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Inside Today's Blitz

- IEA says Oil Demand to Rise as Plants Switch Amid Gas Crunch
- Futures Rise Amid Earnings Optimism

 BA faces new defect on Dreamliner; DE workers prepare to strike; OXY sold more assets in Ghana to Kosmos; ADS to spin off LoyaltyOne

Futures indicating a strong open for the morning with the Dow up 60 bps, the S&P up 67 bps, and the
Nasdaq up 80 bps. The Russell is up 77 bps. Energy is bouncing back with WTI up 1.1% and Brent up
1.2%. Natural Gas is up 2.6%. Gold and silver modestly higher with the latter up 71 bps. Copper is up
1.05%. The dollar is down 21 bps. Bonds are up 15 bps. VIX is 18.55. Bitcoin and Ethereum both up
around 5%. It's a positive morning for stocks, although no one thing is driving the rally higher. The VIX
hit a 3-week low and commodities are rallying again with strong gains in energy, ags, and metals today
(copper, aluminum, and nickel are standouts). The IEA was out this morning with a report indicating
the shortage of natural gas in Asia and EU is deepening the supply deficit in crude markets. Earnings
are also boosting sentiment with strong reports out of TSM and UNH as well. Elsewhere, inflation data
was mixed overnight with China falling a bit short of expectations while PPI surged. We got a few

hawkish Central Bank updates overnight from Singapore and Chile but neither likely moves the broader needle. In Europe, there was some chatter that expanded QE powers under PEPP could be transferred to another ECB authoritiy which would allow Lagarde to continue buying bonds for years to come even as they taper.

Asian markets are mostly higher this morning with Shanghai down 10 bps, the Nikkei higher by 1.45%, and Australia up 54 bps. In Europe, the major indices are rallying. The DAX is up 84 bps, the CAC is up 87 bps, and the FTSE is up 74 bps. We're seeing outperformance from materials and tech. Semiconductor firm **ASML** rose 3.5% and **BE Semiconductor** rose 2.5% after TSMC's quarterly profit beat expectations. Dutch navigation and digital mapping company **TomTom** rose 1.5%, reversing early losses after warning of supply chain problems. **Publicis** rose 3% after the company raised its outlook for 2021 and reported 11% growth in Q3. Wind turbine manufacturer **Nordex Group** rose 3% after reporting a big boost in orders in Q3. **Grainger** rose 4% today after the property-investment company said that its occupancy rate has recovered to pre-coronavirus pandemic levels.

Calendar

Today... Weekly Claims, PPI, Fed's Bostic Speaks, EIA Inventories, Fed's Barkin Speaks; **Earnings After the Close:** AA, DCT; **Analyst Days:** HRL, TGTX, SAFM

Tomorrow... Retail Sales, Import/Exports, Business Inventories, Michigan Consumer Sentiment, Retail Inventories, Fed's Williams Speaks; **International Data**: G20 Central Bank Meetings, EU Auto Registrations, EU Trade Balance; **Earnings Before the Open**: BMI, GS, JBHT, PNC, PLD, SXT, TFC

Overnight Markets

Ethereum	3641.41	5.47%
Bitcoin	57674.4	5.07%
Natural Gas	5.738	2.65%
Oil (WTI)	81.32	1.09%
Copper	4.563	1.05%
Silver	23.34	0.71%
Gold	1799.9	0.29%
Bonds	159.88	0.14%
US Dollar	93.88	-0.21%
VIX	18.55	-3.15%

Technical View



Key Levels to Watch

S&P futures (ES_F) broke out above key resistance zone overnight at 4365 and now back near the top of a multiday range. We've got resistance above at 4390-4400 and 4420 is a big area to watch as a 'higher high.' A pullback would likely see support at the top of this range's value zone at 4375 and then 4365 back-test again. We're continuing to form a series of higher lows since 10/1.

