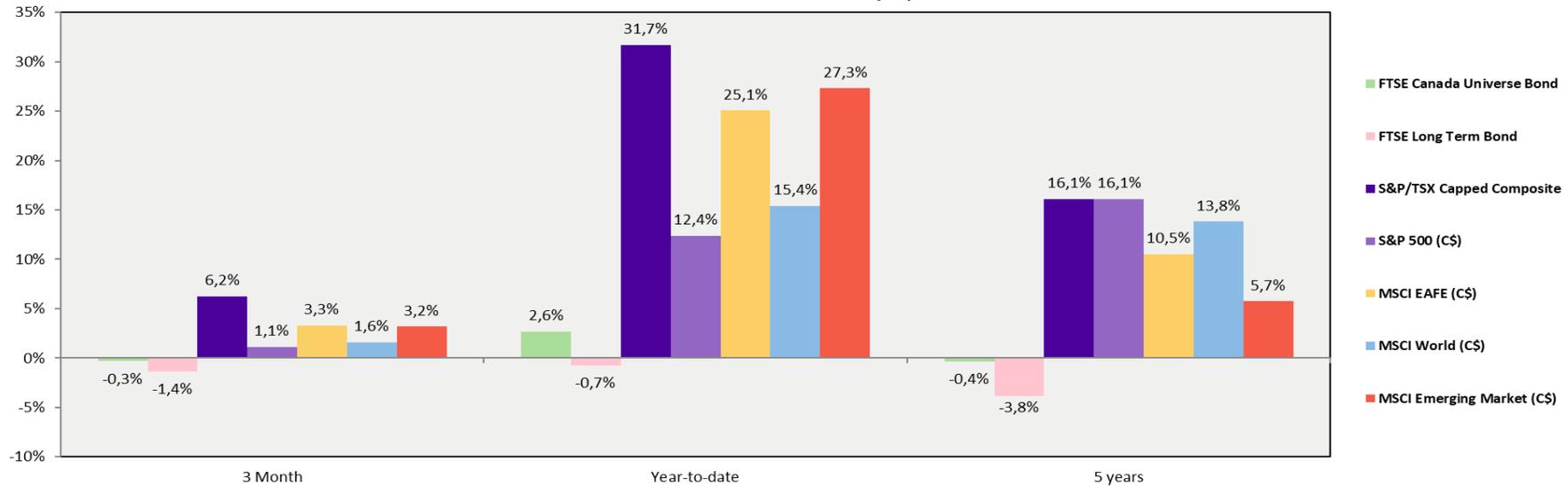


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Market Indices Performance (C\$)



Stock market records and global rotation

Global markets posted solid gains in the fourth quarter of 2025, with several equity indexes ending the year near record highs, capping a strong period for risk assets. For the first time in several years, non-U.S. equities significantly outperformed the U.S. market for the year. The break from U.S. market supremacy reflects a confluence of factors: a weaker dollar, more compelling valuations abroad, and a rotation by investors out of U.S. technology names. These trends supported strong advances in Europe, Asia, Canada and emerging markets. Overall, markets also benefited from robust earnings growth, easing inflationary pressures, and expectations that major central banks—led by the U.S. Federal Reserve—would continue to cut interest rates in 2026.

The S&P/TSX Index posted a return of 6.2% for the quarter. Global markets closed with a return of 1.6% for the MSCI World Index and 3.3% for the MSCI EAFE Index. Emerging markets posted a return of 3.2%. The Canadian bond market posted a negative return of -0.3%. Lastly, the S&P 500 recorded a return of 1.1%.

In the fourth quarter of 2025, emerging-market equities posted positive returns, and the index outperformed the MSCI World Index, driven by gains in the technology markets of Korea and Taiwan.

Gold (spot price) rose 14.0%, closing the quarter at \$4,346 USD. Brent crude oil declined by 7.8%, ending at \$60.9 USD per barrel. WTI (West Texas Intermediate) and WCS (Western Canada Select) also dropped by 7.1% and 9.2%, respectively, closing at \$58.0 USD and \$45.4 USD, respectively.

