

BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA /  
Form 6-K  
August 30, 2012

# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

## Form 6-K

**Report of Foreign Private Issuer**

**Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of  
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**For the month of: August, 2012**

**Commission File Number: 002-09048**

## THE BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA

(Name of registrant)

**44 King Street West, Scotia Plaza 8<sup>th</sup> floor, Toronto, Ontario, M5H 1H1**

**Attention: Secretary s Department (Tel.: (416) 866-3672)**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

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Yes  No

If  Yes is marked, indicate the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b): N/A

This report on Form 6-K shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference in The Bank of Nova Scotia's registration statements on Form S-8 (File No. 333-177640) and Form F-9 (File No. 333-179383) and to be a part thereof from the date on which this report is filed, to the extent not superseded by documents or reports subsequently filed or furnished.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

THE BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA

Date: August 30, 2012

By: /s/ Deborah M. Alexander

Name: Deborah M. Alexander

Title: Executive Vice-President, General Counsel and Secretary

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

**Exhibit**

**Description of Exhibit**

99.1 Share Purchase Agreement, dated as of August 29, 2012, by and among The Bank of Nova Scotia, ING Bank N.V. and ING Direct N.V.