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Ideas to consider on cash-rich companies, biotechs searching for a COVID-19 vaccine, and work-from-home beneficiaries in the latest <u>Capital Ideas Digest</u>.

And John O'Connell's favourite stocks are in his buy

zones but he's waiting for better bargains.

The Chairman and CEO of Davis Rea Investment Counsel <u>explains in this clip</u>.



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CANADIAN ANALYSTS' CALLS

Thomson Reuters (TSX:TRI;NYSE:TRI) gets

upgraded to "outperform" by RBC Dominion Securities with the price target lowered to \$70 (U.S.) from \$82, with the analyst believing the company can provide capital protection and capital appreciation depending on how the expected recession plays out.

Magna Int'l (TSX:MG;NYSE:MGA). TD Securities upgrades to "buy" and lowers the target to \$40 (Canadian) from \$60.

MTY Food Group (TSX:MTY). Raymond James says the food court retailer *"wasn't built for pandemics"* and cuts the target to \$35 from \$62 and slashes its earnings estimates for this year and next by more than half.

Medexus Pharma (TSXV:MDP).

Canaccord Genuity downgrades to "speculative buy" from buy and lowers the target to \$5 from \$6.50, which implies 100% upside.



U.S. ANALYSTS' CALLS

Lululemon (NASDAQ:LULU). Piper Sandler raises the price target to \$249 (U.S.) from \$220 as it expects the company to have a quick and clean recovery post-COVID-19 due to its strong balance sheet and robust digital selling platform.

Citi concurs by raising the target to \$230 from \$190

and maintaining a "buy" saying LULU will emerge from the COVID-19 crisis "stronger" than ever after a "standout" Q4 which capped off a "strong" year.

Others, like Wedbush, are cutting the target. See below for more on Lulu's earnings.

First Quantum (TSX:FM). Citi upgrades to "buy", lowers the earnings estimates for this year and next and lowers the target to \$11 (Canadian) from \$13.

Nutrien (TSX:NTR;NYSE:NTR). Goldman Sachs upgrades to "buy" and lowers the target to \$45 (U.S.) from \$53.

Colgate-Palmolive (NYSE:CL) upgraded to "buy" at Stifel Nicolaus and SunTrust RH.

STOCKS THAT MAY MOVE

Lululemon (NASDAQ:LULU) beat estimates with its Q4 earnings as revenue rose nearly 20%. The retailer is pulling its forecast and said yoga mats and blocks are selling well online as people stay at home but online sales are not enough to offset sales lost due to store closures.

KP Tissue (TSX:KPT) says Kruger Products has been ramping up production to meet the increased demand for tissue from its customers and consumers.

Goodfood Market (TSX:FOOD) has introduced its Essential Canadian Pay Program, raising the pay of all its hourly and salaried operations and production employees by a minimum of \$2 (Canadian) per hour throughout the duration of the COVID-19 crisis. **Canfor (TSX:CFP)** says it's curtailing Canadian lumber production by approximately 40% over a three-week period, its U.S. operations by 40% over four weeks, and its Swedish lumber production by 50% over four weeks.

Dream Industrial REIT (TSX:DIR.UN) has suspended its distribution reinvestment and unit purchase plan "until further notice, in response to the market disruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic."

Gap (NYSE:GPS) has withdrawn its forecast, suspended its dividend and draw down its entire \$500 million (U.S.) line of credit.

Sanofi (NYSE:SNY) and Translate Bio (NASDAQ:TBIO) will work together to develop a coronavirus vaccine.

MARKETS

S&P/TSX and U.S. equity futures are poised to abruptly end their three-day rally, the longest such gains for the S&P 500, for example, since 1933 when the U.S. was in the depths of the Depression.

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson, who was slow to recognize the severity of COVID-19, has tested positive for the virus and is self-isolating.

CURRENCIES

The Canadian dollar is down 0.7% to 0.7008 (U.S.) as the Bank of Canada cuts its key interest rate to 0.25%.

COMMODITIES

West Texas Intermediate is lower by nearly 3.1% to \$21.88 a barrel.

Western Canada Select hit a record low this morning of \$6.45 a barrel.

Gold is down 1.6% to \$1,623.70 an ounce.

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