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BMI View: Canada's economic exposure to both the US and Mexico will enable output growth in its metals industry to 2018, particularly as the majority of Canadian metal production is exported. Increasing manufacturing and industrial activity in both countries should help drive demand for metal inputs. Moreover, a weaker Canadian dollar against the US dollar should provide upside for Canadian metals exporters.

Our constructive outlook towards economic growth in the US and Mexico, combined with view that the Canadian dollar (CAD) will weaken in the coming quarters, leads us to expect the Canadian metals sector will see expansion to 2018. Indeed, we expect both the US and Mexico will experience positive trends in real GDP growth in the coming years, with automotive and general manufacturing activity picking up. We forecast real GDP growth of 2.4% and 3.1% in the US and Mexico, respectively, in 2014. Though Q114 real GDP growth in the US was revised downward in June 2014 to a seasonally adjusted, annualised rate (SAAR) of -2.9%, which will likely result in us lowering our growth forecast for this year to 1.9-2.2%, we maintain our view that the US economy is considerably stronger than in previous years and will continue to see growth on a multiyear basis. In 2015-2018, we see real GDP growth averaging 2.5% in the US and 3.8% in Mexico.



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