

# The Daily Roll

Market Recap November 4, 2014



#### Today's Commentary

Markets in North America dipped slightly at Monday's close, on the back of a continued slump in oil prices that is negatively impacting profit margins of energy firms. The Dow fell 24.28 (0.14%) to 17,366.24 as shares of Chevron Corp. and Exxon Mobil Corp. slipped 2.6% and 1.5% respectively. The S&P 500 remained almost flat, down only 0.24 (0.01%) to 2,017.81 while the TSX shed 75.70 (0.52%) to 14,537.62. Crude oil futures for delivery in December slumped 2.2% to \$78.78 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange, closing below \$80 for the first time since 2012 amid price reductions by Saudi Arabia on oil sold to the States. If history has anything to say, today's mid-term elections in the US will likely be supportive of markets. Recent polls indicate that the Republicans will gain more seats in the Senate, setting the stage for a political agenda that has historically favoured markets.

Stephen Poloz, the Governor of the Bank of Canada spoke on Canadian inflation yesterday. Poloz made dovish statements that the Bank is more concerned about controlling lower than expected inflation and weak growth than it is about a jump to higher inflation and growth. This suggests that the BOC has no intention of tightening monetary policy anytime soon. Inflation in Canada is currently around 2%, which is within the BOC's target band of 1%-3%. Poloz stated that global rates would likely remain lower for a prolonged period of time due to the current issues facing the global economy, including geopolitical uncertainties, slow growth, and volatility. The BOC has estimated that the Canadian economy will take another 2 years to fully recover, and believes that while exports lost during the postfinancial crisis period will not recover, new companies will emerge to fill the gap.

Eastern members of the EU may be forced to cut interest rates due to downside pressure from low inflation, slow growth, and ECB stimulus. Members outside the Eurozone are facing even weaker growth prospects, as well as looming deflation as the ECB's asset purchase program causes their currencies to appreciate against the weakening Euro. Romania is projected to lower its benchmark rate to an all time low of 2.75% tomorrow, while Poland is expected to reduce its rate a quarter of a point to 1.75% this Wednesday in a bid to avoid appreciation and the accompanying loss of competitiveness. The Czech Republic plans to keep their benchmark rate close to zero at 0.05% as it meets near the end of this week.The ECB meets again on November 6th, and is still under pressure to increase the amount of deflation-warding stimulus after it started its new round of asset purchases in October.

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#### Today's Major Economic Releases

United States	Period	Survey	<u>Actual</u>	Prior
Factory Orders	30-Sep	-0.6%	-10.1%	10.5%
Trade Balance	31-Oct	-40.2B	-40.1B	-40.5B
ADP Employment Change	31-Oct	219.5K		213K

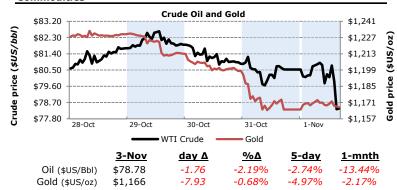
 Canada
 Period
 Survey
 Actual
 Prior

 None Scheduled

## Equities



#### Commodities



#### Foreign Exchange **Exchange Rates** 1.280 (\$n\$) 0.900 1.270 EURUSD (\$US) 0.890 1.260 CADUSD 0.880 1.250 0.870 1.240 28-Oct 29-Oct 30-Oct 31-Oct 1-Nov • CADUSD EURUSD

#### Interest Rates Government 10-year Yields 2.60 2.09 2.07 2.50 Canada (%) 2.05 2.40 2.03 2.30 2.20 28-Oct 29-Oct 30-Oct 31-Oct 3-Nov Canada US

	(USDCAD in	nplies \$1-USD to	Historical levels				
	Spot	3-Nov	day ∆	-5 days	<u>-1 mnth</u>	-1 year	
	USDCAD	\$1.136	+0.009	1.125	1.116	1.042	
_	EURUSD	\$1.248	-0.004	1.270	1.267	1.349	
(%)	USDJPY	¥114.05	+1.730	107.820	108.42	98.67	
) sn				Historical levels			
		<u>3-Nov</u>	day ∆	-1 mnth	-3 mnths	-1 year	
	Canada	2.04%	-0.006%	2.09%	2.11%	2.50%	

0.007%

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6-months

12-months

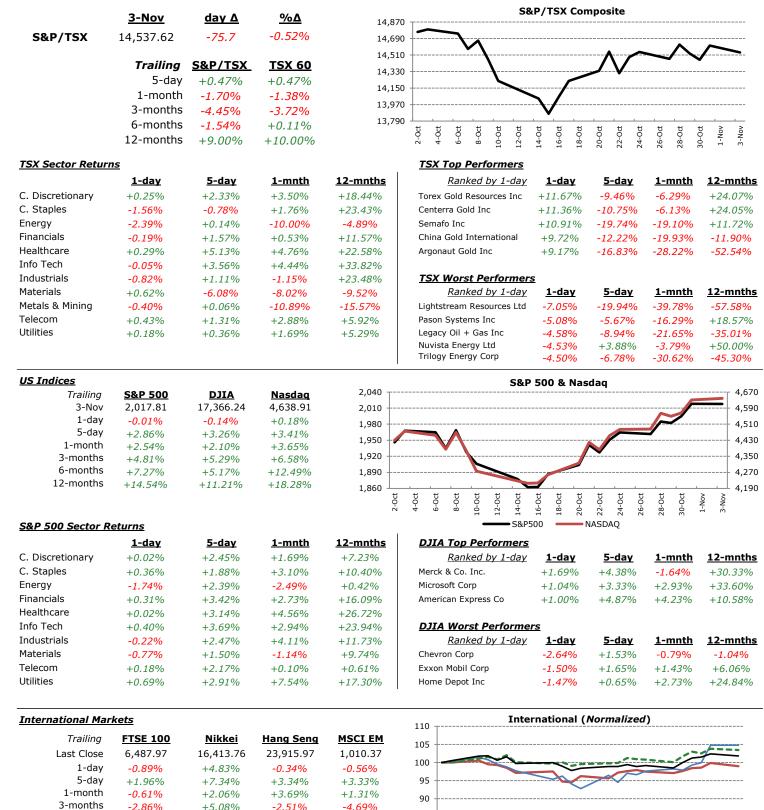
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+2.87%

