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CANADIAN ANALYSTS' CALLS

INITIATIONS

Burcon NutraScience (TSX:BU). Canaccord Genuity starts coverage with a "buy" rating and a price target of \$1.75 (Canadian). The stock closed

Wednesday at \$1.01.

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Mandalay Resources (TSX:MND) gets upgraded by Mackie Research to "buy" from speculative buy and the price target is boosted to \$2.75 from \$2.15.

Yamana Gold (TSX:AUY;NYSE:AUY), Kinross (TSX:K;NYSE:KGC), Osisko Gold Royalties (TSX:OR;NYSE:OR), and Alacer Gold (TSX:ASR) are all upgraded by Scotia Capital to "outperform" with a target of \$5 (U.S.) for Yamana, up from \$4.25, and \$7.50 for Kinross, up from \$5.25.

Granite REIT (TSX:GRT.UN) is upgraded to "strong buy" by Industrial Alliance Securities with the target held steady at \$77.

Planet 13 (CSE:PLTH). Beacon Securities, which has not conducted investment banking with the company within the past 12 months, maintains a "buy" rating and lowers the target to \$4.50 from \$5.25, implying 192% upside, saying the cannabis retailer is well positioned in Nevada as it gains market share.

Xebec Adsorption (TSXV:XBC). Beacon, which has done investment banking business with this company within the last year, lowers the target to \$5 from \$7, implying 49% gains, and maintains a "buy", saying the company remains "the growth story to own in Canada".

Empire Co. (TSX:EMP.A). Desjardins moves the target to \$34 from \$30 and maintains a "buy" rating as Empire owned Sobeys saw same-store sales surge in March by 37%.



U.S. ANALYSTS' CALLS

Netflix (NASDAQ;NFLX) gets its target raised to \$480 (U.S.) from \$410 by JP Morgan.

Procter & Gamble (NYSE:PG). Jefferies ups the target to \$136 from \$128 on "unprecedented U.S. pantry-loading" and superior EPS visibility.

Best Buy (NYSE:BBY) gets its target raised by RBC to \$64 from \$55 as it expects poor sales to continue but improve after May.

STOCKS THAT MAY MOVE

Magna Int'l (TSX:MG;NYSE:MGA) is moving ahead with a plan to restart North American production on May 4 with a gradual increase in output.

Chartwell Retirement

Residences (TSX:CSH.UN) confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 at 18 of its residences and said it was withdrawing its 2020 guidance due to the uncertainty of the impact of the pandemic.

SunOpta (TSX:SOY;NYSE:STKL) said Oaktree Capital Management and Engaged Capital will buy up to \$60 million in the company through exchangeable preferred shares.

TC Energy (TSX:TRP;NYSE:TRP). A U.S. court has ruled against a permit that allows new pipelines to

cross bodies of water in the latest setback for the Keystone XL pipeline.

Baxter Int'l (NYSE:BAX) said it will hire about 2,000 workers, including 800 in the U.S., due to an increase in demand for its medical devices as a result of a rise in cases of the virus.

Uber (NYSE:UBER) said orders for grocery delivery on its Uber Eats platform in Europe jumped 59% in March from February as consumers stocked up and more grocery and convenience stores signed up to the app.

Costco (NASDAQ:COST) raised its quarterly dividend by 8%.

Taiwan Semiconductor (NYSE:TSM) reported Q1 net profit nearly doubled and revenue rose 45%, both numbers ahead of estimates, on strength in demand for chips related to 5G and artificial intelligence. But the company trimmed its 2020 revenue projections.

BlackRock (NYSE:BLK) which manages something like \$6.5 trillion in assets, saw a 23% drop in profit in Q1 and about \$1 trillion withdrawn by clients mostly during the market crash in February and March.

MARKETS

S&P/TSX and U.S. equity futures are higher as investors shrug and look through the fact the U.S. economy chalked up another 5.24 million in weekly jobless claims bringing the four week total to 22 million.

U.S. housing starts fell 22% in the most recent reading, the most since 1984.

CURRENCIES

The Canadian dollar is higher by 0.3% at 0.7105 (U.S.).

COMMODITIES

West Texas Intermediate crude oil is up by 1.8% to \$20.23 a barrel

Gold is up 0.7% at \$1,752.40 an ounce.

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