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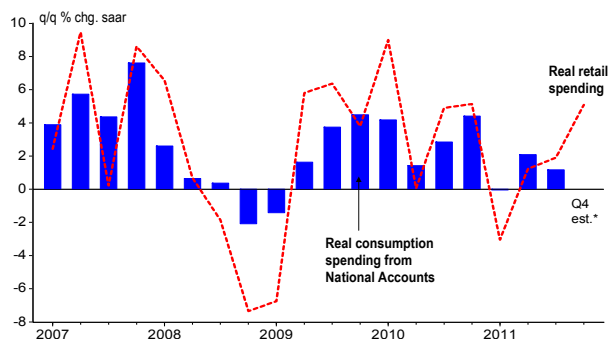
ECONOMIC INDICATORS REVIEW

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Canada – Retail sales rose 0.3% in November, topping consensus expectations. Excluding autos, sales were still up 0.3%. Gains in sales of gasoline, clothing, health/personal care more than offset declines elsewhere. The gasoline share of total retail sales jumped to 12.8%. However, this did not hinder sales of discretionary items (i.e., total retail sales excluding groceries, health/personal care products, and gasoline), which increased 0.4% for a fourth consecutive monthly advance. In real terms, retail sales grew a solid 0.5%. With two months in, Q4 retail volumes are tracking at 5.1% annualized growth, their best showing since 2010, indicating that consumption spending accelerated sharply in the quarter (Chart).

Canada: Consumers stood firm in Q4

Highest quarterly gain in retail volumes since 2010



*: based on the first two months of Q4
NBF Economy & Strategy (data via Global Insight)

The **Teranet–National Bank National Composite House Price Index** decreased 0.2% in November after being flat the two previous months. Prices dropped in 8 of the 11 metropolitan areas covered. They were down markedly in Calgary (-1.6%) and Victoria (-0.9%) and moderately in Hamilton (-0.3%), Vancouver, Toronto, Ottawa-Gatineau, Quebec City (all four at -0.2%) and Winnipeg (-0.1%). Prices were up 0.5% in Halifax, 0.4% in Montreal and 0.1% in Edmonton. On a y/y basis, home price inflation reached 7.2% in November. The current period of softness in house prices follows a few months of above-normal increases. This is the same pattern as occurred from April 2010 to November 2010, which ended in a limited price correction.

Canada's **Survey of employment, payrolls and hours (SEPH)** painted a slightly better picture of Canadian employment than did the Labour Force Survey. The SEPH data for November showed that Canada added 12,260 jobs. Average weekly earnings were flat in the month, bringing the year-on-year change to +2.2%. Hours worked fell 0.3% in the month, which means an offset in higher wages was necessary to keep earnings level.

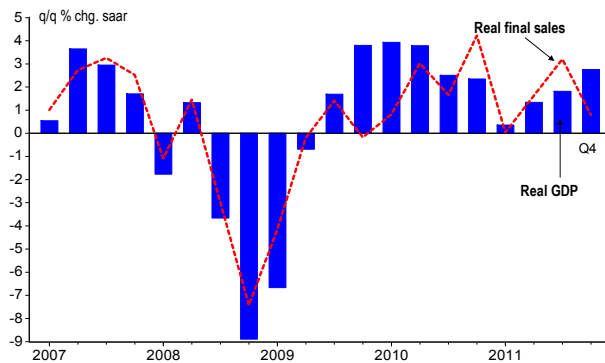
Statcan revised its Labour Force Survey data to reflect updated seasonal adjustment factors. The new series shows an extra 10K jobs created over the period from 2009 to 2011, all of which in the services sector (mostly full-time and in the private sector). As a result, the job losses registered in Q4 turn out to be less severe than in the old series. The new LFS series show a net loss of 37K jobs in the quarter, which is roughly 20K better than first estimated. Still, downward revisions to the first half of the year resulted in the tally for 2011 as a whole being trimmed from 199K to 190K. Employment in both 2009 and 2010 was revised up. Regarding the bleak situation of the labour market in Quebec, the revisions do not alter the picture much. The survey now indicates a loss of 72K jobs (instead of 78K) over the past seven months, which arguably remains inconsistent with the healthy consumption and housing data released for the province in Q4. In the coming months, we can expect either LFS employment to shoot up (particularly in Quebec) or consumption-related data (e.g., retail sales) to plunge. Let's hope for the former.

The Institut de la statistique du Québec (ISQ) reported that **Quebec real GDP** at basic prices held steady in October after progressing 0.4% in September. Goods production contracted 0.2% on lower output in the utilities, construction and mining segments. Services output eked up 0.1%, as advances in professional, scientific and technical services and in finance, insurance and real estate services more than offset a third straight monthly pullback in wholesale trade.

The ISQ also reported that **Quebec's trade deficit** widened \$472 million in November to \$1.71 billion. The value of exports sank \$263 million (or 4.6%) to \$5.4 billion on a large decrease in aerospace products. Imports sprang \$209 million (or 3.0%), with much of the impetus coming from crude oil. In constant dollars, the trade deficit widened \$380 million to \$1.93 billion. With two months in, the Q4 real trade deficit is on track to narrow, meaning that international trade is contributing to economic growth.

United States – The advance estimate for **Q4 GDP growth** came in at 2.8% annualized, just below the 3% expected by consensus. The prior quarter was left unrevised at 1.8%. Domestic demand rose only 0.9% in Q4, versus 2.7% the prior quarter. Final sales (i.e., GDP excluding inventories) swelled only 0.8% after expanding a solid 3.2% in Q3. Support came from consumption spending (+2%), exports (+4.7%), and business non-residential fixed investment (which moderated as expected to 5.2%). Government spending was again a drag on growth, shaving off 0.9%. After detracting from GDP in the prior two quarters, inventories contributed massively to growth in Q4, adding 1.9 percentage points. Residential construction grew 10.9% and thus contributed to GDP as well.

The GDP report was a bit softer than expected because much of the growth came from inventory accumulation rather than final sales (Chart). That said, the vigorous restocking activity broke a string of two successive quarters of drag from inventories and suggests that businesses are confident that demand will return. The fact that consumers have their mojo back is very promising, as they constitute the primary engine of the U.S. economy (accounting for over 70% of GDP). The moderation in the pace of business investment spending in Q4 has to be placed into perspective, coming as it did on the heels of a white-hot Q3 increase of 16.2%. This component of GDP should remain in decent shape given the stockpile of cash that corporations seem to be sitting on. The comeback in residential construction (third straight quarter of growth) is encouraging and in line with the better fundamentals witnessed in recent months (e.g., low supply, high affordability and improving job market).

U.S.: GDP accelerates in Q4
But growth powered by restocking, as real final sales moderates

NBF Economy & Strategy (data via Global Insight)

New home sales slumped 2.2% in December to 307K, wiping out most of November's gains. The supply of homes ticked up to 6.1 months (though this remained close to multi-year lows).

Durable goods orders rose 3% in December topping consensus expectations for a 2% increase. Transportation orders sprang 5.5% thanks to Boeing's strong order book in the month. Orders of vehicles and parts (+0.6%) also buoyed the transportation category. Ex-transportation, the numbers were more than double consensus expectations, with orders growing 2.1%. Non-defence capital goods orders excluding aircraft, a gauge of future investment spending, climbed 2.9%, almost three times what consensus expected. This reversed the losses recorded by this key category in the previous two months. Total shipments of durable goods rose 2.1% overall and 2.4% excluding transportation.

The **Chicago Fed National Activity Index**, which synthesizes 85 monthly economic indicators into a single number, rose to +0.17 in December from -0.46 the month before. This was its highest reading since Q1 of 2011 and shows that the U.S. economy picked up speed again in December after taking a breather in November.

Last but not least, the Fed announced it is keeping its target rate unchanged but now sees that economic conditions are likely to warrant exceptionally low levels for the federal funds rate at least through late 2014. There were no other hints at new initiatives or QE3. However, the Fed has decided to be clear about the inflation part of its dual mandate by stating that 2% inflation is most consistent over the long run with its statutory mandate. The Fed also downgraded its growth forecasts for the US with the central tendency forecast (Q4/Q4) now showing 2.2-2.7% in 2012 (versus 2.5-2.9% previously). The estimate for 2013 is 2.8-3.2% (versus 3.0-3.5% previously). Interestingly, despite the lower growth forecasts, the projection for the unemployment rate was revised lower: 8.2-8.5% for 2012 (versus 8.5-8.7% previously) and to 7.4-8.1% for 2013 (7.8-8.2% previously). The downward changes to the inflation projections (both PCE and core) were very minor.

For the first time, the FOMC presented information about how participants feel about the pace of policy firming going forward (although there's no information about voting and non-voting members' views). Three of the 17 participants thought that rate hikes were appropriate this year and three more saw higher rates as appropriate in 2013. Eleven of seventeen viewed rate hikes as appropriate by 2014. Yet, of those eleven, five saw rates at or lower than 1.0% by year end 2014 and six participants thought rates should still be unchanged by that time. This explains the extension of the low rate projection at least through late 2014. FOMC members view that the fed funds rate should be in the 4-4.5% range over the longer run.

Last year the dissenter in the FOMC was Charles Evans who wanted more stimulus (but who doesn't vote this year), but this year the dissenter is the incoming member Jeffrey Lacker who tended to be more hawkish in his prior stints at the FOMC. Lacker is already showing his hawkish colours, dissenting against the decision to specify a time period over which federal funds rate will remain exceptionally low.