With regard to employment, the U.S. economy added 823,675 jobs during the quarter, and 3,284,209 jobs over the past 12 months. In Canada, 128,400 jobs were added this quarter, with 226,300 new jobs over the past 12 months. Unemployment rates stood at 6.8% in Canada and 4.4% in the U.S. for the previous quarter.

As for U.S. residential real estate, the latest data from the S&P CoreLogic Case-Shiller Index (October 2025) shows a 12-month increase of 1.3%. In contrast, the House Price Index calculated by Teranet–National Bank (November 2025) for Canadian residential real estate indicates a 12-month decline of 2.8% over the same period.

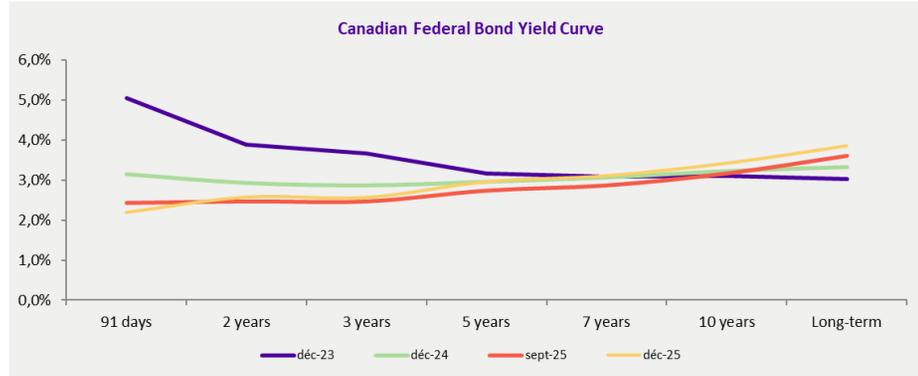
	Canada	United States
GDP Growth (y/y)	0,4%	2,3%
Inflation (y/y growth)	2,2%	2,7%
Job Creation (QTD)	128 400	823 675
Job Creation (y/y growth)	226 300	3 284 209
Unemployment Rate	6,8%	4,4%

Most recent data as of January 13, 2026

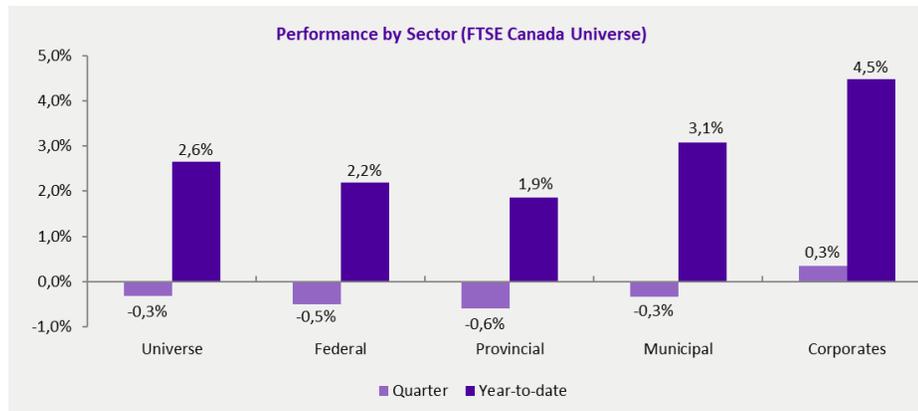
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Canadian bond market

