

April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021

## THE WEEK IN NUMBERS (April 26<sup>th</sup> – April 30<sup>th</sup>)

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INDEX	Last price	Change Week	% Change Week	% Change YTD	%Change 1 Year	Trailing P/E
Dow Jones Industrial	33,874.85	-168.64	-0.50%	10.68%	39.14%	22.6
S&P 500	4,181.17	1.00	0.02%	11.32%	43.56%	28.5
Nasdaq Composite	13,962.68	-54.13	-0.39%	8.34%	57.07%	33.8
S&P/TSX Composite	19,108.33	6.00	0.03%	9.61%	29.28%	20.5
Dow Jones Euro Stoxx 50	3,974.74	-38.60	-0.96%	11.88%	35.75%	25.9
FTSE 100 (UK)	6,969.81	31.25	0.45%	7.88%	18.11%	19.3
DAX (Germany)	15,135.91	-143.71	-0.94%	10.33%	39.35%	20.8
Nikkei 225 (Japan)	28,812.63	-208.00	-0.72%	4.99%	42.68%	23.5
Hang Seng (Hong Kong)	28,724.88	-353.87	-1.22%	5.49%	16.56%	14.2
Shanghai Composite (China)	3,446.86	-27.31	-0.79%	-0.75%	20.52%	12.5
MSCI World	2,938.76	-7.35	-0.25%	9.25%	43.16%	27.7
MSCI EAFE	2,268.51	-19.34	-0.85%	5.63%	36.85%	21.7

S&P TSX SECTORS	Last price	Change Week	% Change Week	% Change YTD	%Change 1 Year	Trailing P/E
S&P TSX Consumer Discretionary	274.89	-3.54	-1.27%	17.90%	70.70%	34.0
S&P TSX Consumer Staples	656.15	-9.44	-1.42%	3.70%	8.83%	18.0
S&P TSX Energy	117.91	4.73	4.18%	29.56%	52.75%	N/A
S&P TSX Financials	353.70	1.48	0.42%	15.49%	42.31%	13.9
S&P TSX Health Care	74.83	2.07	2.84%	24.41%	43.57%	N/A
S&P TSX Industrials	346.32	-2.12	-0.61%	5.32%	32.29%	NULL
S&P TSX Info Tech.	189.76	1.93	1.03%	4.06%	41.13%	56.1
S&P TSX Materials	313.84	-12.57	-3.85%	-2.11%	8.75%	20.8
S&P TSX Real Estate	338.60	-1.31	-0.39%	13.45%	28.56%	17.7
S&P TSX Communication Services	182.49	-1.09	-0.59%	11.45%	13.96%	22.9
S&P TSX Utilities	325.28	-5.57	-1.68%	1.81%	15.86%	20.7

COMMODITIES	Last price	Change Week	% Change Week	% Change YTD	%Change 1 Year	NBF 2021E
Oil-WTI futures (US\$/Barrels)	\$63.46	1.32	2.12%	30.79%	236.84%	\$59.50
Natural gas futures (US\$/mcf)	\$2.94	0.21	7.55%	15.64%	50.64%	\$2.75
Gold Spot (US\$/OZ)	\$1,765.70	-11.30	-0.64%	-6.73%	4.84%	\$1,743
Copper futures (US\$/Pound)	\$4.47	0.12	2.82%	27.08%	89.70%	\$4.00

CURRENCIES	Last price	Curr. Net Change	% Change Week	% Change YTD	%Change 1 Year	NBF Q4/21e
Cdn\$/US\$	0.8139	0.0124	1.55%	3.67%	13.53%	0.83
Euro/US\$	1.2021	-0.0078	-0.64%	-1.57%	9.73%	1.23
Pound/US\$	1.3815	-0.0059	-0.43%	1.04%	9.71%	1.40
US\$/Yen	109.31	1.40	1.30%	5.88%	2.00%	108

Source: Refinitiv and NBF Research

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**FIXED INCOME  
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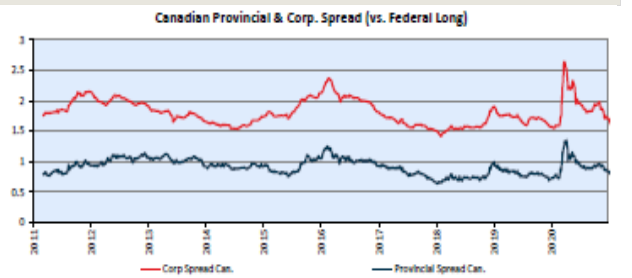
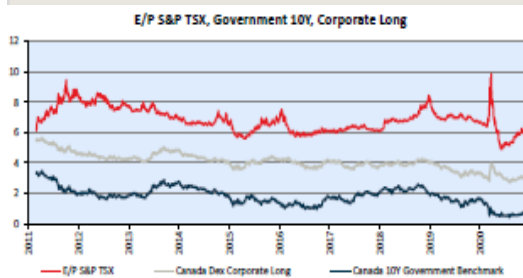
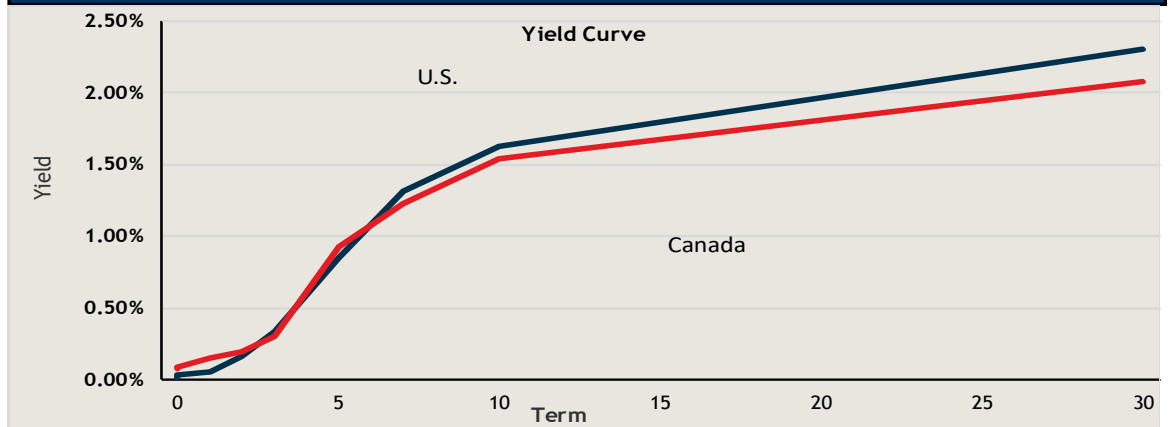
**THE WEEK IN NUMBERS  
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Canadian Key Rate	Last	Change 1 month bps	Last	Change 1 month bps	
CDA o/n	0.25%	0.0	CDA 5 year	0.93%	-9.8
CDA Prime	2.45%	0.0	CDA 10 year	1.54%	-15.3
CDA 3 month T-Bill	0.09%	-1.0	CDA 20 year	1.94%	-17.5
CDA 6 month T-Bill	0.15%	0.0	CDA 30 year	2.08%	-19.5
CDA 1 Year	0.19%	-1.5	5YR Sovereign CDS	38.29	0.4
CDA 2 year	0.30%	-2.3	10YR Sovereign CDS	39.91	0.0

US Key Rate	Last	Change 1 month bps	Last	Change 1 month bps	
US FED Funds	0-0.25%	0.0	US 5 year	0.85%	-9.1
US Prime	3.25%	0.0	US 10 year	1.63%	-17.2
US 3 month T-Bill	0.01%	-0.2	US 30 year	2.31%	-23.9
US 6 month T-Bill	0.03%	-0.4	5YR Sovereign CDS	9.96	-0.6
US 1 Year	0.05%	-0.6	10YR Sovereign CDS	17.44	-1.9
US 2 year	0.16%	-1.5			

CANADIAN BOND - TOTAL RETURN	Change Week	Change Y-T-D
FTSE Universe Bond Index	-0.94%	-5.10%
FTSE Short Term Bond Index	-0.05%	-0.45%
FTSE Mid Term Bond Index	-0.45%	-4.14%
FTSE Long Term Bond Index	-2.47%	-11.32%

**CURRENT YIELD CURVE**



Source: Refinitiv & NBF

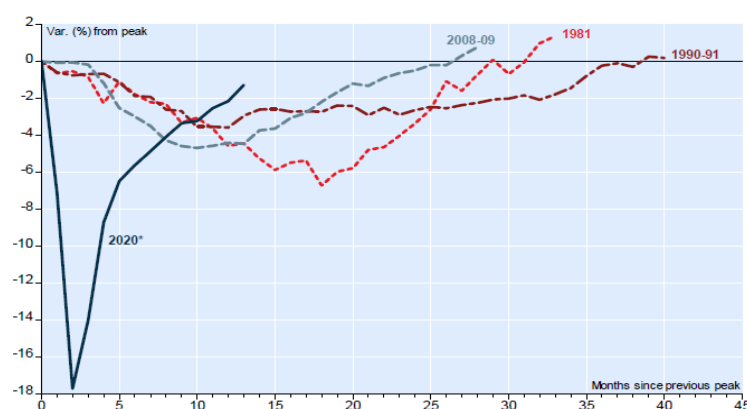
## WEEKLY ECONOMIC WATCH

**CANADA** - In April, the **CFIB Business Barometer Index** fell 4.8 points to 63.4, a decline undoubtedly linked to the deterioration of the epidemiological situation, which forced the tightening of health measures in several provinces during the month. Although the headline confidence level fell, several sub-indicators remained fairly positive. Among respondents, 34.2% characterized business conditions as good at the moment (up from 27.6% in March and the highest since the start of the pandemic) and 20.4% expected to increase full-time employment in the next 3-4 months (up from 19.7% and the highest in four years). Still, the percentage of polled businesses that expected to perform much better or somewhat better over the next 12 months sank from a decade-high of 51.7% to 44.7%. Investment intentions, too, sagged a bit, as 45.8% of firms reported plans to ramp up capital expenditures in the near future, down from 48.6% the month before. At the provincial level, business sentiment improved in Quebec (+3.1 points to 62.9) and British Columbia (+1.9 point to 69.4) but declined sharply in Ontario (-9.9 points to 62.8).

**Real GDP** continued to recover in February, gaining 0.4% m/m, a result slightly weaker than the +0.5% print expected by consensus. Though this was the tenth monthly gain in a row for this indicator, it still left total output down 2.2% from its pre-pandemic level (2020M02). Production rose in 14 of the 20 industrial sectors covered. Goods sector output contracted 0.2% on declines for mining/quarrying/oil & gas extraction (-2.8%) and manufacturing (-0.9%). The construction sector, on the other hand, expanded 2.0%. Industrial production shrank 1.2%. Services-producing industries, for their part, experienced a 0.6% increase in output with the steepest progressions occurring in retail trade (+4.5%), accommodation/food services (+3.5%) and arts/ entertainment/recreation (+1.5%). These gains were only partially offset by declines for wholesale trade (-1.0%) and transport/warehousing (-2.0%). Statistics Canada's preliminary estimate for March showed real GDP expanding 0.9% m/m.

