

# The Daily Roll

Market Recap March 9, 2015



#### Today's Commentary

Friday was a hard drop for markets, as stronger than expected US job reports raised concerns of an accelerated Fed rate hike. The Dow plunged 278.94 (1.54%) to 17,856.78, while the S&P 500 fell 29.78 (1.42%) closing the week at 2,071.26. The drastic drop of both indices may indicate investors are pricing a June rate cut. The TSX was also affected, dropping to its lowest level in over a month, as it lost 150.61 (1.00%) to close at 14,952.50 with nine of ten main sectors in the red. A strengthening US dollar and positive employment data also caused a drop in the price of gold which fell 2.6% to \$1,167 an ounce, and raised the yield on US and Canadian 10s which rose 13bps and 8bps respectively. Oil suffered a 2.27% drop on Friday as the supply glut continues, closing the week at \$49.61 a barrel, 0.3% down from last weeks close.

The US payrolls report for January released Friday indicated a strengthening job market, as American nonfarm payrolls rose by 295,000, beating estimates of 235,000. As a result, the unemployment rate fell to 5.5%, down from 5.7% last month and the lowest level in over 7 years. After the release, American bond yields rose and the USD appreciated against the world's major currencies, hitting an 11year high. The USD appreciated to less than \$1.09 per euro, while the yen depreciated to more than 120 yen per USD. According to trading in futures contracts, the chance that the Fed would raise the interest rate by September increased from 49% to 60% from a day earlier. According to Bruce Mccain, chief investment strategist at Key Private Bank, "Everyone was pretty soundly surprised by this. Any sign of undue strength will raise the spectre of rates climbing sooner than expected, and we were already expecting rates to rise this year.

Tensions in Greece are beginning to resurface, as a recent set of commitments sent to euro region finance ministers was disapproved. Eurogroup chairman Jeroen Dijsselbloem claimed the proposed measures to be "far from complete, and the country probably won't receive an aid disbursement this month." Greece is seeking aid of about 7 billion euros in order to meet financial obligations this month. Facing a slowdown in tax revenue, the Greek government is also requesting an increase in the 15 billion euro cap on the value of short-term Greek government debt national banks are permitted to buy, in order for the government to come up with the cash needed to service its debt. Such monetary financing on the other hand, is forbidden by the ECB. Investors should be on guard, as the Greek saga has the potential to become "serious, very quickly", said James Nixon, chief economist at Oxford Economics.

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#### Today's Major Economic Releases

United States **Period** Survey **Actual Prior** None Scheduled

Canada Period Survey Actual Prior Feb '15 179K 156K Housing Starts

187.3K

Government 10-year Yields

4-Mar Canada

#### **Equities**



#### **Crude Oil and Gold** \$52.70 \$1,227 (ppl \$52.00 \$1,216 /sn\$) \$51.30 \$1,205 \$50.60 \$1,194 price ( \$49.90 \$1,183 Crude \$1,172 \$49.20 Gold \$48.50 \$1,161 2-Mai 4-Mar 5-Mai 6-Mar 3-Mar WTI Crude Gold

6-Mar %Δ 1-mnth day  $\Delta$ 5-day Oil (\$US/BbI) \$49.61 -1.15-2.27%-0.30%+2.39% Gold (\$US/oz) \$1,167 -31.15 -2.60% -3.79% -8.04%

#### Foreign Exchange **Exchange Rates** 0.830 1.130 0.820 1.120 (\$N\$) (\$N\$) 0.810 1.110 CADUSD **EURUSD** 0.800 1.100 0.790 1.090 0.780 1.080 2-Mai 3-Mar 5-Mai 6-Mar CADUSD **EURUSD**



Government 10-year Yields			Historical levels		
	<u>6-Mar</u>	<u>dav ∆</u>	-1 mnth	-3 mnths	-1 year
Canada	1.61%	0.085%	1.27%	1.96%	2.51%
ited States	2.24%	0.126%	1.75%	2.31%	2.74%

### Master of Financial Economics Program

3-Mar



Interest Rates

1.50

1.40

1.20

2-Mar

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5-Mar

US

6-Mar

http://www.economics.utoronto.ca/index.php/index/mfe/

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Historical levels

-1 mnth

1.257

1.135

117.28

-1 year

1.099

1.386

103.07

http://www.rotmanfinanceassociation.com

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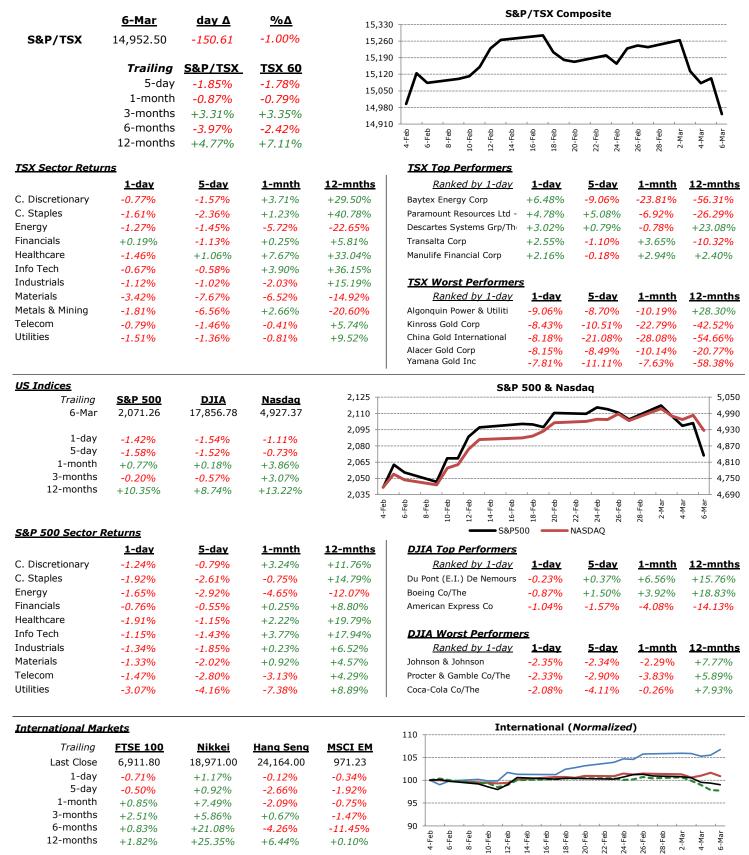
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# The Equities Roll

