

# **AM Best's Canadian Market Outlooks**

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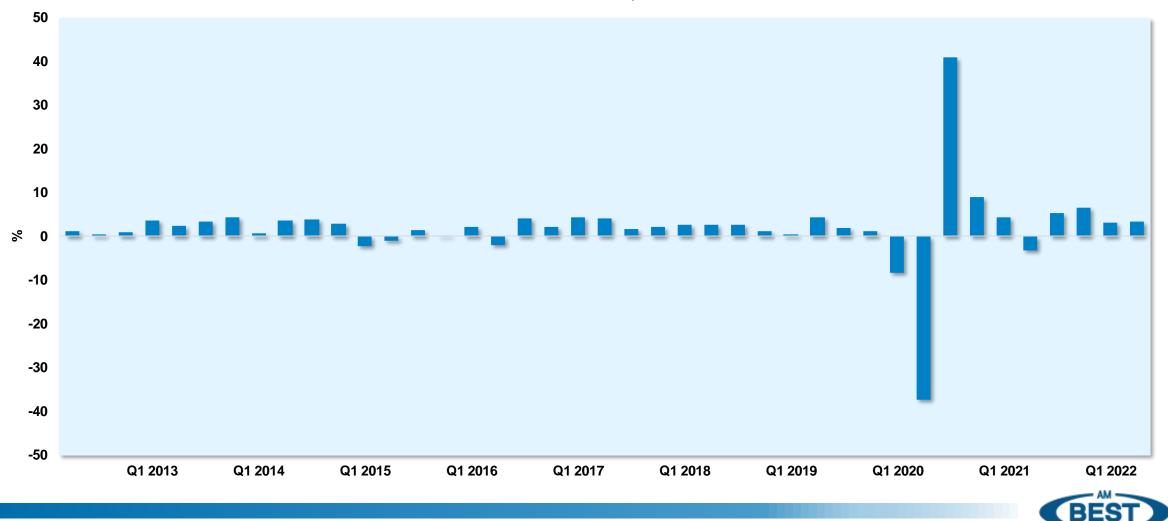
#### Canada Economic Outlook

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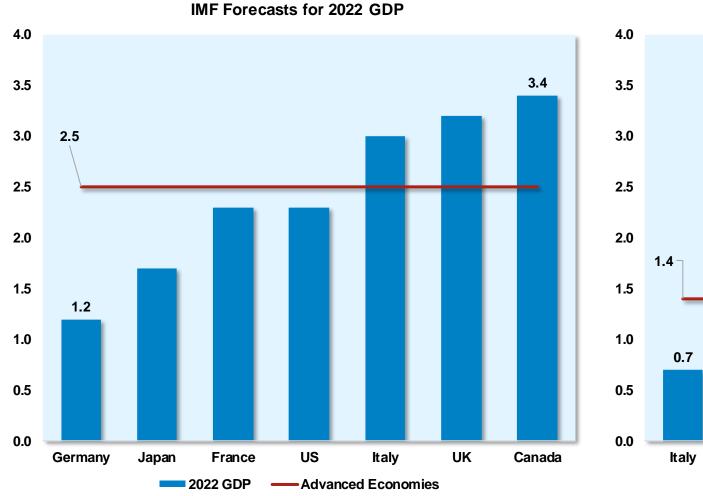


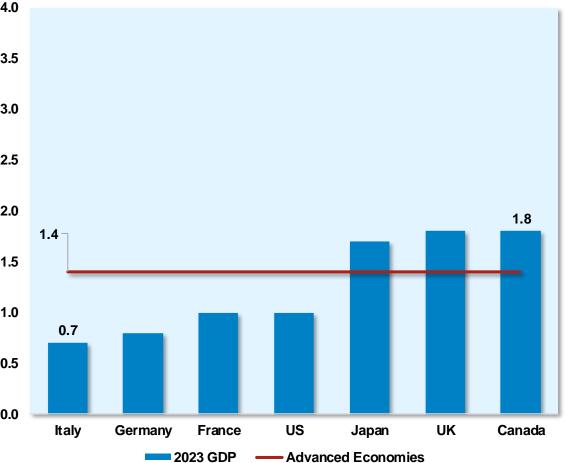
## **Canada's Economy Continues Its Positive Growth**

