

The Daily Roll

Market Recap September 23, 2013



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77.75

Today's Commentary

North American markets declined on Thursday and Friday last week following the sharp rally induced by the Fed's announcement on Wednesday afternoon that quantitative easing will be sustained at its present level for the time being. The S&P/TSX composite closed 0.93 percent lower on Friday, while the S&P 500 and Dow fell 0.72 and 1.19 percent respectively. Blackberry shares plummeted 16.1 percent on news of a large quarterly loss. Precious metals prices were exceptionally volatile last week as investors speculated on the Fed's course of action going forward. Comments from St. Louis Fed President James Bullard suggested that tapering is still on the table for their October meeting. Meanwhile, gold prices are down about 5 percent over the past 30 days, after giving up most of Wednesday's gains at the end of the week.

According to Statistics Canada, inflation fell to 1.1 percent in August, down from 1.3 percent in July. Low inflation will likely keep the Bank of Canada on the sidelines for the near future, with Canada's key interest rate having now been held steady at 1 percent for the past three years. The inflation data bodes poorly for the Bank's optimistic July forecast of 3.8 percent growth. Capital Economics economist David Madani commented that "With economic growth likely to remain sluggish through the rest of this year and inflation expectations well anchored, it will be a long time before capacity or wage cost pressures ever threaten inflation above the bank's one per cent to three per cent target range." On a positive note, the one category to show a year over year decrease in prices was health and personal care, with prescription medication prices declining 4.2 percent.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel's Christian Democratic Union won 41.5 percent of yesterday's vote in Germany. The result puts the CDU just five seats short of a majority and will mean she will rule for a third and final term. Chancellor Merkel has played a key role in keeping the euro area together while demanding steep austerity measures in the southern European countries that were facing large deficits. The 17 nation single currency zone is emerging after an eighteen month recession and it is hoped that Germany will be more dovish with fiscal demands to let the recovery take hold. Both Greece and Portugal, which pay an 8 percent and 5.1 percent higher premium to borrow that Germany respectively, might both need further aid as they continue to implement measures enacted to cut their deficits.

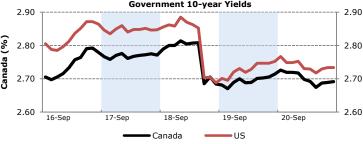
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Today's Major Economic Releases

United States Period Survey Actual Prior None Scheduled

Canada **Period** Survey **Actual Prior**

None Scheduled Interest Rates Government 10-year Yields 2.90 2.90

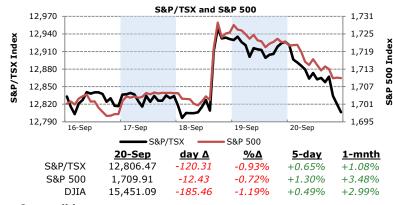


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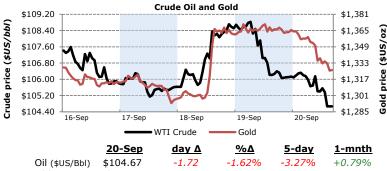
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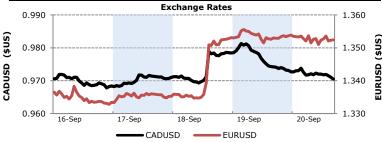


Commodities



Gold (\$US/oz) \$1,326 -40.3-2.95% -0.03% -2.98%

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USDCAD	\$1.030	+0.004	1.035	1.047
EURUSD	\$1.352	-0.001	1.329	1.336
USDJPY	¥99.36	-0.090	99.380	97.68

