

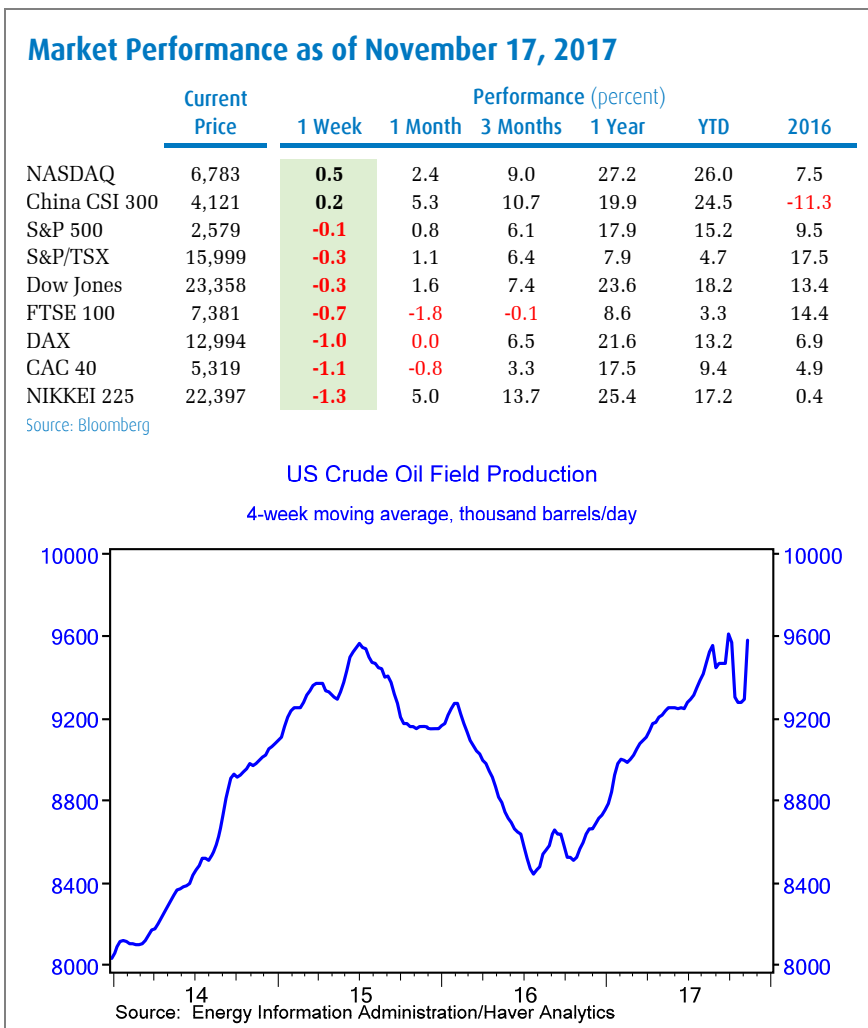
## Keep On Trucking

Equity markets had plenty to chew on this week in the way of economic data, continued political wrangling and several big corporate headlines. The S&P 500 edged lower on the week while the consumer discretionary sector outperformed. The telecom sector was also respectable but remains the biggest laggard of 2017 (-17.8% year-to-date). Meantime, energy suffered the biggest losses, while industrials also underperformed amid General Electric's struggles—which included a slashed dividend, lower 2018 guidance and a credit rating downgrade from Moody's. But it wasn't all bad on the corporate front, as Walmart beat earnings estimates and raised full-year guidance, while Tesla wowed investors and transport enthusiasts alike with the introduction of its much-anticipated electric semi truck and slipped in a surprise refresh of its sporty Roadster model for good measure.

Shifting gears north of the border, the TSX slipped 0.3%, as decent gains in gold and financials were more than offset by weakness in health care and energy.

