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Market Summary

DOW	16396.33	-56.39	PEYTO ENERGY	35.25	24	POLARIS	2.61	02
TSE	14284.74	-14.34	WESTERN FOREST	2.29	13	CANADIAN \$	0.9006	0018
S&P	1875.36	-2.68	CATALYST	3.00		EURO	1.3878	+.0001
NASDAQ	4328.55	-7.67	CANFOR	29.04	25	COPPER	3.04	05
TSX VENTURE	1041.48	-1.53	REDSTAR GOLD	0.06		CRUDE OIL	101.12	-1.46
SILVER	20.87	-04	LUMBER	357.50	+.02	NATURAL GAS	4.48	+.01
GOLD	1340.60	+2.40	TIM HORTON'S	60.55	24	PRIME RATE	3.00%	

Market Commentary

China Feb exports tumble unexpectedly, heighten slowdown fears

China's exports unexpectedly tumbled in February, swinging the trade balance into deficit and adding to fears of a slowdown in the world's second-largest economy despite the Lunar New Year holidays being blamed for the slide.

Japan Q4 growth suffer blow in test for Abenomics

Japan's economic recovery suffered a blow at the end of last year and the current account deficit ballooned to a record in January, raising fears of a stumble in the world's third-largest economy as activity wilts ahead of a sales tax increase in April.

· Merkel raps Putin as Russian forces tighten grip on Crimea

Germany's Angela Merkel delivered a rebuke to President Vladimir Putin on Sunday, telling him that a planned Moscow-backed referendum on whether Crimea should join Russia was illegal and violated Ukraine's constitution.

The TSX reversed previous session's gains as surprisingly weak Chinese trade data rattled investors. Housing starts data is on the economic calendar. Wall Street pointed lower also. European shares bounced back from early morning losses, while Asian shares ended lower, with Japan's Nikkei index retreating from a five-week high. The Australian and Canadian dollars lost as much as half a percent against their U.S. counterpart. Brent slipped and gold reversed to be up slightly.

- **COM DEV International Ltd** (CDV). The company posted first-quarter earnings of 3 Canadian cents a share compared with 6 Canadian cents a share, a year earlier. Revenue fell to C\$51.8 million from C\$52.3 million.
- **ZCL Composites Inc** (ZCL) reported fourth-quarter net income of 6 Canadian cents per share, compared with 10 Canadian cents per share, a year earlier. Revenue fell to C\$37.7 million from C\$44.8 million during the same period last year.
- Royal Bank of Canada (RY). A Delaware judge said the bank should be held liable to former shareholders of Rural/Metro Corp because it failed to disclose conflicts of interest that tainted the \$438 million buyout of the ambulance operator.

ANALYSTS' RECOMMENDATIONS

- Constellation Software Inc (CSU). CIBC raises price target to C\$275 from C\$225 considering the company's better-thanexpected fourth-quarter results
- Granite Real Estate Investment Trust (GRT_u). CIBC raises price target to C\$41 from C\$40 based on the company's strong execution in the fourth quarter across all facets
- Liquor Stores NA Ltd (LIQ). National Bank cuts rating to underperform from sector perform and cuts price target to C\$11 from C\$13 based on the company's continuing pressure to impact Alaska and profitability margins trending downward
- **Penn West Petroleum Ltd** (PWT). National Bank Financial raises price target to C\$9 from C\$8 citing the company's better-than-expected reserve update and improving well cost and performance
- West Fraser Timber Co Ltd (WFT). CIBC raises price target to C\$66 from C\$65, sees the company's acquisition of Travis Lumber Company as accretive to both EPS and EBITDA estimates

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