

The Daily Roll

Market Recap November 18, 2014



1.260

1.255

2.70%

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Today's Commentary

North American markets closed with little change yesterday, while the VIX rose 5.11% to 13.99. This is due in part to concerns over Japan's recession and the falling prices of small-cap stocks, though optimism about the maintenance of accommodative monetary policy in the face of slowing global growth has helped to counteract this negativity. The TSX gained 39.40 (0.27%) moving to 14.882.50, and the Dow was up 13.01 (0.07%) moving to 17.647.74. The S&P 500 rose 1.50(0.07%) to 2,041.32. Oil fell yesterday to \$75.64, suggesting a larger probability of a supply cut by OPEC. The yield on US 10s rosel 2 bps to 2.34%, while the yield on Canadian 10s fell 1 bps to 2.02%.

European stocks rallied yesterday on Mario Draghi's response to questions posed during his quarterly meeting with European law-makers. He cited that "other unconventional [monetary policy] measures might entail the purchase of a variety of assets, one of which is government bonds." The Stoxx 50 gained 0.81% yesterday, while periphery Eurozone debt such as Spanish and Italian bonds rose for the first time in three days, as 10 year yields fell 1 bps and 3 bps respectively, despite already hovering at record lows. It remains to be seen whether the ECB is within its mandate to implement such an intervention, given dissent from German policymakers, who argue the benefits of additional asset purchases do not merit the costs. Economists and policymakers are in agreement however, that monetary policy has shown declines in marginal benefit, when it is not coupled with necessary structural and fiscal reforms. Mislav Matejka, a JPMorgan London-based equity strategist, advises clients to be overweight in European equities given forecasts for a lengthy accommodative monetary environment.

Even as the Fed's QE3 program ended last month, pushing the Fed's balance sheet to a record \$4.49 trillion, research from the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco indicates the influx of currency is "far from causing excess inflation". Prices are expected to grow slowly through to the end of 2016, and will very likely remain below the 2% inflation rate target. Underinvestment and underutilization of resources, due to leftover effects from the financial crisis, are being blamed for the slow inflation growth. This gives the Fed more flexibility in terms of increases to the federal funds rate, which has been at a record low of 0-0.25% since December 2008. Minneapolis Fed President Narayana Kocherlakota does not expect inflation to rise to the 2% goal, until at least 2018. The Fed has been criticised by some for ending bond buying in October, as it has been a stabilizing force keeping inflation from falling further. Low levels of inflation may continue to defy investors expecting a bearish bond market.

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Today's Major Economic Releases

United States Period Survey Actual Prior None Scheduled

Canada **Period** Survey **Actual Prior** None Scheduled

Interest Rates Government 10-year Yields 2.09 2.37 2.07 2.35 2.05



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Equities



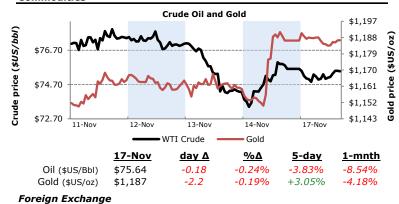
Commodities

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Exchange Rates 0.887 0.885 0.883



	Spot	<u>17-Nov</u>	<u>day ∆</u>	<u>-5 days</u>	<u>-1 mnth</u>	-1 year
	USDCAD	\$1.131	+0.002	1.138	1.128	1.044
	EURUSD	\$1.245	-0.007	1.242	1.276	1.350
	USDJPY	¥116.65	+0.360	114.860	106.88	100.19
,	Government 10-year Yields			Historical levels		
		17-Nov	<u>day ∆</u>	<u>-1 mnth</u>	-3 mnths	-1 year
	Canada	2.02%	-0.011%	1.95%	2.07%	2.56%

0.019%

Rotman Finance Association

2.34%



United States

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6-months

12-months

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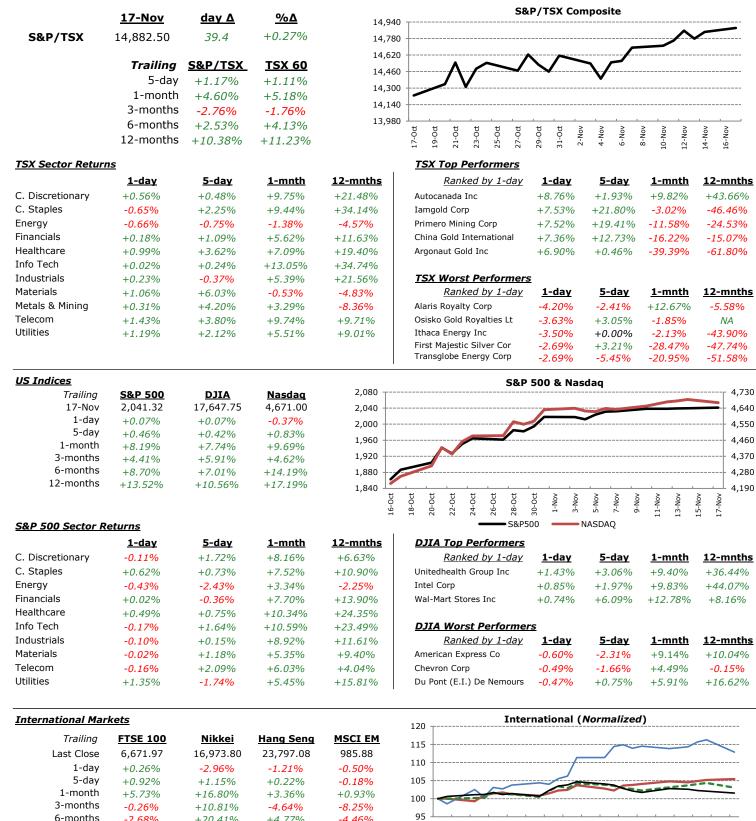
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18-Oct 20-0ct

