Morning Letter



Market Summary

DOW	15358.50	+190.49	PEYTO ENERGY	31.30	12	POLARIS	1.55	+.03
TSE	12938.21	+6.75	WESTERN FOREST	1.39	+.02	CANADIAN \$	0.9663	+.0031
S&P	1719.09	+21.03	CATALYST	1.23	+.10	EURO	1.3485	0038
NASDAQ	3834.17	+40.18	CANFOR	21.68	+.01	COPPER	3.31	
TSX VENTURE	926.78	-2.35	REDSTAR GOLD	.09		CRUDE OIL	102.21	+1.00
SILVER	21.23	+.03	LUMBER	345.50	+7.90	NATURAL GAS	4.07	+.04
GOLD	1272.40	-0.80	TIM HORTON'S	60.60	+.64	PRIME RATE	3.00%	

Market Commentary

· U.S. lawmakers begin last-ditch effort on debt ceiling

The U.S. Senate appears to have reached a last minute deal to avoid a historic lapse in the government's borrowing authority, a breach that President Barack Obama has said could lead to default and deliver a damaging blow to the global economy.

Bank of America posts profit as loan-loss provisions drop

Bank of America Corp reported a third-quarter profit of \$2.22 billion attributable to common stockholders, compared with a loss a year earlier, as provisions for credit losses fell.

PepsiCo reports higher profit despite economic pressures

PepsiCo Inc reported higher quarterly earnings and said it was on track to meet its financial goals for the year, despite global economic pressures.

· BNY Mellon's profit beats estimates on higher fees

BNY Mellon Corp reported a higher-than-expected quarterly profit on rising fees from managing money, increased mutual fund balances and strength in foreign currency trading.

BlackRock's third-quarter profit rises 15 percent

BlackRock Inc, the world's largest money manager, said its third-quarter profit rose 15 percent, citing market growth and strong global demand from its retail and institutional clients.

Failing to tracking its **U.S. counterpart**, TSX is flat despite that the U.S. Senate has struck a deal to prevent the world's largest economy from defaulting on its debt. Nervousness earlier in the day weighed on **European markets**, with luxury goods stocks among the worst performers. **Asian shares** closed lower but Japan's **Nikkei** index bucked the trend and rose for the sixth day in a row, marking its longest winning streak in seven months. Global **oil** prices traded little changed. **Gold** inched higher but the precious metal has fallen about 4 percent since the U.S. government shutdown began on October 1.

• **SNC-Lavalin Group Ltd** (SNC). The construction and engineering company slashed its full-year profit forecast after it took a nearly C\$75 million charge due to previously signed contracts in North Africa and in the hospital and road sectors that turned unprofitable. It now expects net income for 2013 to be C\$10 million to C\$50 million, compared with its earlier forecast of C\$220 million to C\$235 million. Analysts on average were expecting full-year net income of C\$226.83 million.

• **Kinross Gold Corp** (K). The company will keep its main expansion in Mauritania on hold to 2015, no matter how far the gold price rises, as it plans to save rather than spend for now, its CEO Paul Rollinson told Reuters. He added that as a result of this decision, the company has laid off a number of expatriates and scaled back its activity at Tasiast, so it would take time to ramp up the project even if the gold price returns to its historic highs.

• **TransCanada Corp** (TRP). Continental Resources Inc said it would be open to talks with the Keystone XL pipeline project on it carrying a greater amount of domestic U.S. oil instead of Canadian crude. TransCanada has said the line would take only about 100,000 bpd of oil from the Bakken oil fields. Continental CEO Harold Hamm held out the possibility that Keystone could become a more attractive project to Continental if TransCanada decided to carry a greater percentage of Bakken oil.

ANALYSTS' RECOMMENDATIONS

• Amica Mature Lifestyles Inc (ACC). CIBC raises price target to C\$9.50 from C\$9.25 after the company reported firstquarter FFO that was in line with expectations

• **Bombardier Inc** (BBDb). CIBC raises price target to C\$6.25 from C\$5.75, says as the company executes its game plan, derisking the story for investors, its share price and valuation are expected to grind higher

• **TMX Group Ltd** (X). National Bank Financial cuts price target to C\$44 from C\$47, expects financing activity to remain relatively weak for the balance of the year

• Uni-Select Inc (UNS). National Bank Financial raises price target to C\$24 from C\$22 as the company's action plan for U.S. automotive is progressing at an encouraging pace

• Whitecap Resources Inc (WCP). Canaccord Genuity raises target price to C\$14 from C\$13.50 after the company

increased modestly its 2013 capital spending and annual average production guidance; on the back of stronger than expected drilling results in the third quarter

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