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CANADIAN ANALYSTS' CALLS

INITIATIONS

Restaurant Brands (TSX:QSR:NYSE:QSR).
RBC Capital Markets begins coverage with an "outperform" and a price target of \$77 (U.S.), seeing "near best-in-class unit growth, momentum at Burger King and Popeyes and significant scale and potential to add brands in the future."

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Gibson Energy (TSX:GEI). Industrial Alliance Securities lowers to "buy" from strong buy and bumps the price target to \$30 (Canadian) from \$29. **Canaccord Genuity** raises the price target

to \$30 from \$28.

PrairieSky Royalty (TSX:PSK). Stifel Canada, the former GMP Capital, upgrades to "buy" and raises the target to \$17.50 from \$14.25.



U.S. ANALYSTS' CALLS

INITIATIONS

McDonald's (NYSE:MCD). RBC starts coverage with an "outperform" rating and \$218 (U.S.) target, saying they see an attractive opportunity as the company's substantial investments should serve as the foundation for continued revenue momentum, supporting acceleration in earnings and free cash flow in 2020 and beyond.

Starbucks Corp (NASDAQ:SBUX).

RBC also initiates coverage on SBUX with an "outperform" and target of \$97, saying changes at the company position it well for strong, double-digit EPS growth, making it a rarity among larger cap consumer names.

VMware (NYSE:VMW). Piper Jaffray begins

coverage with an "overweight" rating and \$170 target, calling it one of the few companies with a true hybrid cloud offering and that it remains "best-in-class".

RH (NYSE:RH). Cowen and Co. raises the target price on the retailer to \$238 from \$155, as they see significant runway for the company to gain further market share partly through its revolutionized store transformations, which include a bar/lounge/restaurant at its Yorkdale, Toronto location, which I happened to walk by the other day. I'm always gathering on the ground empirical research.:)

Netflix (NASDAQ:NFLX). Needham cuts to "underperform"...."because NFLX has consistently stated it will not have advertising, which we believe will result in U.S. subscriber losses..." and Needham says that the company..."must add a second, lower priced, service to compete with Disney+, Apple+, Hulu, CBS All Access and Peacock."

STOCKS THAT MAY MOVE

Lululemon (NASDAQ:LULU) said its COO and executive VP of international will be leaving the company as of January 10.

Tricon Capital Group (TSX:TCN) said its joint venture TAH-JV1 has acquired 708 homes in

Nashville for \$210 million.

European Residential REIT (TSX:ERE.UN)
The REIT plans to raise \$105 million
(Canadian) in a bought-deal financing with a syndicate of underwriters led by RBC Capital Markets, which will buy 22,582,000 trust units at \$4.65 each.

Part of the proceeds will be used to buy a Netherlands property for approximately \$154 million. ERES is also selling a commercial property in Düsseldorf, Germany for about \$25 million.

Hudson's Bay (TSX:HBC) said its Q3 net loss widened to \$226 million, or \$1.23, from \$161 million, or 88 cents per share, the same time last year as revenue fell to \$1.84 billion from \$1.89 billion with same-store sales down 1.7%

Enbridge (TSX:ENB) is raising its quarterly dividend by nearly 10% to 81 cents a share, marking the 25th straight year in which the company has raised its dividend.

Agilent Technologies (NYSE:A).
Billionaire hedge fund manager Bill Ackman,
who runs Pershing Square Capital
Management, is back to his winning ways after

a few years of struggle with his main fund up 51% so far this year. Pershing has bought 2.9 million shares in this testing equipment company worth about \$246 million.

Amazon.com (NASDAQ:AMZN) has bought the rights to broadcast European Champions League soccer for the 2021/22 season in Germany.

MARKETS

S&P/TSX and U.S. equity futures are indicated lower as the two House committees running the impeachment inquiry of U.S. President Donald Trump introduce two articles of impeachment this morning related to abuse of office and obstruction of Congress.

CURRENCIES

The Canadian dollar is inching higher at \$0.7557 (U.S.)

COMMODITIES

West Texas Intermediate is flat at \$59 per barrel.

Gold is up 0.3% at \$1,469.10 an ounce.

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