

## 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 prospectus is referred to as a base shelf prospectus and 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 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.*

*Information has been incorporated by reference in this short form base shelf prospectus from documents filed with the 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, The Toronto-Dominion Bank, Toronto-Dominion Centre, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, M5K 1A2 (telephone: (416) 308-6963) and are also available electronically at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).*

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## The Toronto-Dominion Bank *(a Canadian chartered bank)*

**\$15,000,000,000**

**Debt Securities (subordinated indebtedness)**

**Common Shares**

**Class A First Preferred Shares**

**Warrants to Purchase Preferred Shares**

**Subscription Receipts**

The Toronto-Dominion Bank (the “Bank”) may from time to time offer and issue the following securities: (i) unsecured debt securities (“Debt Securities”); (ii) common shares (“Common Shares”); (iii) Class A First Preferred Shares (“Preferred Shares”); (iv) warrants to purchase Preferred Shares (“Warrants”); and (v) subscription receipts (“Subscription Receipts”) or any combination thereof. The Debt Securities, Common Shares, Preferred Shares, Warrants 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 (a “Prospectus Supplement”). All shelf information 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 \$15,000,000,000 in aggregate initial offering price of Securities (or the equivalent thereof if any of the Securities are denominated in a currency or currency unit other than Canadian dollars) during the 25 month period that this Prospectus, including any amendments thereto, 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 series, aggregate gross proceeds, 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; (iv) in the case of Warrants, the designation, number and terms of the Preferred Shares purchasable upon exercise of the Warrants, any procedures that will result in the adjustment of these numbers, the exercise price, dates and periods of exercise, the currency in which the Warrants are issued and any other specific terms; and (v) in the case of Subscription Receipts, the number of Subscription Receipts being offered, the issue 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.

The outstanding Common Shares are currently listed on the Toronto and New York stock exchanges and the outstanding Preferred Shares are listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange.

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 such as LIBOR.

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 Debt Securities and 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 "NVCC Provisions") in order to qualify as regulatory capital. The specific terms of any NVCC Provisions for any 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 purchasing as principals, through agents designated by the Bank (such underwriters, dealers and agents are collectively referred to in this Prospectus as "Investment Dealers" and individually as an "Investment Dealer") or by the Bank directly pursuant to applicable statutory exemptions, from time to time. See "Plan of Distribution". Each Prospectus Supplement will identify each Investment Dealer engaged in connection with the offering and sale of those Securities to which the Prospectus Supplement relates, 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 Investment Dealers. The offerings are subject to approval of certain legal matters on behalf of the Bank by McCarthy Tétrault LLP.

Warrants will not be offered for sale to any member of the public in Canada unless the Prospectus Supplement describing the specific terms of the Warrants to be offered is first approved for filing by each of the securities commissions or similar regulatory authorities in Canada where the Warrants will be offered for sale.

**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") and will not constitute deposits that are insured under the *Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation Act* (Canada).**

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### CAUTION REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This Prospectus, including those documents incorporated by reference, may contain forward-looking statements. All such statements are made pursuant to the “safe harbour” provisions of, and are intended to be forward-looking statements under, applicable Canadian and U.S. securities legislation, including the U.S. Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements made in this Prospectus and the 2020 MD&A (as defined herein) under the headings “Economic Summary and Outlook” and “The Bank's Response to COVID-19”, for the Canadian Retail, U.S. Retail, and Wholesale Banking segments under headings “Key Priorities for 2021”, and for the Corporate segment, “Focus for 2021”, and in other statements regarding the Bank’s objectives and priorities for 2021 and beyond and strategies to achieve them, the regulatory environment in which the Bank operates, the Bank’s anticipated financial performance, and the potential economic, financial and other impacts of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). Forward-looking statements are typically identified by words such as “will”, “would”, “should”, “believe”, “expect”, “anticipate”, “intend”, “estimate”, “plan”, “goal”, “target”, “may”, and “could”.

