

# The Daily Roll

Market Recap March 26, 2015

#### Today's Commentary

Global markets were beaten down yesterday, as weak economic data had investors selling off positions to realize profits before earnings season. Data released in the US showed weaker than expected US durable goods orders, signalling a slowdown in economic expansion that likely contributed to the sell off of equities. The Dow lost 292.60 (1.62%) to 17,718.54 and the S&P 500 dropped 30.45 (1.46%) to 2,061.05. The NASDAQ sustained its biggest losses in almost a year, dropping 118.21 (2.37%) to 4,876.52 as Biotech and semiconductor shares plummeted more than 4%. The TSX slipped 151.89 (1.01%) to 14,929.37, with nine of its sectors in the red. Canadian banks and Valeant Pharmaceuticals International Inc. sustained large losses, offsetting the gains in the energy sector. The yield on US 10s dropped 1bps to 1.92%, while the yield on Canadian 10s gained 4bps to 1.35%.

February showed a weak performance for durable goods orders as they declined for the fifth month in a row. Seasonally adjusted orders fell 1.4% from January, however the fall was 0.4% when excluding the transport sector which suffers from higher volatility. A similar decline was seen to a greater extent at the beginning of 2014, which also saw an annualized contraction of 2.1% for the first quarter, before rebounding later in the year. Economists do not expect the drop to be as severe in 2015, as the US economy is healthier than it was a year ago. The weakness in durable goods orders infers companies are limiting their purchases amid a rising US dollar and weak demand abroad, though severe winter weather may be a major contributing factor. Other economic indicators corroborate that weather may be the cause of weakness, as retail sales and housing starts also fell in February.

Gold and oil continued gains for the week, as geopolitical risks mounted in Yemen after rebels took control of the capital city of San'a and Saudia Arabia began military operations in the country. Gold posted a sixth straight day of advances, gaining 0.2% in New York while crude oil settled up 3.58%, a two-week high and reaching \$49.21 a barrel. Yemen's strategic location as a hub for oil transport means conflict in the region could temporarily boost the price of crude. The leg up in oil over the past couple weeks has also been helped by a weaker US dollar. On the other hand, fundamentals speak a different story. The US Energy Information Administration noted yesterday that American oil inventories surged more than expected for the week ended March 20, rising by 8.2 million barrels as compared to street predictions of 5.6 million barrels. Rising production appears to show little sign of abating, a reason for investors to be wary of the black gold.

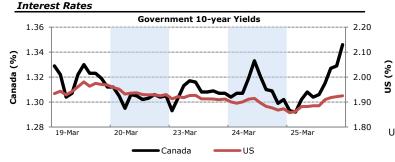
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#### Today's Major Economic Releases

United States	Period	Survey	<u>Actual</u>	Prior
Continuing Claims	7-Mar	2400K		2417K
Intial Jobless Claims	21-Mar	290K		289K
GDP QoQ (Annualized)	31-Mar	2.4%		2.2%

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

# None Scheduled



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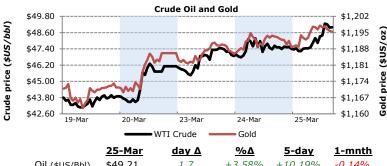
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#### **Equities**



#### Commodities



Oil (\$US/BbI) \$49.21 1.7 +3.58% +10.19% -0.14% Gold (\$US/oz) \$1,195 2.1 +0.18% +2.39% -0.52%

### Foreign Exchange



(USDCAD implies \$1-USD to CAD)			Historical levels			
Spot	25-Mar	day ∆	-5 days	<u>-1 mnth</u>	-1 year	
USDCAD	\$1.252	+0.003	1.257	1.249	1.117	
EURUSD	\$1.097	+0.005	1.086	1.134	1.383	
USDJPY	¥119.49	-0.270	120.110	118.97	102.26	
Governm	ent 10-vear Y	ields	Hi	storical leve	els	

	<u> 25-Mar</u>	<u>day Δ</u>	-1
Canada	1.35%	0.044%	1.3
nited States	1.93%	0.052%	2.0

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-3 mnths	-1 year						
1.91%	2.48%						
2.26%	2.75%						
	<u>-3 mnths</u> 1.91%						

