

The Daily Roll

Market Recap March 24, 2015



Today's Commentary

North American markets were tepid today as US indices were in slight decline after last week's gains, while Canadian commodity stocks rose on a depreciating greenback. The Dow shed 11.61 (0.06%) to 18,116.04, while the S&P 500 lost 3.68 (0.17%) to 2,104.42 as investors continued to consolidated their positions with respect to the news from the Fed last week. Natural resource stocks helped the TSX rise 14.8 (0.10%) to 14,957.21, closing the day with six of ten main sectors advancing. Energy stocks were also bolstered by the rising price of oil, which gained 1.89% to \$47.45 a barrel, up over 8% from last week. As many commodities are priced in USD, the weakening dollar could create a rally in the commodities market, especially for metals like copper which has risen nearly 5% in the last week.

After lower than expected industrial output, investment, and retail sales in January and February, a Chinese manufacturing gauge hit an 11-month low in March, pulling down Chinese equities with it. The preliminary Purchasing Managers' Index came in at 49.2, missing the median estimate of 50.5 and down from 50.7 last month. This indicator shows that employment, new orders and backlogs are weakening in the manufacturing sector. A reading below 50 suggests that the sector is contracting. This strengthens the speculation that China may need to increase stimulus to boost the economy. Policymakers have stated that further action will occur if China's growth falls below the lower limit of the target growth or employment and wages take a turn for the worse. This underperformance of the Chinese economy pushed the Hang Seng China Enterprises Index down 1.1% and the Hang Seng Index down 0.4%.

European stocks took a breather yesterday, with the DAX slipping 1.9% and the Stoxx Europe 600 down 0.7%. Since the Fed lowered its rate hike projections this month, the softening US dollar has been taking a bite out of European equity gains. Less downward pressure on the euro could temporarily stall the resurgence, as exporters lose a competitive edge. So far this year the DAX has climbed 21%, while the Stoxx Europe 600 has risen about 17% on the back of a favourable monetary environment. Société Générale and Credit Suisse analysts recommend that clients reallocate their European holdings to overweight France and Italy and underweight Germany, particularly in the current phase of stalled US dollar growth, as Germany's export driven economy stands to benefit less if the euro fails to maintain its low levels. Periphery European countries could also benefit more from accelerating structural reforms.

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Today's Major Economic Releases

United States	Period	Survey	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Prior</u>
New Home Sales		464K		481K
Consumer Price Index (MoM)		0.2%	0.2%	-0.7%

CanadaPeriodSurveyActualPriorNone Scheduled

19-Mar

Canada

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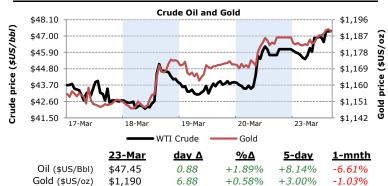
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Equities



Commodities



Foreign Exchange **Exchange Rates** 1.100 0.820 0.810 1.090 (\$N\$) (\$N\$) 0.800 1.080 USD CADUSD 0.790 1.070 0.780 1.060 1.050 0.770 17-Ma 19-Mar 20-Mai 23-Mar CADUSD **EURUSD**

(USDCAD implies \$1-USD to CAD)							
Spot	23-Mar	<u>day Δ</u>					
USDCAD	\$1.252	-0.003					
EURUSD	\$1.095	+0.013					
USDJPY	¥119.73	-0.310					

<u>-5 days</u>	<u>-1 mnth</u>	<u>-1 year</u>
1.277	1.253	1.122
1.057	1.138	1.379
121.340	119.03	102.25

Historical levels

COVERNING	110105			
	<u>23-Mar</u>	<u>day Δ</u>		
Canada	1.31%	0.002%		
United States	1.91%	-0.018%		

Government 10-year Yields

Historical levels							
<u>-1 mnth</u>	-3 mnths	-1 year					
1.42%	1.90%	2.49%					
2.11%	2,26%	2.74%					

