

**CARLOS LEITAO, CHIEF ECONOMIST WITH LAURENTIAN BANK SECURITIES, TO SPEAK AT
UNIVERSITÉ DE MONTRÉAL SYMPOSIUM**

Montréal, November 15, 2011 – Laurentian Bank is pleased to announce that Mr. Carlos Leitao, Chief Economist with Laurentian Bank Securities, will be delivering a presentation at a symposium entitled, *The United States and Europe Between Crisis and Recovery: Financial and Political Challenges*. The event is being jointly organized by Université de Montréal's American Political and Economic Studies Chair and the European Union Centre of Excellence. It will take place from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on November 16 at the University's Lionel-Groulx Pavilion (C-3061).

Accompanied by two other experts, Mr. Leitao will be speaking to a group of some 80 guests and will focus on the political and economic outlook for the United States and Europe.

About Laurentian Bank

Laurentian Bank of Canada is a banking institution operating across Canada and offering its clients diversified financial services. Distinguishing itself through excellence in service, as well as through its simplicity and proximity, the Bank serves individual consumers and small and medium-sized businesses. The Bank also offers its products to a wide network of independent financial intermediaries through B2B Trust, as well as full-service brokerage solutions through Laurentian Bank Securities.

Laurentian Bank is well established in the Province of Québec, operating the third-largest retail branch network. Elsewhere throughout Canada, it operates in specific market segments where it holds an enviable position. Laurentian Bank of Canada has more than \$24 billion in balance sheet assets and more than \$15 billion in assets under administration. Founded in 1846, the Bank employs more than 3,800 people.

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