

Sparkasse approves the preliminary results as at 30 June 2026

Consolidated net profit amounted to €63.1 million, up 5.7% compared with the first half of 2025.

Gross loans to customers recorded strong growth, reaching €10.3 billion (+3.2%).

Standard & Poor's, one of the world's leading rating agencies, assigned an investment-grade rating to the Cassa di Risparmio di Bolzano Group.

The Board of Directors of Cassa di Risparmio di Bolzano, chaired by Gerhard Brandstätter, today approved the separate and consolidated financial results as at 30 June 2026. The Sparkasse Group is also pleased to announce that it has received its first investment-grade rating from S&P Global Ratings, one of the world's leading international rating agencies. This marks the Group's second investment-grade rating, following the assessment published by Fitch Ratings three months ago.

Consolidated balance sheet:¹

- ✓ Gross **loans**² increased to **€10.3 billion (+3.2%)**, confirming the Group's ability to support the growth of the local economies in the areas in which it operates.

¹ Unless otherwise specified, the data in this section refer to the reclassified "Balance Sheet Data" and "Income Statement Data" presented at the end of this document.

² Gross loans refer exclusively to loans granted to customers and do not include debt securities.

- ✓ Total **funding**, including direct and indirect funding, grew to **€20.6 billion (+1.8%)**.

The increase in these key figures confirms, on the one hand, the Group's financial strength and its continued ability to provide strong support for the financing needs of businesses and households and, on the other, its recognised excellence in delivering high-quality wealth management advisory services. In particular, assets under management recorded significant growth³ of 8.8%, supported by consistently positive inflows from new subscriptions, confirming the growing confidence of customers and the solid long-term positive trend.

Consolidated income statement:⁴

- ✓ With regard to core revenues, **net interest income** amounted to **€145.6 million**, down from €148.6 million as at 30 June 2025 **(-2.0%)**. The decrease was mainly attributable to lower average interest rates during the first half of the year compared with the corresponding period of 2025, largely offset by the impact of loan growth. **Net fee and commission** income amounted to **€63.4 million**, up from €60.0 million in the corresponding period of the previous year **(+5.7%)**. The further increase recorded in the first half of 2026 confirms the positive trend seen in recent years.
- ✓ **Net financial income** amounted to **€1.2 million**, down from €7.0 million in the first half of 2025, when it benefited in particular from the positive contribution of valuation effects in the financial portfolio.
- ✓ **The cost of credit risk was positive, with net impairment gains amounting to a total of €12.5 million**, confirming the low risk level of the loan portfolio. The particularly strong performance recorded in the first half

³ Net flows including the fair value effect

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of 2026 was partly attributable to the resolution of certain problematic exposures, which made it possible to release provisions.

- ✓ **Operating costs** amounted to **€123.3 million**, down from €131.0 million in the corresponding period of the previous year **(-5.9%)**. More specifically, **personnel expenses** amounted to €87.0 million, while **other administrative expenses** totalled €49.9 million, remaining broadly unchanged compared with the first half of 2025. This was achieved through selective cost-containment measures, without compromising investments in growth.
- ✓ **Net provisions for risks and charges** amounted to **€0.7 million**.
- ✓ **Consolidated net profit** for the period reached **€63.1 million**, representing a satisfactory increase of **5.7%** compared with the first half of 2025, while the share attributable to the Parent Company amounted to €60.1 million. **Profit before tax** recorded even stronger growth compared with the corresponding period of the previous year **(+11.6%)**. The tax burden increased more than proportionally as a result of the measures introduced for the banking sector under the 2026 Budget Law.

Key consolidated ratios and indicators

- ✓ Credit quality indicators remain at highly satisfactory levels. Considering the combined figures of the two banks, the **gross non-performing loan ratio (NPL ratio) decreased to 3.0%**, compared with 3.5% at the end of 2025, while the **net NPL ratio stood at 1.7%**, compared with 1.9% at the end of 2025. **The coverage ratio for non-performing exposures** amounted to **46.6%**, or 48.5% based on the combined figures of the two banks.
- ✓ Capital ratios⁵ remained satisfactory: the CET1 ratio stood at **16.2%**, compared with 16.6% as at 31 December 2025, **with a capital surplus of**

⁵ CET1 and TCR calculated in accordance with the new CRR3 framework, which entered into force on 1 January 2025, applying the transitional provisions for exposures in equity instruments (Article 495a CRR) and unconditionally cancellable commitments (Article 495d CRR).

more than 780 basis points above the regulatory minimum requirement (SREP OCR CET1 ratio)⁶. The **Total Capital Ratio** stood at **17.7%**, compared with 18.2% as at 31 December 2025. The decrease in the capital ratios compared with year-end 2025 was mainly attributable to the significant growth in loans to customers.

