

The Daily Roll

Market Recap Wednesday, October 17, 2012



Today's Commentary

Tuesday marked an explosive day for North American equity markets as strong earnings continue to roll in. The prospect of a full Spanish bailout continues to build which also helped equity indices to soar yesterday. The S&P/TSX jumped an incredible 1.45% as the Energy, Healthcare and Materials sectors enjoyed massive gains of 1.75%, 1.77% and 2.08%, respectively. It was a similar story south of the border as the S&P 500 and Dow increased by 1.03% and 0.95%, respectively. Commodities showed mixed results yesterday, however, as industrial metals could not kick the recent trend of sliding prices but precious metals did. Copper, nickel, zinc and aluminum continued to fall while gold, silver and platinum all increased on the day. Rates on longer term government treasuries in both Canada and the US increased yesterday as the countries' 10-year yields increased by 3 and 6 basis points, respectively. More signs of a US recovery are showing themselves in this morning's releases. US housing starts for September were reported at 872K, over 13% higher than the forecast total of 770K. The reported number of 872K is also well above August's number of 750K.

Yesterday ushered in a new chapter for Citigroup Inc. as Vikram Pandit abruptly resigned as chief executive officer. The announcement comes one day after Citi reported a surprise Q3 profit and a surge in bond trading revenue, which pushed the share price 5.5% higher to \$36.66 on Monday. It appears as though Pandit was pressured to leave the bank by the board of directors. The directors were reportedly disappointed with his mismanagement of operations that lead to investor resentment and setbacks with regulators. Pandit's exit does not appear to have affected the strong earnings release, however, as the stock rose over 1.5% to \$37.25 by the end of yesterday's trading session.

It appears as though Germany may be weakening its stance on a full Spanish bailout according to two of the country's senior lawmakers. A deputy caucus leader and the governing party's budget spokesman have indicated that Germany is becoming more open to the idea of Spain securing a precautionary line of credit from the European Stability Mechanism – Europe's permanent rescue fund. A line of credit may be the right move for Spanish Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy as he is opposed to requesting further aid until the ECB's bailout terms are clearly laid out. Germany's new stance was received well in the markets as the euro rose 0.8% to \$1.3054 and Spanish bonds rose, driving the 10-year yield down to 5.81%

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Today's Major Economic Releases

Master of Financial Economics Program

United States	<u>Period</u>	Survey	<u>Actual</u>	Prior
MBA Mortgage Applications			-4.2%	-1.2%
Housing Starts		770K	872K	750K

Canada **Period** Survey **Actual**

Prior None Scheduled

Interest Rates Government 10-year Yields 1.83 1.78 1.82 1.81 Canada 1.80 1.69 1.66 1.79 1.78 1.63 10-Oct 16-Oct 11-Oct 12-Oct 15-Oct

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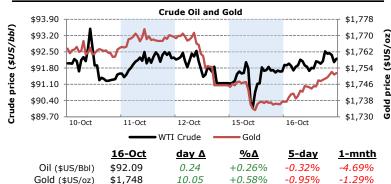
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Equities



Commodities



Foreign Exchange



	(USDCAD implies \$1-USD to CAD)			Historical levels			
	Spot	16-Oct	day ∆	-5 days	<u>-1 mnth</u>	-1 year	
	USDCAD	\$0.987	+0.006	0.978	0.975	1.004	
	EURUSD	\$1.305	+0.011	1.289	1.312	1.391	
	USDJPY	¥78.89	+0.240	78.260	78.71	76.18	
Government 10-year Yields			Historical levels				
		<u> 16-Oct</u>	day ∆	-1 mnth	-3 mnths	-1 year	

