

Uranium Participation Corp. (U-T, \$4.74)

Rating	BUY	
Target Price	\$5.90	(from \$5.10)
Return	24%	
Overall Risk Rating	High	

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Contracting NAV Premium over Uranium Spot Price Offers Good Entry Point

Company Profile

Website - www.uraniumparticipation.com CEO - David Cates

About the Company -UPC holds physical natural uranium with the objective of increasing the value of its uranium holdings and offers investors indirect exposure to unhedged uranium commodity.

Company Data

52-Week High/Low	\$4.85/\$3.47
YTD Performance	12.1%
Dividend Yield	N/A
Shares O/S	138.1M (basic)/
	138.1M (F/D)
Market Capitalization	\$654M
Cash (Aug 31, `18)	\$9.1M
Debt	N/A
Working Capital (Aug 31, `18)	\$8.5M
Enterprise Value	\$646M
Daily Volume	235,955
Currency	C\$ unless noted

Event The implied premium in UPC shares to uranium price has contracted over the last 6 weeks from 8.3% to 2.1% as short-term uranium prices have appreciated 3.6%, while U-T shares pulled back ~1.2%, with the balance of the difference made up by an ~1.0% decline in the Canadian dollar vs. the US dollar.

Impact – Positive | Increasing our target on higher uranium price assumption 12months forward lifts target as U-T trades towards par. UPC shares have done a fair job of acting as a 'leading indicator' of the direction of short-term uranium prices in 2018 (Exhibit 1). In mid 2017 UPC built up a premium over its NAV which has sustained, averaging a 7.1% over the LTM vs an average discount of 3.2% over the last 10 years.

- Over the last 12-months, when the UPC NAV premium has fallen to near par with short-term uranium price, this has been rapidly succeeded by the next leg up in uranium price. The current ~2.1% premium reflected in U-T's Fund Implied Price (FIP) of uranium of US\$28.09/lb represents a more attractive entry point than 6 weeks ago when the premium was at 8.3%. The potential for the premium to rebuild exists if the positive uranium price momentum continues as expected.
- Technicals further support attractive entry point thesis (Exhibit 2,3,4). Weekly and monthly charts are showing improving relative strength vs. the TSX suggesting further outperformance is likely. The stock has broken through prior highs tested in 2017 and is now consolidating above these breakout levels. We expect to see support at the \$4.60 level. The monthly chart suggests the period of secular distribution since 2011 has concluded and U-T may have reached an inflection point, potentially preceding a period of secular accumulation. Lastly, we are approaching a seasonally strong period as UPC has outperformed the TSX Composite 69% of the time in November from 2005 to 2017.

Summary Market Pricing, U-TSX NAVPS & Fund Implied Pricing (FIP) – See Charts & Graphs for details					
Current Price, U:TSX:	C\$4.74 (2.1% premium to NAV)				
Current Haywood-calculated NAVPS: Haywood Target NAVPS:	C\$4.64 (@ UxC BAP of US\$27.50/lb $U_3O_8 \& C$1.3060/US$)$ C\$5.90 (@ forecast of US\$36/lb $U_3O_8 \& C$1.2736/US$)$				
U-TSX FIP (U ₃ O ₈ lb ⁻¹ , 11 October 2018):	US\$28.09/lb (2.1% premium to BAP)				
UxC Spot Price (U ₃ O ₈ lb ⁻¹ , 8 October 2018):	US\$27.35/lb				
UxC BAP (U₃O ₈ lb⁻¹, 11 October 2018):	US\$27.50/lb				

- Forecasts – Our valuation implements our time-weighted 12-month forward rolling average uranium price forecast of US\$36/lb U₃O₈ for valuation of U-T's physical uranium inventory, which increases from US\$31 with this report.
- **Target Price, Ratings** – We have updated our model to reflect the rolling forward uranium price noted above raising our target to \$5.90. We maintain our 'BUY' rating.

