

# **Aspis Bank**

Interim Condensed Financial Statements For the period ended at 31 March 2009



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## **Statement of Comprehensive Income**

Amounts in Euro thousand

	Note	31.03.2009	31.03.2008
Interest income		30,468	36,214
Interest expense and similar charges		(29,496)	(25,995)
Net interest income		972	10,219
Fee and commission income		4,425	6,247
Fee and commission expense		(116)	(98)
Net fee and commission income		4,309	6,149
Net trading income / (expense)		999	(842)
Other operating income		439	1,251
Total operating income		6,719	16,777
Staff expenses		(10,358)	(11,143)
Depreciation and amortization		(1,754)	(1,355)
Other operating expenses	9	(6,092)	(6,763)
Impairment on loans and advances	12	(5,399)	(2,000)
Total operating expenses		(23,603)	(21,261)
Profit/(loss) before income tax		(16,884)	(4,484)
Income tax	7	3,205	1,123
Net profit/(loss) for the period		(13,678)	(3,361)

		31.03.2009	31.03.2008
Total recognized profit/(loss)			
Net profit/(loss) after income tax		(13,678)	(3,361)
Income and expense recognised directly in equity		(257)	(4,129)
Total recognizedincome and expense after income tax		(13,935)	(7,490)
Basic and diluted earnings/(loss) per share (in Euros)	8	(0.2135)	(0.0500)

The notes on pages 7 to 12 form an integral part of these condensed interim financial statements



#### **Statement of Financial Position**

Amounts in Euro thousand

Assets	Note	31.03.2009	31.12.2008
Cash & cash equivalents		82,757	79,323
Loans and advances to banks		245,068	237,424
Loans and advances to customers		1,981,022	1,974,414
Investment securities			
- Available-for- sale investment securities	18	433,587	22,120
- Held-to-maturity investment securities		3,237	3,210
Investment in subsidiaries and associates	17	30,549	30,549
Property and equipment	10	43,775	44,876
Intangible assets	10	5,257	5,282
Deferred tax asset		13,765	10,560
Other assets	13	102,262	52,337
Total assets		2,941,279	2,460,095
Liabilities		31.03.2009	31.12.2008
Due to banks		9,882	156,183
Due to customers		2,218,843	1,993,094
Debt securities in issue		140,844	141,568
Other borrowed funds	18	418,837	-
Other liabilities	14	26,572	29,110
Employee benefits		3,768	3,672
Total liabilities		2,818,746	2,323,627
Equity		31.03.2009	31.12.2008
Share capital		173,614	173,614
Share premium		17,053	17,053
Reserves		(3,682)	(3,425)
Retained earnings/(losses)		(64,452)	(50,774)
Equity attributable to Bank equity holders		122,533	136,468
Total liabilities and equity		2,941,279	2,460,095

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#### **Statement of Changes in Equity**

(Amounts in Euro thousand)

(Pintounis III Euro arousunu)	Share Capital	Share Premium	Reserves	Retained Earnings	Total
Opening balance as at 1st January 2008	173,614	17,053	2,730	4,383	197,780
Loss for the period	-	-	-	(3,361)	(3,361)
Changes in fair value of available for Sale securities	-	-	(4,130)	-	(4,130)
Changes in fair value of cash flow hedge	-	-	-	-	-
Total recognised income and expense for the period	-	-	(4,130)	(3,361)	(7,491)
Prior year dividends paid	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers from retained earnings to reserves	-	-	-	-	-
Share capital increase	-				<u>-</u>
Balance as at 31th March 2008	173,614	17,053	(1,400)	1,022	190,289
Balance as at 1st April 2008	173,614	17,053	(1,400)	1,022	190,289
Loss for the period	-	-	-	(48,864)	(48,864)
Changes in fair value of available for Sale securities	-	-	(3,871)	-	(3,871)
Impairment of Available for Sale securities recognized in profit/(loss)	_	-	194	-	194
statement			(2.677)	(49.964)	(F2 F41)
Total recognised income and expense for the period	-	-	(3,677)	(48,864)	(52,541)
Prior year dividends paid	-	-	1.651	(1,281)	(1,281)
Transfers from retained earnings to reserves	-	-	1,651	(1,651)	-
Share capital increase	172.614	47.053	(2.426)	(50.774)	126.460
Balance as at 31th December 2008	173,614	17,053	(3,426)	(50,774)	136,468
Balance as at 1st January 2009	173,614	17,053	(3,425)	(50,774)	136,468
Loss for the period	-	-	(252)	(13,678)	(13,678)
Changes in fair value of available for Sale securities  Impairment of Available for Sale securities recognized in profit/(loss)	-	-	(252)	-	(252)
statement	-	-	(5)	-	(5)
Total recognised income and expense for the period	-	-	(257)	(13,678)	(13,935)
Prior year dividends paid	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers from retained earnings to reserves	-	-	-	-	-
Share capital increase	-	-	-	-	-
Balance as at 31th March 2009	173,614	17,053	(3,682)	(64,452)	122,533



