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**LAURENTIAN BANK RECOGNIZED AGAIN BY CORPORATE KNIGHTS  
FOR THE REPRESENTATION OF WOMEN ON ITS BOARD**

**Montréal, February 22, 2013** – Laurentian Bank was once again ranked by Corporate Knights in 2012 among the 10 Canadian organizations with the highest level of female representation on their Boards of Directors. Active in the media, research and financial products, Corporate Knights is an organization focused on quantifying and animating “clean” capitalism, and on providing information empowering markets to foster a better world from a social and ecological standpoint.

Laurentian Bank’s Board of Directors has had five women among its 13 members since 2007. As such, its female representation is at 38%, which is among the highest of any Canadian bank. The women presently sitting on the Bank’s Board are:

- Lise Bastarache, Economist and Corporate Director; a member since 2006
- Ève-Lyne Biron, President and CEO of Biron Health Group Inc.; a member since 2003
- Isabelle Courville, Corporate Director; a member since 2007
- Jacqueline C. Orange, Corporate Director; a member since 2008
- Marie-France Poulin, Vice-President of Camada Group Inc.; a member since 2009

**About Laurentian Bank**

Laurentian Bank of Canada is a pan-Canadian banking institution that has nearly \$35 billion in balance sheet assets and \$33 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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