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CANADIAN ANALYSTS' CALLS

INITIATIONS

MAV Beauty Brands (TSX:MAV) RBC starts coverage with an "outperform" and a price target of \$17 (Canadian), which gives the stock 31% upside. RBC says, *"...MAV presents an attractive investment opportunity given our outlook for strong adjusted EBITDA growth, its robust free cash flow profile, and its relative valuation, which reflects a discount to the Global Personal Care peer group"*.

CIBC also begins coverage of MAV with an "outperformer" and a target of \$17. Jefferies starts with a "buy" and a \$15 target. Raymond James: "strong buy", \$18. Canaccord: "buy", \$18.

Profound Medical (TSXV:PRN) Canaccord Genuity initiates coverage with a "buy" and a \$2 target.

Suncor (TSX:SU) Mizuho starts coverage with a "buy" and a target of \$61 calling the energy company a *"best-in-class capital allocator entering a multi-year execution and cash harvest phase"*.

Manulife (TSX:MFC) Canaccord Genuity begins coverage with a "buy", calling the life insurer a "top pick" with a price target of \$29. **Great-West Lifeco (TSX:GW)** Canaccord starts with a "buy" and a target of \$38. **Industrial Alliance (TSX:IAG)**

The same analyst begins with a "buy" and a \$60 target.

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Jadestone (TSXV:JSE) GMP FirstEnergy upgrades to "buy" and boosts the target to \$1.40 from \$1.10.

Cogeco (TSX:CCA) Desjardins upgrades to "buy" and keeps its \$82 target. Canaccord Genuity also raises to "buy" and hikes the target to \$79 from \$73.

West Fraser Timber (TSX:WFT) CIBC reiterates "top pick" rating and a target of \$112, which implies 38% gains.



U.S. ANALYSTS' CALLS

Alphabet (NASDAQ:GOOGL) RBC lifts the target to \$1,400 (U.S.) from \$1,285, implying 16% upside, and maintains an "outperform" after the company's earnings report. Barclays increases the target to \$1,415 from \$1,350.

Cadence Design Systems (NASDAQ:CDNS) RBC hikes the target to \$53 from \$50, giving the shares 16% upside, and maintains an "outperform".

STOCKS THAT MAY MOVE

Aecon Group (TSX:ARE) has named Jean-Louis Servranckx as its president and CEO, effective Sept. 4. Current CEO John Beck will assume his previous role as executive chair of the board.

Canadian National (TSX:CNR) is taking the interim handle off Jean-Jacques Rouest's title and making him CEO.

Barrick Gold (TSX:ABX) Long-time executive Kelvin Dushnisky is leaving his role as president to become CEO of AngloGold Ashanti.

Gear Energy (TSX:GXE) is buying Steppe Resources, a private oil and gas company, for \$70.4 million, including the assumption of nearly \$41 million in debt.

VersaPay (TSXV:VPY) says a major U.S. distributor has chosen its collections management solution called ARC for its U.S. and Canadian operations.

Aphria (TSX:APH) is amending its agreement with **Liberty Health Sciences (CSE:LHS)** to include a "lock-up or stand-still agreement" whereby Aphria will have the ability, over an 18-month period, to buy back shares in Liberty should U.S. federal laws on marijuana change. Aphria owns more than 23% of Liberty and has been incrementally selling them in order to comply with TSX requirements regarding listed companies owning shares in U.S.-operated cannabis companies.

Alaris Royalty (TSX:AD) reported record quarterly revenue of \$28.4 million or 7 cents per share. The company said, "We are pleased to be announcing our largest revenue quarter in our 10 years as a public company."

United Technologies (NYSE:UTX) beats estimates and raises its forecast.

Harley-Davidson (NYSE:HOG) beat estimates for the sixth straight quarter but warned that EU tariffs will squeeze profit margins.

Biogen (NASDAQ:BIIB) beats estimates and raises its forecast.

With files from The Globe and Mail, Reuters and Bloomberg News.

MARKETS

TSX and U.S. equity futures are higher as China indicates its enacting policies to support growth, and Google owner Alphabet reported solid earnings results.

European stock indices are higher led by UBS following its earnings, while China's Shanghai Composite moved up 1.5% in overnight trading.

CURRENCIES

The Canadian dollar is slightly higher at \$75.94 U.S.

Bitcoin continues its run higher, up by 5.8% to \$8,163, according to CoinDesk.

COMMODITIES

West Texas Intermediate is higher 0.5% at \$68.23 a barrel.

Gold is flat at \$1,225.00 an ounce.

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