

# O 9 Annual Report





# Working in harmony to maximize performance

Just like members of the orchestra work in sync to produce harmonious collaboration under the leadership of the experienced maestro, our team members, each in their own field of specialty, fulfill their responsibilities professionally and ably, and tune up to turn the overall performance of the group into a remarkable masterpiece.

Our team strives to serve you in a way that will hopefully exceed your expectations, aiming to widen your horizons in the coming years.



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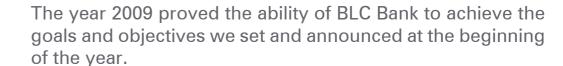


Innovation





Four pillars will constantly guide our development and will always remain our focal point: professionalism, innovation, excellence and technology.



I seize this opportunity to reiterate that the US \$ 541 million (31%) increase in deposits to reach US \$ 2.27 billion reflects the trust of our established and new customers alike.

BLC Bank also demonstrated strong vitality as it injected US \$ 200 million in the private economy representing 73% increase in reinvestments.

BLC Bank also became a reference bank in the retail sector providing superior consumer lending products especially in cars and housing sectors demonstrating a remarkable sales ability of high quality products.

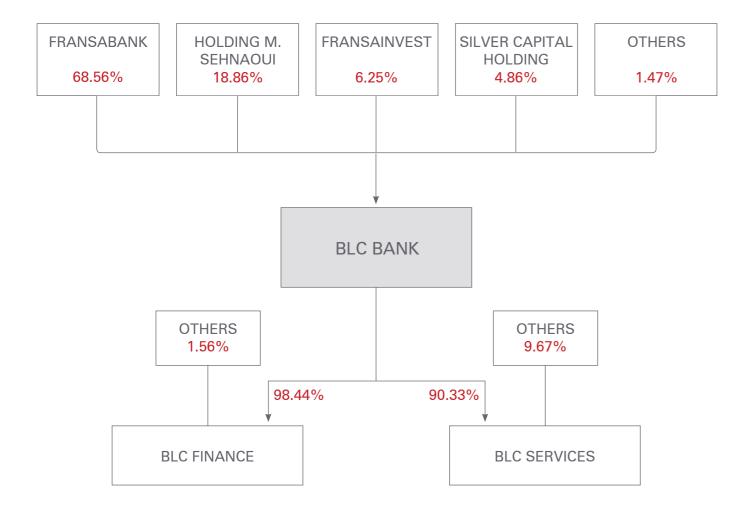
A further sign of our ability to post strong growth is the US \$ 11 million (49%) increase in our net profits.

In the year 2010, we are still maintaining our high ambitions of becoming a universal bank and a bank of reference in Lebanon, with the support of our shareholders, employees and associates who all adhere to our goals.



Maurice Sehnaoui Chairman General Manager





#### **BLC BANK GROUP**

#### BLC BANK S.A.L.

**Board Members** 

Chairman General Manager, Mr. Maurice Sehnaoui

Vice- Chairman, Mr. Nadim Kassar

Member, President Adnan Kassar

Member, Mr. Adel Kassar

Member, Mr. Nabil Kassar

Member, Me. Walid Daouk

Member, Mr. Mansour Bteish

Member, Mr. Nazem El Khoury

Member, Mr. Raoul Nehme

Member, Me. Walid Ziadeh

Member, Mr. Charles El Hage

Secretary to the Board, Me. Michel Tueni

External Auditors, Deloitte & Touche

#### BLC FINANCE S.A.L.

**Board Members** 

Chairman and member, Mr. Shadi Karam

Member, BLC Bank SAL

Member, Me. Walid Daouk

Member, Mr. Youssef Sarrouh

Member, Holding M. Sehnaoui SAL

Member, Mr. Georges Tabet

Member, Me. Walid Ziadeh

Secretary to the Board, Me. Michel Tueni

External Auditors, Deloitte & Touche

#### BLC SERVICES S.A.L.

**Board Members** 

Chairman and member, Mr. Nazem El Khoury

Member, BLC Bank SAL

Member, Me. Walid Daouk

Member, Mr. Khaled Salman

Member, Holding M. Sehnaoui SAL

Member, Mr. Georges Tabet

Member, Me. Walid Ziadeh

Secretary to the Board, Me. Michel Tueni

External Auditors, Deloitte & Touche

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Professionalism



**MANAGEMENT** 

**Maurice SEHNAOUI** 

Chairman and General Manager

Georges TABET

General Manager

**Raoul NEHME** 

General Manager

Fouad RAHME

Assistant General Manager Corporate Banking Group

Youssef EID

Assistant General Manager Retail Banking & Marketing Groups

**Tania MOUSSALEM** 

Assistant General Manager Business Development Group

SENIOR MANAGERS, HEADS OF GROUPS

Georges BAZ

Legal and Risk Management Group

**Bassam HASSAN** 

Support Group

**Souheil YOUNES** 

Human Resources Group

**Alexander ZOGHEIB** 

**Chief Internal Auditor** 

SENIOR MANAGERS, HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS

**Elizabeth EL-KHAZEN** 

Administration Department

Rida MROUEH

**Chief Financial Officer** 

**Georges NAMMOUR** 

**Operations Department** 

**DEPUTY HEAD OF GROUP** 

Victoria HABIB

Human Resources Group

MANAGERS, HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS

**Khalil ABOU DARWICHE** 

**Recovery Department** 

**Hania AKKAD** 

Corporate Business Development Department

Sandra ANTYPAS

Resources Management Department

**Pierrot ATALLAH** 

**Chief Information Officer** 

Simone CHAKER

Small & Medium Enterprises Department

Joseph CHAMOUN

Real Estate Department

Naji ECHO

**Treasury Department** 

Samir KHOURY

Retail Sales Department

Carlos LEBBOS

Risk Management Department

Maya MARGIE

Marketing & Products Development Department

**Antoine MATAR** 

Credit Analysis Department

**Antoine MOUANES** 

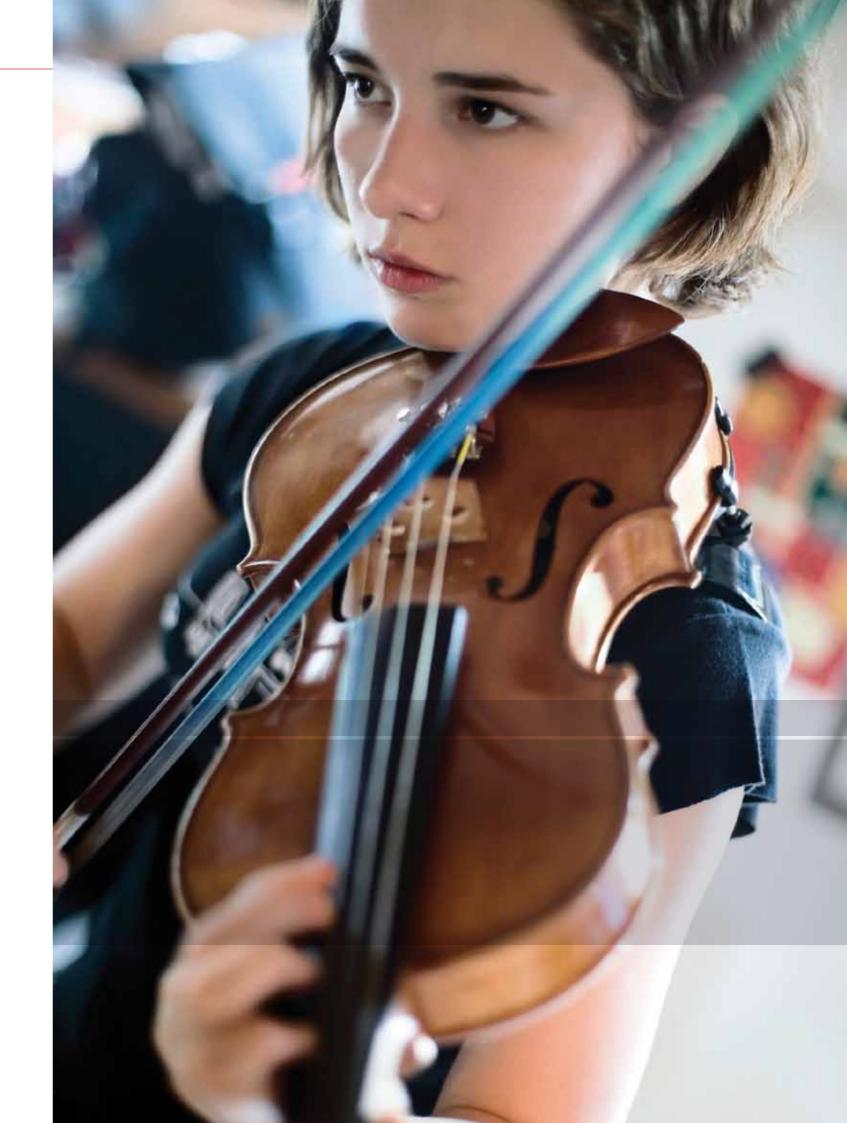
Large Entreprises Department

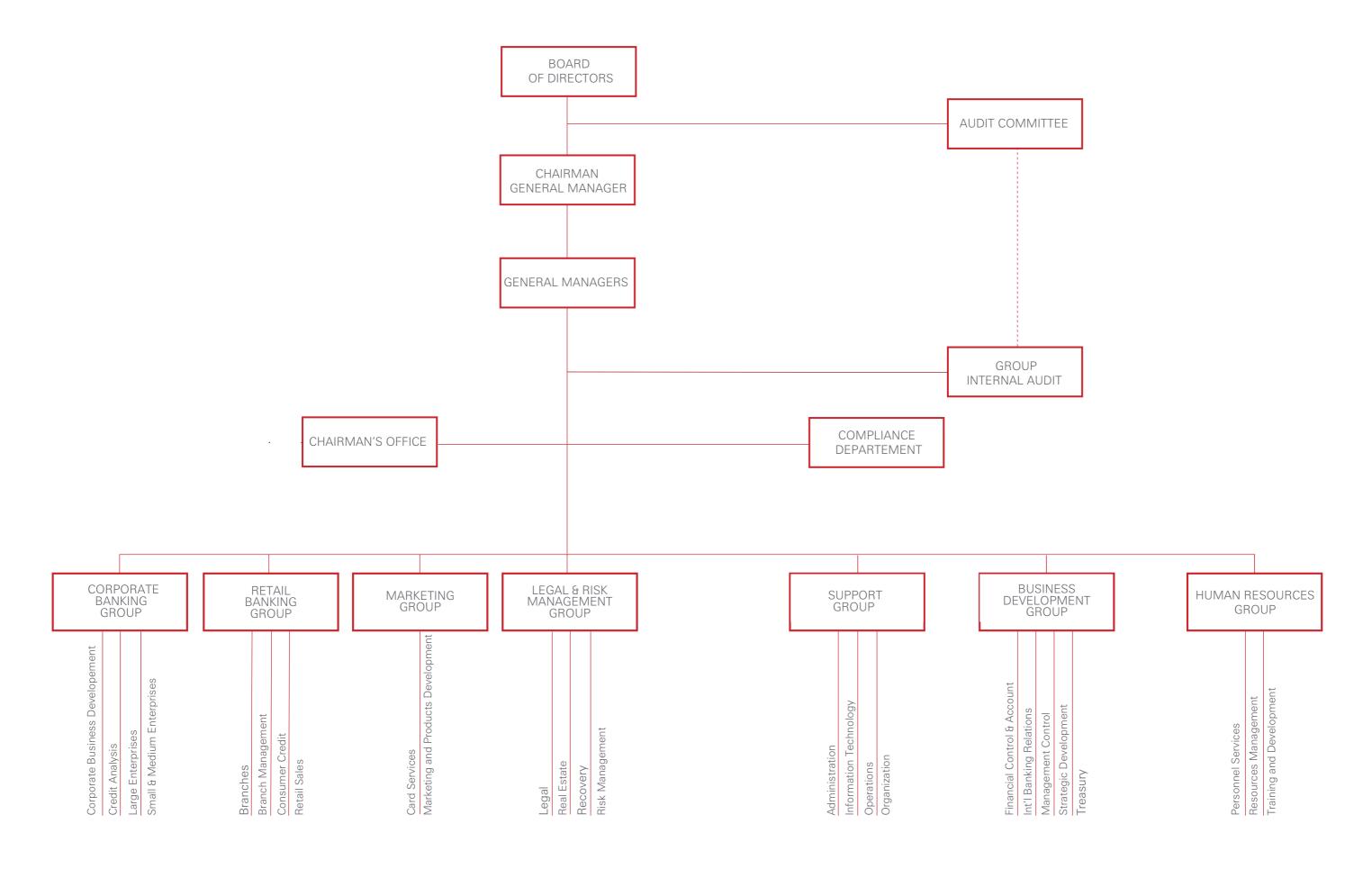
Joseph SAAB

Compliance Department

Maya WAKIM

Organization Department





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### **AUDITOR'S REPORT**

To the Shareholders BLC Bank S.A.L. Beirut, Lebanon

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of BLC BANK S.A.L. (the "Bank") and its Subsidiaries (the "Group"), which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at December 31, 2009, and the consolidated income statement, the consolidated statement of comprehensive income, the consolidated statement of changes in equity and the consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes.

#### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these consolidated financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards. This responsibility includes: designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

#### **Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, within the framework of local banking laws. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

#### **Opinion**

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of the BLC Bank Group as of December 31, 2009, and of its consolidated financial performance and its consolidated cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards.

Beirut, Lebanon March 17, 2010

Deloitte & Touche



# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

		December 31,		
		2009	2008	
	Notes	LBP	<b>'000</b>	
ASSETS				
Cash and Central Bank	5	572,929,659	466,947,333	
Deposits with banks and financial institutions	6	367,263,638	166,969,533	
Trading securities	7	19,338,113	17,142,330	
Loans and advances to customers	8	716,886,972	415,346,781	
Available-for-sale investment securities	9	1,726,076,696	1,368,050,383	
Held-to-maturity investment securities	9	317,839,007	391,958,405	
Customers' liability under acceptances	10	15,343,568	21,677,733	
Assets acquired in satisfaction of loans	11	75,978,353	76,881,667	
Property and equipment	12	54,805,262	35,547,668	
Deferred receivables	13	30,588,391	-	
Intangible assets	14	2,890,324	3,992,847	
Other assets	15	8,318,851	7,531,059	
Total Assets		3,908,258,834	2,972,045,739	

FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS WITH OFF-BALANCE SHEET RISKS:	34		
Letters of guarantee and standby letters of credit		97,391,479	52,360,336
Letters of credit		44,751,172	43,297,992
Forward exchange contracts		22,729,454	24,047,429

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION (contd.)

		December 31,		
		2009	2008	
LIABILITIES	Notes	LBP	′000	
Deposits from banks	16	33,940,191	36,140,772	
Customers' accounts at amortized cost	17	3,426,220,878	2,610,509,127	
Customers' accounts designated at fait value through profit or loss	17	2,256,269	2,255,708	
Liability under acceptances	10	15,343,568	21,677,733	
Other borrowings	18	11,457,975	11,845,723	
Other liabilities	19	50,272,028	26,478,051	
Provisions	20	24,372,906	26,329,209	
Total liabilities		3,563,863,815	2,735,236,323	

EQUITY	Notes	LBP'000	
Capital	21	152,700,000	152,700,000
Reserves	22	43,745,608	32,044,215
Reserve for assets acquired in satisfaction of loans	22	10,858,632	8,574,485
Retained Earnings		19,610,911	12,120,415
Cumulative change in fair value of available-for-sale securities	25	65,750,077	(3,630,413)
Profit for the year (attributable to the owners of the parent)		51,500,286	34,501,144
Total equity attributable to the owners of the Parent		344,165,514	236,309,846
Non-controlling interest		229,505	499,570
Total equity		344,395,019	236,809,416
Total Liabilities and Equity		3,908,258,834	2,972,045,739

# CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

		Year Ended December 31,		
		2009	2008	
	Notes	LBP	'000	
Interest income	26	228,886,845	196,406,71	
Interest expense	27	(148,804,182)	(130,599,938	
Net interest income		80,082,663	65,806,77	
Fee and commission income	28	17,569,431	12,071,08	
Fee and commission expense	29	(2,726,986)	(2,295,643	
Net fee and commission income		14,842,445	9,775,44	
Net interest and other gain/(loss) on trading portfolio	30	3,953,193	(486,381	
Other operating income	31	5,770,296	4,608,46	
Net financial revenues		104,648,597	79,704,30	
Allowance for impairment of loans and advances	8	(1,757,065)	(1,966,219	
Write-back of impairment loss on loans and advances	8	6,943,012	8,886,76	
Write-off /recovery of loans (net)		5,598	(30,384	
Write-back of discount on loan portfolio purchased	8	751,765	6,248,07	
Net financial revenues after net impairment loss/write-back		110,591,907	92,842,53	
Gain on disposal of property and equipment and properties				
acquired in satisfaction of loans		6,177,144	859,56	
Write-back of provisions (net)	20	1,865,605	60,30	
Staff costs	32	(36,581,272)	(31,117,227	
Administrative expenses		(17,587,399)	(16,631,383	
Depreciation and amortization	12,14	(3,974,451)	(4,729,436	
Profit before income tax		60,491,534	41,284,35	
Income tax expense		(8,875,167)	(6,562,567	
Profit for the year		51,616,367	34,721,79	
Attributable to:				
Owners of the Parent		51,500,286	34,501,14	
Non-controlling interest		116,081	220,64	
		51,616,367	34,721,79	
Earnings per share:				
Basic earnings per share for the year	33	LBP338	LBP22	

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

		Year Ended December 31,		
		2009	2008	
	Notes	LBP'0	000	
PROFIT FOR THE YEAR		51,616,367	34,721,791	
Other comprehensive income:				
Net change in fair value of available-for-sale investment securities		83,655,096	10,773,939	
Net change in available-for-sale recycled to profit and loss	31	(2,082,278)	(763,040)	
Deferred Tax		(12,192,328)	(1,534,709)	
		69,380,490	8,476,190	
Total comprehensive income		120,996,857	43,197,981	
Attributable to:				
Owners of the Parent		120,880,776	42,977,334	
Non-controlling interest		116,081	220,647	
		120,996,857	43,197,981	



# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

	Attributable to Owners of the Parent			Attributable to Owners of the Parent								
	Capital	Legal Reserve	Free Reserves	Reserve for General Banking Risks	Regulatory Reserve	Special Reserves	Cumulative Change in Fair Value of Available-for-sale Securities	Retained Earnings	Profit for the year	Total	Non-Controlling Interest	Total Equity
	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000
Balance - January 1, 2008	152,700,000	1,704,391	159,843	4,354,644	8,402,630	-	(12,106,603)	15,628,578	22,424,270	193,267,753	236,011	193,503,764
Allocation of 2007 profit	-	2,632,078	19,940,767	3,252,492	141,992	-	-	(3,543,059)	(22,424,270)	-	-	-
ransfer from regulatory reserve to retained earning	-	-	-	-	(167,382)	-	-	167,382	-	-	-	-
Other movement	-	-	-	-	197,245	-	-	(30,311)	-	166,934	42,912	209,846
Deferred tax on future dividend distribution	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(102,175)	-	(102,175)	-	(102,175)
Total comprehensive income for the year 2008	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,476,190	-	34,501,144	42,977,334	220,647	43,197,981
3alance - December 31, 2008	152,700,000	4,336,469	20,100,610	7,607,136	8,574,485	-	(3,630,413)	12,120,415	34,501,144	236,309,846	499,570	236,809,416
Allocation of 2008 profit	-	3,258,553	6,890,146	1,375,000	2,447,864	1,570,000	-	18,959,581	(34,501,144)	-	-	-
Dividends paid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(13,132,200)	-	(13,132,200)	(378,477)	(13,510,677)
Transfer from legal reserve to free reserves	-	(10,651)	10,651	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fransfer from regulatory reserve to free reserves	-	-	163,717	-	(163,717)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other movement	-	1,296	12,681	-	-	-	-	(7,308)	-	6,669	(7,669)	(1,000)
Deferred tax on future dividend distribution	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100,423	-	100,423	-	100,423
Special reserves reversal (Note 23)	-	-	-	-	-	(1,570,000)	-	1,570,000	-	-	-	-
otal comprehensive income for the year 2009	-	-	-	-	-	-	69,380,490	-	51,500,286	120,880,776	116,081	120,996,857
Salance - December 31, 2009	152,700,000	7,585,667	27,177,805	8,982,136	10,858,632		65,750,077	19,610,911	51,500,286	344,165,514	229,505	344,395,019

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# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

		Year Ended December 31		
		2009	2008	
	Notes	LBP'000		
ash Flows from operating activities:				
Net profit for the year		51,616,367	34,721,79	
Adjustments for:				
Write back provision for bad debts (net)	8	(5,937,712)	(13,168,618	
Write off of loans and advances to customers	8	(5,598)	30,38	
Depreciation and amortization	12,13	3,974,451	4,729,43	
Write back provisions for charges (net)	20	(1,941,727)	(39,59	
Provision for end-of-service indemnities		1,112,919	2,116,49	
Unrealized (gain)/loss on trading portfolio	30	(2,573,533)	1,789,10	
Income tax expense		8,875,167	6,562,56	
Loss/(gain) on sale of property and equipment		71,174	(4,17)	
Gain on disposal of property acquired in satisfaction of loans		(6,248,318)	(855,389	
Dividend income		(1,597,427)	(1,361,660	
Interest expense		148,804,182	130,599,93	
Interest income (including interest on trading portfolio)		(229,860,729)	(197,296,493	
		33,710,784	(32,176,220	
Net decrease/(increase) in trading portfolio		310,624	(1,146,318	
Net increase in loans and advances to customers	35	(291,723,823)	(109,848,43	
Net increase in customers' deposits		726,258,662	381,130,88	
Net increase in compulsory reserve with Central Bank	5	(20,858,480)	(30,080,344	
Net increase in term deposits with Central Bank		(26,758,125)		
Net decrease/(increase) in pledged deposits	6	4,045,837	(203,359	
Net (increase)/decrease in other assets		(1,771,515)	8,089,08	
Increase in deferred receivable	13	(30,588,391)		
Net increase in other liabilities	35	10,540,648	8,705,57	
Proceeds from disposal of assets in satisfaction of loans		11,439,329	4,213,03	
Settlements made from provisions		(1,317,977)	(1,071,832	
		345,866,005	227,612,07	

		Year Ended [	December 31,
		2009	2008
	Notes	LBP	'000
Income tax paid		(7,135,868)	(5,265,776)
Dividends received		1,597,427	1,361,660
Interest paid		(144,398,000)	(129,680,304)
Interest received		228,070,415	195,903,863
Net cash generated from operating activities		423,999,979	289,931,521
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Net increase in available-for-sale investing securities	9,35	(270,420,836)	(255,194,693)
Net decrease in held-to-maturity investing securities	9	117,154,275	102,902,190
Proceeds from disposal of property and equipment		58,544	38,404
Acquisition of property and equipment	12	(17,014,596)	(18,205,302)
Acquisition of intangible assets	14	(433,927)	(1,557,064)
Net cash used in investing activities		(170,656,540)	(172,016,465)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Dividends paid	24	(13,132,200)	-
Dividends paid to non-controlling interests		(378,477)	-
Decrease in non-controlling interests		(1,000)	-
Net decrease in other borrowings	18	(387,807)	(100,580,980)
Net cash used in financing activities		(13,899,484)	(100,580,980)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		239,443,955	17,334,076
Cash and cash equivalent beginning of year		451,441,543	434,107,467
Net cash received from acquiring Lati Bank S.A.L.	13	25,384,231	
Cash and cash equivalent end of year	35	716,269,729	451,441,543

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#### 1. FORMATION AND ACTIVITIES OF THE BANK

BLC Bank S.A.L., (the "Bank"), is a Lebanese joint stock company registered under No. 1952 in the Lebanese Commercial Register and is listed under No. 11 on the Lebanese Banks' List. The principal activities of the Bank consist of a wide range of commercial banking activities carried on through thirty five branches in Lebanon including Head Office. During 2009, the Bank acquired 100% of Lati Bank S.A.L. having three branches in Lebanon.

The consolidated financial statements of the Bank comprise the financial statements of the Bank and those of its subsidiaries (the "Group").

The Bank's headquarter is located in Beirut, Lebanon.

#### 2. ADOPTION OF NEW AND REVISED INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS (IFRS)

#### 2.1 Standards affecting presentation and disclosure

The following new and revised Standards have been adopted in the current period in these financial statements. Details of other Standards and Interpretations adopted but that have had no effect on the financial statements are set out in section 2.2:

- IAS 1 (as revised in 2007) *Presentation of Financial Statements:* IAS 1 (2007) has introduced terminology changes (including revised titles for the financial statements) and changes in the format and content of the financial statements.
- Improving disclosures about Financial Instruments (Amendments to IFRS 7 Financial Instruments: Disclosures): The amendments to IFRS 7 expand the disclosures required in respect of fair value measurements and liquidity risk.

In addition to the above, IFRS 8 "operating segments" was issued. This standard is a disclosure standard that requires re-designation of the Group's reportable segments based on the segments used by the Chief Operating Decision Maker to allocate resources and assess performance. Awaiting the finalization of the designation and identification of the operating segments and the finalization of the automated software, which process is under establishment, the Group reports these segments on a consolidated basis.

#### 2.2 Standards and Interpretations adopted with no effect on the financial statements

The following new and revised Standards and Interpretations have also been adopted in these financial statements. Their adoption has not had any significant impact on the amounts reported in these financial statements but may affect the accounting for future transactions or arrangements.

- Amendments to IFRS 2 Share-based Payment Vesting Conditions and Cancellations: The amendments clarify the definition of vesting conditions for the purposes of IFRS 2, introduce the concept of 'non-vesting' conditions, and clarify the accounting treatment for cancellations.
- Amendments to IAS 32 Financial Instruments: Presentation and IAS 1 Presentation of Financial Statements Puttable Financial Instruments and Obligations Arising on Liquidation: The revisions to IAS 32 amend the criteria for debt/equity classification by permitting certain puttable financial instruments and instruments (or components of instruments) that impose on an entity an obligation to deliver to another party a pro-rata share of the net assets of the entity only on liquidation, to be classified as equity, subject to specified criteria being met.
- IFRIC 13 Customer Loyalty Programs: The Interpretation provides guidance on how entities should account for customer loyalty programs by allocating revenue on sale to possible future award attached to the sale.
- IFRIC 15 Agreements for the Construction of Real Estate: The Interpretation addresses how entities should determine whether an agreement for the construction of real estate is within the scope of IAS 11 Construction Contracts or IAS 18 Revenue and when revenue from the construction of real estate should be recognized.
- IFRIC 16 *Hedges of a Net Investment in a Foreign Operation*: The Interpretation provides guidance on the detailed requirements for net investment hedging for certain hedge accounting designations.
- Improvements to IFRSs (2008): Amendments to IFRS 5, IAS 1, IAS 16, IAS 19, IAS 20, IAS 23, IAS 27, IAS 28, IAS 29, IAS 31, IAS 36, IAS 38, IAS 39, IAS 40 and IAS 41 resulting from the May and October 2008 Annual Improvements to IFRSs majority of which are effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2009.

#### 2.3 Standards and Interpretations in issue not yet effective

#### New Standards and amendments to Standards:

- IFRS 1 (revised) First time Adoption of IFRS and IAS 27 (revised) Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements Amendment relating to Cost of an Investment in a Subsidiary, Jointly Controlled Entity or Associate (effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 July 2009)
- IFRS 3 (revised) Business Combinations Comprehensive revision on applying the acquisition method and consequential amendments to IAS 27 (revised) Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements, IAS 28 (revised) Investments in Associates and IAS 31 (revised) Interests in Joint Ventures (effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 July 2009)
- IAS 39 (revised) Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement Amendments relating to Eligible Hedged Items (such as hedging Inflation risk and Hedging with options), (effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 July 2009)

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• IFRS 2 (revised) *Share-based payment* – Amendment relating to Bank cash-settled Share-based payments (effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2010)

• IAS 32 (revised) *Financial Instruments: Presentation* – Amendments relating to classification of Rights Issue (effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 February 2010)

• IAS 24 Related Party Disclosures – Amendment on disclosure requirements for entities that are controlled, jointly controlled or significantly influenced by a Government (effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2011)

• IFRS 9 Financial Instruments: *Classification and Measurement* (intended as complete replacement for IAS 39 and IFRS 7) (effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2013)

Amendments to IFRS 2, IFRS 5, IFRS 8, IAS 1, IAS 7, IAS 17, IAS 18, IAS 36, IAS 38 and IAS 39 resulting from April 2009 Annual Improvements to IFRSs. (Majority effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2010).

The directors anticipate that the adoption of all of the above Standards and Interpretations will have no material impact on the financial statements of the Group in the period of initial application, except for IFRS 9 Financial instruments: "Classification and Measurement" for which directors have not yet had an opportunity to consider the potential impact of the adoption/early adoption.

#### 3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### **Statement of Compliance**

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs).

#### **Basis of Preparation**

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis except for the following:

- Land and buildings acquired prior to 1999 are measured at their revalued amounts based on market prices prevailing during 1999.
- Available-for-sale financial assets are measured at fair value.
- Financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss are measured at fair value.

The principal accounting policies are set out below:

#### A. Basis of Consolidation:

The consolidated financial statements incorporate the financial statements of the Bank and entities controlled by the Bank (its subsidiaries). Control is achieved when, among other things, the Bank has the power to govern the financial and operating policies of an entity so as to obtain benefits from its activities.

The consolidated subsidiaries consist of the following:

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	2009	2008	Incorporation	<b>Business Activity</b>
NAME OF SUBSIDIARY	%	%		
BLC Finance S.A.L.	98.44	98.44	Lebanon	Financial Institution
BLC Services S.A.L.	90.33	87.00	Lebanon	Insurance Brokerage
Lati Bank S.AL.	100.00	-	Lebanon	Commercial banking

All intra-group transactions balances, income and expenses are eliminated in full on consolidation.

Non-controlling interests in subsidiaries are identified separately from the Group's equity therein. The interests of non-controlling shareholders may be initially measured either at fair value or at the non-controlling interests' proportionate share of the fair value of the acquiree's identifiable net assets.

The choice of measurement basis is made on an acquisition-by-acquisition basis. Subsequent to acquisition, the carrying amount of non-controlling interests is the amount of those interests at initial recognition plus the non-controlling interests' share of subsequent changes in equity.

Total comprehensive income is attributed to non-controlling interests even if this results in the non-controlling interests having a deficit balance.

#### **B. Business Combination:**

Acquisitions of subsidiaries and businesses are accounted for using the acquisition method. The consideration for each acquisition is measured at the aggregate of the fair values (at the date of exchange) of assets given, liabilities incurred or assumed, and equity instruments issued by the Group in exchange for control of the acquiree.

#### C. Foreign Currencies:

The financial statements are presented in Lebanese Pound which is the Group's reporting currency. However, the primary currency of the economic environment in which the Group operates (functional currency) is the U.S. Dollar.

Transactions in currencies other than Lebanese Pound (foreign currencies) are recorded at the rates of exchange prevailing at the dates of the transactions. At the end of each reporting period each balance sheet date, monetary items denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated into Lebanese Pounds at the rates prevailing at that date the balance sheet date. Non-monetary items carried at fair value that are denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the rates prevailing at the date when the fair value was determined. Non-monetary items that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are not retranslated.

Exchange differences are recognised in profit or loss in the period in which they arise except for exchange differences on transactions entered into in order to hedge certain foreign currency risks.

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#### D. Financial assets and Liabilities:

#### Recognition and Derecognition:

The Group initially recognizes loans and advances, deposits, debt securities issued and subordinated liabilities on the date that they are originated. All other financial assets and liabilities are initially recognized on the trade date at which the Group becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

The Group derecognizes a financial asset when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire, or it transfers the rights to receive the contractual cash flows on the financial asset in a transaction in which all the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset are transferred.

Debt securities exchanged against securities with longer maturities with similar risks, and issued by the same issuer, are not derecognized because they do not meet the conditions for derecognition. Premiums and discounts derived from the exchange of said securities are deferred to be amortized as a yield enhancement on a time proportionate basis, over the period of the extended maturities.

When the Group enters into transactions whereby it transfers assets recognized on its reporting date and retains all risks and rewards of the transferred assets, then the transferred assets are not derecognized, for example, securities lending and repurchase transactions.

The Group derecognizes a financial liability when its contractual obligations are discharged, cancelled or expire.

#### Offsetting:

Financial assets and liabilities are set-off and the net amount is presented in the statement of financial position when, and only when, the Group has a legal right to set-off the amounts or intends either to settle on a net basis or to realize the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

#### Fair Value Measurement:

Fair value is the amount agreed to exchange an asset or to settle a liability between a willing buyer and a willing seller in an arm's length transaction.

When published price quotations exist, the Group measures the fair value of a financial instrument that is traded in an active market using quoted prices for that instrument. A financial instrument is regarded as quoted in active market if quoted prices are readily and regularly available and those prices represent actual and regularly occurring market transactions on an arm's length basis.

If the market for a financial instrument is not active, the Group establishes fair value by using valuation techniques. Valuation techniques include observable market data about the market conditions and other factors that are likely to affect the instrument's fair value. The fair value of a financial instrument is based on one or more factors such as the time value of money and the credit risk of the instrument and adjusted for any other factors such as liquidity risk.

#### Effective interest method:

The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a debt instrument and of allocating interest income over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts (including all fees on points paid or received that form an integral part of the effective interest rate, transaction costs and other premiums or discounts) through the expected life of the debt instrument, or (where appropriate) a shorter period, to the net carrying amount on initial recognition.

Income is recognised on an effective interest basis for debt instruments other than those financial assets classified as at fair value through profit and loss.

#### Designation at Fair Value Through Profit or Loss:

The Bank has designated financial assets and liabilities at fair value through profit or loss when either:

- The assets or liabilities are managed, evaluated and reported internally on a fair value basis;
- The designation eliminates or significantly reduces an accounting mismatch which would otherwise arise; or
- The asset or liability contains an embedded derivative that significantly modifies the cash flows that would otherwise be required under the contract.

Financial assets and liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss are initially recognized and subsequently measured at fair value.

#### Impairment of Financial Assets:

Financial assets, other than those at fair value through profit or loss, are assessed for indicators of impairment at each reporting date. Financial assets are impaired where there is objective evidence that, as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the asset, a loss event has occurred which has an impact on the estimated future cash flows of the financial asset.

Objective evidence that an impairment loss related to financial assets has been incurred can include information about the debtors' or issuers' liquidity, solvency and business and financial risk exposures and levels of and trends in delinquencies for similar financial assets, taking into account the fair value of collateral and guarantees.

For investments in equity securities, a significant or prolonged decline in fair value below cost is objective evidence of impairment.

In respect of available-for-sale investment securities, the previously accumulated losses recorded under equity are recognized in profit or loss in case of objective evidence impairment. Any increase in fair value subsequent to an impairment loss is not recognized in profit or loss for available-for-sale equity securities. Any increase in fair value subsequent to an impairment loss is recognized in profit or loss for available-for-sale debt securities.

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# Impairment losses on assets carried at amortized cost are measured as the difference between the carrying amount of the financial assets and the present value of estimated future cash flows discounted at the original effective interest rate. Losses are recognized in profit or loss and reduce the carrying amount of the asset to its estimated recoverable amount. If, in a subsequent period, the amount of the impairment loss decreases, the previously recognized impairment loss is reversed through profit or loss to the extent that the carrying amount of the investment at the date the impairment is reversed does not exceed what the amortized cost would have been had the impairment not been recognized.

#### E. Investment Securities:

Investment securities are initially measured at fair value plus incremental direct transaction costs, and subsequently accounted for depending on their classification as either held-to-maturity or available-for-sale.

#### Held-to-Maturity Investment Securities:

Held-to-maturity investments are non-derivative assets with fixed or determinable payments and fixed maturity that the Group has the positive intent and ability to hold to maturity, and which are not designated at fair value through profit or loss or available-for-sale.

Held-to-maturity investments are carried at amortized cost using the effective interest method. Any sale or reclassification of a significant amount of held-to-maturity investments not close to their maturity would result in the reclassification of all held-to-maturity investments as available-for-sale, and prevent the Group from classifying investment securities as held-to-maturity for the current and the following two financial years, unless the amount of held-to-maturity is insignificant, or close to maturity, or in case of significant deterioration in the issuer credit worthiness, or change in statutory or regulatory requirement or in major business combination.

#### Available-for-Sale Investment Securities:

Available-for-sale investments are non derivative investments that are not designated as another category of financial assets. All available-for-sale investments are carried at fair value and unrealized gains or losses are included in other comprehensive income. Foreign exchange gains or losses on available-for-sale debt security investments are recognized in profit or loss.

#### F. Trading Securities:

Trading securities are initially recognized and subsequently measured at fair value. Transaction costs are included in the income statement. Subsequent changes in fair value of these securities are recognized immediately in profit or loss.

#### **G.Loans and Advances**

Loans and advances are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. Loans and advances are disclosed at amortized cost net of unearned interest and after provision for credit losses where applicable. Bad and doubtful debts are carried on a cash basis because of doubts and the probability of non-collection of principal and/or interest.

#### H. Financial Guarantees:

Financial guarantees contracts are contracts that require the Bank to make specified payments to reimburse the holder for a loss it incurs because a specified debtor fails to make payment when due in accordance with the terms of a debt instrument. These contracts can have various judicial forms (guarantees, letters of credit, credit-insurance contracts).

