

## Canadian Q3-2018 GDP Nowcast Still at 1.74% After Retail Sales Release

This note is part of a series that will be published after important data releases, documenting mechanical updates of the nowcast for Canadian GDP coming from the Scotiabank nowcasting model. The evolution of this nowcast will inform Scotiabank Economics' official macroeconomic outlook.

The model, which uses a mix of Canadian and US variables at monthly and quarterly frequencies to predict Canadian GDP growth in the current/most recent quarter, is described in the related note [here](#).

- September retail sales in Canada, when measured in chained 2012 Canadian dollars, came in at 47.8 billion, leaving the nowcast for the Q3-2018 GDP growth unchanged at 1.74%.
- Chart 2 shows that the incoming data since the start of October implies that growth in Q3-2018 is likely to come in slightly weaker than Scotiabank Economics projected in the October *Global Outlook*, as well the Bloomberg consensus.

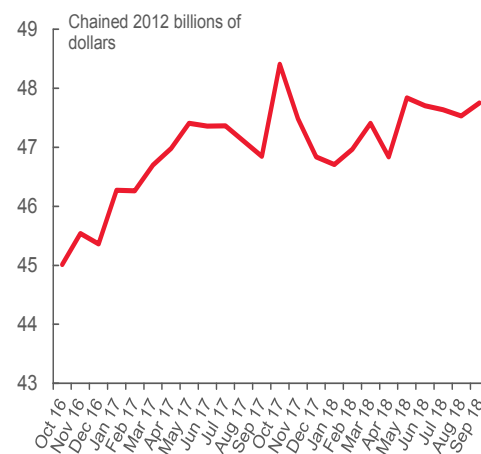
**Table 1: Canadian GDP Nowcast, Q3-2018**

	Nowcast Date	Q3-2018 GDP Growth, %
Previous Nowcast	21-Nov-18	1.74
<i>Revisions</i>		0.00
<i>Retail trade, Canada, September</i>		0.00
Current Nowcast	23-Nov-18	1.74

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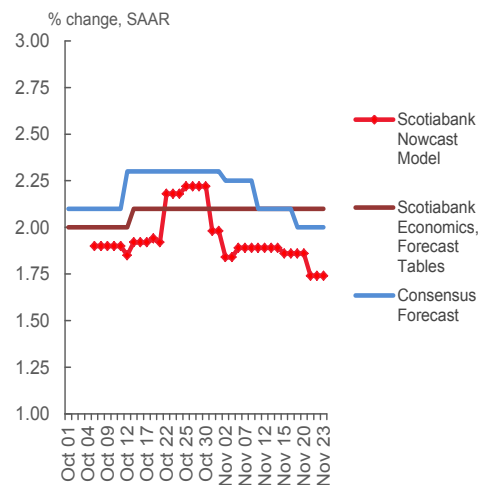
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**Chart 1: Retail Sales, Canada**



Sources: Scotiabank Economics, Haver Analytics.

**Chart 2: The Evolution of the Nowcast for Q3-2018**



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