

Above all, the client is our true obsession.
We are devoted to serving each and everyone
with total simplicity - an approach that
is our hallmark. We promote entrepreneurship,
both among our clients and with respect to how
we conduct our own business. We have built our
reputation on absolute integrity. And we strongly
encourage and nurture teamwork because,
after all, our success depends on the collective
efforts of all of our employees.



Réjean Robitaille
President and Chief Executive Officer

2008 Annual Report



Business Segments

Contribution to the Bank's net income

RETAIL AND SME QUÉBEC	REAL ESTATE AND COMMERCIAL	B2B TRUST	LAURENTIAN BANK SECURITIES
41%	26%	31%	2%
<p>Complete line of products and services for individuals and small- and medium-sized enterprises in Québec:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 156 branches, including 25 financial services boutiques and 2 Espresso Bank Cafés 10 commercial banking centres and 7 agricultural banking centres 342 automated banking machines with exclusive banking presence in Montréal's metro <p>Network of more than 3,500 merchants offering Laurentian Bank financing across Canada</p>	<p>Real estate financing in Canada through 6 real estate financing centres across the country</p> <p>Commercial financing in Ontario through 3 commercial financing centres</p> <p>Commercial financing in Québec offered by the <i>Major Accounts</i> team based in Montréal</p>	<p>Financial products and services offered to a network of more than 14,000 independent financial advisors for distribution to their clients throughout Canada</p>	<p>Complete range of brokerage services (offered through a network of 15 offices in Québec and Ontario) grouped under five divisions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Institutional - Fixed Income Institutional - Equity Retail Brokerage Services Discount Brokerage Business Services
<p>AVERAGE TOTAL LOANS \$9.9 billion</p> <p>AVERAGE TOTAL DEPOSITS \$7.5 billion</p>	<p>AVERAGE TOTAL LOANS \$1.9 billion</p> <p>AVERAGE TOTAL DEPOSITS \$0.2 billion</p>	<p>AVERAGE TOTAL LOANS \$3.8 billion</p> <p>AVERAGE TOTAL DEPOSITS \$6.1 billion</p>	<p>TOTAL ASSETS UNDER MANAGEMENT \$1.6 billion</p>
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Values

Obsession for client interests

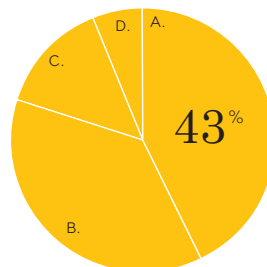
Simplicity

Teamwork

Entrepreneurship

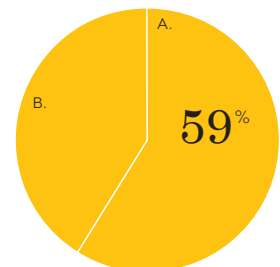
Integrity

LOAN PORTFOLIOS
(as a percentage)



A. Residential mortgages	43%
B. Personal loans	37%
C. Commercial loans and banker's acceptances	14%
D. Commercial mortgages	6%

GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF LOANS
(as a percentage)



A. Québec	59%
B. Other provinces	41%

Why invest in Laurentian Bank?

SOLID FINANCIAL INSTITUTION

Laurentian Bank is a solid, well-capitalized financial institution whose risk profile is excellent despite the current context.

Solid, well-capitalized financial institution

- Stable sources of financing – close to 66% of which is comprised of personal deposits
- Capital ratios among the best within the Canadian banking industry (Tier 1 capital ratio of 10.0% as at October 31, 2008)

Excellent risk profile

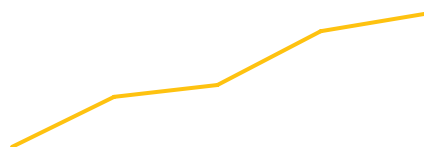
- 43% of the loan portfolio composed of residential mortgage loans, including a high proportion (approximately 50%) insured by the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation
- Loan portfolio comprised primarily of personal loans (80%)
- Stable credit quality
- Activities diversified geographically (41% of loans originate from other Canadian provinces) and by enterprise type
- No direct exposure to the American mortgage market or the high-risk subprime market
- No direct exposure to complex structured credit products known as CDOs, CDSs and SIVs

WELL-MANAGED AND GROWING ENTERPRISE

Like all Canadian banks, Laurentian Bank operates within a highly stringent regulatory framework. The Bank's management team is known for its rigorous and prudent approach to risk and for concentrating its efforts and investments on three fundamental growth engines: Retail and SME Québec, B2B Trust and Real Estate Financing. The Bank's objective is clear: improve performance on a sustainable and long-term basis, while improving its operational efficiency and developing its human capital.

