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Hi <<First Name>>, here's what you need to know for September 14th in 3-minutes.

Quote of the Day
"Whether you think you can, or you think you can't, you are right"
- Henry Ford

TODAY'S TOP STORIES

- 1. Influencers Breathe a Sigh of Relief: Oracle outbids Microsoft for Tik Tok US.
2. Chipmaker Blockbuster: SoftBank & NVIDIA close in on \$40B deal.
3. Gilead Goes All In: Anti-virus leader pays \$21B in takeover of breast-cancer treatment innovator Immunomedics.

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STOCK MARKET PERFORMANCE as of 09/11/2020

Table with 4 columns: Index, Price Level, 1-Day, YTD. Rows include S&P 500 Index, Dow Jones Index, NASDAQ, Gold, and 10-Year Treasury.

Table with 2 columns: Top Gainers, Top Decliners. Rows include Huntington Ingalls, Under Armour, Howmet Aerospace, NortonLifeLock, Coty Inc, and Kimco Realty.

What is Driving Markets Today?

U.S. stock futures point to a slightly positive market open today.

Why? - The move in futures follows a positive day market-wide on Friday as Wall Street tries to continue positive momentum after small tech rebound.



TOP STORY 1: Oracle Wins Crowded Bidding War:

What? - Oracle (ORCL) is expected to announce Monday morning that they have won the bidding to become Tik Tok's "trusted tech partner". Deal details are currently unclear, officials hint it will not be an outright purchase.

Why? - The White House enacted an executive order demanding TikTok's U.S. operations be sold to a domestic firm in the name of national security concerns over data sharing. Since then, multiple suitors, such as Twitter, Walmart, and Microsoft, have been identified as potential partners or owners. Oracle emerged as the winner from the field.

The Takeaway: There is still much to be learned from this deal. Upon the announcement Monday, we should learn the specifics behind the title "trusted tech partner" as well as any monetary or stock compensation involved in the partnership or partial purchase. This will be a hot topic story to start the week.



TOP STORY 2: NVIDIA & SoftBank Break Semiconductors Market

What? - SoftBank is closing in on a deal to sell Arm, a semiconductor producer they purchased four years ago for \$32B, to NVIDIA (SNVDA). The \$40B potential deal would be the largest the semiconductor industry has ever seen.

Why? - Softbank had announced months ago that they were looking to offload Arm in order to settle some rising debts. Arm is a behind the scenes semiconductor manufacturer that could very well push NVIDIA to the forefront of being a major player in the internet-of-things. NVIDIA has been the best performing stock in the S&P 500 this year as it passed Intel in valuation. In addition, this deal would further separate NVIDIA from its competitors, as Apple announced earlier this year that Mac's would be switching to Arm technology.

The Takeaway: There is reasonable skepticism that this deal is seen through to completion. It is currently being speculated that such a deal would subject NVIDIA to anti-trust laws and other lawsuits in numerous countries. What is for certain is that this deal will have major implications on the entire sector regardless of the end result, as the space races towards consolidation.

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TOP STORY 3: Gilead Gains Exposure to Cancer Treatment

What? - Gilead (GILD) has acquired Immunomedics (SIMMU) for \$21B, a valuation 108% above the current outstanding share price.

Why? - This is a lucrative deal for Gilead, a leader in anti-viral medical production. Immunomedics recently passed the drug Trodelvy through the FDA for breast-cancer treatment. Trodelvy is currently being tested for its effectiveness against other various forms of cancers. Gilead has effectively purchased its way into the forefront of both the cancer treatment and cancer research race. The space is highly lucrative as both treatments and therapies command high prices.

The Takeaway: - Treatments for certain cancers may be closer than we realize, as Trodelvy's trials for other cancers continue. In the meantime, although Gilead paid a hefty premium for this deal, analysts' consensus is that it is worthwhile given the long term potential of the drug.

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WHAT ELSE IS HAPPENING:

After-hour movers:

- Dynatrace: \$DT has been on a tear for most of 2020. Demand for the stock continues from earlier this summer as many viewed it as a "cheap" software option. Hedge funds have been purchasing Dynatrace.
Martin Marietta Materials: Move appears to be coming off of the completion of a Moody's review of the firm's credit.

Israel Goes Under Second Lockdown

Israel is beginning it's second nationwide lockdown in response to an increase in COVID-19 cases across the country.

Hurricane Season is in Full Force

This hurricane season has been so busy that meteorologists are beginning to run out of names for the 2020 calendar year. The latest worry comes from Tropical Storm Sally, which could hit New Orleans as a Category 2 hurricane.

EARNINGS TODAY:

Aspen Group (\$ASPU), Lennar Corp (\$LEN), Investcorp (SICMB)

EARNINGS TOMORROW:

Adobe (\$ADBE), FedEx (\$FDX), Cracker Barrel (\$CBRL)

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