

The Daily Roll

Market Recap January 21, 2015



Today's Commentary

American markets closed in slightly positive territory yesterday, as the gains in the technology sector offset IMF concerns over slowing global growth. Yahoo and Apple jumped more than 2%, Netflix surged 13%, while the IMF cut its global growth forecast for 2015 to 3.5%, down from 3.8%. The Dow rose 3.66 (0.02%) to 17,515.23 and the S&P 500 rose 3.13 (0.15%) to 2,022.55. In contrast, Canadian markets closed with a slightly negative change, as the slump in energy shares offset gains in the mining sector. The TSX fell 2.06 (0.03%) to 14,308.44. Data released yesterday showed that Canadian factory sales dropped by 1.4%, significantly more than the 0.7% decline forecasted. The Governor of the Bank of Canada, Stephen Poloz, will be releasing a decision on interest rates and his latest estimates for inflation and growth today; the poor manufacturing data likely adds to investor bets of a dovish tone from the Governor. The yield on American 10s rose 1bps to 1.80%, while the Canadian 10s fell 3bps to 1.49%.

Standard & Poor's is expected to be suspended from securities rating and suffer a \$60 million fine today, after coming to a settlement with the US Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). The settlement comes after SEC scrutiny of S&P's rating practices in 2011, as it was suspected of altering its rating standards to attract business. Securities rating is one of S&P's most profitable businesses, and the suspension will ban them from rating securities which have been created from bundles of loans tied to commercial properties, which is the largest part of that market. S&P is also facing a lawsuit from the US Justice Department regarding the rating of mortgage backed securities it rated before the 2008 credit crisis, and is expected to cost McGraw Hill, it's parent company, an additional \$1 billion in fines.

The S&P BSE Sensex, a benchmark equity gauge for the Indian stock market, rose 1.98% yesterday and has continued a bull run into 2015 after having posted over 30% returns in 2014. The latest surge comes on the back of an IMF report which projects that India will surpass China as the fastest growing major economy in the world by 2017. China's growth is expected to decelerate to 6.3% in 2016 while India's growth is estimated to reach 6.5% in the fiscal year through March 2017. The slide in crude oil has helped India keep inflation in check, allowing room for monetary easing that will reduce financing costs of firms and will further buoy equity markets. Under leadership of Narendra Modi, many analysts believe India is on steady path towards structural reforms and fiscal consolidation that will boost economic growth.

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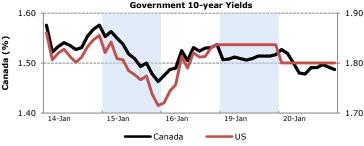
Today's Major Economic Releases

Master of Financial Economics Program

United States	Period	Survey	<u>Actual</u>	Prior
Housing Starts		1040K		1028K
Continuing Claims		2400K		2424K
Intial Jobless Claims		300K		316K

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

None Scheduled Interest Rates Government 10-year Yields



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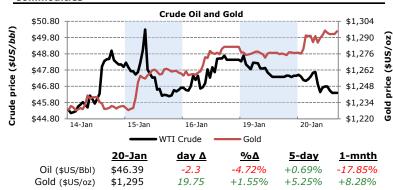
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Equities



Commodities



Foreign Exchange



	(USDCAD implies \$1-USD to CAD)			Historical levels			
	Spot	20-Jan	day ∆	-5 days	<u>-1 mnth</u>	-1 year	
	USDCAD	\$1.211	+0.017	1.196	1.163	1.095	
_	EURUSD	\$1.155	-0.006	1.177	1.234	1.355	
8	USDJPY	¥118.82	+1.260	117.930	118.65	104.18	
S				Historical levels			
		20-Jan	<u>day ∆</u>	-1 mnth	-3 mnths	-1 year	
	Canada	1.49%	-0.030%	1.81%	1.96%	2.49%	

