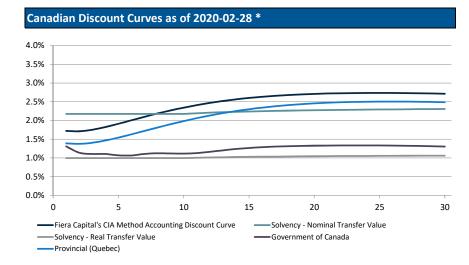
## **LDI Monitor - February 2020**



## **Historical Interest Rates in Canada**



## **Monthly LDI Highlights**

During the month of February, long-term interest rates decreased driving liabilities up. Spreads increased by around 10.7 bps on long-term provincial bonds (15 yr+) and 13.0 bps on long-term corporate bonds (15 yr+) over the month. Sample Canadian pension plan asset portfolios had negative returns (-3.74% to -2.18%) for the month. The sample accounting liability returns over the month ranged from -0.3% to 0.2% while the solvency liability returns were between 2.2% and 4.4% depending on the Plan's maturity.

	As of 2020-02-28	Change from 2020-01-31	Change from 2019-12-31					
Long-Term Market Interest Rates		(bps)	(bps)					
GoC 7 Year Nominal YtM	1.06%	-22	-62					
GoC 30 Year Nominal YtM	1.28%	-14	-48					
GoC 30 Year Real YtM	0.03%	-10	-38					
30 Year Break-Even Inflation	1.25%	-4	-11					
GoC 15 Year + YtM	1.27%	-14	-50					
Provis 15 Year + YtM	2.21%	-4	-34					
Corporate Rated A and over 15 Year + YtM	3.09%	-1	-38					
Interest Rate Swap 20 Year	1.73%	-19	-60					
Interest Rate Swap 30 Year	1.69%	-20	-57					
Short Term Financing Rates								
Overnight REPO	1.75%	0	-3					
1 Month CDOR	1.90%	-9	-18					
3 Month CDOR	1.88%	-12	-20					
Pension Solvency Rates **								
Transfer Value - Nominal 1-10 Year Fwd Rate	2.2%	-30	-20					
Transfer Value - Nominal 10 Year + Fwd Rate	2.4%	-20	-10					
Transfer Value - Real 1-10 Year Fwd Rate	1.0%	-20	-20					
Transfer Value - Real 10 Year + Fwd Rate	1.1%	-10	-10					
Annuity Purchase Rate	2.5%	-13	-60					
CIA's Prescribed Annuity Purchase Spread	1.2%	0	-10					
Accounting Discount Rate (Based on the Fiera Capital's CIA Method Accounting Discount Rate Curve) ***								
Young Pension Plan	2.67%	3	-48					
Steady Pension Plan	2.63%	2	-48					
Mature Pension Plan	2.54%	0	-50					

		Young		Steady		Mature	
		60% Stocks,	40% Bonds	50% Stocks,	50% Bonds	40% Stocks	60% Bonds
Assets	(February 2020   YTD)	-3.74%	-1.85%	-2.96%	-0.87%	-2.18%	0.12%
Accounting Liability	@ Fiera Capital's CIA Curve	-0.3%	9.3%	-0.1%	7.9%	0.2%	6.1%
Solvency Liability @	CIA Curve	4.4%	4.2%	3.3%	5.0%	2.2%	5.1%
Economic Liability @	GoC Curve	2.6%	9.9%	2.3%	8.7%	1.8%	6.5%
Accounting Surplus		-3.5%	-11.1%	-2.9%	-8.8%	-2.4%	-6.0%
Solvency Surplus		-8.2%	-6.0%	-6.3%	-5.8%	-4.4%	-4.9%
Economic Surplus		-6.3%	-11.8%	-5.3%	-9.6%	-3.9%	-6.4%

Accounting Liability Performance Attribution ***							
(February 2020   YTD)	Young	Steady	Mature				
Change in Risk-Free Rates	2.3%   8.9%	2.0%   7.6%	1.5%   5.7%				
Change in Credit Spreads	-2.9%   -0.2%	-2.4%   -0.2%	-1.6%   -0.1%				
Time Carry	0.2%   0.5%	0.2%   0.5%	0.2%   0.5%				
Accounting Liability Total Return	-0.3%   9.3%	-0.1%   7.9%	0.2%   6.1%				

## **Assumptions & Sources**

(\*) All discount curves shown are expressed as continuously compounded annual spot interest rates.

(\*\*) Rates are based on the CIA methodology. The annuity purchase rate and the CIA prescribed spread are based on medium duration, liabilities as defined in the most recent CIA solvency valuation guidelines.

(\*\*\*) The target duration of the accrued liabilities for the young, steady and mature pension plans are fixed to 17, 14 and 11 years respectively. Solvency, accounting and economic liabilities are assumed to discount expected nominal liability cash flows. All surplus return calculations assume a fully funded status at the beginning of the year. Asset allocation in equities is assumed to be evenly allocated amongst the S&P/TSX, S&P500 unhedged in CAD and MSCI-EAFE unhedged in CAD. Bank of America Merrill Lynch Canadian Broad Bond Market Index (CANO) is used as the benchmark for fixed income. Sources: Fiera Capital, Bank of Canada, Bank of America Merrill Lynch, Bloomberg, MSCI-Barra, S&P and the Canadian Institute of Actuaries.

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