

# The Daily Roll

Market Recap
April 1, 2015

**Equities** 



## Today's Commentary

American stocks closed the day in the red, as health-care and industrial companies declined. The S&P 500 dropped 18.35~(0.88%) to 2,067.89, while the Dow lost 200.19~(1.11%) to 17,776.12. Canadian stocks also ended the day slightly lower, as an 11% drop in Teck Resources Ltd offset the gains in financial and industrial sectors. The TSX dropped 5.95~(0.04%) to 14,902.44. Additionally, Canadian GDP in January fell by less than expected, dropping 0.1%, rather than the estimated 0.2%. Iron ore hit a 10-year low, while nickel approached a 6-year low as investor concern over falling demand from China grows. The yield on US 108 dropped 20 to 1.92%, while the yield on Canadian 108 slipped 10ps to 1.36%.

Markets took kindly to the results of Nigeria's presidential elections yesterday, with the benchmark stock index up over 2% and yields on the nation's \$500 million 2023 US dollar bonds fell 28bps to 6.2%. Former military ruler Muhammadu Buhari defeated incumbent Goodluck Jonathan, winning over 52% of the popular vote. International reaction to the outcome has been largely positive, courtesy of Buhari's pledges to tackle the corruption and terrorist violence, which has plagued the last few years of Jonathan's term in office. Nigeria is Africa's largest economy and biggest oil producer. With oil receipts accounting for over two-thirds of government revenue and almost 90% of foreign income, the economy has been beaten down by the collapse in crude. Yet if Buhari can succeed in improving investor sentiment in the region and fostering conditions to stimulate economic growth, the West-African nation could attract large inflows of foreign investment in the coming years.

US consumer confidence for March rose more than expected, as Americans believe more jobs and higher incomes are on the horizon. The confidence index hit its second highest level in the current expansion, rising to 101.3 in March from 98.8 in February. The boost is a positive sign for future consumer spending and a boon to retailers who have suffered due to bad winter weather. The gains in the confidence index are largely centered around the expectations component, which rose 6 points on optimism about an improving job market. Some negatives of the report included a worsening in current business conditions and a fall in the number of people planning to buy a house in the next 6 months. This was partially offset by an increase in number of people planning to buy a car in the same period, likely due to the continuing low cost of fuel. Consumer spending drives two-thirds of the US economy, so the decidedly positive outlook of consumer confidence should be a boon to profits in the coming months.

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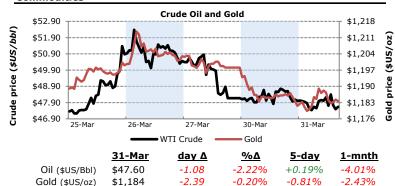
## Today's Major Economic Releases

United States	<u>Period</u>	Survey	<u>Actual</u>	Prior
ISM Manufacturing		52.5		52.9
ADP Employment Change		225K		212K
Factory Orders		-0.4%		-0.2%

Canada <u>Period Survey Actual Prior</u>
None Scheduled



## Commodities



## Foreign Exchange



# 1.50 Government 10-year Yields 2.10 1.40 2.00 1.20 25-Mar 26-Mar 27-Mar 30-Mar 31-Mar 1.80 Canada US

	(USDCAD im	plies \$1-USD to	Historical levels					
	Spot	31-Mar	day ∆	-5 days	<u>-1 mnth</u>	-1 year		
	USDCAD	\$1.269	+0.001	1.249	1.254	1.105		
_	EURUSD	\$1.073	-0.010	1.092	1.118	1.377		
%)	USDJPY	¥120.13	+0.060	119.760	120.13	103.23		
Sn	Governme	ent 10-year Y	Historical levels					
		31-Mar	<u>day ∆</u>	-1 mnth	-3 mnths	-1 year		
	Canada	1.36%	-0.014%	1.30%	1.79%	2.46%		
Uni	ited States	1.92%	-0.024%	1.99%	2.17%	2.72%		