Valuation Based on 1.0x our corporate NAV, including valuation of UPC's inventory of physical uranium (U_3O_8) and uranium hexafluoride (UF_6) at the Haywood 12-month average forward spot uranium price forecast of \$36/lb U₃O₈, net of corporate adjustments. Our corporate NAV of \$815 million drives a target price of \$5.90.

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Price Performance







Source: Bloomberg, Capital IQ, Company Reports, WNA, UxC, Haywood Securities



Summary of Model Changes & Valuation

Model changes were limited strictly to the impact of rolling forward our uranium price assumption through our existing price deck. We now use a 12-month forward, time-weighted average uranium price, of US\$36/lb U₃O₈ in the generation of our 12-month target for U-T. Uranium Participation Corp.'s physical uranium asset inventory includes 14,159,354 lb U₃O₈ and 1,117,230 kg of UF₆, equivalent to ~17,592,434 lb U₃O₈ at current spot uranium and UF₆ pricing.

Our revised forward uranium price assumption for U-T of US $36/lb U_3O_8$ is based on our forecast for mid-2019. Table 1 below shows our annual price forecasts for spot and long-term uranium price.

Based on a forward uranium price of US\$36/lb U_3O_8 (increasing from US\$31), our NAV increases to \$815 million (from \$705 million), increasing our 12-month target price to \$5.90 per share (\uparrow \$0.80, from \$5.10).

Catalysts | 1) Continued fundamentals-backed uranium price improvement driven by a return of utilities to contracting; 2) Improving sentiment leading to speculative buying; 3) Continued USD strength vs CAD

Table 1: Haywood Uranium Price Forecast

Commodity Price Forecast	Current	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
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Spot price (US\$/Ib U ₃ O ₈)	\$27.5	\$37	\$26	\$22	\$26	\$39	\$47	\$55	\$64	\$70	\$70	\$70
Long Term price (US\$/Ib U ₃ O ₈)	\$31.5	\$47	\$40	\$31	\$36	\$46	\$55	\$63	\$70	\$70	\$70	\$70

Source: Haywood Securities, UxC, Capital IQ

Recent U-T Premium/Discount to U Price & Uranium Prices & Technicals



Source: Haywood Securities, UxC, Capital IQ

Exhibit 2: Weekly chart – Improving relative strength vs. the TSX suggests further outperformance is likely. Breakout and subsequent consolidation over prior highs over the past two years is bullish. Look for support around the ~\$4.60 level.



Source: Stockcharts, Haywood Securities Inc.

Exhibit 3: Monthly chart – Period of secular distribution since 2011 appears to have concluded and we may have reached an inflection point potentially preceding a period of secular accumulation (see circled point on bottom panel).



Source: Stockcharts, Haywood Securities Inc.

Exhibit 4: Seasonality – Approaching period of strong seasonality, as UPC has outperformed the TSX Composite 69% of the time in November from 2005 to 2017 with an average return of 5.1%



Source: Stockcharts, Haywood Securities Inc.







Investment Thesis

Uranium Participation's value is held primarily in the intrinsic value of the natural uranium inventory $(U_3O_8 \text{ and } UF_6)$ stored by the company at regulated facilities in Canada, France and USA. The Company holds 14,159,354 pounds of U_3O_8 , and 1,117,230 kg of UF₆, equivalent to ~17,592,434 lb U_3O_8 at current spot uranium and UF₆ pricing. The company aims to deliver shareholder value through the maturation of the uranium price, and via strategic acquisitions of natural uranium at appropriate periods. Purchase of Uranium Participation Corporation is recommended to gain exposure to physical uranium in a liquid environment. We employ a simple model for the valuation of Uranium Participation based on our forecasted uranium price deck and continued generation of sustaining income through short term inventory loans. No inventory sales or purchases via fund raising are incorporated into our evaluation. We consider there to be limited geopolitical or material risk to the Company's inventory.

Risks

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	%	#	(TTM)
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