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BNP Paribas Group Interim Report 2001

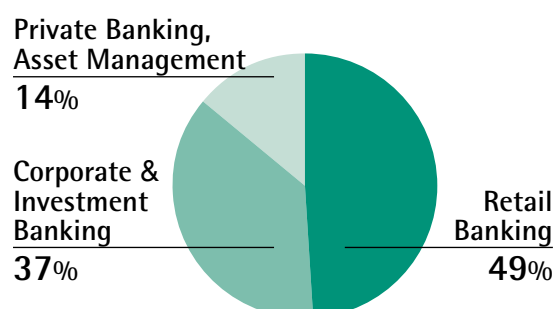
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EARNINGS

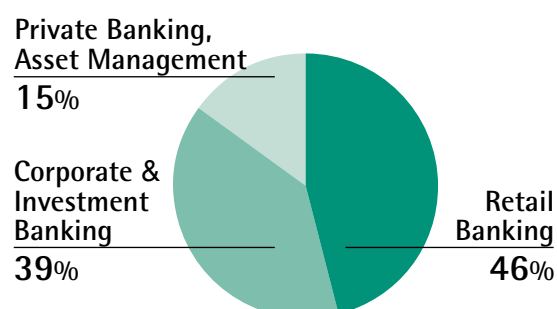
in millions of euros	1 st half 2001	1 st half 2000	% change
Net Banking Income	8,851	8,385	5.6%
Gross Operating Income	3,413	3,243	5.2%
Operating Income	2,881	2,812	2.5%
Pre-Tax Income	3,683	3,877	-5.0%
Net Income Group Share	2,409	2,594	-7.1%

1st half 2001 Breakdown

Core businesses' Net Banking Income



Core businesses' Gross Operating Income



BUSINESS VOLUMES

in billions of euros	30.06.2001	31.12.2000	30.06.2000
Total Assets	851.4	694.0	688.3
Customer deposits	219.3	172.9	149.3
Customer items (gross)	268.0	240.9	225.2
Shareholders' equity group share ⁽¹⁾	23.3	21.6	20.9

(1) before income appropriation

INTERNATIONAL SOLVENCY RATIO

in millions of euros	30.06.2001	31.12.2000	30.06.2000
Total ⁽¹⁾	10.4%	10.5%	10.7%
Tier One ⁽¹⁾	7.5%	7.5%	7.7%

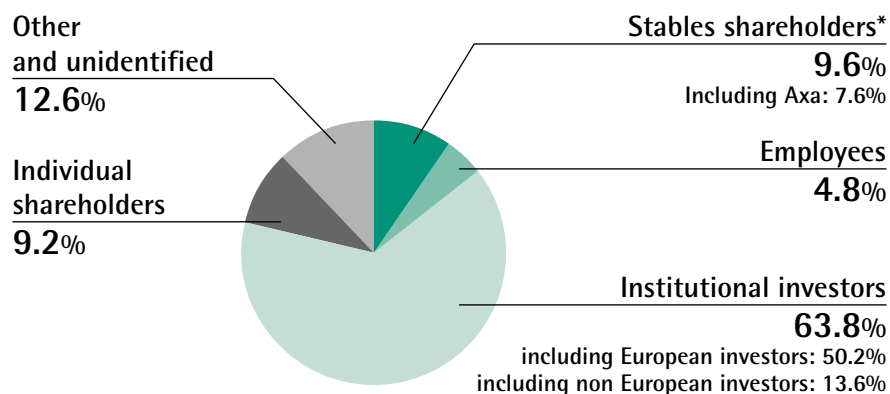
(1) The total ratio and the core capital ratio (tier One) are respectively of 10.1% et 7.3% after deduction of the maximum amount potentially payable on CVG as at 30.06.2000 (as at 31.12.2000: 10.1%; 7.1% and at 30.06.2000: 10.2%; 7.3%)

RATINGS

Moody's	Aa3	Positive Outlook
Standard & Poor's	AA-	Stable Outlook
Fitch	AA-	Positive Outlook

	30.06.2001
Earning per share of the semester (in euros)	5.58
Market Capitalisation (in billions of euros)	46.1
Number of employees	82,681

OWNERSHIP STRUCTURE AS AT 30 JUNE 2001



* Stable shareholders include Axa and the Group of Stable Shareholders made up of TotalFinaElf, Grande Armée participation (PSA Group), Kuwait Investment Authority, General Electric, Eagle Star Securities Ltd (BAT Group).

