

2008

### **Investor Day**

### **VIKI LAZARIS** Senior Vice President **Investor Relations**

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## BMO Financial Group

## Forward Looking Statements Caution Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

Bank of Montreal's public communications often include written or oral forward-looking statements. Statements of this type are included in this document, and may be included in other filings with Canadian securities regulators or the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, or in other communications. All such statements are made pursuant to the 'safe harbor' provisions of, and are intended to be forward-looking statements under, the United States Private Securities Litigation Reform 4 of 1995 and any applicable Canadian securities legislation. Forward-looking statements may involve, but are not limited to, comments with respect to our objectives and priorities for 2008 and beyond, our strategies or future actions, our targets, expectations for our financial condition or share price, and the results of or outlook for our operations or for the Canadian and U.S. economies.

By their nature, forward-looking statements require us to make assumptions and are subject to inherent risks and uncertainties. There is significant risk that predictions, forecasts, conclusions or projections will not prove to be accurate, that our assumptions may not be correct and that actual results may differ materially from such predictions, forecasts, conclusions or projections. We caution readers of this document not to place undue reliance on our forward-looking statements as a number of factors could cause actual future results, conditions, actions or events to differ materially from the targets, expectations, estimates or intentions expressed in the forward-looking statements.

The future outcomes that relate to forward-looking statements may be influenced by many factors, including but not limited to: general economic and market conditions in the countries in which we operate; interest rate and currency value fluctuations; changes in monetary policy; the degree of competition in the geographic and business areas in which we operate; changes in laws; judical or regulatory proceedings; the accuracy and completeness of the information we obtain with respect to our customers and counterparties; our ability to execute our strategic plans and to complete and integrate acquisitions; critical accounting estimates; operational and infrastructure risks; general political conditions; global capital market activities; the possible effects on our business of war or terrorist activities; delease or illness that impacts on local, national or international economies, disruptions to public infrastructure, such as transportation, communications, power or water supply; and technological changes.

We caution that the foregoing list is not exhaustive of all possible factors. Other factors could adversely affect our results. For more information, please see the discussion on pages 28 and 29 of BMO's 2007 Annual Report, which outlines in detail certain key factors that may affect BMO's future results. When relying on forward-looking statements to make decisions with respect to Bank of Montreal, investors and others should carefully consider these factors, as well as other uncertainties and potential events, and the inherent uncertainty of forward-looking statements. Bank of Montreal does not undertake to update any forward-looking statement, whether written or oral, that may be made, from time to time, by the organization or on its behalf. The forward-looking information contained in this document is presented for the purpose of assisting our shareholders in understanding our financial position as at and for the periods ended on the dates presented and our strategic priorities and objectives, and may not be appropriate for other purposes.

Assumptions about the performance of the Canadian and U.S. economies in 2008 and how it will affect our businesses were material factors we considered when setting our strategic priorities and objectives, and when determining our financial targets, including provisions for credit losses. Key assumptions were that the Canadian economy will expand at a moderate pace in 2008 while the U.S. economy expands modestly, and that inflation will remain low in North America. We also assumed that interest rates in 2008 will decline slightly in Canada and the United States, and that the Canadian dollar will trade at parity to the U.S. dollar at the of 2008. In determining our expectations for economic growth, both broadly and in the financial services sector, we primarity consider historical economic data provided by the Canadian and U.S. governments and their agencies. We now anticipate weaker economic growth in Canada and that the United States will stip in a mild recession in the first half of 2008. We also expect lower interest rates and a somewhat weaker Canadian dollar than when we established our 2008 financial targets. Tax laws in the countries in which we operate, primarily Canada and the United States, are material factors we consider when determining our sustainable effective tax rate.



## Non-GAAP Measures

Bank of Montreal uses both GAAP and non-GAAP measures to assess performance. Securities regulators require that companies caution readers that earnings and other measures adjusted to a basis other than GAAP do not have standardized meanings under GAAP and are unlikely to be comparable to similar measures used by other companies.

Reconciliations of GAAP to non-GAAP measures as well as the rationale for their use can be found in Bank of Montreal's Quarterly Report to Shareholders, MD&A and in its Annual Report to Shareholders all of which are available on our website at www.bmo.com/investorrelations.

Non-GAAP results or measures include revenue, taxes and cash operating leverage results and measures that use Taxable Equivalent Basis (teb) amounts, cash-based profitability and cash operating leverage measures, Net Economic Profit and results and measures that exclude items that are not considered reflective of ongoing operations. Results stated on a basis that excludes commodifies losses, charges for certain trading and valuation adjustments, changes in the general allowance and restructuring charges are non-GAAP measures. Bank of Montreal also provides supplemental information on combined business segments to facilitate comparisons to peers.

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Agenda			

8:15am - 8:30am	Opening Remarks – CEO & CFO	
8:30am - 9:15am	Personal & Commercial Banking Canada – Presentations	
9:15am - 9:45am	<ul> <li>Personal &amp; Commercial Banking Canada – Q&amp;A</li> </ul>	
9:45am - 10:00am	• Break	
10:00am - 10:45am	Private Client Group – Presentations	
10:45am - 11:00am	Private Client Group – Q&A	
11:00am - 11:30am	<ul> <li>Personal &amp; Commercial Banking U.S. – Presentations</li> </ul>	
11:30am - 11:45am	<ul> <li>Personal &amp; Commercial Banking U.S. – Q&amp;A</li> </ul>	
11:45am - 12:00pm	Chief Risk Officer – Presentation	
12:00pm - 12:15pm	Break	
12:15pm – 1:15pm	<ul> <li>Lunch – Closing Remarks and Q&amp;A</li> </ul>	

