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# **MACRO VIEW**

The TSX (+0.1%) and Wall Street's main indices are higher helped by the energy and technology sectors. West Texas Intermediate crude oil (+1.9%) prices held steady with concerns that fuel demand will continue to weaken as rising coronavirus cases across Europe and the United States, could delay economic growth. Gold (+1.1%) firmed with investors worried about the economic recovery and uncertainty surrounding the U.S. presidential election. North American bond yields inched down with the U.S. 10-year at 0.72%, and the Canadian 10-year at 0.58%. The Canadian dollar edged higher against the greenback as oil prices rose and ahead of comments by Bank of Canada Deputy Governor Timothy Lane.

The U.S. Producer Price Index increased more than expected in September by 0.4% versus a forecast of 0.2%, leading to the first year-over-year gain since March. Excluding food and energy, the index climbed 1.2%.

# CANADIAN MARKETS

Bank of Nova Scotia (BNS, +0.0%) has sold its Antigua and Barbuda businesses to Eastern Caribbean Amalgamated Bank for an undisclosed sum. The businesses had two branches with less than 75 employees. BNS also updated the status of its deferral programs. The bank has approximately 5.3% of active loan deferral exposure at the end of September.

Royal Bank (RY, -0.1%) has launched an Al-based electronic trading platform, Aiden. The platform was jointly created by RBC Capital Markets and Borealis Al, an Al research center created by RBC. Aiden is currently available for U.S. and Canadian equities and the bank plans to expand the platform to other markets in the coming months.

**Restaurant Brands** (QSR, +1.2%) released preliminary Q3/20 results, it expects adjusted EBITDA in the range of US\$555 to US\$565 million and revenue of US\$1.32 to US\$1.34 billion. QSR also noted that the samestore sales (SSS) were down 5.4% and the organic revenue growth was down 7% to 9% in Q3/20.

**A&W Revenue Royalties** (AW.UN, +4.8%) reported Q3/20 SSS of -12.7%. A&W noted that the monthly distribution on its units and royalty payments from food services has resumed in July. A&W will pay a special cash distribution of \$0.30 per unit to the unitholders, payable on October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Currently, 11 A&W restaurants remain temporarily closed, this is down from a peak of 230 restaurants.

**Stelco** (STLC, +2.2%) announced the completion of the Lake Erie Works blast furnace upgrade and the commencement of production. With the upgrade, the company expects increased hot metal production of up to 300,000 tons per annum and a reduction of \$30 per ton in cost to produce steel coils.

### Market Indicators

Index	Level*	Change	YTD	YTD (C\$)	
S&P/TSX	16,529.90	0.12%	-3.1%	-3.1%	
S&P 500	3,518.82	0.20%	8.9%	10.2%	
NASDAQ	11,834.45	-0.25%	31.9%	33.4%	
Dow Jones	28,660.51	-0.07%	0.4%	1.6%	
Nikkei 225	23,626.73	0.11%	-0.1%	4.3%	
Euro Stoxx 50	3,278.69	-0.02%	-12.5%	-7.1%	
FTSE EM	2,391.72	0.23%	3.5%	4.7%	

### Canadian Market Movers

CNQ	Can Natural Res	2.5%
SU	Suncor Energy	2.2%
K	Kinross Gold	2.0%
AEM	Agnico Eagle Min	1.5%
ABX	Barrick Gold Crp	1.3%
T	Telus Corp	-1.1%
CAR-U	Can Apartment	-1.1%
RCI/B	Rogers Communi	-1.4%
FM	First Quantum	-1.5%
WEED	Canopy Growth Co	-1.5%

<sup>\*</sup>As of October 14 2020 10:33 AM. Source: Bloomberg

### **U.S. Market Movers**

QCOM	Qualcomm Inc	3.4%
SLB	Schlumberger Ltd	2.7%
KMI	Kinder Morgan In	2.4%
GE	General Electric	1.8%
M DT	Medtronic	1.8%
ABBV	Abbvie Inc	-1.2%
ADBE	Adobe Inc	-1.8%
F	Ford Motor Co	-2.3%
BAC	Bank Of America	-3.2%
WFC	Wells Fargo & Co	-3.9%

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# Benchmark Bonds & Rates

	Chg <sup>1</sup>	Yld <sup>1</sup>	Dec-20 <sup>2</sup>	Mar-21 <sup>2</sup>	
CA 2YR	0.00%	0.25%	0.35%	0.35%	
CA 10YR	-0.01%	0.58%	0.70%	0.80%	
US 2YR	0.00%	0.14%	0.25%	0.30%	
US 10YR	-0.01%	0.72%	0.80%	1.00%	
		Rate <sup>1</sup>	Dec-20 <sup>2</sup>	Mar-21 <sup>2</sup>	
CA Prime		2.45%	-	-	
CA Overnigh	t Tgt	0.25%	0.25%	0.25%	
Fed Funds T	gt	0.25%	0.13%	0.13%	

1 - As of October 14 2020 10:33 AM.; 2 - CIBC

forecasts. Source: Bloomberg

## U.S. MARKETS

Bank of America (BAC -3.2%) posted Q3/2020 earnings of US\$0.51 per share, which beat the consensus of US\$0.49 per share, however, this was down 16% year-over-year (Y/Y). The company's stock slipped on revenue that missed, coming in at US\$20.45 billion and falling short of the consensus estimate of US\$20.88 billion. With its large deposit base, Bank of America was impacted by the decline in interest rates, and saw a 17% drop in its net interest income Y/Y. The bank set aside \$1.4 billion for possible loan losses.

