

# The Daily Roll

Market Recap September 23, 2014



### Today's Commentary

Markets were down across the board again yesterday. The S&P500 retreated 80bps to 1,994.29 and the TSX fell 90bps to 15,129. Notably, the VIX (an indicator of market volatility), rose 13% recording its biggest surge in 7 weeks. The Russell 2000 index of small-cap US stocks slid 105bps, the largest fall since July 31. The differential in returns between the S&P500 and the Russell 2000 has significantly increased year to date, with the S&P500 up 9.5% in contrast to the -2.07% decline in the Russell 2000.

The start of US air strikes in Syria yesterday lent support to safe-haven assets, such as US treasuries and gold. US 10s fell 1bps to 2.56%. Gold rallied with the Dec. delivery on the Comex, increasing 130bps to 1,233.20 an ounce. The Bloomberg US Dollar Spot Index declined 30bps. Canadian 10s dropped 2bps to 2.33%.

US Existing home sales for August were released yesterday, unexpectedly falling by 1.8% and ending the consecutive gains of the past four months. Investors had been buying properties in wake of the housing bust and aftermath, but only accounted for 12% of purchases in August down from 17% in the prior year. Rising prices throughout 2013 have priced out many, with only 29% of purchases coming from first time buyers, down from the historical average of 40%. Home construction was also down 14.4%. The Fed has expressed its concern with the slowing housing market, stating it to be a crucial part in economic recovery.

Yara International ASA and CF Industries Holdings Inc. are currently in merger talks. Although this is no guarantee of the transaction, if the merger does occur, it will create the world's largest fertilizer supplier with \$20 billion in sales. Yara plans to expand in North America and merging with CF will result in savings on raw materials. The merger will also improve the tax status of CF in Norway. Yara's stock rose around 10% in Norway trading and CF rose 9.8% in New York.

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### Today's Major Economic Releases

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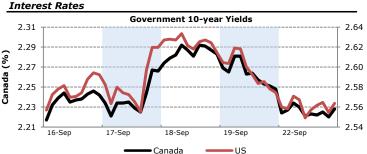
United States	Period	Survey	<u>Actual</u>	Prior
None Scheduled				

Period

31-Aug

Survey

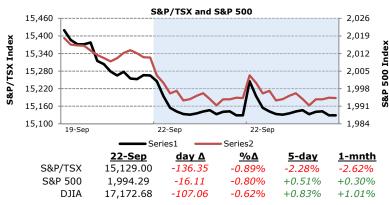
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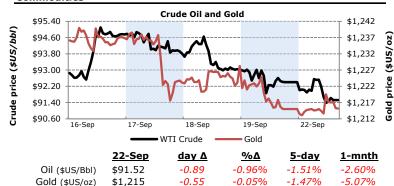
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### **Equities**



### Commodities



### Foreign Exchange

**Prior** 

0.7%

**Actual** 

1.1%



(USDCAD implies \$1-USD to CAD)			Historical levels		
Spot	22-Sep	day ∆	-5 days	<u>-1 mnth</u>	-1 year
USDCAD	\$1.104	+0.008	1.106	1.094	1.030
EURUSD	\$1.285	+0.002	1.294	1.328	1.352
USDJPY	¥108.84	-0.200	107.190	103.85	99.36

<ul><li>Governm</li></ul>	Government 10-year Yields					
	22-Sep	day ∆				
Canada	2.23%	-0.020%				
United States	2.56%	-0.011%				

