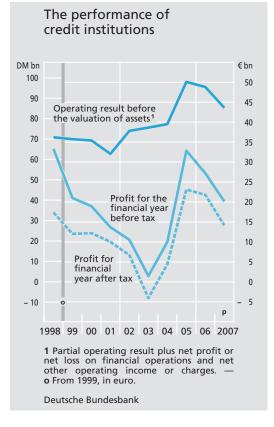
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### The performance of German credit institutions in 2007

The performance of German credit institutions in the financial year 2007 was shaped crucially by the financial market turbulence. This especially affected the group of special purpose banks, in which one institution carried out risk-shielding measures for its subsidiary. The financial market turmoil also clearly left its mark on the income statement of the Landesbanken, regional institutions of credit cooperatives, and big banks. By contrast, the performance of the regional banks, savings banks and credit cooperatives remained largely unaffected. In operational business. German banks as a whole benefited from a moderate increase in net interest received and, for almost all categories of banks, a rise in net commissions received. As in previous years, net interest received decreased only for the savings banks and credit cooperatives, who are both predominantly active in retail business, while their income from commission business continued to rise. On aggregate, however, a noticeable decline in the net result from own-account trading and from other operating income led to decreasing net income from operational business. The significant rise in valuation charges also posed an additional strain, leading to a fall in German banks' operating result in the reporting year.





#### Net interest received

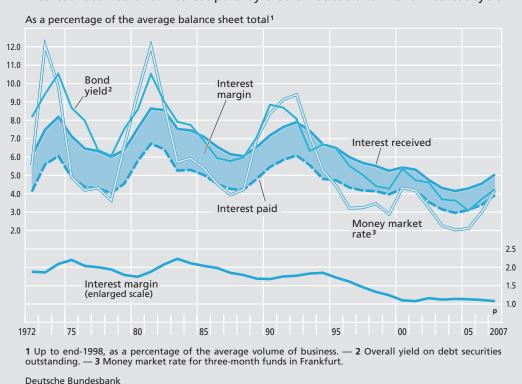
Increase in net interest received ... In 2007, domestic credit institutions were once again able to increase their net interest received - ie the difference between interest income and expenses – by €2.4 billion to €91.5 billion. However, interest expenses went up by 22.0% to €327.4 billion and thus to a relatively greater degree than interest income (with a rise of 17.2% to  $\in$  418.9 billion). The share of the interest result in operating income from net interest received and net commissions received as well as the result from own-account trading and net other operating income or charges increased by 4.7 percentage points to 72.9%. By contrast, the interest margin - calculated as net interest received in relation to the average balance sheet total - declined again, amounting to 1.12% in the reporting year, compared with 1.15% in 2006.

Among the individual categories of banks, it was especially the big banks that recorded a rise in net interest received. Their share of the total operating income therefore increased by 5.7 percentage points to 65.7% and was thus significantly above the average of the past ten years (57.1%). The banks more specialised in wholesale banking also reported a significant rise in net interest received. Landesbanken and regional institutions of credit cooperatives noticeably increased their net interest received. The category of regional banks also increased its net interest received last year, namely by 8.8%.

By contrast, those categories of banks for which classical lending and deposit business is traditionally very important mostly had to accept another decline in net income from this area. In the case of credit cooperatives, net interest received declined by 3.6%, which was on a scale similar to the previous year. However, since other operating income decreased to a far greater degree, the share of interest business in operating income went up to 71.3%, compared with 65.2% in the previous year. The savings banks recorded an even more obvious year-on-year decline in their net interest received. It fell by 6.7% in the reporting year and was thus at its lowest level since 1993. The share of net interest received in operating income dropped by 2.6 percentage points to 75.1%, thus reaching its lowest level since 1968.

... for big banks, Landesbanken and regional institutions of credit cooperatives ...

... but not for savings banks and credit cooperatives



### Interest received and interest paid by credit institutions in the interest cycle

#### Net commissions received

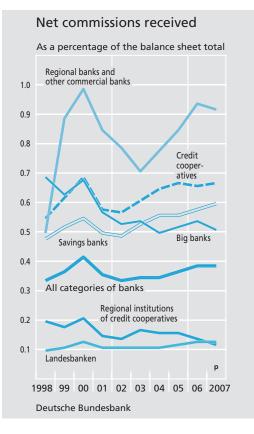
Improvement in net commissions received

German banks again boosted their net commissions received by 6.1% to €31.7 billion in 2007, after already achieving a very good result in the previous year. However, owing to the larger balance sheet, net commissions received as a percentage of the volume of business remained unchanged at 0.39%. The importance of net commissions received for the operational business of German credit institutions increased again perceptibly in the financial year 2007. The share of this item in operating income increased by 2.4 percentage points to 25.2%.

For the main part, the further improvement in net commissions received is likely to be due to the fact that the stock market climate was still very positive in the first half of 2007. Overall, turnover in shares in the German stock markets rose by 45.3% in 2007. Except for the regional institutions of credit cooperatives, all categories of banks showed higher net commissions received – albeit to a varying extent. For example, commercial banks, in particular, increased their net commissions received by 7.6%, with big banks still accounting for the greatest part. However, a larger increase - in both percentage and absolute terms – was recorded by regional banks. In their case, the difference between commissions received and commissions paid went up by 12.7%. This increased the share of net commissions received in their operating income by 2.0 percentage points to 31.3%. By contrast, in the case of big banks, for which net commissions received traditionally make

Higher net commissions received not only for commercial banks ...





up a large part of the operating result, the share increased by only 1.1 percentage points to 30.5% in the reporting year.

... but for almost all categories of banks As savings banks and credit cooperatives have been increasing their net commissions received since the beginning of the decade, this income component is now of some importance for them, too. Compared with the commercial banks, the continued growth for these two categories of banks was, however, rather moderate at 3.9% and 4.8% respectively. In the period under review, savings banks' net commissions received constituted 21.8% of operating income, compared with 20.3% in the previous year. For credit cooperatives, this ratio was 22.3% in the financial year 2007, which corresponds to a rise of 3.6 percentage points. The Landesbanken also recorded a small growth in income from commission business, while the regional institutions of credit cooperatives sustained significant losses.

# Net profit or net loss on financial operations

In contrast to net commissions received, the overall net result from own-account trading was influenced less by the positive development in the stock markets in the first half of 2007. Instead, it was noticeably affected by write-offs and write-downs in the trading books in the wake of the financial market turbulence in the second half of the year. As a result, net income from German credit institutions' own-account trading decreased by  $\in$ 5.6 billion to  $-\in$ 1.1 billion in the financial year 2007.

Noticeable decrease in net profit on financial operations

In the reporting year, the big banks still recorded a surplus of €1.8 billion in ownaccount trading, even though write-offs and write-downs in their trading portfolio in the wake of the financial market turbulence led to a €1.2 billion decline in the net profit on financial operations. Thus, the share of ownaccount trading in operating income dropped by 3.4 percentage points to 4.7%. Landesbanken and regional institutions of credit cooperatives, whose financial operations generally also make a significant contribution to the profit, ended the financial year 2007 with losses in own-account trading, in fact: writeoffs and write-downs in the wake of the financial market turbulence led to a decline of €0.9 billion to -€0.5 billion in the trading

Own-account trading, in fact, detrimental to profits of Landesbanken and regional institutions of credit cooperatives

### Relative significance of major income and cost items for individual categories of banks in 2007 \*

As a percentage of total surplus in operating business

Item	All categories of banks	Big banks	Regional banks	Landes- banken	Savings banks	Regional institutions of credit coopera- tives	Credit coopera- tives	Mortgage banks	Special purpose banks
Net interest received	72.9	65.7	67.9	91.6	75.1	112.7	71.3	85.2	78.3
Net commissions received	25.2	30.5	31.3	19.0	21.8	26.6	22.3	8.6	17.8
Net profit or net loss on financial									
operations	- 0.9	4.7	- 4.5	- 14.6	0.5	- 43.0	0.3	- 0.4	- 0.1
Net other operating income or charges	2.8	- 1.0	5.4	4.0	2.5	3.7	6.0	6.6	4.0
Total surplus in operating business	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
General administrative spending of which	- 65.0	- 68.1	- 61.2	- 61.3	- 69.5	- 89.1	- 70.5	- 36.0	- 38.3
Staff costs	- 35.5	- 36.8	- 28.6	- 31.7	- 40.7	- 49.2	- 42.1	- 17.1	- 21.7
Other administrative spending	- 29.4	- 31.2	- 32.6	- 29.6	- 28.8	- 39.9	- 28.3	- 18.9	- 16.6
Net income or net charges from the valuation of assets	- 18.7	- 7.5	- 10.3	- 17.9	- 15.6	- 40.6	- 14.6	- 28.4	- 176.6
Net other and extraordinary income or charges	0.0	16.7	- 12.1	- 14.1	- 1.4	- 3.7	0.5	- 27.1	- 13.1
<i>Memo item</i> Profit for the financial year before tax	16.3	41.1	16.3	6.7	13.5	- 33.4	15.5	8.5	- 127.9
Taxes on income and earnings	- 4.7	- 6.9	- 4.2	- 2.4	- 5.6	57.8	- 5.7	- 3.8	- 1.7
Profit for the financial year after tax	11.6	34.2	12.1	4.3	7.8	24.4	9.8	4.8	- 129.7

\* The figures should be regarded as provisional. Excluding building and loan associations, institutions in liquidation, and institutions with a truncated financial year.

