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#### Commentary

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North American equity markets were mixed yesterday, with US equity markets outperforming Canadian ones despite the rally in crude oil. The S&P 500 rose 0.44% to 1,929.80 and the Dow rose 0.32% to 16,484.99 while the S&P/TSX Composite fell 0.18% to 12,740.27. Bond markets sold off slightly, with the Canadian 10yr Note yield rising 2.8bps to 1.15% and the US 10yr Treasury yield rising 2.6bps to 1.75%. Jobs data released today was about in-line with the market's expectations: continuing claims came in at 2253K and initial jobless claims was 272K. While global economic growth takes a turn for the worse, the Fed, as of late, appears as though they are going to continue on with additional rate hikes this year. The Fed's John Williams will be speaking today at 12PM at NYU's Stern's Center for Global Economy and Business.

Economic data and corporate earnings reports released on Tuesday make it easy to remember why the housing market is expected to be one of the US economy's bright spots for years to come. Home Depot Inc. and Toll Brothers Inc. reported Q4 2015 earnings that beat analyst expectations on the top and bottom line. A larger than expected decline in new home purchases last month, tied to a drop in contract signing in the western US was seen as a return to a steadier post-recession pace. Persistent job creation, signs of bigger wage growth and cheap borrowing costs are buoying sales and helping alleviate the weakness in factory output tied to sluggish global demand. The S&P/Case Shiller Home Price Index rose 5.74 percent year over year in December, with metropolitan areas that include Portland, Ore. And Denver up by double digits on an annual basis. Existing home sales for January inched up to a seasonally adjusted annualized rate of 5.47 million, a hair shy of the July 2015 post recession peak.

As the G20 are meeting in Shanghai Wednesday, the IMF is urging finance ministers and central bankers to take multilateral action to boost growth, amid concerns that the global market turbulence is beginning to hurt the real economy. In their briefing note, the IMF pointed to tightened conditions in advanced economies, stress within emerging markets and the financial situation of oil producers. In response, US Treasury Secretary Jack Lew talked down the likeliness of a coordinated response, citing that real economies were better than what financial markets are pricing in. Lew also called for increased domestic spending in China and surplus countries such as Germany to implement increased fiscal stimulus. The IMF warned that a downgrade in global growth is "likely" for their forecasts for April and argues that strong action now would "provide a boost to the global economy at a critical moment".

#### Major Economic Releases

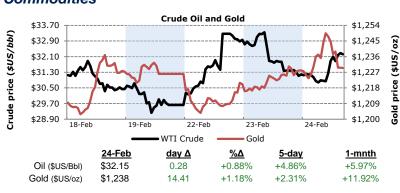
| United States         | Period | Survey | <u>Actual</u> | Prior | Canada         | Period | Survey | <u>Actual</u> | Prior |
|-----------------------|--------|--------|---------------|-------|----------------|--------|--------|---------------|-------|
| Durable Goods Orders  | 29-Feb | 2.9%   | 4.9%          | -5%   | None Scheduled |        |        |               |       |
| Continuing Claims     | 20-Feb | 2253K  | 2253K         | 2273K |                |        |        |               |       |
| Intial Jobless Claims | 27-Feb | 270K   | 272K          | 262K  |                |        |        |               |       |

#### **Market Movements**

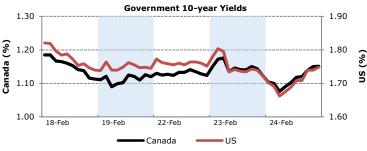
#### **Equities**



#### Commodities



#### Interest Rates



| Government 10-year Yields |        |              | Historical levels |          |         |  |
|---------------------------|--------|--------------|-------------------|----------|---------|--|
|                           | 24-Feb | <u>day ∆</u> | -1 mnth           | -3 mnths | -1 year |  |
| Canada                    | 1.15%  | 0.028%       | 1.25%             | 1.57%    | 1.32%   |  |
| United States             | 1 75%  | 0.026%       | 2 00%             | 2 220/   | 1 000/  |  |

#### Foreign Exchange



| (USDCAD implies \$1-USD to CAD) |         |        | Historical levels |                |                |
|---------------------------------|---------|--------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Spot                            | 24-Feb  | day ∆  | -5 days           | <u>-1 mnth</u> | <u>-1 year</u> |
| USDCAD                          | \$1.370 | -0.009 | 1.367             | 1.429          | 1.249          |
| EURUSD                          | \$1.101 | -0.001 | 1.113             | 1.085          | 1.134          |

