

## **Canadian Western Trust Celebrates its Twentieth Anniversary**

April 19, 2007 – Canadian Western Trust (CWT) today celebrates twenty years of excellence in providing superior customer service and product innovation to the investment community, corporations and individuals.

CWT was acquired by the Canadian Western Bank (CWB) Group of companies in 1996 and immediately established itself as an integral part of CWB's overall business. Since joining CWB, assets under administration in Canadian Western Trust have grown nearly tenfold and totaled \$3.6 billion at January 31, 2007.

“It is truly gratifying to have earned the recognition and confidence of individuals and industry associates that have embraced our value proposition and highly personal approach to business,” said Adrian Baker, Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Canadian Western Trust. “We continue to expand our market presence within Western Canada and our success over the past two years in serving more Ontario based clients has also been very rewarding, particularly as it relates our future growth opportunities”.

“Our mission at Canadian Western Trust is to be recognized as the industry leader in trust services through offering our clients the best financial products, services and solutions,” said Scott Scobie, Managing Director of Sales & Marketing. “Our focus on customer service and ability to provide clients a prompt and solution oriented response sets us apart.”

### **About Canadian Western Bank Group**

Canadian Western Bank offers highly personalized service through 33 branch locations and is the only publicly traded Schedule I chartered bank headquartered in and regionally focused on Western Canada. The Bank, with total balance sheet assets of \$7.6 billion and assets under administration of \$3.6 billion, specializes in mid-market commercial lending and offers a full range of retail services. Trust services to independent financial advisors, corporations and individuals are also provided through the Bank's wholly owned subsidiaries, Canadian Western Trust Company and Valiant Trust Company. Canadian Direct Insurance Incorporated is a wholly owned subsidiary providing personal auto and home insurance to customers in BC and Alberta. The common shares of Canadian Western Bank are listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the trading symbol “CWB”. For more information see the Bank's website at [www.cwbankgroup.com](http://www.cwbankgroup.com).