

# Market Review



INVESTING

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EQUITY INDICES	LAST	CHANGE	%CHG	52 WK-HIGH	52 WK-LOW	YTD
DOW JONES INDUSTRIAL AVERAGE	34,960.69	-382.59	-1.08%	35631.19	26143.77	14.23%
S&P 500	4,400.27	-47.81	-1.07%	4480.26	3209.45	17.15%
NASDAQ COMPOSITE	14,525.91	-130.27	-0.89%	14896.48	10519.49	12.71%
S&P/TSX COMPOSITE	20,302.11	-61.48	-0.30%	20567.11	15418.46	16.46%
STOXX EUROPE 50	3,656.87	-5.77	-0.16%	3666.47	2671.44	17.65%
FTSE 100	7,169.32	-11.79	-0.16%	7224.46	5525.52	10.97%
DAX PERFORMANCE-INDEX TR	15,965.97	44.02	0.28%	16030.33	11450.08	16.38%
CAC40	6,770.11	-49.73	-0.73%	6913.67	4512.57	21.95%
Nikkei 225 Index	27,585.91	161.44	0.59%	30714.52	22594.79	0.52%
HANG SENG INDEX	25,867.01	121.14	0.47%	31183.36	23124.25	-5.01%
Shanghai SE Composite Index	3,485.29	38.31	1.11%	3731.69	3202.34	0.35%

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### Canada records its largest annual inflation since May 2011.

Canadian inflation accelerated to match its highest reading in a decade, threatening to become a monetary and political headache for officials. The consumer price index was up 3.7% in July from a year earlier. Economists were anticipating the rate to increase to 3.4%, from 3.1% in June. While this marks the fourth straight month inflation has come in above the Bank of Canada's 1% to 3% control range, policy makers are still likely to view price pressures as transitory. Governor Tiff Macklem, whose latest forecasts show inflation creeping up to 3.9% in the third quarter before easing at the end of the year, has warned against overreacting to the "temporary" spike. But accelerating prices come at an inopportune time for Trudeau, who is seeking to win back his parliamentary majority in a snap election next month. Affordability is a key campaign issue and the main opposition Conservatives accuse the incumbent Liberal government of stoking inflation with its debt-financed spending plans. On a monthly basis, prices rose 0.6% versus a consensus estimate of 0.3% while the average of core inflation readings, a better gauge of underlying price pressures, rose to 2.47% in July, the highest since 2009.

Stocks dropped amid growing debate about the timing for a reduction of the Federal Reserve's massive bond-purchase program. According to minutes from the U.S. central bank's meeting last month, policymakers felt the employment benchmark for decreasing support for the economy "could be reached this year," but had not yet been satisfied. Even though Federal Reserve's officials continue to be split over the job situation and the bond-buying taper timing, they all still had faith in the U.S. economic recovery. Elsewhere, the U.S. dollar rose alongside Treasury yields and oil slumped after a surprise increase in U.S. gasoline inventories. The Biden administration will start offering booster shots on Sept. 20 to all vaccinated U.S. adults, a massive expansion to a program previously limited to those with weakened immune systems. On the economic front, U.S. homebuilding fell more than expected in July, the latest sign that surging construction costs and home prices continued to constrain the housing market early in the third quarter. Though the report also showed a rebound in building permits after three straight monthly declines, this data lags housing starts, suggesting a modest rebound in homebuilding in the making. However, the gain was in the volatile multi-family home segment, which will do little to ease an acute housing shortage that is driving up prices.

S&P/TSX: LEADERS	LAST	CHANGE	%CHG
Lithium Americas Corp	\$21.33	\$1.86	9.55%
Canada Goose Holdings Inc	\$46.73	\$2.48	5.60%
Ballard Power Systems Inc	\$19.45	\$0.82	4.40%
BlackBerry Ltd	\$12.76	\$0.53	4.33%
Denison Mines Corp	\$1.31	\$0.05	3.97%

S&P/TSX: LAGGARDS	LAST	CHANGE	%CHG
First Quantum Minerals Ltd	\$24.37	-\$0.95	-3.75%
Crescent Point Energy Corp	\$3.96	-\$0.15	-3.65%
Labrador Iron Ore Royalty Corp	\$46.10	-\$1.69	-3.54%
ARC Resources Ltd	\$7.87	-\$0.28	-3.44%
Franco-Nevada Corp	\$185.69	-\$6.54	-3.40%

S&P/TSX INDUSTRY	LAST	CHANGE	%CHG	YTD
ENERGY	114.71	-2.34	-2.00%	26.04%
MATERIALS	306.54	-5.38	-1.72%	-4.39%
UTILITIES	337.42	-2.00	-0.59%	5.61%
FINANCIALS	382.61	0.47	0.12%	24.93%
INDUSTRIALS	362.93	-0.25	-0.07%	10.37%
HEALTH CARE	61.32	0.62	1.02%	1.95%
CONS. DISCRETIONARY	268.94	0.20	0.07%	15.35%
CONS. STAPLES	742.61	-2.07	-0.28%	17.36%
INFO TECH.	226.05	1.10	0.49%	23.96%
COMMUNICATION SVCS	194.5	-0.71	-0.36%	18.79%
REAL ESTATE	373.82	-0.68	-0.18%	25.25%

GOVERNMENT BONDS	2YR	5YR	10YR	30YR
CANADA (YLD%)	0.45%	0.82%	1.16%	1.74%
U.S. (YLD%)	0.22%	0.77%	1.26%	1.90%

COMMODITIES/ FX	LAST	CHANGE	%CHG	YTD
CRUDE OIL WTI	\$64.61	-\$1.980	-2.97%	33.35%
NATURAL GAS	\$3.83	-\$0.010	-0.26%	50.73%
GOLD	\$1,787.20	\$2.200	0.12%	-5.57%
COPPER	\$4.12	-\$0.083	-1.96%	17.12%
CAD / USD	\$0.7900	-\$0.0015	-0.19%	0.55%
CAD / EUR	€0.6746	-€0.0013	-0.19%	4.93%
USD / EUR	€0.8540	€0.0001	0.01%	4.36%
USD / JPY	¥109.77	¥0.20	0.18%	6.29%

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