

Lithium Boom 2021: The Top 3 Lithium Stocks to Own Now

The first time we highlighted opportunity in lithium stocks was September 16.

At the time, we noted, "It's time to jump back into lithium. All as demand begins to show signs of outweighing supply. You see, lithium could easily run into a massive supply crunch. All thanks to electric vehicle (EV) sales that are growing much faster than anyone expected."

At the time, we highlighted opportunity in:

- Lithium Americas (LAC) around \$9.04. It's now up to \$20.53.
- American Lithium Corp. (LIACF) around 93 cents. It's now up to \$1.61.
- Albemarle (ALB) around \$98. It's now up to \$180.14.

Even now, all three are still solid buy opportunities. Here's why.

For one, under a Biden Administration, we could see even more EVs on the roads, which will require even more lithium supply.

As noted on his Administration's site:

"There are now one million electric vehicles on the road in the United States. But a key barrier to further deployment of these greenhouse-gas reducing vehicles is the lack of charging stations and coordination across all levels of government. As President, Biden will work with our nation's governors and mayors to support the deployment of more than 500,000 new public charging outlets by the end of 2030."

Two, "Benchmark Minerals forecasts lithium demand to reach 2.2m tonnes by 2030 but as things stand lithium supply (LCE) is only set to reach 1.67m leaving a huge structural deficit. This demand will be driven by growing EV adoption through the 2020s, with Benchmark Minerals forecasting an EV penetration rate of 4.3% in 2020 rising to 30.7% in 2030."

Three, according to a new study from the Boston Consulting Group, by 2025, EVs could account for a third of all auto sales. By 2030, EVs could surpass internal combustion engine vehicles with a market share of 51%.

Experts also predict that by 2040, EVs will make up 58% of the light vehicle market.

Four, "All the supply from the globe's major lithium miners Albemarle Corp., Soc. Quimica y Minera de Chile SA, Tianqi Lithium Corp. and Ganfeng Lithium Co. – companies that mine mainly in Australia, Chile and China – probably won't be enough to meet demand," reports The Washington Post.

Stock No. 1 – Lithium Americas (LAC)

Lithium Americas could see higher highs after the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) gave final approval for the company's Thacker Pass lithium mine in Nevada. The company is now seeking financing for the project, which could start producing lithium by October 2022. Helping quite a bit, EV sales are growing much faster than anyone expected.



Along with that news, it released the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Thacker Pass lithium project by the United States Bureau of Land Management. “The publication of the Final EIS is the culmination of more than a decade of work studying, exploring and developing the Thacker Pass project,” commented Jon Evans, President and CEO. “Thacker Pass has the potential to provide future sources of high-quality lithium chemicals critical for establishing a strong domestic lithium supply chain required to support a low-carbon economy.”

Stock No. 2 – American Lithium Corp. (LIACF)

The company just reported it produced lithium carbonate from its flagship Tonopah Lithium Claims (TLC) claystone deposit. Leachate produced by McClelland Laboratories in Reno, Nevada from TLC was systematically put through a base-case process to remove impurities before precipitating lithium carbonate successfully.



This milestone prompted the beginning of a testing program to optimize each step of the process to improve economics and reduce waste. To facilitate this program, Dr. Jarrett Quinn, lithium mining veteran, was retained as a metallurgical consultant. Dr. Quinn has worked as an independent consultant in the lithium mining industry, and has worked on plant design, start-up and in operations for the mining and metallurgical industry. His academic and research background includes a Ph.D. in Mining and Materials Engineering from McGill University.

Stock No. 3 – Albemarle Corporation (ALB)

ALB has been incredibly explosive on the EV story, and could see higher highs.

The company just announced it will expand capacity at its lithium production facility in Silver Peak, Nevada, and begin a program to evaluate clays and other available Nevada resources for commercial production of lithium, as noted in a recent press release.



“As global demand for electric vehicles (EV) grows, North American automotive manufacturers are seeking to regionalize their supply chain for greater security and sustainability. Albemarle's investment in Silver Peak, which produces lithium from brine extracted from the Clayton Valley basin, will support this increased demand for domestic supply of lithium.”

“Beginning in 2021, the company plans to invest \$30 million to \$50 million to double the current production at the Nevada site by 2025, making full use of its brine water rights. Additionally, in 2021 the company plans to commence exploration of clay and evaluate technology that could accelerate the viability of lithium production from clay resources in the region.”