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# CANADIAN ANALYSTS' CALLS

**Viemed Healthcare (TSX:VMD).** Beacon Securities hikes the price target to \$15.50 (Canadian) from \$12.50, which implies **63% upside**, and maintains a "buy" rating after the company that specializes in home respiratory equipment saw **Q1 revenue rise 31%** from last year and **EBITDA surge by 72%**.

VMD forecast Q2 revenue of \$42–44 million which could include about \$20 million related to COVID–19 equipment sales.

**Freehold Royalties (TSX:FRU).** Industrial Alliance Securities upgrades to "buy" and moves the target to \$4.75 from \$3.

**Finning Int'l (TSX:FTT).** Canaccord Genuity raises the target to \$24 from \$21.

**Thomson Reuters (TSX:TRI;NYSE:TRI)** upgraded to "outperform" by BMO Nesbitt Burns and lowers the target to \$106 from \$110.

RBC (TSX:RY;NYSE:RY) and CIBC (TSX:CM;NYSE:CM).

In a report on Canada's big banks, Citi has lowered its earnings per share estimates by an average of 25% for this year and between 18–20% for 2021 and 2022 but has upgraded both RBC and CIBC to "buy", lowering the target of RBC to \$95 from \$113 and for CIBC to \$93 from \$113.

Bank of America has also upgraded the two banks to "buy".



# **U.S. ANALYSTS' CALLS**

Newmont (TSX:NGT;NYSE:NEM). Citi boosts the target to \$74 (U.S.) from \$46, lifts its 2021 EBITDA estimates by 30%, and maintains a "buy", calling the gold company a sector leader.

**Regeneron (NASDAQ:REGN)**. Canaccord Genuity ups the target to \$530 from \$475.



# **STOCKS THAT MAY MOVE**

**Shopify (TSX:SHOP;NYSE:SHOP)** is down slightly in pre-market trading from all-time highs after the retail software company said Q1 revenue and gross merchandise volume rose 47% from last year, well ahead of estimates, had a surprise adjusted profit and took a narrower net loss than expected.

SHOP warned:

"It is unclear how sustainable consumer spending levels will be in this uncertain economic environment."

**Barrick Gold (TSX:ABX;NYSE:GOLD)** saw quarterly adjusted profit rise 55% and the company trimmed its 2020 gold production outlook.

**Suncor (TSX:SU;NYSE:SU)** swung to a quarterly loss of \$3.53 billion, cut its dividend by 55%, suspended its share buyback program, and has cut its capital expenditure program by 33% from the original estimate.

**Beyond Meat (NYSE:BYND)** turned a surprise quarterly profit and sales more than doubled to nearly \$100 million (U.S.).

Activision Blizzard (NASDAQ:ATVI) beat estimates and raised its forecast as people hunkered down and played more video games such as "Call of Duty".

Walt Disney (NYSE:DIS) said quarterly net income fell 91%, revenue rose 21%, and that it would not pay a dividend in the first half of the year, which should preserve about \$1.6 billion in cash, as the company gets hit across all of its businesses during the pandemic.

## **MARKETS**

# S&P/TSX and U.S. equity futures are higher.

In economic data, ahead of the U.S. non-farm payroll report on Friday, U.S. private employers laid off more than 20.2 million people n April, according to ADP. CURRENCIES

The Canadian dollar is down 0.4% at 0.7091 (U.S.).

# COMMODITIES

West Texas Intermediate crude oil is down 6.3% to nearly \$24.82 a barrel after several sessions of gains.

Gold is down 0.7% at \$1,693 an ounce.

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