**Gross Domestic Product, Annualized** 



#### Canada's GDP to Outpace Other Advanced Economies in 2022 and 2023



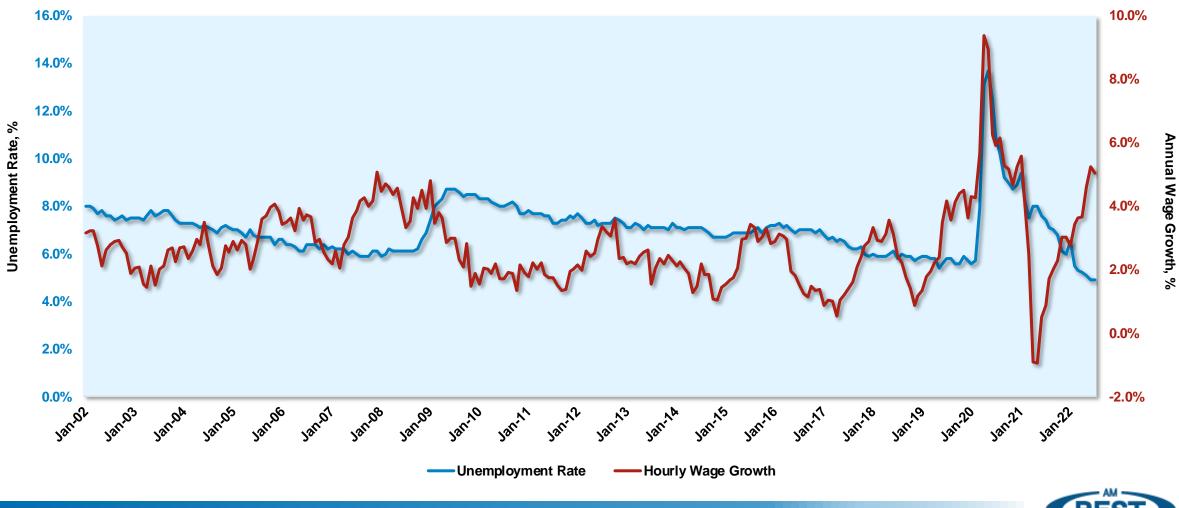


IMF Forecasts for 2023 GDP

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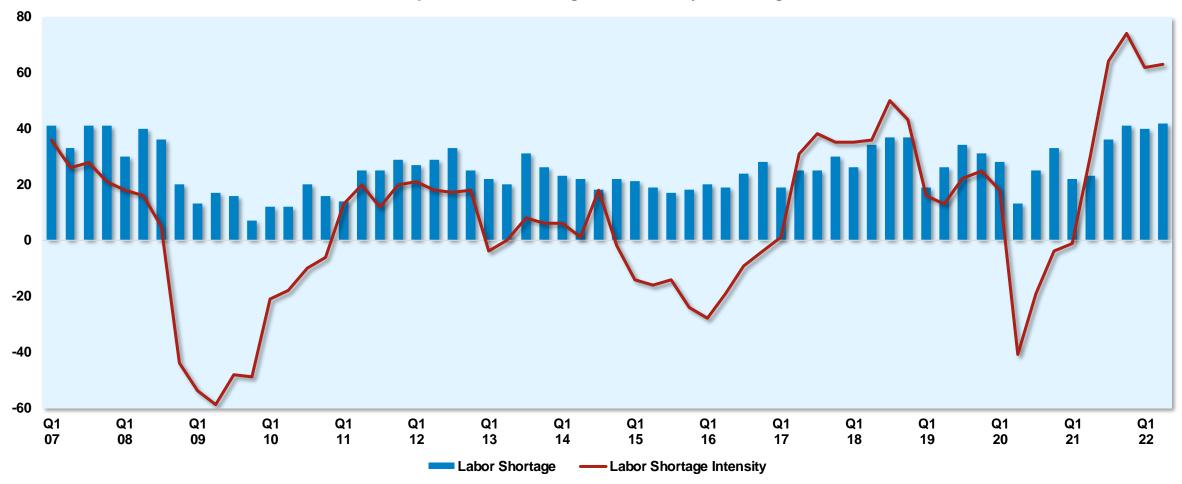
### Labor Shortages Leading to Higher Wages





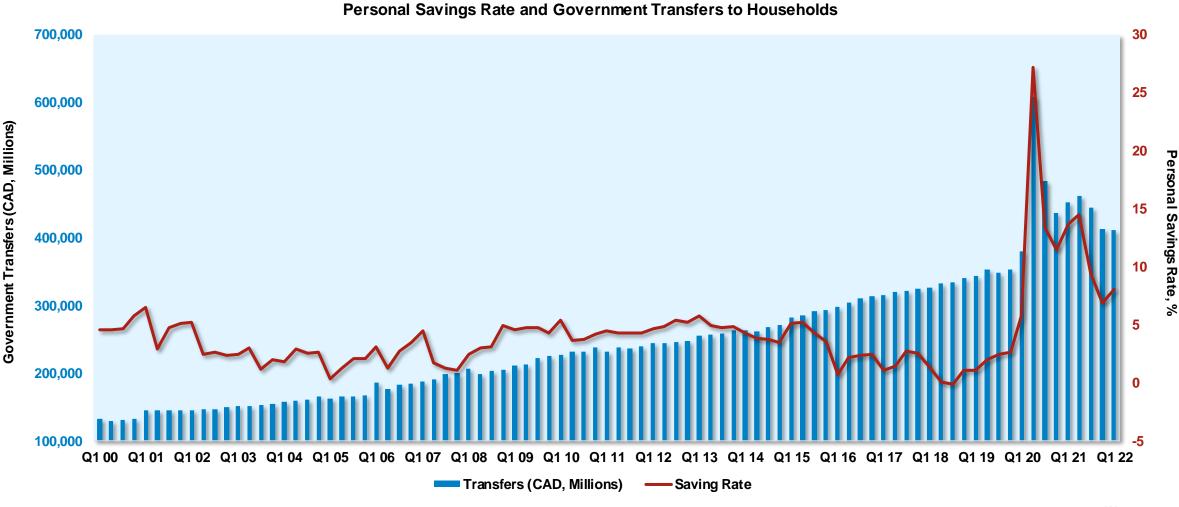
### **Widespread Labor Shortages Reported**