Economic Data

- China PPI was 10.7% vs 10.5% est. and 9.5% prior
- China CPI was 0.7% vs 0.8% est. and 0.8% prior
- Australia unemployment was 4.6% vs 4.8% est.

Macro News

- US, China continue to make progress on a number of issues ahead of a virtual summit later this year, says SCMP
- **Chinese** housing prices are falling for the first time in more than six years, says Nikkei
- **Chile** surprised markets by raising rates more than expected, per Bloomberg, taking it to 2.75% vs 2.5% est.
- **Singapore** became the latest central bank to tighten monetary policy overnight, per Bloomberg
- **BOJ** officials expect to keep monetary accommodation in place even after the economy has recovered, per Reuters
- **German** growth forecasts have been cut to 2.4% from 3.7% for 2021 due to the supply chain struggles, per Reuters
- Australia expects to exit COVID restrictions next week for their largest cities like Melbourne and Sydney, per Reuters
- **Thailand** is looking to boost tourism by easing some COVID restrictions this Fall, per Bloomberg

Movers

Gainers: TSRI 35%, GMBL 18%, BLI 4%, DNA 2.5%, SAVA 2%

Losers: ETWO -4%, JSPR -4%

Insider Buying

LW, ANVS

IPO Calendar

Gitlab (GTLB) issuing 10.4M shares at \$55-\$60; provides an end-to-end DevOps platform

IHS Holding (IHS) issuing 22.5M shares at \$21-\$24; Africa's largest developer of shared telecom infrastructure

AvidXChange (AVDX) issuing 22M shares at \$23-\$25; end-toend billing and payment software platform

- OPEC Sec. General Barkindo says the oil markets continue to face uncertainties, per Reuters, and the group won't rush to ramp output in a direct rebuttal to Biden
- Democrats are struggling to find a bipartisan solution to the debt ceiling, says Reuters
- Almost 20% of US households lost their entire savings during COVID, says Bloomberg, and almost one third of those make less than \$50k annually

Stock-Specific News

Consumer/ Business Services

- EA could part ways with FIFA, says NYT, as the two sides are struggling to find common ground on a licensing agreement
- **GRPN** CFO is stepping down to pursue another opportunity, per Bloomberg, and has nothing to do with the company or its current financial position
- DASH, UBER are still winning share versus GRUB, says WSJ. The weak report from Just Eat Takeaway shouldn't be seen as an industry-wide problem, they contend, as food delivery numbers remain strong but rather points to new winners in the space
- WGO adds \$200M to buyback
- Publicis shares are rallying this morning in Europe after earnings, says Reuters. The company also raised guidance as they see growth of 8.5% to 9% vs 7% prior
- **Constellation Automotive** is buying **CarNext** as they look to expand their lead as Europe's biggest online auto marketplace, per Bloomberg
- IKEA expects supply shortages to last until mid-2022, per Bloomberg

Financials

- **ADS** says its board has approved the separation of their LoyaltyOne segment into a new publicly traded company
- **FUTU** could face pressure as China's Personal Information Protection Law goes into place on November 1, says Bloomberg

Healthcare

- **TPTX** said the company and EQRx will team to evaluate elzovantinib/ aumolertinib combo in NSCLC
- XLRN shareholder Holocene will not back Merck's proposed bid for the company, says Reuters, another dissenting shareholder who views the price tag as too small

Chart Watch

IPG on watch today with the Publicis strong report with shares pulling back this week to the 55-EMA and low-end of monthly value, nice consolidation forming under \$38 and recent highs

• **REGN** says the FDA has accepted REGEN-COV for priority review for treatment of COVID-19; action date of 4/13/22

Industrials

- **BA** is dealing with a new defect involving titanium parts on their Dreamliner, says WSJ. The new issue comes as the FAA investigates quality controls
- **CNHI** is looking to close some of their EU agricultural, commercial vehicle and power train manufacturing facilities due to the ongoing supply shortages
- **DE** could be facing a worker's strike, says Reuters, after the UAW rejected a new labor contract

