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## Tidewater: Riding the Wave



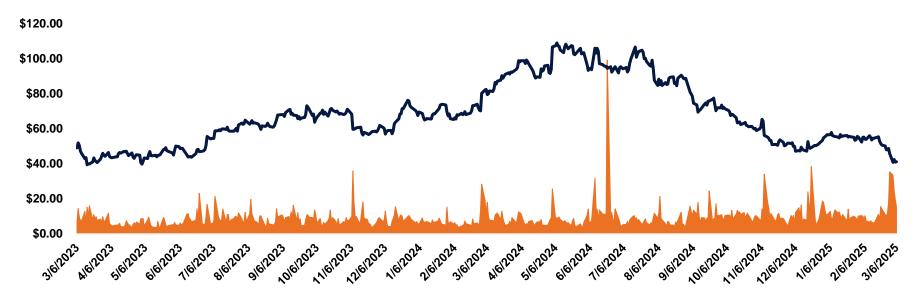


Market Cap	\$2.13B
3/17 Close	\$41.45
Average Volume	1.11M
52 Week Range	\$38.65 – \$111.42
NTM EV/EBITDA	4.82x
Short Interest	11.11%

Recommendation: **LONG** with a **PT of \$69.84**, representing a upside of **68.5%** from 3/17/25 close

#### **Investment Thesis Introduction**

- Forecast for global energy demand are consistently rising as the energy transition begins to slow. Unprecedented demand coupled with historically bearish oil sentiment offers an attractive entry point
- 2. The Shale Revolution was able to rapidly take share in 2014, but as tier 1 supply becomes scarce and the cost advantage continues to erode, offshore drillers will be able to meet incremental demand with low break-even prices
- 3. TDW is the strongest OSV operator with the youngest fleet, strong liquidity, a global footprint, and demonstrated operating leverage.
- 4. Tidewater's position in the offshore value chain as a supplier to all drillers serves as a natural hedge to \$VAL underperforming its peer group





# Why Don't Oil Tycoons Trust Banks? All the Real Money is Offshore!



#### **Shale Drilling vs. Offshore Drilling**



**Offshore** 

- Higher upfront cost
- Greater long-term production and stability
- · Supports large-scale energy needs
- Sustained, high-volume output

#### **Shale**

- Lower initial cost
- Rapid decline rates require constant drilling
- More land disruption, water usage, regulatory hurdles



#### **Worsening Economics Forcing Consolidation**

Recent Offshore Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Activity(2)

Pacific Drilling

Nov '17, '24: \$4.1 B Eliminated

May '17: \$1.6 B Eliminated





July '20: \$3.4 B Eliminated

May '21: \$7.0 B Eliminated

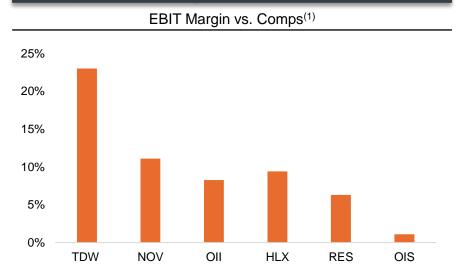
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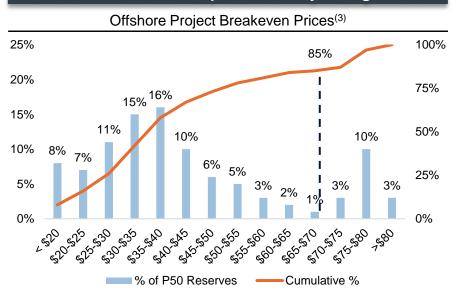
Dec '20: \$3.12 B Eliminated

Approx. \$17 Billion of Debt Eliminated Since 2017

## **Shale Executives Overpromised In Economies of Scale**



#### Offshore Production Expected to Play a Larger Role



# OSV's Role In The Offshore Cycle



#### **TDW Position in the Offshore Value Chain**

## Mobilization Phase

OVS's aid in discovery and deployment processes of offshore infrastructure



## **Operational Phase**

OVS's transport materials, equipment, and personal to ensure uninterrupted operations