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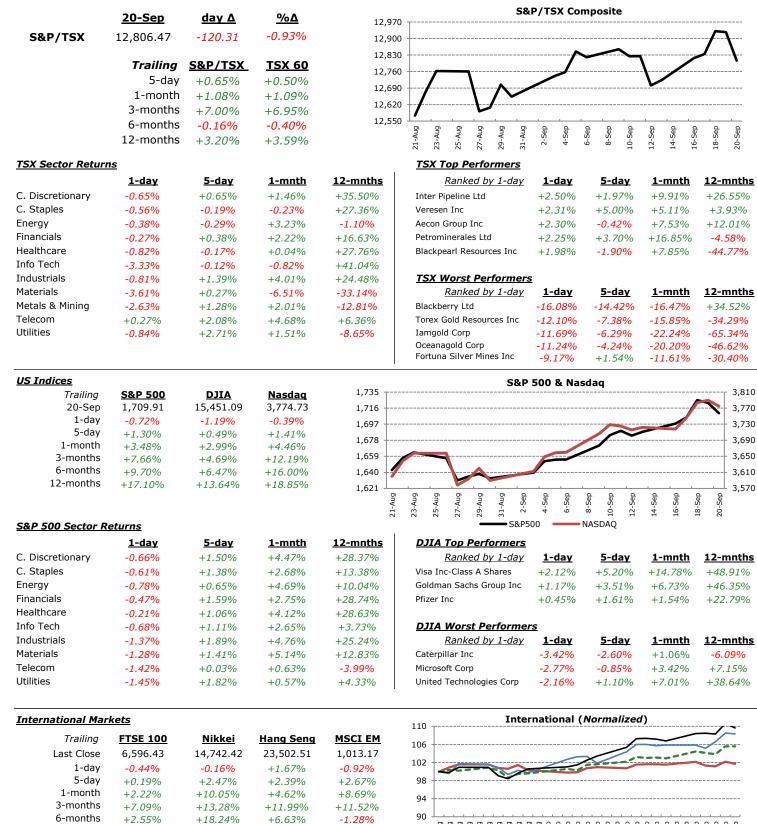
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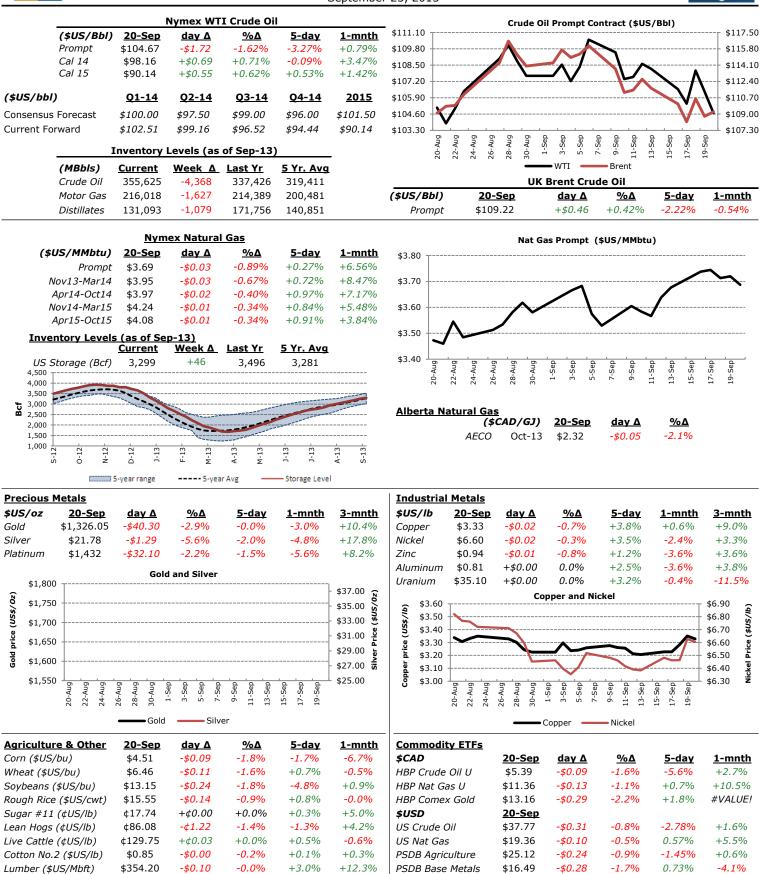
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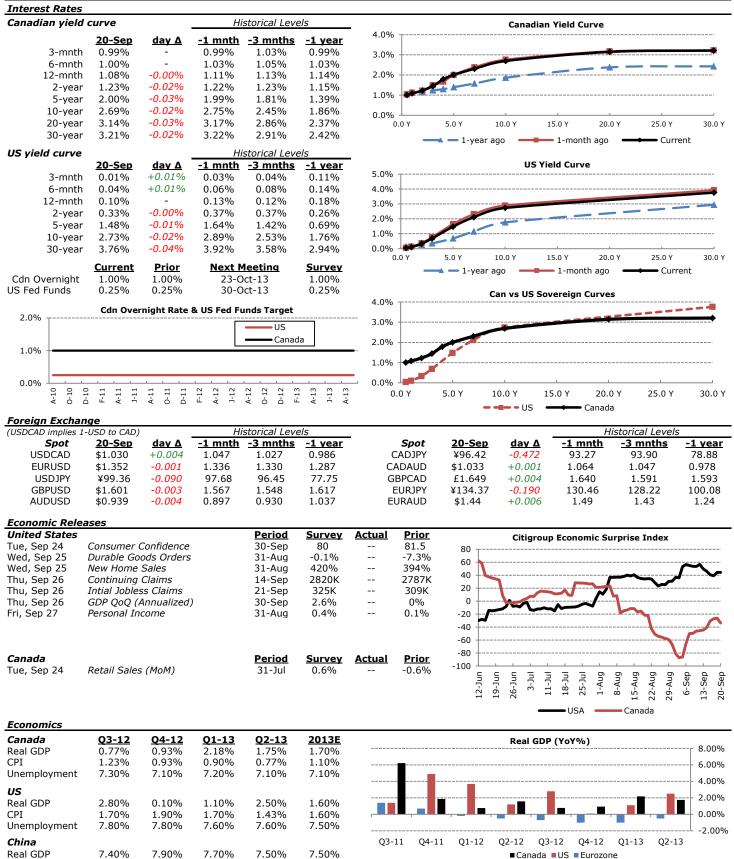
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