
**CARLOS LEITAO, CHIEF ECONOMIST AT LAURENTIAN BANK SECURITIES,
TO BE HONORARY SPEAKER AT THE APFF CONFERENCE**

Montréal, October 5, 2011 – Laurentian Bank is pleased to announce that Mr. Carlos Leitao, Chief Economist at Laurentian Bank Securities, will be participating in the annual Association de la planification fiscale et financière (APFF) conference this coming October 6 as honorary speaker. The event is being held October 5-7 at the Centre des congrès in Québec City.

Mr. Leitao will address an audience of 200 starting at 8:30 a.m. His presentation will focus on the economic outlook for 2012.

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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