

The Daily Roll

Market Recap March 12, 2015

Today's Commentary

American stocks suffered more declines yesterday, as the biggest sell off of equities in over 2-months occurred. Consumer and technology companies dropped, offsetting an increase in bank equities. The Dow tumbled 27.55 (0.16%) to 17,635.39 and the S&P 500 dropped 3.92 (0.19%) to 2,040.24. Apple fell 1.8% to a 1-month low as Apple users experienced appstore and itunes outages on Wednesday, while Citigroup Inc. and Bank of America Corp. rebounded at least 2%. Oil also continued to fall, dropping \$0.12 to \$48.17 a barrel. In contrast, Canadian stocks closed in the green after hitting a 5-week low yesterday. Commodity producers and financial companies rebounded, pushing the TSX up 97.44 (0.67%) to 14,739.20. The yield on US 10s dropped 1bps to 2.10%, while the yield on Canadian 10s shed 4bps to 1.50%.

The unemployment rate in Australia surprised on the upside, clocking in at 6.3% for the month of February, beating expectations of 6.4%. A closer look at the data shows that a part of this improvement was due to lower labour force participation. Many analysts fear that similar to the case with Canada, the worst is yet to come in terms of a slowdown in GDP. The Australian economy is facing de-accelerating growth due to reduced investment in mining brought about by sinking commodity prices. Policymakers are attempting to revitalize growth via consumption and like many central banks around the world, the Reserve Bank of Australia cut rates last month. The Aussie dollar traded 0.2% lower versus the greenback immediately after the report. According to a Credit Suisse Group AG index based on swaps, traders have priced in two more reductions of the benchmark rate over the next year.

With South Korean inflation at its lowest level since before the start of millennium. South Korea's central bank has lowered its key interest rate to its lowest level ever The Bank of Korea (BOK) unexpectedly cut its seven-day repurchase rate by 25bps to 1.75% today, joining more than 20 other central banks globally who have done so this year. The South Korean won was weakened after the announcement, while Asian markets saw gains. Kim Moo Sung, head of the ruling Saenuri party, stated that quantitative easing was necessary to combat the global currency war inferred by the ECB's own easing program. Korean consumer price data released last week showed a 0.5% y/y inflation growth for February, while inflation for 2015 was cut from 2.4% to 1.9%. Exports also diminished 3.4%, prompting a 50bps cut of expected growth for South Korea to 3.4% for the year. The BOK will meet again in April to further revise

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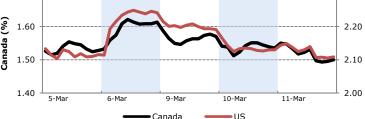
Today's Major Economic Releases

United States	Period	Survey	Actual	Prior
Advance Retail Sales		0.3%		-0.8%
Continuing Claims		2400K		2421K
Intial Jobless Claims		305K		320K

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

None Scheduled

Interest Rates Government 10-year Yields 1.70 2.30



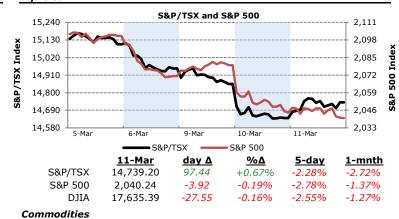
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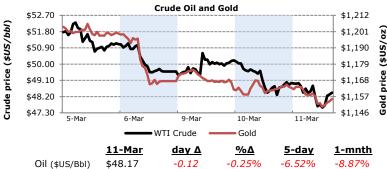


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Equities





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-3.75%

-6.75%

Gold (\$US/oz) Foreign Exchange



(USDCAD in	nplies \$1-USD to	Historical levels			
Spot	<u> 11-Mar</u>	day ∆	-5 days	<u>-1 mnth</u>	-1 year
USDCAD	\$1.275	+0.006	1.243	1.247	1.111
EURUSD	\$1.055	-0.015	1.108	1.133	1.386
USDJPY	¥121.45	+0.320	119.680	118.64	103.02

Government 10-year Yields						
	day ∆					
Canada	1.50%	-0.035%				
United States	2.11%	-0.021%				

\$1,155

Hi	Historical levels						
-1 mnth	-3 mnths	-1 year					
1.44%	1.83%	2.49%					
1.98%	2.16%	2.77%					

