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Form F-3

REGISTRATION STATEMENT

UNDER

THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

BANK OF MONTREAL

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

CANADA

**(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)**

13-4941092

(I.R.S. Employer

Identification No.)

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Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public: At such time or times on or after the effective date of this Registration Statement as the Registrant shall determine.

If the only securities being registered on this Form are being offered pursuant to dividend or interest reinvestment plans, please check the following box.

If any of the securities being registered on this Form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, please check the following box.

If this Form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, please check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If this Form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(c) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If this Form is a registration statement pursuant to General Instruction I.C. or a post-effective amendment thereto that shall become effective upon filing with the Commission pursuant to Rule 462(e) under the Securities Act, check the following box.

If this Form is a post-effective amendment to a registration statement filed pursuant to General Instruction I.C. filed to register additional securities or additional classes of securities pursuant to Rule 413(b) under the Securities Act, check the following box.

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of Each Class of Securities to be Registered	Amount to be Registered/Proposed	Amount of Registration Fee (1)(2)
	Maximum Offering Price per Unit/Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price (1)(2)(3)(4)	
Common Shares, without par value		
Class A Preferred Shares, without par value		
Class B Preferred Shares, without par value		
Senior Debt Securities		
Subordinated Debt Securities		
Total	US\$25,000,000,000	US\$1,018,968

- (1) Pursuant to Rule 415(a)(6) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act), the US\$25,000,000,000 of securities covered by this Registration Statement includes US\$5,095,185,500 aggregate principal amount or offering price of the Registrant's securities (the Unsold Securities) that were previously registered by the Registrant on the Registration Statement on Form F-3 under the Securities Act (File No. 333-196387) filed on May 29, 2014, as amended by Pre-Effective Amendment No. 1 thereto filed on June 27, 2014. Pursuant to Rule 415(a)(6) under the Securities Act, US\$656,259.89 of filing fees previously paid in connection with the Unsold Securities will continue to be applied to the Unsold Securities that are being carried forward to this Registration Statement. In accordance with Commission rules, the Registrant may continue to offer and sell the Unsold Securities during the grace period afforded by Rule 415(a)(5). If the Registrant sells any Unsold Securities during the grace period, the Registrant will identify in a pre-effective amendment to this Registration Statement the new amount of Unsold Securities to be carried forward to this Registration Statement in reliance upon Rule 415(a)(6) and any filing fee paid in connection with such Unsold Securities and the amount of any new securities to be registered.

In addition, pursuant to Rule 457(p) under the Securities Act, the Registrant hereby offsets the registration fee required to be paid in connection with this Registration Statement by US\$1,288,000 previously paid by the Registrant in connection with US\$10,000,000,000 of unsold securities that were previously registered by the Registrant and BMO Covered Bond Guarantor Limited Partnership (the Covered Bond Guarantor) on the Registration Statement on Form F-3 under the Securities Act (File Nos. 333-189814 and 333-189814-01) filed on July 3, 2013, as amended by Pre-Effective Amendment No. 1 thereto filed on October 4, 2013 and Pre-Effective Amendment No. 2 thereto filed on October 21, 2013, which was withdrawn on December 16, 2015. The Registrant is the sole limited partner of and holds substantially all of the interest in the Covered Bond Guarantor.

- (2) The proposed maximum offering price per security will be determined from time to time in connection with the issuance of the securities registered hereunder. The maximum aggregate offering price will be such amount in U.S. dollars or the equivalent thereof in foreign currencies as shall result in a maximum offering price for all securities of US\$25,000,000,000 or, if any debt securities are issued at an original issue discount, such greater amount as shall result in aggregate net proceeds of all securities not in excess of US\$25,000,000,000 to the registrant or, if any securities are issued with an offering price payable in a foreign currency, such amount as shall result in an aggregate initial offering price of all securities equivalent to US\$25,000,000,000 at the time of initial offering. This Registration Statement also includes an indeterminate amount of securities of the classes specified above that may be reoffered and resold on an ongoing basis after their initial sale in market-making transactions by affiliates of the registrant. These securities consist of an indeterminate amount of such securities that are initially being registered, and will initially be offered and sold, under this Registration Statement and an indeterminate amount of such securities that were initially registered, and were initially offered and sold, under registration statements previously filed by the registrant. All such market-making reoffers and resales of these securities that are made pursuant to a registration statement after the effectiveness of this Registration Statement are being made solely pursuant to this Registration Statement. Pursuant to Rule 457(q) under the Securities Act, no separate registration fee will be paid with respect to any of such securities that may be reoffered or resold after their initial sale in market-making transactions.
- (3) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee in accordance with Rule 457(o) under the Securities Act.
- (4) Separate consideration may or may not be received for registered securities that are issuable on exercise, conversion or exchange of other securities.