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Live Cattle (¢US/lb)

Lumber (\$US/Mbft)

Cotton No.2 (\$US/Ib)

¢154.65

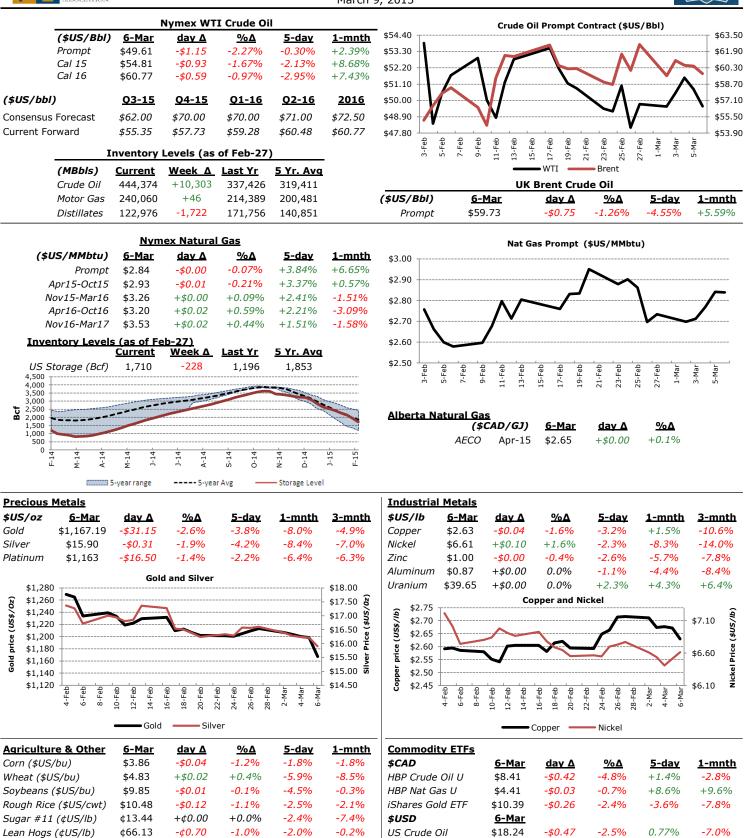
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### The Commodities Roll

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US Nat Gas

PSDB Agriculture

PSDB Base Metals

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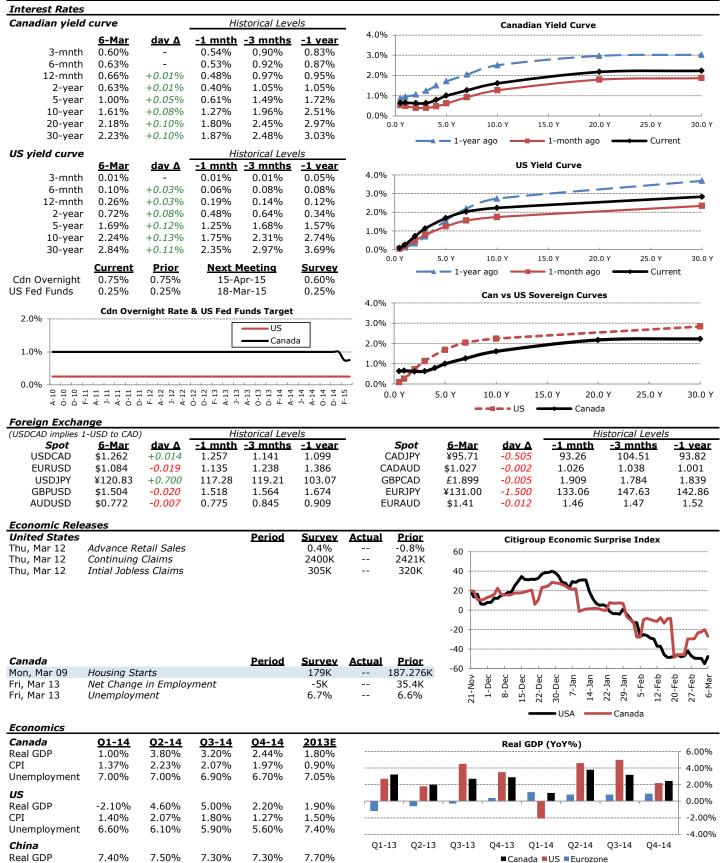
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## The Rates, FX, & Economics Roll

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