

The Daily Roll

Market Recap February 20, 2015



Today's Commentary

North American markets were down yesterday as energy shares declined with the price of oil, which lost \$0.98 to \$51.16. Wal-Mart slashed its sales outlook due to the stronger dollar, dragging shares down 3.2% and weighing on the Dow, as it lost 44.08 (0.24%) to 17,985.77, while the S&P 500 cut 2.23 (0.11%) to 2,097.45. The S&P energy index fell 0.8%, with Exxon Mobil losing 1.7%. The TSX also dipped 32.42 (0.21%) to 15,180.33 with four of its ten sectors falling. In contrast, the NASDAQ rose for the 7th day in a row, boosted by Priceline Group, which rose 8.5% due to better than expected quarterly earnings. The yield on US 10s rose 3bps to 2.11%, while Canadian 10s were unchanged at 1.47%.

Euro area finance ministers resume negotiations today on Greece's bailout agreement, as European markets have continued to act complacent in hopes of an eventual compromise. The Stoxx Europe 600 gained 0.3% while the benchmark Athens index rose 1%. A first Greek proposal for a six-month extension of its loan agreement with the EU/IMF was publicly rejected yesterday by German officials, yet the proposal marks an encouraging step forward in the negotiations. The letter sent by Greek Finance Minister Yanis Varoufakis was referred to as a 'Trojan Horse' by German delegates who concluded that it sought bridge financing without meeting the requirements of the original bailout programme, opening the door for potential shirking of Greece's commitments. A reported amicable conversation between Angela Merkel and Alexis Tsipras yesterday, along with fears of a Greek bank run, swayed markets towards the inclination that a possible deal could be on the horizon.

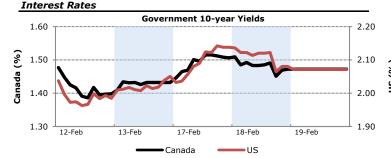
In its mission to seek annualized inflation of 2%, the Bank of Japan has been purchasing as much as \$100 billion in bonds a month, which is over 90% of government issued debt. The vast purchasing program has also increased Japanese government bonds (JGBs) volatility to its highest in almost a year, as a swing from a record low last month to a three month high is making investors wary. "Yields are at unprecedented levels and there's a risk of volatility climbing" said Kato, formerly a vice finance minister for international affairs in Japan. This is causing the yen to depreciate, falling to a seven year low last quarter when the BOJ expanded its stimulus, as investors seek safer bets elsewhere. Even as stimulus weakens the yen, strong export numbers are strengthening it by lowering Japan's current account deficit. The Bank looks poised to continue the program, but stands ready to alter its behaviour as other inflationary pressures, namely the price of oil, also change.

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Today's Major Economic Releases

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

Canada	<u>Period</u>	Survey	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Prior</u>
Retail Sales (MoM)	31-Dec	-0.4%		0.4%



Equities



Crude Oil and Gold \$54.10 \$1,239 Crude price (*\$US/bbl*) \$53.30 \$1,232 \$52.50 \$51.70 \$1,218 \$1,211 \$50.90 \$50.10 \$1,204 Gold \$49.30 \$1.197 13-Feb 18-Feb 16-Feb WTI Crude Gold day A %Δ 19-Feb 5-day 1-mnth

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 Oil (\$US/Bbl)
 \$51.16
 -0.98
 -1.88%
 +4.75%
 +10.09%

 Gold (\$US/oz)
 \$1,207
 -5.67
 -0.47%
 -1.26%
 -6.84%

Foreign Exchange



	(USDCAD in	nplies \$1-USD to	o CAD)	Hi	storical leve	ls		
	Spot	<u>19-Feb</u>	<u>day ∆</u>	-5 days	<u>-1 mnth</u>	-1 year		
	USDCAD	\$1.250	+0.004	1.263	1.211	1.108		
_	EURUSD	\$1.137	-0.003	1.134	1.155	1.373		
(%)	USDJPY	¥118.95	+0.160	120.460	118.82	102.31		
S	Governm	ent 10-year Y	'ields	Historical levels				
		<u>19-Feb</u>	day ∆	-1 mnth	-3 mnths	-1 year		
	Canada	1.47%	-0.001%	1.49%	2.01%	2.44%		

