This is our report regarding the economic forecasts for Canada based on the quarterly report from the Bank of Canada (Canada's central bank): "Monetary Policy Report" for inflation and real GDP growth. The last report was released last July 11, 2018. The exchange rate and the crude oil price forecasts are based on the quotations in the futures market reported by the CME Group on July 20, 2018. The cross references are estimated by Acus Consulting Ltd. Figures in parenthesis are the forecasts from three months ago.

Average annual real ODF growth, innation OFF average annual rate, exchange rates, on prices				
	2017 actual	2018	2019	2020
Inflation CPI:				
Canada	1.6%	2.4% (2.3%)	2.2% (2.1%)	2.1% (2.1%)
Real GDP growth:				
Canada	3.0%	2.0% (2.0%)	2.2% (2.1%)	2.0% (1.8%)
US	2.3%	3.1% (2.7%)	2.5% (2.7%)	1.8% (2.0%)
Euro Area	2.6%	2.2% (2.3%)	1.6% (1.7%)	1.4% (1.5%)
Japan	1.7%	0.9% (1.5%)	0.9% (1.0%)	0.2% (0.2%)
China	6.9%	6.5% (6.6%)	6.2% (6.3%)	6.0% (6.1%)
World	3.6%	3.8% (3.8%)	3.5% (3.6%)	3.4% (3.4%)
Exchange rate December:				
USD/CAD	1.277	1.311 (1.273)	1.314 (1.263)	1.308 (1.258)
EUR/USD	1.201	1.185 (1.214)	1.221 (1.254)	1.253 (1.290)
EUR/CAD cross ref	1.511	1.554 (1.545)	1.604 (1.584)	1.639 (1.623)
GBP/USD	1.353	1.322 (1.370)	1.334 (1.393)	1.357 (1.416)
GBP/CAD cross ref	1.728	1.733 (1.744)	1.753 (1.759)	1.775 (1.781)
USD/CNY	6.512	6.812 (6.381)	6.870 (6.469)	6.926 (6.558)
CAD/CNY cross ref	5.099	5.196 (5.013)	5.228 (5.122)	5.295 (5.213)
USD/MXN	19.06	19.53 (19.88)	20.52 (20.91)	21.51 (22.12) (*)
CAD/MXN cross ref	14.93	14.90 (15.62)	15.62 (16.56)	16.44 (17.58)
Crude oil December:				
WTI West Texas Int	57.88	65.72 (68.66)	61.99 (62.20)	58.88 (57.79)

Average annual real GDP growth, inflation CPI average annual rate, exchange rates, oil prices

Source: Bank of Canada, "Monetary Policy Report", July 11, 2018 and Futures Market CME Group, July 20, 2018 CPI = Consumers' Price Index, GDP = Gross Domestic Product

USD = US Dollar, CAD = Canadian Dollar, GBP = Great British Pound, CNY = Chinese Yuan, MXN = Mexican Peso Figures in parenthesis are the forecasts from three months ago.

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