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Canadian Housing In Flux

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Canada's Positive Surprises



Job Growth Strong

Alberta Begins Recovery

But...

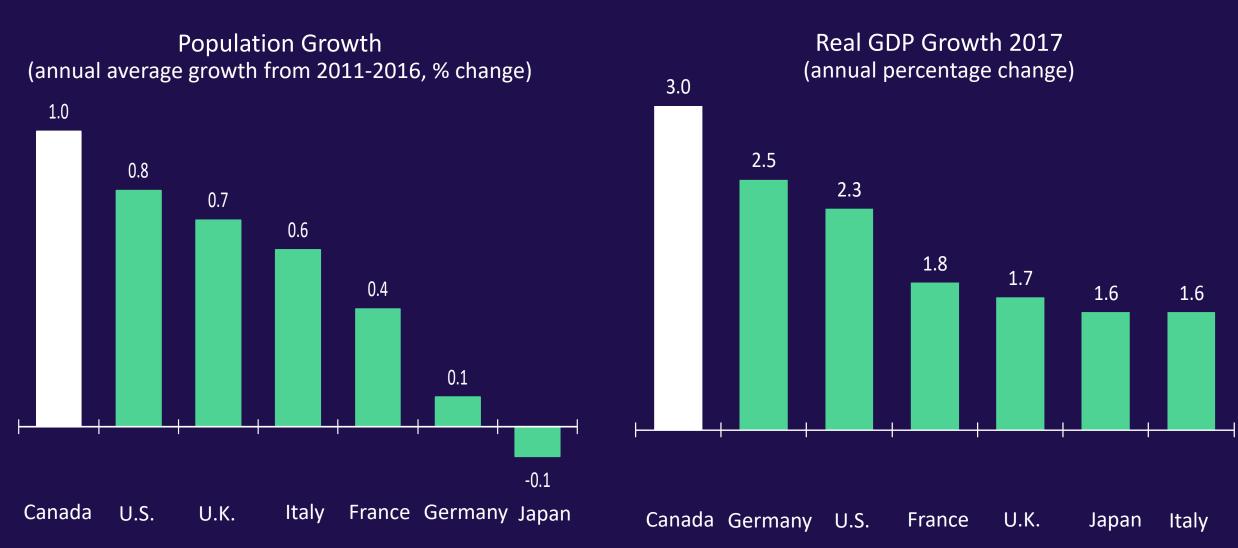
NAFTA Looms Large

Housing Slows

Consumers Spending Slows



Canada Led G7 In Population and GDP Growth Last Year



Source: Scotia Bank Economics, BMO Nesbitt Burns Economics



Canadian Growth Slows in 2018

Real GDP (percent change)

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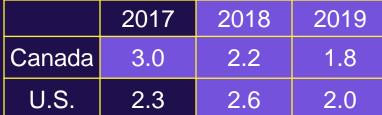
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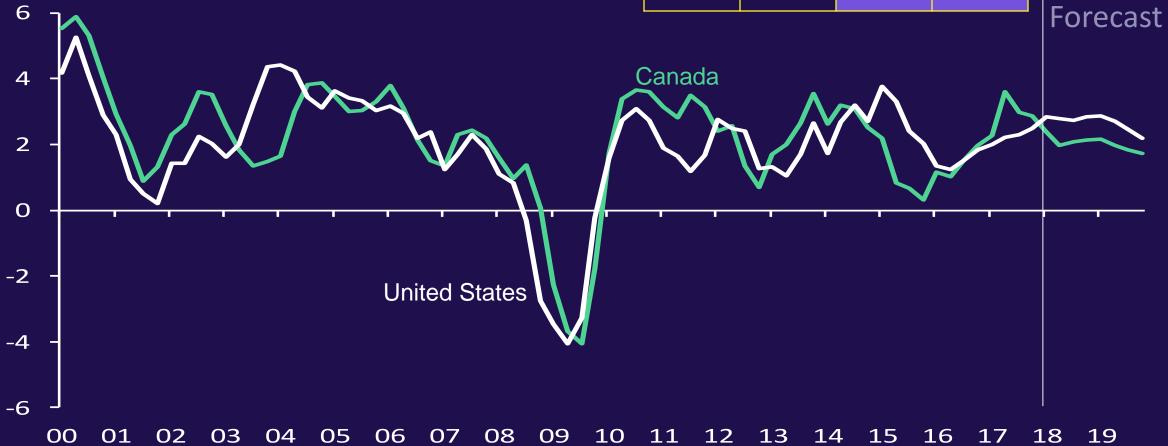
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U.S. Growth Moves Up

