



**LAURENTIAN BANK  
OF CANADA**



**B2B TRUST**  
A SUBSIDIARY OF LAURENTIAN BANK

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**PRESS RELEASE**  
**For immediate release**

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**INVITATION TO THE ANNUAL MEETINGS OF LAURENTIAN BANK AND ITS B2B TRUST SUBSIDIARY  
AND TO A PRESS CONFERENCE**

**Montreal, March 12, 2004** – The annual meetings of the shareholders of B2B Trust and Laurentian Bank will be held at the Mount Royal Centre at 4:30 p.m. on March 16, 2004, and at 9:00 a.m. on March 17, 2004, respectively.

Journalists are welcome to attend the meetings as observers. As in previous years, no television or other cameras or videotape recorders will be allowed, except during a five-minute period immediately prior to the meetings. Camera operators and photographers will be asked to leave once the meetings begin.

Media representatives are also invited to attend a joint press conference in connection with the annual meetings of the shareholders of Laurentian Bank and its B2B Trust subsidiary. The press conference will be held around 11:30 a.m. on March 17, 2004, in Salon International 1 and II of the Mount Royal Centre. The press conference will be led by Raymond McManus, President and Chief Executive Officer of Laurentian Bank of Canada, and Bernard Piché, President and Chief Executive Officer of B2B Trust.

<b>B2B Trust Annual Shareholders' Meeting</b>	<b>Tuesday, March 16, 2004, 4:30 p.m.</b> Mount Royal Centre 2200 Mansfield Street Montreal, Quebec
<b>Laurentian Bank Annual Shareholders' Meeting</b>	<b>Wednesday, March 17, 2004, 9:00 a.m.</b> Mount Royal Centre 2200 Mansfield Street Montreal, Quebec
<b>Joint Press Conference</b>	<b>Wednesday, March 17, 2004, around 11:30 a.m. (following the Laurentian Bank annual meeting)</b> Mount Royal Centre (Salon International 1and II) 2200 Mansfield Street Montreal, Quebec

## Webcast

**Laurentian Bank** The audio presentations of Raymond McManus, President and Chief Executive Officer, and L. Denis Desautels, Chairman of the Board, will be broadcast on the Bank's website:  
[www.laurentianbank.com](http://www.laurentianbank.com)

**B2B Trust** The audio presentations of Bernard Piché, President and Chief Executive Officer, and Raymond McManus, Chairman of the Board, will be broadcast on B2B Trust's website:  
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