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6-months

12-months

+3.29%

+2.65%

+19.43%

+29.53%

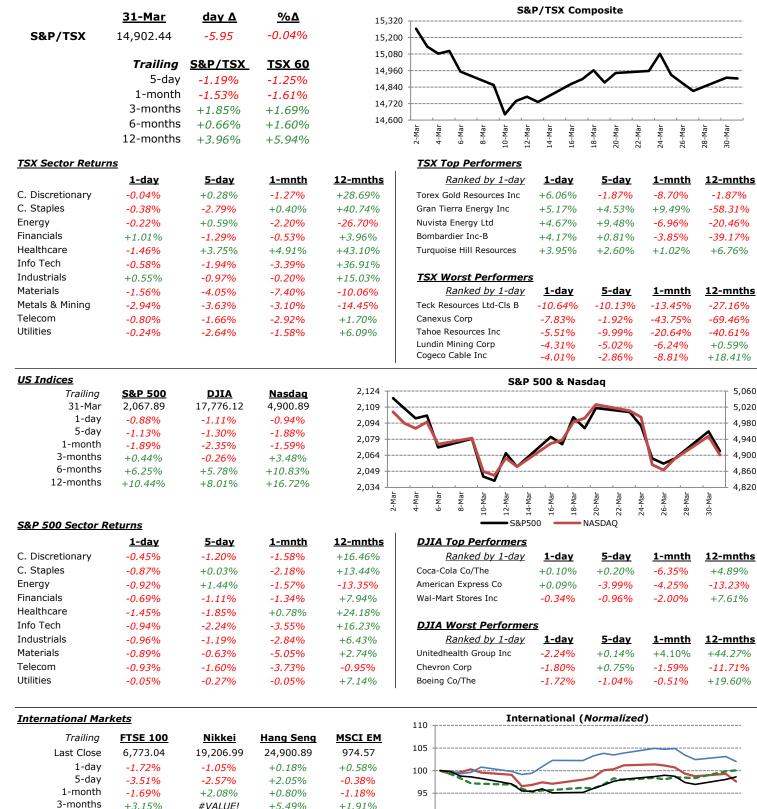
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+12.41%

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17-Mar 18-Mar 19-Mar

20-Mar

- HS

15-Mar 16-Mar

NIK

9-Mar 10-Mar

FTSE

11-Mar 12-Mar 13-Mar 14-Mar 21-Mar 22-Mar 23-Mar 24-Mar 25-Mar 26-Mar 27-Mar

ΕM

-2.24%

-2.02%

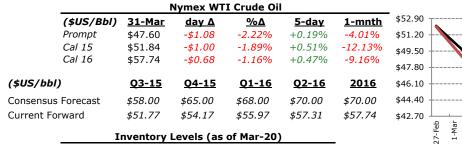
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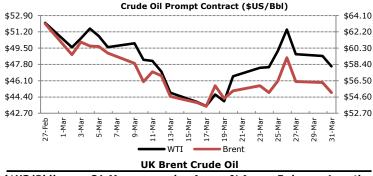


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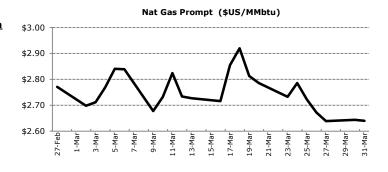


Inventory Levels (as of Mar-20)										
(MBbls)	Current	Week <b>D</b>	Last Yr	5 Yr. Avg						
Crude Oil	466,678	+8,170	337,426	319,411						
Motor Gas	233,386	-2,014	214,389	200,481						
Distillates	125,849	-34	171,756	140,851						

 (\$US/BbI)
 31-Mar
 day Δ
 %Δ
 5-day
 1-mnth

 Prompt
 \$55.11
 -\$1.18
 -2.14%
 +0.00%
 -7.44%

### **Nymex Natural Gas** (\$US/MMbtu) 31-Mar day ∆ %Δ <u>5-day</u> 1-mnth \$2.64 -\$0.00 -0.15% -5.24% Prompt -2.15% -0.03% May15-Oct15 \$2.77 -\$0.00 -5.13% -5.09% Nov15-Mar16 \$3.10 +\$0.00 +0.12% -3.78% -4.84% Apr16-Oct16 \$3.05 +\$0.00 +0.06% -2.78% -4.96% \$3.39 +\$0.00-4.93% Nov16-Mar17 +0.11% -2.36% entory Loyals (as of Ma

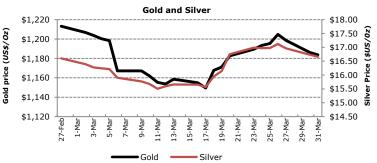


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Alberta Natural Gas (\$CAD/GJ) 31-Mar  $day \Delta$  % $\Delta$ AECO Apr-15 \$2.51 +\$0.00 +0.2%

