Press Release

Bank Audi Consolidated Activity Highlights as at End-June 2018

Beirut, July 30, 2018

- US\$ 44.9 billion of assets
- US\$ 31.3 billion of customers' deposits
- US\$ 14.6 billion of loans to customers
- US\$ 4.0 billion of shareholders' equity
- US\$ 265 million of net profits in the first half of 2018, rising by 25% relative to the recurrent net profits of the corresponding period of 2017

While Lebanon has witnessed in the first half of the year the early adoption of a 2018 public budget regularizing the state's accounts and a number of successful international support conferences as well as the achievement of the parliamentary elections, the country's economy remains subdued. Meanwhile, amid a slight increase in financial inflows and a corollary surplus in the balance of payments, banking activity was sound, with satisfactory deposit growth but with negative lending growth. Deposit growth reported US\$ 3.7 billion over the first 5 months of 2018, similar to the same period last year. In addition, the average life of Lebanese Pound deposits reported a noticeable increase from circa 40 days in October 2017 to more than 120 days today, reinforcing the monetary position and the stability of the currency.

In Egypt and Turkey where Bank Audi has a significant presence, economic performances were uneven. The Egyptian economy moved closer to macroeconomic stability and market confidence has been gradually restored. As a result, growth is edging up to 5.3% in fiscal year 2017/18 and core inflation is falling gradually. On the other hand, Turkey started with an adequate economic performance in the first few months of 2018, buoyed by higher consumption and investment spending, before pressures emerged on the Lira and on consumer prices in May, due to a widening current account deficit driven by high growth rates within the context of a retreat in the interest of emerging markets investors and capital inflows to this region. Nonetheless, this background did not prevent our subsidiaries in Egypt and Turkey to develop their activity and generate satisfactory results.

In fact, Bank Audi sal achieved a good performance in the first half of 2018, attributed to an improvement in operating conditions and the optimization of resources deployed in addition to the adopted conservative and balanced risk management policy. Accordingly, consolidated net profits of Bank Audi rose to US\$ 265 million, representing a growth by 25% relative to the recurrent net profits of the corresponding period of 2017. The contribution of entities abroad to consolidated net profits reached US\$ 95 million, of which US\$ 39 million in Odea Bank in Turkey and US\$ 33 million in Bank Audi Egypt. This resulted into a further reinforcement of the financial standing and overall efficiency of the Group, as witnessed by a 70.1% primary liquidity to customers' deposits ratio, a 4.1% gross doubtful loans to gross loans ratio, an 18.3% capital adequacy ratio and a 14.7% return of average common equity ratio.

In details:

• Consolidated assets reached US\$ 44.9 billion at end-June 2018 as compared to US\$ 43.8 billion as at end-December 2017, corresponding to a growth of 2.5%. Accordingly, consolidated assets expanded by US\$ 1.1 billion, representing a nominal increase which takes into account the devaluation of the Turkish Lira. When adopting a constant exchange rate (the same as the one at end-December 2017), the real increase would have reached US\$ 1.9 billion. In parallel, total assets

under management, comprising of fiduciary deposits, custody accounts and assets under management, increased from US\$ 11 billion as at end-December 2017 to US\$ 12 billion, with total consolidated assets and assets under management reaching US\$ 56.9 billion as at end-June 2018. The size of Bank Audi makes it the only Lebanese bank to be ranked among the top 20 Arab banking groups.