## **Cash Flow Statement**

Amounts in Euro thousand

	31.03.2009	31.03.2008
Cash flows from operating activities		
Profit/(loss) before tax	(16,884)	(4,484)
Adjustments for non-cash items		
Depreciation and amortisation	1,754	1,355
Impairment losses	5,399	2,000
Defined benefit obligation	100	119
Other non-cash items	2,509	3,006
(Gains)/losses from valuation of Trading and Available for Sale securities	(344)	233
(Gains)/losses on the sale of property and equipment	(3)	-
	(7,469)	2,229
Changes in operations		
Net (increase)/decrease in trading securities	(713)	437
Net (increase)/decrease in derivative financial instruments	1	(3)
Net (increase)/decrease in loans and advances to customers	(12,007)	(18,499)
Net (increase)/decrease in other assets	(49,016)	(4,465)
Net increase/decrease in due to banks	(146,301)	11,850
Net increase/decrease in due to customers	225,749	86,723
Net increase/decrease in other liabilities	1,770	14,258
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	12,014	92,529
Cash flows from investing activities		
Sales of property and equipment	13	-
Purchases of property and equipment	(637)	(1,004)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from investing activities	(624)	(1,004)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Net proceeds from issue/(repayment) of debt securities	49	(764)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from financing activities	49	(764)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	11,439	90,761
Cash and cash equivalents as at 1 <sup>st</sup> January	316,748	566,905
Foreign exchange differences on cash and cash equivalents	(362)	(13,352)
Cash and cash equivalents as at 31 <sup>th</sup> March	327,825	644,314
Cash and cash equivalents consists of:		
Cash and balances with Central Bank	82,757	140,892
Due to banks	245,068	503,422
	327,825	644,314



#### 1. General information

ASPIS BANK S.A. (the "Bank") operates as a banking institution since 1992. According to article 4 of the Bank's Article of Association, its mission is to execute on its behalf or on behalf of third parties all banking operations allowed by the current regulatory framework.

The Bank is incorporated, domiciled and operates in Greece. The Bank maintains its head office in 4 Othonos st., 105 57 Athens, Greece, is registered in the Societe Anonyme Registry under no. 26699/06/B/92/12 and its shares are listed in Athens Stock Exchange.

The Bank and its subsidiaries (the "Group") engage in retail and wholesale banking, asset management, stock brokerage, leasing, insurance brokerage and other services.

#### 2. Basis of preparation of the interim condensed financial statements

These condensed interim financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Accounting Standard (IAS) 34 "Interim Financial Reporting" and should be read in conjunction with the Bank's annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2008. Where necessary, comparatives have been adjusted to reflect changes in presentation in the current period.

The functional currency for the Bank is Euro. The amounts in the condensed interim financial statements are expressed in thousand of euros, unless otherwise indicated.

These condensed interim financial statements have been approved by the Board of Directors of the Bank at 25 May 2009.

## 3. Principal accounting policies

The Bank has applied the same accounting policies and methods of computation as those in the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2008.

