

The Daily Roll

Market Recap February 25, 2013

Today's Commentary

Markets reacted positively on Friday to the Federal Reverse's James Bullard, chairman of the St. Louis Fed, who stated that the Fed's easy monetary policy would remain in effect for a "long time." The S&P/TSX composite rose 0.49 percent while the S&P 500 gained 0.88 percent. Gold gained 0.31 percent to \$1,586 an ounce and Brent ended the day up 0.14 percent at \$114.24 pre barrel. Rhetoric around the sequester is heating up as President Obama looks to pressure the Republicans to re-negotiate the deep budget cuts which are currently set to go into effect starting on Friday. The cuts are projected to create a significant drag on the fragile economic recovery and increase the burden American consumers and hit the long term unemployed by reducing their benefit payments. Moody's has stripped Britain of its triple-A rating due to weak economic growth but Finance Minister George Osborne has pledged to continue on with austerity measures. Investors are also closely watching the election in Italy as that country's austerity measures has been a key point of debate in the campaigns leading up to the polls.

Moody's stripped Britain of its triple-A credit rating on Friday, basing their decision on the country's weak economic growth. Finance Minister George Osborne had promised in 2010 to protect Britain's triple-A rating through fiscal austerity, but the adverse effect on growth has delayed the country's goal of balancing its budget by at least two years. Nevertheless, Osborne is insisting on staying the course, stating that "Tonight we have a stark reminder of the debt problems facing our country and the clearest possible warning to anyone who thinks we can run away from dealing with those problems... Far from weakening our resolve to deliver our economic recovery plan, this decision redoubles it." The news sent the British sterling down about a cent against the USD, as investors speculate that weak growth will lead to additional monetary stimulus from the central bank.

Voting in Italy's parliamentary elections began on Sunday, 15 months after Mario Monti was appointed the leader of a technocratic government. The most recent polls, dated February 8th, showed that the centre-left coalition was slightly ahead of Berlusconi's centre-right alliance, polling is not in the two weeks leading up to the election. Mr. Berlusconi has campaigned on cutting taxes and reversing some austerity measures enacted my Mr. Monti. A Berlusconi victory could spark a bond market sell off and renew concerns about the euro if the election brings about an unstable government. The yield on Italy's ten year debt has fallen to around 4.43 percent from over 6 percent last year, largely due to the announcement of Outright Monetary Transactions by the European Central Bank and austerity measures implemented during Mr. Monti's leadership. Results are expected Monday night or Tuesday morning.

Today's Major Economic Releases

United States	Period	Survey	<u>Actual</u>	Prior
None Scheduled			-	

Canada Period Survey **Actual Prior** None Scheduled

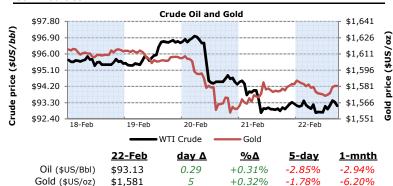
Government 10-year Yields 2.06 2.07 2.05 2.04 Canada (%) 2.02 2.03 2.00 2.01 1.99 1.98 1.97 1.95

20-Feb

Canada

Equities





Foreign Exchange **Exchange Rates** 1.350 CADUSD (\$US) 1.000 1.340 EURUSD (\$US) 0.990 1.330 0.980 1.320 0.970 1.310 18-Feb 19-Feb 20-Feb 21-Feb 22-Feb • CADUSD EURUSD

(USDCAD implies \$1-USD to CAD)				Historical levels			
	Spot	22-Feb	day ∆	-5 days	<u>-1 mnth</u>	<u>-1 year</u>	
	USDCAD	\$1.022	+0.003	1.001	0.999	1.002	
_	EURUSD	\$1.319	+0.000	1.336	1.332	1.311	
(%)	USDJPY	¥93.42	+0.310	92.880	88.61	80.89	
) sn				Historical levels			
		22-Feb	day ∆	-1 mnth	-3 mnths	<u>-1 year</u>	
	Canada	1.94%	-0.038%	1.88%	1.79%	2.05%	
United States 1.96% -0.0159		-0.015%	1.82%	1.69%	2.00%		

