Morning Letter



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Market Summary

DOW	16741.77	+7.58	PEYTO ENERGY	40.90	+.04	POLARIS	2.71	+.01
TSE	14949.32	+39.69	WESTERN FOREST	2.12	02	CANADIAN \$	0.9204	0005
S&P	1932.85	+2.74	CATALYST	2.61		EURO	1.3540	0011
NASDAQ	4308.88	+11.25	CANFOR	23.69	+.02	COPPER	3.03	+.02
TSX VENTURE	995.99	-1.98	REDSTAR GOLD	0.05		CRUDE OIL	105.98	+.20
SILVER	19.59	+.06	LUMBER	300.20		NATURAL GAS	4.73	03
GOLD	1274.30	+.30	TIM HORTON'S	59.09	+.39	PRIME RATE	3.00%	

Market Commentary

Chinese Industrial Output rose at an 8.8% clip in May from a year earlier, up from the 8.7% clip in April

Retail Sales for May increased 12.5%

Insurgents take two more Iraqi towns, Obama threatens air strikes

Sunni Islamist militants gained more ground in Iraq overnight, moving into two towns in the eastern province of Diyala, while U.S. President Barack Obama considered military strikes to halt their advance towards the capital Baghdad.

Carney signals earlier British rate rise, sterling soars

Britain could become the first major economy to tighten monetary policy since the 2008 financial crisis, Bank of England Governor Mark Carney signalled, sending sterling shooting to a five-year high against the dollar.

Canadian cannabis producers set their sights high

By unlocking the once-obscure medical marijuana market, Canada has created a fast-growing, profitable and federally regulated industry with a distinct appeal to the more daring global investor.

• US Consumer Sentiment Index came in at 81.2 versus expectations of a reading of 83

The TSX opened higher on better Chinese data. Investors remain concerned about a British rate hike prospects and escalating civil war in Iraq weighed on investors' risk appetite. European indexes traded lower after the Bank of England flagged concerns about loose mortgage lending and raised the prospect of a rate hike. Japan's Nikkei bounced off a 2 1/2-week low, while Asian stocks ended broadly lower. The sterling hit a 19-month high against the euro and the dollar was up against yen after Bank of Japan's comments. Brent hit a nine-month high, while gold was little changed.

• Amaya Gaming Group Inc (AYA). The company on Thursday said it will buy Rational Group, which owns and operates the world's biggest online poker company **PokerStars** for \$4.9 billion. The transaction will be financed with a combination of cash on hand, new credit facilities and equity financing, the company said in a statement.

• Crescent Point Energy Inc (CPG). The company said it had completed the acquisition of oil assets in the Saskatchewan Viking play from private oil and gas producer Polar Star Canadian Oil and Gas Inc for about C\$334 million in cash and stock. The deal will increase Crescent Point's land base in the play by 38 percent, the company said.

• Encana Corp (ECA). Private equity firm Apollo Global Management LLC is in talks to buy the company's Bighorn Properties in Alberta, Canada in a deal expected to be worth about \$1.8 billion, the WSJ reported.

• **Talisman Energy Inc** (TLM) is reviewing its Asian oil and gas portfolio, valued at about \$4 billion, which could lead to a partial or full sale, people familiar with the matter said. It plans to put \$2 billion worth of assets on the market in the next 12-18 months, after raising \$6.6 billion through asset disposals since 2011, according the company website.

ANALYSTS' RECOMMENDATIONS

• **Dollarama Inc** (DOL). Barclays cuts price target to C\$94 from C\$95, sees the company's margins to be under pressure due to higher import costs and Ontario's minimum wage increase

• Secure Energy Services Inc (SES). National Bank Financial ups target to C\$25.50 from C\$24 to reflect the company's anticipated outperformance in its second-quarter activity levels

• Xtreme Drilling And Coil Services (XDC). National Bank Financial raises price target to C\$6.50 from C\$6, says the company's deep coil fleet is poised to double

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