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result of regional institutions of credit cooperatives. In the case of the Landesbanken (according to the published annual reports), the valuation losses owing to the financial market turbulence as well as the losses arising from the stock trading of one institution contributed to a slump of €2.7 billion in the trading result to -€1.7 billion. Regional banks, for which own-account trading admittedly plays a rather subordinate role, also recorded a decline of their net profits on financial operations in the financial year 2007. By contrast, savings banks and credit cooperatives, for which the trading result is likewise of minor importance for operating income, were still able to benefit from slightly positive net income from own-account trading, even though it was somewhat lower than in the previous year for these two categories of banks.

#### Administrative spending

Domestic credit institutions' administrative spending, at  $\in$ 81.6 billion in the financial year 2007, was at much the same level as in 2006. Despite a small rise in the number of employees for the first time since 2000, German banks benefited from slightly declining staff costs. While other administrative spending – which mainly includes operating expenditure, expenditure on third-party services, and write-offs and write-downs of tangible fixed assets – went up by 4.1% to  $\in$ 37.0 billion, staff costs fell by 3.0% to  $\in$ 44.6 bilAdministrative spending largely stable overall

### Structural data on German credit institutions \*

	Number of i	nstitutions 1		Number of b	ranches 1		Number of employees 2				
Category of banks	2005	2006	2007	2005	2006	2007	2005	2006	2007		
All categories of banks	2,088	2,042	2,012	41,362	38,490	37,976	672,500	662,200	662,650		
Commercial banks	276	272	278	14,012	11,548	11,286	3 190,700	3 186,700	3 190,250		
Big banks	5	5	5	11,446	8,879	8,568					
Regional banks	183	176	174	2,495	2,596	2,628					
Branches of foreign banks	88	91	99	71	76	90					
Landesbanken Savings banks	12 463	12 457	12 446	580 13,950	496 13,756	485 13,624	40,200 260,800	39,500 257,000	39,850 253,700		
Regional institutions of credit cooperatives	2	2	2	11	11	11	4,950	4,900	4,900		
Credit cooperatives	1,293	1,259	1,234	12,722	12,583	12,477	4 162,550	4 161,200	4 160,750		
Mortgage banks	24	22	22	56	61	64					
Special purpose banks	18	18	18	31	32	29	5 13,300	5 12,900	5 13,200		
Memo item Building and loan	20	20	25	2 (82	1 705	1 801	6 10 750	6 19.050	6 17 000		
associations	26	26	25	2,682	1,795	1,801	6 19,750	6 18,050	6 17,000		

\* The figures for the most recent date should be regarded as provisional. — 1 Source: Bank office statistics, in Deutsche Bundesbank, Banking statistics, Statistical Supplement to the Monthly Report 1, p 104 (German edition). The term "credit institution" is used as in the Banking Act, resulting in divergences from data in "Balance sheet statistics" and "Statistics on the profit and loss account". — 2 Excluding Deutsche Bundesbank; sources: Data Deutsche Bundesbank

provided by associations. Part-time employees are counted on a per capita basis. — 3 Employees in private banking, including mortgage banks established under private law. — 4 Only employees whose primary occupation is in banking. — 5 Employees in public mortgage banks (mortgage banks established under public law) and special purpose banks established under public law. — 6 Only office-based employees.

lion, probably owing to declining variable and performance-related salary components.

Especially staff costs ...

Big banks' administrative spending decreased slightly by 0.5%, with the staff costs of this category of banks showing a decline while other administrative spending rose. The regional banks, however, recorded a rise in both staff costs and other administrative spending, which ultimately led to a noticeable 6.9% increase in their total administrative costs. By contrast, both the regional institutions of credit cooperatives and the Landesbanken lowered their total administrative spending in the reporting year 2007 by 8.7% and 5.2% respectively. Following a rise in staff costs in 2006, both categories of banks clearly reduced their staff costs again in the financial year 2007, while other administrative spending increased.

The banks active in retail business also recorded declining staff costs. However, in the case of the savings banks, the 3.0% fall in staff costs was more than offset by a 9.7% increase in other administrative spending, thus ultimately resulting in a 1.9% rise in overall administrative spending for this category of banks. In the case of the credit cooperatives, however, there was a fall not only in staff costs but also in other administrative spending, leading to an overall decline in administrative costs of 3.5%.

... declining for almost all categories of banks

#### Net other operating income or charges

Return to normal causes ... Having made an extremely positive contribution to profit in 2006, which was due to a one-off effect (corporation tax balances being shown as assets), net other operating income or charges returned to normal again in the reporting year. In 2007, it amounted to  $\in$ 3.5 billion, which was still slightly above the average of the years 2000 to 2005.

... decline in net other operating income or charges After a sharp rise in 2006, particularly owing to the sale of participating interests, other operating income or charges of credit cooperatives went back down to its normal level in the financial year 2007 (€1.1 billion). The big banks, too, recorded a noticeable decline in other operating income or charges in the reporting year, whereas this item had boosted profits in 2006. According to the published annual reports, this was due mainly to the fact that, in the wake of the financial market turbulence, one big German bank recorded marked losses and write-downs on financial instruments in this income and charges category. In the case of the regional banks, however, net other income or charges had a positive effect on the operating result, even though this category of banks also had to cope with a slight decline here. For the Landesbanken, the extremely positive contribution made in the previous year was also followed by a noticeable return to normal in other operating income or charges from €1.0 billion to €0.5 billion. By contrast, net other operating income or charges of the regional institutions of credit cooperatives remained almost unchanged. Only the savings banks recorded a slight rise in this area.

### Cost/income ratios, by category of banks \*

As a percentage

As a percentage									
	General administrative spending in relation to								
Category of banks	2005	2006	2007						
	gross ea	arnings 1							
All categories of banks	67.9	68.5	66.2						
Commercial banks	73.5	72.3	67.4						
Big banks	80.8	77.2	70.7						
Regional banks and other commercial banks	61.8	63.5	61.7						
Branches of foreign banks	61.7	64.3	49.4						
Landesbanken	59.7	62.5	55.4						
Savings banks	67.1	67.2	71.7						
Regional institutions of credit cooperatives	69.8	81.4	64.0						
Credit cooperatives	73.6	76.6	75.2						
Mortgage banks	37.1	39.6	38.3						
Special purpose banks	36.4	38.3	39.8						
	income business 2	from oper	ating						
All categories of banks	61.0	62.3	65.0						
Commercial banks	59.8	66.0	65.5						
Big banks	60.5	69.0	68.1						
Regional banks and other commercial banks	58.4	60.4	61.2						
Branches of foreign banks	58.0	55.3	44.9						
Landesbanken	59.3	53.6	61.3						
Savings banks	66.0	65.8	69.5						
Regional institutions of credit cooperatives	53.9	62.2	89.1						
Credit cooperatives	70.0	64.3	70.5						
Mortgage banks	35.2	38.9	36.0						
Special purpose banks	35.2	35.3	38.3						

\* The figures for the most recent date should be regarded as provisional. Excluding building and loan associations, institutions in liquidation, and institutions with a truncated financial year. — 1 Aggregate net interest and net commissions received. — 2 Gross earnings plus net profit or net loss on financial operations and net other operating income or charges.



### Performance of the various categories of banks in 2006-07 \*

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	Operating revaluation 1	esult before	Operating re	esult 2	Profit for the year before	
Category of banks	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
All categories of banks	49,207 (0.64)	43,999 (0.54)	35,207 (0.46)	20,484 (0.25)	27,597 (0.36)	20,506 (0.25)
Commercial banks	18,997 (0.73)	19,790 (0.67)	14,905 (0.57)	14,915 (0.51)	10,144 (0.39)	18,720 (0.64)
Big banks	11,425 (0.57)	11,887 (0.53)	9,352 (0.47)	9,081 (0.41)	7,520 (0.38)	15,290 (0.68)
Regional banks and other						
commercial banks	7,438 (1.27)	7,688 (1.14)	5,429 (0.93)	5,638 (0.84)	2,500 (0.43)	3,231 (0.48)
Branches of foreign banks	134 (0.68)	215 (0.94)	124 (0.63)	196 (0.86)	124 (0.63)	199 (0.87)
Landesbanken	6,626 (0.40)	4,576 (0.27)	7,999 (0.48)	2,461 (0.15)	6,014 (0.36)	788 (0.05)
Savings banks	9,884 (0.98)	8,513 (0.84)	4,638 (0.46)	4,156 (0.41)	4,421 (0.44)	3,755 (0.37)
Regional institutions of credit cooperatives	666 (0.28)	122 (0.05)	555 (0.24)	- 333 (- 0.13)	382 (0.16)	- 375 (- 0.15)
Credit cooperatives	7,503 (1.26)	5,474 (0.89)	3,254 (0.55)	2,772 (0.45)	3,614 (0.61)	2,870 (0.47)
Mortgage banks	2,524 (0.29)	2,809 (0.33)	1,457 (0.17)	1,565 (0.18)	568 (0.06)	375 (0.04)
Special purpose banks	3,007 (0.40)	2,715	2,399	- 5,052 (- 0.63)	2,454 (0.33)	- 5,627 (- 0.70)

\* The figures for the most recent date should be regarded as provisional. Excluding building and loan associations, institutions in liquidation, and institutions with a truncated financial year. Values in brackets are percentages of the average balance sheet total. — 1 Net interest and net commissions received less general administrative spending plus net profit or net loss on financial operations and net other operating income or charges. — 2 Operating result before the valuation of assets plus net income or net charges from the valuation of assets (other than financial fixed assets). — 3 Operating result plus net other and extraordinary income or charges.