+13.31%

+14.56%

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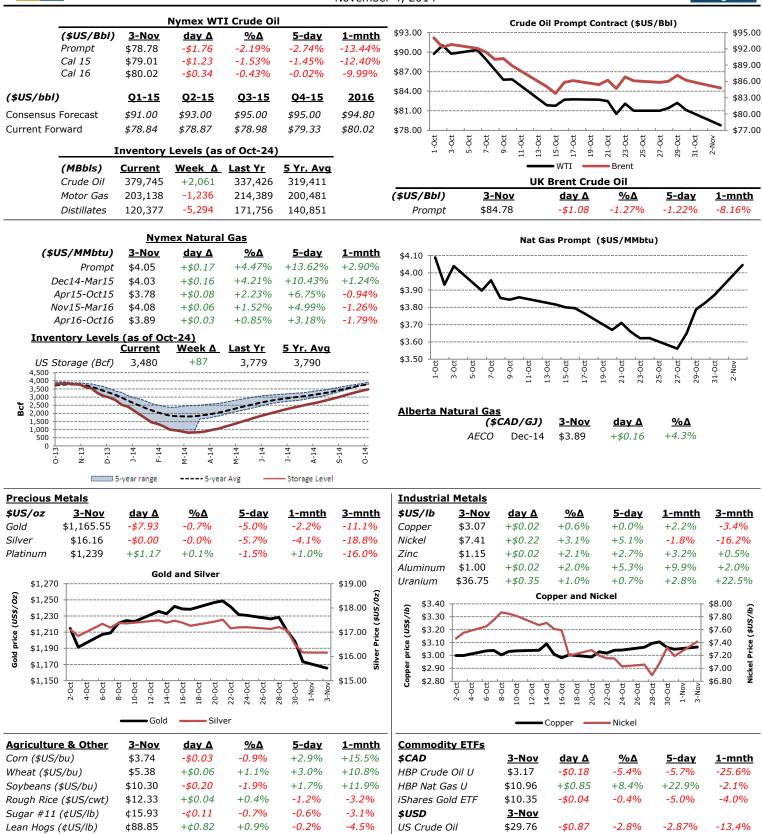
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US Nat Gas

PSDB Agriculture

PSDB Base Metals

+\$0.84

-\$0.04

+\$0.14

\$21.12

\$25.62

\$17.37

11.10%

-0.39%

2.42%

-0.8%

-0.8%

+4.1%

+4.1%

-0.2%

+0.8%

+0.7%

+2.8%

-7.8%

-0.5%

+0.9%

-3.3%

+0.6%

-0.3%

+0.1%

¢167.05

\$0.64

\$324.50

Live Cattle (¢US/lb)

Cotton No.2 (\$US/Ib) Lumber (\$US/Mbft)  $+ \pm 1.00$ 

-\$0.00

+\$0.40

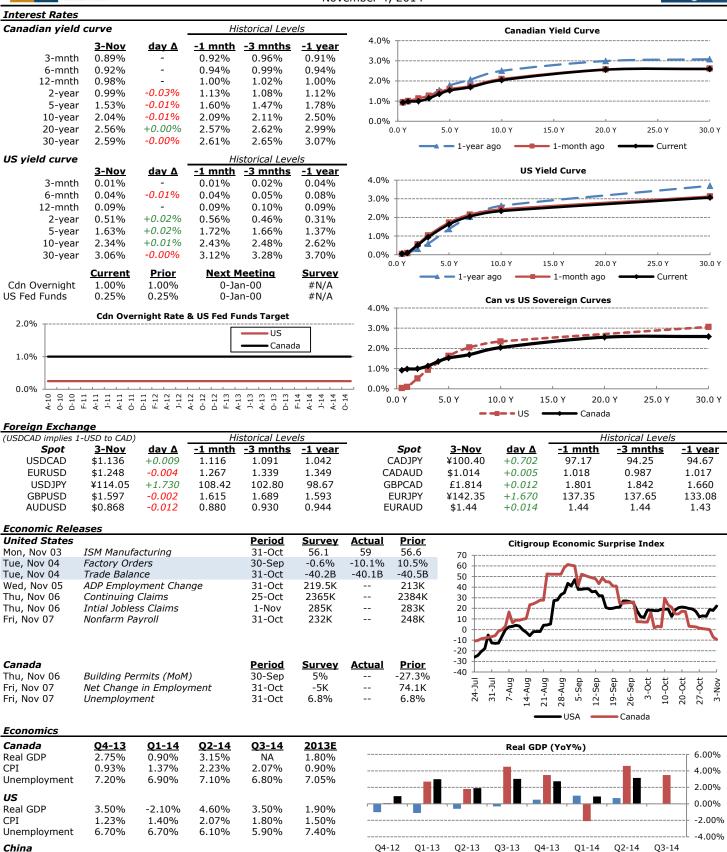
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7.70%

7.40%

7.50%

7.30%

7.70%

Real GDP

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■ Canada ■ US ■ Eurozone