

QUARTERLY COMMENTARY

Market *Review*

Q2, 2026

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Quarterly Market Summary

Returns (in CAD), 2nd Quarter 2026
Returns for key market segments, Q2 2026:



Canadian Stock Market: 6.96%

The Canadian stock market underperformed the US, international developed, and emerging markets.



Emerging Markets Stocks: 26.11%

Emerging markets posted positive returns, outperforming Canadian, US, and international developed markets.



International Developed Stocks: 12.66%

International developed stocks outperformed Canada but underperformed the US and emerging markets.



US Stock Market: 17.36%

The US market outperformed Canadian and international developed markets, trailing emerging markets.



Global Bond Market ex US: 0.91%

Global bond markets posted positive returns for the quarter.



Canadian Bond Market: 2.01%

The Canadian bond market outperformed global bond markets, posting positive returns for the quarter.



Global Real Estate: 12.61%

Global real estate posted positive returns; US REITs (+14.23%) outperformed non-US REITs (+9.02%).

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Canadian Stocks

Q2 2026 Performance Highlights

- The Canadian equity market posted positive returns for the quarter and underperformed US, international developed, and emerging markets.
- Value outperformed growth
- Small caps underperformed large caps

Canadian equities posted solid gains in Q2 2026 but trailed other major markets, with value stocks leading while small caps lagged. The S&P/TSX Composite advanced amid resilient commodity prices.

5.94%

Small Cap

0.36%

Growth

8.24%

Large Cap

14.60%

Value

Canada = 3% of World Market Capitalization or **\$5.0 trillion**

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US Stocks

Q2 2026 Performance Highlights

- The US equity market posted positive returns for the quarter and outperformed Canadian and international developed markets, but underperformed emerging markets.
- Value underperformed growth.
- Small caps outperformed large caps.
- Returns in \$CAD

23.42%

Small Cap

18.95%

Growth

16.96%

Large Cap

15.77%

Value

US = 63% World Market Capitalization or **\$102.6 trillion**

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International Developed Stocks

Q2 2026 Performance Highlights

- The international developed equity market posted positive returns for the quarter and outperformed the Canadian market, but underperformed US and emerging markets.
- Value underperformed growth.
- Small caps underperformed large caps.
- Returns in \$CAD

10.83%

Small Cap

16.43%

Growth

12.66%

Large Cap

9.27%

Value

International Developed = 22% World Market Capitalization or **\$35.6 trillion**

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Emerging Markets Stocks

Q2 2026 Performance Highlights

- The emerging equity market posted positive returns for the quarter and outperformed Canadian, US, and international developed markets.
- Value underperformed growth
- Small caps underperformed large caps.

15.62%

Small Cap

28.55%

Growth

26.11%

Large Cap

23.69%

Value

Growth and large cap stocks led emerging market returns in Q2 2026, as the asset class outperformed developed markets amid resilient global demand and stable commodity markets.

Emerging Markets = 12% World Market Capitalization or **\$19.9 trillion**

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Fixed Income

Yield Curve Dynamics

Interest rates decreased in the Canadian government bond market during the quarter. The Canadian government yield curve was generally upwardly sloped throughout the quarter.

Term Premiums

Realized term premiums were positive for bonds denominated in the Canadian dollar during the quarter, as longer-term bonds outperformed their shorter-term counterparts.

Credit Premiums

Realized credit premiums for bonds denominated in the Canadian dollar were positive during the quarter, as corporate bonds generally outperformed their government counterparts.

Asset Class	QTR	1 Year	3 Year
Bloomberg Global Aggregate Bond Index (hedged to CAD)	0.91%	1.41%	3.13%
FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index	2.01%	3.46%	4.42%

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Still on Track for a Good Year

“I’ve said many times in this space that the secret to weathering market volatility is leaving your account statements unopened more often. The S&P 500 Index dropped 2.63% on June 5, placing it among the worst of the index’s daily returns over the past 30 years. But zooming out, a cumulative return of 8.4% is a good start to the year, considering the longer-term annualized return has been 10.6%.”

–Wes Crill, PhD, Senior Client Solutions Director and Vice President, Dimensional Fund Advisors

Most of us would have gladly signed up in advance for that type of performance over the first half of 2026, especially given the backdrop of an ongoing war. The ride has been bumpy, but that’s what distracts from the long-term view, and tolerating the bumps is part of what earns you the equity premium. For long-term investors, maintaining discipline is typically more effective than reacting to short-term events.

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