

# TERANET- NATIONAL BANK HOUSE PRICE INDEX

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### House prices up 1.5% in August

m/m growth: Latest: +1.5% prior month: +2.0% y/y growth: Latest: +11.4% prior month: +10.9%

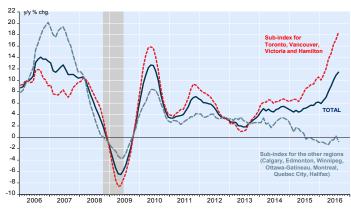
FACTS: The Teranet-National Bank National Composite House Price Index<sup>™</sup> rose 1.5% in August, thanks to monthly gains in seven of the eleven regions covered. It was the third largest rise for a month of August since the index began in 1999. Gains exceeded that of the Composite index in the four markets that have been driving it in recent months: Toronto (+2.8%), Victoria (+2.2%), Hamilton (2.0%) and Vancouver (+1.7%). There were also gains in Ottawa-Gatineau (+0.8%), Halifax (+0.7%) and Edmonton (+0.4%). Prices were down from the month before in Winnipeg (-0.1%), Calgary (-0.2%), Montreal (-0.8%) and Quebec City (-1.9%). On a y/y basis, the national index was up 11.4%, the largest 12-month gain since July 2010. It was driven by Vancouver (+25.8% - the largest increase on record), Victoria (+17.5%), Toronto (+14.6%) and Hamilton (+13.0%). The 12-month increases were much smaller in Winnipeg (+3.1%), Halifax (+1.1%), Ottawa-Gatineau (+1.0%) and Montreal (+0.6%). Prices were down from a year earlier in Edmonton (-0.3%), Quebec City (-3.2%) and Calgary (-4.5%). See charts on next page.

**OPINION:** In August, the dichotomy in the Canadian home resale market continued, with large gains in the four metropolitan areas (Vancouver, Toronto, Victoria and Hamilton) that have been driving the national index recently. Apart from these four regions, prices have overall decreased over the last 12 months (top chart). That being said, for the first time in seven months, the monthly price increase in Vancouver was below 2%. Market conditions, although still tight, have eased in that city with the decrease in home sales since their peak last February. That sets the stage for a moderate price correction in Vancouver. In contrast, due to a combination of high sales and shrinking supply, market conditions are the tightest in Toronto since at least 14 years, with the number of dwellings listed for sale representing only 1.1 month of sales (middle chart). As a result, house prices growth in Toronto has accelerated to a monthly average of 3.1% over the last three months. On a year-over-year basis, price increases in these two metropolitan areas have accelerated for condos as well as for other types of dwellings (bottom chart).

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#### Canada: Dichotomy in housing market

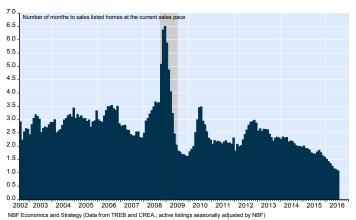
Teranet-National Bank regional sub-indexes



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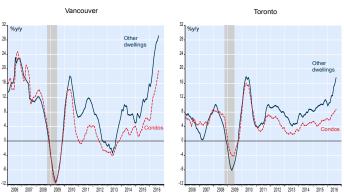
#### Toronto: Home resale market conditions

Active-listings-to-sales ratio



#### Vancouver and Toronto: House price growth by type of dwellings

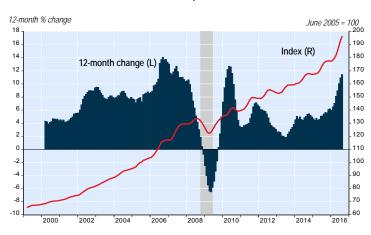
Price growth for condos and other types of dwelling

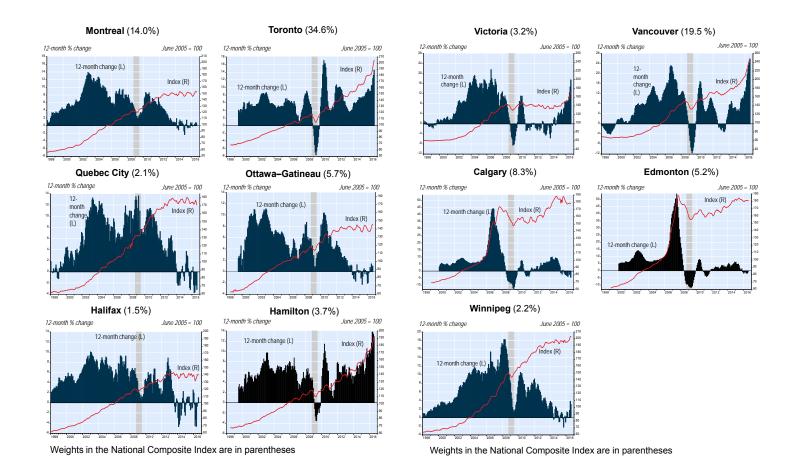


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#### Teranet-National Bank National Composite House Price Index™





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