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## Order of Speakers

BMO Financial Group	Viki Lazaris	Senior Vice President Investor Relations
	Bill Downe	President & CEO, BMO Financial Group
	Russ Robertson	Interim Chief Financial Officer, BMO Financial Group
Personal & Commercial Banking Canada	Frank Techar	President & CEO, Personal & Commercial Banking Canada
	Alex Dousmanis-Curtis	Senior Vice President, Greater Toronto Division
	Sandra Hanington	Executive Vice President, Customer Strategies & Marketing
	Maurice Hudon	Senior Executive Vice President, Personal & Commercial Banking Canada
	Wendy Millar	Executive Vice President and Senior Risk Officer (P&C Canada/PCG)
Private Client Group	Gilles Ouellette	President & CEO, Private Client Group
	Dean Manjuris	Vice Chairman, Private Client Division
	Connie Stefankiewicz	President & CEO, BMO InvestorLine
	Ed Legzdins	Senior Vice President and Head of Retail Investments
	Andrew Auerbach	Senior Vice President & Chief Operating Officer, BMO Harris Private Banking
	Terry Jenkins	Senior Vice President and Head of Harris Private Bank, U.S.
Personal & Commercial Banking U.S.	Ellen Costello	Chief Executive Officer, Harris Bankcorp, Inc.
	Julie Curran	Senior Vice President, District Executive - West
	Ray Whitacre	Senior Vice President and Market Executive Commercial Mid-Market
BMO Financial Group	Tom Flynn	Executive Vice President and Chief Risk Officer, BMO Financial Group

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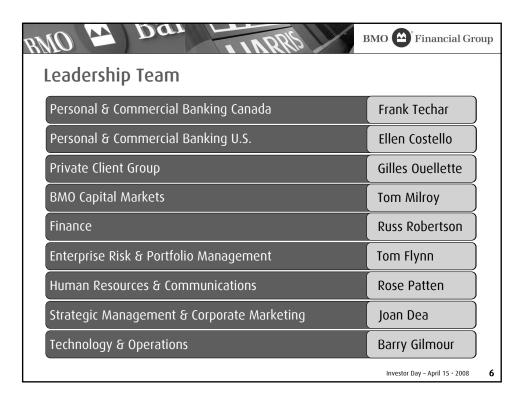


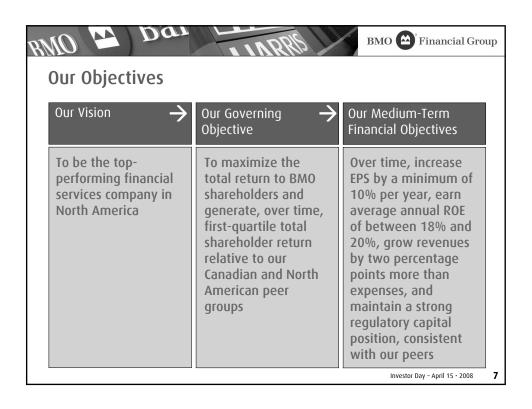
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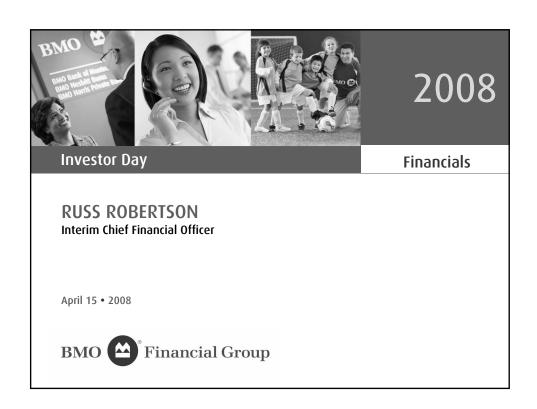
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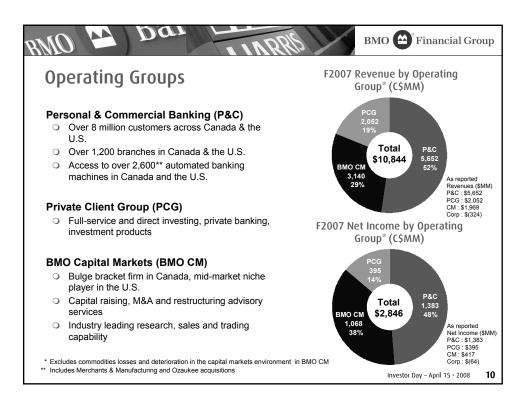


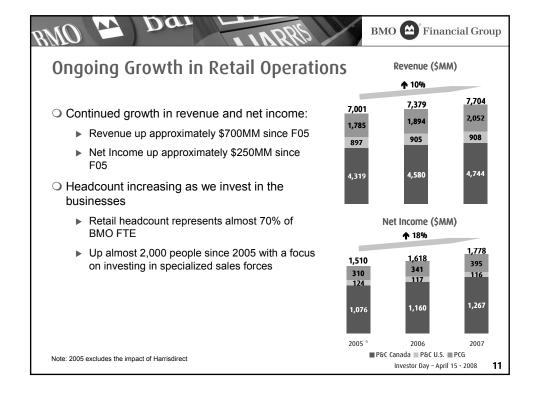














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## Efficiency & Effectiveness Initiative

### **Strategic Priority**

Build a high-performing, customer-focused organization supported by a world class foundation of productive technologies, efficient processes, disciplined performance management, and sound risk management and governance.

- Efficiency & Effectiveness Initiative established to improve productivity and shift resources to the front line
- O At Q1 2008:
  - ▶FTE Reduction over 900
  - ▶ Run-rate savings of approximately \$160MM
- Initiatives completed
  - ► Reorganized and restructured central operations
  - ▶ Reviewed contracting and outsourcing
  - ▶ Consolidated real estate

Savings funding investments in the businesses

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