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# Operating result before the valuation of assets

Declining operating result before valuation of assets In the financial year 2007, the operating result before the valuation of assets declined noticeably from  $\in$ 49.2 billion to  $\in$ 44.0 billion. Most categories of banks had to cope with a decline, but this was most pronounced for the Landesbanken and credit cooperatives. In the case of the credit cooperatives, the marked decline was due to a normalisation following the one-off effect of the previous year, while one institution's loss from ownaccount trading was a key factor in the weakening of the operating result in the case of the Landesbanken. By contrast, the improvement in net interest received at the big and regional banks was also reflected in a slight increase in the operating result before the valuation of assets.

Relative to gross income, which is the sum of net interest received and net commissions received, German credit institutions were able to improve their cost/income ratio in 2007. The ratio of administrative spending to the sum of net interest received and net commissions received dropped by 2.3 percentage points to 66.2%. However, since the losses from own-account trading put a strain on operating income, and other operating income or charges remained well below the previous year's level, the cost/income ratio relative to total income from operational business increased by 2.7 percentage points to 65.0%. In the case of the big banks, however, the ratio of administrative spending to operating

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income also declined in the financial year 2007.

## Net income or net charges from the valuation of assets

Burdens from financial market turbulence concentrated on a few categories of banks In 2007, German credit institutions' net charges from the valuation of loans, claims and securities increased sharply overall. At €23.5 billion, it was considerably up on the previous year's level of €14.0 billion,<sup>1</sup> although it failed to match the record high of 2002 (€31.2 billion). As a ratio of the balance sheet total, the net valuation charges of the German institutions amounted to 0.29% in 2007, compared with 0.18% in the previous year. However, the sharp rise in the overall aggregate was due mainly to a very sharp growth in valuation charges in the case of special purpose institutions, which went up from €0.6 billion in 2006 to €7.8 billion in the reporting year. This rise was very largely concentrated on a single bank and reflects its risk-shielding measures in favour of a subsidiary in connection with the financial market turbulence.<sup>2</sup> In addition, it was, in particular, also the Landesbanken<sup>3</sup> and the regional institutions of credit cooperatives that recorded a marked increase in their net valuation charges. The big banks also recorded a somewhat higher risk provisioning in the reporting year.<sup>4</sup> At the same time, the net valuation charges of the regional banks remained virtually unchanged. They were lower for savings banks and, especially, for credit cooperatives, although the latter had to cope with markedly higher valuation charges in 2006 than in previous years.

In 2007, a major part of the risk provisioning of German credit institutions is again likely to have been accounted for by domestic lending business, although the declining number of corporate insolvencies should have had an alleviating effect. Their decline by 15% to around 29,000 cases was the sharpest since 2003. The sum of claims likely to be associated with them also fell on roughly the same scale. Moreover, the 9% rise in consumer insolvencies to just over 105,000 was clearly below the earlier growth rates of more than 40% for the first time since the introduction of the Insolvency Code (Insolvenzordnung) of 1999. The increase in affected claims also more or less corresponded to the rise in consumer insolvencies.<sup>5</sup> The development in consumer insolvencies, however, is less significant for risk provisioning owing to the smaller percentage of loans to households in overall lending.

<sup>1</sup> Within these items, the respective institutions had already made use of the cross-offsetting option permissible under section 340 (f) (3) of the German Commercial Code.

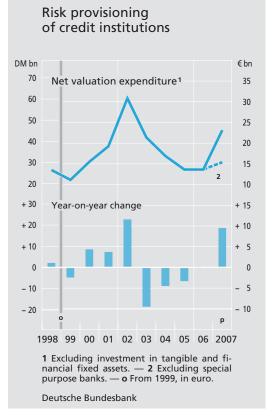
<sup>2</sup> According to data from the published annual report.

<sup>3</sup> The year-on-year increase was especially high, owing, among other things, to net valuation income of €1.4 billion shown in 2006. According to the published annual report, this net valuation income mainly resulted from the conversion of the undisclosed reserves contained in the net income or net charges from the valuation of assets pursuant to section 340 (f) of the German Commercial Code into disclosed reserves pursuant to section 340 (g), which are not reflected in a reduction of the annual surplus, but are part of the profit appropriation (accumulation of reserves).

<sup>4</sup> The net income of the big banks was bolstered significantly by one institution that – according to data from its annual report – achieved a positive balance of €1.4 billion from the liquidation of loss provisions and contingency reserves and from realisation gains from sales of "non-strategic shareholding". This institution simultaneously had to cope with considerable net charges from financial operations in connection with the financial market turbulence.

**<sup>5</sup>** For more information on this and insolvencies in 2007 generally, see J Angele, Insolvenzen 2007, Statistisches Bundesamt, Wirtschaft und Statistik, 4/2008, pp 302-311.





... but noticeable impact of financial market turbulence By contrast, the significant rise in net valuation charges is due mainly to the components of risk provisioning, which reflect the financial market turbulence. The further and very distinct rise in write-downs on fixedinterest securities, which are partly recorded here, from €3.1 billion in 2006 to €4.9 billion in the reporting year should be seen mainly against this background. According to some institutions, expansions of the issuers' credit spread necessitated extensive valuation adjustments for liquidity reserve paper. This was counteracted by the fact that some banks - according to data from published annual reports for 2007 - reduced contingency reserves (pursuant to section 340 (f) of the German Commercial Code) on a considerable scale, which are offset against valuation losses in the net valuation charges.

In view of the greatly increased net valuation charges of some institutions in connection with the financial market turbulence, the operating result after valuation was noticeably lower than before valuation and fell by 42% to €20.5 billion. However, a significant part of this decline was accounted for by the special purpose banks. Excluding these banks, the operating result fell by 22%.

Apart from the special purpose banks, it was, in particular, the regional institutions of credit cooperatives and the Landesbanken that had to cope with a considerable decline in their operating result. In the case of the Landesbanken, however, this was due in part to the comparatively high result of the previous year. According to the published annual reports, one-off effects from the sale of shareholdings had been one key factor in achieving this result. Credit cooperatives and savings banks suffered noticeably smaller losses in the operating result, although the credit cooperatives had also benefited from one-off effects from the sale of shareholdings and the carrying of corporation tax balances as assets in the previous year; these effects distort the year-on-year comparison. The operating result of the big banks also declined slightly, while the regional banks recorded a small rise.

First, the data used in this article refer to the individual financial statements of the German banks, with some of the financial strains of the respective consolidated group not being taken into account. Second, valuation is in accordance with the German Commercial Code. In the case of some items, this results Declining operating result

Differences in accounting

#### Breakdown of other and extraordinary income or charges \*

Item	2005	2006	2007
Balance of other and extraordinary income or charges	- 3,235	- 7,610	22
Income (total)	8,250	3,351	11,133
from value adjustments in respect of participating interests, shares in			
affiliated enterprises, and securities treated as fixed assets	4,975	2,307	8,968
from the release of special reserves	83	27	38
from loss transfers	56	71	44
Extraordinary income	3,136	946	2,083
Charges (total)	- 11,485	- 10,961	- 11,111
Write-offs and write-downs in respect of participating interests, shares in			
affiliated enterprises, and securities treated as fixed assets	- 711	- 2,593	- 3,914
Charges incurred through loss transfers	- 1,398	- 796	- 939
Transfers to special reserves	- 36	- 49	- 97
Extraordinary charges	- 4,688	- 2,656	- 1,274
Profits transferred from profit pooling, a profit transfer agreement or a			
partial profit transfer agreement	- 4,652	- 4,867	- 4,887

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institutions in liquidation, and institutions with a truncated financial year.

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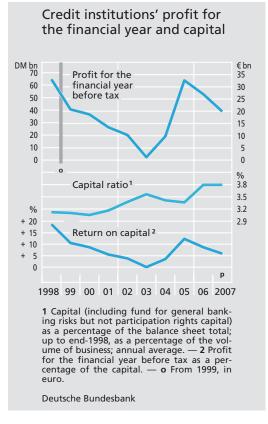
in a valuation that is less oriented to temporary market fluctuations. The higher losses and write-downs published for some German groups of institutions in connection with the financial market turbulence are typically based on more broadly defined balance sheets and other valuation standards (IFRS).

## Other and extraordinary income or charges

Balance on "extraordinary account" neutral owing to one-off effect For the first time since 2002, the balance on the "extraordinary account" in the reporting year 2007 did not put a strain on the profit and loss accounts of German banks. For all categories of banks combined, the balance remained even, compared with -€7.6 billion in 2006. The positive result from financial investment business ( $\in$ 5.1 billion) was crucial for the marked improvement in the "extraordinary account". This was due almost solely to the sale of subsidiaries and branches by a single institution.<sup>6</sup> Moreover, the balance of extraordinary income and charges in the narrower sense (+ $\in$ 0.8 billion) boosted the figure, compared with an adverse effect (- $\in$ 1.7 billion) in the previous year. The transferred profits had a detrimental effect on the result similar to that in the previous year. Furthermore, both loss transfers and net charges for transfers to the special item with an equity portion increased in the reporting year.

**<sup>6</sup>** According to figures from the published annual report of the bank concerned, this effect was concentrated on "income from write-ups in respect of participating interests, shares in affiliated enterprises, and securities treated as fixed assets" in the amount of €6.8 billion.