Energy & Materials

- Occidental (OXY) to sell two Ghana offshore fields for \$750M to Kosmos (KOS); KOS expects the additional Ghana interests to generate around \$1 billion of incremental free cash flow by the end of 2026
- **South32** is buying a 45% stake in Sierra Gorda copper mine for \$2.05B, says the WSJ. The Chilean mine boosts their exposure to metals needed for low-carbon tech
- GOLD said they are on-track to hit FY production guidance
- WDFC announced a new \$75M buyback
- Wind energy will be the big focus for the White House as they look to develop large-scale farms along the east coast, says NYT

Technology

- **PINS** co-founder and chief design and creative officer to step down, effective immediately to join Jony Ive's design firm LoveFrom; will continue to advise company
- **GTLB** is pricing their IPO above range at \$77 vs \$66-\$69 expected
- **AMZN** reportedly uses their data library as a tool to manipulate search results, says Reuters
- **FB** is expanding their harassment policy to include more public figures, says WSJ, as abuse on the site rises
- FB is close to naming a new advertising boss, says WSJ
- TSM is looking to build a new chip plant in Japan, says WSJ, amid surging demand for semiconductors used in products like cars and electronics
- NXPI has selected AWS as a new preferred cloud provider
- **RMBS** CFO is stepping down; Co. reaffirms FY guidance
- Digital advertising company Aleph has filed confidentially for an IPO, says WSJ, and they could list in early 2022. Aleph is backed by MELI

Hawk Database

OXY a name that has seen plenty of bull flow lately including the March \$32 calls and Dec. \$37/\$44 call spreads and back at the rising 8-EMA this week

Chart Watch

TPIC a name to watch as wind energy comes into focus and above \$37 can make a nice move out of this base and downtrend

 Semiconductor inventories are surging, says Washington Post, and we may have a glut soon. Days of inventory at TSM stayed high at 85 days last quarter

Analyst Notes

Upgrades

- **STZ** upgraded to Buy at HSBC, citing strong fundamentals and its Q2 results defy U.S. beer industry trends, as the company is taking market share across their brands
- UPS raised to Buy at Stifel, despite tough comps, e-commerce continues to drive secular volume growth in the company's core small package unit, and continued yield management focus is a boon in an environment with ample near term rate momentum
- MT raised to Outperform at CSFB, the analyst believes normalization of steel profitability starting in the second half of 2021 is now priced into the shares and notes ArcelorMittal is likely to generate \$17.5B in free cash flow over the next three years
- DK raised to Buy at Goldman on underappreciated value and growth opportunities in non-refining businesses, compelling SOTP valuation, and upside optionality around small refinery exemptions and renewable diesel.
- **RS** raised to Overweight at KeyBanc
- PRGO raised to Outperform at RJF on HRA deal, tax settlement
- MTH raised to Overweight at JPM
- X raised to Buy at Argus
- NEO raised to Outperform at RJF

Downgrades

- W cut to Sell at MSCO as the firm sees the possibility of home furnishings category declines in both 2022 and 2023 leading to declining near term sales and negative profit implications for Wayfair. Further, inventory, supply chain and channel mix shift challenges as traffic moves back instore from online could cause Wayfair to lose share in the category in the near- to medium-term
- BURL, TJX, ROST cut to Hold at Loop Capital; the analyst is adjusting her discounted cash flow model to reflect the rise in inflation and other risks to cost of capital, adding that she also sees under-stocked stores, particularly in seasonal and home goods. She further states that there is

Chart Watch

STZ recently broke out of a base and downtrend and retesting that level this week, sets up well to test the 200-day MA at \$225

Hawk Database

X has seen strong bullish options flow supportive of shares since the start of October including 7000 June \$20 calls bought

less luxury brand product than usual in stores and all of the locations inspected also suggest that they seem understaffed

- CAR cut to Underweight at MSCO
- ESPR cut to Underweight at MSCO
- **BBBY** cut to Underweight at MSCO
- DPZ cut to Neutral at Citi

