

#### NEWS & NUMBERS | FEBRUARY 24, 2020

#### Canada

- The S&P/TSX Composite decreased 0.03% on the week, led by the Information Technology sector which decreased 2.74%.
- In January, the consumer price index rose 0.3%. As a result, the year-on-year inflation rate climbed two ticks to 2.4%, its highest level in eight months. Seasonally adjusted, the headline figure inched up 0.1% as higher prices for transportation (+0.8%), clothing (+0.8%) and alcohol/tobacco/cannabis (+0.6%) more than offset lower prices for recreation (-0.3%) and household operations (-0.2%). The Bank of Canada's three core inflation measures year on year were as follows: 1.8% for the CPI-common (down two ticks), 2.1% for the CPI-trim (unchanged), and 2.2% for the CPI-median (unchanged).

#### **United States**

- The S&P/500 Composite decreased 1.25% on the week.
- In January, housing starts fell to 1,567K in seasonally adjusted annualized terms, down 3.6% from an upwardly revised 1,626K the prior month. Single-family starts cooled 5.9% to 1.010K while the multi-unit segment climbed 0.7% to a 33-year high of 557K.

## **MARKET INDICATORS & TRENDS**

February 21, 2020	Index	MTD	YTD	2019	2018
S&P/TSX	17,843.53	3.03%	4.57%	19.87%	-11.64%
S&P 500	3,337.75	3.48%	3.31%	29.25%	-6.24%
MSCI EAFE	2,002.86	0.46%	-1.67%	18.78%	-16.13%
MSCI World	2,402.80	2.58%	1.88%	25.53%	-10.44%
	Index	MTD	YTD	2019	2018
CAD	\$0.7560	0.08%	-1.83%	4.31%	-8.04%
Euro	\$1.0847	-2.22%	-3.26%	-2.48%	-4.49%
Gold	\$1,644.60	3.90%	7.98%	18.42%	-2.04%
Oil – WTI	\$53.38	3.53%	-12.58%	35.92%	-24.62%
Gas	\$1.91	3.48%	-12.97%	-26.60%	-0.20%
	Index	MTD	YTD	2019	2018
DEX Universe	1,162.90	0.56%	3.49%	7.66%	1.41%
DEX Short Term	741.00	0.15%	1.19%	3.20%	1.91%
DEX Mid Term	1,244.80	0.26%	3.15%	6.37%	1.90%
DEX Long Term	2,053.30	1.27%	6.60%	14.55%	0.31%

### **UP AND DOWN**

Resource: National Bank

Canada		
Overnight	1.75%	
Bank of Canada	2.00%	
Prime Rate	3.95%	
United States		
Fed Fund Rates	1.75%	
Discount Rate	2.25%	
Prime Rate	4.75%	

Next Bank of Canada meeting (March 4, 2020) Next Federal Bank meeting (March 18, 2020)

### S&P/TSX SECTOR PERFORMANCE (As at February 21, 2020)

Sector	MTD	YTD
Financials	3.62%	5.07%
Energy	1.53%	-9.82%
Materials	3.37%	0.91%
Industrial	1.85%	6.30%
Consumer Discretionary	1.80%	-0.77%
Telecom Services	-0.35%	1.98%
Information Technology	3.74%	11.22%
Consumer Staples	1.60%	5.41%
Utilities	5.32%	13.27%
Health Care	-3.72%	-5.26%

# SAVING ACCOUNTS (Interest Rates as of February 24, 2020)

	Description	Rate
Equitable Bank	EQB1000	1.60% (A)
Equitable Bank	EQB1001	1.85% (F)
ADS ISA Account (Hollis)	DYN5000	1.60% (A)
ADS ISA Account (Hollis)	DYN5004	1.85% (F)
Manulife Bank ISA	MIP510	1.30% (A)
Manulife Bank ISA	MIP610	1.55% (F)
Renaissance HISA	ATL5000	1.60% (A)
Renaissance HISA	ATL5001	1.85% (F)

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