

China, India Surge Ahead in Platts Top 250 Global Energy Company Rankings

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"Chinese and Indian companies' recent surge forward in the energy industry has been increasingly reflected in the Platts Top 250 roster," said Larry Neal, president of Platts, a leading global energy, petrochemical and metals information provider. "The fact that these Asian companies are outperforming themselves year after year is a testament to the region's enormous growth and energy demand."

Most indicative of the Asia-Pacific region's growth was its dominance of the 50 Fastest Growing Companies list. Asia-Pacific companies accounted for 30 of the 50, based on a three-year compound growth rate (CGR).

Of the 23 Chinese companies in the global Top 250 rankings, 20 appeared on the 50 Fastest Growing list. Similarly, India made an impressive showing, with half of its 12 Top 250 companies also among the 50 fastest growing companies. It was Cairn India Ltd. that topped the global fastest growing ranks, with a three-year CGR of 119.8%. New Top 250 entrant Kunlun Energy Co. Ltd. of Hong Kong was in third place with a 69.6% CGR.

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ExxonMobil reigned supreme in the number one spot of the Top 250 roster for the eighth consecutive year. Anglo-Dutch major Royal Dutch Shell plc moved up from sixth position to second, displacing U.S. major Chevron to third. ConocoPhillips dropped one place from seventh to eighth.

Although French major Total slipped from fifth position to seventh, other European majors saw improvements. Like Shell, Norway's Statoil also ascended, climbing from 11(th) place to sixth between the 2011 and 2012 rosters. One of the standout movers among the Top 10 and the overall rankings was BP. The U.K. oil major took fourth position on this year's list, after having plummeted from second place in 2010 to 118(th) place last year after more than \$38 billion in losses from the Macondo oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

Other majors, including Russian oil and gas giants, held on to their relatively high global rankings, despite slipping in the standings. Gazprom (Open Joint Stock Company - OJSC Gazprom) dropped to fifth place this year from third place, while Rosneft dipped from ninth to 10(th). OJSC LUKOIL slipped out of the Top 10 this year to 11(th) place.

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In the lead was Russian natural gas E&P company OAO NOVATEK, with an ROIC of 35.5% and an overall Top 250 ranking of 74. Just behind, by only 0.2%, is Coal India Ltd. South Africa's Exxaro Resources Ltd., a new entrant to the Platts global listing, was the other coal company to make the Top 10 ROIC ranks, with a return on invested capital of 22.8%.

It's notable that of the leading ten ROIC performers, only one was among the Top 10 of the overall Top 250 roster - ExxonMobil - which came in with an ROIC of 23.1%.

Other firms on the Top 10 ROIC roster were Russia's TNK-BP, Colombia's Ecopetrol, Brazil's Electropaulo Metropolitana Eletricidade de Sao Paulo SA, Japan's TonenGeneral Sekiyu K.K., Hong Kong-based China National Offshore Oil Company (CNOOC) Limited and Canada's Imperial Oil.

Top 250 Newcomers and "Biggest Mover"

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Of companies already on the Top 250 list, the year's "biggest mover" was U.S. exploration and production company EOG Resources, Inc., which jumped 146 places to position 87 from the prior year's 233.

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