Real GDP (year/year % percent)







(percent)

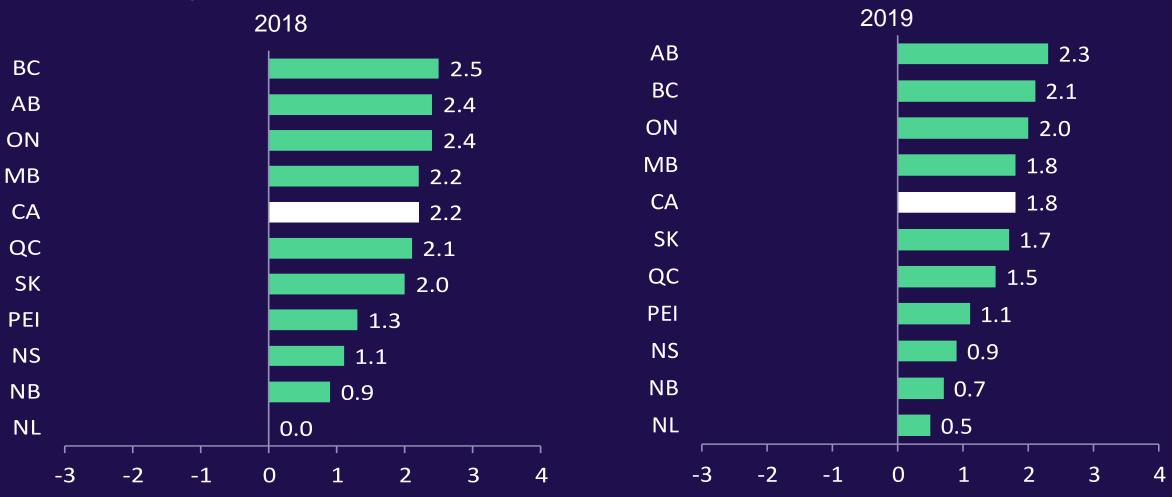


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B.C. on Top As Alberta Climbs Back

Canada: Real GDP Provincial Forecast (year/year % 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