OVS's are contracted under Time Charters (TC) for long-term usage or Voyage Charters for one-off trips



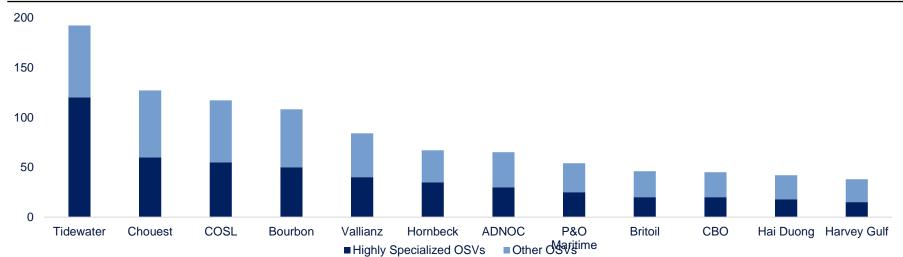
## **Stacking Phase**

OVS's offload personal and supplies and transport rigs to cold/warm stacking or to decommission sites



## The Largest and Most Diversified Player In The Industry

OSV's By Classification(2)

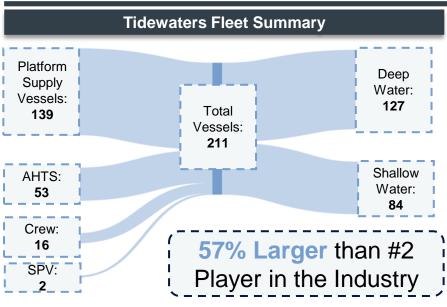


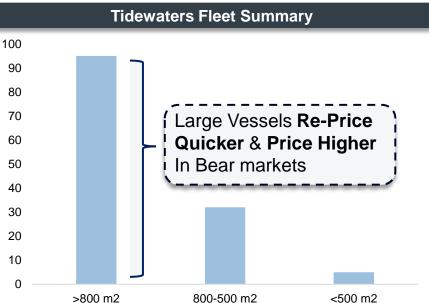
Source: Company Filings

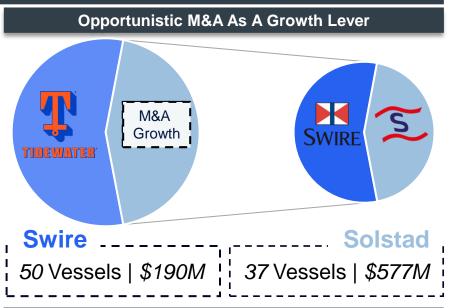


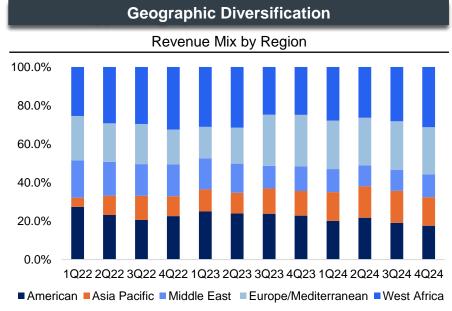
# Riding The Wave







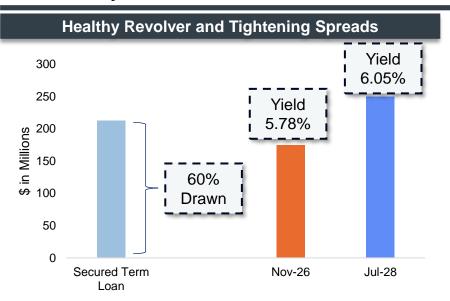


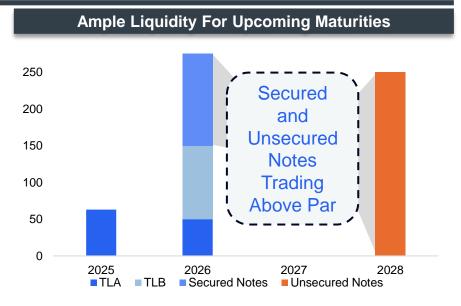


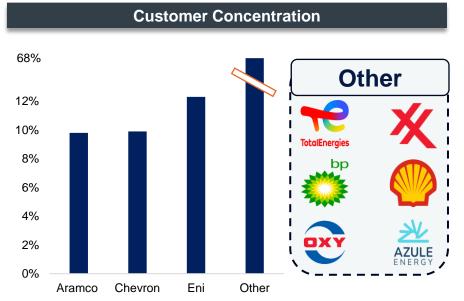
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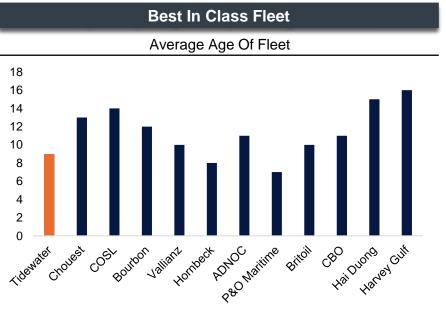
# A Healthy Balance Sheet Plus A Young Fleet











# Who's Running This Show?



#### Over 100 Combined Years in the Offshore Business



Quintin Kneen
Chief Executive Officer



Sam Rubio
Chief Financial Officer



**David Darling**Chief Operating Officer



**Daniel Hudson** VP, General Counsel



Piers Middleton
Chief Commercial Officer



Lee Johnson
Chief Information Officer

#### Companies Represented:





## **CLARKSONS**







#### **Incentives Are Aligned**

#### **Management Compensation**



**EBIT Margins** 



Operating FCF