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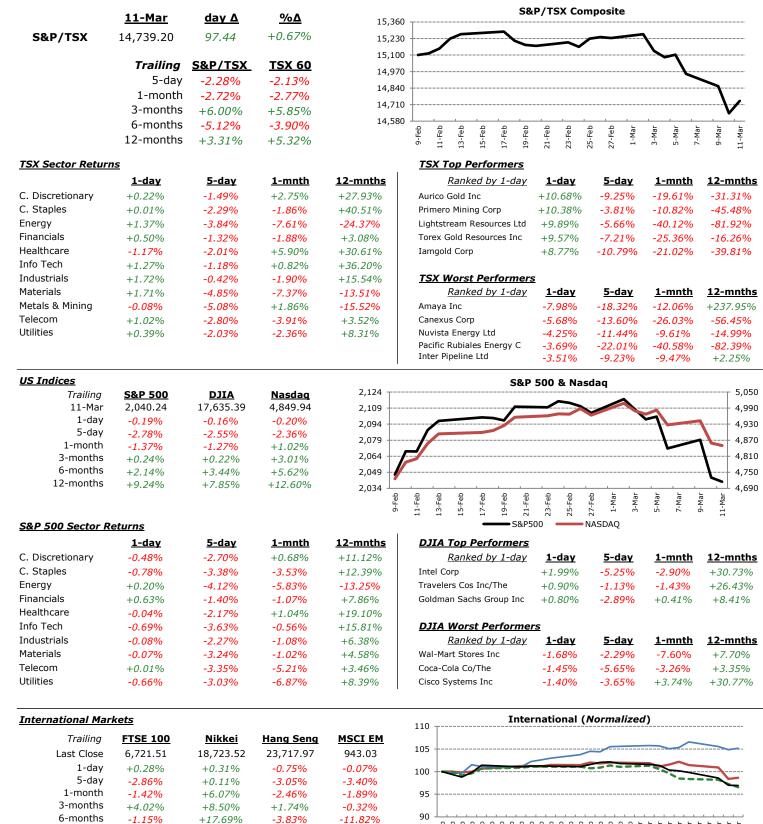
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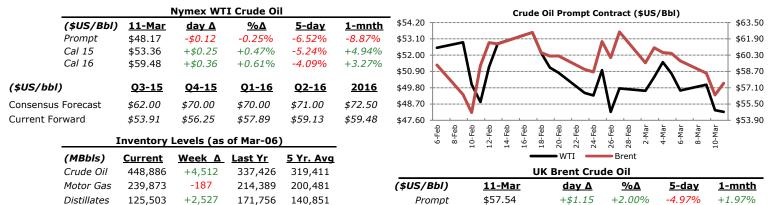


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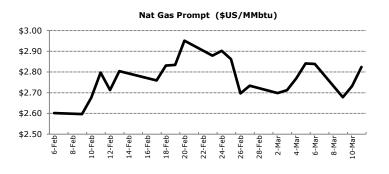
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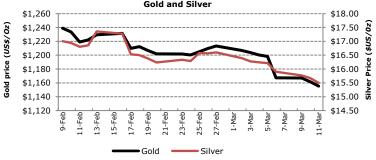
<u>Nymex Natural Gas</u>								
(\$US/MMbtu)	<u> 11-Mar</u>	day ∆	<u>%∆</u>	<u>5-day</u>	1-mnth			
Prompt	\$2.82	+\$0.09	+3.37%	+1.99%	+8.74%			
Apr15-Oct15	\$2.90	+\$0.08	+2.84%	+1.35%	-3.17%			
Nov15-Mar16	\$3.22	+\$0.05	+1.45%	+0.24%	-4.83%			
Apr16-Oct16	\$3.16	+\$0.02	+0.70%	+0.11%	-5.85%			
Nov16-Mar17	\$3.50	+\$0.02	+0.47%	-0.07%	<i>-3.73%</i>			
Inventory Levels (as of Feb-27)								
	<u>Current</u>	<u>Week Δ</u>	<u>Last Yr</u>	<u>5 Yr. Avg</u>				
US Storage (Bcf)	1,710	-228	1,196	1,853				
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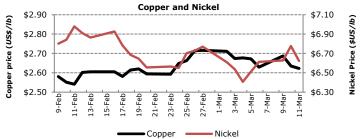
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Alberta Natural Gas								
	(\$CAD/GJ)		<u> 11-Mar</u>	<u>day ∆</u>	%Δ			
	AECO	Apr-15	\$2.66	+\$0.15	+5.9%			

