



Market Summary

DOW	16444.40	-169.57	PEYTO ENERGY	38.19	-.22	POLARIS	2.83	-.01
TSE	14543.83	-129.90	WESTERN FOREST	2.41	-.02	CANADIAN \$	0.9187	+.0004
S&P	1865.56	-22.97	CATALYST	2.96	-.04	EURO	1.3719	+.0004
NASDAQ	4052.35	-28.28	CANFOR	24.70	-.75	COPPER	3.15	-.01
TSX VENTURE	980.78	-10.96	REDSTAR GOLD	0.06	+.005	CRUDE OIL	101.17	-.57
SILVER	19.51	-.26	LUMBER	334.00	-5.40	NATURAL GAS	4.49	+.12
GOLD	1296.70	-9.60	TIM HORTON'S	59.94	-.15	PRIME RATE	3.00%	

Market Commentary

• Canadian manufacturing sales edged up 0.4% to \$50.9 billion in March, the sixth advance in seven months.

The rise mostly reflected higher sales in the food, machinery, and plastics and rubber products industries. However, these increases were largely offset by declines in the paper, and petroleum and coal products industries. Sales were up in 11 of 21 industries, representing approximately two-thirds of the manufacturing sector. Both durable and non-durable goods sales increased 0.4%. Constant dollar sales increased 0.5%, indicating a rise in the volume of goods sold.

• Producer Prices Rising, US Economy Slowing

The seasonally adjusted producer price index increased 0.6 percent, the biggest gain since September 2012. In layman's terms this means the prices paid for inputs by the nation's farms, factories and refineries rose. Last month, food prices surged 2.7 percent.

• Wal-Mart profit falls 5 pct as severe winter deters shoppers

Wal-Mart reported a 5 percent fall in quarterly profit as severe winter weather hurt comparable sales in the United States.

• Euro zone's Q1 GDP growth disappoints, inflation in 'danger zone'

Euro zone economic growth was much weaker than expected in the first quarter and inflation remained locked in the 'danger zone' below 1 percent in April despite a modest pick-up, data showed.

Canadian stocks started flat then fell as investors digest a flurry of U.S. economic data. Manufacturing sales data is on the economic calendar. **U.S. stock indexes** also fell hard breaking recent trend. **European shares** steadied, while **Asian shares** were broadly higher. The **euro** fell to six-week lows against the **dollar**. **Brent** hovered near two-and-a-half-week high on Ukraine crisis and supply worries. **Gold** was little changed at first but dropped after US dollar gained on economic data.

• **Air Canada** (ACb) reported a bigger first-quarter loss, mainly due to a weaker Canadian dollar and an unusually harsh winter. It said that its net loss widened to C\$341 million, or C\$1.20 per share, in the quarter, from C\$260 million, or 95 Canadian cents per share, a year earlier. Excluding one-time items, it earned 46 Canadian cents per share.

• **Chorus Aviation Inc** (CHRb) announced net earnings of 17 Canadian cents per share on revenue of C\$414.6 million.

• **Bank of Nova Scotia** (BNS). The bank said on Wednesday it will explore options to divest itself of some or all of its 37 percent stake in asset manager **CI Financial** (CIX) and redeploy the capital elsewhere.

• **Bear Creek Mining Corp** (BCM). The miner said on Wednesday that a court ruling in Peru has renewed its legal right to develop its stalled Santa Ana silver project, which was suspended in 2011 after protests against it turned deadly.

• **WiLan Inc** (WIN). The patent licensing company said on Wednesday that it increased its quarterly dividend to 5 Canadian cents from 4 Canadian cents, effective from the second-quarter results. The company said it would consider selling some of its non-core patents and focus on smaller licensing deals following a strategic review.

ANALYSTS' RECOMMENDATIONS

• **Bear Creek Mining Corp** (BCM). BMO raises rating to outperform from market perform on the company's return of the Santa Ana project into its development pipeline and its plans to reinstate the EISA process

• **Canadian Apartment Properties REIT** (CAR_u). CIBC raises rating to sector outperformer from sector performer citing the company's robust first-quarter results and growth outlook

• **CI Financial Corp** (CIX). Canaccord Genuity cuts rating to hold from buy following **Scotiabank** (BNS) announcing its intentions to explore the sale of its stake in the company

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