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5 Stocks Poised to Benefit Most from President Trump's Tariff Wars

While the prospect of higher tariffs – or even prolonged trade wars – can bring about uncertainty in the overall markets, for some companies the prospect of tariffs could trigger significant opportunities.

As the Trump administration puts forth aggressive policies on key imports including Chinese technology and manufacturing goods as well as European auto parts and more, a handful of U.S. industries stand to benefit.

Throughout history, tariffs have led to shifts in supply chains as well as increased demand for domestically produced goods. While there is no guarantee that is the case with President Trump's tariffs, the potential exists for some companies to see a growth in their business as consumers seek domestic suppliers.

For investors, the key is identifying those companies best positioned to capitalize on these shifting economic headwinds. This would include companies with minimal reliance on imports, strong pricing power and the ability to scale domestic production as needed.

Here are five stocks that appear to be best-positioned to benefit from President Trump's tariff strategies over the coming months. As always, be sure to do your own due diligence before investing in any stock to make sure it's right for your financial situation and that it is consistent with your acceptable level of risk.

Top Tariff War Stock #1: Steel Dynamics, Inc. – (Nasdaq: STLD)



Steel Dynamics, Inc. (Nasdaq: STLD) is a steel producer and metal recycler that manufactures a range of steel products, including hot-rolled, cold-rolled, and coated steel, as well as nonferrous metals and aluminum products.

The company also provides scrap metal processing, transportation, and steel fabrication for non-residential buildings.

Steel Dynamics reported robust financial performance for the fourth quarter and full year ended December 31, 2024.

The company reported a fourth-quarter net income of \$207 million, or \$1.36 per diluted share, with an adjusted EBITDA of \$372 million. Full-year 2024 net income came at \$1.5 billion, or \$9.84 per diluted share, while adjusted EBITDA amounted to \$2.5 billion.

President Trump's proposed tariffs on all steel and aluminum imports into the United States could prove to be a significant catalyst for companies like Steel Dynamics, which rose 5% in a single day in early March when the President announced the planned tariffs.

Of the 11 analysts covering Steel Dynamics, 7 have issued "Buy" ratings for the company's shares (with 4 "hold" ratings.) The average twelve-month price target for those shares is \$148.56 and that represents a forecasted potential upside of 17.81% from the current share price.

Top Tariff War Stock #2: Enterprise Products Partners L.P. – (NYSE: EPD)



Enterprise Products Partners L.P. (NYSE: EPD) provides midstream energy services to producers and consumers of natural gas, natural gas liquids (NGLs), crude oil, petrochemicals, and refined products.

The company operates in four segments: NGL Pipelines & Services, Crude Oil Pipelines & Services, Natural Gas Pipelines & Services, and Petrochemical & Refined Products Services.

Enterprise Products Partners L.P. has grown to be one of the largest midstream companies in the U.S. with operations that center on Houston, Texas but reach as far as the Rockies, the Upper Midwest, the Great Lakes region and New England.

In the fourth quarter of 2024, Enterprise Products Partners L.P. reported revenue of \$14.2 billion, exceeding analysts' expectations by \$74.5 million. Its operating income reached \$1.9 billion, while net income stood at \$1.63 billion.

Additionally, the company announced its 27th consecutive annual dividend increase in January 2025.

The average twelve-month price target for shares of EPD among the 12 analysts covering the stock is \$35.90, which represents a forecasted potential upside of 6.70% from the current share price.

Top Tariff War Stock #3: Nucor Corporation – (NYSE: NUE)



Nucor Corporation (NYSE: NUE) engages in manufacture and sale of steel and steel products. The company operates in three segments: steel mills, steel products, and raw materials.

Nucor remains committed to boosting production capacity, which should drive profitable growth and strengthen its position as a low-cost producer. Additionally, the company has been focusing on growth through strategic acquisitions over the past several years.

Over the past year, the company's shares have slid roughly 30%, thanks in large part to a pullback in U.S. steel prices, which impacted profitability.

Recently, UBS upgraded its rating on Nucor to a Buy, citing increased U.S. steel trade protections and higher price forecasts. UBS concluded that the recent sell-off presents an attractive entry point for Nucor, with tariff protections providing a solid platform for earnings growth through 2025.

Of the 9 analysts covering Nucor, 7 have issued "Buy" ratings for the company's shares (with 2 "hold" ratings.) The average twelve-month price target for those shares is \$164.78 and that represents a forecasted potential upside of 29.23% from the current share price.

Top Tariff War Stock #4: Molson Coors Beverage Company – (NYSE: TAP)



Molson Coors Beverage Company (NYSE: TAP) manufactures, markets, and sells beer and other malt beverage products under various brands in the Americas, Europe, the Middle East, Africa, and the Asia Pacific. The company offers flavored malt beverages including hard seltzers, craft, spirits and energy, and ready to drink beverages.

President Trump’s proposed tariffs on imported wine, champagne and other alcoholic products from the European Union could have a devastating impact on imports of these types of products into the United States.

This action could make lower-cost alcoholic beverages – and especially those produced in the U.S. – more attractive in the months ahead. That explains why shares of Molson Coors are up 3% year-to-date as the market recognizes that the company’s U.S.-based production shields it from the risk of tariffs.

According to the 15 analysts covering Molson Coors stock, the average twelve-month price target for shares of TAP is \$63.67, which represents a forecasted potential upside of 7.81% from the current share price.

Top Tariff War Stock #5: CarMax, Inc. – (NYSE: KMX)



CarMax, Inc., (NYSE: KMX), through its subsidiaries, operates as a retailer of used vehicles and related products in the United States. It operates in two segments: CarMax Sales Operations and CarMax Auto Finance.

The CarMax Sales Operations segment offers customers a range of makes and models of used vehicles, including domestic, imported, and luxury vehicles, as well as hybrid and electric vehicles; used vehicle auctions; extended protection plans to customers at the time of sale; and reconditioning and vehicle repair services.

The CarMax Auto Finance segment provides financing alternatives for retail customers across a range of credit spectrum and arrangements with various financial institutions.

President Trump's proposed tariffs could result in higher steel prices, which would result in higher costs being passed onto the consumer.

This would mean an increase in new car prices, triggering a shift toward buying less expensive used cars for many consumers. And as the nation's largest used car dealership, CarMax, Inc. would be well-positioned to benefit from such a shift.

According to the 13 analysts covering CarMax, Inc., the average twelve-month price target for shares of KMX is \$90.45, which represents a forecasted potential upside of 23.12% from the current share price.

