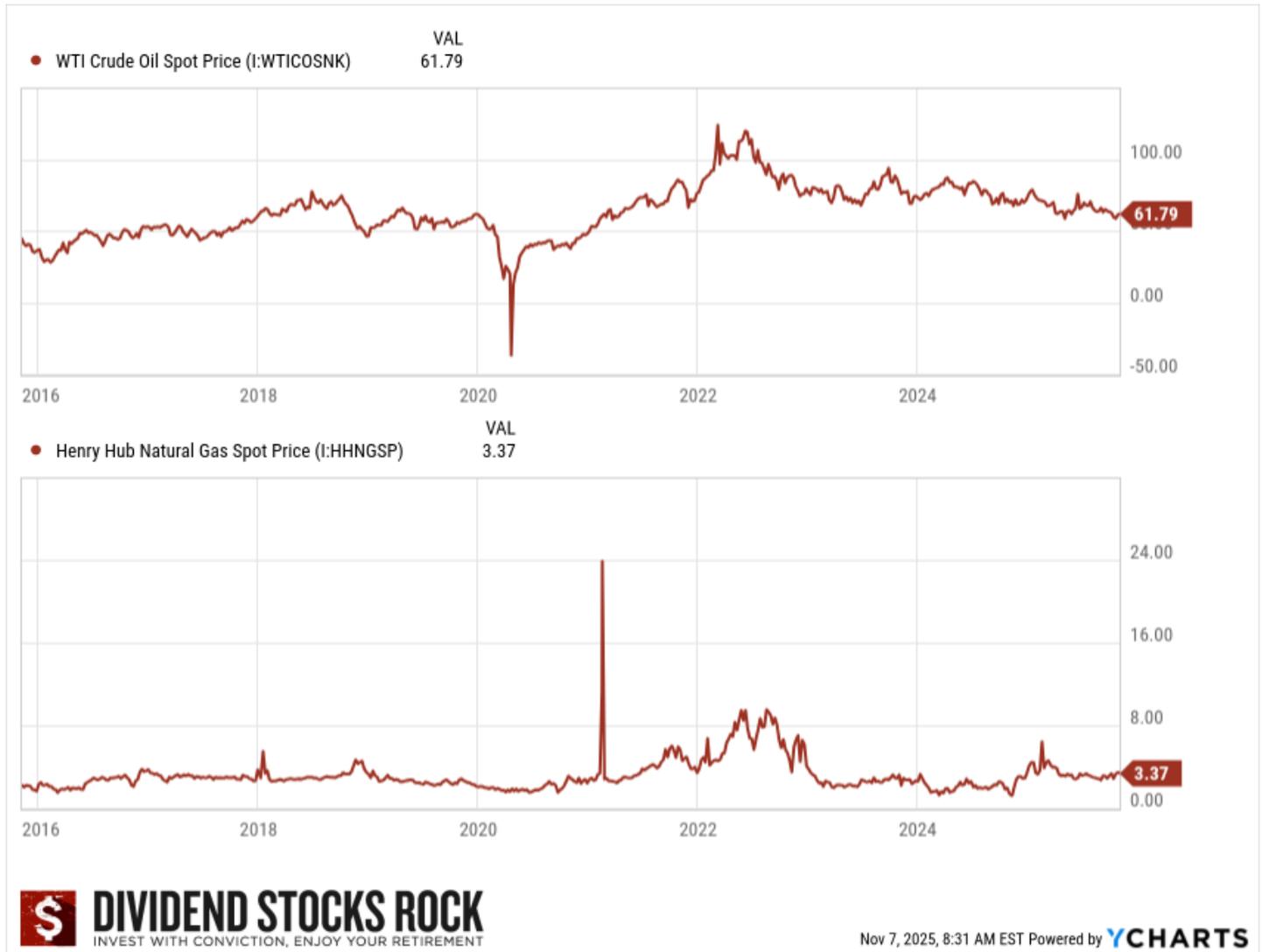


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## ENERGY

If you have been a DSR member for a few years, you know that I'm not a fan of the energy sector. My point is simple: those companies make money when commodity prices are up. They lose money when prices are down. They have no real control over prices. This has made them marginal dividend growers.