Minor changes for most categories of banks The "extraordinary account" improved in 2007 mainly in the case of the commercial banks. This was due, above all, to the very positive contribution of one big bank owing to the above-mentioned individual transactions amounting to €6.8 billion. By comparison, however, the scale of the aggregated changes remained limited for the other categories of banks under consideration here. It was only the special purpose banks whose "extraordinary account" was subjected to a noticeably greater strain in 2007 than in the previous year; however, this burden was concentrated on only one institution and, according to the published annual report, was to be recorded under financial investment business in connection with the financial market turbulence. The regional institutions of the credit cooperatives were able to offset burdens in the extraordinary account in the narrower sense as well as in the case of loss transfers with significant income from financial investment business.<sup>7</sup> At the same time, there were fewer burdens for the regional banks in the reporting year, which was due mainly to supporting effects from financial investment business as well as from the extraordinary account in the narrower sense.

## Profit for the financial year, taxes on income and earnings

The total profit for the financial year before tax reported by the German banking industry declined from €27.6 billion in 2006 to €20.5 billion in 2007. In line with this, the return on equity (before tax) also fell from 9.35% in 2006 to 6.56% in 2007. This primarily reflected the particular strains on one special purpose bank as a result of its risk-shielding measures in favour of a subsidiary bank. The markedly more favourable development of the "extraordinary account" compared with the previous year - sustained essentially, as mentioned above, by the significant positive contribution of one institution – meant that the decline, as an aggregate, was clearly less than for the operational result. All in all, most categories of banks recorded a decline in their profit for the financial year. In the case of the special purpose banks (-€5.6 billion compared with +€2.5 billion), the Landesbanken (€0.8 billion compared with €6.0 billion)

Further decline in profit for the financial year

**<sup>7</sup>** According to the published annual report, this was mainly due to one institution and its burden from a mort-gage bank. This institution was also able to show income from participating interests.

#### Return on capital of individual categories of banks \*

As a	percentage

/ s u percentage										
Category of banks	2003		2004		2005		2006		2007	
All categories of banks	0.72	(- 1.45)	4.19	(1.93)	13.00	(9.19)	9.35	(7.51)	6.56	(4.65)
Commercial banks	- 6.24	(- 6.57)	- 0.42	(- 1.42)	21.82	(15.52)	11.23	(9.12)	19.13	(15.60)
of which										
Big banks 1	- 12.85	(–11.99)	- 3.97	(– 3.56)	31.72	(23.12)	14.01	(12.27)	25.97	(21.64)
Regional banks and other commercial banks <sup>1</sup>	4.53	(2.25)	5.66	(2.16)	8.63	(5.43)	6.99	(4.43)	8.50	(6.33)
Landesbanken <sup>2</sup>	- 4.25	(- 5.17)	1.07	(- 0.83)	6.44	(5.56)	11.40	(9.73)	1.46	(0.94)
Savings banks	10.89	(4.00)	9.72	(5.03)	10.45	(5.60)	8.94	(4.95)	7.23	(4.20)
Regional institutions of credit cooperatives	0.66	(2.30)	2.91	(3.97)	5.25	(5.12)	4.49	(9.51)	- 4.03	(2.94)
Credit cooperatives	10.64	(5.24)	10.32	(5.26)	13.79	(9.00)	11.04	(8.51)	8.12	(5.12)
Mortgage banks	5.34	(3.70)	3.32	(1.39)	0.91	(- 0.87)	2.83	(1.85)	1.89	(1.06)

\* The figures for the most recent date should be regarded as provisional. Excluding building and loan associations, institutions in liquidation, and institutions with a truncated financial year. Profit for the financial year before tax (in brackets: after tax) as a percentage of the average capital as shown in the balance sheet (including the fund for general banking risks, but excluding participation rights capital). — 1 From 2004, Deutsche Postbank AG reclassified from the category of "Regional banks and other commercial banks" to the category of "Big banks". — 2 From 2004, NRW.BANK reclassified from the category of "Landesbanken" to the category of "Special purpose banks".

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and the regional institutions of credit cooperatives (- $\in$ 0.4 billion compared with + $\in$ 0.4 billion), this was mainly the result of the dramatic increase in valuation charges in connection with the financial market turbulence. Commercial banks, by contrast, showed an increase in their profit for the financial year (from  $\in$ 10.1 billion to  $\in$ 18.7 billion). This principally reflects the abovementioned income from sales of subsidiaries by a single institution in the amount of  $\in$ 6.8 billion. However, even after adjustment for the mentioned individual transactions, they still recorded a slight increase in their profit for the financial year.

Higher taxes but distorted year-on-year comparison Taxes on income and earnings went up from  $\in$ 5.4 billion to  $\in$ 6.0 billion in the reporting year. However, the year-on-year comparison

is distorted by positive one-off effects owing to corporation tax balances being shown as assets in 2006. These effects were reflected in different items in the profit and loss accounts among the individual categories of banks.<sup>8</sup>

In the financial year 2007, income from liquidations from the "fund for general banking risks", on balance, improved the profit by  $\in$ 3.7 billion, although this was attributable solely to the liquidations in the amount of  $\notin$ 5.1 billion by one special purpose bank.<sup>9</sup> The other institutions allocated a total of  $\notin$ 1.4 billion to the fund with a detrimental impact on profits. In the previous year, the injections

Further rise in aggregated balance sheet profit ...

**<sup>8</sup>** In 2006, this income was either netted out with tax expenditure or recorded in the balance of other operating income and charges.

<sup>9</sup> Data from the published annual report.

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... but burden on accumulation of reserves despite considerable positive one-off effect

Outlook for 2008 had amounted to as much as €5.3 billion. On balance, €4.2 billion (2006: €6.0 billion) flowed to the accumulation of reserves and participation rights capital. However, this already includes the indirect effects of the aforementioned one-off effect in the case of the big banks; according to the published annual report, this bank alone booked €4.1 billion in "other revenue reserves" with a detrimental impact on profits. The losses carried forward reduced the balance sheet profit by €0.8 billion, compared with €0.5 billion in the previous year. Overall, the German banks show balance sheet profits of €13.2 billion in 2007, compared with €10.4 billion in 2006. However, this should not disguise the fact that the profitability of banks in Germany worsened significantly during 2007.

### Outlook

In the current financial year, the negative repercussions of the financial market turbulence on the profitability of domestic credit institutions are likely to become more severe. A further strain on net income from the valuation of assets is to be expected, especially

for the big banks, the Landesbanken and the regional institutions of credit cooperatives. Moreover, the weak stock market environment and the small number of initial public offerings and corporate mergers are likely to have an adverse impact on net commissions received and the result from own-account trading. At the same time, the German banks should also benefit from the robust condition of the German economy. This is likely to continue to have a stabilising effect on risk provisioning and interest business. How far net interest received improves, given a continuing flat yield curve and higher short-term interest rates, remains to be seen, however. Against this background, it can be said that, at least in the case of the savings banks and the credit cooperatives, an increase in the structurally declining interest margin seems rather unlikely in the financial year 2008. On the cost side, declining administrative spending could have a slight alleviating effect for the domestic credit institutions as a whole. In particular, variable and performance-related staff costs are likely to decline in the current financial year. However, this will probably not radically alter the overall picture.

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### Credit institutions' profit and loss accounts \*

	Interest busi	ness		Non-interest	business		General adm	ninistrative sp	ending	
	Net			Net com-						Partial
	interest			missions					Total other	result
	received	Interest		received	Commis-		Total		adminis-	(col 1 plus
	(col 2 less	received	Interest	(col 5 less	sions	Commis-	(col 8 plus		trative	col 4 less
	col 3)	(total) 1	paid	col 6)	received	sions paid	col 9)	Staff costs	spending 2	col 7)
Financial										
year	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
,			-		<u> </u>			<u> </u>		
	€ billion									
2000	76.9	369.9	293.1	28.1	33.8	5.7	77.7	42.0	35.7	27.3
2001	79.2	382.4	303.2	25.3	31.2	5.9	81.0	43.0	38.0	23.5
2002	85.6	344.5	258.9	24.3	30.2	5.9	78.3	41.6	36.7	31.6
2003	81.7	308.7	227.0	24.4	30.6	6.3	77.3	41.6	35.7	28.8
2004	85.0	303.6	218.6	25.3	32.0	6.8	75.8	41.2	34.6	34.5
2005	88.2	329.1	240.9	27.8	35.4	7.6	78.8	43.4	35.4	37.2
2006	89.1	357.5	268.3	29.9	38.4	8.6	81.5	46.0	35.5	37.5
2007	91.5	418.9	327.4	31.7	42.2	10.5	81.6	44.6	37.0	41.6
	Year-on-yea	r percentage	change 4							
2001	3.0	3.4	3.5	- 9.8	- 7.6	3.3	4.3	2.5	6.6	- 13.8
2002	8.0	- 9.9	- 14.6	- 4.0	- 3.2	0.0	- 3.3	- 3.4	- 3.3	34.2
2003	- 4.5	- 10.4	– 12.3	0.4	1.7	7.2	- 1.2	0.1	- 2.5	- 9.1
2004	4.0	- 1.7	- 3.7	3.8	4.5	7.4	- 2.0	- 0.9	- 3.2	19.9
2005	3.9	8.4	10.2	9.9	10.4	12.0	4.0	5.4	2.4	7.9
2006	1.0	8.6	11.4	7.4	8.7	13.3	3.4	5.9	0.4	0.8
2007	2.7	17.2	22.0	6.1	9.8	22.6	0.1	- 3.0	4.1	11.0
	As a percent	age of the av	erage balanc	e sheet total						
2000	1.14	5.51	4.36	0.42	0.50	0.08	1.16	0.63	0.53	0.41
2001	1.12	5.39	4.28	0.36	0.44	0.08	1.14	0.61	0.54	0.33
2002	1.20	4.83	3.63	0.34	0.42	0.08	1.10	0.58	0.52	0.44
2003	1.16	4.39	3.23	0.35	0.44	0.09	1.10	0.59	0.51	0.41
2004	1.18	4.23	3.04	0.35	0.45	0.09	1.05	0.57	0.48	0.48
2005	1.17	4.37	3.20	0.37	0.47	0.10	1.05	0.58	0.47	0.49
2006	1.15	4.63	3.48	0.39	0.50	0.11	1.06	0.60	0.46	0.49
2007	1.12	5.13	4.01	0.39	0.52	0.13	1.00	0.55	0.45	0.51

\* The figures for the most recent date should be regarded as provisional. Excluding building and loan associations, institutions in liquidation, and institutions with a truncated financial year. — 1 Interest received plus current income and profits transferred under profit pooling and profit transfer agreements. — 2 Including depreciation of and adjustments for tangible and intangible assets, but excluding

Financial year
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depreciation of and adjustments for assets leased ("broad" definition). — 3 Excluding the balance sheet total of the foreign branches of savings banks. From 2004, excluding the balance sheet

total of the foreign branches of regional institutions of credit cooperatives. — 4 Statistical changes have been eliminated.



