

# The Daily Roll

Market Recap February 15, 2013



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#### Today's Commentary

The S&P/TSX composite fell to a one-week low to close at 12,722 on Thursday, as weak economic data from Europe dragged energy stocks lower. U.S. markets were mixed, but mostly flat, with the S&P 500 and Nasdaq gaining 0.07 and 0.06 percent respectively, while the Dow slid 0.07 percent. Natural gas producer Encana Corp reported a negative production outlook for 2013 production, sending shares down 6.6 percent, and pulling the energy sector down 1.6 percent. Blackberry's Former co-chief executive Jim Balsillie revealed that he had sold a large stake in the company, but shares closed 7.5 percent higher. Kinross Gold Corp managed a 5.4 percent gain to close at \$8.34 thanks to a report of higher fourth quarter revenues, and despite a \$3.1 billion impairment charge from its troubled Tasiast mine in Africa.

Senate Democrats have proposed a plan to raise \$110 billion in new taxes to avoid severe spending cuts that could come into effect on March 1. However, Republicans are expected to oppose the plan based on their ideological opposition to tax increases. Indeed, Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell has already called the proposal a "political stunt" and "total waste of time." The proposal is aimed at postponing the broad based spending cuts, or sequester, until January 2014, while maintaining military spending until the war in Afghanistan concludes in fiscal 2015. If the sequester goes ahead as scheduled, it will cost the U.S. 750,000 new jobs this year according to the Congressional Budget Office. Europe is already feeling the effects of similar fiscal austerity measures, as its economy shrank by a larger than expected 0.5 percent in 2012.

Exchange rates are at the top of the agenda at the G20 meeting of finance ministers and central bankers in Moscow today as rich nations try to come to an understanding over competitive devaluation. The Japanese yen has fallen over 16 percent since September of last year on the back of Shizo Abe's push for aggressive easing to end a 15 year period of deflation. Recent statements from Japanese officials, along with planned policy actions, suggest Japan is chasing a cheaper yen to boost exports. Financial chiefs are worried about a potential cycle of retaliation from other countries as they become less competitive. A statement released by the G7 earlier this week seeking to calm the sphere of a "currency war" backfired as there were opposing interpretations of the message. The IMF has suggested that talks about a currency war are overblown. A Statement from the G20 is expected today.

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#### Today's Major Economic Releases

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United States	Period	Survey	<u>Actual</u>	Prior
Industrial Production	31-Dec	0.3%	-	0.3%

 Canada
 Period
 Survey
 Actual
 Prior

 Manufacturing Sales (MoM)
 31-Jan
 -0.8%
 -3.1%
 1.7%

#### Interest Rates Government 10-year Yields 2.06 2.05 2.03 2.04 Canada (%) 2.02 2.01 2.00 1.99 1.98 1.97 1.95 1.93 8-Feb 14-Feb 11-Feb 12-Feb 13-Feb

Canada

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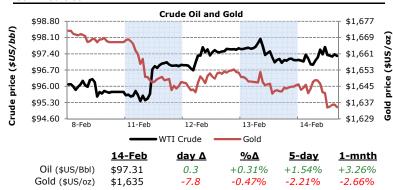
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US

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### Commodities



#### Foreign Exchange



	(USDCAD implies \$1-USD to CAD)			
	Spot	<u>14-Feb</u>	<u>day ∆</u>	
	USDCAD	\$1.001	-0.001	
_	EURUSD	\$1.336	-0.009	
(%)	USDJPY	¥92.88	-0.510	
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Historical levels

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	<u>14-Feb</u>	<u>day ∆</u>	
Canada	2.00%	-0.041%	
United States	2.00%	-0.030%	

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-1 mnth	-3 mnths	-1 year	
1.91%	1.70%	2.01%	
1.84%	1.58%	1.93%	