Initiations

- **AKAM** started Outperform at RBC, cites the company's market leadership position in content delivery network, or CDN, its transition to a security-first company with footprint in DDoS, WAF, and bot manager, its impressive customer base with 56% of Fortune 500 names, and its margin expansion as a result of operational discipline and mix-shift
- **CAT** started Outperform at Cowen, the analyst projects the first megacycle for Caterpillar's financial performance in 14 years and only the second in its modern history. He sees a \$35B revenue opportunity from autonomy in the next decade. At least 75% of Caterpillar's markets will seek improved or new power technologies
- IS started Outperform at CSFB
- **TROX** started Buy at Deutsche Bank
- FPI, HASI started Buy at Berenberg
- **PROG** started Buy at HCW

Other Notes

- ULTA target raised to \$483 from \$478 at Deutsche, the business has great momentum with sustained strength in skincare and haircare and a recovery in color cosmetics
- BCYC target to \$85 from \$53 at JMP

Trade Ideas

DoorDash (DASH) shares setting up well after a strong run recently and pullback to the 55-EMA. Monthly VPOC is just above at \$209 and a breakout higher can target the top of October value at \$220 before making a new highs above \$227. MACD has pulled back to the zero line and starting to turn a bit while RSI is back above 50.



Technical Scans Breaking Above Monthly Value: TTD, UPST, KDP, SE, JD, SNOW, ERIC, RNG, INMD, XPEV, VST, PPG, ASH, RL, CERT, DEO, XLNX

Ready to Run: GTLS, MAC, DEN, SAGE, GDS, IIPR, RNG, OWL, CRC, EXP, ICLR, NEM

Bullish Reversal Days: LYFT, AER, SRE, MCFE, CARR, TROW, CONE, MUSA, WU

Biotech Catalyst Watch

Deciphera (DCPH) shares setting up well ahead of key Phase 3 data in Q4 and a breakout run above \$36 has a low-volume gap above with upside to \$43. DCPH has traded weak in 2021 with shares down around 40% and back near a big breakout spot from 2019. The drug in focus is called ripretinib or QINLOCK which is being evaluated as a treatment for second-line GIST. GIST stands for gastrointestinal stromal tumor and they occur in the stomach and small intestine. The tumor originates in intertititial cells. QINLOCK targets KIT and PDGFRA, two types of tyrosine kinase receptors, and looks to limit their ability to allow cancer cells to grow and spread. The drug was approved in May 2020 for fourth-line GIST and now the company is looking at label expansion. The trial is comparing QINLOCK to Pfizer's Sutent and Deciphera believes their drug will be superior on safety and lack of significant side effects giving it a slight edge. The \$2.03B company trades 24X sales and 5X cash. Analysts have an average target for shares of \$69 with a Street High \$78. Truist has a \$65 PT and recently lowered estimates from \$84. The firm forecasts peak GIST sales of \$880M, down from \$1.1B, even though the analyst views the current valuation reflecting GIST opportunity of just \$570M. She also notes that heading into phase 3 data for 2L GIST expected in the current quarter, the stock may trade up as much as 50% depending on the quality of the result, though if the trial fails, Deciphera valuation could also trade closer to cash given the current market conditions and no pipeline readout for several years. Stifel with a Buy rating and \$60 PT. The firm acknowledges it's a controversial call is ahead of the binary phase 3 INTRIGUE data in Q4 but risk aversion for this event has created an opportunity for investors. The analyst thinks Qinlock should be a better drug than Sutent for the indication and said his conviction is high. Short interest is 6.3%. Hedge fund ownership rose 12% in Q3, Orbimed a buyer of 1.9M shares and Logos Global a buyer of 1M shares. Suvretta, Avoro, and Point72 all buyers of stock as well. DCPH has seen a lot of bull flow lately including 2,000 January \$40 calls this week and follows the January \$40/\$60 call spread bought on 10/5. The January \$50 calls remain in OI over 1450X from February as well.

