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CANADIAN ANALYSTS' CALLS

INITIATIONS

Terra-X Minerals (TSXV:TXR).

Beacon Securities starts coverage with a "speculative buy" rating and no price target, saying the gold exploration company has an "attractive land position" near Yellowknife. TXR closed Wednesday at \$0.36 (Canadian).

Columbia Care (NEO:CCHW).

(Formerly known as Canaccord Genuity Growth Corp.). Cannaccord Genuity starts coverage on this multi-state U.S. cannabis operator with a "speculative buy" and a target of \$20, which implies more than double.

Athabasca Minerals (TSXV:ABM). Cormark Securities reiterates "buy" rating and \$1.40 target, implying 175% upside, encouraging investors to "buy aggressively", after the company increased its stake in the Duvernay frac sand project from 16.2% to nearly 50%. ABM is expected to release a 43–101 resource report on the project next month.

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Park Lawn (TSX:PLC). CIBC ups the target to

\$32 from \$30, hikes the EPS estimates, and maintains "outperformer" after the company bought two cemetery and funeral home assets in the U.S. for \$101.5 million.

Capital Power (TSX:CPX) is upgraded to "buy" at Industrial Alliance with the target getting boosted to \$34 from \$32. Meanwhile, BMO Nesbitt Burns downgrades to "market perform" with a target of \$30.

Paramount Resources (TSX:POU) gets upgraded to "strong buy" at Raymond James and the target is lifted to \$17.50 from \$17.

Peyton Exploration (TSX:PEY). GMP FirstEnergy upgrades to "buy" with a \$9.50 target.

Step Energy (TSX:STEP). Scotiabank upgrades to "outperform" with the target staying at \$3.75.

Finning Int'l (TSX:FTT) gets upgraded to "buy" with the target going to \$29 from \$28.

Wesdome Gold Mines (TSX:WDO). Eight Capital upgrades to "buy" with a target of \$5.25.

AltaGas (TSX:ACI). RBC moves the target to \$23 from \$20.

Thomson Reuters (TSX:TRI). CIBC moves the target to \$63 (U.S.) from \$60, increases the EPS estimates and reiterates "outperformer" after the company released quarterly financial results.



U.S. ANALYSTS' CALLS

Microchip Technology (NASDAQ:MCHP).

Morgan Stanley raises the target to \$80 from \$75 on the company's strong profit margin performance.

Ralph Lauren (NYSE:RL) upgraded to "outperform" by RBC Dominion with the target raised to \$145 from \$135.

STOCKS THAT MAY MOVE

Uber (NYSE:UBER) goes public today at a valuation of what's expected to be about \$85 billion with profitability nowhere in sight.

Cronos Group (TSX:CRON;NASDAQ:CRON) turned a small profit in its quarter from a loss last year.

Chevron (CVX) is up after walking away from its attempt to buy Anadarko. CVX gets a \$1

billion termination fee.

Transat A.T. (TSX:TRZ)

said that the Quebec Superior Court has approved a plan of arrangement that allows the company to increase permitted foreign ownership levels to the levels permitted under the Canada Transportation Act to 49% from 25%. TRZ said last month it's evaluating unsolicited takeover offers.

ECN Capital (TSX:ECN) absorbed a Q1 net loss of nearly \$23 million (Canadian) versus a profit of \$3.3 million last year. The company also said CEO Steven Hudson has agreed to extend his employment contract to 2023.

Quebecor (TSX:QBR.B) grew its earnings from last year, and increased its quarterly dividend to 11.25 cents per share from 5.5 cents.

Magna Int'l (TSX:MG;NYSE:MG.A) missed analysts estimates with its earnings and lowered its full-year financial forecast.

Canadian Natural Resources (TSX:CNQ) handily beat analysts estimates with its quarterly earnings based on higher prices for crude oil.

Novartis (NYSE:NVS) is buying a dry eye drug from Japan's Takeda for up to \$5.3 billion (U.S.).

Edgewell Personal Care (NYSE:EPC). The maker

of Schick and Wilkinson razors is buying startup Harry's Shaving for \$1.3 billion in stock and cash.

MARKETS

The TSX and U.S. stock indices have started sharply lower as all-time highs continue to give way to profit-taking, concerns about trade after Trump said China "broke the deal", and seasonal effects.

CURRENCIES

The Canadian dollar is lower at \$0.7409 (U.S.).

COMMODITIES

West Texas Intermediate is sitting at \$61.50 a barrel.

Gold is up a bit at \$1,282.60 an ounce.

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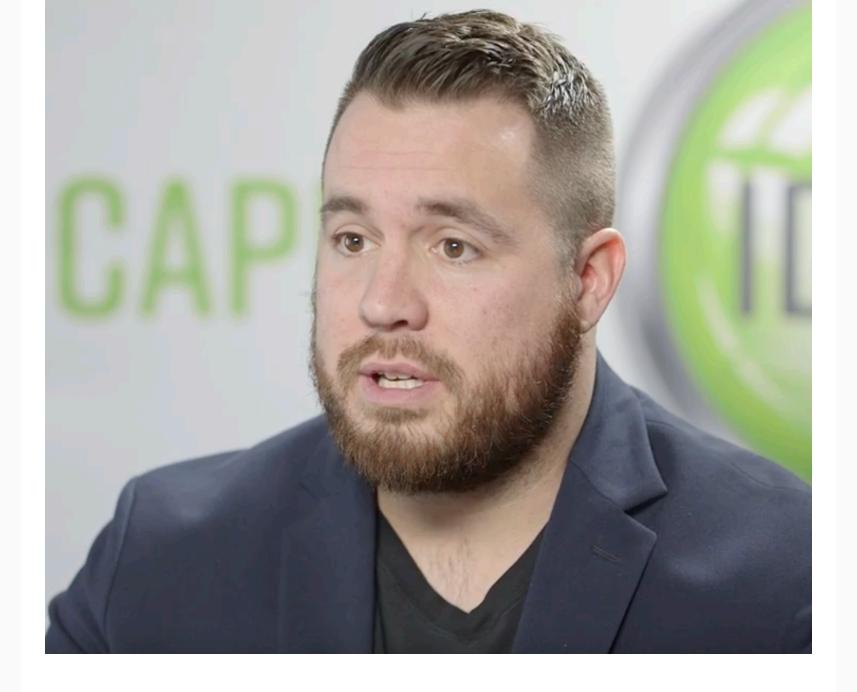
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