




First quarter 2008

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Financial results quarter one 2008

NORTHERN BANK IS A SUBSIDIARY OF DANSKE BANK.

THE RESULTS RELATE TO THE BANKING ACTIVITIES OF NORTHERN BANK WHICH SERVES BOTH RETAIL AND CORPORATE CUSTOMERS. BANKING ACTIVITIES NORTHERN IRELAND HAS FOUR REGIONS WITH 94 BRANCHES AND AROUND 1,300 EMPLOYEES.

DANSKE BANK GROUP IS THE LARGEST BANK IN DENMARK AND ONE OF EUROPE'S LEADING FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS.

DANSKE BANK GROUP CURRENTLY HAS RATINGS OF AA1 LONG TERM AND P-1 SHORT TERM (MOODY'S); AA- LONG TERM AND A-1+ SHORT TERM (STANDARDS & POOR'S); AND AA- LONG TERM F1+ SHORT TERM (FITCH).

BASED ON DANSKE BANK'S POWERFUL TECHNOLOGY PLATFORM, NORTHERN BANK OFFERS A LEADING EDGE PRODUCT AND SERVICE PROPOSITION FOR PERSONAL, BUSINESS AND CORPORATE CUSTOMERS.

- Profit up 11% to £20m before one-offs and costs associated with the migration to Danske Bank's banking platform
- Net interest income up 3% to £41m
- Total commercial lending up 21%
- Commercial deposit growth up 7%
- Operating expenses fell 9% to £30m excluding migration expenses
- Credit losses remained modest at £3m
- Overall net profit before tax including costs associated with migration is £12m compared to £5m for the same period in 2007

BANKING ACTIVITIES NORTHERN IRELAND [£ m]	Q1 2008	Q1 2007	Index 08/07
Net interest income	41	40	103
Net fee income	10	12	83
Net trading income	2	2	100
Other income	-	-	-
Total income	53	54	98
Amortisation of intangible assets	7	10	70
Integration expenses	1	3	33
Other operating expenses	30	33	91
Operating expenses	38	46	83
Profit before credit loss expenses	15	8	-
Credit loss expenses	3	3	100
Profit before tax	12	5	-
Loans and advances, end of period	6,204	5,116	121
Deposits, end of period	5,559	5,187	107
Allocated capital (avg.)	259	209	124
Profit before credit loss expenses as % p.a. of allocated capital	23,2	15,3	-
Pre-tax profit as % p.a. of allocated capital (ROE)	18,5	9,6	-
Cost/income ratio, %	71,7	85,2	-
Cost/income ratio, excl. total integration expenses, %	56,6	61,1	-



For the first three months of 2008 Northern Bank has reported a £20m pre-tax profit, excluding costs associated with the migration to Danske Bank's banking platform. Total income has been maintained at 2007 levels in difficult market conditions and alongside a 9% reduction in operating expenses has delivered an 11% growth in profit.

Total commercial lending increased by 21% with total deposits rising by 7%.

The relatively modest credit loss expenses reflect the consistently high credit quality of the loan portfolio.

Commenting on the results, Chief Executive Officer Don Price said:

"Northern Bank is very well capitalised and retains a sound funding position, given the strength of our Retail deposits.

"This is reflected in our encouraging retail performance in the first quarter of 2008.

"Our Cash Management and business e-banking systems continue to add real value for our business customers and the creation in quarter one of a new Corporate Acquisition team will help drive further growth in this area.

"In spite of the general economic slowdown, Northern Bank maintains its outlook for profitable growth as a result of realised synergies and the prospect of stable lending margins."

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