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### The industry is evolving, and so must ExxonMobil

Oil and gas companies face significant long-term challenges.



Declining long-term returns and lower capital productivity for non-state oil and gas companies



Growing long-term demand uncertainty due to advancements in low and nocarbon technologies



Growing long-term business model risk as pressure increases for countries to lower carbon emissions

- ExxonMobil has significantly underperformed and we believe has failed to adjust its strategy to enhance long-term value
- A focus on chasing production growth over value has resulted in an undisciplined capital allocation strategy that is out of step with the industry and has destroyed value even during periods of higher prices
- A refusal to accept that fossil fuel demand may decline in decades to come has led to a failure to take even initial steps towards long-term evolution, and trying to obfuscate rather than address long-term business risk
- Addressing these challenges requires successful and transformative energy experience on the Board of Directors



# ExxonMobil has dramatically underperformed for shareholders over any relevant time period

Total Returns Pre-COVID *					Total Returns Prior to Engine No. 1 Public Engagement **					
	1 YR	3 YR	5 YR	10 YR		1 YR	3 YR	5 YR	10 YF	
ExxonMobil	-18.9%	-15.9%	-17.5%	27.8%	ExxonMobil	-34.4%	-41.2%	-33.0%	-14.89	
Chevron	-3.3%	13.0%	25.6%	117.5%	Chevron	-15.7%	-11.9%	28.9%	62.49	
Shell	-10.4%	14.3%	12.9%	104.7%	Shell	-35.4%	-31.1%	-3.1%	18.39	
Total	-4.1%	11.0%	28.3%	83.2%	Total	-13.9%	-5.8%	15.9%	74.09	
BP	-8.1%	24.7%	43.9%	34.6%	BP	-36.7%	-31.7%	8.0%	14.29	
Peer avg. ex XOM	-6.4%	15.8%	27.7%	85.0%	Peer avg. ex XOM	-25.4%	-20.1%	12.4%	42.29	
Underperformance vs. peer average	-12.5%	-31.7%	-45.2%	-57.2%	Underperformance vs. peer average	-9.0%	-21.1%	-45.5%	-57.19	
ExxonMobil Peer Rank	5/5	5/5	5/5	5/5	ExxonMobil Peer Rank	3/5	5/5	5/5	5/5	
S&P 500	24.3%	52.8%	78.7%	275.4%	S&P 500	21.1%	48.5%	95.4%	271.0	

Source: Bloomberg, "Pre-COVID returns are as of February 19, 2020, ""Returns are as of December 4,2020 close, the last trading day prior to Energy No. 1's public engagement with Exxon/Mobil.
Total Returns include dividends. Proxy Peers are Chevron, Shell, Total & BP (Exxon/Mobil 2021 proxy statement).



# Returns on oil and gas projects have been falling for years, even during times of higher prices

"Analysts say a quest for fast oil-production growth and an addiction to risky, high-cost projects have hobbled [ExxonMobil] in recent years.

Financial Times, October 28, 2020

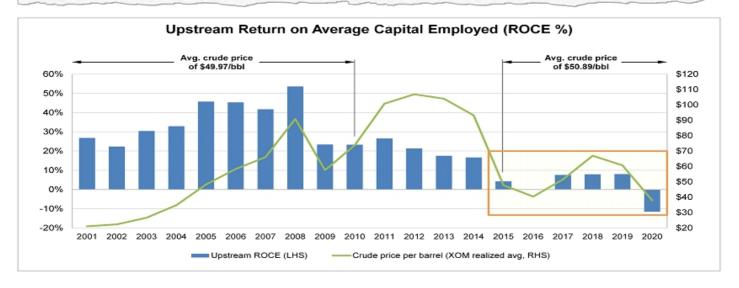
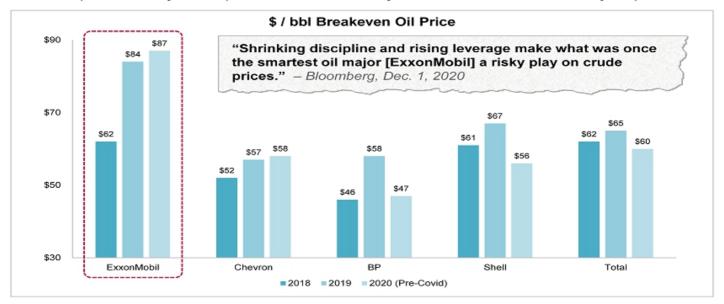