Revenue Growth



Safety



Plan Objectives



Aggressive Share Repurchases<sup>(1)</sup>



Robert Robotti
President and Chief Investment Officer



	12/13/24	12/16/24	12/17/24	3/5/25	3/13/25
	Robotti,				
Party	K. Quintin	Robotti	Robotti	Robotti	Robotti
# Shares	58,726	4,000	2,067	1,770	25,000
Price	\$47.63	\$47.05	\$52.54	\$40.77	\$39.93
Value	\$ 2,797,119	\$188,200	\$108,600	\$72,163	\$998,250

Source: Company Filings. (1) Bloomberg



# Consensus Forward Projections



#### Recent IEA Adjustments Are Far Too Optimistic (1)

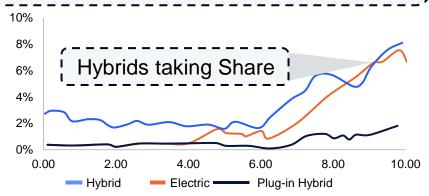
IEA Global Oil Balances (mb/d)1

	2022	2023	1Q24	2Q24	3Q24	4Q24	2024	Jan-25	Feb-25
Global oil balance	0.08	0.2	0.55	0.4	-0.19	-0.22	0.13	1.02	0.18
Observed stock changes									
OECD industry stocks	0.35	-0.01	-0.1	0.86	-0.43	-0.59	-0.07	0.32	-0.21
OECD government stocks	-0.74	-0.02	0.14	0.07	0.1	0.12	0.11	0.04	0.01
Non-OECD crude stocks*	0.27	0.03	-0.23	0.92	-0.32	-0.06	0.11	-1.46	-0.04
Selected non-OECD product stocks**	-0.01	0.03	0.1	-0.15	0.08	-0.22	-0.05	0.01	0.02
Oil on water	0.29	-0.07	0.99	-1.26	-0.03	-0.31	-0.16	-0.22	
Total observed stock changes	0.17	-0.04	0.91	0.44	-0.61	-0.96	-0.06	-1.31	
Unaccounted for balance	-0.09	-0.04	-0.36	-0.05	0.42	0.73	0.19	2.33	

