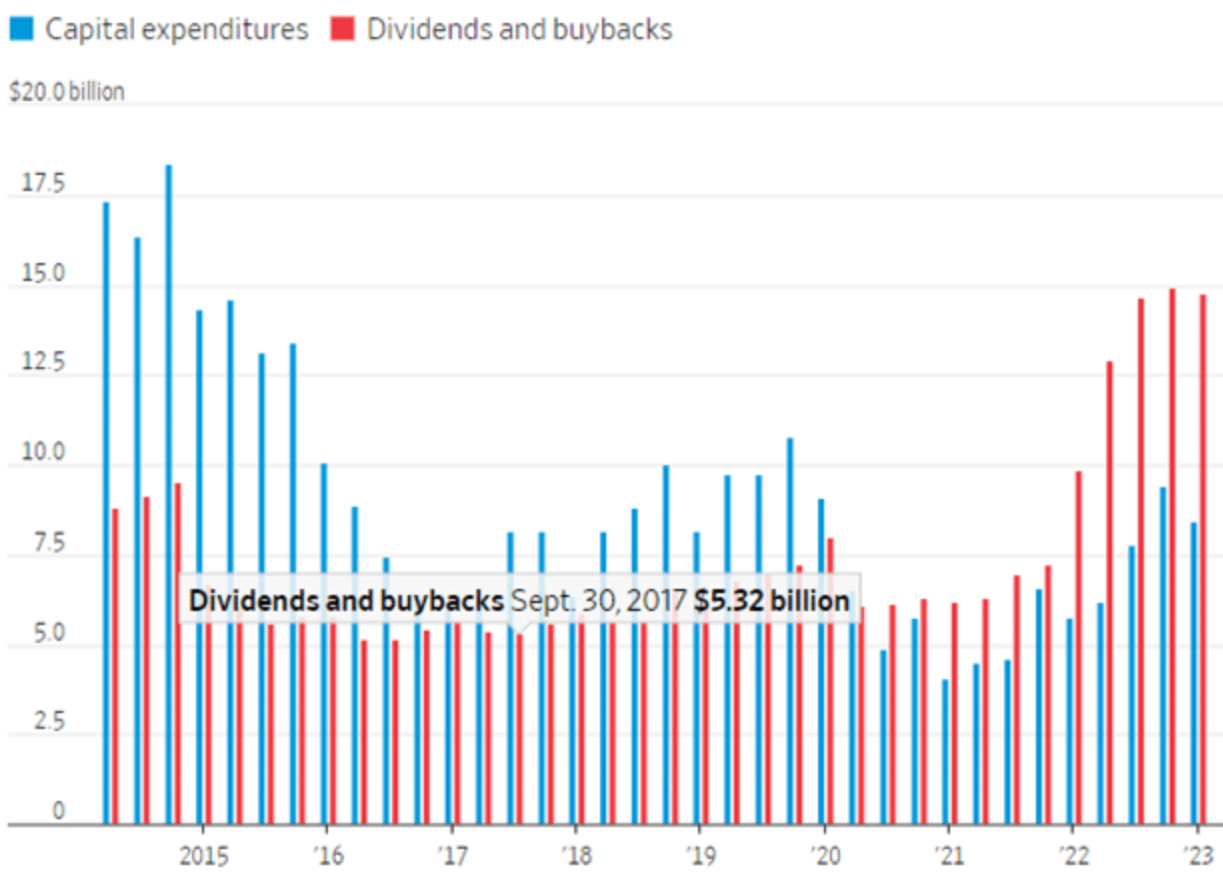


# Five for Friday- Burgeoning Buyback Potential

As the push for a green-energy transition gains popularity, producers of traditional fossil fuels have a disincentive to invest in production growth. Coupled with recently surging profits and attractive money-market rates spurred by the Fed’s fight against inflation, major energy companies are building sizable cash piles. As shown below, two U.S. majors- XOM and CVX, have shifted to a preference for returning excess cash to shareholders in recent years.

How Exxon and Chevron use most of their cash



Source: FactSet

This week’s screen attempts to find large energy companies with a high potential for returning capital to investors through share buybacks. We look at Price/Free Cash Flow for the ability to generate cash on a continuing basis, P/S for a low valuation, and LT Debt/Equity for a favorable leverage ratio. A reasonable leverage ratio is vital since companies with high leverage, like Buffet’s OXY, may prioritize paying down debt over returning cash to shareholders.

