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**This week's Digest examines research on 23 Dividend All-Stars from a team that outperforms.**

**We also have another brokerage jumping on the bandwagon of a specialty pharma giving it a projected return of 70%.**

And *Dwight Galusha* is excited about silver, especially this stock that is on the **verge of breaking out** of a nearly 10-year base to an **all-time high**.

The Digest will be posted today at **7pm eastern time**.

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New interviews today are with [Andre Tessier](#).

He's the CEO of fairly new company **Delta Resources (TSXV:DLTA)**, and he details the company's experienced management team and mines in Ontario and Quebec.

Plus, *Eric Sprott* is a big shareholder of **Amex Exploration (TSXV:AMX)**, whose stock has been tearing it up.

Find out why in [this interview](#) with the company's VP of Exploration, Kelly Malcolm.

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# CANADIAN ANALYSTS' CALLS INITIATIONS

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## INITIATIONS

**Champion Iron Ore (TSX:CIA).** RBC Dominion Securities starts coverage with an "outperform" rating and a price target of \$3 (Canadian).

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**Bombardier (TSX:BBD.B).** Raymond James upgrades to "outperform" and raises the price target to \$2.75 from \$1.75, saying the company's sale of its rail division is "*transformative*" and repositions the company as a "*nimble, pure-play, business jet enterprise.*"

**Scotiabank,** meanwhile, cuts BBD to "sector perform" and lowers the target to \$1.85 from \$2.

**Premium Brands (TSX:PBH).** Industrial Alliance Securities hikes the target to \$107 from \$96 and maintains a "buy".

**Canopy Growth (TSX:WEED;NYSE:CGC)** gets its target raised by CIBC to \$35 from \$30 on the company's impending CBD-infused drinks, "robust balance sheet", and continued expansion.



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## U.S. ANALYSTS' CALLS

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**Alibaba (NYSE:BABA).** Susquehanna moves the target to \$260 (U.S.) from \$205 citing solid fiscal Q3

results and predicting any rebound from the impact of the coronavirus will be strong.

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## **STOCKS THAT MAY MOVE**

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**Park Lawn (TSX:PLC).** Long-time CEO and chairman *Andrew Clark* will be stepping down as soon as a replacement is found. Director Paul Smith will assume the role of chairman.

**PLC's stock has roughly quadrupled under Clark's leadership.**

**Diversified Royalty (TSX:DIV)** announced a \$30 million (Canadian) bought-deal public offering through a syndicate of investment dealers that is buying 9.4 million common shares for \$3.20 each.

**Halo Labs (NEO:HALO)** is buying the KushBar retail brand, stores and assets from **High Tide (CSE:HITI)** for \$12 million worth of HALO shares priced at \$0.26 per share.

**Air Canada (TSX:AC)** missed profit estimates as the airline spent more on maintaining its fleet amid the grounding of the Boeing 737 MAX plane.

**Bombardier (TSX:BBD.B)** has confirmed it's selling its rail division to Alstom for 8.2 billion (U.S.) plus debt, and will focus on its business jets.

**Alimentation Couche-Tard (TSX:ATD.B).** Caltex Australia said it will allow the convenience store operator to conduct additional due diligence after the company raised its takeover offer.

**Interfor (TSX:IFP)** said its CFO is resigning at the end of April.

**Kroger (NYSE:KR). Berkshire Hathway (NYSE:BRK.B)** has taken a \$549 million (U.S.) stake in the grocery chain, according to a filing.

**Apple (NASDAQ:AAPL)** is down about 2% in pre-market trading after saying it's unlikely it will be able to reach its current quarter sales guidance due to the impact of the coronavirus on its business in China. Shares in Apple's suppliers are also getting hit.

**Walmart (NYSE:WMT)** is down pre-market after the world's largest retailer missed Wall Street estimates with its Q4 numbers as online sales growth decreased.

**Tesla (NASDAQ:TSLA)** is in talks to buy batteries from CATL that contain no cobalt, one of the most expensive metals in electric vehicle batteries.

**HSBC (NYSE:HSBC)** plans to cut about 15% of its 235,000 workforce in a dramatic restructuring, and will suspend share buybacks for two years as the bank attempts to cut \$4.5 billion in annual costs.

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## **MARKETS**

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**S&P/TSX and U.S. equity futures** have started the shortened week lower as Apple's sales warning weighs on sentiment.

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## **CURRENCIES**

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**The Canadian dollar** is down 0.3% at \$0.7535 (U.S.).

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## **COMMODITIES DAILY UPDATE**

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West Texas Intermediate is down nearly 2% to \$51.03 a barrel.

Gold is up 0.5% to \$1,594.50 an ounce.

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## DAILY UPDATE

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Investors love CEOs who've been there and done that.

***Michael Gunning***, CEO of VR Resources (TSXV:VRR), is one of those.

He's helped to create **transformational wealth** for many investors by leading companies to takeovers worth nearly **\$900 million**, including **Hathor Exploration**, which was bought by **Rio Tinto** for nearly **\$600 million**.

Now, Gunning and his team are developing what they hope to be the **next big copper/gold project** in the Western U.S. that could eventually attract a big buyer such as Freeport McMoran.

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