

The Daily Roll

Market Recap
March 24, 2014



Today's Commentary

Stocks declined into the weekend with the S&P down -0.29% to 1,866.52 and the TSX-0.18% to 14,335.76. US 10 year rates are down to 2.75% (-4bps) and Canadian 10 year rates to 2.48% (-1bp). Friday also saw Canadian CPI come in stronger than expected at 0.8% m/m or 1.1% y/y, perhaps reducing the argument for looser policy and guidance from the Bank of Canada in the near future. This morning the only data releases will be US Flash Manufacturing PMI with an expected index level of 56.5.

Housing market data have been mixed over the past few months, as harsh winter weather has appeared to put a damper on home buying. Investors will get some more data on housing in the days ahead, when new home sales, pending home sales and home price data are released. But even if these numbers come in soft, some experts say the U.S. housing market is just getting heated up. New homes sales for the month of February are set to be released by the Commerce Department on Tuesday morning. The consensus expectation is for sales to come in at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 449,000 units, below the 5.5 year high of 468,000 that was recorded for the month of January. In other housing data that will emerge this week, the S&P/Case-Shiller home price index for January will be released Tuesday as well. This is designed to give investors an indication of the trend in real estate prices. And on Friday, pending home sales data from the National Association of Realtors, which tracks sales that have not yet closed, will give an indication of the demand for houses.

HSBC's "flash" purchasing managers' index (PMI) for March indicated that China's manufacturing sector slowed for a third straight month in March with a reading of 48.1, missing forecasts and falling from 48.5 the month before. Numbers below 50 signal contraction. This is deepening concern the nation will miss its 7.5% growth target this year. Earlier this month, economists at companies including JPMorgan Chase & Co. and Goldman Sachs Group Inc. have already cut their projections for China's growth after fixed-asset investment rose at the slowest January-February pace since 2001, industrial production trailed estimates and exports fell by the most since 2009. The median estimate for first-quarter gross domestic product growth dropped to 7.4% in March from 7.6% in February, according to Bloomberg News surveys of analysts. For the full year, the median forecast slid to 7.4%, which would be the weakest annual pace since 1990.

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Today's Major Economic Releases

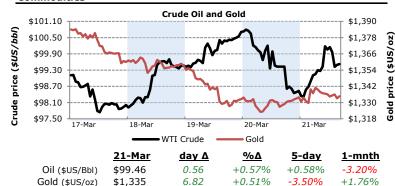
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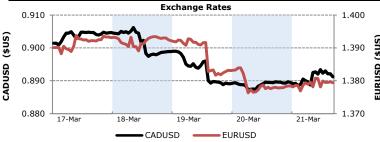
Equities



Commodities



Foreign Exchange



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	2.50					<u>~</u>	2.80			
	2.40	***					2.70			
	2.30	17-Mar	18-Mar	19-Mar	20-Mar	21-Mar	2.60			
Canada US										

	(USDCAD im	plies \$1-USD to	o CAD)	Historical levels			
	Spot	21-Mar	day ∆	-5 days	<u>-1 mnth</u>	-1 year	
	USDCAD	\$1.122	-0.002	1.111	1.110	1.023	
_	EURUSD	\$1.379	+0.002	1.391	1.372	1.299	
(%)	USDJPY	¥102.25	-0.140	101.360	102.28	94.46	
) SN	Governme	ent 10-year Y	ields	Historical levels			
	Governine	21-Mar	day Δ	-1 mnth -3 mnths -1 year			
	Canada	2.49%	-0.016%	2.44%	2.67%	1.81%	
Uni	ted States	2.74%	-0.029%	2.74%	2.89%	1.91%	

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1-month

3-months

6-months

12-months

-4.11%

-0.75%

-0.60%

+2.64%

-1.56%

-10 37%

-3.51%

+14.08%

-5.01%

-6.03%

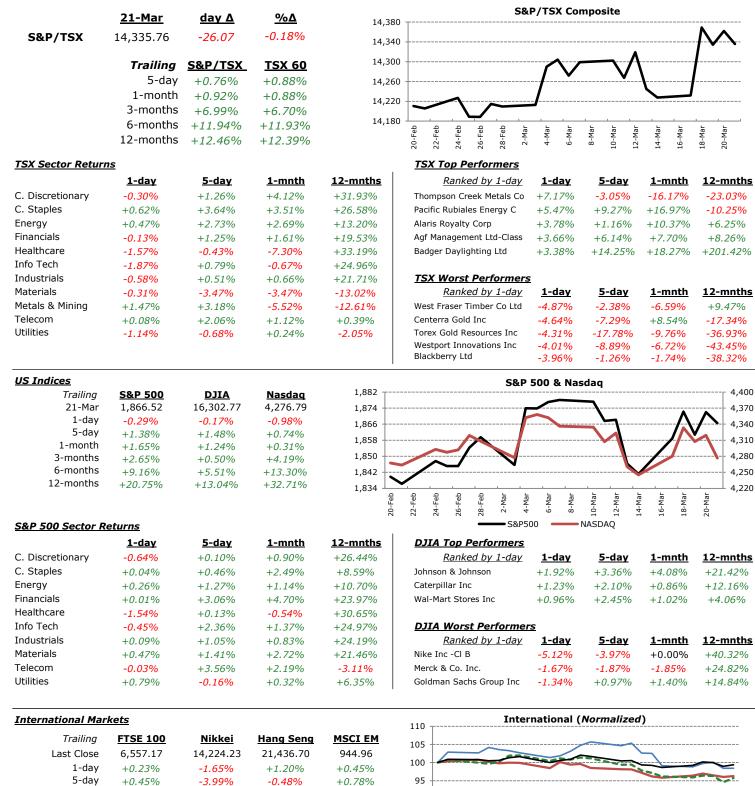
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-3.55%