<u>Precious Metals</u>											
\$US/oz	<u>31-Mar</u>	day ∆	<u>%∆</u>	<u>5-day</u>	1-mnth	3-mnth					
Gold	\$1,183.68	-\$2.39	-0.2%	-0.8%	-2.4%	-1.8%					
Silver	\$16.66	<i>-\$0.07</i>	-0.4%	-1.8%	+0.4%	+2.9%					
Platinum	\$1,143	+\$21.50	+1.9%	+0.2%	-3.9%	-5.8%					





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Agriculture & Other	<u>31-Mar</u>	day ∆	<u>%∆</u>	<u>5-day</u>	1-mnth
Corn (\$US/bu)	\$3.76	-\$0.18	-4.6%	-4.3%	-3.0%
Wheat (\$US/bu)	\$5.12	-\$0.19	-3.5%	-2.2%	+2.3%
Soybeans (\$US/bu)	\$9.73	+\$0.05	+0.6%	-0.9%	-4.0%
Rough Rice (\$US/cwt)	\$10.88	-\$0.24	-2.2%	-2.2%	+0.7%
Sugar #11 (¢US/lb)	¢11.93	-¢0.06	-0.5%	-4.2%	-12.5%
Lean Hogs (¢US/lb)	¢75.80	+¢0.25	+0.3%	+1.5%	-8.7%
Live Cattle (¢US/lb)	¢152.33	-¢0.65	-0.4%	-0.5%	+4.5%
Cotton No.2 (\$US/lb)	\$0.63	+\$0.01	+0.9%	-1.3%	-2.7%
Lumber (\$US/Mbft)	\$278.20	-\$1.10	-0.4%	-2.7%	-6.1%

Commodity ETFs					
\$CAD	31-Mar	day ∆	<u>%∆</u>	<u>5-day</u>	1-mnth
HBP Crude Oil U	\$7.02	-\$0.33	-4.5%	-0.4%	-17.1%
HBP Nat Gas U	\$3.67	-\$0.02	-0.4%	-12.2%	-8.5%
iShares Gold ETF	\$10.57	+\$0.01	+0.1%	-0.6%	-1.5%
\$USD	31-Mar				
US Crude Oil	\$16.84	-\$0.39	-2.3%	0.30%	-7.0%
US Nat Gas	\$13.24	-\$0.03	-0.2%	-6.10%	-3.6%
PSDB Agriculture	\$22.14	-\$0.20	-0.9%	-2.08%	-4.0%
PSDB Base Metals	\$15.16	-\$0.22	-1.4%	-1.04%	+0.3%

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Real GDP

7.40%

7.50%

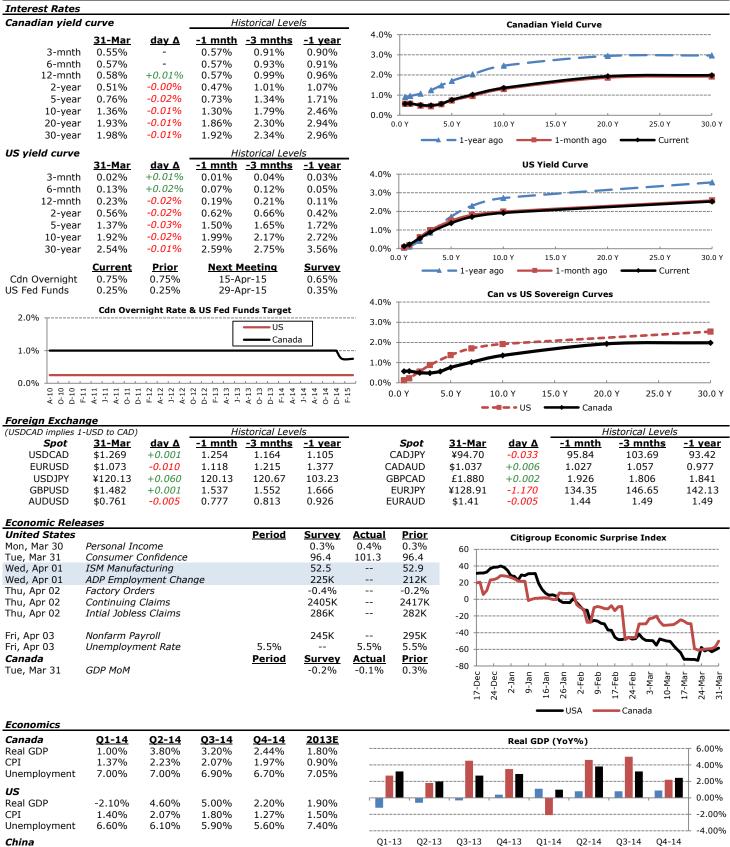
7.30%

7.30%

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7.70%

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