

## Short Form Base Shelf Prospectus

*No securities regulatory authority has expressed an opinion about these securities and it is an offence to claim otherwise.*

*This short form base shelf prospectus has been filed under legislation in each of the provinces and territories of Canada that permits certain information about these securities to be determined after this prospectus has become final and that permits the omission from this prospectus of that information. The legislation requires the delivery to purchasers of a prospectus supplement containing the omitted information within a specified period of time after agreeing to purchase any of these securities. This short form base shelf prospectus has been filed in reliance on an exemption from the preliminary base shelf prospectus requirement for a well-known seasoned issuer.*

*This short form base shelf prospectus constitutes a public offering of these securities only in those jurisdictions where they may be lawfully offered for sale and therein only by persons permitted to sell such securities. The securities offered hereby have not been, and will not be, registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "U.S. Securities Act") or any state securities laws and, except as stated under "Plan of Distribution", may not be offered, sold or delivered, directly or indirectly, in the United States of America, its territories, its possessions and other areas subject to its jurisdiction or to, or for the account or benefit of, a U.S. person (as defined in Regulation S under the U.S. Securities Act).*

*Information has been incorporated by reference in this short form base shelf prospectus from documents filed with securities commissions or similar authorities in Canada. Copies of the documents incorporated herein by reference may be obtained on request without charge from the Corporate Secretary, Bank of Montreal, 100 King St. W., 1 First Canadian Place, 21<sup>st</sup> Floor, Toronto, Ontario, M5X 1A1, telephone: (416) 867-6785, and are also available electronically at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).*

## SHORT FORM BASE SHELF PROSPECTUS

New Issue

March 11, 2022



**\$10,000,000,000**

**Debt Securities (subordinated indebtedness)  
Common Shares  
Class A Preferred Shares  
Class B Preferred Shares  
Subscription Receipts**

Bank of Montreal (the "**Bank**") may from time to time offer and issue the following securities: (i) unsecured subordinated debt securities (the "**Debt Securities**"); (ii) common shares (the "**Common Shares**"); (iii) Class A Preferred Shares and Class B Preferred Shares (collectively, the "**Preferred Shares**"), and (iv) subscription receipts (the "**Subscription Receipts**"). The Debt Securities, Common Shares, Preferred Shares and Subscription Receipts (collectively, the "**Securities**") offered hereby may be offered separately or together, in amounts, at prices and on terms to be set forth in an accompanying shelf prospectus supplement and any applicable pricing supplement (collectively, a "**Prospectus Supplement**"). All shelf information permitted under applicable securities legislation to be omitted from this short form base shelf prospectus (the "**Prospectus**") will be contained in one or more Prospectus Supplements that will be delivered to purchasers together with this Prospectus. The Bank may sell up to \$10,000,000,000 in aggregate initial offering price of Securities (or the Canadian dollar equivalent thereof if any of the Securities are denominated in a foreign currency or currency unit) during the 25 month period that this Prospectus, including any amendments hereto, remains valid. All currency amounts in this Prospectus are stated in Canadian dollars, unless otherwise indicated.

The specific terms of the Securities in respect of which this Prospectus is being delivered will be set forth in the applicable Prospectus Supplement and may include, where applicable: (i) in the case of Debt Securities, the specific designation, aggregate principal amount, the currency or the currency unit for which the Debt Securities may be purchased, maturity, interest provisions, authorized denominations, offering price, any terms for redemption at the option of the Bank or the holder, any exchange or conversion terms and any other specific terms; (ii) in the case of Common Shares, the number of shares and offering price; (iii) in the case of Preferred Shares, the designation of the particular class, series, aggregate principal amount, the number of shares offered, the issue price, the dividend rate,

the dividend payment dates, any terms for redemption at the option of the Bank or the holder, any exchange or conversion terms and any other specific terms, and (iv) in the case of Subscription Receipts, the number of Subscription Receipts being offered, the offering price, the procedures for the exchange of the Subscription Receipts for Debt Securities, Preferred Shares or Common Shares, as the case may be, and any other specific terms.

This Prospectus does not qualify for issuance Debt Securities in respect of which the payment of principal and/or interest may be determined, in whole or in part, by reference to one or more underlying interests including, for example, an equity or debt security, a statistical measure of economic or financial performance including, but not limited to, any currency, consumer price or mortgage index, or the price or value of one or more commodities, indices or other items, or any other item or formula, or any combination or basket of the foregoing items. For greater certainty, this Prospectus may qualify for issuance Debt Securities in respect of which the payment of principal and/or interest may be determined, in whole or in part, by reference to published rates of a central banking authority or one or more financial institutions, such as a prime rate or a bankers' acceptance rate, or to recognized market benchmark interest rates.

The Debt Securities will be direct unsecured obligations of the Bank constituting subordinated indebtedness for the purposes of the *Bank Act* (Canada) (the "**Bank Act**") ranking at least equally with other subordinated indebtedness of the Bank from time to time issued and outstanding (other than subordinated indebtedness which has been further subordinated in accordance with its terms).

**The Debt Securities will not constitute deposits that are insured under the *Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation Act* or any other deposit insurance regime.**

The outstanding Common Shares are currently listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange and the New York Stock Exchange and the outstanding Preferred Shares, to the extent they are listed, are listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange.

Effective January 1, 2013 in accordance with capital adequacy requirements adopted by the Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions Canada (the "**Superintendent**"), non-common capital instruments issued after January 1, 2013, including subordinated debt securities or preferred shares, must include terms providing for the full and permanent conversion of such securities into common shares upon the occurrence of certain trigger events relating to financial viability (the "**Non-Viability Capital Contingency Provisions**") in order to qualify as regulatory capital. The specific terms of any Non-Viability Capital Contingency Provisions for any subordinated Debt Securities and Preferred Shares that the Bank issues under this Prospectus will be described in one or more Prospectus Supplements relating to such Securities.

The Securities may be sold through underwriters or dealers, by the Bank directly pursuant to applicable statutory exemptions or through agents designated by the Bank from time to time. See "Plan of Distribution". The underwriters may decrease the price at which the Securities are distributed for cash from the initial offering price disclosed in a Prospectus Supplement unless otherwise specified in a Prospectus Supplement. **See "Plan of Distribution" for additional disclosure concerning a possible price decrease.** The Prospectus Supplement will identify each underwriter, dealer or agent engaged in connection with the offering and sale of those Securities, and will also set forth the terms of the offering of such Securities including the net proceeds to the Bank and, to the extent applicable, any fees payable to the underwriters, dealers or agents. The offerings are subject to approval of certain legal matters on behalf of the Bank by Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP.