- ✓ Operating efficiency improved further, with the **cost/income ratio**⁷ standing at **57.8%**, compared with 58.9% at the end of the first half of 2025, excluding non-recurring negative fee and commission items.
- ✓ The **Liquidity Coverage Ratio**⁸ (LCR), stood at **194%** as at 30 June 2026, slightly higher than at the end of 2025. This level is well above the regulatory requirements and in line with the levels recorded in previous years.

Performance of business volumes and key figures from Sparkasse's separate income statement

- ✓ **Loans to customers** recorded satisfactory growth, increasing from €7.0 billion to **€7.2 billion (+2.9%)**, further confirming Sparkasse's ability to support the economies of the regions in which the Bank operates.
- ✓ Direct customer deposits also increased. Excluding repurchase agreements, it rose from €9.5 billion to **€9.6 billion (+1.0%)**, confirming the high level of customer confidence in the Bank.
- ✓ The development of **wealth management** advisory activities continues, with positive net inflows⁹ of **€330 million** in new customer investments into managed savings products. Total assets under management amounted to **€3.44 billion**. Driven by positive subscription flows and the favourable

⁶ Overall Capital Requirement (OCR) ratios, as defined in the EBA Guidelines EBA/GL/2022/03 and in CRD V, represent the sum of the binding requirements (Total SREP Capital Requirement ratios – TSCR, as defined in the EBA Guidelines) and the combined capital buffer requirement.

⁷ Cost/income ratio: calculated in accordance with the formats set out in Bank of Italy Circular No. 262/2005 (operating costs excluding Item 200(b) / operating income), excluding non-core expense items (€8.3 million in June 2026 and €8.2 million in June 2025), as well as other extraordinary and/or non-recurring income (€1.2 million as at 30 June 2026 and €1.1 million as at 30 June 2025).

⁸ LCR – Management figure

⁹ Net flows including the fair value effect

performance of financial markets, assets under management increased by **10.6%**, further confirming the highly positive long-term trend.

- ✓ With regard to **core revenues**, **net interest income** amounted to **€105.6 million**, slightly down from €106.1 million as at 30 June 2025 (**-0.4%**). This moderate decline was attributable to the lower average interest rate level compared with the first half of 2025, which was, however, almost entirely offset by the impact of loan growth. **Net fee and commission income** amounted to **€42.5 million**, up from €41.9 million in the corresponding period of the previous year (**+1.4%**).
- ✓ **Net financial income** amounted to **€5.6 million**, down from **€13.1 million** in the corresponding period of the previous year, which had particularly benefited from the positive contribution of valuation components related to financial activities.
- ✓ **Operating costs** amounted to **€90.4 million**, down from €96.1 million in the corresponding period of the previous year (**-5.9%**). In detail, **personnel expenses** amounted to €65.9 million, while **other administrative expenses** totalled €35.0 million, remaining broadly stable compared with the first half of 2025, thanks to selective cost-containment measures, without compromising investments aimed at supporting growth. **Net impairment losses on property, plant and equipment and intangible assets** amounted to €13.4 million.
- ✓ The **cost of credit risk** was positive, with net impairment gains of **€11.2 million**, reflecting the high quality of Sparkasse's loan portfolio. The particularly strong performance recorded in the first half of 2026 was partly attributable to the resolution of certain problematic exposures, which made it possible to release provisions.
- ✓ **Net profit for the period** amounted to **€47.5 million**, up from €45.1 million as at 30 June 2025 (**+5.3%**). **Profit before tax** recorded an even stronger increase compared with the corresponding period of the previous year (**+11.2%**). The tax burden increased more than proportionally as a result

of the measures introduced for the banking sector under the 2026 Budget Law.