Chart Source: ExxonMobil 10-Ks; Upstream ROCE excludes corporate investment and costs, 2020 ROCE includes \$19.4bn in asset impairment, excluding which the ROCE is still negative (-0.4%). Quote Source: Derek Brower (Oct. 28, 2020). Why ExxonMobil is sticking with oil as invisit look to a greener future. Financial Times.



# Despite this industry trend, ExxonMobil has pursued far more aggressive spending than peers

 Irresponsible spending led to ExxonMobil entering 2020 with the highest breakeven price of any of its peers, which destroyed value and left it heavily exposed



Source: JP Morgan research; Pre-COVID data as of January 31, 2020 for US peers and December 6, 2019 for European peers.



# ExxonMobil has been funding its spending on low-return projects by taking on large amounts of debt

- While its balance sheet once had no net debt, today ExxonMobil has the most debt in its history, increasing over \$80 billion in the last 12 years, and since 2016 has had three debt ratings downgrades by S&P (including two pre-COVID)
- Given financial pressure, ExxonMobil last year suspended its employee 401(k) matching program and utilized enhanced "performance reviews" to conduct layoffs

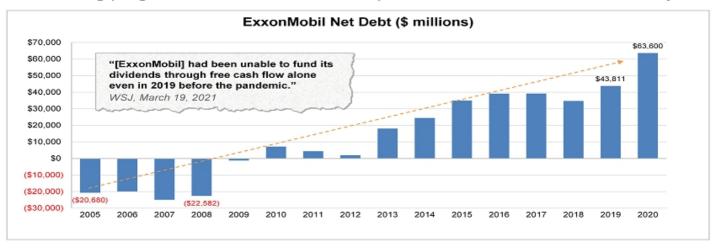
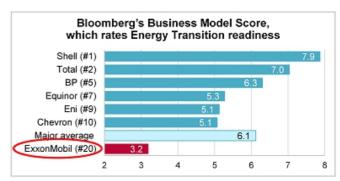


Chart Source: ExxonMobil 10-Ks & Bloomberg, Quote Source: Jinjoo Lee (Mar. 19, 2021). Oil Investors Hunt for Cash Gushers. WSJ.



# ExxonMobil continues to position itself to succeed only if fossil fuel demand grows for decades

- ExxonMobil is world's 5th largest producer of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions (after coal from China, Saudi Aramco, Gazprom, and Nat'l Iranian Oil Co.)
- This is an existential business risk given that 2/3 of emissions come from countries that have pledged to hit net zero by 2050
- Any diversification strategy must be profitable over the long-term to be sustainable, but there is an appropriate balance between maintaining current profitability and recognizing the need for long-term industry transition
- ExxonMobil ignores the risk of a narrow long-term focus on fossil fuel projects that can take decades to deliver a return and for which there may be significantly reduced future demand



"As late as October, Exxon Mobil's [CEO] dismissed the suggestion that climate change concerns posed long-term risk to his industry ..." - Reuters, March 23, 2021

"After a 'decade of strategic errors,' Exxon is 'exactly where it never wanted to be: subject to oil markets and global GDP recovery.' Nor has [it] enunciated any kind of holistic strategy for navigating the carbon transition ..."

Forbes, Dec. 29, 2020

Chart Source: Bloomberg's report *BNEF Oil and Gas Transition Scores*, Leaders and Laggards (March 24, 2021). Scores out of 10, 10 being the best. Score as per BloombergNEF methodology, as of March 2021. Figures in parentheses are rankings among integrated oil and gas companies. ExxonMobil ranks 20th out of 23 global integrated companies.

Quote Source: Terry Slavin (Mar.23, 2021). Has Exxon Mobil turned over a new, green leaf? Reuters.



