

**Get to Know Montreal**

**Itinerary No. 3:  
THE OLD BANKS OF THE DOWNTOWN CORE**

Banks were amongst the most prestigious public buildings of the 19th and early 20th centuries. Their classic and tasteful facades reflected the wealth and prosperity of their corporate (and sometimes private) owners. With the development of ATMs and urban migration, many of these elegant Greco-Roman structures have been converted into retail spaces.

Walking to work gives you a golden opportunity to contemplate these symbols of power and stability from the last century.

- 11 777 Saint-Catherine West**  
Originally the City and District of Montreal Savings Bank and later a branch of the Laurentian Bank, this building erected in the year 1920 houses Caban, a trendy clothing and accessories boutique.
- 12 950 Saint-Catherine West**  
Built for the Bank of Montreal at the turn of the century, this building was occupied by the Laurentian Bank until recently. It has been since invested by Clearnet, a cell phone company.
- 13 1101 Saint-Catherine West**  
Formerly a branch of the National Bank, the 1101 Saint-Catherine St. W. has been converted into a Tristan & America retail outlet.
- 14 1133 Saint-Catherine West**  
A San Francisco clothing boutique now occupies this former branch of the CIBC.
- 15 1371 Saint-Catherine West**  
This 1870 building was first home to the Eastern Townships Bank, then to a CIBC branch. It was converted to a Parasuco Jeans outlet in the mid 1990's.

