

The Daily Roll

Market Recap March 25, 2014



Today's Commentary

Stocks started the week down with the S&P 500 slipping -0.49% and the TSX $0.40\%.\ 10$ year bond prices continued to rise as US yields dropped -2bps and CAN yields -3bps to 2.73% and 2.45% respectively. Data this morning will include US house price and sales data as well as consumer confidence numbers. Looking South, the S&P rating agency has also cut Brazilian bonds to just one notch above 'junk', commenting on growth concerns and a lack of economic credibility.

Gold prices tumbled about 2% on Monday, the biggest one-day drop in nearly two months, as hedge funds dumped the precious metal on fears that rising U.S. interest rates could spark a further retreat from last week's six-month high. The metal sank to a one-month low near \$1,300 an ounce on a day when outside markets remained largely immune from gold's selloff. Recent forecasts of sharply lower gold prices at below \$1,200 by Societe Generale and other bullion banks also prompted institutional investors to sell bullion, analysts said. Gold investor sentiment turned bearish last week after Fed Chair Janet Yellen said the central bank will probably end its massive bond-buying program this fall, and could start raising interest rates around six months later.

German Ifo Business Climate Index, for industry and trade business confidence, fell to 110.7 in March after reaching 111.3 the prior month, the first fall in five months. The crisis of the emerging economies and the events in Crimea as well as an economic slowdown in China are impacting the confidence of German firms. Business leaders in Europe's largest economy have urged politicians to consider the impact to trade and growth from escalating EU sanctions against Russia. German and Russia had roughly \$89 billion of trade with each other in 2012. In addition, Bundesbank President, Weidmann, is reported to have come out favour of negative interest rates as a policy tool to work against the strong EUR and the disinflationary impact it is having. From these comments and lower than expected data from IFO, the EUR is down 0.2% into the North American open

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Today's Major Economic Releases

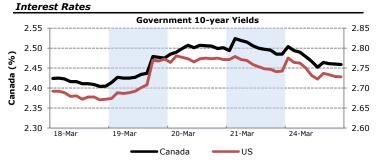
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United States	<u>Period</u>	Survey	<u>Actual</u>	Prior
New Home Sales	28-Feb	445K		468K
Consumer Confidence	31-Mar	78.5		78.1
Durable Goods Orders	28-Feb	0.8%		-1%

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

None Scheduled



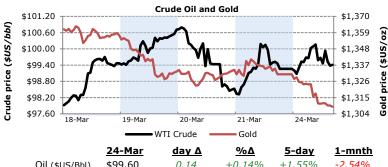
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Equities

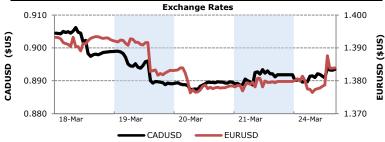


Commodities



+1.55% Oil (\$US/BbI) \$99.60 0.14 +0.14% -2.54% Gold (\$US/oz) \$1,309 -25.94 -1.94% -4.27% -1.17%

Foreign Exchange



	(USDCAD in	าplies \$1-USD to	CAD)	Historical levels			
	Spot	24-Mar	day ∆	-5 days	<u>-1 mnth</u>	-1 year	
	USDCAD	\$1.119	-0.003	1.105	1.111	1.021	
_	EURUSD	\$1.384	+0.005	1.392	1.375	1.285	
%	USDJPY	¥102.24	-0.010	101.770	102.51	94.17	
) SN	Governm	ent 10-year Y	ïelds	H	istorical leve	ls	
		24-Mar	<u>day ∆</u>	-1 mnth	-3 mnths	-1 year	
	Canada	2.46%	-0.026%	2.52%	2.72%	1.82%	

