

The Daily Roll

Market Recap March 12, 2014



Today's Commentary

Stocks slipped Tuesday with the S&P down -0.51% and the TSX following suit down -0.24%. Contrasting this, rate products gained slightly as Canadian and American 10-year government bond yields are -1bp and -2bps lower to yield 2.48% and 2.76% respectively. Gold rose by 0.67% to 1,356.00 UST/t oz. while both the WTI dropped to \$98.68 (-1.35%), its lowest intraday level in almost 5 weeks, widening its discount to Brent amid rising crude inventories in the US. There is no data being released this morning in North America.

Yesterday's US job openings report posted a less than expected increase in new jobs for January, a sign labour-market cooling from late 2013 persisted as severe winter weather hammered the eastern and mid-western US. Job openings rose to 3.97 million in January, a 1.5% increase from the month before, the Labour Department said Tuesday. The median forecast in a Bloomberg survey called for 4.02 million job openings after a previously reported 3.99 million a month earlier. Although more companies are posting open positions, many are still taking their time and hiring carefully. Hiring overall actually fell 0.9%, to 4.5 million, from the month prior. Faster hiring would help spur the wage growth needed to boost consumer spending, which accounts for almost 70% of the economy.

The ECB has honed its forward guidance on interest rates by giving investors a new economic gauge to watch. In the past week, ECB President Draghi, Vice President Constacio and Executive Board member Sabine Lautenschlaeger have all cited the so-called output gap as a reason why the 18-nation euro area will need low rates even after growth and inflation pick up. The measure of spare economic capacity is likely to be a talking point at an ECB conference in Frankfurt today. Draghi's reference to the output gap is a notable alteration to the forward guidance he introduced in July, when he committed to keep official rates at the current level or lower for an extended period. While he strengthened the pledge in January by saying he "firmly" reiterated the stance, he didn't tie the promise to specific economic indicators. Lautenschlaeger said in an interview with the Wall Street Journal on March 10 that the output gap is a reason why rates will stay low "over a longer period of time and well into the recovery." Constancio told Market News International yesterday that "the forward guidance was made more precise in relation to the existence of this slack." The ECB comments come after the euroarea economy showed signs of pickup. GDP increased more than economists expected at the end of 2013, a gauge of services and manufacturing output is at the highest level in 2.5 years, and economic sentiment is improving.

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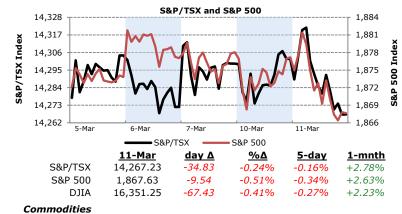
Today's Major Economic Releases

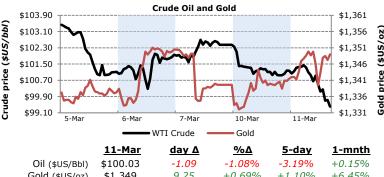
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Canada **Period** Survey **Actual Prior**

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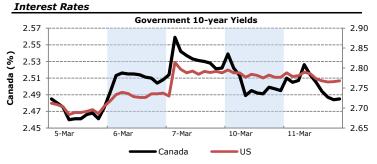
Equities





Gold (\$US/oz) \$1,349 9.25 +0.69% +1.10% +6.45% Foreign Exchange

Exchange Rates 1.410 (\$N\$) 0.920 1.400 EURUSD (\$US) 0.910 1.390 CADUSD 0.900 1.380 0.890 5-Ma 6-Mar 7-Mar 10-Mar 11-Mai CADUSD - EURUSD



| | (USDCAD implies \$1-USD to CAD) | | | Historical levels | | |
|---------------|---------------------------------|----------------|--------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | Spot | <u> 11-Mar</u> | day ∆ | -5 days | <u>-1 mnth</u> | <u>-1 year</u> |
| | USDCAD | \$1.111 | -0.000 | 1.109 | 1.103 | 1.026 |
| _ | EURUSD | \$1.386 | -0.002 | 1.374 | 1.364 | 1.303 |
| (%) | USDJPY | ¥103.02 | -0.250 | 102.210 | 102.30 | 96.08 |
| OS (| Government 10-year Yields | | | Historical levels | | |
| | | <u> 11-Mar</u> | <u>day ∆</u> | -1 mnth | -3 mnths | -1 year |
| | Canada | 2.49% | -0.010% | 2.41% | 2.65% | 1.94% |
| United States | | 2.77% | -0.009% | 2.68% | 2.85% | 2.06% |