By their very nature, these forward-looking statements require the Bank to make assumptions and are subject to inherent risks and uncertainties, general and specific. Especially in light of the uncertainty related to the physical, financial, economic, political, and regulatory environments, such risks and uncertainties – many of which are beyond the Bank’s control and the effects of which can be difficult to predict – may cause actual results to differ materially from the expectations expressed in the forward-looking statements. Risk factors that could cause, individually or in the aggregate, such differences include: strategic, credit, market (including equity, commodity, foreign exchange, interest rate, and credit spreads), operational (including technology, cyber security, and infrastructure), model, insurance, liquidity, capital adequacy, legal, regulatory compliance and conduct, reputational, environmental and social, and other risks. Examples of such risk factors include the economic, financial, and other impacts of the COVID 19 pandemic; general business and economic conditions in the regions in which the Bank operates; geopolitical risk; the ability of the Bank to execute on long-term strategies and shorter-term key strategic priorities, including the successful completion of acquisitions and

dispositions, business retention plans, and strategic plans; technology and cyber security risk (including cyber-attacks or data security breaches) on the Bank's information technology, internet, network access or other voice or data communications systems or services; model risk; fraud to which the Bank is exposed; the failure of third parties to comply with their obligations to the Bank or its affiliates, including relating to the care and control of information, and other risks arising from the Bank's use of third-party service providers; the impact of new and changes to, or application of, current laws and regulations, including without limitation tax laws, capital guidelines and liquidity regulatory guidance and the bank recapitalization "bail-in" regime; regulatory oversight and compliance risk; increased competition from incumbents and new entrants (including Fintechs and big technology competitors); shifts in consumer attitudes and disruptive technology; environmental and social risk; exposure related to significant litigation and regulatory matters; ability of the Bank to attract, develop and retain key talent; changes to the Bank's credit ratings; changes in currency and interest rates (including the possibility of negative interest rates); increased funding costs and market volatility due to market illiquidity and competition for funding; Interbank Offered Rate (IBOR) transition risk; critical accounting estimates and changes to accounting standards, policies, and methods used by the Bank; existing and potential international debt crises; environmental and social risk; and the occurrence of natural and unnatural catastrophic events and claims resulting from such events. The Bank cautions that the preceding list is not exhaustive of all possible risk factors and other factors could also adversely affect the Bank's results. For more detailed information, please refer to the "Risk Factors and Management" section of the 2020 MD&A, as may be updated in subsequently filed quarterly reports to shareholders. All such factors should be considered carefully, as well as other uncertainties and potential events, and the inherent uncertainty of forward-looking statements, when making decisions with respect to the Bank and the Bank cautions readers not to place undue reliance on the Bank's forward-looking statements.

Material economic assumptions underlying the forward-looking statements contained in this Prospectus and any documents incorporated by reference herein are set out in the 2020 MD&A under the headings "Economic Summary and Outlook" and "The Bank's Response to COVID-19", for the Canadian Retail, U.S. Retail, and Wholesale Banking segments, "Key Priorities for 2021", and for the Corporate segment, "Focus for 2021", each as may be updated in subsequently filed quarterly reports to shareholders.

Any forward-looking statements contained in this Prospectus represent the views of management only as of the date of this Prospectus and are presented for the purpose of assisting prospective purchasers of the Bank's securities in understanding the Bank's financial position, objectives and priorities, and anticipated financial performance as at and for the periods ended on the dates presented, and may not be appropriate for other purposes. The Bank does not undertake to update any forward-looking statements, whether written or oral, that may be made from time-to-time by or on its behalf, except as required under applicable securities legislation. See "Risk Factors".

## **DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE**

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

- (a) the annual information form dated December 2, 2020 (the "Annual Information Form");
- (b) the management proxy circular dated as of February 7, 2020 (the "Management Proxy Circular"); and
- (c) the consolidated audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2020 with comparative consolidated financial statements for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2019, together with the auditor's report thereon and the management's discussion and analysis thereon (the "2020 MD&A").

Any documents of the type referred to above, and any interim unaudited financial statements, material change reports (excluding confidential material change reports) or business acquisition reports, all as filed by the Bank with the various securities commissions or similar authorities in Canada pursuant to the requirements of applicable securities legislation

after the date of this Prospectus and prior to the termination of the offering of Securities under any Prospectus Supplement, shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference into this Prospectus.

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 commissions or similar authorities that contains the most recent updated disclosure of earnings coverage ratios will be delivered to all subsequent purchasers of Securities together with this Prospectus.

