

#### OUR PLAN IN BLACK AND WHITE

#### First year of our 3 - Year Repositioning Plan

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#### SERVICE EMPLOYEES PERFORMANCE

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## **Significant Achievements**



Q2 04

Q4 03

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		Q1	05	Five New Branch Openings
		Q1 05	5 F	Redemption of Debentures Series 8 in
		Q1 05	Propo	osed Sale of BLC - Edmond De Rothschild Sil
	Q	3 04		New Branch Concept : Espresso sh
	Q3	04		Redemption of Debentures Series 7
	Q3 04	4	R	Redemption of Preferreds at 7.75 % m
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# **Our performance for 2004**

	Performance Measure	12 Months Period Ended October 31, 2004	2004 Annual Target
	Return on Equity	4.6%	5%
	Earnings per Share	\$1.33	\$1.44
	Total Revenue	\$ 474 M	\$ 503 M
• •	Efficiency Ratio	78%	77%
	Capital Ratios - Tier 1 Capital Ratio - Total Capital Ratio	10.5% 14.0%	Min of 9.5% Min of 13.0%
	Credit Quality (PCL Ratio) <sup>1</sup>	0.24%	0.22%

Lower NIM, lower growth in certain portfolios, as well as reduced contribution from treasury and financial markets activities, hindered the **Bank's ability** to meet its total revenue growth target

(1) PCL ratio is calculated internally over Average Assets and not Loans, Acceptances & Reverse Repos

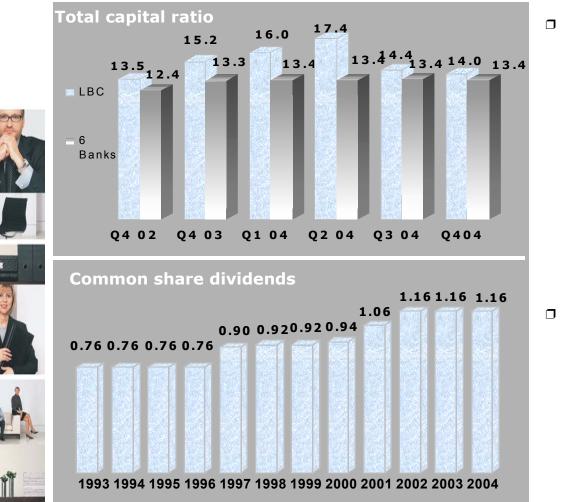


# We have improved credit quality

Gross Impaired Loans as a % of Gross Loans, BA's & Reverse Repos 1.50% 1.33% 1.13% 1.01% 1.06% Q4 2004 Q4 2003 Q1 2004 Q2 2004 Q3 2004 Net Impaired Loans as a % of Net Loans, BA's & Reverse Repos 0.18% 0.08% 0.01% Q4 2003 Q1 2004 Q2 2004 Q3 2004 Q4 2004 -0.05% -0.10%

For the first time since 1999, our loan loss provisions exceeded gross impaired loans by \$13 M compared to a shortfall of \$22 M at the end of last year

# We have maintained strong capital ratios



Our capital
ratios remain
strong
compared to
the industry

We have the highest dividend yield in the industry at 4.6%



### Our market position is strong in Quebec

	Tota Q4 20		ets (\$E	3)				
	5	17	89	265	279	279	311	429
7	CWB	LBC	NBC	BMO	CIBC	Scotia	TD	RBC
	# of I	573	357	151 1:		n Quel 34 13( Ci <sup>RC</sup>		4 2004
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	Reta	il Ioans	i	4.9%	6	43.4%	51	.6%
	Com	mercia	l loans	3.7%	6	31.7%	64	.6%
	Depo	osits		6.1%	6	45.2%	48	.7%
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Source: Bank of Canada, Statistics Canada, Banks' internet site

 LBC ranks 7<sup>th</sup> among schedule 1 banks

- LBC ranks 3<sup>rd</sup> in terms of full-service branches in Quebec
- LBC's market share in Quebec is below its two main competitors but is better positioned to compete in the Quebec market than some of the Big 5 banks



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### **Our 2005-2006 Objectives: Achieve Sustainable Growth**