**Reported Labor Shortages and Intensity of Shortage** 

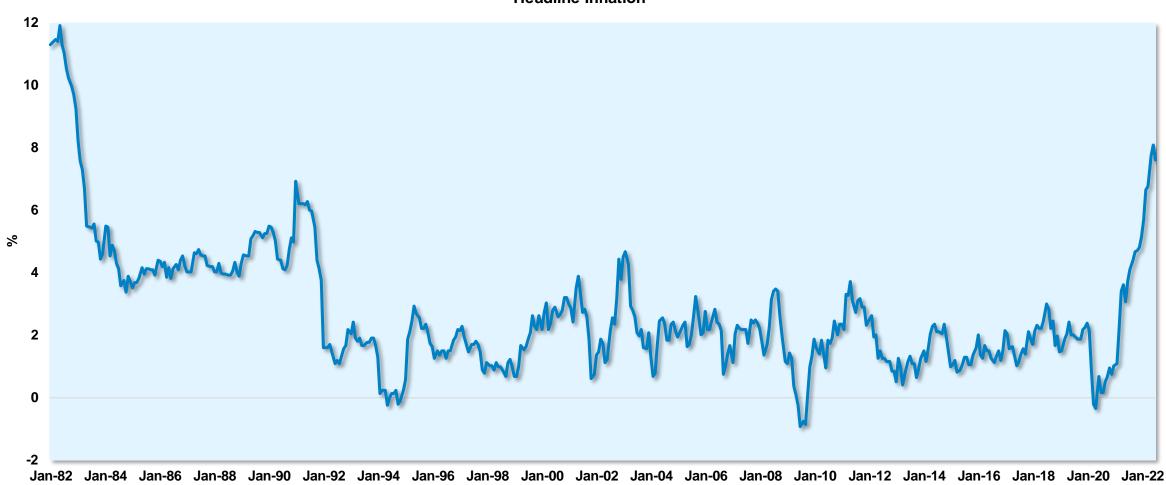




# Savings Rate Should Support Spending over the Short-term



### **Inflation at Highest Level in Four Decades**

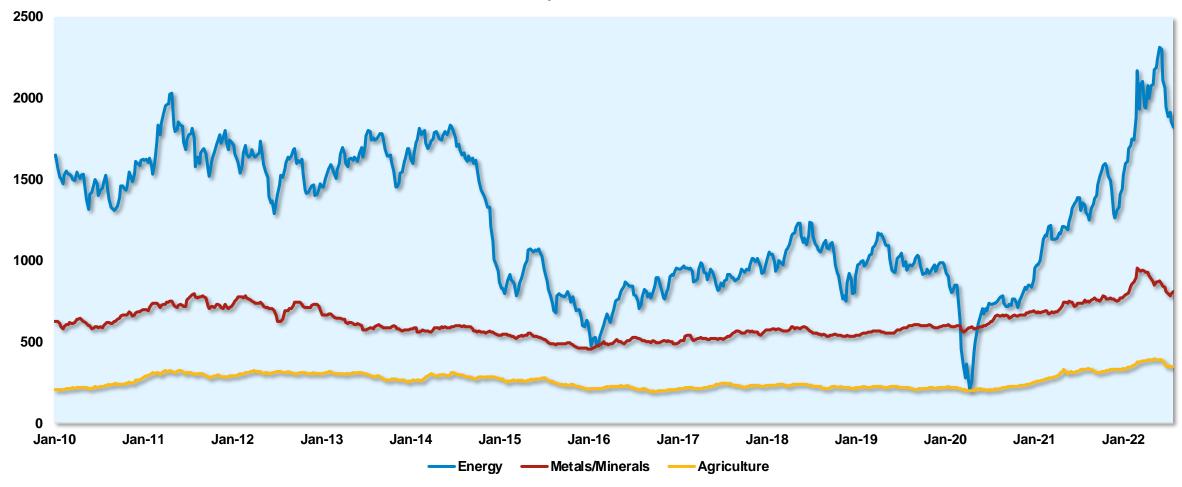


Headline Inflation



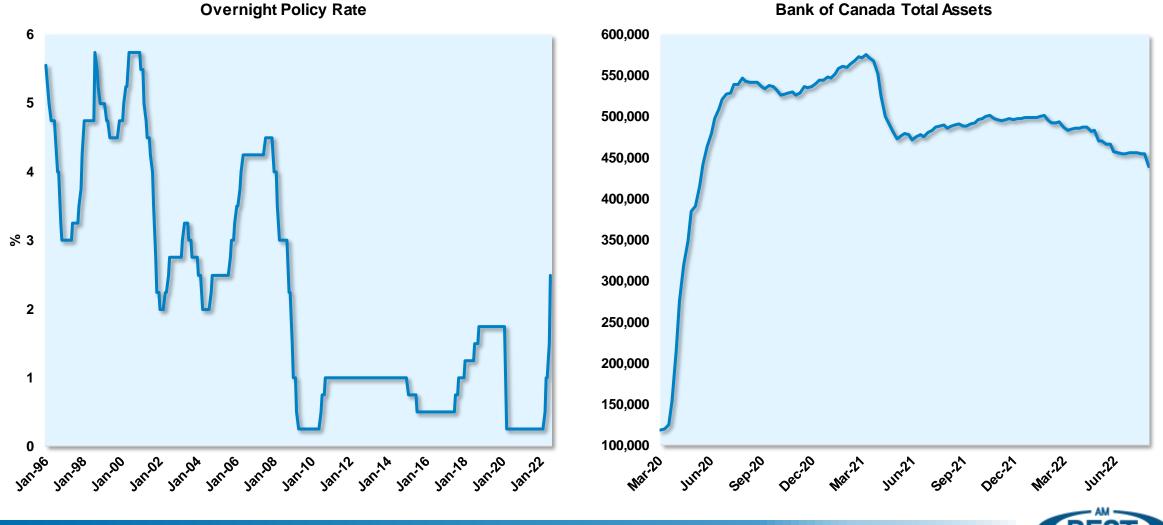
### **Energy Soars, But Comes Down From Recent High**

**Commodity Price Index - Canada** 





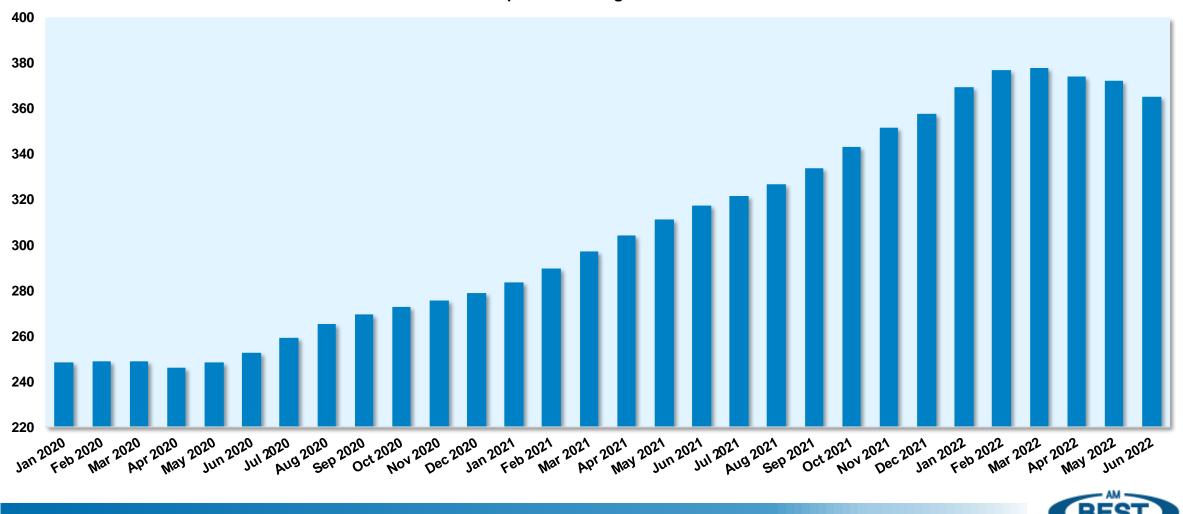
# **Financial Conditions are Tightening**