The Registrant hereby amends this Registration Statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the Registrant shall file a further amendment that specifically states that this Registration Statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act or until the Registration Statement shall become effective on such date as the Commission, acting pursuant to

Section 8(a) of the Securities Act, may determine.

The information in this preliminary prospectus is not complete and may be changed. We may not sell these securities until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This preliminary prospectus is not an offer to sell these securities and it is not soliciting an offer to buy these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted.

Subject to Completion, Dated April 7, 2017

Common Shares

Class A Preferred Shares

Class B Preferred Shares

Senior Debt Securities

Subordinated Debt Securities

up to an aggregate initial offering price of US\$25,000,000,000

or the equivalent thereof in other currencies.

We may offer from time to time common shares, class A preferred shares, class B preferred shares, senior debt securities or subordinated debt securities. We may offer the securities separately or together, in separate series or classes and in amounts, at prices and on terms described in one or more supplements to this prospectus.

This prospectus provides information about us and describes some of the general terms that may apply to these securities. The specific terms of any securities to be offered, and any other information relating to a specific offering, will be set forth in one or more supplements to this prospectus, which may be filed separately or included in a post-effective amendment to the Registration Statement, or may be set forth in one or more documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus.

We may offer and sell these securities to or through one or more underwriters, dealers or agents, or directly to purchasers, on a continuous or delayed basis. The supplements to this prospectus will provide the specific terms of the plan of distribution. This prospectus may not be used to offer and sell securities unless accompanied by a prospectus supplement.

Our common shares are listed on the New York Stock Exchange and the Toronto Stock Exchange under the trading symbol *BMO*. On April 6, 2017, the last reported sales price of our common shares on the New York Stock Exchange was US\$74.44 per share and the last reported sales price of our common shares on the Toronto Stock Exchange was CD\$99.95 per share.

You should read this prospectus and any applicable prospectus supplement carefully before you invest in any of our securities.

Investing in these securities involves certain risks. To read about certain factors you should consider before buying any of the Securities, see the Risk Factors section on page 8 of this prospectus and in our most recent annual report on Form 40-F, which is incorporated by reference herein, as well as any other reports on Form 6-K that are specifically incorporated by reference herein and, if any, in an applicable prospectus supplement.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of the securities or passed upon the adequacy or accuracy of this prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

Prospective investors should be aware that the acquisition of the securities described herein may have tax consequences both in the United States and in Canada. Such consequences for investors who are resident in, or citizens of, the United States may not be described fully herein or in any applicable prospectus supplement.

The enforcement by investors of civil liabilities under the United States federal securities laws may be affected adversely by the fact that Bank of Montreal is a Canadian bank, that many of its officers and directors are residents of Canada, that some or all of the underwriters or experts named in the Registration Statement may be residents of Canada, and that all or a substantial portion of the assets of Bank of Montreal and said persons may be located outside the United States.

The senior debt securities and subordinated debt securities will be our unsecured obligations and will not be savings accounts or deposits that are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Bank Insurance Fund or any other governmental agency or under the Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation Act or any other deposit insurance regime.

We may use this prospectus in the initial sale of any securities. In addition, we or any of our affiliates, including BMO Capital Markets Corp., may use this prospectus in a market-making or other transaction in any security after its initial sale. *Unless we or our agent informs the purchaser otherwise in the confirmation of sale, this prospectus is being used in a market-making transaction.*

This prospectus is dated _____, 2017

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ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS
General

This document is called a prospectus and is part of a registration statement that we filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the *SEC*) using a *shelf* registration or continuous offering process. Under this shelf registration, we may from time to time sell any combination of the common shares, class A preferred shares, class B preferred shares (together with the class A preferred shares, the *preferred shares*), senior debt securities or subordinated debt securities described in this prospectus in one or more offerings, and which we collectively refer to herein as the *securities* . The Registration Statement containing this prospectus, including exhibits to the Registration Statement, provides additional information about us and the securities offered under this prospectus. The Registration Statement can be read at the SEC web site or at the SEC office mentioned under the heading *Where You Can Find More Information* .

