



**LAURENTIAN BANK
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PRESS RELEASE

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**“MIND YOUR RETIREMENT”
\$40,000 IN RRSP CONTRIBUTIONS TO BE WON AT LAURENTIAN BANK**

Montreal, January 25, 2006 – Laurentian Bank of Canada urges its clients to carefully plan for retirement to avoid the risk of becoming ‘poorly retired’. Thus, as part of the Laurentian Bank “Mind your retirement” contest, four prizes of \$10,000 in RRSP contributions each will be randomly drawn from among all eligible entries received by January 31, 2006.

There are various ways to enter the “Mind your retirement” contest: update your investor profile or prepare a retirement strategy with your advisor at the branch, transfer a registered product held in another financial institution, contribute to a Registered Retirement Savings Plan, or sign up for a periodic investment plan or increase the transfer amount of your existing periodic investment plan at Laurentian Bank.

About Laurentian Bank

Founded in 1846, Laurentian Bank ranks seventh among Canadian Schedule I banks, with assets in excess of \$16 billion and close to \$15 billion in assets under management. The Bank offers highly competitive products and superior personalized service to meet the banking and financial needs of individuals, small and medium-sized businesses and independent financial advisors. The Bank’s common shares are traded on the Toronto Stock Exchange (ticker symbol: LB). The address of the Bank’s website is www.laurentianbank.ca.

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