0.027%

0.056%

1.62%

1.49%

2.29%

2.16%

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1.83%

1.72%



Canada

United States

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1.97%

1.87%

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6-months

12-months

+3.60%

+7.39%

-8.12%

-0.53%

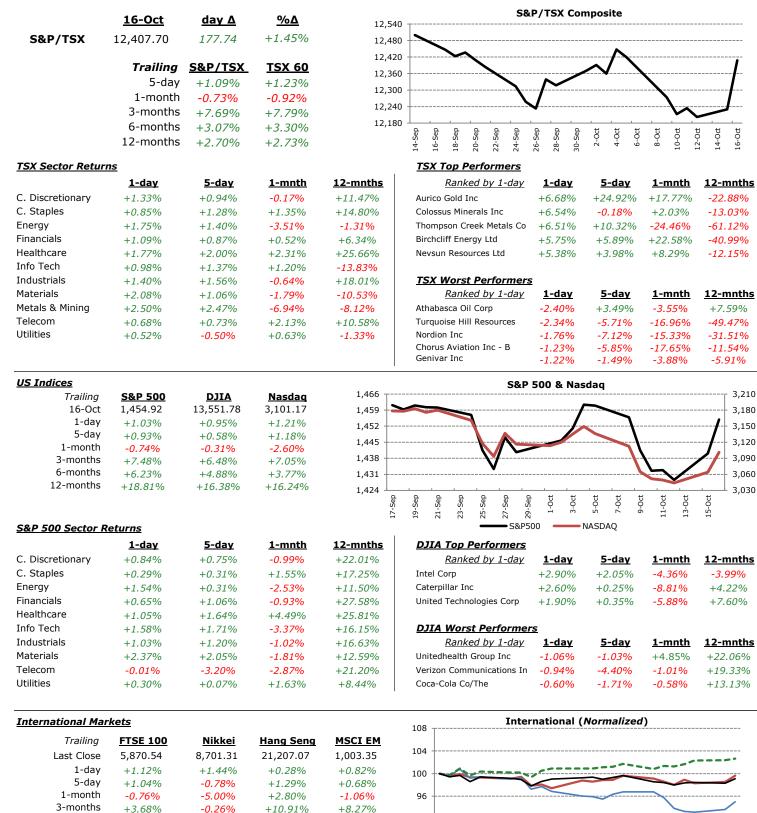
+2.89%

+14.62%

The Equities Roll

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-1.63%

+7.25%

92

18-Sep 19-Sep 20-Sep 21-Sep 22-Sep 23-Sep 24-Sep 25-Sep 26-Sep 27-Sep 27-Sep 27-Sep 28-Sep 28-Sep

FTSE

1-0ct

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NIK

· EM

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Agriculture & Other

Corn (\$US/bu)

Wheat (\$US/bu)

Soybeans (\$US/bu)

Sugar #11 (¢US/lb)

Lean Hogs (¢US/lb)

Live Cattle (¢US/lb)

Lumber (\$US/Mbft)

Cotton No.2 (\$US/Ib)

Rough Rice (\$US/cwt)

