## TRADING IN AN UNCERTAIN, THREATENING, TARIFFIED WORLD

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# **OVERVIEW**

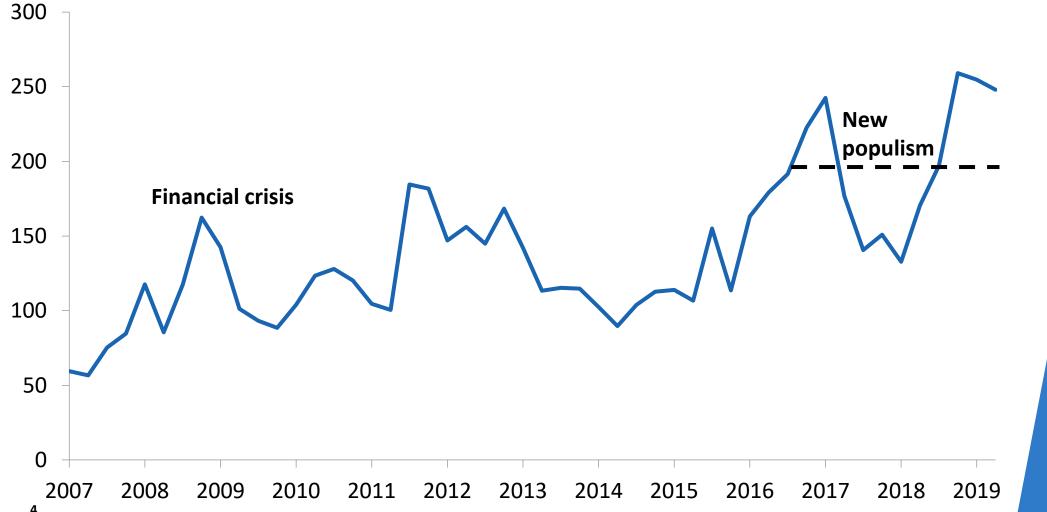
- 1. Challenging trade environment for Canadian exporters
- 2. Global Trade becoming more regional
- 3. Outlook for China-US trade dispute
- 4. Implications for Canada



# CHALLENGING TRADE ENVIRONMENT FOR CANADIAN EXPORTERS

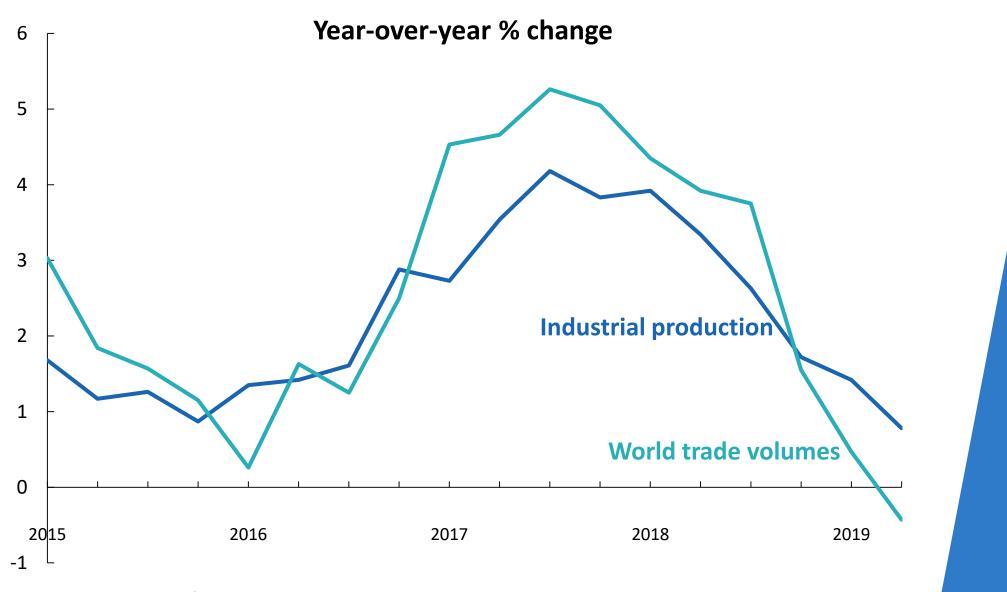
# **ELEVATED POLICY UNCERTAINTY**

#### **Global economic policy uncertainty index**



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# **GLOBAL MOMENTUM SLOWING**



