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Canadian Economy Shines

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Global Economy Strengthens



Synchronized Global Recovery

Canada with 3.0+% growth

U.S. At 2.1%

Europe Stable at 2.0%

China Headed for 6.8% Growth



Global Growth Edges Upward in 2017



Forecast = BMO Nesbitt Burns Economics
Source: IMF World Economic Outlook Database

U.S. Economy Still Tepid



Business Investment Improves

Exports Solid

Residential Construction Softens

Retail Stores Consolidate

Labour Shortages

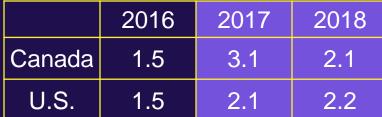
Fed Reduces Liquidity

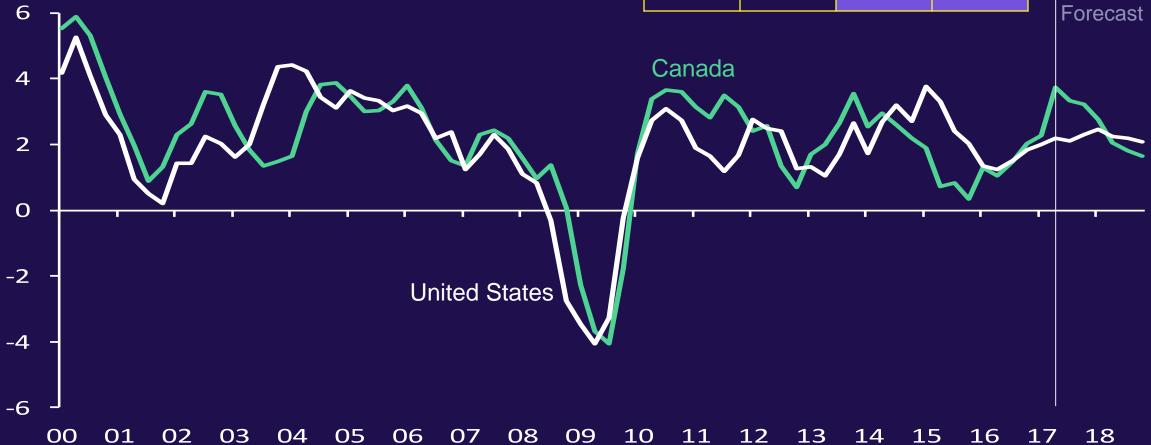
Fiscal Uncertainty



U.S. Growth Barely Above 2.0%

Real GDP (year/year % percent)





Consumer Growth Strengthens in Canada, Slows in U.S.

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Real Personal Consumption Expenditure (year/year % change)



Source: Haver Analytics, Bureau of Economic Analysis, Statistics Canada



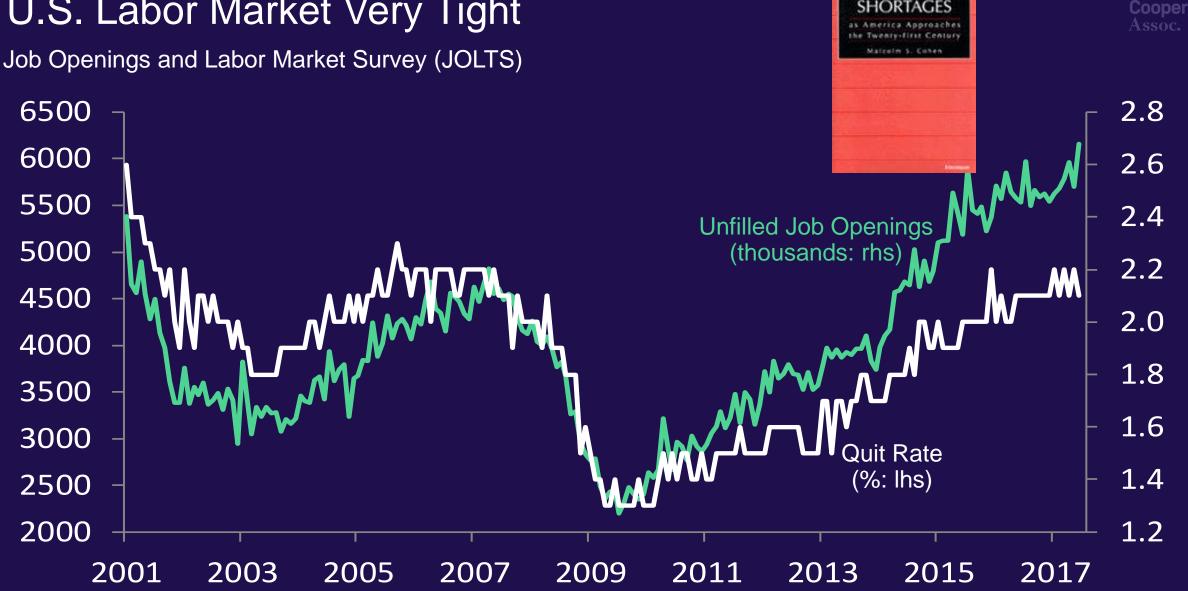
(percent)



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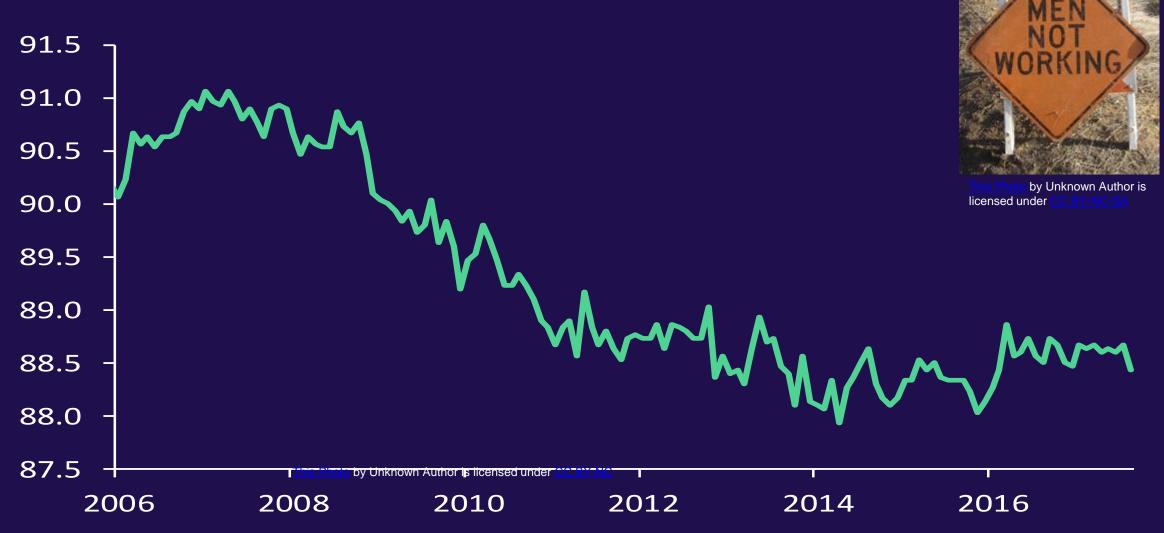


