

The Daily Roll

Market Recap February 6, 2013



Today's Commentary

The S&P/TSX composite ended up 0.22 percent to close at 12,746, lifted by an encouraging performance by BlackBerry and energy stocks. BlackBerry gained 6.3 percent on Tuesday thanks to reports of strong sales of its new Z10 model in Canada and Britain. Nine of ten sectors were trading to the upside, with materials being the lone exception. Suncor Energy Inc and TransCanada Corp each posted gains of 0.6 percent. Meanwhile, European business optimism is at an eight-month high, which helped send the S&P 500 up 1.04 percent to close at 1511, while the Nasdag gained 1.29 percent. Standard & Poor's now finds itself at the center of a landmark government lawsuit, which has sent its parent company's stock tumbling and Dell has designs to go private.

More details emerged on Tuesday as the U.S. Justice Department filed its civil lawsuit against Standard & Poor's. The government is alleging that the credit ratings agency acted fraudulently in understating the risks inherent in mortgage backed securities, and is suing for \$5 billion. Attorney General Eric Holder stated that "Put simply, this alleged conduct is egregious - and it goes to the very heart of the recent financial crisis." S&P will likely cite its First Amendment rights of free speech in its defense. S&P's parent company, McGraw-Hill, fell a further 10.7 percent on Tuesday, following a 13.8 percent decline on Monday, while its main competitor, Moody's Corp, has slipped to \$45.09 from its \$55.35 close on Friday. Senator Carl Levin has been vocal about the failures of credit agencies in identifying the risks leading to the financial crisis and said on Tuesday that they "have yet to acknowledge any blame or make the changes necessary to prevent conflicts of interest from fueling more inflated ratings in the future.

The computer maker Dell Inc. announced Tuesday that is going to become a private company via a leveraged buyout after more than 20 years on the Nasdaq. The \$24 billion buyout is the largest since 2007. The founder, Michael Dell, is putting up his nearly 16% stake in the company, worth around \$3.8 billion under the current terms, into the deal alongside a stake from Silver Lake. It is understood that Microsoft also participated in the deal with a \$2 billion dollar loan. Overall it is expected that the buyout will leave the company with approximately \$13 billion of debt in addition to the loan from Microsoft. Standard & Poor's has indicated that Dell would lose its investment grade credit rating after the deal, with the buyout team aiming for a double B rating, down from S&P's current assessment of A-.

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Today's Major Economic Releases

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

Canada Period Survey **Actual Prior** None Scheduled

Interest Rates Government 10-year Yields 2.08 2.05 2.03 2.06 Canada (%) 2.04 2.01 2.02 1.99 2.00 1.97 1.95 1.93

1-Feb

Canada

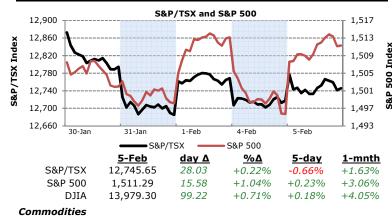
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4-Feb

US

5-Feb

Equities



Crude Oil and Gold \$98.20 \$1,687 price (\$US/bbl) \$97.80 \$1,682 (\$NS/ \$97.40 \$1,677 \$97.00 \$1,672 \$96.60 \$1,667 Crude \$96.20 \$1,662 Gold \$1,657 \$95.80 30-Jan 5-Feb 31-Jan 4-Feb WTI Crude Gold day A %Δ <u>5-day</u> 1-mnth Oil (\$US/BbI) \$96.64 0.47 +0.49% -0.95% +3.70%

Foreign Exchange **Exchange Rates** 1.390 1.004 1.380 (\$N\$) RUSD (\$US) 1.002 1.000 1.360 CADUSD 1.350 0.998 교 0.996 1.340 0.994 1.330 30-1an 31-1an 1-Feb 4-Feb 5-Feb • CADUSD EURUSD

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-0.04%

+0.55%

+1.04%

	(USDCAD implies \$1-USD to CAD)			Historical levels			
	Spot	<u>5-Feb</u>	day ∆	-5 days	<u>-1 mnth</u>	<u>-1 year</u>	
	USDCAD	\$0.996	-0.003	1.001	0.986	0.997	
_	EURUSD	\$1.358	+0.007	1.349	1.312	1.314	
(%)	USDJPY	¥93.63	+1.250	90.730	87.79	79.55	
ns (Historical levels			
		<u>5-Feb</u>	day ∆	-1 mnth	-3 mnths	<u>-1 year</u>	
	Canada	2.02%	0.029%	1.94%	1.75%	1.97%	
Un	ited States	2.00%	0.043%	1.90%	1.65%	1.91%	

Master of Financial Economics Program

31-Jan



30-Jan

collaborative program of the Department of Economics and the Rotman School of Management. The program's key objective is to provide a broad understanding of Financial Theory and the Economics framework upon which that theory is based. Students follow a three-term, 16-month program, with 12 one-term courses and a four-month summer internship. For more information on the program and its students please see the

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Gold (\$US/oz)