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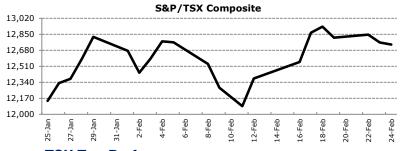


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# The Equities Roll

#### Canadian Indicies

| TSX | <b><u>24-Feb</u></b> 12,740.27 | <u>day ∆</u><br>-23.17 | <u>%∆</u><br>-0.18% |
|-----|--------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
|     | Trailing                       | S&P/TSX                | TSX 60              |
|     | 5-day                          | -0.99%                 | -1.31%              |
|     | 1-month                        | +2.83%                 | +2.76%              |
|     | 3-months                       | -4.98%                 | -5.05%              |
|     | 6-months                       | -2.39%                 | -2.91%              |
|     | 12-months                      | -15.99%                | -15.63%             |



#### **Sector Returns**

|                  | <u>1-day</u> | <u>5-day</u> | <u>1-mnth</u> | 12-mnths |
|------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|----------|
| C. Discretionary | -0.05%       | +0.99%       | -0.32%        | -13.05%  |
| C. Staples       | +0.35%       | +2.72%       | +4.32%        | +9.37%   |
| Energy           | +1.29%       | -2.64%       | +1.35%        | -33.21%  |
| Financials       | -1.62%       | -3.39%       | -1.53%        | -9.55%   |
| Healthcare       | +4.53%       | -0.27%       | -1.86%        | -14.61%  |
| Info Tech        | +0.70%       | +2.05%       | +2.48%        | -2.67%   |
| Industrials      | -0.22%       | -1.47%       | +2.98%        | -17.92%  |
| Materials        | +0.11%       | +3.54%       | +23.45%       | -21.12%  |
| Metals & Mining  | -1.21%       | -5.26%       | +33.56%       | -51.62%  |
| Telecom          | -0.32%       | +2.62%       | +6.03%        | +10.15%  |
| Utilities        | -0.53%       | -1.17%       | +1.61%        | -9.92%   |

#### **TSX Top Performers**

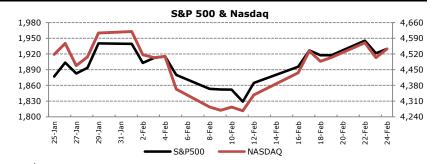
| Ranked by 1-day           | <u>1-day</u> | <u>5-day</u> | 1-mnth  | 12-mnths |
|---------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------|----------|
| Encana Corp               | +22.65%      | -4.50%       | -12.24% | -68.73%  |
| Prometic Life Sciences In | +12.13%      | +6.77%       | -3.94%  | +13.08%  |
| Crew Energy Inc           | +9.48%       | +3.08%       | -5.90%  | -39.75%  |
| Bonavista Energy Corp     | +8.79%       | +5.88%       | +54.69% | -71.75%  |
| Dh Corp                   | +8.57%       | +12.02%      | +14.22% | -7.05%   |

#### **TSX Worst Performers**

|    | Ranked by 1-day          | <u>1-day</u> | 5-day  | 1-mnth  | 12-mnths |
|----|--------------------------|--------------|--------|---------|----------|
| В  | ombardier Inc-B          | -9.23%       | +8.26% | +8.26%  | -52.80%  |
| Т  | eck Resources Ltd-Cls B  | -7.48%       | -8.91% | +44.99% | -60.07%  |
| L  | abrador Iron Ore Royalty | -5.84%       | -3.20% | +18.22% | -43.78%  |
| С  | ominion Diamond Corp     | -4.50%       | -9.42% | +0.85%  | -33.38%  |
| Ir | ntertain Group Ltd/The   | -4 46%       | +5.26% | +5 14%  | -43 32%  |

#### **US Indices**

| Trailing  | S&P 500  | DJIA      | Nasdaq   |
|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|
| 24-Feb    | 1,929.80 | 16,484.99 | 4,542.61 |
| 1-day     | +0.44%   | +0.32%    | +0.87%   |
| 5-day     | +0.15%   | +0.19%    | +0.19%   |
| 1-month   | +1.20%   | +2.43%    | -1.06%   |
| 3-months  | -7.63%   | -7.45%    | -10.98%  |
| 6-months  | +1.93%   | +3.87%    | +0.36%   |
| 12-months | -8.78%   | -9.47%    | -8.56%   |