DILUTED NET INCOME PER COMMON SHARE
(in dollars)

1.33 2.26 2.48 3.48 **3.80**



Compounded Annual growth of 30%

EFFICIENCY RATIO
(non-interest expenses as a % of total revenue)

79.6 76.4 76.1 73.2 **70.7**



2004 2005 2006 2007 **2008**

DECLARED DIVIDENDS PER COMMON SHARE
(in dollars)

1.16 1.16 1.16 1.16 **1.30**



2004 2005 2006 2007 **2008**

With 156 branches, 342 automated banking machines, over \$19 billion in assets, and close to 3,400 employees, Laurentian Bank is firmly rooted in Québec, where it operates the third largest branch network. Elsewhere in Canada, the Bank has secured a choice position in certain specific market segments. Moreover, with 41% of its loans originating from other provinces, the Bank enjoys the benefits of nationwide geographical diversification.

Established in 1846, Laurentian Bank is widely recognized today for its exceptional service, simplicity and proximity. The Bank offers varied financial services to individuals and to small- and medium-sized enterprises. It also provides products to an extensive external network of independent financial advisors through B2B Trust, as well as full-service brokerage services via Laurentian Bank Securities.

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CAUTION REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

In this document and in other documents filed with Canadian regulatory authorities or in other communications, Laurentian Bank of Canada may from time to time make written or oral forward-looking statements within the meaning of applicable securities legislation, including statements regarding the Bank's business plan and financial objectives. These statements typically use the conditional, as well as words such as "prospects", "believe", "estimate," "forecast", "project", "expect", "anticipate", "plan", "may", "should", "could", "would" or the negative of these terms or variations of them or similar terminology.

By their very nature, forward-looking statements are based on assumptions and involve inherent risks and uncertainties, both general and specific in nature. It is therefore possible that the forecasts, projections and other forward-looking statements will not be achieved or will prove inaccurate. Although the Bank believes that the expectations reflected in these forward-looking statements are reasonable, it can give no assurance that these expectations will prove to have been correct.

The Bank cautions readers against placing undue reliance on forward-looking statements when making decisions, as the actual results could differ appreciably from the opinions, plans, objectives, expectations, forecasts, estimates and intentions expressed in such forward-looking statements. Among other things, these factors include capital market activity, changes in government monetary, fiscal and economic policies, changes in interest rates, inflation levels and general economic conditions, legislative and regulatory developments, competition, credit ratings, scarcity of human resources and technological environment. The Bank cautions that the foregoing list of factors is not exhaustive. For more information on the risk, uncertainties and assumptions that would cause the Bank's actual results to differ from current expectations, please refer to the Bank's public filings available at www.sedar.com. The Bank does not undertake to update any forward-looking statements, whether oral or written, made by itself or on its behalf, except to the extent required by securities regulations.

2008 at a glance

- || 6% growth in total loans and banker's acceptances (11% excluding securitization)
- || 10% growth in deposits
- || 8% growth in total revenue
- || 9% growth in diluted net income per common share
- || Significant improvement of efficiency ratio from 73.2% to 70.7%
- || High level of securitization activities
- || Tight cost control

9%

GROWTH
IN DILUTED NET
INCOME PER
COMMON SHARE

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

For the years ended October 31 (in millions of dollars, except per share and percentage amounts)