ETF Sector Relative Strength Corner: Alt Energy Group Shining

Solar (TAN) The Solar ETF has shown solid relative strength since the start of October and is up about 10% thus far. A bit extended short term so could pull back to its rising 8/21 EMA after they have seen a bullish cross up now. However, looking at the longer term weekly chart there is a lot of potential to regain higher after Solar took most of the year to correct its massive 2020 gains. About 30% off the highs from February and if TAN can get back over 92 there is a large volume pocket up to 110 longer term. This week's candle is clearing a small downtrend since July and the recent consolidation based nicely at the 55 week EMA and value area from last year. RSI is back above the 50 level which indicates upside momentum bias. Seasonally the Solar group has tended to close the year strong with November and December higher. The latter month is showing an average return of +5.5% the last 5 years.

The ETF's top 5 holdings are **SEDG, ENPH, FSLR, RUN, DQ** with the top two names SEDG and ENPH making up about 22% of the index. The best looking charts within the group include a few of the top names such as FSLR and SEDG but also a few more of the speculative names are breaking out including SPWR and NOVA. Looking to buy pullbacks in the Solar group as the weekly charts are starting to shift to more bullish patterns after a long healthy consolidation. FSLR is one name that has seen recent bullish options flow since the start of October including today on 10/13 a large buyer of Nov 5th \$107 calls for more than \$1.4M in premium. Also in mid-September an opening put sale of March 2022 ITM \$120 puts for \$1M. Confidence shares are higher by next Spring.



Extras

T-Mobile (TMUS) buyer of 1000 January 2023 \$160/\$115 strangles which leans strongly bearish Delta
Wells Fargo (WFC) with 10,000 January 2024 \$40 puts sold to open \$5.70 to \$5.58
NXP Semi (NXPI) stock replacement sold 500 June \$185 puts to open for \$20.75
International Gaming (IGT) buyer 3000 November \$31/\$36 call spreads for \$0.95

Nordstrom (JWN) afternoon buyers of 4000 Oct. 29th (W) \$28 calls \$0.62 to \$0.80

Moderna (MRNA) afternoon buyer of 740 June \$320 calls \$54.50 to \$54.75 for over \$4M while 1800 Jan. 2023 \$390 calls were sold to open.

Open Interest Checks

Ticker	Contract	Prior OI	New OI	OI Change
INI	16 JUN 23 140 PUT	1,009	2,010	99.21%
USB	20 JAN 23 90 CALL	5,047	10,047	99.07%
RUN	19 NOV 21 50 PUT	1,640	3,077	87.62%
PTON	19 NOV 21 90 CALL	2,571	4,736	84.21%
PINS	19 NOV 21 52.5 PUT	962	1,759	82.85%
MQ	17 DEC 21 20 CALL	1,747	3,164	81.11%
BB	17 DEC 21 11 CALL	7,525	13,169	75.00%
COP	21 JAN 22 72.5 CALL	1,563	2,663	70.38%
DCPH	21 JAN 22 40 CALL	1,849	3,125	69.01%
INTC	(Weeklys) 14 APR 22 50	1,606	2,633	63.95%
NEM	20 JAN 23 55 PUT	2,458	3,957	60.98%
NUE	19 NOV 21 105 CALL	1,883	3,010	59.85%
AA	17 DEC 21 50 CALL	2,398	3,762	56.88%
GILD	19 NOV 21 70 CALL	19,440	29,564	52.08%
FIS	21 JAN 22 125 CALL	6,192	9,177	48.21%
ABNB	19 NOV 21 180 CALL	2,431	3,487	43.44%
AFRM	19 NOV 21 160 CALL	4,268	5,727	34.18%
FB	21 JAN 22 335 CALL	2,869	3,820	33.15%
FCX	17 DEC 21 36 CALL	5,056	6,672	31.96%
LYFT	21 JAN 22 47.5 PUT	3,333	4,007	20.22%
RDW	18 FEB 22 12.5 CALL	3,576	4,063	13.62%
VRM	21 JAN 22 30 PUT	3,440	2,777	-19.27%
COIN	19 NOV 21 305 CALL	2,228	1,579	-29.13%
TSLA	19 NOV 21 910 CALL	3,789	2,664	-29.69%
MT	19 NOV 21 30 PUT	6,976	4,496	-35.55%
IBM	18 FEB 22 145 CALL	1,675	832	-50.33%
UPST	19 NOV 21 390 CALL	1,623	713	-56.07%
AXP	21 IAN 22 170 CALL	13.765	4.961	-63.96%

