

## Canadian Market Summary

- Real gross domestic product increased 1.5% in the first quarter of 2010 after growing 1.2% in Q4 2009. Overall the Canadian real GDP grew by a healthy 6.1% (annualized) in Q1 2010, slightly above market expectations of 5.8%.  
Full story at: <http://www.statcan.gc.ca/daily-quotidien/100531/dq100531a-eng.htm>
- Consumers increased their spending on goods and services by 1.1% in Q1 2010, following a 1.0% gain in Q4 2009. This is trend is in accordance with an increase in personal disposable income of 0.6% and a 2.7% increase in wages and salaries in the goods-producing industries and 0.7% in the service-producing industries. Full story at: <http://www.statcan.gc.ca/daily-quotidien/100531/dq100531a-eng.htm>
- The value of building permits rose 5.4% to \$6.7 billion in April following a 12.3% advance in March. In comparison to April 2009 levels, the year over year increase represents 48.2% more building permits issued. This gain was due to non-residential sector.  
Full story at: <http://www.statcan.gc.ca/daily-quotidien/100604/dq100604b-eng.htm>
- For the fifth consecutive month, employment rose by 25,000 in May. The unemployment rate remains unchanged at 8.1%.  
Full story at: <http://www.statcan.gc.ca/daily-quotidien/100604/dq100604a-eng.htm>
- Bank of Canada raises interest rates by 25 basis points to ½ per cent after the economy grew by a robust 6.1% in Q1 2010. The BoC was the first to hike its rate among G7 countries and is an increase in line with its inflation target of 2%.  
Full story at: [http://www.bankofcanada.ca/en/fixe-dates/2010/rate\\_010610.html](http://www.bankofcanada.ca/en/fixe-dates/2010/rate_010610.html)

## Other Real Estate News

## •Luxury Storefronts at Rock-Bottom Prices

(Globe and Mail)

Relative to global luxury retail, Canadian high fashion streets offer bargain basement prices.

Story continues at: <http://www.theglobeandmail.com/report-on-business/luxury-storefronts-at-rock-bottom-prices/article1594735/?cmpid=rss1>

## •Kohl's Exploring Expansion in Canada

(Globe and Mail)

US based, mid-priced department store, Kohl's is exploring the Canadian landscape as a potential new market to expand its business.

Story continues at: <http://www.theglobeandmail.com/globe-investor/kohls-casts-its-eyes-northward/article1582198/>

## •Calgary's Callebaut Plans to Open Corporate Stores in Vancouver, Toronto, Montreal, Halifax

(Montreal Gazette)

High profile, Calgary based chocolatier Bernard Callebaut is in the process of raising capital to expand brand in four Canadian provinces.

Story continues at: <http://www.montrealgazette.com/life/Chocolate+specialist+targets+sweet+spot+with+expansion/3095541/story.html>

## •Italian, Eataly a Business Fit for Toronto?

(Toronto Star)

If Oscar Farinetti, the Italian who created a grocery store, Eataly, known as a food and wine centre, finds a local partner, Toronto may get its own Italian emporium..

Story continues at: <http://www.thestar.com/living/food/article/811224--bain-is-toronto-ready-for-the-eataly-phenomenon>

## •UFC to Open Canadian Office in Toronto

(Toronto Star)

As Toronto becomes an increasingly important market to the Ultimate Fighting Championship, the company has decided to set up shop in the city.

Story continues at: <http://www.theglobeandmail.com/sports/more/sports/wright-man-for-ufcjob/article1580639/>

## Index Snapshot

## Economic Indices

GDP (Trillion)	\$1.315	June 2010	↑
Total CPI	116.0	April 2010	↑
Inflation	1.8%	June 2010	↑
Unemployment Rate	8.1%	May 2010	↔
Participation Rate	67.3%	May 2010	↑
Good Producing Sector	339,568	June 2010	↑
Service Producing Sector	888,559	June 2010	↑
PMI	59.7%	May 2010	↓
Retail Sales (Billion)	\$37.0	Mar 2010	↑

## Real Estate Indices

S&P/TSX Capped Real Estate Index	167.43	06/14/10	↑
S&P/TSX Capped REIT Index	118.40	06/14/10	↑
NHPI (1997=100)	157.5	Apr 2010	↑
House Only	167.5	Apr 2010	↑
Land Only	137.4	Apr 2010	↑
Investment Non-Res Construction	\$10.3b	Q1 2010	↓
Building Permits: Non-Res	\$2.8b	April 2010	↑

Source: Bloomberg, Statistics Canada, Bank of Canada, erate, ISM, Dow Jones

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