Financial guarantee liabilities are initially measured at their fair value, and subsequently carried at the higher of this amortized amount and the present value of any expected payment (when a payment under the guarantee has become probable). Financial guarantees are included within other liabilities.

#### I. Property and Equipment

Property and equipment except for buildings acquired prior to 1999 are stated at historical cost, less accumulated depreciation and impairment loss, if any. Buildings acquired prior to 1999 are stated at their revalued amounts, based on market prices prevailing during 1999 less accumulated depreciation and impairment loss, if any.

Depreciation is recognized so as to write off the cost or valuation of property and equipment (other than advance payments on capital expenditures) less their residual values, if any, over their useful lives, using the straight-line method as follows:

	Years
Buildings	50
Office improvements and installations	5
Furniture, equipment and machines	12.5
Computer equipment	5
Vehicles	10

The estimated useful lives, residual values and depreciation method are reviewed at each year end, with the effect of any changes in estimate accounted for on a prospective basis.

The gain or loss arising on the disposal or retirement of an item of property and equipment is determined as the difference between the sales proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset and is recognized in profit or loss.

#### J. Intangible Assets:

Intangible assets consisting of computer software are amortized on a straight-line basis at the rate of 20%. Computer software is subject to impairment testing.

#### K. Assets acquired in satisfaction of loans:

Real estate property acquired through the enforcement of security over loans and advances is measured at cost less any accumulated impairment losses. The acquisition of such assets is regulated by the local banking authorities that require the liquidation of these assets within 2 years from acquisition. In case of default of liquidation the regulatory authorities require an appropriation of a special reserve from the yearly net income that is reflected under equity.

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#### L. Impairment of Tangible and Intangible Assets:

At the end of each reporting period each balance sheet date, the Group reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

Recoverable amount is the higher of fair value less costs to sell and value in use. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset for which the estimates of future cash flows have not been adjusted.

If the recoverable amount of an asset is estimated to be less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset is reduced to its recoverable amount. An impairment loss is recognized immediately in profit or loss, unless the relevant asset is carried at a revalued amount, in which case the impairment loss is treated as a revaluation decrease.

Where an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset (cash-generating unit) is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, but so that the increased carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognized for the asset (cash-generating unit) in prior years. A reversal of an impairment loss is recognized immediately in profit or loss, unless the relevant asset is carried at a revalued amount, in which case the reversal of the impairment loss is treated as a revaluation increase.

The fair value of the Group's owned properties and of properties acquired in satisfaction of loans debts, is the estimated market value, as determined by real estate appraisers on the basis of market compatibility by comparing with similar transactions in the same geographical area and on the basis of the expected value of a current sale between a willing buyer and a willing seller, that is, other than in a forced or liquidation sale after adjustment of an illiquidity factor and market constraints.

#### M. Provision for Employees' End-of-Service Indemnity:

The provision for staff termination indemnities is based on the liability that would arise if the employment of all the staff were voluntary terminated at the statement of financial position date. This provision is calculated in accordance with the directives of the Lebanese Social Security Fund and Labor laws based on the number of years of service multiplied by the monthly average of the last 12 months remunerations and less contributions paid to the Lebanese Social Security National Fund and interest accrued by the Fund.

#### N. Provisions:

Provision is recognized if, as a result of a past event, the Group has a present legal or constructive obligation that can be estimated reliably, and it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation. Provisions are determined by discounting the expected future cash flows at a pre-tax rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and, where appropriate, the risks specific to the liability.

#### O. Revenue and Expense Recognition:

Interest income and expense are recognized on an accrual basis, taking account of the principal outstanding and the rate applicable, except for non-performing loans and advances for which interest income is only recognized upon realization. Interest income and expense include the amortization of discount or premium.

Interest income and expense presented in the income statement include:

- Interest on financial assets and liabilities at amortized cost in addition to interest on deposits at fair value through profit or loss.
- Interest on available-for-sale investment securities.

Net trading income presented in the income statement includes:

- · Interest income and expense on the trading portfolio.
- Dividend income on the trading equities.
- Realized and unrealized gains and losses on the trading portfolio.

Fees and commission income and expense that are integral to the effective interest rate on a financial asset or liability (i.e. commissions and fees earned on the loan book) are included under interest income and expense.

Other fees and commission income are recognized as the related services are performed.

Dividend income is recognized when the shareholders' right to receive payment is established.

#### P. Income Tax:

Income tax expense represents the sum of the tax currently payable and deferred tax. Income tax is recognized in the income statement except to the extent that it relates to items recognized directly in other comprehensive income, in which case it is recognized in other comprehensive income.

The tax currently payable is based on taxable profit for the year. Taxable profit differs from profit as reported in the consolidated income statement because of the items that are never taxable or deductible. The Group's liability for current tax is calculated using tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the end of the reporting period.

Income tax payable is reflected in the consolidated statement of financial position net of taxes previously settled in the form of withholding tax.

Part of debt securities invested by the Group are subject to withheld tax by the issuer, and deducted at year-end from the corporate tax liability not eligible for deferred tax benefit, and therefore, accounted for as prepayment on corporate income tax and reflected as a part of income tax provision.

Deferred tax is recognized on differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities in the financial statements and the corresponding tax base used in the computation of taxable profit, and are accounted for using the balance sheet liability method. Deferred tax liabilities are generally recognized for all taxable temporary differences and deferred tax assets are recognized to the extent that it is probable that taxable profits will be available against which deductible temporary differences can be utilized.

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#### 4. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING JUDGMENTS AND KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY

In the application of the Group's accounting policies, which are described in note 3, the directors are required to make judgments, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognized in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

#### A. Critical accounting judgments in applying the Group's accounting policies:

#### Classification of Financial Assets:

The Group's accounting policies provide scope for investment securities to be designated on inception into different categories in certain circumstances based on specific conditions. In classifying investment securities as held-to-maturity, the Group has determined that it has both the positive intent and ability to hold these assets until their maturity as required by in accounting policy under Note 3E. The carrying amount of the held-to-maturity financial assets is LBP 318 billion at 2009 year end. If the Group fails to keep these investments until maturity other than for the specific circumstances, it will require reclassifying the entire category as available-for-sale that will be measured at fair value with the corresponding cumulative positive change in fair value of LBP 12.4 billion at December 31, 2009 booked in other comprehensive income.

#### **B. Key Sources of Estimation Uncertainty:**

The following are the key assumptions concerning the future, and other key sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date, that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

#### Allowances for Credit Losses - Loans and Advances to Customers:

Specific impairment for credit losses is determined by assessing each case individually. This method applies to classified loans and advances and the factors taken into consideration when estimating the allowance for credit losses include the counterparty's credit limit, the counterparty's ability to generate cash flows sufficient to settle his advances and the value of collateral and potential repossession. Loans collectively assessed for impairment are determined based on losses incurred by loans portfolios with similar characteristics.

#### **Determining Fair Values:**

The determination of fair value for financial assets for which there is no observable market price requires the use of valuation techniques as described in Note 3D. For financial instruments that trade infrequently and have little price transparency, fair value is less objective, and requires varying degrees of judgment depending on liquidity, concentration, uncertainly of market factors, pricing assumptions and other risks affecting the specific instrument.

Where available, management has used market indicators in its mark to model approach for the valuation of the Lebanese government debt securities and Central Bank Certificates of Deposits at fair value. The IFRS fair value hierarchy allocates the highest priority to quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities, and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs. The fair value hierarchy used in the determination of fair value consists of three levels of input data for determining the fair value of an asset or liability.

Level 1- quoted prices for identical items in active, liquid and visible markets such as stock exchanges,

Level 2- observable information for similar items in active or inactive markets,

Level 3- unobservable inputs used in situations where markets either do not exist or are illiquid.

Unobservable inputs are used to measure fair value to the extent that observable inputs are not available, thereby allowing for situations in which there is little, if any, market activity for the asset or liability at the measurement date. However, the fair value measurement objective should remain the same; that is, an exit price from the perspective of a market participant that holds the asset or owes the liability. Unobservable inputs are developed based on the best information available in the circumstances, which may include the reporting entity's own data. Where practical, the discount rate used in the mark to model approach included observable data collected from market participants, including risk free interest rates and credit default swap rates for pricing of credit risk (both own and counter party), and a liquidity risk factor which is added to the applied discount rate. Changes in assumptions about any of these factors could affect the reported fair value of the Lebanese Government debt securities and Central Bank certificates of deposits."

#### Impairment of Available for-Sale Equity Investments:

The Group determines that available for sale equity investments are impaired when there has been a significant or prolonged decline in the fair value below its cost. This determination requires judgment. In making this judgment the Group evaluates among other factors, the normal volatility in share price.

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#### 5. CASH AND CENTRAL BANK

	Decemb	er 31,
	2009	2008
	LBP'(	000
Cash on hand	14,934,694	21,298,242
Non-interest earning accounts:		
Current accounts (of which LBP163billion compulsory		
reserves at 2009 year-end, LBP141.8billion at 2008 year end)	202,180,527	141,934,068
Interest earning accounts:		
Current accounts with Central Bank of Lebanon	-	18,434,323
Term placements with Central Bank of Lebanon	355,555,625	284,917,500
Accrued interest receivable	258,813	363,200
	572,929,659	466,947,333

Compulsory deposits of LBP 163 billion at 2009 year-end (LBP 141.8 billion in 2008) are in Lebanese Pound and are not available for use in the Group's day-to-day operations and are reflected at amortized cost. These reserves are computed on the basis of 25% and 15% of the average weekly sight and term customers' deposits in Lebanese Pound in accordance with the local banking regulations.

Term placements with Central Bank of Lebanon include the equivalent in U.S. Dollar of LBP 285 billion and LBP 220 billion as at December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively, deposited in accordance with local banking regulations which require banks to maintain interest earning placements in foreign currency to the extent of 15% of customers' deposits in foreign currencies, certificates of deposits and borrowings acquired from non-resident financial institutions.

Maturities of term placements with Central Bank of Lebanon as at December 31, 2009 and December 31, 2008 are as follows:

	2009					
	A	ccounts in LBP	А	ccounts in F/Cy		
	Amount	Average Interest Rate	Amount	Average Interest Rate		
MATURITY	LBP'000	%	LBP'000	%		
Year 2010:						
First quarter	68,000,000	3.11	260,797,500	1.03		
Second quarter	-	-	9,045,000	0.91		
Third quarter	-	-	7,537,500	0.66		
Between 1 and 3 years	-	-	4,145,625	1.17		
Between 3 and 5 years	-	-	6,030,000	1.67		
	68,000,000		287,555,625			

	2008				
	Α	Accounts in LBP Accounts in F/Cy			
	Amount	Average Interest Rate	Amount	Average Interest Rate	
MATURITY	LBP'000	%	LBP'000	%	
First quarter 2009			284,917,500	1.94	



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#### 6. DEPOSITS WITH BANKS AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

	December 31,		
	2009	2008	
	LBP'(	000	
Purchased checks	9,415,658	7,426,547	
Current accounts with correspondents	50,173,884	17,040,858	
Current accounts with the Parent Bank	160,250	-	
Current accounts with related parties	501,928	-	
	60,251,720	24,467,405	
Term placements with correspondents	288,798,321	138,416,929	
Term placements with Parent Bank	18,000,000	-	
Pledged deposits	-	4,045,837	
	306,798,321	142,462,766	
Accrued interest receivable	213,597	39,362	
	367,263,638	166,969,533	

Pledged deposits with correspondents are blocked against banking facilities to finance documentary credit transactions (Note 36).

Maturities of term placements and pledged deposits as at December 31:

		2009					
	В	Balance in LBP Balance in F/Cy					
	Amount	Average Interest Rate	Amount	Average Interest Rate			
MATURITY	LBP'000	%	LBP'000	%			
First quarter 2010	51,700,000	3.80	255,098,321	0.38			

		2008					
	В	Balance in LBP Balance in F/Cy					
	Amount	Average Interest Rate	Amount	Average Interest Rate			
MATURITY	LBP'000	%	LBP'000	%			
First quarter 2009	19,000,000	3.75	123,462,766	0.74			

#### 7. TRADING SECURITIES

	Decen	nber 31,
	2009	2008
	LBP	'000
Lebanese treasury bills	2,875,790	2,777,968
Lebanese Government bonds	5,900,468	5,650,512
Certificates of deposits issued by Central Bank of Lebanon	2,344,139	2,387,725
Equity securities - Quoted	8,003,599	6,044,882
Accrued interest receivable	214,117	281,243
	19,338,113	17,142,330

The net positive change in fair value of trading securities amounted to LBP 2.6 billion for the year ended December 31, 2009 (negative change of LBP 1.8 billion for the year 2008) - Note 30.

Accrued interest receivable consists of the following as at December 31:

	2009	2008
	LBF	2′000
Lebanese treasury bills	83,995	83,242
Lebanese government bonds	120,858	131,626
Certificates of deposit issued by Central Bank of Lebanon	9,264	66,375
	214,117	281,243

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#### 8. LOANS AND ADVANCES TO CUSTOMERS

	2009			2008						
	Gross Amoun	Unrealized t Interest	Discount on Purchased Loan Book	Impairment Allowance	Carrying Amount	Gross Amount	Unrealized Interest	Discount on Loan Book	Impairment Allowance	Carrying Amour
	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000
Retail customers (standard and special monitoring):										
- Housing loans	99,844,824	-	-	-	99,844,824	43,282,966	-	-	-	43,282,966
- Personal loans	213,288,684	-	-	-	213,288,684	127,955,707	-	-	-	127,955,707
- Credit cards	10,601,703	-	-	-	10,601,703	8,767,272	-	-	-	8,767,272
- Overdrafts	1,157,458	-	-	-	1,157,458	1,486,050	-	-	-	1,486,050
- Other	8,698,871	-	-	-	8,698,871	6,516,023	-	-	-	6,516,023
	· · ·				333,591,540					188,008,018
Staff loans	7,560,455	-	-	•	7,560,455	4,987,033				4,987,033
Corporate customers (standard and special monitoring) - Corporate	217,479,167	-	-	-	217,479,167	99,987,382	-	-	-	99,987,382
- Small and medium enterprises	112,798,631	-	-	-	112,798,631	70,545,976	-	-	-	70,545,976
					330,277,798					170,533,358
Low and non-performing loans and advances:										
- Purchased Ioan book	3,677,874	-	-	-	3,677,874	4,562,025	-	-	-	4,562,025
- Substandard	326,860	(75,591)	-	-	251,269	3,929,827	(524,407)	-	-	3,405,420
- Doubtful	464,924,268	(373,174,948)	(8,059,495)	(45,945,966)	37,743,859	426,229,300	(326,518,492)	(8,345,651)	(50,887,949)	40,477,208
- Bad	116,629,029	(89,248,946)	(1,541,791)	(25,838,292)	-	154,899,767	(118,026,170)	(1,646,148)	(35,227,449)	-
					41,673,002					48,444,653
Restructured loans and advances:										
- Substandard	2,849,482	(120,377)	-	-	2,729,105	442,149	(96,023)	-	-	346,126
- Doubtful	13,581,907	(3,807,147)	(433,807)	(5,199,726)	4,141,227	17,664,316	(5,025,059)	(664,160)	(4,807,356)	7,167,741
					6,870,332					7,513,867
Allowance for impairment for collectively assessed loans	-	-	-	(6,109,703)	(6,109,703)	-	-	-	(5,741,972)	(5,741,972)
Accrued interest receivable	3,023,548		_	_	3,023,548	1,601,824				1,601,824
Accided interest receivable										

The movement of unrealized interest is as follows:

	2009	2008
	LB	P'000
Balance - Beginning of year	(476,626,148)	(455,558,607)
Additions	(94,563,065)	(87,164,884)
Additions from acquiring Lati Bank S.A.L.	(1,395,823)	-
Write-back	2,224,911	1,952,867
Write-off	37,914,552	49,160,788
Transfer to allowance for doubtful debts	74,951	228,300
Transfer to off-balance sheet	38,365,501	15,144,203
Transfer from/to collective impairment	(1,223)	42,030
Effect of exchange rates changes	40,020	(430,845)
	(493,966,324)	(476,626,148)
Expected contractual write-off on restructured loans	27,539,315	26,435,997
Balance - End of year	(466,427,009)	(450,190,151)

The movement of the allowance for impairment of doubtful debts is as follows:

	2009	2008
	LB	P'000
Balance - Beginning of year	(95,089,358)	(119,676,799)
Additions	(1,757,065)	(1,478,109)
Additions from acquiring Lati Bank S.A.L.	(1,873,741)	-
Transfer from allowance for impairment for collectively assessed loans	-	(414,563)
Transfer to off-balance sheet	5,469,903	7,251,389
Write-back of provisions	6,307,758	8,784,583
Transfer from unrealized interest	(74,951)	(228,300)
Write-off	7,549,873	11,611,748
Effect of exchange rates changes	98,375	(939,307)
	(79,369,206)	(95,089,358)
Expected contractual write-off on restructured loans	2,385,222	4,166,604
Balance - End of year	(76,983,984)	(90,922,754)

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The movement of the discount on loan book is as follows:

	2009	2008
	LBI	P'000
Balance - Beginning of year	(11,983,337)	(27,516,201)
Additions	-	(152,123)
Write-back	751,765	6,248,077
Write-off	653,710	9,436,910
	(10,577,862)	(11,983,337)
Contractual write-off on restructured loans	542,769	1,327,378
Balance - End of year	(10,035,093)	(10,655,959)

The movement of the allowance for impairment for collectively assessed loans is as follows:

	2009	2008
	LB	P'000
Balance - Beginning of year	(5,741,972)	(11,984,134)
Additions	-	(488,110)
Additions from acquiring Lati Bank S.A.L.	(1,045,000)	-
Transfer to allowance for impairment	-	414,563
Transfer to provision for contingencies ( Note 20)	-	6,234,251
Write-off	40,792	21,311
Write-back	635,254	102,177
Transfer to/from unrealized interest	1,223	(42,030)
Balance - End of year	(6,109,703)	(5,741,972)

During 2004, the Group acquired a loan portfolio from Bank Al Madina, Lebanon, for a consideration of LBP 40.7 billion (USD 27 million) out of which LBP 34 billion (USD 22.5 million) was paid and booked in 2004 upon signing the agreement. In 2005, the Groups' management decided not to acquire the remaining loan portfolio amounting to USD 4.5 million. As at December 31, 2009 and 2008 purchased loans not yet transferred to the different classifications of the loans' portfolio due to the fact that related loan files have not yet been received, amounted to LBP 3.7 billion and LBP 4.5 billion respectively. The difference between the original amount of the allocated portion of the purchased loan portfolio and the consideration paid is reflected under discount on purchased loan book.