**Canada: Historical perspective on GDP in recessions**

GDP during recessions, monthly data



\*Includes Statistics Canada's flash estimate for March  
NBF Economy and Strategy (data via Statistics Canada)

Canadian GDP registered yet another advance in February but the effects of the pandemic remained visible in the data. While the industries most affected by social distancing measures registered decent gains in the month, their output remained far below pre-recession peaks. This was the case for arts/entertainment/recreation (+1.5% m/m but still down 51.3% y/y) and accommodation/food services (+3.5% m/m, -39.5% y/y). Alternatively, the retail sector, which had also been hit hard at the beginning of the crisis, was now operating above its level a year ago. Compared to pre-crisis production levels, the agriculture/forestry/fishing/hunting sector is the one that has experienced the largest rebound. This can be traced to the good performance of the real estate sector, where demand for lumber continues to increase. Buoyant activity in the housing market has also translated into a good showing for the construction segment, where output crept above its pre-pandemic level. Specifically, residential construction was up 15.3% y/y compared to a decline for non-residential (-10.9% y/y). Going forward, the steep gap between the best and worst performing industries should decrease, as high-contact segments of the economy gradually re-open. The speed at which this happens will depend on the effectiveness of the vaccination campaign. The surge in the number of new COVID-19 cases in April is expected to delay the recovery, but only temporarily. Until then, growth promises to be quite strong in the first quarter of the year. Taking into account Statistics Canada's preliminary estimate for the month of March, real GDP grew 6.7% annualized in the first quarter of the year.

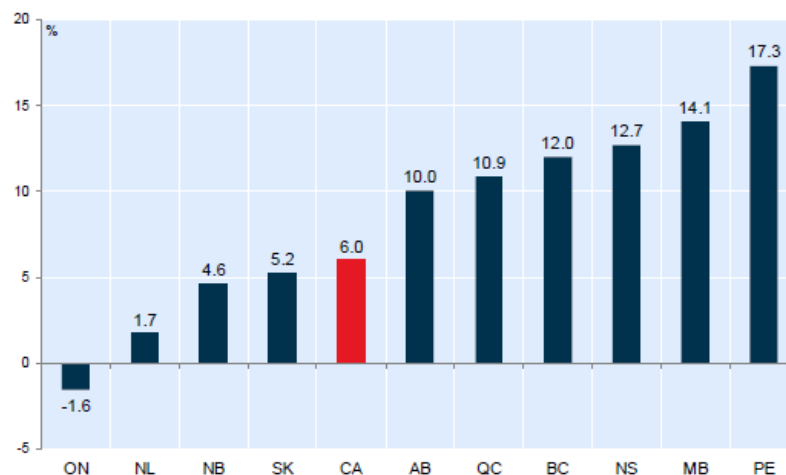
Variation in output since 2020M02 (%)		
	2020M04	2021M02
<b>All industries</b>	<b>-17.7</b>	<b>-2.2</b>
<b>Goods-producing industries</b>	<b>-19.5</b>	<b>-1.5</b>
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	-0.4	12.0
Mining, quarrying and oil/gas extraction	-12.7	-5.6
Utilities	-2.9	-2.5
Construction	-23.6	0.3
Manufacturing	-27.5	-3.3
<b>Services-producing industries</b>	<b>-17.1</b>	<b>-2.4</b>
Wholesale trade	-22.1	2.9
Retail trade	-29.5	2.2
Transportation and warehousing	-31.7	-19.3
Information and cultural industries	-7.6	-0.8
Finance and insurance	-0.6	5.4
Real estate and rental/leasing	-5.1	3.4
Professional, scientific and technical services	-12.6	0.8
Management of companies and enterprises	-12.4	-19.7
Administrative and support, waste management and remediation services	-27.7	-8.8
Educational services	-17.7	-0.6
Health care and social assistance	-21.1	-0.1
Arts, entertainment and recreation	-60.3	-51.3
Accommodation and food services	-64.5	-39.5
Other services (excluding public administration)	-38.0	-12.3
Public administration	-7.1	-1.0

NBF Economics and Strategy (data via Bloomberg)

Following a considerable decline in December (-5.5%) and a flat print in January, **retail sales** surged 4.8% m/m in February. This was better than the median economist forecast calling for a 4.0% progression. Sales were up in 9 of the 11 subsectors, led by motor vehicles/parts (+5.0%), gasoline stations (+12.3%), and general merchandise stores (+6.0%). Excluding autos, consumer spending rose a consensus-topping 4.8% thanks to gains for furniture (+18.0%, a reflection of the strong housing market in the country), clothing (+23.7%), and sporting goods/hobby items (+23.5%). On the flip side, two sectors registered dips in the month: food/beverage stores (-1.4%) and health/personal care items (-0.8%). On a regional basis, Quebec (+19.0% thanks to the re-opening of many non-essential stores) and Manitoba (+6.7%) were the top performers. Sales rose at a slower pace in Ontario (+2.3%) and Alberta (+1.1%) and were roughly flat in British Columbia (-0.1%). Everywhere except Ontario, sales stood above their pre-pandemic peak.

#### Canada: Retail sales above pre-pandemic levels... except in Ontario

Percentage change in retail sales since pre-pandemic levels of February 2020

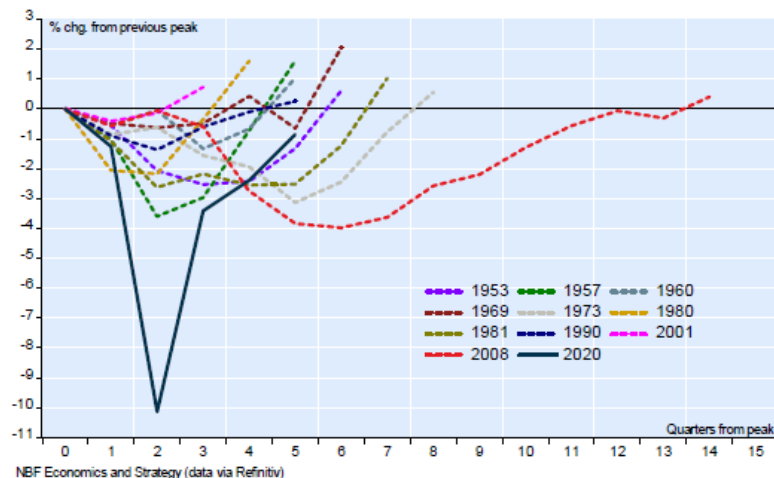


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In real terms, Canada's retail sales progressed 4.3% in February but were still tracking a 7.4% annualized decline in Q1 as a whole. We expect this figure to improve following the March data release. Statistics Canada's preliminary estimate for the month showed nominal sales up 2.3%.

**UNITED STATES** - The Bureau of Economic Analysis put out its first estimate of **Q1 GDP growth**. The economy reportedly expanded an annualized 6.4% in the quarter, which was slightly less than the +6.7% print expected by consensus. Following in the wake of two solid showings in Q4 (+4.3%) and Q3 (+33.4%), this gain lifted economic output within 0.9% of its pre-crisis level.

**United States: Economic output just 0.9% below pre-pandemic peak**  
Real GDP, percentage change from previous peak



Domestic demand remained strong in the quarter with non-residential investment (+9.9% q/q annualized), residential investment (+10.8%) and consumption (+10.7%) expanding at a healthy clip. Consumption on services (+4.6% q/q annualized) rebounded at a slower pace than did consumption on goods (+23.6%) owing to social distancing measures imposed to curb the spread of coronavirus. As a result, household spending on services remained 5.7% short of its pre-recession level, whereas spending on goods topped its pre-recession level by 12.5%.

**United States: Services sector slower to come back**  
Personal consumption expenditures



Government expenditures contributed to growth in the quarter as well, springing 6.3% annualized (their highest rate since 2002) as stimulus money continued to be rolled out and health spending remained elevated. Non-defence government outlays, for their part, grew the most since 1963 (+49.3 q/q annualized). Trade, on the other hand, weighed on growth, as exports retreated (-1.1% q/q annualized) and imports continued to advance (+5.7%). The rapid depletion of inventories, too, acted as a brake on growth.

The personal consumption expenditures price index excluding food and energy climbed an annualized 2.3% in the first quarter after rising 1.3% in the fourth quarter of 2020.

The Q1 GDP print came in roughly in line with consensus expectations. Household consumption was the star performer in the report, but private investment had a good showing as well, so much so that domestic demand ended up contributing a whopping 9.9 percentage points to growth. This is a clear indication of just how vigorous the U.S. domestic economy was even before several states started relaxing pandemic restrictions

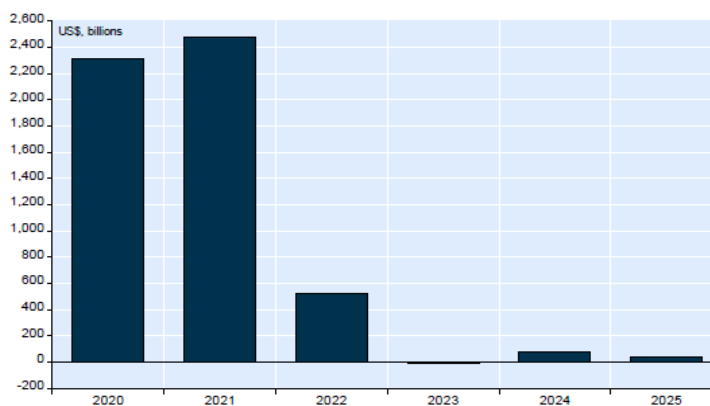
Contribution to real GDP growth		
	2021Q1	2020Q4
<b>GDP</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>4.3</b>
Consumption	7.0	1.6
Business Investm. Equip./Intell.	1.4	1.8
Business Investm. Struct.	-0.1	-0.2
Residential Investm.	0.5	1.4
Government	1.1	-0.1
<b>Domestic Demand</b>	<b>9.9</b>	<b>4.5</b>
Exports	-0.1	2.0
Imports	-0.8	-3.6
<b>Trade</b>	<b>-0.9</b>	<b>-1.6</b>
Final Sales	9.0	2.9
<b>Inventories</b>	<b>-2.6</b>	<b>1.4</b>

NBF Economics and Strategy (data via Bloomberg)

Looking ahead, we expect growth to keep accelerating in Q2 to reach an annualized rate of about 10%. Our optimism is based on the effectiveness of the vaccination campaign in the United States. At time of writing, approximately 43% of the population had received at least one shot, a national rate surpassed only by the UK among the major economies. The success of the immunization effort should lead to a broader reopening of the economy, which should allow consumers to spend the savings accumulated during the crisis (see below) more freely. Consumption on services, which has suffered sorely from distancing measures, should benefit most from this reopening. Generous fiscal support from Washington, too, will help growth in the coming months. The Congressional Budget Office has calculated that spending related to the fiscal measures implemented to counter the effects of the pandemic will be even greater in 2021 than it was last year. For this reason, we see the U.S. economy expanding 6.6% in 2021 as a whole.

#### United States: Washington comes out big against pandemic

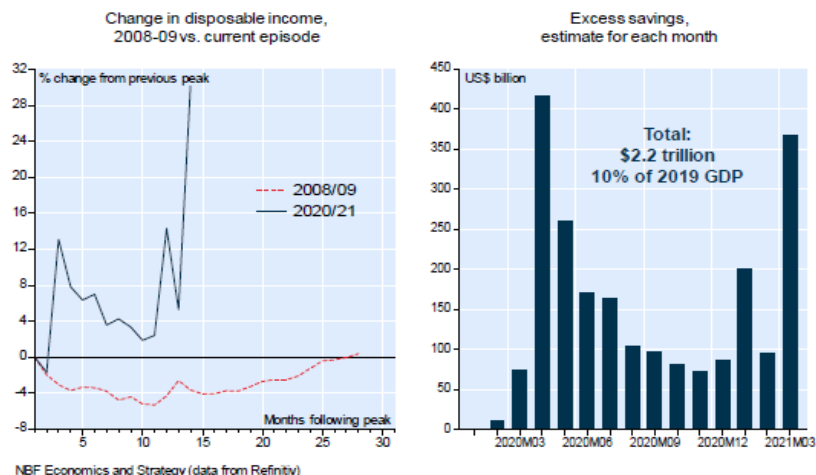
Estimated impact on federal deficit of fiscal measures to counter pandemic effects



NBF Economics and Strategy (CBO data)

Nominal **personal income** spiked 21.1% in March as assistance cheques reached households under the \$1.9-trillion stimulus package adopted early in Joe Biden's presidency. This was the biggest monthly increase registered in data going back to the 1940s. Income derived from government transfers surged 96.2% to \$8,128.6 billion (seasonally adjusted at annual rates) on a massive gain in the "other" transfer segment (+507.4% m/m to \$4,750.8 billion). Specifically, \$4,044.2 billion were received via "economic impact payments". Unemployment insurance benefits, meanwhile, edged up 1.1% (to \$541.3 billions), as some emergency programs were extended, notably the Pandemic Unemployment Compensation Payments. As the labour market continued to recover, the wage/salary component of income progressed 1.1%. All these gains translated into an 23.6% increase in disposable income, the largest on record. Nominal **personal spending**, for its part, progressed 4.2% in March and stood 3.5% above its pre-pandemic summit. While goods consumption stood 18.2% above its pre-crisis mark, services consumption was still 3.0% below its peak. The latter segment, which typically holds up better in times of recession, was hit harder during lockdowns and was recovering more laboriously because of rules of physical distancing imposed to limit the spread of the virus. As income expanded at a much faster pace than spending, the **saving rate** jumped from 13.9% to an 11-month high of 27.6%. By our calculation the excess savings accumulated since the beginning of the crisis now total \$2.20 trillion – 10% of 2019 GDP.

