Morning Letter



Market Summary

DOW	16507.75	+6.10	PEYTO ENERGY	39.99	+.14	POLARIS	2.90	
TSE	14546.71	+13.32	WESTERN FOREST	2.20	+.01	CANADIAN \$	0.9067	+.0003
S&P	1879.01	+2.01	CATALYST	2.01	26	EURO	1.3803	0012
NASDAQ	4149.07	+22.10	CANFOR	24.68	+.03	COPPER	3.07	+.04
TSX VENTURE	1012.47	+1.49	REDSTAR GOLD	0.05		CRUDE OIL	101.93	+.49
SILVER	29.49	+.03	LUMBER	327.90		NATURAL GAS	4.81	+.03
GOLD	1284.10	50	TIM HORTON'S	60.83	+.21	PRIME RATE	3.00%	

Market Commentary

Weaker inflation could prompt broad ECB asset-buying -Draghi

The European Central Bank could embark on a broad-based asset buying plan if the euro zone inflation outlook worsens, ECB President Mario Draghi said, adding that a rise in the euro could also trigger policy action.

Potash Corp profit falls, sees weaker second quarter

Potash Corp of Saskatchewan, the world's biggest fertilizer company forecast a weaker than expected second quarter after reporting a fall in first-quarter profit

GM posts lower first-quarter profit after recall costs

General Motors Co posted lower quarterly profit after a massive recall due to defective ignition switches linked to at least 13 deaths, but results still topped Wall Street expectations on strong pricing for its vehicles, especially in North America.

Lilly posts sales below estimates, trims profit forecast

U.S. drugmaker Eli Lilly and Co reported lower-than-expected quarterly revenue, hurt by disappointing sales of its cancer and diabetes drugs, and trimmed its 2014 profit forecast.

The TSX was higher at the open as upbeat earnings from heavyweights such as Apple and Facebook outweighed weak results from Potash Corp. U.S. stock indexes opened higher, with Nasdaq making strong gains. By the time this note was sent the morning pop has fizzled. European shares rose with Britain's FTSE hitting a six-week high and Asian shares were mixed. Euro fell on ECB President Mario Draghi's comments on further monetary easing. Brent rose as disagreement between Russia and the West over Ukraine added to supply concerns and gold had been lower as inflation remains low and the US dollar gains but has since recovered to be little changed.

• Potash Corp of Saskatchewan (POT). The world's biggest fertiliser company, said it expects a weaker second quarter after reporting a fall in first-quarter profit. First-quarter net earnings fell by nearly 39 percent year on year to \$340 million, or 40 cents per share, while sales dropped 20 percent to \$1.68 billion.

• Barrick Gold Corp (ABX). The disagreements around the spin-out of certain assets that had snagged merger talks between Barrick Gold and its rival, Newmont Mining Corp, have been resolved but talks are at a standstill for now, said three sources familiar with the matter on Wednesday. There have been some talks between representatives of both companies since discussions broke down last Thursday, but high-level talks between executives from both sides have yet to resume, said the sources, who asked not to be named due to the sensitive nature of the discussions.

ANALYSTS' RECOMMENDATIONS

• Canadian National Railway Co (CNR). BMO cuts rating to market perform from outperform as a reflection of the limited remaining upside to the target price following the stock's strong increase over the past year

• Crescent Point Energy Corp (CPG). Barclays raises price target to C\$48 from C\$47, says the company's expected acquisition of CanEra Energy will add meaningful free cash flow and reduce the corporate decline rate

• Husky Energy Inc (HSE). Raymond James raises target price to C\$43 from C\$42, on company's solid progress at renewing its Western Canadian production base

• Total Energy Services Inc (TOT). CIBC raises rating to sector outperformer from sector performer based on the company's current outlook on its core business lines

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