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Source: Haver Analytics, Sherry Cooper Associates

Yet 15% of Prime Age Men in U.S. Not Working Labor Force Participation Rate: Men: 25-54 Years

Labor Force Participation Rate: Men: 25-54 Years (percent, not seasonally adjusted)



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Canada's Positive Surprises



Job Growth Strong

Exports Up

Consumers Spending

Alberta Begins Recovery

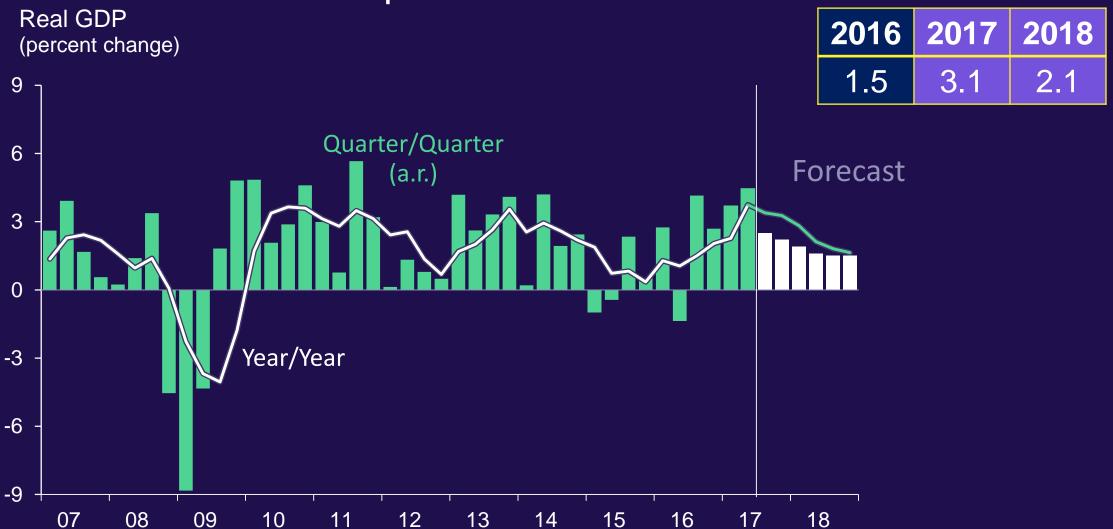
But...