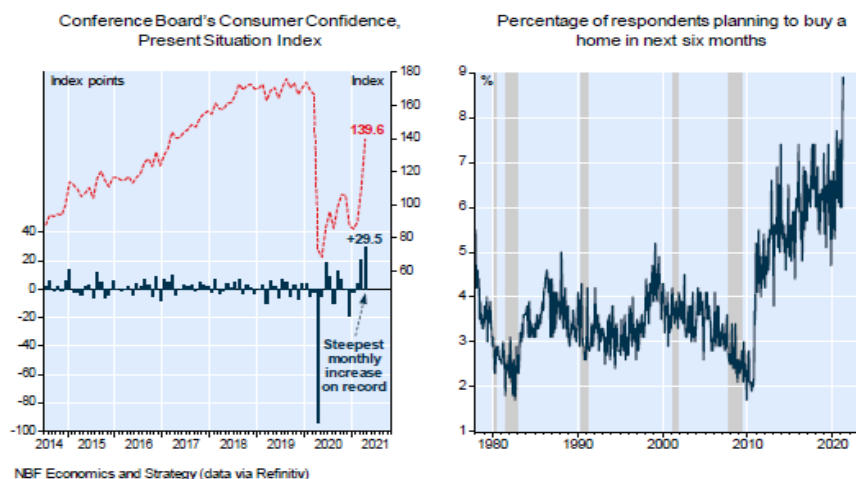
**U.S.: Aid cheques to households send disposable income soaring**



Adjusted for inflation, disposable income soared 23.0% m/m, while spending sprang 3.6%. Still in March, the headline **PCE deflator** came in at 2.3% y/y, up from 1.5% the prior month and the highest since July 2018. The core PCE measure, meanwhile, rose four ticks to a 13-month high of 1.5%.

The **Conference Board Consumer Confidence Index** recorded another healthy advance in April, jumping 12.7 points to a 14-month high of 121.7. This gain came on the heels of an 18.6-point increase the prior month, the biggest monthly surge observed in nearly 18 years. Renewed optimism among U.S. consumers is certainly linked to the marked improvement of the health situation in the country, as well as to the deployment of generous fiscal aid by Washington. The present situation sub-index recorded its steepest monthly increase ever in March, springing from 110.1 to 139.6. This, however, remained significantly below its pre-recession peak of 166.7. The percentage of respondents who deemed jobs plentiful vaulted from 26.5% to a 13-month high of 37.9%. Also, 23.3% of respondents had a favourable view of current business conditions, up from 18.3% the prior month.

**United States: Upbeat consumers making plans to buy homes**

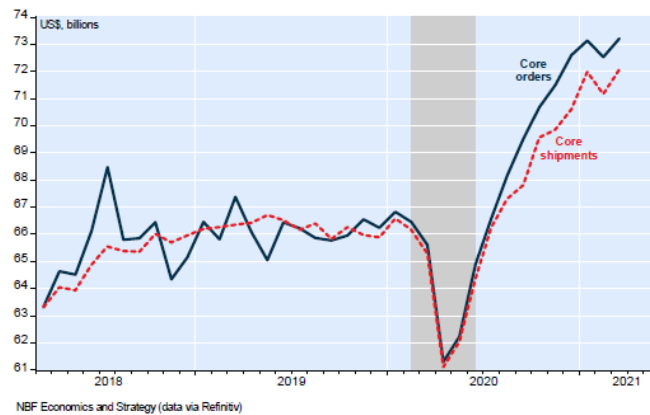


The expectations sub-index, which tracks consumer sentiment for the coming six months, edged up 1.5 points to 109.8 as a larger share of respondents expected better business conditions (from 40.3% to 40.5%) and higher income (from 15.4% to 17.9%). More people also planned to buy a home (from 8.1% to an all-time high of 8.9%) or an automobile (from 12.7% to 14.0%). We expect confidence to continue to strengthen going forward, as vaccines are rolled out more broadly across the population and the economy re-opens more fully.

**Initial jobless claims** dropped from an upwardly revised 566K to a post-pandemic low of 553K in the week to April 24. Continued claims, meanwhile, edged up from 3,651K to 3,660K. Topping these up were the roughly 12.2 million people who received benefits in the week ended April 9 under two emergency programs: Pandemic Unemployment Assistance and Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation.

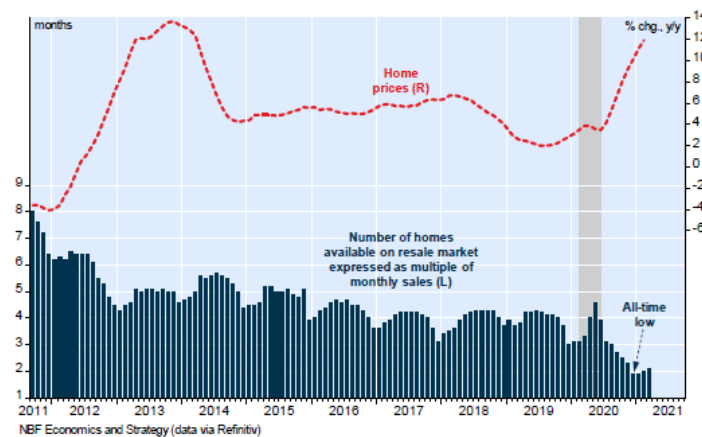
**Durable goods orders** resumed their upward trend in March, climbing 0.5% m/m. Although weaker than the +2.3% print expected by consensus, this gain nonetheless hoisted total orders 4.1% clear of their pre-crisis level (February 2020). The improvement in March was held back by a 1.7% decrease in the transportation category, where bookings for civilian (-46.9%) and defence aircraft (-20.2%) fell sharply. Orders in the vehicles/parts segment, on the other hand, expanded 5.5%, erasing part of the losses suffered the prior month. Excluding transportation, orders sprang a more convincing 1.6% and reached a new all-time high. There were notable gains recorded for fabricated metals (+3.6%), primary metals (+1.2%), and machinery (+1.0%). The report showed, also, that shipments of non-defence capital goods excluding aircraft, a proxy for business investment spending, jumped 1.3% m/m and were tracking a 10.3% annualized expansion in Q1 as a whole. Core orders, which are indicative of future capital spending, grew 0.9% in March, capping a 7.8% annualized gain in the first three months of the year. Looking ahead, we think business investment should remain strong as the rollout of new stimulus converges with lower COVID-19 caseloads and an effective vaccination campaign. That said, there are some challenges ahead for the manufacturing sector. The global shortage in semi-conductors is already impacting production in the motor vehicle/parts sector and the limited supply of some commodities is now threatening to restrict output in other segments as well..

**U.S.: Business investment bouncing back strongly from pandemic slump**  
Orders/shipments of non-defence capital goods excluding aircraft. Last observation: March 2021



According to the **S&P CoreLogic Case-Shiller 20-City Index**, home prices rose a seasonally adjusted 1.17% m/m in February after climbing 1.25% in January. This was the 107th consecutive gain for this indicator. All of the cities covered by the index saw higher prices in February, led by San Diego (+2.15%) and Phoenix (+2.09%). Year on year, the index was up 11.9% (+11.1% in January), the sharpest jump over a period of 12 months since March 2014. The rapid rise in home prices in recent months is consistent with low borrowing costs and greater demand on the resale market. Aside from the resurgence in sales, lack of supply, too, has contributed to boost prices. The number of homes available on the market in March was equivalent to just 2.1 months of sales. (According to the National Association of Realtors, a ratio <5 is indicative of a tight market).

**United States: Home prices surge on tight supply on resale market**  
S&P CoreLogic 20-City National Home Price Index vs. inventory-to-sales ratio in resale market



The **pending home sales index** advanced 1.9% m/m in March. On a 12-month basis, the index was up 25.3%, the most since 2010M03.



As fully expected, on Wednesday, the **FOMC** voted unanimously to leave the target range for the federal funds rate unchanged at 0% to 0.25% at the conclusion of its two-day meeting. It also kept on hold the IOER, the overnight reverse repo rate and the pace of QE. Moreover, unsurprisingly, the FOMC did not touch its forward guidance on the policy rate and QE either.

As for the statement's characterization of the economy/outlook, there were a few noteworthy tweaks:

- 1) The statement indicated that inflation had risen, "largely reflecting transitory factors".
- 2) The statement rephrased its assessment of the economic progress as follows: "Amid progress on vaccinations and strong policy support, indicators of economic activity and employment have strengthened."
- 3) It noted that while sectors most adversely affected by the pandemic remained weak, they had "shown improvement".
- 4) March's statement that the public health crisis would weigh on economic activity, employment and inflation, posing considerable risks was recalibrated as well. It now noted more generally that "the ongoing public health crisis continue[d] to weigh on the economy, and risks to the economic outlook remain[ed]."

Aside from these small changes/additions reflecting a modestly more optimistic outlook, there were no other changes to the policy statement. In the press conference following the announcement, FOMC Chairman Jerome Powell reiterated that it was not yet time for tapering, arguing as he had for months that "substantial further progress" was needed before then. On inflation, he stressed the transitory nature of above-2% inflation readings for March and the coming months. He explained that these largely reflected base-year effects and supply bottlenecks that they expected would resolve in time. In response to questions regarded reported labour shortages, Powell cited a number of explanations including skill mismatches, geographical factors, virus fears, and school closures keeping parents at home. In his view, ongoing vaccination and better control over the public health situation should help the labour supply expand.

Powell also fielded a number of questions on the housing market. He contrasted the current environment with the sub-prime mortgage crisis over a decade ago, noting that lending practices now were much less risky and that households were in good shape financially. Home price increases were being driven by a demand-supply mismatch, which he expected would resolve as builders reacted to the state of affairs.

Fed meetings are rarely this predictable. That said, we do not expect the lull to last long. A potential 2+ million net new jobs over the next two non-farm payroll reports and inflation jumping above 2% will up the pressure on Powell and the FOMC in June to better define what is meant by "substantial further progress" towards policy goals. Importantly, we will need not just strong headline jobs growth but also substantial improvements in the employment/participation rate and in minority and female employment metrics (that reflect a disproportionately negative labour market impact). We are now operating under an asymmetric, no-person-left-behind policy framework. This means that should pockets of the economy falter in the course of the recovery, Powell will no doubt remain dovish and the FOMC will keep its bond-buying in place without blinking an eye.

**WORLD** - Unsurprisingly, the **Bank of Japan** maintained its overnight interest rate at -0.1% and reiterated its commitment to buy an unlimited amount of government bonds in order to keep 10-year yields at about 0%. It announced, also, that it would keep buying exchange-traded funds (ETFs) at a maximum annual pace of about ¥12 trillion.