-0.014%

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2.73%



United States

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3-months

6-months

12-months

-2 60%

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+2.00%

-8 90%

-1.75%

+17.32%

-5 75%

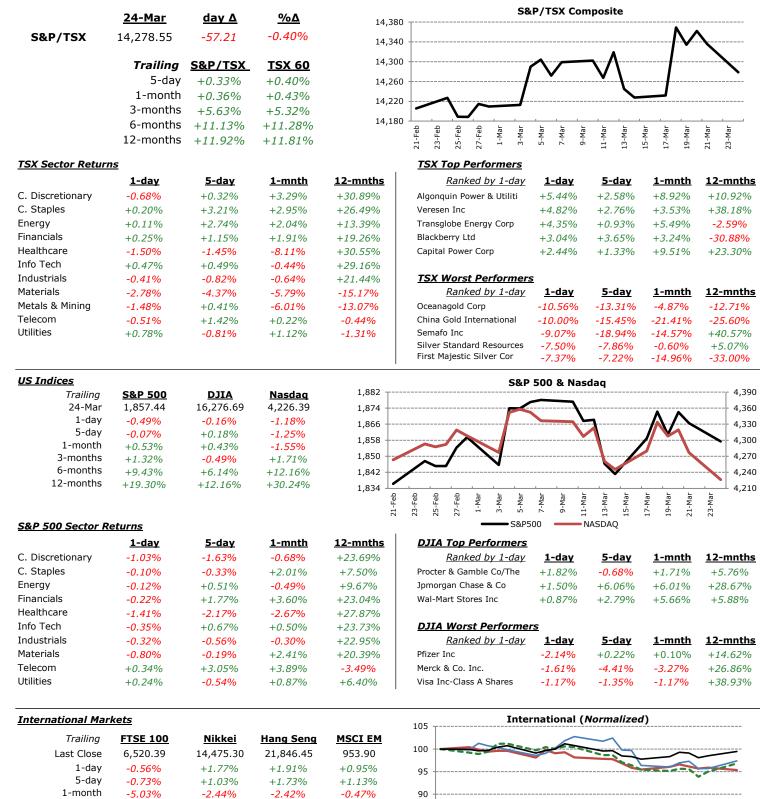
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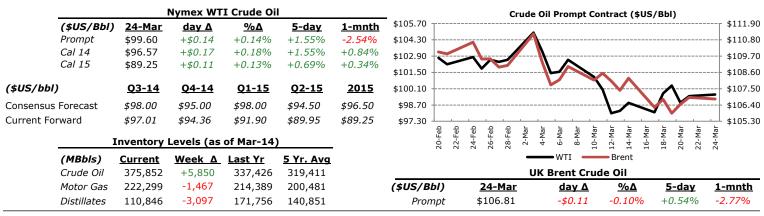
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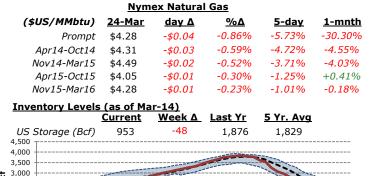
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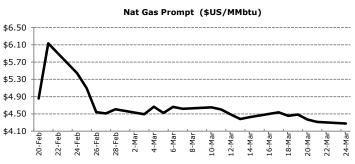






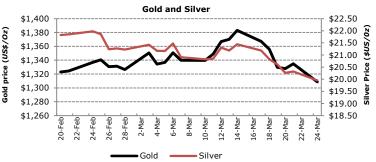
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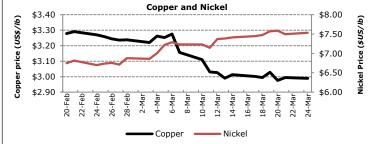
Alberta Natural Gas						
	(\$C	AD/GJ)	<u>24-Mar</u>	<u>day ∆</u>	<u>%∆</u>	
	AECO	Apr-14	\$4.33	+\$0.03	+0.7%	

	(222222) 5	year range	5-year	r Avg —	— Storage Level		
Precious Metals							
\$US/oz	<u>24-Mar</u>	day ∆	<u>%∆</u>	<u>5-day</u>	1-mnth	3-mnth	
Gold	\$1,308.76	-\$25.94	-1.9%	-4.3%	-1.2%	+7.9%	
Silver	\$19.95	-\$0.37	-1.8%	-5.8%	-8.7%	-0.7%	
Platinum	\$1,429	-\$5.75	-0.4%	-2.6%	+0.0%	+3.8%	