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. Copies of the documents incorporated by reference herein may be obtained on request without charge from the Corporate Secretary, The Toronto-Dominion Bank, Toronto-Dominion Centre, Toronto, Ontario, M5K 1A2 (telephone: (416) 308-6963), or electronically at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

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 that Prospectus Supplement unless otherwise expressly provided therein.

Upon a new Management Proxy Circular, Annual Information Form or new annual financial statements, together with the auditor's report thereon and management's discussion and analysis contained therein, being filed by the Bank with the applicable securities regulatory authorities during the currency of this Prospectus, the previous Annual Information Form, Management Proxy Circular, or annual financial statements and all interim financial statements, material change reports, and information circulars filed prior to the commencement of the Bank's financial year in which the new Management Proxy Circular, Annual Information Form or annual financial statements are filed shall be deemed no longer to be incorporated into this Prospectus for purposes of future offers and sales of Securities hereunder.

## THE TORONTO-DOMINION BANK

### General

The Bank is a Canadian chartered bank subject to the provisions of the *Bank Act* (Canada) and was formed on February 1, 1955 through the amalgamation of The Bank of Toronto (established in 1855) and The Dominion Bank (established in 1869). The Bank and its subsidiaries are collectively known as TD Bank Group ("TD"). TD offers a full range of financial products and services to over 26 million customers worldwide through three key business lines: Canadian Retail, including TD Canada Trust, Business Banking, TD Auto Finance (Canada), TD Wealth (Canada), TD Direct Investing, and TD Insurance; U.S. Retail, including TD Bank, America's Most Convenient Bank, TD Auto Finance (U.S.), TD Wealth (U.S.) and TD's investment in Schwab; and Wholesale Banking, including TD Securities. TD also ranks among the world's leading online financial services firms, with more than 14 million active online and mobile customers. TD had \$1.7 trillion in assets on October 31, 2020. The Bank trades under the symbol "TD" on each of the Toronto Stock Exchange and the New York Stock Exchange.

The Bank's head office and registered office are located in the Toronto Dominion Bank Tower, Toronto-Dominion Centre, Toronto, Ontario, M5K 1A2.

Additional information regarding the Bank is incorporated by reference into this Prospectus. See “Documents Incorporated by Reference”.

## **BANK RECAPITALIZATION BAIL-IN REGIME**

On June 22, 2016, legislation came into force amending the Bank Act and the *Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation Act* (the “CDIC Act”) and certain other federal statutes pertaining to banks to create a bail-in regime for Canada’s domestic systemically important banks, which include the Bank. On September 23, 2018, regulations under the CDIC Act and the Bank Act came into force providing the details of the conversion regime 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 the Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation to convert all or a portion of certain shares and liabilities of the Bank into Common Shares (a “Bail-In Conversion”).

The Bail-In Regulations prescribe the types of shares and liabilities that will be subject to a Bail-In Conversion. In general, any senior debt securities with an initial or amended term to maturity greater than 400 days that are unsecured or partially secured and have been assigned a CUSIP or ISIN or similar identification number would be subject to a Bail-In Conversion. Shares, other than Common Shares, and subordinated debt, including the Debt Securities, would also be subject to a Bail-In Conversion, unless they are non-viability contingent capital (“NVCC”) instruments. However, certain other debt obligations of the Bank such as structured notes (as defined in the Bail-In Regulations), covered bonds and certain derivatives would not be subject to a Bail-In Conversion.

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.

Holders of the Bank’s subordinated notes (including the Debt Securities), preferred shares (including the Preferred Shares) and Common Shares who receive Common Shares following the occurrence of a trigger event under the NVCC Provisions, may sustain substantial dilution following a Bail-In Conversion including, in the case of holders of subordinated notes or preferred shares, if the conversion rate of other securities is more favourable to the holders of such securities than the rate applicable to holders of subordinated notes or preferred shares. The Bail-In Regulations prescribe that holders of bail-in eligible instruments that are subject to a Bail-In Conversion must receive more Common Shares per dollar amount converted than holders of any subordinate ranking bail-in eligible instruments or NVCC instruments converted.

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.

## **DESCRIPTION OF THE 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. Since the terms of a series of Debt Securities may differ from the general information provided in this Prospectus, in all cases an investor should rely on the information in the applicable Prospectus Supplement where it differs from information in this Prospectus.