The BoJ also released its latest economic forecasts, which showed a stronger growth trajectory through fiscal 2023 (see table below). The change reflected a more encouraging outlook in a context where effective vaccines to prevent the spread of Covid-19 have started to be deployed around the world. However, as the level of uncertainty remained high, eight of the nine members of the BoJ's Policy Board saw downside risks to growth for fiscal 2021. Given the more upbeat growth forecast, the Board rather oddly revised its inflation expectations down over the entire horizon. Policymakers now expect inflation to reach only half the central bank's target in the third year of the forecast, a prognosis that certainly calls for maintaining an ultra-loose monetary policy.

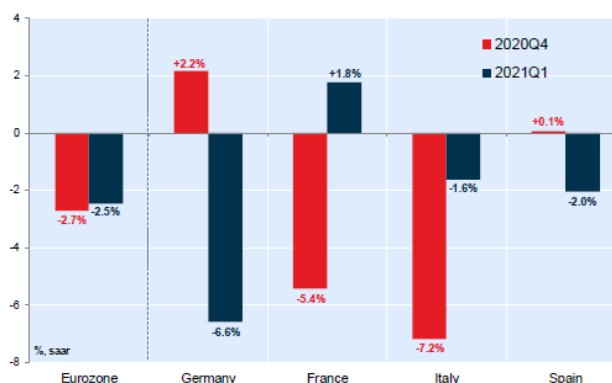
BoJ: Summary of Economic Projections		
	Latest	January
<b>Change in real GDP (%)</b>		
Fiscal 2020	-5.0 to -4.9	-5.7 to -5.4
Fiscal 2021	+3.6 to +4.4	+3.3 to +4.0
Fiscal 2022	+2.1 to +2.5	+1.5 to +2.0
Fiscal 2023	+1.2 to +1.5	---
<b>Ex-fresh food CPI (y/y % chg.)</b>		
Fiscal 2020	-0.4	-0.7 to -0.5
Fiscal 2021	+0.0 to +0.2	+0.3 to +0.5
Fiscal 2022	+0.5 to +0.9	+0.7 to +0.8
Fiscal 2023	+0.7 to +1.0	---

NBF Economics and Strategy (data via Bank of Japan)

The Eurostat flash estimate of Q1 GDP growth for the Eurozone came in at -2.5% annualized (-0.6% non-annualized). Coming in the wake of another negative print in Q4 (-2.7% annualized), this result marked the entry of the single currency area into a double-dip recession. Without a doubt, the downturn in the three months ended in March was linked to the upsurge in COVID-19 cases on the continent and the measures imposed to try to bring the epidemic under control. Economic output in the eurozone stood 5.5% below its pre-pandemic level in Q1. Germany, which had been relatively spared at the start of the pandemic, reported a 6.5% annualized contraction in the first quarter. Italy (-1.6%) and Spain (-2.0%) also saw output shrink, while France's GDP expanded 1.8% despite a sharp deterioration of the health situation in the country. With the vaccination campaign now well underway, we expect sanitary measures to be relaxed in Q2, something that should allow economic growth to resume.

Eurozone: Single currency area fell back into recession in Q1

Change in real GDP

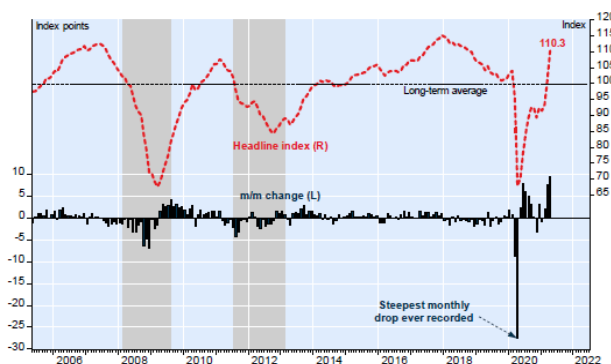


NBF Economics and Strategy (data via Refinitiv)

The European Commission's Economic Sentiment Index improved markedly in April, rising from 100.9 to a 32-month high of 110.3. This was significantly above the 102.2 reading expected by consensus and higher than the pre-recession peak for this indicator (104.0 in 2020M02). Confidence rose in all five sectors surveyed: manufacturing (from 2.1 to an all-time high of 10.7), services (from -9.6 to 2.1), consumers (from -10.8 to -8.1), retail (from -12.2 to -3.1), and construction (from -2.3 to 2.9). At the national level, confidence improved in Germany (from 103.7 to 109.4), France (from 96.2 to 104.7), Italy (from 99.5 to 104.8), and Spain (from 96.9 to 106.0). The progressive re-opening of the economy and ramping up of the vaccination campaign should help lift sentiment further.

Eurozone: Sentiment surged past pre-pandemic peak in April

European Commission's Economic Sentiment Index. Last observation: April 2021



NBF Economics and Strategy (Source: European Commission via Refinitiv)

## IN THE NEWS



U.S. and Canadian News



### Monday April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021

- [U.S. core capital goods orders; shipments rise solidly in March](#)

Orders for non-defense capital goods excluding aircraft, a closely watched proxy for business spending plans, increased 0.9% last month. These so-called core capital goods orders fell 0.8% in February. Economists had forecast core capital goods orders increasing 1.5% in March.

- [Fortuna shares fall on \\$884 million deal for West Africa-focused Roxgold](#)

Shares of Fortuna Silver Mines Inc tumbled by as much as 17% on Monday after the Canadian company agreed to buy West Africa-focused gold miner Roxgold Inc in a cash-and-stock deal valued at about C\$1 billion.

### Tuesday April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021

- [Home prices in U.S. surge most since 2006 with inventory tight](#)

Home prices in 20 U.S. cities jumped 11.9 per cent, beating the median estimate of 11.8 per cent in a Bloomberg survey of economists.

- [U.S. consumer confidence vaults to 14-month high in April](#)

The Conference Board said its consumer confidence index raced to a reading of 121.7 this month. That was the highest level since February 2020, just before the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, and followed a reading of 109.0 in March. Economists had forecast the index increasing to a reading of 113.0 in April.

- [S&P retains AAA rating on Canada despite historic deficits](#)

S&P Global Ratings is standing by its AAA rating on Canada despite last week's federal budget that included \$101 billion in new spending measures over the next three years.

### Wednesday April 28<sup>st</sup>, 2021

- [U.S. goods trade deficit hits record high in March](#)

The goods trade deficit surged 4.0% to \$90.6 billion last month, the highest in the history of the series. Exports of goods accelerated 8.7% to \$142.0 billion. The jump in exports was offset by a 6.8% advance in imports to \$232.6 billion.

- [In first speech to Congress, Biden to push \\$4 trillion spending plans](#)

U.S. President Joe Biden plans to unveil a sweeping \$1.8 trillion package for families and education in his first joint speech to Congress, as he stresses the need to invest to compete with China.

- [Fed stays the course, nods to 'strengthened' economic recovery](#)

The Federal Reserve held interest rates and its monthly bond-buying program steady on Wednesday, nodding to the U.S. economy's growing strength but giving no sign it was ready to reduce its support for the recovery.

- [Canada retail sales up 4.8% in February](#)

Statistics Canada said that retail sales rose 4.8 per cent to \$55.1 billion in February, while core retail sales -- which exclude gas stations and motor-vehicle and parts dealers -- climbed 3.8 per cent in February, the first increase in three months.

### Thursday April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021

- [U.S. economy accelerates in first quarter; jobless claims edge lower](#)

Gross domestic product increased at a 6.4% annualized rate last quarter, the Commerce Department said in its advance estimate of GDP for the first three months of the year. That was the second-fastest GDP growth pace since the third quarter of 2003 and followed a 4.3% rate in the fourth quarter. Economists had forecast GDP growth increasing at a 6.1% pace in the January-March period. A separate report from the Labor Department showed 553,000 people filed for state unemployment benefits during the week ended April 24, compared to 566,000 in the prior period.

- [U.S. weekly jobless claims decline further](#)

Initial claims for state unemployment benefits totaled a seasonally adjusted 547,000 for the week ended April 17 compared to 586,000 in the prior week. Economists had forecast 617,000 applications in the latest week.

- [Canadian tour operator Transat secures C\\$700 mln in government funding](#)

Struggling Canadian tour operator Transat AT said it would borrow up to C\$700 million from the Canadian government and use a portion of the funds to reimburse customers whose travel plans had to be canceled.

### Friday April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021

- [Stimulus checks boost U.S. consumer spending; inflation warming up](#)

Consumer spending increased 4.2% last month after falling 1.0% in February. The increase was broadly in line with economists' expectations. Most Americans in the middle- and low-income brackets received one-time \$1,400 stimulus checks last month. That boosted personal income 21.1% after a drop of 7.0% in February. The personal consumption expenditures (PCE) price index excluding the volatile food and energy component increased 0.4% after edging up 0.1% in February. In the 12 months through March, the so-called core PCE price index increased 1.8%, the most since February 2020.

- [U.S. labor costs accelerate in the first quarter](#)

The Employment Cost Index, the broadest measure of labor costs, jumped 0.9% last quarter after gaining 0.7% in the October-December quarter. That lifted the year-on-year rate of increase to 2.6% from 2.5% in the fourth quarter.

- [Canadian GDP rises 0.4% M/M in February](#)

Gross domestic product grew 0.4 per cent in February. A preliminary estimate for March shows momentum kept up with output expanding 0.9 per cent, which would be the 11th-straight monthly gain in GDP.

## IN THE NEWS



### International News

#### Monday April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021

- [Draghi says Recovery Plan holds key to Italy's "destiny"](#)

Prime Minister Mario Draghi presented a multi-billion-euro economic Recovery Plan to parliament, telling lawmakers it held the key to Italy's future wellbeing after the ravages of the coronavirus.

- [China to launch month-long effort in May to boost consumption](#)

China will launch a series of promotional activities, including a new consumer goods expo in southern Hainan province, in May to boost spending as the Chinese retail sector recovers from COVID-19-induced consumer caution.

#### Tuesday April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021

- [Brazil's mid-April inflation tops 6%, highest in more than four years](#)

The IPCA-15 annual price index rose to 6.17% from 5.52% in the month before, once again driven by rising transportation costs and fuel prices in particular. That was almost exactly in line with the 6.25% median forecast.

- [Germany lifts GDP growth forecasts, sees consumer-led rebound](#)

The German government raised its growth forecast for Europe's largest economy to 3.5% from a previous estimate of 3% as it expects household spending to support the recovery once COVID-19 restrictions are lifted.

- [BOJ cuts inflation forecast, warns of soft consumption as pandemic pain lingers](#)

As widely expected, the BOJ maintained its short-term interest rate target at -0.1% and that for 10-year government bond yields around 0%. In its fresh quarterly projections, the BOJ said it expects core consumer inflation to hit 0.1% in the current fiscal year that began in April. That was lower than 0.5% projected in January.

- [South Korea Q1 GDP beats expectations as investment, exports bounce](#)

Gross domestic product (GDP) grew a seasonally adjusted 1.6% in the March quarter from three months earlier, faster than the median estimate of a 1.0% growth and following a 1.2% expansion in the December quarter.

- [China's industrial profits nearly double as demand for raw materials rises](#)

Profits rose to 711.18 billion yuan (US\$109.66 billion) in March, up 92.3% from a year ago, when the economy was hard hit by the COVID-19 crisis. The pace of growth slowed from the first two months of the year. Profits grew 179% in January-February compared with the same period in 2020.

#### Wednesday April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021

- [ECB's Lagarde sees rapid rebound as vaccinations take off](#)

The euro zone economy is set for rapid growth in the second half of the year as the deployment of coronavirus vaccines surges and life starts to return to normal, European Central Bank President Christine Lagarde said.

