
**CARLOS LEITAO, CHIEF ECONOMIST WITH LAURENTIAN BANK SECURITIES,
TO SPEAK AT MCFR CONFERENCE**

Montréal, November 8, 2011 – Laurentian Bank is pleased to announce that Mr. Carlos Leitao, Chief Economist with Laurentian Bank Securities, will be making a presentation during a conference organized by the Montréal Council on Foreign Relations (MCFR). The event will be held tomorrow, November 9, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Delta Centre-Ville Hotel's Salon Regence.

Mr. Leitao will be addressing 150 guests and will be accompanied by three other experts from the Québec financial sector to discuss global economic issues in 2012. His talk will focus on the financial crisis and risks of a new global recession. Mr. Leitao will also discuss the challenges of international financial system governance and ethics, the sovereign debt problem plaguing the United States and other countries in Europe, and the new role of BRICS countries in international economic affairs, particularly that of China.

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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