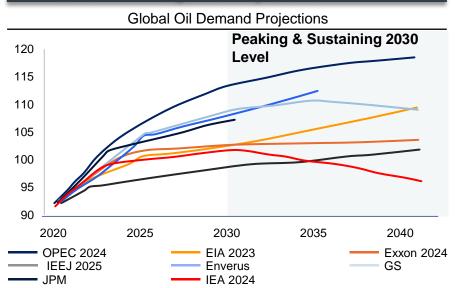
#### Part of The Peak Demand Narrative<sup>(2)</sup>

I "IEA's "baseline" STEPS, however, based on policies that have not been put into action yet, shows oil demand declining sharply after 2030"

- U.S. Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources



## EIA Is Promoting An Overly Bearish View...(3)



Source: Company Filings, Bloomberg. (1) IEA (2) U.S. EIA (3) U.S. Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources



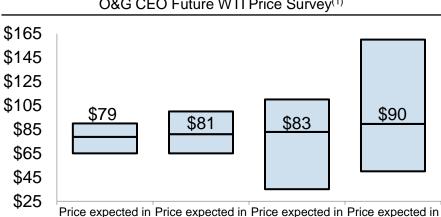
6 months

# An Overly Optimistic Energy Transition



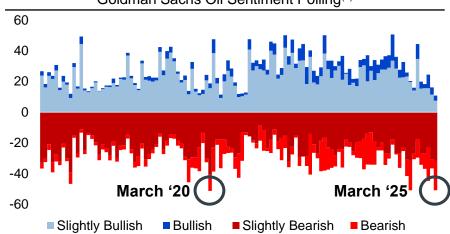
## **O&G CEO's Predict Rising WTI Prices**

O&G CEO Future WTI Price Survey(1)



#### Historically Bearish Oil Market Lacking Fundamentals

Goldman Sachs Oil Sentiment Polling(2)



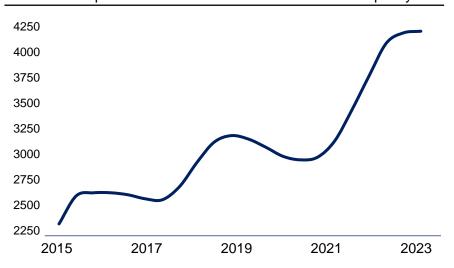
## The Energy Transition Is Hitting Speed Bumps...

2 years

5 years

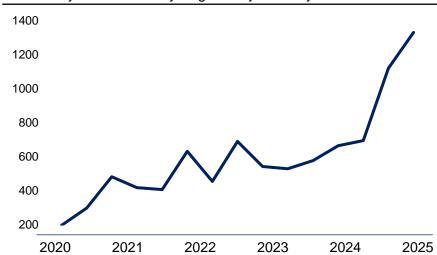
1 year

Carbon Capture Citations / M Tons of Annual CCS Capacity(3)



#### ...and Executives Are Pumping The Breaks

Quarterly Mentions of Hydrogen Project Delays/ Cancellations (4)



# A Canary In The Coal Mine



#### **Shale Economics Are Rapidly Worsening...**

## **Scott Sheffield**



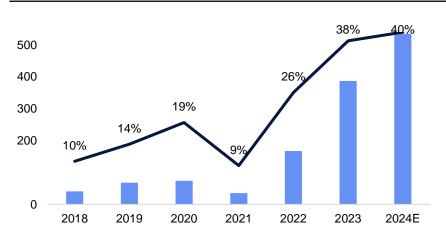
**President & CEO** 

Sold to ExonMobil for \$53B

"One of the main reasons that Pioneer sold was...we were running out of Tier 1 inventory. Everybody is running out of Tier 1 inventory. People don't talk about the fact that we are running out of inventory"

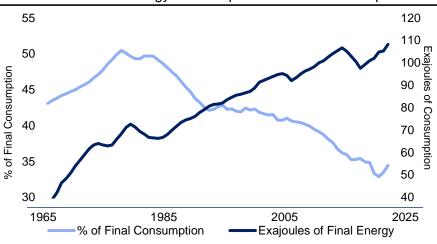
#### Margins Trending In The Right Direction...