\$1,673



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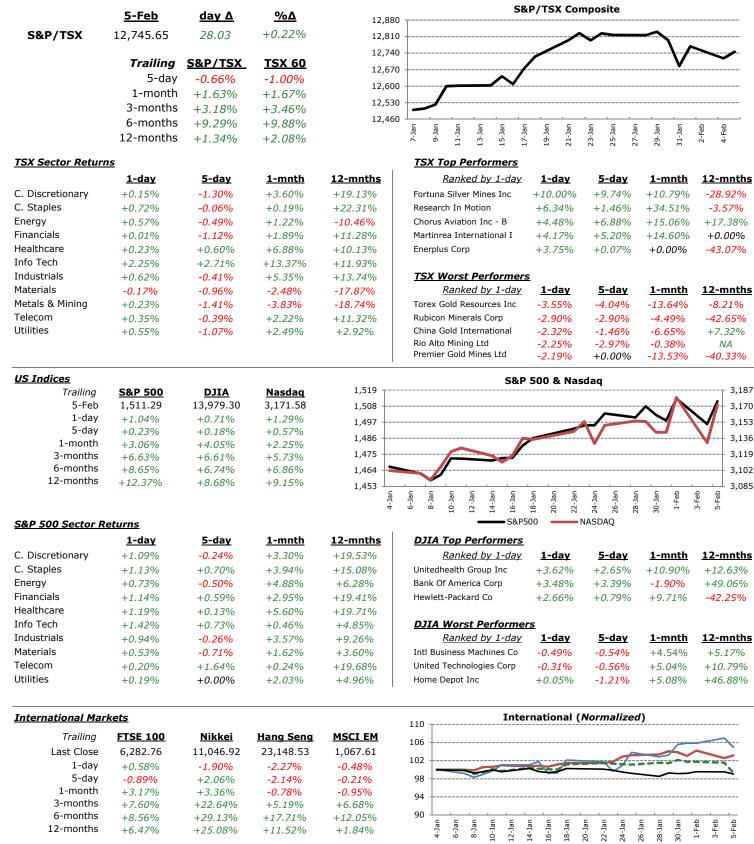
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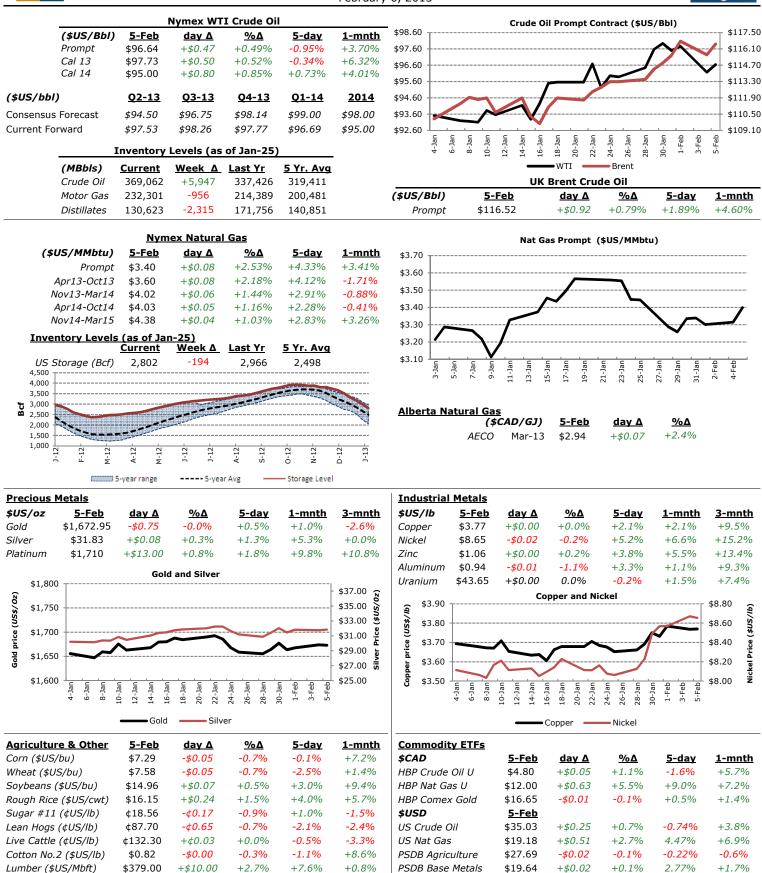
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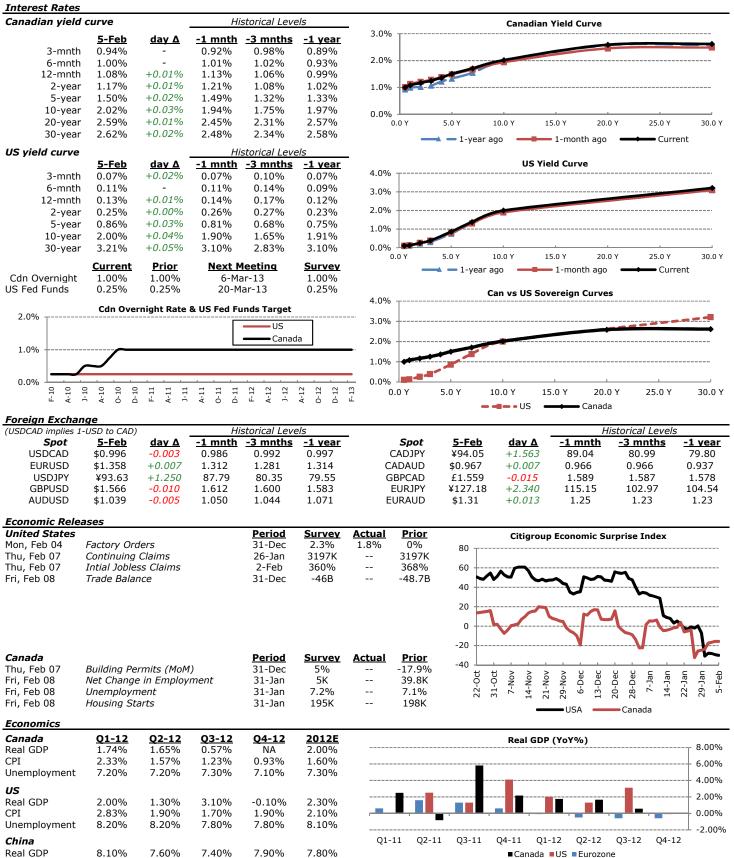
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