THINGS TO WATCH – Canada & US

| Economic releases & events | | | | | | | Earnings announcements | | | | |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|---------|--------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------|-----------|------|
| Time | Country | Release | Period | Previous | Consensus Estimate | NBF Estimate | Company | Time | Qtr | Cons. EPS | |
| Monday Jan 30 | 8:30 | US | Personal Spending | DEC | 0.10% | 0.10% | 0.10% | Gannett Co Inc | Bef-mkt | Q4 2011 | 0.69 |
| | 8:30 | US | PCE Core (MoM) | DEC | 0.10% | 0.10% | McKesson Corp | 16:00 | Q3 2012 | 1.38 | |
| | 8:30 | US | PCE Core (YoY) | DEC | 1.70% | 1.70% | Plum Creek Timber Co Inc | Aft-mkt | Q4 2011 | 0.39 | |
| Tuesday Jan 31 | 8:30 | CA | Gross Domestic Product MoM | NOV | 0.00% | 0.20% | 0.20% | Suncor Energy Inc | 22:00 | Q4 2011 | 0.89 |
| | 9:00 | US | S&P/CaseShiller Home Price Ind | NOV | 140.3 | -- | Guyana Goldfields Inc | 0:00 | Q4 2011 | -0.02 | |
| | 9:00 | US | S&P/CS Composite-20 YoY | NOV | -3.40% | -3.21% | Metro Inc | 0:00 | Q1 2012 | 0.97 | |
| | 10:00 | US | Consumer Confidence | JAN | 64.5 | 68.0 | 66.0 | Imperial Oil Ltd | 0:00 | Q4 2011 | 0.90 |
| Wednesday Feb 1 | 7:00 | US | MBA Mortgage Applications | Jan-27 | -5.00% | -- | CGI Group Inc | Bef-mkt | Q1 2012 | 0.40 | |
| | 10:00 | US | ISM Manufacturing | JAN | 53.9 | 54.5 | 54.2 | Open Text Corp | 16:00 | Q2 2012 | 1.22 |
| | 17:00 | US | Total Vehicle Sales | JAN | 13.52M | 13.55M | 13.50M | Canadian Oil Sands Ltd | 19:00 | Q4 2011 | 0.45 |
| | | | | | | | Westport Innovations Inc | 0:00 | Q4 2011 | -0.17 | |
| | | | | | | | Thermo Fisher Scientific | Bef-mkt | Q4 2011 | 1.15 | |
| | | | | | | | NiSource Inc | Bef-mkt | Q4 2011 | 0.37 | |
| | | | | | | | Whirlpool Corp | 6:00 | Q4 2011 | 1.69 | |
| | | | | | | | Aetna Inc | 6:00 | Q4 2011 | 0.97 | |
| | | | | | | | NASDAQ OMX Group Inc/ | 7:00 | Q4 2011 | 0.62 | |
| | | | | | | | Franklin Resources Inc | 8:30 | Q1 2012 | 2.08 | |
| | | | | | | | QUALCOMM Inc | 16:00 | Q1 2012 | 0.90 | |
| | | | | | | | Chipotle Mexican Grill Inc | 16:00 | Q4 2011 | 1.83 | |
| | Thursday Feb 2 | 8:30 | US | Initial Jobless Claims | Jan-28 | 377K | 375K | Genworth MI Canada Inc | Aft-mkt | Q4 2011 | 0.77 |
| | | | | | | | | Astral Media Inc | 0:00 | Q1 2012 | 1.01 |
| | | | | | | | | National Oilwell Varco Inc | Bef-mkt | Q4 2011 | 1.30 |
| | | | | | | | | Spectra Energy Corp | Bef-mkt | Q4 2011 | 0.49 |
| | | | | | | | Dow Chemical Co/The | 6:30 | Q4 2011 | 0.31 | |
| | | | | | | | Viacom Inc | 8:00 | Q1 2012 | 1.06 | |
| | | | | | | | Gilead Sciences Inc | 16:05 | Q4 2011 | 1.05 | |
| | | | | | | | Allergan Inc/United States | 0:00 | Q4 2011 | 1.00 | |
| Friday Feb 3 | 7:00 | CA | Unemployment Rate | JAN | 7.50% | 7.50% | 7.50% | Merck & Co Inc | 0:00 | Q4 2011 | 0.95 |
| | 7:00 | CA | Net Change in Employment | JAN | 17.5K | 24.5K | 30.0K | Cummins Inc | 0:00 | Q4 2011 | 2.23 |
| | 8:30 | US | Change in Nonfarm Payrolls | JAN | 200K | 150K | 125K | Mastercard Inc | 0:00 | Q4 2011 | 3.92 |
| | 8:30 | US | Unemployment Rate | JAN | 8.50% | 8.50% | 8.50% | MEG Energy Corp | 0:00 | Q4 2011 | 0.22 |
| | 10:00 | US | ISM Non-Manf. Composite | JAN | 52.6 | 53.3 | 53.2 | Aon Corp | Bef-mkt | Q4 2011 | 0.96 |
| | | | | | | | Weyerhaeuser Co | Bef-mkt | Q4 2011 | 0.06 | |
| | | | | | | Simon Property Group Inc | Bef-mkt | Q4 2011 | 1.90 | | |
| | | | | | | Clorox Co/The | 0:00 | Q2 2012 | 0.69 | | |
| | | | | | | Estee Lauder Cos Inc/The | 0:00 | Q2 2012 | 1.01 | | |
| | | | | | | Constellation Energy Gro | 0:00 | Q4 2011 | 0.62 | | |
| | | | | | | Beam Inc | 0:00 | Q4 2011 | 0.67 | | |
| | | | | | | PPL Corp | 0:00 | Q4 2011 | 0.61 | | |
| | | | | | | CBRE Group Inc | 0:00 | Q4 2011 | 0.44 | | |
| | | | | | | TripAdvisor Inc | 0:00 | Q3 2011 | 0.38 | | |
| | | | | | | Tyson Foods Inc | 0:00 | Q1 2012 | 0.35 | | |

Source: Bloomberg

TABLE 1 - NORTH AMERICAN FINANCIAL INDICATORS

| January 27, 2012 | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|----------------|---------------------------|---------------------|----------|--------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| Growth Rates Unless Otherwise Indicated | Reference Period | (\$Billions) Level | Monthly Growth (%) | | | Annualized Growth | | | Cumulated since beginning of year | |
| | | | Past | Prev. | Month | Average of the last | | | Since | |
| | | | Month | Month | Before | 3 Mos. | 6 Mos. | 12 Mos. | ref. | prec. |
| UNITED STATES | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>MONETARY AGGREGATES</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| M1 | Dec 2011 | 2174 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 0.8 | 16.1 | 23.8 | 18.1 | 15.4 | 6.4 |
| M2 | Dec 2011 | 9640 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 7.4 | 12.2 | 9.6 | 7.2 | 2.3 |
| <u>CREDIT MEASURES</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| Consumer Credit | Nov 2011 | 2478 | 0.8 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 2.5 | 3.0 | 3.2 | 1.1 | -3.9 |
| Mortgage (Banks) | Dec 2011 | 3476 | -0.3 | 0.1 | 0.1 | -0.4 | -2.9 | -3.6 | -4.4 | -3.7 |
| Business | Dec 2011 | 1339 | 1.1 | 0.6 | 1.1 | 11.2 | 11.4 | 10.2 | 4.5 | -14.8 |
| CANADA | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>MONETARY AGGREGATES</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| M2+ gross | Nov 2011 | 1412 | 0.2 | 0.8 | 1.3 | 9.6 | 5.9 | 5.4 | 4.0 | 4.0 |
| Personal Deposits (Banks) (2) | Dec 2011 | 712 | | | | | | 5.4 | 4.2 | 4.2 |
| <u>CREDIT MEASURES</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| Consumer | Nov 2011 | 486 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 4.4 | 2.5 | 3.2 | 3.5 | 8.0 |
| Mortgages | Nov 2011 | 1098 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.5 | 7.0 | 7.0 | 7.6 | 7.5 | 7.0 |
| Short - Term Business Loans | Dec 2011 | 344 | 0.5 | -0.5 | -0.7 | -1.3 | 8.7 | 7.6 | 4.7 | -10.5 |
| Business (S.T. + L.T.) | Dec 2011 | 1302 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 2.8 | 5.4 | 5.6 | 5.5 | 1.2 |
| Private (Consumer+Business) | Nov 2011 | 2882 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 5.4 | 5.8 | 6.0 | 5.9 | 4.4 |
| Federal Debt | Dec 2011 | 619 | -1.1 | 1.7 | 0.5 | 7.0 | 7.3 | 5.9 | 6.3 | 9.4 |
| INTEREST AND EXCHANGE RATES | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Reference Thursday | Last day | 1 week ago | 2 w. ago | Average of last Thursdays | | | 13 w. ago | 26 w. ago | 52 w. ago |
| | | | | | 13 w. | 26 w. | 52 w. | | | |
| UNITED STATES | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>INTEREST RATES</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| Federal Funds Target Rate | 26 Jan 12 | 0.25 | 0.25 | 0.25 | 0.25 | 0.25 | 0.25 | 0.25 | 0.25 | 0.25 |
| Prime Rate | 26 Jan 12 | 3.25 | 3.25 | 3.25 | 3.25 | 3.25 | 3.25 | 3.25 | 3.25 | 3.25 |
| 3-month Treasury Bills | 26 Jan 12 | 0.05 | 0.05 | 0.03 | 0.02 | 0.02 | 0.04 | 0.02 | 0.07 | 0.15 |
| 2-year Bonds | 26 Jan 12 | 0.21 | 0.24 | 0.24 | 0.25 | 0.24 | 0.41 | 0.32 | 0.42 | 0.57 |
| 5-year Bonds | 26 Jan 12 | 0.75 | 0.85 | 0.84 | 0.87 | 0.92 | 1.41 | 1.18 | 1.49 | 1.95 |
| 10-year Bonds | 26 Jan 12 | 1.93 | 1.97 | 1.93 | 1.97 | 2.05 | 2.65 | 2.39 | 2.95 | 3.39 |
| 30-year Bonds | 26 Jan 12 | 3.09 | 3.04 | 2.98 | 3.01 | 3.17 | 3.79 | 3.45 | 4.26 | 4.56 |
| Corporate High-yield (Lehman) | 26 Jan 12 | 7.52 | 7.82 | 7.95 | 8.35 | 8.54 | 7.76 | 8.17 | 7.12 | 7.03 |
| Corporate Invest. Grade (Lehman) | 26 Jan 12 | 3.49 | 3.67 | 3.73 | 3.78 | 3.76 | 3.78 | 3.75 | 3.59 | 3.94 |
| <u>SPREADS</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| Corp. High-yield - Treas. 10y. | 26 Jan 12 | 5.59 | 5.85 | 6.02 | 6.39 | 6.49 | 5.11 | 5.78 | 4.17 | 3.64 |
| Corp. Invest. grade - Treas. 10y. | 26 Jan 12 | 1.56 | 1.70 | 1.80 | 1.81 | 1.71 | 1.12 | 1.36 | 0.64 | 0.55 |
| Treasuries 30y. - 3-m. T.B. | 26 Jan 12 | 3.04 | 2.99 | 2.95 | 2.99 | 3.15 | 3.75 | 3.43 | 4.19 | 4.41 |
| <u>EXCHANGE RATE</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| Major currencies, traded-weighted | 26 Jan 12 | 73.25 | 73.24 | 73.58 | 72.99 | 71.78 | 70.92 | 69.74 | 68.53 | 72.25 |
| CANADA | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>INTEREST RATES</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| Prime Rate | 26 Jan 12 | 3.00 | 3.00 | 3.00 | 3.00 | 3.00 | 3.00 | 3.00 | 3.00 | 3.00 |
| Target overnight rate | 26 Jan 12 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 |
| 30-day commercial paper | 26 Jan 12 | 1.14 | 1.16 | 1.15 | 1.15 | 1.16 | 1.16 | 1.14 | 1.15 | 1.14 |
| 3-month Treasury Bills | 26 Jan 12 | 0.86 | 0.83 | 0.79 | 0.85 | 0.87 | 0.91 | 0.91 | 0.93 | 0.96 |
| 1-year Treasury Bills | 26 Jan 12 | 0.97 | 0.98 | 0.96 | 0.91 | 0.92 | 1.12 | 0.96 | 1.25 | 1.33 |
| 5-year Bonds | 26 Jan 12 | 1.33 | 1.36 | 1.31 | 1.33 | 1.43 | 1.96 | 1.60 | 2.15 | 2.56 |
| 10-year Bonds | 26 Jan 12 | 2.02 | 2.01 | 1.98 | 2.03 | 2.18 | 2.68 | 2.38 | 2.88 | 3.31 |
| 30-year Bonds | 26 Jan 12 | 2.62 | 2.57 | 2.55 | 2.61 | 2.79 | 3.20 | 3.02 | 3.35 | 3.75 |
| <u>SPREADS</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| Prime - 30d. Commercial paper | 26 Jan 12 | 1.86 | 1.84 | 1.85 | 1.85 | 1.84 | 1.84 | 1.86 | 1.85 | 1.86 |
| Long Term - Short Term | 26 Jan 12 | 1.76 | 1.74 | 1.76 | 1.77 | 1.92 | 2.29 | 2.11 | 2.42 | 2.79 |
| <u>CANADA UNITED STATES SPREADS</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3-month T-Bills | 26 Jan 12 | 0.81 | 0.78 | 0.76 | 0.83 | 0.85 | 0.87 | 0.89 | 0.86 | 0.81 |
| Long Term Bonds | 26 Jan 12 | -0.47 | -0.47 | -0.43 | -0.40 | -0.38 | -0.59 | -0.43 | -0.91 | -0.81 |
| <u>EXCHANGE RATE</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| US\$ /CDN\$ (GTIS) | 26 Jan 12 | 0.9983 | 0.9887 | 0.9821 | 0.9802 | 0.9895 | 1.0103 | 1.0094 | 1.0539 | 1.0069 |
| Trade-weighted (1990=100) G-10 | 26 Jan 12 | 112.4 | 111.6 | 110.4 | 110.2 | 110.8 | 113.1 | 112.1 | 117.5 | 113.1 |
| STOCK INDICES | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Reference Thursday | Level | Monthly Growth (%) | | | Growth Over (%) | | | Since beginning of year | |
| | | | Past Month | Prev. Month | Month Before | 3 Months | 6 Months | 1 Year | ref. | prec. |
| Dow Jones (U.S.) | 26 Jan 12 | 12734.6 | 3.6 | 9.5 | -5.4 | 7.3 | 1.9 | 6.3 | 3.6 | 3.6 |
| S&P 500 (U.S.) | 26 Jan 12 | 1318.4 | 4.2 | 9.2 | -6.7 | 6.2 | -1.0 | 1.7 | 4.2 | 3.2 |
| NASDAQ (U.S.) | 26 Jan 12 | 2805.3 | 7.1 | 7.3 | -7.9 | 5.8 | -1.2 | 2.4 | 7.1 | 2.8 |
| S&P/TSX (Can.) | 26 Jan 12 | 12464.3 | 4.5 | 4.1 | -5.9 | 2.3 | -6.3 | -7.4 | 4.5 | 0.6 |

