

THE DAY AHEAD

MARKET RECAP at 4 pm ET

Major U.S. stock indexes closed higher, supported by gains in chip stocks and spike in Coca-Cola shares. **Treasury yields** ended higher, aided by recovery in equities. Strong U.S. consumer confidence data boosted the **dollar** to a 16-month high, while the **gold** fell. **Oil** dipped on signs of rising supply.

STOCKS	Close	Chng	%Chng	Yr-high	Yr-low
DJIA	24874.88	431.96	1.77	26951.81	23242.75
Nasdaq	7161.65	111.36	1.58	8133.30	6630.67
S&P 500	2682.63	41.38	1.57	2940.91	2532.69
Toronto	14894.50	172.75	1.17	16586.46	14639.70
FTSE	7035.85	9.53	0.14	7903.50	6851.59
Eurofirst	1398.20	-0.33	-0.02	1587.95	1370.70
Nikkei	21457.29	307.49	1.45	24448.07	20347.49
Hang Seng	24585.53	-226.51	-0.91	33484.08	24589.04

TREASURIES	Yield	Price
10-year	3.1151	-8 /32
2-year	2.8507	-2 /32
5-year	2.9477	-4 /32
30-year	3.3584	-17 /32

FOREX	Last	% Chng
Euro/Dollar	1.1344	-0.24
Dollar/Yen	112.96	0.53
Sterling/Dollar	1.2707	-0.66
Dollar/CAD	1.3117	-0.12
TR/HKEX RMB	92.76	-0.01

COMMODITIES (\$)	Price	Chng	% chng
Front Month Crude /barrel	66.17	-0.87	-1.30
Spot gold (NY/oz)	1223.26	-6.09	-0.50
Copper U.S. (front month/lb)	0.0266	-0.0008	-2.63
Reuters/CRB Index Total Return	197.90	-1.70	-0.85

S&P 500	Price	\$ Chng	% Chng
GAINERS			
Under Armour Inc	23.25	5.06	27.82
Vulcan Materials Co	98.96	14.76	17.53
Akamai Technologies Inc	72.55	10.50	16.92
Take-Two Interactive Software Inc	124.01	12.29	11.00
LOSERS			
FLIR Systems Inc	46.36	-6.88	-12.92
General Electric Co	10.18	-0.98	-8.78
Allergan plc	160.78	-13.02	-7.49
Ulta Beauty Inc	266.99	-11.51	-4.13

Coming Up



General Motors Co is expected to report a slightly smaller third-quarter profit due to rising steel and aluminum costs and a slump in demand in China, but investors will watch whether the Detroit automaker maintains its full-year earnings forecast.

ADP national employment report will likely show **private payrolls** advancing by 189,000 in October following a rise of 230,000 jobs in September. The **Employment Cost Index**, the broadest measure of labor costs, is forecast to have risen 0.7 percent in the third quarter, compared to an increase of 0.6 percent in the second quarter.

Analysts are waiting to learn whether **American International Group Inc** will come closer to its goal of turning an underwriting profit in its general insurance unit, when the insurer reports third-quarter results. The results follow AIG's recent estimate of as much as \$1.7 billion in catastrophe losses for the quarter, far exceeding analysts' expectations.

Analysts are bullish on **Anthem Inc** and expect the second-largest insurer in the United States to report a higher third-quarter profit, helped by lower medical costs, and acquisitions of smaller insurer America's 1st Choice and palliative care provider Aspire Health earlier in the year.

Yum Brands Inc, the operator of fast food chains such as Pizza Hut and Taco Bell, is expected to post a rise in third-quarter profit, helped by higher sales at its Taco Bell restaurants. The company, which is in the process of transforming its business, has been trying to battle intense competition from other restaurants, food retailers.

Kellogg Co, the cereal maker, is expected to report a rise in third-quarter revenue, boosted by acquisitions of smaller snack brands like RXBAR. However, higher commodity and transportation costs may weigh on the company's profit margins.

Sprint Corp is expected to report a wider second-quarter loss as it added less wireless subscribers who pay a monthly bill.

Federal Reserve Board holds an open meeting in Washington, to discuss proposed **rules** that would modify the enhanced prudential standard framework for large **banking** organizations.