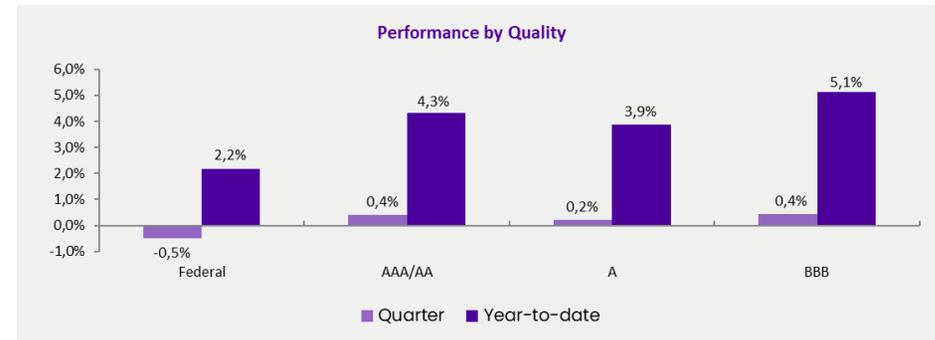
In the fourth quarter of 2025, Canadian bonds under-performed across most sectors.



The FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index posted a return of -0.3% for the quarter. Federal bonds posted a return of -0.5%, while provincial bonds posted a return of -0.6%. Municipal bonds also ended in negative territory at -0.3%. The corporate bonds sector posted a positive return of 0.3%.



Among the different maturities, 91-day Treasury bills ended the quarter with the highest at 0.6%. Short-term bonds (1 to 5 years) also generated a positive return of 0.3%. Medium-term bonds (5 to 10 years) posted a return of -0.3%, while long-term bonds (10 years and over) ended the quarter posting a return of -1.4%.

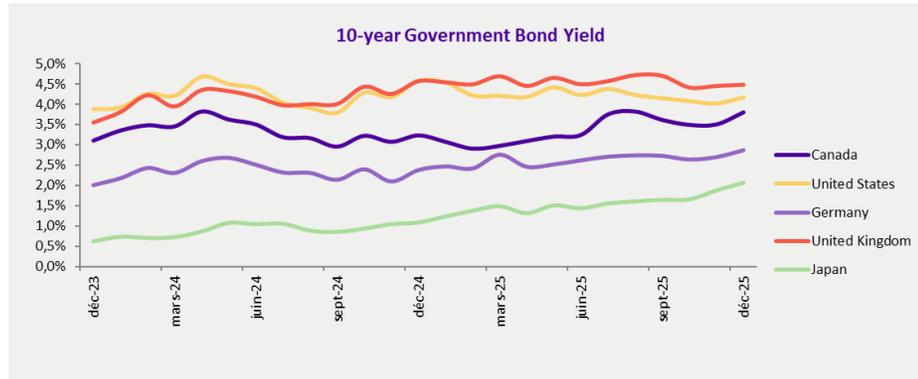


From a credit quality perspective, federal bonds posted the weakest return at -0.5%. In contrast, bonds rated AAA/AA, BBB and A delivered positive returns of 0.4%, 0.2%, and 0.4%, respectively.

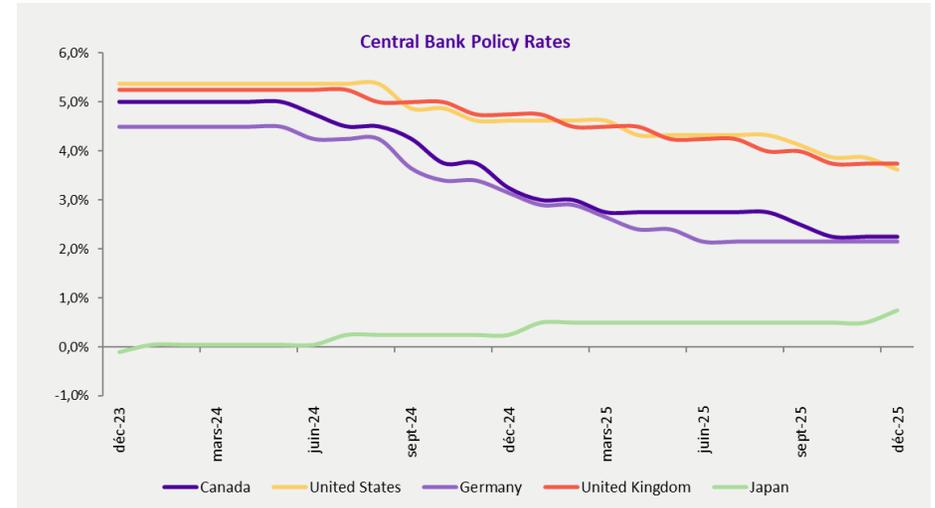
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Global bond markets