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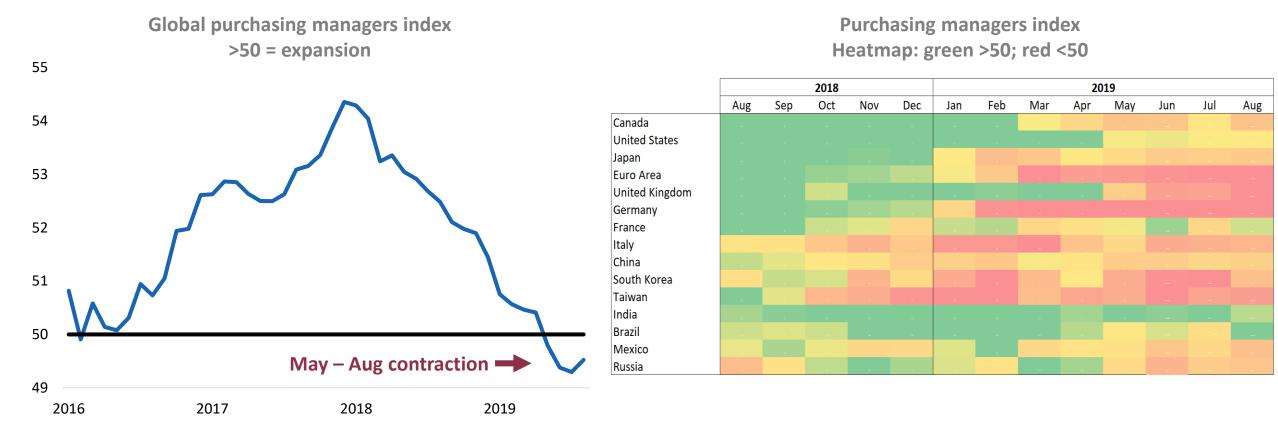
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Source: Haver Analytics

## **ORDERS CONTRACTING**

#### Slowing growth since 2018...

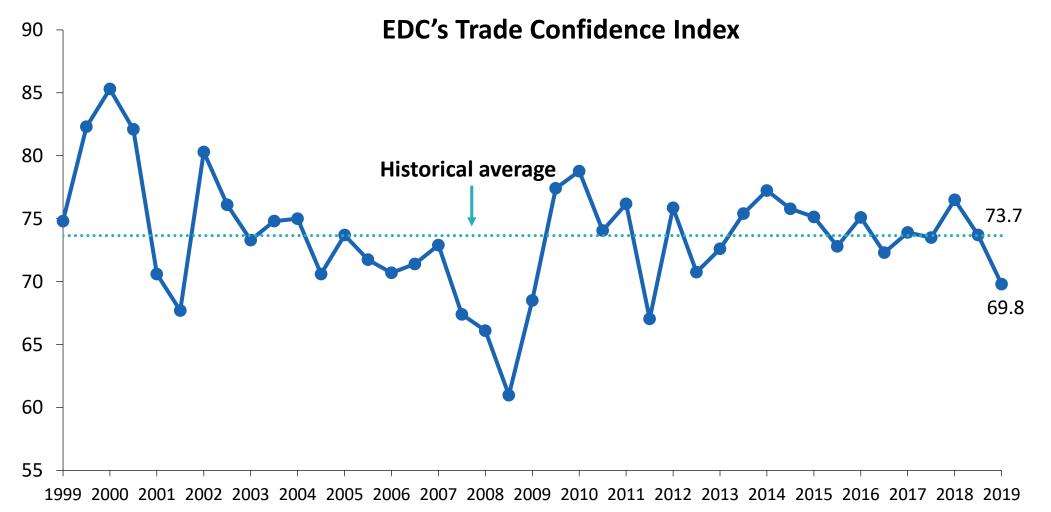
#### ...slowdown synchronized.







