

Press release

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BCV Group posts CHF 221m net profit in H1 2024

BCV Group delivered strong H1 2024 results. Revenues were stable at CHF 581m in a less favorable interest-rate environment. Compared with H1 from the Bank's record 2023 year, operating profit decreased 6% to CHF 258m, while net profit declined 8% to CHF 221m. These figures nevertheless represent the second-best H1 performance in BCV's history, excluding exceptional items.*

Revenues stable at CHF 581m

Total revenues were stable year on year at CHF 581m. Net interest income held steady at CHF 290m, with expanding business volumes offsetting an interest-rate environment that was less favorable than in H1 2023. Fee and commission income was up 7% to CHF 181m, reflecting favorable financial-market trends and high personal-banking transaction volumes. Net trading income fell 15% to CHF 89m, mainly on lower income from active balance-sheet management in the current interest-rate environment. Other ordinary income rose 11% to CHF 21m.

Operating profit of CHF 258m

Operating expenses were up 5% to CHF 283m. Personnel costs climbed 7% to CHF 194m, owing largely to higher staff numbers in IT and cybersecurity and to Bank projects, including in Asset Management. Other operating expenses remained flat at CHF 89m (+1%). Depreciation and amortization rose by 8% to CHF 39m. Operating profit declined by 6% to CHF 258m.

Net profit of CHF 221m

The Bank's tax expense was unchanged at CHF 37m despite the decline in taxable income, following Switzerland's June 2023 decision to implement the OECD's minimum corporate tax rate. Net profit contracted 8% to CHF 221m. This nonetheless represents the second-best H1 bottom line in the Bank's history, excluding exceptional items. The ROE of 11.5% is one of the highest in BCV's peer group.

Balance sheet growth

Total assets amounted to CHF 60.5bn, up CHF 1.7bn (3%) on the end-2023 figure. Cash and cash equivalents, which are mainly held as SNB sight deposits, were flat at CHF 12.6bn. Mortgage lending expanded 5%, or CHF 1.5bn, to CHF 33.3bn, in a dynamic real-estate market. Other loans remained stable at CHF 6.1bn (-1%), as increased corporate lending offset ongoing Covid-19 loan reimbursements.

On the liabilities side, customer deposits were stable at CHF 36.7bn (+1%).

Net fund inflows

The Group's assets under management rose 4% to CHF 117.2bn. Net new money totaled CHF 1.1bn (+1%) and came from individuals in Switzerland, SMEs, and institutional clients. Investment performance drove AuM up by CHF 3.2bn (+3%).

CHF 370m paid out to shareholders

In accordance with its dividend policy, BCV distributed CHF 4.30 per share to its shareholders in May, for a total payout of CHF 370m. The dividend was up CHF 0.50 per share and represents a total dividend yield of 4.0% based on BCV's 2023 closing share price.

Solid financial position

The Bank's CET1 ratio stood at 17.0% at 30 June 2024 and shareholders' equity amounted to CHF 3.7bn, attesting to BCV's financial solidity. Standard & Poor's once again reaffirmed its AA rating for BCV with a stable outlook, and Moody's maintained its Aa2 rating, also with a stable outlook.

Very solid ESG ratings

BCV's longstanding commitment to sustainable economic development is reflected in the Bank's ESG scores. MSCI has given the Bank an ESG rating of AA, the agency's second-highest score, placing BCV in the "Leader" category. Ethos has reaffirmed the Bank's A- rating, the second-highest score.

Outlook

Barring a significant change in the financial markets or the overall economic situation, FY 2024 business development is expected to trend along the same lines as in previous reporting periods. However, as announced earlier this year, BCV's 2024 results are expected to come in below the record 2023 numbers.

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*Unaudited figures

2025 calendar

13 February	Full-year 2024 results
8 April	Publication of the 2024 annual and sustainability reports
8 May	Annual Shareholders' Meeting in Lausanne
21 August	Half-year 2025 results

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Consolidated balance sheet

(unaudited – in CHF millions)