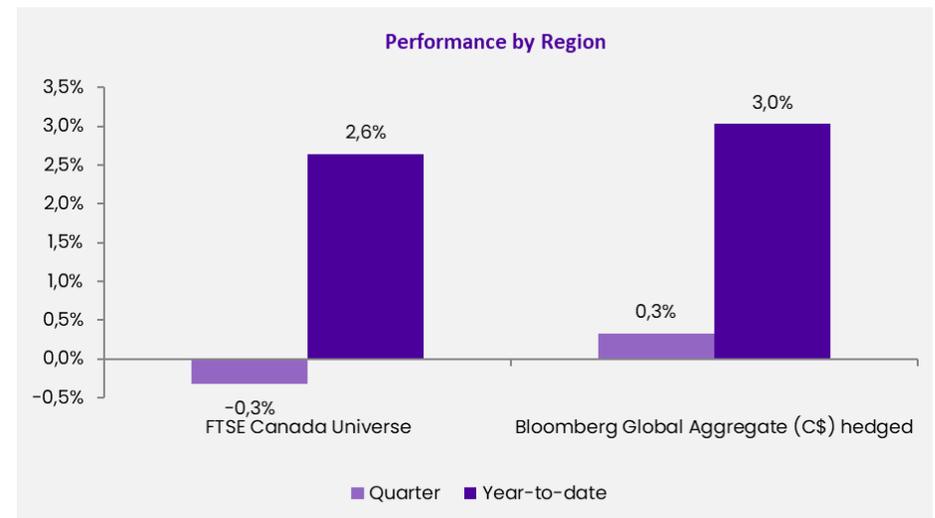
Ten-year government bond yields remained broadly stable across most countries during the fourth quarter.



During the fourth quarter, the U.S. Federal Reserve lowered its key rate within the target range of 3.50% to 3.75%. The Bank of Canada and the Bank of England lowered their key rates to 2.25% and 3.75%, respectively. The European Central Bank held its rate steady at 2.15%, while the Bank of Japan increased its rate to 0.75%.



For the fourth quarter, Canadian bonds, as measured by the FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index, returned -0.3%, bringing the year-to-date return to 2.6%. This compared to a quarterly return of 0.3% and a year-to-date return of 3.0% for global bonds, as measured by the Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index (hedged to CAD).