#### EBITDA (\$M) and EBITDA Margin



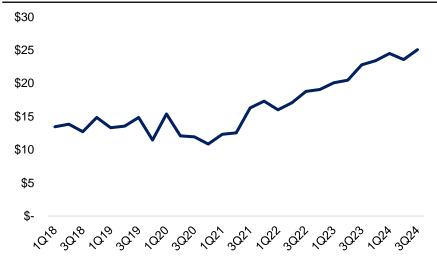
### ...While Consumption Begins To Rebound





## ... As Day Rates Become More Favorable

#### Historic Day Rate Environment ()

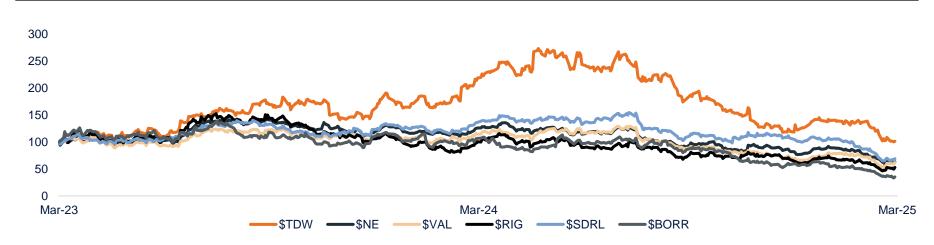


# Picks and Shovels Play To Offshore Drilling



#### **OSV's Have Outperformed Drillers**

TDW vs. Offshore Drillers Two Year Stock Performance



## **Continued Constrained Supply Environment**

Operating Assumptions	
New Build Cost (\$M)	\$65
Assumed Day Rate (\$K/d)	\$44
Opex (\$K/d)	\$10.4
Dry Dock Cost (\$M)	\$2.6
Utilization (%)	90%
WACC	13%
Yrs to Earn Cost of Capital	20

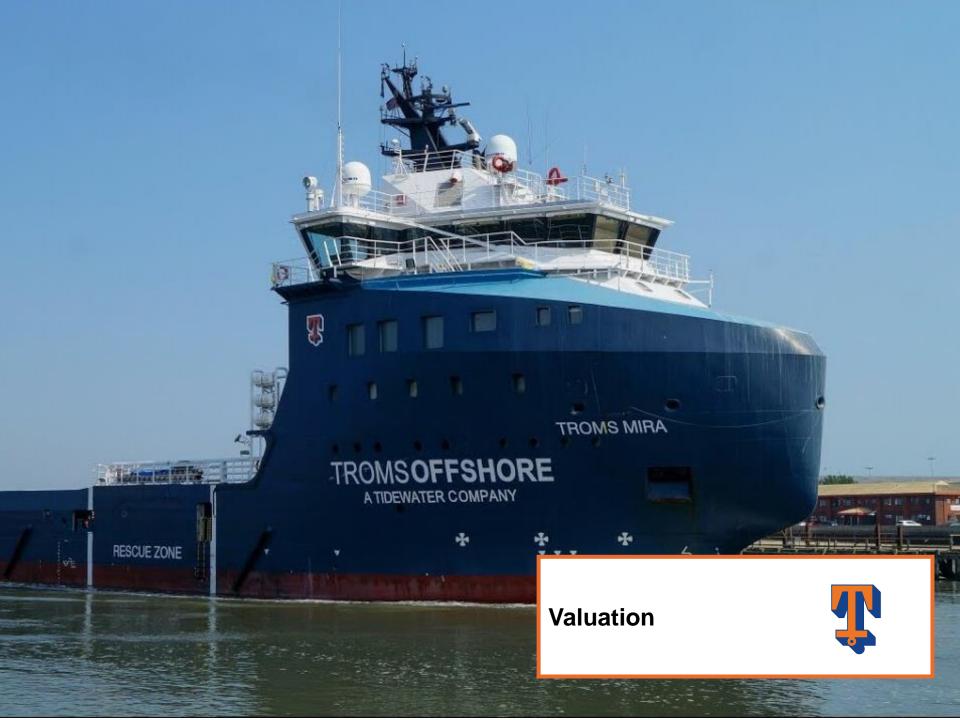
## A Safer Play On The Offshore Trade<sup>(1)</sup>

