

The Daily Roll

Market Recap October 23, 2014



Today's Commentary

Global markets continued to exhibit calmness yesterday, yet North American markets slipped on the back of weakness in crude oil. The S&P 500 ended the day down 14.17 points (-0.73%) to 1,927.11 while similarly the Dow fell 153.49 points (-0.92%) to 16,461.32. The price of crude oil dipped 2.4% to \$80.52 a barrel, the lowest close in two years which sent energy shares in the red. Until yesterday, the S&P 500 posted four consecutive days of gains, which allowed it to recover half of the losses from the almost 10% sell-off that began in mid-September. The VIX has also fallen over 10% in the last three days, reaching 17.87 yesterday afternoon. The TSX index took the biggest hit on the day, down 235.64 points (-1.62%) to 14,312.07, after the shooting of a soldier guarding a war memorial in the nation's capital sparked terrorism concerns.

With deflation becoming worrisome for many countries, central banks are attempting to counter through the use of implicit currency devaluation via monetary easing. This raises concerns on a global scale, as the devaluation of one currency makes another stronger in comparable terms resulting in downside risks for aggregate prices to the country with the stronger currency. The so called "currency war" term was used in 2010 to describe a means of enhancing a country's growth by increasing the competitiveness of its exports. It is now also being used as a way of shipping deflation to foreign soil. Japan has already stated it would welcome a weaker yen in order to meet inflation targets, while the ECB, though not targeting the euro's value directly, has recognized the need for a weaker euro to fend off deflation. This currency war could add to global growth troubles as countries battle one another to keep deflation at bay

Yesterday, the bank of Canada announced that the overnight rate would remain at 1%, as it has been for the past four years. The Bank of Canada is expecting the economy to continue to improve over the next two years. Auto sales have hit new highs and the housing market and consumer spending have also improved. Inflation is expected to meet the target rate of 2% by the 4th quarter of 2016, a quarter later than previously expected, and real GDP is expected to grow at 2.5%for a year and then drop to 2%. The bank also believes that the strengthening US economy, which has resulted in the depreciation of the Canadian dollar against the US, will help increase Canadian exports.

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Today's Major Economic Releases

United States	Period	Survey	<u>Actual</u>	Prior
Leading Indicators	30-Sep	0.7%	0.7%	0.2%
Intial Jobless Claims	18-Oct	283K	283K	266K

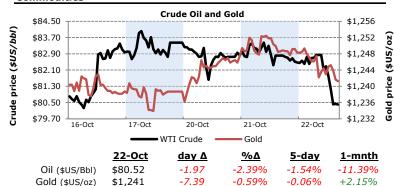
Canada **Period** Survey **Actual Prior**

None Scheduled

Equities



Commodities



Foreign Exchange



Government 10-year Yields 2.10 2.30 2.20 2.10 1.90 1.80 2.00 16-Oct 17-Oct 22-Oct 20-Oct 21-Oct Canada US

	(USDCAD implies \$1-USD to CAD)			Historical levels			
	Spot	22-Oct	day ∆	-5 days	<u>-1 mnth</u>	-1 year	
	USDCAD	\$1.124	+0.001	1.126	1.104	1.029	
	EURUSD	\$1.265	-0.007	1.284	1.285	1.378	
₹	USDJPY	¥107.14	+0.140	105.920	108.84	98.14	
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•	Government 10-year Yields			Historical levels			
		22-Oct	<u>day ∆</u>	-1 mnth	-3 mnths	-1 year	
	Canada	1.96%	-0.004%	2.23%	2.16%	2.48%	