Financial Markets





Bank of Canada Cautious

Fed Raises Rates

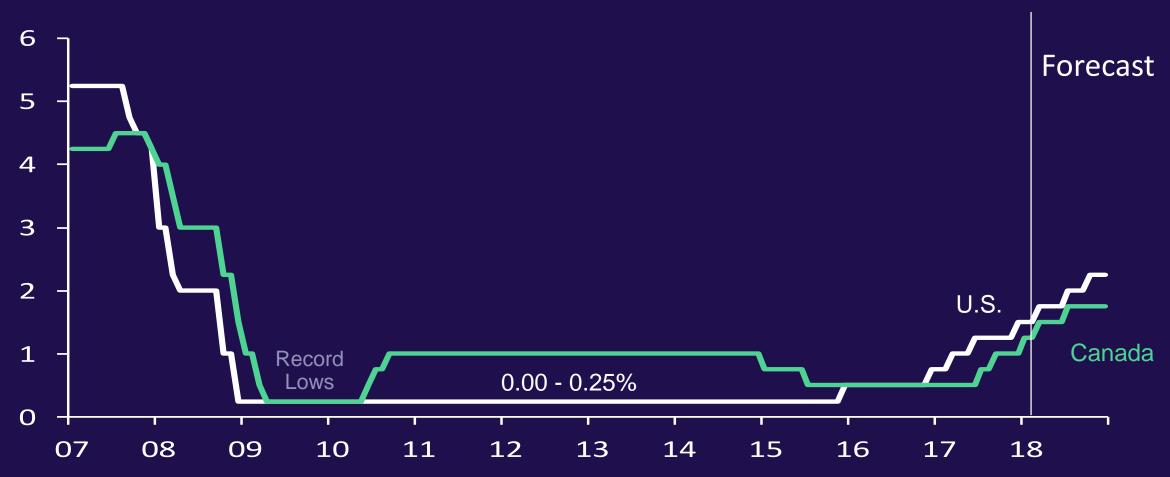
Mortgage Rates Rising

Bank Of Canada Hikes Rates

Overnight Rate (percent)



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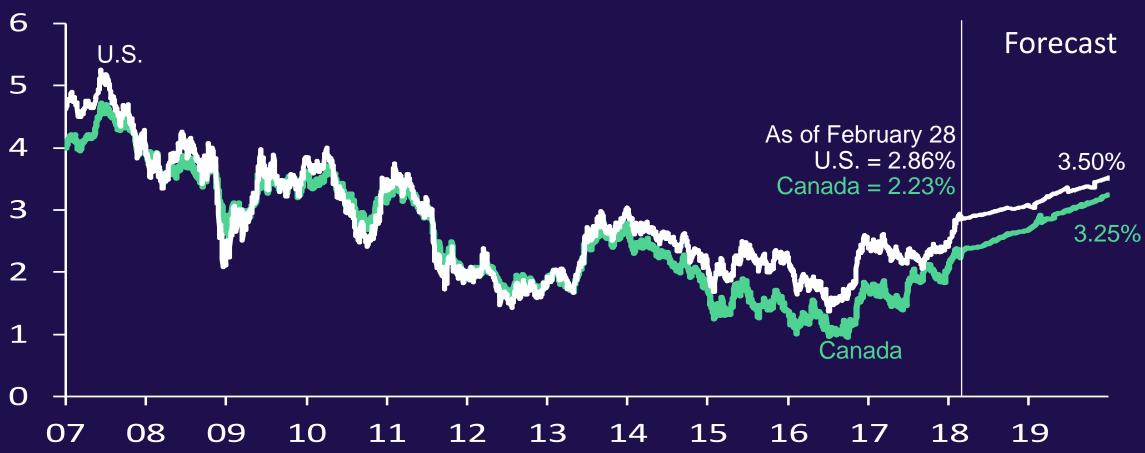
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Long Yields Edge Upward On Fed Rate Hikes

10-year Bond Yields (percent)



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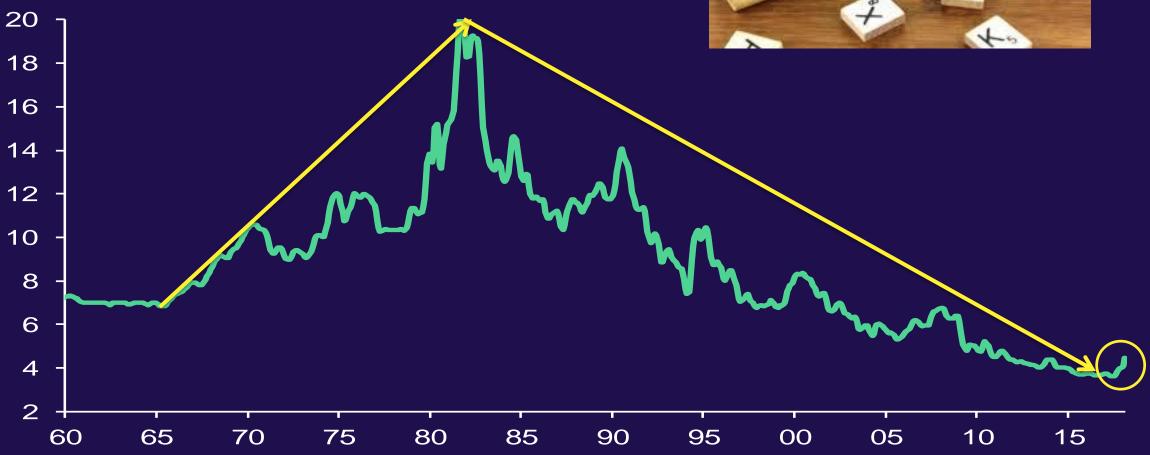
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Mortgage Rates Have Bottomed

