

#### Canada

- The S&P/TSX Composite increased 1.79% on the week led by an increase of 5.26% in the Energy sector.
- Canadians are applying to graduate schools in increasing numbers, a phenomenon often seen during times of economic downturns. Applications to graduate programs at the University of Toronto and Western Ontario are up 32% vs previous years.
- Canada's economy is expected to expand 4.7% in 2021, according to Bloomberg's latest monthly survey of analysts, while growth in 2022 is seen at 4.1%.

#### **United States**

- The S&P/500 Composite increased 1.23% on the week.
- A Reuter's poll of 120 economists revealed the belief that the US economy is largely expected
  to reach pre-COVID-19 levels within a year as President Joe Biden's planned fiscal stimulus
  package of US\$1.9 trillion boosts economic activity, however it is likely to take over a year for
  unemployment to fall to early 2020 levels.

Source: Morningstar

## **MARKET INDICATORS & TRENDS**

| February 12, 2021        | Index      | MTD    | YTD    | 2020    | 2019    |
|--------------------------|------------|--------|--------|---------|---------|
| S&P/TSX                  | 18,460.21  | 6.48%  | 5.89%  | 2.17%   | 19.87%  |
| S&P 500                  | 3,934.83   | 5.94%  | 4.76%  | 16.26%  | 29.25%  |
| MSCI EAFE                | 2,227.70   | 4.88%  | 3.73%  | 5.43%   | 18.78%  |
| MSCI World               | 2,818.85   | 5.90%  | 4.79%  | 14.06%  | 25.53%  |
|                          |            |        |        |         |         |
|                          | Index      | MTD    | YTD    | 2020    | 2019    |
| CAD                      | \$0.7836   | 0.11%  | -0.27% | 2.03%   | 4.31%   |
| Euro                     | \$1.2046   | -0.74% | -1.38% | 8.95%   | -2.48%  |
| Gold                     | \$1,821.60 | -1.39% | -3.88% | 24.42%  | 18.42%  |
| Oil – WTI                | \$59.47    | 13.93% | 22.57% | -20.54% | 35.92%  |
| Gas                      | \$2.91     | 13.57% | 14.69% | 15.99%  | -26.60% |
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| FTSE/TMX Canada Universe | 1,195.80   | -0.99% | -2.08% | 8.68%   | 7.66%   |
| FTSE/TMX Short Term      | 771.10     | -0.12% | 0.01%  | 5.28%   | 3.20%   |
| FTSE/TMX Mid Term        | 1,313.60   | -0.64% | -1.11% | 10.08%  | 6.37%   |
| FTSE/TMX Long Term       | 2,041.50   | -2.31% | -5.29% | 11.90%  | 14.55%  |

### **UP AND DOWN**

| Canada         |       |   |
|----------------|-------|---|
| Overnight      | 0.25% | _ |
| Bank of Canada | 0.50% | _ |
| Prime Rate     | 2.45% | _ |
| United States  |       |   |
| Fed Fund Rates | 0.25% | _ |
| Discount Rate  | 0.75% | _ |
| Prime Rate     | 3.25% |   |

Next Bank of Canada meeting: March 10, 2021 Next US Federal Reserve meeting: March 16, 2021

# S&P/TSX SECTOR PERFORMANCE (As at February 12, 2021)

| Sector                 | MTD    | YTD    |
|------------------------|--------|--------|
| Financials             | 4.70%  | 3.90%  |
| Energy                 | 15.79% | 14.76% |
| Materials              | 3.37%  | -0.24% |
| Industrials            | 6.25%  | 3.65%  |
| Consumer Discretionary | 5.82%  | 3.04%  |
| Telecom Services       | 1.95%  | 2.09%  |
| Info Tech              | 9.70%  | 11.31% |
| Consumer Staples       | 3.52%  | -0.86% |
| Utilities              | 0.11%  | 2.73%  |
| Health Care            | 11.87% | 50.84% |

# SAVING ACCOUNTS (Interest Rates as of February 15, 2021)

|                          | Description | Rate      |
|--------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Equitable Bank           | EQB1000     | 0.35% (A) |
| Equitable Bank           | EQB1001     | 0.50% (F) |
| ADS ISA Account (Hollis) | DYN5000     | 0.40% (A) |
| ADS ISA Account (Hollis) | DYN5004     | 0.50% (F) |
| Manulife Bank ISA        | MIP510      | 0.15% (A) |
| Manulife Bank ISA        | MIP610      | 0.40% (F) |
| Renaissance HISA         | ATL5000     | 0.25% (A) |
| Renaissance HISA         | ATL5001     | 0.50% (F) |

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