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# CANADIAN ANALYSTS' CALLS

### Charlotte's Web Holdings (CSE:CWEB).

Canaccord Genuity hikes the price target to \$26 (Canadian) from \$21 and maintains a "buy" rating, saying the U.S. farm bill will likely prove to be a key catalyst for the company, and that CWEB "remains one of our Top Picks for 2019."

Canadian Solar (NASDAQ:CSIQ). UBS raises to "neutral" from sell and hikes the target to \$23 (U.S.) from \$14 citing recent changes to China's solar tariffs policy.

Ivanhoe Mines (TSX:IVN). Paradigm Capital upgrades to "buy" and moves the target to \$4.80 (Canadian) from \$4.

CT REIT (TSX:CRT.UN). BMO Nesbitt Burns names an "outperform" from suspended coverage with a target of \$16.

IGM Financial (TSX:IGM). CIBC lifts the price

target to \$41 from \$39 and maintains "outperformer".

BCE (TSX:BCE). JP Morgan moves the target to \$62 from \$59 on the company's wireless business.

Shopify (TSX:SHOP;NYSE:SHOP). RBC ups the target to \$180 (U.S.) from \$159 and maintains "sector perform" saying it expects Q4 revenue to be "strong".

Canadian Tire (TSX:CTC). Barclays downgrades to "equal weight" and lowers the target to \$166 (Canadian) from \$193, saying the retailer is "making all the right moves" but faces a "daunting" challenge from Amazon.com.



# U.S. ANALYSTS' CALLS

Tesla (NASDAQ:TSLA). Canaccord Genuity raises the target to \$450 (U.S.) from \$330 saying the electric vehicle maker's last two quarters and recent forecast have removed significant concerns about the Model 3.

# STOCKS THAT MAY MOVE

Solium Capital (TSX:SUM). Morgan Stanley is buying the Canadian stock plan manager

company for \$1.1 billion (Canadian) in cash at \$19.15 a share, a 43% premium to Friday's close of \$13.36.

Royal Nickel (TSX:RNX). Eric Sprott, who owns more than 10% of the company, recently bought \$732,000 worth of shares at an average price of \$0.62 a share. The stock closed Friday at \$0.72.

Restaurant Brands (TSX:QSR;NYSE:QSR) is up 4% in pre-market trading following its earnings results.

Green Growth Brands (CSE:GGB). A trio of minor cannabis deals with the company that's trying to buy Aphria saying it has struck an agreement that gives it access to 108 shop locations in U.S. malls owned and operated by the Simon Property Group (NYSE:SPG).

Trulieve Cannabis (CSE:TRUL) has signed an agreement with Colorado-based Love's Oven to bring their edible cannabis-infused baked goods, craft concentrates, and other products to Florida.

TerrAscend (CSE:TER) said it will make "significant investment" in three entities in California operating the dispensary brand known as "The Apothecarium."

#### Apollo Global Management (NYSE:APO)

is nearing a deal to buy 14 regional tv stations from Cox Enterprises for as much as \$3 billion (U.S.).

Nasdaq (NASDAQ:NDAQ) has been outbid by Euronext, which has bid \$786 million for Oslo Bors, the Norwegian stock exchange. But the exchange still backs the Nasdaq offer as does its largest shareholder.

#### **MARKETS**

The TSX and U.S. equity futures are pointing to a positive start to the week with U.S. and China trade talks set to resume in China, and investors anticipating a deluge of earnings from the likes of Aurora Cannabis, Shopify and MTY Food Group.

China's stock exchanges reopened after the New Year's break with the Shanghai Composite rising 1.4%.

## **CURRENCIES**

The Canadian dollar is flat by at \$0.7530 (U.S).

### **COMMODITIES**

**West Texas Intermediate** is lower by 0.8% at \$52.28 a barrel.

**Gold** is also down 0.8% to \$1,308.20 an ounce.

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# Daily update

Cannabis without growing the actual plant?

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