What They're Saying

JP Morgan (JPM) earnings call on holiday spending.... "As you said, we see some signs of life, and we believe that recovery is strongly underway. And it seems, hopefully, like Delta is really fading, so that's going to help. If you just look forward just to the holiday season, we would expect to see normal seasonality and normal growth there. And the question, really, for Card, as we've talked about a lot, is whether that growth in spend and in card outstandings translates into revolve. But as I noted in the prepared remarks, when we look inside the data and we look at the customers who have both deposit accounts with us and our card customers, and we look at those who would typically be the ones that are most inclined to revolve, we actually do see slightly faster spend down of the excess deposit balances there. So that makes us relatively optimistic about both the potential for Card

outstandings to grow with higher spend, but also for increased revolve and lower pay rates as we go into next year. It's going to take time, obviously, but that is the core view."

Blackrock (BLK) earnings call on growth opportunities and where it is investing... "We're seeing more opportunities to invest for growth than ever before. We reopened the closed-end fund market in 2019 by making it more efficient for investors to access products at NAV. By synthetically seeding these new funds, we've now raised \$14 billion in active AUM, representing over \$170 million in new revenue. Our strategic minority investments in iCapital and Scalable Capital are reinforcing our tech-for-flow strategy and simultaneously generating very attractive returns for shareholders. And we continue to build our best-in-class ESG capabilities, most recently by acquiring Rhodium's models related to the physical risks associated with climate change; effective use of our balance sheet to seed new products, co-invest alongside clients or makes strategic minority investments, both supports our growth and drives value for our shareholders. And while our capital management strategy remains, first, to invest in our business, we also remain committed to returning excess cash to shareholders and repurchased an additional \$300 million worth of shares in the third guarter. As we discussed at Investor Day, we continue to invest in our highest growth franchises, such as ETFs, private markets and technology, and we are accelerating investments to drive growth in our sustainable traditional active and solutions capabilities. Each of these areas once again delivered strong results in the third quarter. Inflows continue to reflect broad-based strength across our active platform and we remain well-positioned to meet investor needs for risk-adjusted alpha and yield in the current market environment. Demand for alternatives also continued with nearly \$7 billion of net inflows into liquid and illiquid alternative strategies during the quarter, driven by single-strategy hedge funds, private credit, real assets and private equity solutions. Fundraising momentum remains strong, and we have approximately \$29 billion of committed capital to deploy for institutional clients in a variety of alternative strategies, representing a significant source of future base and performance fees."

Ticker	Stock	EPS Actual	EPS Est.	Revs Actual	Revs Est.	Y/Y Change	Notes
BAC	Bank of America	\$0.85	\$0.70	\$22,766.00	\$21,602.50	11.90%	
С	Citigroup		\$1.79		\$16,930.05		
СМС	Commercial Metals	\$1.26	\$1.33	\$2,030.70	\$2,037.21	44.10%	
DPZ	Domino's Pizza	\$3.24	\$3.10	\$998.0	\$1,034.53	3.1%	US Comps -1.9%
MS	Morgan Stanley	\$1.98	\$1.68	\$14,753.0	\$13,953.53	26.6%	
PGR	Progressive		\$0.22		\$12,328.37		
TSM	Taiwan Semi	\$6.03	\$5.78	\$414,671.00	\$413,468.57	16.30%	FY Above
USB	U.S. Bancorp	\$1.30	\$1.16	\$5,890.00	\$5,758.68	-1.20%	
UNH	UnitedHealth	\$4.52	\$4.42	\$72,337.00	\$71,235.04	11.10%	FY In Line
WBA	Walgreens	\$1.17	\$1.02	\$34,262.00	\$33,392.87	12.80%	
WFC	Wells Fargo	\$1.17	\$0.94	\$18,834.00	\$18,313.38	-0.10%	

