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CANADIAN ANALYSTS' CALLS

INITIATIONS

Rubicon Organics (CSE:ROMJ). Canaccord Genuity starts coverage with a "speculative buy" and a price target of \$3.90 (Canadian), saying the company is positioned to “*dominate*” the organic, super-premium cannabis category in Canada.

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Emera (TSX:EMA). Industrial Alliance Securities upgrades to "buy", trims its financial forecast and maintains a target of \$59.

Park Lawn (TSX:PLC). National Bank moves the target to \$24 from \$21.50 on strong Q1 results and balance sheet flexibility.

Calian Group (TSX:CGY). Desjardins Securities ups the target to \$59 from \$58, hikes its EPS estimates for this year and next, and maintains a "buy" rating.



U.S. ANALYSTS' CALLS

CVS Health (NYSE:CVS). Credit Suisse upgrades to "outperform" on the company's solid dividend and defensive business characteristics.

Chipotle Mexican Grill (NYSE:CMG). Piper Sandler hikes the target to \$1,100 (U.S.) from \$850, saying the company has the financial resources to carry out its long-term growth strategy.

Cisco Systems (NASDAQ:CSCO) gets its target raised by Jefferies to \$49 from \$45 following its earnings results.



STOCKS THAT MAY MOVE

Brookfield Asset Management (TSX:BAM.A;NYSE:BAM) took a Q1 loss of \$157 million versus a profit of \$1.25 billion last year.

But CEO Bruce Flatt said:

“Today, we are in a strong financial position, with \$60

billion of available liquidity, ready to be deployed globally as opportunities arise."

Canada's big banks got their EPS estimates for 2020 and 2021 cut by between 24% and 40% by Bank of America, which said:

"We are reducing our '20/'21 EPS estimates by 24%/40% to reflect higher credit costs, zero bound interest rates and slower growth."

McDonald's (NYSE:MCD) will restart takeout services at 30 restaurants in Canada, and test protective measures before rolling them out across its 1,400 restaurants in the country.

MARKETS

S&P/TSX and U.S. equity futures are lower after the World Health Organization said the coronavirus "may never go away", and U.S. Fed Chair Jerome Powell expressed uncertainty about the economic impact of COVID-19.

In economic data, U.S. weekly jobless claims are rising at a slower rate than past weeks but still **hit nearly three million** in the most recent report.

CURRENCIES

The Canadian dollar is down slightly to 0.7082 (U.S.).

COMMODITIES

West Texas Intermediate crude oil is seeing some support, up 2.4% to \$26.29 per barrel, after

U.S. inventories surprisingly fell in the most recent report instead of an expected build of 4 million barrels.

Gold is up by 0.4% to \$1,724 an ounce.

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