-1 mnth	-3 mnths	-1 year						
2.07%	2.28%	2.69%						
2.40%	2.58%	2.73%						

Historical levels

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+3.30%

+2.69%

+9.93%

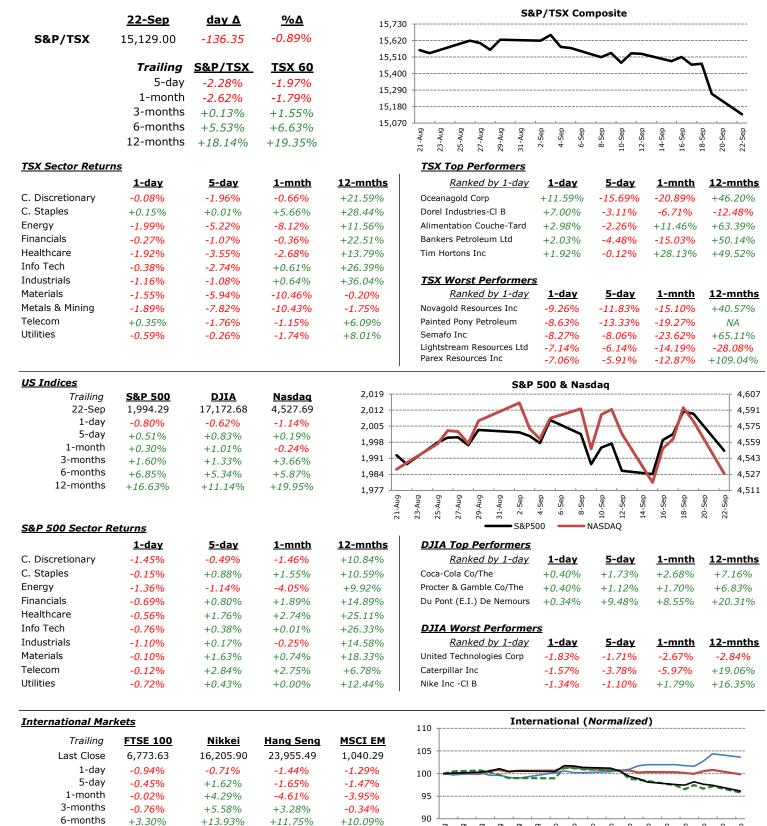
+1.93%

12-months

# The Equities Roll

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27-Aug

29-Aug 31-Aug

FTSE

21-Aug 23-Aug 25-Aug 12-Sep

14-Sep

8-Sep

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4-Sep 6-Sep

NIK

18-Sep

ΕM

20-

+10.09%

+2.68%

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**Precious Metals** 

### The Commodities Roll

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\$9.40

\$9.20 \$9.00

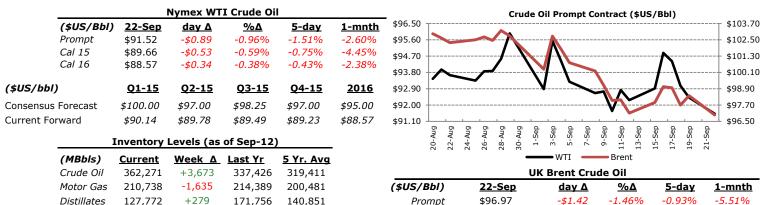
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\$8.60

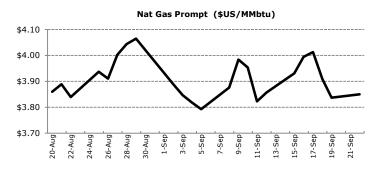
\$8.40

\$8.20

Nickel Price (\$US/Ib)



**Nymex Natural Gas** (\$US/MMbtu) 22-Sep day ∆ %Δ <u>5-day</u> 1-mnth +0.34% -2.06% -1.00% Prompt \$3.85 +\$0.01 -2.03% Nov14-Mar15 \$4.01 +\$0.00 +0.12%-3.14% Apr15-Oct15 \$3.82 +\$0.01 +0.16% -1.19% -1.71% Nov15-Mar16 \$4.13 +\$0.00 +0.10% -1.02% -1.00% Apr16-Oct16 +\$0.01 +0.28% -0.54% -0.39% \$3.98 Inventory Levels (as of Sep-12)
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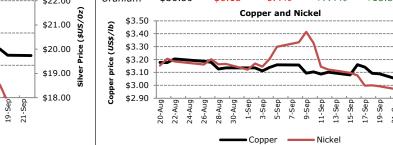


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	US Storage	(Bcf)	2,891	-	+90	3,2	.99	3,335		
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Alberta Natural Gas							
	(\$CAD/GJ)		22-Sep	<u>day ∆</u>	<u>%∆</u>		
	AECO	Oct-14	\$3.82	+\$0.08	+2.0%		

\$US	/oz	22-Sep	day ∆	<u>%∆</u>	<u>5-day</u>	1-mnth	3-mnth
Gola	1	\$1,215.15	-\$0.55	-0.0%	-1.5%	-5.1%	-7.7%
Silve	er	\$17.75	-\$0.08	-0.4%	-5.0%	-8.6%	-15.3%
Plati	num	\$1,325	-\$10.55	-0.8%	-2.7%	-6.7%	-10.3%
(20	\$1,300		Gold	and Silver			\$22.00
(zo/\$SN)	\$1,250			<b>~</b>	\		\$21.00 <b>Sn</b> \$)
Gold price	\$1,200			~~~			\$20.00 <b>5</b> \$19.00 <b>5</b>

