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Earnings Roundup

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TOP NEWS

- **BofA profit drops on weaker interest income**

Bank of America reported a drop in third-quarter profit, as its income from customer interest payments shrank.

- **Boeing lines up \$35 billion in funds through stock and bond sale, loan**

Boeing filed papers with the U.S. markets regulator for raising up to \$25 billion through a stock and debt offering and entered into a \$10 billion credit agreement amid a crippling strike and upcoming debt maturities.

- **J&J lifts profit and sales forecasts, beats Wall Street expectations**

Johnson & Johnson raised its 2024 profit and sales forecasts after reporting strong sales of oncology drugs and quarterly results that beat Wall Street expectations.

- **IEA sees oil surplus looming, reassures on Iran supply risk**

The world oil market is heading for a sizeable surplus in the new year, the International Energy Agency said as it reassured markets that the agency stood ready to act if needed to cover any supply disruption from Iran.

- **UnitedHealth's medical costs surge in third quarter, shares drop**

UnitedHealth Group reported a surge in third-quarter medical costs, as the company struggled with lower government payments in its insurance business and persistently high demand for medical care, sending its shares lower.

BEFORE THE BELL

Futures tied to Canada's main stock index fell due to lower **crude** prices, with investors returning from a long weekend and adopting a cautious tone ahead of key domestic inflation data. **U.S. stock index futures** edged down as investors took a breather after a tech-led rally in the previous session and assessed quarterly results from companies. **European shares** turned lower after hitting an over two-week high earlier in the session, weighed down by mining and energy stocks. In Asia, **Chinese stocks** dropped as market participants awaited the extent and speed of government-led support for the economy. Japan's **Nikkei** rose above the 40,000-point level to touch a three-month high as a weaker **yen** buoyed investor sentiment. The **U.S. dollar** held steady near two-month high against major currencies. **Gold** prices were little changed as markets tugged between profit-taking and prospects for further rate cuts by the Federal Reserve.

ANALYSIS

- **7-Eleven's turnaround plan requires heavy lifting to stop Couche-Tard's \$47 billion takeover**

Japan's Seven & i Holdings, opens new tab is betting it can boost value by hiving off underperforming businesses and focusing on mainstay 7-Eleven stores. The outcome of its strategy will determine whether it can outmanoeuvre a \$47 billion Canadian takeover bid.

ANALYSTS' RECOMMENDATION

- **CGI Inc:** CIBC raises target price to C\$178 from C\$155, believing that the company has solid free cash flow generation and remains focused on shareholder returns.
- **Teck Resources Ltd:** JPMorgan raises target price to C\$78 from C\$74, saying that the company's work on the new Quebrada Blanca access ramp remains ongoing.

ECONOMIC EVENTS (All timings in U.S. Eastern Time)

- 0830 **CPI inflation MM** for Sept: Expected -0.2%; Prior -0.2%
- 0830 **CPI inflation YY** for Sept: Expected 1.8%; Prior 2.0%
- 0830 **CPI BoC core YY** for Sept: Prior 1.5%
- 0830 **CPI BoC core MM** for Sept: Prior -0.1%
- 0830 **CPI MM SA** for Sept: Prior 0.1%
- 0830 **Core CPI MM SA** for Sept: Prior 0.1%
- 0830 **CPI median** for Sept: Expected 2.3%; Prior 2.3%
- 0830 **CPI trim** for Sept: Expected 2.5%; Prior 2.4%
- 0830 **CPI common** for Sept: Prior 2.0%
- 0830 **CPI NSA** for Sept: Prior 161.8
- 0830 **CPI YY SA** for Sept: Prior 1.96%
- 0830 **Wholesale trade MM** for Aug: Expected -1.1%; Prior 0.4%

EX-DIVIDENDS

- Empire Company Ltd:** Amount C\$0.2
- Paramount Resources Ltd:** Amount C\$0.15
- Sandstorm Gold Ltd:** Amount C\$0.02

(All analysts' estimates are according to LSEG IBES data)

PICTURE OF THE DAY



Canada's Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, with Minister of Foreign Affairs Melanie Joly, and Minister of Public Safety, Democratic Institutions and Intergovernmental Affairs Dominic LeBlanc, arrives to a press conference about the Royal Canadian Mounted Police's investigation into "violent criminal activity in Canada with connections to India", on Parliament Hill in Ottawa, Ontario, October 14. REUTERS/Blair Gable

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