

# Monday Morning Quarterback

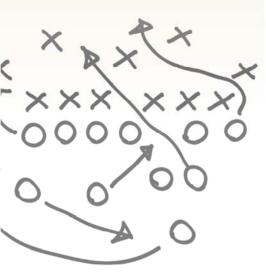
Monday May 7, 2018

## **Coaches Corner**

Last week, the S&P/TSX Composite Index increased 0.39% while the S&P 500 decreased (0.24%). Year-to-date the S&P/TSX Composite has now decreased (2.96%) while the S&P 500 has also decreased (0.38)%.

The Information Technology Sector led the way for the S&P/TSX last week increasing by 3.36%, while the Consumer Staples Sector was the weakest sector falling (1.73%) on the week.

Resource: National Bank



## **MARKET NEWS**

#### CANADA

Canada's real GDP rose 0.4% in February, the biggest monthly increase since May 2017. Of the 20 industrial sectors, fifteen registered increases in output in February. Services-producing industries saw a 0.1% increase in output courtesy of solid contributions from arts/recreation, professional services, retail, and finance/insurance among others, which offset declines in wholesale and real estate.

#### US

The US Federal Reserve decided to keep short term rates unchanged at a range between 1.5% and 1.75%. The overall language in their statement was balanced, as officials acknowledged that inflation has recovered toward the central bank's "symmetric" 2% target, consistent with their forecasts, and that risks to the U.S. economic outlook appear "roughly balanced." While policymakers noted that growth momentum moderated slightly in the first quarter, they reiterated their view that further "gradual" adjustments to benchmark rates would be appropriate in view of their outlook of a tightening labour market and stable, adequate growth in the medium term.



#### Canada

Overnight	1.25%
Bank of Canada	1.50%
Prime Rate	3.45%

Next Meeting: May 30, 2018

#### **United States**

Fed Fund Rates	1.75%
Discount Rate	2.00%
Prime Rate	4.50%

Next Meeting: June 13, 2018

#### Resource: National Bank

#### MARKET INDICATORS & TRENDS (As at May 4, 2018

	INDEX	MTD	YTD	2017	2016
S&P/TSX	15,729.40	0.78%	-2.96%	6.03%	17.51%
S&P 500	2,663.42	0.58%	-0.38%	19.42%	9.54%
MSCI EAFE 2,031.20		-0.61%	-0.96%	21.78%	-1.88%
MSCI World	2,089.44	0.14%	-0.67%	20.11%	5.32%
				2017	2016
CAD	\$ 0.7780	-0.14%	-2.39%	6.71%	3.09%
Euro	\$ 1.1987	-0.77%	-0.11%	13.71%	-2.82%
Gold	\$ 1,314.70	-0.34%	0.75%	13.30%	8.63%
Oil – WTI	\$ 69.72	1.68%	15.74%	12.14%	45.03%
Gas	\$ 2.71	-1.88%	-7.98%	-20.89%	59.35%
				2017	2016
DEX Universe	1,027.60	-0.14%	-0.89%	2.51%	1.67%
DEX Short Term	697.80	-0.03%	0.11%	0.09%	1.00%
DEX Mid Term	1,108.90	-0.16%	-0.97%	0.96%	1.61%
DEX Long Term	1,665.50	-0.25%	-2.25%	7.03%	2.47%



## S&P / TSX SECTOR PERFORMANCE

(As at May 4, 2018)

SECTOR	MTD	YTD
Financials	0.11%	-4.15%
Energy	-0.10%	3.08%
Materials	2.50%	-1.83%
Industrial	0.69%	1.26%
Consumer Discretionary	0.67%	-1.75%
Telecom Services	-0.49%	-6.63%
Information Technology	2.42%	14.86%
Consumer Staples	-0.37%	-6.70%
Utilities	0.79%	-7.90%
Health Care	-0.41%	-15.36%

## GIC RATES—RSP COMPOUNDING

(As at May 7, 2018)

	1 YEAR	3 YEARS	5 YEARS
B2B	2.25	2.80	3.12
Effort Trust	2.50	2.90	2.90
Laurentian Trust	2.25	2.80	3.12
Laurentian Bank	2.25	2.80	3.12
Community Trust	2.40	2.85	3.10
Home Trust	2.36	2.97	3.20

## SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

(As at May 7, 2018)

	FUND CODE	RATE
Equitable Bank*	EQB 100 (A)	1.10%
	EQB 200 (F)	1.35%
B2B High Interest Investment Account*	BTB 100 (A)	1.15%
	BTB 101 (F)	1.40%
ADS Investment Savings Account (Hollis)	DYN 5000 (A)	1.10%
	DYN 5004 (F)	1.35%
Manulife Bank Premium Investment Savings*	MIP 501 (A)	1.10%
	MIP 601 (F)	1.35%
Renaissance High Interest Savings Account*	ATL 5000 (A)	1.10%
	ATL 5001 (F)	1.35%

\*Nominee accounts only

### **UPCOMING DATES**

May 8	CAD Housing Starts Report	May 11	US University of Mich. Sentiment Report
May 8	US NFIB Small Business Optimism Report		
May 9	CAD Building Permits Report		
May 9	US Wholesale Trade Report		
May 10	US Initial Jobless Claims Report		
May 10	US CPI Report		
May 11	CAD LFS Employment Report		

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