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Source: Canadian Financial Monitor Survey by Ipsos Reid - (12,000 Canadian households annually) - December 2011



## Driving strong operating efficiency



- Firmly committed to driving the efficiency ratio to the low 40s over the medium term
- Dynamically managing the trajectory of expenses, while investing for the long term

#### Investing to drive further efficiencies and transforming our cost base

Source: Based on company reports.



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