	2008	2007	2006
Per common share			
Diluted net income	\$ 3.80	\$ 3.48	\$ 2.48
Diluted income from continuing operations	\$ 3.61	\$ 3.29	\$ 2.28
Dividends	\$ 1.30	\$ 1.16	\$ 1.16
Book value	\$ 35.84	\$ 33.34	\$ 31.18
Share price			
High	\$ 44.85	\$ 45.08	\$ 36.72
Low	\$ 31.30	\$ 28.79	\$ 28.01
Close	\$ 40.88	\$ 43.70	\$ 29.05
Financial ratios			
Price/earnings ratio	10.7x	12.5x	11.7x
Market to book value	114%	131%	93%
Dividend yield	3.18%	2.65%	3.99%
Net interest income as a percentage of average assets	2.21%	2.31%	2.14%
Earnings			
Total revenue	\$ 630.5	\$ 583.9	\$ 539.8
Net income	\$ 102.5	\$ 94.5	\$ 70.3
Income from continuing operations	\$ 98.1	\$ 90.1	\$ 65.6
Efficiency ratio			
Non-interest expenses as a % of total revenue	70.7%	73.2%	76.1%
Return on common shareholders' equity	11.0%	10.9%	8.2%
Other information			
Number of full-time equivalent employees	3,393	3,289	3,238
Number of branches	156	157	158
Number of automated banking machines	342	338	325
Number of brokerage offices	15	14	14
Number of commercial banking centres	27	29	28

This table includes non GAAP measures. See notice on page 16.



Our Business Segments

- Retail and SME Québec
- Real Estate and Commercial
- B2B Trust
- Laurentian Bank Securities

Where's the baby going to sleep Mommy?

“We’ve got wonderful news children!” I had just told Simon that I was pregnant with our fourth. He was all excited to announce the big news to the kids. But in the midst of all the jumping and screaming, our little Sofia certainly brought us back down to earth in a hurry when she suddenly asked, “Where’s the baby going to sleep?”

Two days later, the entire family paid a visit to the Laurentian Bank financial services boutique, where our advisor Suzy had prepared a few scenarios for a renovation loan. Our oldest had settled in the library nook with her little sister, and our son Alexis had spotted the play area. So we were able to sit quietly and discuss our plans with Suzy. Together, we came up with a perfect solution for creating a space at home for our new arrival. The approach is so much more human here. For us, that means everything!

RETAIL AND SME QUÉBEC

PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

Retail

Transactional products, mortgage solutions, loans, lines of credit, investment products (guaranteed investment certificates, term deposits, mutual funds, etc.), VISA credit cards, debit cards and credit insurance

Small- and medium-sized enterprises

Short- and long-term financing solutions, investment products, transactional services, VISA cards, electronic services, insurance, foreign exchange transactions and international transaction settlement

Our Business Segments

- Retail and SME Québec
- Real Estate and Commercial
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A banker on site!

Being a real estate developer isn't easy. So many steps required before you can even think of building... You've got to be flexible to be able to react to all of the situations that inevitably arise. And, of course, you need the right people at your side! When I saw my account manager Robert arriving on the site early one morning, I immediately recognized Laurentian Bank's unique approach.

"Good morning Charles! I thought I'd stop by to see how the work was going." We did a tour of the entire site... Things are so much easier when your banker really understands your situation. Over the years, I've built a solid relationship with Laurentian Bank, and that is why I'm able to bring all my projects to fruition today.

REAL ESTATE AND COMMERCIAL

PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

Short- and long-term commercial and real estate financing solutions, construction loans, investment products, transactional services, VISA cards, electronic services, insurance, foreign exchange transactions and international transaction settlement

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I have exactly what you need.

My clients expect a lot when it comes to their financial objectives. And as their financial advisor, they demand as much from me. So when I meet with a client to discuss their particular finances, I make sure that I'm well prepared and armed with the latest information and best advice. That way, I can say with confidence: "I have exactly what you need".

To be at my best, I start the day early! And it's nice to know that I can count on the support of B2B Trust to be there every step of the way. The company's wide range of financial products and services allows me to offer my clients the most effective solutions for the most diverse—and demanding—needs. It really pays to have a market leader like B2B Trust on my side.

B2B TRUST

PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

Investment and RRSP loans,
GIC deposits, residential
broker mortgages, self-
directed accounts and
banking services

Our Business Segments

- Retail and SME Québec
- Real Estate and Commercial
- B2B Trust
- Laurentian Bank Securities



What do you think?

