

# Weekly economic review

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# A look at this week's markets

At the close on Thursday



	<i>Week-to-date</i>		<i>Year-to-date</i>	
	Local currency	<i>In CAD</i>	Local currency	<i>In CAD</i>
<b>Canadian Bonds (total return)</b>				
FTSE TMX Universe	-0.44%		6.77%	
FTSE TMX Long Corps	-0.89%		12.54%	
	-0.30%		7.69%	
<b>Equities (total return)</b>				
S&P/TSX	-0.23%		21.81%	
S&P 500	0.75%	0.22%	28.85%	24.58%
MSCI EAFE	0.19%	-0.11%	19.95%	15.17%
MSCI Emerging	1.58%	1.54%	14.17%	9.72%
<b>Other</b>	<b>Current price</b>	<b>Return WTD*</b>	<b>Return YTD*</b>	
Oil (WTI)	59.18 \$	-0.03%	30.32%	
USD/CAD	0.7584 \$	0.53%	3.43%	
Gold	1 469.80 \$	0.66%	14.61%	

# What caught our eyes this week

- **At last, some clarity!**
  - Boris Johnson secures a strong majority in the U.K. elections...
  - ... while a phase one deal between the U.S. and China has been signed off by Mr Trump

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## Boris Johnson secures biggest Conservative Party election win since 1987

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### KEY POINTS

- The U.K. vote was the first to be held in the winter months since 1974 and the first December election since 1923.
- At victory celebrations in central London, Boris Johnson told an audience that the country will now leave the EU on January 31.
- The result of the election is expected to have a decisive effect on the direction that Brexit takes, three-and-a-half years since the U.K.'s referendum on EU membership.
- It could also have lasting impacts on the United Kingdom itself with a strong showing for the Scottish National Party.

# Trump Signs Off on China Trade Deal to Avert December Tariffs

By [Jenny Leonard](#), [Jennifer Jacobs](#), [Shawn Donnan](#), and [Saleha Mohsin](#)

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- ▶ Deal includes promise by China to buy more U.S. farm goods
- ▶ Terms have been agreed, but legal text yet to be finalized

# What we'll be watching next week

- **Canada:**
  - CPI inflation (consensus: +1.9% YoY in October)
  - Retail sales (last month: -0.1% MoM in September)
- **U.S.:**
  - Q3 GDP Growth (consensus: 2.1% QoQ)
  - Consumer confidence – U. Of Michigan (consensus: 99.2 in November)
  - Markit PMI Index (consensus: 52.6 in December)
  - Industrial Production (consensus: +0.8% MoM in November)
- **Europe:**
  - IFO Survey
  - CPI Inflation (consensus: +1.0% YoY in November)
  - Markit PMI Index (consensus: 47.1 in December)

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