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## CANADIAN ANALYSTS' CALLS

People Corp. (TSXV:PEO). This cover story from our January 29 issue has been rated a new "buy" at Desjardins Securities with a price target of \$9.50 (Canadian), which gives the shares more than 20% upside.

The analyst sees "tremendous organic and M&A runway over the near and medium term."

## CLS Holdings USA (CSE:CLSH).

Canaccord Genuity starts coverage on this Miami-based cannabis producer and retailer with a "speculative buy" and a price target of \$1.50.

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## Village Farms Int'l (TSX:VFF;NASDAQ:VFF).

Beacon Securities doubles the target to \$32 from \$16, implying 177% upside, and maintains a "buy" as the cannabis producer starts trading on the Nasdaq.

We've followed VFF since our first interview with the CEO in September of 2017 when the stock was trading below \$2. It closed Thursday at \$12.99.

Cargojet (TSX:CJT). Beacon Securities hikes the target to \$105 from \$94, raises the 2019 revenue and EBITDA estimates, while lowering the

EPS expectation, and maintains a "buy" after the company beat forecasts with its quarterly earnings.

CJT was our December 18, 2018 cover idea when it was trading just under \$66. it closed yesterday at \$83.40, a gain of 27%.

theScore (TSXV:SCR). The company has been named to the TSX Venture Exchange's annual Venture 50 list, which hi-lights the fastest-growing small cap stocks. The stock rose 88% in 2018.

First Quantum (TSX:FM). CIBC hikes the price target to \$18 from \$17, increases the earnings estimates, and reiterates "outperformer".

Kirkland Lake Gold (TSX:KL). CIBC boosts the target to \$53 from \$48 and reiterates "outperformer".

TD raises the target on KL to \$55 from \$52 and lowers the rating to "hold".

Loblaw (TSX:L). CIBC moves the target to \$76 from \$70 and maintains "outperformer".

Raymond James lifts the target on the retailer to \$71 from \$66.

Desjardins downgrades to "hold" on valuation

and raised the target to \$70 from \$66.

Gildan Activewear (TSX:GIL). CIBC lifts the target to \$34 (U.S.) from \$31 and reiterates a "neutral" rating.

Exchange Income Fund (TSX:EIF). CIBC raises the price target to \$38.50 (Canadian) from \$37.50, increases the earnings estimates, and maintains a "neutral" rating.



## U.S. ANALYSTS' CALLS

Kraft Heinz (NASDAQ:KHC). JP Morgan cuts to "neutral" and lowers the target to \$37 (U.S.) from \$52. See below for "disastrous" news from the company.

Winnebago (NYSE:WGO) gets its target raised to \$40 from \$34 by SunTrust RH.

## STOCKS THAT MAY MOVE

Barrick Gold (TSX:ABX;NYSE:ABX), which is busy digesting Randgold, is said to be studying a \$19 billion (Canadian) hostile offer for Newmont Mining, which is busy digesting Goldcorp. This according to The Globe and Mail. Saputo (TSX:SAP) has made an offer of \$1.7 billion to buy Dairy Crest of the U.K.

RBC (TSX:RBC) matched earnings expectations and raised its quarterly dividend as it kicked off earnings season for the big banks.

Kraft Heinz (NASDAQ:KHC) is down 20% in pre-market trading after posting a quarterly loss, announcing a SEC investigation, cutting its dividend and taking write downs of \$15.4 billion. Not what Warren Buffet and Berkshire Hathway had in mind when it orchestrated the big merger a few years ago.

Canopy Growth (TSX:WEED;NYSE:CGC) and Alimentation Couche-Tard (TSX:ATD.B) have struck a multi-year deal for cannabis products.

SNC-Lavalin (TSX:SNC). The controversial company took a quarterly loss as it absorbed a \$1.2 billion charge and cut its quarterly dividend from \$0.287 per share to \$0.10 per share.

Hudson's Bay (TSX:HBC) is closing all 37 of its Home Outfitters stores in Canada and 20 of its Saks Off 5th stores in the U.S.

Enerflex (TSX:EFX) says its CEO is retiring and will be replaced by the COO.

## **MARKETS**

The TSX and U.S. equity futures have started

higher as U.S. President Donald Trump meets today with China's Vice Premier about trade.

### **CURRENCIES**

**The Canadian dollar** is up 0.3% \$0.7581 (U.S.).

## **COMMODITIES**

West Texas Intermediate is up by 1.3% to \$57.73 a barrel

**Gold** is up 0.2% to \$1,331.10 an ounce.

# **Daily Update**



Paul Beattie of the BT Global Growth hedge fund

was very informative in our live show on Wednesday.

Watch the replay for Beattie's Five Top Picks, his cash flow-focused criteria for picking stocks, and how you can profit from the inefficient Canadian stock market - with Stelco, being a great example.

The <u>new Digest</u> features **Nine Top- Ranked Canadian REITS**, and opinion on why it's **too early to buy U.S. cannabis stocks**.

And you ca listen to the <u>podcast version</u> of our live show with **Bruce Campbell**.

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