### Profit and loss accounts, by category of banks \*

€ million

€ million											
		Interest bus	iness		Non-interes	t business		General adn	ninistrative s	pending	
	Number of reporting	Net interest received (col 3 less	Interest	Interest	Net com- missions received (col 6 less	Commis- sions	Commis-	Total (col 9 plus		Total other adminis- trative	Partial operating result (col 2 plus col 5 less
	institutions	col 4)	received 1	paid	col 7)	received	sions paid	col10)	Staff costs	spending 2	col 8)
Financial year	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	All categori	es of banks									
2002	2,268	85,568	344,472	258,904	24,327	30,212	5,885	78,324	41,578	36,746	31,571
2003	2,128	81,709	308,742	227,033	24,356	30,645	6,289	77,296	41,585	35,711	28,769
2004	2,055	84,998	303,615	218,617	25,282	32,039	6,757	75,781	41,223	34,558	34,499
2005 2006	1,988 1,940	88,211 89,124	329,082 357,461	240,871 268,337	27,797 29,852	35,351 38,411	7,554 8,559	78,806 81,474	43,445	35,361 35,485	37,202 37,502
2008	1,940	91,503		327,420	31,683	42,177	10,494		45,989		41,632
	Commercial					- ,	- , .				
2002	206	30,850	101,741	70,891	13,894	17,145	3,251	35,897	17,414	18,483	8,847
2003	193	26,334	85,993	59,659	13,250	16,612	3,362	34,451	17,024	17,427	5,133
2004	187	29,471	85,000	55,529	13,430	17,143	3,713	33,386	16,606	16,780	9,515
2005	179	32,585	102,082	69,497	15,370	19,375	4,005	35,259	17,889	17,370	12,696
2006	174	34,584	116,283	81,699	16,504	21,332	4,828	36,939	19,402	17,537	14,149
2007	173		140,332	102,271	17,758	24,202	6,444	37,622	19,454	18,168	18,197
	Big banks										
2002 2003	4	17,615	65,553 52,461	47,938	8,481	10,073 10,191	1,592 1,968	21,768 20,992	11,107	10,661	4,328
2003	5	17,340	52,461	40,821	8,836	11,087	2,251	20,992	11,473	10,035	3,794
2005	5	19,419	73,595	54,176	10,076	12,189	2,113	23,846	12,564	11,282	5,649
2006	5	22,111	87,108	64,997	10,861	13,365	2,504	25,438	13,936	11,502	7,534
2007	5	24,454	104,238	79,784	11,365	14,634	3,269	25,321	13,709	11,612	10,498
	Regional	banks and ot									
2002	183	13,060	35,015	21,955	5,317	6,969	1,652	13,954	6,229		4,423
2003 2004	170 163	13,134	32,665 26,211	19,531 14,244	4,885	6,272 5,917	1,387 1,456	13,279 10,825	5,990 5,057	7,289	4,740 5,603
2004	155	13,050	27,930	14,880	5,133	7,020	1,887	11,242	5,247	5,995	6,941
2006	152	12,362	28,507	16,145	5,496	7,815	2,319	11,335	5,383	5,952	6,523
2007	151	13,451	35,119	21,668	6,195	9,363	3,168	12,126	5,658	6,468	7,520
	Branches	of foreign ba	nks								
2002	19	175	1,173	998	96	103	7	175	78		96
2003	19	165	867	702	142	149	7	180	77	103	127
2004 2005	19 19	164 116	628 557	464	133	139 166	65	179 171	76	103	118 106
2005	17	111	668	557	147	152	5	166	83	83	92
2007	17										
	Landesbank	en 7									
2002	14	9,743	76,744	67,001	1,794	2,963	1,169	7,210	3,579	3,631	4,327
2003	13	10,260	69,740	59,480	1,748	3,016	1,268	6,898	3,378	3,520	5,110
2004	12	9,886	66,634	56,748	1,718	3,010	1,292	6,660	3,342	3,318	4,944
2005	12	10,019	74,094 81,578	64,075	1,933	3,455	1,522	7,140	3,607	3,533	4,812
2006 2007	12	10,030 10,829		71,548 83,557	2,206	3,784 3,987	1,578 1,740	7,646 7,248	4,204 3,747	3,442 3,501	4,590 5,828
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\* For footnotes 1-7, see pp 34-35.

Net profit or net loss on financial operations	Net other operating income or charges	Net income or net charges from the valuation of assets (other than tangible or financial fixed as- sets)	Operating result (col 11 to col 14)	Net other and extra- ordinary income or charges	Profit for the finan- cial year before tax (col 15 plus col 16)	Taxes on in- come and earnings 3	Profit or loss (-) for the finan- cial year after tax (col 17 less col 18)	With- drawals from or transfers to (–) reserves and parti- cipation rights capital 4	Balance sheet profit or loss (-) (col 19 plus col 20)	Memo item Average annual balance sheet total 5	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	Financial year
									All catego	ries of banks	
2,950 6,449 1,260 11,421 4,413 – 1,143	3,693 3,808 4,149 1,861 7,292 3,510	- 31,217 - 21,751 - 17,282 - 14,007 - 14,000 - 23,515	6,997 17,275 22,626 36,477 35,207 20,484	3,923 - 15,452 - 12,254 - 3,235 - 7,610 22	10,920 1,823 10,372 33,242 27,597 20,506	3,850 5,505 5,583 9,744 5,421 5,963	7,070 - 3,682 4,789 23,498 22,176 14,545	- 2,267 7,270 - 831 - 14,395 - 11,818 - 1,342	4,803 3,588 3,958 9,103 10,358	7,129,090 7,038,224 7,183,653 7,524,722 7,718,988	2003
									Comm	ercial banks	
2,144 5,363 414 10,542 2,759 885	1,515 1,633 2,117 472 2,089 708	- 9,034 - 7,345 - 5,302 - 3,906 - 4,092 - 4,875	3,472 4,784 6,744 19,804 14,905 14,915	- 2,563 - 10,472 - 7,086 - 1,856 - 4,761 3,805	909 - 5,688 - 342 17,948 10,144 18,720	869 302 825 5,180 1,904 3,452	40 - 5,990 - 1,167 12,768 8,240 15,268	769 5,661 615 – 8,592 – 2,867 – 5,778	809 - 329 - 552 4,176 5,373 9,490	2,309,650 2,251,587 2,361,952 2,563,063 2,601,671 2,935,195	
										ig banks 6	
2,074 4,901 619 10,775 2,971 1,764	- 225 233 907 - 846 920 - 375	- 6,119 - 4,751 - 2,947 - 1,713 - 2,073 - 2,806	58 649 2,373 13,865 9,352 9,081	- 1,989 - 7,964 - 4,440 1,002 - 1,832 6,209	- 1,931 - 7,315 - 2,067 14,867 7,520 15,290	96 - 490 - 218 4,030 936 2,549	- 6,825 - 1,849 10,837 6,584 12,741				
59	1,719	- 2,844	3,357	- 568	2,789	735		banks and oth 	ner commerci	al banks • 676,254	2002
451 - 210 - 249 - 238 - 900	1,382 1,198 1,316 1,153 1,068	- 2,566 - 2,320 - 2,197 - 2,009 - 2,050	4,007 4,271 5,811 5,429	- 2,506 - 2,625 - 2,853 - 2,929 - 2,407	1,501 1,646 2,958 2,500 3,231	754 1,017 1,098 915 825	747 629 1,860 1,585 2,406	- 2,035 - 2,722 - 651 - 60 - 392	- 1,288 - 2,093 1,209 1,525	689,268 573,493 602,538 586,058	2003
11		71			L F1		1 12		nches of fore		2002
11 11 5 16 26 21	21 18 12 2 16 15	- 71 - 28 - 35 4 - 10 - 19	57 128 100 128 124 196	- 6 - 2 - 21 - 5 0 3	51 126 79 123 124 199	38 38 26 52 53 78	13 88 53 71 71 121	- 2 0 0 0 0			2003 2004 2005 2006
644	677	- 7,746	- 2,098	3,400	1,302	399	903	- 129	Lan 774	desbanken 7 1,644,026	2002
344 345 262 241 1,010 – 1,726	677 639 581 – 148 1,026 474	- 7,746 - 3,754 - 799 - 782 1,373 - 2,115	2,340 4,988 4,123 7,999	- 4,573 - 4,516 - 1,093 - 1,985 - 1,673	- 2,233 472 3,030 6,014 788	482 835 413 878 283	- 2,715 - 363 2,617 5,136 507	3,619 1,161 – 1,715 – 3,835	904 798 902 1,301 907	1,644,026 1,639,615 1,519,005 1,581,453 1,651,972 1,668,143	2003 2004 2005 2006



