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# **Uranium Participation Corporation**

### **Company description**

Uranium Participation Corporation (UPC) is an investment holding company based in Toronto, Canada, focused exclusively on investing in uranium. The company raises capital by issuing equity and/or warrants and invests at least 85% of the proceeds in uranium that can be in the form of uranium oxide concentrates (U3O8) or converted uranium hexafluoride (UF6). UPC also generates income to help offset operating costs through uranium lending and interest from cash.

#### **Investment summary**

We believe that UPC provides investors the most readily accessible means to gain exposure to the uranium spot price with very limited company-specific risks. The company's share price and equity value have an excellent track record of being a strong proxy for uranium spot prices.

### **Potential catalysts**

Japanese reactor restarts are starting to gain traction as companies work through the regulatory approval process and upgrade reactor facilities. As reactors come on-line, that should increase uranium demand and alleviate some supply-side pressure from Japanese inventories.

Any additional mine closures caused by low uranium prices would be considered positive for uranium prices.

### Risks to our investment thesis

We highlight the following key risks and sensitivities that could be potentially material to our thesis on UPC: 1) weaker-than-expected uranium prices; 2) currency volatility, primarily CAD/USD; 3) changing premium or discount of UPC's net asset value vs. the share price; and 4) potential value dilution from operating costs.

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**Sector Perform** 

TSX: U; CAD 4.49 Price Target CAD 5.00

### **Key Statistics**

 Shares O/S (MM):
 138.0
 Market Cap (MM):
 620

 Dividend:
 0.00
 Yield:
 0.0%

 NAVPS:
 4.98
 P/NAVPS:
 0.90x

 Avg. Daily Volume:
 617,156

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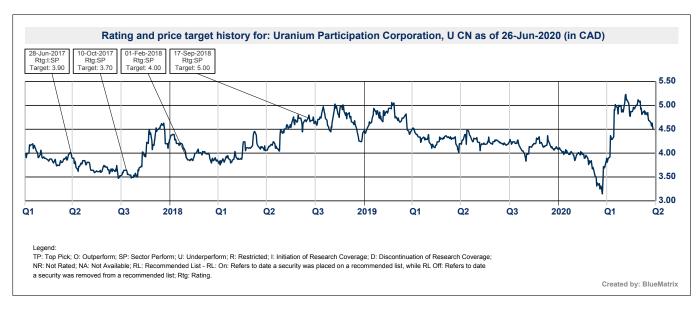
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### **Valuation**

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#### Risks to rating and price target

We highlight several key risks and sensitivities that could be potentially material to our thesis on UPC: 1) weaker-than-expected uranium prices; 2) currency volatility, primarily CAD/USD; and 3) changing premium or discount of UPC's net asset value vs. the share price.

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