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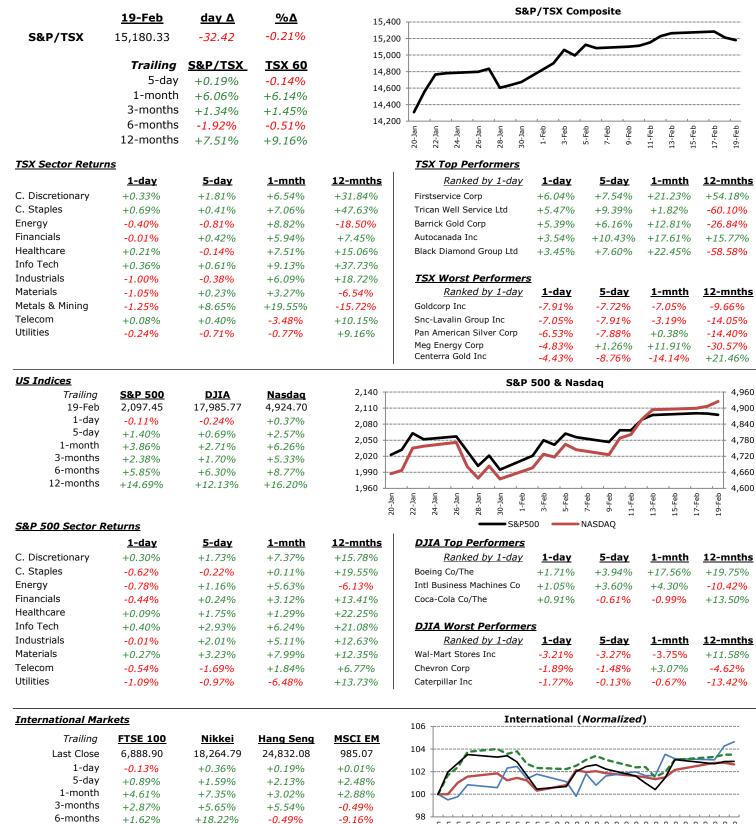


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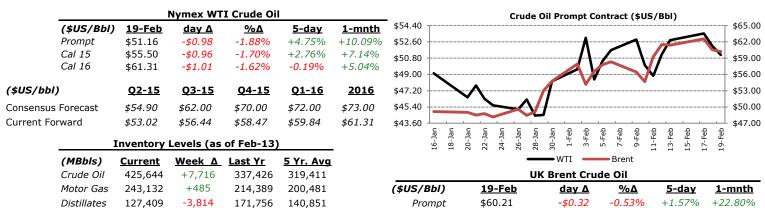
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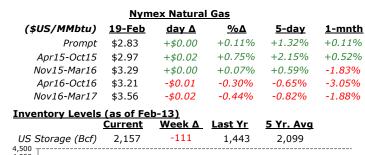
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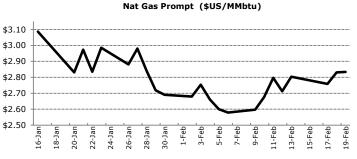
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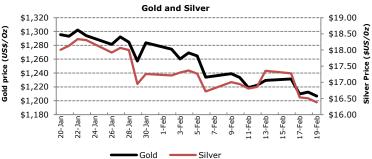
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Precious	<u>metais</u>					
\$US/oz	<u>19-Feb</u>	day ∆	<u>%∆</u>	<u>5-day</u>	1-mnth	3-mnth
Gold	\$1,206.77	-\$5.67	-0.5%	-1.3%	-6.8%	+0.7%
Silver	\$16.38	-\$0.12	-0.7%	-2.8%	-9.0%	-0.8%
Platinum	\$1,172	-\$3.05	-0.3%	-2.3%	-8.6%	-4.5%

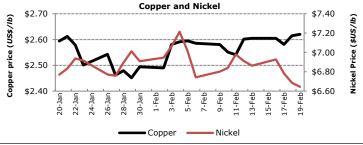
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Agriculture & Other	19-Feb	day Δ	<u>%∆</u>	5-day	1-mnth
Corn (\$US/bu)	\$3.98	+\$0.06	+1.5%	+1.7%	+0.5%
Wheat (\$US/bu)	\$5.20	-\$0.04	-0.8%	-0.0%	-3.8%
Soybeans (\$US/bu)	\$10.11	+\$0.12	+1.2%	+2.5%	+2.2%
Rough Rice (\$US/cwt)	\$11.03	-\$0.08	-0.7%	+4.4%	-5.1%
Sugar #11 (¢US/lb)	¢14.64	-¢0.37	-2.5%	-1.8%	-9.1%
Lean Hogs (¢US/lb)	¢67.05	+¢2.83	+4.4%	+4.0%	-9.7%
Live Cattle (¢US/lb)	¢151.50	-¢1.13	-0.7%	+0.2%	-0.2%
Cotton No.2 (\$US/lb)	\$0.65	-\$0.01	-1.0%	+3.0%	+9.9%
Lumber (\$US/Mbft)	\$296.40	-\$2.00	-0.7%	-3.8%	-4.2%