Agriculture & Other	24-Mar	day ∆	<u>%∆</u>	<u>5-day</u>	1-mnth
Corn (\$US/bu)	\$4.90	+\$0.11	+2.3%	+2.3%	+6.8%
Wheat (\$US/bu)	\$7.15	+\$0.21	+3.1%	+5.9%	+18.0%
Soybeans (\$US/bu)	\$14.26	+\$0.17	+1.2%	+2.4%	+4.8%
Rough Rice (\$US/cwt)	\$15.52	+\$0.09	+0.6%	+0.1%	+1.2%
Sugar #11 (¢US/lb)	¢16.84	+¢0.01	+0.1%	-1.2%	-1.3%
Lean Hogs (¢US/lb)	¢128.20	-¢2.13	-1.6%	-2.0%	+18.7%
Live Cattle (¢US/lb)	¢136.43	+¢0.30	+0.2%	-1.1%	+2.8%
Cotton No.2 (\$US/lb)	\$0.91	-\$0.03	-2.9%	-1.5%	+2.6%
Lumber (\$US/Mbft)	\$333.40	-\$1.60	-0.5%	+0.9%	-8.0%

<u>Industrial</u>	Metals						
\$US/Ib	24-Mar	day ∆	<u>%∆</u>	<u>5-day</u>	1-mnth	3-mnth	
Copper	\$2.99	-\$0.00	-0.2%	-0.4%	-9.2%	-13.8%	
Nickel	\$7.53	+\$0.04	+0.5%	+1.1%	+10.5%	+13.4%	
Zinc	\$0.98	-\$0.00	-0.2%	-1.8%	-4.8%	-6.8%	
Aluminum	\$0.76	+\$0.00	0.0%	-1.3%	-3.8%	-5.0%	
Uranium	\$34.75	+\$0.00	0.0%	0.0%	-2.7%	+1.0%	



Commodity ETFs					
\$CAD	24-Mar	day ∆	<u>%∆</u>	<u>5-day</u>	1-mnth
HBP Crude Oil U	\$4.76	-\$0.02	-0.3%	+3.8%	-4.8%
HBP Nat Gas U	\$14.59	-\$0.05	-0.3%	-8.1%	-26.2%
iShares Gold ETF	\$11.64	-\$0.24	-2.0%	-4.3%	-1.2%
\$USD	24-Mar				
US Crude Oil	\$35.82	-\$0.02	-0.1%	1.91%	-2.4%
US Nat Gas	\$23.93	-\$0.05	-0.2%	-3.93%	-13.6%
PSDB Agriculture	\$28.04	+\$0.19	+0.7%	-1.41%	+5.3%
PSDB Base Metals	\$15.42	+\$0.03	+0.2%	-0.32%	-5.8%

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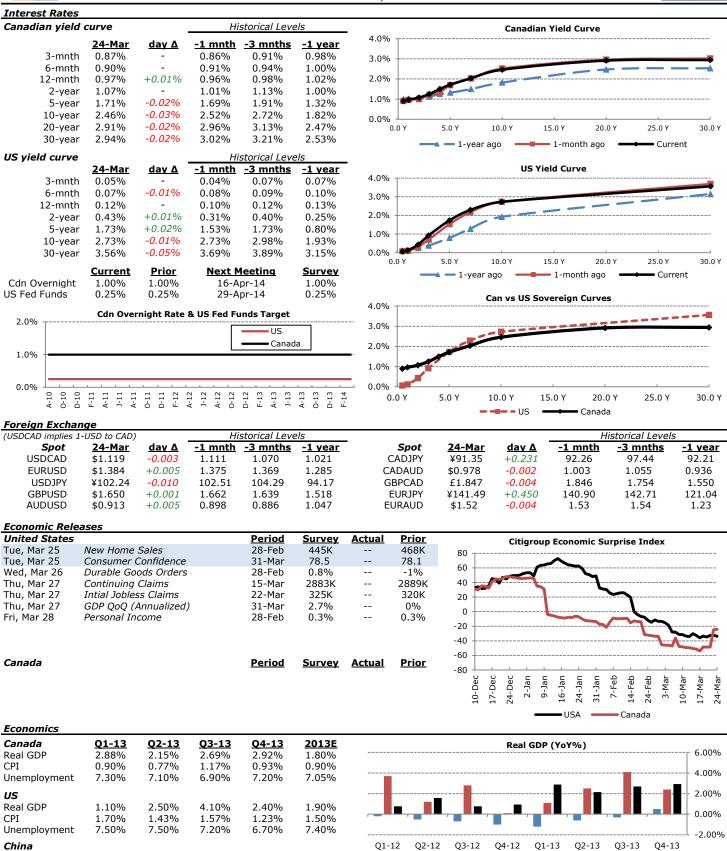
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7.70%

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Real GDP

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