



The Month Gawne By

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What Happened?

Markets continued to be influenced by concerns over international trade and interest rates in May. The Bank of Canada maintained the overnight interest rate at 1.25%, though indicated that higher rates may be needed to [keep inflation near its target of 2%](#). President Trump [cancelled](#) the summit with North Korea before un-cancelling it ([provided North Korea's hotel bill will be paid for](#)). He also announced that the European Union, Canada, and Mexico would [soon be subject to tariffs](#), with the affected countries announcing retaliatory measures.

Warren Buffet disclosed Berkshire Hathaway owns [almost 5% of Apple](#) and Netflix [surpassed Disney](#) as the most valuable media company.

[Market Volatility in perspective](#)

[Stocks, bonds, and gold decline at the same time](#)

[China's trillion dollar plan to dominate world trade](#)

Markets (as of May 31st, 2018)

Stocks	Benchmark	May	YTD
Canada	S&P TSX Composite	2.91 %	-0.91%
United States	S&P 500	2.16%	1.18%
International	MSCI EAFE	-2.81%	-3.15%
Emerging Markets	MSCI Emerging Markets	-3.75%	-3.26%
World	MSCI ACWI	-0.18%	-0.83%

Bonds	Benchmark	May	YTD
Canada	FTSE TMX Canada Universe Bond	0.80%	-0.04%
United States	Bloomberg Barclays US Aggregate	0.68%	-1.37%
World	Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate	-0.76%	-1.02%

Currency	May	YTD
CAD / USD (Source: ThomsonOne)	1.56%	3.17%

Articles of Interest

[Ikea Furniture and the Limits of Artificial Intelligence](#)

[Amazon's Alexa recorded a private conversation and sent it to someone in the user's contact list](#)

[World of Warcraft currency worth 7 times more than Argentina's](#)

[What Keeps Bill Gates Up at Night](#)

[An interactive simulation of what earth has looked like through the ages](#)

[What can be made from one barrel of oil?](#)

Music

[How a \\$300,000 speaker is made](#)

Hockey

The Stanley Cup playoffs this year have been as entertaining as any that I can remember. After Toronto was eliminated I expected to lose complete interest, but have found myself watching every game I can. Watching the finals I find myself cheering for both Washington and Las Vegas. Aside from the entire team of Las Vegas, Evgeny Kuznetsov has really impressed me. He has taken some flak in the past regarding his [bird celebration](#), but I'm sure his teammates don't mind it.

Video

[A Garbage Story](#)

Food

[Homemade Ketchup](#)

[Garbage Chicken](#)

[The world's most expensive cheese](#)



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