Bank of Canada Total Assets

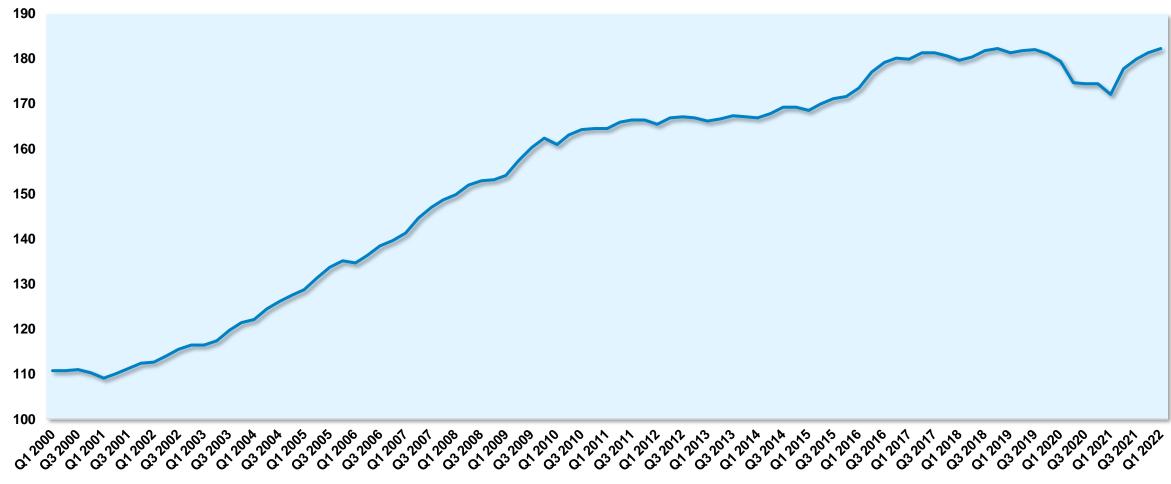
### Higher Mortgage Rates Cause Prices to Fall from Peak

**Composite Housing Price Index** 



#### Household Debt at Record Level

Debt to Disposable Income





#### Canada Life/Health Outlook

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#### **Rating Outlook Remains at Stable**

Outlook is stable, but remains cautious due to global conditions

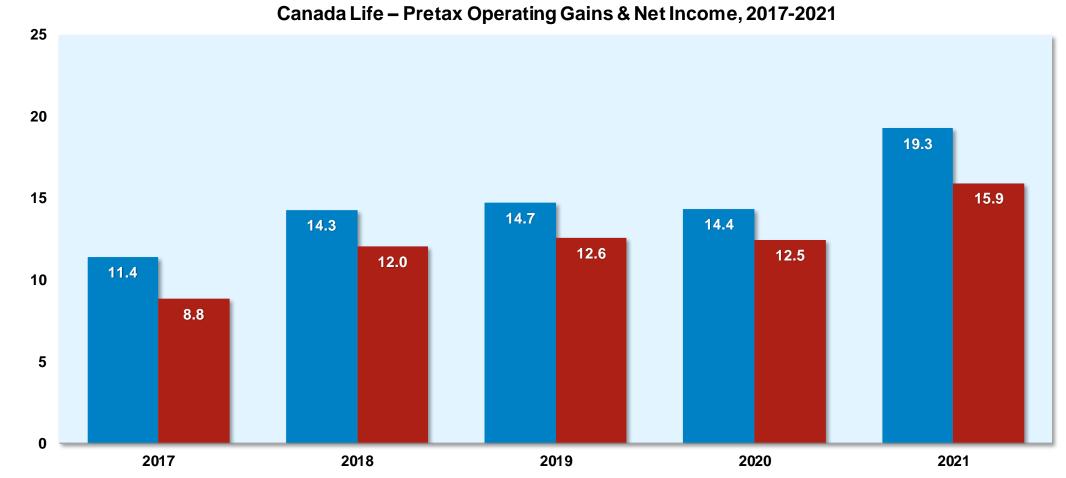
Rating outlook reflects stable capital profile of industry

