

The Daily Roll

Market Recap Wednesday, October 03, 2012



Today's Commentary

After falling throughout the day, North American equity indices jumped in the last hours of trading to finish the day essentially flat. The S&P 500 rose by a mere 0.09% yesterday, buoyed by an Apple rise near the end of trading. The Dow, which does not yet contain Apple, fell by 0.24% on the day. The S&P/TSX gained 0.17% on the day. Oil prices dropped yesterday by \$0.59/barrel. The energy sector was able to shake this off however, growing by 0.64% yesterday. The only sectors that finished in the red yesterday for the Canadian index were materials and healthcare.

Stock futures rose this morning on upbeat employment data from the ADP payrolls report. The report showed that the U.S. added 162,000 workers to payrolls in September, ahead of a 140,000 forecast. This may help to bolster consumer confidence, and help with the recovery. S&P 500 futures rose 0.2% on the release. Nonetheless, the September unemployment rate is expected to have increased to 8.2%, from 8.1%. Blackrock CEO Laurence Fink predicted on Monday that the US is one year way from a "robust economy". He foresees that US stocks will experience a rise in the future, urging investors to stray away from cash based investment products and into equities.

China's economy – the world's second largest – is continuing to slow as the government struggles to reverse the slumping trend. The purchasing managers' index was reported yesterday at 53.7 for September, down from August's reading of 56.3. This is yet another concern for the Chinese government as they try to stimulate growth while avoiding mass price inflation. The economic slowdown caused largely by a reduction in exports to Europe - has led the Asian Development Bank to cut its outlook on Chinese growth yet again. The ADB released a report yesterday outlining a new forecast of a 7.7% growth on the year, revised down from 8.2%. The government has tried to spur growth by accelerating investment project approval time, lowering interest rates, and boosting tax support exporters.

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Today's Major Economic Releases

| United States | <u>Period</u> | <u>Survey</u> | <u>Actual</u> | <u>Prior</u> |
|---------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| MBA Mortgage Applications | 28-Sep | | 16.6% | 2.8% |

Canada **Period** Survey **Actual Prior** None Scheduled

Interest Rates Government 10-year Yields 1.81 1.66 1.79 1.65 Canada (%) 1.77 1.64 1.75 1.63 1.62 1.73 1.71 1.61 26-Sep 2-Oct 27-Sep 28-Sep 1-Oct Canada US

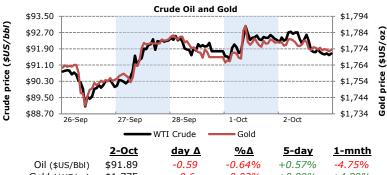
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Equities



Commodities



Gold (\$US/oz) \$1,775 -0.6 -0.03% +0.80% +4.89% Foreign Exchange **Exchange Rates** 1.320



| | (USDCAD implies \$1-USD to CAD) | | | Historicai ieveis | | | |
|------|---------------------------------|---------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|---------|--|
| | Spot | 2-0ct | day ∆ | -5 days | <u>-1 mnth</u> | -1 year | |
| | USDCAD | \$0.984 | +0.002 | 0.981 | 0.986 | 1.017 | |
| _ | EURUSD | \$1.292 | +0.003 | 1.290 | 1.259 | 1.379 | |
| % | USDJPY | ¥78.16 | +0.170 | 77.800 | 78.26 | 77.26 | |
|) SN | | | Historical levels | | | | |
| | | 2-0ct | <u>day ∆</u> | -1 mnth | -3 mnths | -1 year | |
| | Canada | 1.73% | 0.011% | 1.77% | 1.71% | 2.07% | |

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United States

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12-months

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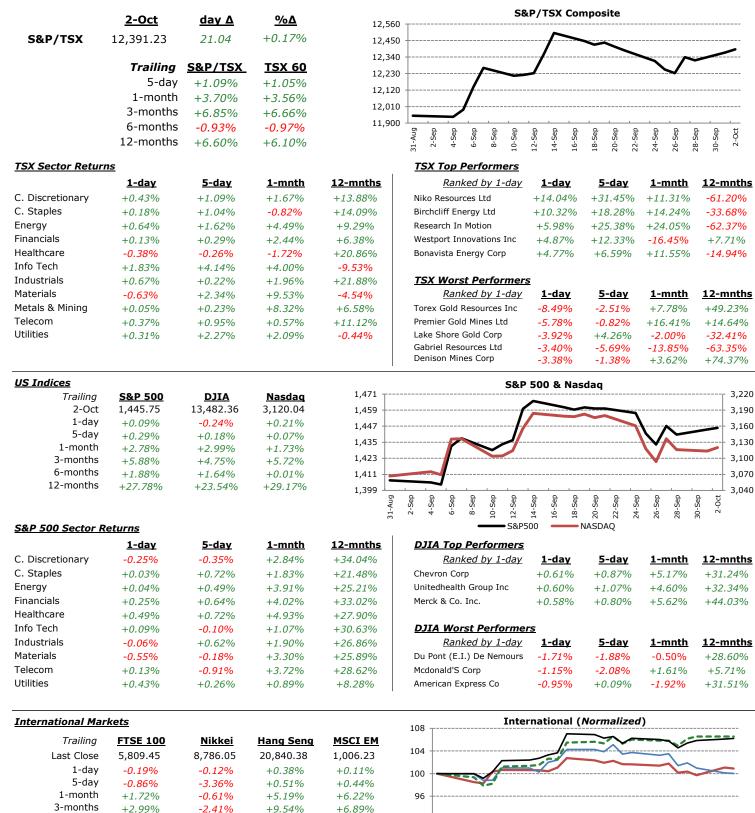
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6-Sep