- [French consumer sentiment steady in April despite lockdown](#)

The INSEE statistics agency said its monthly consumer sentiment index was unchanged from March at 94, beating the average expectation of economists for a fall back to 93.

- [German consumer morale drops unexpectedly heading into May](#)

The GfK research institute said its consumer sentiment index, based on a survey of around 2,000 Germans, fell to -8.8 points from a revised -6.1 in April.

- [Japan's retail sales rise at fastest pace in five months](#)

Retail sales jumped 5.2% in March from a year earlier, a larger gain than the median market forecast for a 4.7% rise. That marked the fastest rise since a 6.4% advance in October and the first positive growth in four months.

#### Thursday April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021

- [German inflation pushes above ECB target in April](#)

Consumer prices, harmonised to make them comparable with inflation data from other European Union countries, rose by 2.1% in April, up from 2.0% in March. A Reuters forecast had pointed to an April reading of 2.0%.

- [German job market data disappoints in further setback for recovery](#)

The Labour Office said the number of people out of work increased by 9,000 in seasonally adjusted terms to 2.76 million. A Reuters poll had forecast a fall of 10,000.

#### Friday April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021

- [Euro zone dips into second recession in first quarter, but recovery ahead](#)

Eurostat said gross domestic product in the 19 countries sharing the euro contracted 0.6% quarter-on-quarter for a 1.8% year-on-year fall, putting the single currency area in a second technical recession in 12 months. Economists had expected a 0.8% quarterly and a 2.0% annual decline.

- [China's factory activity growth slows on supply bottlenecks, soft demand](#)

The country's official manufacturing purchasing managers' index (PMI) fell to 51.1 in April from 51.9 in March. It remained above the 50-point mark that separates growth from contraction on a monthly basis but was below the 51.7 expected in a Reuters poll of analysts.

- [Mexico economy grows 0.4% in 1st quarter, beats expectations](#)

Mexico's economy grew 0.4% in the first quarter compared to the previous three-month period, outpacing expectations, a preliminary estimate showed. The median forecast of analysts was for an increase of 0.1% from the prior quarter. Compared with the same quarter a year earlier, the economy shrank 3.8% in unadjusted terms.

## WEEKLY PERFORMERS – S&P/TSX

S&P/TSX: LEADERS	LAST	CHANGE	%CHG
Imperial Oil Ltd	\$35.50	\$3.79	11.95%
Vermilion Energy Inc	\$9.12	\$0.85	10.28%
Tourmaline Oil Corp	\$26.52	\$2.40	9.95%
Keyera Corp	\$28.11	\$2.32	9.00%
TFI International Inc	\$107.70	\$8.84	8.94%
Brookfield Business Partners LP	\$53.76	\$4.11	8.28%
Denison Mines Corp	\$1.32	\$0.10	8.20%
Crescent Point Energy Corp	\$4.85	\$0.33	7.30%
Bausch Health Companies Inc	\$39.57	\$2.57	6.95%
Gibson Energy Inc	\$22.45	\$1.44	6.85%

S&P/TSX: LAGGARDS	LAST	CHANGE	%CHG
Fortuna Silver Mines Inc	\$7.40	-\$2.24	-23.24%
Eldorado Gold Corp	\$12.14	-\$1.63	-11.84%
Torex Gold Resources Inc	\$14.88	-\$1.70	-10.25%
Endeavour Mining Corp	\$25.59	-\$2.91	-10.21%
Endeavour Silver Corp	\$6.48	-\$0.71	-9.87%
OceanaGold Corp	\$2.05	-\$0.22	-9.69%
Wesdome Gold Mines Ltd	\$9.06	-\$0.84	-8.48%
Boralex Inc	\$39.40	-\$3.64	-8.46%
Sunopta Inc	\$15.22	-\$1.37	-8.26%
Alamos Gold Inc	\$9.85	-\$0.88	-8.20%

Source: Refinitiv

## WEEKLY PERFORMERS – S&P500

S&P500: LEADERS	LAST	CHANGE	%CHG
United Parcel Service Inc	\$203.86	\$24.90	13.91%
Nov Inc	\$14.95	\$1.66	12.49%
Willis Towers Watson PLC	\$258.86	\$25.97	11.15%
Discover Financial Services	\$114.00	\$11.16	10.85%
Hess Corp	\$74.51	\$7.22	10.73%
APA Corp (US)	\$20.00	\$1.82	10.01%
Capital One Financial Corp	\$149.08	\$13.40	9.88%
Pultegroup Inc	\$59.12	\$5.21	9.66%
Otis Worldwide Corp	\$77.87	\$6.59	9.25%
Devon Energy Corp	\$23.38	\$1.94	9.05%

S&P500: LAGGARDS	LAST	CHANGE	%CHG
Twitter Inc	\$55.22	-\$11.80	-17.61%
Enphase Energy Inc	\$139.25	-\$27.72	-16.60%
Citrix Systems Inc	\$123.85	-\$16.63	-11.84%
PTC Inc	\$130.94	-\$16.40	-11.13%
F5 Networks Inc	\$186.76	-\$22.88	-10.91%
Hologic Inc	\$65.55	-\$7.81	-10.65%
Resmed Inc	\$187.97	-\$21.33	-10.19%
ABIOMED Inc	\$320.73	-\$30.30	-8.63%
eBay Inc	\$55.79	-\$5.12	-8.41%
ServiceNow Inc	\$506.37	-\$46.33	-8.38%

Source: Refinitiv

## NBF RATINGS & TARGET PRICE CHANGES

Company	Symbol	Current Rating	Previous Rating	Current Target	Previous Target
AltaGas Ltd.	ALA	Outperform	Outperform	<b>C\$26.00</b>	<b>C\$25.00</b>
Baytex Energy Corp.	BTE	Sector Perform	Sector Perform	<b>C\$2.00</b>	<b>C\$1.75</b>
BTB REIT	BTB.un	<b>Sector Perform</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>C\$4.25</b>	<b>Restricted</b>
Capstone Mining Corp.	CS	Outperform	Outperform	<b>C\$6.25</b>	<b>C\$5.65</b>
CareRx Corporation	CRRX		<b>UnderReview</b>		<b>UnderReview</b>
Copper Mountain Mining Corporation	CMMC	Outperform	Outperform	<b>C\$4.75</b>	<b>C\$4.50</b>
Dream Industrial REIT	DIR.UN	<b>Outperform</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>C\$15.00</b>	<b>Restricted</b>
Equitable Group Inc.	EQB	Outperform	Outperform	<b>C\$165.00</b>	<b>C\$160.00</b>
Exchange Income Corporation	EIF	<b>Outperform</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>C\$43.00</b>	<b>Restricted</b>
First National Financial Corporation	FN	Sector Perform	Sector Perform	<b>C\$55.00</b>	<b>C\$53.00</b>
First Quantum Minerals Ltd.	FM	Outperform	Outperform	<b>C\$35.00</b>	<b>C\$32.00</b>
Fortuna Silver Mines Inc.	FVI	Sector Perform	Sector Perform	<b>C\$10.50</b>	<b>C\$12.50</b>
Hardwoods Distribution Inc.	HDI	Outperform	Outperform	<b>C\$42.00</b>	<b>C\$40.00</b>
Home Capital Group Inc.	HCG	Outperform	Outperform	<b>C\$44.00</b>	<b>C\$42.00</b>
IGM Financial Inc.	IGM	<b>Outperform</b>		<b>C\$51.00</b>	<b>C\$0.00</b>
Knight Therapeutics Inc.	GUD	Outperform	Outperform	<b>C\$7.75</b>	<b>C\$6.75</b>
KP Tissue Inc.	KPT	Sector Perform	Sector Perform	<b>C\$10.50</b>	<b>C\$12.00</b>
Loblaw Companies Limited	L	Outperform	Outperform	<b>C\$76.00</b>	<b>C\$75.00</b>
North American Construction Group Ltd.	NOA	Outperform	Outperform	<b>C\$23.00</b>	<b>C\$21.00</b>
Power Corporation of Canada	POW	<b>Sector Perform</b>		<b>C\$38.00</b>	<b>C\$0.00</b>
Premium Brands Holdings Corporation	PBH	Outperform	Outperform	<b>C\$130.00</b>	<b>C\$125.00</b>
Real Matters Inc.	REAL	Outperform	Outperform	<b>C\$35.00</b>	<b>C\$40.00</b>
Sleep Country Canada Holdings Inc.	ZZZ	Sector Perform	Sector Perform	<b>C\$37.00</b>	<b>C\$33.00</b>
Surge Energy Inc.	SGY	<b>Restricted</b>		<b>Restricted</b>	
Teck Resources Limited	TECK.B	Outperform	Outperform	<b>C\$32.50</b>	<b>C\$30.00</b>
Tecsys Inc.	TCS	<b>Outperform</b>	<b>UnderReview</b>	<b>C\$55.00</b>	<b>UnderReview</b>
TFI International Inc.	TFII	Outperform	Outperform	<b>C\$115.00</b>	<b>C\$110.00</b>
Transat A.T. Inc.	TRZ	Underperform	Underperform	<b>C\$3.50</b>	<b>C\$3.90</b>

## STRATEGIC LIST - WEEKLY UPDATE

(April 26<sup>th</sup> – April 30<sup>th</sup>)

**No Changes this Week:**

**Comments:**

### Communication Services (Market Weight)

#### Quebecor Inc. (QBR.b)

**NBF:** JF Pruneau, President & CEO of Videotron, will be leaving the company on June 4 to pursue personal investment projects. Pierre Karl Peladeau (PKP), President & CEO of QBR & QMI, will take over JF's responsibilities. QBR shares were down about 5% on the news. This knee-jerk reaction happens every time there's a key management departure at QBR and the company doesn't skip a beat and keeps executing. It's always proven a good buying opportunity with the stock tending to recover rather quickly. There has always been a good team driving operations at Videotron, the main engine of growth at QMI/QBR. JF will depart in just over a month. He'll be missed, but QBR/QMI/VDO won't likely skip a beat. NBF \$40 target is based on its 2022E NAV (2023E at \$43), with implied EV/EBITDA multiples of 7.6x 2021E & 7.1x 2022E.

### Consumer Staples (Market Weight)

#### Loblaw Companies Ltd. (L)

**NBF:** Loblaw reports Q1 results on May 5, 2021 and NBF projects Q1/21 EPS of \$0.92 vs. cons. at \$0.89; last year was \$0.97 reports. Overall, EPS growth is expected to be lower by 4.5% y/y, reflecting difficult y/y comparisons and challenges in the front-end at SC (due to restrictive government measures), partly offset by share buybacks and efficiency programs. NBF projects food retail sssg of 0.3% vs. 9.6% last year. Continued momentum early in the quarter is expected to be partly offset by significant stockpiling towards the end of Q1/20. NBF projects SC total sssg of -2.5% vs. 10.7% last year. Amongst the Canadian grocers, Loblaw has the highest exposure to non-grocery EBITDA mix (SC and PC Financial). Recall MRU recently guided to favourable performance in pharmacy. Loblaw's YTD share returns are ~11%; however, NBF calculates that if YTD share returns were weighted by L's business composition (and using peer returns across relevant segments), the implied return should be in the 14%-15% range. NBF anticipates the market will give benefit to L's Rx/Financial businesses over time (which are expected to grow faster though 2021, particularly in H2). NBF maintains a favourable view on Loblaw and recommend it as a top pick in their staples coverage, supported by several key themes such as anticipated improving execution and solid double-digit earnings growth. In addition, Loblaw trades at a favourable valuation (Loblaw Retail trades at 7.4x our NTM EBITDA vs. the 5-year average of 8.1x and EMP/MRU at 7.6x and 10.7x respectively).