KEY ECONOMIC EVENTS

Events	ET	Poll	Prior
ADP national employment for Oct	0815	189,000	230,000
Employment wages QQ for Q3	0830	--	0.5 pct
Employment benefits QQ for Q3	0830	--	0.9 pct
Employment costs for Q3	0830	0.7 pct	0.6 pct
Chicago PMI for Oct	0945	60.0	60.4



Spirit AeroSystems Holdings Inc,

Boeing's biggest supplier, is expected to report higher profit and revenue for the third-quarter, helped by an increased demand for aircraft parts, amid booming air travel. Investors will look for comments on potential impact on Spirit's operations from tariffs and an update on supply chain problems, which caused some delays in delivery of parts.

Intercontinental Exchange Inc, owner of the New York Stock Exchange, is expected to report a rise in third-quarter profit, helped by a boost in its data and listings business.

U.S. oil and gas producer **Apache Corp** is expected to report a surge in third-quarter profit, helped by higher oil prices which touched \$80 per barrel. Investors will be looking to see how much the Permian pipeline bottlenecks have cut into the company's profits. **HollyFrontier Corp**, the oil and gas refiner, is expected to post a higher third-quarter profit, benefiting from a steep discount for Canadian heavy crude, which is its core raw material. Investors will be looking for any comments on global oil prices.

Cosmetics maker **Estee Lauder Cos Inc** is expected to post a rise in first-quarter sales, helped by strong demand for its skincare and makeup products such as Clinique and M.A.C, particularly in emerging markets. Investors will look for comments on demand in China, and travel retail.



REUTERS/Fabrizio Bensch

A visitor uses a Fitbit Ionic watch at the IFA Electronics Show in Berlin, Germany, September 1.

Fitbit Inc is expected to report a drop in third-quarter revenue, hurt by decline in sales for its fitness tracking devices. Garmin Ltd is also scheduled to report its third-quarter results.

FarmVille game maker **Zynga Inc** is expected to post a rise in revenue and profit for the third quarter, driven by demand for "Merge Dragons" and other newly acquired smartphone games.

The U.S. **Supreme Court** hears arguments in an internet privacy case involving **Google** that could put the brakes on an increasingly common form of settlement in class action suits that funnels money to

unrelated third parties and charities instead of to people affected by the alleged wrongdoing.

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Market Monitor

Major stock indexes jumped more than 1 percent, helped by strong gains for chip and transport stocks as investors took advantage of cheaper prices following a steep recent pullback for equities. The **consumer staples sector** rose 1.97 percent to 571.61, boosted by **Coca-Cola** shares, which closed up 2.54 percent. The beverage maker's quarterly revenue and profit topped Wall Street expectation. Chip stocks gained following a better-than-expected report from chip-gear maker **KLA-Tencor**, whose shares rose 7.37 percent. The **Dow Jones Industrial Average** was up 1.77 percent at 24,874.88, the **S&P 500** gained 1.57 percent, to 2,682.63 and the **Nasdaq Composite** was up 1.58 percent, at 7,161.65.

Yields on Treasury bonds were steady in light trading as investors held off on making big moves ahead of this week's spate of economic data. Yields were up modestly on the day, aided by a recovery in equities after Monday's sell-off and a raucous month driven by U.S. stock market volatility. Daily trading volume was at its lowest in more than a week ahead of the ADP private payrolls report and the Treasury refunding announcement due on Wednesday, the Markit PMI Manufacturing Index and the ISM Manufacturing Index on Thursday, and the U.S. non-farm payrolls report on Friday. The **10-year notes** were down 8/32, yielding 3.11 percent. The **30-year bonds** fell 17/32, yielding 3.36 percent. **Two-year notes** were down 2/32, with the yield of 2.90 percent.

The **dollar** rose to a 16-month high against a basket of major currencies, amid growing signs the United States economy is outperforming its peers. The **dollar index** was 0.42 percent higher at 96.98. Earlier in the session, the index hit a high of 97.02, its strongest since 30 June, 2017. "It all stems from solid U.S. fundamentals which suggests the U.S. economy is in the best position to weather trade wars," said Joe Manimbo, senior market analyst at Western Union Business Solutions in



Traders work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) in New York, U.S., October 30.