* Update

(2) Not seasonally adjusted

TABLE 2 - UNITED STATES ECONOMIC INDICATORS

| January 27, 2012 | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---------------------|--------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Growth Rates Unless Otherwise Indicated | Reference Period | Monthly Growth (%) | | | Annualized Growth (%) | | | Cumulated since beginning of year | | |
| | | Past | Prev. | Month | Average of the last | | | Since | ref. | prec. |
| | | Month | Month | Before | 3 Mos. | 6 Mos. | 12 Mos. | 12 Mos. | | |
| Index of 12 Leading Indicators | Dec 2011 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.6 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 5.1 | 2.8 | 5.1 | 7.6 |
| Consumer Confidence Index (1985=100) | Dec 2011 | 64.5 | 55.2 | 40.9 | 53.5 | 51.9 | 58.1 | 63.4 | 58.1 | 54.5 |
| I.S.M. Manufacturing Index (level) | Dec 2011 | 53.9 | 52.7 | 50.8 | 52.5 | 51.8 | 55.3 | 58.5 | 55.3 | 57.3 |
| - Non-manufacturing (level) | Dec 2011 | 56.2 | 56.2 | 53.8 | 55.4 | 55.8 | 57.2 | 62.9 | 57.2 | 57.4 |
| DOMESTIC DEMAND | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sales new autos & light trucks (000,000) | Dec 2011 | 13.6 | 13.6 | 13.3 | 13.5 | 13.0 | 12.8 | 12.5 | 12.8 | 11.6 |
| Retail Sales | Dec 2011 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 0.7 | 7.9 | 5.5 | 7.7 | 6.5 | 7.7 | 6.4 |
| - Motor vehicle | Dec 2011 | 1.5 | 0.9 | 1.3 | 22.1 | 6.1 | 10.1 | 8.8 | 10.1 | 9.8 |
| - Other | Dec 2011 | -0.2 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 5.1 | 5.4 | 7.3 | 6.0 | 7.3 | 41.5 |
| Consumer Spending: Total (\$ current) | Nov 2011 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.7 | 4.8 | 3.8 | 4.7 | 4.3 | 4.7 | 3.8 |
| Total (\$ constant) | Nov 2011 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.5 | 3.0 | 1.4 | 2.3 | 1.7 | 2.2 | 2.0 |
| Personal Income | Nov 2011 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 1.6 | 2.4 | 4.9 | 3.9 | 4.8 | 3.6 |
| Personal Savings Rate (3) | Nov 2011 | 3.5 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 4.0 | 4.5 | 5.1 | 4.4 | 5.3 |
| New Orders | Nov 2011 | 1.8 | -0.2 | -0.1 | 4.5 | 7.8 | 12.1 | 11.6 | 12.2 | 13.0 |
| - Non-Defence Capital Goods exc. Aircraft | Dec 2011 | 2.9 | -1.2 | -0.9 | 1.8 | 9.2 | 10.2 | 5.3 | 10.2 | 17.2 |
| Unfilled Orders | Nov 2011 | 1.5 | 1.4 | 0.4 | 10.2 | 9.1 | 6.8 | 9.7 | 6.8 | -4.3 |
| Business Inventories | Nov 2011 | 0.3 | 0.8 | 0.0 | 4.3 | 7.9 | 9.9 | 8.5 | 10.0 | 0.5 |
| Inventories / Shipments Businesses | Nov 2011 | 1.27 | 1.27 | 1.27 | 1.27 | 1.27 | 1.27 | 1.28 | 1.27 | 1.29 |
| Manufacturers' Shipments | Nov 2011 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 4.3 | 7.2 | 11.3 | 10.2 | 11.5 | 8.6 |
| Manufacturers' Inventories | Nov 2011 | 0.5 | 0.9 | 0.1 | 5.4 | 9.3 | 11.6 | 10.9 | 11.9 | 1.6 |
| Inventories / Shipments Manuf. | Nov 2011 | 1.34 | 1.33 | 1.33 | 1.33 | 1.33 | 1.33 | 1.33 | 1.33 | 1.32 |
| Housing Starts (000) (1) | Dec 2011 | 657 | 685 | 628 | 657 | 636 | 607 | 526 | 607 | 585 |
| New Home Sales | Dec 2011 | -2.2 | 2.3 | 1.7 | 19.8 | -0.9 | -5.7 | -7.3 | -5.7 | -14.1 |
| Existing Home Sales | Dec 2011 | 4.6 | 4.0 | 1.3 | 26.3 | 2.2 | 2.7 | 4.3 | 2.7 | -4.1 |
| PRODUCTION | | | | | | | | | | |
| Industrial Production | Dec 2011 | 0.4 | -0.3 | 0.6 | 3.1 | 4.1 | 4.1 | 2.9 | 4.1 | 5.3 |
| - Consumer Goods | Dec 2011 | 0.2 | -0.8 | 0.7 | 1.1 | 2.0 | 2.1 | 0.9 | 2.1 | 4.2 |
| - Hitech goods | Dec 2011 | 0.6 | -0.3 | -1.6 | -6.1 | -0.4 | 7.1 | 0.8 | 7.1 | 13.4 |
| EXTERNAL AND FISCAL BALANCES | | | | | | | | | | |
| Exports | Nov 2011 | -0.9 | -0.7 | 1.4 | 7.9 | 8.3 | 15.0 | 10.3 | 15.0 | 16.9 |
| Imports | Nov 2011 | 1.3 | -1.0 | 0.6 | 1.1 | 7.2 | 14.1 | 12.7 | 14.3 | 20.2 |
| Merch. Trade Balance (\$ billions) | Nov 2011 | -47.8 | -43.3 | -44.2 | -45.1 | -46.5 | -46.1 | -38.8 | -46.6 | -41.8 |
| Real merchandise trade balance | Nov 2011 | -47.5 | -44.0 | -45.9 | -45.8 | -46.6 | -47.4 | -46.4 | -47.4 | -46.4 |
| Federal budget balance last 12 months (2) | Dec 2011 | -1249.6 | -1241.7 | -1254.8 | | | | -1275.1 | -1249.6 | -1275.1 |
| INFLATION AND COSTS | | | | | | | | | | |
| Consumer Prices | Nov 2011 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -0.1 | 0.9 | 2.8 | 3.1 | 3.0 | 3.1 | 1.6 |
| - Excluding Food and Energy | Dec 2011 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 1.7 | 2.4 | 1.7 | 2.2 | 1.7 | 1.0 |
| PCE Deflator exc. Food and Energy | Dec 2011 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 2.0 | 1.4 | 1.7 | 1.4 | 1.4 |
| Industrial Prices, Finished Goods | Dec 2011 | -0.1 | 0.3 | -0.3 | 1.5 | 3.1 | 6.0 | 4.8 | 6.0 | 4.2 |
| Average Hourly Earnings (4) | Dec 2011 | | | | | | 1.9 | 1.6 | 1.9 | 2.4 |
| Industrial Capacity Utilization Rate | Dec 2011 | 78.1 | 77.8 | 78.1 | 78.0 | 77.8 | 77.3 | 76.8 | 77.3 | 74.5 |
| Median Price, Single-Family Homes (5) | Dec 2011 | 0.7 | 1.8 | -2.6 | -13.5 | 3.1 | -4.4 | -2.5 | -4.4 | 0.1 |
| LABOUR MARKET | | | | | | | | | | |
| New Jobs (000) (6) | Dec 2011 | 200 | 100 | 112 | 137 | 142 | 137 | 1640 | 1640 | 940 |
| - Manufacturing (000) | Dec 2011 | 23 | 1 | 10 | 11 | 11 | 19 | 225 | 225 | 109 |
| - Services (000) | Dec 2011 | 152 | 106 | 106 | 121 | 122 | 107 | 1278 | 1278 | 908 |
| Average weekly hours (6) | Dec 2011 | 0.5 | -0.2 | 0.5 | 3.2 | 2.1 | 2.2 | 2.5 | 2.2 | 0.1 |
| Civilian Unemployment Rate (7) | Dec 2011 | 8.5 | 8.7 | 8.9 | 8.7 | 8.9 | 9.0 | 9.4 | 9.0 | 9.6 |
| NATIONAL ACCOUNTS AND OTHER | | | | | | | | | | |
| Annualized Growth Rates | | | | | | | | | | |
| QUARTERLY INDICATORS | | Q4 2011 | Q3 2011 | Q2 2011 | Q1 2011 | Q4 2010 | Q3 2010 | Q2 2010 | 2010 | 2009 |
| GDP Chained 2005 dollars | | 2.8 | 1.8 | 1.3 | 0.4 | 2.3 | 2.5 | 1.7 | 3.0 | -3.5 |
| Consumption | | 2.0 | 1.7 | 0.7 | 2.1 | 3.6 | 2.6 | 2.2 | 2.0 | -1.9 |
| Residential Construction | | 10.9 | 1.2 | 4.2 | -2.5 | 2.5 | -27.7 | -1.4 | -4.3 | -22.3 |
| Business Investment | | 1.7 | 15.7 | 10.3 | 2.1 | 8.7 | 11.3 | 8.6 | 4.4 | -17.8 |
| - Machinery and Equipment | | 5.2 | 16.2 | 6.3 | 8.7 | 8.0 | 14.2 | 10.3 | 14.6 | -16.0 |
| Government Spending | | -4.6 | -0.1 | -0.9 | -5.9 | -2.8 | 1.0 | -2.1 | 0.7 | 1.7 |
| Exports | | 4.6 | 4.7 | 3.6 | 7.9 | 7.8 | 10.0 | 6.8 | 11.3 | -9.4 |
| Imports | | 4.4 | 1.2 | 1.4 | 8.3 | -2.3 | 12.3 | 5.0 | 12.5 | -13.6 |
| Change in Inventories (1) (2) | | 56.0 | -2.0 | 39.1 | 49.1 | 38.3 | 92.3 | 35.5 | 58.8 | -144.9 |
| GDP Deflator | | 0.4 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.7 | 1.8 | 1.3 | 2.1 | 1.1 | 1.0 |
| Personal Disposable Income | | 0.8 | -1.9 | -0.5 | 1.2 | 1.5 | 2.3 | 0.9 | 1.8 | -2.3 |
| | | Q3 2011 | Q2 2011 | Q1 2011 | Q4 2010 | Q3 2010 | Q2 2010 | 2010 | 2009 | 2008 |
| Labour Productivity (4) | | 2.3 | -0.1 | -0.6 | 2.2 | 2.1 | 1.2 | 4.1 | 2.3 | 0.7 |
| Unit Labor Costs (4) | | -2.5 | -0.1 | 6.2 | -1.6 | -0.2 | 1.4 | -2.0 | -0.7 | 2.9 |
| | | Q3 2011 | Q2 2011 | Q1 2011 | Q4 2010 | Q3 2010 | Q2 2010 | 2010 | 2009 | 2008 |
| Current Account (current \$) | | -441.1 | -498.9 | -478.4 | -448.7 | -480.5 | -481.2 | -470.9 | -376.6 | -677.1 |
| as a % of GDP | | -2.9 | -3.3 | -3.2 | -3.0 | -3.3 | -3.3 | -3.2 | -2.7 | -4.7 |
| | | Q3 2011 | Q2 2011 | Q1 2011 | Q4 2010 | Q3 2010 | Q2 2010 | 2010 | 2009 | 2008 |
| Corporate Profits (8) | | 6.9 | 13.7 | 4.2 | 5.4 | 11.0 | 15.1 | 32.2 | 9.1 | -17.4 |
| as a % of GDP | | 13.0 | 12.9 | 12.6 | 12.6 | 12.6 | 12.3 | 12.4 | 12.9 | 12.6 |
| * Update | | | | | | | | | | |
| (1) Annual Rate | | | | | (5) Existing Homes Sold | | | | | |
| (2) \$ Billions | | | | | (6) Non-Farm Payroll Survey | | | | | |
| (3) Personal Savings as a % of Personal Disposable Income | | | | | (7) Household Survey | | | | | |
| (4) Nonfarm Business | | | | | (8) Current \$ and before taxes | | | | | |

