

# The Daily Roll

Market Recap
April 4, 2013

**Equities** 



#### Today's Commentary

Canada's benchmark index fell sharply on Wednesday, losing 2.05 percent, while U.S. markets retreated from Tuesday's record highs, with the S&P 500 and Dow losing 1.05 and 0.76 percent respectively. Markets were discouraged by a report that just 158,000 jobs were added to the U.S. economy in March, falling short of the 200,000 figure that was forecast. Additionally, the Institute for Supply Management reported lower than expected growth in non-manufacturing businesses. The S&P/TSX composite suffered its largest one-day decline in nine months, bringing the index to a three-month low. The financial sector was down 1.4 percent, with Manulife and RBC losing 3.2 and 1.4 percent respectively. Gold prices fell 1.5 percent, sending the TSX's battered group of gold producers down 4.7 percent.

Bitcoin, an online currency with a market cap of about \$1 billion, has shown tremendous volatility in its value this week, as demand has skyrocketed in the wake of the Cyprus debt crisis. The website that handles most bitcoin transactions went offline on Wednesday morning as an unprecedented volume of trades sent the currency's value up 20 percent to almost \$150 USD per bitcoin. Bitcoin benefits from being decentralized and difficult to trace, making it attractive to savers and investors who are concerned about the effects of loose monetary policy on conventional currencies. However, the cyber currency comes with its own risks, since it is only as reliable as the software that manages and accounts for its ownership. Furthermore, bitcoin's origin is shrouded in mystery, having been developed by an anonymous computer programmer in 2009.

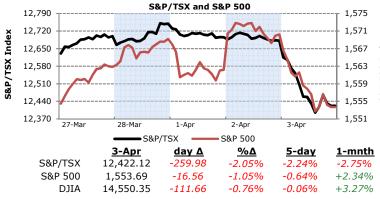
Bank of Japan governor Haruhiko Kuroda announced that Japan would aim to double its monetary base over two years by purchasing long dated bonds in order to fight deflation. The move would double the base from 135 trillion yen to approximately 270 trillion yen by March of 2015. The move would also extend the average maturity of the BoJ's balance sheet to seven years, from the current three years, to help lower yields across the yield curve. In nominal terms the bond purchases will amount to 1 percent of gross domestic product each month this year, in comparison, the quantitative easing program undertaken by the U.S. Federal Reserve involves purchases of approximately 0.54 percent of GDP per month. In comments announcing the policy measures Mr. Kuroda said "We cannot escape deflation with the incremental approach that's been taken until now. We need to use every means available." He further suggested he would do anything necessary to hit the 2 percent inflation target.

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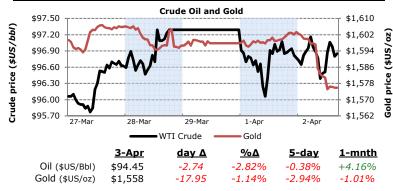
#### Today's Major Economic Releases

United States	Period	Survey	Actual	Prior
Continuing Claims	23-Mar	3050K	3063K	3071K
Intial Jobless Claims	30-Mar	353K	385K	357K

Canada Period Survey Actual Prior
None Scheduled



#### Commodities



#### Foreign Exchange



#### **Interest Rates** Government 10-year Yields 2.10 1.89 1.87 2.00 Canada (%) 1.85 1.80 1.83 1.70 1.81 1.79 27-Mar 28-Mar 1-Apı 2-Apr 3-Apr Canada US

	(USDCAD in	nplies \$1-USD t	Historical levels				
	Spot	<u>3-Apr</u>	day ∆	-5 days	<u>-1 mnth</u>	<u>-1 year</u>	
	USDCAD	\$1.015	-0.000	1.016	1.027	0.994	
_	EURUSD	\$1.285	+0.003	1.286	1.303	1.319	
(%)	USDJPY	¥93.04	-0.400	94.440	93.48	80.89	
ns	Government 10-year Yields			Historical levels			
		<u>3-Apr</u>	day ∆	<u>-1 mnth</u>	-3 mnths	-1 year	
	Canada	1.83%	-0.046%	1.81%	1.93%	2.20%	
Un	ited States	1.81%	-0.048%	1.88%	1.91%	2.30%	

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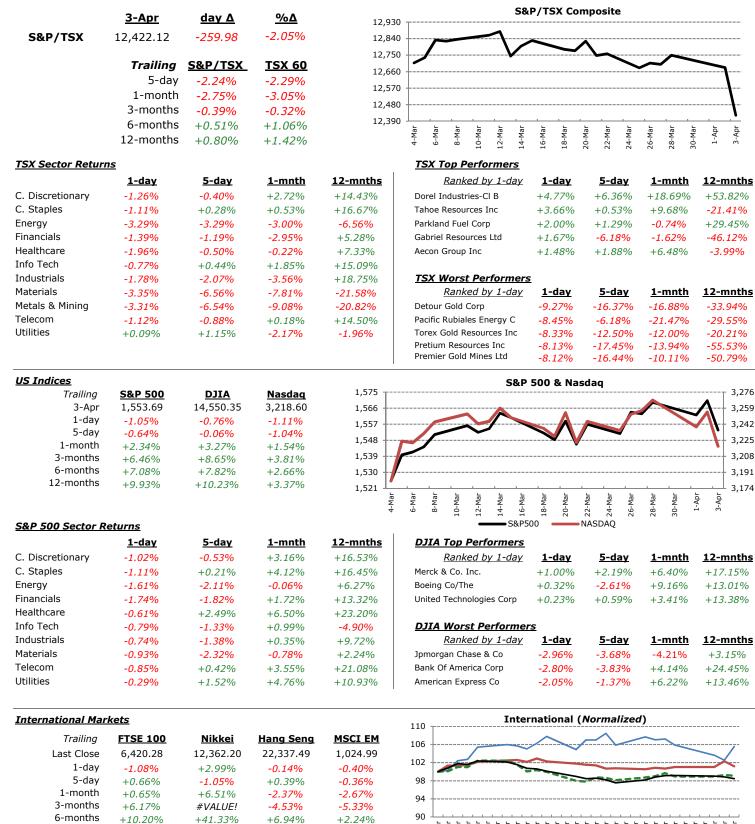
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8-Mar 9-Mar 10-Mar