- Consolidated customers' deposits amounted to US\$ 31.3 billion at end-June 2018 while consolidated net loans reached US\$ 14.6 billion, both registering contractions relative to end-December 2017 attributed principally to the adopted strategy favouring activity consolidation in the Group's main markets of presence while forgoing unstable costly deposits and not renewing some maturing loans with limited ancillary contribution to the franchise building.
- Consolidated gross doubtful loans reached US\$ 624 million as at end-June 2018, almost the same level as at end-December 2017. In parallel, gross doubtful loans represented 4.1% of gross loans as at end-June 2018 as compared to 3.5% as at end-December 2017, whereby this evolution is exclusively attributed to the 11.4% contraction in gross loans as a result of the adopted policy rather than to a deterioration in the loan quality. In the first half of 2018, Management allocated US\$ 60 million of net loan loss provisions. The coverage ratio of doubtful loans by specific provisions and real guarantees reached 101% at end-June 2018, of which 60% by specific provisions, while consolidated collective provisions on loans and advances amounted to US\$ 204 million, representing 1.4% of net loans.
- In parallel, the Bank's capital adequacy ratio as per Basel III improved from 16.9% at end-December 2017 to 18.3% at end-June 2018 while the core equity Tier one ratio (CET1) increased from 10.5% to 11.1%. In addition, primary liquidity placed with central banks and foreign banks continued to represent a high level when compared to regional and global benchmarks, standing at 70.1%.
- At the profitability level, Bank Audi registered in the first half of 2018 a growth in its consolidated net profits of 25% relative to the net profits before discontinued operations achieved in the corresponding period of 2017, to reach US\$ 265 million. This performance is principally attributed to the adopted conservative and balanced policy across all Group entities and which translated in an increase in net interest income by US\$ 74 million over the same period resulting from an improvement in consolidated spread by 34 basis driven by spread improvement across all entities. The increase in net interest income would have amounted to US\$ 117 million if there were no new taxes on financial investments in Lebanon. The increase in the net interest income was offset by a decrease in non-interest income tied mainly to a decrease in profits from financial instruments, be it shares and bonds, within the context of an adopted policy to gradually replace market operations subject to fluctuations by recurrent non-interest income arising from the Bank's core activities.

In addition, the performance management strategy aiming at optimizing deployed resources has started to yield results with a reinforcement of the overall efficiency, as indicated by the decrease in consolidated general operating expenses in the first half of 2018 as compared to the first half of 2017 by US\$ 56 million, of which US\$ 18 million in Lebanon and US\$ 38 million in entities abroad. Nonetheless it is important to adjust the latter from the currency translation effect of the devaluation of the Turkish Lira estimated at US\$ 9 million. Savings in general operating expenses in Lebanese entities were achieved while maintaining the same staff count and developing the branch network.

• Based on such results, the Bank's return on average assets improved to 1.22% as compared to 1.06% as at end-December 2017 while the return on average common equity increased from 13.4% as at end-December 2017 to 14.7% as at end-June 2018. In parallel, the earnings per common share rose from US\$ 1.03 in 2017 to US\$ 1.20 on an annualised basis in the first half of 2018.

In conclusion, our medium term strategy revolves around strengthening our leadership position in the Lebanese market. In parallel, we are seeking to improve our privileged positioning in the Turkish and Egyptian markets, among privately owned commercial banks. To this end, the Group does not hesitate to enhance the deployment of required resources to develop its human and technical capacities, particularly in the field of digital banking, in addition to the diversification of its products and services. Our goal is to keep up with the development dynamics of the banking profession and to ensure our constant readiness to meet the needs of our customers who are becoming more demanding and more involved in the world of innovation. The ensuing natural outcome should be a steady growth of assets and earnings in the years to come.

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USD 44.9 billion in total assets as at 30/6/2018

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IN US DOLLARS

AT END-JUNE 2018

- USD 31.3 billion of total customers' deposits

- USD 14.6 billion of total loans to customers
- USD 4.0 billion of total shareholders' equity
- USD 265 million of net profits in the first half 2018, rising by 25% relative to the recurrent net profits of the corresponding period of 2017
- USD 95 million of those profits are generated in entities outside Lebanon, of which USD 39 million in Odea Bank in Turkey and USD 33 million in Bank Audi Egypt

Main Financial Indicators

- 70.1% of primary liquidity to customers' deposits ratio
- 18.3% of capital adequacy ratio as per Basel III, of which 11.1% of Common Equity Tier 1 ratio
- 4.1% of gross doubtful loans to gross loans ratio, covered up to 101% by specific provisions and real guarantees
- USD 267 million of collective provisions
- 14.7% of return on average common equity

A UNIVERSAL AND INNOVATIVE BANKING OFFERING CATERING TO 1.1 MILLION CUSTOMERS SERVED THROUGH 202 BRANCHES AND 6,300 EMPLOYEES IN 11 COUNTRIES

Bank Audi

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION (UNAUDITED)