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#### 9. INVESTMENT SECURITIES:

This caption consists of the followings:

			December 3	1, 2009		
	A	vailable-for-Sa	le	ŀ	leld-to-Maturity	y
	LBP	C/V of F/Cy	Total	LBP	C/V of F/Cy	Total
		LBP'000			LBP'000	
Quoted equity securities	-	11,451,941	11,451,941	-	-	-
Unquoted equity securities	4,768,964	2,355,991	7,124,955	-	-	-
Lebanese treasury bills	609,134,198	-	609,134,198	17,564,651	-	17,564,651
Lebanese government bonds	-	426,268,497	426,268,497	-	218,806,056	218,806,056
Bank Eurobonds	-	12,619,886	12,619,886	-	248,788	248,788
Certificates of deposit issued						
by Central Bank of Lebanon	492,647,386	110,691,608	603,338,994	-	65,488,004	65,488,004
Certificates of deposit issued						
by banks	-	22,032,855	22,032,855	-	7,434,190	7,434,190
Mutual Funds	-	365,579	365,579	-	-	-
Corporate bonds	-	-	-	-	2,862,576	2,862,576
Accrued interest receivable	22,871,102	10,868,689	33,739,791	450,800	4,983,942	5,434,742
	1,129,421,650	596,655,046	1,726,076,696	18,015,451	299,823,556	317,839,007

			December 3	1, 2008		
	Α	vailable-for-Sa	le	ŀ	leld-to-Maturity	
	LBP	C/V of F/Cy	Total	LBP	C/V of F/Cy	Total
		LBP'000			LBP'000	
Quoted equity securities	-	11,016,273	11,016,273	-	-	-
Unquoted equity securities	4,288,798	680,430	4,969,228	-	-	-
Lebanese treasury bills	748,901,005	-	748,901,005	-	-	-
Lebanese government bonds	-	318,937,091	318,937,091	-	227,670,869	227,670,869
Certificates of deposit issued						
by Central Bank of Lebanon	128,814,038	104,357,806	233,171,844	94,382,179	54,827,775	149,209,954
Certificates of deposit issued						
by banks	-	20,662,428	20,662,428	-	7,404,439	7,404,439
Corporate bonds	-	-	-	-	358,785	358,785
Accrued interest receivable	21,266,480	9,126,034	30,392,514	2,712,000	4,602,358	7,314,358
	903,270,321	464,780,062	1,368,050,383	97,094,179	294,864,226	391,958,405

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#### A. Available-for-Sale Investment Securities:

	December 31, 2009						December 31, 2009			
		LBP					C/V in LBP of F	/Cy		
	Amortized Cost	Allowance for Impairment	Carrying Fair Value	Cumulative Change in Fair Value	Accrued Interest Receivable	Amortized Cost	Allowance for Impairment	Carrying Fair Value	Cumulative Change in Fair Value	Accrued Interest Receivable
	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000
Quoted equity securities	-	-	-	-	-	10,775,756	-	11,451,941	676,185	-
Unquoted equity securities	1,878,766	(170,000)	4,768,964	3,060,198	-	11,147,132	(7,532,044)	2,355,991	(1,259,097)	-
Lebanese treasury bills	587,656,615	-	609,134,198	21,477,583	14,382,649	-	-	-	-	-
Lebanese Government bonds	-	-	-	-	-	408,134,337	-	426,268,497	18,134,160	9,311,045
Banks Eurobonds	-	-	-	-	-	12,728,969	-	12,619,886	(109,083)	99,824
Certificates of deposits issued by Central Bank of Lebanon	463,817,638	-	492,647,386	28,829,748	8,488,453	106,165,446	-	110,691,608	4,526,162	1,380,192
Mutual Funds	-	-	-	-	-	541,133	-	365,579	(175,554)	-
Certificates of deposits issued by banks	-	-	-	-	-	21,834,314	-	22,032,855	198,541	77,628
Y	,053,353,019	(170,000)	1,106,550,548	53,367,529	22,871,102	571,327,087	(7,532,044)	585,786,357	21,991,314	10,868,689

		December 31, 2008  LBP					December 31, 2008 C/V in LBP of F/Cy			
	Amortized Cost	Cumulative Amortized Allowance for Carrying Change in Fair Cost Impairment Fair Value Value			Accrued Interest Receivable	Amortized Allowance for Cost Impairment		Carrying Fair Value	Cumulative Change in Fair Value	Accrued Interest Receivable
	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000
Quoted equity securities		_	_		_	10,775,756	_	11,016,273	240,517	_
Unquoted equity securities	1,718,766	(170,000)	4,288,798	2,740,032	<del>_</del>	8,174,476	(7,532,044)	680,430	37,998	
Lebanese treasury bills	735,412,220		748,901,005	13,488,785	18,593,832	-	-	-	-	-
Lebanese Government bonds	-	-	-	-	- · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	339,688,016	-	318,937,091	(20,750,925)	7,668,213
Certificates of deposits issued by Central Bank of Lebanon	126,124,734	-	128,814,038	2,689,304	2,672,648	106,396,514	-	104,357,806	(2,038,708)	1,380,192
Certificates of deposits issued by banks	-	-	-	-	-	21,826,479	-	20,662,428	(1,164,051)	77,629
	863,255,720	(170,000)	882,003,841	18,918,121	21,266,480	486,861,241	(7,532,044)	455,654,028	(23,675,169)	9,126,034

Available-for-sale Investment with fixed maturity are segregated over remaining period to maturity as follows:

		December 31, 2009			December 31, 2009				
		LBP				C/V of F/Cy			
	Nominal Value	Amortized Cost	Fair Value	Average Coupon	Nominal Value	Amortized Cost	Fair Value	Average Coupo	
REMAINING PERIOD TO MATURITY	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	%	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	%	
ebanese treasury bills:									
Up to one year	107,831,360	107,575,650	109,641,293	10.84	-	-	-	-	
1 year to 3 years	458,123,960	458,072,171	477,045,694	8.91	-	-	-	-	
3 years to 5 years	22,000,000	22,008,794	22,447,211	8.21	-	-	-	-	
	587,955,320	587,656,615	609,134,198		-	-	-	-	
_ebanese Government bonds:									
Up to one year	-	-	-	-	10,829,835	10,775,832	10,804,691	6.99	
1 year to 3 years	-	-	-	-	84,417,092	84,541,881	84,501,363	6.87	
3 years to 5 years	-	-	-	-	38,169,900	38,175,751	39,480,317	8.31	
5 years to 10 years	-	-	-	-	258,975,686	269,111,363	285,569,169	9.08	
Beyond 10 years	-	-	-	-	5,529,510	5,529,510	5,912,957	8.25	
	-	-	•		397,922,023	408,134,337	426,268,497		
Certificates of deposit issued by Central Bank of	Lebanon:								
Up to 1 year	6,000,000	6,024,196	6,089,126	11.30	-	-	-	-	
1 year to 3 years	-	-	-	-	52,762,500	52,762,500	55,058,044	7.63	
3 years to 5 years	341,000,000	341,793,442	373,535,611	10.28	31,657,500	31,657,500	33,118,412	9.00	
5 years to 10 years	116,000,000	116,000,000	113,022,649	7.95	20,170,350	21,745,446	22,515,152	10.00	
	463,000,000	463,817,638	492,647,386		104,590,350	106,165,446	110,691,608		
Certificates of deposit issued by banks:									
1 year to 3 years	-	-	-	•	21,858,750	21,834,314	22,032,855	7.63	
Eurobonds issued by banks:									
3 years to 5 years	-	-	-	-	3,768,750	3,748,655	3,692,979	5.00	
5 years to 10 years	-	-	-	-	7,537,500	7,476,506	7,404,405	7.50	
Beyond 10 years	-	-	-	<u> </u>	1,507,500	1,503,808	1,522,502	5.25	
	-	-	-		12,813,750	12,728,969	12,619,886		
	1,050,955,320	1,051,474,253	1,101,781,584		537,184,873	548,863,066	571,612,846		

		December 31, 2008				December 31, 2008		
		LBP				C/V in LBP of F/Cy		
	Nominal Value	Amortized Cost	Fair Value	Average Coupon	Nominal Value	Amortized Cost	Fair Value	Average Coupon
REMAINING PERIOD TO MATURITY	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	%	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	%
Lebanese treasury bills:								
Up to one year	294,010,560	293,999,325	296,899,583	9.33	-	-	-	-
1 year to 3 years	421,559,360	420,210,977	429,488,161	9.65	-	-	-	-
3 years to 5 years	21,295,960	21,201,918	22,513,261	11.50	-	-	-	-
	736,865,880	735,412,220	748,901,005		-	-	-	-
Lebanese Government bonds:								
Up to one year	-	-	-	-	40,352,712	40,438,387	40,016,847	7.77
1 year to 3 years	-	-	-	-	39,464,490	39,702,802	38,256,900	7.72
3 years to 5 years	-	-	-	-	51,285,457	51,133,028	46,946,775	6.31
5 years to 10 years	-	-	-	-	110,394,225	121,059,708	112,845,025	9.67
Beyond 10 years	-	-	-	-	87,614,393	87,354,091	80,871,544	8.25
	-	-	-		329,111,277	339,688,016	318,937,091	
Certificates of deposit issued by Central Bank of	Lebanon:							
1 year to 3 years	6,000,000	6,124,734	6,243,305	11.30	-	-	-	-
3 years to 5 years	120,000,000	120,000,000	122,570,733	11.00	84,420,000	84,420,000	83,528,895	9.00
5 years to 10 years	-	-	-	-	20,170,350	21,976,514	20,828,911	10.00
	126,000,000	126,124,734	128,814,038		104,590,350	106,396,514	104,357,806	
Certificates of deposit issued by banks:								
3 years to 5 years	-	-	-	-	21,858,750	21,826,479	20,662,428	7.63
	-	-	-	-	21,858,750	21,826,479	20,662,428	
	862,865,880	861,536,954	877,715,043		455,560,377	467,911,009	443,957,325	

# B. Held-to-Maturity Investment Securities:

		December 31, 2009		December 31,	
		LBP		C/V in LBP of	F/Cy
	Amortized Cost	Accrued Interest Receivable	Fair Value	Accrue Interes Amortized Cost Receival	t
	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000 LBP'000	LBP'000
Lebanese treasury bills	17,564,651	450,800	18,702,680	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Lebanese Government bonds	-	-	-	218,806,056 4,351,513	226,873,401
Bank Eurobonds	-	-	-	248,788 6,391	234,114
Certificates of deposit issued by Central Bank of Lebanon	-	-	-	65,488,004 485,831	68,264,940
Certificates of deposits issued by banks	-	-	-	7,434,190 28,343	7,594,868
Corporate bonds	-	-	-	2,862,576 111,864	3,096,554
	17,564,651	450,800	18,702,680	294,839,614 4,983,942	306,063,877

		December 31, 2008			December 31, 2008				
		LBP			C/V in LBP of F/Cy				
	Amortized Cost	Accrued Interest Receivable	Fair Value	Amortized Cost	Accrued Interest Amortized Cost Receivable Fair Value				
	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000			
Lebanese treasury bills	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Lebanese Government bonds	-	-	-	227,670,869	4,302,009	221,171,860			
Certificates of deposit issued by Central Bank of Lebanon	94,382,179	2,712,000	100,377,013	54,827,775	260,432	54,264,262			
Certificates of deposits issued by banks	-	-	-	7,404,439	28,343	7,123,691			
Corporate bonds	-	-	-	358,785	11,574	358,785			
	94,382,179	2,712,000	100,377,013	290,261,868	4,602,358	282,918,598			

Held-to-maturity investments are segregated over remaining period to maturity as follows:

		December 31, 2009			December 31, 2009				
		LBP				C/V in LBF	of F/Cy		
	Redemption Value	Carrying Value	Fair Value	Average Coupon	Redemption Value	Carrying Value	Fair Value	Average Coupon	
Remaining Period to Maturity	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	%	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	%	
Lebanese treasury bills:									
Up to one year	3,600,000	3,587,710	3,777,588	9.32	-	-	-	-	
1 year to 3 years	11,400,000	11,391,971	12,198,629	9.07	-	-	-	-	
3 years to 5 years	2,560,000	2,584,970	2,726,463	8.54	-	-	-	-	
	17,560,000	17,564,651	18,702,680	-	-	-	-	-	
Lebanese Government bonds:									
Up to one year	-	-	-	-	7,839,000	7,831,900	7,835,116	7.13	
1 year to 3 years	-	-	-	-	114,534,665	114,478,963	115,572,942	7.78	
3 years to 5 years	-	-	-	-	47,712,375	47,706,826	50,553,853	8.98	
years to 10 years	-	-	-	-	28,362,105	29,124,172	31,728,451	9.62	
Beyond 10 years	-	-	-	-	19,805,535	19,664,195	21,183,039	8.25	
	-	-	-	•	218,253,680	218,806,056	226,873,401		
Banks Eurobonds:									
Up to one year	-	-	-	-	226,125	248,788	234,114	12.00	
	-	-	-	-	226,125	248,788	234,114		
Certificates of deposit issued by Central Bank of L	ebanon:								
1 year to 3 years	-	-	-		54,827,775	54,827,775	56,984,159	7.63	
3 years to 5 years	-	-	-		2,014,020	2,014,020	2,115,006	9.00	
5 years to 10 years	-	-	-		8,215,875	8,646,209	9,165,775	10.00	
	-	-	-	-	65,057,670	65,488,004	68,264,940		
Certificates of deposit issued by banks:	-	-	<u>-</u>						
1 year to 3 years	-	-	-	-	7,537,500	7,434,190	7,594,868	7.63	
	-	-	-	-	7,537,500	7,434,190	7,594,868		
Corporate bonds:									
1 years to 3 years	-	-	-	-	148,628	148,628	217,345	6.00	
3 years to 5 years	-	-	-	-	770,382	783,882	849,587	7.50	
Beyond 10 years	-	-	-	-	1,940,190	1,930,066	2,029,622	9.34	
,	-	-	•	_	2,859,200	2,862,576	3,096,554		
	17,560,000	17,564,651	18,702,680		293,934,175	294,839,614	306,063,877		

		December 31, 2008		December 31, 2008				
		LBP				C/V in LBF	of F/Cy	
	Redemption Value	Carrying Value	Fair Value	Average Coupon	Redemption Value	Carrying Value	Fair Value	Average Coupon
Remaining Period to Maturity	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	%	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	%
Lebanese Government bonds:								
Up to one year	-	-	-	-	45,601,875	45,694,030	45,487,498	9.18
1 year to 3 years	-	-	-	-	37,687,500	37,566,746	36,592,115	7.73
3 years to 5 years	-	-	-	-	75,375,000	75,375,000	71,749,265	7.75
5 years to 10 years	-	-	-	-	54,441,855	55,401,734	54,629,069	9.33
Beyond 10 years	-	-	-	-	13,775,535	13,633,359	12,713,913	8.25
	-	-	-	-	226,881,765	227,670,869	221,171,860	
Certificates of deposit issued by Central Bank of	f Lebanon:							
1 year to 3 years	96,000,000	94,382,179	100,377,013	7.74	-	-	-	-
3 years to 5 years	-	-	-	-	54,827,775	54,827,775	54,264,262	9.00
	96,000,000	94,382,179	100,377,013		54,827,775	54,827,775	54,264,262	
Certificates of deposit issued by banks:								
3 years to 5 years	-	-	-		7,537,500	7,404,439	7,123,691	7.63
	-	-	-		7,537,500	7,404,439	7,123,691	
Corporate bonds:								
Beyond 10 years	-	-	-	-	358,785	358,785	358,785	4.75
	•		•		358,785	358,785	358,785	
	96,000,000	94,382,179	100,377,013		289,605,825	290,261,868	282,918,598	

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The movement of available-for-sale and held-to-maturity investment securities is summarized as follows:

	2009									
_	Available-f	or-Sale	Held-to-Maturity							
_	LBP	C/V of F/Cy	LBP	C/V of F/Cy						
	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000						
Balance as at January 1, 2009	882,003,841	455,654,028	94,382,179	290,261,868						
Acquisition	534,344,529	152,480,382	26,676,251	50,307,259						
Sale	(52,170)	(26,424,788)	-	-						
Redemption upon maturity	(344,958,390)	(40,283,017)	(105,000,000)	(45,601,875)						
Net change in fair value	34,449,407	47,123,412	-	-						
Amortization of discount/premium	763,331	(1,363,650)	1,506,221	(127,638)						
Effect of exchange rates changes	-	(1,400,010)	-	-						
Balance as at December 31, 2009	1,106,550,548	585,786,357	17,564,651	294,839,614						

	2008				
	Available-fo	or-Sale	Held-to-Maturity		
	LBP	C/V of F/Cy	LBP	C/V of F/Cy	
	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	
Balance as at January 1, 2008	589,510,392	482,941,876	198,473,412	289,072,825	
Acquisition	484,403,197	84,139,598	-	42,210,000	
Sale	(99,752,130)	(81,015,328)	-	-	
Redemption upon maturity	(96,220,620)	(33,165,000)	(105,000,000)	(40,702,500)	
Net change in fait value	3,837,222	6,554,397	-	-	
Amortization of discount/premium	225,780	(1,762,805)	908,767	(318,457)	
Effect of exchange rates changes	-	(2,122,999)	-	-	
Other	-	84,289	-	-	
Balance as at December 31, 2008	882,003,841	455,654,028	94,382,179	290,261,868	

#### 10. CUSTOMERS' LIABILITY UNDER ACCEPTANCES

Acceptances represent documentary credits which the Group has committed to settle on behalf of its customers against commitments by those customers (acceptances). The commitments resulting from these acceptances are stated as a liability in the statement of financial position for the same amount.

#### 11. ASSETS ACQUIRED IN SATISFACTION OF LOANS

Assets acquired in satisfaction of loans have been acquired through enforcement of security over loans and advances. These assets consist of real estate properties.

The movement of assets acquired in satisfaction of loans was as follows during 2009 and 2008:

	2009				
	Balance January 1, 2009 Additions Disposals			Balance December 31, 2009	
	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	
Properties acquired in satisfact	tion				
of loans	87,302,707	4,287,697	(5,958,387)	85,632,017	
Less: Impairment allowance	(10,421,040)	-	767,376	(9,653,664)	
	76,881,667	4,287,697	(5,191,011)	75,978,353	

	2008				
	Balance January 1, 2008	Balance December 31 2008			
	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	
Properties acquired in satisfact	tion				
of loans	88,358,372	2,311,304	(3,366,969)	87,302,707	
Less: Impairment allowance	(10,627,607)	-	206,567	(10,421,040)	
	77,730,765	2,311,304	(3,160,402)	76,881,667	

The acquisition of assets in settlement of loans requires the approval of the banking regulatory authorities. These assets should be liquidated within 2 years. In case of non-liquidation, a reserve should be appropriated from the annual net profits over a period of 5 years. However, the intermediary circular No. 41 has allowed banks to extend yearly appropriation over a period of 20 years with respect to those assets acquired through loans' restructuring approved by Central Bank of Lebanon or with respect to the entirety of those assets acquired in settlement of loans, provided that banks restructure before 2007 year end, at least 50% of the balance of non-performing loans outstanding at June 30, 2003.