	2003 pro-forma (1)	2004 objectives	2004 performance	2004 pro-forma (2)	2005E objectives (3)	2006E objectives (3)
ROE EPS Total revenue Efficiency ratio	3.7% \$1.07 \$498 M 78%	5.0% \$1.44 1% 77%	4.6% \$1.33 -5% 78%	3.4% \$0.97 -7% 80%	4.5% to 5.5% \$1.30 to \$1.60 + 4% to 6% 79% to 77.5%	7% to 8% \$2.05 to \$2.35 + 7 to 9% 75% to 73.5%
Capital ratios Tier 1 capital ratio Total capital ratio	10.2% 15.2%	Minimum of 9.5% 13.0%	10.5% 14.0%	10.5% 14.0%	Minimum of 9.5% 13.0%	Minimum of 9.5% 13.0%
Credit quality (loan loss ratio)	0.24%	0.22%	0.24%	0.24%	0.25% to 0.22%	0.25% to 0.22%

(1) Excluding the impact of significant items (gain on sale of Ontario and Western branches, restructuring charge and Air Canada loss and contribution of branches sold).

(2) Excluding the impact of six significant items: 1) increase in future tax assets 2) sale of Visa loan portfolio 3) sale of debit and credit card transaction and certain rights to service mutual funds accounts 4) review of provisions related to branches sold outside Quebec 5) costs related to the redemption of debentures Series 7 6) redemption premium paid on the repurchase of preferred shares and overlap in dividends payments.

(3) Excludes any gains related to the sale of BLC-Edmond de Rothschild

# 2005 EPS Contribution



Growth in EPS is expected to range between \$0.33 and \$0.63 for 2005



- Increase will mostly come from the improvement in net interest income (from 1.68% in 2004 to slightly above 2.00% by the end of 2005)
- Description Part of the improvement will come from tighter asset & liability management which will impact our treasury division bottom line
  - Improvement will also come from higher volume growth generated by the Retail Financial Services division 9





# How Do We Intend to Achieve This ?

# Our 3-Year Repositioning Plan



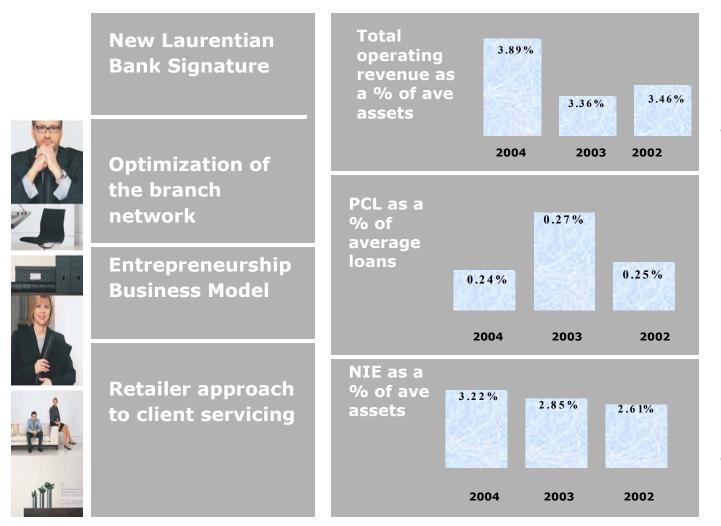




# **Retail Financial Services**



### **Retail Financial Services performance**



RFS delivered on its plan for 2004. Expected revenue growth was on target with a net earnings contribution of 50% above 2004 objectives

Improvement in PCL is due to higher asset quality

NIE increased in 2004 following the sale of branches outside Quebec



#### Retail Financial Services – Update on 2004 Plan What we said we would do and where we stand



1. New Laurentian Bank Signature	
$\square$ Development of a new branch design and concept	Done
2. Optimization of Branch Network	
$\square$ Creation of permanent expansion team	Done
□ Opening of 20 branches in 3 years (first one in June)	Opening of 5 branches by Jan. 2005
Relocation, renovation or merging of existing branches	In progress As of Oct. 04: 10 branches By
	As of Oct. 04: 10 branches By Dec. 04: 18 branches
$\square$ Increase by 10% the number of ATMs in 2004	As of Oct. 04: 3% By Dec. 04: 11%
3. Deployment of the Entrepreneurship Projec	:t
Deployment throughout the whole network	Done
$\Box$ Creation of a recognition program	Done
$\square$ Creation of standards of excellence	Done
4. "Retailer Approach" Client Servicing	
☐ Creation of a permanent evaluation panel composed of 3,000 customers	Done
Development of CRM tools for direct marketing	Done
□ New advertising campaign	Done
□ Repositioning of our VISA Gold card	On Track
5. Enhancement of the Multi-Channel Strateg	Ŷ
Optimization of the profitability of point-of-sales loans	On Track