As of the date hereof, the Bank has determined that it qualifies as a "well-known seasoned issuer" under the WKSI Blanket Orders (as defined below). See "Reliance on Exemptions for Well-Known Seasoned Issuers".

Janice M. Babiak, Craig W. Broderick, Christine A. Edwards, Dr. Martin S. Eichenbaum, Linda S. Huber and Madhu Ranganathan (each a director of the Bank resident outside of Canada), have appointed the Bank, at 100 King Street West, 1 First Canadian Place, 21st Floor, Toronto, Ontario, M5X 1A1, Canada, as agent for service of process. Purchasers are advised that it may not be possible for investors to enforce judgments obtained in Canada against any person that resides outside of Canada, even if such person has appointed an agent for service of process.

The head and registered office of the Bank is at 129 rue Saint Jacques, Montréal, Québec, H2Y 1L6, and the executive offices are located at 100 King Street West, 1 First Canadian Place, Toronto, Ontario, M5X 1A1.

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## CAUTION REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

The Bank's public communications often include written or oral forward-looking statements. Statements of this type are included in this Prospectus (including documents incorporated by reference), 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 Act of 1995* and any applicable Canadian securities legislation. The forward-looking statements contained or incorporated by reference in this Prospectus can often, but not always, be identified by the use of forward-looking words such as "plans", "expects" or "does not expect", "is expected", "is subject to", "budget", "scheduled", "estimates", "forecasts", "intends", "project", "target", "goal", "anticipates" or "does not anticipate", or "believes", or variations of such words and phrases or statements that certain actions, events or results "may", "could", "should", "would", "might" or "will" be taken, occur or be achieved.

By their nature, forward-looking statements require the Bank to make assumptions and are subject to inherent risks and uncertainties, both general and specific in nature. There is significant risk that predictions, forecasts, conclusions or projections will not prove to be accurate, that the Bank's assumptions may not be correct, and that actual results may differ materially from such predictions, forecasts, conclusions or projections. The uncertainty created by the COVID-19 pandemic has heightened this risk, given the increased challenge in making assumptions, predictions, forecasts, conclusions or projections. The Bank cautions readers of this Prospectus not to place undue reliance on its forward-looking statements, as a number of factors – many of which are beyond the Bank's control and the effects of which can be difficult to predict – 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 the Bank operates, including labour challenges; the severity, duration and spread of the COVID-19 pandemic, and possibly other outbreaks of disease or illness, and its impact on local, national or international economies, as well as its heightening of certain risks that may affect the Bank's future results; information, privacy and cyber security, including the threat of data breaches, hacking, identity theft and corporate espionage, as well as the possibility of denial of service resulting from efforts targeted at causing system failure and service disruption; benchmark interest rate reforms; technological changes and technology resiliency; political conditions, including changes relating to, or affecting, economic or trade matters; climate change and other environmental and social risk; the Canadian housing market and consumer leverage; inflationary pressures; global supply-chain disruptions; changes in monetary, fiscal, or economic policy; changes in laws, including tax legislation and interpretation, or in supervisory expectations or requirements, including capital, interest rate and liquidity requirements and guidance, and the effect of such changes on funding costs; weak, volatile or illiquid capital or credit markets; the level of competition in the geographic and business areas in which the Bank operates; judicial or regulatory proceedings; the accuracy and completeness of the information the Bank obtains with respect to its customers and counterparties; failure of third parties to comply with their obligations to the Bank; the Bank's ability to execute its strategic plans and to complete proposed acquisitions or dispositions, including obtaining regulatory approvals; critical accounting estimates and the effects of changes to accounting standards, rules and interpretations on these estimates; operational and infrastructure risks, including with respect to reliance on third parties; the possibility that the Bank's proposed acquisition of Bank of the West does not close when expected or at all because required regulatory approvals and other conditions to closing are not received or satisfied on a timely basis or at all or are received subject to adverse conditions or requirements; the anticipated benefits from the proposed acquisition of Bank of the West, such as it creating synergies and operational efficiencies; the Bank's ability to perform effective fair value management actions and unforeseen consequences arising from such actions; changes to the Bank's credit ratings; global capital markets activities; the possible effects on the Bank's business of war or terrorist activities; natural disasters and disruptions to public infrastructure, such as transportation, communications, power or water supply; and the Bank's ability to anticipate and effectively manage risks arising from all of the foregoing factors.

The Bank cautions that the foregoing list is not exhaustive of all possible factors. Other factors and risks could adversely affect the Bank's results. For more information, please refer to the discussion in the "Risks That May Affect Future Results" section, and the sections related to credit and counterparty, market, insurance, liquidity and funding, operational non-financial, legal and regulatory, strategic, environmental and social, and reputation risk, in the "Enterprise-Wide Risk Management" section of the Bank's 2021 Annual Report (as defined herein), as updated by quarterly reports, all of which outline certain key factors and risks that may affect the Bank's future results.

Investors and others should carefully consider these factors and risks, as well as other uncertainties and potential events, and the inherent uncertainty of forward-looking statements. The Bank does not undertake to update any forward-looking statements, whether written or oral, that may be made from time to time by the organization or on its behalf, except as required by law. The forward-looking information contained or incorporated by reference in this Prospectus is presented for the purpose of assisting prospective purchasers of the Bank's securities in understanding the Bank's financial position as at and for the periods ended on the dates presented, as well as its strategic priorities and objectives, and may not be appropriate for other purposes.

Material economic assumptions underlying the forward-looking statements contained or incorporated by reference in this Prospectus are set out in the "Economic Developments and Outlook" section of the Bank's 2021 Annual Report, as updated by quarterly reports, as well as in the "Allowance for Credit Losses" section of the Bank's 2021 Annual Report, as updated by quarterly reports. Assumptions about the performance of the Canadian and U.S. economies, as well as overall market conditions and their combined effect on the Bank's business, are material factors the Bank considers when determining its strategic priorities, objectives and expectations for its business. In determining the Bank's expectations for economic growth, the Bank primarily considers historical economic data, past relationships between economic and financial variables, changes in government policies, and the risks to the domestic and global economy.

### DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

The following documents that have been filed by the Bank with the various securities commissions or similar authorities in each of the provinces and territories of Canada and with the Superintendent, are specifically incorporated by reference in, and form an integral part of, this Prospectus:

- (a) the annual information form dated December 3, 2021 for the year ended October 31, 2021 (the "**Annual Information Form**");
- (b) the audited consolidated financial statements as at and for the year ended October 31, 2021 with comparative consolidated financial statements as at and for the year ended October 31, 2020, together with the auditors' reports thereon and the auditors' report on the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting as of October 31, 2021 under the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States);
- (c) management's discussion and analysis as contained in the Bank's annual report (the "**2021 Annual Report**") as of October 31, 2021;
- (d) the management proxy circular dated March 1, 2022 in connection with the annual meeting of shareholders of the Bank to be held on April 13, 2022;
- (e) the unaudited consolidated interim financial statements as at and for the three months ended January 31, 2022;
- (f) management's discussion and analysis for the three months ended January 31, 2022; and
- (g) the material change report dated December 20, 2021 relating to a definitive agreement entered into on December 18, 2021 by the Bank and its indirect wholly-owned Chicago-based subsidiary BMO Harris Bank N.A. with BNP Paribas S.A. to acquire Bank of the West and its subsidiaries.

Any documents of the type referred to in the preceding paragraph or required to be incorporated by reference herein pursuant to National Instrument 44-101 – *Short Form Prospectus Distributions*, including any unaudited interim consolidated financial statements and related management's discussion and analysis, information circulars, material change reports (excluding confidential material change reports), business acquisition reports, marketing materials and other disclosure document filed by the Bank with a securities regulatory authority in Canada, after the date of this Prospectus and prior to the termination of the offering under any Prospectus Supplement, shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference herein.

**Any statement contained in this Prospectus or in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for the purposes of this Prospectus to the extent that a statement contained herein or in any other subsequently filed document which also is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein modifies or supersedes such statement. The modifying or superseding statement need not state that it has modified or superseded a prior statement or include any other information set forth in the document that it modifies or supersedes. The making of a modifying or superseding statement is not to be deemed an admission for any purposes that the modified or superseded statement, when made, constituted a misrepresentation, an untrue statement of a material fact or an omission to state a material fact that is required to be stated or that is necessary to make a statement not misleading in light of the circumstances in which it was made. Any statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this Prospectus.**

A Prospectus Supplement containing the specific terms of an offering of Securities will be delivered to purchasers of such Securities together with this Prospectus and will be deemed to be incorporated into this Prospectus as of the date of the Prospectus Supplement solely for the purposes of the offering of the Securities covered by such Prospectus Supplement unless otherwise expressly provided therein.

Upon a new annual information form and the related audited annual consolidated financial statements together with the auditors' report thereon, the auditors' report on the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting under the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) and management's discussion and analysis being filed by the Bank with, and where required, accepted by, the applicable securities regulatory authorities during the currency of this Prospectus, the previous annual information form, the previous audited annual consolidated financial statements and management's discussion and analysis and all unaudited interim consolidated financial statements, material change reports, information circulars, business acquisition reports and other disclosure documents filed prior to the commencement of the Bank's financial year in which the new annual information form is filed shall be deemed no longer to be incorporated into this Prospectus for purposes of future offers and sales of Securities hereunder.

Updated earnings coverage ratios, as required, will be filed quarterly with the applicable securities commissions or similar authorities in Canada, either as Prospectus Supplements or as exhibits to the Bank's unaudited interim and audited annual financial statements, and will be deemed to be incorporated by reference into this Prospectus. Where the Bank updates its disclosure of earnings coverage ratios by Prospectus Supplement, the Prospectus Supplement filed with the applicable securities regulatory authorities that contains the most recent updated disclosure of earnings coverage ratios and any Prospectus Supplement supplying any additional or updated information the Bank may elect to include (provided that such information does not describe a material change that has not already been the subject of a material change report or a prospectus amendment) will be delivered to all subsequent purchasers of Securities together with this Prospectus and will be deemed to be incorporated into this Prospectus as of the date of such Prospectus Supplement or Prospectus Supplements.

## **BANK OF MONTREAL**

Bank of Montreal started business in Montreal in 1817 and was incorporated in 1821 by an Act of Lower Canada as the first Canadian chartered bank. Since 1871, the Bank has been a chartered bank under the Bank Act, and is named in Schedule I of the Bank Act. The Bank Act is the charter of the Bank and governs its operations.

The Bank's head and registered office is 129 rue Saint Jacques, Montreal, Quebec, H2Y 1L6. Its executive offices are 100 King Street West, 1 First Canadian Place, Toronto, Ontario, M5X 1A1.

The Bank provides a broad range of products and services directly and through Canadian and non-Canadian subsidiaries, offices, and branches. As at October 31, 2021, the Bank had over 12 million customers and approximately 44,000 full-time equivalent employees. As at October 31, 2021 the Bank had approximately 1,400 bank branches and more than 4,800 automated banking machines, as well as online and mobile digital banking platforms in Canada and the United States. It operates internationally in major financial markets and trading areas through its offices in a number of jurisdictions around the world. BMO Financial Corp. is based in Chicago and wholly-owned by Bank of Montreal. BMO Financial Corp. operates primarily through its subsidiary BMO Harris Bank N.A., which provides banking, financing, investing, and cash management services in the United States. The Bank provides a full range of investment dealer services through entities, including BMO Nesbitt Burns Inc., a major fully integrated Canadian

investment dealer, and BMO Capital Markets Corp., the Bank's wholly-owned registered broker dealer in the United States.

## DESCRIPTION OF DEBT SECURITIES

The following describes certain general terms and provisions of the Debt Securities. The particular terms and provisions of Debt Securities offered by a Prospectus Supplement, and the extent to which the general terms and provisions described below may apply to such Debt Securities, will be described in such Prospectus Supplement.

The Debt Securities will be direct unsecured obligations of the Bank, constituting subordinated indebtedness for the purposes of the Bank Act, ranking at least equally with other subordinated indebtedness of the Bank from time to time issued and outstanding (other than subordinated indebtedness or any Debt Securities which have been further subordinated in accordance with their terms). In the event of the insolvency or winding-up of the Bank, the subordinated indebtedness issued by the Bank (including any Debt Securities issued hereunder if a trigger event has not occurred as contemplated under the specific Non-Viability Capital Contingency Provisions as may be applicable to such Debt Securities) will be subordinate in right of payment to the prior payment in full of the deposit liabilities of the Bank and other liabilities of the Bank except those liabilities which by their terms rank in right of payment equally with or subordinate to indebtedness.

Subject to regulatory capital requirements applicable to the Bank, there is no limit on the amount of Debt Securities that the Bank may issue.

If the Bank becomes insolvent, the Bank Act provides that priorities among payments of the Bank's deposit liabilities and payments of all of the Bank's other liabilities (including payments in respect of Debt Securities) are to be determined in accordance with the laws governing priorities and, where applicable, by the terms of the indebtedness and liabilities. Because the Bank has subsidiaries, the Bank's right to participate in any distribution of the assets of such banking or non-banking subsidiaries, upon a subsidiary's dissolution, winding-up liquidation or reorganization or otherwise, and thus a purchaser's ability to benefit indirectly from such distribution, is subject to the prior claims of creditors of that subsidiary, except to the extent that the Bank may be a creditor of that subsidiary and the Bank's claims are recognized. There are legal limitations on the extent to which some of the Bank's subsidiaries may extend credit, pay dividends or otherwise supply funds to, or engage in transactions with, the Bank or some of the Bank's other subsidiaries.

**The Debt Securities will not constitute deposits that are insured under the *Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation Act* or any other deposit insurance regime.**

The Debt Securities will be issued under one or more indentures (each, a "**Trust Indenture**"), in each case between the Bank and a financial institution to which the *Trust and Loan Companies Act* (Canada) applies or a financial institution organized under the laws of any province of Canada and authorized to carry on business as a trustee (each, a "**Trustee**"). Any series of Debt Securities may also be created and issued without a Trust Indenture or a fiscal agency or paying agency agreement. The Bank may also appoint a calculation agent in connection with any Debt Securities issued under this Prospectus, which agent may be an affiliate or otherwise non-arm's length to the Bank. The statements made below relating to any Trust Indenture and the Debt Securities to be issued thereunder are summaries of certain anticipated provisions thereof, are not complete and are subject to, and are qualified in their entirety by reference to, all provisions of the applicable Trust Indenture.

Each Trust Indenture may provide that Debt Securities may be issued thereunder up to the aggregate principal amount which may be authorized from time to time by the Bank. Reference is made to the Prospectus Supplement which accompanies this Prospectus for the terms and other information with respect to the Debt Securities being offered thereby, including: (i) the designation, aggregate principal amount and authorized denominations of the Debt Securities; (ii) the currency for which the Debt Securities may be purchased and the currency in which the principal and any interest is payable (in either case, if other than Canadian dollars); (iii) the percentage of the principal amount at which the Debt Securities will be issued; (iv) the date or dates on which the Debt Securities will mature; (v) the rate or rates per annum at which such Debt Securities will bear interest (if any), or the method of determination of such rates (if any); (vi) the dates on which such interest will be payable and the record dates for such payments; (vii) the Trustee under the Trust Indenture pursuant to which the Debt Securities are to be issued; (viii) any redemption term or terms under which such Debt Securities may be defeased; (ix) whether the Debt Securities are to be issued in

registered form, “book-entry only” form, bearer form or in the form of temporary or permanent global securities and the basis of exchange, transfer and ownership thereof; (x) any exchange or conversion terms; (xi) the ratings, if any, issued by rating agencies; and (xii) any other specific terms.

Unless otherwise specified in the Prospectus Supplement which accompanies this Prospectus, principal, premium (if any) and interest payable on Debt Securities are to be payable at any branch in Canada of the Bank provided that such payments may also be made at the option of the Bank by electronic or wire transfer or, by cheque mailed, delivered or otherwise transferred to the persons in whose names the Debt Securities are registered.

Debt Securities may, at the option of the Bank, be issued in fully registered form, in bearer form or in “book-entry only” form. See “Book-Entry Only Securities” below. Debt Securities in registered form will be exchangeable for other Debt Securities of the same series and tenor, registered in the same name, for the same aggregate principal amount in different authorized denominations and will be transferable at any time or from time to time at the corporate trust office of the Trustee for the Debt Securities. No charge will be made to the holder for any such exchange or transfer except for any tax or government charge incidental thereto.

### **DESCRIPTION OF COMMON SHARES**

The authorized capital of the Bank includes an unlimited number of Common Shares without nominal or par value, which may be issued for unlimited consideration. The holders of Common Shares are entitled to (i) vote at all meetings of the shareholders of the Bank, except for meetings where only holders of a specified class or series of shares are entitled to vote; (ii) receive dividends as and when declared by the Board of Directors of the Bank, subject to the preference of the Bank’s holders of preferred shares; and (iii) receive the remaining property of the Bank if it is liquidated, dissolved, or wound up, only after paying the Bank’s holders of preferred shares and paying all outstanding debt.

### **DESCRIPTION OF PREFERRED SHARES**

The authorized capital of the Bank includes an unlimited number of Class A Preferred Shares and Class B Preferred Shares without nominal or par value, in series, which may be issued for unlimited consideration. Class B Preferred Shares may be issued in a foreign currency.

The following describes certain general terms and provisions of the Preferred Shares. The particular terms and provisions of a series of Preferred Shares offered by a Prospectus Supplement, and the extent to which the general terms and provisions described below may apply thereto, will be described in such Prospectus Supplement.

#### **Certain Provisions of the Class A Preferred Shares as a Class**

##### ***Issuable in Series***

The Class A Preferred Shares may be issued, from time to time, in one or more series with such rights, privileges, restrictions and conditions as the Board of Directors of the Bank may determine by resolution. As at the date hereof, there were no outstanding Class A Preferred Shares.

The Class A Preferred Shares of each series rank equally to all other series of Class A Preferred Shares and Class B Preferred Shares (including any Preferred Shares issued hereunder if a trigger event has not occurred as contemplated under the specific Non-Viability Capital Contingency Provisions applicable to such Preferred Shares) and are entitled to preference over the Common Shares and over any other shares ranking junior to the Class A Preferred Shares and the Class B Preferred Shares with respect to the payment of dividends and in the distribution of property in the event of the liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Bank.

##### ***Creation and Issue of Shares***

Under the Bank Act, the Bank may not, without the approval of the holders of the Class A Preferred Shares, create any other class of shares ranking equal with or superior to the Class A Preferred Shares. Shareholders must give

this approval as set out below in “Shareholder Approvals.” The Bank Act and other laws may also require other forms of approval.

The Bank does not require approval of the holders of Class A Preferred Shares to create or issue additional Class A Preferred Shares or shares of equal rank if, on the date they are created or issued, the Bank has declared and paid or set apart for payment all dividends payable on cumulative and non-cumulative Class A Preferred Shares, including for the most recently completed fiscal period.

***Voting Rights***

The holders of the Class A Preferred Shares are not entitled to any voting rights as a class except as provided herein or by law.

***Shareholder Approvals***

Any approval to be given by the holders of the Class A Preferred Shares may be given by a resolution carried by the affirmative vote of not less than 66⅔% of the votes cast at a meeting of holders of Class A Preferred Shares at which a majority of the outstanding Class A Preferred Shares is represented or, if no quorum is present at such meeting, at any adjourned meeting at which no quorum requirements would apply.

**Certain Provisions of the Class B Preferred Shares as a Class**

***Issuable in Series***

The Class B Preferred Shares may be issued, from time to time, in one or more series with such rights, privileges, restrictions and conditions as the Board of Directors of the Bank may determine by resolution.

The Class B Preferred Shares of each series rank equally to all other series of Class B Preferred Shares and Class A Preferred Shares (including any Preferred Shares issued hereunder if a trigger event has not occurred as contemplated under the specific Non-Viability Capital Contingency Provisions applicable to such Preferred Shares) and are entitled to preference over the Common Shares and over any other shares ranking junior to the Class A Preferred Shares and the Class B Preferred Shares with respect to the payment of dividends and in the distribution of property in the event of the liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Bank.

***Creation and Issue of Shares***

Under the Bank Act, the Bank may not, without the approval of the holders of the Class B Preferred Shares, create any other class of shares ranking equal with or superior to the Class B Preferred Shares. Shareholders must give this approval as set out below in “Shareholder Approvals.” The Bank Act and other laws may also require other forms of approval.

The Bank does not require approval of the holders of Class B Preferred Shares to create or issue additional Class B Preferred Shares or shares of equal rank if, on the date they are created or issued, the Bank has declared and paid or set apart for payment all dividends payable on cumulative and non-cumulative Class B Preferred Shares, including for the most recently completed fiscal period.

***Voting Rights***

The holders of the Class B Preferred Shares are not entitled to any voting rights as a class except as provided herein or by law.

***Shareholder Approvals***

Any approval to be given by the holders of the Class B Preferred Shares may be given by a resolution carried by the affirmative vote of not less than 66⅔% of the votes cast at a meeting of holders of Class B Preferred Shares at which a majority of the outstanding Class B Preferred Shares is represented or, if no quorum is present at such meeting, at any adjourned meeting at which no quorum requirements would apply.

## DESCRIPTION OF SUBSCRIPTION RECEIPTS

The following sets forth certain general terms and provisions of the Subscription Receipts. The Bank may issue Subscription Receipts that may be exchanged by the holders thereof for Debt Securities, Preferred Shares or Common Shares upon the satisfaction of certain conditions. The particular terms and provisions of the Subscription Receipts offered pursuant to an accompanying Prospectus Supplement, and the extent to which the general terms described below apply to those Subscription Receipts, will be described in such Prospectus Supplement.

Subscription Receipts may be offered separately or together with Debt Securities, Preferred Shares or Common Shares, as the case may be. The Subscription Receipts will be issued under a subscription receipt agreement.

Any Prospectus Supplement for Subscription Receipts supplementing this Prospectus will contain the terms and conditions and other information with respect to the Subscription Receipts being offered thereby, including:

- (i) the number of Subscription Receipts;
- (ii) the price at which the Subscription Receipts will be offered and whether the price is payable in installments;
- (iii) any conditions to the exchange of Subscription Receipts into Debt Securities, Preferred Shares or Common Shares, as the case may be, and the consequences of such conditions not being satisfied;
- (iv) the procedures for the exchange of the Subscription Receipts into Debt Securities, Preferred Shares or Common Shares, as the case may be;
- (v) the manner in which funds will be invested and held, and procedures for the release of funds (including interest or other income earned on funds) pending satisfaction or non-satisfaction of the escrow release or other conditions;
- (vi) the number of Debt Securities, Preferred Shares or Common Shares, as the case may be, that may be exchanged upon exercise of each Subscription Receipt;
- (vii) the identity of the subscription receipt agent;
- (viii) the designation and terms of any other securities with which the Subscription Receipts will be offered, if any, and the number of Subscription Receipts that will be offered with each security, if applicable;
- (ix) the dates or periods during which the Subscription Receipts may be exchanged into Debt Securities, Preferred Shares or Common Shares, as the case may be;
- (x) any entitlements of the holders of Subscription Receipts to receive dividends declared on Common Shares or dividend-equivalent payments;
- (xi) whether such Subscription Receipts will be listed on any securities exchange;
- (xii) any other rights, privileges, restrictions and conditions attaching to the Subscription Receipts; and
- (xiii) any other specific terms.

Prior to the exchange of their Subscription Receipts, holders of Subscription Receipts will not have any of the rights of holders of the securities that may be exchanged upon exercise of the Subscription Receipts.

## **BOOK-ENTRY ONLY SECURITIES**

Securities issued in “book-entry only” form must be purchased, transferred or redeemed through participants (“**Participants**”) in the depository service of CDS Clearing and Depository Services Inc. (“**CDS**”) (or such other depository as is identified in an accompanying Prospectus Supplement or any successor to CDS, as the case may be). Each of the underwriters, dealers or agents, as the case may be, named in an accompanying Prospectus Supplement will be a Participant. On the closing of a book-entry only offering, the Bank will cause a global certificate or certificates representing the aggregate number of Securities subscribed for under such offering to be delivered to, and registered in the name of, CDS or its nominee. Except as described below, no purchaser of Securities will be entitled to a certificate or other instrument from the Bank or CDS evidencing that purchaser’s ownership thereof, and no purchaser will be shown on the records maintained by CDS or its nominee except through a book-entry account of a Participant acting on behalf of such purchaser. Each purchaser of Securities will receive a customer confirmation of purchase from the registered dealer from which the Securities are purchased in accordance with the practices and procedures of such registered dealer. The practices of registered dealers may vary, but generally customer confirmations are issued promptly after execution of a customer order. CDS will be responsible for establishing and maintaining book-entry accounts for its Participants having interests in the Securities. Reference in this Prospectus to a holder of Securities means, unless the context otherwise requires, the owner of the beneficial interest in the Securities.

If the Bank determines, or CDS notifies the Bank in writing, that CDS is no longer willing or able to discharge properly its responsibilities as depository with respect to the Securities and the Bank is unable to locate a qualified successor, or if the Bank at its option elects, or is required by law, to terminate the book-entry system, then the Securities will be issued in fully registered form to holders or their nominees.

### ***Transfer, Conversion or Redemption of Securities***

Transfer of ownership, conversion or redemptions of Securities will be effected through records maintained by CDS or its nominee for such Securities with respect to interests of Participants, and on the records of Participants with respect to interests of persons other than Participants. Holders who desire to purchase, sell or otherwise transfer ownership of or other interests in the Securities may do so only through Participants.

The ability of a holder to pledge a Security or otherwise take action with respect to such holder’s interest in a Security (other than through a Participant) may be limited due to the lack of a physical certificate.

### ***Payments and Notices***

Any payment of principal, redemption, dividend and interest on a Security (as applicable) will be made by the Bank to CDS or its nominee, as the case may be, as the registered holder of the Security and the Bank understands that such payments will be credited by CDS or its nominee, as the case may be, in the appropriate amounts to the relevant Participants. Payments to holders of Securities of amounts so credited will be the responsibility of the Participants.

As long as CDS or its nominee is the registered holder of the Securities, CDS or its nominee, as the case may be, will be considered the sole owner of the Securities for the purposes of receiving notices or payments on the Securities. In such circumstances, the responsibility and liability of the Bank in respect of notices or payments on the Securities is limited to giving or making payment of any principal, redemption, dividend and interest due on the Securities (as applicable) to CDS or its nominee.

Each holder must rely on the procedures of CDS and, if such holder is not a Participant, on the procedures of the Participant through which such holder owns its interest, to exercise any rights with respect to the Securities. The Bank understands that under existing policies of CDS and industry practices, if the Bank requests any action of holders or if a holder desires to give any notice or take any action which a registered holder is entitled to give or take with respect to the Securities, CDS would authorize the Participant acting on behalf of the holder to give such notice or to take such action, in accordance with the procedures established by CDS or agreed to from time to time by the Bank, any Trustee and CDS. Any holder that is not a Participant must rely on the contractual arrangement it has directly, or indirectly through its financial intermediary, with its Participant to give such notice or take such action.

The Bank, the underwriters, dealers or agents and any Trustee identified in an accompanying Prospectus Supplement, as applicable, will not have any liability or responsibility for: (i) records maintained by CDS or its nominee relating to beneficial ownership interest in the Securities held by CDS or its nominee or the book-entry accounts maintained by CDS or its nominee; (ii) maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records relating to any such beneficial ownership interest; or (iii) any advice or representation made by or with respect to CDS and contained herein or in any Trust Indenture relating to the rules and regulations of CDS or any action to be taken by CDS or at the directions of the Participants.

### **BANK ACT RESTRICTIONS AND APPROVALS**

Under the Bank Act, the Bank, with the prior consent of the Superintendent, may redeem or purchase any of its shares unless there are reasonable grounds for believing that the Bank is, or the redemption or purchase would cause the Bank to be, in contravention of any regulation made under the Bank Act respecting the maintenance by banks of adequate capital and adequate and appropriate forms of liquidity, or any direction to the Bank made by the Superintendent pursuant to subsection 485(3) of the Bank Act regarding its capital or its liquidity. No such direction to the Bank has been made to date.

The Bank is also prohibited under the Bank Act from paying or declaring a dividend if there are reasonable grounds for believing that the Bank is, or the payment would cause the Bank to be, in contravention of any regulation made under the Bank Act respecting the maintenance by banks of adequate capital and adequate and appropriate forms of liquidity, or any direction to the Bank made by the Superintendent pursuant to subsection 485(3) of the Bank Act regarding its capital or its liquidity. No such direction to the Bank has been made to date.

### **RESTRAINTS ON BANK SHARES UNDER THE BANK ACT**

The Bank Act restricts the beneficial ownership of shares of a bank. The following is a summary of such restrictions. No person may be a major shareholder of a bank if such bank has equity of \$12 billion or more, which applies to the Bank. A major shareholder is defined as a person, or group of persons under common control or acting jointly or in concert, that beneficially owns more than 20% of any class of voting shares or more than 30% of any class of non-voting shares of a bank.

In addition, no person may have a significant interest in any class of shares of a bank, including the Bank, unless the person first receives the approval of the Minister of Finance (Canada). A person has a significant interest in a class of shares of a bank when the person, or group of persons under common control or acting jointly or in concert, beneficially owns more than 10% of any class of shares of a bank.

Governments and their agents are also restricted from acquiring shares of a bank, except for certain cases that require the Minister of Finance's consent.

### **CHANGES TO SHARE CAPITAL AND SUBORDINATED INDEBTEDNESS**

As at March 10, 2022, the Bank had 650,632,828 Common Shares, 122,000,000 Class B Preferred Shares and no Class A Preferred Shares outstanding.

On February 25, 2022, the Bank redeemed all of its outstanding 24,000,000 Non-Cumulative 5-Year Rate Reset Class B Preferred Shares, Series 38 (Non-Viability Contingent Capital (NVCC)) (the "**Preferred Share Series 38 Redemption**") for an aggregate redemption price of \$600 million.

The Bank is expected to complete an offering on March 15, 2022 of \$750,000,000 5.625% Limited Recourse Capital Notes, Series 2 (Non-Viability Contingent Capital (NVCC)) (subordinated indebtedness) (the "**LRCN Series 2 Note Issuance**") and in connection with such offering intends to issue 750,000 Non-Cumulative 5-Year Fixed Rate Reset Class B Preferred Shares, Series 49 (Non-Viability Contingent Capital (NVCC)) on March 14, 2022 to Computershare Trust Company of Canada, as trustee of BMO LRCN Trust.

## EARNINGS COVERAGE RATIOS

The following consolidated financial ratios for the Bank, which are calculated for the 12 months ended October 31, 2021 and January 31, 2022, respectively, are presented on a *pro forma* as adjusted basis after giving effect to: (i) the issuance by the Bank of US\$1,250,000,000 3.088% Subordinated Notes due 2037 (Non-Viability Contingent Capital (NVCC)) (Subordinated Indebtedness) on January 10, 2022 (the “US Subordinated Note Issuance”), (ii) the Preferred Shares Series 38 Redemption, and (iii) the LRCN Series 2 Note Issuance, as appropriate for each of the periods presented, and do not reflect the issue of any Securities under this Prospectus.

	12 Months Ended October 31, 2021 <sup>(2)</sup>	12 Months Ended January 31, 2022 <sup>(3)</sup>
Grossed up dividend coverage on Class B Preferred Shares, Series (27, 29, 31, 33, 35, 36, 40, 42, 44 and 46) and other equity instruments <sup>(1)</sup>	32.00 times	35.89 times
Interest coverage on subordinated indebtedness	42.96 times	64.53 times
Interest and grossed up dividend coverage on subordinated indebtedness, preferred shares and other equity interests	18.34 times	23.06 times

Notes:

- (1) As at October 31, 2021 and January 31, 2022, there were no Class A Preferred Shares outstanding.
- (2) As adjusted to give effect to the US Subordinated Note Issuance, the Preferred Shares Series 38 Redemption and the LRCN Series 2 Note Issuance.
- (3) As adjusted to give effect to the Preferred Shares Series 38 Redemption and the LRCN Series 2 Note Issuance.

The Bank’s dividend requirements on all of its preferred shares and other equity instruments amounted to (i) \$326.7 million for the 12 months ended October 31, 2021 adjusted to a before-tax equivalent using an effective tax rate of 24.41%, and (ii) \$326.8 million for the 12 months ended January 31, 2022, adjusted to a before-tax equivalent using an effective tax rate of 24.93%. The Bank’s interest requirements for its long-term debt and grossed up dividends on its preferred shares and other equity interests for (i) the 12 months ended October 31, 2021 amounted to \$570.0 million, and (ii) the 12 months ended January 31, 2022 amounted to \$508.6 million. The Bank’s earnings before interest and income tax for (i) the 12 months ended October 31, 2021 amounted to \$10,453 million, which was 18.34 times the Bank’s aggregate dividend and interest requirements for this period, and (ii) the 12 months ended January 31, 2022 amounted to \$11,731 million, which was 23.06 times the Bank’s aggregate dividend and interest requirements for this period. The foregoing figures have been calculated after giving effect to the US Subordinated Note Issuance, the Preferred Shares Series 38 Redemption and the LRCN Series 2 Note Issuance, as appropriate for each of the periods presented.

In calculating the dividend and interest coverages, foreign currency amounts have been converted to Canadian dollars using rates of exchange as at the end of each month. For the 12 month period ended October 31, 2021, the average of such exchange rates was \$1.2554 per US\$1.00. For the 12 month period ended January 31, 2022, the average of such exchange rates was \$1.2521 per US\$1.00.

The information presented herein for the 12 months ended January 31, 2022 is based on unaudited financial information. The information in this “Earnings Coverage Ratios” section is disclosed in accordance with Item 6 of Form 44-101F1 – *Short Form Prospectus*.

## PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

The Bank may sell Securities to or through underwriters or dealers purchasing as principal, and also may sell Securities to one or more purchasers directly through applicable statutory exemptions or through agents. Debt Securities may be sold from time to time in one or more transactions at a fixed price or prices, which may be changed, at market prices prevailing at the time of sale, at prices related to such prevailing market prices or at prices to be negotiated with purchasers.

A Prospectus Supplement will set forth the terms of any offering of Securities, including the name or names of any underwriters or agents involved in the offering and sale of the Securities, the initial public offering price, the proceeds to the Bank, any underwriting discount or commission or discount or commission to be paid to any agents and any discounts, concessions or commissions allowed or re-allowed or paid by any underwriters to other dealers. Unless otherwise indicated in the Prospectus Supplement, any agent is acting on a “best efforts” basis for the period of its appointment.

If underwriters are used in the sale, the Securities will be acquired by the underwriters for their own account and may be resold from time to time in one or more transactions, including negotiated transactions, at a fixed public offering price or at varying prices determined at the time of sale, at market prices prevailing at the time of sale or at prices related to such prevailing market prices. The obligations of the underwriters to purchase such Securities will be subject to certain conditions precedent, and the underwriters will be obligated to purchase all the Securities offered by the Prospectus Supplement if any of such Securities are purchased. Any discounts or concessions allowed or re-allowed or paid to dealers may be changed from time to time. In particular, in connection with any offering of the Securities (unless otherwise specified in a Prospectus Supplement), after the underwriters have made a reasonable effort to sell all of the Securities at the initial public offering price disclosed in a Prospectus Supplement, the public offering price may be decreased, and further changed from time to time, by the underwriters to an amount not greater than the initial public offering price disclosed in the Prospectus Supplement and, in such case, the compensation realized by the underwriters will be decreased by the amount that the aggregate price paid by purchasers for the Securities is less than the gross proceeds paid by the underwriters to the Bank.

The Securities may also be sold directly by the Bank at such prices and upon such terms as agreed to by the Bank and the purchaser or through agents designated by the Bank from time to time. Any agent involved in the offering and sale of the Securities in respect of which this Prospectus is delivered will be named, and any commissions payable by the Bank to such agent will be set forth, in the Prospectus Supplement.

The Bank may agree to pay the underwriters a commission for various services relating to the issue and sale of any Securities offered hereby. Any such commission will be paid out of the general corporate funds of the Bank. Underwriters, dealers and agents who participate in the distribution of the Securities may be entitled under agreements to be entered into with the Bank to indemnification by the Bank against certain liabilities, including liabilities under securities legislation, or to contribution with respect to payments which such underwriters, dealers or agents may be required to make in respect thereof.

In connection with any offering of the Securities (unless otherwise specified in a Prospectus Supplement), the underwriters or agents may over-allot or effect transactions which stabilize or maintain the market price of the Securities offered at a higher level than that which might exist in the open market. These transactions may be commenced, interrupted or discontinued at any time.

The Securities to be issued hereunder have not been, and will not be, registered under the U.S. Securities Act and may not be offered, sold or delivered, directly or indirectly, in the United States of America, its territories, its possessions and other areas subject to its jurisdiction or to, or for the account or benefit of, a U.S. person (as defined in Regulation S under the U.S. Securities Act) except in certain transactions exempt from the requirements of the U.S. Securities Act.

#### **OTHER MATERIAL FACTS**

On June 22, 2016, legislation came into force amending the Bank Act, the Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation Act (the “**CDIC Act**”) and certain other Canadian federal statutes pertaining to banks to create a bail-in regime for Canada’s domestic systemically important banks, which include the Bank. On April 18, 2018, the Government of Canada published the final regulations under the CDIC Act and the Bank Act providing the final details of the conversion, issuance and compensation regimes for bail-in instruments issued by domestic systemically important banks, including the Bank (collectively, the “**Bail-In Regulations**”). Pursuant to the CDIC Act, in circumstances where the Superintendent has determined that the Bank has ceased, or is about to cease, to be viable, the Governor in Council may, upon a recommendation of the Minister of Finance that he or she is of the opinion that it is in the public interest to do so, grant an order directing CDIC to convert all or a portion of certain shares and liabilities of the Bank into common shares of the Bank or any of its affiliates (a “**Bail-In Conversion**”).

The Bail-In Regulations prescribe the types of shares and liabilities (“**Eligible Shares and Liabilities**”) that will be subject to a Bail-In Conversion. Subject to certain exceptions, including for structured notes, in general, any senior debt issued on or after September 23, 2018 with an initial or amended term to maturity (including explicit or embedded options) greater than 400 days, that is unsecured or partially secured and has been assigned a CUSIP or ISIN or similar identification number would be prescribed liabilities subject to a Bail-In Conversion. Shares, other than Common Shares, and subordinated debt would also be prescribed liabilities subject to a Bail-In Conversion, unless they are non-viability contingent capital. Holders of Common Shares, and holders of Debt Securities or Preferred Shares who receive Common Shares following the occurrence of a trigger event under the Non-Viability Capital Contingency Provisions, may sustain substantial dilution following a Bail-In Conversion of the Eligible Shares and Liabilities.

Notwithstanding the above, any shares and liabilities issued before the date the Bail-In Regulations came into force would not be subject to a Bail-In Conversion, unless, in the case of a liability, the terms of such liability are, on or after that day, amended to increase its principal amount or to extend its term to maturity and the liability, as amended, meets the requirements to be subject to a Bail-In Conversion. The Bail-In Regulations came into force on September 23, 2018 and the related compensation regime came into force on March 26, 2018.

In the event any Securities issued under this Prospectus are subject to the bail-in regime, the applicable Prospectus Supplement will provide details of that regime.

For a description of Canadian bank resolution powers and the consequent risk factors, reference is made to the disclosure set out under the heading “Description of the Business – Supervision and Regulation in Canada” contained in the Annual Information Form, which disclosure is incorporated by reference herein.

## **RISK FACTORS**

Investment in the Securities is subject to various risks including those risks inherent in conducting the business of a diversified financial institution. Before deciding whether to invest in any Securities, investors should consider carefully the risks set out herein and incorporated by reference in this Prospectus (including subsequently filed documents incorporated by reference) and those described in a Prospectus Supplement relating to a specific offering of Securities. Prospective investors should consider the categories of risks identified and discussed in the annual information form and management’s discussion and analysis incorporated herein by reference including but not limited to credit and counterparty risk, market risk, insurance risk, liquidity and funding risk, operational non-financial risk, legal and regulatory risk, strategic risk, environmental and social risk, and reputation risk and other factors that may affect the Bank’s results.

## **USE OF PROCEEDS**

Unless otherwise specified in a Prospectus Supplement, the net proceeds to the Bank from the sale of the Securities will be added to the general funds of the Bank and utilized for general banking purposes.

## **LEGAL MATTERS**

Unless otherwise specified in the Prospectus Supplement, certain legal matters relating to the Securities offered by a Prospectus Supplement will be passed upon, on behalf of the Bank, by Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP. As at March 11, 2022, partners and associates of Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP beneficially owned, directly or indirectly, less than 1% of any issued and outstanding securities of the Bank or any associates or affiliates of the Bank.

## **RELIANCE ON EXEMPTIONS FOR WELL-KNOWN SEASONED ISSUERS**

The securities regulatory authorities in each of the provinces and territories of Canada have adopted substantively harmonized blanket orders, including Ontario Instrument 44-501 – *Exemption from Certain Prospectus Requirements for Well-known Seasoned Issuers (Interim Class Order)* (together with the equivalent local blanket orders in each of the other provinces and territories of Canada, collectively, the “**WKSI Blanket Orders**”). This Prospectus has been filed by the Bank in reliance upon the WKSI Blanket Orders, which permit “well-known seasoned

issuers”, or “WKSIs”, to file a final short form base shelf prospectus as the first public step in an offering, and exempt qualifying issuers from certain disclosure requirements relating to such final short form base shelf prospectus. As of the date hereof, the Bank has determined that it qualifies as a “well-known seasoned issuer” under the WKSIs Blanket Orders.

### **PURCHASERS’ STATUTORY RIGHTS**

Securities legislation in certain of the provinces and territories of Canada provides purchasers with the right to withdraw from an agreement to purchase securities. This right may be exercised within two business days after receipt or deemed receipt of a prospectus and any amendment. In several of the provinces and territories, the securities legislation further provides a purchaser with remedies for rescission or, in some jurisdictions, revisions of the price or damages if the prospectus and any amendment contains a misrepresentation or is not delivered to the purchaser, provided that the remedies for rescission, revisions of the price or damages are exercised by the purchaser within the time limit prescribed by the securities legislation of the purchaser’s province or territory. The purchaser should refer to any applicable provisions of the securities legislation of the purchaser’s province or territory for the particulars of these rights or consult with a legal adviser.

Original Canadian purchasers of Debt Securities, Preferred Shares or Subscription Receipts that are convertible or exchangeable into other securities of the Bank will have a contractual right of rescission against the Bank in respect of the conversion, exchange or exercise of such convertible, exchangeable or exercisable Securities. The contractual right of rescission will entitle such original purchasers to receive from the Bank, upon surrender of the underlying securities acquired upon the conversion, exchange or exercise of such Securities, the amount paid for such Securities (and any additional amount paid upon conversion, exchange or exercise), in the event that this Prospectus, the applicable Prospectus Supplement or any amendment contains a misrepresentation, provided that: (i) the conversion, exchange or exercise takes place within 180 days of the date of the purchase of the Securities that are convertible, exercisable or exchangeable under this Prospectus and the applicable Prospectus Supplement; and (ii) the right of rescission is exercised within 180 days of the date of the purchase of the Securities that are convertible, exercisable or exchangeable under this Prospectus and the applicable Prospectus Supplement. This contractual right of rescission will be consistent with the statutory right of rescission described under section 130 of the *Securities Act* (Ontario), and is in addition to any other right or remedy available to original purchasers under section 130 of the *Securities Act* (Ontario) or otherwise at law. Original Canadian purchasers are further advised that in certain provinces and territories the statutory right of action for damages in connection with a prospectus misrepresentation is limited to the amount paid for the Securities that are convertible or exchangeable into other securities of the Bank that were purchased under a prospectus, and therefore a further payment at the time of conversion, exchange or exercise may not be recoverable in a statutory action for damages. The purchaser should refer to any applicable provisions of the securities legislation of the province or territory in which the purchaser resides for the particulars of these rights, or consult with a legal adviser.

## CERTIFICATE OF THE BANK

Dated: March 11, 2022

This short form prospectus, together with the documents incorporated in this prospectus by reference, will, as of the date of the last supplement to this prospectus relating to the securities offered by this prospectus and the supplement(s), constitute full, true and plain disclosure of all material facts relating to the securities offered by this prospectus and the supplement(s) as required by the *Bank Act* (Canada) and the regulations thereunder and the securities legislation of all provinces and territories of Canada.

(signed) DARRYL WHITE  
Chief Executive Officer

(signed) TAYFUN TUZUN  
Chief Financial Officer

On Behalf of the Board of Directors

(signed) GEORGE A. COPE  
Director

(signed) CHRISTINE A. EDWARDS  
Director