This week’s screen only returned four stocks.

### Screening Criteria

- Market Capitalization >\$50B
- Price/Free Cash Flow <10

- Price/Sales <1.5
- LT Debt/Equity <0.5

Ticker	Market Cap. (\$B)	Price/Free Cash Flow	Price/Sales	LT Debt/Equity	Price/Cash per Share
XOM	\$430.5	9.9	1.09	0.20	13.19
SHEL	\$200.5	5.2	0.53	0.39	4.98
TTE	\$148.5	8.4	0.58	0.37	4.18
EQNR	\$87.2	4.9	0.61	0.43	1.66

## Company Summaries

### Exxon Mobil Corporation (XOM)

#### Exxon Mobil Corporation (XOM) - Oil & Gas Integrated

##### Description [\(Open Link\)](#)

Exxon Mobil Corporation engages in the exploration and production of crude oil and natural gas in the United States and internationally. It operates through Upstream, Energy Products, Chemical Products, and Specialty Products segments. The Upstream segment explores for and produces crude oil and natural gas. The Energy Products segment offers fuels, aromatics, and catalysts, as well as licensing services. The Chemical Products segment manufactures and markets petrochemicals including olefins, polyolefins, and intermediates. The Specialty Products segment offers performance products, including lubricants, basestocks, waxes, synthetics, elastomers, and resins. The company is involved in the manufacturing, trade, transport, and sale of crude oil, natural gas, petroleum products, petrochemicals, and other specialty products, and pursuit lower-emission business opportunities including carbon capture and storage, hydrogen, and lower-emission fuels. Exxon Mobil Corporation was founded in 1870 and is headquartered in Irving, Texas.

Latest Price (May 11, 2023, 10:06:10 AM)  
**\$107.81** ▼ (-41.33) (-12.2%)

Last Close  
 \$109.14

Open  
 \$109.74

Volume  
 4,877,504

Annual Div.  
 \$3.58

Mkt Cap (m)  
 \$435,994.43

52 Week Range  
 \$80.69

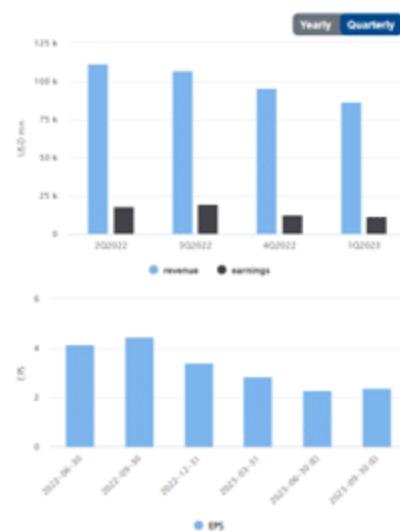
Day Range  
 \$107.58

Day Range  
 \$107.58

Avg. Volume (3m)  
 16,245,256

Div. Yield  
 3.26%

Beta  
 1.06



### Shell plc (SHEL)

## Shell plc (SHEL) - Oil & Gas Integrated

### Description [Read Less](#)

Shell plc operates as an energy and petrochemical company Europe, Asia, Oceania, Africa, the United States, and Rest of the Americas. The company operates through Integrated Gas, Upstream, Marketing, Chemicals and Products, and Renewables and Energy Solutions segments. It explores for and extracts crude oil, natural gas, and natural gas liquids; markets and transports oil and gas; produces gas-to-liquids fuels and other products; and operates upstream and midstream infrastructure necessary to deliver gas to market. The company also markets and trades natural gas, liquefied natural gas (LNG), crude oil, electricity, carbon-emission rights; and markets and sells LNG as a fuel for heavy-duty vehicles. In addition, it trades in and refines crude oil and other feed stocks, such as low-carbon fuels, lubricants, bitumen, sulphur, gasoline, diesel, aviation fuel, and marine fuel; produces and sells petrochemicals for industrial use; and manages oil sands activities. Further, the company produces base chemicals comprising ethylene, propylene, and aromatics, as well as intermediate chemicals, such as styrene monomer, propylene oxide, solvents, detergent alcohols, ethylene oxide, and ethylene glycol. Additionally, it generates electricity through wind and solar resources; produces and sells hydrogen; and provides electric vehicle charging services. The company was formerly known as Royal Dutch Shell plc and changed its name to Shell plc in January 2022. Shell plc was founded in 1907 and is headquartered in London, the United Kingdom.

