Morning Letter



Market Summary

DOW	16454.32	+37.12	PEYTO ENERGY	34.11	54	POLARIS	1.41	+.08
TSE	13877.69	+46.11	WESTERN FOREST	1.34	+.03	CANADIAN \$	0.9112	0034
S&P	1843.08	-2.81	CATALYST	2.20		EURO	1.3567	0051
NASDAQ	4209.31	-9.38	CANFOR	28.36	+.06	COPPER	3.36	+.01
TSX VENTURE	976.75	+2.21	REDSTAR GOLD	0.055		CRUDE OIL	94.40	+.30
SILVER	20.31	+.26	LUMBER	373.00	-	NATURAL GAS	4.28	04
GOLD	1249.90	+9.40	TIM HORTON'S	60.48	+.29	PRIME RATE	3.00%	

Market Commentary

· GE profit rises, helped by oil and gas business

General Electric Co posted a rise in quarterly net profit, helped by strength in its businesses selling oil pumps and jet engines.

Institutional securities loss hits Morgan Stanley profit

Morgan Stanley reported a sharp fall in quarterly profit as the Wall Street bank posted a pre-tax loss of \$1.1 billion from continuing operations in its institutional securities business.

Shell warns of "significant" profit miss

Royal Dutch Shell issued a "significant" profit warning, detailing across-the-board problems and the extent of the challenges facing the oil major's new boss Ben van Beurden, who took over two weeks ago.

Drilling outside N.America drives Schlumberger profit

Schlumberger Ltd, the world's largest oilfield services company, reported a better-than-expected 22 percent jump in fourthquarter profit as robust international drilling activity made up for weakness in North America.

Intel gives lukewarm revenue forecast

Intel Corp's earnings missed expectations by a penny in the fourth quarter due to weak spending on servers, and the chipmaker gave a lukewarm forecast for first-quarter revenue that did little to dispel concerns about a slowing PC industry.

The TSX pointed slightly higher with investors waiting to take cues from a slew of U.S. economic data including housing starts, building permits and industrial production. **Wall Street** reversing previous session's losses. **European markets** traded higher, with better-than-expected UK retail sales data overshadowing a slump in Shell's stocks, while **Asian markets** ended negative. **Brent** rose while **Gold** is up but still on course for its first weekly drop in four weeks.

• **Dollarama Inc** (DOL). The dollar-store operator said December sales were hurt by severe winter weather and power outages. Comparable-store sales fell 7.5 percent in December.

• Titan Logix Corp (TLA). The reported first-quarter sales C\$4.4 million compared with C\$4.0 million, a year earlier. Earnings came in at 3 Canadian cents a share, unchanged from the comparable quarter.

• **Bombardier Inc** (BBDb). The company said a group led by its rail technology unit has signed a \$4.1 billion contract with the Australian state of Queensland. Bombardier Transportation's share of the contract for a rollingstock project is valued at about \$2.7 billion. Bombardier will supply 75 electrical multiple units, build a depot and provide maintenance for 30 years.

• **Saputo Inc** (SAP). The company said its shareholding in Australia's Warrnambool Cheese and Butter Factory Holdings Co has jumped to 46.17 percent, putting it close to majority control. A win for the company, whose offer rises to A\$549 million if it receives acceptances of 90 percent or more, would end one of Australia's most competitive takeover battles in recent years.

ANALYSTS' RECOMMENDATIONS

Alamos Gold Inc (AGI). CIBC cuts target to C\$15 from C\$17 citing the company's reduced fourth-quarter figures
Oryx Petroleum Corporation Ltd (OXC). RBC raises to outperform from sector perform with target price to C\$18 from C\$17, given the company's regional exposure in Kurdistan, exploration-led strategy and financing requirements

• **Saputo Inc** (SAP). CIBC raises target price to C\$53 from C\$50, says acquisition of Warrnambool Cheese and Butter Factory Holdings Co has strong strategic merits, and would give the company a platform to grow its exports to Asia

• Sierra Wireless Inc (SW). Jefferies raises target to \$20 from \$16.75, believes management will be more focused on cost controls, likes the improved operating model and stability of M2M

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