NAFTA Looms Large

Housing Slows



Canadian Growth Improves In 2017

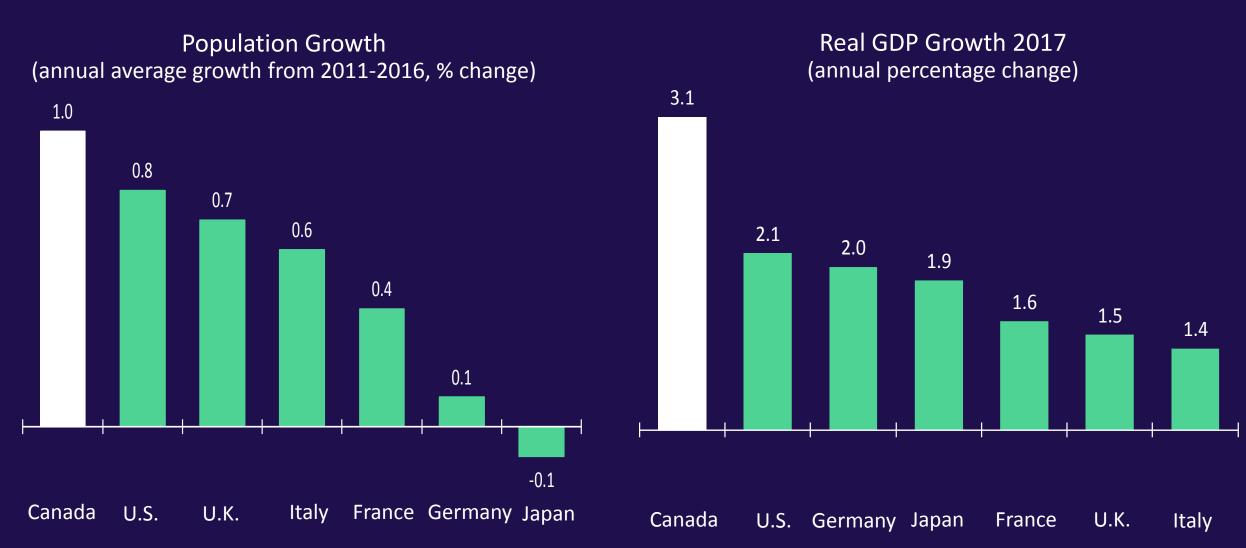


Forecast = BMO Capital Markets Economics

Source: Haver Analytics, Statistics Canada, Royal Bank of Canada Economics



Canada Leads G7 In Population and GDP Growth

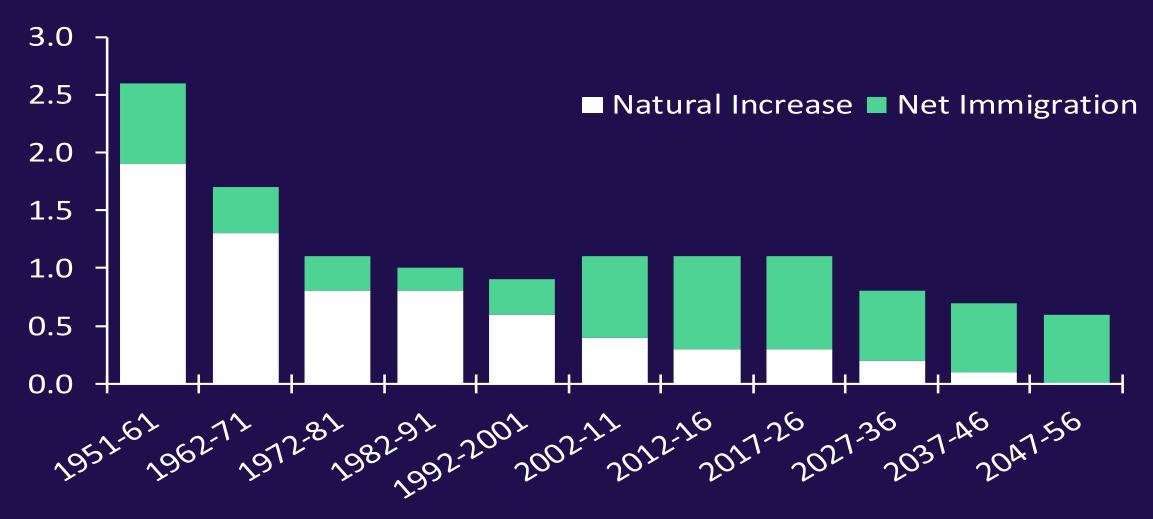


Source: Scotia Bank Economics, BMO Nesbitt Burns Economics



Immigration Dominates Canadian Population Growth

Annual Population Growth (annual average growth, percentage change)

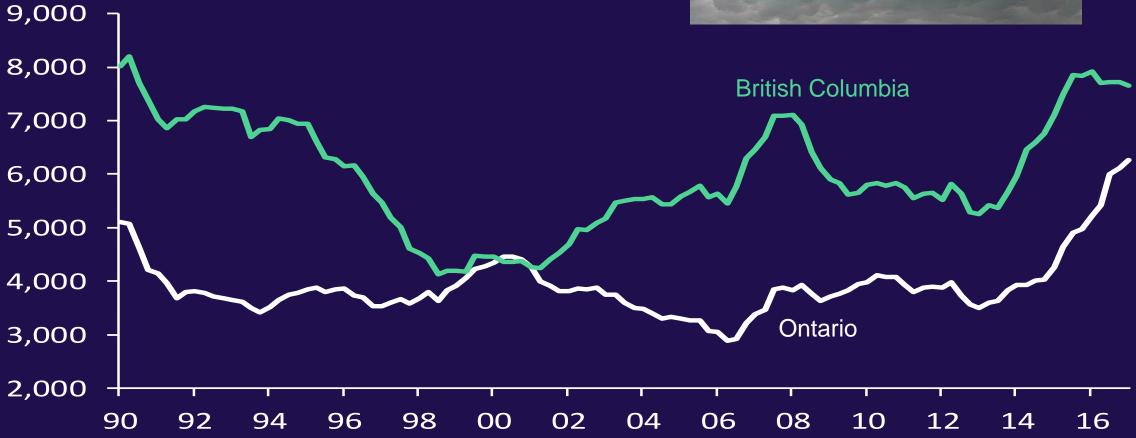


People Left Oil-Torn Provinces For Ontario and B.C.

Interprovincial Migrants (level, 4-quarter moving average)



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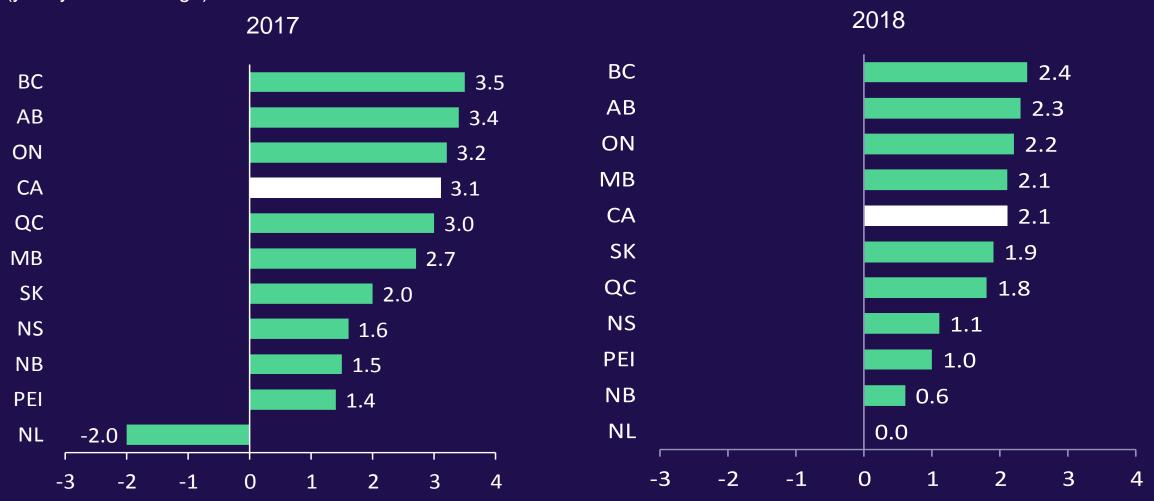


Source: Haver Analytics, Statistics Canada



B.C. on Top As Alberta Climbs Back

Canada: Real GDP Provincial Forecast (year/year % change)