	30/6/2018 USD Thousands	31/12/2017 USD Thousands
ASSETS		
Cash and balances with central banks Due from banks and financial institutions Loans to banks and financial institutions and reverse repurchase agreements Due from head office, sister, related banks and financial institutions Financial assets given as collateral Derivative financial instruments Shares and participations at fair value through profit and loss Debt instruments and other similar financial assets at fair value through profit and loss Of which: net loans and advances at fair value through profit and loss Net loans and advances to customers at amortised cost Net loans and advances to related parties at amortised cost ⁽¹⁾ Debtors by acceptances Debt instruments classified at amortised cost ⁽²⁾ Shares and participations at fair value through other comprehensive income Debt instruments and other similar financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income Investments in associates Assets taken in settlement of debts Property and equipment Intangible fixed assets Non-current assets held for sale Other assets	13,071,968 1,644,414 77,712 - 470,603 40,891 181,338 22,690 14,454,751 117,685 277,267 12,713,326 99,766 473,321 97,998 117,846 576,698 48,111 - 367,534	13,165,412 965,010 801,682 - 264,069 40,484 951,522 31,614 16,186,257 107,339 150,512 9,832,401 104,827 - 89,192 95,561 586,666 50,576 - 331,995
Goodwill	28,333	28,334
TOTAL ASSETS	44,859,562	43,751,839

⁽¹⁾ Loans granted to related parties against cash collateral amounted to USD 85 million. ⁽²⁾ Includes an amount of USD 1,403 million with risk ceded to customers.

	30/6/2018 USD Thousands	31/12/2017 USD Thousands
OFF-BALANCE SHEET		
Financing commitments		
- Financing commitments given to banks and financial institutions	419,327	499,080
- Financing commitments given to customers	3,070,066	3,305,167
Bank guarantees		
- Guarantees given to banks and financial institutions	67,312	147,759
Of which: credit derivatives	-	-
- Guarantees received from banks and financial institutions	100,208	818,986
Of which: credit derivatives	-	-
- Guarantees given to customers	1,407,701	1,493,460
- Guarantees received from customers	23,089,889	24,395,771
Financial notes commitments		
- Financial notes commitments to be received	-	-
Of which: financial instruments sold with a buy back option	-	-
- Financial notes commitments to be delivered	-	-
Of which: financial instruments purchased with a buy back option	-	-
Foreign currencies forwards		
- Foreign currencies to receive	7,283,218	7,401,225
- Foreign currencies to deliver	7,297,931	7,411,882
Commitments on term financial instruments	13,669,753	6,117,424
Other commitments	-	-
Claims from legal cases	-	-
Fiduciary accounts	2,101,828	1,953,441
- Under specific instructions	2,086,633	1,936,522
- Under discretionary investments	15,195	16,919
Assets under management	9,867,008	8,987,616
Mutual funds	52,879	49,016
Structured financial products	-	-
Engagement unlikely to be executed	-	-
Bad debts written off during the year	72,850	3,296

LIABILITIES	
Due to head office, siste Financial assets taken as Derivative financial instr Financial liabilities at fain	uments r value through profit and loss : fair value through profit and loss arties borrowed funds :ances charges similar debts
TOTAL LIABILITIES	
Reserve for cash flow he Remeasurement actuari Share of associates' oth Foreign currency transla	n shares I shares on shares ed shares ed shares nts contribution to capital res eal estate if financial assets at fair value through other cor dges al (gain)/Loss on defined benefit plan er comprehensive income under equity metho tion reserve e of net investments in foreign entities - Group share rest

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY



	2016/2040	24 /4 2 /2 0 4 7
	30/6/2018 USD Thousands	31/12/2017 USD Thousands
	5,553,000	2,634,492
	1,824,209	1,887,294
	-	-
	-	-
	408,207	136,242
	-	-
	30,889,983	32,953,802
	430,290	497,660
	- 277,267	- 150,512
	340,968	390,504
	291,127	94,017
	818,836	819,415
	-	-
	40,833,887	39,563,938
	440,984	440,984
	8,274	8,274
	586,124	586,124
	741,726 8,377	741,726 8,377
	48,150	48,150
	1,268,919	1,140,907
	287,081	287,022
	(3,877) 946,681	(62,708) 827,137
	236,907	236,907
comprehensive income	2,126	582
	(1,810) (8,495)	- (8,495)
hod	3,624	3,016
	(999,248)	(847,612)
	-	(7,777)
	255,828 3,821,371	538,121 3,940,735
	204,304	247,166
	4,025,675	4,187,901
	44,859,562	43,751,839

CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT (UNAUDITED)