# Rather than changing its strategy, ExxonMobil is trying to change the facts

- In the past ExxonMobil dismissed total emissions reduction targets as a "beauty competition"
- Now it claims its emissions reduction targets are "consistent" with the Paris Agreement
- However, in setting such targets ExxonMobil first excludes ~90% of its emissions, by excluding all Scope 3 emissions (from burning fossil fuels) and Scope 1 and 2 emissions (from producing fossil fuels) from non-operated assets
- While ExxonMobil disclaims responsibility for such emissions, this does nothing to address fundamental business risk

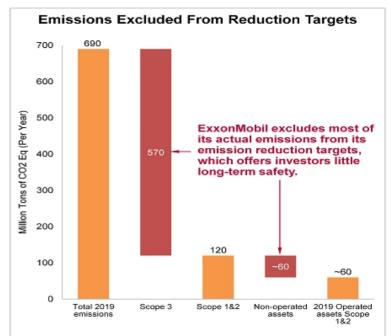


Chart Source: ExxonMobil Energy and Carbon Summary 2020 and 2021. Non-operated asset mix is approximate based EDF & Rockefeller Asset Management Report 'Emission Omission' (Oct. 2020).



# ExxonMobil paints a misleading picture of its carbon capture capabilities

- ExxonMobil claims to be the "global leader" in carbon capture, yet most of this is necessary separation of the CO<sub>2</sub> that naturally occurs during the production of methane (the key ingredient in natural gas), which is captured versus vented
- This reduces emissions intensity, not the far larger amount of Scope 3 emissions from burning natural gas, which rises with production growth even if intensity falls
- Also, much of the CO<sub>2</sub> captured is injected into the ground to loosen hard to reach oil, thus increasing total emissions
- "Low Carbon Solutions" business mostly a patchwork of existing projects
- True "deep decarbonization" projects to reduce Scope 3 emissions are far more costly and risky, and are highly unlikely to allow ExxonMobil to avoid long-term change

"Exxon says LaBarge already captures 7 million tons of carbon dioxide a year, nearly 80% of the company's total ... Most of the CO2 is pumped up from the ground as a byproduct of natural gas and helium, processed and then sold to nearby crude operators to enhance their oil recovery."

Bloomberg, Feb. 1, 2021

"Andrew Logan, director of the oil and gas program at investor activist group Ceres, said the effort [by ExxonMobil] on carbon capture appeared little more than a "repackaging of existing efforts."

Barron's February 2, 2021

"Exxon's new carbon capture plan looks a lot like its old one."

Bloomberg, February 1, 2021

Sources: IEA. Kevin Crowley (Feb 1, 2021). Exxon's New Carbon Capture Plan Looks a Lot Like Its Old One. Bloomberg. John Biers (Feb 2, 2021). Exxon Mobil Reports Huge 2020 Loss As Changes Draw Mixed Reviews. Barron's.

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# ExxonMobil's minimal investment in more advanced carbon capture appears mostly focused on advertising

 ExxonMobil has heavily advertised its investment in a company pursuing direct air capture, yet this investment is miniscule (reportedly \$15 million) and appears primarily driven by marketing considerations, avoiding the important question of whether and how much it should be investing in large scale efforts

"[Global Thermostat] has featured prominently in ExxonMobil's commercials on YouTube, Twitter, and Facebook. But Global Thermostat's achievements haven't matched its promise ...

[A]ccounts suggest the company has been stymied by setbacks and mismanagement since almost the very beginning and has **made little progress in deployment over the past decade**. They say its biggest accomplishments, including the deals with blue-chip companies, amounted to less than advertised and in some cases have yet to produce anything ...

Current and former staffers say it's unclear exactly what Exxon is doing with Global Thermostat besides advertising it heavily."

Bloomberg, April 9, 2021

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Source: Leslie Kaufman & Akshat Rathi (Apr. 9, 2021). A Carbon-Sucking Startup Has Been Paralyzed by Its CEO. Bloomberg.