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#### 12. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

	Balance January 1, 2009	Additions	Disposals and Adjustments	Balance December 31, 2009
	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000
Cost/Revaluation:				
Owned properties	33,988,788	19,375,196	-	53,363,984
Computer hardware	8,477,138	1,167,573	(1,167)	9,643,544
Machine and equipment	3,000,001	237,732	(386,196)	2,851,537
Furniture and fixtures	2,664,256	355,422	-	3,019,678
Vehicles	382,604	242,137	(166,540)	458,201
Freehold and leasehold				
improvements	6,545,283	360,654	-	6,905,937
Key money	133,687	-	-	133,687
	55,191,757	21,738,714	(553,903)	76,376,568
Accumulated depreciation	(19,921,907)	(2,438,001)	424,185	(21,935,723)
Allowance for impairment of				
owned properties	(393,875)	-	-	(393,875)
	(20,315,782)	(2,438,001)	424,185	(22,329,598)
Advance payments	4,366,118	86,599	(451,200)	4,001,517
Provision allocted to				
advance payments	(3,694,425)	-	451,200	(3,243,225)
Net advance payments	671,693	86,599	-	758,292
Net book value	35,547,668			54,805,262

During the year, the Group purchased a plot of land adjacent to its headquarters' building for a total consideration of LBP14.9billion including LBP769million registration cost after obtaining Central Bank of Lebanon approval on April 9, 2009.

Additions during 2009 include LBP4billion representing property and equipment acquired from Lati Bank S.A.L.

	Balance January 1, 2008	Additions	Disposals and Adjustments	Balance December 31, 2008
	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000
Cost/Revaluation:				
Owned properties	17,328,675	16,660,113	-	33,988,788
Computer hardware	8,191,164	384,887	(98,913)	8,477,138
Machine and equipment	2,756,158	258,030	(14,187)	3,000,001
Furniture and fixtures	2,520,186	145,670	(1,600)	2,664,256
Vehicles	378,787	9,497	(5,680)	382,604
Freehold and leasehold				
improvements	6,466,908	81,019	(2,644)	6,545,283
Key money	133,687	-	-	133,687
	37,775,565	17,539,216	(123,024)	55,191,757
Accumulated depreciation	(17,130,979)	(2,879,725)	88,797	(19,921,907)
Allowance for impairment of				
owned properties	(393,875)	-	-	(393,875)
	(17,524,854)	(2,879,725)	88,797	(20,315,782)
Advance payments	3,700,032	666,086	-	4,366,118
Provision allocted to				
advance payments	(3,694,425)	-	-	(3,694,425)
Net advance payments	5,607	666,086	-	671,693
Net book value	20,256,318			35,547,668

During 2008, the Group purchased its headquarters building for a total consideration of LBP16.6billion including LBP831million registration cost. This acquisition was approved by Central Bank of Lebanon on October 31, 2008.

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#### 13. DEFERRED RECEIVABLES

On September 8, 2009, the Group signed an agreement to acquire the shares of Bank Lati S.A.L. totaling to 10,500,000 shares with a nominal value of LBP1,000 per share for a total consideration of USD20,037,192. The preliminary approval of the Central Bank of Lebanon in relation to the acquisition of all the assets, liabilities, rights, and commitments of Bank Lati S.A.L. based on clause 10 of law number 93/192 and its amendments, was granted awaiting the final approval of the Central Council in order for the Bank to proceed with the merger. The Group will be granted a soft loan from the Central Bank of Lebanon for a period of five years to cover an approximate amount of USD25million with the possibility of increasing the loan amount to cover additional charges that will be determined in a period of six months from the date of the final approval of the merger. The loan carry a fixed interest rate of 3.5% per annum and will be invested in five years' Lebanese treasury bills. In this connection, the Group booked the excess of consideration paid over the fair value of net assets acquired as deferred receivables subject to amortization over the term of the expected soft loan.

The condensed classes of assets and liabilities of Lati Bank S.A.L. that were acquired and assumed as at December 31, 2009 are as follows:

	December 31, 2009
	LBP'000
ASSETS	
Cash and Banks	27,912,538
Loans and advances to customers	6,739,031
Investment securities	48,701,667
Customers' liability under acceptances	2,491,769
Property, equipment and other assets	4,953,629
Total Assets	90,798,634
LIABILITIES	
Deposits and borrowings from banks	2,279,562
Customers' accounts at amortized cost	85,033,147
Liability under acceptances	2,491,769
Provisions and other liabilities	739,241
Total liabilities	90,543,719
Fair value of net assets	254,915
Consideration paid	30,206,067
Additional acquisition costs	637,239
	30,843,306
Excess of consideration and acquisition costs over fair value of net assets	30,588,391

#### 14. INTANGIBLE ASSETS

Intangible assets consist of computer software the movement of which was as follows during 2009 and 2008:

	2009	2008
		_BP'000
Balance - Beginning of year	3,992,847	4,285,494
Additions	433,927	1,557,064
Amortization for the year	(1,536,450)	(1,849,711)
Balance - End of year	2,890,324	3,992,847

#### 15. OTHER ASSETS

	December 31,	
	2009	2008
	LBP'	000
Deferred tax asset (Note 25)	-	1,126,635
Prepayments	4,445,678	3,444,460
Commission receivable	569,637	-
Sundry debtors (Net of allowance of LBP 68 million in 2009		
and LBP 506 million in 2008)	3,087,509	2,879,969
Miscellaneous debit balances	214,390	79,995
Fair valuation of forward exchange contracts	1,637	-
	8,318,851	7,531,059

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#### 16. DEPOSITS FROM BANKS AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

	December 31, 2009		December 31, 2008			
	LBP	C/V of F/Cy	Total	LBP	C/V of F/Cy	Total
		LBP'000			LBP'000	
Current deposits of banks						
and financial institutions	5,313,383	5,081,082	10,394,465	332,020	2,228,178	2,560,198
Short term deposits	15,570	23,490,450	23,506,020	8,906,464	13,941,794	22,848,258
Short-term deposits -						
Parent bank	-	-	-	-	10,684,400	10,684,400
Accrued interest payable	902	38,804	39,706	11,487	5,266	16,753
Accrued interest payable -						
Parent Bank	-	-	-	-	31,163	31,163
	5,329,855	28,610,336	33,940,191	9,249,971	26,890,801	36,140,772

Deposits from banks and financial institutions are stated at their amortized cost.

The maturities of short term deposits (including Parent Bank) are as follows:

		December 31, 2009				
	LBI	LBP Base Accounts F/Cy Base Accounts				
	Amount	Average Interest Rate	Amount	Average Interest Rate		
MATURITY	LBP'000	%	LBP'000	%		
First quarter 2010	15,570	3.15	23,490,450	0.81		
	15,570		23,490,450			

		December 31, 2008				
	LBF	Base Accounts	F/Cy Base Accounts			
	Amount	Average Interest Rate	Amount	Average Interest Rate		
MATURITY	LBP'000	%	LBP'000	%		
First quarter 2009	8,906,464	4.29	24,626,194	2.88		
	8,906,464		24,626,194			



## 17. CUSTOMERS' ACCOUNTS

Accounts at amortized cost:

	December 31, 2009				December 31, 2009		
		LBP			F/Cy		
	Interest Bearing	Non-Interest Bearing	Total	Interest Bearing	Non-Interest Bearing	Total	Grand Total
	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000
Deposits from customers:							
Current/demand deposits	33,158,401	44,677,578	77,835,979	96,355,347	167,096,470	263,451,817	341,287,796
Term deposits	1,381,120,067	12,636,296	1,393,756,363	1,579,916,926	19,155,756	1,599,072,682	2,992,829,045
Collateral against loans and advances	22,619,734	609,326	23,229,060	29,277,797	1,911,821	31,189,618	54,418,678
Margins and other accounts:							
Margins for irrevocable import letters of credit	67,547	-	67,547	3,121,501	1,384,434	4,505,935	4,573,482
Margins on letters of guarantee	1,937,971	1.357,845	3,295,816	682,788	2,247,996	2,930,784	6,226,600
Other margins	1,360,549	9,111	1,369,660	5,895,944	875,034	6,770,978	8,140,638
Blocked accounts	14,732	357,794	372,526	164,157	1,504,577	1,668,734	2,041,260
Credit versus debit	-	-	-	211	1,593,875	1,594,086	1,594,086
Accrued interest payable	-	7,680,389	7,680,389	-	7,428,904	7,428,904	15,109,293
Total	1,440,279,001	67,328,339	1,507,607,340	1,715,414,671	203,198,867	1,918,613,538	3,426,220,878

		December 31, 2008			December 31, 2008		
		LBP			F/Cy		
	Interest Bearing	Non-Interest Bearing	Total	Interest Bearing	Non-Interest Bearing	Total	Grand Total
	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000
Deposits from customers:							
Current/demand deposits	44,447,267	22,366,572	66,813,839	150,753,548	118,875,050	269,628,598	336,442,437
Term deposits	1,047,773,262	15,583,101	1,063,356,363	1,130,951,683	11,286,179	1,142,237,862	2,205,594,225
Collateral against loans and advances	14,590,629	313,400	14,904,029	24,165,063	2,202,706	26,367,769	41,271,798
Margins and other accounts:							
Margins for irrevocable import letters of credit	-	45,000	45,000	1,313,561	1,954,081	3,267,642	3,312, 642
Margins on letters of guarantee	672,056	1,001,199	1,673,255	740,064	1.951,736	2,691,800	4,365,055
Other margins	1,804,638	68	1,804,706	4,602,709	591,695	5,194,404	6,999,110
Blocked accounts	-	564,732	564,732	-	1,414,065	1,414,065	1,978,797
Credit versus debit	-	_	-	98	233,836	233,934	233,934
Accrued interest payable	-	5,400,114	5,400,114	-	4,911,015	4,911,015	10,311,129
Total	1,109,287,852	45,274,186	1,154,562,038	1,312,526,726	143,420,363	1,455,947,089	2,610,509,127

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Deposits from customers at amortized cost are allocated by brackets of deposits as follows:

		December 31, 2009					
		LBP			C/V of F/Cy		
	No. of customers	Total Deposits	% to Total Deposits	Total Deposits	% to Total Deposits	Total	
		LBP'000	%	LBP'000	%	LBP'000	
Less than LBP 250 million	72,962	717,667,275	48	479,349,084	25	1,197,016,359	
Between LBP 250 million and LBP 1,500 million	1,813	436,480,056	29	485,103,238	25	921,583,294	
More than LBP 1,500 million	214	353,460,009	23	954,161,216	50	1,307,621,225	
	74,989	1,507,607,340	100	1,918,613,538	100	3,426,220,878	

		December 31, 2008						
		LBP			C/V of F/Cy			
	No. of customers	Total Deposits	% to Total Deposits	Total Deposits	% to Total Deposits	 Total		
		LBP'000	%	LBP'000	%	LBP'000		
Less than LBP 250 million	71,116	633,888,137	55	460,853,484	32	1,094,741,621		
Between LBP 250 million and LBP 1,500 million	1,442	302,575,784	26	417,436,401	29	720,012,185		
More than LBP 1,500 million	160	218,098,117	19	577, 657,204	39	795,755,321		
	72.718	1 154 562 038	100	1,455,947,089	100	2.610.509.127		

### Deposits from customers include at December 31, 2009 coded deposit accounts in the aggregate of LBP49billion (LBP46billion in 2008). These accounts are subject to the provisions of Article 3 of the Banking Secrecy Law dated September 3, 1956 which stipulates that the Bank's management, in the normal course of business, cannot reveal the identities of these depositors to third parties, including its independent public accountants.

### Deposits from customers include at December 31, 2009 fiduciary deposits received from resident and non-resident banks for a total amount of LBP16.6billion and LBP346.9billion respectively (LBP32billion and LBP69billion respectively in 2008).

Deposits from customers include at December 31, 2009 related party deposits for a total amount of LBP9.4billion (LBP9.3billion in 2008).

The average balance of deposits and related cost of funds over the last 3 years were as follows:

	Deposits in LBP		Deposits	Deposits in F/Cy		
Year	Average Balance of Deposits	Averge Interest Rate	Average Balance of Deposits	Averge Interest Rate	Cost of Funds LBP	
	LBP'000	%	LBP'000	%	LBP'000	
2009	1,325,615,226	6.95	1,597,535,312	3.51	147,901,520	
2008	1,005,010,301	7.32	1,311,426,867	3.86	125,300,034	
2007	886,770,681	7.60	1,361,150,341	4.87	133,653,634	

Accounts at fair value through profit or loss:

	D	ecember 31, 200	09	December 31, 2008			
	LBP				LBP		
	Interest Bearing	Non-Interest Bearing	Total	Interest Bearing	Non-Interest Bearing	Total	
	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	
Customer's accounts designated at fair value	ġ.						
through profit and loss		-	2,249,997	2,249,997	-	2,249,997	
Accrued interest payab	ole -	6,272	6,272	-	5,711	5,711	
Total	2,249,997	6,272	2,256,269	2,249,997	5,711	2,255,708	

Deposits from customers matched with an embedded derivative have been designated at fair value through profit or loss. The balance included in the statement of financial position represents an amount denominated in Lebanese pounds with option to redeem in U.S. Dollar at fixed rate of exchange. An accounting mismatch would arise if customers' deposits were accounted for at amortized cost, because the related derivative is measured at fair value with movements in the fair value taken through the income statement. By designating those deposits from customers at fair value, the movements in the fair value of these deposits are recorded in the income statement.

### 18. OTHER BORROWINGS

	Decem		
	2009	2008	
	LBP'000	LBP'000	
ESFD-CDR loan funded by the European Union	11,456,600	11,844,407	
Accured interest payable	1,375	1,316	
	11,457,975	11,845,723	

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ESFD loan is funded by European Union through the Council for Development and Reconstruction for the purpose of financing lending activities to small size enterprises. The duration of this loan is six years with a grace period of 12 months starting from the date of disbursement of the first tranche. Repayments of principal will be in quarterly installments in the remaining five years. The cost of funds is linked to the benchmark of the two-year Certificates of Deposit as issued by Central Bank of Lebanon.

The remaining contractual maturities of the above borrowings are as follows:

	2009 LBP'000	2008 LBP'000	
Up to 1 year	3,221,173	1,781,997	
1 to 3 years	5,143,825	3,196,185	
3 to 5 years	3,092,977	6,867,541	
	11,457,975	11,845,723	

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### 19. OTHER LIABILITIES

	December 31,		
_	2009	2008	
	LBP'000	LBP'000	
Withheld taxes payable	1,886,981	1,412,190	
Income taxes payable	3,169,794	1,430,495	
Deferred tax liability on accured interest	1,211,781	1,267,868	
Deferred tax on future dividend distribution from subsidiaries	49,296	149,719	
Deferred tax liability on change in fair value of			
available-for-sale securities (Note 25)	11,065,694	-	
Due to Social Security National Fund	405,953	364,563	
Checks and incoming payment orders in course of settlement	16,003,074	6,567,378	
Blocked capital subscriptions for companies under incorporation	452,645	451,152	
Accured expenses	2,377,097	3,062,138	
Financial guarantees	346,216	179,537	
Payable to personnel and directors	4,551,614	2,871,788	
Sundry accounts payable	8,391,124	8,345,257	
Deferred income	360,759	271,143	
Fair valuation of forward exchange contracts	-	104,823	
	50,272,028	26,478,051	

Additional tax assessment levied by the tax authorities during 2008 as a result of the tax examination for the year 2006 amounted to LBP 266 million.

The tax returns for the years 2007, 2008 and 2009 are still subject for review by the tax authorities and any additional tax liability depends on the outcome of such review.

### **20. PROVISIONS**

Provisions consist of the following:

	Decem	ber 31,	
	2009	2008	
	LBP'000	LBP'000	
Provision for staff end-of-service indemnity	7,846,026	7,091,464	
Provision for contingencies	16,471,970	19,204,387	
Provision for loss on foreign currency position	54,910	33,358	
	24,372,906	26,329,209	

The movement of the provision for contingencies is a follows:

	2009	2008	
	LBP'000	LBP'000	
Balance January 1	19,204,387	13,488,752	
Write-back (net)	(1,865,605)	(60,300)	
Settlements	(866,812)	(458,316)	
Transfer from allowance for impairement for			
collectively assessed loans (Note 8)	-	6,234,251	
Balance December 31	16,471,970	19,204,387	

The movement of the provision for staff end-of-service termination indemnity is as follows:

	2009	2008	
	LBP'000	LBP'000	
Balance January 1	7,091,464	5,362,363	
Additions (Note 32)	851,316	2,104,791	
Additions from acquiring Lati Bank	185,481	-	
Additions - Legal expenses	76,122	11,701	
Settlements	(358,357)	(613,516)	
Transfer from other Liabilities	-	226,125	
Balance December 31	7,846,026	7,091,464	

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### 21. SHARE CAPITAL

At December 31, 2009 and 2008, the Bank's ordinary share capital consists of 152,700,000 fully paid shares of LBP1,000 each.

Till year end 2009, the Bank has established a fixed exchange position in the amount of USD56,624,212 authorized by Central Bank of Lebanon to hedge its equity against exchange fluctuations within the limit of 60% of equity denominated in Lebanese Pound (USD56,624,212 till year end 2008).

### 22. RESERVES

Reserves consist of the following as at December 31, 2009 and 2008

	December 31,		
	2009 2008		
	LBP'000	LBP'000	
Legal reserve (a)	7,585,667	4,336,469	
Reserve for general banking risks (b)	8,982,136	7,607,136	
Free reserves	27,177,805	20,100,610	
	43,745,608	32,044,215	
Reserves for assets acquired in satisfaction of loans	10,858,632	8,574,485	
	54,604,240	40,618,700	

- (a) The legal reserve is constituted in conformity with the requirements of the Lebanese Money and Credit Law on the basis of 10% of the yearly net profits. This reserve is not available for distribution.
- (b) The reserve for general banking risks is constituted according to local banking regulations, from net profit, on the basis of a minimum of 2 per mil and a maximum of 3 per mil of the total risk weighted assets, off-balance sheet risk and global exchange position as defined for the computation of the solvency ratio at year-end. The cumulative reserve should not be less than 1.25% at the end of the 10<sup>th</sup> year (2007) and 2% at the end of the 20<sup>th</sup> year.

### 23. SPECIAL RESERVE

Based on the intermediary circular 41 and the intermediary resolution 8557 in relation to the amendment of the basic resolutions 7694 dated October 18, 2000 and 7,740 dated December 31, 2000 related to constitution of provisions, liquidation of real estates, shares and participations acquired in satisfaction of loans, the Bank has allocated during 2009 an amount of LBP1.6billion to special reserve for the uncovered portion of the doubtful debts outstanding as at June 30, 2003 approved by the General Assembly held on April 8, 2009.

