

The Daily Roll

Market Recap March 17, 2015



Today's Commentary

North American markets rose yesterday ahead of Wednesday's Federal Reserve meeting, which is expected to result in the Fed dropping the words "patient" from its forward guidance and solidify suspicions of a rate increase as early as June. The Dow rose 228.11 (1.29%) to 17,977.42, while the S&P 500 gained 27.79 (1.35%) closing at 2,081.19. Both American indices are now back in black for 2015, the second time they have crossed over this year. The TSX added 131.27 (0.89%) ending the day at 14,862.76 with nine of ten main sectors making gains, even as oil fled on oversupply hitting its lowest level in six years. Gold also declined 0.36% to \$1,154 an ounce, while US and Canadian 10s both lost 4bps in yield as investors saw Monday's bullish sentiment as a reason to buy riskier assets. Markets appear to have priced in rate increases for June and September, but the size of market fluctuations will depend on the speed and size of the Fed's rate increases.

US industrial production increased slightly in February, but was overshadowed by the fall in manufacturing output which suggested that US economic growth is being adversely affected by the strengthening USD and bad weather. US industrial production rose 0.1%, after falling 0.3% in January, falling short of the estimated 0.2% increase. The rise was due to a 7.3% jump in utilities output, as the cold weather increased demand for heating. Manufacturing output declined in most major industries, with sales of cars and parts falling 3%. Mining output fell for the 4th time in the last 5 months, losing 2.5%. This reflects the fall in coal mining, oil drilling and gas drilling, which have helped boost the economy in past years.

Crude oil ended at a 6-year low yesterday, falling a further 2.3% to \$43.81USD. US production has continued to climb in 2015, with the Fed's oil extraction index rising 0.4% in February m/m. US energy forecasts predict that in 2015, oil production in the nation will rise 8% from the previous year, despite a collapse seen in prices. Oil and gas drilling of new wells, as evidenced by the number of rigs in operation, has declined sharply, but analysts at Goldman Sachs believe the impact on supply won't be felt until later quarters. In the meantime, more efficient drilling has allowed for more oil extraction from fewer rigs, and more oil is being stored in tanks, as producers wait for prices to recover. Despite crude having gained some ground in February, still elevated US supply and speculation of a nuclear deal to end sanctions on Iran have stifled the recovery in the last few weeks.

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Today's Major Economic Releases

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United States	<u>Period</u>	Survey	<u>Actual</u>	Prior
Housing Starts		1040K	900K	1065K
Leading Indicators		0.2%		0.2%
Continuing Claims		2400K		2418K

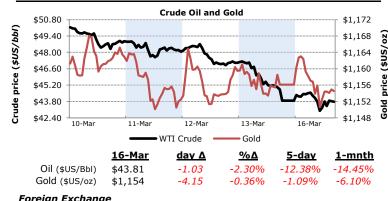
Canada	Period	Survey	Actual	Prior
Manufacturing Sales (MoM)		-1.15%	-1.7%	1.7%

Canada US

Equities



Commodities



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(USDCAD implies \$1-USD to CAD) Spot 16-Mar day ∆ USDCAD \$1.278 +0.000 EURUSD \$1.057 +0.007 USDJPY ¥121.39 -0.010

<u>-5 days</u>	<u>-1 mnth</u>	<u>-1 year</u>
1.260	1.251	1.111
1.085	1.140	1.391
121.150	119.11	101.36

Historical levels

Governm	nent 10-year Yields			
	<u> 16-Mar</u>	<u>day Δ</u>		
Canada	1.44%	-0.041%		
United States	2.07%	-0.040%		

	Historical levels				
-1	<u>mnth</u>	-3 mnths	-1 year		
1.	43%	1.75%	2.39%		
2.	05%	2.06%	2.65%		