Posted 5-Year Fixed Mortgage Rate (percent, 3-month moving average, as of February 28, 2018)



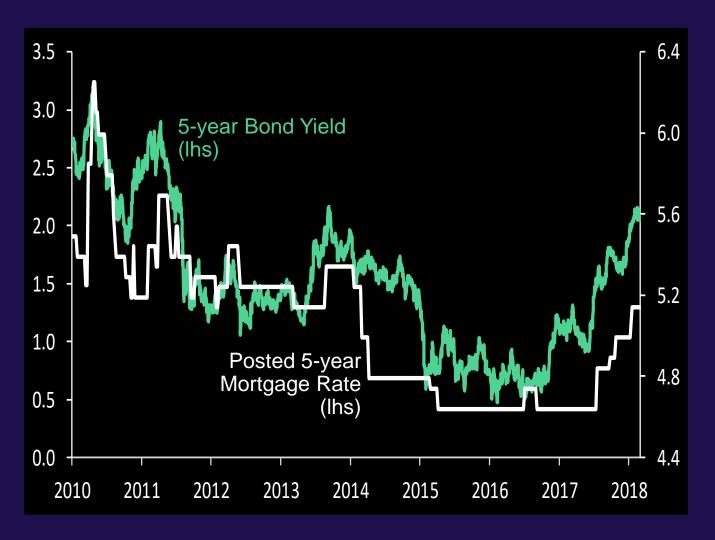
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Source: Haver Analytics

Upside for Mortgage Rates

(percent) as of February 28, 2018





More Upward Pressure
68% or More Fixed Rate
New Buyers Hurt The Most
Resets Soon At Higher Rates

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Housing Looms Large But Vulnerable



Huge Part of Economy
Overblown Bubble Worries
Exaggerated Debt Concerns
Govt Clamps Down
OSFI Stress Testing
Housing Slows
Markets Now Balanced

CMHC Rule Changes Benefit Big Banks Over Alternative Lenders

Growth Housing Led...But Slowing

Canada (percent)

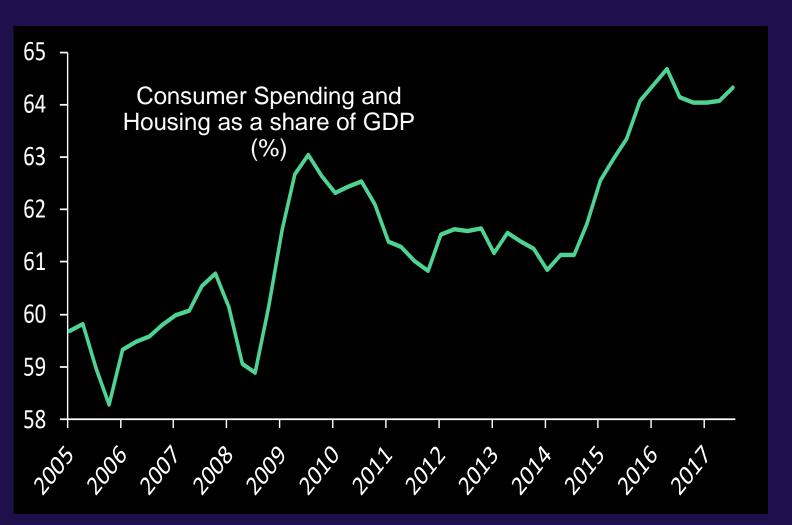


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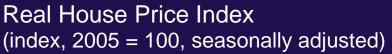
Housing Growth Slows...Tightening Continues



