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| EQUITY INDICES               | LAST      | CHANGE  | %CHG   | 52 WK-HIGH | 52 WK-LOW | YTD    |
|------------------------------|-----------|---------|--------|------------|-----------|--------|
| DOW JONES INDUSTRIAL AVERAGE | 43,914.12 | -234.44 | -0.53% | 45,073.63  | 36,523.59 | 16.52% |
| S&P 500                      | 6,051.25  | -32.94  | -0.54% | 6,099.97   | 4,643.23  | 26.87% |
| NASDAQ COMPOSITE             | 19,902.84 | -132.05 | -0.66% | 20,055.93  | 14,477.57 | 32.59% |
| S&P/TSX COMPOSITE            | 25,410.71 | -246.99 | -0.96% | 25,843.20  | 20,125.08 | 21.24% |
| STOXX EUROPE 50              | 4,416.65  | -0.26   | -0.01% | 4,584.77   | 4,010.21  | 7.90%  |
| FTSE 100                     | 8,311.76  | 10.14   | 0.12%  | 8,474.41   | 7,404.08  | 7.48%  |
| DAX PERFORMANCE-INDEX TR     | 20,426.27 | 27.11   | 0.13%  | 20,461.85  | 16,345.02 | 21.94% |
| CAC40                        | 7,420.94  | -2.46   | -0.03% | 8,259.19   | 7,029.91  | -1.62% |
| NIKKEI 225 INDEX             | 39,849.14 | 476.91  | 1.21%  | 42,426.77  | 31,156.12 | 19.08% |
| HANG SENG INDEX              | 20,397.05 | 242.00  | 1.20%  | 23,241.74  | 14,794.16 | 19.65% |
| Shanghai SE Composite Index  | 3,461.50  | 29.01   | 0.85%  | 3,674.40   | 2,635.09  | 16.36% |

### The ECB cuts interest rates again

The Canadian stock market dropped today, dragged by commodity stocks, as investors grew nervous about the domestic economic growth amid looming tariff threats by Donald Trump. The Canadian dollar weakened to a 4-1/2-year low against its U.S. counterpart as the greenback notched broad-based gains and a recent widening in the gap between U.S. and Canadian bond yields weighed on the Loonie. Canada's 2-year yield has fallen this week as much as 126 basis points below its U.S. counterpart, the largest gap since November 1997. Data from the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission shows that speculators have raised their bearish bets on the Canadian dollar to historically large levels. Wall Street also edged lower as investors assessed key economic data ahead of the Federal Reserve's meeting next week. Initial claims for U.S. unemployment benefits unexpectedly increased 17,000 to a seasonally adjusted 242,000 for the week ended Dec. 7, raising concerns over labor-market resilience, while U.S. producer prices increased by the most in five months in November, but easing costs of services offered hope that the disinflationary trend remains in place despite stalled progress. The producer price index (PPI) for final demand jumped 0.4%, the largest gain since June, after an upwardly revised 0.3% increase in October. In the 12 months through November, the PPI shot up 3.0%. That was the biggest year-on-year increase since February 2023 and followed a 2.6% rise in October. Excluding the volatile food and energy components, goods prices rose 0.2%, advancing by the same margin for five straight months. Inflation could, however, rise next year should President-elect Donald Trump's incoming administration push ahead with tariff increases and mass deportations of undocumented immigrants. These reports, together with other data released previously cemented investor expectations that the U.S. central bank would deliver its third consecutive interest rate cut next week. Trader bets on a 25 basis-point rate cut next week stand at over 98%, but they also indicate expectations of no rate cut in January after several Fed officials last week urged caution over the pace of monetary policy easing as the economy remained resilient. Elsewhere, the European Central Bank cut interest rates for the fourth time this year and kept the door open to more easing as the euro zone economy is falling behind global peers and has been skirting recession for over a year.

| S&P/TSX: LEADERS            | LAST     | CHANGE | %CHG  |
|-----------------------------|----------|--------|-------|
| Empire Company Ltd          | \$45.28  | \$2.25 | 5.23% |
| Bombardier Inc              | \$104.70 | \$3.29 | 3.24% |
| Transcontinental Inc        | \$18.00  | \$0.47 | 2.68% |
| Bausch Health Companies Inc | \$11.01  | \$0.28 | 2.61% |
| Parex Resources Inc         | \$13.53  | \$0.28 | 2.11% |

| S&P/TSX: LAGGARDS          | LAST    | CHANGE  | %CHG   |
|----------------------------|---------|---------|--------|
| Equinox Gold Corp          | \$8.23  | -\$0.84 | -9.26% |
| New Gold Inc               | \$4.07  | -\$0.31 | -7.08% |
| NovaGold Resources Inc     | \$5.07  | -\$0.37 | -6.80% |
| First Majestic Silver Corp | \$8.82  | -\$0.64 | -6.77% |
| Imperial Oil Ltd           | \$97.03 | -\$6.99 | -6.72% |

| S&P/TSX INDUSTRY  | CHANGE  | %CHG   | YTD    |
|-------------------|---------|--------|--------|
| ENERGY            | 268.56  | -4.76  | -1.74% |
| MATERIALS         | 404.16  | -10.20 | -2.46% |
| UTILITIES         | 309.04  | -2.42  | -0.78% |
| FINANCIALS        | 486.85  | -3.56  | -0.73% |
| INDUSTRIALS       | 470.33  | -1.52  | -0.32% |
| HEALTH CARE       | 25.30   | -0.12  | -0.47% |
| CONS. DISCRETION. | 307.66  | -0.87  | -0.28% |
| CONS. STAPLES     | 1093.92 | 1.47   | 0.13%  |
| INFO TECH.        | 292.84  | -1.91  | -0.65% |
| COMMUNICATION SVS | 147.83  | -1.39  | -0.93% |
| REAL ESTATE       | 327.85  | -0.11  | -0.03% |

| GOVERNMENT BONDS | 2YR   | 5YR   | 10YR  | 30YR  |
|------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| CANADA (YLD%)    | 2.99% | 2.95% | 3.15% | 3.24% |
| U.S. (YLD%)      | 4.20% | 4.19% | 4.33% | 4.55% |

| COMMODITIES/ FX | LAST       | CHANGE    | %CHG   | YTD    |
|-----------------|------------|-----------|--------|--------|
| CRUDE OIL WTI   | \$70.14    | -\$0.15   | -0.21% | -2.11% |
| NATURAL GAS     | \$3.47     | \$0.10    | 2.84%  | 38.19% |
| GOLD            | \$2,683.70 | -\$50.10  | -1.83% | 29.87% |
| COPPER          | \$4.19     | -\$0.02   | -0.49% | 7.95%  |
| CAD / USD       | \$0.7032   | -\$0.0030 | -0.42% | -6.82% |
| CAD / EUR       | €0.6717    | -€0.0011  | -0.16% | -1.76% |
| USD / EUR       | €0.9552    | €0.0025   | 0.26%  | 5.43%  |
| USD / JPY       | ¥152.64    | ¥0.19     | 0.12%  | 8.21%  |

Source: LSEG

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