The Queen’s Pension Plan (QPP) returned 1.1% net of fees in September, which is the first month of the 2017-18 plan year.

The S&P/TSX Composite Index returned 3.1% during the month, primarily led by Energy (+7.7%) and Financials (+3.9%). In the U.S., the S&P 500 Index returned 1.8% in Canadian dollar terms. In global equity markets, the MSCI EAFE and MSCI Emerging Market Indices returned 2.3% and -0.6% in Canadian dollar terms, respectively.

The FTSE/TMX Canada Universe Bond Index declined 1.3% during the month as yields rose. The Bank of Canada raised its benchmark interest rate for the second time this year to 1.0%. The 10 year Canadian yield increased 25 basis points to 2.10%. The corporate and federal sectors returned -1.1% and -1.2%, respectively, while the provincial sector underperformed at a return of -1.7%.

The Canadian dollar appreciated 0.5% against the U.S. dollar in September to close the month at 80.1 cents U.S.