Credit Conditions Tightened
Banks Downgraded
Insured Mortgages Decline
Appraisers Lowering Values
Another OSFI Move
Risk Sharing With CMHC

Source: Statistics Canada, Haver Analytics

Debt-Financed Bubble Worry

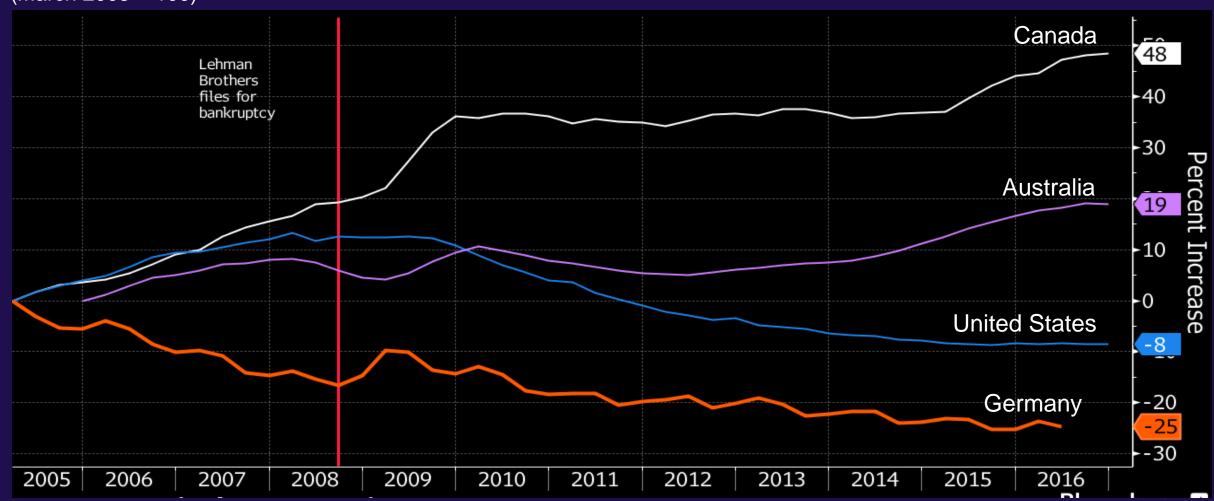






Rising Risks: Record High Debt-to-GDP

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



Source: Bloomberg, International Monetary Fund (IMF)

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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

Bank Mortgage Books Are Rock Solid





More Than 99% of Royal Bank's Uninsured Mortgage Portfolio Borrowers Have Credit Scores >650