TABLE 3 - CANADIAN ECONOMIC INDICATORS

| January 27, 2012 | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|---------------------|--------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------|----------------|-------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|--------|
| Growth Rates Unless Otherwise Indicated | Reference Period | Monthly Growth (%) | | | Annualized Growth (%) | | | Since 12 Mos. | Cumulated since beginning of year | |
| | | Past | Prev. Month | Month | Average of the last | | | | ref. | prec. |
| | | Month | Month | Before | 3 Mos. | 6 Mos. | 12 Mos. | | | |
| Index of Leading Indicators (Stat. Can.) | Dec 2011 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 0.4 | 6.1 | 4.5 | 6.3 | 6.4 | 6.3 | 9.4 |
| DOMESTIC DEMAND | | | | | | | | | | |
| New motor vehicle sales (000) | Nov 2011 | 137.6 | 139.0 | 135.3 | 137.3 | 136.6 | 134.6 | 1614.7 | 1486.5 | 1456.3 |
| Retail Sales (\$ current) | Nov 2011 | 0.3 | 0.9 | 1.0 | 8.1 | 4.3 | 3.7 | 3.1 | 3.6 | 5.6 |
| - Motor vehicle and parts dealers | Nov 2011 | 0.3 | 2.0 | 3.3 | 19.9 | 9.7 | 4.7 | 3.4 | 4.6 | 8.1 |
| - Other | Nov 2011 | 0.3 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 5.0 | 2.8 | 3.5 | 3.0 | 3.3 | 28.7 |
| Retail Sales (\$ constant) | Nov 2011 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 3.8 | 2.6 | 1.8 | 0.7 | 1.6 | 5.1 |
| Manufacturer's Shipments (\$ current) | Nov 2011 | 2.0 | -0.6 | 2.2 | 19.5 | 6.9 | 7.7 | 10.2 | 7.7 | 9.0 |
| New Orders | Nov 2011 | 3.6 | -3.9 | 4.3 | 16.0 | 7.3 | 9.4 | 11.9 | 9.9 | 13.2 |
| - Durables | Nov 2011 | 5.9 | -6.2 | 6.6 | 14.0 | 8.2 | 11.4 | 15.9 | 12.3 | 20.5 |
| Unfilled Orders | Nov 2011 | 1.2 | -0.1 | 2.7 | 17.5 | 24.7 | 9.0 | 19.6 | 9.9 | -9.7 |
| Manufacturer's Inventories | Nov 2011 | 0.4 | 1.5 | 0.2 | 7.4 | 8.2 | 6.9 | 8.5 | 7.3 | -5.7 |
| Inventories / Shipments Ratio | Nov 2011 | 1.31 | 1.33 | 1.30 | 1.31 | 1.33 | 1.33 | 1.33 | 1.33 | 1.34 |
| Manufacturer's Shipments (\$ constant) | Nov 2011 | 1.7 | -0.7 | 1.4 | 13.9 | 3.4 | 3.8 | 6.9 | 3.7 | 9.1 |
| Housing Starts (000) (1) | Dec 2011 | 199.9 | 185.7 | 211.7 | 199.1 | 201.8 | 193.2 | 165.8 | 193.2 | 191.3 |
| Number of existing homes sold (MLS) | Dec 2011 | 1.8 | 0.6 | 1.3 | 15.6 | 4.6 | 2.2 | 8.4 | 2.2 | -3.9 |
| PRODUCTION | | | | | | | | | | |
| Real Domestic Product | Oct 2011 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 4.0 | 1.5 | 3.0 | 2.7 | 2.8 | 3.3 |
| - Manufacturing | Oct 2011 | 0.3 | 0.6 | -0.4 | 3.2 | 0.9 | 2.4 | 2.3 | 1.9 | 5.3 |
| - Construction | Oct 2011 | -0.4 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 3.5 | 3.4 | 5.2 | 3.3 | 4.7 | 8.1 |
| Services | Oct 2011 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 1.8 | 1.6 | 2.3 | 2.1 | 2.3 | 2.5 |
| EXTERNAL, FISCAL AND EXCHANGE BALANCES | | | | | | | | | | |
| Exports | Nov 2011 | 3.2 | -2.0 | 4.3 | 25.9 | 7.6 | 13.2 | 15.1 | 13.0 | 9.1 |
| Imports | Nov 2011 | -0.8 | 2.2 | -0.2 | 8.8 | 9.5 | 10.0 | 11.6 | 10.2 | 10.9 |
| - Capital Goods | Nov 2011 | -1.1 | 5.0 | -2.7 | 2.9 | 10.5 | 9.8 | 9.3 | 9.5 | 26.1 |
| Merch. Trade Balance (\$ millions) | Nov 2011 | 1,074 | -488 | 1,118 | 568 | -131 | 34 | -134 | -135 | -990 |
| Change in Official Reserves | Nov 2011 | 312 | 1,710 | -775 | 416 | 290 | 764 | 9,169 | 8,589 | 8,857 |
| Level (US\$): \$65.7 billion | | | | | | | | | <u>Fiscal year</u> | |
| Fed. budget balance last 12 months (\$ billions) | Nov 2011 | -25.8 | -28.3 | -30.2 | | | | -35.0 | -17.3 | -26.0 |
| INFLATION AND COSTS | | | | | | | | | | |
| Consumer Prices | Dec 2011 | -0.6 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 1.1 | 2.1 | 2.9 | 2.3 | 2.9 | 1.8 |
| - Excluding Food and Energy | Dec 2011 | -0.6 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 2.1 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.3 | 1.6 | 1.3 |
| - Core inflation (4) | Dec 2011 | -0.5 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 2.5 | 2.3 | 1.7 | 1.9 | 1.7 | 1.7 |
| Average Hourly Earnings (2) | Dec 2011 | | | | | | 2.0 | 2.2 | 2.0 | 2.2 |
| Price of New Housing including land | Nov 2011 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 2.0 | 2.6 | 2.2 | 2.5 | 2.2 | 2.2 |
| Avg. Price of Existing Homes Sold (MLS) | Dec 2011 | -0.9 | -0.2 | 0.3 | -1.1 | -2.2 | 7.2 | 2.1 | 7.2 | 6.9 |
| Industrial Prices (1992=100) | Nov 2011 | 0.2 | -0.1 | 0.5 | 2.8 | 2.4 | 4.6 | 4.2 | 4.8 | 0.8 |
| LABOUR MARKET | | | | | | | | | | |
| Labour Force | Dec 2011 | 0.1 | 0.1 | -0.1 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| Job creation (000) | Dec 2011 | 21.7 | -5.5 | -52.7 | -12.2 | 4.4 | 15.8 | 190.0 | 190.0 | 306.1 |
| - Manufacturing | Dec 2011 | 26.0 | -1.1 | -44.8 | -6.6 | -5.7 | -4.1 | -48.6 | -48.6 | 38.1 |
| - Services | Dec 2011 | 7.1 | -32.7 | -9.5 | -11.7 | 8.3 | 15.3 | 183.1 | 183.1 | 206.7 |
| - Full Time | Dec 2011 | -21.6 | 51.6 | -76.2 | -15.4 | 11.9 | 17.1 | 205.0 | 205.0 | 220.8 |
| - Part Time | Dec 2011 | 43.3 | -57.1 | 23.5 | 3.2 | -7.6 | -1.3 | -15.0 | -15.0 | 85.3 |
| Unemployment Rate | Dec 2011 | 7.5 | 7.5 | 7.4 | 7.5 | 7.4 | 7.5 | 7.6 | 7.5 | 8.0 |
| NATIONAL ACCOUNTS AND OTHER | | | | | | | | | | |
| Annualized Growth Rates | | | | | | | | | | |
| QUARTERLY INDICATORS | Q3 2011 | Q2 2011 | Q1 2011 | Q4 2010 | Q3 2010 | Q2 2010 | 2010 | 2009 | 2008 | |
| GDP Chained (2002) \$ | 3.5 | -0.5 | 3.5 | 3.1 | 2.5 | 2.3 | 3.2 | -2.8 | 0.7 | |
| Consumption | 1.2 | 2.1 | -0.1 | 4.4 | 2.8 | 1.4 | 3.3 | 0.4 | 3.0 | |
| Business Investments | -3.6 | 14.6 | 12.3 | 13.5 | 23.5 | 17.9 | 7.3 | -20.8 | 3.7 | |
| -Machinery and Equipment | -11.0 | 32.7 | 14.5 | 5.0 | 30.5 | 29.4 | 11.8 | -19.5 | -0.5 | |
| Residential Construction | 10.9 | 1.6 | 6.7 | -0.9 | -5.1 | -0.4 | 10.2 | -8.0 | -3.2 | |
| Government Expenditures | 0.9 | 1.1 | -1.2 | 2.7 | 0.5 | 3.3 | 2.4 | 3.6 | 4.4 | |
| Final Domestic Demand | 0.9 | 3.1 | 1.5 | 4.8 | 4.3 | 3.9 | 4.5 | -2.1 | 3.0 | |
| Exports | 14.4 | -6.4 | 6.2 | 8.8 | -1.2 | 11.9 | 6.4 | -13.8 | -4.7 | |
| Imports | -3.2 | 13.6 | 8.4 | -0.5 | 8.4 | 21.8 | 13.1 | 13.1 | -13.4 | |
| Change in Inventories (1) | 10.3 | 20.8 | 9.9 | 0.2 | 15.6 | 13.3 | 8.9 | -0.5 | 9.7 | |
| Real Disposable Income | -1.2 | 1.0 | -0.3 | 5.0 | -7.6 | 16.4 | 3.5 | 0.9 | 4.1 | |
| Personal savings Rate | 3.5 | 4.1 | 4.3 | 4.4 | 4.3 | 6.8 | 4.8 | 4.6 | 3.9 | |
| GDP Price Deflator | 1.3 | 2.6 | 3.9 | 6.0 | 1.3 | 0.3 | 2.9 | -1.9 | 4.1 | |
| Corporate Profits (nominal) | 18.1 | -7.8 | 20.5 | 43.0 | 10.6 | -14.4 | 21.2 | -33.1 | 11.0 | |
| as a % of GDP | 12.0 | 11.7 | 12.0 | 11.7 | 10.9 | 10.7 | 11.1 | 9.8 | 13.9 | |
| Indust. Capacity Utilization Rate | 81.3 | 79.9 | 80.2 | 77.8 | 77.5 | 76.8 | 76.8 | 71.7 | 77.8 | |
| Labour Productivity, Business Sector | 1.5 | -3.7 | 1.1 | 0.4 | 3.1 | -2.6 | 1.5 | 0.0 | -0.8 | |
| Unit Labour Cost, Business Sector | -1.9 | 4.2 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.3 | 3.3 | 0.8 | 1.9 | 3.9 | |
| | Q3 2011 | Q2 2011 | Q1 2011 | Q4 2010 | Q3 2010 | Q2 2010 | 2010 | 2009 | 2008 | |
| Current Account (current \$) (1) | -48.5 | -64.5 | -41.3 | -41.1 | -71.5 | -56.0 | 0.0 | -50.9 | -45.2 | |
| as a % of GDP | -2.8 | -3.8 | -2.4 | -2.5 | -4.4 | -3.5 | 0.0 | -3.1 | -3.0 | |
| <p>* Update</p> <p>(1) Annual Rate, \$ billions</p> <p>(2) Not Seasonally Adjusted</p> <p>(3) Current and before taxes</p> <p>(4) C.P.I. excluding the 8 most volatile components and the effect of indirect taxes</p> | | | | | | | | | | |

