

Press release

BZ Bank H1 2008 financial results

BZ Bank generated a consolidated net profit of CHF 1.8 million in the first semester, ending May 31, 2008. The result was affected by several extraordinary effects. Specifically, the outsourcing of the IT systems of the bank and a charge for past taxes had a negative impact on the financial result in the first semester.

Another negative impact resulted from a loss of CHF 4.3 million in the trading results. The profit achieved by the core business of the bank, income from service and commission business, reached CHF 13.4 million, which was only slightly below the level of the previous year.

On a consolidated level, the equity of the bank was CHF 45.8 million at the end of the period.

Consolidated income statement (CHF)	Dec 1, 06 – May 31, 07	Dec 1, 07 – May 31, 08
Net interest income	851'778	527'640
Net commission and service fee income	14'716'333	13'438'030
Trading result	10'062'274	-4'308'617
Other results	2'144	-593'608
Administrative expenses	-4'410'935	-4'687'977
Gross profit	21'221'595	4'375'468
Depreciation and provisions	-299'484	-1'311'281
Extraordinary income	-	1
Extraordinary expenses	-	-360'000
Taxes	-3'147'490	-940'300
Net income	17'774'621	1'763'888

Consolidated balance sheet (CHF)	Nov 30, 07	May 31, 08
Cash	55'317'797	36'506'538
Due from banks and clients	252'437'378	242'441'540
Securities trading portfolio	48'134'571	41'181'967
Financial investments	8'268'000	6'640'052
Fixed assets and participations	5'558'183	4'287'593
Accrued income, prepayments, other assets	5'799'259	2'636'068
Total assets	375'515'188	333'693'757
Due to banks and clients	299'741'944	280'889'761
Accruals and other liabilities	6'989'321	5'574'053
Valuation adjustments and provisions	1'542'000	1'410'000
Equity	67'241'923	45'819'943
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	375'515'188	333'693'757

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