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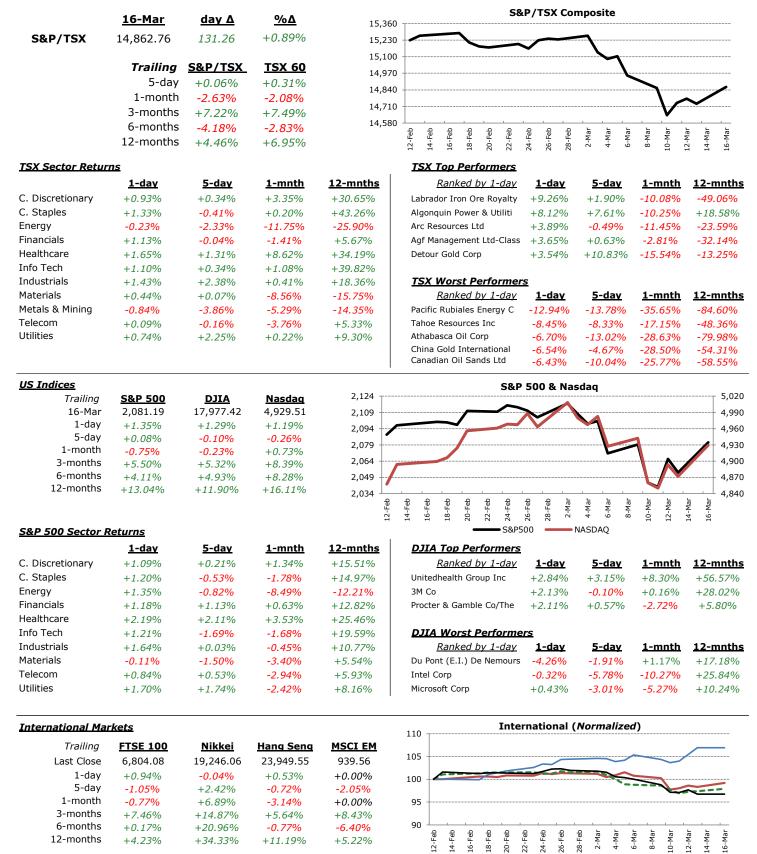
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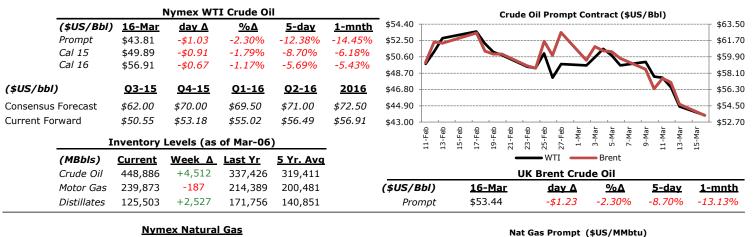
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(\$US/MMbtu)	16-Mar	day Δ	%∆	<u>5-day</u>	1-mnth	\$3.00
Prompt	\$2.74	+\$0.01	+0.48%	+2.32%	+1.00%	
Apr15-Oct15	\$2.83	+\$0.01	+0.36%	+2.03%	+2.01%	\$2.90
Nov15-Mar16	\$3.15	-\$0.01	-0.30%	+0.14%	-1.24%	
Apr16-Oct16	\$3.09	-\$0.02	-0.80%	-0.91%	-3.50%	\$2.80
Nov16-Mar17	\$3.43	-\$0.02	-0.57%	-0.84%	-3.79%	
Inventory Levels	s (as of Ma	ar-06)				\$2.70
	Current	Week D	Last Yr	<u>5 Yr. Avq</u>		
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per —— Nickel		
<u>day Δ</u> <u>%Δ</u>	<u>5-day</u>	1-mnth
\$0.39 -5.5%	-20.8%	-28.6%
-\$0.03 +0.7%	+2.8%	-2.2%
-\$0.02 +0.2%	-0.9%	-5.4%
\$0.45 -2.7%	-10.90%	-14.8%
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\$269.50

Live Cattle (¢US/lb)

Lumber (\$US/Mbft)

Cotton No.2 (\$US/Ib)

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US Nat Gas

PSDB Agriculture

PSDB Base Metals

\$13.89

\$22.26

\$14.83

+0.6%

+0.9%

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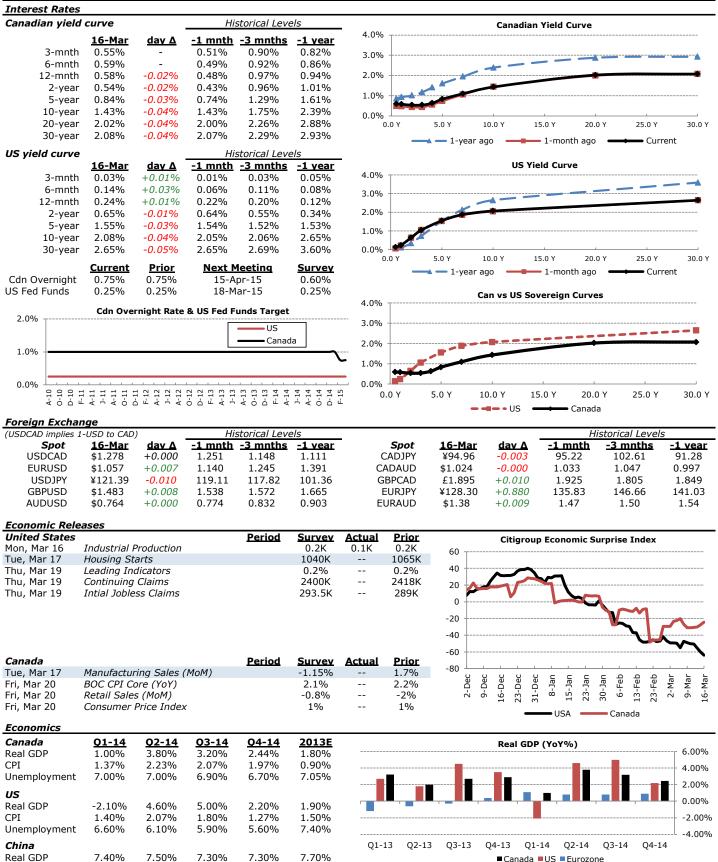
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