Washington. Part of the dollar's recent strength was due to year-end dollar funding needs, referring to the need of banks and other institutions to adjust dollar-denominated liabilities and assets on their balance sheets, said Brad Bechtel, managing director FX at Jefferies, in New York. The **euro** was 0.24 percent lower against the dollar at \$1.1344. The **greenback** was 0.53 percent higher against the Japanese yen at 112.95 **yen**, as traders prepared for a Bank of Japan monetary policy meeting due on Wednesday.

Oil prices dropped more than 1 percent on signs of rising supply and concern that global economic growth and demand for fuel will fall victim to the U.S.-China trade war. "One discussion that is developing is that (trade tensions) are hurting demand for crude oil. There's probably an element of truth to that," said Bob Yawger, director of futures at Mizuho in New York. The International Energy Agency said high oil prices were hurting consumers and could dent fuel demand at a time of slowing global economic activity. Investors awaited

industry data on U.S. crude inventories, due to be released at 4:30 p.m. EDT. Stockpiles were expected to have risen about 4.1 million barrels in the week ended Oct. 26, an extended Reuters poll showed. **Brent crude futures** fell 1.80 percent to \$75.95 a barrel. **U.S. crude futures** fell 1.31 percent to \$66.16 a barrel.

Gold prices fell as concerns about a further escalation of the U.S.-China trade war boosted the U.S. dollar, eroding bullion's appeal as it tested a key technical support. "Gold is not behaving as a safe-haven amidst news of the tariffs," said Walter Pehowich, executive vice president of investment services at Dillon Gage Metals. "As long as the dollar continues to stay up at these levels or go higher, gold will be under pressure," Pehowich said, adding he expects the metal to stay in the range of \$1,215 to \$1,235 until the U.S. mid-term elections. On the technical front, gold was testing support at the 100-day moving average around \$1,220. **Spot gold** was down 0.49 percent at \$1,223.31 per ounce. **U.S. gold futures** were down 0.20 percent, at \$1,225.10 per ounce.

Top News

General Electric reveals deeper regulatory probe, restructuring

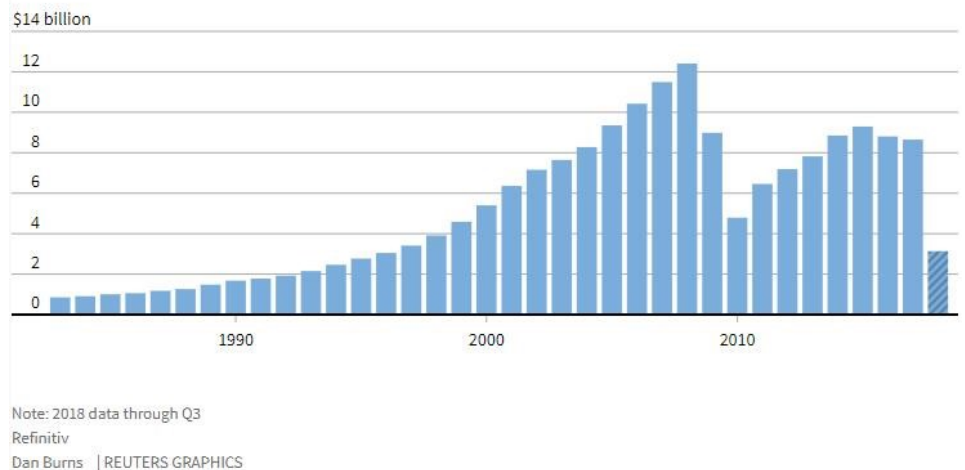
General Electric slashed its quarterly dividend to a penny a share, promised to restructure its power unit and said it faced a deeper accounting probe as new Chief Executive Larry Culp took his first steps to revive the struggling conglomerate. GE said the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and Department of Justice had expanded ongoing investigations to include a \$22-billion writedown of goodwill from GE's power division. Culp delivered more bad news: GE will significantly miss its full-year cash flow target of about \$6 billion, and cannot estimate profits for the year until Culp gets more detail about its ailing power unit. GE all but eliminated its quarterly dividend of 12 cents a share to conserve \$3.9 billion in cash. Culp added that GE will put its gas turbine equipment and services businesses in a new unit. GE wrote down \$22 billion in goodwill because the promised profits from power are now unlikely. Adjusted earnings were 14 cents a share, down from 21 cents a year ago. Analysts had expected 20 cents a share, according to Refinitiv data. Separately, General Electric Co's **Baker Hughes** said improving oil markets helped it post a third-quarter adjusted net profit versus a year-earlier adjusted loss, but earnings per share missed analysts' forecasts by a penny. To read more, [click here](#)