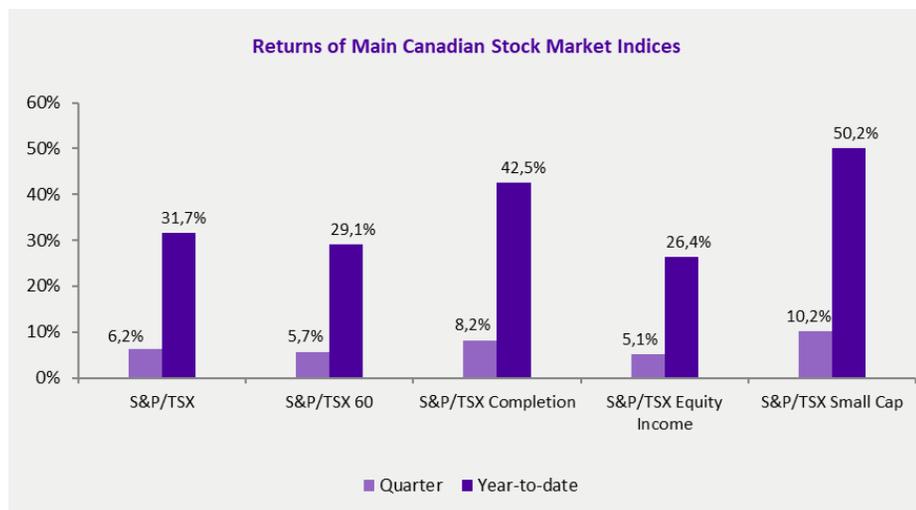


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Canadian stock market

The Canadian stock market, as measured by the S&P/TSX Index, ended the quarter with a return of 6.2%. Major Canadian indexes posted strong performances, with returns ranging from 5.1% to 10.2%. The S&P/TSX small cap stock index was the top performer, delivering a return of 10.2%. At the other end of the spectrum, the S&P/TSX Equity Income Index recorded the lowest return, at 5.1%.



S&P/TSX Sector	Weight (%)	Returns		
		Quarter	Year-to-date	3 years
Energy	14,8	2,0%	19,7%	16,4%
Materials	18,1	11,7%	100,2%	33,3%
Industrials	10,5	-1,5%	3,1%	10,0%
Consumer Discretionary	3,3	11,0%	31,0%	18,0%
Consumer Staples	3,3	6,6%	12,7%	14,1%
Health Care	0,3	1,3%	0,6%	10,5%
Financials	33,1	10,5%	35,3%	32,4%
Information Technology	9,7	2,8%	23,0%	34,3%
Communications Services	1,9	-1,7%	11,0%	-6,4%
Utilities	3,4	1,8%	19,7%	10,0%
Real Estate	1,5	-6,0%	4,5%	3,4%

Eight of the eleven S&P/TSX Index sectors posted positive returns for the fourth quarter. The best-performing sector was Materials, with a return of 11.7%. This strong performance was boosted by Pan American Silver Corp, which posted an impressive 32.4% return during the quarter. Pan American Silver Corp is a mining company based in Canada with operations in Latin America. The company owns mines and other projects in Mexico, Peru, Bolivia and Argentina. The second-best performing sector was Consumer Discretionary, with a return of 11.0%, supported by the performance of Dollarama, which delivered a 11.8% return during the quarter.

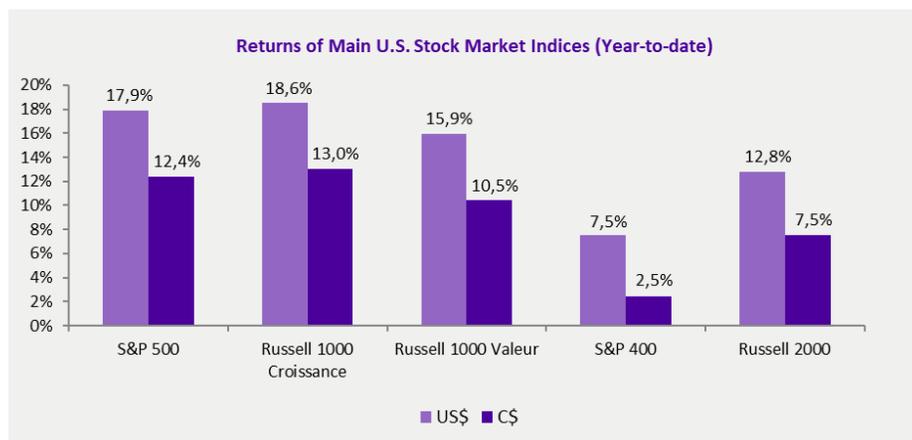
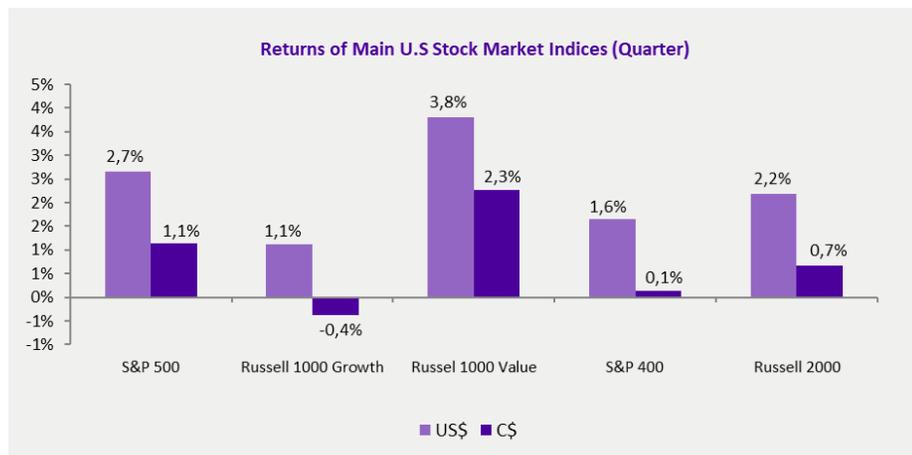
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American stock market