#### Profit and loss accounts, by category of banks \* (cont'd)

€ million

€ million											
		Interest busi	ness		Non-interes	business		General adn	ninistrative sp	pending	
	Number of reporting institutions	Net interest received (col 3 less col 4)	Interest received 1	Interest paid	Net com- missions received (col 6 less col 7)	Commis- sions received	Commis- sions paid	Total (col 9 plus col 10)	Staff costs	Total other adminis- trative spending 2	Partial operating result (col 2 plus col 5 less col 8)
Financial year	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Savings ban	ks									
2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007	519 489 477 463 457 446	23,234 23,504 23,192 22,926 22,449 20,948	53,932 50,962 48,524 47,328 47,046 48,989	30,698 27,458 25,332 24,402 24,597 28,041	4,784 5,180 5,562 5,621 5,854 6,083	5,065 5,495 5,912 5,996 6,244 6,493	281 315 350 375 390 410	19,022 19,349 18,907 19,146 19,014 19,369	11,324 11,725 11,587 11,841 11,693 11,338	7,698 7,624 7,320 7,305 7,321 8,031	8,996 9,335 9,847 9,401 9,289 7,662
		titutions of c									
2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007	2 2 2 2 2 2 2	1,414 936 948 1,037 1,009 1,265	8,865 6,972 6,362 6,698 7,439 9,043	7,451 6,036 5,414 5,661 6,430 7,778	303 343 317 359 336 298	565 629 704 795 807 799	262 286 387 436 471 501	1,135 1,103 1,006 974 1,095 1,000	540 523 518 543 673 552	595 580 488 431 422 448	582 176 259 422 250 563
	Credit coope	eratives									
2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007	1,488 1,392 1,336 1,292 1,257 1,232	13,648 13,987 14,249 14,230 13,716 13,218	29,958 28,514 27,687 27,287 27,427 29,301	16,310 14,527 13,438 13,057 13,711 16,083	3,124 3,401 3,685 3,886 3,949 4,138	3,491 3,802 4,184 4,499 4,601 4,809	367 401 499 613 652 671	12,615 12,915 12,963 13,333 13,536 13,054	7,442 7,619 7,677 8,013 8,250 7,805	5,173 5,296 5,286 5,320 5,286 5,286 5,249	4,157 4,473 4,971 4,783 4,129 4,302
	Mortgage b	anks									
2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007	25 25 24 22 22 22	3,695 3,795 3,847 3,933 3,774 3,737	49,868 44,657 42,398 42,930 46,761 60,944	46,173 40,862 38,551 38,997 42,987 57,207	- 55 - 58 - 31 - 5 285 378	208 256 247 331 603 669	263 314 278 336 318 291	1,347 1,405 1,396 1,458 1,606 1,578	664 663 663 697 808 751	683 742 733 761 798 827	2,293 2,332 2,420 2,470 2,453 2,537
	Special purp	ose banks 7									
2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007	14 14 16 16 16 16	2,984 2,893 3,405 3,481 3,562 3,445	23,364 21,904 27,010 28,663 30,927 35,928	20,380 19,011 23,605 25,182 27,365 32,483	483 492 601 633 718 781	775 835 839 900 1,040 1,218	292 343 238 267 322 437	1,098 1,175 1,463 1,496 1,638 1,683	615 653 830 855 959 955	483 522 633 641 679 728	2,369 2,210 2,543 2,618 2,642 2,543
	Memo item:	Banks major	ity-owned by	foreign banl	<s 8<="" td=""><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></s>						
2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007	49 45 42 41 44 42	3,430 3,521 3,931 8,216 8,678 10,190	15,964 14,921 15,124 29,491 32,318 39,607	12,534 11,400 11,193 21,275 23,640 29,417	1,186 1,425 1,724 3,389 3,694 4,035	1,929 1,818 2,167 4,246 4,867 5,723	743 393 443 857 1,173 1,688	3,381 3,325 3,534 7,291 7,672 8,114	1,486 1,443 1,473 3,416 3,711 3,927	1,895 1,882 2,061 3,875 3,961 4,187	1,235 1,621 2,121 4,314 4,700 6,111

\* The figures for the most recent date should be regarded as provisional. Excluding building and loan associations, institutions in liquidation, and institutions with a truncated financial year. — 1 Interest received plus current income and profits transferred under profit pooling and profit transfer agreements. — 2 Including depreciation of and adjustments for tangible and intangible assets, but excluding depreciation of and adjustments for assets leased ("broad" definition). — **3** In part, including taxes paid by legally dependent building and loan associations affiliated to Landesbanken. — **4** Including profit or loss brought forward and withdrawals from or transfers to the fund for general

Net profit or net loss on finan- cial op- erations	Net other operating income or charges	Net income or net charges from the valuation of assets (other than tangible or financial fixed assets)	Operating result (col 11 to col 14)	Net other and extra- ordinary income or charges	Profit for the finan- cial year before tax (col 15 plus col 16)	Taxes on income and earnings 3	Profit or loss (-) for the finan- cial year after tax (col 17 less col 18)	With- drawals from or transfers to (–) reserves and parti- cipation rights capital 4	Balance sheet profit or loss (–) (col 19 plus col 20)	balance	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	Financial year
									Sa	avings banks	
- 43 215 159 180 176 150	615 256 206 299 419 701	- 6,927 - 5,247 - 5,883 - 4,947 - 5,246 - 4,357	2,641 4,559 4,329 4,933 4,638 4,156	786 197 71 - 6 - 217 - 401	3,427 4,756 4,400 4,927 4,421 3,755	1,471 3,011 2,122 2,285 1,973 1,575	1,956 1,745 2,278 2,642 2,448 2,180	- 676 - 580 - 885 - 1,125 - 855 - 823	1,280 1,165 1,393 1,517 1,593 1,357	975,490 980,622 985,944 995,377 1,007,033	2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007
							Regio	onal institutio	ons of credit o	cooperatives	
234 370 376 405 403 - 482	209 98 57 7 13 41	- 905 - 514 - 321 - 180 - 111 - 455	120 130 371 654 555 – 333	189 - 81 - 151 - 248 - 173 - 42	309 49 220 406 382 – 375	- 27 - 123 - 80 10 - 428 - 649	336 172 300 396 810 274	- 259 - 93 - 202 - 223 - 589 - 38	77 79 98 173 221 236	213,520 203,899 194,244 219,881 233,847 254,397	2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007
									Credit o	ooperatives	
- 28 138 40 51 57 52	503 1,027 904 891 3,317 1,120	- 3,687 - 3,095 - 3,042 - 2,999 - 4,249 - 2,702	945 2,543 2,873 2,726 3,254 2,772	1,572 380 104 1,430 360 98	2,517 2,923 2,977 4,156 3,614 2,870	801 1,484 1,458 1,444 829 1,061	1,716 1,439 1,519 2,712 2,785 1,809	- 768 - 440 - 437 - 1,519 - 1,556 - 601	948 999 1,082 1,193 1,229 1,208		2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007
										tgage banks	
5 2 1 3 6 - 17	138 - 26 169 206 65 289	- 1,843 - 1,110 - 1,625 - 1,128 - 1,067 - 1,244	593 1,198 965 1,551 1,457 1,565	692 - 368 - 399 - 1,391 - 889 - 1,190	1,285 830 566 160 568 375	247 255 328 313 196 165	1,038 575 238 – 153 372 210	- 331 14 587 906 - 119 - 625	707 589 825 753 253 - 415	929,571 877,381 875,035 879,136 878,310 859,798	2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007
		4 075		452			1.004			oose banks 7	2002
- 6 16 8 - 1 2 - 5	36 181 115 134 363 177	- 1,075 - 686 - 310 - 65 - 608 - 7,767	1,324 1,721 2,356 2,686 2,399 - 5,052	- 153 - 535 - 277 - 71 55 - 575	1,171 1,186 2,079 2,615 2,454 - 5,627	90 94 95 99 69 76	1,081 1,092 1,984 2,516 2,385 – 5,703	- 873 - 911 - 1,670 - 2,127 - 1,997 6,123	208 181 314 389 388 420	508,807 528,174 679,799 707,171 750,579 807,794	2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007
								nks majority-c	-	-	
108 287 - 85 345 325 - 541	561 292 262 167 188 421	- 632 - 799 - 612 - 1,962 - 1,852 - 2,203	1,272 1,401 1,686 2,864 3,361 3,788	- 18 - 837 - 874 - 783 - 1,287 5,916	1,254 564 812 2,081 2,074 9,704	449 274 494 721 517 770	805 290 318 1,360 1,557 8,934	- 310 390 206 - 537 - 511 - 3,885	495 680 524 823 1,046 5,049	284,168 291,782 313,299 649,254 679,356 766,323	2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007

banking risks. — 5 Excluding the balance sheet total of the foreign branches of savings banks. From 2004, excluding the balance sheet total of the foreign branches of regional institutions of credit cooperatives. — 6 From 2004, Deutsche Postbank AG reclassified from the category of "Regional banks and other commercial banks" to the category of "Big banks". — 7 From 2004, NRW.BANK, reclassified from the category of "Landesbanken" to the category of "Special purpose banks". — 8 Separate presentation of the (legally independent) credit institutions majority-owned by foreign banks and included in the categories "Big banks", "Regional banks and other commercial banks" and "Mortgage banks".