CAPITAL STOCK

On December 2000, the capital stock of BNP Paribas SA stood at EUR 1,792,258,860 divided into 448,064,715 shares.

Since that date, the number of shares has been modified by the following three operations:

- creation of 559,060 shares following employee subscriptions to stock option plans;
- cancellation of 9 million shares previously acquired by the Bank in accordance with the share buyback programme;
- creation of 3,361,921 shares following the new equity issue reserved for group employees.

Thus, on June 30, 2001, the capital stock of BNP Paribas stood at 1,771,942,784 euros divided into 442,985,696 shares. These fully paid-up shares are under the registered or bearer form, depending on the choice of the holder, subject to the relevant legislation in effect. There are no double voting rights attached to these securities.

- ▶ In a context of a more sluggish economy and bearish financial markets, the Group had operating results superior to those in the first half 2000, which benefited from a combination of positive factors:
 - Gross operating income: 3,413 million euros (+5.2%),
 - Operating income (after provisions): 2,881 million euros (+2.5%),
 - Net income, group share: 2,409 million euros, down 7.1% due a lesser contribution by non-operating items.

- ▶ The sustained growth in the Retail Banking business continued and its revenues were up again.

- ▶ The Private Banking, Asset Management, Insurance and Securities Services core business increased the amount of assets gathered, meeting its targets and improving its performance despite the situation in the financial markets.

- ▶ The Corporate and Investment Banking business, most adversely affected by the developments in the economy and the financial services market, demonstrated its resilience in the face of these developments and its competitiveness compared to its international competitors.

THE GROUP'S RESULTS

Gross operating income up 5.2% compared to the first half 2000.

in millions of euros	1 st half 2001	1 st half 2000	% change
Net Banking Income⁽¹⁾	8,851	8,385	+5.6%
Operating Expenses and Dep.	-5,438	-5,142	+5.8%
Gross Operating Income	3,413	3,243	+5.2%
Provisions	-532	-431	+23.4%
Operating Income	2,881	2,812	+2.5%
Associated Companies	215	132	+62.9%
Capital Gains of Private Equity	331	628	-47.3%
Capital Gains on Equity Portfolio	340	454	-25.1%
Goodwill	-100	-69	+44.9%
Extraordinary Items	16	-80	n.m.
Pre-Tax Income	3,683	3,877	-5.0%
Tax Expense	-1,084	-1,037	+4.5%
Minority Interests	-190	-246	-22.8%
Net Income, Group Share	2,409	2,594	-7.1%
ROE after Tax Expense	21.4%	25.2%	
Cost/Income	61.4%	61.3%	+0.1 bp

(1) NBI breakdown based on accounting standards

- Incl. Fee income (a)	3,329	3,193	+4.3%
- Net of interest income (b)	2,331	2,436	-4.3%
- Gains on financial transactions (b)	3,191	2,756	+15.8%

(a) Revenues from the insurance business, other net banking operating income and the net incomes of the other businesses are included in the "fee income" line item. Trading revenues, as defined economically, are given in Corporate and Investment Banking results.

(b) Trading portfolio carry costs are included in the "net of interest income" line item.

The substantial slowdown in the global economy, the decline in various equity markets, and the wait-and-see reaction of investors, which were already apparent in the beginning of the year, continued through the second quarter. This situation affects banks world-wide, especially equity-related activities, and is in stark contrast with the first half 2000 in which banking and financial services benefited from an exceptional combination of positive factors for the economy and risks as well as for capital markets.

Despite this situation, BNP Paribas Group's net banking income was up 5.6% in the first half 2001, compared to the first half 2000 at 8,851 million euros.

After operating expenses and depreciation, gross operating income came to 3,413 million euros, up 5.2% compared to the first half 2000.

Despite provisions that were up (+23.4% compared to the exceptionally low level at the time), operating income rose 2.5%, to 2,881 million euros, compared to the first half 2000.

With capital gains realised by the Group in the first half (671 million euros) down 38% compared to the first half 2000, net income, group share, came to a total of 2,409 million euros (-7.1% compared to the first half 2000).

Cost/income ratio was stable around 61% and testifies to BNP Paribas' improved competitive position compared to its leading competitors. All three of the Group's core businesses contributed to this performance.