FTSE

14-Mar 15-Mar 16-Mar 17-Mar 18-Mar

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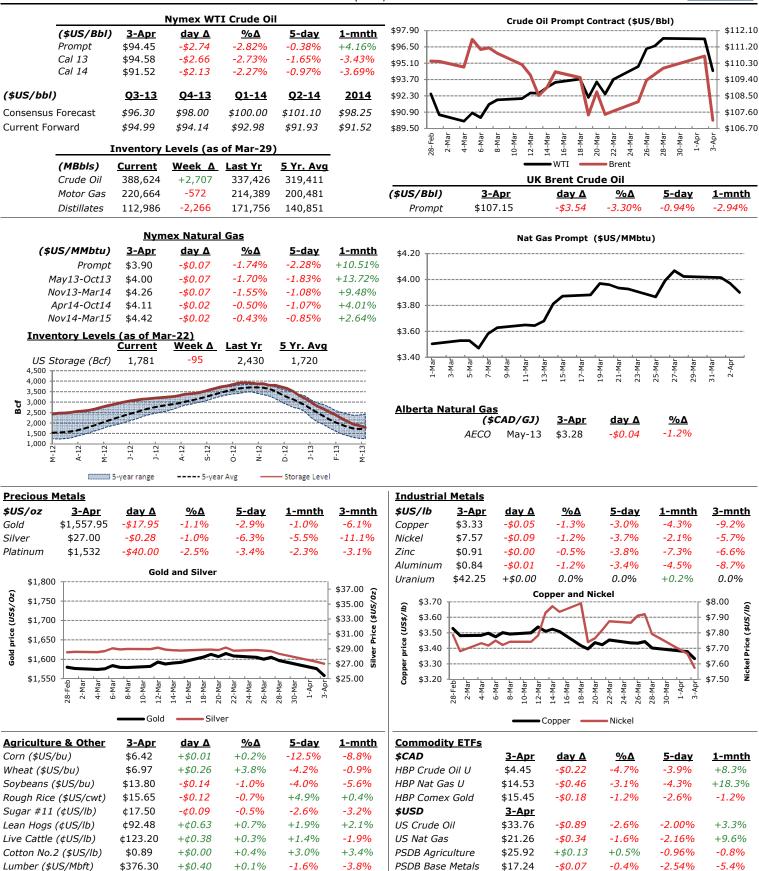
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Real GDP

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7.60%

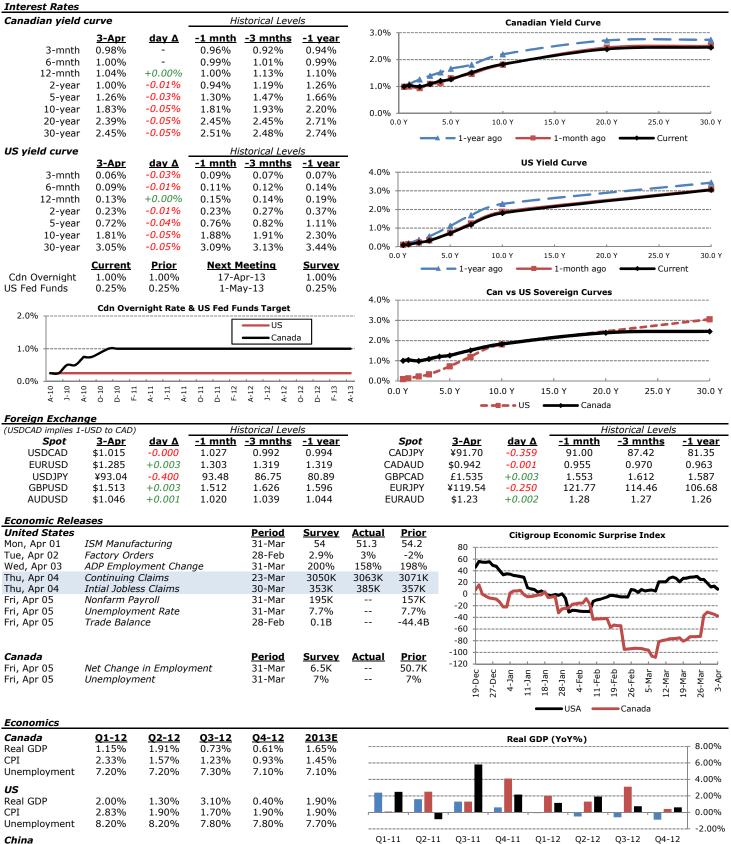
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7.90%

## The Rates, FX, & Economics Roll

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8.10%

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