### Credit institutions' charge and income items \*

#### € million

		Charges	harges											
							General ad	dministrativ	e spending	g				
								Staff costs						
						Gross loss on				Social sect and costs to pension other ben	relating ns and			
Financial year	Number of re- porting institu- tions	Total	Interest paid	Commis- sions paid	Net loss on finan- cial oper- ations	trans- actions in goods and sub- sidiary trans- actions	Total	Total	Wages and salaries	Total	of which Pensions	Other adminis- trative spend- ing 1		
1999	2,897	356,241	245,041	4,299	536	0	64,625	38,436	29,766	8,670	3,529	26,189		
2000	2,636	412,264	293,052	5,698	370	0	71,853	41,997	32,772	9,225	3,843	29,856		
2001	2,423	430,361	303,185	5,887	831	0	75,237	43,031	33,766	9,265	3,899	32,206		
2002	2,268	400,045	258,904	5,885	884	0	72,472	41,578	32,514	9,064	3,489	30,894		
2003	2,128	364,797	227,033	6,289	354	0	71,901	41,585	32,088	9,497	3,946	30,316		
2004	2,055	346,700	218,617	6,757	898	0	70,989	41,223	31,626	9,597	4,028	29,766		
2005	1,988	372,968	240,871	7,554	637	0	74,459	43,445	33,278	10,167	4,562	31,014		
2006	1,940	398,054	268,337	8,559	495	0	77,597	45,989	35,250	10,739	5,007	31,608		
2007	1,903	472,967	327,420	10,494	4,478	0	77,804	44,602	35,092	9,510	3,850	33,202		

	Income									
		Interest rece	ived		Current inco	me				
			from lending and money market trans-	from debt securities and Debt Register		from shares and other vari- able yield	from parti- cipating	from shares in affiliated	Profits transferred under profit pooling and profit transfer agree-	Commis- sions
Financial year	Total	Total	actions	claims	Total	securities	interests 3	enterprises	ments	received
1999 2000	368,638 424,841	309,151 351,570	258,300 290,904	50,851 60,666	12,550 16,994	6,631 7,951	1,426 2,219	4,493 6,824	1,163 1,382	26,760 33,793
2001	440,741	363,138	298,110	65,028	17,379	9,849	2,169	5,361	1,897	31,236
2002	407,115	323,949	266,031	57,918	17,446	7,226	1,835	8,385	3,077	30,212
2003	361,115	294,244	243,578	50,666	10,975	6,503	1,220	3,252	3,523	30,645
2004	351,489	285,732	235,855	49,877	14,666	9,631	1,212	3,823	3,217	32,039
2005	396,466	306,745	252,604	54,141	17,000	12,365	1,250	3,385	5,337	35,351
2006	420,230	332,763	274,104	58,659	18,807	14,105	1,230	3,472	5,891	38,411
2007	487,510	390,030	318,664	71,366	23,964	17,995	1,933	4,036	4,929	42,177

\* The figures for the most recent date should be regarded as provisional. Excluding building and loan associations, institutions in liquidation, and institutions with a truncated financial year. — 1 Spending item does not include depreciation of and adjustments for tangible and intangible assets, shown net of depreciation of assets leased ("narrow" definition). All other tables are based on a broad definition

			Value ad-	Value ad-							
Value adju			justments	justments							
respect of 1				in respect							
and intang	ible assets		of loans	of parti-						Profits	
			and	cipating						trans-	
				interests,						ferred	
			and pro- visions	shares in affiliated						under	
			for con-	enter-						profit	
			tingent	prises and	Charges					pooling and	
			liabilities	securities	incurred			Taxes on		profit	
	of which	Other	and for	treated	through	Transfers	Extra-	income		transfer	
	Assets		commit-	as fixed	loss	to special	ordinary	and earn-	Other	agree-	
Total	leased	charges	ments	assets	transfers	reserves	charges	ings 2	taxes	ments	Financial yea
5,972	405	3,130	15,512	551	518	4,335	1,655	8,988	192	887	1999
6,243	423	4,280	17,902	1,747	751	59	2,271	6,747	179	1,112	2000
5,975	167	4,237	22,327	1,827	2,785	113	2,221	3,672	215	1,849	2001
5,995	143	4,288	34,213	3,412	4,550	64	2,102	3,850	185	3,241	2002
5,520	125	5,404	23,325	7,480	2,861	63	5,264	5,505	169	3,629	2003
4,904	112	3,763	19,439	1,352	1,427	37	8,893	5,583	176	3,865	2004
4,347	0	5,752	17,917	711	1,398	36	4,688	9,744	202	4,652	2005
3,894	17	4,719	17,880	2,593	796	49	2,656	5,421	191	4,867	2006
3,756	6	5,381	26,400	3,914	939	97	1,274	5,963	160	4,887	2007

		Value re-	Value re-	Other operati	na income				
		adjustments	adjustments		ng income				
		in respect	in respect of						
		of loans and	participating						
		advances,	interests,						
		and provi-	shares in						
	Gross profit	sions for	affiliated						
	on trans-	contingent	enterprises						
	actions in	liabilities	and			Income from			
Net profit	goods and	and for	securities		of which	the release			
on financial	subsidiary	commit-	treated as		from leasing	of special	Extraordin-	Income from	
operations	transactions	ments	fixed assets	Total	business	reserves	ary income	loss transfers	Financial year
4,123	221	4,001	3,110	5,954	522	163	1,333	109	1999
6,819	201	2,016	2,329	6,727	536	1,840	1,025	145	2000
6,201	183	2,711	5,787	7,976	247	1,502	2,378	353	2001
3,834	170	2,996	12,040	8,139	243	889	3,586	777	2002
6,803	165	1,574	2,188	9,341	220	450	1,111	96	2003
2,158	160	2,157	1,070	8,040	239	49	1,716		2004
12,058	161	3,910	4,975	7,654	55	83	3,136	56	2005
4,908	172	3,880	2,307	12,047	34	27	946	71	2006
3,335	174	2,885	8,968	8,883	19	38	2,083	44	2007

of "other administrative spending". — 2 In part, including taxes paid by legally dependent building and loan associations affiliated to

Landesbanken. —  ${\bf 3}$  Including amounts paid up on cooperative society shares.



### Major components of credit institutions' profit and loss accounts, by category of banks $^{\ast}$

As a percentage of	f the avera	ge balance	sheet tota	0						
		Commercia	al banks							
			of which		1					
				Regional banks and other			Regional institu- tions of			
	All cat-			commer-			credit	Credit		Special
	egories		Big	cial	Landes-	Savings	coopera-	coopera-	Mortgage	purpose
Financial year	of banks	Total	banks 1	banks 1	banken 2	banks	tives	tives	banks	banks 2
	Interest ree	ceived (tota	II) 3							
2001	5.39	5.12	4.91	5.68	5.47	5.75	4.91	5.76	5.73	4.95
2002	4.83	4.41	4.09	5.18	4.67	5.53	4.15	5.47	5.36	4.59
2003	4.39	3.82	3.42	4.74	4.25	5.20	3.42	5.12	5.09	4.15
2004	4.23	3.60	3.30	4.57	4.39	4.92	3.28	4.88	4.85	3.97
2005	4.37	3.98	3.79	4.64	4.69	4.75	3.05	4.72	4.88	4.05
2006	4.63	4.47	4.36	4.86	4.94	4.67	3.18	4.61	5.32	4.12
2007	5.13	4.78	4.65	5.23	5.66	4.81	3.55	4.77	7.09	4.45
	Interest pa	id								
2001	4.28	3.97	4.02	3.85	4.88	3.47	4.29	3.36	5.30	4.43
2002	3.63	3.07	2.99	3.25	4.08	3.15	3.49	2.98	4.97	4.01
2003	3.23	2.65	2.57	2.83	3.63	2.80	2.96	2.61	4.66	3.60
2004	3.04	2.35	2.31	2.48	3.74	2.57	2.79	2.37	4.41	3.47
2005	3.20	2.71	2.79	2.47	4.05	2.45	2.57	2.26	4.44	3.56
2006	3.48	3.14	3.26	2.75	4.33	2.44	2.75	2.30	4.89	3.65
2007	4.01	3.48	3.56	3.23	5.01	2.75	3.06	2.62	6.65	4.02
	Excess of ir	nterest rece	ived over in	terest paid	= net intere	st received	(interest m	argin)		
2001	1.12	1.15	0.89	1.83	0.60	2.28	0.62	2.41	0.43	0.53
2002	1.20	1.34	1.10	1.93	0.59	2.38	0.66	2.49	0.40	0.59
2003	1.16	1.17	0.85	1.91	0.63	2.40	0.46	2.51	0.43	0.55
2004	1.18	1.25	0.98	2.09	0.65	2.35	0.49	2.51	0.44	0.50
2005	1.17	1.27	1.00	2.17	0.63	2.30	0.47	2.46	0.45	0.49
2006	1.15	1.33	1.11	2.11	0.61	2.23	0.43	2.30	0.43	0.47
2007	1.12	1.30	1.09	2.00	0.65	2.06	0.50	2.15	0.43	0.43
	Excess of c	ommissions	received ov	ver commiss	ions paid =	net commis	sions receiv	red		
2001	0.36	0.64	0.57	0.85	0.11	0.50	0.15	0.58	- 0.01	0.05
2002	0.34	0.60	0.53	0.79	0.11	0.49	0.14	0.57	- 0.01	0.09
2003	0.35	0.59	0.54	0.71	0.11	0.53	0.17	0.61	- 0.01	0.09
2004	0.35	0.57	0.50	0.78	0.11	0.56	0.16	0.65	0.00	0.09
2005	0.37	0.60	0.52	0.85	0.12	0.56	0.16	0.67	0.00	0.09
2006	0.39	0.63	0.54	0.94	0.13	0.58	0.14	0.66	0.03	0.10
2007	0.39	0.61	0.51	0.92	0.13	0.60	0.12	0.67	0.04	0.10

\* The figures for the most recent date should be regarded as provisional. Excluding building and loan associations, institutions in liquidation, and institutions with a truncated financial year. —  $\bullet$  Excluding the balance sheet total of the foreign

branches of savings banks. From 2004, excluding the balance sheet total of the foreign branches of regional institutions of credit cooperatives. — For footnotes 1–3 see p 39.