Based on the intermediary resolution 10339 dated December 22, 2009 in relation to the amendment of the basic circular 7694, which permits the Bank to defer the allocation of the reserve until the year end of 2012, the Bank reversed this special reserve to retained earnings, waiting for the Bank's General Assembly to issue a resolution in this regard.

### 24. DIVIDENDS PAID

The General Assembly held on April 8, 2009 resolved to distribute dividends to its shareholders of LBP13.1billion the equivalent of LBP86 per share.

### 25. CUMULATIVE CHANGE IN FAIR VALUE OF AVAILABLE-FOR-SALE SECURTIES

The cumulative change is fair value of available-for-sale investment securities consists of the following:

	December 31,	
-	2009	2008
	LBP'000	LBP'000
Unrealized gain on Lebanese treasury bills	21,477,584	13,488,785
Unrealized gain/(loss) on Lebanese government bonds	18,134,160	(20,750, 925)
Unrealized gain on certificates of deposit issued by		
Central Bank of Lebanon	33,355,910	650,596
Unrealized gain/(loss) on certficates of deposit issued by banks	198,540	(1,164,051)
Unrealized gain on unquoted equity securites	3,082,475	2,778,030
Unrealized gain quoted equity securities	676,185	240,517
Unrealized loss of banks' Eurobonds	(109,083)	-
Less: Deferred tax (Note 15,19)	(11,065,694)	1,126,635
Total	65,750,077	(3,630,413)

### **26. INTEREST INCOME**

	2009	2008	
	LBP'000	LBP'000	
Deposits with Central Bank	4,862,041	8,805,287	
Deposits with banks and financial institutions	2,112,478	2,590,197	
Deposits with Parent Bank	82,907	2,314,238	
Available-for-sale investment securities	133,554,851	108,137,348	
Held-to-maturity investment securities	34,809,008	43,286,787	
Loans and advances to customers	51,112,739	29,146,003	
Interest recognized on impaired loans and			
advances to customers	2,224,911	1,952,867	
Sundry interest income	127,910	173,989	
	228,886,845	196,406,716	

Interest income realized on impaired loans and advances to customers represent recoveries of interest. Accrued interest on impaired loans and advances is not recognized until recovery/rescheduling agreement signed with customers.

### **27. INTEREST EXPENSE**

	2009	2008	
	LBP'000	LBP'000	
Deposits and borrowings from banks and financial institutions	154,497	714,985	
Deposits and borrowings from mother bank	43,929	425,065	
Customers' accounts at amortized cost	147,901,520	125,300,034	
Customers' accounts designated at fair value			
through profit and loss	208,686	5,711	
Other borrowings	495,550	4,154,143	
	148,804,182	130,599,938	

### 28. FEE AND COMMISSION INCOME

	2009	2008	
	LBP'000	LBP'000	
Commission on documentary credits	1,464,882	1,403,970	
Commission on letters of guarantee	817,107	443,626	
Commission on transactions with banks	43,257	94,967	
Service fees on customers' transactions	6,302,987	4,959,576	
Commission on loans and advances	3,957,792	2,888,680	
Commission earned on insurance policies	3,860,530	1,992,040	
Other	1,122,876	288,230	
	17,569,431	12,071,089	

### 29. FEE AND COMMISSION EXPENSE

	2009	2008
	LBP'000	LBP'000
Brokerage fees	1,730,052	1,067,212
Commission on transactions with banks and financial institutions	618,884	245,864
Other	378,050	982,567
	2,726,986	2,295,643

## 30. NET INTEREST AND OTHER GAIN/(LOSS) ON TRADING PORTFOLIO

	2009	2008	
	LBP'000	LBP'000	
Interest income	973,884	889,777	
Dividends received	409,246	369,634	
Change in fair value (net)	2,573,533	(1,789,104)	
Gain/(loss) on sale	(3,470)	43,312	
	3,953,193	(486,381)	

### **31. OTHER OPERATING INCOME**

	2009	2008
	LBP'000	LBP'000
Gain/(loss) on sale of availabe-for-sale securities:		
Lebanese treasury bills	946	474,469
Certificates of deposit issued by Central Bank of Lebanon	385,046	(607)
Lebanese Government bonds	1,696,286	289,178
	2,082,278	763,040
Dividends on available-for-sale securities	1,188,181	992,026
Foreign exchange gain	1,609,361	1,295,037
Miscellaneous	890,476	1,558,358
	5,770,296	4,608,461

### **32. STAFF COSTS**

	2009	2008
	LBP'000	LBP'000
Salaries	20,829,860	17,538,256
Board of directors remunerations	3,392,236	2,436,620
Social Security contributions	3,220,279	2,624,794
Provision for end-of-service indemnities (Note 20)	851,316	2,104,791
Other employees' costs	8,287,581	6,412,766
	36,581,272	31,117,227

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### 33. EARNINGS PER SHARE

The computation of the basic earnings per share is based on the net Group's profit before non-recurring income and the weighted average number of outstanding shares during each year held by the Group. The weighted average number of shares to compute basic earnings per share is 152,700,000 shares in 2009 and 2008.

### 34. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS WITH OFF-BALANCE SHEET RISKS

The guarantees and standby letters of credit and the documentary and commercial letters of credit represent financial instruments with contractual amounts representing credit risk. The guarantees and standby letters of credit represent irrevocable assurances that the Group will make payments in the event that a customer cannot meet its obligations to third parties and are not different from loans and advances on the statement of financial position. However, documentary and commercial letters of credit, which represent written undertakings by the Group on behalf of a customer authorizing a third party to draw drafts on the Group up to a stipulated amount under specific terms and conditions, are collateralized by the underlying shipments documents of goods to which they relate and, therefore, have significantly less risks.

Forward exchange contracts outstanding as of December 31, 2009 and 2008 represent positions held for customers' accounts and at their risk. The Group entered into such instruments to serve the needs of customers, and these contracts are fully hedged by the Group.

### 35. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash and cash equivalents for the purpose of the cash flows statement consist of the following:

	December 31,		
	2009	2008	
	LBP'000	LBP'000	
Cash on hand	14,934,694	21,298,242	
Current accounts with Central Bank of Lebanon		· ·	
(excluding compulsory reserve)	39,387,979	18,434,323	
Term placements with Central Bank of Lebanon	328,797,500	284,917,500	
Purchased Checks	9,415,658	7,426,547	
Current accounts with correspondents	50,173,884	17,040,858	
Current accounts with the Parent Bank	160,250	-	
Current accounts with related parties	501,928		
Term placements with correspondents	288,798,321	138,416,929	
Term placements with Parent Bank	18,000,000	-	
Deposits from banks and financial institutions	(33,900,485)	(36,092,856)	
	716,269,729	451,441,543	

Term placements with Central Bank of Lebanon and with correspondents and Parent Bank represent inter-bank placements with an original maturity of 90 days or less.

Major non-cash transactions excluded from the cash flow statement for the year ended December 31, 2009 and 2008 are summarized as follows:

a) Assets and liabilities acquired from Lati Bank S.A.L. excluded as at year end 2009:

	LBP'000
Assets	
Loans and advances	6,739,031
Available-for-sale investment securities	2,699,756
Held-to-maturity investment securities	46,001,911
Property and equipment	4,810,717
Other assets	142,912
	60,394,327
Liabilities	
Customers' accounts	85,033,147
Other liabilities	548,759
Provisions	190,482
	85,772,388

- (b) Transfer of an allowance of LBP 6.2 billion against "Loans and Advances" to "Provisions" during 2008.
- (c) Positive change in fair value of available-for-sale securities of LBP81.5billion during 2009 (Positive change of LBP 10.4 billion during 2008).
- (d) Assets acquired in satisfaction of debts in the amount of LBP4.3billion during 2009 (LBP 2.3 billion during 2008).
- e) Transfer LBP 226million from accrued bonuses under "Other liabilities" to provisions during 2008.

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### **36. COLLATERAL GIVEN**

The carrying values of financial assets given as collateral are as follows:

	2009	December 31 2008			
	Amount of	Corresponding Facilities  Amount of Amount of			
	Pledged Asset LBP'000	Pledged Asset LBP'000	Facility LBP'000	Nature of Facility	Maturity Date
Deposit with bank	-	3,043,251	2,864,250	Letters of guarantee	July 2, 2009
Deposit with bank	-	160,420	150,750	Letters of guarantee	July 2, 2009
Deposit with bank	-	842,166	366,298	Letters of guarantee	April and July
	•	4,045,837	3,381,298		31, 2009

### **37. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Group has exposure to the following risks from its use of financial instruments:

- Credit risk
- Liquidity risk
- Market risk

### A. Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk of financial loss to the Group if counterparty to a financial instrument fails to discharge an obligation. Financial assets that are mainly exposed to credit risk are deposits with banks, loans and advances to customers, investment securities and certain accounts receivable included under other assets. Credit risk also arises from off-balance sheet financial instruments such as letters of credit and letters of guarantee.

Concentration of credit risk arises when a number of counterparties are engaged in similar business activities, or activities in the same geographic region, or have similar economic features that would cause their ability to meet contractual obligations to be similarly affected by changes in economic, political or other conditions. Concentration of credit risk indicate the relative sensitivity of the Group's performance affecting a particular industry or geographical location.

### 1. Management of Credit Risk

The Board of Directors has the responsibility to approve the Group's general credit policy as recommended by the Credit Committee.

The Credit Committee has the responsibility for the development of the credit function strategy and implementing principles, frameworks, policies and limits.

### 2. Measurement of Credit Risk

### (a) Loans and advances to customers

The commercial and consumer credit extension divisions manage credit risk based on the risk profile of the borrower, repayment source and the nature of the underlying collateral given current events and conditions. At a macro level, loans are segregated into two major Banks: commercial and consumer.

Assessment of the credit risk profile of an individual counterparty is based on an analysis of the borrower's financial position in conjunction with current industry, economic and macro geopolitical trends. As part of the overall credit risk assessment of a borrower, each credit exposure or transaction is assigned a risk rating and is subject to the Credit Committee's approval based on defined credit approval standards. Subsequent to loan origination, risk ratings are adjusted on an ongoing basis, if necessary, to reflect changes in the obligor's financial condition, cash flows or ongoing financial viability.

The Group assesses the probability of default of individual counterparties and classify these commitments reflect probability of default as listed below:

**Watch List:** Debts that are not impaired but for which management determines that they require special monitoring due to a deficiency in the credit file regarding collateral or financial statements or profitability or otherwise.

**Past due but not impaired**: Debts where contractual interest or principal are past due but management believes that classification as impaired is not appropriate on the basis of the level of collateral available and the stage of collection of amounts owed.

**Rescheduled debts**: Debts that have been restructured after they have been rated as substandard or doubtful and where the Group has made concessions that it would not otherwise consider. Once a loan is restructured it remains in its original class.

**Substandard debts**: Debts that have characteristics such as significant deterioration in profitability and cash flows for a long period and in collateral, the occurrence of recurring delays in settlement of maturing payments, or the facilities are not utilized for the purpose it was intended for.

**Doubtful or bad debts:** Debts that have the characteristics of substandard debts, in addition to that it is considered to be at a higher degree of risk due to the continued deterioration of the debtor's situation and the adequacy of collateral, the discontinuity of deposit movement or repayment, or not respecting the maturities of the rescheduling of the debt for a period exceeding 3 months from maturity date. The debt becomes bad when the expected amount to be collected is nil or negligible.

The Group establishes an allowance for impairment that represents its estimate of incurred losses in its loan portfolio. The main components of this allowance are a specific loss component that relate to individually significant exposures and a collective loan loss allowance established in respect of losses that management considers have been increased but not been identified as loans subject to individuals assessment for impairment.

The Group writes off a loan / security balance (and any related allowances for impairment losses) when it determines it will not be collectible in full. This determination is reached after considering information such as the occurrence of significant changes in the borrower / issuer's financial position such as the borrower / issuer can no longer pay the obligation, or that proceeds from collateral will not be sufficient to pay back the entire exposure or financial instruments.

### (b) Debt securities

The risk of the debt instruments included in the investment portfolio relates mainly to sovereign risk.

### 3. Risk Mitigation Policies

The Group mainly employs collateral to mitigate credit risk. The principal collateral types for loans and advances are:

- Pledged deposits
- Mortgages over real estate properties (land, commercial and residential properties)
- Bank guarantees

Collateral generally is not held over loans and advances to banks, except when securities are held as part of reverse repurchase and securities borrowing activity. Collateral usually is not held against investment securities.

### 4. Financial assets with credit risk exposure and related concentrations

### (a) Exposure to credit risk and concentration by counterparty:

The tables below reflect the Group's exposure to credit risk by counterparty segregated between the categories of Deposits with banks and financial institutions and loans and advances:

### (a.1) Distribution of deposits with banks and financial institutions by brackets:

		Dec	ember 31, 2009			
	LBP Base Ac	counts	F/Cy Base Ad	F/Cy Base Accounts		
	Total Amount (Net)			% to Total	N°. of Counterparties	
	LBP'000	%	LBP'000	%		
Less than LBP5billion	11,223,419	21	33,915,585	11	48	
From LBP5billion to LBP15billion	23,338,802	45	66,949,638	21	12	
From LBP15billion to LBP30billion	18,005,178	34	183,529,918	58	10	
From LBP30billion to LBP50billion	-	-	30,301,098	10	1	
	52,567,399	100	314,696,239	100	71	

#### **December 31, 2008** LBP Base Accounts F/Cy Base Accounts % % Total Total N°. of Amount (Net) to Total Amount (Net) to Total Counterparties **LBP'000** % LBP'000 % Less than LBP5billion 6,305,340 33 40 21,720,878 15 From LBP5billion to LBP15billion 12,738,544 67 32,196,157 22 43 From LBP15billion to LBP30billion 63,351,216 From LBP30billion to LBP50billion 30,657,398 20 19,043,884 100 147,925,649

# (a.2) Distribution of performing loans and advances to customers by brackets (standard and special monitoring):

		Dece	ember 31, 2009		
	LBP Base	Accounts	F/Cy Base	Accounts	
	Total Loans	% to Total Loans	Total Loans	% to Total Loans	N°. of Counterparties
	LBP'000	%	LBP'000	%	
Less than LBP500million	201,418,237	87	202,456,179	46	35,811
From LBP500million to					
LBP1,500million	9,595,418	4	69,321,260	16	91
More than LBP1,500million	19,481,416	9	172,180,831	38	45
	230,495,071	100	443,958,270	100	35,947

		December 31, 2008							
	LBP Base	Accounts	F/Cy Base	Accounts					
	Total Loans	% to Total Loans	Total Loans	% to Total Loans	N°. of Counterparties				
	LBP'000	%	LBP'000	%					
Less than LBP500million	106,821,371	91	140,672,330	57	25,269				
From LBP500million to									
LBP1,500million	8,536,386	7	29,291,056	12	45				
More than LBP1,500million	2,061,663	2	77,747,427	31	23				
	117,419,420	100	247,710,813	100	25,337				

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## (a.3) Details of the Group's exposure to credit risk with respect to loans and advances to customers:

_	De	cember 31, 200	9		Fair Value of Collateral Received						
	·		Pledged Funds	_	First Degree Mortgage on Properties	Equity Securities	Debt Securities	Others	Total Guarantees	Lesser of Individual Exposure or Total Guarantees	
	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000
Regular loans and advances	674,453,341	-	674,453,341	66,532,597	20,116,698	204,729,263	48,480,250	2,479,001	295,987,456	638,325,265	394,273,653
Substandard (including restructured debt	s) 2,980,374	-	2,980,374	-	43,908	512,966	-	-	149,730	706,604	598,525
Doubtful (including restructured debts)	93,030,778	(51,145,692)	41,885,086	1,503	37,688	62,992,077	-	-	1,198,115	64,229,383	65,542,923
Loss (including restructured debts)	25,838,292	(25,838,292)	-	2,463	70,769	1,190,349	13,500	-	1,655,410	2,932,491	2,559,921
Loan portfolio purchased	3,677,874	-	3,677,874	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Collectively impaired	-	(6,109,703)	(6,109,703)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	799,980,659	(83,093,687)	716,886,972	66,536,563	20,269,063	269,424,655	48,493,750	2,479,001	298,990,711	706,193,743	462,975,022

_	December 31, 2008				Fair Value of Collateral Received							
	Gross Exposure Net of Unrealized Interest Allow and Discount Impa	of Unrealized Interest	Allowance for Impairment	Net Exposure	Pledged Funds	Bank Guarantees	First Degree Mortgage on Properties	Equity Securities	Debt Securities	Others	Total Guarantees	Lesser of Individual Exposure or Total Guarantees
	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	
Regular loans and advances	365,130,233	-	365,130,233	67,407,041	12,978,976	88,260,255	3,149,725	841,648	120,179,000	292,816,645	202,443,847	
Substandard (including restructured debt	s) 3,751,546	-	3,751,546	1,508	618,707	3,218,754	-	-	695,808	4,534,777	4,150,136	
Doubtful (including restructured debts)	103,340,254	(55,695,305)	47,644,949	1,503	37,688	64,255,175	-	-	258,804	64,553,170	64,421,919	
Loss (including restructured debts)	35,227,449	(35,227,449)	-	1,062	-	1,181,537	13,500	-	1,797,978	2,994,077	2,609,546	
Loan portfolio purchased	4,562,025	-	4,562,025	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Collective allowance (unallocated)	-	(5,741,972)	(5,741,972)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	512,011,507	(96,664,726)	415,346,781	67,411,114	13,635,371	156,915,721	3,163,225	841,648	122,931,590	364,898,669	273,625,448	

Overdue under regular loans and advances outstanding as at December 31, 2009 and 2008 are as follows:

	Decemb	er 31,	
	2009	2008	
	LBP'000	LBP'000	
Between 30 and 60 days	1.591,000	973,000	
Between 60 and 90 days	260,000	124,000	
Between 90 and 180 days	112,000	138,000	
More than 180 days	597,000	33,000	

## (a.5) Concentration of financial assets and liabilities by geographical location:

December 31, 2009
Middle East and North  Lebanon Africa America Europe Other Total
LBP'000 LBP'000 LBP'000 LBP'000 LBP'000 LBP'000 LBP'000 LBP'000
INANCIAL ASSETS:
Cash and Central Bank         572,929,659         -         -         -         -         572,929,659
Deposits with banks and financial Institutions 69,730,880 76,887,651 31,905,141 188,398,738 341,228 367,263,63
Trading assets - 19,338,113 19,338,11
Loans and advances to customers 695,560,321 20,578,362 35,143 707,767 5,379 716,886,97
Available-for-sale investment securities 1,714,522,118 11,554,578 - 1,726,076,69
Held-to-maturity investment securities 314,258,451 3,580,556 - 317,839,00
Total 3,386,339,542 97,466,013 31,940,284 204,241,639 346,607 3,720,334,08
INANCIAL LIABILITIES
Deposits from banks         7,533,807         2,220,003         -         24,186,381         -         33,940,19
Customers' accounts 2,898,932,651 185,353,340 8,003,753 331,547,394 4,640,009 3,428,477,14
Other borrowings 11,457,975 11,457,975
Total 2,917,924,433 187,573,343 8,003,753 355,733,775 4,640,009 3,473,875,31

	Decembe	er 31, 2008		December	31, 2008	
	Lebanon	Middle East and Africa	North America	Europe	Other	Total
	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000
NANCIAL ASSETS:						
ash and Central Bank	466,947,333	-	-	-	-	466,947,333
Deposits with banks and						
financial Institutions	40,969,882	74,212,689	8,735,803	42,518,391	532,768	166,969,533
rading assets	17,142,330	-	-	-	-	17,142,330
oans and advances to customers	401,794,224	12,341,985	107	1,205,534	4,931	415,346,781
Available-for-sale investment securities	1,368,050,383	-	-	-	-	1,368,050,383
eld-to-maturity investment securities	391,588,046	-	-	370,359	-	391,958,405
otal	2,686,492,198	86,554,674	8,735,910	44,094,284	537,699	2,826,414,765
NANCIAL LIABILITIES						
Deposits from banks	20,807,326	6,637,456	-	8,695,990	-	36,140,772
ustomers' accounts	2,392,523,418	127,451,122	5,611,950	84,364,008	2,814,337	2,612,764,835
ther borrowings	11,845,723	-	-	-	-	11,845,723
Total	2,425,176,467	134,088,578	5,611,950	93,059,998	2,814,337	2,660,751,330

### **B. Liquidity Risk**

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Group will be unable to meet its net funding requirements. Liquidity risk can be caused by market disruptions or credit downgrades, which may cause certain sources of funding to dry up immediately.