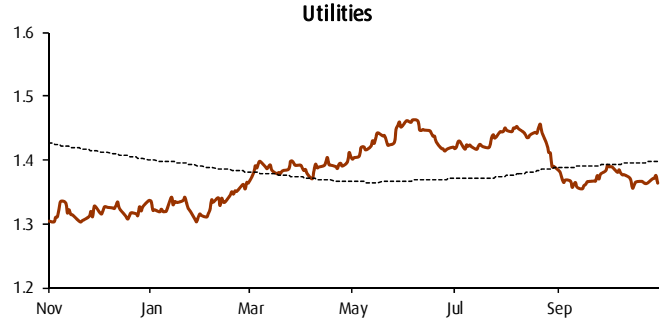
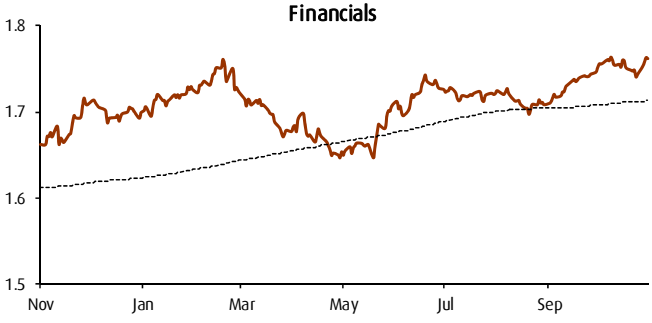
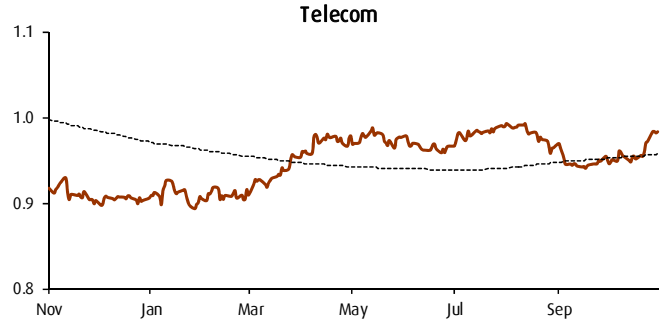
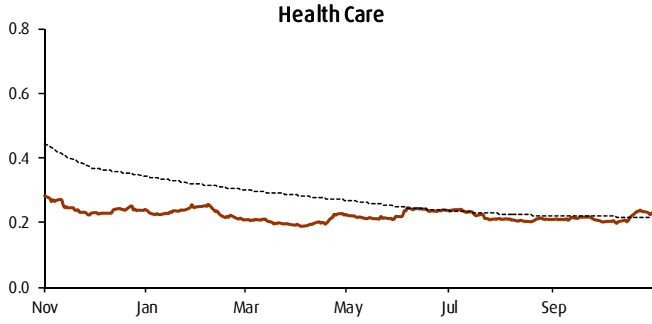
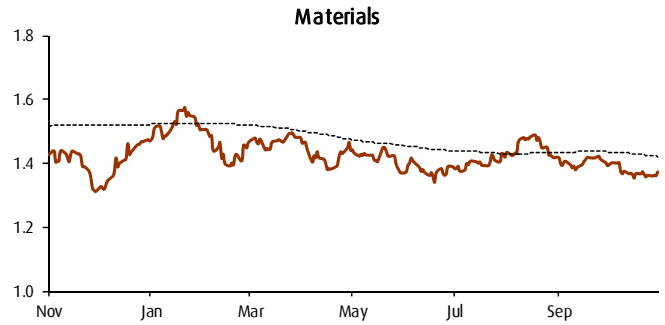
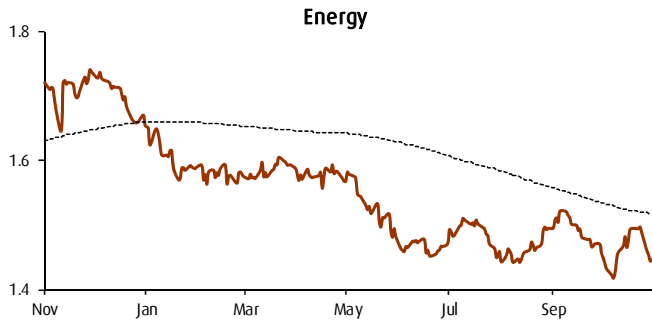
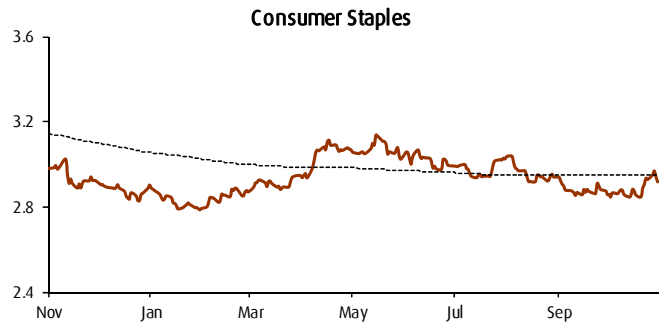
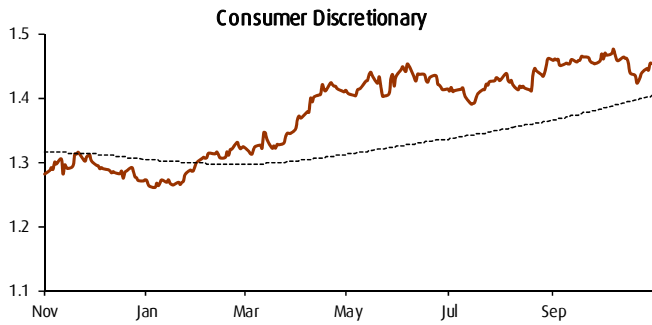
**Political uncertainty...** Politics continue to cloud the outlook for North American equities. Indeed, the U.S. House tax reform bill was passed on Thursday. Nevertheless, with the debate now shifting to the Senate, the outlook remains uncertain given the Republican's slim majority and the sudden inclusion of a repeal of Obamacare's individual mandate. Meantime, NAFTA negotiations entered their 5th round this week while Canada looked to play a little hardball over the softwood dispute, challenging recently announced U.S. import duties by requesting a NAFTA dispute resolution panel.