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12-months

+2.80%

+23.28%

-3.56%

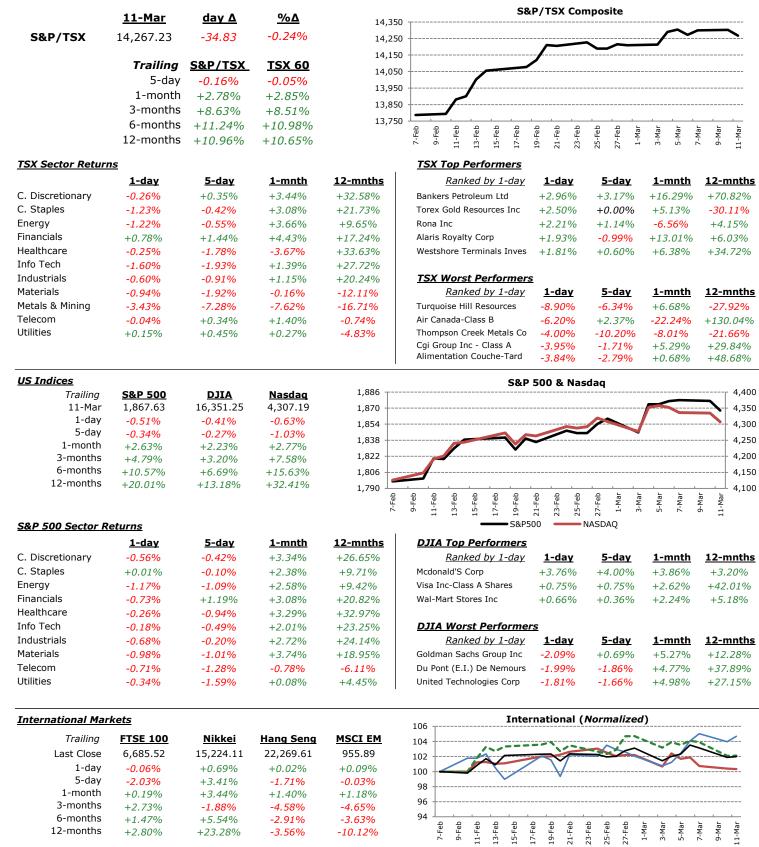
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-10.12%

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Lumber (\$US/Mbft)

\$359.90

-\$0.90

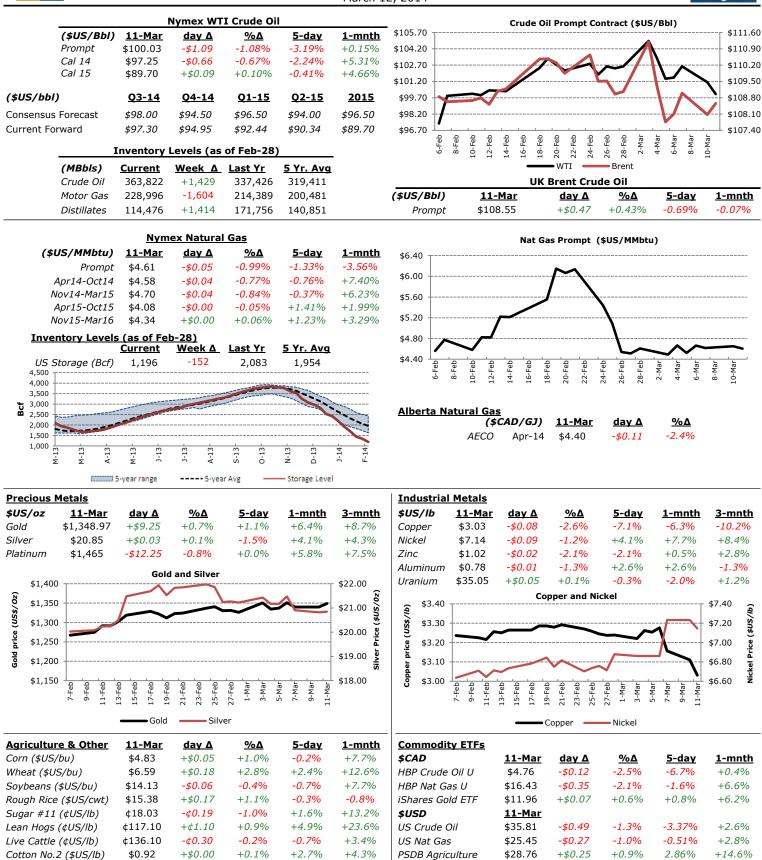
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+1.8%

