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CANADIAN ANALYSTS' CALLS

Tecsys (**TSX:TCS**). Beacon Securities raises the price target to \$18 (Canadian) from \$15 and maintains a "buy" rating, while Laurentian Bank Securities ups the target to \$19 from \$17 and maintains a "buy".

Yamana Gold (TSX:YRI;NYSE:AUY). CIBC moves the price target to \$4.40 (U.S.) from \$4 and reiterates "outperformer".

Alimentation Couche-Tard (TSX:ATD.B).

Desjardins Securities raises the target to \$93 (Canadian) from \$88, lifts its EPS estimates for 2020, and maintains a "buy" after the company's earnings release.

Cardinal Resources (TSX:CDV).

Beacon Securities raises the target to \$1.25 from \$1.15, which implies a gain of nearly 190%, and maintains a "buy" rating on Cardinal Resources (not Cardinal Energy as was reported yesterday).

Canadian Natural Resources (TSX:CNQ;NYSE:CNQ). Wells Fargo downgrades to "underperform" and cuts the target to \$29 from \$38.

U.S. ANALYSTS' CALLS

Lululemon (NASDAQ:LULU).

J.P. Morgan hikes its price target to \$230 (U.S.) from \$200 and RBC lifts its target to \$215 from \$200 and maintains "outperform" on the retailer, which beat analysts' quarterly earnings estimates, saw direct-to-consumer revenue rise 30%, and raised its forecast.

PepsiCo (NYSE:PEP). Credit Suisse raises the target to \$117 from \$110 saying the company's U.S. beverages business is showing signs of improvement.

Costco (NASDAQ:COST). Stifel Nicolaus raises the target to \$310 from \$289.

STOCKS THAT MAY MOVE

Inter Pipeline (TSX:ITP). Li Ka-Shing's CK Infrastructure made a \$12.4 billion (Canadian) offer to buy the company at \$30 a share, a 30% premium to where the company was trading at the time, according to The Globe and Mail. ITP rejected the offer for a number of reasons including perceived political risks.

Innergex Renewable Energy (TSX:INE)

is raising \$125 million by issuing convertible debentures through a syndicate of underwriters. The proceeds will be used to pay down debt and

redeem outstanding debentures.

Slate Office REIT (TSX:SOT.UN) is selling a building in Burlington, Ontario for \$52.2 million.

Marathon Gold (TSX:MOZ)

has struck a \$20 million bought deal private placement with a syndicate of underwriters which will buy a combination of flow-through units and common share units. Franco-Nevada (TSX:FNV;NYSE:FNV), which acquired a 2% net smelter return royalty in February, intends to participate in the offering.

CannTrust Holdings (TSX:TRST;NYSE:CTST).

Further fallout from the company's illegal grow rooms scandal as it's cutting its workforce by about 180 people, or 20%, which it says will save about \$9 million annually and cost \$2 million in severance.

BNN Bloomberg is also reporting that black market cannabis seeds made their way into the company's operations.

Alibaba (NYSE:BABA) is buying the e-commerce business Koala from NetEase (NASDAQ:NTES) for \$2 billion (U.S.). It's also investing \$700 million in the music streaming business of NetEase.

Exxon Mobil (NYSE:XOM) has agreed to sell

its oil and gas assets in Norway for as much as \$4 billion to Var Energi, according to Reuters, which would end the company's production in the country where it started operations more than 100 years ago.

MARKETS

S&P/TSX and U.S. equity futures pared their gains after the U.S. added 130,00 jobs in August, fewer than the 160,000 expected, with the unemployment rate staying at 3.7%. June and July job gains were revised downward.

Canada's economy added 81,100 in August versus expectations for a gain of about 20,000. The country has created 471,300 jobs in the past 12 months, the most in a year since 2003. The unemployment rate held steady at 5.7%.

China has cut banks' reserve ratios, the amount of cash they have to have in reserve, for the third time this year, to the lowest level since 2007, releasing more than \$126 billion in liquidity.

CURRENCIES

The Canadian dollar is up 0.3% at \$0.7580 (U.S.) after the strong jobs data.

COMMODITIES

West Texas Intermediate is down 1.7% to \$55.36 a barrel.

Gold is treading water at \$1,524.60 an ounce following a sharp downturn on Thursday.

DAILY UPDATE

This week's <u>Capital Ideas Digest</u> updates its outperforming **Dividend All-Stars** list and reveals **three new additions** that make the grade.

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