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CANADIAN ANALYSTS' CALLS

ProntoForms (TSXV:PFM) Beacon Securities raises the price target to \$0.85 (Canadian) from \$0.55, implying 60% upside, and maintains a "buy" rating.

goeasy (TSX:GSY). Beacon Securities maintains its "buy" and \$70 target, suggesting 65% upside, after the alternative lender delivered record quarterly revenue and operating income, and raised its dividend by 38%.

Constellation Software (TSX:CSU). BMO Research raises the target to \$1,200 from \$1,140 and maintains an "outperform" saying the company can sustain EBITDA and cash flow growth, which makes the stock attractive.

Allied Properties REIT (TSX:AP.UN) CIBC raises the price target to \$51 from \$46 and reiterates "outperformer" rating.

Telus (TSX:T). Canaccord Genuity lifts the target to \$51 from \$49 after the company delivered solid quarterly subscriber numbers and EBITDA.

Chemtrade Logistics (TSX:CHE.UN). CIBC lowers the target to \$11 from \$14 and maintains "neutral".

Canada Goose (TSX:GOOS). CIBC reduces the target to \$95 from \$104 and reiterates "outperformer".



U.S. ANALYSTS' CALLS

Applied Materials (NASDAQ:AMAT) JP Morgan ups the target to \$50 (U.S.) from \$47 on improved fundamentals.

STOCKS THAT MAY MOVE

Canopy Growth (TSX:WEED;NYSE:CGC) is up 6% in pre-market trading as quarterly revenue surged 256% to \$83 million (Canadian), beating estimates.

The cannabis producer turned a profit of nearly \$75 million although it took an operating loss of \$157 million. This as 71% of the company's sales came from the recreational market.

Aphria (TSX:APHA;NYSE:APHA) is higher in pre-market trading after its special committee of independent directors concluded that the company's controversial Latin American asset purchases were within an acceptable price range. The committee also says:

"...certain of the non-independent directors of the Company had conflicting interests in the Acquisition that were not fully disclosed to the Board."

Aphria's committee also made a number of corporate governance and management practice recommendations.

Aphria CEO *Vic Neufeld* will officially step down from his role, and as a director of the company, on March 1.

Killam Apartment REIT (TSX:KMP.UN).

A couple of REITs are raising money as Killam has arranged \$75 million in a bought deal financing by selling nearly 4.4 million units for \$17.10 each.

NorthWest Healthcare Properties REIT (TSX:NWH.UN). And NorthWest is

raising \$125 million in the same fashion by selling 11,740,000 units at \$10.65 each.

Suncor (TSX:SU) Berkshire Hathaway has taken a stake in the energy company for the second time in six years by buying 10.8 million shares, about 0.7% of the total common shares outstanding.

Air Canada (TSX:AC) beat analysts estimates with its quarterly earnings, ex-items, but took a net loss of \$231 million versus a small profit last year and forecast higher costs in 2019.

Enbridge (TSX:ENB) had more than \$1 billion in quarterly net income, about four times more than last year, and beat analysts estimates, as it transported more crude oil through its pipelines.

Deere & Co. (NYSE:DE) came in with profit that rose 14% from last year but below estimates as the heavy equipment maker cited higher costs and slowing trade, specifically in China.

eBay (NASDAQ:EBAY) could see some action today as regulatory filings show that prominent hedge funds and banks such as JP Morgan that invest for institutional clients bought millions of shares in the e-commerce firm in the fourth quarter of last year.

MARKETS

The TSX and U.S. equity futures are higher as Chinese President Xi Jinping said trade talks with the U.S. are progressing and would continue next week in Washington.

European stock indices in Germany, France and the UK are higher by between 0.4% and 1%.

In Asia overnight, the Shanghai Composite Index fell 1.4%, Japan's Nikkei lost 1.1%, and Hong Kong's Hang Seng fell 1.9%.

CURRENCIES

The Canadian dollar is up 0.2% at \$0.7533 (U.S).

COMMODITIES

West Texas Intermediate continues its strength higher by 1.2% to \$55.10 a barrel

Gold is up 0.5% to \$1,319.80 an ounce.

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