### 1. Management of liquidity risk

Liquidity management involves maintaining ample and diverse funding capacity, liquid assets and other sources of cash to accommodate fluctuations in asset and liability levels due to changes in their business operations or unanticipated events. Through ALCO, the Board of Directors is responsible for establishing the liquidity policy as well as approving operating and contingency procedures and monitoring liquidity on an ongoing basis. The treasury department is responsible for planning and executing their funding activities and strategy. Liquidity management and business unit activities are managed consistent with a strategy of

- Day-to-day funding managed by monitoring future cash flows to ensure that requirements can be met;
- Maintenance of a portfolio of liquid and marketable assets;
- Daily and forecast cash flow management;

funding stability, flexibility and diversity. It includes:

Implementation of long-term funding strategies;

The cumulative impact of these various elements is monitored on at least a monthly basis by ALCO. Monitoring and reporting take the form of cash flow measurement and projections. The starting point for those projections is an analysis of the contractual maturity of the financial liabilities and the expected collection data of the financial assets.

### 2. Exposure to liquidity risk

### Regulatory requirements

The Group ensures that it is in compliance with the liquidity limits in Lebanese Pound and foreign currencies as established by Central Bank of Lebanon.

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### Residual contractual maturities of financial assests and liabilities:

The tables below show the Group's financial assets and liabilities in Lebanese Pound and foreign currencies base accounts segregated by maturity:

		December 31, 2009		December 31, 2009					
	L	ebanese Pound Base Acc	counts						
	Not Subject to Maturity	Up to 3 Months	3 to 12 Months	1 to 3 Years	3 to 5 Years	Over 5 Years	Total		
	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000		
FINANCIAL ASSETS:									
Cash and Central Bank	170,620,986	68,000,000	-	-	-	-	238,620,986		
Deposits with banks and									
financial Institutions	867,399	51,700,000	-	-	-	-	52,567,399		
Trading securities	-	-	-	2,959,786	-	2,011,522	4,971,308		
Loans and advances to customers	16,254,562	22,850,519	33,963,170	75,860,728	37,474,895	57,146,190	243,550,064		
Available-for-sale investment securities	4,768,964	28,960,228	109,641,293	477,045,694	395,982,822	113,022,649	1,129,421,650		
Held-to-maturity investment securities	-	550,782	3,487,729	11,391,971	2,584,969	-	18,015,451		
Total Assets	192,511,911	172,061,529	147,092,192	567,258,179	436,042,686	172,180,361	1,687,146,858		
FINANCIAL LIABILITIES									
Deposits from banks	4,050,489	1,279,366	-	-	-	-	5,329,855		
Customers' accounts	72,526,266	1,318,229,886	116,855,039	2,252,418	-	-	1,509,863,609		
Other borrowings	-	-	3,221,173	5,143,825	3,092,977	-	11,457,975		
Total Liabilities	76,576,755	1,319,509,252	120,076,212	7,396,243	3,092,977	-	1,526,651,439		
Maturity Gap	115,935,156	(1,147,447,723)	27,015,980	559,861,936	432,949,709	172,180,361	160,495,419		

		December 31, 2009			Decembe	er 31, 2009			
	Fo	reign Currencies Base A	ccounts	Foreign Currencies Base Accounts					
	Not Subject to Maturity	Up to 3 Months	3 to 12 Months	1 to 3 Years	3 to 5 Years	Over 5 Years	Total		
	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000		
FINANCIAL ASSETS:									
Cash and Central Bank	46,732,003	260,797,500	16,582,500	4,144,835	6,051,835	-	334,308,673		
Deposits with banks and									
financial Institutions	69,275,186	240,158,957	-	-	5,262,096	-	314,696,239		
Trading securities	8,003,598	-	1,781,933	965,796	2,180,608	1,434,870	14,366,805		
Loans and advances to customers	30,778,622	221,394,876	63,365,098	95,218,454	42,304,112	20,275,746	473,336,908		
Available-for-sale investment securities	14,173,511	20,418,485	1,254,896	161,592,262	76,291,708	322,924,184	596,655,046		
Held-to-maturity investment securities	-	12,815,842	248,787	176,889,557	50,504,728	59,364,642	299,823,556		
Total Assets	168,962,920	755,585,660	83,233,214	438,810,904	182,595,087	403,999,442	2,033,187,227		
FINANCIAL LIABILITIES									
Deposits from banks	5,096,614	23,513,723	-	-	-	-	28,610,337		
Customers' accounts	230,920,049	1,506,793,241	178,186,519	2,713,729	-	-	1,918,613,538		
Other borrowings	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Total Liabilities	236,016,663	1,530,306,964	178,186,519	2,713,729	-	-	1,947,223,875		
Maturity Gap	(67,053,743)	(774,721,304)	(94,953,305)	436,097,175	182,595,087	403,999,442	85,963,352		

		December 31, 2008		December 31, 2008					
		Lebanese Pound Base Acco	ounts	Lebanese Pound Base Accounts					
	Not Subject to Maturity	Up to 3 Months	3 to 12 Months	1 to 3 Years	3 to 5 Years	Over 5 Years	Total		
	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000		
FINANCIAL ASSETS:									
Cash and Central Bank	149,552,887	-	-	-	-	-	149,552,887		
Deposits with banks and									
financial Institutions	43,883	18,478,814	-	-	-	-	18,522,697		
Trading securities	-	149,615	-	2,076,577	2,777,968	311,148	5,315,308		
Loans and advances to customers	16,832,308	14,042,524	20,703,666	39,272,217	18,218,765	24,862,310	133,931,790		
Available-for-sale investment securities	4,288,798	105,652,188	212,513,875	435,731,466	145,083,994	-	903,270,321		
Held-to-maturity investment securities	-	2,712,000	-	94,382,179	-	-	97,094,179		
Total	170,717,876	141,035,141	233,217,541	571,462,439	166,080,727	25,173,458	1,307,687,182		
FINANCIAL LIABILITIES									
Deposits from banks	405,453	8,601,384	243,134	-	-	-	9.249,971		
Customers' accounts	45,279,897	1,034,164,904	75,122,948	2,249,997	-	-	1,156,817,746		
Other borrowings	-	-	1,781,997	3,196,185	6,867,541	-	11,845,723		
Total	45,685,350	1,042,766,288	77,148,079	5,446,182	6,867,541	-	1,177,913,440		
Maturity Gap	125,032,526	(901,731,147)	156,069,462	566,016,257	159,213,186	25,173,458	129,773,742		

		December 31, 2008			December	31, 2008			
		Foreign Currencies Base Acc	ounts	Foreign Currencies Base Accounts					
	Not Subject to Maturity	Up to 3 Months	3 to 12 Months	1 to 3 Years	3 to 5 Years	Over 5 Years	Total		
	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000		
FINANCIAL ASSETS:									
Cash, compulsory reserves and									
deposits at Central Bank	13,936,736	303,457,710	-	-	-	-	317,394,446		
Deposits with banks and									
financial Institutions	19,540,308	128,906,528	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	-	148,446,836		
Trading securities	6,044,882	131,628	802,258	2,666,574	1,038,345	1,143,335	11,827,022		
Loans and advances to customers	35,013,932	114,103,486	47,234,887	57,689,241	21,124,040	6,249,405	281,414,991		
Available-for-sale investment securities	11,696,703	9,126,034	40,016,847	38,256,900	151,138,098	214,545,480	464,780,062		
Held-to-maturity investment securities	-	4,602,358	45,694,030	37,566,746	137,607,214	69,393,878	294,864,226		
Total	86,232,561	560,327,744	133,748,022	136,179,461	310,907,697	291,332,098	1,518,727,583		
FINANCIAL LIABILITIES									
Deposits from banks	1,315,504	25,575,297	-	-	-	-	26,890,801		
Customers' accounts	138,509,212	1,191,954,233	117,522,330	7,961,314	-	-	1,455,947,089		
Total	139,824,716	1,217,529,530	117,522,330	7,961,314	-	-	1,482,837,890		
Maturity Gap	(53,592,155)	(657,201,786)	16,225,692	128,218,147	310,907,697	291,332,098	35,889,693		

### C. Market Risks

The market risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will be affected because of changes in market prices such as interest rate, equity prices, foreign exchange and credit spreads.

### **Currency risk**

Foreign exchange risk represents exposures to changes in the values of current holdings and future cash flows denominated in other currencies. The types of instruments exposed to this risk include investments in foreign currency-denominated loans, foreign currency-denominated securities, future cash flows in foreign currencies arising from foreign exchange transactions, and foreign-currency denominated debt.

### **Exposure to foreign exchange risk:**

Below is the carrying value of assets and liabilities segregated by major currencies to reflect Group's exposures to foreign currency exchange risk at year end:

	Decem	ber 31, 2009		December	31, 2009	
	LBP	USD	Euro	STG	Other	Total
	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000
SSETS						
Cash and Central Bank	238,620,986	329,550,396	3,888,225	870,052	-	572,929,659
Deposits with banks and financial institutions	52,567,399	236,493,801	67,852,599	6,913,742	3,436,097	367,263,638
Trading securities	4,971,308	14,366,805				19,338,113
Loans and advances to customers	243,550,064	461,925,686	10,479,021	6,186	926,015	716,886,972
Available-for-sale investment securities	1,129,421,650	553,031,129	43,623,917		-	1,726,076,696
Held-to-maturity investment securities	18,015,451	299,437,912	385,644	-	-	317,839,007
Customers' liability under Acceptances	299,999	7,688,770	2,152,550	116,263	5,085,986	15,343,568
Assets acquired in satisfaction of loans	13,074,074	62,904,279	-	-	-	75,978,353
Property and equipment	54,805,262		-	-	-	54,805,262
Deferred charges	30,588,391	-	-	-	-	30,588,391
Intangible assets	2,832,866	57,458	-	-	-	2,890,324
Other assets	4,326,648	3,976,966	13,600	-	-	8,317,214
Total assets	1,793,074,098	1,969,433,202	128,395,556	7,906,243	9,448,098	3,908,257,197
IABILITIES						
Deposits from banks	5,329,855	23,077,648	4,888,337	317,380	326,971	33,940,191
Customers' accounts	1,509,863,609	1,786,176,628	121,469,264	7,481,824	3,485,822	3,428,477,147
Liability under acceptances	299,999	7,688,770	2,152,550	116,263	5,085,986	15,343,568
Other borrowings			2,102,000	-	5,065,366	11,457,975
Other liabilities	22,673,861	26,697,290	 892,578	2,498	5,800	50,272,027
Provisions	9,427,862	14,945,044	032,570	2,490	- 5,600	24,372,906
Total liabilities	1,559,053,161	1,858,585,380	129,402,729	7,917,965	8,904,579	3,563,863,814
Total Habilitios	1,009,003,101	1,000,000,300	123,402,723	7,317,300	0,904,979	0,000,000,014
Currency to be received	1,454,868	9,724,840	5,217,116	1,235,476	4,490,918	22,123,218
Currency to be delivered	690,480	10,801,793	4,892,211	1,235,058	4,502,039	22,121,581
	764,388	(1,076,953)	324,905	418	(11,121)	1,637

	Decembe	er 31, 2008		December 3	1, 2008	
	LBP	USD	Euro	STG	Other	Total
	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000
ASSETS						
Cash and Central Bank	149,552,887	315,917,259	968,617	508,570	-	466,947,333
Deposits with banks and financial institutions	18,522,697	136,309,803	3,458,255	5,189,124	3,489,654	166,969,533
Trading securities	5,315,308	11,273,041	553,981	-	-	17,142,330
Loans and advances to customers	133,931,790	275,620,779	5,080,497	123,277	590,438	415,346,781
Available-for-sale investment securities	903,270,321	406,367,069	58,412,993	-	-	1,368,050,383
Held-to-maturity investment securities	97,094,179	294,864,226	-	-	-	391,958,405
Customers' liability under acceptances	150,000	12,799,609	5,836,152	-	2,891,972	21,677,733
Assets acquired in satisfaction of loans	12,503,591	64,378,076	-	-	-	76,881,667
Property and equipment	35,547,668	-	-	-	-	35,547,668
Intangible assets	3,992,847	-	-	-	-	3,992,847
Other assets	2,830,007	4,108,783	592,269	-	-	7,531,059
Total Assets	1,362,711,295	1,521,638,645	74,902,764	5,820,971	6,972,064	2,972,045,739
LIABILITIES						
Deposits from banks	9,249,971	7,547,714	18,666,087	-	677,000	36,140,772
Customers' accounts	1,156,817,746	1,393,375,828	53,322,623	5,958,549	3,290,089	2,612,764,835
Liability under acceptances	150,000	12,799,609	5,836,152	-	2,891,972	21,677,733
Other borrowings	11,845,723	-	-	-	-	11,845,723
Other liabilities	20,846,773	4,727,771	585,566	148,734	64,385	26,373,229
Provisions	10,037,428	16,291,781	-	-	-	26,329,209
Total liabilities	1,208,947,641	1,434,742,703	78,410,428	6,107,283	6,923,446	2,735,131,501
Currency to be received	7,505,075	7,165,539	3,596,476	865,240	4,810,277	23,942,607
Currency to be delivered	-	15,339,176	3,233,023	723,129	4,752,101	24,047,429
	7,505,075	(8,173,637)	363,453	142,111	58,176	(104,822)
Net Assets	161,268,729	78,722,305	(3,144,211)	(144,201)	106,794	236,809,416

### Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk represents exposures to instruments whose values vary with the level or volatility of interest rates. These instruments include, but are not limited to, loans, debt securities, certain trading-related assets and liabilities, deposits, borrowings and derivative instruments. Interest rate repricing gap is used to estimate the impact on earnings of an adverse movement in interest rates.

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### **Exposure to Interest rate risk**

Below is a summary of the Group's interest rate gap position on assets and liabilities reflected at carrying amounts at year end segregated between floating and fixed interest rate earning or bearing and between Lebanese Pound and foreign currencies base accounts:

				nber 31, 2009 nese Pounds						ember 31, 20 banese Pound				
				Interest Rate						ed Interest Ra				
	Non-Interest Earning	Up to Three Months		1 to 3 Years	3 to 5 Years	Over 5 Years	Total	Up to Three 3	3 Months to 1 year	1 to 3 Years	3 to 5 Years	Over 5 Years	Total	Grand Total
	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000
ASSETS														
Cash and central bank	170,620,986						-	68,000,000					68,000,000	238,620,986
Deposits with banks	,,							23/333/333					00/000/000	
and financial institutions	867.399	_	-	_	_	_	_	51,700,000	_	_	-	_	51,700,000	52,567,399
Trading assets	87,732		-			-	_	-	-	2,875,790	_	2,007,786	4,883,576	4,971,308
Loans and advances	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·									2,0,0,,00			.,,	· · · · ·
to customers	15,925,213	22,731,189	33,863,170	75,775,728	37,324,895	57.146.190	226,841,172	449,679	100,000	84,000	150,000	-	783,679	243,550,064
Available-for-sale			· · ·	/ - / - /			, .		•		,		·	<u> </u>
investment securities	27,640,066	_	-	_	-	-	_	6,089,126	109,641,293	477.045.694	395,982,822	113,022,649	1,101,781,584	1,129,421,650
Held-to-maturity														
investment securities	450,800	_	-	-	-	-	-	99,982	3,487,729	11,391,971	2,584,969	-	17,564,651	18,015,451
Banks' acceptances	299,999	-	-	-	-	-	-	_	-	-	-	-	-	299,999
Assets acquired														
in satisfaction of loans	13,074,074	-	-	_	_	-	-	-	-	_	-	-	-	13,074,074
Property and equipment	54,805,262	-	-	_	_	-	-	-	-	_	-	-	-	54,805,262
Deferred charges	30,588,391	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30,588,391
Intangible assets	2,832,866	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,832,866
Other assets	4,326,648	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,326,648
Total assets	321,519,436	22,731,189	33,863,170	75,775,728	37,324,895	57,146,190	226,841,172	126,338,787	113,229,022	491,397,455	398,717,791	115,030,435	1,244,713,490	1,793,074,098
LIABILITIES														
Deposits from banks	3,025,489	25.472	2,278,894		_	-	2,304,366	_	_	_	_	_	_	5,329,855
Customers' accounts		20,172					_,,							, ,
at amortized cost	72,526,272	2,692,689	25,187,967	2,121,927	_	-	30,002,583	1,290,349,257	114,733,079	2,252,418	-	-	1,407,334,754	1,509,863,609
Liability under acceptances	299,999	-	_	-	_	-	_	-	-	-	_	-	-	299,999
Other borrowings	-	_	3,221,173	5,143,825	3,092,977	-	11,457,975	_	-	_	-	-	-	11,457,975
Other liabilities	22,673,861	_	_	-	-	-	_	_	-	_	_	-	-	22,673,861
Provisions	9,427,862	_	-	-	_	-	_	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,427,862
Total liabilities	107,953,483	2,718,161	30,688,034	7,265,752	3,092,977		43,764,924	1,290,349,257	114,733,079	2,252,418	-	-	1,407,334,754	1,559,053,161
Interest rate gap position	213,565,953		3,175,136	68,509,976	34,231,918	57,146,190	183,076,248	(1,164,010,470)		<u> </u>	398.717.791	115,030,435	(162,621,264)	234,020,937

