

# The Daily Roll

Market Recap February 12, 2013



#### Today's Commentary

Trading was slow on Monday, as Asian markets were closed for holidays. The S&P 500 and Nasdaq each shed 0.06 percent, while the S&P/TSX composite fell 0.41 percent. Investors seem to be waiting for news to send markets higher, after six weeks of gains have sent the S&P 500 up 8 percent. Gold fell to one-month lows on Monday, dragging the TSX's gold mining group down 2.2 percent. The financial and industrial sectors were up slightly, with Manulife gaining 3 percent. Meanwhile, China has surpassed the U.S. as the world's largest trading nation, with a sum total of imports and exports reaching \$3.87 trillion in 2012, ahead of \$3.82 trillion in America. However, America's \$15 trillion GDP is still almost double China's.

As alluded to yesterday, the Group of Seven (G7) countries issued a statement this morning to curb fears about currency wars. The statement read "We reaffirm that our fiscal and monetary policies have been and will remain oriented towards meeting our respective domestic objectives using domestic instruments, and that we will not target exchange rates". The Japanese yen weakened after the statement as no indication was given that other developed nations would interfere with Japan's aggressive easing to kick off growth in its economy. Japanese Finance Minister Taro Aso admitted on Friday that the yen had fallen farther than intended since November. At the same time, the euro has appreciated substantially since last year, as banks have been paying down debt owed to the European Central Bank and thereby tightened the ECB's balance sheet, while the U.S. Federal Reserve and Bank of Japan continue to depress their own currencies. The countries said they would "consult closely" on any actions in the currency markets.

North Korea tested a nuclear weapon today, previous tests had been carried out in 2006 and 2009. An official statement from Pyongyang confirmed the test after South Korea reported an "artificial earthquake" in the northeastern part of the Korean peninsula. The administration there had indicated it would conduct a test after the UN Security Council reaffirmed sanctions following the launch of a satellite in December. Barack Obama said the test was "a highly provocative act" and Shinzo Abe stated that Japan would "respond with every effective measure, including unilateral sanctions". There is evidence that Chinese officials are also increasingly annoyed with the conduct of their ally and China's stance towards North Korea will be keenly watched as the leadership of Xi Jingping formulate their

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### Today's Major Economic Releases

United States	Period	Survey	Actual	Prior
None Scheduled			_	

Canada Period Survey **Actual Prior** None Scheduled

#### **Interest Rates** Government 10-year Yields 2.04 2.03 2.02 2.01 Canada (%) 1.99 2.00 1.98 1.97

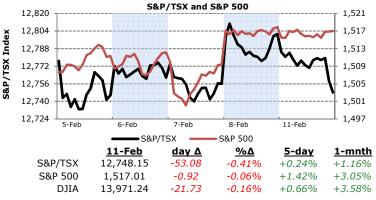
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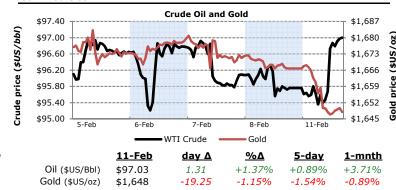
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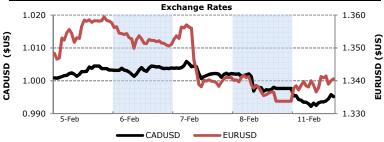
#### **Equities**



#### **Commodities**



#### Foreign Exchange



	(USDCAD im	nplies \$1-USD to	CAD)
	Spot	<u>11-Feb</u>	day ∆
	USDCAD	\$1.005	+0.003
_	EURUSD	\$1.341	+0.004
8	USDJPY	¥94.32	+1.640
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0.999	0.985	0.998
1.351	1.334	1.337
92.380	89.18	80.00

Historical levels

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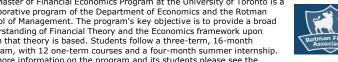
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Canada	1.97%	0.016%
United States	1.96%	0.014%

Historical levels			
-1 mnth	-3 mnths	-1 year	
1.94%	1.70%	2.05%	
1.87%	1.59%	1.99%	

