



## Press release

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### LAURENTIAN BANK OF CANADA COMPLETES COMMON SHARE OFFERING

**Montréal, February 2, 2012** – Laurentian Bank of Canada (TSX: LB) (the “Bank”) announces today the closing of its previously announced equity financing having issued 1,325,100 common shares (the “Common Shares”) at \$47.55 per Common Share for gross proceeds of \$63,008,505, including the exercise in full of the underwriters’ over-allotment option. The syndicate of underwriters was co-led by CIBC, BMO Capital Markets and Laurentian Bank Securities Inc. and included National Bank Financial Inc., TD Securities Inc., Desjardins Securities Inc., Macquarie Capital Markets Canada Ltd., RBC Capital Markets and Scotia Capital Inc.

The net proceeds from this financing will be used for the Bank’s general corporate purposes.

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#### **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 simplicity and proximity, the Bank serves individual consumers and small and medium-sized businesses. The Bank also offers its products to a wide network of independent financial intermediaries through B2B Trust, as well as full-service brokerage solutions through Laurentian Bank Securities.

Laurentian Bank is well established in the Province of Québec, operating the third-largest retail branch network. Elsewhere throughout Canada, it operates in specific market segments where it holds an enviable position. Laurentian Bank of Canada has more than \$24 billion in balance sheet assets and more than \$35 billion in assets under administration. Founded in 1846, it has been selected as the Québec and Atlantic Canada regional winner of the Canada’s 10 Most Admired Corporate Cultures™ program presented by Waterstone Human Capital. The Bank employs close to 3,700 people.

#### **CAUTION REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

In this document and in other documents filed with Canadian regulatory authorities or in other communications, Laurentian Bank of Canada may from time to time make written or oral forward-looking statements within the meaning of applicable securities legislation. Forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements regarding the Bank’s business plan and financial objectives. The forward-looking statements contained in this document are used to assist the Bank’s security holders and financial analysts in obtaining a better understanding of the Bank’s financial position and the results of operations as at and for the periods ended on the dates presented and may not be appropriate for other purposes. Forward-looking statements typically use the conditional, as well as words such as prospects, believe, estimate, forecast, project, expect, anticipate, plan, may, should, could and would, or the negative of these terms, variations thereof or similar terminology.



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By their very nature, forward-looking statements are based on assumptions and involve inherent risks and uncertainties, both general and specific in nature. It is therefore possible that the forecasts, projections and other forward-looking statements will not be achieved or will prove to be inaccurate. Although the Bank believes that the expectations reflected in these forward-looking statements are reasonable, it can give no assurance that these expectations will prove to have been correct.

The Bank cautions readers against placing undue reliance on forward-looking statements when making decisions, as the actual results could differ considerably from the opinions, plans, objectives, expectations, forecasts, estimates and intentions expressed in such forward-looking statements due to various material factors. Among other things, these factors include capital market activity, changes in government monetary, fiscal and economic policies, changes in interest rates, inflation levels and general economic conditions, legislative and regulatory developments, competition, credit ratings, scarcity of human resources and technological environment. The Bank further cautions that the foregoing list of factors is not exhaustive. For more information on the risks, uncertainties and assumptions that would cause the Bank's actual results to differ from current expectations, please also refer to the Bank's Annual Report under the title "Integrated Risk Management Framework" and other public filings available at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

The Bank does not undertake to update any forward-looking statements, whether oral or written, made by itself or on its behalf, except to the extent required by securities regulations.

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