The Debt Securities will be direct unsecured obligations of the Bank, constituting subordinated indebtedness for the purposes of the Bank Act, ranking equally and rateably with, or junior to, other subordinated indebtedness of the Bank from time to time issued and outstanding (other than subordinated indebtedness that has been further subordinated in accordance with its terms). In the event of the insolvency or winding-up of the Bank, the indebtedness evidenced by

debentures issued by the Bank, including, if a trigger event has not occurred as contemplated under the specific NVCC Provisions applicable to such Debt Securities, any Debt Securities issued hereunder, will be subordinate in right of payment to the prior payment in full of the deposit liabilities of the Bank and all other liabilities of the Bank except liabilities which by their terms rank in right of payment equally with or subordinate to indebtedness evidenced by such debentures. Upon the occurrence of a trigger event under the NVCC Provisions, the subordination provisions of the Debt Securities will not be relevant since all Debt Securities will be converted into Common Shares which will rank on a parity with all other Common Shares.

**The Debt Securities will not constitute deposits that are insured under the *Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation Act (Canada)*.**

The specific variable terms of any offering of Debt Securities (including, where applicable and without limitation, the specific designation, the aggregate principal amount of the Debt Securities being offered, the currency or currency unit, the issue and delivery date, the maturity date, the issue price, the interest rate (either fixed or floating and, if floating, the manner of calculation thereof), the interest payment date(s), authorized denominations, any redemption, conversion (including any NVCC Provisions), exchange, sinking fund or repurchase provisions, the name of any Investment Dealer involved in the distribution of the Debt Securities, the compensation payable to any Investment Dealer, the method of distribution, the form (either global book-entry form, certificated form or uncertificated form) and the proceeds to the Bank) will be set forth in the Prospectus Supplement that will accompany this Prospectus. The Bank reserves the right to set forth in a Prospectus Supplement specific variable terms of any offering of Debt Securities which are not within the options and parameters set forth in this Prospectus.

The Bank may issue Debt Securities under one or more trust indentures (in each case between the Bank and a trustee determined by the Bank in accordance with applicable laws). Any series of Debt Securities may also be created and issued without a trust indenture. The applicable Prospectus Supplement that will accompany this Prospectus will set forth the terms and other information with respect to the offering of Debt Securities being offered thereby

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable Prospectus Supplement, each offering of Debt Securities will be issued in “book-entry only” form. See “Book-Entry Only Securities”.

Rights of a holder of a Debt Security represented by a global certificate or an uncertificated Security in book-entry form, including voting rights, must be exercised through a CDS Participant in accordance with the rules and procedures of CDS. See “Book-Entry Only Securities”.

There is no limit on the amount of Debt Securities that the Bank may issue.

## **DESCRIPTION OF COMMON SHARES**

The authorized common share capital of the Bank consists of an unlimited number of Common Shares without nominal or par value. The holders of Common Shares are entitled to vote at all meetings of the shareholders of the Bank except meetings at which only holders of a specified class or series of shares are entitled to vote. The holders of Common Shares are entitled to receive dividends as and when declared by the Board of Directors of the Bank, subject to the preference of the holders of the preferred shares (including the Preferred Shares) of the Bank. After payment to the holders of the preferred shares of the Bank of the amount or amounts to which they may be entitled, and after payment of all outstanding debts, the holders of Common Shares shall be entitled to receive the remaining property of the Bank upon the liquidation, dissolution or winding-up thereof.

## **DESCRIPTION OF PREFERRED SHARES**

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.

### **Issuable in Series**

The 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.

### **Priority**

The Preferred Shares of each series will rank on a parity with every other series of Preferred Shares and will rank prior to the Common Shares and to any other shares of the Bank ranking junior to the Preferred Shares with respect to the payment of dividends and the distribution of assets in the event of the liquidation, dissolution or winding-up of the Bank, provided that a trigger event has not occurred as contemplated under the specific NVCC Provisions applicable to such Preferred Shares. Upon the occurrence of a trigger event under the NVCC Provisions, the priority of the Preferred Shares will not be relevant since all Preferred Shares will be converted into Common Shares which will rank on a parity with all other Common Shares.

### **Restriction**

Pursuant to the Bank Act, the Bank may not, without the approval of the holders of the Preferred Shares, create any class of shares ranking prior to or on a parity with the Preferred Shares.