This prospectus provides you with a general description of the securities we may offer. Each time we sell securities under this shelf registration statement we will provide one or more supplements to this prospectus containing specific information about the terms of the securities being offered. Any such supplements, which we refer to in this prospectus as the *applicable supplements* , may include a discussion of any additional risk factors or other special considerations that apply to those securities and may also add to, update or change the information in this prospectus. The applicable supplements relating to each series of debt securities will be attached to the front of this prospectus. If there is any inconsistency between the information in this prospectus and any applicable supplement, you should rely on the information in the most recent applicable supplement. We urge you to read carefully both this prospectus and any applicable supplement accompanying this prospectus, together with the information incorporated herein and in any applicable supplement by reference under the heading *Where You Can Find More Information* , before deciding

whether to invest in any of the securities being offered.

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We are responsible for the information provided in this prospectus and the applicable supplements, including the information incorporated by reference. We have not authorized anyone to give you any other information or to make any representation different from or in addition to that contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus and any applicable supplement and take no responsibility for any other information that others may give you. If you are in a jurisdiction where offers to sell, or solicitations of offers to purchase, the securities offered by this prospectus are unlawful, or if you are a person to whom it is unlawful to direct these types of activities, then the offer presented in this prospectus does not extend to you. The information contained in this prospectus speaks only as of the date of this prospectus unless the information specifically indicates that another date applies. Therefore, you should not assume that the information contained in this prospectus or applicable supplement is accurate on any date subsequent to the date set forth on the front of the document or that any information we have incorporated by reference is correct on any date subsequent to the date of the document incorporated by reference, even though this prospectus and any applicable supplement is delivered or securities are sold on a later date.

We may sell securities to underwriters who will sell the securities to the public on terms fixed at the time of sale. In addition, the securities may be sold by us directly or through dealers or agents designated from time to time, some of which may be our affiliates. If we, directly or through dealers or agents, solicit offers to purchase the securities, we reserve the sole right to accept and, together with the applicable dealers or agents, to reject, in whole or in part, any of those offers. An applicable supplement will contain the names of the underwriters, dealers or agents, if any, together with the terms of the offering, the compensation of those persons and the net proceeds to us. Any underwriters, dealers or agents participating in the offering may be deemed to be *underwriters* within the meaning of the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the *Securities Act*). In addition, one or more of our subsidiaries, including BMO Capital Markets Corp., may buy and sell any of the securities after the securities are issued as part of their business as a broker-dealer. Those subsidiaries may use this prospectus and the applicable supplements in those transactions. Any sale by a subsidiary will be made at the prevailing market price at the time of sale. Unless otherwise mentioned or unless the context requires otherwise, all references in this prospectus to the *Bank*, *we*, *us*, *our* or similar references mean Bank of Montreal and its consolidated subsidiaries.

PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION

We prepare our consolidated financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (*IFRS*) as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (the *IASB*).

Additionally, we publish our consolidated financial statements in Canadian dollars. In this prospectus and any applicable supplement, currency amounts are stated in Canadian dollars (\$), unless specified otherwise. As indicated in the table below, the Canadian dollar has fluctuated in value compared to the U.S. dollar over time.

The tables below set forth the high and low daily noon exchange rates, the average yearly rate and the rate at period end between Canadian dollars and U.S. dollars (in U.S. dollars per Canadian dollar) for the five-year period ended October 31, 2016 and the high and low daily noon exchange rates for the three months ended January 31, 2017, and for each month in the period from December 1, 2016 through April 6, 2017. On April 6, 2017, the noon exchange rate was US\$0.7458 = \$1.00. Our reference to the *noon exchange rate* is the noon exchange rate as reported by the Bank of Canada.

Year Ended October 31	High	Low	Average Rate(1)	At Period End
2012	1.0299	0.9536	0.9968	1.0004
2013	1.0164	0.9455	0.9777	0.9589
2014	0.9602	0.8858	0.9149	0.8869
2015	0.8900	0.7455	0.7979	0.7644
2016	0.7972	0.6854	0.7550	0.7461

Additional Periods	High	Low
Three Months Ended January 31, 2017	0.7675	0.7363

Most Recent Six Months	High	Low
December 2016	0.7622	0.7377
January 2017	0.7675	0.7442
February 2017	0.7690	0.7548
March 2017	0.7531	0.7405
April 2017 (through April 6, 2017)	0.7469	0.7454

(1) The average of the noon exchange rates on the last business day of each full month during the relevant period.