Earnings Review

UNH – Beats EPS and Revenues (+11.1%), Raises FY21 View - Third quarter 2021 medical care ratio of 83.0% compared to 81.9% last year, with the variance due largely to the repeal of the health insurance tax. Operating cost ratio of 14.8% this quarter decreased from 15.6% in third quarter 2020 primarily due to the repeal of the health insurance tax and continued productivity advances, partially offset by business mix and growth and innovation investments. Continued strong growth in UnitedHealthcare's community and senior offerings and growth serving 320,000 more people in commercial risk and self-funded offerings this quarter contributed to the revenue expansion. Optum third quarter revenues of \$39.8 billion grew 13.9% and operating earnings of \$3.1 billion grew 18.5% compared to the prior year, with each of the three Optum businesses contributing to operating earnings growth, led by OptumHealth.

WBA – Beats EPS and Revenues (+12.8%) - Our fourth quarter and fiscal year results exceeded expectations, driven by strong performance in our core business. Comparable U.S. pharmacy and retail sales both saw robust growth and recovery continued in our UK business as COVID-19 restrictions eased in the quarter. I remain extremely proud of our team members' unwavering commitment to meeting the needs of our patients, customers and communities. The role of the pharmacist and local pharmacy is now more vital than ever. Pharmacy sales increased 6.7 percent and comparable pharmacy sales increased 8.9 percent in the fourth quarter compared with the year-ago quarter. Within comparable pharmacy sales, prescriptions filled in the fourth quarter increased 8.8 percent from a year earlier, including a positive impact of 485 basis points from COVID-19 vaccinations. Total prescriptions filled in the quarter increased 8.6 percent to 313 million, including immunizations, adjusted to 30-day equivalents. Retail sales increased 6.5 percent and comparable retail sales increased 6.2 percent in the fourth quarter compared with the year-ago quarter compared with the year-ago quarter. Excluding tobacco and ecigarettes, they increased 7.2 percent, reflecting broad based growth across all categories. In particular, health and wellness sales increased 14 percent aided by cough cold flu, at-home COVID-19 tests and vitamins.