| Economic and Strategy Team | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|---------------------|---------------------------|-------|--------|------------------------------|--------|---------|------------------|--|-------|
| TABLE 4 - PROVINCIAL ECONOMIC INDICATORS | | | | | | | | | | |
| January 27, 2012 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Growth Rates Unless Otherwise Indicated | Reference Period | Monthly Growth (%) | | | Annualized Growth (%) | | | Since 12 Mos. | Cumulated since beginning of year | |
| | | Past | Prev. | Month | Average of the last | | | | ref. | prec. |
| | | Month | Month | Before | 3 Mos. | 6 Mos. | 12 Mos. | | | |
| QUEBEC | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>DOMESTIC DEMAND AND REVENUE</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| Retail Sales | Nov 2011 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 5.8 | 2.7 | 2.3 | 1.8 | 1.9 | 6.2 |
| Manufacturing Shipments | Nov 2011 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 2.0 | 10.8 | 2.6 | 4.6 | 4.8 | 4.9 | 5.0 |
| Housing Starts (000) (2) | Dec 2011 | 50.3 | 47.2 | 45.6 | 47.7 | 49.1 | 48.2 | 46.1 | 48.2 | 51.0 |
| Number of existing homes sold (MLS) | Dec 2011 | 4.0 | 1.8 | 3.4 | 28.9 | 8.5 | -3.5 | 10.0 | -3.5 | 1.2 |
| Wages and Salaries | Sept 2011 | -0.2 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 2.3 | 2.0 | 4.4 | 2.8 | 4.2 | 4.0 |
| Value of merchandise exports (1) | Nov 2011 | | | | | | 7.6 | 6.5 | 7.4 | 1.9 |
| <u>PRICES</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| Consumer Price Index (1) | Dec 2011 | -0.5 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 1.7 | 1.6 | 3.0 | 2.5 | 3.0 | 1.3 |
| Average Hourly Earnings (1) | Dec 2011 | | | | | | 1.7 | 1.3 | 1.7 | 1.6 |
| Price of New Housing inc. Land (1) | Nov 2011 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 1.4 | 1.7 | 2.7 | 1.8 | 2.6 | 3.1 |
| Avg. Price of Existing Homes Sold (MLS) | Dec 2011 | 1.8 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 9.0 | 3.0 | 4.3 | 3.4 | 4.3 | 7.6 |
| <u>LABOR MARKET</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| Job creation (000) | Dec 2011 | -23.0 | -23.7 | -14.3 | -20.3 | -9.8 | -4.7 | -55.9 | -55.9 | 96.1 |
| Unemployment rate | Dec 2011 | 8.7 | 8.0 | 7.7 | 8.1 | 7.8 | 7.7 | 7.4 | 7.7 | 7.9 |
| Participation rate | Dec 2011 | 64.7 | 64.7 | 65.0 | 64.8 | 64.9 | 65.2 | 65.5 | 65.2 | 65.4 |
| ONTARIO | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>DOMESTIC DEMAND AND REVENUE</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| Retail Sales | Nov 2011 | -0.1 | -0.3 | 0.8 | 3.4 | 2.4 | 3.4 | 0.8 | 3.2 | 5.3 |
| Manufacturing Shipments | Nov 2011 | 2.0 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 17.4 | 8.1 | 5.7 | 9.7 | 5.7 | 11.6 |
| Housing Starts (000) (2) | Dec 2011 | 71.5 | 54.0 | 75.7 | 67.1 | 68.7 | 67.7 | 45.1 | 67.7 | 60.8 |
| Number of existing homes sold (MLS) | Dec 2011 | 1.7 | 0.1 | -0.2 | 11.7 | 9.3 | 2.4 | 9.5 | 2.4 | -0.1 |
| Wages and Salaries | Sept 2011 | 0.5 | -0.2 | 0.3 | 1.5 | 1.9 | 4.4 | 2.5 | 4.1 | 4.0 |
| Value of merchandise exports (1) | Nov 2011 | | | | | | 7.9 | 5.2 | 6.7 | 15.7 |
| <u>PRICES</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| Consumer Price Index (1) | Dec 2011 | -0.6 | 0.0 | -0.1 | 0.1 | 2.3 | 3.1 | 2.0 | 3.1 | 2.4 |
| Average Hourly Earnings (1) | Dec 2011 | | | | | | 2.2 | 2.0 | 2.2 | 2.2 |
| Price of New Housing inc. Land (1) | Nov 2011 | 0.7 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 3.8 | 5.1 | 3.4 | 4.7 | 3.5 | 2.4 |
| Avg. Price of Existing Homes Sold (MLS) | Dec 2011 | -1.6 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 1.9 | 3.0 | 7.1 | 4.7 | 7.1 | 8.4 |
| <u>LABOR MARKET</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| Job creation (000) | Dec 2011 | 17.9 | 16.3 | -34.8 | -0.2 | -1.4 | 7.0 | 84.5 | 84.5 | 149.6 |
| Unemployment rate | Dec 2011 | 7.7 | 7.9 | 8.1 | 7.9 | 7.8 | 7.8 | 8.2 | 7.8 | 8.7 |
| Participation rate | Dec 2011 | 66.6 | 66.6 | 66.7 | 66.6 | 66.7 | 66.8 | 66.9 | 66.8 | 67.1 |
| NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>DOMESTIC DEMAND AND REVENUE</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| Retail Sales | Nov 2011 | -0.7 | -0.6 | 2.2 | 7.9 | 3.0 | 5.1 | 4.2 | 5.1 | 4.6 |
| Manufacturing Shipments | Nov 2011 | 20.8 | -0.5 | 37.5 | 1147.1 | -17.5 | 9.1 | 17.7 | 6.7 | 16.3 |
| Housing Starts (000) (2) | Dec 2011 | 3.0 | 3.9 | 3.2 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 3.5 | 3.2 | 3.5 | 4.1 |
| Number of existing homes sold (MLS) | Dec 2011 | 1.0 | 4.1 | 12.2 | 45.9 | 18.0 | 5.7 | 36.1 | 5.7 | -4.1 |
| Wages and Salaries | Sept 2011 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 2.0 | 6.2 | 7.5 | 7.0 | 7.7 | 5.6 |
| Value of merchandise exports (1) | Nov 2011 | | | | | | 38.5 | 72.6 | 37.4 | 2.9 |
| <u>PRICES</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| Consumer Price Index (1) | Dec 2011 | -0.8 | 0.7 | -0.2 | 1.1 | 2.6 | 3.4 | 3.2 | 3.4 | 2.4 |
| Average Hourly Earnings (1) | Dec 2011 | | | | | | 4.8 | 7.9 | 4.8 | 5.5 |
| Price of New Housing inc. Land (1) | Nov 2011 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -0.2 | -0.5 | 4.7 | -0.1 | 4.4 | 5.8 |
| Avg. Price of Existing Homes Sold (MLS) | Dec 2011 | -2.8 | -0.1 | -3.5 | 2.4 | 7.4 | 6.7 | 0.6 | 6.7 | 14.6 |
| <u>LABOR MARKET</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| Job creation (000) | Dec 2011 | 2.7 | 0.0 | 4.2 | 2.3 | 0.9 | 0.4 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 8.3 |
| Unemployment | Dec 2011 | 12.7 | 13.3 | 13.0 | 13.0 | 13.1 | 12.6 | 13.5 | 12.6 | 14.3 |
| Participation rate | Dec 2011 | 60.8 | 60.4 | 60.2 | 60.5 | 60.1 | 60.2 | 60.1 | 60.2 | 59.9 |
| PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>DOMESTIC DEMAND AND REVENUE</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| Retail Sales | Nov 2011 | -0.3 | 1.2 | 1.8 | 10.8 | 10.4 | 5.3 | 8.6 | 5.8 | 5.8 |
| Manufacturing Shipments | Nov 2011 | 18.4 | -9.3 | -0.7 | 12.0 | 3.0 | -0.1 | 9.9 | -0.7 | -9.5 |
| Housing Starts (000) (2) | Dec 2011 | 0.8 | 1.5 | 1.0 | 1.1 | 1.2 | 1.0 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 0.8 |
| Number of existing homes sold (MLS) | Dec 2011 | -8.0 | 17.1 | -15.2 | -5.1 | 2.7 | 2.3 | -8.0 | 2.3 | 5.9 |
| Wages and Salaries | Sept 2011 | 0.6 | 1.4 | -0.8 | 1.5 | 2.6 | 4.2 | 4.6 | 4.0 | 2.6 |
| Value of merchandise exports (1) | Nov 2011 | | | | | | 2.5 | 24.7 | 2.6 | -9.7 |
| <u>PRICES</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| Consumer Price Index (1) | Dec 2011 | -0.5 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 2.3 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 1.8 |
| Average Hourly Earnings (1) | Dec 2011 | | | | | | 2.8 | 4.9 | 2.8 | 5.3 |
| Price of New Housing inc. Land (1) | Nov 2011 | 0.0 | 0.3 | -0.2 | 1.7 | 4.1 | 1.3 | 3.5 | 1.6 | -1.5 |
| Avg. Price of Existing Homes Sold (MLS) | Dec 2011 | -1.8 | -1.1 | -15.5 | -54.9 | 5.5 | 0.4 | -8.1 | 0.4 | 1.1 |
| <u>LABOR MARKET</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| Job creation (000) | Dec 2011 | 0.7 | 0.8 | -1.4 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 3.5 | 3.5 | -0.8 |
| Unemployment | Dec 2011 | 11.2 | 11.2 | 11.2 | 11.2 | 11.3 | 11.4 | 12.0 | 11.4 | 11.3 |
| Participation rate | Dec 2011 | 69.1 | 68.4 | 67.7 | 68.4 | 68.4 | 68.2 | 67.3 | 68.2 | 68.1 |