Year Ended December 31, 2009

				ber 31, 2009							ember 31, 2009			
				n Currencies							eign Currencies			
			Floating	Interest Rate						Fixe	ed Interest Rate	•		
	Non-Interest Earning	Up to Three Months	3 months to 1 year	1 to 3 years	3 to 5 years	Over 5 years	Total	Up to Three 3 months	3 Months to 1 year	1 to 3 years	3 to 5 years	Over 5 years	Total	Grand Total
	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000
ASSETS														
Cash and Central Banks	46,732,020	-	-	-	-	-	-	260,797,500	16,582,500	4,144,690	6,051,963	_	287,576,653	334,308,673
Deposits with banks										· · · ·	2,221,222			
and financial institutions	60,388,074	959,812	-	-	-	-	959,812	248,086,253	-	-	5,262,100	_	253,348,353	314,696,239
Trading assets	8,129,984	-	-	-	-	-	· -	-	1,752,974	950,186	1,116,316	2,417,345	6,236,821	14,366,805
Loans and advances to custom		217,743,545	62,502,098	94,604,454	42,221,112	20,275,746	437,346,955	3,320,651	963,124	699,185	228,315	-	5,211,275	473,336,908
Available-for-sale	<u> </u>									·				
investment securities	25,042,200	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,549,796	1,254,896	161,592,262	76,291,708	322,924,184	571,612,846	596,655,046
Held-to-maturity	<u> </u>									, ,				
investment securities	4,983,942	300,842	-	-	-	-	300,842	7,531,058	248,787	176,889,557	50,504,728	59,364,642	294,538,772	299,823,556
Banks' acceptances	15,043,569	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15,043,569
Assets acquired														
in satisfaction of loans	62,904,279	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	62,904,279
Intangible assets	57,458	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	57,458
Other assets	3,990,566	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,990,566
Total Assets	258,050,770	219,004,199	62,502,098	94,604,454	42,221,112	20,275,746	438,607,609	529,285,258	20,802,281	344,275,880	139,455,130	384,706,171	1,418,524,720	2,115,183,099
LIABILITIES														
Deposits from banks	5,096,614	23,272	-	-	-	-	23,272	23,490,450	-	-	-	-	23,490,450	28,610,336
Customers' accounts														
at amortized cost	230,919,719	44,006,954	9,992,770	-	-	-	53,999,724	1,462,786,587	168,193,779	2,713,729	-	-	1,633,694,095	1,918,613,538
Liability under acceptances	15,043,569	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15,043,569
Other liabilities	27,598,166	-	-	-	-	=	_	-	-	-	_	-	-	27,598,166
Provisions	14,945,044	-	-	-	-	-	_	-	-	-	_	-	-	14,945,044
Total liabilities	293,603,112	44,030,226	9,992,770	-	-	-	54,022,996	1,486,277,037	168,193,779	2,713,729	_	-	1,657,184,545	
Interest rate gap position	(35,552,342)	174,973,973	52,509,328	94,604,454	42,221,112	20,275,746	384,584,613	(956,991,779)	(147.391.498)		139 455 130	384,706,171	(238,659,825)	110,372,446

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				Leban	ber 31, 2008 ese Pounds					Le	ecember 31, 200 ebanese Pounds	<b>3</b>		
				Floating	Interest Rate					Fix	ced Interest Rat	<b>e</b>		
	Non-Interest Earning	Up to Three Months	3 Months to 1 Year	1 to 3 Years	3 to 5 Years	Over 5 Years	Total	Up to Three Months	3 Months to Year	l 1 to 3 Years	3 to 5 Years	Over 5 Years	s Total	Grand Total
	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000
ASSETS														
Cash, compulsory reserves														
and deposits at Central Bar		-	-	_	-		_	_	_	_	_	_	_	149,552,887
Deposits with banks	, ,													1 10,002,007
and financial institutions	43,883	18,478,814	_	_	-		18,478,814	_	_	_	_	_	_	18,522,697
Trading securities	149,615	-					-	_		2,076,577	2,777,968	311,148	5,165,693	5,315,308
Loans and advances						<u> </u>				2,070,077	2,777,000	011,140	0,100,000	0,010,000
to customers	16,832,308	1,103,168	_	_	_		1,103,168	12,939,356	20,703,666	39,272,217	18,218,765	24,862,310	115,996,314	133,931,790
Available-for-sale	. 5,552,555	· · ·				<u>-</u>	1,100,100	12,000,000	20,700,000	00,272,217	10,210,703	24,002,010	110,000,014	100,001,700
investment securities	25,555,278	_	_	_	_			8/1 385 708	212,513,875	435,731,466	145,083,994		877,715,043	903,270,321
Held-to-maturity	20,000,270					<u>-</u>		04,303,700	212,010,070	400,701,400	143,003,334		077,713,043	303,270,321
investment securities	2,712,000	_	_	_	_		_	_	_	94,382,179	_	_	94,382,179	97,094,179
Banks' acceptances	150,000					<del>-</del>				-			- 54,502,175	150,000
Assets acquired	100,000					<del>-</del>								100,000
in satisfaction of loans	12,503,591	_	_	_	_		_	_	_	_	_	_	_	12,503,591
Property and equipment	35,547,668	_			-	<del>-</del>	_							35,547,668
Intangible assets	3,992,847				-	<u>-</u>		_						3,992,847
Other assets	2,830,007	_			-		-	_						2,830,007
Total Assets	249,870,084	19,581,982	-	-	-	<u> </u>	19,581,982	97,325,064	233,217,541	571,462,439	166,080,727	25,173,458	1,093,259,229	
LIABILITIES														
Deposits from banks	405,453	8,005,350	-	-	-	-	8,005,350	596,034	243,134	-	-	-	839,168	9,249,971
Customers' accounts	45,279,897	995,773,583	669,568	-	-	-	996,443,151	38,391,321	74,453,380	2,249,997	-	-	115,094,698	
Liability under acceptances	150,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	_	-	-	-	-		150,000
Other borrowings	-	-	1,781,997	3,196,185	6,867,541	_	11,845,723	-	-		-	-	-	11,845,723
Other liabilities	13,341,698	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	_	-		-	13,341,698
Provisions	10,037,698	-	-	-	-	_	-	-	-	-	-	_	-	10,037,428
Total liabilities	69,214,476	1,003,778,933	2,451,565	3,196,185	6,867,541		1,016,294,224	38,987,355	74,696,514	2,249,997	-	-	115,933,866	
Interest rate gap position		(984,196,951)	(2,451,565)	(3,196,185)	(6,867,541)		(996,712,242)	58,337,709		569,212,442	166,080,727	25,173,458	977,325,363	161,268,729

Year Ended December 31, 2009

				Foreig	mber 31, 2008 gn Currencies					Fo	ecember 31, 20 oreign Currenci	es		
				Floatin	ig Interest Rate	•				Fix	xed Interest Ra	ite		
	Non-Interest Earning	Up to Three Months	3 Months to 1 Year	1 to 3 Years	3 to 5 Years	Over 5 Years	Total	Up to Three 3 Months	Months to 1 Year	1 to 3 Years	3 to 5 Years	Over 5 Years	Total	Grand Total
	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000
ASSETS														
Cash, compulsory reserves														
and deposits at Central Bank	13,936,736	302,291,065	-	_	_	-	302,291,065	1,166,645	_	_	_	_	1,166,645	317,394,446
Deposits with banks	· · ·	<u> </u>					302,201,000	.,,.					.,,,,,,,,,	
and financial institutions	19,540,308	121,483,311	-	_	_	-	121,483,311	7,423,217	-	_	-	_	7,423,217	148,446,836
Trading securities	6,176,510		-			-	-	-	802,258	2,666,574	1,038,345	1,143,335	5,650,512	
Loans and advances	-,,								332,233	2,000,074	1,000,040	.,	0,000,012	,02,,022
to customers	35,013,932	75,497,154	3,143,907	_	_	-	78,641,061	38,606,332	44,090,980	57,689,241	21,124,040	6,249,405	167,759,998	281,414,991
Available-for-sale	,	<u> </u>	<u> </u>				7 0,0 1.1,0 0.	33,333,332	,,	07,000,241	21,121,010	5,2 .5, .55	107,700,000	201,111,00
investment securities	20,822,737	_	_	_	_	-	_	_	40,016,847	38,256,900	151,138,098	214,545,480	443,957,325	464,780,062
Held-to-maturity	· · ·								,,	33,233,333	101,100,000		0,007,020	,
investment securities	4,602,358	_	-	_	_	-	-	_	45,694,030	37,566,746	137,607,214	69,393,878	290,261,868	294,864,226
Banks' acceptances	21,527,733	-	-	_		-	_	_	-	-	-	-	-	21,527,733
Investments in subsidiaries	-	-	-	_		-	_	_	-		-	-	-	
Assets acquired														
in satisfaction of loans	64,378,076	-	-	-	_	-	_	_	-	_	-	-	-	64,378,076
Property and equipment	-	-	-		_	-	-	_	_	_	-	-	-	
Intangible assets	-	-	-	-	_	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	
Other assets	4,701,052	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,701,052
Total Assets	190,699,442	499,271,530	3,143,907	-	-	-	502,415,437	47,196,194	130,604,115	136,179,461	310,907,697	291,332,098	916,219,565	1,609,334,444
LIABILITIES														
Deposits from banks	1,315,504	24,672,174	-	_	-	-	24,672,174	903,123	_	-	_	-	903.123	26,890,801
Customers' accounts		1,095,411,989	7,489,459	7,659,814	_	-	1,110,561,262	96,542,244	110,032,871	301,500	_	-		1,455,947,089
Liability under acceptances	21,527,733	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21,527,733
Other borrowings	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	_	_	_	_	-	_	,
Other liabilities	13,136,353	-	-	-	_	-	-	-	_	_	_	-	-	13,136,35
Provisions	16,291,781	-	-	_	-	-	_	_	-	_	_	-	-	16,291,78
Total liabilities		1,120,084,163	7,489,459	7,659,814	-	•	1,135,233,436	97,445,367	110,032,871	301,500		-	207,779,738	1,533,793,757
Interest rate gap position		(620,812,633)	(4,345,552)	(7,659,814)			(632,817,999)	(50,249,173)	20,571,244	135,877,961	310,907,697	291,332,098		75,540,687

### **38. CAPITAL MANAGEMENT**

The Group manages its capital to comply with the capital adequacy requirements set by Central Bank of Lebanon.

Central Bank of Lebanon requires each bank or banking group to hold a minimum level of regulatory capital of LBP 10 billion for the head office and LBP 500million for each local branch. Furthermore, the minimum capital adequacy ratio set by the regulator is 12% (Basel Ratio).

The Group's capital is split as follows:

Tier I capital: Comprises share capital, reserves from appropriation of profits, retained earnings (exclusive of current year's net profit).

Tier II capital: Comprises qualifying subordinated liabilities, collective impairment allowance, cumulative change in fair value of available-for-sale securities.

Investments in subsidiaries are deducted from Tier I and Tier II capital.

Also, various limits are applied to the elements of capital base: Qualifying Tier II capital cannot exceed Tier I capital and qualifying short term subordinated loan capital may not exceed 50% of Tier I capital. The Group has complied with imposed capital requirements throughout the period. The Group's consolidated capital adequacy ratio was as follows:

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	December 31,				
	2009	2008			
	Million	Million			
Total regulatory capital	249,045	193,663			
Risk-weighted assets	1,002,168	638,744			
Risk weighted off-balance sheet items	86,246	44,616			
Capital adequacy ratio	22.88	28.34			

## 39. FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

		December 31, 2009			December	· 31, 2009		
	Trading Assets	Available-for-Sale	Held-to-Maturity	Loans and Receivables	Other Amortized Cost	Total Carrying Value	Total Fair Value	
	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	
FINANCIAL ASSETS:								
Cash and Central Bank	-	-	-	-	572,929,659	572,929,659	572,929,659	
Deposits with banks and financial Institutions	-	-	-	-	367,263,638	367,263,638	367,263,638	
Trading securities	19,338,113	-	-	-	-	19,338,113	19,338,113	
Loans and advances to customers	-	-	-	716,886,972	-	716,886,972	730,692,985	
Available-for-sale investment securities	-	1,726,076,696	-	-	-	1,726,076,696	1,726,076,696	
Held-to-maturity investment securities	-	-	317,839,007	-	-	317,839,007	311,047,819	
Total	19,338,113	1,726,076,696	317,839,007	716,886,972	940,193,297	3,720,334,085	3,727,348,910	
FINANCIAL LIABILITIES								
Deposits from banks	-	-	-	-	33,940,191	33,940,191	33,940,191	
Customers' accounts	-	-	-	-	3,428,477,147	3,428,477,147	3,428,477,147	
Other borrowings	-	-	-	-	11,457,975	11,457,975	11,457,975	
Total	-				3,473,875,313	3,473,875,313	3,473,875,313	

		December 31, 2008			December	31, 2008		
	Trading Assets	Available-for-Sale	Held-to-Maturity	Loans and Receivables	Other Amortized Cost	Total Carrying Value	Total Fair Value	
	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000	
FINANCIAL ASSETS:					466.047.000	400 047 000	466 047 222	
Cash and Central Bank	-	<del>-</del>	-	<u>-</u>	466,947,333	466,947,333	466,947,333	
Deposits with banks and financial Institutions	-	-	-	-	166,969,533	166,969,533	166,969,533	
Trading securities	17,142,330	-	-	-	-	17,142,330	17,142,330	
Loans and advances to customers	-	-	-	415,346,781	-	415,346,781	441,052,337	
Available-for-sale investment securities	-	1,368,050,383	-	-	-	1,368,050,383	1,368,050,383	
Held-to-maturity investment securities	-	-	391,958,405	-	-	391,958,405	390,609,969	
Total	17,142,330	1,368,050,383	391,958,405	415,346,781	633,916,866	2,826,414,765	2,850,771,885	
FINANCIAL LIABILITIES		<u> </u>						
Deposits from banks	-	-	-	-	36,140,772	36,140,772	36,140,772	
Customers' accounts	-	-	<del>-</del>	-	2,612,764,835	2,612,764,835	2,612,764,835	
Other borrowings	-		-	-	11,845,723	11,845,723	11,845,723	
Total			-	-	2,660,751,330	2,660,751,330	2,660,751,330	

The following table provides an analysis of financial instruments that are measured subsequent to initial recognition at fair value, grouped into Levels 1 to 3 based on the degree to which the fair value is observable:

	December 31, 2009							
	Level 1	Level 3	Total					
	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000					
Trading securities	19,338,113	-	19,338,113					
Available-for-sale investment securities	11,451,941	1,714,624,755	1,726,076,696					
	30,790,054	1,714,624,755	1,745,414,809					

	December 31, 2008							
	Level 1	Level 3	Total					
	LBP'000	LBP'000	LBP'000					
Trading securities	17,142,330	-	17,142,330					
Available-for-sale investment securities	11,016,273	1,357,034,110	1,368,050,383					
	28,158,603	1,357,034,110	1,385,192,713					

The basis for the determination of the estimated fair values with respect to financial assets and liabilities carried at amortized cost and for which quoted market prices are not available, is summarized as follows:

(a) Deposits with Central Bank and financial institutions:

The fair value of current deposits (including non-interest earning compulsory deposits with Central Banks), and overnight deposits is their carrying amount.

(b) Loans and advances to customers and to banks:

The estimated fair value of loans and advances to customers is based on the discounted amount of expected future cash flows determined at current market rates.

(c) Held-to-maturity investment securities:

The estimated fair value of held-to-maturity investment securities is based on current yield curve appropriate for the remaining period to maturity.

(d) Deposits and borrowings from banks and customers' deposits:

The fair value of deposits with current maturity or no stated maturity is their carrying amount. The estimated fair value on other deposits is based on the discounted cash flows using interest rates for new deposits with similar remaining maturity.

(e) Other borrowings:

The estimated fair value of other borrowings is the discounted cash flow based on a current yield curve appropriate for the remaining period to maturity.

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### **40. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

In the ordinary course of business, the Group carries on transactions with subsidiaries and related parties, balances of which are disclosed in the statement of financial position in Notes 6 and 16.

Remuneration to executive management paid during 2009 amounted to LBP 3.77 billion.

### 41. APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2009 were approved by the Board of Directors in its meeting held on March 17, 2010.



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AUSTRALIA	AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND BANKING GROUP LIMITED	ANZB AU 3N
AUSTRIA	UNICREDIT BANK AUSTRIA AG	BKAU AT W
CANADA	ROYAL BANK OF CANADA	ROYC CA T2
CYPRUS	MARFIN POPULAR BANK PUBLIC CO LTD	LIKI CY 2N
DENMARK	DANSKE BANK A/S	DABA DK KK
EGYPT	BANQUE MISR SAE	BMIS EG CX
FRANCE	FRANSABANK (FRANCE) SA AL KHALIJI (FRANCE) SA UNION DE BANQUES ARABES ET FRANÇAISES - UBAF	FRAF FR PP LICO FR PP UBAF FR PP
GERMANY	COMMERZBANK AG DEUTSCHE BANK AG JP MORGAN AG	COBA DE FF DEUT DE FF CHAS DE FX
ITALY	INTESA SANPAOLO SPA UNICREDIT SPA	BCIT IT MM UNCR IT MN
JAPAN	THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON - TOKYO	IRVT JP JX
JORDAN	THE HOUSING BANK FOR TRADE & FINANCE JORDAN KUWAIT BANK	HBHO JO A) JKBA JO AN
KUWAIT	AL AHLI BANK OF KUWAIT KSC NATIONAL BANK OF KUWAIT	ABKK KW KV NBOK KW K
NORWAY	NORDEA BANK NORGE ASA	NDEA NO K
QATAR	QATAR NATIONAL BANK SAQ THE COMMERCIAL BANK OF QATAR QSC	QNBA QA Q ABQQ QA Q
SAUDI ARABIA	THE NATIONAL COMMERCIAL BANK	NCBK SA JE
SPAIN	BANCO DE SABADELL SA	BSAB ES BB
SRI LANKA	BANK OF CEYLON	BCEY LK LX
SWEDEN	SKANDINAVISKA ENSKILDA BANKEN AB (PUBL)	ESSE SE SS
SWITZERLAND	ZURICH CONTONAL BANK	ZKBK CH ZZ
THE PHILIPPINES	BANK OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS	BOPI PH MN
TURKEY	TÜRKIYE FINANS KATILIM BANKASI ASYA KATILIM BANKASI AS TURKLAND BANK AP	AFKB TR IS ASYA TR IS TBNK TR IS
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