Rotman Finance Association



(%) SN

1.80

23-Mar

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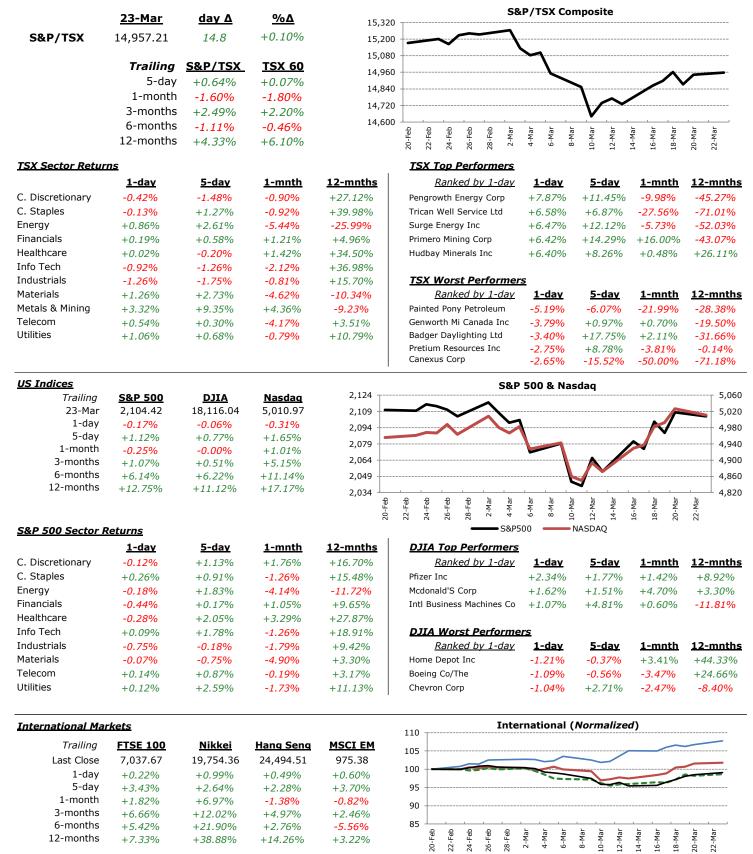
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The Equities Roll

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(\$US/MMbtu)

Live Cattle (¢US/lb)

Lumber (\$US/Mbft)

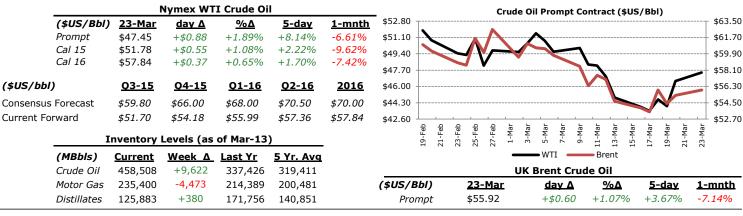
Cotton No.2 (\$US/Ib)

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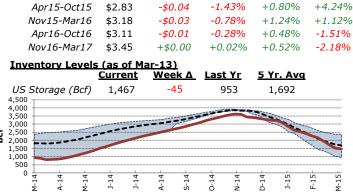
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1-mnth

-7.39%



+¢2.53

+\$0.01

-\$5.00

¢153.00

\$0.64

\$275.80

+1.7%

+2.0%

-1.8%

+5.5%

+5.9%

+2.3%

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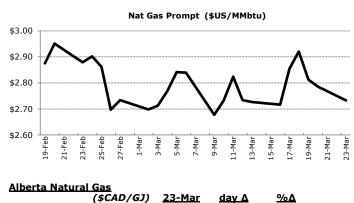
-1.90%