I'm a portfolio manager with a major pension fund, and whenever I need the facts, I know who to turn to. I call Laurentian Bank Securities' traders. "I've done my own analyses, but I'd like to know what you think..."

These professionals have access to a highly regarded research group. They can also count on the help and expertise of an attentive team able to meet specific client needs, as well as on the industry's most state-of-the-art technological support. Therefore, I rely on the experience and highly accurate information provided consistently by the LBS team, knowing full well that they always take my interests to heart. Having timely access to such skilled and expert resources makes all the difference in the world!

FROM LEFT TO RIGHT:
BERNARD PICHE
LUC BERNARD
REJEAN ROBITAILLE
FRANCOIS DESJARDINS
ROBERT CARDINAL
LORRAINE PILON



Message from the President and Chief Executive Officer

Fiscal 2008 was certainly a highly eventful and a good year for Laurentian Bank. Our financial institution is solid, well capitalized, and its activities are truly diversified. The Bank's risk profile also remains excellent despite the present context. At 10.0%, our Tier 1 capital ratio is among the Canadian banking industry's best and attests to our organization's outstanding financial health. Furthermore, as our results demonstrate, the concerted efforts of all of the Bank's personnel to achieve our three fundamental priorities have clearly born fruit.

In looking back at the year just ended, the Bank's excellent performance is particularly noteworthy in light of the challenges currently confronting the entire industry.

In fact, we are extremely proud of actually having exceeded the performance objectives we had established, with our diluted net income per share totalling \$3.80, up 9% as compared to fiscal 2007. This represents a compounded annual growth of 30% since 2004.

Return on common shareholders' equity reached 11.0% in 2008, as compared to 10.9% during the previous fiscal year. For its part, our efficiency ratio showed a marked improvement, moving from 73.2% in 2007 to 70.7% in 2008, while total revenue increased by 8% between 2007 and 2008, equal-

ling \$630 million in 2008, compared with \$584 million during the previous reporting period. These positive results are attributable primarily to the strong growth of loans and deposits in the order of \$1.7 billion (11%) excluding securitization and \$1.5 billion (10%) respectively, the high level of securitization activities, effective cost control, and to our rigorous execution.

Productive Initiatives

During the year just ended, the Bank continued to promote the highly targeted development of markets in which its

competitiveness has been proven and which represent a level of risk that is in line with its stringent criteria. We have concentrated our efforts on three growth engines that have posted the best performance - retail services and services for small- and medium-sized enterprises in Québec, B2B Trust, and real estate financing. Moreover, the Bank continued to make significant progress over the course of the year with respect to the three major priorities fuelling its development - increasing profitability, improving efficiency, and developing its human capital. The initiatives that served to

concretize our priorities are described in detail in the section of this Report entitled, *Principal Accomplishments Related to Each of Our Three Priorities*, which can be found on pages 20 and 21.

Throughout the course of the year, we also continued to invest in the Bank's development in a variety of different areas, including our branch network, marketing, information technologies, and the development of new products. As well, we devoted a great deal of energy to optimizing our business processes to further simplify the client experience.

More specifically, the Retail and SME Québec sector performed well and was the focus of several improvement initiatives. For example, we actively pursued the development of our sales force so as to be able to take full advantage of available opportunities within our target markets. In addition, we continued to invest in enhancing the competencies of our personnel. These efforts are part of our overall commitment to reinforcing the development of products and services that are able to better respond to client needs, while at the same time, to maintaining the Bank's enviable reputation for providing the utmost in quality service.

The Real Estate and Commercial sector once again posted positive performance during fiscal 2008, improving its net income by 33%. This improvement is essentially the result of the sector's

sustained business development efforts, as well as the favourable real estate context that prevailed during the course of the year.

For its part, B2B Trust also recorded a very good year, generating net income of \$34.9 million, up 14% from fiscal 2007. While its business volumes continued to grow, the group kept its underwriting processes as rigorous as ever in order to maintain the credit quality of its portfolios.

In spite of the positive performance of its Institutional - Fixed Income division, Laurentian Bank Securities (LBS) was significantly affected by the widespread financial crisis. Nevertheless, LBS continued to develop each of its divisions during the year, and the group's foundations are increasingly solid.