### CANADIAN TRADE CONFIDENCE FELL TO ITS LOWEST LEVEL IN SEVEN YEARS...

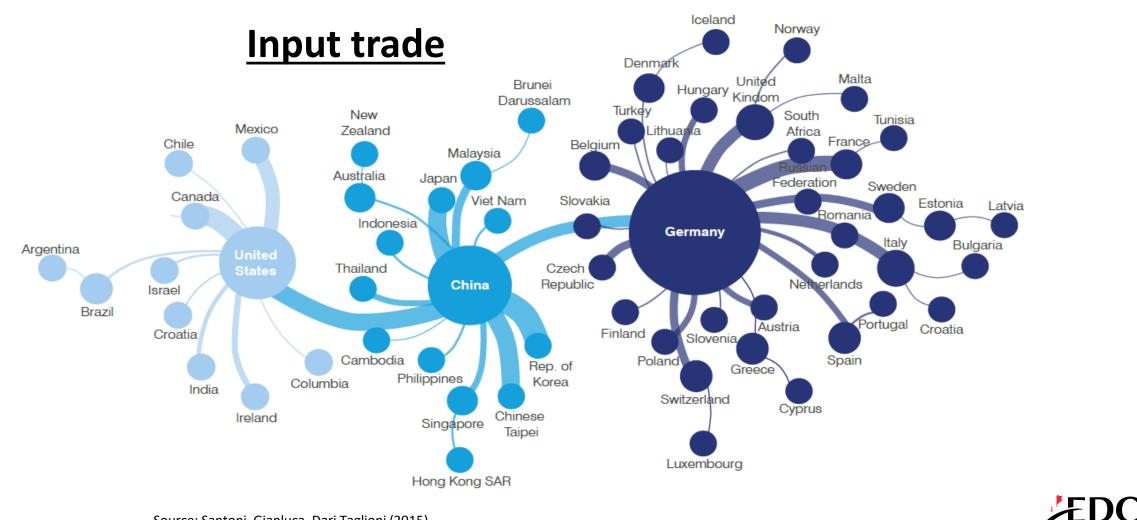




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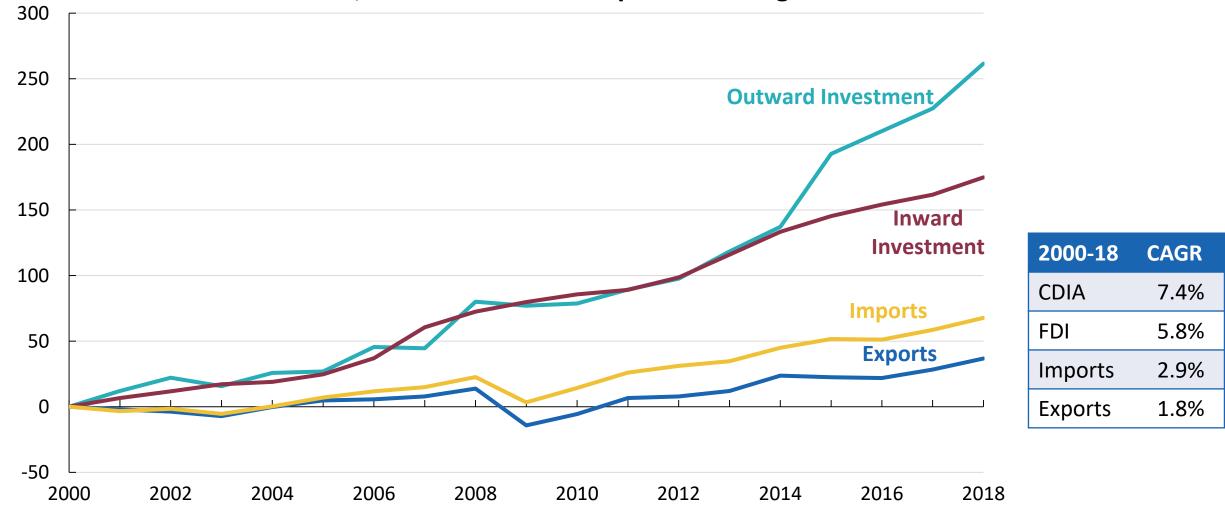
# GLOBAL TRADE BECOMING MORE REGIONAL

