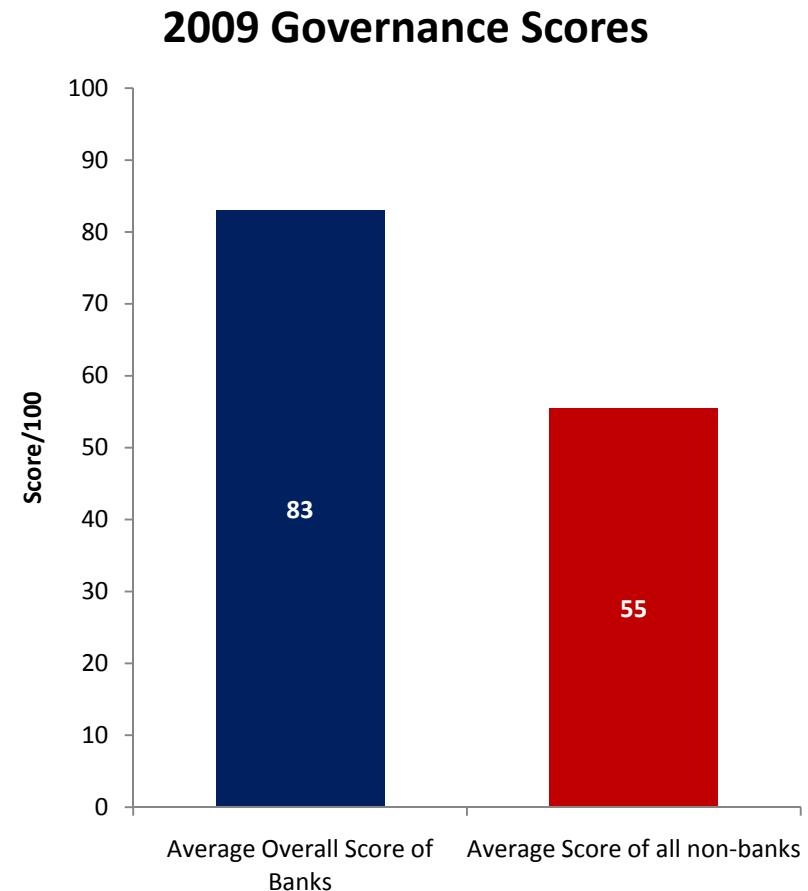


# Canadian Banks in 2010 Governance Summary

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# Canadian Banks are at the forefront of corporate governance best practices in Canada

- 8 Canadian Banks
  - Bank of Montreal (BMO)
  - Bank of Nova Scotia (BNS)
  - Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (CM)
  - Canadian Western Bank (CWB)
  - Laurentian Bank (LB)
  - National Bank of Canada (NA)
  - Royal Bank of Canada (RY)
  - The Toronto-Dominion Bank (TD)
- 149 Other Corporations on the S&P/TSX Composite Index as of Oct 15, 2009



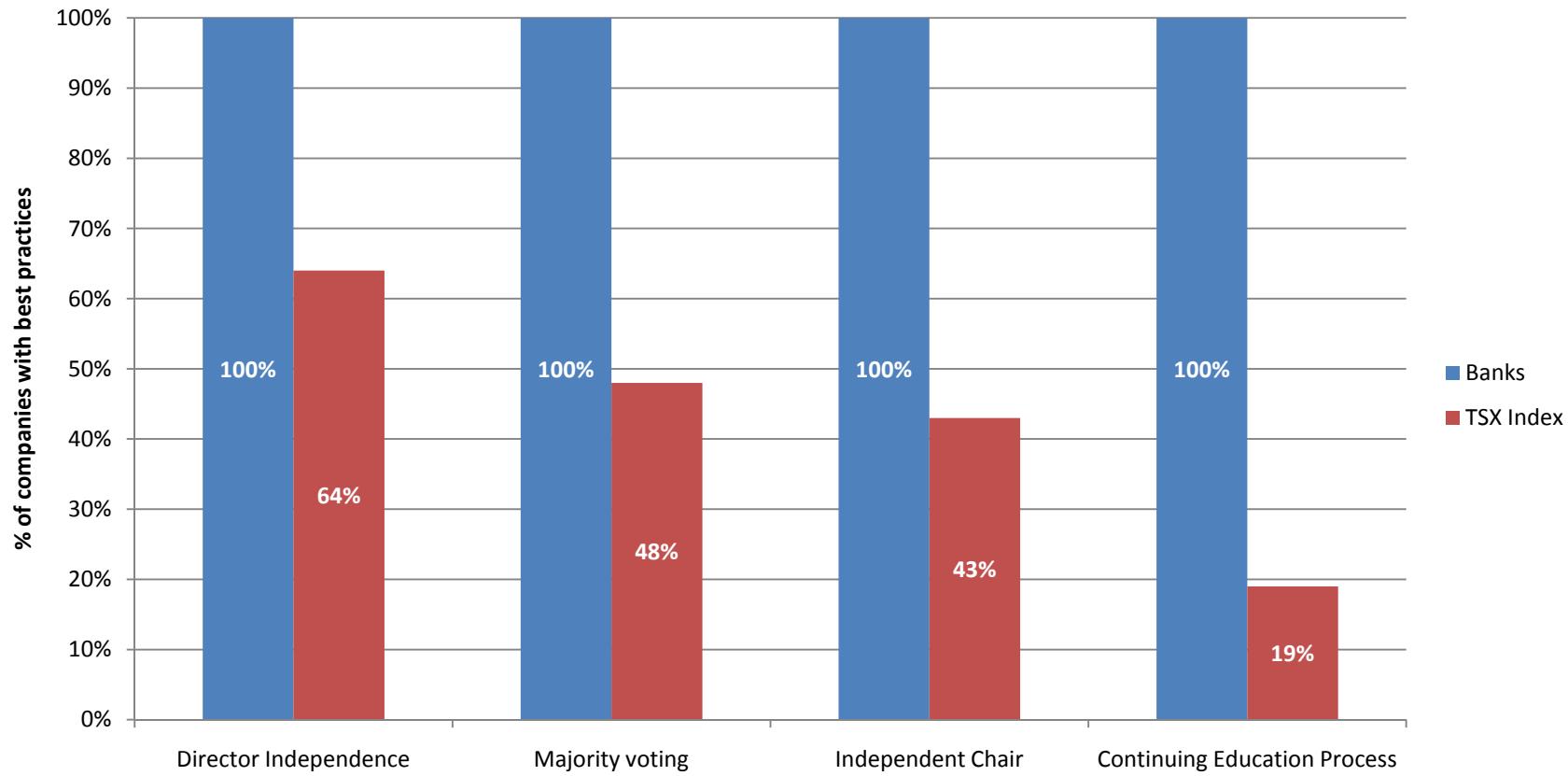
Bank scores on the Rotman Board Shareholder Confidence Index have not changed dramatically in 2010. Each of the 8 banks' scores remain ahead of the curve