#### S&P 500 Sector Returns

|                  | <u>1-day</u> | <u>5-day</u> | <u>1-mnth</u> | 12-mnths |
|------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|----------|
| C. Discretionary | +0.59%       | +1.59%       | +1.09%        | -1.99%   |
| C. Staples       | +0.30%       | +0.47%       | +3.93%        | +2.33%   |
| Energy           | +0.90%       | -1.44%       | +2.17%        | -27.50%  |
| Financials       | -0.20%       | -1.05%       | -2.18%        | -14.79%  |
| Healthcare       | +0.35%       | +0.13%       | -2.04%        | -8.13%   |
| Info Tech        | +0.89%       | +0.02%       | +0.15%        | -6.64%   |
| Industrials      | +0.10%       | +0.45%       | +5.85%        | -9.68%   |
| Materials        | +0.99%       | -1.07%       | +5.94%        | -21.21%  |
| Telecom          | +0.82%       | +1.28%       | +7.32%        | +3.30%   |
| Utilities        | +0.46%       | +2.68%       | +6.76%        | +1.38%   |

#### **DJIA Top Performers**

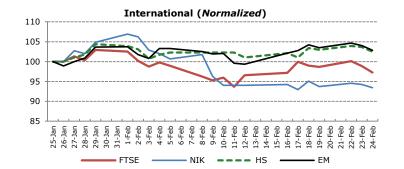
| Ranked by 1-day          | <u>1-day</u> | <u>5-day</u> | <u>1-mnth</u> | <u>12-mnths</u> |
|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------|
| United Technologies Corp | +2.19%       | +6.23%       | +8.41%        | -24.38%         |
| Apple Inc                | +1.49%       | -2.06%       | -5.25%        | -27.29%         |
| Intel Corp               | +1.35%       | -0.95%       | -2.46%        | -15.17%         |

#### **DJIA Worst Performers**

| Ranked by 1-da      | <u>y 1-day</u> | 5-day  | 1-mnth | 12-mnths |
|---------------------|----------------|--------|--------|----------|
| Boeing Co/The       | -1.12%         | -0.64% | -7.24% | -25.13%  |
| General Electric Co | -0.89%         | -1.30% | +2.55% | +14.06%  |
| American Express Co | -0.85%         | +1.92% | -0.76% | -32.43%  |

#### International Markets

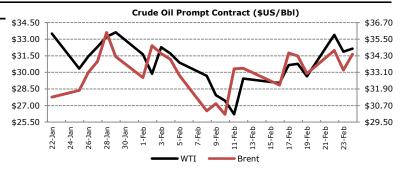
| Trailing   | FTSE 100 | Nikkei    | Hang Seng | MSCI EM |
|------------|----------|-----------|-----------|---------|
| Last Close | 5,867.18 | 15,915.79 | 19,192.45 | 736.53  |
| 1-day      | -1.60%   | -0.85%    | -1.15%    | -1.11%  |
| 5-day      | -2.71%   | +0.50%    | +1.42%    | +0.10%  |
| 1-month    | -0.56%   | -6.15%    | +0.59%    | +3.64%  |
| 3-months   | -6.53%   | -20.12%   | -15.03%   | -12.24% |
| 6-months   | -0.54%   | -14.16%   | -9.69%    | -4.57%  |
| 12-months  | -15 58%  | -14 45%   | -22 45%   | -25 44% |



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#### Oil & Gas

|                    | Nymex WTI Crude Oil |              |              |         |             |  |  |  |  |  |
|--------------------|---------------------|--------------|--------------|---------|-------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| (\$US/BI           | ol) <u>24-Feb</u>   | day ∆        | <u>%Δ</u>    | 5-day   | 1-mnth      |  |  |  |  |  |
| Prompt             | \$32.15             | +\$0.28      | +0.88%       | +4.86%  | +5.97%      |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cal 16             | \$36.73             | +\$0.64      | +1.78%       | -1.38%  | -0.48%      |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cal 17             | \$41.83             | +\$0.74      | +1.80%       | -1.59%  | +0.17%      |  |  |  |  |  |
| (\$US/bbl)         | Q3-16               | Q4-16        | <u>Q1-17</u> | Q2-17   | <u>2017</u> |  |  |  |  |  |
| Consensus Forecast | \$42.00             | \$46.50      | \$46.50      | \$50.00 | \$52.75     |  |  |  |  |  |
| Current Forward    | \$37.20             | \$39.10      | \$40.48      | \$41.51 | \$41.83     |  |  |  |  |  |
|                    | Inventory           | Levels (as o | of Jan-08)   |         |             |  |  |  |  |  |