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After the huge peak in 2022, the price of oil is getting cheaper each year. I'm surprised to see the price of a barrel of crude oil closer to \$60 than \$70-\$75. The fear of a recession is real. At this price level, we will see which companies have a robust business model and which ones are only good to surf on high tides. I expect poorly managed companies to stop increasing their dividends with a few cuts along the way if we take one step further toward a recession. Fortunately, there are some great companies too!

The Natural gas industry has benefited from a positive narrative lately. The craving for more energy (hello AI) has propelled LNG to the top of the list of relatively clean energy options. Natural gas has a major benefit though: it produces a stable source of energy. This is something data centers crave since they can't afford to shut down. However, the companies benefiting the most from it will be found among utilities not energy stocks.

## **Canadian Pick: Canadian Natural Resources (CNQ.TO) (CNQ) (Core Holding)**

I'm going to minimize my picks in this sector and go for the "safe route". I don't think you can be too cautious when dealing with the energy sector. CNQ is a rare beast in its environment that has increased dividends for 25 consecutive years. Yes, it even increased its payouts while everybody else was on hold or cutting distributions in 2020. This begs the question: why is CNQ so "oil price resistant"?

The company is sitting on a large reserve of cheap oil. According to management, CNQ is profitable with an oil price per barrel of around \$35-\$40. This enables the company to manage production and capex with greater flexibility. They can then slowdown CAPEX when the oil price is low and produce less. When we are in "full oil bull mode", CNQ bolsters CAPEX and boosts production generating maximum cash flow. This is exactly what just happened where CNQ dropped its debt and now focuses on rewarding shareholders with share buybacks and dividend increases.

To be clear, I don't see CNQ as a super powered growth stock for the future. However, with a yield above 4% and a resilient business model, that's the type of business that will either be very good in your portfolio, or it will go back into hibernation mode paying a secure dividend. In both scenarios, you can be a winner over the long run. It pays to buy this kind of stock on price weakness.

## **TerraVest Industries (TVK.TO) (Educated Guess)**

I'm going into the small cap market with TerraVest Industries as I believe TVK will benefit from the higher demand for natural gas. TerraVest's diversified product offerings and strategic acquisitions positions it well for sustained growth. The company's focus on essential infrastructure products ensures steady demand across various economic cycles. Recent acquisitions, such as Advance Engineered Products Ltd. and Highland Tank, have expanded its market reach and product lines, enhancing its competitive edge.

Key drivers for TerraVest's future expansion include strategic acquisitions that broaden its product portfolio and market presence. The company's ongoing investments in manufacturing efficiency and new product lines, particularly in markets where it already has a significant presence, are expected to contribute to revenue growth.