Trends in business volumes and key income statement figures of the subsidiary CiviBank

- ✓ Total **loans to customers** recorded satisfactory growth compared with the end of the previous financial year, increasing from €2.96 billion to **€3.07 billion (+3.8%)**, demonstrating CiviBank's growing ability to support economic growth in the areas in which it operates.
- ✓ **Direct customer deposits** remained broadly in line with the levels recorded at the end of 2025. Excluding repurchase agreements, they declined from €3.16 billion to **€3.13 billion (-0.9%)**, confirming the high level of customer confidence in the bank.
- ✓ The positive trend in **wealth management** advisory activities continued, with net¹⁰ inflows of **€118 million** in new customer investments into managed savings products. Total assets under management amounted to **€1.251 billion**. Driven by positive subscription flows and the favourable performance of financial markets, assets under management increased by **10.5%**, confirming the bank's ability to act as a reliable partner, including in highly specialised advisory services.
- ✓ With regard to **core revenues, net interest income** amounted to **€38.1 million**, slightly down from €38.6 million as at 30 June 2025 **(-1.2%)**. This moderate decline was attributable to the lower average interest rate level compared with the first half of 2025, which was, however, almost entirely offset by the impact of loan growth. **Net fee and commission income** amounted to **€21.0 million**, significantly up from €18.2 million in the corresponding period of the previous year **(+15.4%)**.
- ✓ Net financial income amounted to **€0.3 million**, up from a negative €0.9 million in the corresponding period of the previous year.

¹⁰ Net flows including the fair value effect

- ✓ **Operating costs** amounted to **€35.5 million**, down from €38.8 million in the corresponding period of the previous year **(-8.4%)**. In detail, **personnel expenses** amounted to €20.0 million, while **other administrative expenses** totalled €18.5 million, slightly below the level recorded in the first half of 2025, thanks to selective cost-containment measures, without compromising investments aimed at supporting growth. **Net impairment losses on property, plant and equipment and intangible assets** amounted to €3.4 million.
- ✓ The **cost of credit risk** was positive, with net impairment gains of **€1.8 million**, compared with net impairment gains of €3.2 million recorded in the corresponding period of the previous year, confirming the bank's prudent risk monitoring and management policy, which has been further strengthened since joining the Sparkasse Group.
- ✓ **Net profit for the period** reached **€15.8 million**, significantly up from €13.6 million in the corresponding period of the previous financial year **(+16.7%)**. **Profit before tax** recorded an even stronger increase compared with the corresponding period of the previous year **(+24.4%)**. The tax burden increased more than proportionally as a result of the measures introduced for the banking sector under the 2026 Budget Law.

Chairman **Gerhard Brandstätter** stated: *“The half-year results clearly and unequivocally confirm the strength of the Sparkasse Group, which closed the period having fully achieved its stated objectives. Sparkasse, CiviBank and Sparim each met the targets set for their respective areas of operation, demonstrating the consistency and effectiveness of the Group's overall strategy. This is a significant result, achieved against an international backdrop still marked by geopolitical uncertainty. The Sparkasse Group is growing in terms of both volumes and profitability, confirming the resilience of its business model. The Group's strength, stability and reliability are also reflected in the recent assignment of an external investment-grade rating by leading international rating agencies Fitch Ratings and S&P Global Ratings.*

We are confident that 2026 may also prove to be a very positive year in terms of shareholder remuneration, which we hope to be able to distribute to our shareholders in the form of dividends”.

Vice Chairman **Carlo Costa** added: *“The excellent result achieved in the first half of the year confirms, on the one hand, the Group’s solid position and its ability to continue strongly supporting the financing needs of businesses and households and, on the other, its recognised excellence in providing high-quality wealth management advisory services. We are all the more pleased to note that Banca di Cividale also made a significant contribution to this result. We are confident that the Group will continue to benefit from its improving performance throughout the remainder of 2026 and in the years ahead.”*

Chief Executive Officer and General Manager **Nicola Calabrò** concluded: *“We are very pleased with the excellent results achieved in the first half of 2026. This growth was driven first and foremost by the particularly strong performance of the loan portfolio, which recorded significant increases at both of the Group’s banks. This is not merely a numerical result, but also concrete and tangible evidence of the Group’s ongoing commitment to supporting the real economy in the areas in which it operates, continuing to assist households and businesses in their growth journeys and playing an increasingly central and recognised role as their financial partner of choice.*

The positive picture is further strengthened by the continued reduction in overall risk, confirming the quality of growth and the effectiveness of the Group’s risk management policies. Capital ratios also remained solid, providing the Group with the financial strength required to continue supporting the development of its core regions.”