UnitedHealth (UNH -2.1%) slipped despite releasing Q3/2020 earnings of US\$3.51 per share, which topped the consensus estimate of US\$3.09 per share. Revenue of US\$65.12 billion also beat out an expected US\$63.97 billion. The healthcare insurance company provided improved annual earnings guidance.

US Bancorp (USB +0.6%) reported Q3/2020 EPS of US\$0.99, topping a consensus estimate of US\$0.91 per share. Revenue for the quarter came in at US\$5.96 billion, beating out an expected US\$5.70 billion. The bank experienced lower net interest income and higher expenses during the quarter, but did see strength in its fee-based businesses.

Goldman Sachs (GS -0.0%) posted a profit of US\$9.68 per share for its third quarter, soaring past the consensus estimate of US\$5.57 per share. Revenue of US\$10.78 billion also beat out expectations, and was up 30% compared to the year-ago-quarter. The bank's earnings were bolstered by strong trading and consumer banking performance.

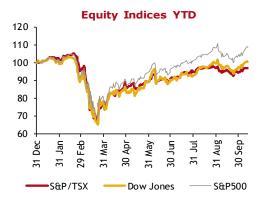
PNC Financial (PNC -0.4%) released 03/2020 EPS of US\$3.39, up 15% Y/Y and well ahead of the consensus EPS of US\$2.12. Revenue also topped consensus expectations, coming in at US\$4.28 billion over an estimated US\$4.01 billion. PNC set aside US\$52 million to cover possible bad loans, compared to US\$2.46 billion in the prior quarter.

Allscripts Healthcare Solutions (MDRX +29.7%) announced that it will sell its CarePort patient care coordination business to WellSky. WellSky is owned by private equity firms, TPG and Leonard Green & Partners, and will purchase CarePort for US\$1.35 billion.

### **Currencies & Commodities**

	Price*	Change	YTD
C\$/US\$	0.761	0.000	-1.2%
US\$/€	0.850	0.001	-4.6%
Gold	\$1,906.25	\$15.07	25.6%
Copper per 100 lb	\$304.45	\$0.00	7.8%
Oil (WTI)	\$40.92	\$0.72	-33.0%
Oil (WCS)	\$31.27	\$0.37	-18.9%
Natural Gas (NYMEX)	\$2.70	-\$0.16	23.3%
Natural Gas (AECO)	\$1.84	\$0.24	7.6%

<sup>\*</sup>As of October 14 2020 10:33 AM. Source: Bloomberg



## **Earnings Releases**

Date	Est.	Act.	
10/14	\$3.10	\$3.51	*
10/14	\$0.50	\$0.51	*
10/14	\$0.45	\$0.42	*
10/14	\$5.53	\$9.68	*
10/14	\$1.71	\$1.88	*
10/14	\$0.91	\$0.99	*
10/14	\$2.13	\$3.39	*
10/14	-\$7.47		*
10/14	-\$0.08		
10/15	\$1.28		*
10/15	\$2.03		*
10/15	\$0.47		*
10/15	\$0.88		*
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Source: Bloomberg \* = USD

### Economic Calendar - Canada

Economic Calendar - Canada						Economic Calendar - U.S.				
Day	Release	Prior	Est.	Actual	Day	Release	Prior	Est.	Actual	
10/15	Existing Home Sales MoM (Sep)	6.20%			10/14	MBA Mortgage Applications	4.60%		-0.70%	
10/16	Int'l Securities Transactions (Aug)	-8.52b			10/14	PPI Final Demand MoM (Sep)	0.30%	0.20%	0.40%	
10/16	Manufacturing Sales MoM (Aug)	7.00%	-1.40%		10/14	PPI Ex Food and Energy MoM (Sep)	0.40%	0.20%	0.40%	
10/19	Bloomberg Nanos Confidence	52.4			10/14	PPI Ex Food, Energy, Trade MoM (Sep)	0.30%	0.20%	0.40%	
10/19	Wholesale Trade Sales MoM (Aug)	4.30%			10/14	PPI Final Demand YoY (Sep)	-0.20%	0.20%	0.40%	
10/19	BoC Overall Business Outlook Survey (3C	-7			10/14	PPI Ex Food and Energy YoY (Sep)	0.60%	1.00%	1.20%	
10/19	BoC Business Outlook Future Sales (3Q)	-35			10/14	PPI Ex Food, Energy, Trade YoY (Sep)	0.30%	0.50%	0.70%	
10/20	Teranet/National Bank HPI MoM (Sep)	0.60%			10/14	Monthly Budget Statement (Sep)	\$82.8b	-\$124.0b		
10/20	Teranet/National Bank HPI YoY (Sep)	5.70%			10/15	Empire Manufacturing (Oct)	17	14		
10/20	Teranet/National Bank HP Index (Sep)	240.43			10/15	Initial Jobless Claims	840k	825k		

Source: Bloomberg

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