CAUTION REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Our 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 SEC, 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. Forward-looking statements may involve, but are not limited to, comments with respect to our objectives and priorities for 2017 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, U.S. and international 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; weak, volatile or illiquid capital and/or credit markets; interest rate and currency value fluctuations; changes in monetary, fiscal, tax or economic policy; the level of competition in the geographic and business areas in which we operate; changes in laws or in supervisory expectations or requirements, including capital, interest rate and liquidity requirements and guidance and the effect of such changes on funding costs; judicial 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, including obtaining regulatory approvals; critical accounting estimates and the effect of changes to accounting standards, rules and interpretations on these estimates; operational and infrastructure risks; changes to our credit ratings; political conditions, including changes relating to or affecting economic or trade matters; global capital markets activities; the possible effects on our business of war or terrorist activities; outbreaks of disease or illness that affect local, national or international economies; natural disasters and disruptions to public infrastructure, such as transportation, communications, power or water supply; technological changes; information and cyber security; and our ability to anticipate and effectively manage risks arising from all of the foregoing factors.

We caution that the foregoing list is not exhaustive of all possible factors. Other factors and risks could adversely affect our results. For more information, please see the discussion in our Annual Report on Form 40-F, which is incorporated by reference herein, and which outlines certain key factors and risks that may affect our future results. When relying on forward-looking statements to make decisions with respect to the Bank, 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. We do 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 into this prospectus is presented for the purpose of assisting investors in understanding our operations, prospects, risks and other extreme factors that impact us specifically as of and for the periods ended on the dates presented, as well as certain strategic priorities and objectives, and may not be appropriate for other purposes.

Assumptions about the performance of the Canadian and U.S. economies, as well as overall market conditions and their combined effect on our business, are material factors we consider when determining our

strategic priorities, objectives and expectations for our business. 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. See our most recent Annual Report on Form 40-F for more information relating to material factors impacting our business.

WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

In addition to our continuous disclosure obligations under the securities laws of the Provinces and Territories of Canada, we are subject to the information reporting requirements of the United States Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the *Exchange Act*), and in accordance therewith file or furnish reports and other information with the SEC. Under the multijurisdictional disclosure system adopted by the United States, such reports and other information may be prepared in accordance with the disclosure requirements of Canada, which requirements are different from those of the United States. These reports and other information, when filed or furnished by us in accordance with such requirements, can be inspected and copied by you at the SEC's Public Reference Room located at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. You can get further information about the SEC's Public Reference Room by calling 1-800-SEC-0330. Our filings with the SEC are also available to the public through the SEC's website at www.sec.gov. Our common shares are listed on the New York Stock Exchange, and reports and other information concerning us can be inspected at the offices of the New York Stock Exchange, 11 Wall Street, New York, New York 10005. Information about us can be located at our website at www.bmo.com. All Internet references in this prospectus are inactive textual references and we do not incorporate website contents into this prospectus.

We have filed with the SEC a registration statement on Form F-3 relating to the securities covered by this prospectus. This prospectus is a part of the Registration Statement and does not contain all the information in the Registration Statement. Whenever a reference is made in this prospectus to a contract or other document of the Bank, the reference is only a summary and you should refer to the exhibits that are a part of the Registration Statement for a copy of the contract or other document. You may review a copy of the Registration Statement at the SEC's public reference room in Washington, D.C., as well as through the SEC's website.

INCORPORATION OF CERTAIN INFORMATION BY REFERENCE

The SEC allows us to *incorporate by reference* into this prospectus the information in documents we file with it. This means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to those documents. The information incorporated by reference is considered to be a part of this prospectus and should be read with the same care. When we update the information contained in documents that have been incorporated by reference by making future filings with the SEC the information incorporated by reference in this prospectus is considered to be automatically updated and superseded. 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. In other words, in the case of a conflict or inconsistency between information contained in this prospectus and information incorporated by reference into this prospectus, you should rely on the information contained in the document that was filed later. The making of a modifying or superseding statement shall not 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.