**Crude's volatile week...** Prior to its Friday rally, crude oil was having a pretty tough week as U.S.

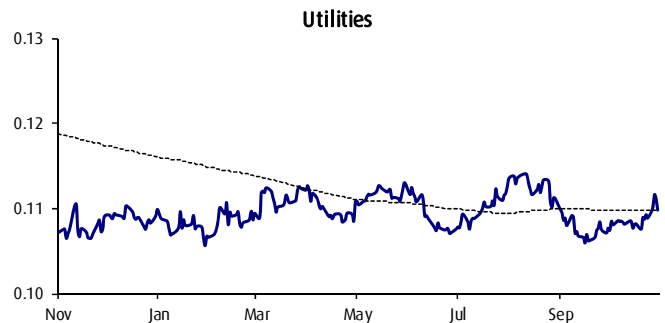
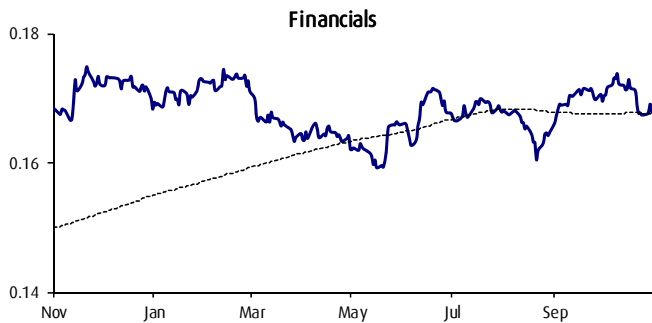
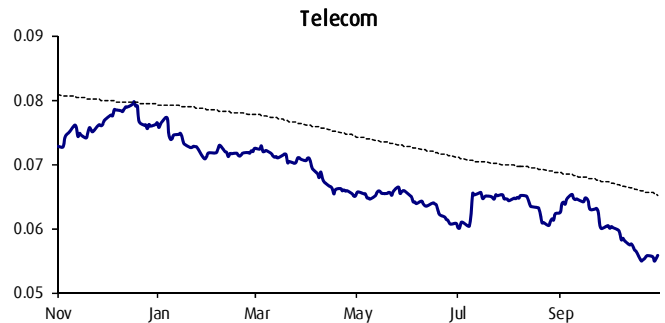