## GLOBAL TRADE HAS EVOLVED INTO THREE PRIMARY SUPPLY CHAIN HUBS



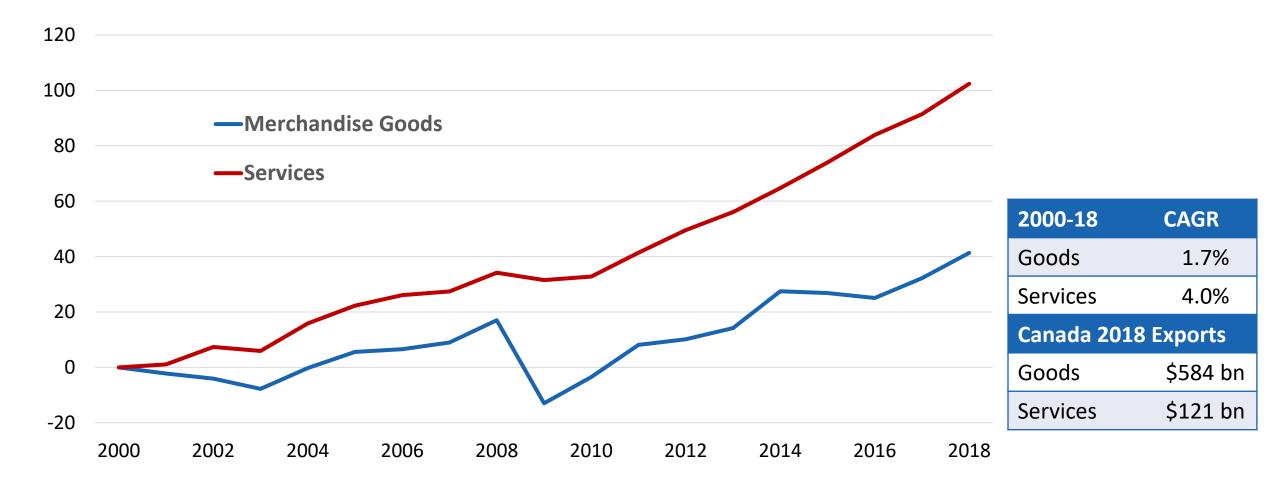
### CANADA'S OUTWARD AND INWARD INVESTMENT GROWING MUCH FASTER THAN TRADE

2000-18, cumulative nominal percent change



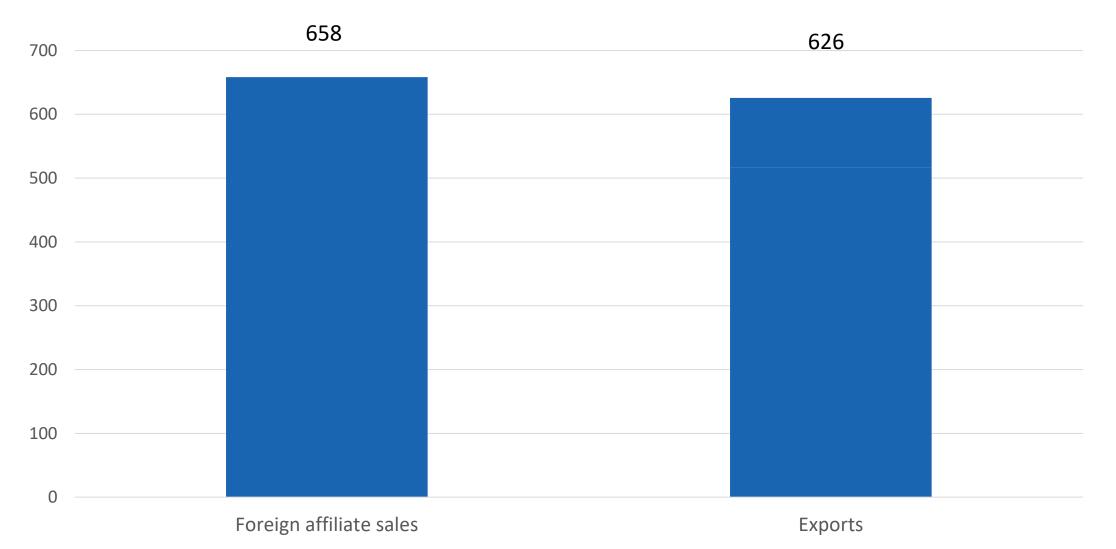
### CANADA'S SERVICE EXPORTS GROWING MUCH FASTER THAN MERCHANDISE GOODS EXPORTS

2000-18, cumulative nominal percent change