Master of Financial Economics Program

19-Feb



Interest Rates

15-Feb

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21-Feb

US

22-Feb

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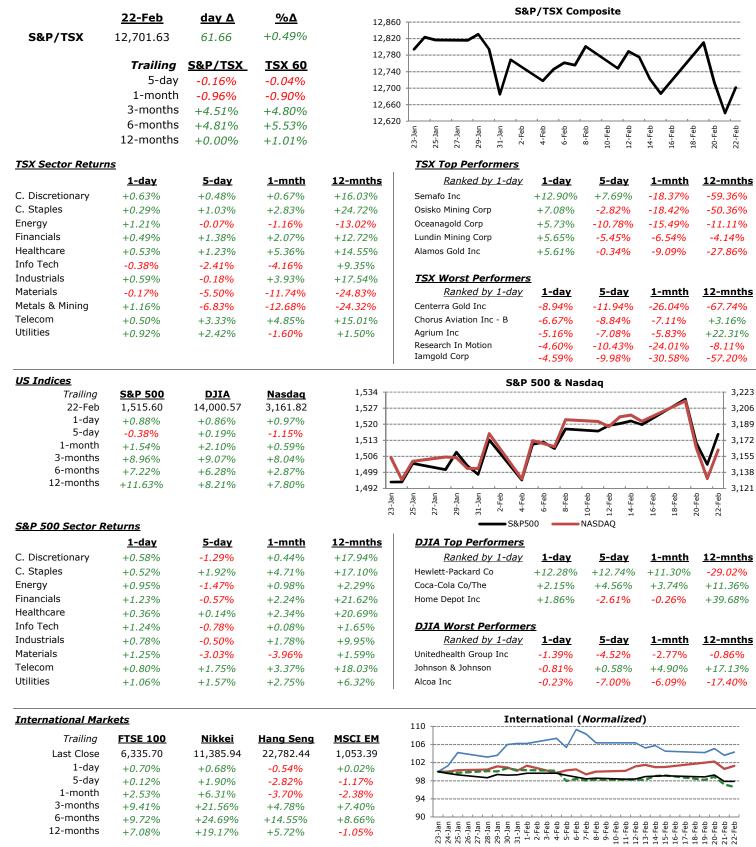
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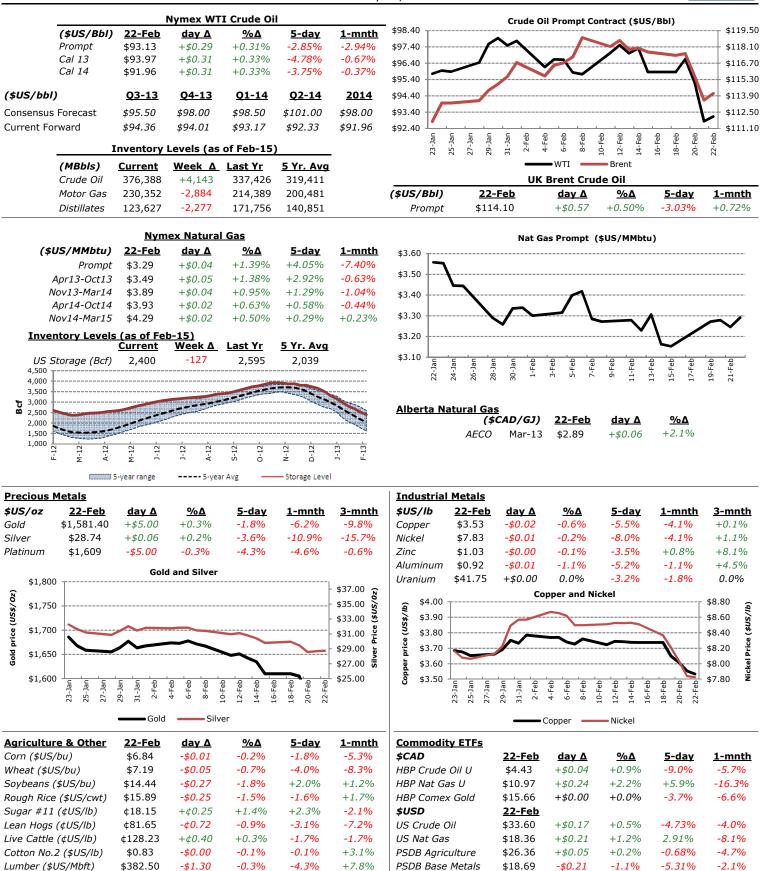
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Real GDP

8.10%

7.60%

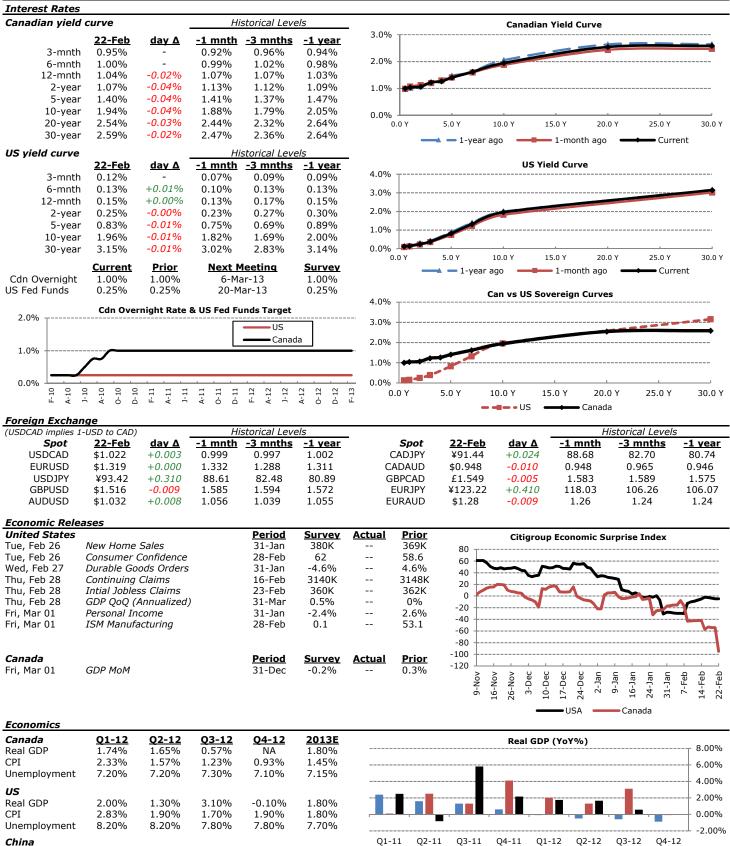
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7.90%

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8.10%

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