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## CANADIAN ANALYSTS' CALLS

#### **INITIATIONS**

Dundee Precious Metals (TSX:DPM).

National Bank starts coverage with an "outperform" rating, saying the company completed the Ada Tepe construction in Bulgaria on time and under budget, has derisked and diversified its production base, and increased its foothold in a stable mining jurisdiction.

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Mainstream Equity (TSX:MEQ).

AltaCorp raises the target to \$90 (Canadian) from \$70 and maintains "outperform" after the company released its quarterly earnings.

Theratechnologies (TSX:TH).
Mackie Research upgrades to "buy" and maintains \$6.50 price target.

Canadian Natural Resources (TSX:CNQ;NYSE:CNQ). Tudor Pickering upgrades to "buy" and raises the target to \$46 from \$39.



### U.S. ANALYSTS' CALLS

**Agnico Eagle (TSX:AEM;NYSE:AEM).**Barclays upgrades to "overweight" and moves the target to \$70 (U.S.) from \$53.

Barrick Gold (TSX:ABX;NYSE:GOLD).
Barclays also upgrades to "overweight" and lifts the target to \$20 from \$18.

**Apple (NASDAQ:AAPL).** Evercore ISI raises the target to \$305 from \$275 on strong revenue from AirPod Pro and iPhone 11.

Mastercard (NYSE:MA) gets its target raised to \$340 from \$325 by SunTrust.

### STOCKS THAT MAY MOVE

NorthWest Healthcare Properties REIT (TSX:NWH.UN) has arranged two agreements

to raise \$225 million (Canadian).

One is a bought deal through a syndicate of underwriters in which the REIT will sell 16.4 million trust units at \$12.20 each for \$200 million.

The other deal sees NorthWest selling about two million units to NorthWest Value Partners, its largest unit holder, for proceeds of approximately \$25 million.

The REIT will pay down \$191 million of debt and buy three European properties for about \$68.5 million.

CannTrust Holdings (TSX:TRST;NYSE:CTST) now no longer meets the listing requirements of the New York Stock Exchange as the trading price of the company's common shares has fallen below at least \$1 (U.S.) per share over a consecutive 30 trading-day period.

CannTrust has six months to regain compliance and its shares will continue to be listed and trade on the NYSE as usual.

Hudson's Bay (TSX:HBC). Proxy adviser Glass Lewis has done the opposite of rival ISS and is recommending the go private takeover bid from a group backed by the company's Chairman Richard Baker.

Peloton Interactive (NASDAQ:PTON) is down 6% after short seller Andrew Left released a negative report on the stationary bike maker citing competition and a nosebleed valuation per subscriber. Left gives the company a \$5 target. The shares closed Tuesday at \$32.78.

XP (NASDAQ:XP). The Brazilian financial technology company has listed its shares at \$27 per share in raising about \$2.25 billion, giving the company a value of nearly \$15 billion.

Amazon.com (NASDAQ:AMZN). The British competition regulator says the company's investment in Deliveroo raises "serious competition concerns" and may require an indepth investigation.

Chevron (NYSE:CVX) will take a write down of as much as \$11 billion and may sell some natural gas assets including its stake in the proposed Kitimat project in B.C.

### The Home Depot (NYSE:HD)

Th home improvement retailer has forecast fiscal 2020 sales of between 3.5% and 4%, below Wall Street estimates of 4.3%.

The company is holding its Investor Day today.

### **MARKETS**

S&P/TSX and U.S. equity futures are mixed

ahead of an interest rate announcement and commentary from the U.S. Federal Open Market Committee, and while the White House decides whether to impose new tariffs on China on Sunday.

### **CURRENCIES**

The Canadian dollar is flat at \$0.7559 (U.S.)

### **COMMODITIES**

West Texas Intermediate is down 0.4% at \$59 per barrel after the American Petroleum Institute reported a crude oil inventory build last week of 1.2 million barrels, compared to the expected drop of about 2 million. The weekly U.S. government inventory report will be released this morning.

**Gold** is up 0.3% at \$1,472.50 an ounce.

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