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United States

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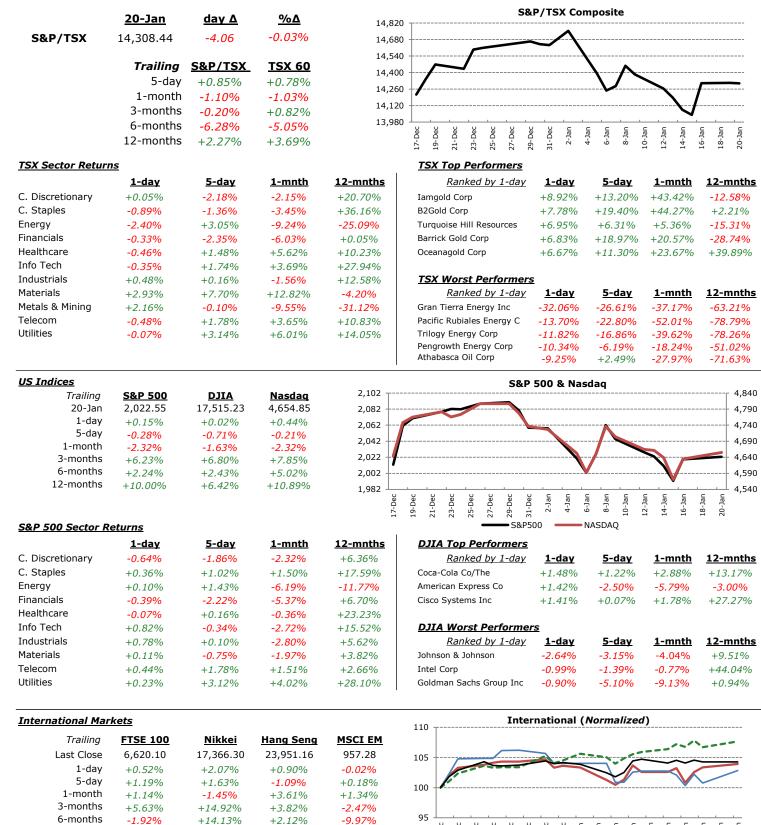
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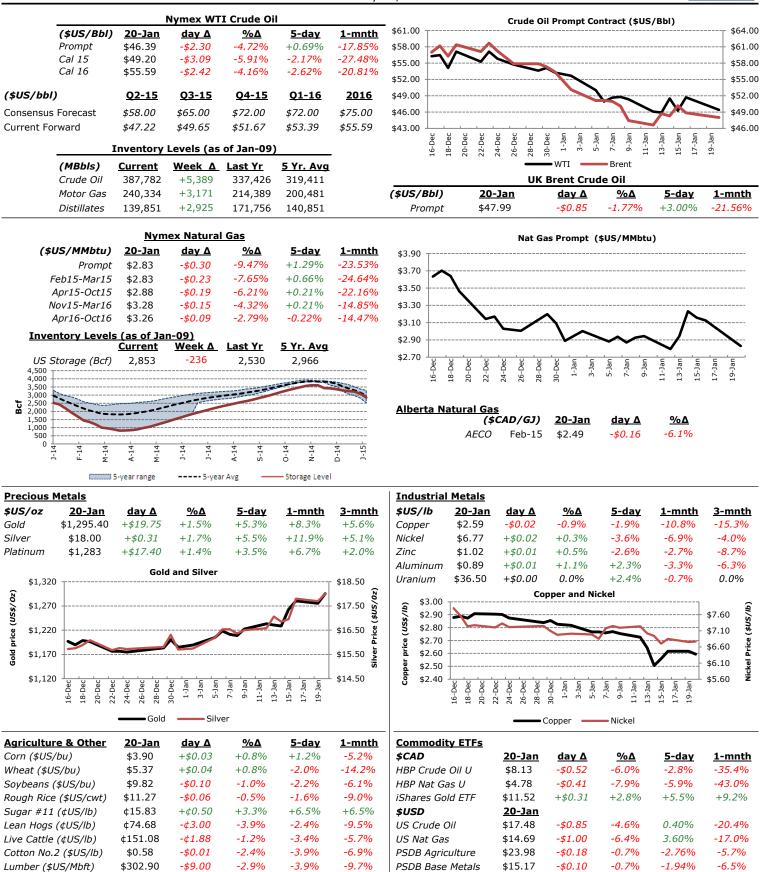
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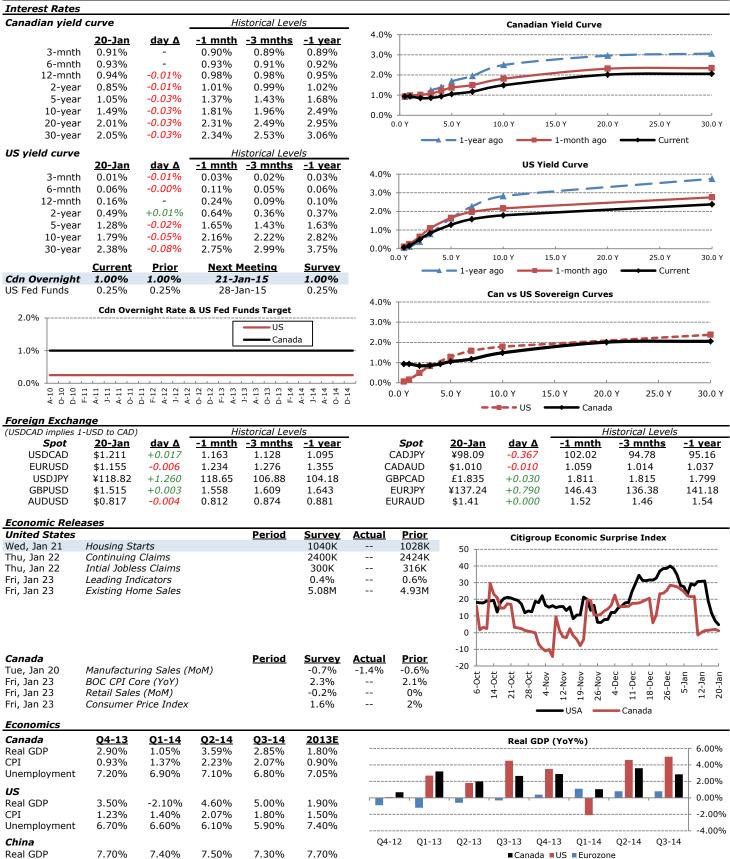
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