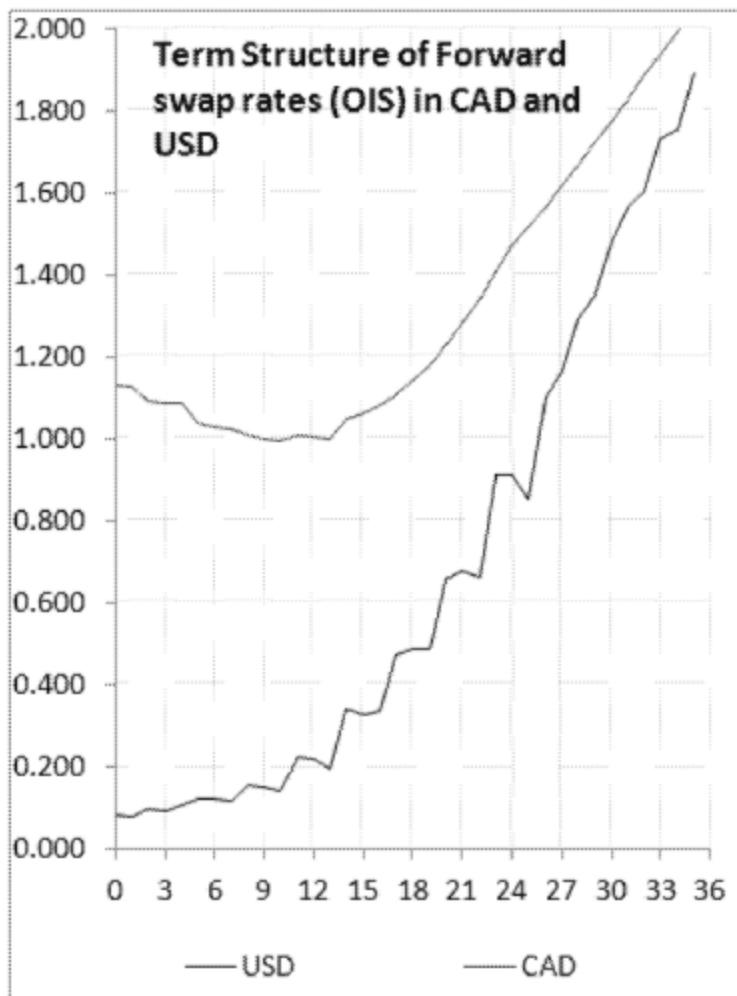




The limited downside play I like best in USDCAD is buying a 3month expiry 1.10 / 1.13 call spread on USDCAD but where the short 1.13 call position only exists (knocks-in) if USD trades at 1.17 trades in the market before the option expires, otherwise the option payoff is the same as a 1.10 call option.

It costs 1% of USD notional. I believe the buyer is well compensated for the knock-in component. If USDCAD rises to 1.15 the option payout is 5 big figures. If 1.17 trades before expiry the payout is limited to 3 big figures.
Max loss is premium paid.

We can price other structures to fit the risk tolerance (higher or lower) of clients - let us know

Key Macro Highlights

- The economy clearly lags the US. Dec13 unemployment unexpectedly rose last Friday to 7.2%
- South of the border demand for USDCAD is declining as the US heads towards energy independence
- Low inflation and weak exports are likely to preclude any rate hikes in 2014