16-0ct

\$7.38

\$8.48

\$14.94

\$14.87

¢20.17

¢78.60

¢126.68

\$0.75

\$306.80

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+\$0.01

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+ ¢0.05

+ ¢0.70

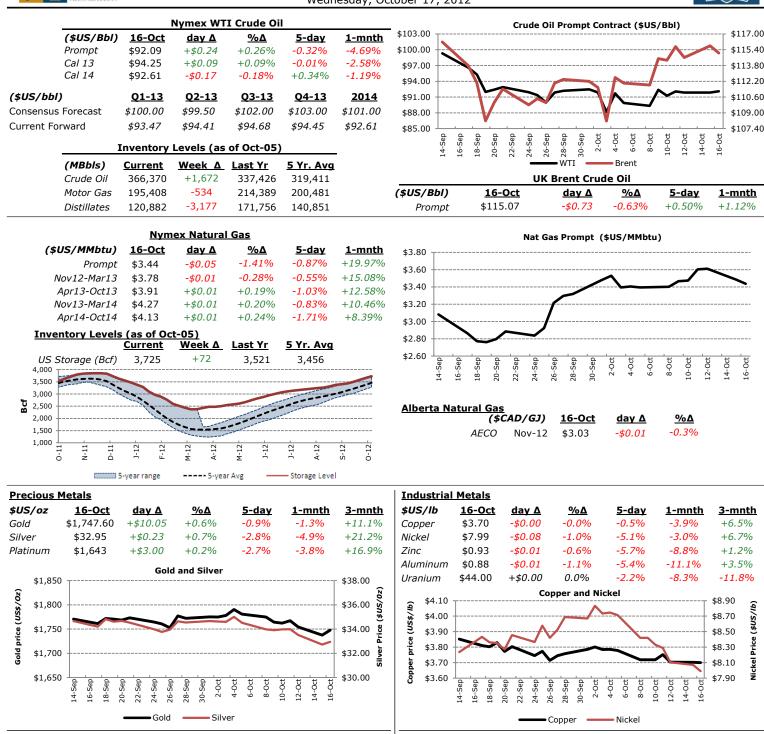
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+\$10.00

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1-mnth

-5.6%

-8.3%

-14.1%

-2.7%

-2.9%

+6.4%

-2.5%

-1.4%

+5.4%

Commodity ETFs

HBP Crude Oil U

HBP Comex Gold

PSDB Agriculture

PSDB Base Metals

HBP Nat Gas U

US Crude Oil

US Nat Gas

16-Oct

\$4.67

\$16.87

\$17.43

16-Oct

\$34.14

\$22.20

\$28.87

\$18.55

day ∆

+\$0.04

-\$0.05

+\$0.10

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+\$0.23

-\$0.12

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+0.9%

-0.3%

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+0.4%

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1-mnth

-14.9%

+23.6%

-1.5%

-7.3%

+11.2%

-6.1%

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\$CAD

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5-day

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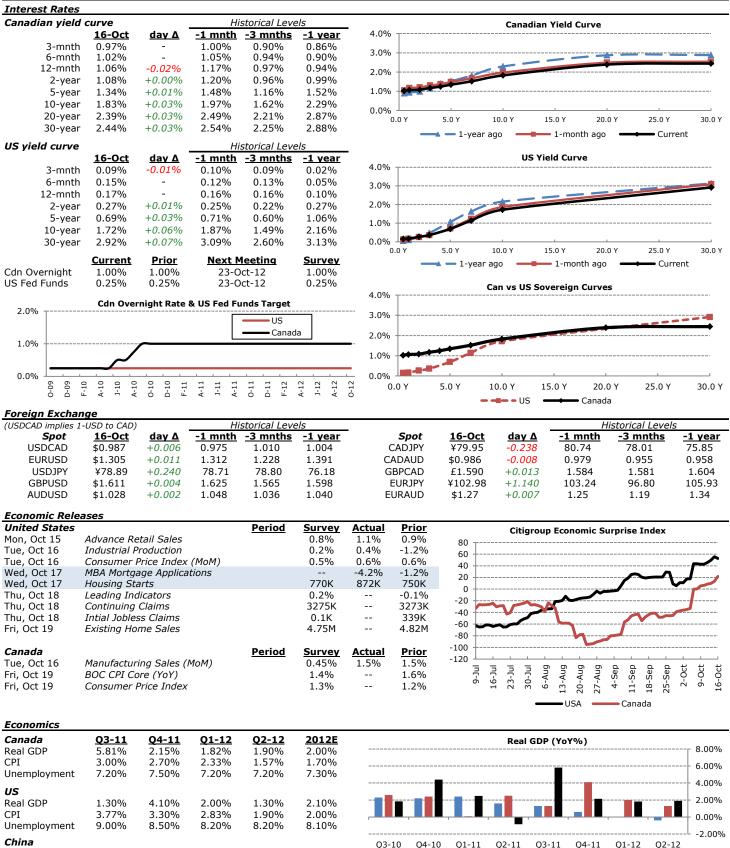
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7.70%

8.90%

8.10%

7.60%

9.10%

Real GDP

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