	30/6/2024	31/12/2023	Absolute change	Change as %
Cash and cash equivalents	12,564	12,602	-38	-0
Due from banks	658	662	-4	-1
Reverse repurchase agreements	0	0	0	n/a
Loans and advances to customers	6,083	6,128	-45	-1
Mortgage loans	33,294	31,780	1,514	5
Trading portfolio assets	281	229	52	23
Positive mark-to-market values of derivative financial instruments	539	719	-180	-25
Other financial assets at fair value	1,017	934	83	9
Financial investments	5,388	5,196	192	4
Accrued income and prepaid expenses	125	122	4	3
Non-consolidated holdings	87	87	0	0
Tangible fixed assets	376	381	-6	-1
Intangible assets	0	0	0	n/a
Other assets	128	30	98	332
Assets	60,538	58,870	1,668	3
Total subordinated assets	0	0	0	n/a
<i>of which subject to mandatory conversion and/or conditional write-off</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>n/a</i>
Due to banks	7,623	5,953	1,670	28
Repurchase agreements	1,526	1,977	-451	-23
Customer deposits	36,700	36,475	225	1
Trading portfolio liabilities	2	2	-1	-25
Negative mark-to-market values of derivative financial instruments	255	426	-172	-40
Other financial liabilities at fair value	1,296	1,132	164	14
Medium-term notes	3	2	1	59
Bonds and mortgage-backed bonds	8,881	8,443	439	5
Accrued expenses and deferred income	190	182	8	4
Other liabilities	335	400	-65	-16
Provisions	21	22	-1	-2
Liabilities	56,831	55,015	1,816	3
Reserves for general banking risks	666	666	0	0
Share capital	86	86	0	0
Capital reserve	35	35	0	0
Retained earnings	2,714	2,615	99	4
Currency translation reserve	-2	-2	0	4
Own shares	-13	-14	1	6
Minority interests in equity	0	0	0	n/a
Net profit for reporting period	221		221	
Net profit for 2023		469	-469	
<i>of which minority interests</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>-0</i>	<i>n/a</i>
Shareholders' equity	3,707	3,855	-148	-4
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	60,538	58,870	1,668	3
Total subordinated liabilities	0	0	0	n/a
<i>of which subject to mandatory conversion and/or conditional write-off</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>n/a</i>

Consolidated off-balance-sheet transactions

(unaudited – in CHF millions)

	30/6/2024	31/12/2023	Absolute change	Change as %
Contingent liabilities	1,027	1,050	-23	-2
Irrevocable commitments	1,398	1,400	-2	0
Commitments relating to calls on shares and other equity securities	243	243	0	0
Confirmed credits	81	35	46	133

Consolidated income statement

(unaudited – in CHF millions)

	2024 H1	2023 H1	Absolute change	Change as %
Interest and discount income	509.0	438.4	70.6	16
Interest and dividend income from financial investments	24.0	18.1	5.9	33
Interest expense	-242.2	-168.5	73.7	44
Net interest income before loan impairment charges/reversals	290.9	288.0	2.9	1
Loan impairment charges/reversals	-0.7	2.0	2.7	134
Net interest income after loan impairment charges/reversals (NII)	290.2	290.0	0.2	0
Fees and commissions on securities and investment transactions	155.8	144.0	11.8	8
Fees and commissions on lending operations	15.9	16.0	-0.2	-1
Fees and commissions on other services	40.2	37.8	2.3	6
Fee and commission expense	-31.0	-29.3	1.7	6
Net fee and commission income	180.9	168.6	12.3	7
Trading income on fixed-income instruments and equity securities	13.9	16.9	-3.0	-18
Trading income on foreign currencies, banknotes, and precious metals	79.1	91.3	-12.2	-13
Trading fee and commission expense	-3.9	-3.6	0.3	9
Net trading income and fair-value adjustments	89.1	104.6	-15.5	-15
Gains/losses on disposals of financial investments	3.0	0.4	2.6	582
Income from equity investments	4.4	4.4	0.0	1
<i>of which other non-consolidated holdings</i>	4.4	4.4	0.0	1
Real-estate income	1.8	2.6	-0.8	-31
Miscellaneous ordinary income	11.6	11.6	-0.0	-0
Miscellaneous ordinary expenses	0.0	-0.3	-0.3	-100
Other ordinary income	20.8	18.8	2.0	11
Total income from ordinary banking operations	580.9	581.9	-1.0	-0
Personnel costs	-194.4	-181.2	13.2	7
Other operating expenses	-89.1	-88.0	1.1	1
Operating expenses	-283.5	-269.2	14.2	5
Depreciation and amortization of fixed assets and impairment on equity investments	-39.2	-36.4	2.8	8
Other provisions and losses	-0.0	-0.5	-0.4	-90
Operating profit	258.2	275.8	-17.6	-6
Extraordinary income	0.1	1.4	-1.4	-96
Extraordinary expenses	-0.0	-0.0	-0.0	n/a
Taxes	-37.1	-37.1	-0.0	-0
Net profit	221.1	240.0	-18.9	-8
Minority interests	-0.0	-0.0	-0.0	n/a
Net profit attributable to BCV shareholders	221.1	240.0	-18.9	-8