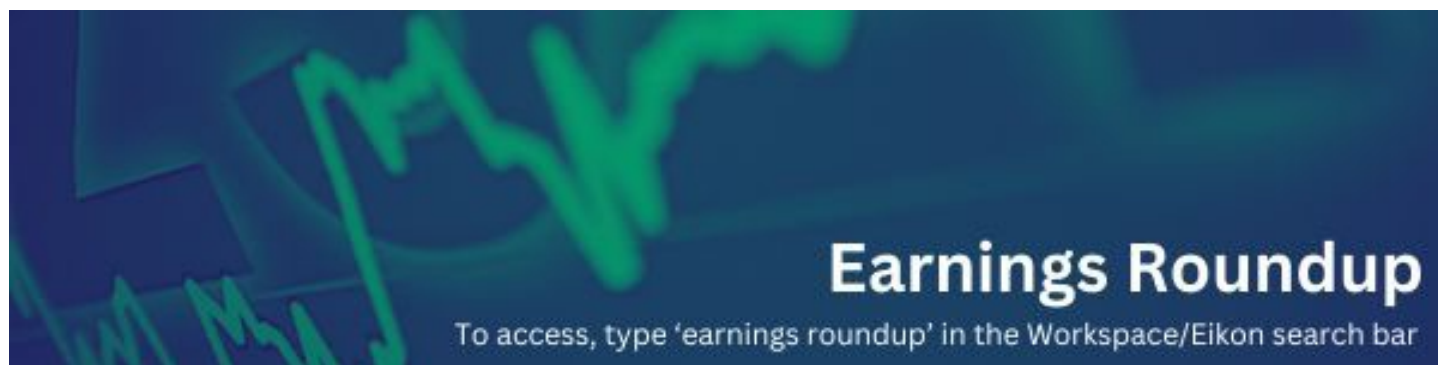


MORNING NEWS CALL

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TOP NEWS

Alphabet stock sinks as search woes cause revenue miss, cash burn worsens

Google parent Alphabet reported disappointing results in the core business of search advertising and a massive acceleration in cash burn as it poured resources into building out AI.

Microsoft's cloud growth, cash flow offer respite from AI spending fears

Microsoft on Wednesday delivered a big cash flow beat and forecast strong cloud growth, offering fresh evidence that its hefty AI bets were paying off even as concerns mount over Big Tech's spending spree.

Eli Lilly lifts revenue outlook on weight-loss drug sales, trims profit view on deal charges

Eli Lilly raised its full-year revenue forecast and beat third-quarter earnings expectations on Thursday, propelled by surging demand for injectable weight-loss drugs that could allay investor concerns about price erosion in US government health plans.

Caterpillar third-quarter profit rises on power equipment demand

Caterpillar reported a higher third-quarter profit, helped by strong demand for its backup power equipment, turbines and construction equipment.

Merck tops third-quarter estimates as Keytruda, Gardasil outperform

Merck posted higher-than-expected third-quarter earnings, driven by strong demand for its blockbuster cancer drug Keytruda and its HPV vaccine Gardasil.

BEFORE THE BELL

Futures tied to Canada's blue-chip stocks advanced as lower oil prices helped ease inflation concerns, while investors awaited key U.S. inflation data due later in the day. **Crude prices** declined as renewed hopes for peace negotiations reduced fears of supply disruptions stemming from escalating tensions in the Middle East.

Meanwhile, **Nasdaq futures** slipped after Alphabet's earnings underscored the mounting costs associated with investments in artificial intelligence.

European stocks traded modestly higher ahead of the European Central Bank's policy announcement, buoyed by another batch of largely upbeat corporate earnings reports. The **euro** was little changed as investors assessed the ECB's inflation outlook and its view on recent volatility in **French bond** markets.

In Asia, Japan's **Nikkei** advanced after Advantest raised its profit forecast, although gains were capped by caution ahead of the Bank of Japan's policy decision and lingering uncertainty around technology-sector earnings. **Chinese equities** ended lower, with a selloff in technology stocks outweighing any support from the Federal Reserve's decision to leave interest rates unchanged.

Gold prices edged lower as persistent inflation strengthened expectations that the Federal Reserve could keep monetary policy restrictive for an extended period. Meanwhile, the **US dollar** steadied after pulling back from a two-week high in the previous session.

INSIGHT

Cash is king as investors draw new battle lines in AI spending boom

Cash flow is king again. Wall Street rewarded Microsoft and Oracle on Wednesday for showing that they could fund their enormous AI ambitions without endlessly tapping investors.

ANALYSTS' RECOMMENDATION

- **Canadian Pacific Kansas City Limited:** Scotiabank raises target price to C\$144 from C\$143, reflecting its view that the company is well positioned for earnings growth in 2027, driven by the freight market recovery.
- **Precision Drilling Corp (Calgary):** TD Cowen raises target price to C\$182 from C\$150, citing improving visibility into future earnings.

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

0830 **Average Weekly Earnings YY** for Aug: Prior 3.18%

COMPANIES REPORTING RESULTS

Oct 29:

Advantage Energy Ltd: Expected Q3 earnings of 22 Canadian cents per share
Aecon Group Inc: Expected Q3 earnings of 74 Canadian cents per share
Air Canada: Expected Q3 earnings of 53 Canadian cents per share
AltaGas Ltd: Expected Q3 earnings of 12 Canadian cents per share
Capstone Copper Corp: Expected Q3 earnings of 13 cents per share
Centerra Gold Inc: Expected Q3 earnings of 47 cents per share
Enerflex Ltd: Expected Q3 earnings of 34 cents per share
Hammond Power Solutions Inc: Expected Q3 earnings of C\$2.63 per share
Methanex Corporation: Expected Q3 earnings of \$2.73 per share
Teck Resources Ltd: Expected Q3 earnings of C\$1.57 per share
TFI International Inc: Expected Q3 earnings of \$1.76 per share
TMX Group Ltd: Expected Q3 earnings of 58 Canadian cents per share

Oct 30:

Cameco Corporation: Expected Q3 earnings of 30 Canadian cents per share
Canadian National Railway Co: Expected Q3 earnings of C\$2.09 per share
Imperial Oil Ltd: Expected Q3 earnings of C\$4.70 per share
Magna International Inc: Expected Q3 earnings of \$1.59 per share

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

0800 **Cogeco Inc; Cogeco Communications Inc:** Q4 earnings conference call
0800 **Kinross Gold Corporation:** Q3 earnings conference call
0830 **GFL Environmental Inc:** Q3 earnings conference call
0830 **Restaurant Brands International Inc:** Q3 earnings conference call
0900 **Eldorado Gold Corporation:** Q3 earnings conference call
0900 **First Quantum Minerals Ltd:** Q3 earnings conference call
1000 **Alamos Gold Inc:** Q3 earnings conference call
1000 **Enerflex Ltd:** Q3 earnings conference call
1100 **Agnico Eagle Mines Limited:** Q3 earnings conference call
1100 **AltaGas Ltd:** Q3 earnings conference call
1100 **Teck Resources Ltd:** Q3 earnings conference call
1100 **West Fraser Timber Co. Ltd:** Q3 earnings conference call
1100 **Whitecap Resources Inc:** Q3 earnings conference call
1700 **Capstone Copper Corp:** Q3 earnings conference call
1730 **Air Canada:** Q3 earnings conference call

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

PICTURE OF THE DAY



People take photos of the new MacBook Pro with a touch screen following the launch by Apple CEO John Ternus in Los Angeles, California, US, October 28. REUTERS/Evelyn Hockstein

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