### **This one is more volatile and riskier than a company like CNQ, so consider yourself to have been warned.**

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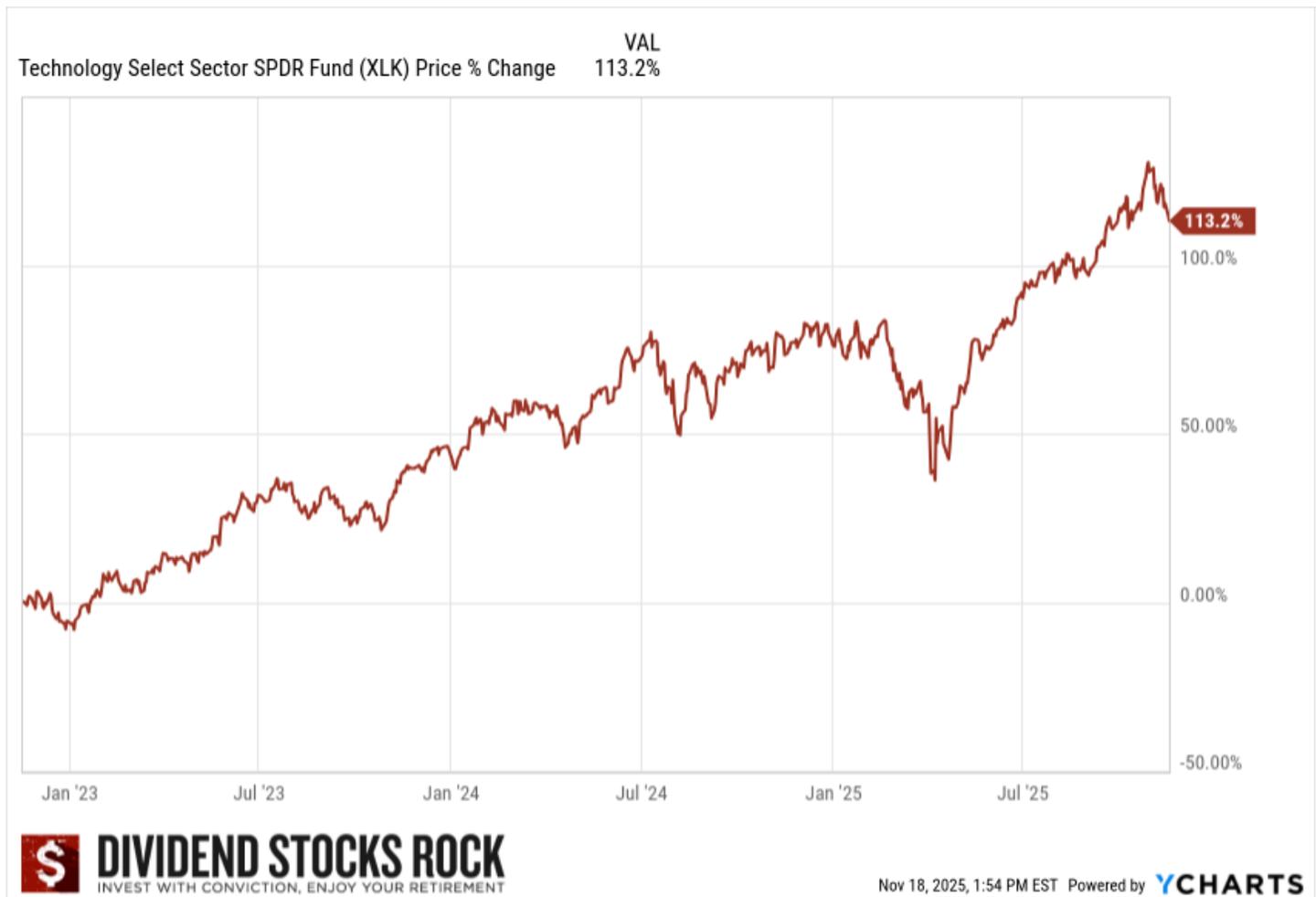


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## INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

After getting hit by higher interest rates in 2022, the tech sector has been thriving for three years in a row. While everything seems perfect, I would highlight that expectations are also through the roof. AI stocks are driving the entire market, and investors are starting to smell the bubble. We saw at the beginning of the year how the market could become quite nervous with how technology evolves. Two simple words (Deep Seek) and the entire AI world collapsed in a few months.



The world got scared at the glimpse of a more efficient (working on lower-tech, less energy-intensive) AI language model. The “AI bear market” didn’t last long, but it was enough to show you how investors are quick to run away when someone screams “wolf!”. It’s hard to see clearly what’s going on in this sector as promises are everywhere. But you know by now to be careful about great narratives without numbers.

Fortunately, many tech companies are also generating tons of cash flow on top of surfing on promises.

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## U.S Pick: Broadcom (AVGO) (Core holding)

I've highlighted Broadcom several times throughout the years at DSR, but this idea is not getting old. I finally put my money where my mouth is earlier in 2025 and started a position in Broadcom. I believe there is even more growth waiting around the corner.

Broadcom is in a growth phase; it manufactures one of the best RF filters used by all high-end smartphones to improve connectivity. We could assume that companies like Apple would not want to use subpar products and risk the quality of their connectivity. AVGO's large size also brings economies of scale and enables it to build millions of filters.

