

REVIEW - WEEK OF MAY 13TH 2024

Last week, we were focused on the attack on the Slovak Prime Minister, Laurentian Bank's announcement, U.S. Inflation data and the press conferences given by certain members of the U.S. Federal Reserve.

The attack on the Prime Minister was widely covered in the press midweek. Prime Minister Robert Fico was shot about four times while walking through a crowd after a routine government meeting. It is reported that the attack had specifically targeted the Prime Minister and that no one else had been wounded during this incident. The presumed shooter, a 71-year-old man who acted alone, was arrested soon after the attack. The exact reason for the attack remains unknown at this time. However, an investigation will take place in the coming days to determine the cause.

The last time there was a similar attack on a European Prime Minister was in March 2003. At that time, the Serbian Prime Minister had been the target of the attack. In fact, he had died further to his injuries. The Slovak Prime Minister is still in critical condition and authorities are not yet able to say whether he will survive.

In Canada, Laurentian Bank announced this week that it will be cutting more jobs. This time, it will be the equity research division that will be affected by this new wave of layoffs. The number of employees targeted by this measure was not specified but it is estimated that approximately 50 employees will be laid off. Laurentian Bank thereby intends to simplify the company's work force to increase the efficiency of the business lines. Of course, one of the ways to achieve this is to reduce costs. The job cuts announced last week represent about 2% of Laurentian Bank's work force.

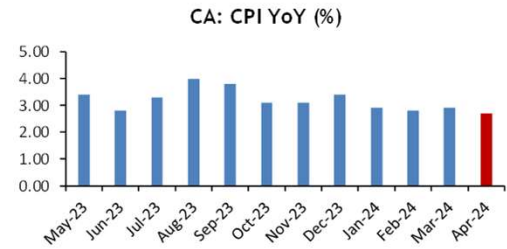
Last week, our focus was on U.S. inflation figures. There was a slight drop on a monthly and annual basis. We currently note an annualized inflation rate of 3.4% compared to the 3.5% recorded the previous month, which was in line with market expectations. Further to the announcement, rates nonetheless dropped by about 5 to 10 basis points.

Shortly after the release of this indicator, the President of the U.S. Federal Reserve (the "Fed") Bank of Minneapolis, Neel Kashkari, held a press conference. In short, he stated that he was satisfied to see inflation dropping for the first time since January. The absolute level remains problematic, and he wondered whether current rates are truly holding back the economy. At the end of last week, about five other members of the Fed also held press conferences, highlighting the need to keep rates high for longer.

Next week, our focus will be on inflation figures in Canada, U.S. Existing Home sales as well as Retail Sales in Canada.

Have a great week!

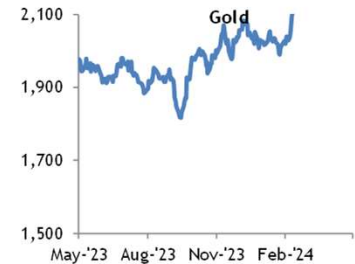
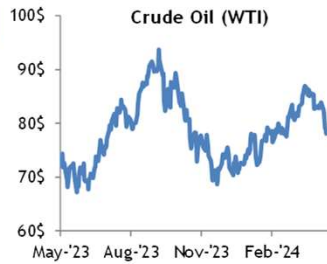
ECONOMIC RELEASES			Expected	Prior
CA	05/21	CPI YoY	2.7%	2.9%
CA	05/21	CPI MoM	0.5%	0.6%
CA	05/21	CPI Core - Median YoY	2.7%	2.8%
US	05/22	Existing Home Sales	4.22m	4.19m
US	05/23	New Home Sales	679k	693k
US	05/24	Durable Goods Orders	-0.8%	2.6%
CA	05/24	Retail Sales MoM	-0.1%	-0.1%



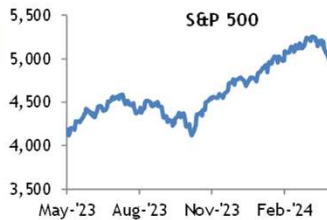
FX		Current	Wkly Chg	% Chg
	USDCAD	1.3620	-0.0031 ↓	-0.2%
	EURCAD	1.4796	+0.0027 ↑	0.2%
	EURUSD	1.0864	+0.0045 ↑	0.4%
	GBPCAD	1.7318	+0.01 ↑	0.8%
	CADJPY	114.801	+0.2100 ↑	0.2%
	CADCNY	5.3130	+0.0145 ↑	0.3%
	AUDCAD	0.9089	+0.0043 ↑	0.5%
	CADCHF	0.6680	+0.0039 ↑	0.6%



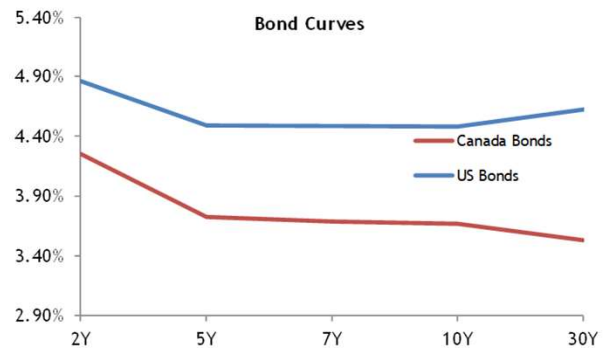
COMMODITIES		Current (USD)	Wkly Chg	% Chg
	Crude Oil- WTI (bbl.)	78.34	+0.32 ↑	0.4%
	Diesel - HO (gal.)	244.79	+2.79 ↑	1.2%
	Nat. Gas - NYMEX (MMbtu.)	2.75	+0 ↑	17.3%
	Gold (t oz.)	2,427.30	+67 ↑	2.9%
	Corn (bu.)	4.58	+4 ↑	0.8%
	Soybean (bu.)	12.38	+39 ↑	3.3%
Wheat (bu.)	6.90	+33 ↑	5.0%	



EQUITIES		Current	Wkly Chg	% Chg
	S&P TSX	22,465	+222 ↑	1.0%
	S&P 500	5,308	+61 ↑	1.2%
	Dow Jones	39,807	+249 ↑	0.6%
	Euro Stoxx	5,037	+1,589 ↑	46.1%
VIX	12.5	-1 ↓	-7.2%	



INTEREST RATES		Canada Bonds		US Bonds	
		CA	Wkly Chg	US	Wkly Chg
	O/N	5.00%	+0.0 bps	5.50%	+0.0 bps
	Prime	7.20%	+0.0 bps	8.50%	+0.0 bps
	2Y	4.25%	-4.5 bps	4.86%	+1.6 bps
	5Y	3.73%	-7.4 bps	4.49%	-0.6 bps
	7Y	3.68%	-6.4 bps	4.49%	-0.6 bps
	10Y	3.67%	-6.6 bps	4.48%	-1.0 bps
30Y	3.53%	-6.0 bps	4.62%	-1.3 bps	



	CDOR	Term SOFR
1M	5.27500	5.31987
3M	5.26250	5.32198

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