

# Weekly economic review

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# A look at this week's markets

At the close on Thursday



## Canadian Bonds (total return)

|                        |       | <i>Year-to-date</i> |
|------------------------|-------|---------------------|
| FTSE TMX Universe      | 0.77% | 1.44%               |
| FTSE TMX Long<br>Corps | 1.53% | 0.78%               |
|                        | 0.59% | 1.13%               |

## Equities (total return)

|                        |                            |                             |
|------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| S&P/TSX                | <b>-3.10%</b>              | <b>-10.23%</b>              |
| S&P 500                | <b>-5.07%</b> (-4.19% CAD) | <b>-5.93%</b> (1.09% CAD)   |
| EAFE (in USD)          | <b>-2.23%</b> (-1.32% CAD) | <b>-14.18%</b> (-7.77% CAD) |
| MSCI Emerging (in USD) | <b>-1.22%</b> (-0.29% CAD) | <b>-15.28%</b> (-8.96% CAD) |

## Other (WTD change)

|           |             |                | <i>Year-to-date</i> |
|-----------|-------------|----------------|---------------------|
| Oil (WTI) | 45.88 \$    | <b>-10.39%</b> | <b>-24.06%</b>      |
| USD/CAD   | 0.7402 \$   | <b>-0.93%</b>  | <b>-6.94%</b>       |
| Gold      | 1 259.86 \$ | 1.68%          | <b>-3.30%</b>       |

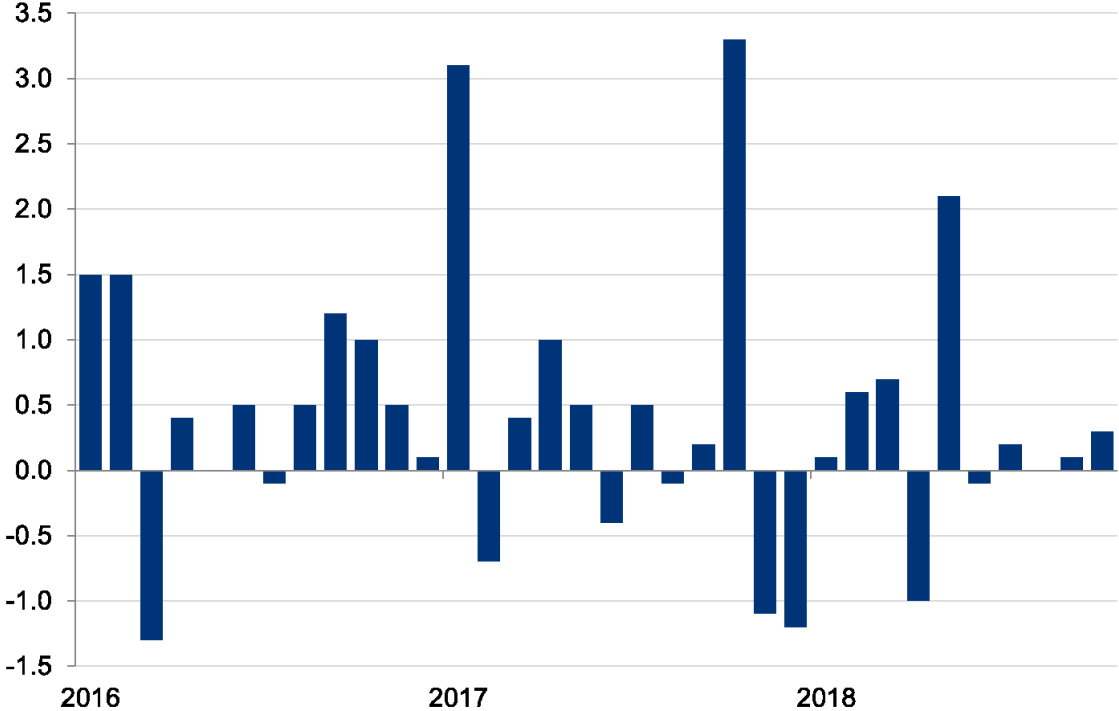
# What caught our eye this week

- **Canada:**
  - Retail sales below expectations
  - GDP growth stronger than expected at start of Q4
- **U.S.:**
  - The Fed takes a more careful tone