Coke profits get health kick in third quarter

Coca-Cola's quarterly revenue and profit topped Wall Street expectations, as investments to cater to changing consumer tastes paid off with higher sales of its sugar-free sodas and vitamin waters. The beverage maker has been building a portfolio of non-carbonated drinks and doubling down on its investments in enhanced waters such as electrolyte-filled smartwater. Organic revenue, or sales from its core beverage business, rose 6 percent in the third quarter, led by double-digit volume growth for Diet Coke and Coca-Cola Zero Sugar. Chief Executive

GE's diminishing dividend

GE's total dividend payout in 2018 will be the lowest in two decades



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Officer James Quincey played down media reports in recent weeks that the company is looking at cannabis-infused drinks in North America as a wave of legalization spreads across Canada and some U.S. states. Net income attributable to the company's shareholders rose 30 percent on the year in the three months. Excluding one-time items, Coca-Cola said it earned 58 cents per share, beating analysts' average estimate by 3 cents, according to Refinitiv data. Revenue fell 9 percent to \$8.25 billion, due to the disposal of its low-margin bottling operations, but beat expectations.

Pfizer revenue worse than expected as generic competition weighs

Pfizer reported worse-than-expected third quarter revenue and lowered the top end of its full-year sales forecast as generic competition and drug pricing pressure in the United States hurt its older drugs business. The largest U.S. drugmaker said it now expects 2018 revenue of between \$53 billion and \$53.7 billion, compared with an earlier forecast of \$53 billion to \$55 billion. Revenue rose 1 percent in the quarter to \$13.30 billion. Analysts had expected \$13.53 billion. Excluding one-time items, Pfizer earned 78 cents per

share, topping analysts' average expectations by 3 cents, according to Refinitiv estimates. Net income rose 45 percent to \$4.11 billion. Credit Suisse analyst Vamil Divan said shareholders are keen to know how Pfizer plans to bridge the gap until 2020 with products such as Ibrance and Xelanz underperforming this quarter. Both drugs slightly missed analysts estimates in the quarter, with Ibrance sales coming in at \$1.03 billion and Xelanz bringing in \$432 million.

Apple spruces up Macs, iPad Pros and raises prices

Apple refreshed some of its lesser-known products at a New York event, adding iPhone features like facial recognition to the iPad Pro and faster processors and better displays to some Mac computers that had gone years without a major update. The devices will hit stores on Nov. 7. Counting new iPhones and Apple Watches released last month, Apple will have more than half a dozen new products on shelves for the holiday shopping season, many at higher prices than previous models. Prices for the iPad Pros increased to \$799 and \$999 for 11- and 12.9-inch models, though Apple plans to keep an older 10.5-inch version on sale for

\$649. A new version of the Mac Book Air, originally released in 2011, will feature a higher-resolution display and thinner bezels and start at \$1,199, up from \$999. The Cupertino, California, company introduced new versions of the iPad Pro with thinner bezels and more screen space, along with the face unlock system found on Apple's newer iPhones.

Buyout firms Bain, CVC compete for Papa John's-sources

Bain Capital and CVC Capital are among the private equity firms competing to acquire Papa John's, people familiar with the matter said. The buyout interest in Papa John's comes amid a battle for control with its founder John Schnatter, who owns about 30 percent of the company. Private equity firms KKR and Roark Capital have also been vying for Papa John's, with binding offers expected in the next few weeks, the sources said. Triun Fund had expressed interest in Papa John's, is considering a potential investment in Papa John's should a deal for the sale of the company fail to be reached, the sources added. A special committee formed by Papa John's board of directors is exploring a sale as part of a wide review of strategic alternatives, and there is no certainty that the company will agree to a sale, according to the sources, who asked not to be identified because the matter is confidential.

AutoNation misses revenue estimates on lower new vehicle sales; plans cost cuts

AutoNation reported lower-than-expected revenue, as the largest U.S. auto retail chain sold fewer new vehicles, and the company said it plans to scale back investment and overhead costs in 2019. The company's shares fell in early trading after it reported an 8.1 percent fall in new car retail sales volume for the third quarter. The company plans to reduce investment following an "elevated period of brand extension investment" in higher-margin service and used car operations to offset the squeeze on profits from new vehicle sales, Chief Executive Officer Mike Jackson told Reuters. The company reported a 15 percent jump in quarterly profit that was in line with analyst

estimates. AutoNation's net income from continuing operations rose to \$112.3 million, or \$1.24 per share, from \$97.6 million, or \$1 per share, a year earlier. Total revenue fell 1.5 percent to \$5.35 billion. Analysts on average had expected a profit of \$1.24 per share and revenue of \$5.56 billion, according to Refinitiv data.

