

The Daily Roll

Market Recap
Monday, March 12, 2012



Today's Commentary

Equity markets climbed for the fourth day in a row on Friday. Modest gains were made in the North American equity indices as optimism was raised in the world's largest economy. The US announced and addition of 227K jobs to the economy in February, which beat analysts' expectations of a 210K increase in jobs. As a result, the S&P 500 and Dow gained 0.36% and 0.11% on the day, respectively. Statistics Canada released February's employment data on Friday. The Canadian economy was said to have lost 2,800 jobs last month, but the report also showed that the unemployment rate fell 0.2% to 7.4%, indicating a net exit of workers from the labour force. Despite this news, the S&P/TSX showed green on Friday as the index ended trading up 0.33%. Oil and gold prices were relatively flat day on Friday, as Brent, WTI and gold all had gains of less than 1%.

The International Swaps & Derivatives Association (ISDA) ruled on Friday that Greece's use of collective action clauses to force private creditors into the country's swap transaction is classified as an involuntary default. As a result, a total of 4,323 credit-default swaps, accounting for roughly 3 billion USD, are now eligible to be exercised. ISDA's ruling has segregated the financial community into pro-CDS and anti-CDS groups. Many European officials are denouncing these swaps as they allow investors to bet against failing nations, while many other analysts are stating that the integrity of CDS's must remain intact in order to sustain investor confidence. There is currently a 257 billion USD government-debt insurance market, where credit-default swaps play a large role, and this settlement is said to be easing fears of swaps becoming null and void in cases of selective default.

Oil futures fell this morning amid slowing export growth out of China, the second largest global crude user. The release caused crude prices to decrease by approximately 1.2%. China's trade deficit last month was the highest it has been in 22 years, due in large part to a reduced demand stemming from the European debt crisis. Their deficit was \$31.5 billion in February, four times January's number. This deficit caused China to ease their daily fixing for the yuan, which comes at an unfortunate time: the US dollar rose this morning following an economic report that hinted that no monetary stimulus will be used in the near future. The new reference rate was lowered by 0.33% to 6.3282 yuan per dollar. This series of events led to the yuan to fall by the most in 7 weeks.

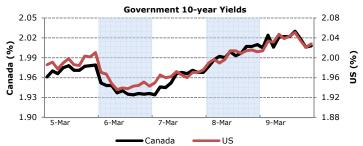
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Today's Major Economic Releases

United States	<u>Period</u>	Survey	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Prior</u>
None Scheduled				

CanadaPeriodSurveyActualPriorNone Scheduled

Interest Rates



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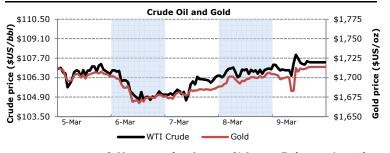
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Equities



Commodities



	<u>9-Mar</u>	<u>day ∆</u>	<u>%∆</u>	<u>5-day</u>	<u>1-mnth</u>
Oil (\$US/BbI)	\$107.40	0.82	+0.77%	+0.66%	+8.80%
Nat Gas (\$US/Bcf)	\$2.32	0.052	+2.29%	-6.44%	-5.07%
Gold (\$US/oz)	\$1,714	13.88	+0.82%	+0.06%	-1.13%
Copper (\$US/Ib)	\$3.85	0.0665	+1.76%	-1.10%	-1.46%

Foreign Exchange



(USDCAD implies \$1-USD to CAD)			Historical levels		
Spot	<u>9-Mar</u>	<u>day ∆</u>	-5 days	<u>-1 mnth</u>	-1 year
USDCAD	\$0.991	+0.000	0.989	0.995	0.973
EURUSD	\$1.312	-0.015	1.320	1.329	1.390
USDJPY	¥82.46	+0.900	81.810	77.67	81.84
AUDUSD	\$1.058	-0.007	1.073	1.079	1.014

