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Laurentian Bank publishes its inaugural Sustainable Bond Framework

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MONTREAL, Oct. 31, 2022 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Laurentian Bank of Canada (TSX: LB) (**Laurentian Bank**) today announced the publication of its inaugural Sustainable Bond Framework ("**Framework**") as part of its ongoing commitment to drive forward new ESG initiatives that make a positive impact for its customers, investors, employees, and communities.

Sustainalytics – a global leader in independent ESG and Corporate Governance research, ratings and analytics – has completed a second party opinion on the Framework and stated that the Framework is credible and impactful and aligns with the International Capital Market Association's (ICMA) Green Bond Principles 2021, the Social Bond Principles 2021, and the Sustainability Bond Guidelines 2021.

Under the Framework, Laurentian Bank can issue green bonds, social bonds, and sustainability bonds, collectively called Sustainable Bonds. In each case, proceeds of an issuance will be used to finance or refinance eligible projects, loans, and investments that result in making a positive impact on climate change and social inequalities. The eligible categories include renewable energy, green buildings, energy efficiency, low-carbon transportation, affordable housing, access to essential services, majority women-owned SME financing, and leadership in diversity and inclusion.

"At Laurentian Bank, we believe we can change banking for the better by supporting our customers in making the better choice in terms of environmental, social and governance (ESG) best practices. The introduction of this Sustainable Bond Framework is a critical step in the rollout of the Bank's strategic plan, which is anchored in a commitment to incorporating ESG into all of our operations and activities."

- Rania Llewellyn, President and CEO, Laurentian Bank

A copy of the [Framework](#), the [second party opinion from Sustainalytics](#), and the latest [ESG Report](#), are available in the Sustainable Bonds page on our public [website](#).

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About Laurentian Bank

At Laurentian Bank, we believe we can change banking for the better, by seeing beyond numbers.

Founded in Montréal in 1846, Laurentian Bank helps families, businesses and communities thrive. Today, we have approximately 3,000 employees working together as one team, to provide a broad range of financial services and advice-based solutions for customers across Canada and the United States. We protect, manage and grow \$49.8 billion in balance sheet assets and \$27.8 billion in assets under administration.

We drive results by placing our customers first, making the better choice, acting courageously, and believing everyone belongs.

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