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#### CANADIAN ANALYSTS' CALLS

Colliers Int'l (TSX:CIGI;NASDAQ:CIGI). Pretty sleepy today on the research front but CIBC hikes the price target to \$85 (U.S.) from \$80 and reiterates "outperformer" after the real estate company bought Dougherty Financial.



#### U.S. ANALYSTS' CALLS

Carnival Corp. (NYSE:CCL) gets its target cut to \$45 from \$47 by Instinet.

### STOCKS ON THE MOVE

Resolute Forest Products (TSX:RFP)

The lumber company is buying **Conifex Timber's** (**TSX:CFF**) three sawmills in the U.S. for \$163 million plus working capital of about \$7 million.

Meta Growth (TSXV:META). Not sure why it took the former National Acesss Cannabis nearly three months to release its fiscal Q4 and full year earnings results seeing that its fiscal year ended August 31.

But the cannabis retailer brought in \$17.1 million in revenue in the quarter and took a net loss of more than \$13.7 million.

For the full year, the company had \$54.1 million in revenue and a net loss of more than \$32 million.

TMX Group (TSX:X) has hired lawyer Janice Rubin to lead an investigation into sexual misconduct allegations against CEO Lou Ecclestone when he worked at Bloomberg LP in the 1990s and early 2000s, according to The Globe and Mail. Rubin also led the investigation into the CBC's handling of the Jian Ghomeshi scandal.

### **MARKETS**

S&P/TSX and U.S. equity indices are pointing to more record highs for the major indices on thin trading as a stunning year on equity markets winds to a close.

Think about what investor sentiment was like last Christmas Eve, which reached its most negative exactly a year ago, as a recession and higher interest rates seemed a certainty.

That narrative proved to be false which led to a nearly 28% gain this year for the S&P 500, for example, and a continuation of this incredible post-Great Recession bull market.

Equity markets in Toronto and New York close today at 1 pm eastern time.

#### **CURRENCIES**

**The Canadian dollar** is slightly lower at \$0.7599 (U.S.).

## **COMMODITIES DAILY UPDATE**

**West Texas Intermediate** is up 0.4% to \$60.76 a barrel.

Gold is higher by 0.4% as it moves closer to getting back to the \$1500 level at \$1,494.00 an ounce.

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