	\$TDW	\$NE	\$VAL	\$RIG	\$SDRL	\$BORR
\$TDW	100%					
\$NE	65%	100%				
\$VAL	68%	83%	100%			
\$RIG	61%	77%	75%	100%		
\$SDRL	60%	72%	74%	65%	100%	
\$BORR	49%	60%	66%	57%	58%	100%

TDW Lower Correlation

Ability To Ride
Offshore Wave

Moderate Risk
Diversification

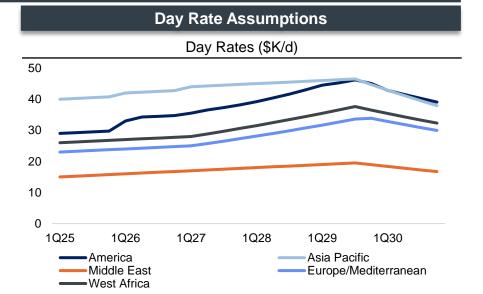


# A Free Cash Flow Generating Machine



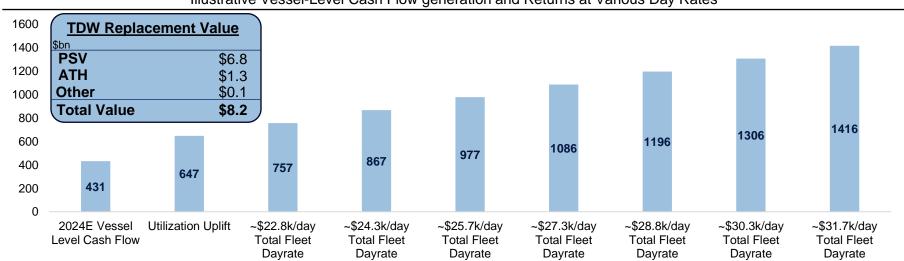
#### InE Valuation

#### **Valuation** Current EV/FCF Yield 11.86% Discounted 2029 FCF 525 Yield Off Current EV 22% InE FCF Mult 7.50x 2029 EV/FCF Yield 13.3% 2029 Implied EV 3,934 Less: Debt 571.7 Less: Preferred/ Other Plus: Cash 324.9 Implied Equity Value 3,687.6 **Diluted Shares Outstanding** 52.8 Implied Share Price 69.84 68.5% Upside / (Downside) P/V 0.59 Average Day Rate \$ 36,656



