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CANADIAN ANALYSTS' CALLS

VersaPay (TSXV:VPY). Haywood Securities recommends shareholders tender their shares to a \$126 million (Canadian), \$2.70 a share all cash offer from Great Hill Partners, a Boston-based private equity firm that owns other financial technology companies.

The offer represents a nearly 47% premium to the closing price on December 12, and a 50% premium to when we interviewed VPY's CEO in August of 2017.

Enghouse Systems (TSX:ENGH) gets its target raised by CIBC to \$54 from \$45 and the rating remains "outperformer".

Power Corp (TSX:POW). CIBC upgrades to "neutral" and raises the target to \$36 from \$33 after the co-CEOs stepped down and the conglomerate said it would buy the rest of Power Financial that it doesn't already own.

Power Financial (TSX:PWF) gets its target boosted by CIBC to \$38 from \$34 as part of that call.

Canadian banks. Citigroup downgrades the sector to "neutral" based on "*muted EPS growth expectations and further pressure on profitability.*"



U.S. ANALYSTS' CALLS

FedEx (NYSE:FDX). J.P. Morgan moves the target to \$154 (U.S.) from \$140.

STOCKS THAT MAY MOVE

Leagold Mining (TSX:LMC) has agreed to be bought by **Equinox Gold (TSX:EQX)** for \$769.3 million (Canadian) with Leagold shareholders receiving \$2.70 per share, which was LMC's closing price on Friday.

Cineplex (TSX:CGX) has agreed to be bought by Cineworld of the U.K. in a \$2.8 billion cash deal equaling \$34 a share for the cinema and entertainment complex operator, a 39% premium to the average share price the last 30 trading days.

CGX's stock peaked in the spring of 2017 at more than \$53 a share.

The agreement contains a seven week go-shop period whereby Cineplex can entertain other offers.

Siyata Mobile (TSXV:SIM) keeps racking up the contracts, this time two orders worth \$900,000 for its Push-to-Talk over cellular products.

Bausch Health (TSX:BHC;NYSE:BHC) is moving beyond the mess left by its previous incarnation as Valeant Pharma by settling a class action lawsuit for \$1.21 billion related to a drop in the drugmaker's shares during 2013-2015.

The company did not admit to any liability and denied all allegations of wrongdoing as part of the deal for the lawsuit originally filed in October, 2015.

Bausch said the settlement does not affect the company's financial forecast.

Hexo (TSX:HEXO;NYSE:HEXO) shares are down in U.S. pre-market after the cannabis producer took a net quarterly loss of \$62.4 million versus a loss last year at the same time of \$12.8 million.

Fairfax India Holdings (TSX:FIH.UN) is selling an 11.5% interest in Anchorage Infrastructure Investments Holdings for about \$134 million (U.S.) through a private investment agreement.

Dundee Precious Metals (TSX:DPM) said that president and CEO Rick Howes will be stepping down at the annual general meeting on May 7 and will not stand for re-election as a director. COO David Rae has been appointed as a director and will take over as president and CEO on May 7.

MARKETS

S&P/TSX and U.S. equity futures and global stocks are hovering near record highs in the wake of a phase one U.S. and China trade deal that the U.S. says is "totally done", and a resounding U.K. election victory for Prime Minister Boris Johnson and the Conservatives pushing for Brexit.

Euro zone countries posted some weak manufacturing numbers although China reported better than expected

industrial and retail sales data.

CURRENCIES

The Canadian dollar is up slightly at \$0.7618 (U.S.).

COMMODITIES

West Texas Intermediate is flat at \$60.10 per barrel.

Gold is up modestly at \$1,483.10 an ounce.

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