During the quarter, the S&P 500 Index posted a return of 2.7% in U.S. dollars. However, once adjusted for the depreciation, the return in Canadian dollars was 1.1%.

Growth stocks underperformed value stocks this quarter. The Russell 1000 Growth Index delivered a return of 1.1%, while the Russell 1000 Value Index posted a return of 3.8%, both in U.S. dollars. With regard to market capitalization, small caps (Russell 2000) performed poorer compared to large caps (S&P 500).



S&P 500 Sector	Weight (%)	Returns (in CA\$)		
		Quarter	Year-to-date	3 years
Energy	2,8	0,0%	3,6%	4,7%
Materials	1,8	-0,4%	5,4%	8,0%
Industrials	8,2	-0,6%	13,8%	18,8%
Consumer Discretionary	10,4	-0,8%	1,1%	25,7%
Consumer Staples	4,7	-1,5%	-1,0%	6,7%
Health Care	9,6	10,0%	9,2%	6,7%
Financials	13,4	0,5%	9,6%	19,4%
Information Technology	34,4	-0,1%	18,2%	39,3%
Communications Services	10,6	5,7%	27,3%	43,5%
Utilities	2,2	-2,9%	10,6%	10,4%
Real Estate	1,8	-4,3%	-1,7%	7,3%

Four of the eleven sectors in the U.S. equity market posted positive returns in Canadian dollars. The Health Care and Communication Services sectors led the way, with returns of 10.0% and 5.7% respectively, making them the largest contributors to performance this quarter. The index was boosted by Eli Lilly, which posted an impressive 41.1% return during the quarter. Eli Lilly and Company is a pharmaceutical group ranked 15th worldwide by revenue, and also the 10th largest company in the world by market capitalization. It's located in Indianapolis, Indiana, in the United States. The Communication Services sector was supported by Alphabet's stock, which posted a return of 28.8% during the quarter. Alphabet is the parent company of Google and several innovative subsidiaries. Created in 2015 to structure Google's activities, it is now one of the largest technology companies in the world, with a market capitalization exceeding \$3 trillion in 2025. Its headquarters are located in Mountain View, California, and it is led by Sundar Pichai.