Loonie Rises As U.S. Dollar Falls





Canadian Economy Outperforms

U.S. Tepid Growth

Trump Factor

N. Korea Concerns

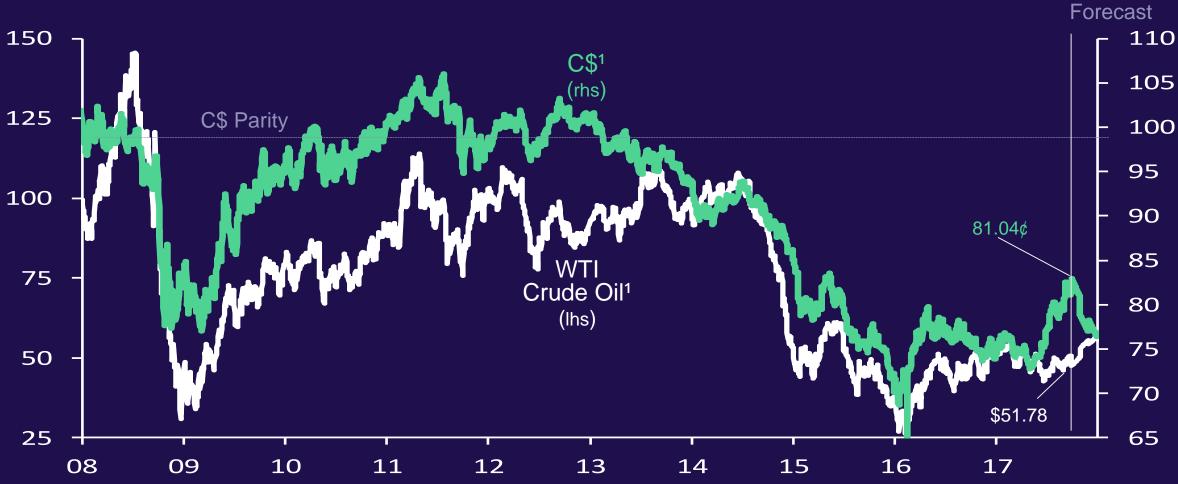
U.S. Congressional Gridlock

Oil Price And The Loonie

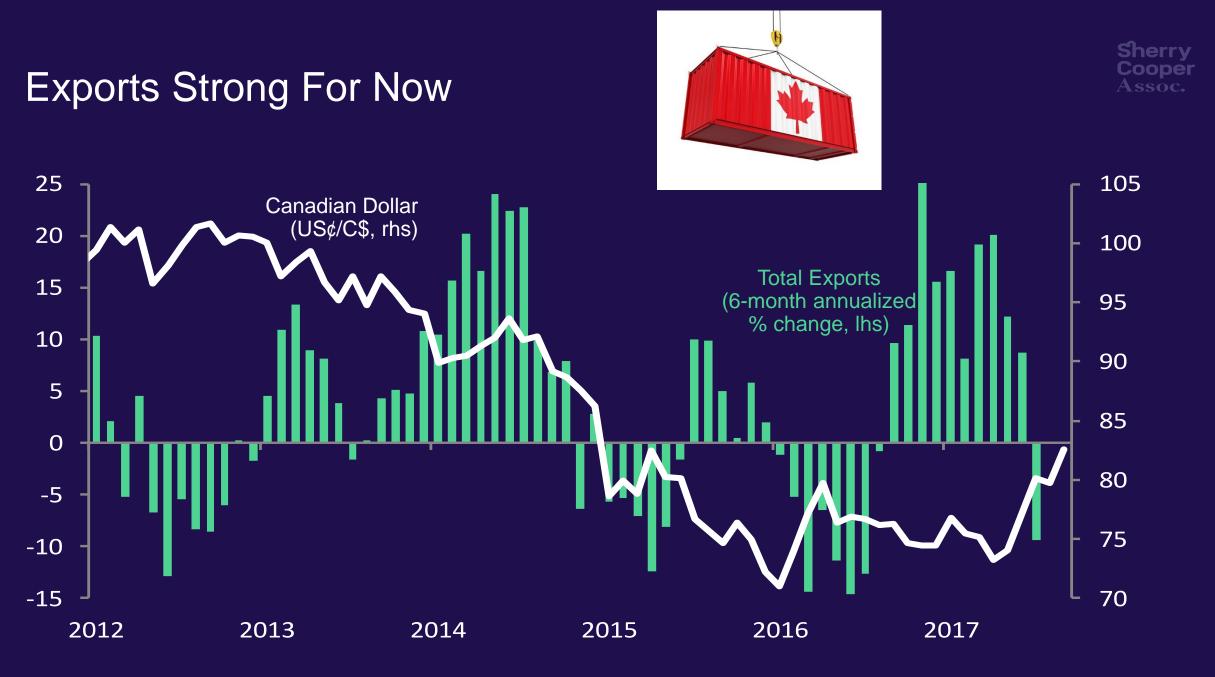
(as of September 25, 2017)



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Forecast = BMO Capital Markets ¹ (US\$/bbl) ² (US¢/C\$) Source: Haver Analytics, Bank of Canada, Bloomberg, U.S. Energy Information Administration



U.S. Hangs Tough On NAFTA

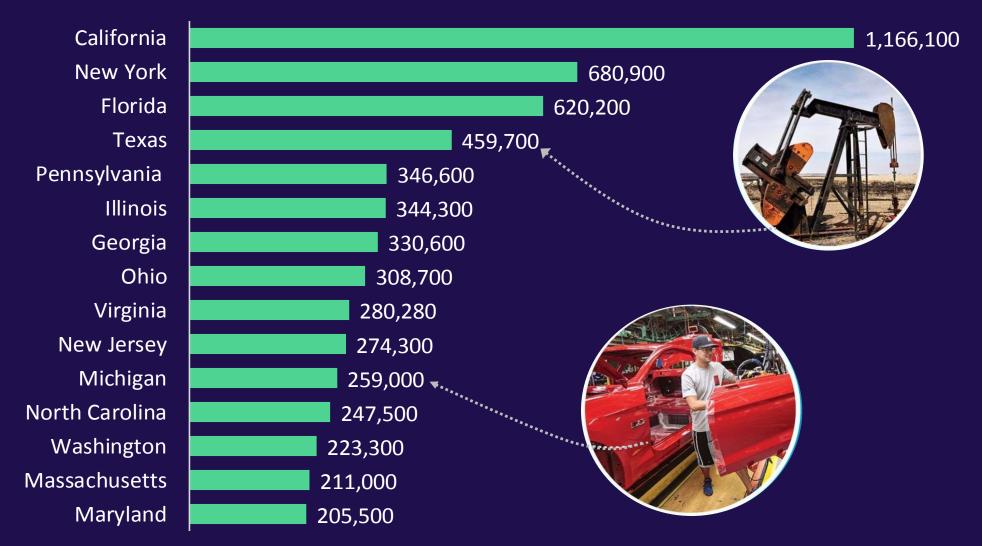


Trump Threat All Talk
U.S. Wants Massive Overhaul
Talks Will Get Messy

U.S. Jobs Created By Trade with Canada



Total Number of Jobs



Source: Rebecca Cook/Reuters; Lucas Jackson/Reuters; Embassy of Canada, Washington; Statistics Canada; Bureau of Economic Analysis; Census Bureau