Chesapeake Energy shares tumble on \$4-billion WildHorse deal

Chesapeake Energy agreed to buy WildHorse Resource Development in a nearly \$4 billion cash-and-stock deal that knocked down the natural gas producer's shares. WildHorse shareholders will get either 5.989 shares of Chesapeake common stock, or a combination of 5.336 shares of Chesapeake stock and \$3 in cash, for each share held, under terms of the agreement. The offer implies a 21 percent premium to WildHorse's closing price on Monday, while the stock-and-cash option represents a 24 percent premium. The deal, which includes assumption of WildHorse's debt of \$930 million, will increase Chesapeake's shares outstanding by up to 90 percent, diluting existing holders' stakes. The acquisition is expected to give Chesapeake about 420,000 net acres in the Eagle Ford shale and Austin Chalk formations in Texas, and help save between \$200 million and \$280 million in annual costs over the first five years, the companies said.

Mastercard shares slide as quality of revenue growth disappoints

Mastercard's shares reversed course to fall sharply as investors worried the company's third-quarter revenue growth was largely being driven by rebates and incentives and not by transaction volumes. The firm said its revenue rose 14.7 percent to \$3.90 billion in the quarter, out of which rebates and incentives accounted for \$1.74 billion. The firm's gross dollar volume - the dollar value of transactions processed which is considered the core source of revenue - rose 9 percent to \$1.47 trillion, but missed KBW's estimates of \$1.51 trillion. Mastercard's net income rose to a record \$1.90 billion, or \$1.82 per share, in the three months ended Sept. 30. Excluding items, it earned \$1.78 per share, trouncing estimates of \$1.68 per share, according to

Refinitiv data. The company processed 23.12 billion transactions worldwide in the quarter, up 19.2 percent. Shares of the company fell 2.11 percent to \$187.

Fiat Chrysler's lower cash forecast overshadows special dividend pledge

Fiat Chrysler reported better-than-expected third-quarter earnings and promised to pay 2 billion euros in special dividends, but a lower net cash forecast and its over-reliance on the North American market weighed on its shares. The carmaker confirmed its revenue and profit forecasts for this year, but cut its net cash estimate to between 1.5 and 2.0 billion euros from around 3 billion euros, citing production adjustments and pension contributions. It promised the special dividend after agreeing last week to sell parts unit Magneti Marelli to Japan's Calsonic Kansei for 6.2 billion euros. The carmaker said adjusted earnings before interest and tax (EBIT) for the July-September period rose 13 percent to 1.995 billion euros, compared with 1.87 billion euros in a Reuters poll of analysts. Sales rose 9 percent, above expectations, helped by higher shipments of the new Jeep Wrangler and Cherokee models and the new RAM 1500 pick-up truck.

Under Armour shares surge as turnaround efforts take hold

Under Armour's shares surged after the sportswear maker's upbeat quarterly earnings and full-year profit forecast underscored the success of its multi-year plan to lower costs and reduce bloated inventory. The surge in shares reflect investors' confidence in the company's turnaround as well as its expansion in international markets to offset weakness in the United States, where it had fallen behind rivals in the past two years. The company said it had cut total merchandise by about 1 percent in the quarter, as it deals with excess inventory stemming from 2017 when it expected more demand. But cost cuts and fewer discounts helped boost margins in the third quarter. Gross margins rose for the first time in several quarters - up 20 basis points to 46.5 percent in quarter, beating the average analyst estimate of 45.8 percent. The company's shares closed up 24.5 percent at \$20.98.