## Focusing on societal choices while trying to limit those choices is poor long-term strategy

- · ExxonMobil argues that meaningful decreases in GHG emissions will require "changes in society's energy choices coupled with the development and deployment of affordable lower-emission technologies"
- This is true, but ignores its role in influencing such choices
- This argument also fails to acknowledge that such choices are changing, and that trying to restrict or confuse such choices rather than adapting to them – likely only makes eventual disruption that much more severe

"All told, ExxonMobil has spent more than \$37 million on climate science denier organizations from 1998 through 2019."

Union of Concerned Scientists, Oct. 23, 2020

"Groups backed by industry giants like Exxon Mobil... are waging a state-by-state, multimillion-dollar battle to squelch utilities' plans to build charging stations across the country."

Politico, Sept. 16, 2019

"[T]he American Progressive Bag Alliance ... part of the Plastics Industry Association, a trade group that includes Shell Polymers, LyondellBasell, Exxon Mobil, Chevron Phillips, DowDuPont, and Novolex ... was backing a state bill that would strip Tennesseans of their ability to address the plastics crisis. The legislation would make it illegal for local governments to ban or restrict bags and other single-use plastic products — one of the few things shown to actually reduce plastic waste."

Intercept, July 20, 2019

Emphasis added in all cases. ExxonMobil quote source: ExxonMobil Press Release, Dec. 14, 2020. Other quote sources: Elliott Negin (Oct. 23, 2020). ExxonMobil Is Still Bankrolling Climate Science Deniers. Union of Concerned Scientists. Gavin Bade (Sep. 16, 2019). The oil industry vs. the electric car. Politico. Sharon Letter (Jul. 20, 2019). Waste Only: How the Plastics Industry Is Fighting to Keep Polluting the World. The Intercept.



## Reenergizing ExxonMobil requires real change

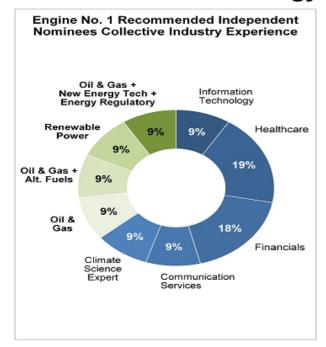
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"Engine No. 1 has sensible recommendations. It wants Exxon to appoint new independent directors with outside energy experience, invest only in projects with lower break-even oil and gas prices, consider using existing skills and scale to invest in growing areas such as renewable energy, and change compensation policy."

Reuters Breakingviews, December 7, 2020



# Our board nominees fill the need for successful and transformative energy experience



"Engine No.1's board nominees... all have very strong repute, they have track records in the industry, and some of them cross over into low-carbon fields."

Sam Margolin, managing director of Wolfe Research, quoted in Financial Times, March 3, 2021

"[ExxonMobil's] board should have been a better overseer of management, capital allocation and strategy. Yet even with new appointments, it has limited experience in energy. That needs to change...

The slate of four put up by activist Engine No. 1 could help."

Reuters Breakingviews, March 22, 2021

"[T]he driving aim of [Engine No. 1] is four high quality board candidates including Greg Goff... The other Engine #1 candidates, Kaisa Hietala (Neste), Alexander Karsner (Google X), and Anders Runevad (Vestas), are very impressive."

Paul Sankey, Sankey Research, April 1, 2021

Quote Source: Derek Brower (Mar. 3, 2021). Exxon v. Activist. Financial Times. Robert Cyran (Mar. 22, 2021). More Than This. Reuters Breakingviews. Paul Sankey (Apr. 1, 2021). Marning Sankey 4/1/2021. Sankey Research.



# **Gregory Goff** – Proven experience to help focus on profitability and facilitate investment in the future

- Served as President and Chief Executive Officer (2010-2018) of Andeavor (formerly Tesoro), a leading petroleum refining and marketing company
- During his tenure, Andeavor generated total returns of over 1,200%, versus the U.S. Energy sector's total return of 55%
- ~30-year career with ConocoPhillips, where he held various leadership positions in Exploration and Production, and Downstream, and served as Senior Vice President of Commercial businesses from 2008 to 2010
- Serves on the Board of Enbridge Inc. and Avient

### Relevant Experience

- Conventional Oil and Gas Industry
- Named by Harvard Business Review one of the "Best-Performing CEOs in the World" in 2018

### Fills Unmet Board Need

 ~40 years of successful experience in all aspects of oil and gas

"Goff ... encapsulates exactly the worldview that we espouse, of the now-famous Chevron rallying cry 'Higher returns, lower emissions."