The Equities Roll

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90

85

20-Feb 21-Feb 22-Feb 23-Feb 24-Feb 25-Feb 26-Feb 27-Feb 28-Feb

FTSE

4-Mar 5-Mar

NIK

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8-Mar 10-Mar 11-Mar 12-Mar 13-Mar 15-Mar 15-Mar 11-Mar 11-Mar 12-Mar 13-Mar 13-Mar 13-Mar 13-Mar 14-Mar 15-Mar 16-Mar 16-

-1.49%

-4 38%

-6.73%

-7.58%

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Live Cattle (¢US/lb)

Cotton No.2 (\$US/Ib) Lumber (\$US/Mbft)

\$0.93

\$335.00

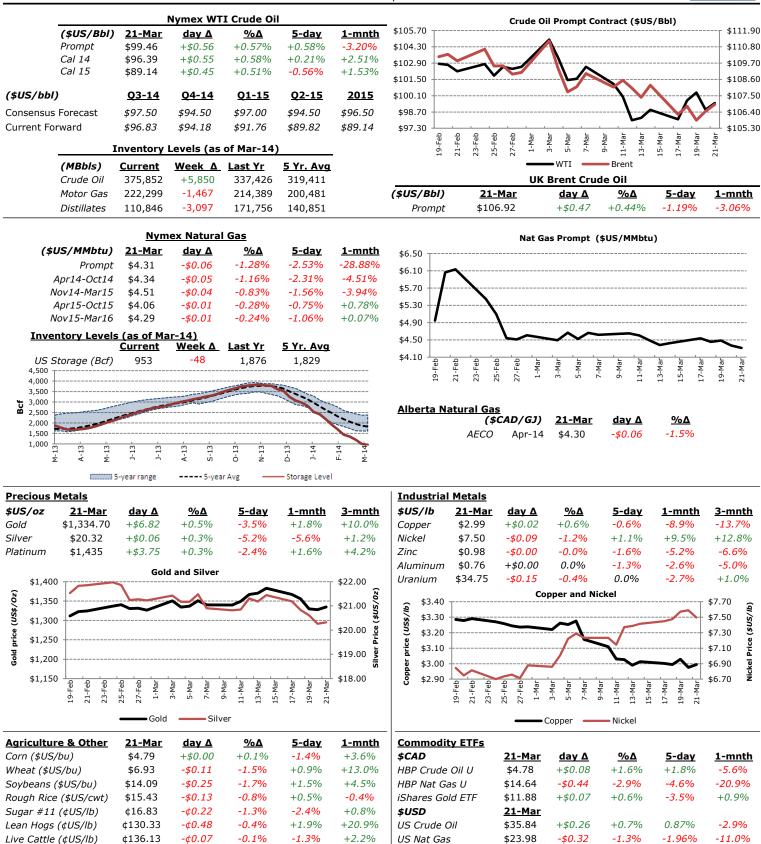
+\$0.01

-\$5.40

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PSDB Agriculture

PSDB Base Metals

\$27.85

\$15.39

-\$0.26

+\$0.02

-0.9%

+0.1%

+4.7%

-6.5%

-2.62%

-0.84%

+6.5%

-6.1%

+1.2%

-1.6%

+1.2%

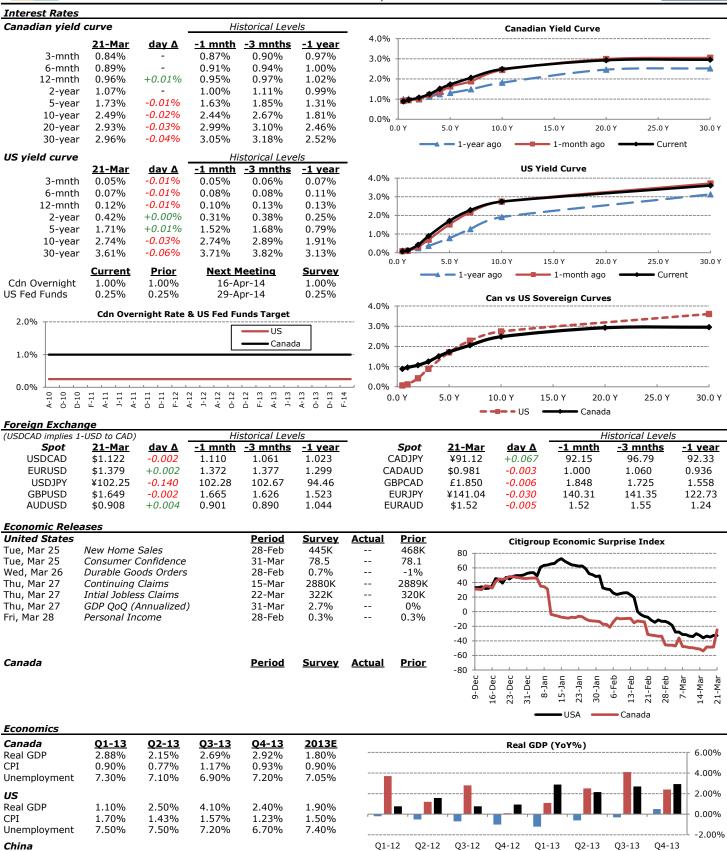
-1.6%



The Rates, FX, & Economics Roll

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7.70%

7.50%

7.80%

7.70%

7.70%

Real GDP

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■Canada ■US ■Eurozone