The Manager responsible for preparing the Company's financial reports, Gabriele Rosin, hereby declares, pursuant to Article 154-bis, paragraph 2, of the Italian Consolidated Law on Finance, that the accounting information contained in this press release corresponds to the documentary records, books and accounting entries.

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Financial statements (figures in thousands of euros)

Asset items	30/06/2026	31/12/2025
10. Cash and cash equivalents	136,713	860,258
20. Financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss	200,217	191,191
a) financial assets held for trading	45,204	40,822
c) other financial assets mandatorily measured at fair value	155,014	150,368
30. Financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income	932,905	570,038
40. Financial assets measured at amortised cost	13,820,024	13,002,908
a) loans and receivables due from banks	1,327,184	674,770
b) loans and receivables due from customers	12,492,840	12,328,138
50. Hedging derivatives	53,959	58,679
60. Change in value of financial assets subject to macro-hedging (+/-)	(37,871)	(41,600)
70. Equity investments	10,570	10,542
90. Property, plant and equipment	407,469	422,895
100. Intangible assets	32,539	36,598
- goodwill	214	214
110. Tax assets	121,401	152,775
a) current	49,935	67,817
b) deferred	71,466	84,957
120. Non-current assets and disposal groups held for sale	16,516	5,979
130. Other assets	443,184	445,974
Total assets	16,137,626	15,716,236

Liabilities and equity items	30/06/2026	31/12/2025
10. Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost	14,140,732	13,959,248
a) amounts due to banks	1,262,482	1,160,869
b) amounts due to customers	11,982,074	11,987,038
c) securities issued	896,177	811,341
20. Financial liabilities held for trading	316	147
40. Hedging derivatives	7,361	7,663
60. Tax liabilities	41,971	53,142
a) current	27,787	39,575
b) deferred	14,184	13,567
70. Liabilities associated with assets held for sale	372	444
80. Other liabilities	575,285	342,922
90. Staff severance pay	1,793	1,820
100. Provisions for risks and charges	56,152	65,756
a) commitments and guarantees given	11,604	14,232
b) pensions and similar obligations	31,838	33,279
c) other provisions for risks and charges	12,711	18,246
120. Valuation reserves	20,052	22,064
140. Equity instruments	44,700	44,700
150. Reserves	509,885	463,051
155. Interim dividends (-)	0	(6,033)
160. Share premium reserves	141,923	141,892
170. Share capital	469,644	469,644
180. Treasury shares (-)	(4,502)	(3,701)
190. Equity attributable to minority interests (+/-)	71,864	69,934
200. Profit (loss) for the period (+/-)	60,075	83,542
Total liabilities and equity	16,137,626	15,716,236

Income statement items	30/06/2026	30/06/2025
10. Interest and similar income	230,666	246,206
of which: interest income calculated using the effective interest method	214,085	217,807
20. Interest and similar expense	(85,032)	(97,582)
30. Net interest income	145,634	148,623
40. Fee and commission income	79,045	74,005
50. Fee and commission expense	(15,600)	(13,986)
60. Net fee and commission income	63,445	60,020
70. Dividends and similar income	2,058	1,778
80. Net trading income	1,306	292
90. Net hedging income	(264)	2,356
100. Gains (losses) on disposal or repurchase of:	(842)	2,273
a) financial assets measured at amortised cost	(665)	2,240
b) financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income	(176)	34
c) financial liabilities	(1)	(1)
110. Net income from other financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value	(1,016)	256
a) financial assets and liabilities designated at fair value	0	0
b) other financial assets mandatorily measured at fair value	(1,016)	256
120. Operating income	210,321	215,597
130. Net impairment losses/reversals for credit risk relating to:	9,876	3,471
a) financial assets measured at amortised cost	9,859	3,458
b) financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income	17	13
140. Gains/losses from contractual modifications without derecognition	(623)	(536)
150. Net financial income	219,574	218,532
190. Administrative expenses:	(136,904)	(131,812)
a) personnel expenses	(86,982)	(82,063)
b) other administrative expenses	(49,922)	(49,749)
200. Net provisions for risks and charges	1,901	(379)
a) commitments and guarantees given	2,628	(116)
b) other net provisions	(727)	(263)
210. Net impairment losses/reversals on property, plant and equipment	(10,483)	(9,628)
220. Net impairment losses/reversals on intangible assets	(4,379)	(4,197)
230. Other operating expenses/income	26,518	14,979
240. Operating costs	(123,348)	(131,038)
250. Gains (losses) on equity investments	28	18
260. Net result of fair value measurement of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets	2,341	889
270. Goodwill impairment losses	0	0
280. Gains (losses) on disposal of investments	65	42
290. Profit (loss) from continuing operations before tax	98,661	88,443
300. Income taxes on continuing operations	(35,523)	(28,600)
310. Profit (loss) from continuing operations after tax	63,138	59,843
320. Profit (loss) from discontinued operations after tax	0	(84)
330. Profit (loss) for the period	63,138	59,759
340. Profit (loss) for the period attributable to non-controlling interests	(3,063)	(2,923)
350. Profit (loss) for the period attributable to the Parent Company	60,075	56,836