### Energy (Underweight)

#### Enbridge Inc. (ENB)

**NBF:** Enbridge reports Q1/21 results on May 7<sup>th</sup>. NBF forecast adj. EBITDA of ~\$3.72 bln, up ~15% from Q4/20 results, reflecting seasonally higher Gas Distribution contributions, coupled with strong Liquids Contributions as Mainline throughput continues to recover towards the company's ~2.8 mmbpd 2021 full year average (Q4/20: 2.7 mmbpd). NBF forecasts AFFO/share of \$1.31 vs. consensus at \$1.28 and EPS of C\$0.69 vs. consensus at \$0.71. While Mainline throughput continues to remain on track in trending towards its average throughput guidance of ~2.7 mmbpd for 2021, apportionment on heavy pipelines has recently dipped from its Q1/21 average at ~50%, with April and May apportionment down to 43% for heavies. Meanwhile, lighter ends continue to remain without apportionment due to upgrader turnarounds at Horizon, Syncrude and Base Plant, combined with the Whiting refinery going down, pressuring near-term prospects of reaching full operational capacity >2.8 mmbpd. NBF's \$51.00 target is based on a risk-adjusted dividend yield of 6.5% applied to NBF 2022e dividend of \$3.51, a 13.0x multiple of NBF 2022e Free-EBITDA and NBF DCF/sh valuation of \$52.00.

### Financials (Overweight)

#### Fairfax Financial Holdings Ltd. (FFH)

**NBF:** Q1 2021 Results: Diluted EPS of \$28.91 (NBF: \$27.61, CE: \$21.19). Results are mostly in line given FFH pre-released solid combined ratio and investment return data a couple of weeks ago. For context, diluted EPS nearly doubled NBF pre-release estimates. FFH reported Operating income of \$298 mln, ahead of NBF \$270 mln estimate on stronger profit from



## *The Week at a Glance*

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associates such as Eurobank. Net investment gains (incl. realized and unrealized) were \$842 mln. BVPS of \$497.23 increased ~4% q/q from \$478.33 (consensus \$494). FFH reported a combined ratio of 96% in Q1-21, beating the street at 96.7% (NBF 96.1%). Positively, every business unit generated underwriting profit, including Brit following three consecutive quarters of losses. Results included 6%-points of catastrophe losses primarily due to U.S. winter storm activity. Notably, losses related to COVID-19 dropped to ~\$19 mln, the lowest quarterly loss since the start of the pandemic. On the top line, FFH delivered gross premiums written of \$5.4 bln and net premiums earned of \$3.7 bln, up ~14% y/y and 10% y/y, respectively. FFH reported net gains on long equity and equity total return swaps of ~ \$1,029 mln, partially offset by net losses on bonds of ~\$166 mln and FX of ~\$37 mln. Separately, non-insurance subs reported pre-tax operating loss of ~\$26 mln as restaurants and retail as well as Thomas Cook remain hampered by COVID restrictions. Similar to insurance losses, NBF expects these impacts to diminish as vaccine rollout continues to ramp up and lockdowns ease. Still trading below BV at 0.93x, NBF believes the shares reflect good risk-reward. NBF maintains its view that FFH will provide shareholders with long-term annual ROE of ~10%. Following a strong Q1, FFH is on track to deliver a 12% ROE in 2021. NBF applies a 1.0x P/B multiple to arrive at its \$700.00 target price that was increased from \$625.00 as it revised estimates higher in a preview note.

### **Sun Life Financial (SLF)**

**NBF:** Q1/21 Preview: SLF reports Q1/21 results May 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm. SLF's Canadian and U.S. Group operations reported profit growth of 67% and 77%, respectively, in 2020. A clear trend that helped SLF generate this growth was a sharp decline in benefits utilization that offset deterioration in other areas (e.g., higher LTD and negative mortality experience). In the Canadian book of business, we believe many of these trends could persist, as much of the country remains in lockdown. However, a flatter outlook for the U.S. business is warranted as economic reopening is taking place at a much faster pace in the country, leading to normal levels of benefits utilization. With the S&P 500 and MSCI EAFE up 6% and 4%, respectively, during Q1/21, MFS is positioned for a strong quarter. The entity disclosed month-end AUM figures that reached US\$626 bln on March 31, 2021, up 3% from year-end 2020 levels. Due to continued AUM growth, NBF believes that MFS could maintain the trend of 40%+ operating margins that it has delivered in four of the past six quarters. On the other hand, NBF estimates that MFS could report net outflows of ~US\$4-5 bln. If this level of outflows materializes (the estimate is highly sensitive to market impact on AUM assumptions), NBF suspects it would be mainly evident in the Institutional mandates, where client rebalancing activities can frequently result in large outflows. SLF's Q4/20 earnings were above expectations, despite an unusually weak period for investment performance. The company reported yield enhancement losses of \$4 mln (pre-tax), which deviated from a 5-year quarterly average gain of \$47 mln. NBF doesn't view last quarter's performance as the start of a new trend. The Q4/20 result followed three previous quarters during which SLF took advantage of market conditions to generate above average yield enhancement gains (i.e., of \$108 mln on average). NBF believes the company took a pause on origination activity during the final quarter, awaiting better spread conditions. NBF believes SLF's valuation is also relatively attractive (e.g., 7% discount to banks, 9% implied P/B upside).

### **Materials (Overweight)**

#### **Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd. (AEM)**

**NBF:** Agnico Eagle reported first-quarter net income of US\$136 mln. Adjusting for a number of items including, most significantly, gains on the sale of non-core properties and losses on warrants, yields an adjusted net earnings figure of US\$163 mln, of US\$0.67 per share. This comes in above NBF at US\$0.57 and consensus at US\$0.60. The beat relative to NBF's Adj. EPS figure was largely due to higher gold production and sales. While cash costs in millions of dollars nearly matched NBF estimate, unit cash costs were 4% below NBF estimate due to the higher sales reported. NBF calculates a CFPS (before changes in working capital) of US\$1.70, again beating NBF and consensus estimates. The CFPS beat relative to NBF was of a slightly higher margin than the earnings beat (on a per-share basis) due to certain non-cash expenses that were included in earnings being above our estimates (such as stock-based comp and depreciation). NBF calculates FCF during the quarter of US\$96 mln (after dividends paid of US\$73 mln), slightly ahead of NBF estimates despite negative changes in working capital of nearly US\$60 mln. Overall, Q1 has proved to be a very good quarter, which is now expected to be followed by a softer Q2, which has several planned maintenance outages at many of the mines. The company ended the quarter with US\$126 mln in cash, down substantially Q/Q from US\$402 mln, as the acquisition of TMAC (US\$186 mln), plus an advance to TMAC to repay its debt (US\$105 mln) was completed. Additionally, Agnico exercised its option to repurchase a 1.5% NSR on Hope Bay from Maverix Metals Inc. Agnico Eagle produced 517 koz of gold during the quarter, including 12 koz from the recently acquired Hope Bay mine in Nunavut, which fared well relative to NBF estimate of 504 koz. Company-wide cash costs were US\$734/oz (by-product), with outperformance versus NBF US\$766/oz estimate coming from the overall higher production. AISC was US\$1,007/oz, below our estimate due to the beat on cash costs. Guidance for 2021 remains unchanged at ~2.05 Moz at cash costs of US\$700 - 750/oz and AISC of US\$950 - 1,000/oz, with an expected production split of 48%/52% weighted towards the second half. NBF maintained its Outperform rating and \$97.00 target price, which is based on a 100% weighted 11.0x NTM EV/EBITDA target multiple, which implies a P/NAV multiple of 1.80.

### **Teck Resources Ltd. (TECK.b)**

**NBF:** NBF incorporated Teck's Q1/21 results, including Adj. EBITDA of \$967 mln, Adj. EPS of \$0.57 per share and CFPS of \$1.71 per share, into its model. Overall, Teck reported financial results ahead of NBF Estimates and modestly below Consensus, driven by stronger than expected sales (and higher realized coal prices), partially offset by higher costs when compared to NBF Estimates. NBF has modestly adjusted its production and cost estimates for 2021 to be in line with Teck's guidance. Construction activities continue to ramp-up at QB2, with Teck passing the halfway point in April. Previously announced capital cost increases due to COVID-19 induced delays have been maintained, with NBF estimated US\$5.7 bln capex in line with management commentary. Teck ended Q1/21 with \$369 mln in cash, \$6.4 bln in long-term debt and US\$4.8 bln available on its credit facilities as of April 27th. Teck ended the quarter with ND/EBITDA of 2.4x. We see leverage decreasing to sub-2.0x by year-end 2021 (1.60x at current prices). Importantly, Teck has no cash flow based covenants on its US\$5.0 bln credit facilities and QB2 project debt will become non-recourse once commercial production is achieved (NBF: H2/23). NBF increased its target price on Teck to \$32.50 (was \$30.00), as it increased its target multiple to reflect multiple expansion in the sector. NBF reiterated its Outperform rating supported by a stepwise improvement in Teck's coking coal operations in H2/21 following completion of the Neptune terminal expansion. Teck continues selling a portion of its coal into China at significant premiums providing an offset to currently depressed seaborne coking coal prices. Teck's strong balance sheet, cost reduction initiatives, organic growth within the copper division and long-term commitment to returning capital to shareholders are all supportive of a higher valuation than currently ascribed by the market.

### **Utilities (Underweight)**

#### **Capital Power Corp. (CPX)**

**NBF:** Capital Power reports Q1/21 results on April 30<sup>th</sup>. NBF forecasts adj. EBITDA of \$289 mln (Street: \$287 mln), propelled by record Alberta Commercial contributions as spot power prices averaged ~\$96/MWh, while its modest ~29% hedged position (at low-\$60/MWh range) and lower baseload utilization partially offset pricing tailwinds. In the U.S., NBF forecast higher contributions y/y with the acquisition of Buckthorn in mid-2020 and a full quarter of contributions from Cardinal Point. Meanwhile, with dispatch control shifting from the Balancing Pool to the asset owners, NBF anticipates commercially focused dispatching could continue to create enhanced volatility and heightened periods of peak pricing, providing a tailwind for the company's gas-fired peaker plants and ultimately supporting continued strength in Alberta merchant contributions. On the hedging front, we will look to see if the company has layered on any additional 2021 hedges for its Alberta baseload generation or gauge management's comfort in operating underhedged given current 2021 forward prices of ~\$77/MWh. Elsewhere, NBF will look for an update from management with regards to its recontracting efforts at Island generation, which is set to roll off its long-term tolling arrangement with BC Hydro in April 2022. Elsewhere, NBF notes Capital Power will report its Q1/21 results under a revised segment reporting framework, with Genesee 1 & 2 moving to AB Commercial, B.C. contracted assets (Quality Wind, Island Generation and Enpower) moving to Western Canada Contracted (previously named AB Contracted), ON & BC Contracted renamed as ON Contracted (now excl. BC assets), while U.S. Contracted remains unchanged. Meanwhile, with the company recently announcing a virtual PPA with Budweiser Canada for 51% of generation at its originally merchant sanctioned Enchant Solar project, we will look for an update on its discussions for additional corporate offtake agreements at its other Alberta merchant renewables projects (Whitla 2 & 3). NBF maintained its Outperform rating and \$44.00 target price which is based on a risk-adjusted dividend yield of 5.0% applied to NBF 2022e dividend of \$2.25/sh, a 12.0x multiple of NBF 2022e Free-EBITDA and NBF DCF/sh valuation of \$44.00