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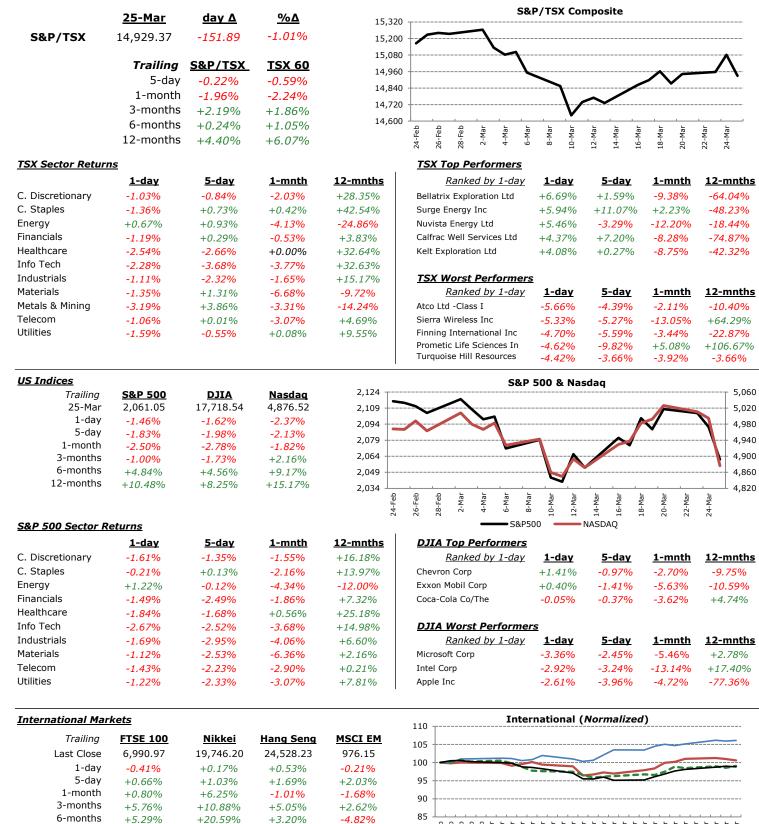
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11-Mar 12-Mar 13-Mar

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9-Mar 10-Mar

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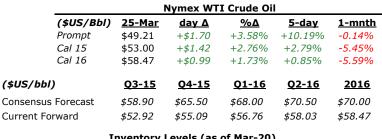
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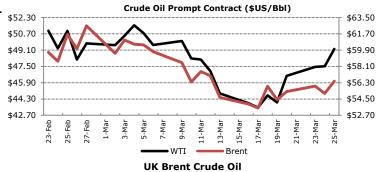
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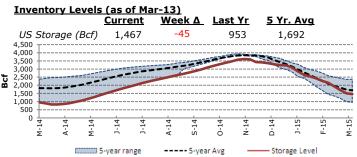


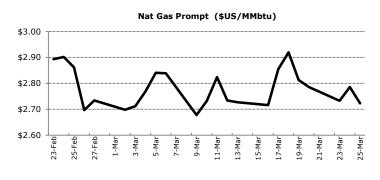




(\$US/BbI)	<u>25-Mar</u>	day ∆	<u>%∆</u>	5-day	1-mnth
Prompt	\$56.48	+\$1.37	+2.43%	+1.02%	-3.72%

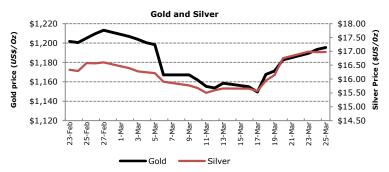
#### **Nymex Natural Gas** (\$US/MMbtu) 25-Mar %Δ day ∆ <u>5-day</u> 1-mnth -6.75% Prompt \$2.72 -\$0.06 -2.26% -6.17%-5.77% Apr15-Oct15 \$2.82 -\$0.06 -2.16% -0.01%Nov15-Mar16 -\$0.05 -1.62% -2.99% -1.71% \$3.17 Apr16-Oct16 \$3.10 -\$0.04 -1.23% -1.96% -3.27% -\$0.03 -1.50% -3.58% Nov16-Mar17 \$3.44 -0.94%





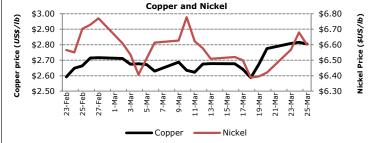
Alberta Natura	al Gas				
(\$CAD/GJ)		<u>25-Mar</u>	<u>day ∆</u>	%Δ	
,	4 <i>ECO</i>	Apr-15	\$2.53	-\$0.08	-2.9%

<u>Precious Metals</u>								
\$US/oz	<u>25-Mar</u>	day ∆	<u>%∆</u>	<u>5-day</u>	1-mnth	3-mnth		
Gold	\$1,195.43	+\$2.10	+0.2%	+2.4%	-0.5%	-0.4%		
Silver	\$16.98	+\$0.01	+0.0%	+6.5%	+3.9%	+4.1%		
Platinum	\$1,145	+\$5.05	+0.4%	+2.4%	-1.7%	-6.0%		