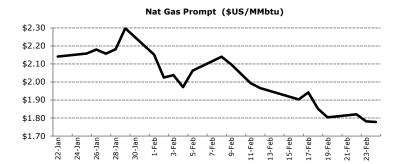


| UK Brent Crude Oil |         |         |           |              |        |  |  |
|--------------------|---------|---------|-----------|--------------|--------|--|--|
| (\$US/BbI)         | 24-Feb  | day ∆   | <u>%∆</u> | <u>5-day</u> | 1-mnth |  |  |
| Promot             | \$34.41 | +\$1.14 | +3.31%    | -0.26%       | +8.21% |  |  |

| (MBbis)     | Current | Week A | Last Yr | <u>5 Yr. Avg</u> |
|-------------|---------|--------|---------|------------------|
| Crude Oil   | 482,558 | +234   | 337,426 | 319,411          |
| Motor Gas   | 240,434 | +8,438 | 214,389 | 200,481          |
| Distillates | 165,554 | +6,136 | 171,756 | 140,851          |

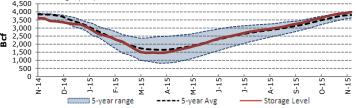
#### Nymex Natural Gas

| (\$US/MMbtu) | <u>24-Feb</u> | <u>day ∆</u> | <u>%∆</u> | <u>5-day</u> | <u>1-mnth</u> |
|--------------|---------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|---------------|
| Prompt       | \$1.78        | -\$0.00      | -0.22%    | -8.44%       | -17.61%       |
| Apr16-Oct16  | \$2.02        | +\$0.01      | +0.30%    | -7.37%       | -20.04%       |
| Nov16-Mar17  | \$2.47        | +\$0.01      | +0.35%    | -5.43%       | -13.45%       |
| Apr17-Oct17  | \$2.42        | +\$0.00      | +0.21%    | -5.27%       | -11.59%       |
| Nov17-Mar18  | \$2.70        | +\$0.00      | +0.19%    | -4.84%       | -9.80%        |



| Alberta Natural Gas<br>(\$ | CAD/GJ) | <u>24-Feb</u> | day ∆  | <u>%∆</u> |
|----------------------------|---------|---------------|--------|-----------|
| AECO                       | Mar 16  | ¢1 62         | \$0.02 | -1 3%     |

| Inventory Levels (as | s of Nov-06) |        |         |                  |
|----------------------|--------------|--------|---------|------------------|
|                      | Current      | Week A | Last Yr | <u>5 Yr. Avg</u> |
| US Storage (Bcf)     | 3,985        | +54    | 3,611   | 3,805            |
| 4,000                |              |        |         |                  |
| 3,500                |              |        |         |                  |
| 3,000                |              |        |         |                  |



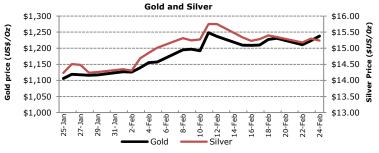
#### **Other Commodities**

#### **Precious Metals**

| \$US/oz  | 24-Feb     | <u>day ∆</u> | <u>%∆</u> | 5-day | 1-mnth | 3-mnth |
|----------|------------|--------------|-----------|-------|--------|--------|
| Gold     | \$1,237.77 | +\$14.41     | +1.2%     | +2.3% | +11.9% | +16.2% |
| Silver   | \$15.24    | -\$0.06      | -0.4%     | -0.3% | +7.1%  | +7.4%  |
| Platinum | \$938      | -\$6.47      | -0.7%     | -0.5% | +9.2%  | +11.8% |