- Although branch openings have been slower than anticipated, Retail Financial Services is strongly executing on its plan
- These actions already translate into revenue growth and increased contribution to the Bank's bottom line



#### **Retail Financial Services – 2005 Strategic Plan**

#### RFS 2005-2006 Strategic Plan

New Laurentian Bank Signature





Optimization of Branch Network

Deployment of the Entrepreneurship Project and Quality of services

> "Retailer Approach" to Client Servicing

Enhancement of the Multi-Channel



 The initiatives undertaken in 2004 have provided a strong base for future growth

 We expect significant organic growth in 2005 from branches, new branch openings, direct marketing initiatives and mass advertising

 The high standards of quality and excellence put in place in 2004 have showed that we can clearly differentiate ourselves from our competitors

 We will continue to build around our client model by growing our distribution network through increased mobilization of employees and managers (including builders, mortgage brokers, merchants and new road reps)

 The success of the Espresso branch is proof that we must become more of a community-type bank





# **Commercial Financial Services**



# **Commercial Financial Services**

Grow the commercial Total 3.76% book operating 3.63% revenue as a % ave of 3.44% assets 2004 2003 2002 Continue to build on reputation as a PCL as a recognized prime % of 3.32 construction real average % estate lender loan 1.28% 0.81% 2004 2003 2002 NIE as a % of ave Maintain credit assets 1.52% 1.24% 1.29% discipline 2002 2004 2003

2004 contribution increased versus 2003 mainly from reduced loan losses

Slight margin improvement in 2004 and robust fee generation

Strong improvement in credit quality

Increase in NIE in 2004 mostly due to a lower level of average assets



# **Commercial Financial Services**

Canadian Market Share

	LBC	NBC	Desjardins	Big 5	Others
Real Estate <sup>1</sup>	3.3%	4.4%	n/a	76.7%	15.6%
Mid-Market Quebec <sup>2</sup>	2.6%	28.0%	23.6%	42.9%	2.9%
Mid-Market Ontario	1.8%	3.9%	0.0%	87.5%	6.8%
Agriculture	1.5%	25.0%	37.4%	15.3%	20.8%

1) Includes only non-residential mortgages (2) Includes small business

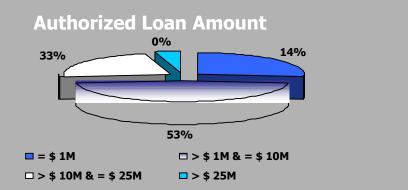
eographical Dis	tribution Quebec	Ontario	Western Cda
Real Estate	31%	60%	9%
Mid-Market	54%	46%	0%
Corporate	64%	36%	0%
Agriculture	100%	0%	0%

#### Relative Contribution October 31, 2004

	% of Net Income	Efficiency ratio	Avg O/S (\$M)	PCL
Real Estate	49%	21.8%	845	0.15
Mid-Market Quebec <sup>1</sup>	18%	33.1%	534	0.75
Mid-Market Ontario	10%	19.0%	458	2.03
Corporate	21%	11.3%	343	0.03
Agriculture	2%	49.8%	136	0.49

Sources: CBA, Bank of Canada

- In 2004, real estate activities benefited from a strong market, which permitted to generate all-time records for construction loans activity. This was achieved mostly by the opening of an office in Ottawa and the increased activity level in the Toronto and Montreal regions
- In the commercial mid-market, the opening of three regional centers in Quebec has improved the positioning of the bank as an alternative. In Ontario, operations remained focused on the \$1M to \$20M niche
- Farm lending slowly growing