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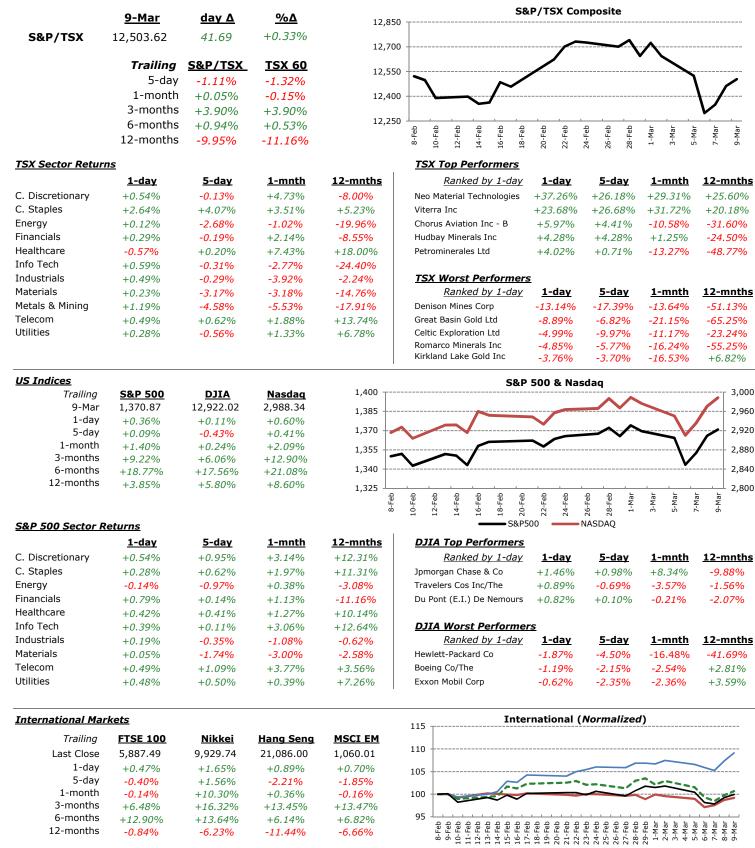
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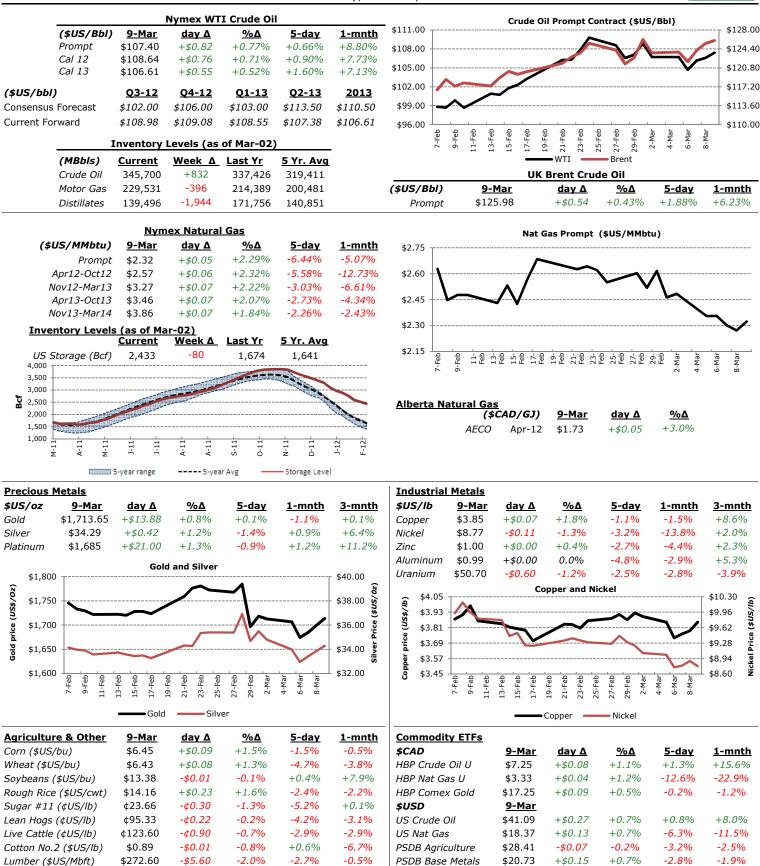
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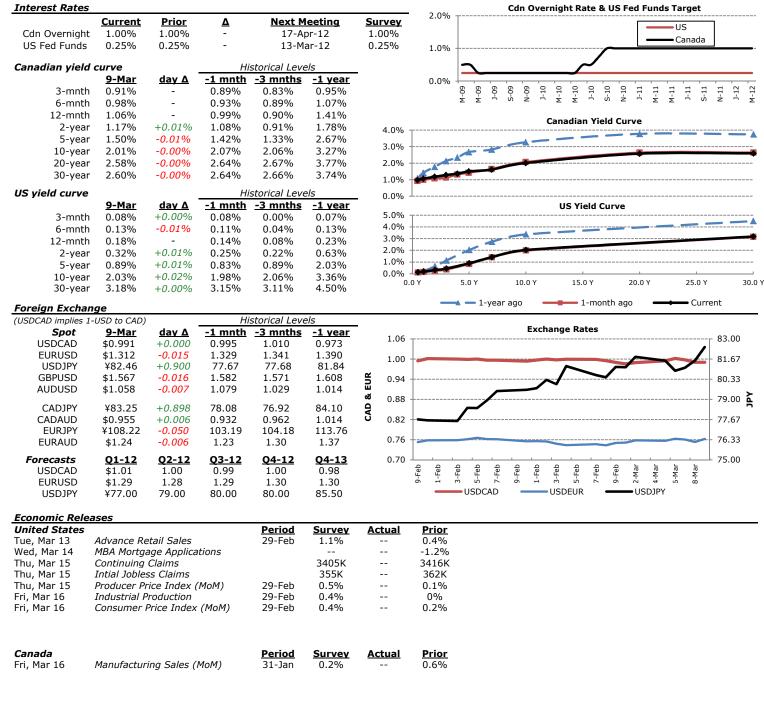
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Economics						
Canada	<u>01-11</u>	<u> 02-11</u>	03-11	<u>04-11</u>	2012E	Real GDP (YoY%)
Real GDP	3.70%	-0.60%	4.17%	1.75%	2.00%	<u></u>
CPI	2.60%	3.37%	3.00%	2.70%	1.90%	
Unemployment	7.60%	7.40%	7.20%	7.50%	7.40%	
US						2.00%
Real GDP	0.40%	1.30%	1.80%	3.00%	2.20%	
CPI	2.13%	3.47%	3.77%	3.30%	2.05%	0.00%
Unemployment	8.90%	9.10%	9.00%	8.50%	8.25%	2 000/
China						O1-10 O2-10 O3-10 O4-10 O1-11 O2-11 O3-11 O4-11
Real GDP	9.70%	9.50%	9.10%	8.90%	8.50%	■Canada ■US ■Eurozone

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