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| TABLE 4 - PROVINCIAL ECONOMIC INDICATORS (Continues from page A4) | | | | | | | | | | |
| January 27, 2012 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Growth Rates Unless Otherwise Indicated | Reference Period | Monthly Growth (%) | | | Annualized Growth (%) | | | Since 12 Mos. | Cumulated since beginning of year | |
| | | Past Month | Prev. Month | Month Before | Average of the last 3 Mos. | 6 Mos. | 12 Mos. | | ref. | prec. |
| NOVA SCOTIA | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>DOMESTIC DEMAND AND REVENUE</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| Retail Sales | Nov 2011 | -1.0 | -0.5 | 2.0 | 0.0 | 6.0 | 3.0 | 2.6 | 3.1 | 4.8 |
| Manufacturing Shipments | Nov 2011 | 0.7 | 4.4 | -1.5 | -4.6 | -4.6 | 12.4 | 2.5 | 11.5 | 10.0 |
| Housing Starts (000) (2) | Dec 2011 | 8.5 | 2.8 | 3.1 | 4.8 | 5.1 | 4.7 | 2.8 | 4.7 | 4.4 |
| Number of existing homes sold (MLS) | Dec 2011 | -12.9 | 22.5 | -3.0 | 40.1 | 15.5 | 2.8 | 8.5 | 2.8 | 0.2 |
| Wages and Salaries | Sept 2011 | 0.4 | 0.2 | -0.3 | 0.7 | 1.7 | 4.2 | 1.8 | 3.6 | 4.6 |
| Value of merchandise exports (1) | Nov 2011 | | | | | | 3.7 | -16.5 | 4.6 | 1.4 |
| <u>PRICES</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| Consumer Price Index (1) | Dec 2011 | -1.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.9 | 2.3 | 3.8 | 2.8 | 3.8 | 2.2 |
| Average Hourly Earnings (1) | Dec 2011 | | | | | | 1.6 | 1.7 | 1.6 | 4.6 |
| Price of New Housing inc. Land (1) | Nov 2011 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 3.1 | 1.0 | 1.7 | 1.2 | 1.7 | 0.9 |
| Avg. Price of Existing Homes Sold (MLS) | Dec 2011 | -0.7 | 10.8 | 0.3 | 27.4 | 3.2 | 2.9 | 4.2 | 2.9 | 4.9 |
| <u>LABOR MARKET</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| Job creation (000) | Dec 2011 | 4.0 | 4.6 | -3.9 | 1.6 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 11.3 | 11.3 | -5.1 |
| Unemployment | Dec 2011 | 7.8 | 8.6 | 8.5 | 8.3 | 8.6 | 8.8 | 10.5 | 8.8 | 9.3 |
| Participation rate | Dec 2011 | 63.8 | 63.8 | 63.1 | 63.6 | 63.7 | 63.7 | 64.1 | 63.7 | 64.2 |
| NEW BRUNSWICK | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>DOMESTIC DEMAND AND REVENUE</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| Retail Sales | Nov 2011 | -0.3 | 0.7 | 1.7 | 7.6 | 5.4 | 4.5 | 4.7 | 4.8 | 5.3 |
| Manufacturing Shipments | Nov 2011 | -4.0 | -6.4 | 15.4 | 52.5 | 8.1 | 17.2 | 23.3 | 17.0 | 21.4 |
| Housing Starts (000) (2) | Dec 2011 | 3.7 | 3.5 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 4.1 | 3.2 | 3.0 | 3.2 | 4.5 |
| Number of existing homes sold (MLS) | Dec 2011 | -3.4 | -0.2 | -1.1 | 20.4 | -11.7 | -1.6 | 5.3 | -1.6 | -4.3 |
| Wages and Salaries | Sept 2011 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 2.8 | 3.0 | 4.1 | 3.5 | 4.1 | 4.0 |
| Value of merchandise exports (1) | Nov 2011 | | | | | | 21.0 | 20.0 | 19.5 | 27.3 |
| <u>PRICES</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| Consumer Price Index (1) | Dec 2011 | -0.7 | 0.4 | -0.1 | 0.7 | 2.6 | 3.5 | 3.3 | 3.5 | 2.1 |
| Average Hourly Earnings (1) | Dec 2011 | | | | | | 2.3 | 2.6 | 2.3 | 1.8 |
| Price of New Housing inc. Land (1) | Nov 2011 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -0.3 | 0.6 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0.3 | 0.7 | 1.5 |
| Avg. Price of Existing Homes Sold (MLS) | Dec 2011 | 2.7 | -1.1 | 1.4 | 5.5 | 4.3 | 2.2 | 7.2 | 2.2 | 1.7 |
| <u>LABOR MARKET</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| Job creation (000) | Dec 2011 | 2.1 | -0.9 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 0.8 | 0.1 | 1.1 | 1.1 | -4.1 |
| Unemployment | Dec 2011 | 9.4 | 9.8 | 9.4 | 9.5 | 9.5 | 9.6 | 9.5 | 9.6 | 9.3 |
| Participation rate | Dec 2011 | 63.1 | 63.0 | 62.9 | 63.0 | 62.8 | 62.9 | 63.2 | 62.9 | 63.7 |
| MANITOBA | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>DOMESTIC DEMAND AND REVENUE</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| Retail Sales | Nov 2011 | 0.4 | 1.1 | 0.6 | 6.8 | 5.1 | 4.4 | 4.7 | 4.4 | 5.8 |
| Manufacturing Shipments | Nov 2011 | 4.2 | -1.9 | 0.1 | -9.6 | 0.8 | 7.4 | 1.9 | 6.6 | -3.1 |
| Housing Starts (000) (2) | Dec 2011 | 4.9 | 7.5 | 8.4 | 6.9 | 6.7 | 5.9 | 6.6 | 5.9 | 6.1 |
| Number of existing homes sold (MLS) | Dec 2011 | 8.4 | -3.5 | 4.2 | 34.9 | 13.1 | 5.9 | 12.5 | 5.9 | 0.6 |
| Wages and Salaries | Sept 2011 | 0.3 | 0.8 | 0.0 | 3.0 | 4.7 | 4.6 | 4.9 | 4.8 | 3.2 |
| Value of merchandise exports (1) | Nov 2011 | | | | | | 27.3 | 37.4 | 28.2 | -4.8 |
| <u>PRICES</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| Consumer Price Index (1) | Dec 2011 | -0.8 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 2.2 | 1.5 | 2.9 | 2.6 | 2.9 | 0.8 |
| Average Hourly Earnings (1) | Dec 2011 | | | | | | 2.5 | 1.5 | 2.5 | 3.3 |
| Price of New Housing inc. Land (1) | Nov 2011 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 1.4 | 7.1 | 4.8 | 4.9 | 5.8 | 4.8 | 4.7 |
| Avg. Price of Existing Homes Sold (MLS) | Dec 2011 | 7.3 | 4.0 | -0.1 | 21.3 | 8.6 | 5.5 | 10.1 | 5.5 | 10.3 |
| <u>LABOR MARKET</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| Job creation (000) | Dec 2011 | 1.8 | -1.3 | 1.3 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.5 | 5.9 | 5.9 | 14.5 |
| Unemployment | Dec 2011 | 5.4 | 5.5 | 5.2 | 5.4 | 5.5 | 5.4 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 5.4 |
| Participation rate | Dec 2011 | 69.2 | 69.1 | 69.0 | 69.1 | 69.1 | 69.2 | 69.2 | 69.2 | 69.6 |
| SASKATCHEWAN | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>DOMESTIC DEMAND AND REVENUE</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| Retail Sales | Nov 2011 | 1.3 | 2.6 | 2.0 | 19.3 | 12.3 | 8.0 | 11.3 | 8.4 | 3.1 |
| Manufacturing Shipments | Nov 2011 | 2.2 | 1.6 | 3.4 | 32.2 | 27.7 | 15.5 | 21.5 | 16.1 | -5.0 |
| Housing Starts (000) (2) | Dec 2011 | 5.9 | 7.2 | 8.7 | 7.3 | 7.4 | 7.2 | 7.4 | 7.2 | 6.1 |
| Number of existing homes sold (MLS) | Dec 2011 | 5.7 | -1.6 | 3.7 | 35.7 | 22.6 | 10.3 | 25.0 | 10.3 | -1.9 |
| Wages and Salaries | Sept 2011 | 0.9 | 1.5 | 0.4 | 8.3 | 4.6 | 7.1 | 7.4 | 6.9 | 6.0 |
| Value of merchandise exports (1) | Nov 2011 | | | | | | 25.8 | 44.9 | 27.1 | 7.6 |
| <u>PRICES</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| Consumer Price Index (1) | Dec 2011 | -0.8 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 2.1 | 2.2 | 2.8 | 2.5 | 2.8 | 1.3 |
| Average Hourly Earnings (1) | Dec 2011 | | | | | | 2.7 | 3.8 | 2.7 | 4.0 |
| Price of New Housing inc. Land (1) | Nov 2011 | 0.8 | -0.1 | 0.2 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 3.0 | 3.1 | 2.8 | 3.9 |
| Avg. Price of Existing Homes Sold (MLS) | Dec 2011 | 6.3 | -6.0 | 4.6 | 11.5 | 7.6 | 6.6 | 8.9 | 6.6 | 4.0 |
| <u>LABOR MARKET</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| Job creation (000) | Dec 2011 | 3.7 | -4.2 | 0.9 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.1 |
| Unemployment | Dec 2011 | 5.2 | 5.1 | 4.2 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 5.0 | 5.5 | 5.0 | 5.2 |
| Participation rate | Dec 2011 | 69.3 | 68.8 | 68.7 | 68.9 | 68.9 | 69.1 | 69.8 | 69.1 | 69.9 |