But the RF filters no longer excite investors. What keeps them coming is AVGO's networking products in AI data centers. Broadcom is the company that builds the highways, the intersections, and the special delivery trucks. Its network chips and switches are the multi-lane highways that move data at crazy speed between all those AI factories.

## U.S Pick: Microsoft (MSFT) (Core Holding)

In a highly volatile world, I will stick to "easy picks". Microsoft will continue to generate tons of profit regardless of what is going on with AI. It continues to enjoy a sticky business model with its product suite (Windows, Office 365, Dynamic 365), Azure remains the #2 public cloud service (AI or not) and its gaming offerings are doing well with Xbox and Activision Blizzard. When in doubt, go for the perfect dividend triangle!

## Canadian Pick: Constellation Software (Core Holding)

I think the biggest part of the storm has past for Constellation Software. The CEO has been replaced and the fear around AI is well priced in. However, it doesn't mean we are done with bad news.

The following 4 quarters will either sink the stock or convince investors that, once again, they may have overreacted.

**#1 Look for steady global results.** If Constellation can keep its playbook rolling (systematic acquisitions generating strong cash flow), then investors will realize the new CEO, Mark Miller, has been with the company for over 30 years. Not so new after all! His company (Trapeze) was acquired by CSU back in 1988. He knows the playbook inside out.

**#2 Track earnings and calls (if any) about the impact of AI on CSU's business.** I can see this story going both ways. It could be a huge tailwind for the company. Who could better leverage AI to boost vertical software than the largest vertical software company? On the other hand, if smaller companies start creating their own "AI Band-Aid" to fix their problems, it could hurt the business' perspective for a while (up to disrupting the business model).

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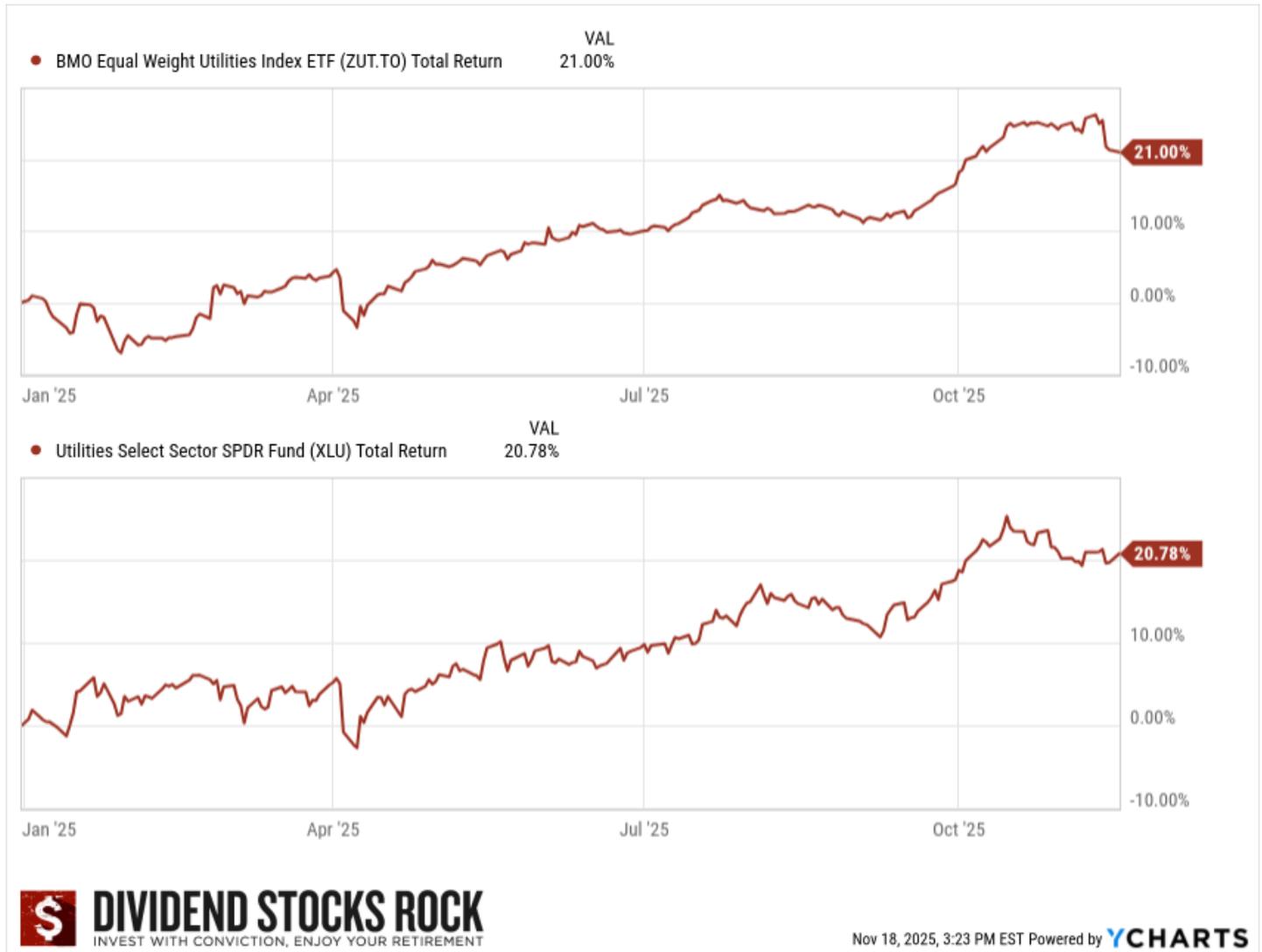