<u>Industrial</u>	Metals					
\$US/Ib	<u> 19-Feb</u>	<u>day ∆</u>	<u>%∆</u>	<u>5-day</u>	1-mnth	3-mnth
Copper	\$2.62	+\$0.01	+0.2%	+0.7%	+1.0%	-11.5%
Nickel	\$6.65	-\$0.04	-0.6%	-3.8%	-1.8%	-13.8%
Zinc	\$1.03	-\$0.01	-1.0%	-1.3%	+0.6%	-8.6%
Aluminum	\$0.88	+\$0.00	0.0%	0.0%	-1.1%	-12.9%
Uranium	\$38.40	+\$0.00	0.0%	+1.7%	+5.2%	-4.0%



Commodity ETFs					
\$CAD	<u>19-Feb</u>	day ∆	%Δ	<u>5-day</u>	1-mnth
HBP Crude Oil U	\$9.31	-\$0.87	-8.5%	+5.9%	+14.5%
HBP Nat Gas U	\$4.52	+\$0.23	+5.4%	+0.7%	-5.4%
iShares Gold ETF	\$10.76	-\$0.03	-0.3%	-0.8%	-6.6%
\$USD	<u>19-Feb</u>				
US Crude Oil	\$19.10	-\$0.16	-0.8%	3.19%	+4.2%
US Nat Gas	\$14.45	+\$0.09	+0.6%	0.35%	-7.9%
PSDB Agriculture	\$23.35	-\$0.04	-0.2%	0.52%	-3.4%
PSDB Base Metals	\$15.03	-\$0.05	-0.3%	0.13%	-1.6%

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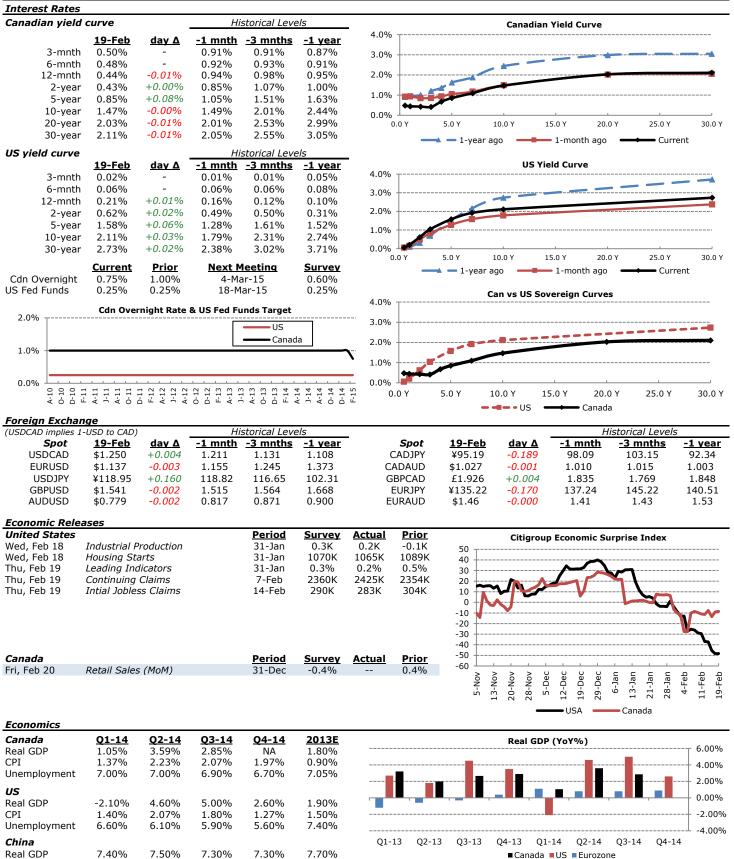
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