#### **Strong Operating Leverage Allows For Rapid Movement To The Upside**

Illustrative Vessel-Level Cash Flow generation and Returns at Various Day Rates





# **Current Day Rate Environment**



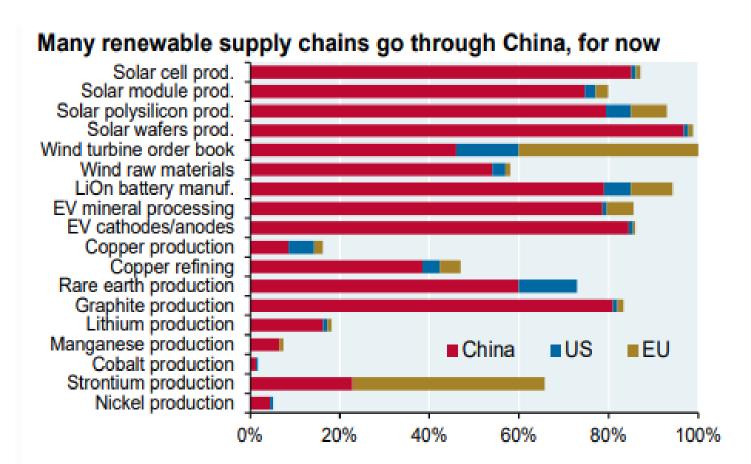
## **Leading Edge Day Rates**

Vessel Class	Q3'24 Tidewater Vessel Count	2022 Day Rate	Q4 2023 Leading Edge Term Contracts	Q1 2024 Leading Edge Term Contracts	Q2 2024 Leading Edge Term Contracts	Q3 2024 Leading Edge Term Contracts
>900m² PSV	69	\$16,604	\$31,118	\$32,520	\$35,172	\$37,283
700 - 900m <sup>2</sup> PSV	49	13,889	34,887	25,712	28,026	35,411
<700m <sup>2</sup> PSV	21	10,477			19,825	16,004
>16k BHP AHTS	11	19,737	37,899	43,115	48,615	
12 - 16K BHP AHTS	4	11,695	11,268			
8 - 12K BHP AHTS	17	11,604	21,347	23,280	25,175	29,210
4 - 8K BHP AHTS	21	6,997	12,000		12,470	17,105

# Renewables Face Massive Geopolitical Risk



#### **Geographical Operations Summary – Floater Fleet**

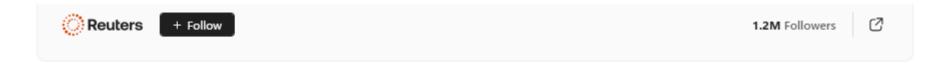


Source: Benchmark Mineral Intelligence, BNEF, EC, IEA, S&P, USGS, JPMAM. 2022.

## No One Cares...Until They Do



## Companies Can Re-Rate Quickly



# Europe's top money managers start to bring defence stocks in from the cold

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# Model Appendix

Industrials and Energy Committee – Valaris Ltd. Pitch

# **Cover Sheet**



## Cover Sheet and FCF Walk Down

Calendar ended	21-Dec	22-Dec	23-Dec	24-Jun	25-Dec	26-Dec	27-Dec	28-Dec	29-Dec	30-Dec
Fiscal Year Ended	2021 FY21	2022 FY22	2023 FY23	2024 FY24	2025 FY25E	2026 FY26E	2027 FY27E	2028 FY28E	2029 FY29E	2030 FY30E
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Revenue	361.6	641.4	999.0	1,337.6	1,545.2	1,655.4	1,772.4	1,953.4	2,144.4	2,111.3
Opex	466.0	621.0	827.8	1,034.5	1,102.1	1,113.0	1,129.5	1,181.4	1,236.8	1,217.9
EBIT	(104.5)	20.4	171.2	303.2	443.1	542.4	642.9	772.1	907.6	893.4
Taxes	(21.9)	4.3	36.0	63.7	93.1	113.9	135.0	162.1	190.6	187.6
NOPAT	(82.5)	16.1	135.3	239.5	350.1	428.5	507.9	609.9	717.0	705.7
(+) D&A	114.5	119.2	180.3	242.8	201.2	172.7	149.4	130.4	115.3	103.2
(-) Capex	(9.0)	(16.6)	(31.6)	(27.6)	30.9	33.1	35.4	39.1	42.9	42.2
(-) Change in NWC					(45.7)	(26.0)	(36.3)	(45.7)	(36.6)	26.5
UFCF	41.0	151.9	347.2	509.8	474.7	542.1	585.5	655.6	752.8	793.2
Discounted UFCF					448.4	474.6	475.0	493.0	524.6	512.3
Discount Period					0.75	1.75	2.75	3.75	4.75	5.75
EBITDA										
EBITDA Margin		139.6	351.6	545.9	644.4	715.1	792.3	902.5	1,022.9	996.5
	0.0%	21.8%	35.2%	40.8%	41.7%	43.2%	44.7%	46.2%	47.7%	47.2%