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CANADIAN ANALYSTS' CALLS

Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (TSX:CM).

Canaccord Genuity analyst Scott Chan upgraded the stock to "Buy" from "Hold," while raising his target price to C\$110.50 per share from \$99, after the Canadian bank's better-than-expected quarterly earnings on Thursday.

The Canaccord analyst cited six reasons for his upgrade: (1) better prospects for loan growth, including in mortgages, credit cards and U.S. commercial markets; (2) potential for better margins

in fiscal 2021; (3) its disciplined approach on costs; (4) improved capital flexibility to support organic growth; (5) lower relative valuation against other banks; and (6) an attractive dividend yield of 5.6 per cent.

BRP Inc. (TSX:DOO). Desjardins Securities analyst Benoit Poirier raised his price target on shares of the recreational vehicles maker to \$84 from \$64, while keeping a "Buy" rating.

"BRP delivered another solid quarter despite COVID-19. We are pleased with the continued momentum in powersports retail (+40% in 2Q), which has been fuelled by the strong inflow of new BRP customers (about 77% of powersports customers in 2Q). Management remains focused on its strategy to introduce innovative new products to drive retail momentum and market share gains with two virtual product launches in the next month," he said.



U.S. ANALYSTS' CALLS

Visa Inc. (NYSE:V). Bank of America analyst Jason Kupferberg reiterated his "Buy" rating on Visa stock and upped his price target from \$227 to \$234 per share, arguing that Visa is a better investment at this point than Mastercard.

Looking ahead to the second half of the year, the analyst wrote that Visa is better-positioned to potentially report some meaningful earnings beats, and the stock also has more valuation upside given it currently trades at a 12% earnings multiple discount to Mastercard.

Dollar General Corporation (NYSE:DG). Morgan Stanley raised its price target on the discount retailer from \$222 to \$240 per share.



STOCKS THAT MAY MOVE

CWB Financial Group (TSX:CWB) reported betterthan-expected Q3 earnings of \$0.74 per share as its revenue rose to \$226 million from \$218 million a year earlier. Analysts, meanwhile, anticipated an adjusted profit of \$0.58 per share.

GreenPower Motor Company Inc.

(TSXV:GPV) said it is up-sizing its U.S. initial public offering to 1,860,000 post-consolidation common shares of the Company, at a price of US\$20.00 per share, "due to strong demand."

Lite Access Technologies Inc. (TSXV:LTE)

announced third-quarter revenue that surged 367% year over year to \$6,428,504, while its net loss for the period narrowed to \$1,131,264 from \$2,235,364 a year earlier.

MARKETS

S&P/TSX and U.S. equity futures are pointing to a higher open Friday following the U.S. Federal Reserve's recent stand on inflation that suggested an extended period of low interest rates.

CURRENCIES

The Canadian dollar is up 0.36 at 0.7653 (U.S.).

COMMODITIES

West Texas Intermediate crude oil eased 0.2% at \$42.97 as Hurricane Laura spared crude facilities in the Gulf region.

Gold gained 1.7% to \$1,964.90 an ounce.

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