Financial Markets





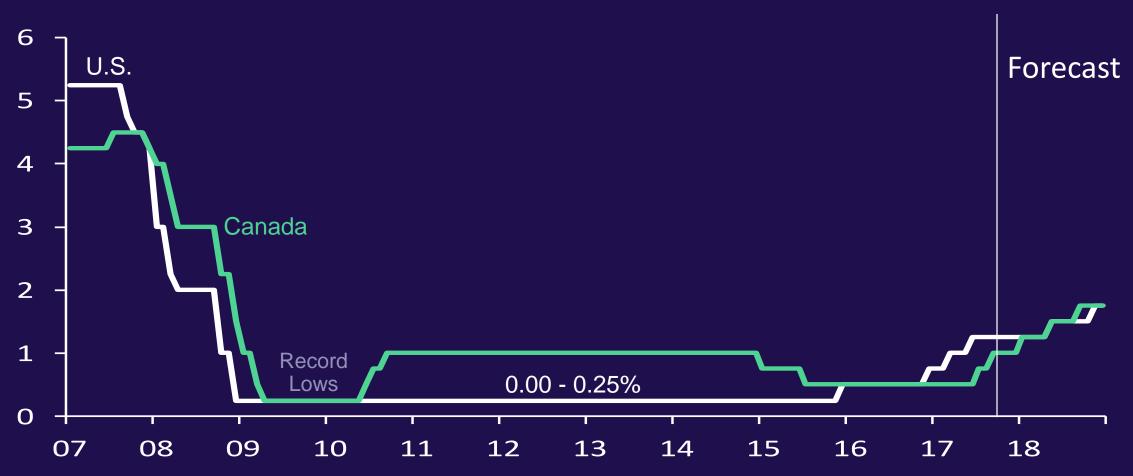
Bank of Canada Hikes Rates
Fed Reducing Liquidity
Mortgage Rates Rising

Bank Of Canada Hikes Rates

Overnight Rate (percent)



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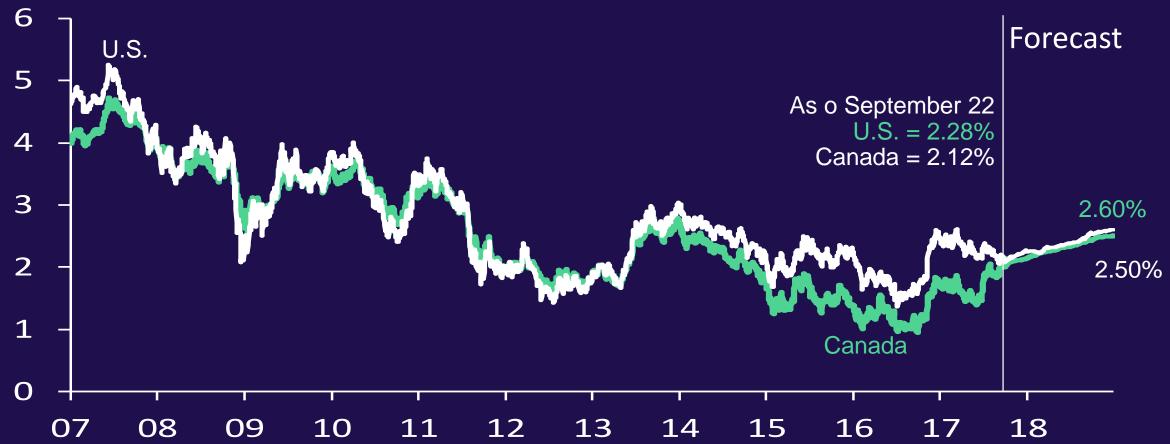


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Long Yields Edge Upward On Fed Rate Hikes

10-year Bond Yields (percent)





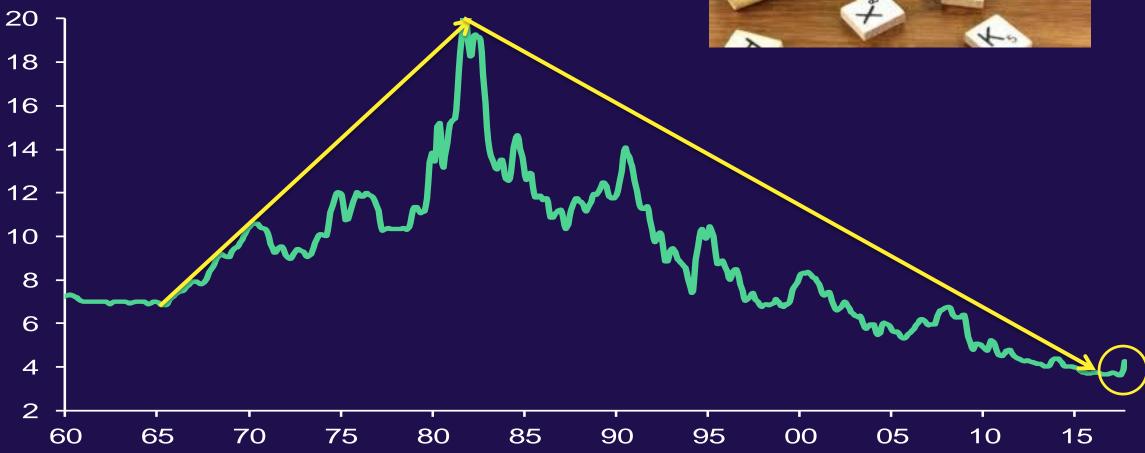
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Mortgage Rates Have Bottomed

Posted 5-Year Fixed Mortgage Rate (percent, 3-month moving average, as of September 22)



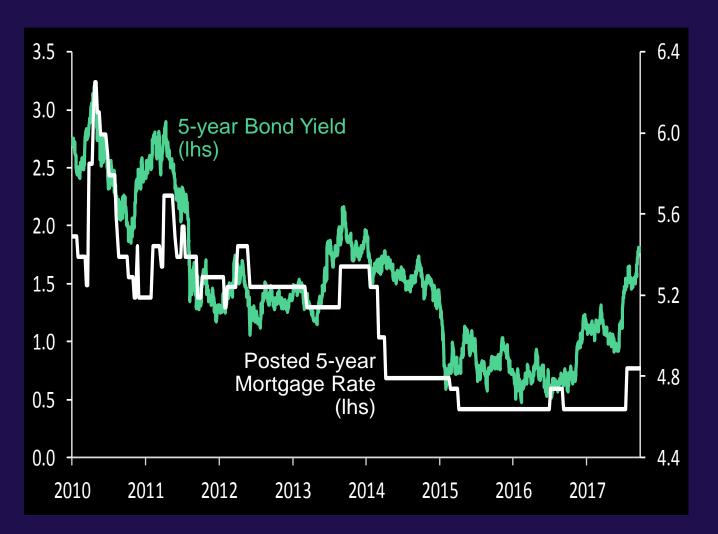
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Source: Haver Analytics

Upside for Mortgage Rates

(percent) as of Sept 22





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More Upward Pressure
68% or More Fixed Rate
Renewals Still At Lower Rates
New Buyers Most Hurt
Resets Rise If Rates Up 50bps More

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Housing Looms Large But Vulnerable



Huge Part of Economy
Overblown Bubble Worries
Exaggerated Debt Concerns
Govt Clamps Down
Probably More To Come
Housing Slows
Markets Now Balanced

