

National Bank Again Ranks Among the 20 Strongest Banks in the World

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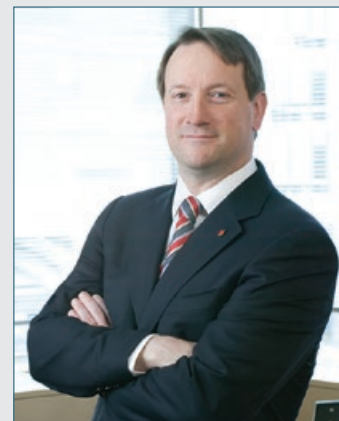
National Bank has been named one of the 20 strongest banks in the world by internationally renowned *Bloomberg Markets* magazine for the third year running. This is an exceptional accomplishment, further to the Bank's massive investments in its development and enhancing its client service offering.

Key selection criteria:

- › Tier 1 capital ratio;
- › Non-performing assets to total assets;
- › Loan loss reserves to non-performing assets;
- › Stability, measured in terms of the ratio of deposits to funding;
- › Efficiency.

“National Bank ended its most recent quarter with record-breaking financial performance in addition to having one of the best track records in Canada for loan losses. The latest ranking by Bloomberg Markets confirms that the Bank is well positioned to continue being a key economic and social driver for all its stakeholders.”

Louis Vachon, President and Chief Executive Officer



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