	30/6/2018 USD Thousands	30/6/2017 USD Thousands
Interest and similar income	1,465,389	1,368,585
Interest and similar expense	(883,310)	(834,188)
Net interest margin	582,079	534,397
Fee and commission income	123,982	157,451
Fee and commission expense	(18,704)	(30,689)
Net fee and commission income	105,278	126,762
Net gain on financial assets or liabilities at fair value through profit and loss	32,539	29,263
Of which: interest income	4,840	18,756
Net gain on financial investments	10,158	12,440
Other operating income	10,066	31,561
Total operating income	740,120	734,423
Net provisions for credit losses	(59,688)	(71,470)
Net operating income	680,432	662,953
Personnel expenses	(188,797)	(217,694)
Other operating expenses	(121,205)	(144,305)
Depreciation of property and equipment	(20,900)	(24,468)
Amortisation of intangible assets	(7,750)	(7,710)
Impairment on goodwill and investments	-	-
Total of operating expenses	(338,652)	(394,177)
Operating profit	341,780	268,776
Share of profit of associates under equity method	721	1,079
Net gain (loss) on disposal of other asset	141	552
Profit before tax	342,642	270,407
Income tax	(77,253)	(57,646)
Profit after tax	265,389	212,761
Result of discontinued operations, net of tax	-	95,293
Profit for the period	265,389	308,054
Minority share profit for the period	9,561	10,072
Group share profit for the period	255,828	297,982
Basic earnings per share USD	0.59	0.72
Basic earnings per share from continuing operations USD	0.59	0.48

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AMONG THE TOP REGIONAL BANKING GROUPS

LBP 67,626 billion in total assets as at 30/6/2018

consolidated activity highlights

IN LEBANESE POUNDS

AT END-JUNE 2018

- LBP 47,215 billion of total customers' deposits

- LBP 21,968 billion of total loans to customers
- LBP 6,069 billion of total shareholders' equity
- LBP 400 billion of net profits in the first half 2018 rising by 25% relative to the recurrent net profits of the corresponding period of 2017
- LBP 143 billion of those profits are generated in entities outside Lebanon, of which LBP 59 billion in Odea Bank in Turkey and LBP 49 billion in Bank Audi Egypt

Main Financial Indicators

- 70.1% of primary liquidity to customers' deposits ratio
- 18.3% of capital adequacy ratio as per Basel III, of which 11.1% of Common Equity Tier 1 ratio
- 4.1% of gross doubtful loans to gross loans ratio, covered up to 101% by specific provisions and real guarantees
- LBP 403 billion of collective provisions
- 14.7% of return on average common equity

A UNIVERSAL AND INNOVATIVE BANKING OFFERING CATERING TO 1.1 MILLION CUSTOMERS SERVED THROUGH 202 BRANCHES AND 6,300 EMPLOYEES IN 11 COUNTRIES

Bank Audi

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION (UNAUDITED)

	30/6/2018 LBP Million	31/12/2017 LBP Million
ASSETS		
Cash and balances with central banks Due from banks and financial institutions Loans to banks and financial institutions and reverse repurchase agreements Due from head office, sister, related banks and financial institutions Financial assets given as collateral Derivative financial instruments Shares and participations at fair value through profit and loss Debt instruments and other similar financial assets at fair value through profit and loss Of which: net loans and advances at fair value through profit and loss Net loans and advances to customers at amortised cost Net loans and advances to related parties at amortised cost ⁽¹⁾ Debtors by acceptances Debt instruments classified at amortised cost ⁽²⁾ Shares and participations at fair value through other comprehensive income Debt instruments and other similar financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income Investments in associates Assets taken in settlement of debts Property and equipment Intangible fixed assets Non-current assets held for sale	19,705,992 2,478,954 117,151 - - 709,434 61,643 273,367 34,206 21,790,538 177,410 417,979 19,165,339 150,398 713,531 147,732 177,652 869,373 72,528	19,846,859 1,454,753 1,208,536 - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -
Other assets Goodwill	554,057 42,712	500,481 42,713
TOTAL ASSETS	67,625,790	65,955,897

⁽¹⁾ Loans granted to related parties against cash collateral amounted to LBP 128 billion. ⁽²⁾ Includes an amount of LBP 2,115 billion with risk ceded to customers.