Generation of favorable earnings and underwriting results despite pandemic

Does not preclude positive or negative rating actions

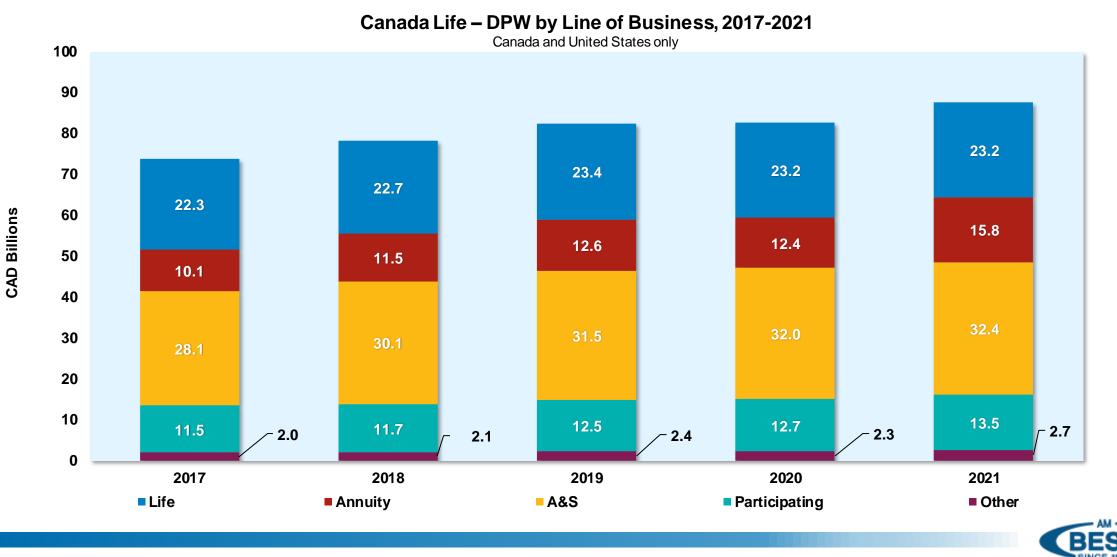


#### **Pretax Operating Gains and Net Income**

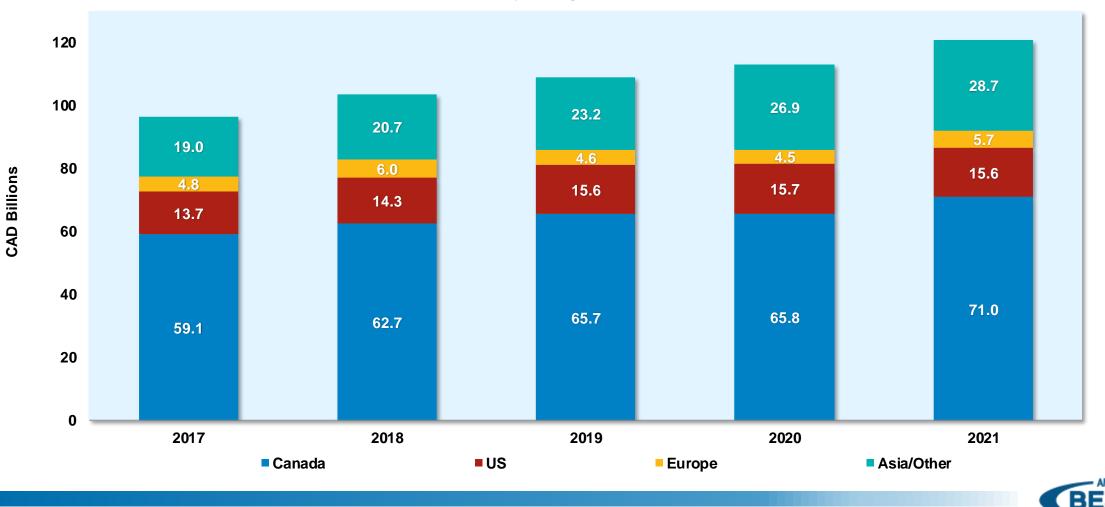


**CAD** Billions

### **Direct Premiums Written**

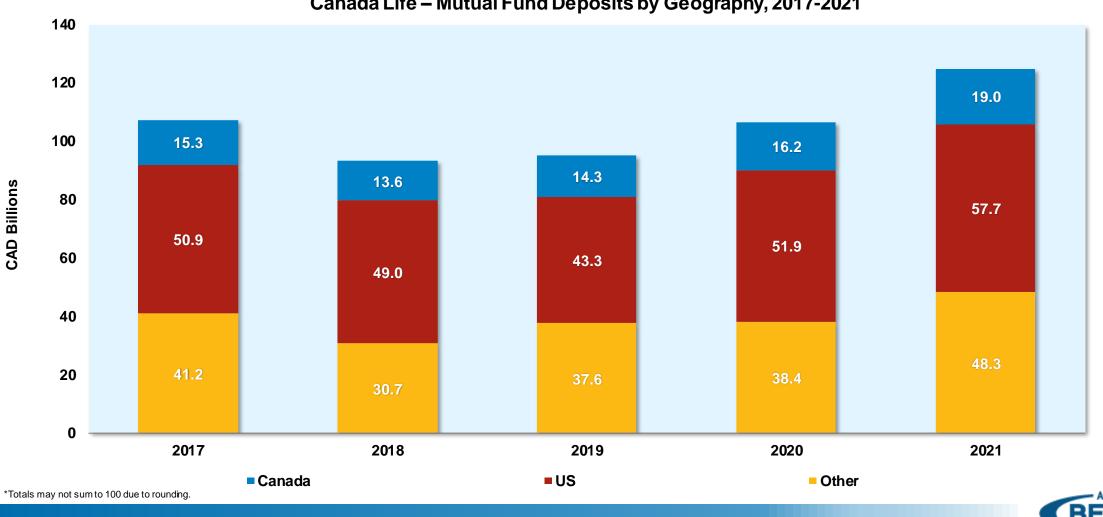


### **DPW by Geographic Distribution**



Canada Life – DPW by Geographic Distribution, 2017-2021

#### **Mutual Fund Deposits**



#### Canada Life – Mutual Fund Deposits by Geography, 2017-2021

Canada Life – Bond Portfolio Distribution, 2017-2021 (%)						
Portfolio Components	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	
Government	36.0	34.3	34.0	33.5	32.3	
Municipal, Public Authority, Schools	6.1	6.1	6.0	5.9	5.7	
Corporate - Public	42.4	43.2	43.5	43.9	44.3	
Corporate - Private	15.5	16.4	16.5	16.7	17.7	
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	