CMHC Changes Benefit The Big Banks Over Alternative Lenders

Growth Housing Led...But Slowing

Canada (percent)

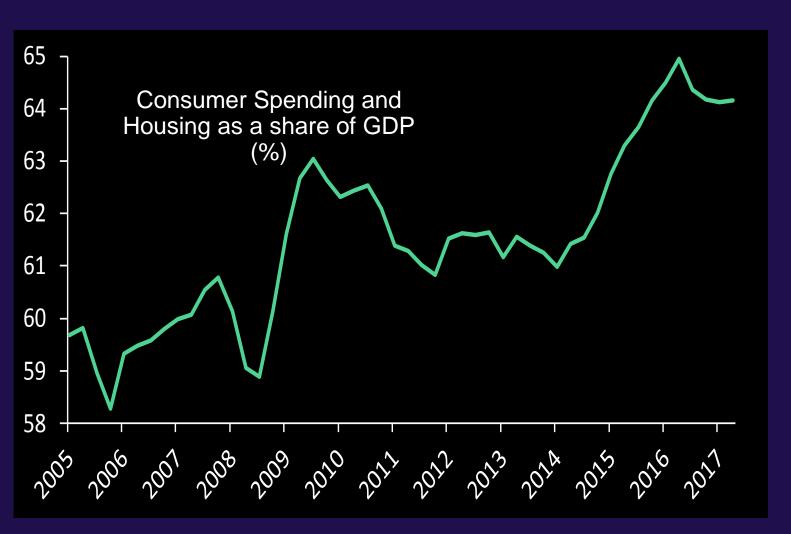








Housing Growth Slows...Tightening Continues



Credit Conditions Tightened Banks Downgraded **Insured Mortgages Decline** Appraisers Lowering Values Second Mortgage Demand Up Another OSFI Move Coming? Risk Sharing With CMHC

Source: Statistics Canada, Haver Analytics

Debt-Financed Bubble Worry

Real House Price Index (index, 2005 = 100, seasonally adjusted)





Rising Risks: Record High Debt-to-GDP

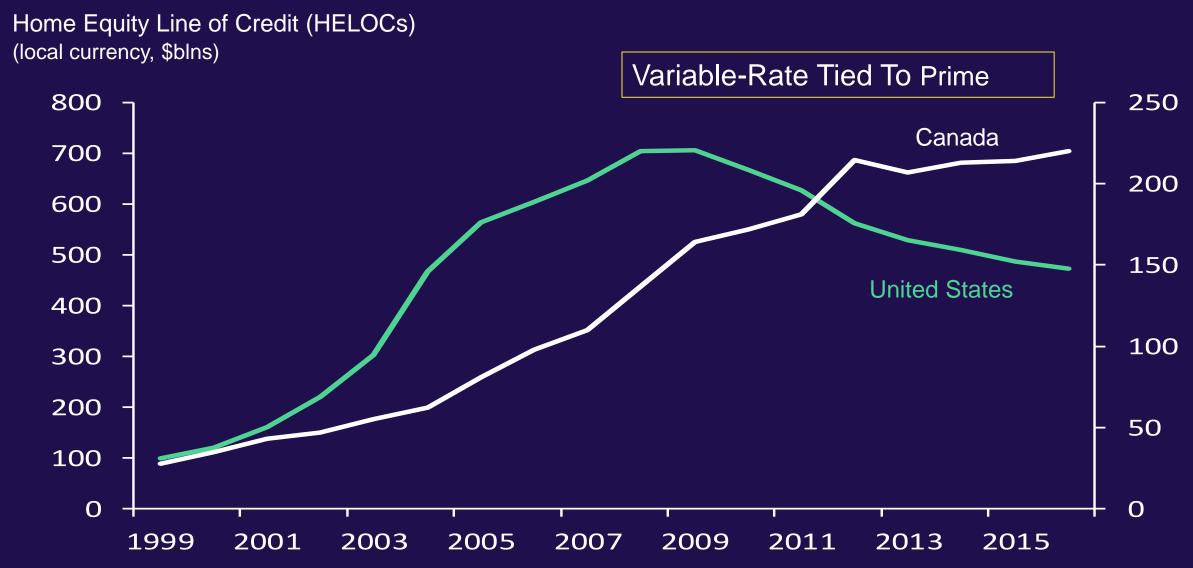
Household Debt as a Percentage of GDP (March 2005 = 100)



Source: Bloomberg, International Monetary Fund (IMF)

Canadians Rely Heavily on HELOCs

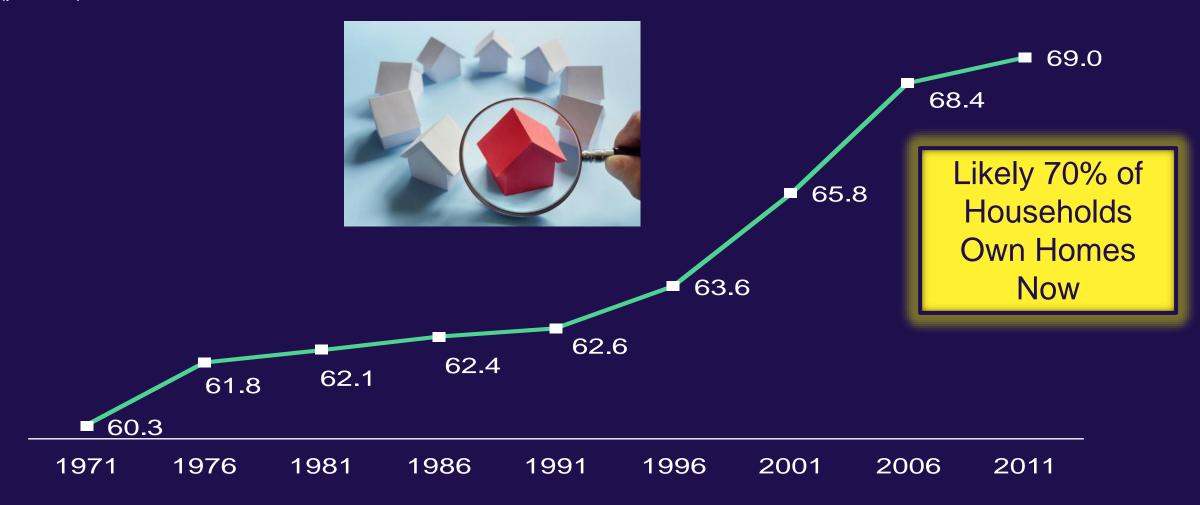






Canadian Homeownership At A Record High

Homeowners as a % of all Canadian Households (percent)



Source: Statistics Canada, Censuses of Population, 1971 to 2006 and National Household Survey, 2011

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Over-Extended Debtors A Small Segment



40% of Homeowners Are Mortgage-Free 33% of Households Are Debt-Free 25% Have Less Than \$25k in Debt...