RESULTS OF THE CORE BUSINESSES

Retail Banking

in millions of euros	1 st half 2001	1 st half 2000	% change
Net Banking Income	4,300	3,922	+9.6%
Operating Expenses and Dep.	-2,807	-2,638	+6.4%
Gross Operating Income	1,493	1,284	+16.3%
Provisions	-291	-312	-6.7%
Operating Income	1,202	972	+23.7%
Non Operating Items	-29	22	n.s.
Pre-Tax Income	1,173	994	+18.0%
Pre-Tax ROE	26%	24%	
Cost/Income	65.3%	67.3%	-2.0 bp

In the first half 2001, net banking income of the Retail Banking business rose another 9.6% compared to the first half 2000, to 4,300 million euros. Gross operating income, at 1,493 million euros, was 16.3% higher than in the first half 2000. This sustained growth is driven by the combined performance of all the Retail Banking business lines.

Domestic Retail Banking

in millions of euros	1 st half 2001	1 st half 2000	% change
Net Banking Income*	2,288	2,230	+2.6%
including Fees and others	1031	1,026	+0.5%
including Interest margin	1,257	1,204	+4.4%
Operating Expenses and Dep.*	-1,579	-1,579	+0.0%
Gross Operating Income*	709	651	+8.9%
Provisions*	-64	-83	-22.9%
Operating Income*	645	568	+13.6%
Non Operating Items*	-2	8	n.m.
Pre-Tax Income*	643	576	+11.6%
Résultat attributable to PBAM	55	48	+14.6%
Pre-Tax Income of Dom Retail Bkg	588	528	+11.4%
Pre-Tax ROE	23%	23%	
Cost/Income	69.0%	70.8%	-1.8 bp

*including 100% of Private Banking in France

In the domestic network in France⁽¹⁾, fees increased 0.5% compared to the first half 2000 because the decline in securities related transactions was more than offset by the increased revenues from other fee-generating products (credit cards, account charges, etc.). Net interest margin rose 4.4% driven by strong growth in outstanding loans reported for individual as well as corporate customers. In total, net banking income came to 2,288 million euros, up 2.6% compared to the first half 2000.

The excellent control of operating expenses and depreciation, stable compared to the preceding year, led to an over 8.9% rise in gross operating income at 709 million euros.

After provisions and sharing the income of Private Banking in France with the Private Banking and Asset Management core business, Domestic Retail Banking posted pre-tax first half income of 588 million euros, up 11.4%.

On average, for the first six months of 2001, the cost/income ratio was further improved, down to 69.0% compared to 70.8% in the first half of 2000. Pre-tax return on allocated equity, 23%, was stable compared to the first half of 2000.

The sales dynamic was stepped up. In the first half of the year, the number of cheque and current accounts held by individual customers rose by 71,200 and the number of Private Banking customers in France by 4,800. Multi-channel banking is in the process of beginning operations, on schedule with the timetable announced.

(1) including 100% of Private Banking in France.

Retail Financial Services

in millions of euros	1 st half 2001	1 st half 2000	% change
Net Banking Income	1,176	1,008	+16.7%
Operating Expenses and Dep.	-751	-649	+15.7%
Gross Operating Income	425	359	+18.4%
Provisions	-143	-114	+25.4%
Operating Income	282	245	+15.1%
Non Operating Items	-4	17	n.m.
Pre-Tax Income	278	262	+6.1%
Pre-Tax ROE	22%	22%	
Cost/Income	63.9%	64.4%	-0.5 bp

Findomestic, Cetelem's Italian subsidiary, was consolidated using the proportional consolidation method at the close of 2Q01 (value 01.01.2001), and year-on-year from 1 half 2000 to 1 half 2001 this contributed to boosting NBI 5.2% (+52 ME), adding 5.5% (- 36 ME) to operating expenses and depreciation, and driving up GOI 4.5% (16 ME). Up to the end of 1Q01, Findomestic was an associated company.

The business continued to have strong growth in countries outside France: total outstanding loans were up 7.6% during the first half of the year but 17.1% abroad. The Group consolidated its control on Cetelem's Italian subsidiary Findomestic through a shareholders' agreement.

Driven by this dynamic and by acquisitions (i.e., PHH Europe in August 2000), the business's net banking income totalled 1,176 million euros (+16.7% compared to the first half 2000), its gross operating income was 425 million euros (+18.4%), and pre-tax income 278 million euros (+6.1%).

