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#### CANADIAN ANALYSTS' CALLS

**Shopify (TSX:SHOP;NYSE:SHOP).** Now that it's the most valuable company on the TSX, Mackie Research ups the target to \$800 from \$600 (SHOP closed Wednesday at \$1,034) and maintains a "buy".

But Mackie warns investors it takes "nerves of steel" to by it at these levels, which equates to 29 times 2021 sales.



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## Shopify Upgraded Amid Stronger Software Sentiment

Canaccord Genuity believes the "coast looks reasonably clear" for **Shopify Inc.** (SHOP-N, SH-T), and upgraded the Ottawa-based tech company to "buy" from "hold" after its latest earnings report.

"We had suggested in the past few research notes that we would consider an upgrade if the company executed and guided well off of this print and we felt that the broader sentiment

By the numbers	SHOP-N
Price	\$20.57
Market cap	\$1.6B
52-week range	\$17.00 - \$42.13

We can't resist reminding you that the Capital Ideas Digest first mentioned SHOP as an idea February 21, 2016 when it traded around \$28. It's been a 3,500%+ journey since then.

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**Torex Gold Resources (TSX:TXG).** Scotia Capital upgrades to "outperform" and lifts the target to \$32 from \$29.

Real Matters (TSX;REAL). Canaccord Genuity hikes the target to \$25 from \$17 and maintains a "Top Pick" rating. The stock closed at an all-time high after record earnings results.

**Brookfield Renewable Partners (TSX:BEP.UN;NYSE:BEP)** gets downgraded by Industrial Alliance Securities on valuation with the target raised to \$50 (U.S.) from \$44.

**Tourmaline (TSX:TOU).** Raymond James ups the target to \$17 (Canadian) from \$15 and maintains "outperform", calling it a "Best Pick" in the Canadian exploration and production sector.

Sun Life Financial (TSX:SLF). RBC upgrades to "outperform" on the insurer's solid capital position, relatively low leverage and strong return on equity.



## U.S. ANALYSTS' CALLS

Barrick Gold (TSX:ABX;NYSE:GOLD). Deutsche Bank

raises the target to \$34 (U.S.) from \$25.

**Paypal (NASDAQ;PYPL).** Wedbush ups the target to \$160 from \$120, and Keybanc hikes the target to \$150 from \$140 on an accelerated shift to online shopping.



## STOCKS THAT MAY MOVE

Liberty Global (NASDAQ:LBTYA). Billionaire John Malone continues to swing big deals, this time merging Liberty Global's UK business with the UK unit of Telefonica (NYSE:TEF) in a \$38 billion transaction, including debt.

**goeasy (TSX:GSY)** had \$242 million (Canadian) of Q1 total loan originations, up 10% from last year, while revenue rose 20% and net income beat estimates.

NFI Group (TSX:NFI). We got a request for some coverage on this company, which reported Q1 revenue increased more than 25% from last year, while it took a net loss of \$67.2 million versus a profit a year ago.

NFI said earnings were hit by a one-time, non-cash impairment charge of nearly \$51 million "related to the impact of COVID-19 on MCI's private motor coach business and a \$22.5 million mark-to-market loss on interest rate swaps."

Innovative Industrial Properties (NYSE:IIPR), which is focused on the U.S. medical cannabis industry,

said Q1 revenue tripled to more than \$21 million, thanks to acquisitions, and it had net income of about \$11 million.

The company's stock was more than cut in half during the recent crash but has gained nearly 70% since to the \$78 (U.S.) level.

Canadian Tire (TSX:CTC.A) eked out a 0.7% rise in same-store sales in Q1 thanks to an 80% jump in online sales, with most of its stores closed. But the retailer reported a loss on a per share basis.

**Canadian Natural Resources (TSX:CNQ;NYSE:CNQ)** took a Q1 loss of \$1.28 billion (Canadian) and withdrew its 2020 production forecast.

Western Forest Products (TSX:WEF) has suspended its dividend.

**Telus (TSX:T;NYSE:TU)** said quarterly profit fell nearly 20% and that it has pulled its financial guidance.

BCE (TSX:BCE;NYSE:BCE) said revenue and profit fell from last year and withdrew its forecast.

Magna Int'l (TSX:MG;NYSE:MGA) said quarterly adjusted profit fell 51% as global automobile production plunged due to the pandemic.

Nutrien (TSX:NTR;NYSE:NTR) took a wider Q1 loss than expected and cut its profit forecast.

General Motors (NYSE:GM) and Flir Systems (NASDAQ:FLIR). GM will use Flir's thermal cameras to detect fevers when workers return to 72 GM factories on May 18.

#### **MARKETS**

S&P/TSX and U.S. equity futures remain higher as 3.17 million more jobless claims were filed in the U.S. last week, and as China's exports in April rose but imports fell by double digits.

#### **CURRENCIES**

**The Canadian dollar** is higher by 0.5% to 0.7107 (U.S.).

### **COMMODITIES**

West Texas Intermediate crude oil is up 8.2% to \$27.72 a barrel as Saudi Arabia raises its prices.

Gold is higher by 0.7% to \$1,701 an ounce.

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