<u>5-day</u>

+0.63%

23-Mar

\$2.73



\$2.46

-\$0.11

-4.3%

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2.16%

6.00%

-7.5%

-1.8%

+5.5%

AECO

Apr-15

\$13.90

\$22.74

\$15.72

-\$0.20

+\$0.19

+\$0.53

-1.4%

+0.8%

+3.5%

Precious	Metals						Industrial	Metals					
\$US/oz	23-Mar	dav Δ	%∆	5-dav	1-mnth	3-mnth	\$US/Ib	23-Mar	dav Δ	%Δ	5-dav	1-mnth	3-mnth
Gold	\$1,189.51	+\$6.88	+0.6%	+3.0%	-1.0%	+1.3%	Copper	\$2.81	+\$0.03	+1.2%	+4.9%	+8.2%	-2.3%
Silver	\$16.99	+\$0.24	+1.4%	+8.5%	+4.6%	+8.1%	Nickel	\$6.57	+\$0.15	+2.3%	+0.7%	+0.2%	-9.0%
Platinum	\$1,149	+\$9.65	+0.8%	+3.7%	-1.5%	-3.6%	Zinc	\$1.00	+\$0.01	+0.7%	+0.9%	-2.3%	-6.0%
		Colo	l and Silver				Aluminum	\$0.86	-\$0.01	-1.1%	+1.2%	-2.3%	-4.4%
\$1,220)		and Silver			\$18.00	Uranium	\$39.50	+\$0.25	+0.6%	0.0%	+2.9%	+8.5%
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Agricultu	re & Other	23-Mar	day Δ	%Δ	5-day	1-mnth	Commodit	ty ETFs					
Corn (\$US	/bu)	\$3.90	+\$0.05	+1.4%	+3.0%	-0.7%	\$CAD		23-Mar	day ∆	<u>%∆</u>	<u>5-day</u>	1-mnth
Wheat (\$U	IS/bu)	\$5.34	+\$0.04	+0.8%	+3.9%	+5.3%	HBP Crude	Oil U	\$7.05	+\$0.30	+4.4%	+4.9%	-20.7%
Soybeans	(\$US/bu)	\$9.84	+\$0.10	+1.0%	+1.5%	-1.9%	HBP Nat Ga	as U	\$4.06	-\$0.13	-3.0%	-0.5%	-17.0%
Rough Rice	e (\$US/cwt)	\$11.03	+\$0.11	+1.0%	+4.8%	-0.1%	iShares Go	ld ETF	\$10.60	+\$0.10	+1.0%	+3.1%	-0.8%
Sugar #11	! (¢US/lb)	¢12.74	+¢0.06	+0.5%	-1.2%	-11.0%	\$USD		<u>23-Mar</u>				
Lean Hogs	(¢US/lb)	¢73.63	-¢0.22	-0.3%	-3.4%	-9.9%	US Crude (Dil	\$16.78	+\$0.35	+2.1%	2.63%	-10.0%

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-0.9%

-6.8%

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US Nat Gas

PSDB Agriculture

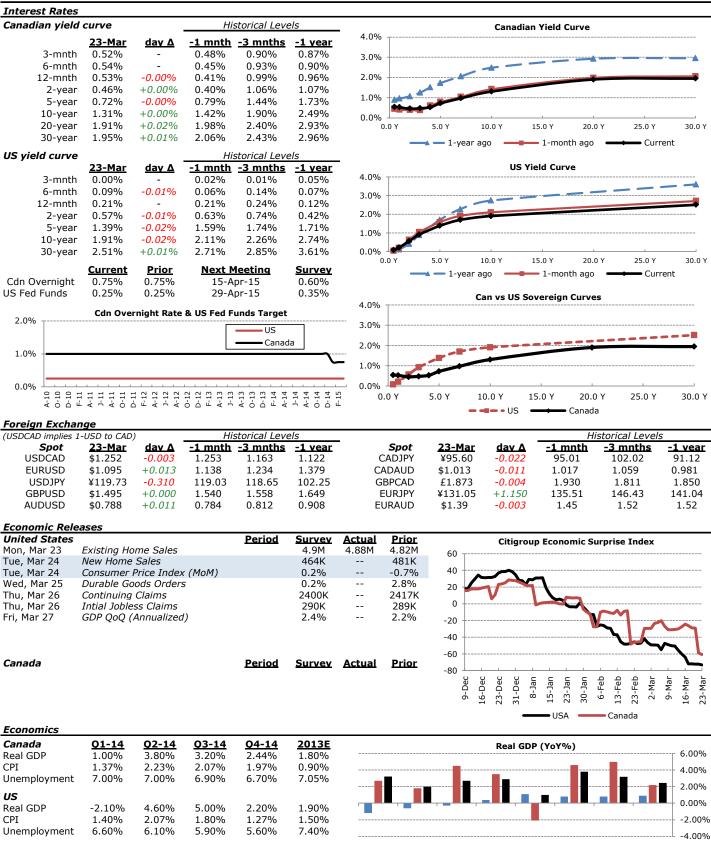
PSDB Base Metals



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7.70%

01-13

Q2-13

Q3-13

04-13

Q1-14

■Canada ■US ■Eurozone

Q2-14

Q3-14

Q4-14

7.40%

7.50%

7.30%

7.30%

China

Real GDP