## **CANADA'S FOREIGN AFFILIATE SALES EXCEED ITS EXPORTS**

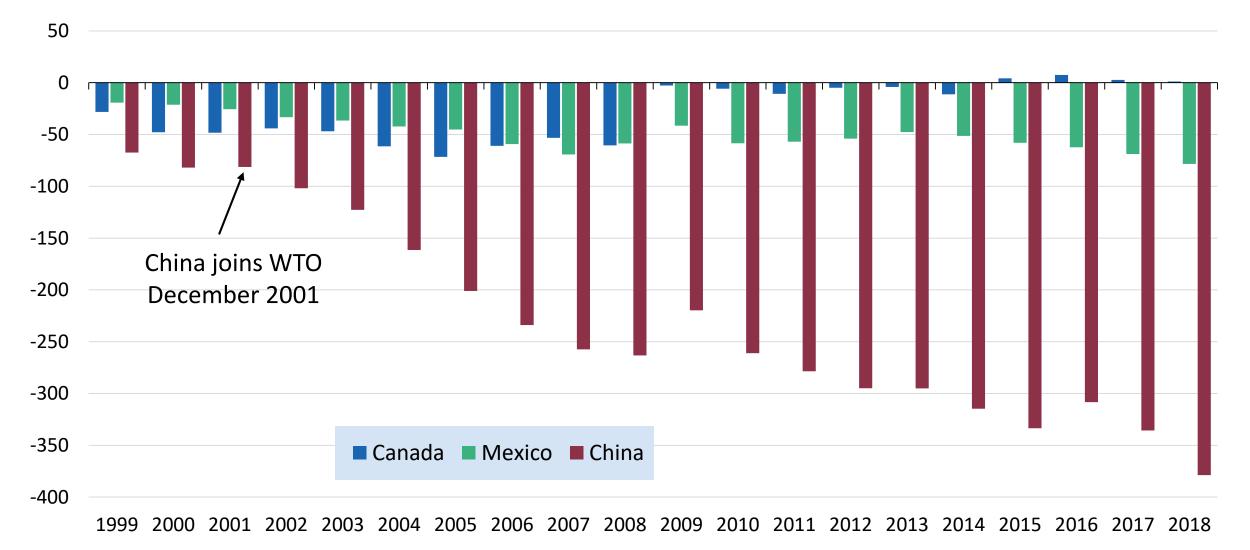
Canada 2016, billions of dollars



# OUTLOOK FOR CHINA-US TRADE DISPUTE

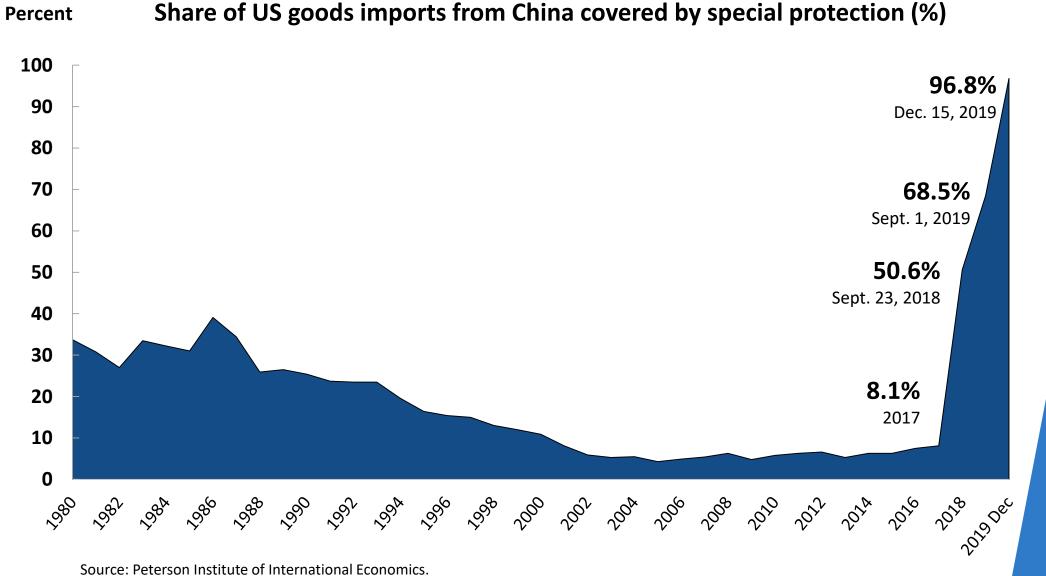
## **US ADMINISTRATION NOT HAPPY WITH THIS PICTURE**

Annual US trade balance in goods and services, billions USD



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis, US Department of Commerce.

