

The Daily Roll

Market Recap
April 1, 2013



Today's Commentary

The S&P/TSX composite index was lifted by a late rally on Thursday, ending the week at 12,760. The financial sector led the index higher after banks reopened in Cyprus in an orderly fashion. U.S. markets were also up, with the S&P 500 and Dow gaining 0.41 and 0.36 percent, respectively. The S&P 500 followed the Dow to a record high on Thursday, closing at 1,569, after rallying 10 percent so far this year. Canada's benchmark index has lagged U.S. markets this year, having gained just 2.5 percent in 2013. The materials sector returned to its slump, losing 0.5 percent on lower gold prices. European and some Asian markets will remain closed for Easter holidays on Monday, so trading is expected to be light in North America.

A quarterly survey of Japanese manufacturers' confidence on Sunday showed the largest quarterly increase since September 2011. However, the report slightly disappointed analysts' estimates, sending the Nikkei 225 index lower at the open on Monday. Central bank Governor Haruhiko Kuroda is hoping confidence will improve throughout the year in response to promises of aggressive monetary and fiscal stimulus. Profits for Japanese exporters have improved over the past several months as the yen has depreciated considerably against the USD, and Toyota agreed in March to pay its employees the highest bonus they've seen in the past five years. Meanwhile, consumer spending in Japan has increased for two consecutive months, suggesting that the domestic economy may be gaining momentum as well.

Home prices in China have risen the fastest in two years as home buyers rush to beat policies intended to curb the property markets before they are enacted by local governments. Prices climbed 1.1 percent on average since the end of February. The government has been worried that the property market is overheating for some time and is in the process of introducing measures meant to reduce the attractiveness to buyers across 17 different cities by the end of the first quarter. In Beijing the government has banned single-person households from owning more than one property while in Shanghai banks are restricted from giving credit to third-home buyers. The government is not only worried about the sustainability of home prices but also affordability as up to two-thirds of the Chinese population believe that property prices are too high, the most since the fourth quarter of 2011. Some analysts expect the curbs to expand beyond the 17 cities in the coming months.

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Today's Major Economic Releases

United States	<u>Period</u>	Survey	<u>Actual</u>	Prior
ISM Manufacturing	31-Mar	54	-	54.2

 Canada
 Period
 Survey
 Actual
 Prior

 None Scheduled

26-Mar

Canada

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27-Mar

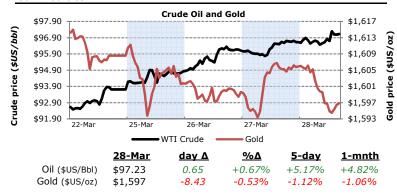
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Equities



Commodities



Foreign Exchange



0.003%

	(USDCAD in	nplies \$1-USD to	CAD)
	Spot	28-Mar	<u>day Δ</u>
	USDCAD	\$1.016	+0.000
_	EURUSD	\$1.282	+0.004
<u></u>	USDJPY	¥94.15	-0.310
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-5 days	-1 mnth	-1 year	
1.025	1.023	0.998	
1.290	1.314	1.311	
94.900	92.24	81.49	

Historical levels

Governme	ent 10-year Y	'ields
	28-Mar	<u>day Δ</u>
Canada	1.87%	0.116%

1.85%

-1 mnth	-3 mnths	-1 year
1.86%	1.77%	2.12%
1.88%	1.70%	2.20%

Historical levels

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United States

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6-months

12-months

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+10.38%

+39.77%

+22.57%

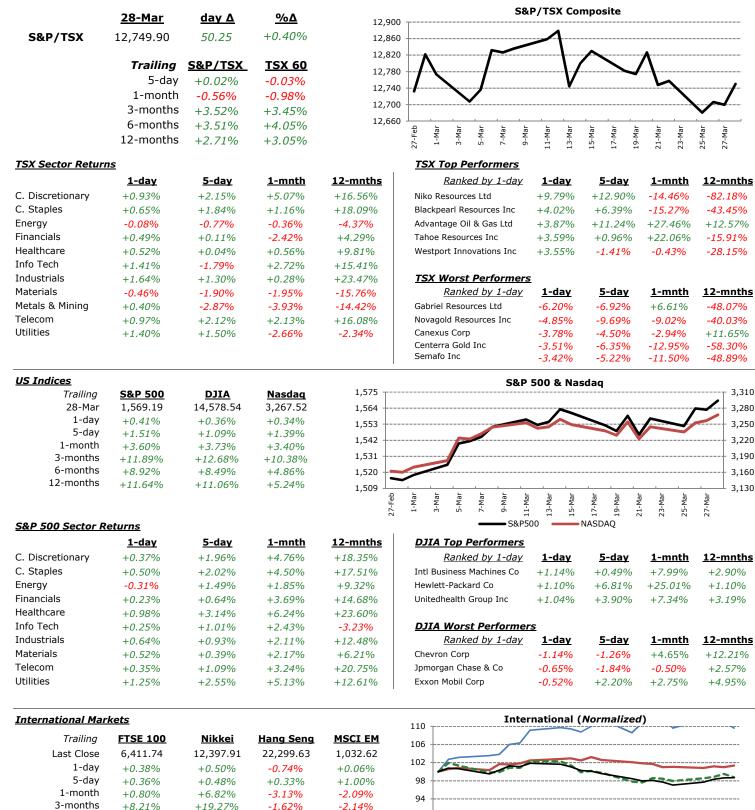
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-1.08%