We incorporate by reference the documents listed below and all documents which we subsequently file with the SEC (other than, in each case, documents or information deemed to have been furnished and not filed in accordance with the SEC rules) pursuant to Section 13(a), 13(c), 14, or 15(d) of the Exchange Act until the termination of the offering of the securities under this prospectus:

Annual Report on Form 40-F for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2016;

Reports on Form 6-K filed on December 6, 2016 (three filings) (Acc-nos: 0001193125-16-786349, 0001193125-16-786356 and 0001193125-16-786427);

Report on Form 6-K filed on December 12, 2016;

Report on Form 6-K filed on December 19, 2016;

Reports on Form 6-K filed on February 28, 2017 (seven filings) (Acc-nos: 0001193125-17-060715, 0001193125-17-062346, 0001193125-17-062396, 0001193125-17-062426, 0001193125-17-062444, 0001193125-17-062469 and 0001193125-17-062496);

Report on Form 6-K filed on March 10, 2017;

Report on Form 6-K filed on April 4, 2017 (Acc-no: 0001193125-17-108840);

Report on Form 6-K filed on April 7, 2017; and

Registration Statement on Form 8-A filed on September 26, 1994.

We may also incorporate any other Form 6-K that we submit to the SEC on or after the date of this prospectus and prior to the termination of this offering if the Form 6-K filing specifically states that it is incorporated by reference into the Registration Statement of which this prospectus forms a part.

You may request a copy of these filings, other than an exhibit to a filing unless that exhibit is specifically incorporated by reference into that filing, at no cost, by writing to or telephoning us at the following address:

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Toronto, Ontario

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(416) 867-6785

RISK FACTORS

Investment in these 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, you should consider carefully the risks described in the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus (including subsequently filed documents incorporated by reference) and, if applicable, those described in the applicable supplements relating to a specific offering of securities. You should consider the categories of risks identified and discussed in the management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations included in our Annual Report on Form 40-F for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2016, including those summarized under *Caution Regarding Forward-Looking Statements* above.

BANK OF MONTREAL

Bank of Montreal (*Bank of Montreal* , *BMO* or the *Bank*) 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 (Canada) (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 is a registered bank holding company and is a financial holding company under the United States Bank Holding Company Act of 1956.

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

Bank of Montreal offers a broad range of products and services directly and through Canadian and non-Canadian subsidiaries, offices, and branches. As at October 31, 2016, BMO had more than 12 million customers and more than 45,000 full-time equivalent employees. The Bank has over 1,500 bank branches in Canada and the United States and operates internationally in major financial markets and trading areas through its offices in 27 other jurisdictions, including the United States. BMO Financial Corp. (*BFC*) (formerly Harris Financial Corp.), is based in Chicago and wholly-owned by Bank of Montreal. BFC operates primarily through its subsidiary BMO Harris Bank N.A., which provides banking, financing, investing, and cash management services in select markets in the U.S. Midwest. BMO 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., Bank of Montreal's wholly-owned registered securities dealer in the United States.

Bank of Montreal conducts business through three operating groups:

Personal and Commercial (*P&C*) Banking, which comprises Canadian P&C and U.S. P&C. Canadian P&C operates across Canada, offering a broad range of products and services, including banking, lending and treasury management. Operating predominately in the U.S. Midwest under the BMO Harris brand, U.S. P&C offers personal and commercial clients banking, lending, and treasury management products and services.

Wealth Management serves a full range of client segments from mainstream to ultra-high net worth and institutional, with a broad offering of wealth management products and services including insurance. Wealth Management is a global business with an active presence in markets across Canada, the United States, Europe and Asia.

BMO Capital Markets is a North American-based financial services provider offering a complete range of products and services to corporate, institutional and government clients. These include equity and debt underwriting, corporate lending and project financing, mergers and acquisitions advisory services, securitization, treasury management, risk management, debt and equity research, and institutional sales and trading. With approximately 2,400 professionals in 30 locations around the world, including 16 offices in North America, BMO Capital Markets works proactively with clients to provide innovative and integrated financial solutions.

Corporate Services consists of Corporate Support Areas and Technology and Operations (*T&O*). The Bank's Corporate Support Areas provide enterprise-wide expertise and governance support in a variety of areas, including strategic planning, risk management, finance, legal and regulatory compliance, marketing, communications, and human resources. T&O manages, maintains, and provides governance over information technology, operations services, real estate, and sourcing for the Bank.