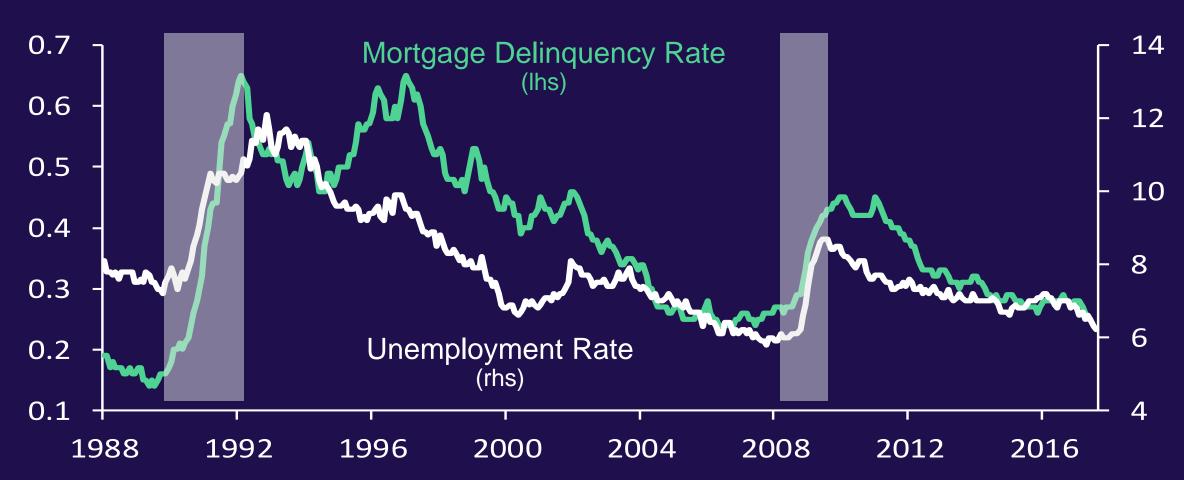
So 58% of Households Nearly Debt Free

Hence, Low Mortgage Delinquencies
Only 20%-to-30% Need CMHC Insurance
Most Loans Are Fixed Rate

Mortgage Arrears Very Low

(percent)





Shaded regions represent periods of Canadian recessions Source: Haver Analytics, CBA, Statistics Canada

But Unaffordable In Vancouver and Toronto

(seasonally adjusted: January 1995 = 100)



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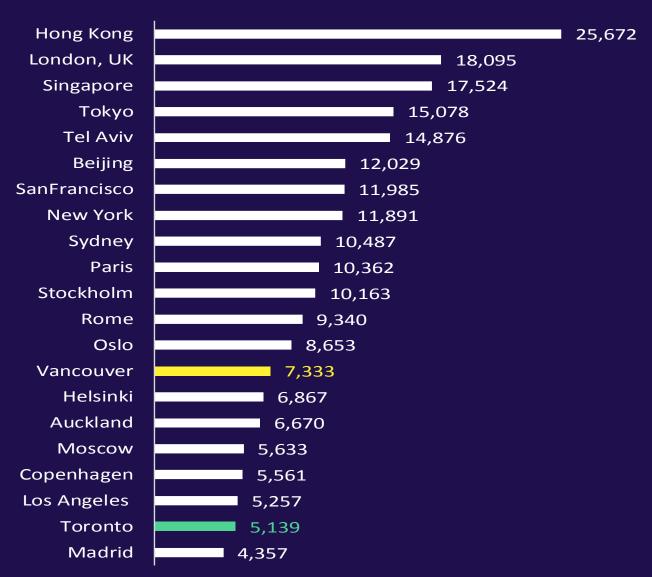
Source: Haver Analytics, CREA, Statistics Canada

Toronto and Vancouver Prices Lag Global Cities



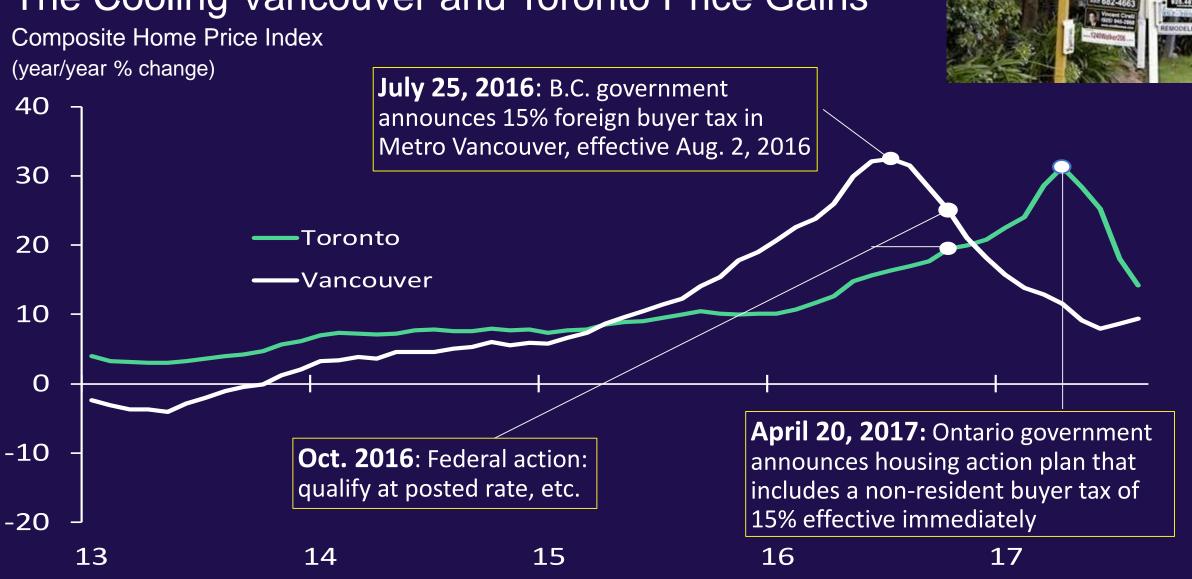
Buyer price per square meter, Apartment (US\$/square meter)





Source: www.numbeo.com, Sherry Cooper Assoc.

