Press Release

BZ Bank financial year 2015

Wilen, December 17, 2015 – In its thirty-first year of operation, closed on November 30, 2015, BZ Bank recorded a net profit of CHF 25.7 million (previous year 14.6 million). This corresponds to a return on average equity of more than 60 percent.

The period under review was marked by special transactions conducted by BZ Bank, especially with non-listed equities, and by the outperformance of some of the equities BZ Bank recommended for investment.

The main source of income of the Bank was again the commission and service business, the stable core activity of the Bank. Commission and service fee revenues amounted to CHF 26.0 million (21.1 million) in the period under review. Trading revenues contributed CHF 4.8 million (CHF 1.5 million), while net interest revenues had a negative effect of CHF 0.1 million (profit of CHF 0.1 million) because of the introduction of negative interests by the Swiss National Bank.

Administrative expenses amounted to CHF 8.4 million (CHF 6.9 million). Particularly personnel expenses were higher than in the previous year. On the occasion of the thirty years of existence of BZ Bank and because of the gratifying business development the Bank paid an anniversary bonus to its employees in the course of the financial year 2015.

Total assets, which are largely dependent on trading volumes and throughout the year fluctuate accordingly, stood at CHF 357.5 million (CHF 433.3 million) on November 30, 2015. Reported equity of BZ Bank amounted to CHF 54.9 million (CHF 44.2 million).

Securities in custody, which consist primarily of equity holdings, accounted to CHF 10.5 billion (CHF 8 billion).

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