## NBF STRATEGIC LIST

Company	Symbol	Addition Date	Addition Price	Last Price	Yield (%)	Beta	% SPTSX	NBF Sector Weight	
<b>Communication Services</b>								<b>4.9</b>	<b>Market Weight</b>
Quebecor Inc.	QBRb.TO	29-Nov-18	\$ 28.70	\$ 33.05	3.3	0.5			
Rogers Communications Inc.	RCIb.TO	13-Feb-20	\$ 65.84	\$ 60.54	3.3	0.5			
<b>Consumer Discretionary</b>								<b>4.0</b>	<b>Market Weight</b>
Canadian Tire Corp.	CTCa.TO	04-Oct-18	\$ 151.25	\$ 195.92	2.4	1.2			
Dollarama Inc.	DOL.TO	19-Mar-20	\$ 38.96	\$ 57.28	0.3	0.6			
<b>Consumer Staples</b>								<b>3.6</b>	<b>Market Weight</b>
Alimentation Couche-Tard Inc.	ATDb.TO	26-Jan-17	\$ 30.09	\$ 41.65	0.8	0.7			
Loblaw Companies Ltd.	L.TO	25-Mar-21	\$ 68.50	\$ 68.25	2.0	0.3			
<b>Energy</b>								<b>12.2</b>	<b>Market Weight</b>
Cenovus Energy Inc.	CVE.TO	16-Jan-20	\$ 12.26	\$ 9.57	0.7	2.5			
Enbridge Inc.	ENB.TO	21-Jan-15	\$ 59.87	\$ 47.41	7.1	0.9			
Tourmaline Oil Corp.	TOU.TO	13-Aug-20	\$ 16.68	\$ 26.52	2.4	1.4			
<b>Financials</b>								<b>31.1</b>	<b>Overweight</b>
Bank of Montreal	BMO.TO	25-Mar-21	\$ 112.23	\$ 116.01	3.6	1.1			
Element Fleet Management Corp	EFN.TO	02-Apr-20	\$ 8.58	\$ 15.05	1.7	1.3			
Fairfax Financial Holdings Ltd.	FFH.TO	20-Dec-18	\$ 585.81	\$ 561.58	2.3	0.9			
Intact Financial Corp.	IFC.TO	11-Jun-20	\$ 130.04	\$ 163.38	2.0	0.8			
Royal Bank of Canada	RY.TO	19-Jun-13	\$ 60.69	\$ 117.31	3.7	0.9			
Sun Life Financial	SLF.TO	10-Dec-20	\$ 57.07	\$ 66.31	3.3	1.4			
<b>Health Care</b>									<b>Market Weight</b>
<b>Industrials</b>								<b>12.2</b>	<b>Market Weight</b>
Morneau Shepell Inc.	MSI.TO	26-Sep-19	\$ 32.72	\$ 30.90	2.5	0.7			
Toromont Industries Ltd	TIH.TO	05-Dec-19	\$ 67.24	\$ 98.00	1.6	0.7			
WSP Global Inc.	WSP.TO	10-Sep-20	\$ 88.54	\$ 127.63	1.2	1.0			
<b>Information Technology</b>								<b>10.2</b>	<b>Underweight</b>
Kinaxis Inc.	KXS.TO	19-Mar-20	\$ 100.05	\$ 158.54	0.0	0.7			
Open Text Corp.	OTEX.TO	26-Oct-16	\$ 41.61	\$ 57.88	1.7	0.9			
<b>Materials</b>								<b>12.4</b>	<b>Overweight</b>
Agnico Eagle Resources Ltd.	AEM.TO	17-Dec-14	\$ 27.00	\$ 76.82	2.2	0.4			
SSR Mining Inc.	SSRM.TO	30-Jan-20	\$ 23.81	\$ 19.51	1.3	0.6			
Teck Resources Ltd.	TECKb.TO	01-Nov-17	\$ 27.15	\$ 26.01	0.7	1.1			
<b>REITs</b>								<b>3.2</b>	<b>Underweight</b>
Canadian Apartment Properties REIT	CAR_u.TO	10-Dec-20	\$ 49.82	\$ 54.64	2.5	0.7			
RioCan REIT	REI_u.TO	23-Aug-18	\$ 19.95	\$ 21.02	4.6	1.2			
<b>Utilities</b>								<b>4.8</b>	<b>Underweight</b>
Capital Power Corp.	CPX.TO	22-Aug-19	\$ 30.90	\$ 39.19	5.3	1.2			
Innergex Renewable Energy Inc.	INE.TO	22-Aug-19	\$ 15.00	\$ 21.00	3.3	0.8			

Source: Refinitiv (Priced April 30, 2021 after market close)

\* R = Restricted Stocks - Stocks placed under restriction while on The NBF Strategic List will remain on the list, but noted as Restricted in accordance with compliance requirements

## THE ECONOMIC CALENDAR

(May 3<sup>rd</sup> – May 7<sup>th</sup>)

### U.S. Indicators

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Release</u>	<u>Period</u>	<u>Previous</u>	<u>Consensus</u>	<u>Unit</u>
3-May	09:45	Markit Mfg PMI Final	Apr	60.6		Index (diffusion)
3-May	10:00	Construction Spending MM	Mar	-0.8%	2.0%	Percent
3-May	10:00	<b>ISM Manufacturing PMI</b>	Apr	64.7	65.0	Index
4-May	08:30	<b>International Trade \$</b>	Mar	-71.1B	-74.0B	USD
4-May	09:45	ISM NY Biz Conditions	Apr	37.2		Index
4-May	10:00	<b>Factory Orders MM</b>	Mar	-0.8%	1.1%	Percent
4-May	10:00	Factory Ex-Transp MM	Mar	-0.6%		Percent
5-May	08:15	<b>ADP National Employment</b>	Apr	517k	808k	Person
5-May	09:45	Markit Comp Final PMI	Apr	62.2		Index (diffusion)
5-May	09:45	Markit Svcs PMI Final	Apr	63.1		Index (diffusion)
5-May	10:00	<b>ISM N-Mfg PMI</b>	Apr	63.7	64.3	Index
5-May	10:30	EIA Wkly Crude Stk	26 Apr, w/e	0.090M		Barrel
6-May	08:30	<b>Initial Jobless Clm</b>	26 Apr, w/e	553k	540k	Person
6-May	08:30	Jobless Clm 4Wk Avg	26 Apr, w/e	611.75k		Person
6-May	08:30	Cont Jobless Clm	19 Apr, w/e	3.660M		Person
6-May	08:30	Labor Costs Prelim	Q1	6.0%	-0.7%	Percent
6-May	08:30	<b>Productivity Prelim</b>	Q1	-4.2%	3.5%	Percent
6-May	10:30	EIA-Nat Gas Chg Bcf	26 Apr, w/e	15B		Cubic foot
7-May	08:30	<b>Non-Farm Payrolls</b>	Apr	916k	950k	Person
7-May	08:30	<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	Apr	6.0%	5.7%	Percent
7-May	08:30	Average Earnings MM	Apr	-0.1%	0.1%	Percent
7-May	08:30	Average Earnings YY	Apr	4.2%	-0.3%	Percent
7-May	08:30	Average Workweek Hrs	Apr	34.9	34.9	Hour
7-May	08:30	Labor Force Partic	Apr	61.5%		Percent
7-May	10:00	<b>Wholesale Sales MM</b>	Mar	-0.8%		Percent
7-May	15:00	Consumer Credit	Mar	27.58B		USD

### Canadian Indicators

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Release</u>	<u>Period</u>	<u>Previous</u>	<u>Consensus</u>	<u>Unit</u>
3-May	09:30	<b>Markit Mfg PMI SA</b>	Apr	58.5		Index (diffusion)
4-May	08:30	<b>Building Permits MM.</b>	Mar	2.1%		Percent
4-May	08:30	<b>Trade Balance C\$</b>	Mar	1.04B		CAD
4-May	08:30	Exports C\$	Mar	49.86B		CAD
4-May	08:30	Imports C\$	Mar	48.82B		CAD
5-May	08:15	Reserve Assets Total	Apr	83,375M		USD
7-May	08:30	<b>Employment Change</b>	Apr	303.1k		Person
7-May	08:30	<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	Apr	7.5%		Percent
7-May	08:30	Full Time Employment Chng SA	Apr	175.4k		Person
7-May	08:30	Part Time Employment Chng SA	Apr	127.8k		Person
7-May	08:30	Participation Rate	Apr	65.2%		Percent
7-May	10:00	Ivey PMI	Apr	67.3		Net balance

Source : Refinitiv

## S&P/TSX QUARTERLY EARNINGS CALENDAR

### Monday May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021

COMPANY*	SYMBOL	TIME	EPS ESTIMATE
Ballard Power Systems Inc	BLDP	Aft-mkt	(0.048)
Cargojet Inc	CJT	Bef-mkt	0.935
Gibson Energy Inc	GEI	Aft-mkt	0.154
IAMGOLD Corp	IMG	Aft-mkt	0.042
MEG Energy Corp	MEG	Aft-mkt	0.002
Nutrien Ltd	NTR	Aft-mkt	0.083
Parkland Corp/Canada	PKI	Aft-mkt	0.446
Stella-Jones Inc	SJ	Bef-mkt	0.579
Suncor Energy Inc	SU		0.398

### Tuesday May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021

COMPANY*	SYMBOL	TIME	EPS ESTIMATE
B2Gold Corp	BTO	Aft-mkt	0.072
Badger Daylighting Ltd	BAD	Aft-mkt	0.043
Bausch Health Cos Inc	BHC	Bef-mkt	0.94
Brookfield Renewable Partners	BEP-U	07:00	(0.01)
Colliers International Group I	CIGI		0.615
Dream Industrial Real Estate I	DIR-U		0.191
Equitable Group Inc	EQB	Aft-mkt	3.593
ERO Copper Corp	ERO	Aft-mkt	0.501
First Capital Real Estate Inve	FCR-U	Aft-mkt	0.262
<b>Kinaxis Inc</b>	<b>KXS</b>	<b>Aft-mkt</b>	<b>0.11</b>
Pretium Resources Inc	PVG	Aft-mkt	0.203
<b>RioCan Real Estate Investment</b>	<b>REI-U</b>	<b>Bef-mkt</b>	<b>0.37</b>
Russel Metals Inc	RUS	17:00	0.723
Thomson Reuters Corp	TRI	Bef-mkt	0.42
<b>Toromont Industries Ltd</b>	<b>TIH</b>	<b>Aft-mkt</b>	<b>0.489</b>

### Wednesday May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021

COMPANY*	SYMBOL	TIME	EPS ESTIMATE
ARC Resources Ltd	ARX	Aft-mkt	0.283
Barrick Gold Corp	ABX	Bef-mkt	0.278
Boralex Inc	BLX	Bef-mkt	0.413
Brookfield Business Partners L	BBU-U	08:00	(0.39)
Cominar Real Estate Investment	CUF-U	Bef-mkt	0.252
Constellation Software Inc/Can	CSU	Aft-mkt	10.123
Crombie Real Estate Investment	CRR-U	Aft-mkt	0.278
Dundee Precious Metals Inc	DPM	Aft-mkt	0.272
Equinox Gold Corp	EQX	Bef-mkt	0.084
Fortis Inc/Canada	FTS	Bef-mkt	0.811
Franco-Nevada Corp	FNV	Aft-mkt	0.802

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GFL Environmental Inc	GFL	Aft-mkt	(0.172)
Gildan Activewear Inc	GIL	Aft-mkt	0.185
Great-West Lifeco Inc	GWO	Aft-mkt	0.758
Jamieson Wellness Inc	JWEL	Aft-mkt	0.204
Killam Apartment Real Estate I	KMP-U	Aft-mkt	0.23
<b>Loblaw Cos Ltd</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>06:30</b>	<b>0.883</b>
Manulife Financial Corp	MFC	Aft-mkt	0.769
Maple Leaf Foods Inc	MFI	06:00	0.256
New Gold Inc	NGD	Bef-mkt	0.015
Parex Resources Inc	PXT	16:30	0.54
Spin Master Corp	TOY	Aft-mkt	(0.095)
Stantec Inc	STN	Aft-mkt	0.506
<b>Sun Life Financial Inc</b>	<b>SLF</b>	<b>Aft-mkt</b>	<b>1.462</b>
<b>Tourmaline Oil Corp</b>	<b>TOU</b>	<b>Aft-mkt</b>	<b>0.743</b>