### **Amendment of Class Provisions**

Approval of amendments to the provisions of the Preferred Shares as a class may be given in writing by the holders of all the outstanding Preferred Shares or by a resolution carried by an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the votes cast at a meeting at which the holders of a majority of the then outstanding Preferred Shares are present or represented by proxy or, if no quorum is present at such meeting, at an adjourned meeting at which the shareholders then present or represented by proxy may transact the business for which the meeting was originally called.

### **Priority on Liquidation, Dissolution or Winding-up**

In the event of the liquidation, dissolution or winding-up of the Bank, provided that a trigger event has not occurred as contemplated under the specific NVCC Provisions applicable to the Preferred Shares, before any amounts shall be paid to or any assets distributed among the holders of the Common Shares or shares of any other class of the Bank ranking junior to the Preferred Shares, the holder of a Preferred Share of a series shall be entitled to receive to the extent provided for with respect to such Preferred Shares by the conditions attaching to such series: (i) an amount equal to the amount paid up thereon; (ii) such premium, if any, as has been provided for with respect to the Preferred Shares of such series; and (iii) all unpaid cumulative dividends, if any, on such Preferred Shares and, in the case of non-cumulative Preferred Shares, all declared and unpaid non-cumulative dividends. After payment to the holders of the Preferred Shares of the amounts so payable to them, they shall not be entitled to share in any further distribution of the property or assets of the Bank.

### **Voting Rights**

There are no voting rights attaching to the Preferred Shares except to the extent provided in any series or by the Bank Act.

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

The Bank may not, without the prior approval of the holders of the Preferred Shares, create or issue (i) any shares ranking in priority to or on a parity with the Preferred Shares; or (ii) any additional series of Preferred Shares unless at the date of such creation or issuance all cumulative dividends and any declared and unpaid non-cumulative dividends shall have been paid or set apart for payment in respect of each series of Preferred Shares then issued and outstanding.



## **DESCRIPTION OF WARRANTS**

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

Warrants may be offered separately or together with Preferred Shares. Each series of Warrants will be issued under a separate indenture (each, a “Warrant Indenture”) in each case between the Bank and a trustee determined by the Bank. The statements below relating to any Warrant Indenture and the Warrants to be issued thereunder are summaries of certain anticipated provisions thereof, are not complete and are subject to, and qualified by reference to all provisions of the applicable Warrant Indenture. The applicable Prospectus Supplement will include details of the Warrant Indenture with respect to the Warrants being offered. Reference is made to the applicable Prospectus Supplement which will accompany this Prospectus for the terms and other information with respect to the offering of Warrants being offered thereby.

### **Preferred Share Warrants**

The particular terms and provisions of each issue of Warrants providing for the issuance of Preferred Shares on exercise of Warrants will be described in the related Prospectus Supplement and may include the designation, number and terms of the Preferred Shares purchasable upon exercise of the Warrants, any procedures that will result in the adjustment of these numbers, the exercise price, dates and periods of exercise, the currency in which the Warrants are issued and any other specific terms of the Warrants.

## **DESCRIPTION OF SUBSCRIPTION RECEIPTS**

The following describes certain general terms and provisions that will apply to the Subscription Receipts. The particular terms and provisions of Subscription Receipts offered by a Prospectus Supplement, and the extent to which the general terms and provisions described below apply to such 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, and may be exchanged by the holders thereof for Debt Securities, Preferred Shares or Common Shares upon the satisfaction of certain conditions. Subscription Receipts will be issued under a subscription receipt agreement between the Bank and an escrow agent. The statements below relating to any subscription receipt agreement and the Subscription Receipts to be issued thereunder are summaries of certain anticipated provisions thereof, are not complete and are subject to, and qualified by reference to all provisions of the applicable Subscription Receipts. The applicable Prospectus Supplement will include details of the subscription receipt agreement with respect to the Subscription Receipts being offered. Reference is made to the applicable Prospectus Supplement which will accompany this Prospectus for the terms and other information with respect to the offering of Subscription Receipts being offered thereby.