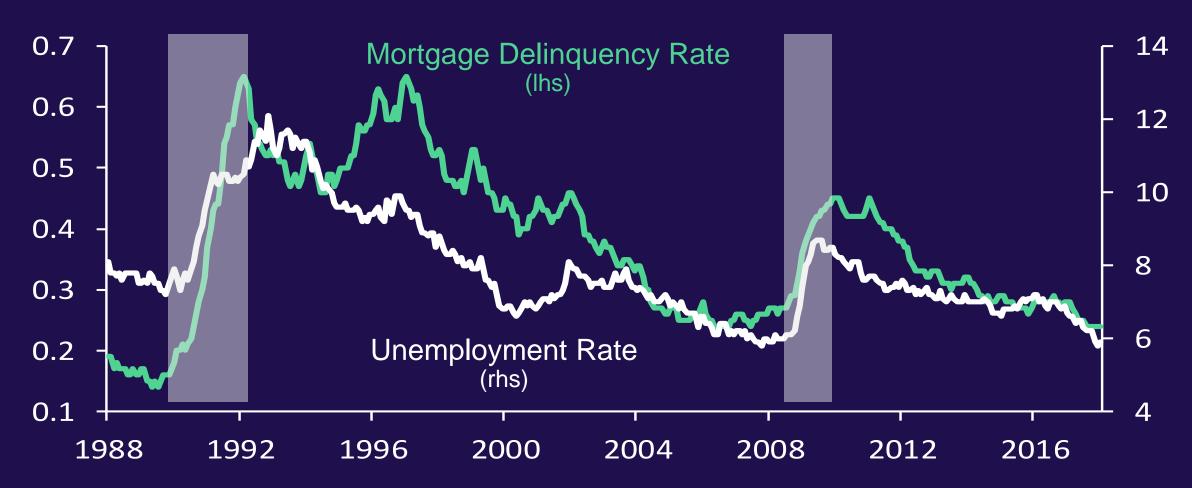
And a LTVs of <75%

Its Average Uninsured Mortgage Has Almost 50% Equity

Mortgage Arrears Very Low

(percent)

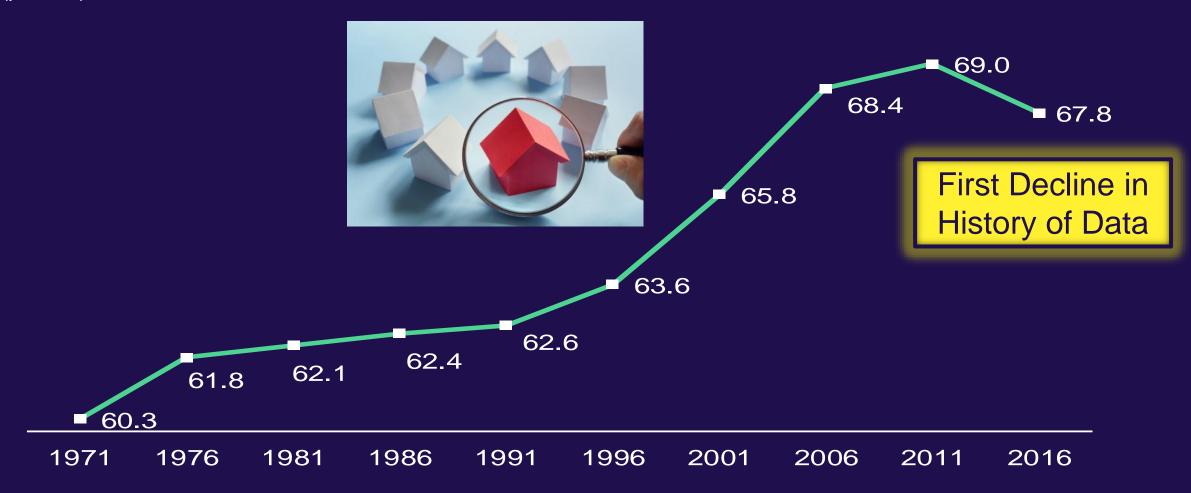






Canadian Homeownership Ratio Falls

Homeowners as a % of all Canadian Households (percent)



But Unaffordable In Vancouver and Toronto

(seasonally adjusted: January 1995 = 100)