Precious	<u>metais</u>							
\$US/oz	<u> 11-Mar</u>	day ∆	<u>%∆</u>	<u>5-day</u>	1-mnth	3-mnth		
Gold	\$1,155.31	-\$6.54	-0.6%	-3.7%	-6.8%	-3.5%		
Silver	\$15.50	-\$0.18	-1.1%	-4.6%	-8.8%	-1.4%		
Platinum	\$1,120	-\$9.80	-0.9%	-5.3%	-8.1%	-6.5%		
\$1,260\$18.00								



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Agriculture & Other	<u>11-Mar</u>	day ∆	<u>%∆</u>	<u>5-day</u>	1-mnth
Corn (\$US/bu)	\$3.91	+\$0.03	+0.8%	+0.4%	-1.3%
Wheat (\$US/bu)	\$4.99	+\$0.06	+1.2%	+0.6%	-4.5%
Soybeans (\$US/bu)	\$9.93	+\$0.08	+0.8%	-0.1%	+1.9%
Rough Rice (\$US/cwt)	\$10.74	+\$0.22	+2.0%	+0.1%	+2.4%
Sugar #11 (¢US/lb)	¢13.14	+¢0.12	+0.9%	-1.5%	-10.6%
Lean Hogs (¢US/lb)	¢76.20	-¢2.47	-3.1%	-6.6%	-4.3%
Live Cattle (¢US/lb)	¢155.60	+¢0.85	+0.5%	+1.0%	+1.2%
Cotton No.2 (\$US/lb)	\$0.60	-\$0.01	-0.9%	-5.1%	-4.1%
Lumber (\$US/Mbft)	\$281.60	-\$3.40	-1.2%	-2.6%	-10.7%

Commodity ETFs					
\$CAD	<u> 11-Mar</u>	day ∆	<u>%∆</u>	<u>5-day</u>	1-mnth
HBP Crude Oil U	\$8.00	-\$0.08	-1.0%	-12.4%	-20.5%
HBP Nat Gas U	\$4.34	+\$0.28	+6.9%	+2.8%	+12.1%
iShares Gold ETF	\$10.25	-\$0.09	-0.9%	-3.8%	-7.3%
\$USD	<u> 11-Mar</u>				
US Crude Oil	\$17.77	-\$0.14	-0.8%	-6.52%	-8.7%
US Nat Gas	\$14.33	+\$0.53	+3.8%	1.99%	+8.8%
PSDB Agriculture	\$22.41	-\$0.04	-0.2%	-1.49%	-4.2%
PSDB Base Metals	\$14.65	-\$0.12	-0.8%	-2.14%	-4.9%

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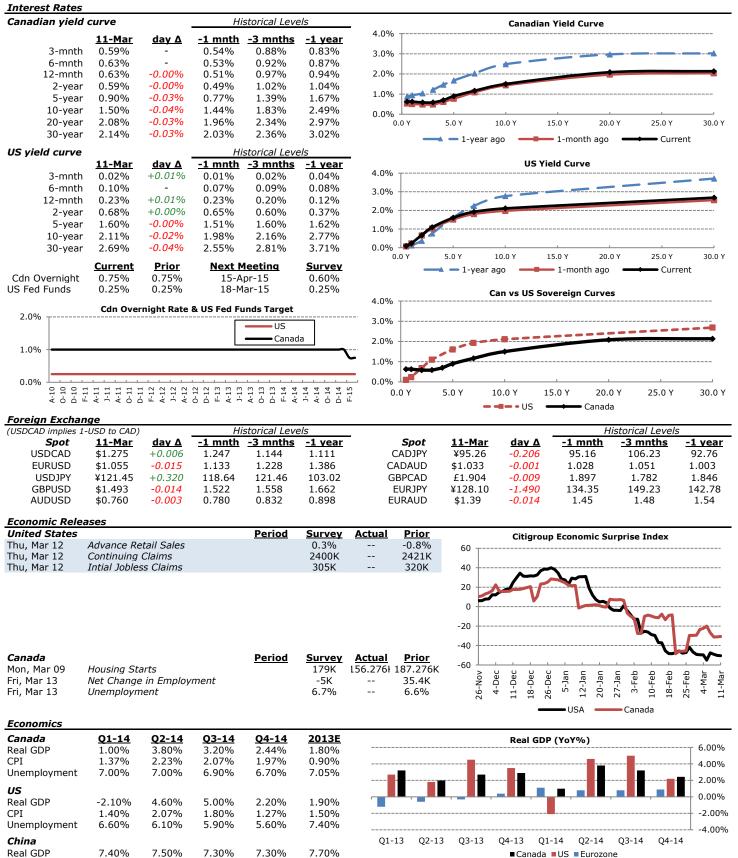
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