# **High client satisfaction level**

#### **Results from independent survey**

	Commercial clients					
Commerc	Commercial clients :Quebec					
$\overleftrightarrow$	LBC's Quebec commercial clients are satisfied with a proportion of 93%					
$\bigstar$	Near half of the clients had the same account manager over the last 3 years					
$\overrightarrow{\mathbf{x}}$	The majority of the clients are doing all their business with LBC					
${\sim}$	On average, commercial clients have been with the Bank more than 5 years					
$\overrightarrow{x}$	Commercial clients uses on average 5 LBC banking products					
$\overleftrightarrow$	The commercial clients are mainly satisfied by the high touch service provided by their account manager :understanding their business needs and rapidity in obtaining financing					
Commerc	Commercial clients : Ontario					
	LBC's Ontario commercial clients are satisfied with a proportion of 89%					
$\bigstar$	On average, commercial clients confer almost all of their business banking to LBC					
$\cancel{x}$	The commercial clients are mainly satisfied by the high touch service provided by their account manager :understanding their business needs and rapidity in obtaining financing					

Results from an independent survey shows a high level of satisfaction from commercial clients both in Quebec and Ontario

#### When benchmarking with other institutions, LBC scores in top tier

Source: Guilbault et associés, August 2004

#### **Commercial Financial Services** 2005 Strategic Plan

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	Commercial Financial Services
In	crease our products line
	Development of an internet platform for international transactions
	Cash management functionality
	Enhancement of line of credit for micro business
	prporate lending:
	Transfer the corporate activity to Treasury
Mi	d market - Quebec: increase our market share (some of the many strategies)
	Deploy sales force geographically
	Create specialized groups such as "agri-business"
	Continue aggressive telemarketing solicitation program
М	id market - Ontario: a niche player (some of the strategies)
	Start a telemarketing solicitation campaign
R	eal Estate: increase our presence in Western Canada and stabilize the portfolio
	Increase staffing in Vancouver and Calgary
	Increase term lending activities to become less dependent on construction lending
F	arm lending: be third in Quebec
	Deploy concept of "satellite branches"
	Develop a branding
	Acquisitions
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In Quebec, our goal is to be more present in all segments of the market

Outside Quebec, we are a niche player in fields of expertise







# **B2B Trust**



# **B2B Trust performance**

**Become a major** Total supplier of private operating 2.37% revenue 2.26% label lending as a % products for nonave of bank financial assets 2004 2003 institutions & major retailers PCL as a % of 0.24% average loan 0.08% Maintain leadership 2004 2003 position in NIE as a investment loans 1.45% % of ave assets 1.43% 1.43% 2004 2003

2004 lower contribution was mostly due to higher PCL

2.83%

2002

0.03%

2002

2002

Lower total operating revenues in 2004 is mainly due to lower net interest income. However, we are seeing signs of improvement

PCL increase is mainly related to a personal line of credit portfolio

NIE remained stable compared to 2003



# **B2B Trust** – 2005 Strategic Plan

B2B 2005 plan

- Introducing an evolved call centre workflow
- Reviewing management structure to improve accountability
- Increasing pre-approved RSP loans through B2B's new EASE RSP platform
- Implementing new tools and training for our employees
  - Enlarging investment loans offering in terms of product design, delivery channels and markets reach

The improvement in profit contribution will come from rebuilding a team, increasing strategic alliances with partners as well as increasing product offering

Full strategic review in may 2005



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# **Recent Developments in B2B Trust** ALLIANCES



List of distribution alliances in Banking, Investment Loan and RSP Loan Programs

B2B Trust deals with more than 10,000 independent financial advisors for various financial products and services and has also entered into the following programs:

#### **Banking Programs**

Cartier Mutual Funds Inc. IPC Financial Network Inc. Canadian Tire Financial Services

#### Investment Loan Programs

AIC Limited Berkshire Group (New) CI Mutual Funds Inc. ClaringtonFunds Inc. Dynamic Mutual Funds Ltd. Franklin Templeton Investment Corp. Northwest Mutual Funds Inc. Standard Life Assurance Co.

#### Segregated Fund Loan Programs

CI Mutual Funds Inc. Equitable Life Standard Life Assurance Co. SSQ Groupe Financier **RSP Loan Programs** 

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# **Treasury's performance**

Treasury &	Non	MRUS NON I	nterest Income
	Interest		As a % of
	Income	Annual	Other
	(M)	Growth	Income
Q4 2004	0.8	-94%	2%
Q3 2004	5.7	-55%	11%
Q2 2004	11.4	-11%	20%
Q1 2004	12.7	-1%	25%
2003	50.9	-18%	18%
2002	61.9	27%	24%

Global VAR by major risk category - Trading Portfolios (1)

