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CANADIAN ANALYSTS' CALLS

Blackberry (TSX:BB;NASDAQ:BBRY)

gets downgraded to "neutral" by CIBC from outperformer and the target is slashed to \$6.50 (U.S.) from \$13 due to the slowing growth shown in its recent quarter.

U.S. ANALYSTS' CALLS

Nike (NYSE:NKE). Telsey Advisory Group lifts the target to \$105 from \$95 following the company's earnings report. See below.

Chipotle Mexican Grill (NYSE:CMG).

Jefferies raises the target to \$820 from \$700 citing sustained same-store sales gains and improved operational efficiency.

STOCKS THAT MAY MOVE

MediPharm Labs (TSX:LABS) and TerrAscend (CSE:TER) have announced a deal in which LABS will produce up to \$192 million (Canadian) of private label cannabis distillate for TerrAscend over three years.

Bird Construction (TSX:BDT) has signed a construction management contract with Westwood Construction to build a mixed-use

development in Halifax worth \$140 million.

Baytex Energy (TSX:BTE;NYSE:BTE) said COO Jason Jaskela and vice president exploration Jonathan Grimwood are no longer with the company, and Kevin Olson has stepped down from the board of directors. Baytex is forecasting 2019 exploration and development expenditures of about \$560 million.

Condor Petroleum (TSX:CPI) surged 92% to \$0.25 a share on Tuesday after the company said it was selling certain assets in Kazakhstan for \$32.7 million. Let's keep the enthusiasm in perspective though because this was a \$2.80 stock in 2015.

Nike (NYSE:NKE) is up 5% pre-market after its quarterly revenue beat analysts estimates and gross profit margins improved.

Altria (NYSE:MO) and Philip Morris (NYSE:PM) have called off their merger plans. Meanwhile, the CEO of Juul, of which Altria owns a 35% stake, has stepped down and is being replaced by Altria's chief growth officer. Juul also said it will stop all advertising as the vaping crisis escalates and the industry faces more regulatory scrutiny.

eBay (NASDAQ:EBAY) says its CEO Devon Wenig is stepping down.

Lithium Americas (NYSE:LAC) has cut its budget and production target for a proposed Nevada mine to \$400 million (U.S.) on the first phase of its Thacker Pass project with output of 20,000 tonnes of lithium annually instead of the original forecast of \$581 million and 30,000 tonnes.

MARKETS

S&P/TSX and U.S. equity futures are lower in the wake of the Democratic-controlled U.S. House of Representatives opening an impeachment inquiry into President Donald Trump.

CURRENCIES

The Canadian dollar is off 0.2% to \$0.7531 (U.S.).

COMMODITIES

West Texas Intermediate is down 1.7% to \$56.30 a barrel as the American Petroleum institute showed a surprise build in inventories in its weekly report, and Saudi Arabia restores capacity more quickly than expected after the recent attack.

Gold is down 0.4% at \$1,533.80 an ounce.

DAILY UPDATE



We've posted <u>our interview</u> with Nighthawk Gold (TSX:NHK) CEO, Dr. Michael Byron to our YouTube channel.

Find out why **Kinross Gold** and **Osisko Gold Royalties**, which combined own more than 18% of NHK, are watching the company's progress closely.

This interview is a collaboration with <u>Greenshoe</u> *Media*.

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