



Market Summary

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| DOW | 17974.46 | +225.15 | PEYTO ENERGY | 33.71 | +0.09 | POLARIS | 2.20 | -- |
| TSE | 14862.76 | +131.26 | WESTERN FOREST | 1.90 | -- | CANADIAN \$ | 0.7824 | +0.0004 |
| S&P | 2079.39 | +25.99 | CATALYST | 3.50 | -- | EURO | 1.0574 | +0.0082 |
| NASDAQ | 4929.51 | +57.75 | CANFOR | 25.41 | +0.10 | COPPER | 2.76 | -- |
| TSX VENTURE | 663.84 | -0.76 | REDSTAR GOLD | 0.035 | +0.005 | BRENT CRUDE | 53.38 | -1.23 |
| SILVER | 15.62 | +0.12 | LUMBER | 269.50 | -4.50 | NATURAL GAS | 2.76 | -- |
| GOLD | 1153.40 | +1.00 | FIRST MAJESTIC | 6.63 | -0.01 | PRIME RATE | 2.85% | |

Market Commentary

• China held their National Party Congress (NPC) meeting this past weekend,

Some targets that the Chinese put out there, like: 7% GDP Growth, CPI of 3%, Create over 10 million jobs in urban areas and some other plans, there were no surprises. Notable goals for the Chinese Gov't to work on from the NPC include:

1. The government will be proactive in fiscal policy and run prudent monetary policy through pre-emptive adjustments and fine tuning with the aim of sustaining the momentum of economic growth. New job creation is an important factor in the decision to tweak policy.
2. Maintain steady economic growth, balanced with structural adjustments
3. As the traditional driver of economic growth (industrial) is weakening, China is to increase reform to hasten the birth and development of a new force for driving economic and social development (innovation driven).

• US Factory production in the U.S. fell in February for a third consecutive month

Paring previous session losses **Canada's main stock index** started flat but gradually rallied with utilities and banks strongest. **U.S. markets** where strong out of the gate as the US dollar eased as recent economic data puts in some doubt as to when rates will rise in the US. Markets are ignoring the pending US debt ceiling issue. Balance of payments for January is due on the economic calendar. **European markets** were in the green after the **euro** struck a fresh 12-year low versus the **U.S. dollar**, while **Asian markets** closed mostly lower. **Brent crude** oil fell to its lowest for more than a month, on rising global inventories and signs of a possible nuclear deal with Tehran. **Gold** steadied around the three-month low.

• **Barrick Gold Corp** (ABX). The company may put its Chilean copper mine on the block as the Canadian miner tries to meet an ambitious debt reduction target, the Financial Times reported. A sale of the Zaldivar copper mine could raise more than \$1.5 billion and draw interest from Chinese companies looking to acquire resources as well as private equity firms such as Mick Davis's X2 Resources, the newspaper said, citing bankers and mining executives.

• **BlackBerry Ltd** (BB). Seeking to extend its range of secure mobile devices the company said on Saturday it was launching a high-security tablet, developed with International Business Machines Corp and Samsung Electronics Co Ltd. The SecuTABLET, based on Samsung's Galaxy Tab S 10.5 and being presented by BlackBerry unit Secusmart at tech fair CeBIT 2015 in Germany, reflects the Canadian company's stress on secure connections for governments and businesses as it seeks to preserve a niche market after a drubbing in recent years at the hands of emerging smartphone makers such as Apple Inc.


• **Pacific Rubiales** (PRE). Colombia's state-run oil company Ecopetrol will not extend its contract with the company to operate the country's highest-producing oilfield, the company said on Friday. Under the contract, set to expire in the first half of 2016, Ecopetrol has rights to 60 percent of the production at the Campo Rubiales oilfield, while Pacific has the remaining 40 percent.

• **Valeant Pharmaceuticals International Inc** (VRX). The company plans to raise its bid for Salix Pharmaceuticals Ltd close to \$170 per share, a person familiar with matter told Reuters. Canada's Valeant is hoping to end a bidding war with Endo International Plc to acquire the bowel drug maker Salix.

ANALYSTS' RECOMMENDATION

• **B2Gold** (BTO). Canaccord Genuity cut target price to C\$3.50 from C\$4 to reflect company's lower life-of-mine recoveries assumed at the Masbate mine.

- **Canadian National Railway Co (CNR)**. UBS raised target price to C\$93 from C\$86 citing strong momentum in 2015 and good visibility to 2015 CBR growth.
- **IAMGOLD (IMG)**. Raymond James initiated coverage with a market perform rating saying that company's inroads made into its cost curve over the last several years have been admirable.

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