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Investing in Canada’s Future: A Costly Endeavour—Our Analysis of the 2025 Federal Budget

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Yesterday, the federal government unveiled this much anticipated budget for 2025. The budget showed a clear shift from program spending towards prioritizing investments to secure Canada's long-term potential. There was some affordability measures mentioned in the budget, particularly the middle-class income tax cut in efforts to boost the affordable housing supply.

However, these measures were already announced and beyond this, there wasn't too much that will help Canadians pocketbooks. Budget 2025 shows that the government is likely to stay in steep deficit for at least the next five years. However, we are generally in agreement with this strategy.

Private investment in Canada has been essentially flat for the better part of the last decade and any efforts to help boost investment, which has been emphasized in yesterday's budget, will go a long way to improving Canada's long-term economic outlook.

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