Summary data – 2026 half-year results¹¹

Balance sheet data (consolidated)		30.06.2026	31.12.2025
Direct customer deposits	€ bn	12.6	12.5
Assets under management	€ bn	4.6	4.2
Gross loans ¹²	€ bn	10.3	10.0
Total assets	€ bn	16.1	15.7

Income statement data (consolidated)		30.06.2026	30.06.2025
Net interest income	€ m	145.6	148.6
Net fee and commission income	€ m	63.4	60.0
Net financial income	€ m	1.2	7.0
Operating income	€ m	210.3	215.6
Personnel expenses	€ m	-87.0	-82.1
Administrative expenses	€ m	-49.9	-49.7
Cost of credit risk	€ m	12.5	3.4
Net profit	€ m	63.1	59.8

¹¹ For the definition of the aggregates, please refer to the table in the Notes to the Alternative Performance Measures.

¹² The gross loans item refers exclusively to loans to customers and does not include debt securities.

Annex: Alternative Performance Measures

The values are expressed, unless otherwise indicated, in thousands of euro.		30/06/2026	31/12/2025	30/06/2025
Gross non-performing loans	A	312,706	351,555	
Total gross loans	B	10,286,088	9,964,585	
Gross NPL ratio	(A/B)	3.04%	3.53%	
Net non-performing loans	A	167,028	186,326	
Total net loans	B	10,085,318	9,746,991	
Net NPL ratio	(A/B)	1.66%	1.91%	
Operating expenses	A	126,411		131,755
Total revenues	B	218,615		223,763
Cost/income ratio	(A/B)	57.82%		58.88%
Net non-performing loans	A	167,028	186,326	
Shareholders' equity	B	1,241,778	1,215,159	
Intangible assets	C	32,539	36,598	
Texas ratio	(A/(B-C))	13.81%	15.81%	
Specific write-downs	A	145,678	165,229	
Gross non-performing loans	B	312,706	351,555	
Total coverage ratio for non-performing loans	(A/B)	46.59%	47.00%	
Net profit	A	60,075		56,836
Shareholders' equity (average YE and YE before)	B	1,228,469		1,193,372
Return on equity (ROE)	(A/B)	4.89%		4.76%
Total Common Equity Tier 1 (CET1) capital	A	1,162,197	1,121,640	
Risk-weighted assets	B	7,172,329	6,741,163	
CET1 capital ratio	(A/B)	16.20%	16.64%	
Total Common Equity Tier 1 (CET1) capital	A	1,162,197	1,121,640	
Total Additional Tier 1 (AT1) capital	B	50,032	49,586	
Risk-weighted assets	C	7,172,329	6,741,163	
Tier 1 capital ratio	((A+B)/C)	16.90%	17.37%	
Total Common Equity Tier 1 (CET1) capital	A	1,162,197	1,121,640	
Total Additional Tier 1 (AT1) capital	B	50,032	49,586	
Total Tier 2 (T2) capital	C	58,542	56,791	
Risk-weighted assets	D	7,172,329	6,741,163	
Total capital ratio	((A+B+C)/D)	17.72%	18.22%	
Liquidity buffer	A	3,735,941	3,669,073	
Net liquidity outflow	B	1,922,227	1,918,526	
Liquidity Coverage Ratio - LCR (%)	(A/B)	194.35%	191.24%	
Total available stable funding	A	11,596,097	11,586,812	
Total required stable funding	B	9,310,839	9,232,248	
Net Stable Funding Ratio - NSFR (%)s (as of 31st march 2026)	(A/B)	124.54%	125.50%	
Customer deposits		12,588,981	12,523,732	
Managed and insurance assets		5,310,663	4,968,573	
Indirect deposits		8,002,710	7,711,623	

