

The Daily Roll

Market Recap Friday, March 30, 2012



Today's Commentary

Yesterday proved to be another volatile day for equity markets after disappointing US economic releases. The S&P 500 and S&P/TSX declined by 0.16% and 0.6%, respectively. The S&P 500 had mixed results to the news as five of the major sectors decreased during trading, while the other five major sectors increased which helped to limit losses. Canadian equity companies did not fare as well, however, as all but two major sectors, Healthcare and Metals & Mining, suffered considerable losses before closing on Thursday. Declining commodity prices also helped to keep the S&P/TSX in the red. WTI crude fell a staggering 2.5% to close at \$102.78 as governments continue to increase stockpiles to apply downward pressure on oil prices. Natural gas storage levels had large increases this week which forced the gas's price down nearly 6% yesterday to close at \$2.15 per MMbtu. There was another win for economists this morning as Canadian GDP was released at the forecasted growth of 0.1% for January. US personal income missed its target of 0.4% as it was released this morning at 0.2% growth for February.

Research in Motion disappointed shareholders once again yesterday with a dismal earnings release. Its fourth quarter earnings were revealed to be well under analyst expectations, posting a loss of \$125 million, or 24 cents per share. Blackberry sales declined 21% from third quarter, which is especially worrisome considering that the period includes Christmas. RIM shares dropped drastically in after-hours trading following this release. The beleaguered company will explore other "strategic opportunities" such as partnership, with the possibility of selling the company not being ruled out. The company will thus stop releasing financial forecasts. Several executives will abandon ship in the near future, including current director and former CEO Jim Balsillie.

Analysts are predicting that Greece will again need to restructure its debt despite a successful debt restructuring earlier this month. Greece is said to be considering extending its debt-swap transaction to those of its debt holders who are governed by Swiss, Italian and Japanese law. Creditors in these regions were exempt from the last transaction under the current legal framework. This extension is said to take place on April 11 if it is to occur. Marek Belka, Governor of Poland's central bank, has also suggested that the country move to a two-currency system which would see internal and public uses of an instrument other than the euro.

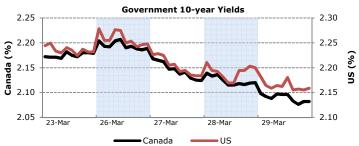
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Today's Major Economic Releases

| United States | <u>Period</u> | Survey | <u>Actual</u> | <u>Prior</u> |
|-----------------|---------------|--------|---------------|--------------|
| Personal Income | 29-Feb | 0.4% | 0.2% | 0.3% |

| Canada | <u>Period</u> | Survey | <u>Actual</u> | <u>Prior</u> |
|---------|---------------|--------|---------------|--------------|
| GDP MoM | 31-1an | 0.1% | 0.1% | 0.4% |

Interest Rates



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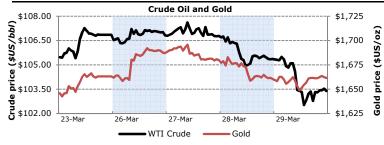
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Equities



Commodities



| | <u> 29-Mar</u> | <u>day ∆</u> | <u>%∆</u> | <u>5-day</u> | <u>1-mnth</u> | |
|--------------------|----------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|---------------|--|
| Oil (\$US/BbI) | \$102.78 | -2.63 | -2.50% | -2.44% | -4.01% | |
| Nat Gas (\$US/Bcf) | \$2.15 | -0.133 | -5.83% | -5.29% | -17.85% | |
| Gold (\$US/oz) | \$1,662 | -2.11 | -0.13% | +0.95% | -6.87% | |
| Copper (\$US/Ib) | \$3.80 | 0.0095 | +0.25% | +0.77% | -2.95% | |

Foreign Exchange



| (USDCAD implies \$. | 1-USD to CAD) | | Historical levels | | |
|---------------------|---------------|--------------|-------------------|----------------|---------|
| Spot | 29-Mar | <u>day ∆</u> | -5 days | <u>-1 mnth</u> | -1 year |
| USDCAD | \$0.996 | -0.002 | 0.999 | 0.990 | 0.971 |
| EURUSD | \$1.330 | -0.002 | 1.320 | 1.333 | 1.416 |
| USDJPY | ¥82.46 | -0.440 | 82.540 | 81.15 | 83.13 |
| AUDUSD | \$1.038 | -0.001 | 1.039 | 1.073 | 1.033 |