# Canada: Retail sales below expectations

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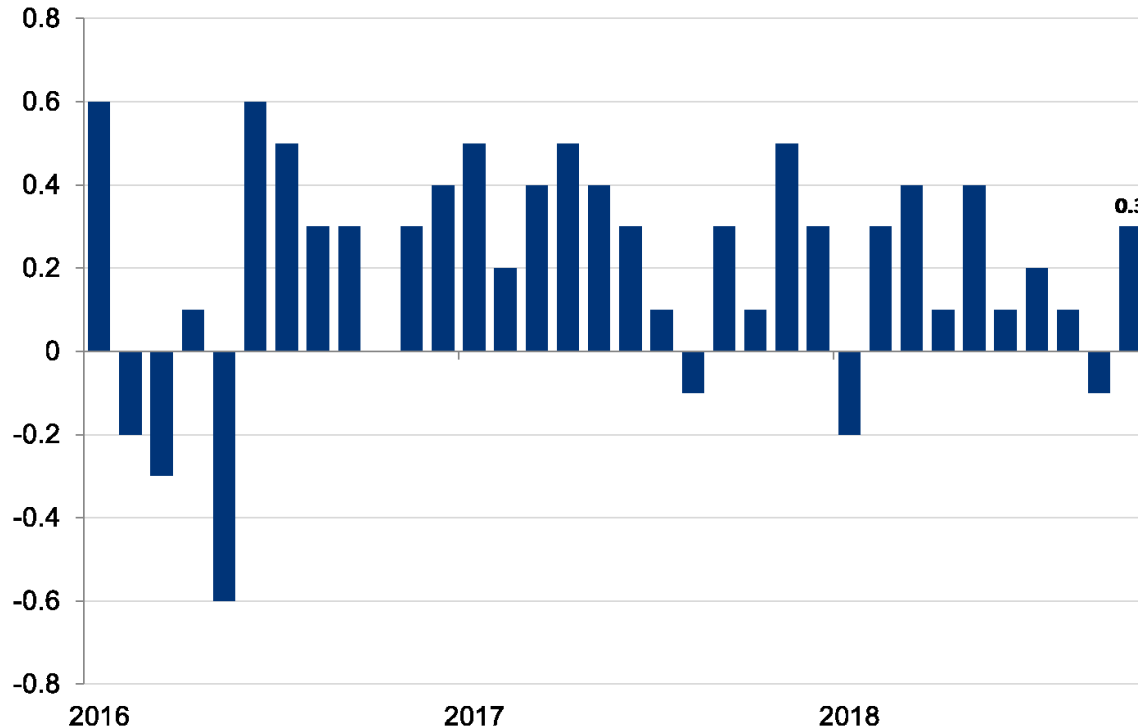
Value, monthly var., %



# Canada: GDP starts Q4 on solid footing

## Canada: GDP growth stronger than expected

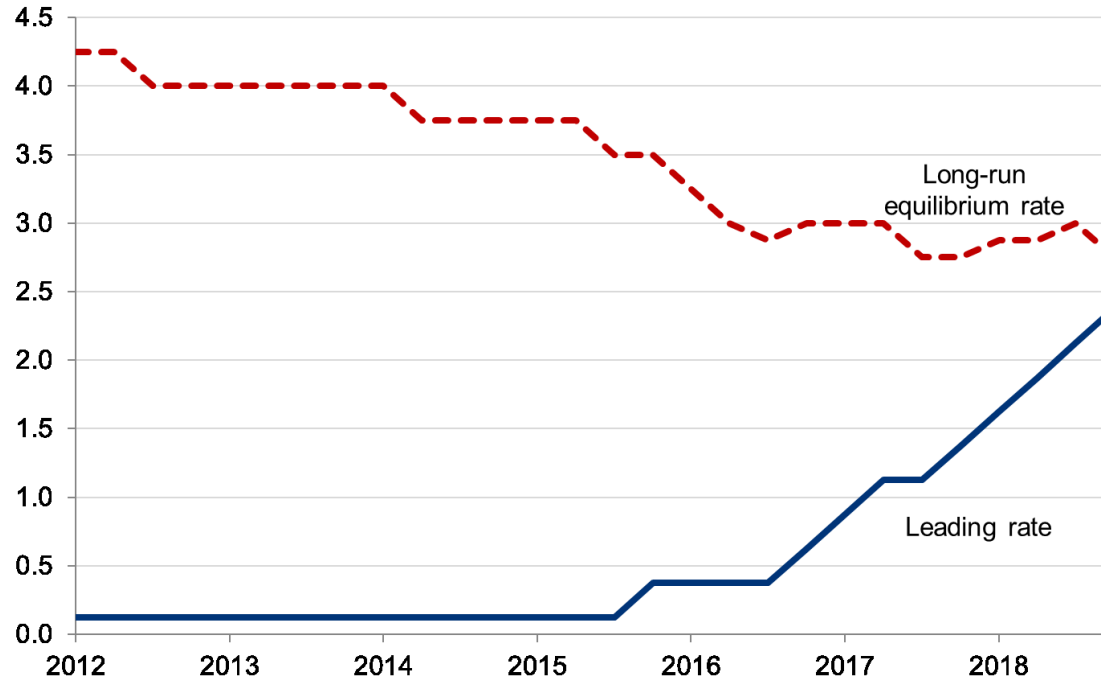
Monthly GDP variation, %



# Federal reserve: sounding more cautious

## A more dovish Fed in 2019 ?

*Fed's leading rate and estimated equilibrium rate, quarterly data*



# What we'll be watching next week

- **U.S.:**
  - New home sales (consensus: higher at 567K in November)
  - Conf. Board Consumer Confidence Index (consensus: lower at 133.6 in December)

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