Latest Price (May 10, 2023, 10:04:53 AM)

**\$60.96** ▲ (\$0.32) (0.20%)

52 Week Range

\$44.90

Last Close

\$60.84

Day Range

\$62.75

\$60.69

Open

\$61.56

Volume

1,460,310

Avg. Volume (3m)

5,028,902

Annual Div.

\$1.00

Div. Yield

1.77%

Mkt Cap (mn)

\$206,297.89

Beta

0.63



## TotalEnergies SE (TTE)

### TotalEnergies SE (TTE) - Oil & Gas Integrated

#### Description [Read Less](#)

TotalEnergies SE, a multi-energy company, produces and markets fuels, natural gas, and electricity in France, rest of Europe, North America, Africa, and internationally. It operates through Integrated Gas, Renewables & Power; Exploration & Production; Refining & Chemicals; and Marketing & Services segments. The Integrated Gas, Renewables & Power segment engages in integrated gas, including liquefied natural gas (LNG), and low carbon electricity businesses; and upstream and midstream LNG activities. Its Exploration & Production segment offers carbon storage and nature-based solutions. The Refining & Chemicals segment provides refining, petrochemicals, and specialty chemicals; and supply and trading of oil, and marine shipping services. Its Marketing & Services segment engages in the supply and marketing of petroleum products. TotalEnergies SE was formerly known as TOTAL SE and changed its name to TotalEnergies SE in June 2021. The company was founded in 1924 and is headquartered in Courbevoie, France.

Latest Price (May 10, 2023, 10:07:02 AM)

**\$60.87** ▼ (-\$0.22) (-0.37%)

52 Week Range

\$44.63

Last Close

\$61.09

Day Range

\$65.05

\$60.62

Open

\$61.62

Volume

306,092

Avg. Volume (3m)

1,641,505

Annual Div.

\$3.04

Div. Yield

4.98%

Mkt Cap (mn)

\$149,765.64

Beta

0.92



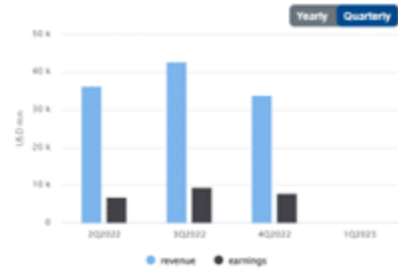
## Equinor ASA (EQNR)

**Equinor ASA (EQNR) - Oil & Gas Integrated**

**Description** [Read More](#)

Equinor ASA, an energy company, engages in the exploration, production, transportation, refining, and marketing of petroleum and other forms of energy in Norway and internationally. It operates through Exploration & Production Norway, Exploration & Production International, Exploration & Production USA, Marketing, Midstream & Processing, Renewables, and Other segments. The company also transports, processes, manufactures, markets, and trades in oil and gas commodities, such as crude and condensate products, gas liquids, natural gas, and liquefied natural gas; markets and trades in power and emissions; operates refineries, terminals and processing, and power plants; and develops low carbon solutions for oil and gas. In addition, it develops carbon capture and storage projects; provides transportation solutions, including pipelines, shipping, trucking, and rail; and develops and explores for renewable energy, such as offshore wind, green hydrogen, and solar power. The company was formerly known as Statoil ASA and changed its name to Equinor ASA in May 2018. Equinor ASA was incorporated in 1972 and is headquartered in Stavanger, Norway.

<b>Latest Price</b> (May 10, 2023, 10:07:22 AM) <b>\$29.17</b> ▼ (-\$0.27) (-0.92%)	<b>Last Close</b> \$29.44	<b>Open</b> \$29.69	<b>Volume</b> 926,637	<b>Annual Div.</b> \$1.00	<b>Mkt Cap (mn)</b> \$91,062.32
<b>52 Week Range</b> \$26.28 - \$42.52	<b>Day Range</b> \$29.05 - \$29.74	<b>Avg. Volume (3m)</b> 3,310,000	<b>Div. Yield</b> 3.40%	<b>Beta</b> 0.53	



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