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CANADIAN ANALYSTS' CALLS

mdf commerce inc. (TSX:MDF). Echelon Capital Markets analyst Amr Ezzat raised his target price on the stock to \$15 per share from \$11, calling it a "Top Pick" and "a misunderstood and underappreciated story."

"While our 'off-consensus' target price is not so 'off-consensus' anymore (since our last note on August 13, the median consensus target price is up 25 per cent), we are taking this opportunity to assess in a more detailed manner the company's evolved business model and in turn the impact of this transformation on its valuation. Spoiler alert: the business has metamorphosed into a double-digit high visibility growth operation," he said.

K92 Mining Inc. (TSXV:KNT). Canaccord Genuity analyst Tom Gallo increased his target price on the gold junior to \$12.50 per share from \$8.75, while maintaining a "Buy" rating, referring to the Company's Kora deposit at the Kainantu gold mine in Papua New Guinea as "one of the best ore bodies we've ever seen."

"Consistent, high-grade mineralization has been the norm for Kora and Kora north since late 2017. We expect the mine could continue to outperform the resource grade," the analyst wrote.

"Kora link and other, smaller, non-resource constrained veins or stringers have and could continue to provide grade especially as the tonnage is pushed. Dilution in this case is not zero grade from what we observed on site last year. Couple that with continuity (i.e. a surface expression mining levels below and drill holes well below the bottom workings) and you're left with a world class mineral system in the infancy of extraction."



U.S. ANALYSTS' CALLS

Northrop Grumman Corporation (NYSE:NOC). RBC Dominion Securities analyst Michael Eisen upgraded the U.S. defense contractor to "Outperform" from "Sector Perform," with a target price of US\$391 per share, after the Company received a US\$13.3 billion contract with the U.S. Air Force to develop the Ground Based Strategic Deterrent (GBSD) intercontinental ballistic missile.

"With a long track record of generating double-digit ROIC [return on invested capital] annually, we believe the company's HSD [high single-digit] EPS growth potential and strong balance sheet position this trend to continue," Mr. Eisen said.

Lightspeed POS Inc. (TSX:LSPD). Barclays analyst Raimo Lenschow initiated coverage of the stock with an "Overweight" rating and a US\$40 per share price target.



STOCKS THAT MAY MOVE

BlackBerry Limited (TSX:BB) announced the launch of BlackBerry Protect Mobile, a new mobile threat defense (MTD) solution that extends the AI-based security in BlackBerry Protect to mobile devices.

Bonterra Energy Corp. (TSX:BNE) said its Board of Directors has unanimously rejected a takeover offer by rival Obsidian Energy Ltd.

Azimut Exploration Inc. (TSXV:AZM) reported that it has begun a minimum 2,000-metre (12-hole) initial diamond drilling program on a 10-km-long coppergold target at the Pikwa Property in Quebec.

MARKETS

S&P/TSX and U.S. equity futures are pointing to a mixed open on Tuesday as investors await signs of progress in U.S. stimulus talks.

CURRENCIES

The Canadian dollar is down 0.03 at 0.7541 (U.S.).

COMMODITIES

West Texas Intermediate crude oil rose 2.4% at \$40.16 on concerns that refineries in the Gulf of Mexico could be hit by a powerful storm.

Gold gained 0.01% to \$1,920.30 an ounce.

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CANADIAN ANALYSTS' CALLS

H₂O Innovation Inc. (TSXV:HEO). Desjardins Securities analyst Frederic Tremblay initiated coverage on the stock with a "Buy" rating and a \$2 per share target price, as he sees "massive" spending on water and wastewater treatment systems due to challenges to clean water availability, the regulatory environment and the "poor shape" of infrastructure.

"We believe HEO's expertise in membrane-based products and services positions the company to capture growth opportunities," he said.

"The U.S. (where HEO generates 70 per cent of revenue) has 65,000 water and wastewater systems, most of which are small local entities with aging workforces and are seeking know-how and customized solutions that an experienced partner like HEO can offer. The company can also tap into opportunities, including desalination, outside of the U.S., thanks in part to its global network of distributors for specialty products." **Canadian Apartment Properties Real Estate Investment Trust (TSX:CAR.UN).** Raymond James analyst Brad Sturges resumed coverage on the REIT with an "Outperform" rating and \$55.50 per share target price.

"Although the Ontario Government's expected plan to freeze rents for existing tenants in 2021, we believe that CAPREIT is positioned to capture higher AMRs [average monthly rents] realized upon suite turnover, and to execute on Canadian multifamily sector consolidation prospects due to its financial position," the analyst wrote.

"CAPREIT's affordable rental portfolio segment may experience resilient leasing demand fundamentals during the pandemic, supporting its future organic growth profile."



U.S. ANALYSTS' CALLS

Amazon.com Inc. (NASDAQ:AMZN). Bernstein analyst Mark Shmulik upgraded the stock to "Outperform" from "Market Perform" with a US\$3,400 per share target price.

"Amazon is positioned to increase their dominant share position when the return to physical stores occurs. Amazon has also quietly made substantial inroads into grocery and 'shopping' verticals," Mr. Shmulik said.

"Amid COVID, Amazon has executed incredibly well, pivoting its operations and inventory to in-demand verticals – with flexibility and speed we didn't expect."

He added that he believes the Company can make further gains in other "revenue pools" like advertising and cloud services.

Teladoc Health Inc. (NYSE:TDOC). DA Davidson initiated coverage on shares of the virtual healthcare provider with a "Buy" rating and a \$250 per share price target.



STOCKS THAT MAY MOVE

Dye & Durham Limited (TSX:DND) reported that its Fiscal 2020 revenue rose 49% to \$65.5 million, while its Adjusted EBITDA for the year increased 39% to \$36.7 million.

Great Bear Resources Ltd. (TSXV:GBR) provided an update on metallurgical testing underway at its 100% owned Dixie Project in the Red Lake district of Ontario. CEO Chris Taylor commented that "in more than 99% of observed instances, gold occurs freely or on the edges of sulphide grains, suggesting potential for very high metallurgical recoveries, as has been observed at other free gold hosting deposits in the Red Lake district."

Neptune Wellness Solutions, Inc. (TSX:NEPT) announced that it has agreed to an import and stocking distribution partnership with a global consumer goods company for professional beauty, personal care and hygiene product lines, which the two companies project will generate revenue of between US\$65 million and US\$137 million over the next 18 months.

MARKETS

S&P/TSX and U.S. equity futures are pointing to a mixed open Tuesday as investors look ready to start buying some beaten-down tech stocks south of the border.

CURRENCIES

The Canadian dollar is down 0.01 at 0.7514 (U.S.).

COMMODITIES

West Texas Intermediate crude oil rose 0.7% at \$39.60 as the latest storm in the Gulf of Mexico lost strength.

Gold gained 0.3% to \$1,916.40 an ounce.

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