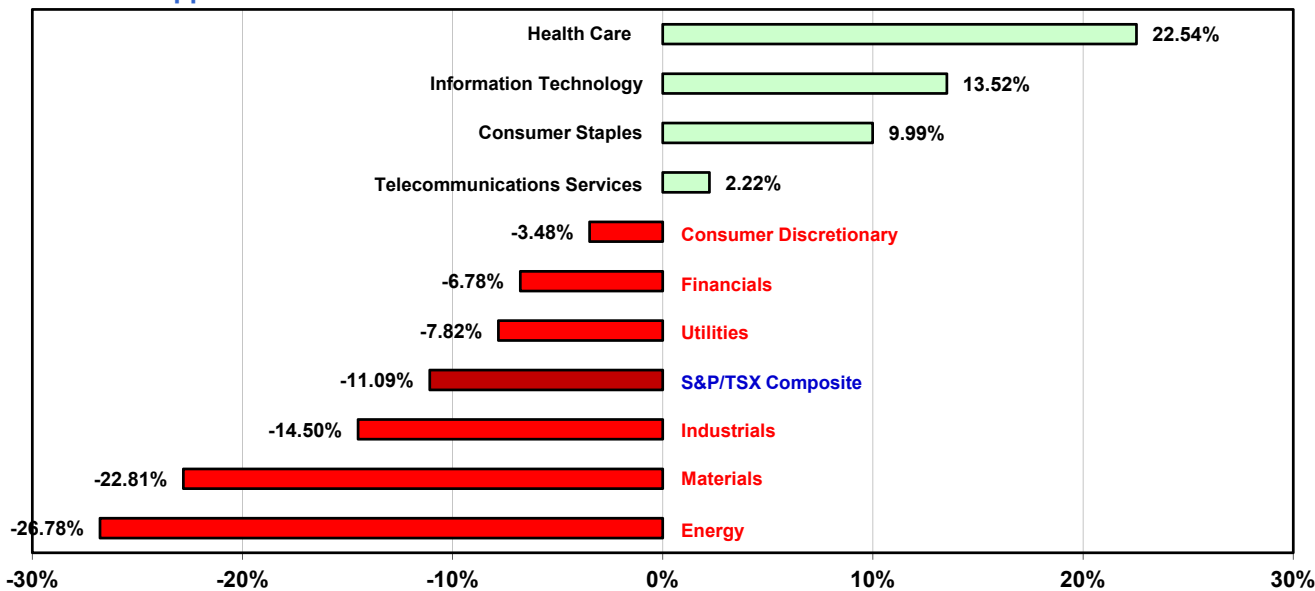


**2015: TSX posts worst year since 2008**  
 Energy, Materials and Industrials sectors lead market downwards

**2015 Capped Sector Performance**



- The S&P/TSX Composite returned -11.1% in 2015.
- Of the 266 stocks that were in the TSX Composite at some point during 2015, 79 (30%) recorded a gain.
- The S&P/TSX Composite Equal Weight Index (which weighs component stocks equally instead of by market cap) returned -16.5% in 2015.
- Large cap (TSX 60) outperformed Mid Cap (Completion Index) which outperformed Small Cap in 2015. The TSX 60 also outperformed the TSX Composite.
- In 2015, the Canadian market underperformed the US market in home currency terms (US returned -0.7%) and in Canadian dollar terms (US market returned +18.4% in C\$ terms). The US dollar rose 19.3% against the Canadian dollar in 2015. The US market has outperformed the Canadian market for five consecutive years.
- Energy, Materials and Industrials all posted double digit percentage losses for the year as weak commodity prices hit those sectors hard.
- In spite of the overall loss for the index, four sectors posted gains – Health Care, Information Technology, Consumer Staples and Telecommunications Services.

2015 Index Returns	Q4	YTD
<b>S&amp;P/TSX Composite</b>	<b>-2.23%</b>	<b>-11.09%</b>
S&P/TSX 60 (Large Cap)	-2.55%	-10.56%
S&P/TSX Completion (Mid)	-1.21%	-12.68%
S&P/TSX Small Cap	+0.35%	-15.84%

**2015 Biggest Contributors 2015 Biggest Detractors**

Alimentation Couche-Tard	Potash Corporation
Constellation Software	Husky Energy
Brookfield Asset Management	Bank Of Nova Scotia
Thomson Reuters Corporation	Enbridge
Catamaran Corporation	Royal Bank Of Canada
CCL Industries	Valeant Pharmaceuticals
CGI Group	TransCanada Corporation
Dollarama	Canadian Pacific Railway
Agrium	First Quantum Minerals
Metro Inc	EnCana Corporation