Over the whole first half of the year, the cost/income ratio improved, declining from 64.4% to 63.9%, and pre-tax return on allocated equity was stable at 22%.

Cortal, the number one on-line broker in France, returned to profit in the second quarter 2001. Its assets under management fell very little: 7.6 billion euros as of 30 June 2001 compared to 7.8 billion euros as at 31 December 2000.

International Retail Banking

in millions of euros	1 st half 2001	1 st half 2000	% change
Net Banking Income	929	767	+21.1%
Operating Expenses and Dep.	-516	-446	+15.7%
Gross Operating Income	413	321	+28.6%
Provisions	-84	-113	-25.7%
Operating Income	329	208	+58.1%
Non Operating Items	-22	-4	n.m.
Pre-Tax Income	307	204	+50.5%
Pre-Tax ROE	41%	31%	
Cost/Income	55.5%	58.1%	-2.6 bp

International Retail Banking's net banking income for the first half rose 21.1% to 929 million euros and its gross operating income 28.6% to 413 million euros. Provisions (84 million euros) were reduced by 25.7% due to a temporarily very high reference period in the first half 2000. The result was a sharp jump (+50.5%) in pre-tax income to 307 million euros.

Over the whole first half of the year, International Retail Banking again improved its already good cost/income ratio (55.5% to 58.1% in the first half 2000) and posted a 41% pre-tax return on allocated equity (31% in the first half 2000).

The business is continuing to grow with the acquisition, presently under way in the United States, of the remaining 55% stake in BancWest that it did not hold and, in the Mediterranean-Africa region, by expanding the banking network of its Moroccan subsidiary BMCI by taking over the branches of ABN-AMRO Morocco.

Private Banking, Asset Management, Insurance and Securities Services

in millions of euros	1 st half 2001	1 st half 2000	% change
Net Banking Income	1,182	1,084	+9.0%
Operating Expenses and Dep.	-666	-591	+12.7%
Gross Operating Income	516	493	+4.7%
Provisions	-52	4	n.m.
Operating Income	464	497	-6.6%
Non Operating Items	16	-18	n.m.
Pre-Tax Income	480	479	+0.2%
Cost/Income	56.3%	54.5%	+1.8 bp

Despite the bearish equity markets, this core business continued to grow in the first half 2001. In total, net banking income rose 9.0% compared to the first half 2000, totalling 1,182 million euros. This change is the result of the still buoyant growth in revenues from the insurance business (+18.6%) and the Securities Services (+27.2%) on the one hand, and a slight decrease in revenues (-2.4%) from Asset Management and Private Banking on the other hand.

The growth in operating expenses and depreciation (+12.7%) is slightly more than that of revenues, such that gross operating income rose 4.7% at 516 million euros, the highest half year level ever attained to date.

Pre-tax income (480 million euros) also marked a new record level, at +0.2% higher than in the first half 2000.

During the first half of the year, total assets managed by the Group rose to 280 billion euros thanks to 7.4 billion euros in new money. The margin on assets under management remained stable, very close to its level in 2000 (66 basis points compared to 67). The business's assets under custody grew by 50% in one year to 1,950 billion euros.

Corporate and Investment Banking

in millions of euros	1 st half 2001	1 st half 2000	% change
Net Banking Income	3,158	3,355	-5.9%
including Trading Revenues*	1,628	1,674	-2.7%
Operating Expenses and Dep.	-1,848	-1,768	+4.5%
Gross Operating Income	1,310	1,587	-17.5%
Provisions	-204	-164	+24.4%
Operating Income	1,106	1,423	-22.3%
Non Operating Items	12	-15	n.m.
Pre-Tax Income	1,118	1,408	-20.6%
Pre-Tax ROE	29%	34%	
Cost/Income	58.5%	52.7%	+5.8 bp

* including customer activity and related revenues

Corporate and Investment Banking's businesses benefited most from the fast-growing economy and soaring stock markets in the first half 2000. In a difficult market situation, this core business managed to generate, in the first half 2001, 3,158 million euros in net banking income, down only 5.9% compared to the first half 2000. This first half's gross operating income totalled 1,310 million euros (-17.5%) and the pre-tax income was 1,118 million euros (-20.6%).

Revenues from Advisory and Capital Market operations (2,017 million euros) were down only 8.5%. However, Specialised Financing revenues were up sharply 16% at 704 million euros. Lastly, Commercial Banking revenues slid 7.9% to 455 million euros in a context of rigorous management of the weighted assets (-17.1% between the first half 2000 and the first half 2001).