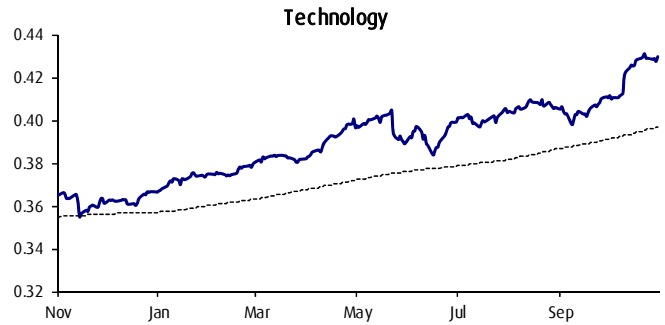
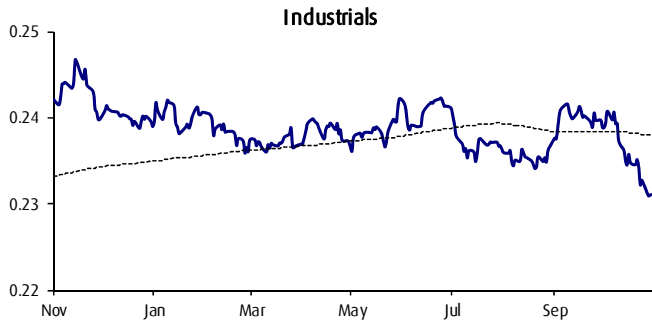
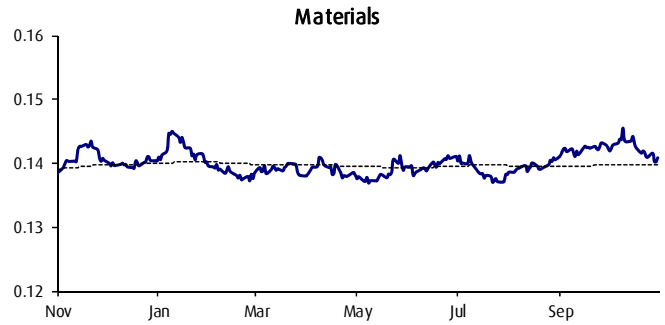
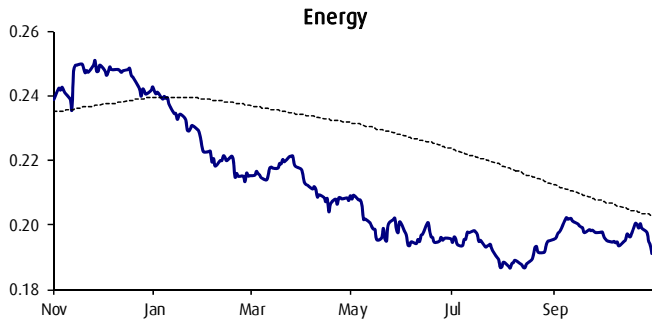
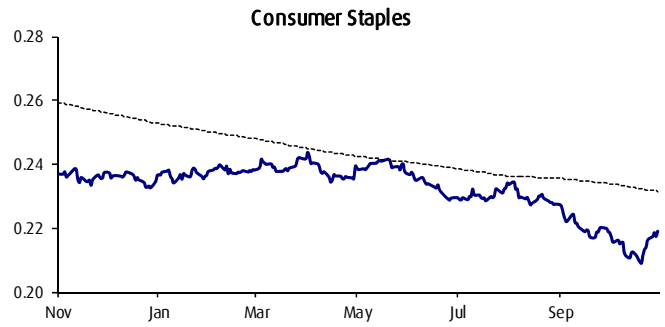
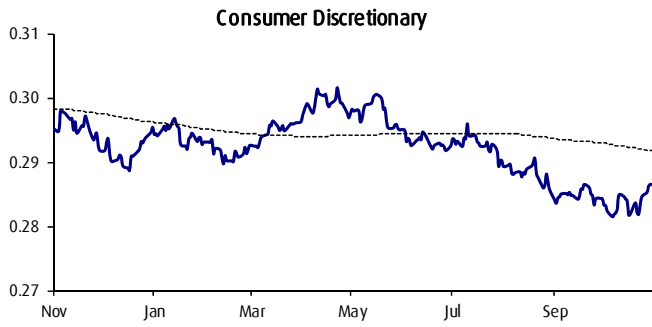