### **Subscription Receipts**

The particular terms and provisions of each issue of Subscription Receipts providing for the issuance of Debt Securities, Preferred Shares or Common Shares on the exchange of Subscription Receipts will be described in the related Prospectus Supplement and may include the number of Subscription Receipts and the price at which they will be issued and whether the price is payable in instalments, 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, the procedures for the exchange of the Subscription Receipts into Debt Securities, Preferred Shares or Common Shares, as the case may be, 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, 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, whether such Subscription Receipts will be listed on any securities exchange, and any other rights, privileges, restrictions and conditions attaching to the Subscription Receipts.

Prior to the exchange of their Subscription Receipts, holders of Subscription Receipts will not have any of the rights of holders of the securities subject to the Subscription Receipts.

## **BOOK-ENTRY ONLY SECURITIES**

### **CDS Clearing and Depository Services Inc.**

Securities issued in “book-entry only” form must be purchased, transferred or redeemed through participants (“CDS Participants”) in the depository service of CDS Clearing and Depository Services Inc. or a successor or its nominee (collectively, “CDS”). Each of the Investment Dealers named in an accompanying Prospectus Supplement offering securities in “book-entry only” form will be a CDS 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 will cause the Securities to be issued or authenticated in uncertificated format, as applicable. 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 except through a book-entry account of a CDS Participant acting on behalf of such purchaser. Each purchaser of Securities will receive a customer confirmation of purchase from the Investment Dealer from which the Securities are purchased in accordance with the practices and procedures of that Investment Dealer. The practices of Investment Dealers may vary, but generally customer confirmations are issued promptly after execution of a customer order. Reference in this Prospectus to a holder of Securities means, unless the context otherwise requires, the owner of the beneficial interest in the Securities.

CDS will be responsible for establishing and maintaining book-entry accounts for CDS Participants having interests in the Securities. If (i) the book-entry only system ceases to exist, (ii) the Bank determines 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 (iii) the Bank at its option elects, or is required by applicable law or the rules of any securities exchange, to withdraw the Securities from the book-entry only system, then physical certificates representing the Securities will be issued to holders thereof or their nominees.

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

Transfers of ownership, conversions or redemptions of Securities will be effected only through records maintained by CDS for such Securities with respect to interests of CDS Participants and on the records of CDS Participants with respect to interests of persons other than CDS Participants. Holders of Securities who are not CDS Participants, but who desire to purchase, sell or otherwise transfer ownership of or other interests in the Securities, may do so only through CDS Participants. The ability of a holder to pledge Securities or otherwise take action with respect to such holder’s interest in Securities (other than through a CDS Participant) may be limited due to the lack of a physical certificate.

### ***Payments and Deliveries***

The Bank will make, or cause to be made, payments of principal, redemption price, if any, dividends and interest, as applicable, on Securities to CDS as the registered holder of the Securities and the Bank understands that the payment will be forwarded by CDS to CDS Participants in accordance with the customary practices and procedures of CDS. As long as CDS is the registered owner of the Securities, CDS will be considered the sole owner of the Securities for the purposes of receiving notices or payments on the Securities. As long as the Securities are held in the CDS book-entry only system, the responsibility and liability of the Bank in respect of the Securities is limited to making payments of principal, redemption price, if any, dividends and interest, as applicable, on the Securities to CDS, as registered holder of the Securities. The Bank expects that CDS, upon receipt of any payment in respect of Securities, will credit CDS Participants’ accounts in amounts proportionate to their respective interests in the principal amount of such Securities as shown on the records of CDS in accordance with the customary practices and procedures of CDS. The Bank also expects that payments by CDS Participants to the owners of beneficial interests in Securities held through such CDS Participants will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, and will be the responsibility of such CDS Participants. The rules governing CDS provide that it acts as the agent and depository for the CDS Participants. As a result, CDS Participants must look solely to CDS, and persons other than CDS Participants having an interest in

Securities must look solely to CDS Participants, for payments or deliveries made by or on behalf of the Bank to CDS in respect of such Securities.

Each beneficial owner must rely on the procedures of CDS and, if such beneficial owner is not a CDS Participant, on the procedures of the CDS Participant through which such beneficial owner 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 a beneficial owner or if a beneficial owner 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 CDS Participant acting on behalf of the beneficial owner 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 beneficial owner that is not a CDS Participant must rely on the contractual arrangement it has directly, or indirectly through its financial intermediary, with its CDS Participant to give such notice or take such action.