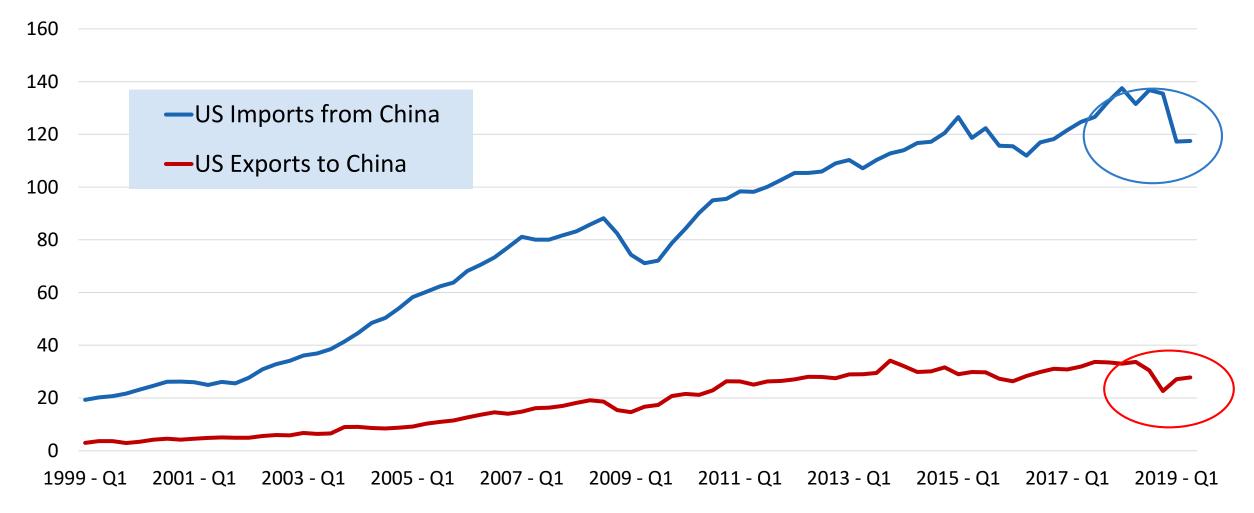
## **U.S. RESPONSE: MORE TARIFFS ON CHINA**



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## **TARIFFS ARE HAVING AN IMPACT ON TWO-WAY TRADE**

US – China quarterly merchandise trade, billions USD



Source: US Bureau of Economic Analysis.

## LOOKING AHEAD

- 1. Comprehensive China-US agreement removing all tariffs a low probability outcome for 2019
- 2. US demands are key sticking points for China
  - 1. Guarantees for IP and investment protection requires changes to Chinese domestic laws
  - 2. So does establishment of trade enforcement mechanisms
- 3. Trump needs a foreign adversary to help him win the 2020 election China fits the bill
- 4. Reaching a deal likely to drag well into 2020 false starts, uncertainty (CUSMA experience)



## **IMPLICATIONS FOR CANADA**

### CANADA'S GLOBAL 'TRADE' RELATIONSHIP GOES WELL BEYOND MERCHANDISE EXPORTS

Goods Exports = \$584 bn Service Exports = \$121 bn Direct Investment Stock = \$1,340 bn Foreign Affiliate Sales = \$658 bn