#### Master of Financial Economics Program Rotman Finance Association

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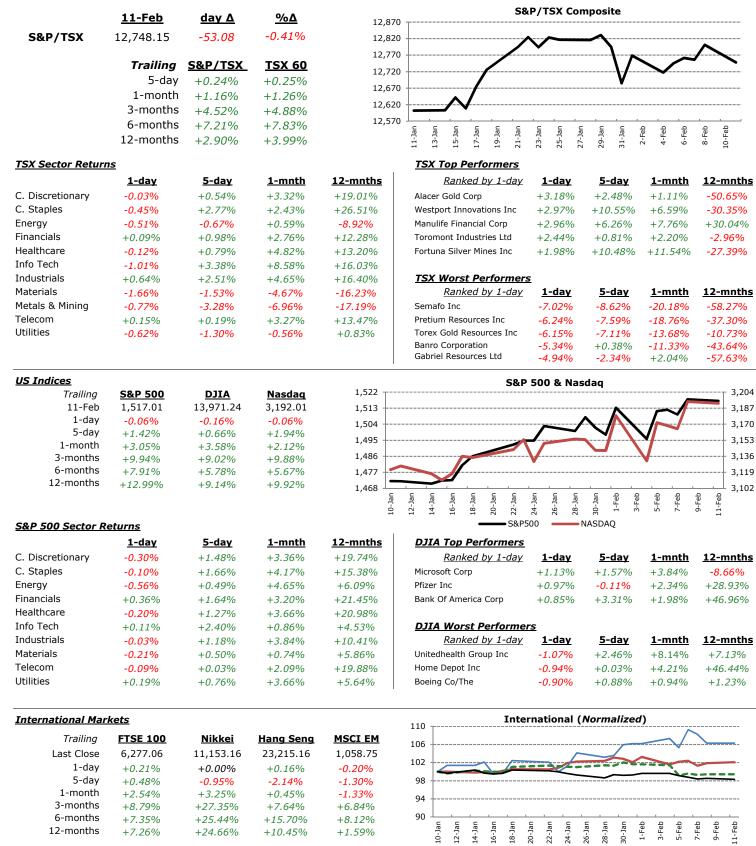
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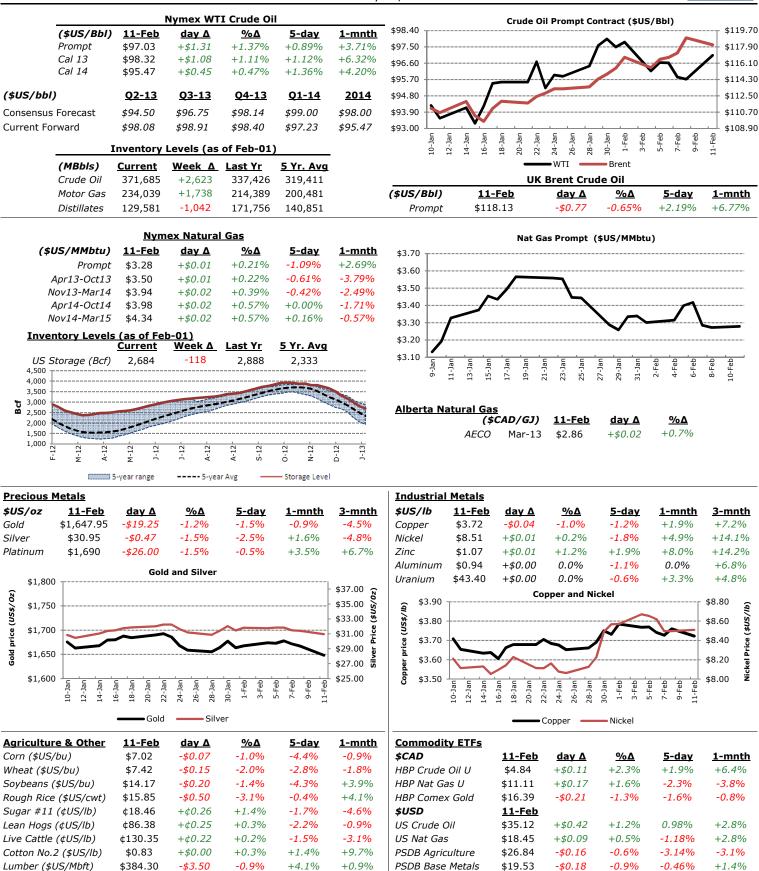
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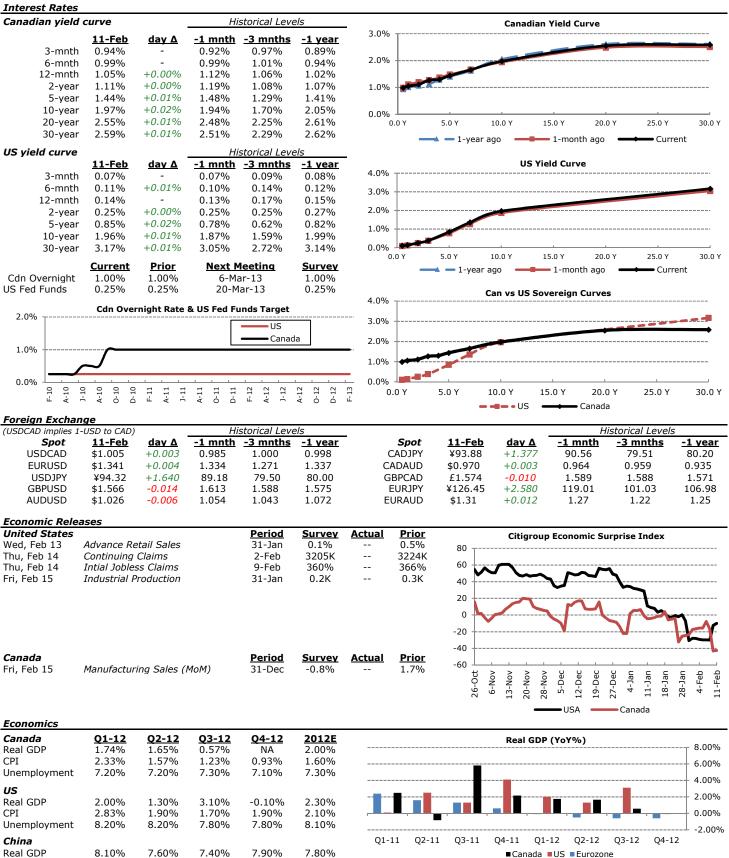
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