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### LAURENTIAN BANK HONOURED AT THE INSTITUTE OF CORPORATE DIRECTORS' GALA EVENT

**Montreal, September 23, 2008** – Laurentian Bank is pleased to announce that its Board of Directors was honoured with a distinguished award at the gala event organized by the Institute of Corporate Directors. The event was held in Montreal yesterday, September 18, in conjunction with the 2008 Governance and Financial Markets in North America Conference. The Institute's primary objective in holding its competition each year is to highlight the exceptional work of corporate administrators and Boards of Directors of Quebec-based companies.

Represented at the gala by Mrs. Lise Bastarache, Corporate Director, Laurentian Bank's Board of Directors was distinguished in the *Blue Tie* category for its contribution to the organization's outstanding financial and stock market performance. In fact, the Bank reached, and often exceeded, the performance indicators that it had set, thanks primarily to the three strategic priorities management adopted and to the organization's exemplary execution of its strategic plan. "The members of the Board are gratified to have played a part in the Bank's excellent financial and stock market performance that ranks at the very top of its activity sector," added Mrs. Bastarache

#### **About Laurentian Bank**

Laurentian Bank of Canada is a banking institution operating across Canada and offering its clients diversified financial services. Distinguishing itself through excellence in service, as well as through its accessibility, the Bank serves individual consumers and small and medium-sized businesses. The Bank offers its products to a wide network of independent financial advisors through B2B Trust, as well as full-service brokerage solutions through Laurentian Bank Securities.

With 156 branches and 340 automated banking machines, Laurentian Bank is well established in the Province of Quebec, operating the third-largest branch network. Elsewhere throughout Canada, it operates in specific market segments where it holds an enviable position. Laurentian Bank of Canada has more than \$19 billion in balance sheet assets. Founded in 1846, the Bank employs more than 3,500 people.

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