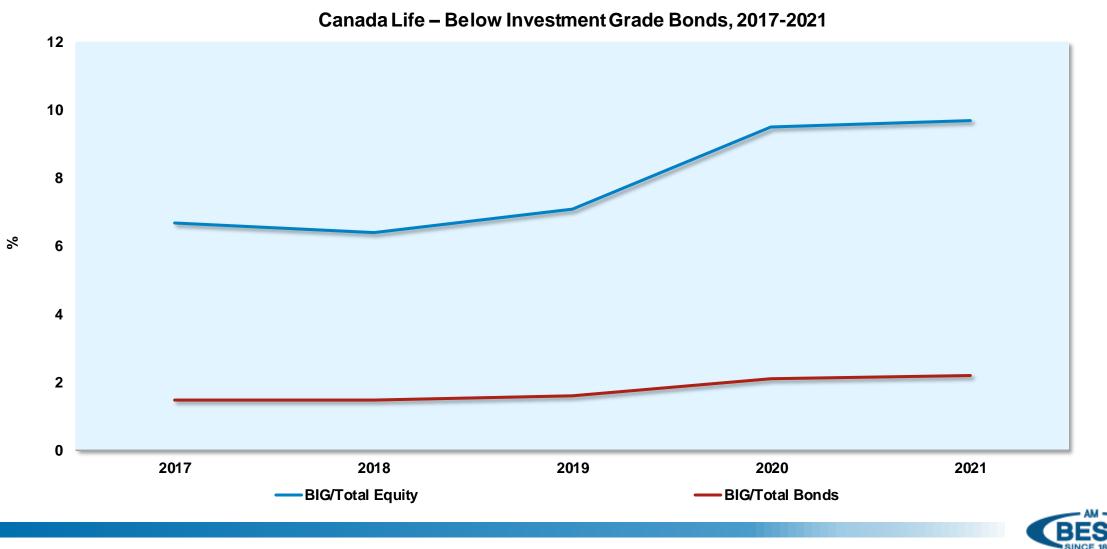
#### **Investment Allocation**

Canada Life –	Corporate Inve %	estments, 20	017-2021		
Sector/Country	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Energy	10.7	10.5	11.0	10.5	9.7
Basic Materials	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.2
Industrial	10.4	10.8	11.1	11.6	12.1
Consumer Cyclical	4.9	4.7	4.3	4.2	4.1
Consumer Non-Cyclical	8.1	8.4	8.6	8.9	9.3
Diversified/Healthcare	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.3	2.3
Financial	21.7	22.0	21.3	21.4	22.0
Technology	1.9	1.8	1.9	1.9	2.2
Communications	3.7	4.2	4.3	4.6	4.6
Utilities	25.6	24.4	24.2	24.0	23.6
Other	8.7	8.8	8.7	8.3	7.9
Total All Sectors	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Canada	36.3	36.2	34.4	34.3	32.5
United States	41.9	41.6	41.3	41.6	45.1
Other	21.8	22.2	24.3	24.1	22.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

\*Totals may not sum to 100 due to rounding



#### **Below Investment Grade Bonds**



#### **Forward Looking Thoughts and Concerns**

Inflation is a concern as it relates to potential weakening of economic strength

Longer term impacts of COVID-19 are subsiding

**IFRS 17 and Best's Capital Adequacy Model** 

**Global economic factors impact on credit fundamentals** 



# Canada Property/Casualty Outlook Gordon McLean – Senior Financial Analyst



#### Agenda





# **2021 Year in Review**



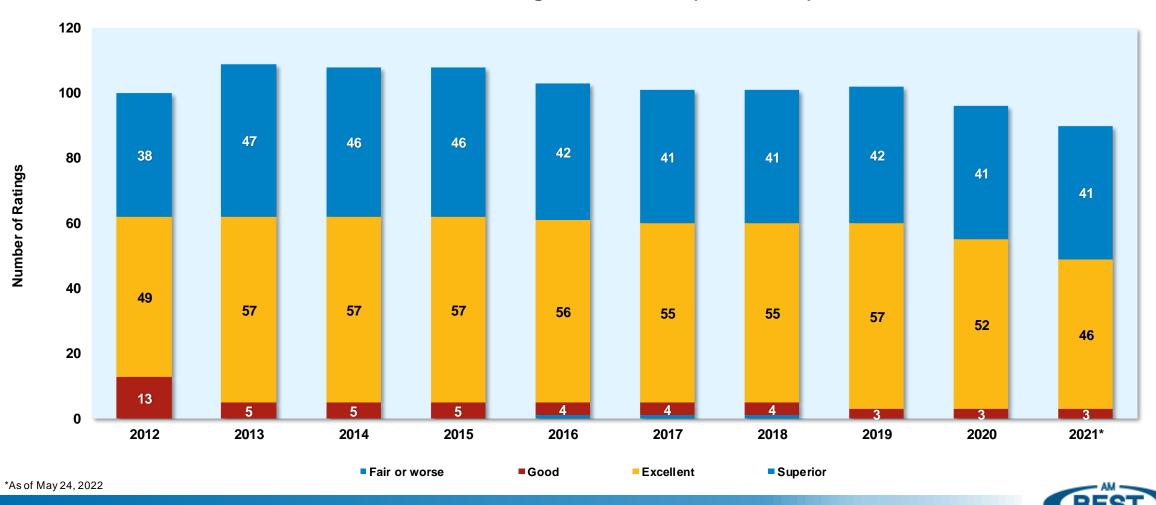
## **Top 10 Property/Casualty Writers**

Canadian P/C Market Share – Top 10 at Year End 2021						
Rank	Group/Company	DPW (C\$B)	%			
1	Intact Group	13.7	17.2%			
2	Desjardin Group	6.1	7.6%			
3	Aviva Canada Group	5.9	7.5%			
4	TD Insurance Group5.46.8%					
5	Lloyd's Underwriters CAB	4.9	6.2%			
6	Co-operators Group	4.9	6.1%			
7	Wawanesa Mutual Insurance Company	3.9	5.0%			
8	Definity	3.6	4.5%			
9	AllState	3.1	3.9%			
10	Northbridge Group	2.9	3.7%			
	Total Market P/C Premium \$79.4 (C\$B)      54.4      71.9%					