#### Industrial Metals

| \$US/Ib  | <u>24-Feb</u> | <u>day ∆</u> | <u>%∆</u> | <u>5-day</u> | <u>1-mnth</u> | <u>3-mnth</u> |
|----------|---------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| Copper   | \$2.10        | -\$0.01      | -0.5%     | +1.0%        | +4.9%         | +1.4%         |
| Nickel   | \$4.12        | -\$0.01      | -0.2%     | +4.7%        | -0.5%         | -0.7%         |
| Zinc     | \$0.88        | -\$0.01      | -1.6%     | +4.0%        | +13.3%        | +12.1%        |
| Aluminum | \$0.78        | +\$0.00      | 0.0%      | +4.0%        | +5.4%         | +8.3%         |
| Uranium  | \$33.00       | -\$0.40      | -1 2%     | -2 0%        | -5 4%         | -8.6%         |



|           | 42.40  |       |       |        |        |       | Cc       | pppe  | er ar | ıa N   | icke    | :    |       |        |      |      |      | ±4.20  |
|-----------|--------|-------|-------|--------|--------|-------|----------|-------|-------|--------|---------|------|-------|--------|------|------|------|--------|
| 3         | \$2.40 | T     |       |        |        |       |          |       |       |        |         |      |       |        |      |      | T    | \$4.20 |
| <u>Ş</u>  | \$2.30 | +-    |       | -      |        |       |          |       |       |        |         |      |       |        |      | /    |      | \$4.10 |
| (US\$/Ib) | \$2.20 | +     |       |        |        | -     |          |       | -7-   |        |         |      |       |        |      | _/-  | +    | \$4.00 |
|           | \$2.10 | +     |       |        |        |       | $\wedge$ | -     | -4    |        |         |      |       | $\leq$ |      |      | -    | \$3.90 |
| price     | \$2.00 | 1     |       |        |        |       |          |       |       |        | <b></b> |      | 7     |        |      |      | +    | \$3.80 |
| Copper    | \$1.90 | +     |       |        |        |       |          |       |       |        | -       |      | /     |        |      |      | +    | \$3.70 |
| 9         | \$1.80 | 누     |       |        |        | -     | -        | -     | -0    | -0     | - 0     | -0   | -     | -      | -    | -    | ᆛ    | \$3.60 |
| o         |        | 5-Jan | 7-Jan | 29-Jan | 31-Jan | 2-Feb | -Feb     | 6-Feb | 8-Feb | 10-Feb | -Feb    | -Feb | 6-Feb | 18-Feb | -Feb | -Feb | -Feb |        |
|           |        | 25    | 2     | 5      | ö      | _     | 4        | Conr  |       | 10     | 12      | Micr |       | 18     | 20   | 22   | 24   |        |

#### **Agriculture & Other**

|                       | 24-Feb   | <u>day ∆</u> | <u>%∆</u> | <u>5-day</u> | <u>1-mnth</u> |
|-----------------------|----------|--------------|-----------|--------------|---------------|
| Corn (\$US/bu)        | \$3.65   | -\$0.02      | -0.6%     | -1.9%        | -2.7%         |
| Wheat (\$US/bu)       | \$4.51   | -\$0.04      | -1.0%     | -4.9%        | -7.9%         |
| Soybeans (\$US/bu)    | \$8.72   | -\$0.01      | -0.1%     | -1.5%        | -0.7%         |
| Rough Rice (\$US/cwt) | \$10.94  | +\$0.07      | +0.7%     | -3.3%        | -3.7%         |
| Sugar #11 (¢US/lb)    | ¢13.88   | -¢0.02       | -0.1%     | +5.6%        | +0.1%         |
| Lean Hogs (¢US/lb)    | ¢71.48   | +¢1.52       | +2.2%     | +0.5%        | +2.7%         |
| Live Cattle (¢US/lb)  | ¢136.15  | +¢0.65       | +0.5%     | +2.0%        | +2.1%         |
| Cotton No.2 (\$US/lb) | \$0.57   | -\$0.01      | -1.0%     | -3.6%        | -7.4%         |
| Lumber (\$US/Mbft)    | \$257.00 | -\$2.90      | -1.1%     | +2.6%        | +9.1%         |