# Major components of credit institutions' profit and loss accounts, by category of banks \* (cont'd)

As a percentage of	f the avera	ge balance	sheet tota	0						
		Commercia								
			of which							
	All cat-			Regional banks and other commer-			Regional institu- tions of credit	Credit		Special
	egories		Big	cial	Landes-	Savings	coopera-	coopera-	Mortgage	purpose
Financial year	of banks	Total	banks 1	banks 1	banken 2	banks	tives	tives	banks	banks 2
	General ac	lministrativ	e spending							
2001	1.14	1.65	1.48	2.12	0.45	1.97	0.55	2.36	0.15	0.18
2002	1.10	1.55	1.36	2.06	0.44	1.95	0.53	2.30	0.14	0.22
2003	1.10	1.53	1.37	1.93	0.42	1.97	0.54	2.32	0.16	0.22
2004	1.05	1.41	1.27	1.89	0.44	1.92	0.52	2.28	0.16	0.22
2005	1.05	1.38	1.23	1.87	0.45	1.92	0.44	2.30	0.17	0.21
2006	1.06	1.42	1.27	1.93	0.46	1.89	0.47	2.27	0.18	0.22
2007	1.00	1.28	1.13	1.81	0.43	1.90	0.39	2.12	0.18	0.21
	Partial ope	erating resu	lt							
2001	0.33	0.15	- 0.02	0.56	0.25	0.81	0.22	0.63	0.27	0.39
2002	0.44	0.38	0.27	0.65	0.26	0.92	0.27	0.76	0.25	0.47
2003	0.41	0.23	0.02	0.69	0.31	0.95	0.09	0.80	0.27	0.42
2004	0.48	0.40	0.22	0.98	0.33	1.00	0.13	0.88	0.28	0.37
2005	0.49	0.50	0.29	1.15	0.30	0.94	0.19	0.83	0.28	0.37
2006	0.49	0.54	0.38	1.11	0.28	0.92	0.11	0.69	0.28	0.35
2007	0.51	0.62	0.47	1.12	0.35	0.75	0.22	0.70	0.30	0.31
	Net profit	or net loss o	on financial	operations						
2001	0.08	0.20	0.30	- 0.03	0.04	0.00	0.06	- 0.01	0.00	0.00
2002	0.04	0.09	0.13	0.01	0.04	0.00	0.11	- 0.01	0.00	0.00
2003	0.09	0.24	0.32	0.07	0.02	0.02	0.18	0.02	0.00	0.00
2004	0.02	0.02	0.04	- 0.04	0.02	0.02	0.19	0.01	0.00	0.00
2005	0.15	0.41	0.56	- 0.04	0.02	0.02	0.18	0.01	0.00	0.00
2006	0.06	0.11	0.15	- 0.04	0.06	0.02	0.17	0.01	0.00	0.00
2007	- 0.01	0.03	0.08	- 0.13	- 0.10	0.01	- 0.19	0.01	0.00	0.00
	Net incom	e or net cha	irges from t	he valuatio	n of assets					
2001	- 0.28	- 0.26	- 0.24	- 0.33	- 0.20	- 0.52	- 0.32	- 0.50	- 0.12	- 0.15
2002	- 0.44	- 0.39	- 0.38	- 0.42	- 0.47	- 0.71	- 0.42	- 0.67	- 0.20	- 0.21
2003	- 0.31	- 0.33	- 0.31	- 0.37	- 0.23	- 0.54	- 0.25	- 0.56	- 0.13	- 0.13
2004	- 0.24	- 0.22	- 0.17	- 0.40	- 0.05	- 0.60	- 0.17	- 0.54	- 0.19	- 0.05
2005	- 0.19	- 0.15	- 0.09	- 0.36	- 0.05	- 0.50	- 0.08	- 0.52	- 0.13	- 0.01
2006	- 0.18	- 0.16	- 0.10	- 0.34	0.08	- 0.52	- 0.05	- 0.71	- 0.12	- 0.08
2007	- 0.29	- 0.17	- 0.13	- 0.31	- 0.13	- 0.43	- 0.18	-0.44	- 0.14	- 0.96

For footnotes \*, **o**, see p 38. — **1** From 2004, Deutsche Postbank ken" to the category of "Special purpose banks". — **3** Interest AG reclassified from the category of "Regional banks and other commercial banks" to the category of "Big banks". - 2 From 2004, NRW.BANK reclassified from the category of "Landesban-

received plus current income and profits transferred under profit pooling and profit transfer agreements.



# Major components of credit institutions' profit and loss accounts, by category of banks \* (cont'd)

As a percentage of	f the avera	ge balance	sheet tota	0						
		Commerci	al banks							
			of which							
				Regional banks			Regional institu-			
	All cat-			and other commer-			tions of credit	Credit		Createl
	egories		Big	cial	Landes-	Savings	coopera-	coopera-	Mortgage	Special
Financial year	of banks	Total	banks 1	banks 1	banken 2	banks	tives	tives	banks	banks 2
	Operating									
2001	0.18	0.14	0.05	0.36	0.14	0.32	0.01	0.22	0.18	0.27
2002	0.10	0.15	0.00	0.50	- 0.13	0.27	0.06	0.17	0.06	0.26
2003	0.25	0.21	0.04	0.58	0.14	0.46	0.06	0.46	0.14	0.33
2004 2005	0.31	0.29	0.13	0.74 0.96	0.33	0.44 0.50	0.19 0.30	0.51 0.47	0.11 0.18	0.35 0.38
2005	0.46	0.77	0.71	0.98	0.28	0.30	0.30	0.47	0.18	0.38
2000	0.40	0.57		0.93			- 0.13	0.35	0.17	- 0.63
2007						0.111	0.15	0.15	0.10	0.05
				me or charg						
2001	0.02	0.04	0.13	- 0.18	- 0.03	0.06	0.12	0.14	- 0.05	- 0.07
2002	0.06	- 0.11	- 0.12	- 0.08	0.21	0.08	0.09	0.29	0.07	- 0.03
2003	- 0.22	- 0.47	- 0.52	- 0.36	- 0.28	0.02	- 0.04	0.07	- 0.04	- 0.10
2004	- 0.17	- 0.30	- 0.25	- 0.46	- 0.30	0.01	- 0.08	0.02	- 0.05	- 0.04
2005 2006	- 0.04	- 0.07 - 0.18	0.05	- 0.47	- 0.07	0.00 - 0.02	- 0.11 - 0.07	0.25	- 0.16 - 0.10	- 0.01 0.01
2008	0.00	0.13			- 0.12	- 0.02	- 0.07	0.08	- 0.10	- 0.07
2007						0.01	0.02	0.02	0.11	0.07
			l year befor							
2001	0.20	0.18	0.18	0.18	0.11	0.38	0.13	0.35	0.13	0.20
2002	0.15	0.04	- 0.12	0.41	0.08	0.35	0.14	0.46	0.14	0.23
2003	0.03	- 0.25	- 0.48	0.22	- 0.14	0.48	0.02	0.52	0.09	0.22
2004 2005	0.14 0.44	- 0.01 0.70	- 0.12 0.77	0.29 0.49	0.03 0.19	0.45 0.49	0.11 0.18	0.52	0.06 0.02	0.31 0.37
2005	0.44	0.70	0.77	0.49	0.19	0.49	0.18	0.72	0.02	0.37
2007	0.25	0.64		0.43		0.37	- 0.15	0.01	0.04	- 0.70
	Profit for t	he financia	l year after	tax						
2001	0.15	0.16	0.21	0.05	0.10	0.21	0.08	0.21	0.09	0.18
2002	0.10	0.00	- 0.13	0.30	0.05	0.20	0.16	0.31	0.11	0.21
2003	- 0.05	- 0.27	- 0.44	0.11	- 0.17	0.18	0.08	0.26	0.07	0.21
2004	0.07	- 0.05	- 0.10	0.11	- 0.02	0.23	0.15	0.27	0.03	0.29
2005	0.31	0.50	0.56	0.31	0.17	0.27	0.18	0.47	- 0.02	0.36
2006	0.29	0.32	0.33	0.27	0.31	0.24	0.35	0.47	0.04	0.32
2007	0.18	0.52	0.57	0.36	0.03	0.21	0.11	0.29	0.02	- 0.71
	20			20						

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