16-0ct

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24-Oct

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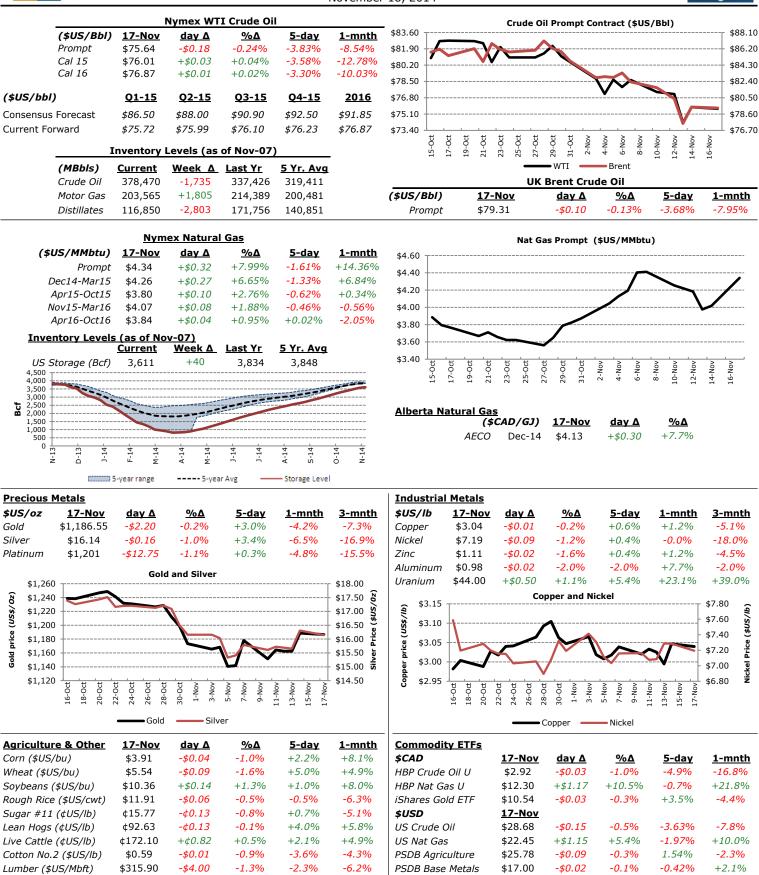
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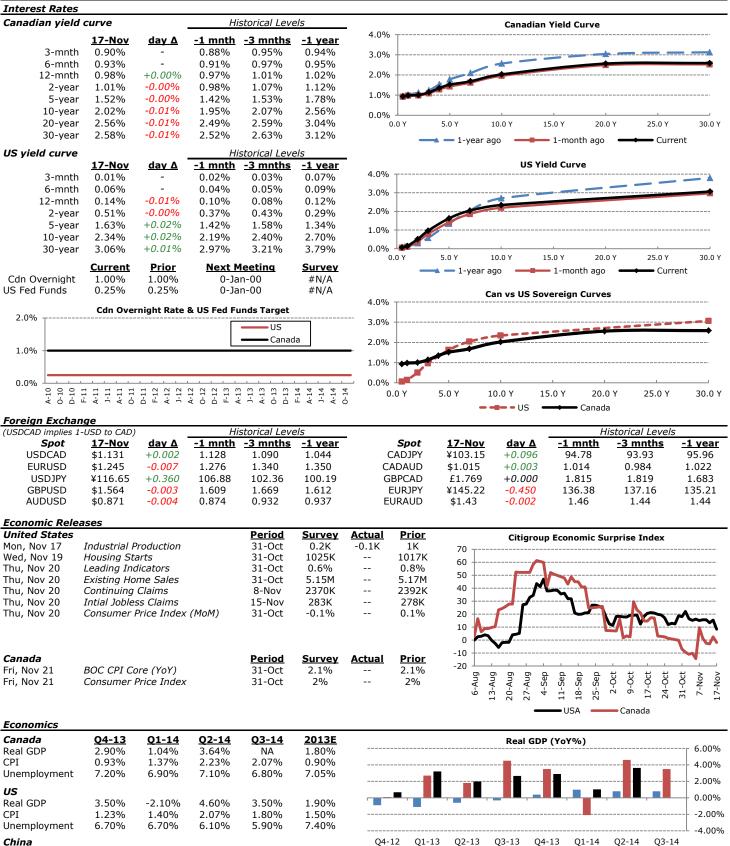
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7.50%

7.30%

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Real GDP

■ Canada ■ US ■ Eurozone