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| TABLE 4 - PROVINCIAL ECONOMIC INDICATORS (Continues from page A5) | | | | | | | | | | |
| January 27, 2012 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Growth Rates Unless Otherwise Indicated | Reference Period | Monthly Growth (%) | | | Annualized Growth (%) | | | Since 12 Mos. | Cumulated since beginning of year | |
| | | Past Month | Prev. Month | Month Before | Average of the last | | | | ref. | prec. |
| | | | | | 3 Mos. | 6 Mos. | 12 Mos. | | | |
| ALBERTA | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>DOMESTIC DEMAND AND REVENUE</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| Retail Sales | Nov 2011 | 1.0 | 3.1 | 1.8 | 22.7 | 8.2 | 7.1 | 8.3 | 7.0 | 5.8 |
| Manufacturing Shipments | Nov 2011 | 5.9 | -3.7 | 5.8 | 34.6 | 16.1 | 17.9 | 23.0 | 17.9 | 10.7 |
| Housing Starts (000) (2) | Dec 2011 | 28.3 | 29.9 | 33.0 | 30.4 | 28.7 | 25.5 | 20.6 | 25.5 | 26.9 |
| Number of existing homes sold (MLS) | Dec 2011 | 2.0 | -1.2 | 2.6 | -0.7 | 4.1 | 6.9 | 4.9 | 6.9 | -13.6 |
| Wages and Salaries | Sept 2011 | 0.4 | 1.4 | 0.4 | 4.8 | 8.3 | 8.3 | 8.0 | 8.2 | 4.4 |
| Value of merchandise exports (1) | Nov 2011 | | | | | | 16.0 | 26.0 | 16.5 | 12.6 |
| <u>PRICES</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| Consumer Price Index (1) | Dec 2011 | -0.1 | -0.5 | 1.0 | 2.5 | 2.3 | 2.4 | 2.9 | 2.4 | 1.0 |
| Average Hourly Earnings (1) | Dec 2011 | | | | | | 1.7 | 2.6 | 1.7 | 1.3 |
| Price of New Housing inc. Land (1) | Nov 2011 | -0.1 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.5 |
| Avg. Price of Existing Homes Sold (MLS) | Dec 2011 | -0.3 | -0.3 | -1.2 | 2.3 | 3.1 | 1.0 | 1.8 | 1.0 | 3.5 |
| <u>LABOR MARKET</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| Job creation (000) | Dec 2011 | 1.0 | 7.7 | 5.9 | 4.9 | 7.4 | 8.3 | 99.3 | 99.3 | 11.7 |
| Unemployment | Dec 2011 | 4.9 | 5.0 | 5.1 | 5.0 | 5.2 | 5.5 | 5.6 | 5.5 | 6.5 |
| Participation rate | Dec 2011 | 74.0 | 74.2 | 74.1 | 74.1 | 74.1 | 73.7 | 72.3 | 73.7 | 72.9 |
| BRITISH COLUMBIA | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>DOMESTIC DEMAND AND REVENUE</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| Retail Sales | Nov 2011 | 0.3 | 2.1 | 0.5 | 9.8 | 5.0 | 1.9 | 2.8 | 2.1 | 5.8 |
| Manufacturing Shipments | Nov 2011 | 0.9 | -0.4 | -0.5 | 4.9 | 2.6 | 7.5 | 5.9 | 7.0 | 8.0 |
| Housing Starts (000) (2) | Dec 2011 | 23.0 | 28.2 | 29.3 | 26.8 | 27.5 | 26.4 | 29.9 | 26.4 | 26.7 |
| Number of existing homes sold (MLS) | Dec 2011 | 0.9 | -0.2 | 1.6 | 14.1 | -13.5 | 2.8 | 2.5 | 2.8 | -12.2 |
| Wages and Salaries | Sept 2011 | 0.5 | 0.5 | -0.2 | 2.6 | 3.9 | 5.1 | 4.6 | 5.0 | 3.7 |
| Value of merchandise exports (1) | Nov 2011 | | | | | | 15.5 | 18.0 | 14.7 | 14.3 |
| <u>PRICES</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| Consumer Price Index (1) | Dec 2011 | -0.9 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.7 | 1.8 | 2.3 | 1.7 | 2.3 | 1.4 |
| Average Hourly Earnings (1) | Dec 2011 | | | | | | 1.7 | 3.1 | 1.7 | 2.8 |
| Price of New Housing inc. Land (1) | Nov 2011 | -0.3 | -0.1 | 0.0 | -1.5 | 0.0 | -0.4 | -0.3 | -0.4 | 2.8 |
| Avg. Price of Existing Homes Sold (MLS) | Dec 2011 | -2.2 | -1.1 | 0.6 | -11.5 | -9.7 | 11.0 | -1.7 | 11.0 | 10.4 |
| <u>LABOR MARKET</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| Job creation (000) | Dec 2011 | 10.6 | -4.6 | -10.9 | -1.6 | 4.1 | 2.7 | 32.6 | 32.6 | 32.9 |
| Unemployment | Dec 2011 | 7.0 | 7.1 | 6.6 | 6.9 | 7.0 | 7.5 | 7.6 | 7.5 | 7.6 |
| Participation rate | Dec 2011 | 65.0 | 64.8 | 64.6 | 64.8 | 64.9 | 65.1 | 65.2 | 65.1 | 65.5 |