A man, part of a caravan of migrants from Central America en route to the United States, carries a girl through the Suchiate River into Mexico from Guatemala in Ciudad Hidalgo, Mexico, October 29. REUTERS/Adrees Latif

Insight and Analysis

COLUMN-As stocks' nine-year bull run fades, a bear market beckons: McGeever

Wall Street's nine-year bull run may be on its last legs - raising fears of a widening bear market mirroring the length of the historic upswing as 20 percent-plus reversals grip large swathes of the global equities universe. If a prolonged equity funk feeds back into the real economy via cowed business sentiment, reduced corporate spending and investment, the threat of a deeper global economic downturn and even recession mounts. So far, so cyclical. For many, it's long overdue. The big question, and arguably the bigger worry, is just how much monetary and fiscal policymakers can cushion the fall.

Defense firms see only hundreds of new U.S. jobs from Saudi mega deal

Every time President Donald Trump mentions the \$110 billion arms deal he negotiated with Saudi Arabia last year, he quickly follows up, saying "It's 500,000 jobs." But if he means new U.S. defense jobs, an internal document seen by Reuters from Lockheed Martin forecasts fewer than 1,000 positions would be created by the defense contractor, which could potentially deliver around \$28 billion of goods in the deal. Lockheed instead predicts the deal could create nearly 10,000 new jobs in Saudi Arabia, while keeping up to 18,000 existing U.S. workers busy if the whole package comes together - an outcome experts say is unlikely.

COLUMN-Oil prices fall as economic outlook deteriorates: Kemp

Global economic momentum is decelerating, according to a broad range of financial and real-economy indicators, which is weighing on worldwide equity markets and oil prices. The depth and duration of the slowdown is impossible to gauge at this point, whether it turns out to be simply a mild and short-lived "soft patch", a longer but still positive "growth recession" with output falling relative to trend, or an "outright recession" with activity falling in absolute terms. Recent declines in equity markets and softness in freight indicators may turn out to be a false alarm or a pause in an extended cycle rather than mark a cyclical turning point.

CANADA

Coming Up

Canada's **gross domestic product** is likely to be flat in August after the country's economy grew by 0.2 percent in July from the month before. **Producer prices** are also forecast to be flat in September after a fall of 0.5 percent in August.

Bank of Canada Governor **Stephen Poloz** will testify to senators about the Oct 24 decision to raise interest rates. The central bank says the economy is working at full capacity and no longer needs stimulus.

Air Canada is expected to post a lower third-quarter profit, as it benefited from an income-tax gain during the same quarter last year. Investors will be looking for any

further comments on the Canadian airline's deal to buy analytics firm Aimia Inc's Aeroplan loyalty program for C\$450 million in cash.

Suncor Energy Inc., a top Canadian oil sand producer, will report its third-quarter results after market. **Cenovus Energy Inc.** also reports its results for the third quarter. The company hopes to aggressively increase crude by rail shipments to ease bottlenecks.

MARKET MONITOR

Canada's main stock index reversed course to trade higher, led by gains in industrial stocks, after U.S. President Donald Trump said he thought there will "a great deal" with China on trade. The **Toronto Stock Exchange's S&P/TSX composite index** ended up 1.17 percent, at 14,894.50. The **U.S. dollar** was up 0.11 percent against its **Canadian counterpart** at C\$1.3119.

TSE's S&P/TSX composite	Price	C\$ chng	% chng
GAINERS			
Manulife Financial Corp	21.02	1.16	5.84
Canada Goose Holdings Inc	66.81	3.63	5.75
Colliers International Group Inc	86.30	4.64	5.68
LOSERS			
Guyana Goldfields Inc	1.62	-1.44	-47.06
AltaGas Ltd	16.66	-3.21	-16.16
Advantage Oil & Gas Ltd	2.94	-0.19	-6.07

Top News



WestJet Airlines beats on profits, but faces higher cost headwinds

WestJet Airlines is eyeing branded fares and fees offering passenger perks to help boost revenues and margins, as the Canadian carrier faces headwinds despite reporting earnings that beat estimates. WestJet beat quarterly profit estimates on the strength of higher fares, but also predicted flattish revenues and higher costs for the last three months of 2018. It expects revenue per available seat mile to range from flat to up 1.0 percent, helped by higher demand, but hurt by an end to a codeshare agreement with U.S. carrier American Airlines. WestJet also expects cost per available seat mile (CASM), excluding fuel and employee profit share, to be up 1.0 to

2.0 percent in the fourth quarter. The carrier reported a net profit of C\$45.9 million, or 40 Canadian cents per share, for the third quarter, down from C\$135.9 million, or C\$1.15 per share, a year earlier. Average analysts' profit estimate was 33 Canadian cents per share for the quarter, according to Refinitiv data.

