

The Daily Roll

Market Recap March 4, 2013



Today's Commentary

The S&P/TSX composite fell 0.38 percent on weak performance from the materials and energy sectors on Friday. U.S. markets were all up, as the S&P 500 and Nasdaq gained 0.23 and 0.30 percent respectively. Continued weakness in the price of gold sent mining shares lower, with Barrick Gold Corp. losing 3.4 percent, while a slump in the price of Brent Crude was a drag on energy shares. Atlantic Power Corp. cut its dividend and shares plummeted 29 percent. Financial shares also gave back some of the previous day's gains, after reports of strong earnings on Thursday. Meanwhile, congressional leaders were unable to find an alternative to the forced sequestration cuts to the fiscal budget, which kicked in on March 1st, and disappointing manufacturing numbers in Britain added to the economic uncertainty in Europe. Chinese risk assets sold off after authorities there introduced measures to try and curb the overheating in the property market.

Weak manufacturing and mortgage approval numbers in Britain are signalling that the country may be heading back into recession, after GDP contracted in the fourth quarter of 2012. The pound traded at 30-month lows on Friday after it was reported that manufacturing last month dropped unexpectedly. The news follows Moody's downgrade of British credit a week earlier, which called into question the efficacy of finance minister George Osborne's fiscal austerity program. The country is at risk of entering recession for the third time in four years if factory output doesn't rebound in March. Exporters are hoping that the weaker currency will improve business, but it may not be enough to counter sluggish lending. The Bank of England's Funding for Lending Scheme has improved the flow of credit to homebuyers in recent months, but corporate credit remains slow.

Chinese authorities introduced measures to cool the country's heated property market, which included tightened enforcement of a 20 percent capital gains tax on transactions and higher down payments and borrowing rates. The Shanghai Composite declined sharply after the announcement, led downwards by property developers and banks. The tightening on the housing sector follows data released Sunday which indicates that China's service sector expanded the slowest in five months and a PMI index released last week that missed consensus estimates. These data points indicate that the recovery in China is slowing down in the second quarter and yearly growth might miss analyst expectations of 8 percent in 2013 if the economic indicators continue to be weak.

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Today's Major Economic Releases

Master of Financial Economics Program

United States Period Survey Actual **Prior** None Scheduled

Canada Period Survey **Actual Prior** None Scheduled

Interest Rates Government 10-year Yields 2.00 2.10 Canada (%) 2.00 1.90 1.80 1.70 1.80 25-Feb 1-Mar 26-Feb 27-Feb 28-Feb

Canada

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Equities



Crude Oil and Gold \$94.70 \$1,623 Crude price (*\$US/bbl*) \$93.90 \$1,613 \$93.10 \$1,603 \$92.30 \$1,593 \$91.50 \$1,583 \$90.70 \$1,573 \$89.90 \$1,563 25-Feb 26-Feb 28-Feb WTI Crude Gold 1-Mar day ∆ %Δ <u>5-day</u> 1-mnth

Oil (\$US/BbI) \$90.68 -1.37 -1.49% -2.63% -6.99% Gold (\$US/oz) \$1,576 -3.35 -0.21% -0.33%-6.01%

Foreign Exchange



	(USDCAD implies \$1-USD to CAD)			Historical levels			
	Spot	<u>1-Mar</u>	day ∆	-5 days	<u>-1 mnth</u>	-1 year	
	USDCAD	\$1.027	-0.004	1.022	1.001	0.989	
	EURUSD	\$1.302	-0.004	1.319	1.357	1.308	
	USDJPY	¥93.59	+1.030	93.420	91.08	82.94	
	Governm	ent 10-year Y	Historical levels				

Government 10 year menas			Thistorical Tevels			
	<u> 1-Mar</u>	day ∆	-1 mnth	-3 mnths	-1 year	
Canada	1.80%	-0.038%	2.00%	1.70%	2.01%	
United States	1.84%	-0.034%	1.99%	1.62%	2.03%	