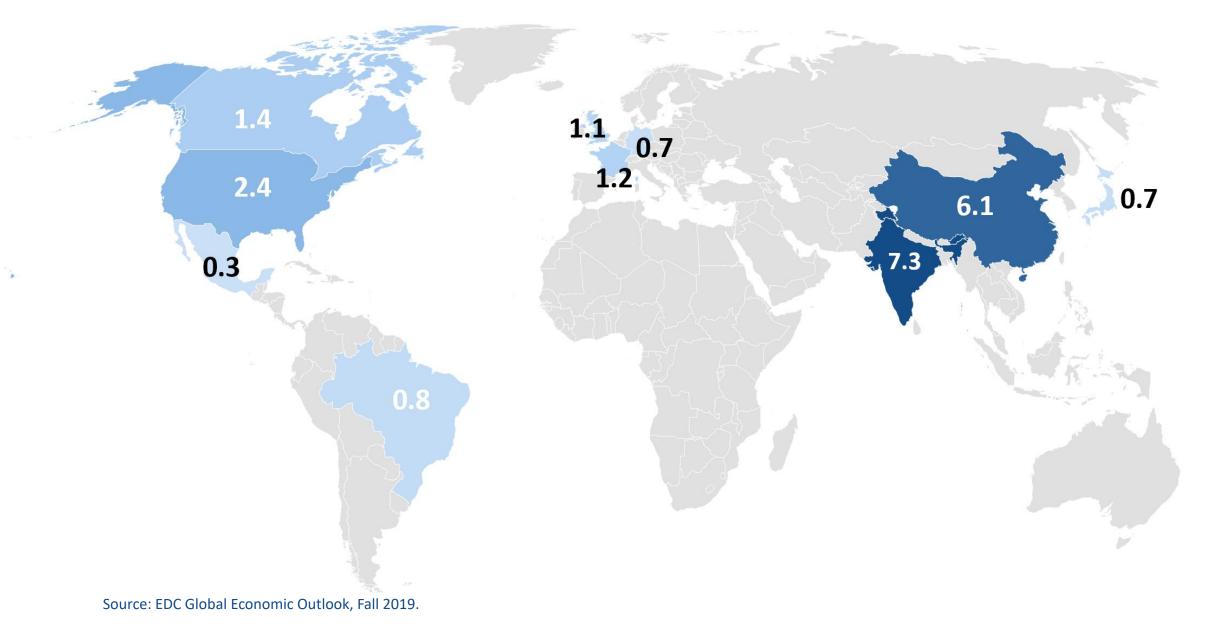
Goods Imports = \$596 bn Service Imports = \$146 bn Direct Investment Stock = \$970 bn Foreign Affiliate Sales = \$1,104 bn

A \$C 5.5 trillion commercial relationship!

20 Source: EDC Economics, Statistics Canada.

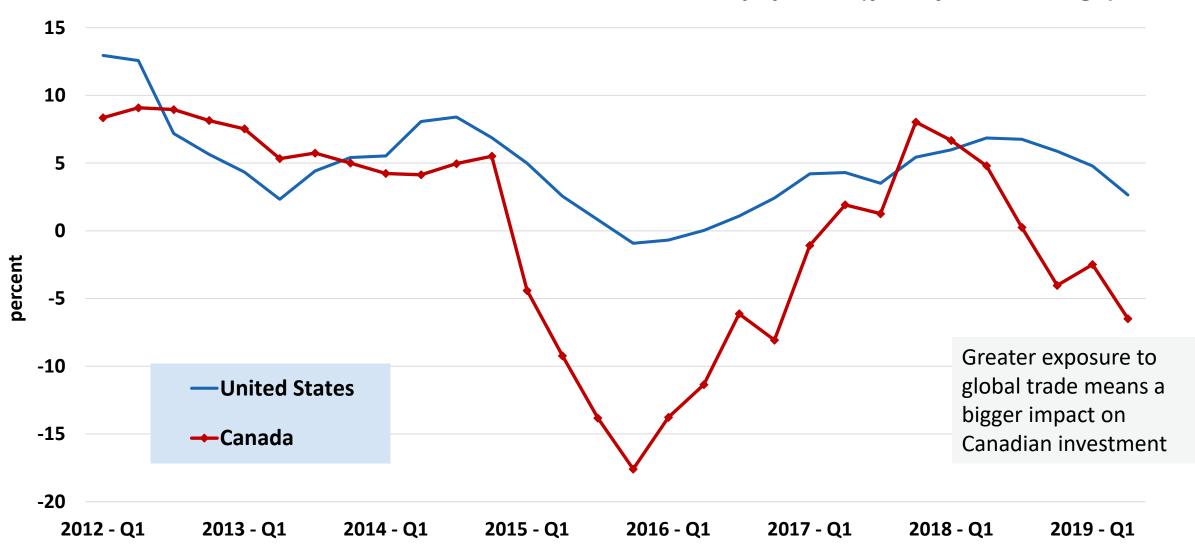
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## **2019 GROWTH OUTLOOK**