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12-Sep 14-Sep 22-Sep

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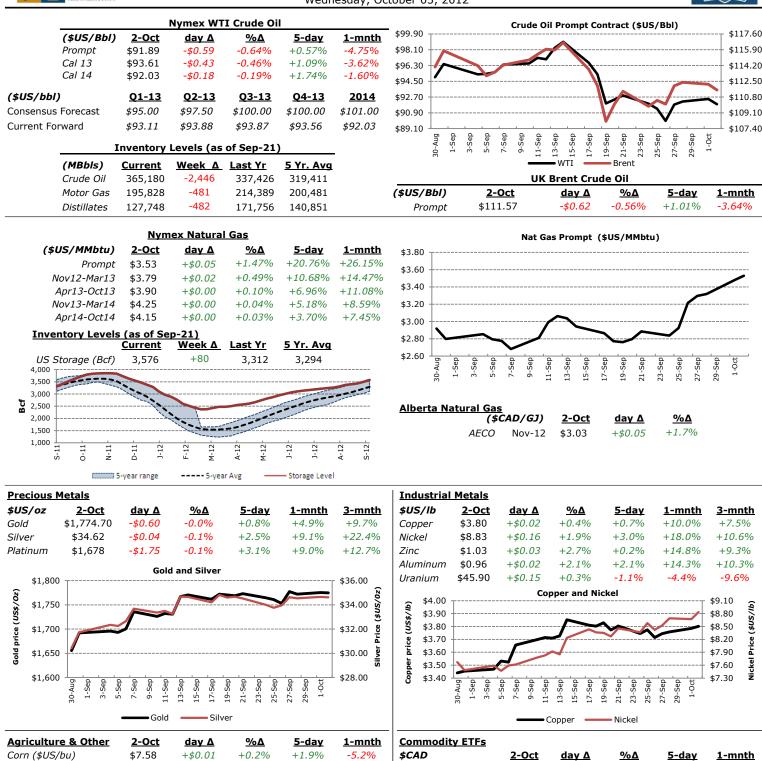
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HBP Comex Gold

PSDB Agriculture

PSDB Base Metals

HBP Nat Gas U

US Crude Oil

US Nat Gas

\$USD

\$4.65

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\$17.77

2-Oct

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\$15.37

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¢76.85

¢126.38

\$0.72

\$281.90

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)

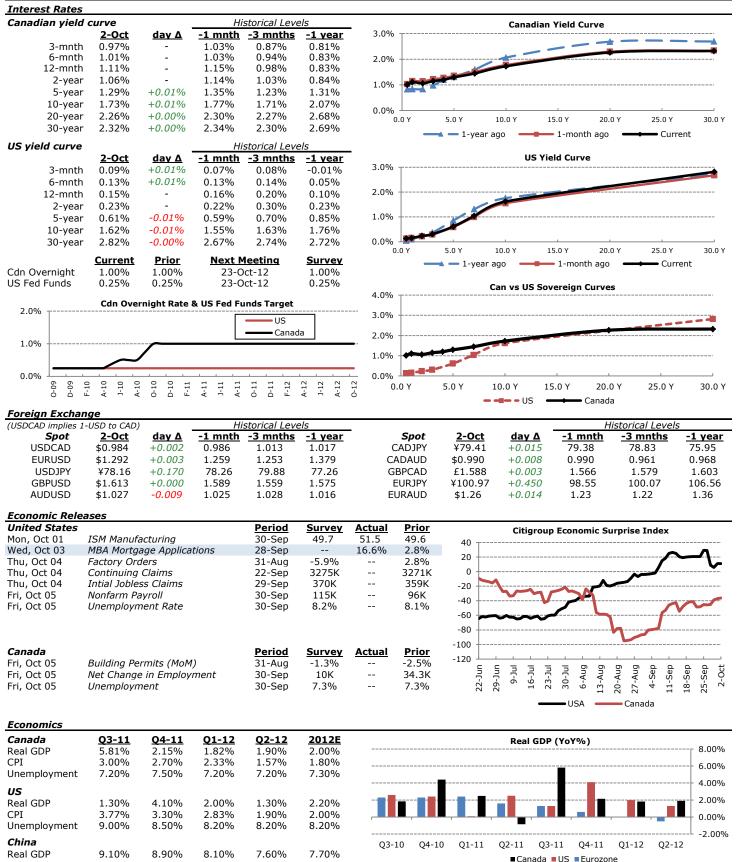
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