| Economic and Strategy Team | | | | | | | | | | |
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| TABLE 5 - INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC INDICATORS | | | | | | | | | | |
| January 27, 2012 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Growth Rates Unless Otherwise Indicated | Reference Period | Monthly Growth (%) | | | Annualized Growth (%) | | | Since 12 Mos. | Cumulated since beginning of year | |
| | | Past | Prev. | Month | Average of the last | | | | ref. | prec. |
| | | Month | Month | Before | 3 Mos. | 6 Mos. | 12 Mos. | | | |
| OECD leading index | Nov 2011 | -0.1 | -0.2 | -0.4 | -4.2 | -4.0 | -0.2 | -2.4 | -0.3 | 7.1 |
| JAPAN | | | | | | | | | | |
| Consumer confidence - percentage (1) | Dec 2011 | 38.1 | 37.5 | 38.6 | 38.1 | 38.0 | 37.7 | 40.1 | 37.7 | 41.4 |
| Retail Sales (1) | Dec 2011 | | | | | | | -1.2 | 2.5 | -1.2 |
| Industrial Production, Volume Index | Nov 2011 | -2.7 | 2.2 | -3.3 | -8.6 | 2.2 | -2.7 | -4.2 | -3.5 | 17.6 |
| Exports | Dec 2011 | 0.2 | -2.4 | -4.0 | -17.0 | -2.5 | -2.7 | -7.7 | -2.7 | 24.6 |
| Imports | Dec 2011 | 0.7 | -1.6 | 2.9 | 5.2 | 8.7 | 12.2 | 10.2 | 12.2 | 18.0 |
| Merchandise trade bal. (Billions of ¥) | Nov 2011 | -3,753 | -5,269 | 910 | -2,704 | -1,698 | -559 | 4,772 | -13,672 | 72,396 |
| Current account (Billions of ¥) | Nov 2011 | 480 | 519 | 1,211 | 737 | 774 | 867 | 1,270 | 8,865 | 15,622 |
| Inflation (CPI) | Dec 2011 | 0.1 | -0.1 | 0.0 | -0.7 | -0.3 | -0.3 | -0.2 | -0.3 | -0.7 |
| Job offers to applicants ratio | Nov 2011 | 0.69 | 0.67 | 0.67 | 0.68 | 0.66 | 0.64 | 0.57 | 0.64 | 0.51 |
| Unemployment Rate | Nov 2011 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.1 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 4.6 | 5.1 | 4.5 | 5.1 |
| | | Q3 2011 | Q2 2011 | Q1 2011 | Q4 2010 | Q3 2010 | Q2 2010 | 2010 | 2009 | 2008 |
| Gross Domestic Product (Constant Yen) | | 5.6 | -2.0 | -6.6 | 0.1 | 2.0 | 4.6 | 4.5 | -5.5 | -1.1 |
| Euro-zone | | | | | | | | | | |
| Volume Retail Sales | Nov 2011 | -0.8 | 0.2 | -0.6 | -2.7 | -1.0 | -0.5 | -1.6 | -0.5 | 0.8 |
| Industrial Production | Nov 2011 | -0.1 | -0.2 | -2.0 | -4.6 | 0.1 | 4.5 | -0.2 | 4.1 | 7.2 |
| Exports | Nov 2011 | 3.9 | -2.0 | -1.2 | 10.0 | 4.3 | 14.1 | 12.0 | 13.7 | 19.6 |
| Imports | Nov 2011 | 0.0 | -0.6 | -3.7 | -5.7 | 0.3 | 15.0 | 4.9 | 14.4 | 20.8 |
| Merch. Trade Bal. (Millions of euros) | Nov 2011 | 6,148 | 499 | 2,489 | 3,045 | 584 | -781 | -2,513 | -11,312 | -1,627 |
| Inflation (CPI) | Dec 2011 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 4.4 | 2.2 | 2.7 | 2.7 | 2.7 | 1.6 |
| Unemployment Rate | Nov 2011 | 10.3 | 10.3 | 10.2 | 10.3 | 10.2 | 10.1 | 10.0 | 10.1 | 10.1 |
| | | Q3 2011 | Q2 2011 | Q1 2011 | Q4 2010 | Q3 2010 | Q2 2010 | 2011 | 2010 | 2009 |
| Gross Domestic Product (Constant Euro) | | 0.5 | 0.6 | 3.1 | 1.1 | 1.7 | 3.6 | 1.5 | 1.9 | -4.3 |
| UNITED KINGDOM | | | | | | | | | | |
| Consumer Confidence (Diffusion index) | Dec 2011 | -26 | -24 | -24 | -24 | -22 | -21 | -18 | -21 | -12 |
| Retail Sales | Dec 2011 | 0.7 | -0.5 | 0.9 | 4.4 | 0.9 | 0.7 | 2.6 | 0.7 | -0.3 |
| Manufacturing, energy and mining output | Nov 2011 | -0.7 | -1.0 | 0.0 | -3.4 | -2.3 | -0.5 | -3.1 | -0.8 | 1.7 |
| Exports (1) | Nov 2011 | -1.5 | 7.1 | -0.5 | 12.5 | 4.0 | 13.2 | 10.1 | 13.2 | 16.8 |
| Imports (1) | Nov 2011 | 1.1 | -1.6 | 4.1 | 9.7 | 8.2 | 11.2 | 6.9 | 10.6 | 17.0 |
| Merchandise Trade Bal. (Millions of £) | Nov 2011 | -8,644 | -7,868 | -10,175 | -8,896 | -8,906 | -9,190 | -8,844 | -92,012 | -88,976 |
| Inflation (CPI harmonized) (1) | Dec 2011 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 2.5 | 3.2 | 3.7 | 3.4 | 3.7 | 3.0 |
| Producer price index, manufacturing (1) | Dec 2011 | -0.2 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 1.1 | 3.6 | 5.6 | 4.8 | 5.6 | 4.2 |
| House prices | Dec 2011 | -0.9 | -1.0 | 1.1 | -1.8 | -0.5 | -2.5 | -2.2 | -2.5 | 3.0 |
| Unemployment Rate | Oct 2011 | 8.4 | 8.3 | 8.3 | 8.3 | 8.2 | 8.0 | 7.9 | 8.0 | 7.9 |
| | | Q4 2011 | Q3 2011 | Q2 2011 | Q1 2011 | Q4 2010 | Q3 2010 | 2011 | 2010 | 2009 |
| Gross Domestic Product (Constant £) | | -0.8 | 2.3 | 0.0 | 1.7 | -2.0 | 1.7 | 0.9 | 2.1 | -4.4 |
| INTEREST AND EXCHANGE RATES | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Reference Thursday | Current Week | Prev. Week | Week Before | Average of last Thursdays | | | 13 w. ago | 26 w. ago | 52 w. ago |
| | | | | | 13 W. | 26 W. | 52 W. | | | |
| JAPAN | | | | | | | | | | |
| Prime Rate | 26 Jan 12 | 0.30 | 0.30 | 0.30 | 0.30 | 0.30 | 0.30 | 0.30 | 0.30 | 0.30 |
| 3-month Financing Bill Rate | 26 Jan 12 | 0.10 | 0.10 | 0.10 | 0.10 | 0.10 | 0.10 | 0.10 | 0.09 | 0.11 |
| - Spread with U.S. | 26 Jan 12 | 0.05 | 0.05 | 0.07 | 0.08 | 0.08 | 0.06 | 0.08 | 0.02 | -0.05 |
| Yield on 10-year Gov't Bonds | 26 Jan 12 | 0.98 | 0.97 | 0.96 | 0.99 | 1.00 | 1.10 | 1.01 | 1.08 | 1.22 |
| - Spread with U.S. | 26 Jan 12 | -0.95 | -1.01 | -0.97 | -0.98 | -1.05 | -1.56 | -1.38 | -1.87 | -2.17 |
| Exchange Rate (¥/U.S.\$) | 26 Jan 12 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 |
| Euro Zone | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3-month Treasury Bills | 26 Jan 12 | 1.08 | 1.14 | 1.18 | 1.32 | 1.41 | 1.36 | 1.52 | 1.56 | 1.00 |
| - Spread with U.S. | 26 Jan 12 | 1.03 | 1.09 | 1.15 | 1.30 | 1.39 | 1.31 | 1.50 | 1.49 | 0.85 |
| Yield on 10-year Gov't Bonds | 26 Jan 12 | 1.77 | 1.77 | 1.77 | 1.77 | 1.87 | 2.49 | 1.77 | 2.75 | 3.13 |
| - Spread with U.S. | 26 Jan 12 | -0.16 | -0.20 | -0.16 | -0.20 | -0.18 | -0.16 | -0.62 | -0.20 | -0.26 |
| Exchange Rate (U.S.\$/Euro) | 26 Jan 12 | 1.31 | 1.30 | 1.28 | 1.32 | 1.36 | 1.39 | 1.42 | 1.43 | 1.37 |
| (Yen/Euro) | 26 Jan 12 | 101.98 | 99.19 | 97.92 | 102.28 | 104.75 | 110.03 | 106.39 | 110.86 | 113.90 |
| (Euro / £) | 26 Jan 12 | 1.19 | 1.20 | 1.20 | 1.18 | 1.16 | 1.15 | 1.14 | 1.14 | 1.16 |
| UNITED KINGDOM | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3-month Treasury Bills (tender) | 26 Jan 12 | 0.33 | 0.31 | 0.29 | 0.36 | 0.41 | 0.47 | 0.46 | 0.50 | 0.51 |
| - Spread with U.S. | 26 Jan 12 | 0.28 | 0.26 | 0.26 | 0.34 | 0.39 | 0.43 | 0.44 | 0.43 | 0.36 |
| Yield on 30-year Gov't Bonds | 26 Jan 12 | 3.11 | 3.04 | 3.07 | 3.14 | 3.39 | 3.84 | 3.50 | 4.10 | 4.50 |
| - Spread with U.S. | 26 Jan 12 | 0.02 | 0.00 | 0.09 | 0.13 | 0.22 | 0.04 | 0.06 | -0.16 | -0.06 |
| Exchange Rate (U.S.\$ / £) | 26 Jan 12 | 1.57 | 1.55 | 1.53 | 1.56 | 1.58 | 1.60 | 1.61 | 1.64 | 1.59 |
| STOCK INDICES | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Reference | Monthly Growth (%) | | | Growth Over (%) | | | Since beginning of year | | |
| | | Past | Prev. | Month | Average of the last | | | ref. | prec. | |
| | | Level | Month | Month | Before | 3 Months | 6 Months | | | 1 Year |
| MSCI Eafe | Jan 2012 | 189 | 3.6 | 2.3 | -5.7 | -0.2 | -13.1 | -15.7 | 3.6 | 3.7 |

| TABLE 6 - COMMODITY PRICES | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-------------------|---------------|--------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|
| January 27, 2012 | | | | | | | | | |
| | <u>Spot Price</u> | | <u>Weekly Growth (%)</u> | | | <u>Annualized Growth (%)</u> | | | <u>Last Year</u> |
| | <u>Jan 26</u> | <u>Jan 19</u> | <u>Last Week</u> | <u>Prev. Week</u> | <u>Week Before</u> | <u>For the Last</u> | | | |
| | | | | | | <u>13 W.</u> | <u>26 W.</u> | <u>52 W.</u> | |
| <u>CRB Index</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| Total | 594.7 | 596.7 | -0.3 | 4.1 | 0.9 | -11.1 | -16.1 | -6.9 | 639.1 |
| Energy | 629.7 | 628.2 | 0.2 | -0.7 | -3.7 | -30.2 | -27.5 | -6.8 | 676.0 |
| Grain | 433.8 | 409.4 | 5.9 | -1.5 | -3.5 | -3.9 | -15.1 | -13.4 | 501.1 |
| Industrials | 560.0 | 538.4 | 4.0 | -0.3 | 3.6 | -3.6 | -17.5 | -27.1 | 767.8 |
| Livestock & Meat | 404.4 | 400.5 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 0.1 | 10.5 | 5.9 | 6.4 | 380.2 |
| Precious Metals | 1313.9 | 1199.5 | 9.5 | -1.3 | 3.4 | -8.3 | -12.4 | 13.7 | 1156.0 |
| <u>PRECIOUS METALS</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| Gold (\$/ounce) (AM fixing London) | 1713.00 | 1664.00 | 2.9 | 0.7 | 2.4 | 1.2 | 12.2 | 28.1 | 1337.50 |
| Platinum (\$/ounce) (AM fixing London) | 1597.0 | 1537.0 | 3.9 | 2.5 | 5.6 | -1.5 | -20.4 | -11.4 | 1803.0 |
| Silver (\$/ounce) (Handy & Harman) | 33.5 | 30.6 | 9.6 | 1.0 | 4.4 | -15.1 | -28.8 | 24.5 | 26.9 |
| Palladium (\$/ounce troy) | 698.0 | 678.0 | 2.9 | 5.1 | 0.0 | 19.9 | -29.1 | -14.3 | 814.0 |
| <u>OTHER METALS (LME)</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| Aluminum (\$/tonne) | 2,245 | 2,197 | 2.2 | 3.0 | 5.9 | 1.4 | -26.1 | -6.8 | 2,409 |
| Copper (\$/tonne) | 8,577 | 8,355 | 2.7 | 4.5 | 6.2 | 23.1 | -23.3 | -9.3 | 9,452 |
| Zinc (\$/tonne) | 2,189 | 2,013 | 8.8 | 2.7 | 7.7 | 66.9 | -23.0 | -2.4 | 2,244 |
| Nickel (\$/tonne) | 21,535 | 20,148 | 6.9 | 2.6 | 5.1 | 37.7 | -22.8 | -18.6 | 26,463 |
| Lead (\$/tonne) | 2,300 | 2,157 | 6.7 | 7.3 | 1.3 | 69.0 | -23.9 | -7.2 | 2,479 |
| <u>OTHER COMMODITIES</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| Oil (\$/barrel) 1-month future (West Texas Intermediate) | 99.80 | 100.32 | -0.5 | 1.3 | -2.8 | 26.8 | 5.4 | 16.6 | 85.60 |
| Corn (¢/bushel) (Illinois #2) | 634.5 | 603.0 | 5.2 | 0.2 | -5.0 | -6.4 | -20.5 | 1.5 | 625.0 |
| Soy beans (¢/bushel) (Illinois #1) | 1204.0 | 1176.0 | 2.4 | 1.5 | -1.8 | -8.3 | -22.5 | -11.7 | 1363.0 |
| Pork (¢/lb) | 120.0 | 117.0 | 2.6 | 1.7 | 4.5 | -27.4 | -31.5 | 4.3 | 115.0 |
| Beef (Cattle feeder index) (CME) | 152.7 | 150.2 | 1.7 | 0.4 | 1.7 | 41.2 | 29.9 | 21.6 | 125.7 |
| Woodpulp NBSK Metric ton delivered in U.S. | 890 | 890 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -29.1 | -25.3 | -7.3 | 960 |
| Natural Gas (mmbtu) Henry Hub future NYMEX | 2.67 | 2.36 | 13.1 | -12.7 | -7.0 | -69.7 | -63.5 | -38.8 | 4.36 |
| Lumber 2X4 | 250 | 259 | -3.5 | -0.8 | 0.0 | 25.9 | -6.1 | -16.4 | 299 |
| All prices are in US dollars | | | | | | | | | |