

### What happened?

- November did not end like it began! Down, then UP and UP, and UP again!
  - The uncertainty surrounding the U.S. election took its toll on global equity markets during the first week of the month before the election on November 8<sup>th</sup>, and it was especially ruthless for American indices and the TSX.
  - November ended with markets hitting all-time highs, and bond yields rising too.
  - The price of oil fell dramatically at the beginning of the month; almost \$4. By the end of the month oil closed more than 12% above its November low point.
  - Gold rose, then fell with the election, as its safe haven reputation was damaged.
- Into the second week of November, equity markets around the world surged upward after Donald Trump's surprise victory in the U.S. Presidential election and the return of the Republican congress.
  - The Dow Jones Industrial Average (DJIA) established a new record high on November 10<sup>th</sup>, with the S&P 500 nearly topped its all-time high hit in August.
  - President Trump's lone policy statement from his acceptance speech was his reiteration that American infrastructure would be rebuilt and "be the envy of the world". Government spending under a Trump Presidency has created optimism that the U.S. economy will expand and drag the rest of the world along.
  - Canadian stocks gained for the week based on the tag-along effect of U.S. optimism. Longer-term; if the U.S. economy grows, American spending on Canadian materials, goods and services is expected to grow as well.
- Two weeks after his victory, the Trump-Effect was still driving the American and Canadian stock markets upward.
  - Trump campaigned on a restrictive platform for immigration and trade that economists believe would cause an economic downturn but he is now hedging and softening his statements.
  - Additionally, the combination of a Republican President, Republican-controlled Senate and Republican-controlled House was a potent combination for the U.S. stock markets, and returned an average of 13% per year in a previous incarnation.
  - Canada's TSX followed along, buoyed by the good news from the U.S., and a rise in oil prices as OPEC's agreement to cut production moved closer to reality.
- As the month continued, it was certainly a week for "Giving Thanks" in the U.S. as the S&P500, Dow Jones and the NASDAQ reached record highs.
  - President-Elect Trump's policies are expected to drive the economy higher, and other data like durable goods orders and consumer confidence rose to support the rise in share prices
  - At home, the TSX rose to its highest level in almost 18 months on the back of its three main components; oil, metals and financials.

Stock Exchange	Year to Date Nov. 30, 2016
TSX (Toronto)	15.93%
DOW (U.S.)	9.74%
S&P (U.S.)	7.58%
NASDAQ (U.S.)	6.32%
CAC (France)	- 1.27%
FTSE 100 (London)	8.67%
DAX (Germany)	- 0.96%
NIKKEI (Japan)	- 3.81%
HANG SENG (Hong Kong)	3.99%

Rates as of Nov. 30, 2016 *		
Term	GICs	RSPs
1 year	2.12%	1.51%
2 Year	2.14%	1.70%
3 Year	2.20%	1.75%
4 Year	2.25%	1.86%
5 Year	2.35%	1.96%
* Rates subject to change without notice.		
<b>DAILY INTEREST ACCOUNT</b>		
0.90%		
<b>TAX FREE ACCOUNT</b>		
0.90%		

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- OPEC meetings during the week of November 28<sup>th</sup>, and the continued progress toward a deal to limit production to 32.5 million barrels per day caused an immediate jump of \$4.21 USD per barrel on November 30<sup>th</sup>.
  - Gold suffered from the rise in investor confidence for equities, and fell more in the last week of the month closing down \$100 USD per ounce or about 8%.
- On November 30<sup>th</sup>, StatsCan released its third-quarter economic and GDP numbers with Canada's economy growing 0.9% during the quarter (expressed annually at 3.5%), both numbers are dramatic reversals from Q2 numbers,

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