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CANADIAN ANALYSTS' CALLS

Innergex Renewable Energy Inc.
(TSX:INE). Raymond James analyst David Quezada lowered his rating on the stock to “Outperform” from “Strong Buy,” while maintaining a target price of \$25 per share, saying that despite its recent EBITDA miss the Company's development pipeline is “looking strong.”

“With the company in the early stages of realizing the benefits of its alliance with Hydro Quebec, while also sporting an enviable development pipeline, we continue to see much to like in Innergex and

maintain our constructive stance,” he said.

“However, while we acknowledge the potential for the ESG attributes of pure-play renewable companies like INE to push valuations into new territory, we believe the rally year-to-date and a 2021 estimated EV/EBITDA towards the high end of the historical range (at 13.5 times) means remaining upside falls short of warranting our top rating.”

Founders Advantage Capital Corp. (TSXV:FCF).

Desjardins Securities analyst Gary Ho raised his rating on shares of the investment firm to “Buy” from “Hold,” while increasing his target price to \$1.25 per share from \$1, predicting a recovery in the second half of 2020 as Canadian housing activity rebounds and it reopens its Club16 fitness chain locations.

“Our positive thesis is predicated on: (1) the rebound in housing activity bodes well for DLC in 2H20 (jewel within the FCF group of companies); (2) Club16 stands to benefit from a struggling competitor; (3) a renewed focus on DLC’s operations supports a valuation re-rate over the medium term; and (4) potential cash flow benefit from the refinancing of

Sagard debt,” the analyst wrote.



U.S. ANALYSTS' CALLS

The Walt Disney Company (NYSE:DIS). Guggenheim analyst Michael Morris increased his rating on Disney shares to “Buy” from “Neutral” and upped his price target to \$140 per share from \$123, after the Company reported better-than-expected financial results after Tuesday's close.

“Using Disney assets to accelerate a push into direct to consumer will likely be well received by investors,” he said.

“Bottom line, as we head toward an investor day (in the coming months), we expect the burden of proof to be on why Disney will not be a secular streaming winner rather than justifying the company's ability to deliver on investor expectations.”

Apple Inc. (NASDAQ:AAPL). Goldman Sachs analyst Wamsi Mohan lowered his rating on the stock to

S&P/TSX and U.S. equity futures are pointing to a higher open Wednesday on signs of progress in the U.S. stimulus talks in addition to the gold price surging well past US\$2000 per ounce.

CURRENCIES

The Canadian dollar is up 0.42 at 0.7550 (U.S.).

COMMODITIES

West Texas Intermediate crude oil surged 3.3% to \$43.09 after U.S. crude inventories fell by 8.6 million barrels in the week to August 1, much greater than the 3 million barrel drop expected by analysts.

Gold gained 1.5% to \$2,051.70 an ounce.

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