The Cooling Vancouver and Toronto Price Gains



Source: Haver Analytics, CREA, Statistics Canada

Condo Prices Hold Better Than Single Family Homes

MLS® Home Price Index (HPI)

(6-month percentage change: as of August 2017)





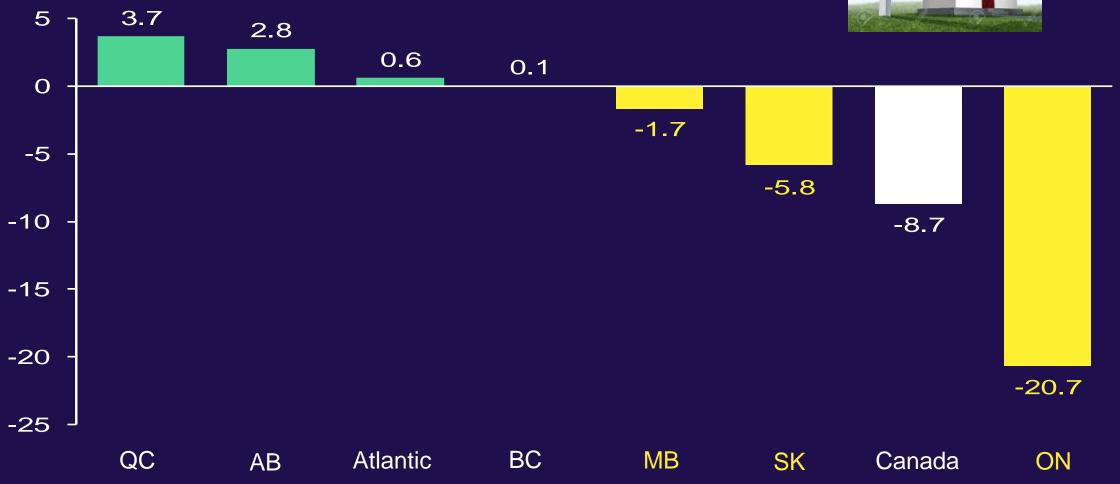
*Using average home prices; year/year % change Source: Canadian Real Estate Association (CREA)

Home Sales Decline In ON and B.C.

Existing Home Sales (year/year % change, August 2017)







Source: Canadian Real Estate Association, Haver Analytics

Toronto Markets Now Balanced

Toronto Area Sales to New Listings Ratio







Vancouver Markets Now Balanced

Vancouver Area Sales to New Listings Ratio (ratio)







Source: Canadian Real Estate Association, Haver Analytics

Home Price Forecast

CREA House Price Index (year/year % change)

Average Existing Home Prices (year-over-year % change)

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	Vancouver	Toronto
2017	2.8	10.4
2018	<i>1</i> Q	-5.8





White bars indicate forecasts. Forecast provided TD Economics (as of August 2017) Source: CREA, Haver Analytics

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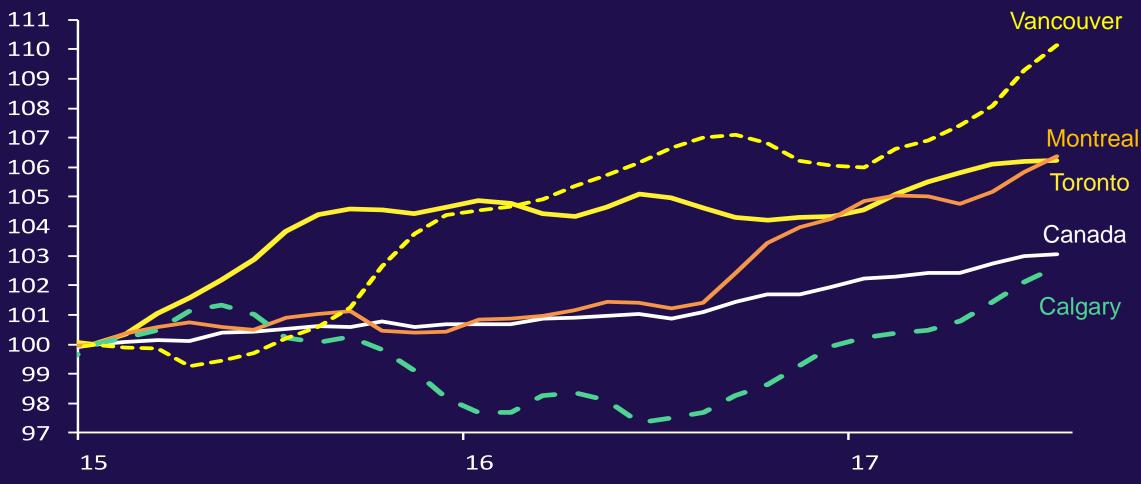
Job Creation In Major Canadian Cities

Employment Level

(index: January 2015 = 100)







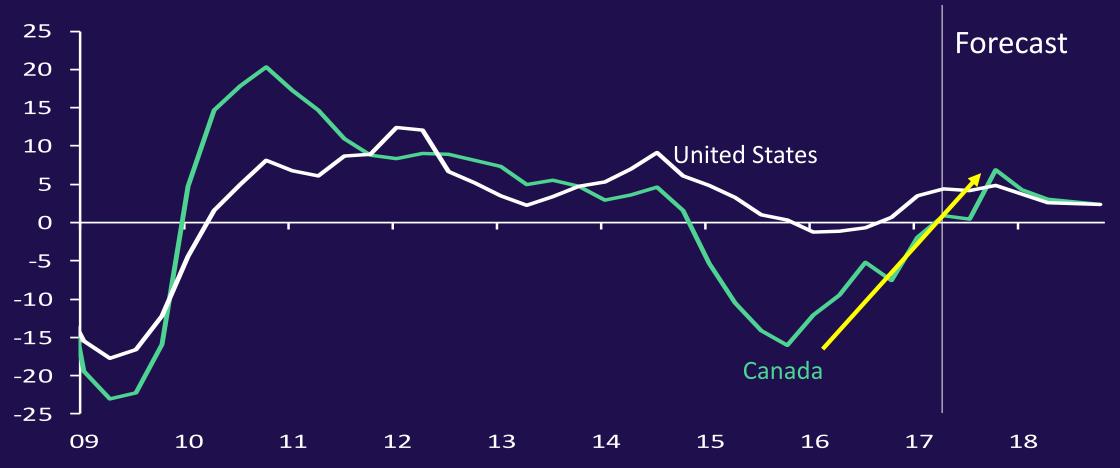
Source: Haver Analytics, Statistics Canada

Business Investment Finally Grows In Canada

Real Non-Residential Business Investment (year/year % percent)







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