Paul Sankey, Sankey Research, April 1, 2021

"[A]mong the best and most strategic thinking managers in the industry."

Barclays Research, 2016

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# Kaisa Hietala – Experience leading one of the top industry transformations from the inside

- Trained geophysicist and environmental scientist
- Began oil and gas career in E&P and crude trading at Neste, then led strategic review that resulted in creation of the Renewable Products segment. Served as EVP for 5 years ending in 2019, during which segment revenues grew by 1.6x and operating profits grew by 4x to over \$1 billion
- During this time, Renewable Products became over 2/3 of profits, and Neste's stock returned ~550%. Today the Renewables division is over 90% of profits and Neste is the world's largest producer of renewable diesel
- Serves on board of Smurfit Kappa Group and Tracegrow

### Relevant Experience

- Conventional and renewable energy
- Led oil and gas company transformation which was named by Harvard Business Review as one of the "Top 20 Business Transformations of the Last Decade" in 2019 (alongside Netflix, Amazon, and Microsoft)

### Fills Unmet Board Need

 Experience in energy industry transformation

"Kaisa Hietala built and ran the renewable business at Finnish refiner Neste, which has helped push that firm's share price up 10-fold over a decade."

Reuters Breakingviews, March 22, 2021

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Text Source: Bloomberg, Quote Source: Robert Cyran (Mar. 22, 2021), More Than This. Reuters Breakingviews.

# Alexander Karsner – Highly successful experience looking around energy industry corners

- Began career developing energy infrastructure. As a private equity investor, venture partner and advisor, portfolios have included some of the most successful clean tech startups of the past decade
- Part of the executive leadership team at X (formerly Google X), shaping strategy in new energy industry technologies
- From 2005 to 2008, served as US
   Assistant Secretary of Energy,
   responsible for large federal R&D
   programs and National Laboratories.
   Helped enact or implement major
   legislation which remains foundational
   to federal energy policy and regulation
- Serves on the board of Applied Materials

### Relevant Experience

- Conventional, alternative, and new energy technology
- Appointed Assistant Energy Secretary by President Bush and put on the National Petroleum Council by President Obama

### Fills Unmet Board Need

- Experience in conventional and cutting-edge energy technologies
- Regulatory experience

"My (recommendation for) energy secretary, Andy Karsner (a green Republican who led renewable energy for George W. Bush)."

Tom Friedman, New York Times (April 7, 2020)

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Quote Source: Thomas Friedman (Apr. 7, 2020). What America Needs Next: A Biden National Unity Cabinet. New York Times.

# Anders Runevad – Highly successful experience in competitive power generation landscape

- CEO of Vestas, which has more installed wind power worldwide than any other manufacturer, for six years ending in 2019
- During his tenure, stock returned a total of 480%, significantly outperforming the global energy and industrials sectors
- Credited with turning around Vestas, including relieving debt burden, returning to profitability, and restoring dividend
- CEO signatory to the Paris Pledge for Action signed in 2015 in connection with the signing of the Paris Agreement
- Previously held leadership positions at Ericsson. Serves on boards of Vestas, Nilfisk Holding and Schneider Electric SE

### Relevant Experience

- Renewable energy
- Named in Fortune's "Businessperson of the Year" list in 2016 and named one of the "Best-Performing CEOs in the World" by Harvard Business Review (2016, 2017, and 2019)

### Fills Unmet Board Need

 Successful experience in evolving and highly competitive energy landscape

"[S]ought to introduce discipline (read: cost cuts) into what some have viewed as an altruistic mission, looking to help wind power technology mature so that it no longer requires subsidies to attract customers. Under Runevad, Vestas ... passed \$10 billion in revenues ... with profits now at a healthy \$907 million. By contrast, Vestas lost \$1.3 billion in the last full year before Runevad took over." – Fortune, 2016

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