Earnings Grid

Stock	Next Earn Date Time	Open Interest	Historical Moves (8 Q)	Implied Move	Avg. 8 Q Max Move	Med. 8 Q Close Move	Sum. 8 Q Close Move	IV30 Skew	IV30 Avg Crush	Hist Put/Call OI %-tile	Short Float	SI Change (3mo)
FAST	10/12/2021 BMO	Bull: \$0.2M (100%)	Lower 5 of 8, Lower last 4	3.76%	6.54%	-1.42%	11.56%	5.25	-25.82%	28.90%	2.04%	-24.24%
JPM	10/13/2021 BMO	: \$21.68M (61%), Bear: \$7.45M (21%), Stock: \$5.28M (15%), Vol: \$1.13M (Lower 5 of 8, Lower last 4	2.33%	3.00%	-1.55%	-4.76%	4.84	-10.67%	97.89%	0.64%	-18.26%
BLK	10/13/2021 BMO	Bull: \$29.51M (64%), Bear: \$16.94M (36%)	Higher 6 of 8	3.02%	4.07%	2.33%	10.22%	5.42	-10.57%	99.29%	1.12%	-4.19%
DAL	10/13/2021 BMO	ll: \$24.9M (67%), Bear: \$7.48M (20%), Stock: \$3.42M (9%), Vol: \$1.56M (4	Lower 6 of 8, Lower last 2	3.32%	4.68%	-2.11%	-8.12%	3.76	-9.85%	62.24%	2.68%	23.30%
<u>UNH</u>	10/14/2021 BMO	Bull: \$14.34M (96%), Bear: \$0.53M (4%)	Higher 5 of 8, Higher last 2	2.95%	3.99%	2.06%	15.52%	4.51	-13.62%	73.54%	0.66%	-2.81%
WEC	10/14/2021 BMO	Bull: \$27.4M (60%), Bear: \$15.34M (33%), Stock: \$3.3M (7%)	Lower 5 of 8, Higher last 2	3.58%	6.08%	-4.27%	-16.50%	5.57	-13.40%	77.72%	1.15%	1.49%
<u>MS</u>	10/14/2021 BMO	r: \$38.03M (51%), Bull: \$29.93M (40%), Stock: \$5.04M (7%), Vol: \$1.86M (Higher 5 of 8	3.43%	3.95%	0.76%	9.10%	6.41	-12.69%	76.41%	1.32%	8.31%
<u>c</u>	10/14/2021 BMO	Bull: \$43.75M (62%), Bear: \$27.28M (38%)	Lower 7 of 8, Lower last 7	2.72%	4.29%	-2.85%	-22.29%	5.13	-4.70%	71.94%	1.70%	12.28%
<u>USB</u>	10/14/2021 BMO	Bull: \$0.69M (100%)	Lower 5 of 8	2.64%	4.98%	-1.30%	-9.15%	4.81	-5.87%	54.48%	0.80%	-5.90%
<u>WBA</u>	10/14/2021 BMO	ll: \$7.52M (77%), Vol: \$1.09M (11%), Bear: \$0.76M (8%), Stock: \$0.42M (4	Even of 8	5.31%	7.32%	-2.57%	-12.97%	2.88	-13.58%	48.97%	2.36%	32.03%
DPZ	10/14/2021 BMO	Bear: \$6.38M (59%), Bull: \$4.05M (37%), Stock: \$0.39M (4%)	Even of 8, Higher last 2	5.03%	10.24%	0.74%	28.63%	1.96	-21.56%	46.18%	4.62%	-35.25%
<u>CMC</u>	10/14/2021 BMO	Bull: \$0.24M (100%)	Even of 8	5.01%	7.50%	0.44%	6.35%	1.36	-14.92%	25.89%	2.56%	-26.41%
AA	10/14/2021 AMC	Bull: \$34.35M (67%), Bear: \$12.07M (23%), Stock: \$5.01M (10%)	Lower 5 of 8	7.33%	9.95%	-4.02%	-16.97%	1.16	-8.48%	94.19%	6.58%	22.00%
DCT	10/14/2021 AMC	No Trades Since Last Report	Even of 6, Lower last 2	7.07%	7.15%	-0.27%	1.10%	3.62	-16.05%	29.46%	2.86%	-63.15%
PGR	10/14/2021	Bear: \$1.87M (54%), Bull: \$1.59M (46%)	Lower 5 of 8	2.81%	5.68%	-1.07%	-1.93%	6.46	-6.31%	18.63%	1.95%	64.83%
<u>SCHW</u>	10/15/2021 BMO	Bear: \$3.54M (60%), Bull: \$1.4M (24%), Stock: \$1.01M (17%)	Even of 8, Lower last 2	3.38%	4.41%	-0.64%	3.76%	5.00	-6.40%	99.12%	0.00%	-99.84%
JBHT	10/15/2021 BMO	Bear: \$0.21M (100%)	Higher 6 of 8, Higher last 3	3.92%	5.46%	2.16%	1.21%	4.41	-15.73%	61.39%	2.08%	1.16%
<u>SNBR</u>	10/15/2021	No Trades Since Last Report	Even of 8, Lower last 2	5.73%	15.02%	0.45%	12.84%	4.13	-25.39%	44.48%	14.74%	31.80%

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