

WORDS BY **ALLAN TRENCH**

PUMPING UP THE PORTFOLIO

In August, the 2011 edition of the Top 100 Resource Stocks CD was released. Information on the disc, compiled by respected resources commentator **Allan Trench**, comprises a compilation of interesting company stories which have the potential to advance even further as the year unfolds.

YOUR SCRIBE HAS been whiling away his Sunday afternoons for the past couple of months reading up on the latest stories of initial public offerings, mineral explorers and emerging miners.

The result is a compilation of pen pictures under the somewhat auspicious label of Top 100 Resource Stocks.

The companies selected are not specifically those that have performed the strongest in share price terms over the past 12 months – although many have rewarded their shareholders admirably – or even those companies with demonstrably greater potential than their peers.

Each company does have its clear merits however – with every one of the top 100 having caught this commentator's eye as having an interesting outlook with clear upside. Of course, each company also has its specific risks too, some companies more than others.

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doubt make your scribe a number of friends (perhaps up to 100 of them) and also prompt a few polite nudges from those companies who should have been included but due to space limitation were not.

As mentioned, while the Top 100 for 2011 was not chosen on the basis of recent shareholder returns, congratulations are due to several top performing companies within the overall compilation.

Shareholders of the following companies have most likely sipped the occasional flute of champagne over the last year to celebrate their wise investments and impressive returns in the order of 200% or above – Aspire Mining, Bathurst Resources, Gold Road Resources, Altona Mining, Hot Chili, Marengo Mining, Voyager Resources, Newland Resources, Encounter Resources, Exco Resources, Gunson Resources, South Boulder Mines, Alcyone Resources, Cobar Consolidated Resources, Iluka Resources, Kasbah Resources, Lynas Corp, Peak Resources and Energy Ventures. **RS**

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Lachlan Star is an ASX-listed explorer with a primary focus on Chile

THE FULL LIST:

Gold:

- Beacon Minerals
- Castlemaine Goldfields
- Catalpa Resources
- Chalice Gold Mines
- Doray Minerals
- Focus Minerals
- Gold Road Resources
- Kingsgate Consolidated
- Medusa Mining
- Octagonal Resources
- Perseus Mining
- Phoenix Gold
- Pioneer Resources
- Ramelius Resources
- Saracen Mineral Holdings
- Sihayo Gold
- Silver Lake Resources
- Southern Gold
- Troy Resources

Base Metals:

- Altona Mining
- Chinalco Yunnan Copper
- Discovery Metals
- Hot Chili
- Marengo Mining
- OZ Minerals
- PanAust
- Rex Minerals
- Sandfire Resources
- Tiger Resources
- Venturex Resources
- Voyager Resources

Nickel:

- Heron Resources
- Minara Resources
- Mincor Resources
- Panoramic Resources
- Sirius Resources
- Western Areas

Oil and gas:

- Antares Energy
- Jupiter Energy
- Kairiki Energy
- Karoon Gas
- Molopo Energy
- Tap Oil
- Texon Petroleum

Coal:

- Aspire Mining
- Bathurst Resources
- Hunnu Coal
- Newland Resources
- NuCoal Resources

Diversified:

- Alchemy Resources
- Aquila Resources
- Crusader Resources
- Encounter Resources
- Exco Resources
- Gunson Resources
- Hannans Reward
- Independence Group
- Lachlan Star Resources
- Laconia Resources
- Midas Resources
- Robust Resources
- South Boulder Mines
- Talisman Mining

Iron ore:

- Atlas Iron
- BC Iron
- Carpentaria Exploration
- Centaurus Metals
- Centrex Metals
- Flinders Mines
- Haranga Resources
- Mount Gibson Iron
- Sherwin Iron
- Sundance Resources

Uranium:

- A-Cap Resources
- Alliance Resources
- Deep Yellow
- Energia Minerals
- Energy & Minerals Australia
- Energy Ventures
- Impact Minerals
- Manhattan Corp
- Paladin Energy
- Toro Energy
- Uranex

Other metals/minerals:

- Alcyone Resources
- Atlantic
- Australian Bauxite
- Bauxite Resources
- Cobar Consolidated Resources
- Diatrema Resources
- Galaxy Resources
- Iluka Resources
- Kasbah Resources
- Kimberley Rare Earths
- Lynas Corp
- Minemakers
- Orocobre
- Peak Resources
- Shaw River Resources
- Wolf Minerals

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