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## UTILITIES

Everyone is looking for more power these days! Utilities are up 21% counting many great names such as Brookfield Renewable, Fortis, Hydro One, Xcel Energy, WEC Energy, Capital Power, Nextera Energy, etc. Even Algonquin is up by more than 30%! But I'm not going to change my mind on this one.



Utilities are now back on investors' radar, but I don't think you should see them as growth stocks. Do you remember the renewable energy narrative in 2021? Please keep that in mind and don't load the truck with companies from one sector. We may get to a point where we don't need that much energy to run AI centers and the whole growth story around utilities will fade away.

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## U.S Pick: WEC Energy Group (WEC) (Core Holding)

I could have gone for Xcel for another year, but I wanted to highlight another strong utility: WEC.

WEC is a pure-play regulated utility holding company serving roughly 4.4–4.7 million electric and gas customers across Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan, and Minnesota. The story is steady: rate-based capital investment that expands the regulated asset base, drives allowed returns and supports 6.5–8% EPS growth with a dividend targeted at 65–70% of earnings. Management’s multiyear capital plan and constructive regulation are the flywheel for dependable dividend growth. Revenue is almost entirely regulated, earned on an expanding asset base with formula and rate cases by jurisdiction.

The 2026–2030 plan calls for about \$36.5 billion of capex, lifting the asset base at an ~11% CAGR and supporting a 7–8% EPS CAGR from a 2025 midpoint of \$5.22. Data-center load and ongoing grid/gas modernization are incremental tailwinds layered on top of baseline customer and system investment.

## Canadian Pick: Fortis (FTS.TO) (Core Holding)

I’m concerned that we may get into a worse market before it gets better. In this type of situation, I like to go for the safe shot. Fortis is one of North America’s largest regulated utility companies, operating across Canada, the United States, and the Caribbean. The company has a stable, predictable business model supported by regulated revenue streams, making it an attractive choice for conservative investors. The new 2026–2030 capital plan totals \$28.8B (+\$2.8B from the prior plan) and is expected to lift their mid-year rate base from \$41.9B in 2025 to \$57.9B by 2030 (7 CAGR). Expansion into renewable energy, including offshore wind transmission projects, presents an additional long-term growth opportunity.

## FINAL THOUGHT

Please use this Top Stocks booklet with caution. I’m making those lists and trying to put as much context as possible, but you should still do your due diligence and determine if the risk for each holding is a good fit for your portfolio. I do this exercise diligently, but my crystal ball is not always clear!

Cheers,

Mike.



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