

The Daily Roll

Market Recap January 9, 2014



Today's Commentary

Stocks traded relatively flat on Wednesday with the S&P ending at 1,837.49 (-0.02%) and the TSX at 13,614.63 (+0.13%). Bonds however sold off somewhat as US 10 years are now yielding 2.99% (+4bps), while Canadas are at 2.72% (+5bps). This morning we will see housing statistics released in Canada (With the following consensus estimates: Housing Starts: 190k; Building Permits: -2.7% m/m; House Price Index: +0.1% m/m) , as well as US Initial Jobless Claims (Expected 335k).

The FOMC minutes released yesterday did not reveal any significant market-moving comments that were not announced at the Fed statement back in December. The committee cut monthly purchases to \$75B starting this month and Bernanke made reference the Fed will continue to look at a measured reduction in the pace of purchases at each meeting. Analysts predict this will most likely taper over the next seven meetings in \$10 billion increments, ending in December of this year. Given the recent unemployment decline to 7% and an expansion in economic activity, officials are more confident that a reduction in the pace of asset purchases is "appropriate". In addition, some officials also expressed concerns of diminishing economic benefits from their bond-buying program. Participants were concerned about the marginal cost of additional asset purchases arising from risks to financial stability. Reaction to the tapering has so far been smooth and that might make officials more keen to taper at a faster pace than the comments like 'measured steps' and 'proceed cautiously' the minutes suggested.

China's producer prices extended their longest slide of 22 consecutive drops as the December release fell -1.4% from a year before. CPI also came in short of expectations, posting an increase of 2.5% vs. 2.7% forecasted by economists. China's slowdown poses a great challenge for president Xi's government as policy makers are trying to reduce the local government debt level while maintaining a 7.5% annual GDP growth. Applying additional stimulus would escalate the danger of excess leverage, while inaction boosts the odds of GDP growth sinking closer to the official figure. "Producer price deflation means manufacturing is still facing a lot of challenges," said Shen Jianguang, chief Asia economist at Mizuho Securities Asia Ltd in Hong Kong. The Chinese government is now finding themselves in a difficult situation to stimulate growth and unwind leverage in the system at the same time.

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Today's Major Economic Releases

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United States	Period	Survey	<u>Actual</u>	Prior
Intial Jobless Claims	28-Dec	335K		339K

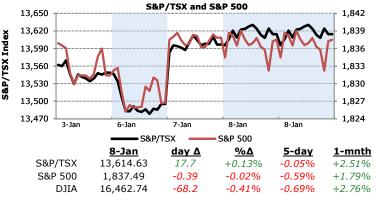
Canada	<u>Period</u>	Survey	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Prior</u>
Building Permits (MoM)	30-Nov	-2.7%		7.4%
Housing Starts	31-Dec	190K		192.2K

Government 10-year Yields 3.10 3.04 3.02 3.00 Canada (%) 2.90 3.00 2.80 2.98 2.70 2.96 2.60 2.94 2-Jan 3-Jan 6-Jan 7-Jan 8-Jan Canada •US

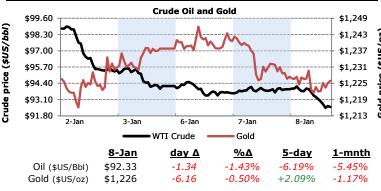
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Equities



Commodities



Foreign Exchange



	(USDCAD implies \$1-USD to CAD)			Historical levels			
	Spot	8-Jan	day ∆	-5 days	<u>-1 mnth</u>	-1 year	
	USDCAD	\$1.082	+0.005	1.064	1.064	0.983	
_	EURUSD	\$1.358	-0.004	1.376	1.371	1.327	
8	USDJPY	¥104.86	+0.260	105.250	102.91	88.78	
S	Government 10-year Yields		Historical levels				
		<u>8-Jan</u>	day ∆	-1 mnth	-3 mnths	-1 year	
	Canada	2.72%	0.041%	2.67%	2.59%	1.91%	

0.050%

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2.99%



United States

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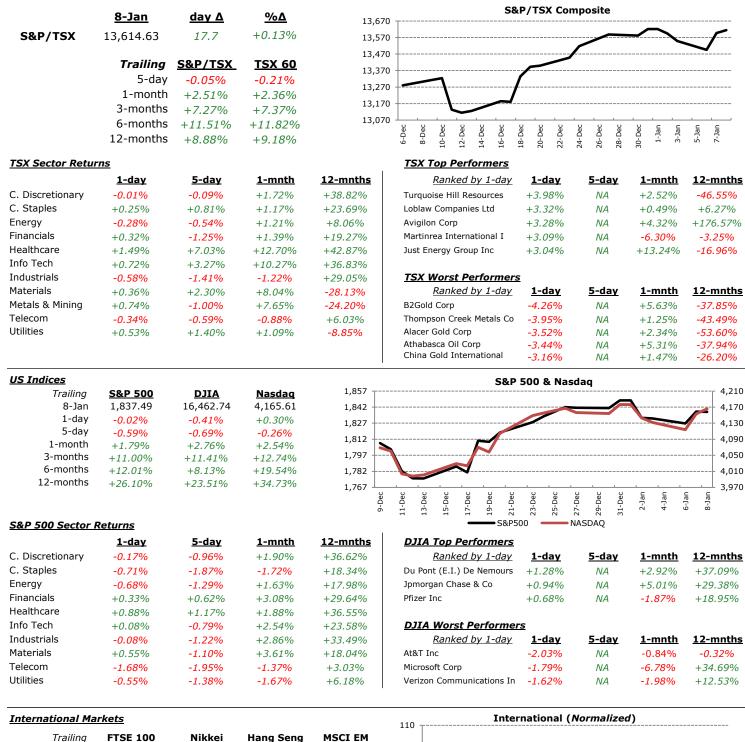
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5-day -0.40% **#VALUE!** -1.33% -2.94% 1-month +2.59% +5.37% -3.14% -2.90% 95 3-months +5 59% +16.03% -0.79% -3 54% 90 6-months +11.73% +4.21% +14.26% +7.42% 11-Dec 11-Dec 11-Dec 11-Dec 11-Dec 11-Dec 11-Dec 11-Dec 21-Dec 21 12-months +11.04%+53.42% -0.50% -9.04% NIK FTSE --- HS