Certain Matters Relating to the Bank's Board of Directors

Under the Bank Act, the Bank's board of directors must have at least seven members and the Bank's board of directors may establish by by-law a minimum and maximum number of directors. The Bank Act also requires

that no more than two-thirds of the directors may be affiliated with the Bank, as specified by the Bank Act, and no more than 15% of the directors may be employees of the Bank or a subsidiary of the Bank, except that up to four of these employees may be directors if they constitute not more than 50% of the directors. Subject to the following residency requirements, a majority of directors shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the board of directors. Under the Bank Act, a majority of the directors of the Bank must be resident Canadians and, except in limited circumstances, directors may not transact business at a meeting of directors or a committee of directors at which a majority of the directors present are not resident Canadians. The Bank Act also requires the directors of a bank to appoint from their members a chief executive officer who must ordinarily be resident in Canada. Under the Bank's by-laws, the minimum number of directors is seven and the maximum number of directors is 40. The Bank's by-laws provide that the number of directors to be elected at any annual meeting of shareholders of the Bank will be fixed by the board of directors before the meeting. Directors are elected to terms of one year, on an annual basis. The Bank currently has 13 directors.

Under the Bank Act, any director or the entire board of directors may be removed, with or without cause, with the approval of a majority of the votes cast at a special meeting of shareholders. A vacancy created by such removal may be filled at the meeting or by a quorum of the directors. Bank policies stipulate that directors who joined the board prior to January 1, 2010 may serve until the earlier of when they turn 70 or they have served 20 years. Directors who joined the Board on or after January 1, 2010 may serve until the earlier of when they turn 70 or they have served 15 years. However, provided that they are elected, all directors will be allowed to serve for at least ten years, regardless of their age. In addition, the Chairman may serve a full five year term as Chairman, regardless of his or her age or how long he or she has been on the Board, and his or her term may be renewed for up to three more years. The Board has also approved term limits for the chairs of its committees – for committee chairs appointed after December 31, 2014, the normal term will be five years with a possibility of renewal for up to three more years. In exceptional circumstances, to further the best interests of the Bank, the Board may on an annual basis decide in individual cases to waive the term and/or age limits stated above for directors, the Chairman and committee chairs. An officer will resign from the Board when no longer employed by the Bank. However, the Board may request a former CEO to continue as a director for a term not longer than two years.

Conflicts of Interest

The Bank Act contains detailed provisions with regard to a director's power to vote on a material proposal, arrangement or contract in which the director is interested. These provisions include procedures for: disclosure of the conflict of interest and the timing for such disclosure; the presence of directors at board meetings where the proposal, arrangement or contract giving rise to the conflict of interest is being considered, and voting with respect to the proposal, arrangement or contract giving rise to the conflict of interest; and other provisions for dealing with such conflicts of interest. The Bank Act also contains detailed provisions regarding transactions with persons who are related parties of the Bank, including directors of the Bank. See *Borrowing Powers*.

Compensation

The by-laws of the Bank have provisions with regard to the general remuneration of directors. The board of directors may, from time to time, by resolution determine their remuneration that may be paid, but such remuneration may not exceed in each year an aggregate cap set out in the by-laws, and individually may be in such amounts as the board may determine by resolution. In addition, the directors may be paid their reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred in attending meetings of the board, shareholders or committees of the board or otherwise in the performance of their duties.

Directors are required to hold at least eight times the cash retainer portion of their annual retainer fee in either common shares or deferred share units (*Deferred Share Units*) under the Bank's Deferred Share Unit Plan for Non-employee Directors and until this level is obtained, directors must take 100% of their annual retainer in the form

of either common shares (which are purchased on the open market) or Deferred Share Units.

Once this threshold has been reached, directors receive a minimum of \$140,000 of their \$215,000 annual retainer fee in common shares (which are purchased on the open market) or in Deferred Share Units, but also have the option to receive up to 100% of their annual retainer in this manner. A Deferred Share Unit is an amount owed by the Bank to directors having the same value as one common share, but is not paid out (in cash or in common shares purchased on the open market) until such time as the director leaves the board, thereby providing an ongoing equity stake in the Bank throughout the director's period of board service. Only non-employee directors can receive Deferred Share Units.

Borrowing Powers

The directors of the Bank may, without authorization of the shareholders, authorize the Bank to borrow money. The Bank Act, however, prohibits the Bank from entering into transactions with persons who are deemed to be related parties of the Bank, subject to certain exceptions. Related party transactions may include loans made on the credit of the Bank. In addition, the by-laws of the Bank may be amended, as described in *Description of Common Shares and Preferred Shares – Amendments to the Rights, Privileges, Restrictions and Conditions of the Bank's Share Capital*, to vary the borrowing authority of directors in this regard.

