

# The Daily Roll

Market Recap February 8, 2013



#### Today's Commentary

Markets recovered for the most part on Thursday afternoon after trading sharply lower in the morning. The S&P/TSX composite ended down 0.04 percent, while the S&P 500 and Dow fared slightly worse, closing down 0.18 percent and 0.30 percent respectively. The energy sector was a drag in Canada, dropping 0.4 percent. The materials sector was mixed, with losses from Teck Resources being partially offset by strong performance in gold stocks, including Goldcorp and Yamana Gold, which added 0.7 percent and 1.8 percent respectively. Meanwhile, there has been speculation that Moody's will find itself subject to more lawsuits in the future, contingent upon the outcome of the Department of Justice's case against Standard and Poor's

While the U.S. Justice Department is currently focused on its lawsuit against Standard & Poor's, it is considering taking similar action against Moody's. Several states have also issued lawsuits, including Connecticut, which is bringing both S&P and Moody's to court in 2014. The cases are centered around attacking the rating agencies' claims that their ratings are objective and not under the influence of business relationships with the issuers of the securities in question. Specifically, Moody's code of conduct states that its ratings are "not ... affected by the existence of, or potential for, a business relationship between (Moody's) ... and the Issuer ... "However, the Connecticut lawsuit claims that "This representation by Moody's was false and Moody's knew it." Furthermore, the complaint references a case where Moody's rating of a collateralized debt obligation was rejected by an issuer and recommended for revision simply because S&P had offered a more favorable rating. S&P's parent company is down 25 percent on news of the lawsuit this week, while Moody's has sunk about 15 percent.

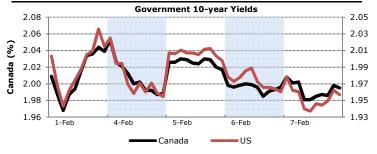
The Euro fell sharply against the USD and JPY on Thursday following dovish statements by European Central Bank (ECB) President Mario Draghi. The Euro has appreciated more strongly than many analysts have expected in recent months, which has resulted in concerns that the currency's strength will become a drag on exports. Draghi stated on Thursday that "The exchange rate is not a policy target, but it is important for growth and price stability and we certainly want to see whether the appreciation is sustained. "While the ECB has chosen to keep the key interest rate at 0.75 percent, there is speculation that the strong Euro and economic risks that lie ahead will leave room for a rate cut in the future.

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#### Today's Major Economic Releases

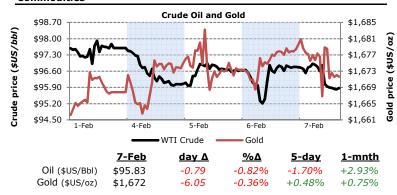
United States	<u>Period</u>	<u>Survey</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Prior</u>
Trade Balance	30-Nov	-46B	-38.5B	-48.7B

Canada	<b>Period</b>	Survey	<u>Actual</u>	<b>Prior</b>
Net Change in Employment	31-Jan	5K	(22K)	39.8K
Unemployment	31-Jan	7.2%	7.0%	7.1%
Housing Starts	31-Jan	195K	161K	198K
Interest Rates				



#### **Equities**





#### Foreign Exchange **Exchange Rates** 1.370 CADUSD (\$US) 1.006 1.360 EURUSD (\$US) 1.004 1.350 1.340 1.002 1.000 1.330 4-Feb 5-Feb 6-Feb 7-Feb CADUSD EURUSD

(USDCAD implies \$1-USD to CAD)			Historicai ieveis				
	Spot	<u>7-Feb</u>	<u>day ∆</u>	-5 days	<u>-1 mnth</u>	<u>-1 year</u>	
	USDCAD	\$0.998	+0.002	0.997	0.988	0.997	
_	EURUSD	\$1.340	-0.013	1.358	1.306	1.323	
(%)	USDJPY	¥93.63	-0.010	91.710	87.88	79.74	
ns	Government 10-year Yields			Historical levels			
		<u>7-Feb</u>	day ∆	<u>-1 mnth</u>	-3 mnths	<u>-1 year</u>	
	Canada	2.00%	-0.001%	1.91%	1.72%	2.07%	
United States 1.96% -0.004%		1.87%	1.61%	1.98%			