Source: AM Best data and research

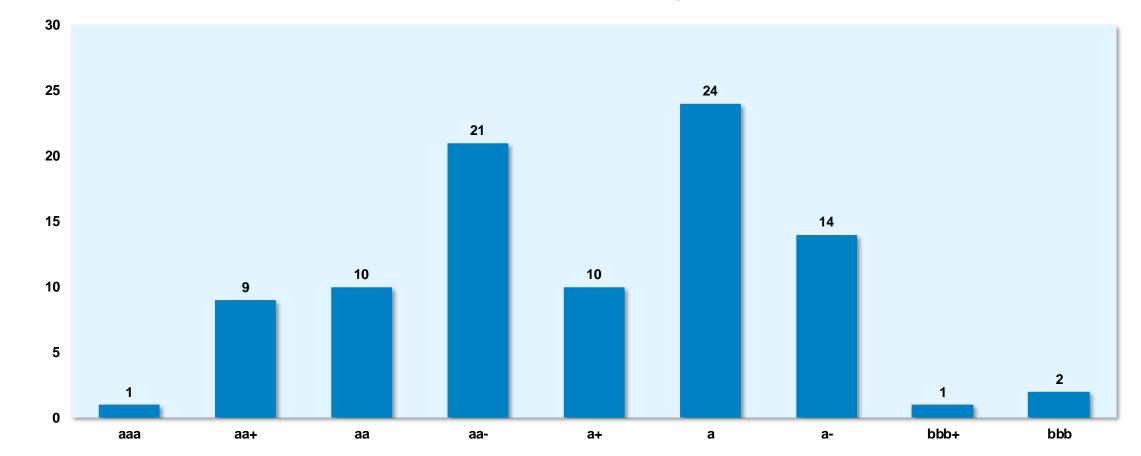
### **Distribution of Ratings**



#### Interactive Ratings Distribution (2012-2021\*)

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2021 Issuer Credit Ratings\*



#### \*As of May 24, 2022

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# **Property Casualty Performance**

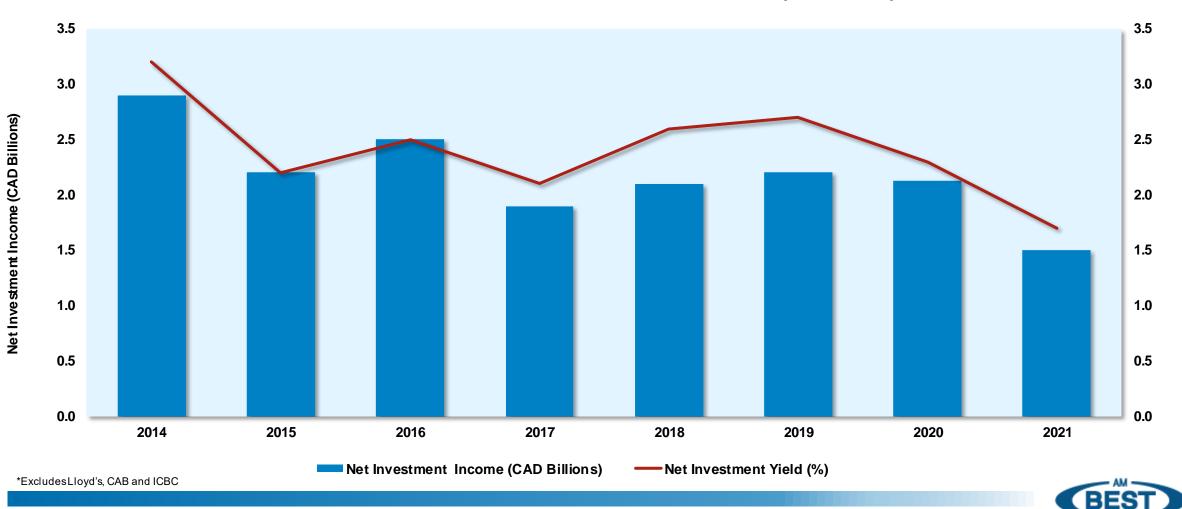
#### Net Income (2017-Q1 2022)\* (CAD Billions)

	Net Underwriting Income	Net Investment Income	All Other Income / (Expense)	Income Tax	Net Income / (Loss)
2017	0.7	1.9	0.7	0.6	2.7
2018	-0.4	2.1	-0.1	0.3	1.4
2019	0.2	2.2	1.0	0.7	2.6
2020	1.9	2.1	1.8	1.2	4.7
2021	7.6	1.5	1.5	2.3	8.3
Q1 2021	1.8	0.4	0.3	0.6	1.9
Q1 2022	1.9	-0.1	-0.3	0.4	1.1

\*ExcludesLloyd's, CAB and ICBC

#### **Property Casualty – Investment Income**

Net Investment Income to Net Investment Yield (2014-2021)\*



Net Investment Yield (%)

### **Property Casualty – Invested Asset Composition**

#### Invested Assets (2014-2021)\*

Category	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Bonds & Debentures	67.6	68.0	57.2	54.5	53.4	52.4	52.2	48.0
Total Stocks	12.2	11.4	8.3	8.9	7.3	7.4	6.5	8.0
Mortgage Loans	1.0	1.0	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.7
Affiliated Invested Assets	3.6	3.5	3.7	4.5	5.4	5.7	5.5	5.8
Cash & Cash Equivalents	3.9	3.9	3.5	4.2	4.0	4.3	6.0	7.3
Other Loans & Invested Assets	11.7	12.1	26.5	27.2	29.2	29.3	29.1	30.3
Invested Assets	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0



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### **Combined Ratio Performance**

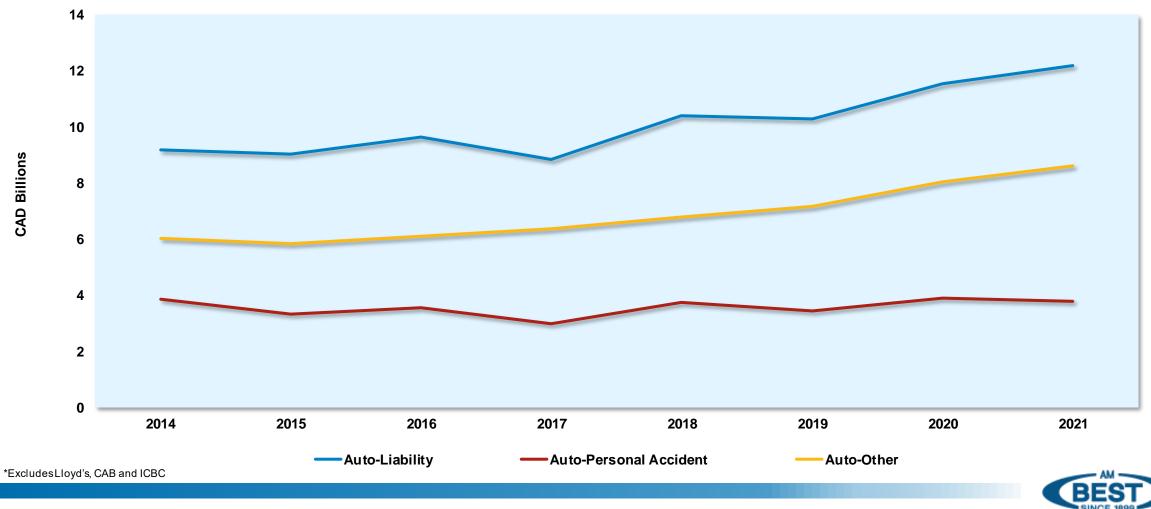
#### **Combined Ratio Components (2014-2021)**