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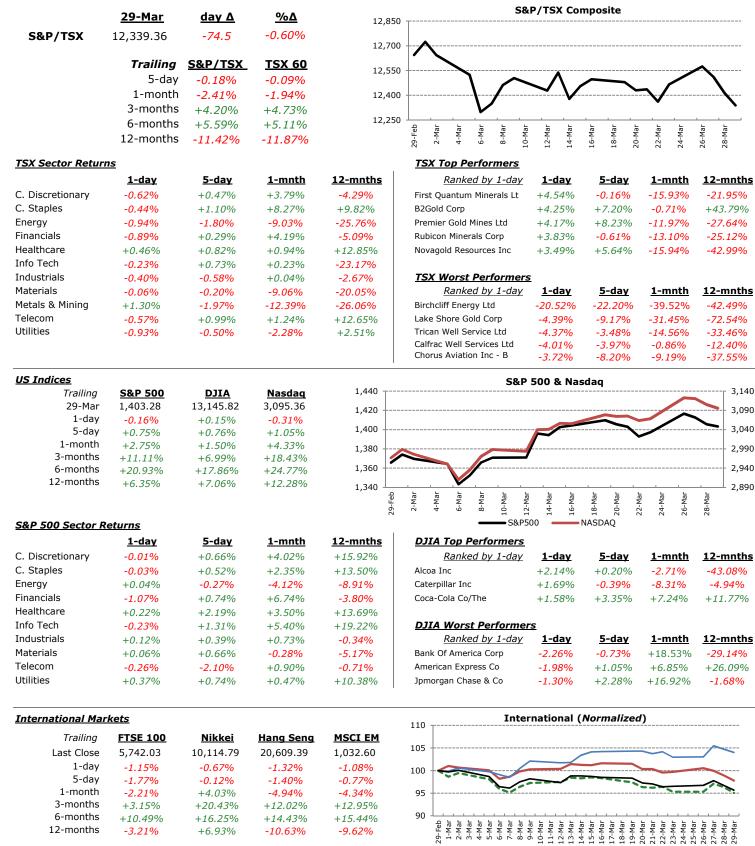
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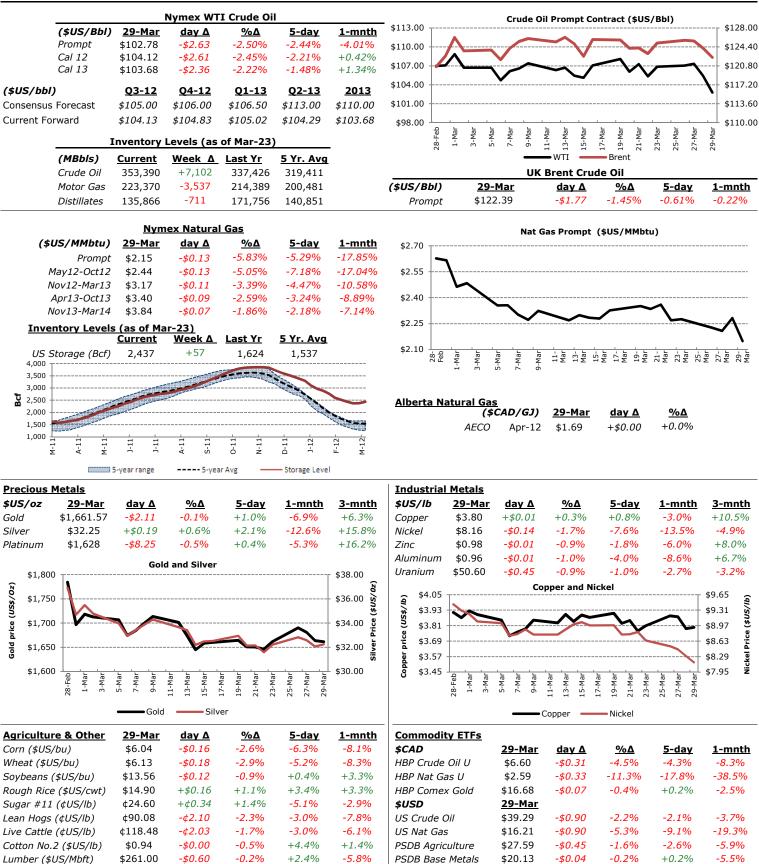
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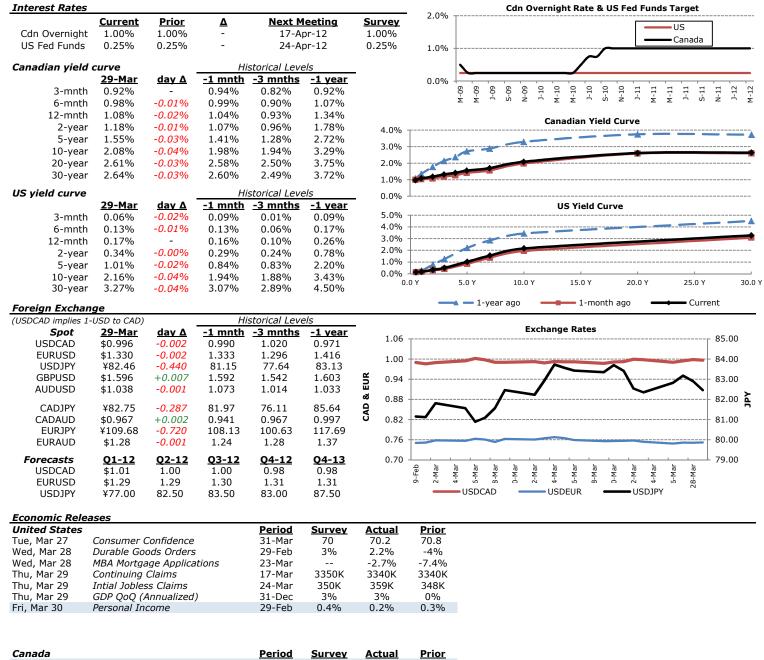
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| Economics | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Canada Real GDP CPI | Q1-11 3.70% 2.60% 7.60% | Q2-11 -0.60% 3.37% 7.40% | Q3-11 4.17% 3.00% 7.20% | Q4-11 1.75% 2.70% 7.50% | 2012E 2.00% 1.90% 7.40% | Real GDP (YoY%) |
| Unemployment US Real GDP CPI Unemployment | 0.40% 2.13% 8.90% | 1.30% 3.47% 9.10% | 1.80% 3.77% 9.00% | 3.00% 3.30% 8.50% | 2.20% 2.30% 8.20% | 2.00% |
| China Real GDP | 9.70% | 9.50% | 9.10% | 8.90% | 8.30% | |

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