The results of the first half of the year thus confirm that BNP Paribas chose the right strategy for Corporate and Investment Banking. At 58.5%, the cost/income ratio is one of the best in Europe for this type of business; pre-tax return on allocated equity was 29% (for a target of 23% over the cycle).

These results, achieved despite the sluggish business environment, reflect a good balance between the equity-related activities and interest rate and forex activities; they are also the result of the strategy to expand cross-selling, which has helped sell more products and services to customers and enhanced the Bank's global position in key sectors. BNP Paribas is recognised as:

- the 7th global syndicated credit arranger (source: *International Financial Review*),
- the 5th project financing arranger (source: *Project Finance*),
- the 2nd best global bank for short-term foreign trade financing (source: *Trade Finance*).

BNP Paribas Capital

in millions of euros	1 st half 2001	1 st half 2000	% change
Capital Gains	331	628	-47.3%
Other Net Income	134	69	+94.2%
Operating Expenses and Dep.	-36	-29	+24.1%
Pre-Tax Income	429	668	-35.8%

Despite the marked decline in equity markets, BNP Paribas Capital largely maintained the value of its portfolio during the first half of the year while divesting a total of 1 billion euros, in accordance with the Group's strategy.

The portfolio's estimated value, in light of the divestments, fell from 8.1 billion euros to 7.2 billion euros and unrealised capital gains from 3.5 billion euros to 3.1 billion euros (after realising 331 million in capital gains on the portfolio as at 31 December 2000).

BNP Paribas Capital's pre-tax income thus came to 429 million euros for the first half 2001, a sharp drop compared to the first half 2000, but in line with the business's targets for the whole year 2001.



Commenting on these results, Michel Pébereau, BNP Paribas' Chairman and CEO said, *"BNP Paribas was born exactly two years ago. We based the development of our financial services Group on a few simple principles: capitalise on business portfolio that generates diversified and recurring revenues; develop the Group's strong customer base in the three core businesses in which it has achieved critical mass, by innovating; control costs and rely on a rigorous Group risk management function that will continue to be fine tuned.*

Quarter after quarter, BNP Paribas has confirmed its position as a European leader in the global competition. However, in light of the difficulties that economies and financial markets are going through, it would not be advisable to extrapolate the results of the first six months. The employees of BNP Paribas, who have accomplished a remarkable performance in the first half of the year, will have to continue to adapt to a rapidly changing situation marked by uncertainty."

The attacks in the United States on 11 September 2001 did not have any direct material adverse impact on the BNP Paribas Group, other than that which may affect international banks and financial institutions generally.

However, the indirect potential consequences of these acts, as well as of the actions that the United States authorities and the international community may take in response, cannot be determined or predicted at this point.

BNP PARIBAS GROUP'S CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

in millions of euros	30 June 2001	31 December 2000	30 June 2000
Interbank and money market items			
- Cash and amounts due from central banks and post office banks	5,569	8,140	8,149
- Treasury bills and money-market instruments	68,684	59,548	47,954
- Due from credit institutions	188,920	130,613	149,715
Total interbank and money market items	263,173	198,301	205,818
Customer items			
- Due from customers	238,101	212,301	198,303
- Leasing receivables	19,643	18,609	17,029
Total customer items	257,744	230,910	215,332
Bonds and other fixed-income instruments	39,396	31,955	49,834
Equities and other variable income instruments	57,526	39,020	29,139
Insurance company investments	55,430	54,645	52,313
Investments in non-consolidated undertakings, other participating interests and equity securities held for long-term investment			
- Investments in non-consolidated undertakings and other participating interests	2,742	2,421	4,376
- Equity securities held for long-term investment	5,686	5,620	4,151
Total investments in non-consolidated undertakings, other participating interests and equity securities held for long-term investment	8,428	8,041	8,527
Investments in companies carried under the equity method			
- Financial companies	1,920	2,023	1,578
- Non-financial companies	310	162	245
Total investments in companies carried under the equity method	2,230	2,185	1,823
Tangible and intangible assets	6,654	5,831	5,151
Goodwill	2,583	2,540	1,428
Accrued income and other assets	158,218	120,609	118,974
Total assets	851,382	694,037	688,339
COMMITMENTS GIVEN			
Financing commitments given	147,355	134,172	136,991
Guarantees and endorsements given	77,469	60,071	56,233
Commitments given on securities	23,804	8,705	17,510
Insurance company commitments given	1,211	515	1,627
Commitments incurred on forward and options contracts	10,552,742	8,362,734	8,150,841

LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

in millions of euros	30 June 2001	31 December 2000	30 June 2000
Interbank and money market items			
Due to central banks and post office banks	248	461	946
Due to credit institutions	228,413	195,794	222,409
Total interbank and money market items	228,661	196,255	223,355
Customer items	219,343	172,877	149,317
Debt securities			
Retail certificates of deposit	7,320	6,683	6,209
Interbank market securities	496	540	341
Negotiable certificates of deposit	67,090	53,215	50,038
Bonds, including short term portion	14,331	15,196	14,157
Other debt instruments	119	91	43
Total debt securities	89,356	75,725	70,788
Technical reserves of insurance companies	54,525	54,093	52,645
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	214,144	152,253	149,321
Badwill	34	31	
Provisions for contingencies and charges	5,163	5,594	6,185
Subordinated debt	12,661	11,745	11,993
Reserves for general banking risks	1,017	1,039	1,042
Minority interests in consolidated subsidiaries	3,190	2,812	2,811
Shareholders' equity			
Capital stock	1,772	1,792	1,772
Additional paid-in capital in excess of par and premiums on acquisitions	10,476	10,962	10,847
Retained earnings	8,631	4,735	5,669
Net income	2,409	4,124	2,594
Total shareholders' equity	23,288	21,613	20,882
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	851,382	694,037	688,339
COMMITMENTS RECEIVED			
Financing commitments received	47,263	6,625	19,602
Guarantees and endorsements received	46,531	39,901	29,902
Commitments received on securities	26,386	9,327	16,683
Insurance company commitments received	1,946	2,659	4,287

BNP PARIBAS GROUP'S CONSOLIDATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

in millions of euros	6 months to 30 June 2001	6 months to 30 June 2000	12 months to 31 December 2000
Interest income	21,316	20,389	39,780
Interest expense	(19,332)	(18,174)	(35,824)
Net interest income	1,984	2,215	3,956
Income on equities and other variable-income instruments	347	221	391
Net commissions	2,261	2,371	4,446
Net gains on sales of trading account securities	2,972	2,677	5,297
Net gains on sales of investment securities available for sale	219	79	243
Other net income from banking operations	253	177	460
Underwriting result and net investment income of insurance companies	671	539	1,245
Net income from other activities	144	106	225
Net banking income	8,851	8,385	16,263
Operating expense:			
Salaries and employee benefits, including profit sharing	(3,273)	(3,080)	(6,250)
Other expense	(1,876)	(1,770)	(3,660)
Total operating expense	(5,149)	(4,850)	(9,910)
Depreciation, amortisation and provisions on tangible and intangible assets	(289)	(292)	(528)
Gross operating income	3,413	3,243	5,825
Net additions to provisions for credit risks and country risks	(532)	(431)	(1,142)
Operating income	2,881	2,812	4,683
Share of earnings of companies carried under equity method	215	132	317
Gains on disposals of long-term investments and changes in provisions	671	1,082	1,709
Income before tax, non-recurring items, amortisation of goodwill and movements in the reserve for general banking risks	3,767	4,026	6,709
Net non-recurring items	(5)	(81)	(385)
Corporate income tax	(1,084)	(1,037)	(1,632)
Amortisation of goodwill	(100)	(69)	(144)
Movements in the reserve for general banking risks	21	1	4
Minority interests	(190)	(246)	(428)
Net income	2,409	2,594	4,124
Basic earnings per share, in euros	5.58	5.97	9.40
Diluted earnings per share, in euros ⁽¹⁾	5.51	5.89	9.27

(1) In accordance with Accounting Standards Committee (CRC) standard 99-07, earnings per share are also presented on a diluted basis, calculated in line with the method recommended by the French Accounting Board (OEC) in opinion no. 27. The method used to calculate diluted earnings per share also complies with IAS 33 "Earnings per share." Diluted earnings per share correspond to net income for the year divided by the weighted average number of shares outstanding, adjusted for the maximum number of potential shares, corresponding to dilutive instruments. Stock options are taken into account in the calculation of diluted earnings per share by the treasury stock method which is also allowed under IAS 33.



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