Morning Letter



Market Summary

DOW	16710.84	-8.55	PEYTO ENERGY	34.35	02	POLARIS	1.81	04
TSE	14461.31	-115.14	WESTERN FOREST	2.10	05	CANADIAN \$	0.8937	0008
S&P	1930.00	-5.10	CATALYST	2.42	03	EURO	1.2673	+.0005
NASDAQ	4369.81	-15.39	CANFOR	24.35	02	COPPER	3.00	04
TSX VENTURE	840.17	-14.66	REDSTAR GOLD	0.045		CRUDE OIL	87.37	-1.48
SILVER	17.12	12	LUMBER	346.70	60	NATURAL GAS	3.89	07
GOLD	1207.17	-4.80	TIM HORTON'S	87.91	29	PRIME RATE	3.00%	

Market Commentary

· Banks need overhaul, but risk to recovery, IMF says

A much-needed pruning of banks across the world could stifle lending and dampen economic recovery, the International Monetary Fund said.

• Property arm of Canada's Caisse fund in first direct Mexico investment - Source

The real estate arm of Canadian pension fund Caisse de depot et placement du Quebec will make its first direct investment in Mexico, with a \$100 million project in Mexico City, a source familiar with the matter said.

Costco fourth-quarter earnings beat estimates

Warehouse club operator Costco Wholesale Corp reported better-than-expected fourth-quarter earnings on strong growth of same-store sales excluding fuel.

• US Crude inventories rise 5m barrels

The three year trend higher is busted. Some expect next support lies at \$85.

Condos push Canada housing starts higher in September

Canadian housing starts rose modestly in September as builders broke ground on more multiple-unit dwellings, typically condominiums, data showed on Wednesday.

The report from the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corp (CMHC) showed housing starts climbed to a seasonally adjusted annualized rate of 197,343 units last month from an upwardly revised 196,283 units in August.

Stocks pointed lower for Canada's **main stock index** as concerns mount over waning global economic growth. Canadian housing starts data came in slightly better but crude has taken a hit again driving the TSX lower. Ahead of minutes of Federal Reserve's mid-September policy meeting, **U.S. stock indexes** started higher but eventually eased to be little changed. Asian and European markets were lower. The **euro** slipped to one-month low against the **yen**. **Gold** advanced in early trading before also giving back gains made yesterday, while **oil** traded lower dropping below some key support.

• Jean Coutu Group Inc (PJCa). The pharmacy chain reported higher quarterly sales, helped by demand for generic drugs and the expansion of its network of franchised stores. Revenue rose about 3 percent to C\$674.4 million. Net profit fell to C\$53.6 million, or 28 Canadian cents per share, in the second quarter, from C\$208.2 million, or 99 Canadian cents per share, a year earlier. The company had reported a gain of C\$158.3 million related to the investment in drugstore chain Rite Aid Corp a year earlier.

ANALYSTS' RECOMMENDATIONS

• **Tahoe Resources Inc** (THO). Credit Suisse starts with outperform rating; price target C\$30.50, says high-grade silver-goldzinc Escobal mine in Guatemala provides strong operating margins and low cash-costs, with a strong balance sheet and growing free cash flow.

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