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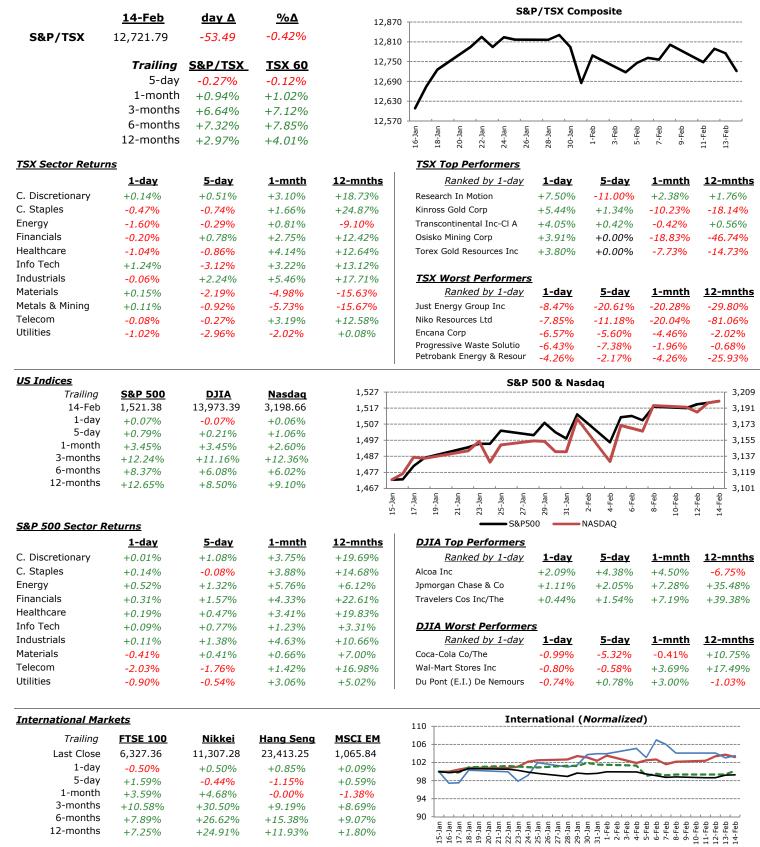
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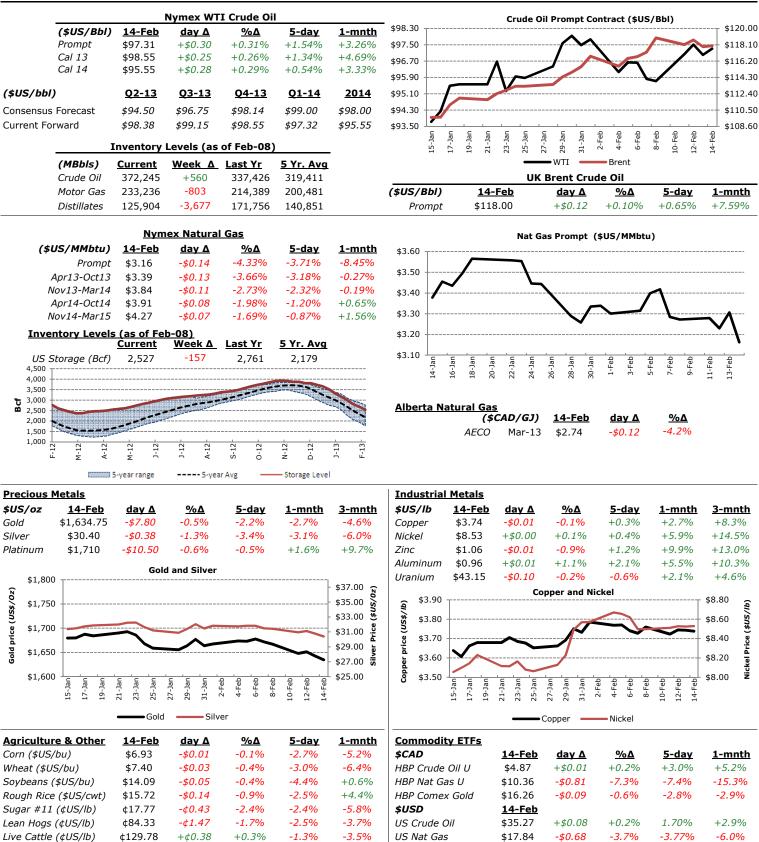
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PSDB Agriculture

PSDB Base Metals

\$26.54

\$19.74

-\$0.16

+\$0.03

+7.7%

+4.9%

+\$0.01

+\$1.60

\$0.83

\$395.50

Cotton No.2 (\$US/Ib) Lumber (\$US/Mbft) +0.7%

+0.4%

+0.6%

+3.3%

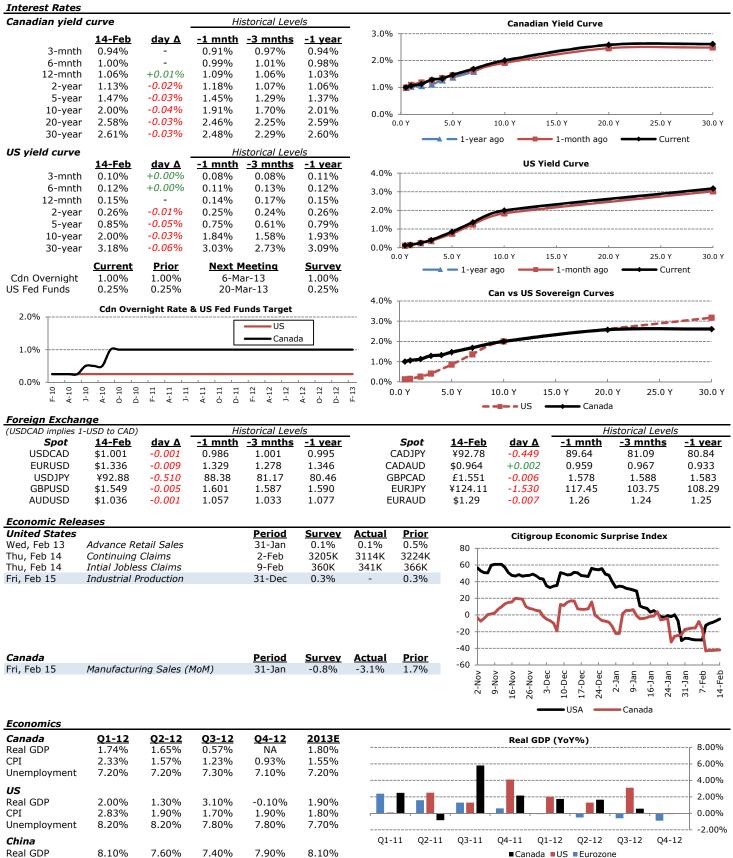
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