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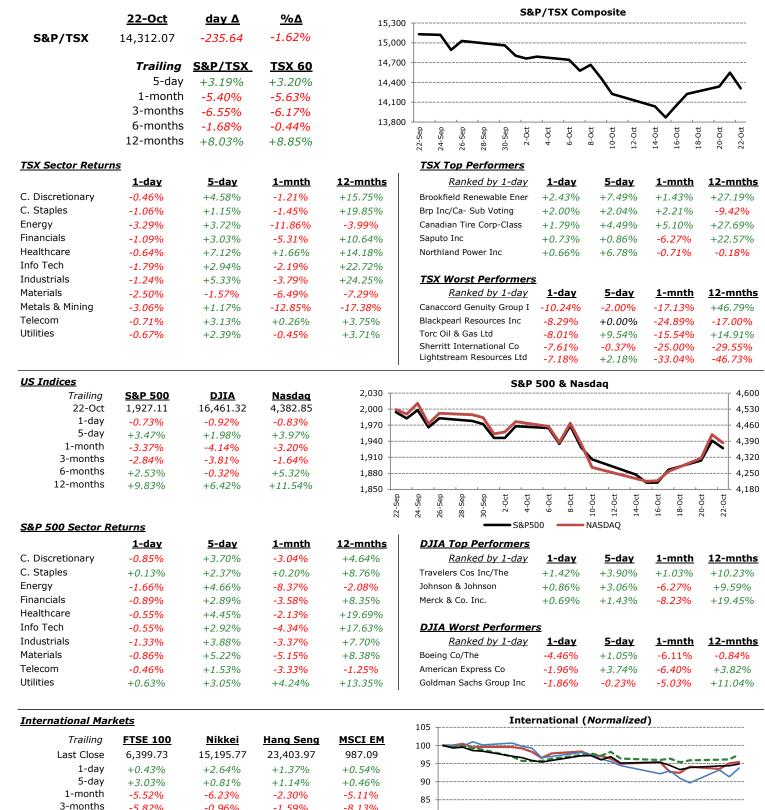
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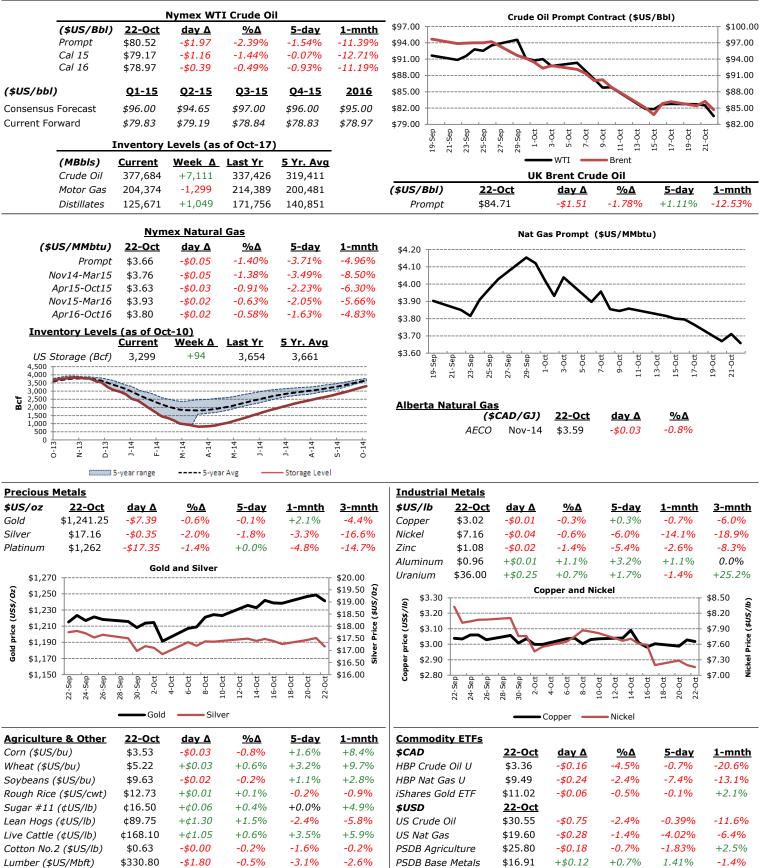
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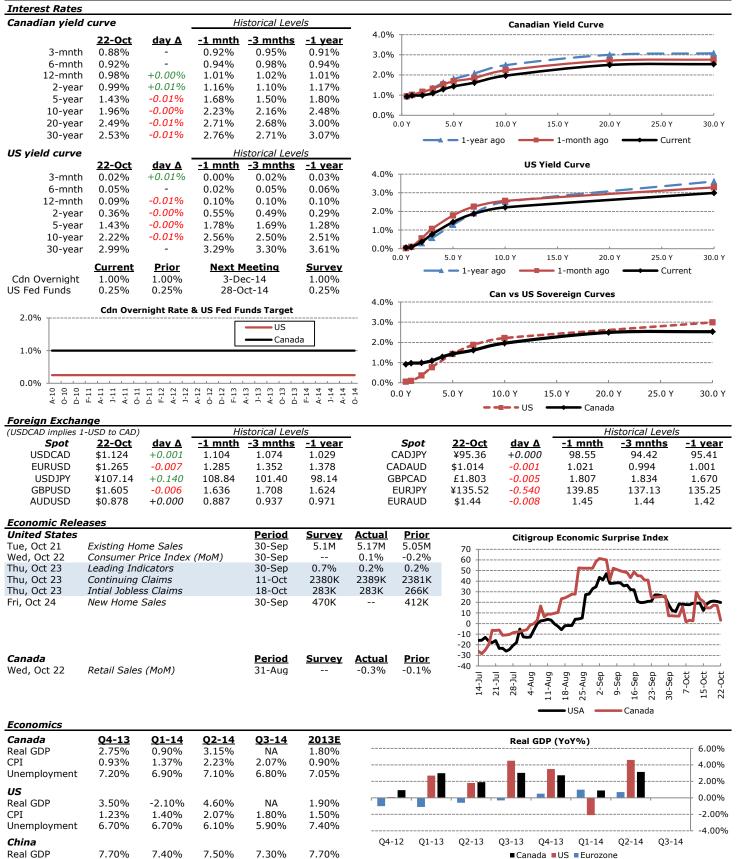
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