Manulife seeks dismissal of court case after insurance rule change

Manulife Financial Corp said on Tuesday it would ask a court in Saskatchewan to dismiss claims made against it by a hedge fund after the province changed its rules to limit how much an investor can put into certain life insurance policies. Manulife has been fighting the case, brought by Mosten Investment LP two years ago, in which the hedge fund claimed the right to put unlimited funds into an old policy known as universal life insurance, which pays out 4.5 percent a year on excess funds. In the last few days, Saskatchewan said it would limit the amount of money investors could put into universal life insurance policies. Manulife said it believes the new

regulations will more quickly resolve the case in its favor. "With respect to any possible remaining ancillary matters in the litigation, Manulife continues to believe that it will prevail and that those matters are insignificant in any event," the company said.

Next-wave LNG race hits hurdles in U.S. -China trade war

The delay of a U.S. Gulf Coast liquefied natural gas (LNG) export project has crystallized fears that the U.S. trade battle with China is hampering efforts to line up buyers needed to move ahead with multi-billion-dollar builds. The U.S. is positioning itself as the dominant provider of the supercooled fuel as Asian nations shift away from dirtier power sources like coal, and this month's approval of a giant Canadian project led by Royal Dutch Shell bolstered enthusiasm for the sector overall in North America. That optimism took a hit, when Australia's LNG delayed until next year a decision on whether to build its Louisiana-based Magnolia LNG plant due to problems lining up Chinese customers.



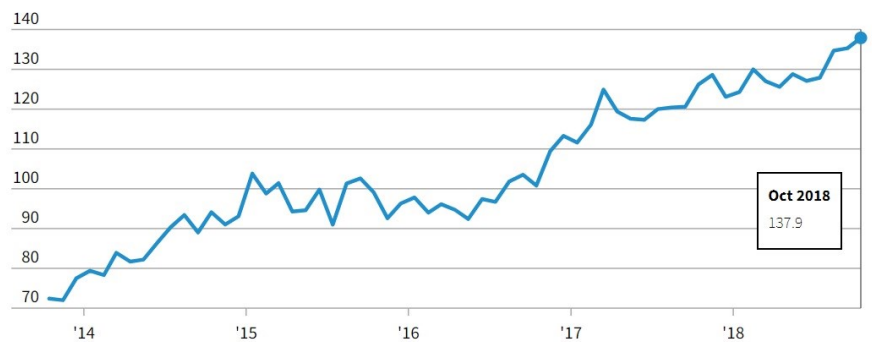
WEALTH NEWS

ECONOMIC DATA

U.S. consumer confidence at 18-year high; house price gains slow

U.S. consumer confidence rose to an 18-year high in October, driven largely by a robust labor market, bolstering expectations that strong economic growth would continue through early 2019. The Conference Board said its consumer confidence index increased to a reading of 137.9 this month, the highest reading since September 2000, from a downwardly revised 135.3 in September. A separate report showed the S&P CoreLogic Case-Shiller composite home price index of 20 U.S. metropolitan areas rose 5.5 percent in August from a year ago after increasing 5.9 percent in July. Growth in house prices has slowed from as high as 6.8 percent in March.

U.S. consumer confidence



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TRUMP WARNS CHINA

Trump says he expects "great deal" with China, but more tariffs if not

U.S. President Donald Trump said he thinks there will be "a great deal" with China on trade, but warned that he has billions of dollars worth of new tariffs ready to go if a deal isn't possible.

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS

Bunge finalizing agreements with investors, to consider sale -sources

Bunge is finalizing agreements with activist investors D.E. Shaw and Co and Continental Grain Co to add four directors to its board and set up a committee to explore a sale, two sources familiar with the matter said.

SALE OFFERS

Allergan says offers undervalue business units for sale

Allergan expressed disappointment in early offers from potential buyers for business units it has been trying to sell.

THIRD POINT-CAMPBELL TIFF

Third Point, Campbell spar over plans for company's future

Investment firm Third Point and Campbell Soup squared off over plans for the company's future, with the hedge fund pushing for hiring a "highly qualified" chief executive officer and the company saying it was already searching for a permanent chief.