(in Thousands of Canadian Dollars)	Year-End	
Interest Rate	566	
Foreign Exchange	10	
Diversification Effect	-51	
Global VAR	525	

(1) Amounts are presented on a pre-tax basis and represent oneday VAR at a 99% confidence level (1) Trading portfolios do not include investment in shares

n.a. = non applicable

Trading activity at LBC is relatively less important than at other banks

Contribution from other revenues has slipped, some of which is explained by tough market conditions but also in part due to a new regulatory environment

As demonstrated by our trading VAR numbers, portfolios are much less diversified compared to the industry





# Treasury - 2005 Strategic Plan

- Our goal is to increase our contribution in the bank's net interest income
- Improvement of net interest income will come from
  - 1. In the context of a new regulatory environment, there is a decrease in trading volatility and in turn, reduced emphasis on capital gains recorded as other income to the benefit of net interest income generation
  - 2. We will manage asset and liability more tightly
  - 3. Net interest margin will also be improved by building a diversified portfolio of higher yielding instruments
  - 4. We will increase our foreign exchange revenues from commercial activities by the optimization mix of some revenues and a wider access to the arbitrage market
  - 5. Margins should benefit slightly from rising interest rates



#### Full strategic review in may 2005



### Sale of BLC-Edmond de Rothschild

- On November 2004, LBC and La Compagnie financière Edmond de Rothschild Banque, the co-venturer, entered into an agreement to sell all of the shares outstanding of BLC-Edmond de Rothschild Asset Management inc to Industrial Alliance Insurance and Financial Services Inc.
- This transaction will permit LBC to continue to distribute the R funds over the next 10 years



The agreement foresees the payment of an initial amount of \$65M at the conclusion of the transaction, and a final amount of \$8M at the end of the fifth year. The initial amount is subject to a recovery clause that can reach up to \$28M within the first 5 years if certain conditions are not met. The final amount is also subject to certain conditions.



- The transaction is expected to close on December 31, 2004
- This transaction is profitable for LBC because WM contributed only \$0.2M in LBC's net income for 2004

# Laurentian Bank Securities performance

Total Expand 21.7 operating revenue 18.2 distribution capabilities 2004 2003 Excluding a \$6.7M after-tax gain on the sale of TSX shares for 2003 Increase Net Income 4.1 asset under 2.2 management 2004 2003 Excluding a \$6.7M after-tax gain on the sale of TSX shares for 2003 **Further** AUM 1364 1345 increase (in \$M) 1316 institutional market share 2004 2003 2002

In 2004, LBS substantially improved its contribution to the Bank's results with total revenue increasing by 19% and net income by 86%



### LBS – 2005 Strategic Plan

Retail Br	okerage			
		Assets under Mgmt (\$M)		# Financial
		Full Service	Discount	Advisors
	Q4 04	1,297	67	42
	Q3 04	1,288	69	42
	Q2 04	1,306	84	39
	Q1 04	1,314	91	38
	2003	1,265	80	37
	2002	1,272	43	53



- Continued growth of the full service brokerage distribution capabilities through training and hiring of representatives
- Expand the discount brokerage client base using the newly established transactional platform complementing the retail bank investment product offering
- Pursue the expansion of our institutional fixed income offering
- Develop the corresponding network offering; increase client base

# **Labor Relations**



- > Continue the binding arbitration process
- The arbitrator will decide on a new collective agreement for the next three years
- Confident that the settlement of this issue will be positive for the Bank as well as for our unionized employees
- Main objective is to form a lasting partnership with our union



Quote from Henri Massé from Le Devoir Dec 4<sup>th</sup>, 2004 :" In the month of January, we will debate the issue of launching in our ranks a vast campaign to encourage our members to deal with unionized Banks"

#### We want to be a much stronger #3 in Quebec





**"There is a lot** of goodwill attached to the Laurentian Bank brand name in Quebec. It is in this mindset that we think it would make sense for one of the big five to merge its Quebec retail operations with ours"

Raymond McManus

- We have a strong quality of service
- We have a strong brand name in Quebec
- Our roots have been in Quebec for over 158 years
- Partnerships with Industrial Alliance and Van Houtte have brought us even closer to our roots
- We are looking for another strategic partnership in Quebec to grow our market share
- By the end of our 3 year-plan, we will be a much stronger number 3 in Quebec; a future partnership would only accelerate the process



# **Forward Looking Statements**



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