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CANADIAN ANALYSTS' CALLS

INITIATIONS

Encana (TSX:ECA). Nothing thrilling here but Mizuho starts coverage with a "neutral" and gives the company a price target of \$8 (Canadian).

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Precision Drilling (TSX:PD). Raymond James upgrades to "strong buy" and maintains a \$5 price target partly due to the company's *"free cash flow potential"*. See below for news on PD.

Canadian National Railway (TSX:CNR).

JP Morgan lifts the target to \$119 from \$116 following the company's earnings results. See below for more.



U.S. ANALYSTS' CALLS

Nike (NYSE:NKE) gets its price target raised by UBS to \$82 (U.S.) from \$78.

Apple (NASDAQ:AAPL). Morgan Stanley cuts the price target to \$197 from \$211. See below for more.

Whirlpool (NYSE:WHR). RBC downgrades to "underperform" and maintains a target of \$111.

Raymond James downgrades to "market perform", while JP Morgan hikes its target on the appliance maker to \$140 from \$120.

STOCKS THAT MAY MOVE

Precision Drilling (TAX:PD;NYSE:PDS) will take a 2018 year-end goodwill impairment charge of \$206 million related to its Canadian Drilling *"cash-generating unit."*

Canfor (TSX:CFP) is temporarily suspending operations at three of its B.C. mills, "due to log supply constraints, log costs and current market conditions."

Maxar Technologies (TSX:MAXR;NYSE:MAXR)

and certain officers are facing a class action lawsuit filed by Pomerantz LLP in U.S. District Court in Colorado.

The lawsuit is:

"...on behalf of a class consisting of all persons other than defendants who purchased or otherwise acquired Maxar securities between March 29, 2018 through January 7, 2019" and "seeking to recover damages caused by defendants' violations of the federal securities laws."

The complaint alleges the defendants:

"...made materially false and misleading statements regarding the company's business, operational and compliance policies."

Liberty Health Science (CSE:LHS). Pomerantz LLP has also filed class action lawsuit against this cannabis company and certain officers in U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York:

"...on behalf of a class consisting of all persons and entities, other than defendants and their affiliates, who purchased or otherwise acquired Liberty common stock between June 28, 2018, and December 3, 2018.

The complaint alleges, among other things, that:

"...defendants made false and/or misleading statements and/or failed to disclose that:

(i) Liberty, in conjunction with Aphria, was involved in a scheme whereby numerous fraudulent acquisitions and transactions were made to provide undue benefits to both companies' insiders; and

(ii) as a result, Liberty's public statements were materially false and misleading at all relevant times."

Canadian National Railway (TSX:CNR) beat analysts estimates with its quarterly earnings and raised its dividend by 18%.

Apple (NASDAQ:AAPL) results were mostly in line with the company's earlier profit warning due primarily to a slowdown in China. The stock is up in premarket trading partly due to strong growth in Apple's services business.

Alibaba (NYSE:BABA) grew its quarterly revenue at the slowest pace in three years due in part to the U.S. and China trade war but net income rose 33% from last year, which has the stock higher in pre-market trade.

MARKETS

The TSX and U.S. equity futures are higher on the back of earnings numbers from Apple and Boeing, and as U.S. and China trade talks resume. Investors are also awaiting comments from Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell.

Microsoft, Facebook and Tesla are due to report earnings after the closing bell.

CURRENCIES

The Canadian dollar is up 0.4% \$0.7565 (U.S).

COMMODITIES

West Texas Intermediate is up by 1% to \$53.87 a barrel.

Gold is at an eight month high at \$1,316.30 an ounce.

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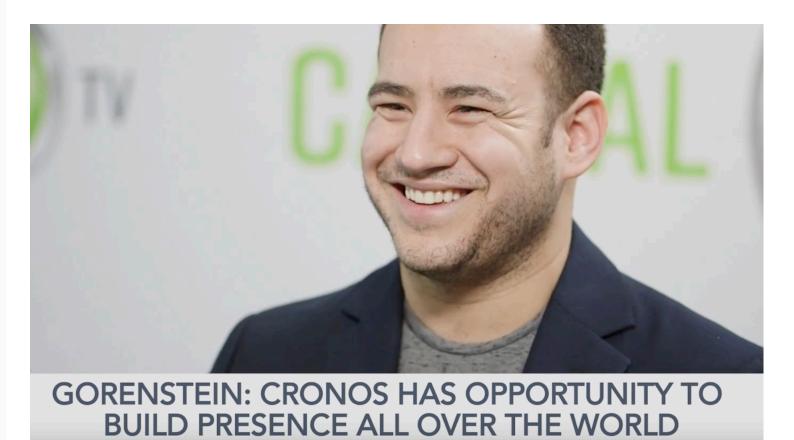
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