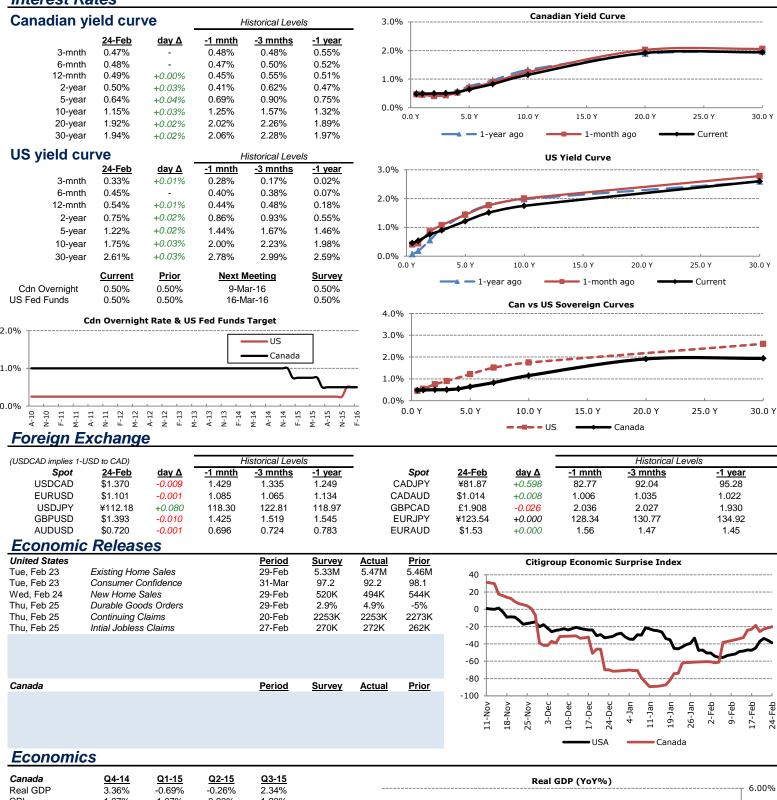
#### **Commodity ETFs**

| \$CAD                        | 24-Feb                  | <u>day ∆</u>            | <u>%∆</u>          | <u>5-day</u>           | 1-mnth                 |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| HBP Crude Oil U              | \$2.87                  | +\$0.07                 | +2.5%              | -5.0%                  | -1.0%                  |
| HBP Nat Gas U                | \$8.04                  | +\$0.03                 | +0.4%              | -17.5%                 | -32.6%                 |
| iShares Gold ETF             | \$10.92                 | +\$0.10                 | +0.9%              | +1.7%                  | +11.9%                 |
|                              |                         |                         |                    |                        |                        |
|                              |                         |                         |                    |                        |                        |
| \$USD                        | 24-Feb                  | day ∆                   | <u>%∆</u>          | 5-day                  | 1-mnth                 |
| <b>\$USD</b><br>US Crude Oil | <b>24-Feb</b><br>\$8.59 | <u>day ∆</u><br>+\$0.11 | <u>%∆</u><br>+1.3% | <u>5-day</u><br>-2.16% | <u>1-mnth</u><br>-7.3% |
| •                            |                         |                         |                    |                        |                        |
| US Crude Oil                 | \$8.59                  | +\$0.11                 | +1.3%              | -2.16%                 | -7.3%                  |

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#### Interest Rates



| <b>Canada</b><br>Real GDP | <b>Q4-14</b><br>3.36% | Q1-15<br>-0.69% | <b>Q2-15</b><br>-0.26% | Q3-15<br>2.34% | Real GDP (YoY%) 6.00%                           |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|------------------------|----------------|---|
| CPI                       | 1.97%                 | 1.07%           | 0.90%                  |                | 6.66.78   |
|                           |                       |                 |                        | 1.20%          | 4.00%   |
| Unemployment US           | 6.70%                 | 6.80%           | 6.80%                  | 7.10%          | 2.00%   |
| Real GDP                  | 2.10%                 | 0.60%           | 3.90%                  | 2.00%          |   |
| CPI                       | 1.27%                 | -0.07%          | -0.03%                 | 0.13%          | 0.00%   |
| Unemployment              | 5.60%                 | 5.50%           | 5.30%                  | 5.10%          |   |
| China                     |                       |                 |                        |                | Q4-13 Q1-14 Q2-14 Q3-14 Q4-14 Q1-15 Q2-15 Q3-15 |
| Real GDP                  | 7 20%                 | 7 00%           | 7 00%                  | 6 90%          | ■Canada ■IIS ■Furozone                          |

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