

Hassan Fox Wealth Management
Market Commentary

Portfolio Strategy

As expected, the Bank of Canada (“BoC”) cut interest rates again in late July which means Canada remains one of the leaders in easing monetary policy among developed countries (along with Switzerland). More importantly, the bank is leading the U.S. in cutting rates which has positive implications for the S&P/TSX given approximately 40% of the market is interest rate sensitive (Banks, Telecoms, Pipelines, Utilities, and REITs). While the Canadian market has lagged the S&P 500 in recent months, due to our lack of Tech behemoths, more broadly speaking, Canadian stocks could benefit from a lower rate environment.

The U.S. Presidential Election is also becoming top of mind for investors as it is now under 100 days away. It is important to note that where we are in the economic and interest rate cycle matters far more to investment returns than politics. However, tax code changes, tariffs and subsidies can all impact industries to varying degrees. While Trump remains a strong candidate, recent momentum has favoured presumptive Democrat nominee Kamala Harris. Trump is a known quantity (and a very polarizing one at that) so there is a natural ceiling to his support while on the other hand, Harris’ prosecutorial background and coherence on issues may lead her to impress some undecided voters over the coming months. In other words, “optionality” may be on her side, so a Trump coronation is now far from a foregone conclusion.

We made no changes in the equity portion of our portfolios in July but did initiate a change in the fixed income portion. As anticipated when initially purchased, one of our preferred shares was called in (TD 5.1% non-cumulative). We took advantage of this opportunity by using the proceeds to

add to an existing RBC bond position. We otherwise kept our asset allocation unchanged.

Reasons to consider a Corporate Executor

Choosing an executor is an important decision within the creation of a Will. The Executor's actions are subject to scrutiny not only by beneficiaries, but also by tax authorities, creditors and potentially the courts.

The demands of being an Executor, along with the potential for personal liability, can be overwhelming. Depending on your circumstances and the complexity of your estate, you may want to use the services of a Corporate Executor. The attached document outlines a number of reasons someone might want to consider using a Corporate Executor rather than naming an individual.

[Read About Reasons To Consider a Corporate Executor](#)

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