Additional Regulatory Capital Restrictions

Bail-in Regime

In August 2014, Canada's Department of Finance issued a consultation paper on a Canadian bank resolution framework, including the Canadian bail-in regime and Higher Loss Absorbency requirements that would apply to Canadian domestic systemically important banks that are designated by the Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions Canada (OSFI), including the Bank. On June 22, 2016, the Government of Canada passed legislation to implement a bail-in regime, in accordance with regulations to the Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation Act that have not yet been prescribed (the CDIC Act Regulations). While such legislation does not indicate which instruments will be subject to the bail-in regime, as such details will be set forth in the CDIC Act Regulations, the 2014 consultation paper indicated that instruments subject to the bail-in conversion regime would include newly issued unsecured, tradable, transferable senior debt with an original term to maturity of greater than or equal to 400 days (Bail-In Debt), and that all Bail-In Debt would be convertible into common shares. The timing planned for implementation of the regime has not yet been determined, although debt securities issued before the date the CDIC Act Regulations come into force are not expected to be subject to the bail-in regime. Where any debt securities issued under this prospectus are subject to the bail-in regime, the applicable prospectus supplement or pricing supplement will provide details of that regime.

CONSOLIDATED CAPITALIZATION OF THE BANK

The following table sets forth the consolidated capitalization of the Bank at January 31, 2017.

	As at January 31, 2017 (In millions of Canadian dollars)
Subordinated Debt	4,370
Shareholders Equity	
Preferred Shares(1)	3,840
Common Shares	12,791
Contributed Surplus	303
Retained Earnings	22,077
Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss	3,446
Total Shareholders Equity	42,457
Non-Controlling Interest in Subsidiaries	24
Total Equity	42,481
Total Capitalization	46,851

- (1) Preferred Shares classified under Shareholders Equity consist of Class B Preferred Shares Series 14, 15, 16, 17, 25, 26, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35, 36 and 38, but not 20,000,000 Class B Preferred Shares Series 40, which were issued on March 9, 2017 for an aggregate offering price of \$500,000,000. On April 3, 2017, the Bank announced its intention to redeem all of its Class B Preferred Shares Series 14 and 15 on May 25, 2017. For more information on the classification of Preferred Shares, please refer to Note 16 of the audited consolidated financial statements of the Bank for the year ended October 31, 2016 incorporated by reference in this prospectus and Note 8 of the unaudited interim consolidated financial statements of the Bank for the quarter ended January 31, 2017 incorporated by reference in this prospectus.

CONSOLIDATED EARNINGS RATIOS

The following table provides the Bank's consolidated ratios of earnings to fixed charges and ratios of earnings to combined fixed charges and preferred share dividends for the three month period ended January 31, 2017 and each of the years in the five year period ended October 31, 2016.

	Years Ended October 31,					Three months Ended
	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	January 31, 2017
Consolidated Ratios of Earnings to Fixed Charges						
Excluding interest on deposits	4.25	3.73	3.68	3.44	3.03	5.07
Including interest on deposits	2.22	2.13	2.07	2.05	1.96	2.36
Consolidated Ratios of Earnings to Combined Fixed Charges and Preferred Dividends						
Excluding interest on deposits	3.85	3.47	3.42	3.21	2.83	4.50
Including interest on deposits	2.13	2.07	2.01	1.99	1.89	2.27

For purposes of computing these ratios:

earnings represent income from continuing operations plus income taxes and fixed charges (excluding capitalized interest);

fixed charges, excluding interest on deposits, represent interest (including capitalized interest), estimated interest within rent, and amortization of debt issuance costs; and

fixed charges, including interest on deposits, represent all interest.

COMPARATIVE PER SHARE MARKET PRICE

The Bank's common shares are listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange (the *TSX*) and the New York Stock Exchange (the *NYSE*) under the trading symbol *BMO*.

The table below sets forth, for the periods indicated, the per share high and low closing sales prices for the Bank's common shares as reported on the NYSE and the TSX. TSX closing prices of the Bank's common shares are presented in Canadian dollars, and the NYSE closing prices of the Bank's common shares are presented in U.S. dollars.

	BMO shares TSX (in C\$)		BMO shares NYSE (in US\$)	
	High	Low	High	Low
Annual information for the past fiscal years				
2012	61.08	53.48	60.84	51.41
2013	73.90	57.08	70.66	56.54
2014	85.42	67.40	&	