None of the Bank, the Investment Dealers, the Trustee or any other trustee (in the case of Debt Securities) will assume liability or responsibility for (i) any aspect of the records relating to the beneficial ownership of the Securities held by CDS or the payments or deliveries relating thereto, (ii) maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records relating to the Securities, or (iii) any advice or representation made by or with respect to CDS relating to the rules governing CDS or any action to be taken by CDS or at the direction of CDS Participants.

#### **BANK ACT RESTRICTIONS AND RESTRICTIONS ON PAYMENT OF DIVIDENDS**

The Bank Act contains restrictions on the issue, transfer, acquisition, beneficial ownership and voting of all shares of a chartered bank. For example, no person shall be a major shareholder of a bank if the bank has equity of \$12 billion or more (which would include the Bank). A person is a major shareholder of a bank where: (i) the aggregate of shares of any class of voting shares beneficially owned by that person, by entities controlled by that person and by any person associated or acting jointly or in concert with that person is more than 20% of that class of voting shares; or (ii) the aggregate of shares of any class of non-voting shares beneficially owned by that person, by entities controlled by that person and by any person associated or acting jointly or in concert with that person is more than 30% of that class of non-voting shares. No person shall 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). For purposes of the Bank Act, a person has a significant interest in a class of shares of a Canadian chartered bank where the aggregate of any shares of the class beneficially owned by that person, by entities controlled by that person and by any person associated or acting jointly or in concert with that person exceeds 10% of all of the outstanding shares of that class of shares of such bank. Purchasers of Securities (and CDS Participants) may be required to furnish declarations relating to ownership (and ownership by clients of such CDS Participants) in a form prescribed by the Bank.

The Bank Act also prohibits the registration of a transfer or issue of any share of the Bank to, and the exercise, in person or by proxy, of any voting rights attached to any share of the Bank that is beneficially owned by, Her Majesty in right of Canada or of a province or any agent or agency of Her Majesty in either of those rights, or to the government of a foreign country or any political subdivision, agent or agency of any of them, except for certain cases that require the Minister of Finance's consent.

Under the Bank Act, the Bank cannot redeem or purchase any of its shares, including the Preferred Shares, unless the consent of the Superintendent has been obtained. In addition, the Bank Act prohibits a payment to purchase or redeem any shares or the declaration of 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 the capital adequacy and liquidity regulations of the Bank Act or directions of the Superintendent.

The Bank is also restricted from paying certain dividends in the event that TD Capital Trust IV (a subsidiary of the Bank) fails to pay semi-annual interest in cash in full to holders of TD Capital Trust IV Notes when required pursuant to the terms of the securities. In addition, the ability to pay dividends on the Common Shares without the approval of the holders of the outstanding Preferred Shares is restricted unless all dividends on the Preferred Shares have been declared and paid or set apart for payment.

## **EARNINGS COVERAGE**

The following earnings coverage ratios do not reflect the issuance of any Securities under this Prospectus.

The Bank's dividend requirements on all its outstanding preferred shares, after adjustment for new issues and retirement and adjusted to a before-tax equivalent using an effective tax rate of 9.7% for the twelve months ended October 31, 2020, amounted to \$295.5 million for the twelve months ended October 31, 2020. The Bank's interest and dividend requirements on all subordinated notes and debentures, preferred shares and liabilities for capital trust securities, after adjustment for new issues and retirement, amounted to \$837.6 million for the twelve months ended October 31, 2020. The Bank's reported net income, before interest on subordinated debt and liabilities for preferred shares and capital trust securities and income taxes was \$12,344 million for the twelve months ended October 31, 2020, which was 14.7 times the Bank's aggregate dividend and interest requirement for the period.

On an adjusted basis, the Bank's net income before interest on subordinated debt and liabilities for preferred shares and capital trust securities and income taxes for the twelve months ended October 31, 2020, was \$11,189 million, which was 13.4 times the Bank's aggregate dividend and interest requirement for the period.