### Thursday May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021

COMPANY*	SYMBOL	TIME	EPS ESTIMATE
Algonquin Power & Utilities Co	AQN	Aft-mkt	0.218
Altus Group Ltd/Canada	AIF	Aft-mkt	0.326
Artis Real Estate Investment T	AX-U	Aft-mkt	0.337
Aurinia Pharmaceuticals Inc	AUP	Aft-mkt	(0.363)
Brookfield Infrastructure Part	BIP US	Bef-mkt	0.142
Canadian Natural Resources Ltd	CNQ	Bef-mkt	0.918
Cascades Inc	CAS	Bef-mkt	0.347
Chartwell Retirement Residence	CSH-U	Aft-mkt	N/A
Denison Mines Corp	DML		(0.007)
First Majestic Silver Corp	FR		0.068
iA Financial Corp Inc	IAG	09:00	1.744
IGM Financial Inc	IGM	Aft-mkt	0.874
Inter Pipeline Ltd	IPL	Aft-mkt	0.217
Interfor Corp	IFP	Aft-mkt	4.076
Kirkland Lake Gold Ltd	KL	Bef-mkt	0.648
Labrador Iron Ore Royalty Corp	LIF		1.568
Magna International Inc	MG	Bef-mkt	1.568
NFI Group Inc	NFI	Bef-mkt	(0.084)
<b>Open Text Corp</b>	<b>OTEX</b>	<b>16:00</b>	<b>0.69</b>
Pembina Pipeline Corp	PPL	Aft-mkt	0.549
Premium Brands Holdings Corp	PBH	Bef-mkt	0.674
Primo Water Corp	PRMW	Bef-mkt	0.023
<b>SSR Mining Inc</b>	<b>SSRM</b>	<b>Bef-mkt</b>	<b>0.401</b>
West Fraser Timber Co Ltd	WFG	Aft-mkt	6.888
Westport Fuel Systems Inc	WPRT	Aft-mkt	(0.014)
Wheaton Precious Metals Corp	WPM	Aft-mkt	0.354

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**Friday May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

COMPANY*	SYMBOL	TIME	EPS ESTIMATE
Air Canada	AC	Bef-mkt	(2.755)
Brookfield Property Partners L	BPY-U	Bef-mkt	N/A
Cameco Corp	CCO	Bef-mkt	(0.099)
<b>Cenovus Energy Inc</b>	<b>CVE</b>	<b>Bef-mkt</b>	<b>0.018</b>
Cronos Group Inc	CRON	Bef-mkt	(0.093)
<b>Enbridge Inc</b>	<b>ENB</b>	<b>Bef-mkt</b>	<b>0.718</b>
Enerplus Corp	ERF	Bef-mkt	0.136
Hydro One Ltd	H	Bef-mkt	0.434
TC Energy Corp	TRP	Bef-mkt	1.111
TELUS Corp	T	Bef-mkt	0.289

Source: Bloomberg, NBF Research

\*Companies of the S&P/TSX index expected to report. Stocks from the Strategic List are in Bold.

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### Monday May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021

COMPANY*	SYMBOL	TIME	EPS ESTIMATE
American Water Works Co Inc	AWK	Aft-mkt	0.735
Diamondback Energy Inc	FANG	Aft-mkt	1.826
Estee Lauder Cos Inc/The	EL	Bef-mkt	1.328
Leggett & Platt Inc	LEG	Aft-mkt	0.425
Loews Corp	L	Bef-mkt	N/A
Mosaic Co/The	MOS	Aft-mkt	0.525
Realty Income Corp	O	Aft-mkt	0.742
Vornado Realty Trust	VNO	Aft-mkt	0.664
WEC Energy Group Inc	WEC	07:00	1.473
Williams Cos Inc/The	WMB	Aft-mkt	0.293

### Tuesday May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021

COMPANY*	SYMBOL	TIME	EPS ESTIMATE
Activision Blizzard Inc	ATVI	Aft-mkt	0.71
Akamai Technologies Inc	AKAM	Aft-mkt	1.305
AMETEK Inc	AME	Bef-mkt	1.01
Arista Networks Inc	ANET	Aft-mkt	2.382
Assurant Inc	AIZ	Aft-mkt	1.935
Broadridge Financial Solutions	BR	Bef-mkt	1.679
Caesars Entertainment Inc	CZR	Aft-mkt	(1.724)
Catalent Inc	CTLT	Bef-mkt	0.74
ConocoPhillips	COP	Bef-mkt	0.538
Corteva Inc	CTVA	Aft-mkt	0.648
Cummins Inc	CMI	Bef-mkt	3.44
CVS Health Corp	CVS	Bef-mkt	1.703
Devon Energy Corp	DVN	Aft-mkt	0.316
Dominion Energy Inc	D	Bef-mkt	1.076
DuPont de Nemours Inc	DD	Bef-mkt	0.763
Eaton Corp PLC	ETN	Bef-mkt	1.234
Expeditors International of Wa	EXPD		1.044
Franklin Resources Inc	BEN	08:30	0.744
Gartner Inc	IT	Bef-mkt	1.054
Global Payments Inc	GPN	Bef-mkt	1.77
Healthpeak Properties Inc	PEAK	Aft-mkt	0.391
Henry Schein Inc	HSIC	Bef-mkt	0.842
Host Hotels & Resorts Inc	HST	Aft-mkt	(0.146)
IDEXX Laboratories Inc	IDXX	Bef-mkt	1.716
Incyte Corp	INCY	07:00	0.618
IPG Photonics Corp	IPGP	Bef-mkt	1.114
Leidos Holdings Inc	LDOS	Bef-mkt	1.482
Marathon Petroleum Corp	MPC	Bef-mkt	(0.705)
Martin Marietta Materials Inc	MLM	Bef-mkt	0.501
Monolithic Power Systems Inc	MPWR	Aft-mkt	1.342



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Paycom Software Inc	PAYC	Aft-mkt	1.415
PerkinElmer Inc	PKI	Aft-mkt	3.074
Pfizer Inc	PFE	Bef-mkt	0.783
Pioneer Natural Resources Co	PXD	Aft-mkt	1.556
Prudential Financial Inc	PRU	Aft-mkt	2.74
Sealed Air Corp	SEE	07:00	0.703
Sysco Corp	SYU	Bef-mkt	0.188
T-Mobile US Inc	TMUS	16:05	0.606
Under Armour Inc	UAA	06:55	0.032
Verisk Analytics Inc	VRSK	Aft-mkt	1.252
Vulcan Materials Co	VMC	Bef-mkt	0.443
Western Union Co/The	WU	16:00	0.447
Xilinx Inc	XLNX	16:20	0.703
Xylem Inc/NY	XYL	06:55	0.375
Zebra Technologies Corp	ZBRA	Bef-mkt	4.40
Zimmer Biomet Holdings Inc	ZBH	06:30	1.52

### Wednesday May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021

COMPANY*	SYMBOL	TIME	EPS ESTIMATE
Albemarle Corp	ALB	Aft-mkt	0.797
Allstate Corp/The	ALL	16:15	3.995
AmerisourceBergen Corp	ABC	Bef-mkt	2.456
ANSYS Inc	ANSS	Aft-mkt	0.837
APA Corp	APA	Aft-mkt	0.713
Atmos Energy Corp	ATO	Aft-mkt	2.046
Booking Holdings Inc	BKNG	16:00	(6.038)
BorgWarner Inc	BWA	Bef-mkt	0.918
CDW Corp/DE	CDW	Bef-mkt	1.511
Cerner Corp	CERN	Bef-mkt	0.741
CF Industries Holdings Inc	CF	Aft-mkt	0.586
Cognizant Technology Solutions	CTSH	Aft-mkt	0.943
Emerson Electric Co	EMR	Bef-mkt	0.897
Etsy Inc	ETSY	Aft-mkt	0.915
Exelon Corp	EXC	Bef-mkt	0.356
Federal Realty Investment Trus	FRT	Aft-mkt	1.023
FleetCor Technologies Inc	FLT	Aft-mkt	2.723
FMC Corp	FMC	Aft-mkt	1.509
Fox Corp	FOXA	16:00	0.585
General Motors Co	GM	07:30	1.045
Hilton Worldwide Holdings Inc	HLT	Bef-mkt	0.077
HollyFrontier Corp	HFC	Bef-mkt	(0.452)
Lincoln National Corp	LNC	Aft-mkt	1.471
Lumen Technologies Inc	LUMN	Aft-mkt	0.406
Marathon Oil Corp	MRO	Aft-mkt	0.091
MetLife Inc	MET	Aft-mkt	1.511
NiSource Inc	NI	Bef-mkt	0.772
PayPal Holdings Inc	PYPL	Aft-mkt	1.01

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Pinnacle West Capital Corp	PNW	Bef-mkt	0.252
Public Service Enterprise Grou	PEG	07:30	1.119
Qorvo Inc	QRVO	16:00	2.43
Republic Services Inc	RSG	Aft-mkt	0.846
Sempra Energy	SRE	07:00	2.746
Trimble Inc	TRMB	Aft-mkt	0.545
Unum Group	UNM	16:15	0.979
Waters Corp	WAT	Bef-mkt	1.57
Westrock Co	WRK	Bef-mkt	0.619

### **Thursday May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

COMPANY*	SYMBOL	TIME	EPS ESTIMATE
Alliant Energy Corp	LNT	Aft-mkt	0.691
American International Group I	AIG	Aft-mkt	0.954
Ball Corp	BLL	Bef-mkt	0.673
Becton Dickinson and Co	BDX	06:00	3.039
Cardinal Health Inc	CAH	Bef-mkt	1.544
CenterPoint Energy Inc	CNP	Bef-mkt	0.544
DENTSPLY SIRONA Inc	XRAY	Bef-mkt	0.561
EOG Resources Inc	EOG	Aft-mkt	1.50
Evergy Inc	EVRG	Bef-mkt	0.481
Expedia Group Inc	EXPE	Aft-mkt	(2.31)
Fidelity National Information	FIS	Bef-mkt	1.248
FLIR Systems Inc	FLIR	07:30	0.516
Howmet Aerospace Inc	HWM	07:00	0.189
Huntington Ingalls Industries	HII	Bef-mkt	2.615
Iron Mountain Inc	IRM	06:00	0.615
Kellogg Co	K	08:00	0.96
Live Nation Entertainment Inc	LYV	Aft-mkt	(1.551)
McKesson Corp	MCK	Aft-mkt	5.042
Mettler-Toledo International I	MTD	Aft-mkt	5.61
Microchip Technology Inc	MCHP	Aft-mkt	1.736
Monster Beverage Corp	MNST	Aft-mkt	0.612
Motorola Solutions Inc	MSI	Aft-mkt	1.623
News Corp	NWSA	Aft-mkt	0.048
Nielsen Holdings PLC	NLSN	Bef-mkt	0.323
NRG Energy Inc	NRG	Bef-mkt	(0.412)
Penn National Gaming Inc	PENN	07:00	0.259
PPL Corp	PPL	Bef-mkt	0.567
Quanta Services Inc	PWR	Bef-mkt	0.761
Regency Centers Corp	REG	Aft-mkt	0.758
Regeneron Pharmaceuticals Inc	REGN	Bef-mkt	8.749
Tapestry Inc	TPR	Bef-mkt	0.302
ViacomCBS Inc	VIAC	Bef-mkt	1.21
Zoetis Inc	ZTS	Bef-mkt	1.034

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COMPANY*	SYMBOL	TIME	EPS ESTIMATE
AES Corp/The	AES US	Bef-mkt	0.30
Cigna Corp	CI US	Bef-mkt	4.36
Ventas Inc	VTR US	Bef-mkt	0.702

Source: Bloomberg, NBF Research

\* Companies of the S&P500 index expected to report.

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