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# Market Overview

## Uncertainty surrounding U.S. trade policies remains high

An analysis by iAGAM Fund Management and Oversight Team

### Market Index Heat Map

Fixed Income	Trailing Performance % (CAD)						
	1m	3m	6m	YTD	1 yr	3 yrs	5 yrs
Money Market (FTSE)	0.21	0.70	1.67	1.04	4.23	4.14	2.55
Canada Short Term (FTSE)	0.12	0.93	2.78	1.81	7.70	4.10	1.85
Canada Long Term (FTSE)	-2.16	-1.75	0.39	-0.41	9.59	1.84	-2.93
Canada Universe (FTSE)	-0.65	0.16	2.35	1.36	9.13	3.50	0.00
Canada Corporate (FTSE)	-0.42	0.32	2.94	1.39	9.75	5.37	2.15
Canada Real Return Bonds (FTSE)	-1.80	-0.98	2.56	1.58	11.19	2.19	0.45
Canada Investment Grade (S&P)	-0.39	0.24	2.76	1.37	9.17	5.17	2.20
Canada High Yield (S&P)	-0.81	-0.70	1.86	0.20	7.64	6.53	6.84
U.S. High Yield (iShares ETF)	-0.01	-0.53	1.27	0.73	7.56	4.92	4.58
Global Aggregate (Morningstar)	0.18	1.04	1.34	1.53	6.32	2.42	0.36
Floating Rate Notes (iShares ETF)	0.12	0.70	1.73	1.06	4.00	4.30	2.70

Equities	Trailing Performance % (CAD)						
	1m	3m	6m	YTD	1 yr	3 yrs	5 yrs
S&P/TSX 60	0.10	-2.25	5.00	1.84	18.51	9.57	14.50
Canadian Equities (TSX Composite)	-0.10	-2.00	4.34	1.41	17.85	9.57	14.37
Canadian Equities (TSX Dividend)	0.11	-0.34	3.92	2.70	17.55	8.99	15.18
Canada Small Cap (TSX)	-1.83	-1.60	-1.64	-0.96	8.86	3.32	14.42
U.S. Equities (S&P 500)	-4.68	-11.77	-2.63	-8.68	12.70	15.12	15.48
U.S. Equities (Nasdaq 100)	-2.57	-13.09	-2.50	-10.54	12.82	18.06	16.68
Global Equities (MSCI World)	-3.13	-8.60	0.23	-4.69	13.25	14.53	14.36
Global Equities Growth (MSCI)	-0.95	-11.50	-0.19	-8.52	14.09	16.68	14.64
Global Equities Value (MSCI)	-5.27	-5.45	0.67	-0.46	12.37	12.05	13.47
Global Small Cap (MSCI)	-3.32	-10.51	-3.61	-6.75	6.97	7.84	11.15
International Equities (MSCI EAFE)	0.47	1.50	7.91	7.59	13.75	13.55	11.80
Emerging Markets (MSCI)	-2.74	-2.20	-0.36	0.26	10.19	7.06	6.66

Canadian Sectors (S&P/TSX Composite)	Weight (%)	Trailing Performance % (CAD)						
		1m	3m	6m	YTD	1 yr	3 yrs	5 yrs
Consumer Discretionary	3.3	1.78	1.42	-1.37	1.60	9.73	9.73	15.26
Consumer staples	4.1	5.55	7.89	4.42	5.03	21.10	13.38	15.16
Energy	16.2	-6.29	-4.02	-7.23	-3.80	4.34	7.70	20.56
Financials	32.6	1.63	-2.27	-1.27	0.36	27.30	12.05	18.42
Health Care	0.3	-6.76	-12.80	-18.76	-15.13	-18.09	-17.86	-17.53
Industrials	12.1	-1.04	-6.16	-6.62	-2.99	2.05	8.12	12.20
Information Technology	9.4	0.84	-15.17	-10.62	-6.68	30.38	26.45	12.44
Materials	13.9	1.70	11.04	15.85	22.37	32.57	9.28	11.73
Real Estate	1.8	-0.91	-2.94	-8.43	-2.52	8.55	-1.23	6.97
Communication services	2.3	-2.46	-2.53	-9.45	-0.33	-12.47	-11.92	-0.90
Utilities	4.1	2.62	7.99	4.23	7.64	28.05	1.95	7.49

U.S. Sectors (S&P 500)	Weight (%)	Trailing Performance % (CAD)						
		1m	3m	6m	YTD	1 yr	3 yrs	5 yrs
Consumer discretionary	10.3	-4.24	-21.08	-13.21	-17.54	11.79	10.93	11.13
Consumer staples	6.2	-2.80	-0.07	-0.45	2.00	14.44	8.21	10.42
Energy	3.2	-17.05	-10.59	-15.01	-8.67	-10.46	9.00	21.08
Financials	14.5	-5.97	-8.88	-5.63	-2.87	22.72	16.58	17.87
Health Care	10.8	-7.50	-7.87	-5.08	-1.54	2.27	6.92	8.72
Industrials	8.5	-3.76	-8.79	-9.34	-4.14	9.71	15.53	16.56
Information Technology	30.3	-2.39	-12.38	-11.48	-14.86	14.02	21.81	21.03
Materials	2.0	-6.02	-8.66	-11.41	-3.47	-2.89	4.32	12.17
Real Estate	2.3	-5.09	-3.63	-7.71	-1.79	18.82	2.12	7.46
Communication services	9.3	-3.22	-16.95	-3.44	-9.31	17.30	21.63	14.36
Utilities	2.6	-3.84	-2.14	-4.60	0.81	22.47	9.53	9.95

Currencies	Rate	Trailing Performance % (CAD)						
		1m	3m	6m	YTD	1 yr	3 yrs	5 yrs
USD/CAD*	0.72 \$	4.20	4.85	0.92	4.12	-0.54	-2.56	0.11

\*Positive performance signifies an appreciation of the Canadian dollar versus the US dollar

### Market Highlights

In April, uncertainty in U.S. trade policies led to significant market volatility, impacting bonds, equities, and currencies. The tariffs announced by Trump on "Liberation Day," which were later suspended for 90 days, underscored the advantages of geographic diversification.

#### Risk of Recession and Volatility

Tariff announcements in April significantly shook investor confidence, heightening recession risks and leading to mixed results in bond markets. Amid this uncertainty, global, short-term, and floating-rate securities outperformed, while long-term and real-return securities were penalized.

#### International and Canadian Equities Lead the Charge

In April, U.S. economic indicators pointing to moderation, coupled with a loss of investor confidence in the U.S. economy, led to the underperformance of U.S. equities. Conversely, international and Canadian markets exhibited outperformance. The energy sector's poor performance adversely impacted value stocks, thereby allowing growth stocks to outperform them for the first time since 2025.

In both Canada and the United States, the consumer staples sector outperformed, while the energy sector dragged down overall performance.

The appreciation of the Canadian dollar against the U.S. dollar adversely affected Canadian investors holding U.S. assets.

### Fund Performance Highlights

- The Money Market (iA) and Global Multisector Bond (Loomis Sayles) funds outperformed, whereas the Bond (iA) and Strategic Corporate Bond (iA) funds faced a more challenging month.
- The International Equity Index (BlackRock) and Canadian Equity Index (iA) funds benefited from the outperformance of international and Canadian markets. However, the U.S. Equity Index (BlackRock) fund was negatively impacted by the underperformance of U.S. markets.

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