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CANADIAN ANALYSTS' CALLS

Hamilton Thorne Ltd. (TSXV:HTL). Acumen Capital analyst Jim Byrne raised his target price on the Assisted Reproductive Technologies stock to \$2 per share from \$1.60 with a “Buy” rating.

“Given the long-term outlook for In Vitro Fertilization (IVF) demand globally, we believe HTL is well positioned to continue their strong organic growth and acquisition strategy over the next several years,” he said.

“HTL continues to build its direct sales force and increase its product portfolio to drive organic growth

and improved margins into 2021 and beyond.”

AirBoss of America Corp. (TSX:BOS). CIBC World Markets analyst Kevin Chiang increased his target price on the provider of personal and respiratory protective equipment as well as finished rubber products to \$47 per share from \$42, while keeping his “Outperformer” recommendation on the stock, saying the Company possesses a “deep pipeline of growth opportunities across its divisions.”

“(Its) AirBoss Defense Group (subsidiary) is benefiting from positive demand trends for protective equipment from the healthcare and defense industries,” the analyst wrote.

“As well, BOS is consistently expanding its product line to grow the available market size it competes in as reflected by its recent acquisition of the Blast Gauge System ...We would also note that BOS has spent the last few years making the necessary investments to better capture these revenue/earnings opportunities.”



U.S. ANALYSTS' CALLS

NVIDIA Corporation (NASDAQ:NVDA). Credit Suisse analyst John Pitzer maintained an “Outperform” rating and a \$620 price target on the semiconductor manufacturer, saying the Company has an immediate catalyst in the form of its Analyst Day, scheduled for April 12.

“NVIDIA will likely highlight growing proof-points of a \$100 billion+ total addressable market for the DCG (Data Center Group), including \$45 billion for Cloud, \$30 billion for Enterprise and \$15 billion for Edge. Nvidia could shed light on growing software monetization, with AI Application Frameworks,” Mr. Pitzer wrote.

“The Company is also likely to emphasize the still-robust Gaming market, with or without crypto, and the growing momentum in autonomous driving.”

S&P Global Inc. (NYSE:SPGI). Stifel analyst Shlomo Rosenbaum hiked his price target on the provider of credit ratings, benchmarks and analytics to \$414 per share from \$385, while keeping a “Buy” rating on the stock.

Mr. Rosenbaum said he was raising his estimates on the name to reflect the “very strong” high yield debt issuance in Q1, which he believes is “much stronger” than the Company had anticipated.



STOCKS THAT MAY MOVE

Nuance Communications, Inc. (NASDAQ:NUAN) shares are set to surge at the open following a media report that Microsoft is in advanced talks to buy the artificial intelligence and speech technology company for about \$16 billion.

Tamarack Valley Energy Ltd. (TSX:TVE) announced that it has agreed to acquire privately-held, light-oil producer Anegada Oil Corp. in an all-stock deal valued at about \$494 million.

MARKETS

S&P/TSX and U.S. equity futures are pointing to a lower open Monday ahead of the start of first-quarter earnings season.

CURRENCIES

The Canadian dollar is up 0.05 at 0.7977 (U.S.).

COMMODITIES

West Texas Intermediate crude oil rose 1.4% at \$60.12.

Gold slipped 0.05% to \$1,743.90 an ounce.

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