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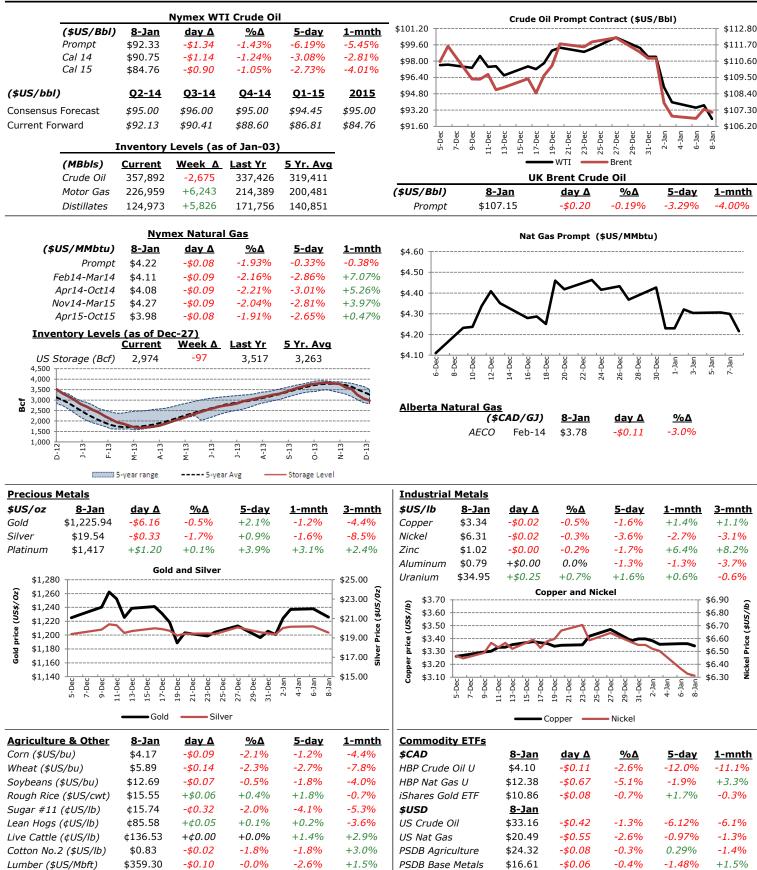
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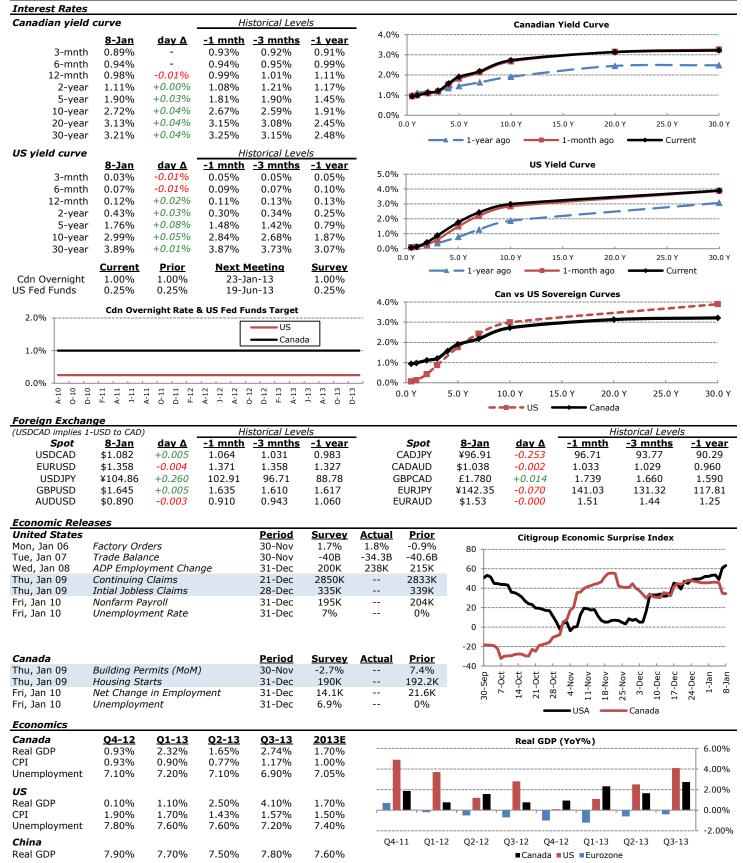
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