The Bank's financial results are prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"), the current generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"). The Bank refers to results prepared in accordance with IFRS as "reported" results. The Bank also utilizes non-GAAP financial measures referred to as "adjusted" results to assess each of its businesses and to measure overall Bank performance. To arrive at adjusted results, the Bank removes "items of note" from reported results. The items of note relate to items which management does not believe are indicative of underlying business performance. The Bank believes that adjusted results provide the reader with a better understanding of how management views the Bank's performance. As explained, adjusted results are different from reported results determined in accordance with IFRS. Adjusted results, items of note, and related terms used herein are not defined terms under IFRS, and, therefore, may not be comparable to similar terms used by other issuers. Please refer to the "Financial Results Overview – How the Bank Reports" section of the Bank's 2020 MD&A for a reconciliation between the Bank's reported and adjusted results.

## **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 or through agents. 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 Investment Dealers, the initial public offering price, the proceeds to the Bank, any underwriting discount or commission to be paid to any Investment Dealers and any discounts, concessions or commissions allowed or re-allowed or paid by any Investment Dealers to other investment dealers.

The Securities may 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 applicable Prospectus Supplement. Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable 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 public offering price and any discounts or concessions allowed or re-allowed or paid to Investment Dealers may be changed from time to time. The Bank may agree to pay the Investment Dealers 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. Investment Dealers 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 Investment Dealers may be required to make in respect thereof.

In connection with any offering of the Securities (unless otherwise specified in a Prospectus Supplement), the Investment Dealers 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.

#### **PRIOR SALES**

Prior sales will be provided as required in a Prospectus Supplement with respect to the issuance of Securities pursuant to such Prospectus Supplement.

#### **TRADING PRICE AND VOLUME OF THE BANK'S SECURITIES**

Trading prices and volume of the Bank's Securities will be provided as required in a Prospectus Supplement with respect to the issuance of Securities pursuant to such Prospectus Supplement.

#### **ENFORCEMENT OF JUDGMENTS AGAINST FOREIGN PERSONS**

Amy W. Brinkley, Colleen A. Goggins, David E. Kepler, and Irene R. Miller, each a director of the Bank, reside outside of Canada and each has appointed The Toronto-Dominion Bank, Toronto-Dominion Centre, Toronto, Ontario, M5K 1A2 as agent for service of process.

Purchasers of Securities are advised that it may not be possible for investors to enforce judgments obtained in Canada against any person who resides outside of Canada, even if the party has appointed an agent for service of process.

#### **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, if applicable, 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 Bank's Annual Information Form and Management's Discussion and Analysis of the Bank incorporated herein by reference including credit, market (including equity, commodity, foreign exchange and interest rate), liquidity, operational, reputational, insurance, strategic, regulatory and legal risks.

#### **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 corporate purposes.

## **INTERESTS OF EXPERTS**

Ernst & Young LLP, Chartered Accountants, Toronto, Ontario, is the external auditor who prepared the Auditor's Report to Shareholders with respect to the consolidated balance sheet of the Bank as at October 31, 2020 and 2019 and the consolidated statements of income, changes in shareholders' equity, comprehensive income and cash flows for each of the years then ended. Ernst & Young LLP is independent with respect to the Bank within the context of the CPA Code of Professional Conduct of the Chartered Professional Accountants of Ontario.

## **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 McCarthy Tétrault LLP.

## **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 purchasers of Securities which are convertible, exchangeable or exercisable for 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 Securities. The contractual right of rescission will entitle such original purchasers to receive the amount paid upon conversion, exchange or exercise upon surrender of the underlying securities gained thereby, in the event that this Prospectus, the applicable Prospectus Supplement or any amendment to this Prospectus or the applicable Prospectus Supplement contains a misrepresentation, provided that (i) the conversion, exchange or exercise takes place within 180 days of the date of the purchase of the convertible, exchangeable or exercisable Security 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 such convertible, exchangeable or exercisable Security. Original purchasers are further advised that in certain of the provinces and territories of Canada the statutory right of action for damages in connection with a prospectus misrepresentation is limited to the price at which the convertible, exchangeable or exercisable security is offered to the public 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 the 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.

**CERTIFICATE OF THE BANK**

Dated: January 4, 2021

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 securities legislation of each of the provinces and territories of Canada.

(signed) Bharat B. Masrani  
Group President and Chief  
Executive Officer

(signed) Riaz Ahmed  
Group Head and Chief Financial  
Officer

On Behalf of the Board of Directors

(signed) Amy Brinkley  
Director

(signed) Alan MacGibbon  
Director