Meeting the Challenges of the Financial Crisis

The financial crisis presently affecting the world economy, combined with the current economic slowdown, require us to remain extremely vigilant and to manage our activities with great prudence and stringency. This exceptional conjuncture demands that we be even more efficient and that we reinforce our culture of quality service, while focusing even more effort on increasing sales and controlling our costs. Although confronted with challenges of historic proportions, Laurentian Bank is very well

positioned to get through the turmoil in view of its financial solidity.

Thanks to our prudent risk management, we succeeded in steering clear of the financial instruments that sparked the credit crisis this past year. In that regard, we were very minimally exposed to the asset-backed commercial paper (ABCP) issued by conduits covered by the Montreal Accord. Moreover, we had no direct exposure to the complex structured credit products known as CDOs, CDSs and SIVs, nor to the high-risk subprime mortgage loan market.

Finally, given the excellent financial health of our institution, the Standard & Poor's credit rating agency upgraded Laurentian Bank's "stable" outlook to "positive" last May. In June, the DBRS agency, for its part, upgraded all the Bank's credit ratings, thus validating the significant progress we have made in improving our operational performance, as well as the quality and provenance of our revenues.

Medium- and Long-Term Growth Strategies

For the year 2009 and beyond, our three major priorities - increasing profitability, improving efficiency, and developing our human capital - will essentially continue to guide all of our actions and decisions. We will pursue our investments in information technologies, infrastructures, and in our

human resources in order to maintain profitability in the short-term, while assuring the organization's sustainable and long-term development. Be it in our point of service network, or related to systems, advertising and marketing, or the development of employee competencies, these investments are vital not only to support the Bank's daily activities, but also to consolidate and reinforce our competitive edge among our clients.

We will also continue to promote highly targeted development within market segments where we are competitive and which present a level of risk that is acceptable vis-à-vis our capacities. In so doing, we will keep concentrating on the three growth engines described earlier.

Furthermore, we will accentuate our emphasis on the execution of our business plan during 2009, and the improvement and automation of our processes and operations will remain ongoing objectives to further simplify the client experience and reduce administrative tasks. We are also devoted to continuing to see to the interests of our clients, shareholders, employees and partners, while at the same time, to remaining extremely prudent and rigorous with respect to risk management.

The Bank's noteworthy progress during fiscal 2008 was due in large part to the remarkable commitment, professionalism and dedication of the members of our per-

sonnel. I would, therefore, like to sincerely thank all our employees, who take the development of our financial institution so much to heart. The determination of every individual to rigorously support our business plan will serve to assure the sustainable development of the Bank. As well, guided by our seasoned and highly competent Management Committee, we have been able to achieve an exceptional level of performance and to reinforce our position within our various markets.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my particular gratitude to our Senior Executive Vice-President of Finance, Administration and Strategic Development and Chief Financial Officer, Robert Cardinal, who has decided to take his well-earned retirement effective January 30, 2009. Robert has been with the Bank for 18 years, mainly as Chief Financial Officer. Robert's tremendous diligence, dedication and integrity added significant value to the organization. His successor, Michel C. Lauzon, will be assuming his new functions as of January 5, 2009. Michel, who has been a part of the organization from 1988 to 1998, possesses a wealth of experience and expertise that I am confident will contribute substantially to enabling the Bank to continue to solidify its position and further its development.

My thanks also go out to the members of the Board of Directors, whose guidance and good governance have contributed so

much to making Laurentian Bank a strong, well-managed and constantly growing financial institution.

In conclusion, I would like to express my genuine appreciation to our shareholders for their consistent trust and confidence. While the global financial market situation remains a major preoccupation, Laurentian Bank is in a very sound financial position, and through the continued implementation of our strategic plan, we are convinced that we will succeed in building on our positive momentum and assuring the Bank's sustainable development in the long-term.



RÉJEAN ROBITAILLE
PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



Message from the Chairman of the Board

The financial market crisis that has been severely affecting economies around the world over the past few months acutely underlines the importance of maintaining a highly prudent approach to risk. In order to enable the Bank to preserve its financial solidity, the Board of Directors has continued to exercise sustained vigilance with respect to managing the risks confronting financial institutions like ours.