	30/6/2018 LBP Million	31/12/2017 LBP Million
OFF-BALANCE SHEET		
Financing commitments		
- Financing commitments given to banks and financial institutions	632,135	752,363
- Financing commitments given to customers	4,628,124	4,982,539
Bank guarantees		
- Guarantees given to banks and financial institutions	101,473	222,747
Of which: credit derivatives	-	-
- Guarantees received from banks and financial institutions	151,064	1,234,621
Of which: credit derivatives	-	-
- Guarantees given to customers	2,122,110	2,251,391
- Guarantees received from customers	34,808,007	36,776,625
Financial notes commitments		
 Financial notes commitments to be received 	-	-
Of which: financial instruments sold with a buy back option	-	-
- Financial notes commitments to be delivered	-	-
Of which: financial instruments purchased with a buy back option	-	-
Foreign currencies forwards		
- Foreign currencies to receive	10,979,451	11,157,347
- Foreign currencies to deliver	11,001,631	11,173,412
Commitments on term financial instruments	20,607,152	9,222,017
Other commitments	-	-
Claims from legal cases	-	-
Fiduciary accounts	3,168,507	2,944,813
- Under specific instructions	3,145,600	2,919,307
- Under discretionary investments	22,907	25,506
Assets under management	14,874,515	13,548,832
Mutual funds	79,716	73,892
Structured financial products	-	-
Engagement unlikely to be executed	-	-
Bad debts written off during the year	109,822	4,968

LIABILITIES	
Due to head office, s Financial assets take Derivative financial in Financial liabilities at	ancial institutions and repurchase agreement ister, related banks and financial institutions in as a guarantee instruments fair value through profit and loss is at fair value through profit and loss d parties er borrowed funds eptances and charges and similar debts
TOTAL LIABILITIES	
Non-distributable reserve Distributable reserve Treasury shares Retained earnings Proposed dividends Revaluation reserve of Reserve on revaluation Reserve for cash flow Remeasurement actu Share of associates' Foreign currency tran	non shares red shares erred shares erred shares erred shares rrants sh contribution to capital erves s of real estate n of financial assets at fair value through other com hedges larial (gain)/Loss on defined benefit plan other comprehensive income under equity method islation reserve dge of net investments in foreign entities ity - Group share terest

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY



	30/6/2018	31/12/2017
	LBP Million	LBP Million
	8,371,148	3,971,498
	2,749,994	2,845,095
	-	-
	- 615 272	- 205,384
	615,372	205,564
	-	-
	46,566,650	49,677,857
	648,663	750,222
	-	-
	417,979 514,011	226,896 588,685
	438,873	141,731
	, 1,234,395	, 1,235,268
	-	-
	61,557,085	59,642,636
	661 792	661 792
	664,783 12,472	664,783 12,472
	883,582	883,582
	1,118,153	1,118,153
	12,629	12,629
	72,586	72,586
	1,912,895	1,719,917
	432,774	430,592
	(5,845)	(94,532)
	1,427,123	1,249,004
	- 357,137	- 257 127
nprehensive income	3,205	357,137 877
inprenensive income	(2,728)	
	(12,807)	(12,807)
d	5,463	4,546
	(1,506,366)	(1,277,774)
	-	(11,724)
	385,661	811,217
	5,760,717	5,940,658
	307,988	372,603
	6,068,705	6,313,261
	67,625,790	65,955,897

CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT (UNAUDITED)

	30/6/2018 LBP Million	30/6/2017 LBP Million
Interest and similar income	2,209,075	2,063,142
Interest and similar expense	(1,331,590)	(1,257,538)
Net interest margin	877,485	805,604
Fee and commission income	186,902	237,357
Fee and commission expense	(28,196)	(46,264)
Net fee and commission income	158,706	191,093
Net gain on financial assets or liabilities at fair value through profit and loss	49,052	44,114
Of which: interest income	7,296	28,275
Net gain on financial investments	15,314	18,754
Other operating income	15,174	47,579
Total operating income	1,115,731	1,107,144
Net provisions for credit losses	(89,979)	(107,741)
Net operating income	1,025,752	999,403
Personnel expenses	(284,613)	(328,174)
Other operating expenses	(182,718)	(217,540)
Depreciation of property and equipment	(31,506)	(36,885)
Amortisation of intangible assets	(11,683)	(11,623)
Impairment on goodwill and investments	-	-
Total of operating expenses	(510,520)	(594,222)
Operating profit	515,232	405,181
Share of profit of associates under equity method	1,087	1,627
Net gain (loss) on disposal of other asset	213	833
Profit before tax	516,532	407,641
Income tax	(116,458)	(86,902)
Profit after tax	400,074	320,739
Result of discontinued operations, net of tax	-	143,654
Profit for the period	400,074	464,393
Minority share profit for the period	14,413	15,185
Group share profit for the period	385,661	449,208
Basic earnings per share LBP	897	1,092
Basic earnings per share from continuing operations LBP	897	724

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