# **Morning Letter**



## **Market Summary**

DOW	16440.07	-72.82	PEYTO ENERGY	40.40	15	POLARIS	2.75	09
TSE	14705.19	-59.96	WESTERN FOREST	2.36	+.03	CANADIAN \$	0.9111	+.0004
S&P	1870.35	-10.78	CATALYST	2.41	+.06	EURO	1.3877	+.0008
NASDAQ	4111.57	-12.32	CANFOR	26.32	+.32	COPPER	3.06	01
<b>TSX VENTURE</b>	101301	-1.45	<b>REDSTAR GOLD</b>	0.06	005	CRUDE OIL	99.52	24
SILVER	19.65	+.10	LUMBER	341.50		NATURAL GAS	4.74	+.04
GOLD	1313.30	+10.40	TIM HORTON'S	60.16	05	PRIME RATE	3.00%	

### **Market Commentary**

#### Pfizer 1st-quarter sales disappoint, generics drag results

The drugmaker reported revenues well below Wall Street expectations, hurt by falling sales of generic medicines it calls established pharmaceuticals.

#### China factory activity shrinks, new export orders contract

Activity in China's manufacturing sector contracted for a fourth consecutive month in April, a private survey showed, adding to questions about whether the world's second-largest economy is still losing momentum.

#### Ukraine moving special forces to control Odessa

Ukraine's Interior Minister said he had drafted a new special forces unit into the southern port city of Odessa after the "outrageous" failure of police to tackle pro-Russian separatists in a weekend of violence that killed dozens.

#### Occidental Petroleum profit rises on higher crude, natgas prices

The fourth-largest U.S. oil and gas company reported a 2.6 percent rise in first-quarter profit, helped by higher prices for crude oil and natural gas.

**Canadian stocks** opened lower as soft Chinese manufacturing data and simmering tensions in Ukraine weighed on investor sentiment. **Wall Street** saw a sharply lower open. **European shares** slipped and **Asian shares** ended mixed. In the bond markets, **Portuguese yields** edged to eight-year lows after Lisbon said on Sunday the country would make a clean exit from its bailout later this month. **Gold** hit three-week highs fuelled by a retreat in **dollar** and **Brent** edged up initially but lower now.

• Ritchie Bros Auctioneers Inc (RBA). The company reported first-quarter earnings of 13 cents per share on revenue of \$98 million. In the same quarter a year earlier, it had recorded earnings of 13 cents per share and revenue of \$102 million.

• Encana Corp (ECA). Michigan state prosecutors plan to call Kurt Froistad, a former land acquisition specialist at Encana's U.S. unit until August 2011, to testify on behalf of the state, at a multi-day hearing in their criminal antitrust case against oil and gas companies Chesapeake and Encana.

• **Nordion Inc** (NDN). The medical isotopes supplier said that Sterigenics, a sterilization services provider owned by private equity firm GTCR LLC, increased its offer price to \$758 million from \$727 million. Nordion shareholders will now be entitled to a cash consideration of \$12.25 per share, up 50 cents per share from the earlier offer made on March 28.

#### ANALYSTS' RECOMMENDATIONS

• **Gildan Activewear** (GIL). National Bank Financial raises target to C\$69 from C\$67, says the company has meaningful opportunity to grow in branded and printwear over the next few years

• Torstar Corp (TSb). RBC raises price to C\$9 from C\$7 to reflect NAV accretion from the sale of Harlequin to News Corp

- Vermilion Energy (VET). National Bank Financial raises price target to C\$80 from C\$72 citing strong first-quarter results
- Western Energy Services Corp (WRG). CIBC raises target to C\$13.25 from C\$12.50 on the company's solid first quarter

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