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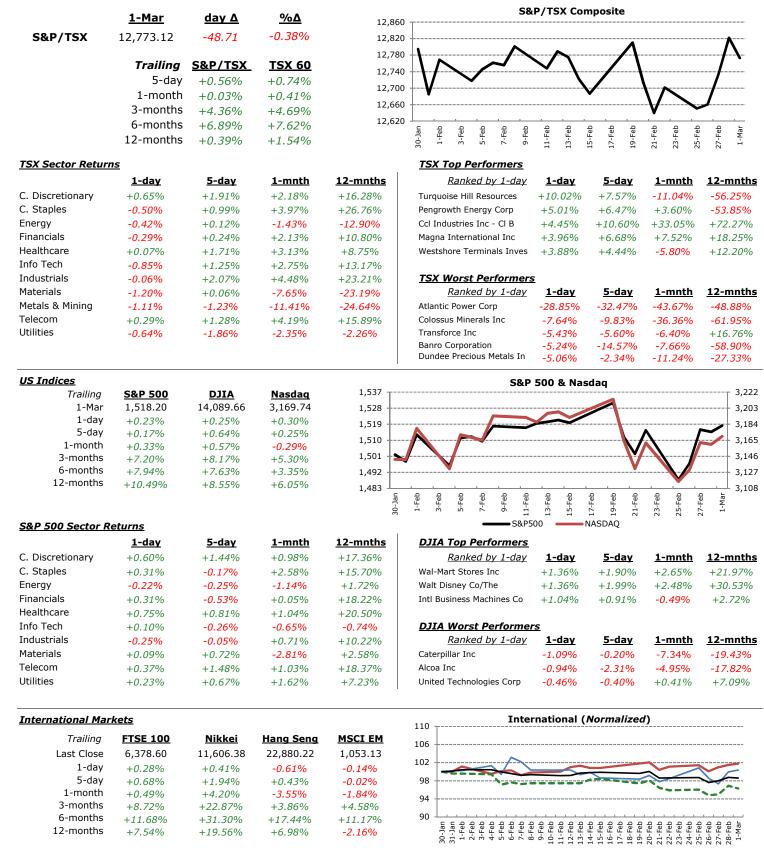
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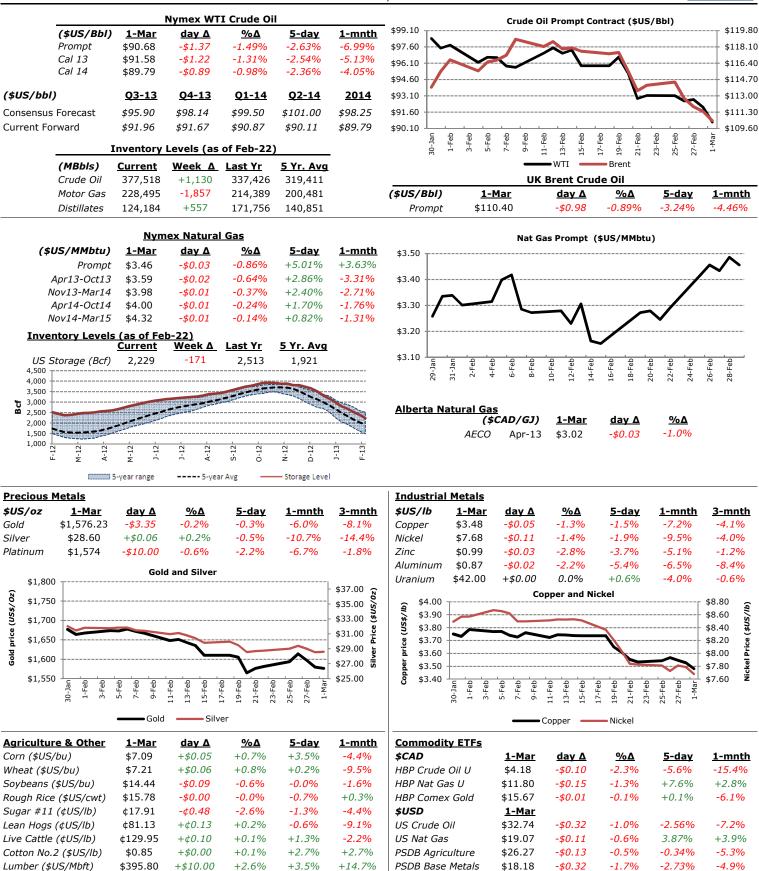
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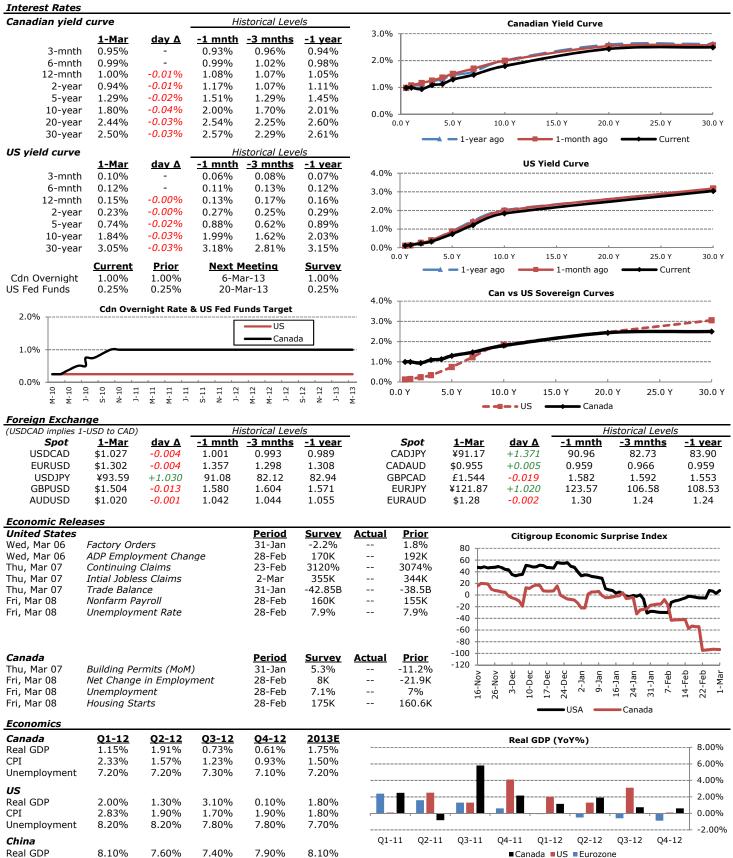
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