Industrial	Industrial Metals								
\$US/Ib	22-Sep	day ∆	<u>%∆</u>	<u>5-day</u>	1-mnth	3-mnth			
Copper	\$3.04	-\$0.05	-1.6%	-1.4%	-5.2%	-3.5%			
Nickel	\$8.33	-\$0.06	-0.7%	-3.1%	-5.1%	-5.1%			
Zinc	\$1.11	+\$0.00	+0.1%	-0.7%	-3.9%	+2.7%			
Aluminum	\$0.95	+\$0.00	0.0%	-2.1%	-5.0%	+5.6%			
Uranium	\$36.50	-\$0.15	-0.4%	+7.4%	+15.3%	+29.2%			
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Agriculture & Other	22-Sep	day ∆	<u>%∆</u>	5-day	1-mnth
Corn (\$US/bu)	\$3.30	-\$0.01	-0.4%	-3.7%	-11.1%
Wheat (\$US/bu)	\$4.77	+\$0.02	+0.5%	-4.8%	-15.2%
Soybeans (\$US/bu)	\$9.38	-\$0.19	-2.0%	-5.2%	-10.0%
Rough Rice (\$US/cwt)	\$12.55	-\$0.15	-1.2%	-1.6%	-1.4%
Sugar #11 (¢US/lb)	¢15.64	-¢0.16	-1.0%	-3.9%	-10.7%
Lean Hogs (¢US/lb)	¢95.70	+¢0.85	+0.9%	-0.2%	+9.8%
Live Cattle (¢US/lb)	¢158.65	-¢0.05	-0.0%	-0.2%	+5.9%
Cotton No.2 (\$US/lb)	\$0.63	-\$0.02	-2.8%	-4.9%	-5.4%
Lumber (\$US/Mbft)	\$326.60	-\$2.40	-0.7%	-3.5%	-7.0%

Silver

■ Gold

Commodity ETFs					
\$CAD	22-Sep	day ∆	<u>%∆</u>	<u>5-day</u>	1-mnth
HBP Crude Oil U	\$4.23	-\$0.09	-2.1%	-2.4%	-5.9%
HBP Nat Gas U	\$10.91	+\$0.02	+0.2%	-4.0%	-4.1%
iShares Gold ETF	\$10.79	-\$0.02	-0.2%	-1.6%	-5.4%
\$USD	22-Sep				
US Crude Oil	\$34.19	-\$0.38	-1.1%	-1.07%	-2.2%
US Nat Gas	\$20.97	+\$0.02	+0.1%	-2.01%	-1.1%
PSDB Agriculture	\$25.16	+\$0.00	+0.0%	-1.02%	-3.0%
PSDB Base Metals	\$16.98	-\$0.16	-0.9%	-0.88%	-4.8%

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7.80%

Real GDP

7.70%

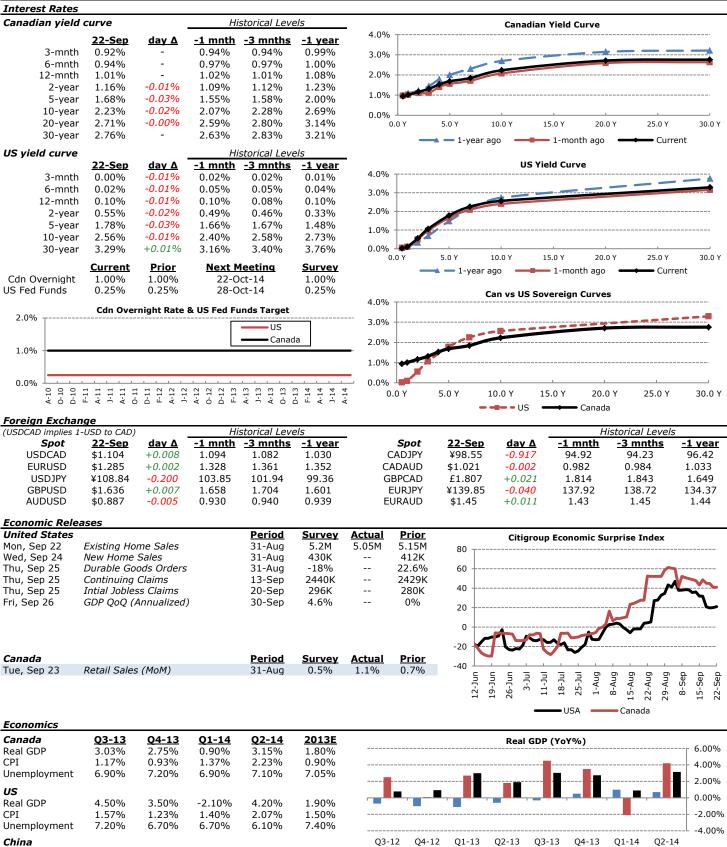
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7.50%

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7.70%

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