### UNCERTAINTY, LOWER CONFIDENCE IMPACTING BUSINESS SPENDING

US and Canada business investment: structures and equipment (year/year % change)



Source: EDC Economics, Haver Analytics.

# EDC'S CANADIAN EXPORT FORECAST

	Growth				
	2018	2019 (f)	2020 (f)		
Goods	7%	3%	3%		
Services	6%	4%	4%		



<sup>23</sup> Source: EDC Global Export Forecast Outlook, Spring 2019.

## **TWO ILLUSTRATIVE SCENARIOS FOR CANADA**

	Protectionist "new normal"	Normalization		
Trump re-elected				
CUSMA	X			
Canada	1st-mover over US in CETA, CPTPP	US rejoins CPTPP		
US-China dispute	Escalates → Canada collateral damage	Agreement → Chinese restrictions on Canada lifted		
ROW	US battles EU, Japan, Mexico	No Brexit		
WTO	Reform stalls, dispute settlement inactive	"Ottawa Group" makes progress		
So what?	<ul> <li>Sector/country shocks continue         <ul> <li>→ Ad hoc support needed (S/A, canola)</li> </ul> </li> <li>Investment: Harder to attract inward; Outward push continues</li> <li>Slower trade diversifying to ROW</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Easier FDI attraction</li> <li>Faster growth in trade</li> <li>Increased diversification</li> </ul>		



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## EDC ECONOMICS FREE RESOURCES

- Weekly Commentary
- Global Economic Outlook
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- Trade Confidence Index
- Commodity and Global Market Trackers
- Research reports
- Economic Insights newsletter







#### **Global Export Forecast** Economic and Political Intelligence Centre

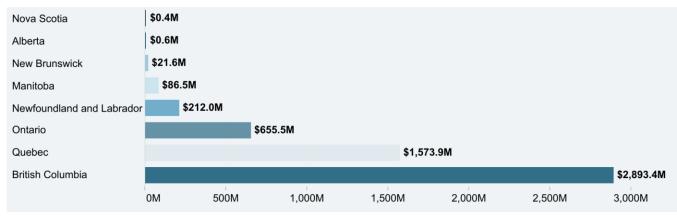
#### Select Sector Copper

#### Sector Outlook

Most of Canada's copper exports are consumed by the big industrial economies: the U.S., China and Japan. Although volume demand is relatively balanced between a U.S. on the upswing, a lethargic Japan and China's growth normalization, prices continue to be the driving factor behind Canada's copper export movements. Despite downside disruptions seen in the copper market in mid-2018 from China, copper prices are expected to follow an upward trend given an expected gap in global supply in the next few years. In BC - the heart of Canada's copper production – there are few plans of expanded production in the near term. Further, with few new projects in the pipeline, there is little upside potential for Canada's copper export growth beyond 2020. Upside price risks include that of higher-than-expected demand from China and the U.S.

Export Forecast		Key Economic Indicator					
	2018	2019	2020		2018	2019	2020
Exports to Developed Markets	\$4.2B	\$4.3B	\$4.2B		0.77	0.75	0.78
y/y change (%)		1%	-2%	CAD/USD			
Share of Total Exports (%)	77%	75%	74%	Copper (USD/MT,	6,526.92	6,562.16	6,739.02
Exports to Emerging Markets	\$1.3B	\$1.4B	\$1.5B	LME)			
y/y change (%)		12%	4%		y, %) 2.43	2.12	2.30
Share of Total Exports (%)	23%	25%	26%	US CPI (y/y, %)			

#### **Top Provinces of Origin**



#### Choose a Destination



#### Product Breakdown by Destination

Copper ores and concentrates \$3,667M	Unwrought copper and copper alloys \$1,847M

**Ores and Metals** 

# TAKE ON THE WORLD

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