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CANADIAN ANALYSTS' CALLS

INITIATIONS

HEXO (TSX:HEXO;A:HEXO), Aurora Cannabis (TSX:ACB;NYSE;ACB), Canopy Growth (TSX:WEED;NYSE:CGC).

Desjardins Securities starts coverage with a "buy" rating on HEXO and ACB, and a "hold" on WEED, with price targets of \$14 (Canadian), \$16.50 and \$74, respectively.

The analyst says HEXO has the most upside potential and is currently "cheap".

Valens GroWorks (CSE:VGW). Mackie Research raises the price target to \$6.75 from \$6, giving the stock a **projected return of 61%**, and maintains a "buy" rating after the company released its financial results, and announced a supply deal with HEXO.

Watch Valens CEO <u>Tyler Robson</u> explain how the company plans to grow its cannabis

extraction business.

Savaria (TSX:SIS). Cormark Securities resumes coverage with a "buy" and a target of \$15.75. The stock closed Thursday at \$13.43. Savaria closed a \$70 million financing in which Cormark participated.

Waste Connections (TSX:WCN;NYSE:WCN) gets its target raised to \$100 (U.S.) from \$96, and its rating held at "outperformer" by CIBC.

Altacorp goes the other way on WCN reducing to "sector perform" with a target of \$130 (Canadian).



U.S. ANALYSTS' CALLS

American Express (NYSE:AXP) gets raised to "overweight" by Morgan Stanley on its robust revenue growth.

STOCKS THAT MAY MOVE

Aecon Group (TSX:ARE) reported Q1 revenue of \$650 million, ahead of expectations of nearly \$523 million. The company took a loss of nearly \$10 million or 16 cents a share, versus analysts estimates of a loss of 31 cents.

Aecon was trading around \$15.30 when we made it a cover story in late May of last year. The stock got to nearly \$20 and closed Thursday at \$17.52. Not bad.

Aphria (TSX:APHA;NYSE:APHA). Remember that convoluted offer for the cannabis producer from Green Growth Brands. Well, forget about that. Aphria says the bid "has failed to meet the statutory minimum tender condition and has now expired and is terminated."

Aphria gets an \$89 million payment for its troubles.

Husky Energy (TSX:HSE) saw profit rise 32% in its quarter compared to last year.

Interfor (TSX:IFP) will "temporarily reduce production" across its B.C. operations in May, citing "a combination of weak lumber prices and continuing high log costs."

Amazon.com (NASDAQ:AMZN) handily beat estimates with its earnings but it's forecast was shy of forecasts.

Ford Motor (NYSE:F) had better than expected earnings results thanks in part to strong sales of pickup trucks in the U.S.

Intel (NASDAQ:INTC) is cutting its sales and

earnings forecast.

Uber says it's looking to raise as much as \$10.35 billion in its IPO, giving it a valuation of between \$83 billion and \$91 billion. The ride sharing service lost \$1 billion in its latest quarter.

MARKETS

The TSX and U.S. stock futures are mixed as U.S. quarterly GDP came in at a higher than expected 3.2% rate of growth.

CURRENCIES

The Canadian dollar is inching higher at \$0.7421.

COMMODITIES

West Texas Intermediate is down 1.5% at \$64.23 a barrel.

Gold is up 0.3% at \$1,285.20 an ounce.

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