Agriculture & Other	25-Mar	day ∆	<u>%∆</u>	<u>5-day</u>	1-mnth
Corn (\$US/bu)	\$3.95	+\$0.02	+0.4%	+5.4%	+2.5%
Wheat (\$US/bu)	\$5.19	-\$0.04	-0.9%	+1.6%	+3.0%
Soybeans (\$US/bu)	\$9.79	-\$0.03	-0.3%	+1.4%	-3.9%
Rough Rice (\$US/cwt)	\$10.96	-\$0.16	-1.5%	-0.8%	+2.3%
Sugar #11 (¢US/lb)	¢12.52	+¢0.07	+0.6%	-1.6%	-11.5%
Lean Hogs (¢US/lb)	¢74.60	-¢0.08	-0.1%	-0.7%	-10.1%
Live Cattle (¢US/lb)	¢152.38	-¢0.68	-0.4%	+2.6%	+9.7%
Cotton No.2 (\$US/lb)	\$0.63	-\$0.01	-1.2%	+1.1%	-2.7%
Lumber (\$US/Mbft)	\$287.60	+\$1.80	+0.6%	+3.2%	-0.9%

<u>Industrial</u>	<b>Metals</b>					
\$US/Ib	25-Mar	day ∆	%Δ	<u>5-day</u>	1-mnth	3-mnth
Copper	\$2.81	-\$0.01	-0.4%	+8.4%	+8.2%	-1.7%
Nickel	\$6.60	-\$0.08	-1.2%	+3.3%	+0.5%	-7.0%
Zinc	\$1.03	+\$0.00	0.0%	+4.2%	+1.3%	-2.9%
Aluminum	\$0.87	+\$0.00	0.0%	+1.2%	-1.1%	-2.2%
Uranium	\$39.50	+\$0.00	0.0%	-0.6%	+2.6%	+11.3%



<b>Commodity ETFs</b>					
\$CAD	25-Mar	day ∆	%Δ	<u>5-day</u>	1-mnth
HBP Crude Oil U	\$7.53	+\$0.48	+6.8%	+7.0%	-9.2%
HBP Nat Gas U	\$4.00	-\$0.18	-4.3%	-11.7%	-13.4%
iShares Gold ETF	\$10.63	+\$0.00	+0.0%	+1.9%	-0.4%
\$USD	<u>25-Mar</u>				
US Crude Oil	\$17.36	+\$0.57	+3.4%	3.58%	-4.1%
US Nat Gas	\$13.82	-\$0.28	-2.0%	<i>-5.79%</i>	-5.3%
PSDB Agriculture	\$22.55	-\$0.06	-0.3%	0.89%	-1.9%
PSDB Base Metals	\$15.23	-\$0.09	-0.6%	2.08%	+2.6%

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Real GDP

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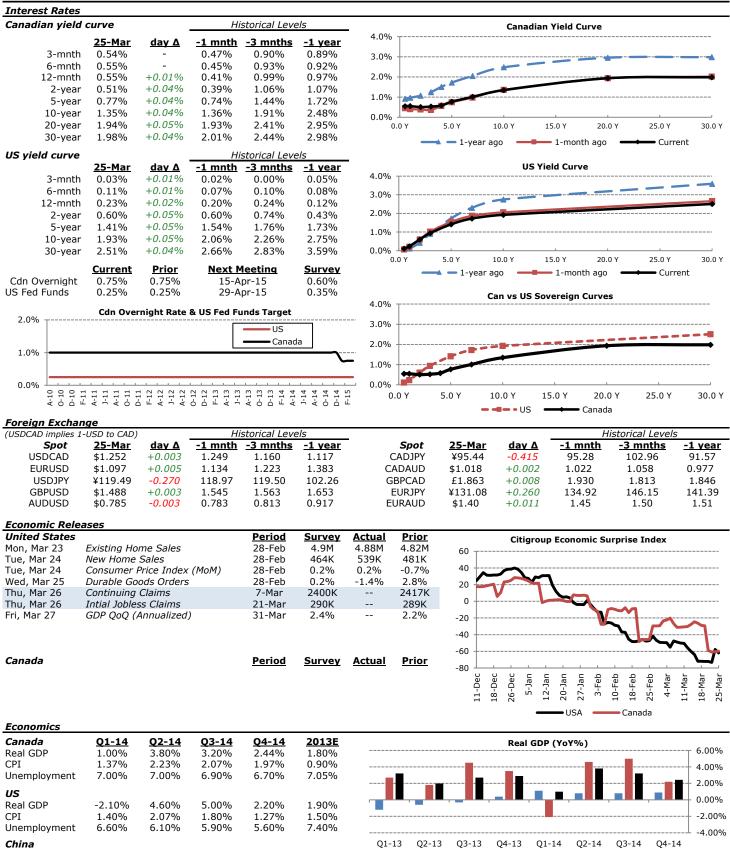
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