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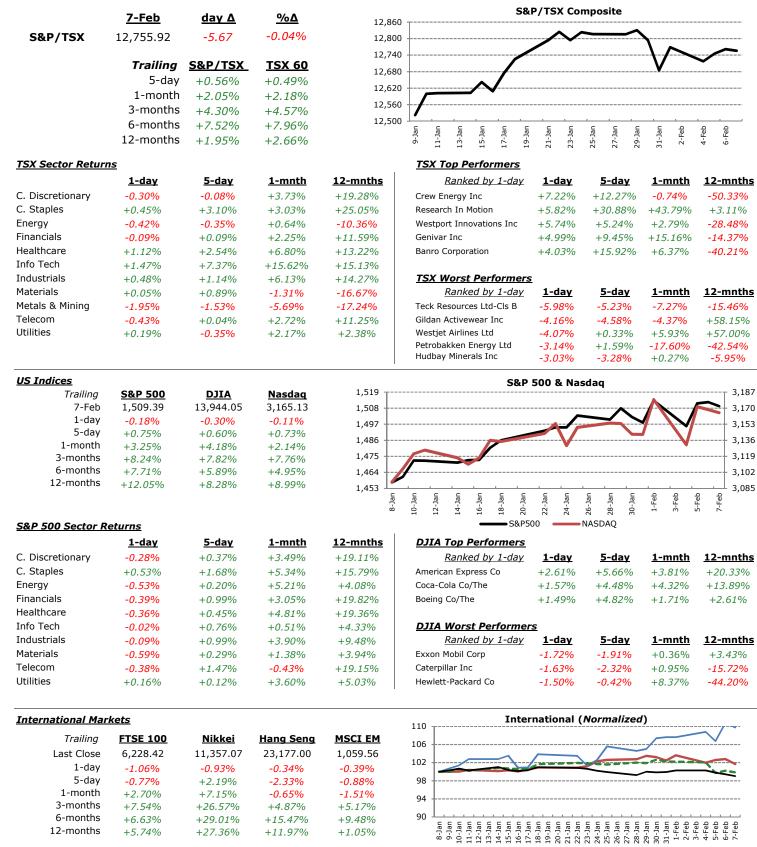
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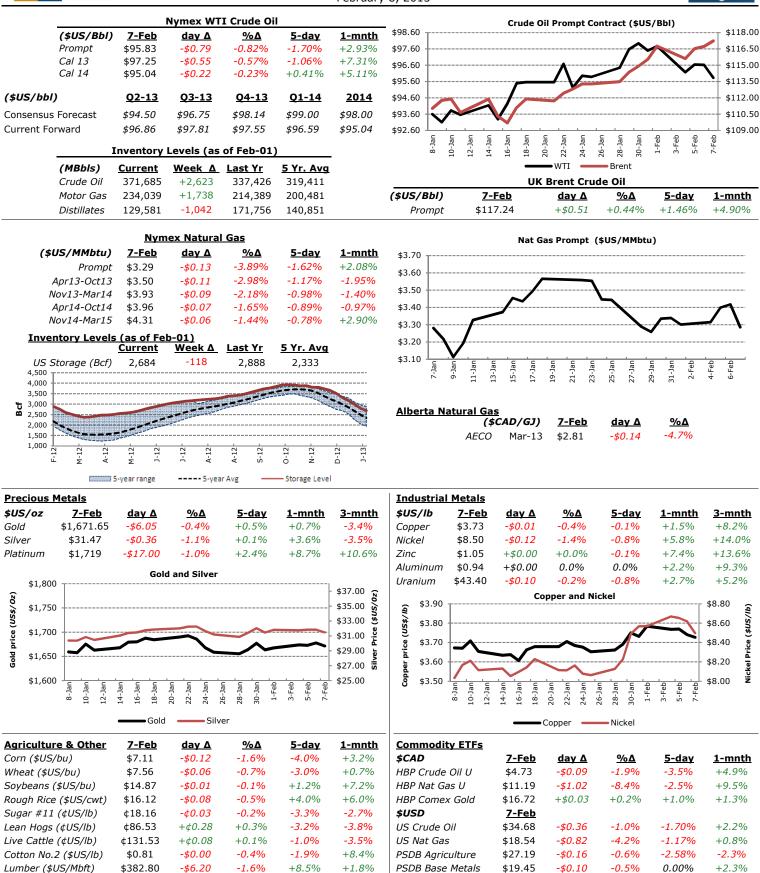
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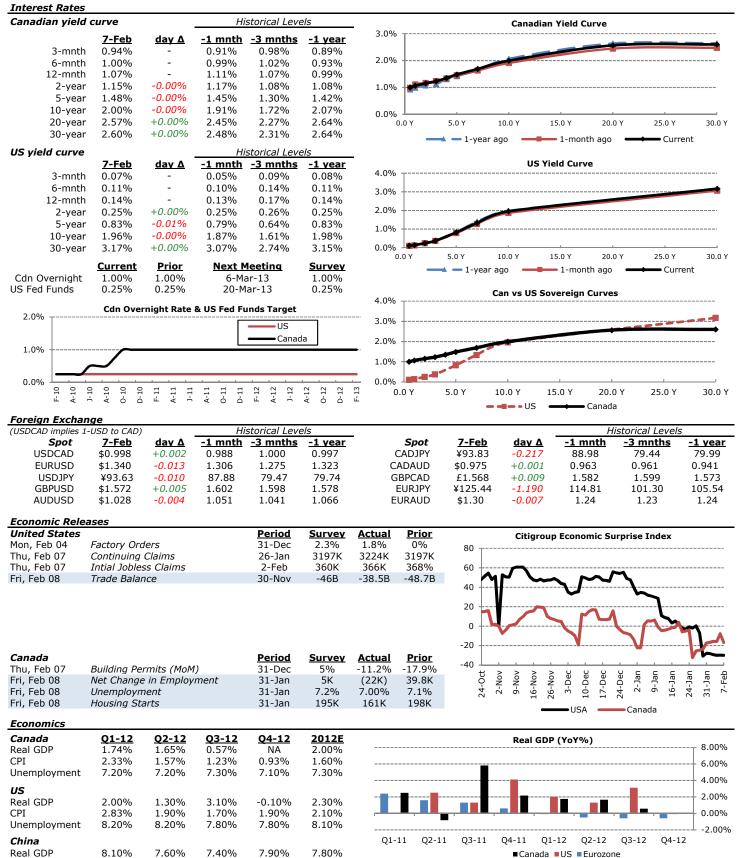
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