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PSDB Base Metals

\$15.61

-\$0.40

-2.5%

-5.16%

-2.3%

-0.1%



The Rates, FX, & Economics Roll

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Interest Rates Canadian yield curve Historical Levels Canadian Yield Curve 4.0% <u> 11-Mar</u> day ∆ <u>-1 mnth</u> -3 mnths 3-mnth 0.83% 0.88% 0.93% 0.96% 3.0% 0.87% 0.91% 0.94% 1.02% 6-mnth 2.0% 12-mnth 0.94% -0.01% 0.95% 0.99% 1.03% 2-year 1.04% -0.01% 0.98% 1.10% 0.98% 1.0% -0.02% 1.67% 1.60% 1.81% 1.39% 5-year 10-year 2.49% -0.01% 2.41% 2.65% 1.94% 0.0% 2.97% -0.01% 2.88% 3.11% 2.58% 20-year 0.0 Y 5.0 Y 10.0 Y 15.0 Y 20.0 Y 25.0 Y 30.0 Y 30-year 3.02% -0.01% 3.01% 3.21% 2.63% - 1-month ago Current 1-year ago US yield curve Historical Levels <u>11-M</u>ar dav A -1 mnth -3 mnths -1 year **US Yield Curve** 4.0% 3-mnth 0.04% +0.01% 0.08% 0.07% 0.09% 6-mnth 0.08% 0.08% 0.09% 0.11% 3.0% 12-mnth 0.12% 0.11% 0.13% 0.15% 2.0% 0.37% +0.00% 0.30% 0.31% 0.25% 2-year 5-year 1.62% -0.01% 1.47% 1.50% 0.90% 1.0% 10-year 2.77% -0.01%2.68% 2.85% 2.06% 30-year 3.71% -0.01% 3.67% 3.89% 3.26% 0.0% 0.0 Y 5.0 Y 10.0 Y 15.0 Y 20.0 Y 25.0 Y 30.0 Y Current Prior **Next Meeting** Survey 1-month ago 1-year ago Current Cdn Overnight 1.00% 1.00% 16-Apr-14 1.00% US Fed Funds 0.25% 0.25% 18-Mar-14 0.25% Can vs US Sovereign Curves 4.0% Cdn Overnight Rate & US Fed Funds Target 2.0% 3.0% 2.0% 1.0% 0.0% 0.0% 0.0 Y 5.0 Y 10.0 Y 15.0 Y 20.0 Y 25.0 Y 30.0 Y 9 - US Canada Foreign Exchange (USDCAD implies 1-USD to CAD) Historical Levels Historical Levels Spot -1 mnth -3 mnths -1 year Spot 11-Mar -1 mnth 11-Mar day A day ∆ -3 mnths -1 year USDCAD CADJPY ¥92.76 \$1.111 -0.0001.103 1.065 1.026 -0.21492.74 95.54 93.68 **EURUSD** \$1.386 -0.002 1.364 1.367 1.303 CADAUD \$1.003 +0.005 1.012 1.036 0.944 ¥103.02 -0.250 102.30 101.79 96.08 **GBPCAD** £1.846 1.740 1.529 USDJPY -0.0031.811 GRPUSD **EURJPY** ¥142.78 \$1.662 -0.0031.641 1.633 1.490 -0.520139.53 139.12 125.23 **AUDUSD** \$0.898 -0.0040.896 0.906 1.032 **EURAUD** \$1.54 +0.0061.52 1.51 1.26 **Economic Releases** United States Period **Actual Prior** Survey Citigroup Economic Surprise Index Thu, Mar 13 Advance Retail Sales 28-Feb 0.2% -0.4% 80 2904K 2907K Thu, Mar 13 Continuing Claims 1-Mar 60 Thu, Mar 13 Intial Jobless Claims 8-Mar 330K 323K 40 20 0 -20 -40 Canada Period Period <u>Survey</u> **Actual Prior** -60 Mon, Mar 10 Housing Starts 28-Feb 190K 192.1K 180.2K 26-Nov 26-Dec 10-Jan 4-Dec 11-Dec 18-Dec 3-Jan 17-Jan 27-Jan 10-Feb 11-Mar Canada **Economics** 2013E Canada Q1-13 Q2-13 Q3-13 Q4-13 Real GDP (YoY%) 6.00% Real GDP 2.88% 2.15% 2.69% 2.92% 1.80% 0.90% 0.77% 1.17% 0.93% 0.90% 4.00% Unemployment 7.30% 7.10% 6.90% 7.20% 7.05% 2.00% US 2.50% 1.90% Real GDP 1 10% 4.10% 2 40% 0.00% CPI 1.70% 1.43% 1.57% 1.23% 1.50% Unemployment 7.50% 7.50% 7.20% 6.70% 7.40% -2.00% China Q2-12 Q3-12 Q2-13 Q3-13 Q4-13 Q1-12 04 - 1201 - 137.70% Real GDP 7.50% 7.80% 7.70% 7.70% ■Canada ■US ■Eurozone

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