



**STÉFANIE PELLETIER, LAURENTIAN BANK'S VICE-PRESIDENT FINANCE, PRESENTED
WITH THE *ACES OF FINANCE* AWARD**

Montréal, May 14, 2012 – Laurentian Bank is pleased to announce that its Vice-President Finance, Ms. Stéfanie Pelletier, was honoured recently with an *Aces of Finance* Award in the Emerging Financial Executive category. Organized by the Québec Chapter of Financial Executives International – Canada (FEI Canada), an all-industry professional association of senior financial executives, the *Aces of Finance* competition is aimed at recognizing the professional accomplishments and social responsibility of exceptional financial executives.

The award was presented to Ms. Pelletier at a gala held on May 9, 2012 in Montréal. The competition is open to all Chief Financial Officers and Vice-Presidents of Finance in Québec, whether or not they are members of FEI Canada.

"I am delighted that this distinction has been bestowed upon Stéfanie, who has clearly demonstrated her remarkable expertise and dedication throughout her professional career," underlined Mr. Michel Lauzon, Executive Vice-President and Chief Financial Officer at Laurentian Bank. "Within a constantly demanding context, she always maintains her dynamic and participative management style, which serves to motivate the enthusiasm and engagement of all her colleagues. In addition to her social involvements inside and outside of the Bank, she has ably led one of the organization's most important information systems and regulatory projects, while effectively fulfilling her day-to-day responsibilities. Stéfanie is truly an exceptional resource in both finance and strategic planning."

Stéfanie Pelletier is a chartered accountant by training and a graduate of Université Laval. At the age of 33, she was appointed to the Canadian Museum of Civilization Corporation's Board of Directors, where she chaired the Audit and Finance Committees. At Laurentian Bank, her responsibilities include strategic and financial planning, the establishment of budgets, forecasting and profitability analysis, financial information systems, certification of financial statements, as well as control of the treasury and other corporate functions.

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 \$29 billion in balance sheet assets and more than \$32 billion in assets under administration. Founded in 1846, it has been selected among the Québec and Atlantic Canada regional winners of the 2011 edition of Canada's 10 Most Admired Corporate Cultures™ program presented by Waterstone Human Capital. The Bank employs close to 4,000 people.



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