production steadied and U.S. inventories unexpectedly rose. Adding to the downward pressure on the energy sector, there was some apparent hesitation by Russia to extend OPEC-led production cuts, while Norway's central bank proposed divesting Norway's massive sovereign wealth fund of its oil and gas holdings (which account for about 6% of the over US\$1 trillion fund).

**TSX Sector Performance** (Relative to the index, dashed line = 200-day m.a.)



**S&P 500 Sector Performance** (Relative to the index, dashed line = 200-day m.a.)



## North American Sector Performances as of November 17, 2017

S&P 500 Sectors	1 Week	1 Month	3 Months	1 Year	YTD	2016
Cons Discretionary	1.3	2.3	5.6	15.2	14.9	4.3
Cons Staples	1.0	0.7	-0.9	8.7	6.1	2.6
Telecom Services	0.8	-6.1	-7.4	-8.1	-17.8	17.8
Banks	0.7	0.4	7.3	19.3	10.3	21.4
Financials	0.3	-0.1	6.3	18.0	12.1	20.1
Utilities	0.2	2.3	3.0	20.2	14.2	12.2
Materials	0.2	0.1	8.5	20.3	16.8	14.1
Health Care	0.0	-2.4	3.8	15.5	17.8	-4.4
Information Technology	-0.4	5.0	12.5	38.3	36.6	12.0
Industrials	-1.1	-2.7	3.5	12.6	10.5	16.1
Energy	-3.4	-1.9	9.2	-4.3	-10.5	23.7
S&P 600 Small Cap	1.3	0.0	10.4	13.2	8.0	24.7
S&P 400 Mid Cap	0.8	1.3	8.5	14.7	10.8	18.7
S&P 100 Large Cap	-0.4	0.4	5.5	17.6	14.5	8.8
<b>S&amp;P 500</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>17.9</b>	<b>15.2</b>	<b>9.5</b>

### TSX Sectors

Banks	1.3	2.7	10.8	16.4	9.8	24.8
Gold	1.3	-2.4	-3.3	-1.8	-2.0	46.8
Cons Discretionary	1.3	0.9	8.2	21.4	18.4	8.2
Information Technology	1.1	1.4	7.2	14.2	14.7	4.4
Telecom Services	1.1	4.2	5.8	13.5	13.4	9.9
Financials	1.0	2.1	9.1	14.4	9.0	19.3
Materials	0.7	-1.1	2.1	3.2	3.3	39.0
Utilities	-0.1	-0.2	0.5	11.4	7.0	12.7
Industrials	-0.5	1.3	6.2	16.8	14.7	20.7
Cons Staples	-0.6	2.9	2.7	4.5	5.4	6.1
Energy	-3.6	-0.5	6.0	-7.6	-11.7	31.2
Health Care	-3.7	13.2	15.6	-13.4	0.8	-78.6
REITs	0.0	2.2	3.7	9.3	3.6	11.0
Income Trusts	-0.3	1.2	2.4	8.6	3.7	8.9
S&P/TSX 60 Large Cap	-0.1	1.5	7.0	8.2	5.3	17.7
S&P/TSX Mid Cap	-0.6	0.1	4.8	7.0	2.7	17.1
S&P/TSX Small Cap	-0.8	0.3	5.3	3.5	-3.1	35.2
<b>TSX</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>17.5</b>

Source: Bloomberg

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