POST CRASH MEETING

Indonesia's Lion Air to meet Boeing on Wednesday to discuss doomed plane

Indonesia's Lion Air said it would meet a team from U.S. plane maker Boeing on Wednesday to discuss the fate of its 737 MAX 8 plane that crashed into the sea minutes after takeoff from Jakarta airport.

PARTNERSHIP DEAL

Kroger set to place warehouse order with partner Ocado

U.S. supermarket chain Kroger is expected to order the first three of 20 high-tech warehouses from online grocer Ocado by the end of the year under the terms of a breakthrough deal agreed in May.

KEY RESULTS

Company Name*	Quarter	ET	Smart Estimates	EPS Estimates**	Year Ago	Rev Estimates (mln)
Allstate	Q3	AMC	\$2.22	\$2.21	\$1.60	\$8,718.29
Ameren	Q3	BMO	\$1.35	\$1.31	\$1.24	\$1,731.56
American International Group	Q3	AMC	\$0.04	\$0.12	-\$1.22	\$12,443.53
American Water Works Company	Q3	AMC	\$1.16	\$1.16	\$1.08	\$974.58
Anthem	Q3	06:00	\$3.69	\$3.70	\$2.65	\$22,934.80
Apache	Q3	AMC	\$0.46	\$0.47	\$0.04	\$1,908.98
Aptiv plc	Q3	BMO	\$1.20	\$1.20	\$1.66	\$3,420.25
Automatic Data Processing	Q1	BMO	\$1.12	\$1.11	\$0.91	\$3,285.15
Baxter International	Q3	BMO	\$0.74	\$0.74	\$0.64	\$2,784.35
CF Industries Holdings	Q3	AMC	\$0.15	\$0.15	-\$0.39	\$1,000.90
Clorox	Q1	BMO	\$1.59	\$1.58	\$1.46	\$1,535.77
Entergy	Q3	BMO	\$3.03	\$3.00	\$2.35	\$3,340.90
Estee Lauder Companies	Q1	BMO	\$1.23	\$1.22	\$1.21	\$3,468.62
Express Scripts Holding	Q3	AMC	\$2.43	\$2.43	\$1.90	\$25,035.73
Federal Realty Investment Trust	Q3	AMC	\$0.80	\$0.79	\$1.47	\$227.68
Fiserv	Q3	AMC	\$0.76	\$0.77	\$0.64	\$1,433.59
Garmin	Q3	BMO	\$0.77	\$0.76	\$0.75	\$782.57
General Motors	Q3	07:30	\$1.24	\$1.25	\$1.32	\$34,848.26
HanesBrands Inc	Q3	AMC	\$0.55	\$0.55	\$0.60	\$1,870.47
HCP	Q3	BMO	\$0.11	\$0.12	\$0.12	\$450.16
Hess	Q3	BMO	\$0.04	\$0.00	-\$1.16	\$1,542.04
HollyFrontier	Q3	BMO	\$1.66	\$1.67	\$1.07	\$4,245.22
Intercontinental Exchange	Q3	BMO	\$0.80	\$0.80	\$0.73	\$1,191.91
Kellogg	Q3	BMO	\$1.07	\$1.06	\$1.05	\$3,424.36
Macerich	Q3	AMC	\$0.19	\$0.20	\$0.12	\$232.69
Mid-America Apartment Communities	Q3	AMC	\$0.47	\$0.47	\$1.00	\$394.57
Molson Coors Brewing	Q3	BMO	\$1.58	\$1.59	\$1.34	\$2,922.91
Newfield Exploration	Q3	AMC	\$0.88	\$0.86	\$0.52	\$639.49
PerkinElmer	Q3	AMC	\$0.93	\$0.92	\$0.73	\$676.43
Qorvo	Q2	AMC	\$1.62	\$1.62	\$1.52	\$855.97
Realty Income Corporation	Q3	AMC	\$0.33	\$0.33	\$0.32	\$334.44
TE Connectivity	Q4	BMO	\$1.33	\$1.33	\$1.25	\$3,652.12
WEC Energy Group	Q3	07:00	\$0.71	\$0.71	\$0.68	\$1,665.88
Williams Companies	Q3	AMC	\$0.22	\$0.21	\$0.08	\$2,076.05
Yum! Brands	Q3	BMO	\$0.83	\$0.83	\$0.68	\$1,380.38

*Includes companies on S&P 500 index. **Estimates may be updated or revised; release times based on company guidance or past practice.

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