	Net Premiums Written (CAD Billions)	Net Premiums Written Growth (%)	Loss & Loss Adjustment Expense Ratio	Underwriting Expense Ratio	Combined Ratio
2014	38.0	7.0	66.3	31.7	98.0
2015	39.3	3.5	63.2	32.2	95.4
2016	41.1	4.6	65.6	32.5	98.1
2017	40.7	-1.1	63.9	33.2	97.1
2018	43.8	12.8	69.6	31.9	101.4
2019	44.9	2.5	67.3	33.1	100.3
2020	51.1	13.0	64.9	31.9	96.8
2021	55.5	7.1	53.7	32.5	86.3

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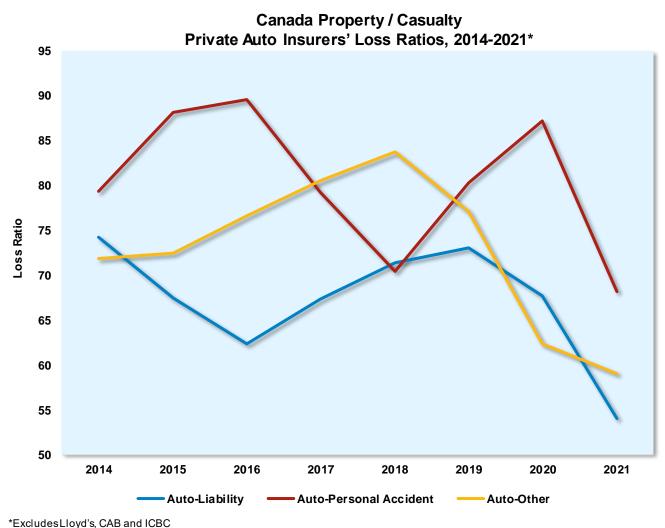
### **Property Casualty – Auto Premium Trend**

Private Auto Insurers' NPW, 2014-2021\*



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# **Property Casualty – Auto Performance**



#### **Observations**

- Auto lines improve given improved rate structure, combined with reduction in loss frequency.
- Results benefit from a decline in miles driven and a shift in schedule, somewhat offset by distracted driving.
- Severity continues to rise, impacted by inflation, supply chain imbalances, and complexity to repair vehicles.



Excludes Lloyd S, CAB and ICBC

# **Property Casualty – Property Results**

#### **Observations**

- Improved results benefit from firm market conditions, increased rates, and retention levels.
- Enhanced risk selection and pricing sophistication.
- Ongoing refinement in risk
  mitigation efforts.
- Growing risk of climate factors, supply chain imbalances and rising inflation remain a concern.

Personal and Commercial Property Net Loss Ratios (2014-2021\*) Commercial Personal



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# **Canadian PC Outlook**

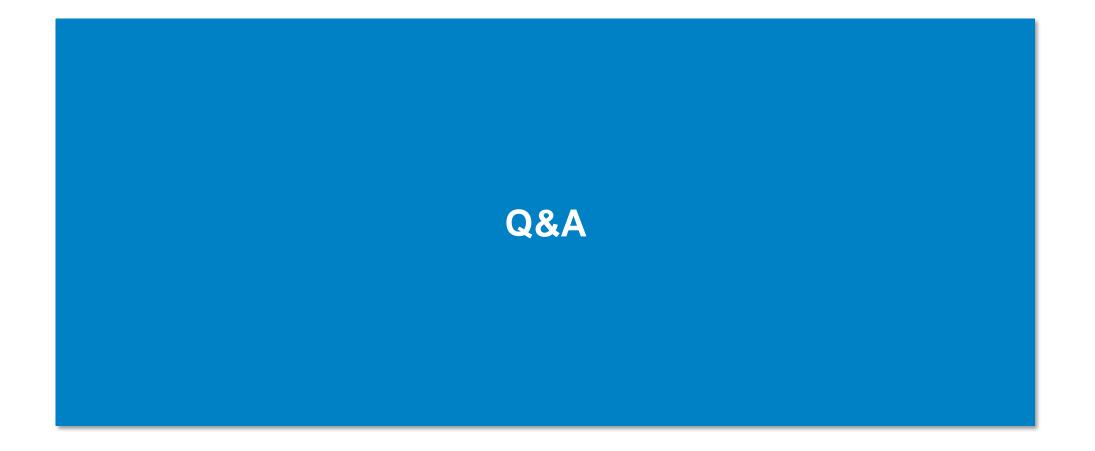


# **Segment Outlook – Canadian Property/Casualty**

Headwinds	Tailwinds
<b>Environmental sustainability</b>	Solid balance sheet positions
Equity market volatility	Significant increase in operating profitability
Inflation impacting loss cost trends and balance sheets	Ongoing refinement in underwriting and distribution
Weather related concerns	Top line premium growth-despite the impact of COVID-19
Supply chain imbalances arising from COVID-19	Sustained favorable reserve development
Broker consolidation	High quality investment holdings, comprehensive reinsurance programs

Solid capitalization has been achieved through sustained retained earnings, with improved underwriting performance driving a significant increase in pre-tax operating earnings despite the impact of both frequent and severe natural catastrophe losses. The improvement in results reflect the reduction in auto frequency as well as a decline in property loss ratios, both benefitting from the COVID-19 environment. Carriers continue to refine both underwriting and claims handling initiatives, while expanding distribution and employing innovative ideas to strengthen market position. AM Best maintains a stable outlook on the segment.







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