Sector	2015 Return	Biggest Impacts
<b>Health Care</b> 3% of S&P/TSX Composite	+22.54%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Valeant Pharmaceuticals (-15%) had been up 108% YTD in August on positive reaction to increased sales and margin guidance and its announced takeover of Salix Pharmaceuticals. It then proceeded to give back the entire gain on reports of extreme drug price increases, receipt of a US Congress subpoena and accusations of misstating revenues through its relationship with specialty pharmacy Philidor.</li> <li>The Capped Sector ended higher as Catamaran Corporation (+33%), which like Valeant had a maximum 25% weighting in the sector, was taken over by UnitedHealth with the deal closed in Q3.</li> </ul>
<b>Information Technology</b> 3% of S&P/TSX Composite	+13.52%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Constellation Software (+67%) was the sector's strongest contributor on consistently strong earnings leading to estimated 29% earnings growth in 2015 and on its addition to the S&amp;P/TSX 60 index.</li> <li>CGI Group (+25%) also contributed (mostly in Q1 and Q4) on 12% annual earnings growth and strong commitment to share buybacks.</li> </ul>
<b>Consumer Staples</b> 5% of S&P/TSX Composite	+9.99%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alimentation Couche-Tard (+25%) was the leading contributor to the TSX as it continued posting strong earnings growth. EPS rose 33% in FY2015 (ends April) and is estimated to rise 20% in FY2016.</li> <li>Metro Inc. (+25%) was the second leading contributor as EPS rose 19% in its 2015 fiscal year (ends September).</li> </ul>
<b>Telecommunications Services</b> 5% of S&P/TSX Composite	+2.22%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Telecom stocks had a fairly stable year in an otherwise volatile market. Rogers Communications (+6%) was the leading index contributor from the sector while Manitoba Telecom (+10%) led percentage gainers. Only TELUS (-9%) lost ground as it failed to meet analysts' estimates in the last two quarters.</li> </ul>
<b>Consumer Discretionary</b> 7% of S&P/TSX Composite	-3.48%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thomson Reuters (+12%) and Dollarama (+35%) led sector contributors on strong earnings growth and earnings surprises.</li> <li>Shaw Communications (-24%) and Magna International (-11%) led detractors on weakening earnings and notable earnings misses.</li> </ul>
<b>Financials</b> 38% of S&P/TSX Composite	-6.78%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bank of Nova Scotia (-16%) was the sector's biggest detractor on fears about Latin American exposure and on flat earnings results.</li> <li>In spite of generally exceeding analysts' expectations and growing earnings in 2015, all big banks declined amid concerns about a slowing economy and potential impacts on loan losses and growth potential. RBC (-8%), CIBC (-9%), BMO (-5%) and TD (-2%) all fell.</li> <li>Life insurers were mixed with Manulife (-6%) down while Great-West Life (+3%) and Sun Life (+3%) rose.</li> <li>Brookfield Asset Management (+12%) led sector contributors.</li> </ul>
<b>Utilities</b> 2% of S&P/TSX Composite	-7.82%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Canadian Utilities (-22%), Transalta (-53%) and Atco (-25%) were leading detractors from the sector on declining earnings expectations due to high exposure to the weakening Alberta economy.</li> </ul>
<b>Industrials</b> 8% of S&P/TSX Composite	-14.50%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Canadian Pacific Railways (-21%) led sector detractors on fears of declining rail freight volumes in Western Canada and unenthusiastic market reaction to its attempt to buy Norfolk Southern.</li> <li>Bombardier (-67%) was a major detractor due to a lack of sales of and cost overruns for its C Series aircraft.</li> </ul>
<b>Materials</b> 10% of S&P/TSX Composite	-22.81%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Potash Corp (-42%) led TSX detractors on falling agricultural prices.</li> <li>Frist Quantum Minerals (-69%) and Teck Resources (-67%) shares fell amid declining industrial metals prices (and in Teck's case, energy prices). Teck also cut its dividend twice (in Q2 and Q4).</li> <li>Gold prices fell around 10% in 2015 causing Goldcorp (-26%) and Barrick Gold (-18%) to also lead sector detractors.</li> <li>CCL Industries (+78%) led sector contributors on earnings expected to rise 33% in 2015 and three positive quarterly earnings surprises.</li> </ul>
<b>Energy</b> 19% of S&P/TSX Composite	-26.78%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Weak oil and natural gas prices caused broad-based sector declines with Husky Energy (-48%), Enbridge (-23%), TransCanada Corp (-21%), EnCana (-57%) and Canadian Natural Resources (-15%) leading detractors from the sector.</li> </ul>