## **2010 Rotman Governance Scores**

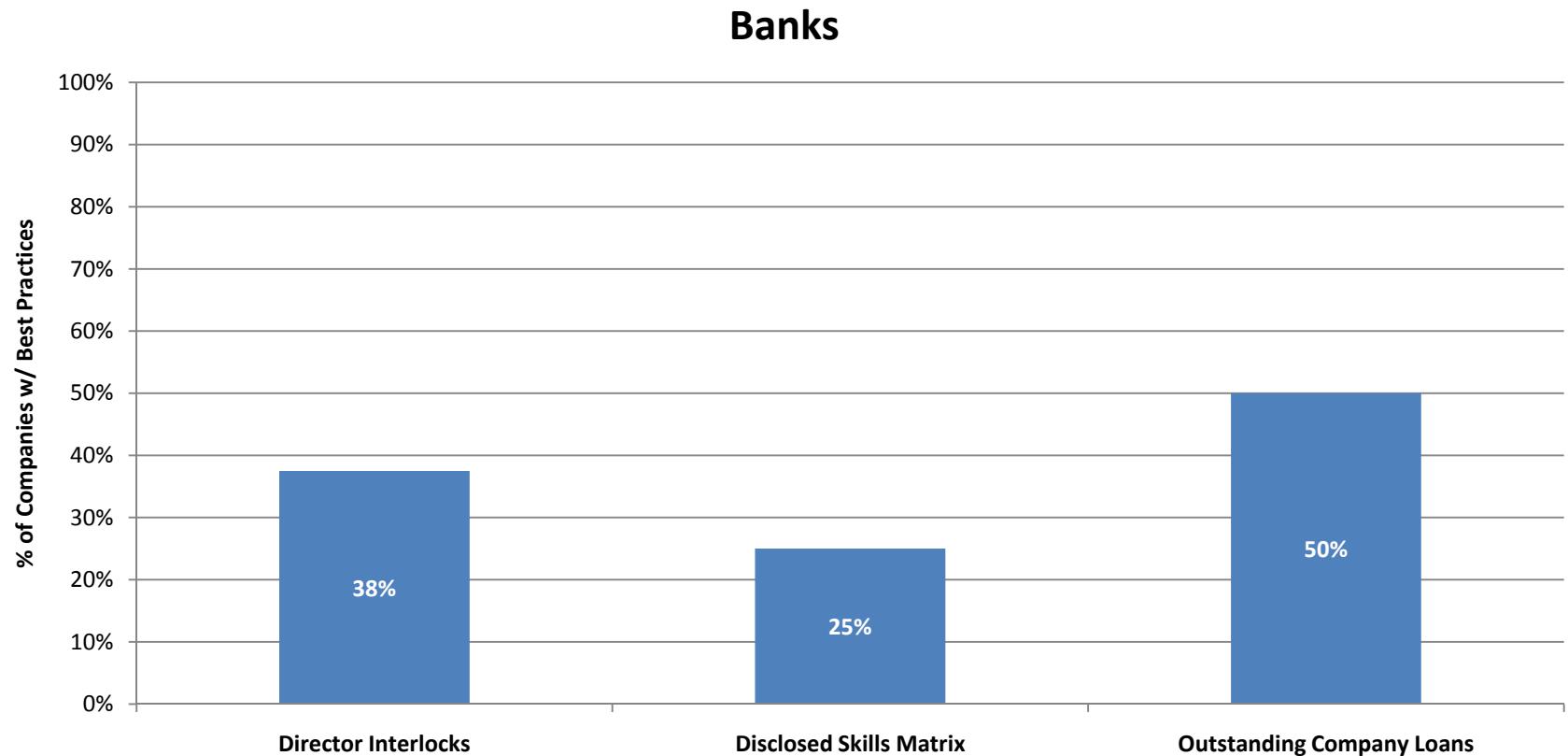
- 6 out of 8 Canadian banks improved their overall score
- 1 bank's score dropped by 1 mark
- 1 bank's score stayed the same
- The lowest bank score in 2010 is 71/100 and the highest is 99/100

Canadian banks continue to demonstrate best practices in several key areas that remain elusive to many other issuers

**Canadian banks have unanimously adopted best practices**



But there remain areas where Canadian banks have room to improve



**NOTE:** A director interlock is when 2 or more directors sit on 2 or more public boards together

**Canadian Bank Pay for Performance:** Aside from 2008, bank shareholders have enjoyed average returns of at least 16% in each of the past six years. Over that same period, CEO pay has remained relatively stable with a maximum variation of only 13% from 2008 to 2009