90

6-Mar 7-Mar 8-Mar 9-Mar

FTSE

10-Mar 11-Mar 12-Mar

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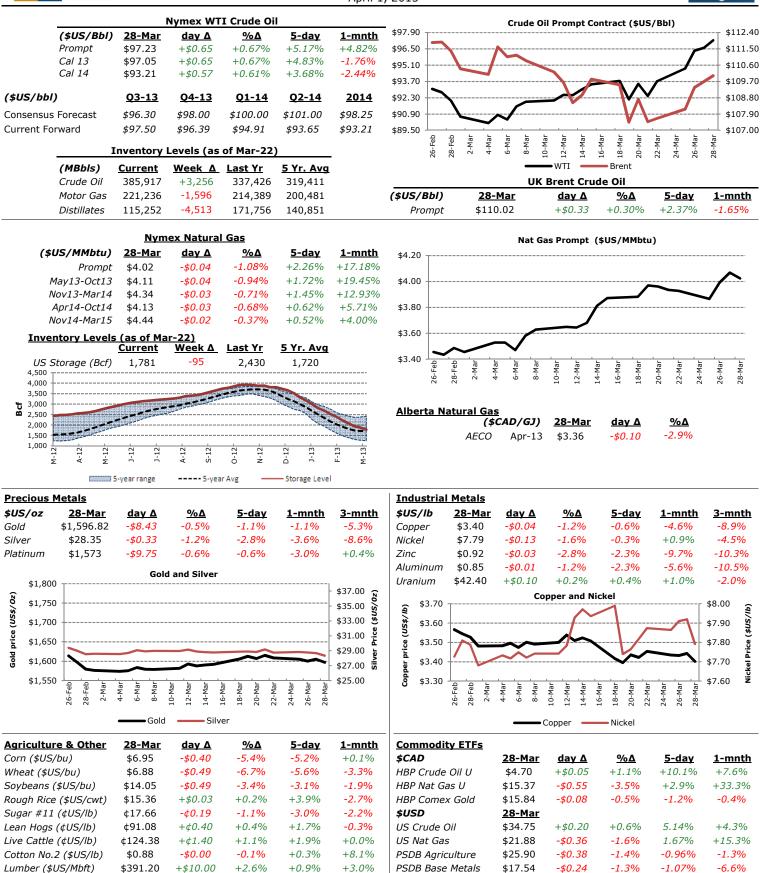
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Real GDP

8.10%

7.60%

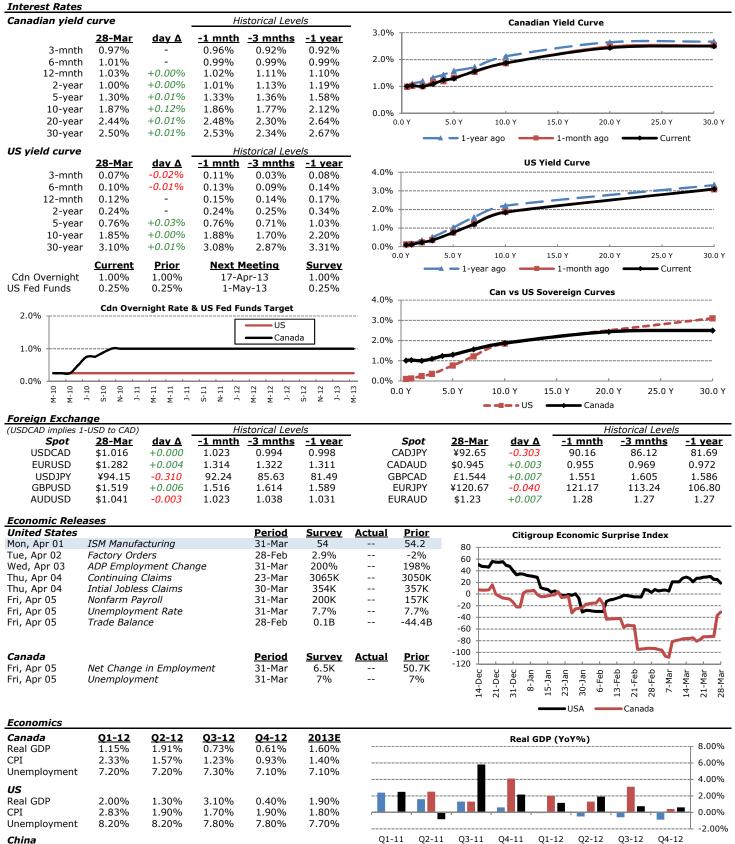
7.40%

7.90%

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8.10%

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