The quality of the results obtained by Laurentian Bank during the year just ended attests to the validity and effectiveness of the measures adopted by the organization over the past few years. For instance, I would like to point out that our institution's exposure to securities issued by conduits covered by the Montreal Accord was limited, and that our organization is not directly exposed to complex structured credit products or high-risk subprime mortgage loans.

Further on the subject of risk management, since the start of the year, we have implemented a number of measures related to the new Basel Framework. This framework provides even more specific requirements on the regulatory capital that banks must maintain in order to meet their obligations to their clients. On a related front, for the second year now, we have successfully evaluated the design of internal controls concerning financial information as required by the Canadian Securities Administrators, and we are preparing for the next phase of this requirement to take effect during the course of fiscal 2009.

The Bank teams responsible for these two areas of concern have been working in close collaboration with the Board of Directors. The members of the Audit and Risk Management Committees have been particularly involved in examining the conclusions and recommendations formulated by Bank management and believe that the approaches adopted are totally appropriate.

This effective spirit of collaboration, which is readily apparent in all relations with the Bank's management team, is fuelled by a high degree of discipline and rigour. Furthermore, the solid expertise of Board members, most notably their extensive knowledge of the financial sector,

provides shareholders with substantial added value.

The Bank's positive performance during the past fiscal year is attributable in large part to employees' adherence to the implementation of a business strategy that is very well adapted to our institution and that enables it to make optimum use of its competitive advantages. By becoming more rigorous and systematic, and by strictly respecting the Bank's strategic plan, our personnel have successfully put the conditions into place to achieve their objectives, which, in turn, has allowed our organization to progressively enhance its performance level.

Since the beginning of the market crisis, Laurentian Bank has managed to maintain its financial health. Bank management and the Board of Directors have repeatedly emphasized that one of the institution's key objectives was to increase profitability in a sustained and long-term manner, but that this would not be done to the detriment of prudent and stringent risk management. Beyond the coming months, during which the economic situation is likely to remain uncertain, we remain convinced that the business plan we have adopted constitutes the most appropriate direction for the Bank in order to enable it to successfully promote its growth in the long-term.

I would like to take this occasion to underline the excellent work accomplished by the members of the Board during the past year. Of course it will be continuing to carefully oversee the various corporate governance functions, particularly those pertaining to its three committees: Audit, Risk Management, as well as Human Resources and Corporate Governance. Thanks to the quality of their interventions and extensive expertise, the directors who sit on these committees have contributed to making Laurentian Bank's Board a high quality panel.

In fact, our team was honoured with an award last September at a competition organized by the Institute of Corporate Directors. The purpose of this competition is to acknowledge outstanding work carried out by corporate directors and Boards of Québec-based enterprises, and the Bank's Board was distinguished for its contribution to the institution's excellent financial

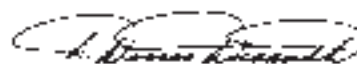
and stock market performance. In effect, our organization achieved, and often exceeded, the performance indicators it had established, thanks primarily to management's three fundamental priorities and respective strategies, combined with the disciplined execution of the corporate business plan built on a clear vision for long-term development. My colleagues and I are extremely gratified to see that our counterparts have recognized our efforts and that our strategy is bearing fruit.

I wish to also point out that our Board welcomed two new members this year.

Ms. Jacqueline C. Orange, Corporate Director, brings a wealth of knowledge of the banking industry to our group. We are delighted with the tremendous value Ms. Orange adds to the solid competencies of our Board.

For his part, having joined the Board at the beginning of the year and participated actively in the affairs of the Board, Mr. Michel C. Lauzon has accepted to occupy the position of Senior Executive Vice-President of Finance, Administration and Strategic Development and Chief Financial Officer at Laurentian Bank, effective January 5, 2009. Mr. Lauzon's valuable support over the past year has been greatly appreciated, and I wish him all the best in carrying out his new functions.

In conclusion, I would like to reaffirm our solid commitment to diligently protect and promote the interests of our shareholders in every way possible over the months and years to come.



L. DENIS DESAUTELS, O.C., FCA
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD