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Forward Looking Statements

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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 <u>BMO's 2007 Annual Report</u>, 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 uncertainty of 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 observad-looking information contained in this document is presented for the purpose of assisting our sharders 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 commy 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 partity to the U.S. dollar at the end of 2008. In determining our expectations for economic growth, both broadly and in the financial services sector, we primarily consider historical economic data provided by the Canadian and U.S. governments and their agencies. We now anticipate weaker conomic growth in Canada and that the United States will stip into 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.

Material factors which were taken into account when establishing our expectation of the future risk of credit losses in Apex and Sitka Trusts as discussed in this document included industry diversification in the portfolio, initial credit quality by portfolio and the first-loss protection incorporated into the structure discussed in the press release announcing the restructuring.

In establishing the expectation that the collateral calls will be capped at \$3.3 billion as discussed in this document, we assumed that BMO's credit rating would not be materially lowered.

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Other Reporting Matters

CAUTION REGARDING 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 commodities 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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Q1 08 Financial Results

	Net Income	EPS	Cash EPS	ROE	Cash Operating Leverage
As Reported	\$255MM	\$0.47	\$0.49	6.7%	1.5%
Excluding Significant Items	\$617MM	\$1.19	\$1.21	16.8%	(1.8)%

Challenging market conditions – proactively managing

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Operating Group Net Income (\$MM)

■ Net Income ■ Adjustments to NI

Momentum continues in P&C Canada

Note: Excludes Corporate Services

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Specific PCL as a % of Average Net Loans and Acceptances (including Reverse Repos)

%	вмо	Competitors
Q1 / 08	.31	.31
Q4 / 07	.19	.26
Q1 / 07	.10	.23
F2007	.15	.24
16 yr	.33	.54

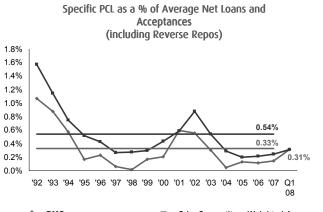
BMO's Canadian competitors include: RY, BNS, CM, TD and NA

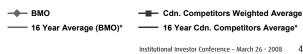
Competitor average excludes the impact of TD's sectoral provisions

* 16 yr avg.: 1992 to 2007

Credit Performance Measure

Historical Specific PCL average represents a 21 bps advantage over the Canadian peer group

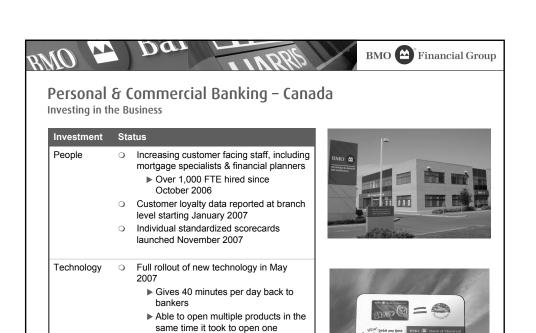




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Current Issues

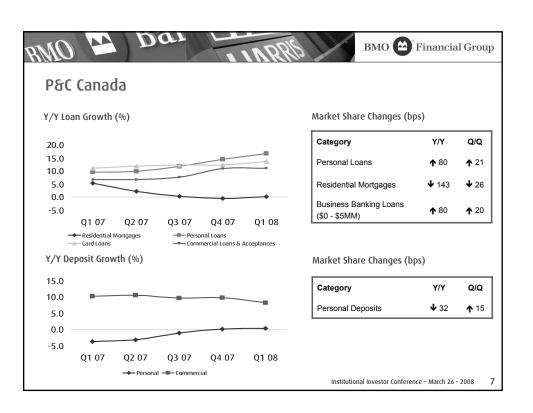
Item	Status		
Canadian Bank sponsored ABCP	Market functioning as expected given current market conditions		
U.S. Bank sponsored ABCP (Fairway)	 Conduit consists of high quality assets All outstanding paper has been consistently rolling with 3rd party investors 		
Canadian non-bank sponsored ABCP (majority under Montreal Accord)	Balance at Q1 08 of approximately \$300MMBMO fully supports Accord		
Links & Parkland SIVs	 BMO has provided senior-ranked funding to SIVs; allows SIVs to continue to sell assets in an orderly manner Size of conduits down significantly from July 2007 		
Apex & Sitka Trusts	 Successful restructuring announced, subject to definitive documentation and certain conditions, including investor approval 		
	 Credit quality of underlying portfolio strong Preserves underlying positions, risk of credit loss to BMO low 		



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Added 22 new branches and redeveloped 31 in F2007, the most in recent years

Distribution





Our Operating Philosophy

Our Vision

To be the top-performing financial services company in North America

Our Governing Objective

To maximize the total return to BMO shareholders and generate, over time, first-quartile total shareholder return relative to our Canadian and North American peer groups

Our Medium-Term Financial Objectives

Over time, increase EPS by a minimum of 10% per year, earn average annual ROE of between 18% and 20%, grow revenues by two percentage points more than expenses, and maintain a strong regulatory capital position, consistent with our peers.

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