





CIBC BANK USA RECEIVES CORPORATE AMBASSADOR AWARD

CHICAGO, December 13, 2017 – CIBC Bank USA received the 2017 Corporate Ambassador Award at the annual Chicago Consular Corps Gala on December 8 at the Hilton Chicago. The award honors a company that has helped to raise Chicago's profile as a premier global business destination and has contributed to the economic growth of the city.

"We are thrilled to recognize CIBC as one of Chicago's leading corporate citizens," said Andrea Zopp, President and CEO of World Business Chicago. "CIBC continuously demonstrates its dedication to strengthening the city and its neighborhoods. By committing to Chicago's growth and development, CIBC is helping put the city at the forefront of the global economy."

Larry D. Richman, Senior Executive Vice-President and Group Head, CIBC U.S. Region, and President and CEO, CIBC Bank USA, accepted the award on behalf of CIBC. "We are pleased that CIBC was chosen as the 2017 Corporate Ambassador by World Business Chicago," Richman said. "Our team works hard to help Chicago businesses achieve great things with our focus on serving middle market companies. We have invested time and resources into building strong communities and we are proud of our role in making Chicago a global hub for business."

In addition to honoring CIBC, former deputy mayor of the City of Chicago, Steve Koch, received the Chicago Legacy Award; the Global Citizen Award was presented to Cardinal Blase J. Cupich, Archbishop of Chicago; and Blue1647 received the ChicagoNEXT Award, recognizing the organization's commitment to the tech community.

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About CIBC

CIBC (NYSE: CM) (TSX: CM) strives to build trusting and enduring relationships by putting our clients at the center of all we do. Through CIBC Bank USA, we offer tailored commercial, wealth management, personal, and small business financial solutions. CIBC is a 150-year-old Toronto-based, global financial institution with our US headquarters in Chicago. Visit us at cibc.com/US.

World Business Chicago

World Business Chicago is a public-private, non-profit partnership that drives inclusive economic growth and job creation, supports business, and promotes Chicago as a leading global city. Learn more at <u>worldbusinesschicago.com</u>.

Chicago Sister Cities International

Chicago Sister Cities International, a division of World Business Chicago and the largest Sister Cities organization in the U.S., provides leadership to develop, manage and coordinate comprehensive programs and projects with Chicago's 28 sister cities in the areas of cultural arts

and tourism, global education, government relations and international business. Learn more at <u>chicagosistercities.com</u>.

Chicago Consular Corps

The Chicago Consular Corps is an international group of Consulates, Consulates General and Honorary Consulates representing more than 80 countries around the world. Learn more at <u>bit.ly/2wCblde</u>.

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