
LAURENTIAN BANK CONGRATULATES THE WINNERS OF THE *ACES OF FINANCE* COMPETITION

Montréal, May 9, 2013 – Laurentian Bank extends its congratulations to all the financial executives who were honoured yesterday evening at the *Aces of Finance* gala. The Bank's President and CEO, Mr. Réjean Robitaille, served as Honorary President of the event.

Organized by the Québec section of FEI Canada (Financial Executives International Canada), the *Aces of Finance* competition was created to promote greater awareness of the role and importance of financial executives within organizations. It constitutes a veritable window on the profession of financial officers and the tasks and leadership responsibilities the position entails. "As a prime player and employer within Québec's financial sector, Laurentian Bank is particularly proud to be associated with this competition," underlined Mr. Robitaille to the guests in attendance at the gala. "We believe it is very important to celebrate excellence within this sphere of activity."

Financial executives are increasingly playing a catalyst role in organizations today, with their contribution extending beyond the provision of their financial expertise to the formulation of highly innovative ideas and strategies. "These executives play a critical role in promoting their organizations' growth and business within a constantly changing environment," added Mr. Robitaille.

The competition also includes an *Homage Award* component that publicly recognizes financial executives who have stood apart in an exemplary manner over the course of their career. This year, the Québec section of FEI Canada presented the award to Mr. André Imbeau, Co-founder, Vice-Chair and Corporate Secretary of CGI Group Inc. Mr. Imbeau has served as a financial executive for more than a quarter-century within this flagship of the Québec economy. Today, he also sits on the Boards of numerous other prominent organizations.

About Laurentian Bank

Laurentian Bank of Canada is a pan-Canadian banking institution that has more than \$34 billion in balance sheet assets and \$36 billion in assets under administration. Founded in 1846, Laurentian Bank was selected in 2012 as one of the 10 winners of the Canada's Passion Capitalists program in recognition of its sustained success through the promotion of passion within its ranks. The Bank employs more than 4,200 people.

Recognized for its excellent service, proximity and simplicity, Laurentian Bank serves more than one million clients in market segments in which it holds an enviable position. In addition to occupying a choice position among consumers in Québec, where it operates the third largest branch network, the Bank has built a solid reputation across Canada in the area of real estate and commercial financing thanks to its teams working out of more than 35 offices in Ontario, Québec, Alberta and British Columbia. Its subsidiary, B2B Bank, is a Canadian leader in providing banking products as well as investment accounts and services to financial advisors and brokers, while Laurentian Bank Securities is an integrated broker, widely recognized for its expertise and effectiveness nationwide.



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