Notes to the Alternative Performance Measures

General notes and key definitions

CET1, Tier 1 and TCR Calculated in accordance with the new CRR3 framework, which entered into force on 1 January 2025, applying the transitional provisions for exposures in equity instruments (Article 495a CRR) and for unconditionally cancellable commitments (Article 495d CRR).

LCR Liquidity Coverage Ratio, defined as the ratio of high-quality liquid assets (HQLA) to net cash outflows over a 30-day period under stressed conditions.

NSFR: The ratio of the amount of available stable funding to the amount of required stable funding, calculated by applying the weighting factors defined according to balance-sheet and off-balance-sheet items. The relevant calculation requirements are set out in Regulation (EU) 2019/876 of the European Parliament.

Texas ratio: The ratio of net non-performing loans to tangible book equity.

Direct customer deposits: Items 10(b) and 10(c) of the liabilities side of the balance sheet, excluding MTS repo transactions.

Assets under management: Management figure comprising the sum of units of UCITS held by customers, discretionary portfolio management, unit-linked policies, multi-branch policies and pension funds..

Assets under management and insurance products Management figure which, in addition to the items indicated under "Assets under management", also includes funding in insurance products

Indirect funding Corresponds to the sum of "Assets under management and insurance products" and assets under administration, the latter represented by customer securities deposits held in custody and administration

Gross loans: Gross exposures, defined as performing and non-performing exposures before impairment adjustments, including only loans to customers, including reverse repurchase agreements, and excluding debt securities and assets reclassified under IFRS 5.

Net interest income: Item 30 of the consolidated income statement.

Net fee and commission income: Item 60 of the consolidated income statement.

Operating income: Item 120 of the consolidated income statement.

Net financial income Items from 70 to 110 of the consolidated income statement.

Personnel expenses: Item 190(a) of the consolidated income statement.

Administrative expenses: Item 190(b) of the consolidated income statement.

Operating revenues and operating costs: correspond respectively to Item 120 Operating income, excluding extraordinary and/or non-recurring expense components, and to Item 240 Operating costs net of Item 200(b), excluding other extraordinary and/or non-recurring income.

Cost of credit risk: Items 130 and 200(a) of the income statement.

Net profit for the period: Item 350 of the consolidated income statement.

Gross non-performing loans Defined as non-performing exposures before impairment adjustments, including bad loans, unlikely-to-pay exposures and past-due exposures; including only loans to customers, including reverse repurchase agreements, and excluding debt securities and assets reclassified under IFRS 5

Net non-performing loans Defined as non-performing exposures after impairment adjustments, including bad loans, unlikely-to-pay exposures and past-due exposures; including only loans to customers, including reverse repurchase agreements, and excluding debt securities and assets reclassified under IFRS 5.

Total gross loans Defined as loans to customers excluding debt securities

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Shareholders' equity for the Group Defined as Items from 120 to 200 of the passive balance sheet

Tangible equity for the Group Defined as shareholders' equity, less intangible assets, comprising goodwill and other intangible assets.

RoE Net profit for the period as a percentage of average book equity.

Specific write downs (on non-performing exposures) as shown in Table A.1.2, Part E, contained in the consolidated financial statements, excluding those on debt securities

Coverage ratio for non-performing exposures Defined as impairment adjustments on non-performing exposures divided by gross non-performing exposures, excluding assets reclassified under IFRS 5.

Gross non-performing loans to total gross loans ratio – Gross NPL ratio Defined as: (i) gross non-performing exposures divided by (ii) total gross exposures, including reverse repurchase agreements and excluding debt securities and assets reclassified under IFRS 5.

Net non-performing loans to total net loans ratio – Net NPL ratio Defined as: (i) net non-performing exposures divided by (ii) total net exposures, including reverse repurchase agreements and excluding debt securities and assets reclassified under IFRS 5..

Net profit: Defined as net profit for the period.

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