Source: Haver Analytics, CREA, Statistics Canada

Toronto and Vancouver Prices Lag Global Cities



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



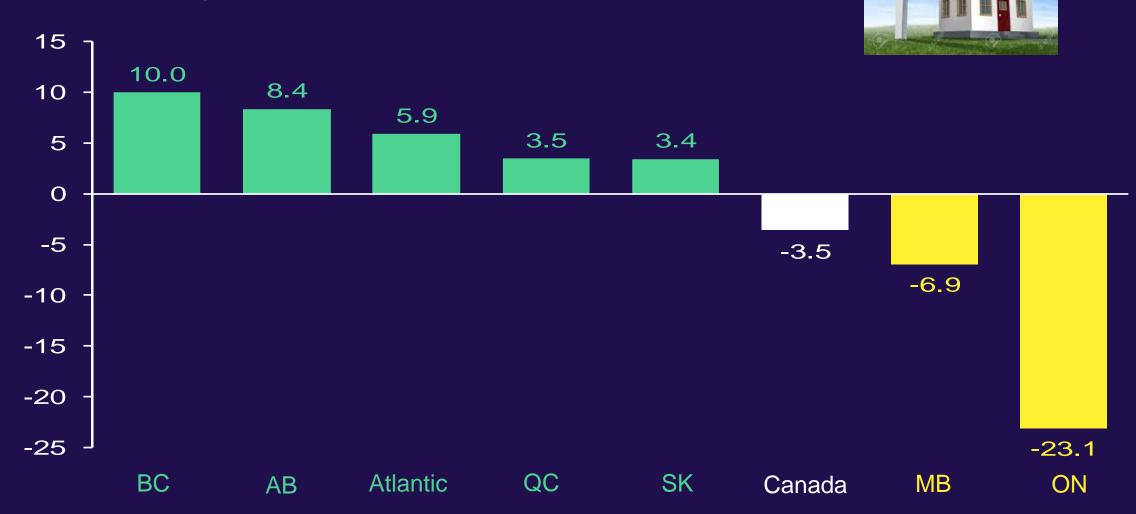


Source: www.numbeo.com, Sherry Cooper Assoc.

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Home Sales Decline In ON and B.C.

Existing Home Sales (year/year % change, January 2018)



Source: Canadian Real Estate Association, Haver Analytics

Toronto Markets Now Balanced

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(ratio, January 2018)



Vancouver Markets Now Balanced

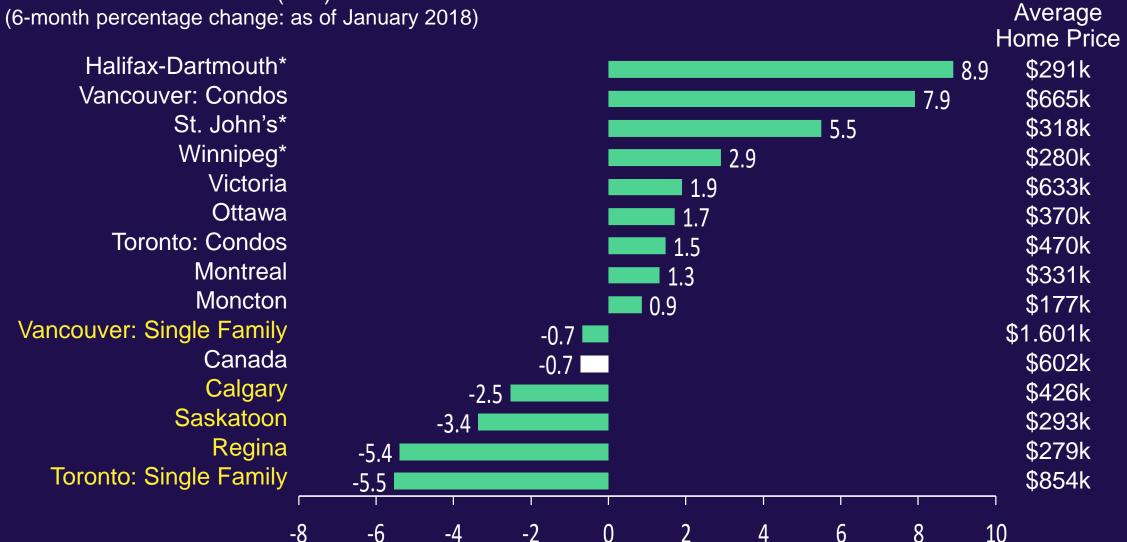
(ratio, January 2018)



Source: Canadian Real Estate Association, Haver Analytics

Condo Prices Hold Better Than Single Family Homes

MLS® Home Price Index (HPI)



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^{*}Using average home prices; year/year % change. Data as of December 2017 Source: Canadian Real Estate Association (CREA)

Home Price Forecast

MLS Home Price Index (year/year % change, annual, December)



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	Vancouver	Toronto
2017	15.9	7.2
2018f	5.0?	5.0?



White bar indicates forecast. Source: CREA, Haver Analytics

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