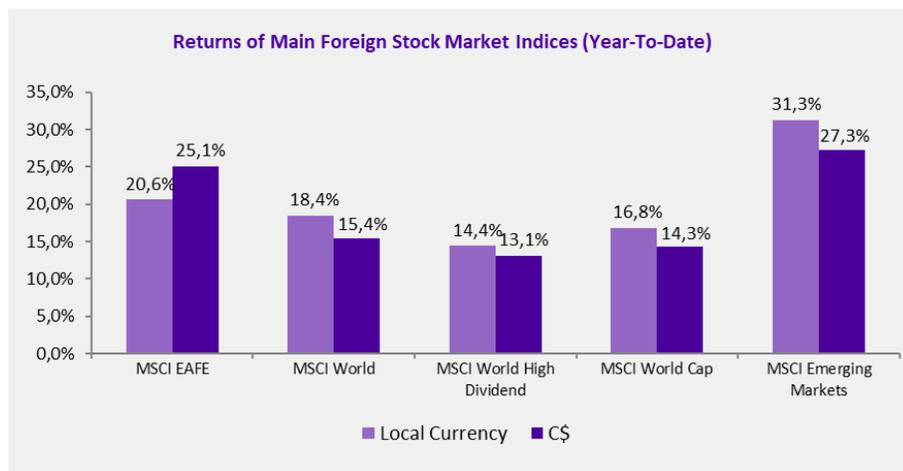
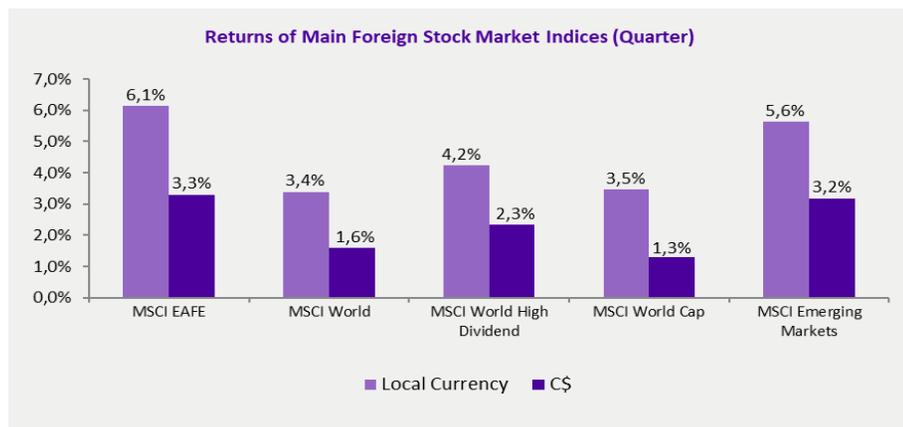
Conversely, the Public Services and Real Estate sectors recorded the weakest performances, ending the quarter down -2.9% and -4.3%, respectively.

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International stock markets

During the fourth quarter, the major foreign equity indexes posted positive returns in local currencies. International equities performed well, supported by improving economic indicators in both Europe and Asia, as well as stabilizing inflation in several regions. Investor confidence strengthened globally, contributing to renewed interest in developed markets outside the United States. Emerging markets also posted solid returns, driven in part by gradually recovering demand in China and interest rate cuts in some economies. Among the indexes reviewed, the MSCI EAFE World Index recorded the strongest quarterly performance, with a return of 6.1% in local currencies.



MSCI EAFE Sector	Weight (%)	Returns (in CA\$)		
		Quarter	Year-to-date	3 years
Energy	3,1	4,1%	20,7%	9,5%
Materials	5,6	5,6%	19,3%	11,7%
Industrials	19,2	1,6%	30,8%	27,6%
Consumer Discretionary	9,8	-0,2%	7,7%	13,1%
Consumer Staples	7,4	2,1%	14,2%	7,3%
Health Care	11,4	8,1%	11,4%	8,8%
Financials	25,3	6,0%	45,6%	33,9%
Real Estate	1,8	-0,5%	18,4%	10,7%
Information Technology	8,4	2,6%	2,6%	20,3%
Communications Services	4,4	-8,7%	20,4%	18,5%
Utilities	3,7	8,5%	39,6%	21,5%

Eight of the eleven sectors of the MSCI EAFE Index (Europe, Australasia, Far East) delivered a positive performance in Canadian dollars. Health Care and Public Services were the top-performing sectors, with returns of 8.1% and 8.5%, respectively. The index benefited from strong performances by companies such as Roche Holding and Iberdrola, which returned 24.9% and 12.9%, respectively. Roche Holding is a Swiss pharmaceutical company and one of the leading global firms in the sector. Since 2004, the company has operated through two parallel sectors, pharmaceutical and diagnostics. Iberdrola is a Spanish company specializing in the production, distribution and marketing of electricity and gas. Its head office is located in Bilbao, in the Basque Country.

In contrast, the Real Estate and Communication Services sectors posted the weakest results, with returns of -0.5% and -8.7%, respectively.