#### 4. Critical accounting estimates and judgments

The preparation of financial statements according to IFRS requires management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of the Bank's accounting policies as well as the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Deviations resulting from the revision of the accounting estimates are recognized in the period in which estimates are revised and in future periods affected.

The most significant estimates and assumptions made for the preparation of these condensed interim financial statements are the calculation of loan impairment losses, the fair value of financial instruments and the calculation of income tax.

#### 5. Financial risk management

The Bank's goals in monitoring exposure to financial risks and the methods used by management to control these risks are the same with those applied in the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2008.

## 6. Segment reporting

The Bank operates and is organized in the following business segments:

- Corporate Banking: This segment includes the banking services to large corporates operating in the commercial and industrial sector, participation in funding facilities through syndicated loans and corporate bonds.
- Shipping: This segment includes the banking services to shipping companies
- Asset Management and Stock brokerage: This segment includes stock brokerage services
- Credit Card: This segment includes credit card loans under VISA and MASTER trade marks. Active credit cards amounts to 46.000 approximately
- Retail Banking: This segment includes retail banking facilities such as loans, deposits and other facilities to individuals, households and small/medium size companies
- Treasury: This segment includes Treasury activity



#### (Amounts in Euro thousand)

31.03.2009	Corporate	Chinning	Asset	Credit card	Retail	T	Other	Total
31.03.2009	Banking	Shipping	management & stock brokerage	Credit Card	Banking	Treasury	Other	Total
Interest income	2,446	458	69	675	24,466	2,354		30,468
Interest expense	(243)	(80)	(14)	(5)	(26,640)	(2,514)		(29,496)
Commissions & other earnings	169	14	33	563	4,602	366		5,747
Inter-segment revenue	(564)	(47)	(37)	(178)	5,655	(4,829)		-
Operating income	1,808	345	51	1,055	8,083	(4,623)	-	6,719
Profit/(loss) before tax	1,236	31	(659)	(486)	(12,170)	(4,836)		(16,884)
Income tax								3,205
Profit/(loss) after tax								(13,678)
Total assets	223,103	43,890	14,866	56,756	1,754,227	681,892	166,545	2,941,279
Total liabilities	15,334	22,047	9,058		2,614,596	140,844	16,867	2,818,746
Fixed assets additions		-		48	156		432	636
Depreciation	2	5	14	57	642		1,034	1,754
Loss from impairment of loans & advances	363	-		716	4,320			5,399

#### (Amounts in Euro thousand)

31.03.2008	Corporate Banking	Shipping	Asset management & stock brokerage	Credit card	Retail Banking	Treasury	Other	Total
Interest income	3,754	817	216	655	26,842	3,930		36,214
Interest expense	(462)	(74)	(18)	(26)	(21,171)	(4,244)		(25,995)
Commissions & other earnings	351	49	776	456	5,137	(211)		6,558
Inter-segment revenue	(2,695)	(498)	(187)	(482)	5,777	(1,915)		-
Operating income	948	294	787	603	16,585	(2,440)	-	16,777
Profit/(loss) before tax	459	(172)	(294)	(383)	(1,385)	(2,709)	-	(4,484)
Income tax								1,123
Profit/(loss) after tax								(3,361)
Total assets	266,700	51,112	20,288	46,442	1,869,517	532,875	82,332	2,869,266
Total liabilities	12,628	4,103	8,397		2,287,712	354,724	11,414	2,678,978
Fixed assets additions	1	2	3	1	491		506	1,004
Depreciation	3	7	20	58	441		826	1,355
Loss from impairment of loans & advances	254	49	25	43	1,629			2,000

## 7. Income Tax

Because of the method under which the tax obligations are ultimately concluded in Greece, the Group remains contingently liable for additional tax and penalties for its open tax years. Because of the method under which the tax obligation are ultimately concluded in Greece, the Bank remains contingently liable for additional taxes and penalties for its open tax years (2005 to 2008). Given the tax losses in years 2007 and 2008, the Bank's management estimates that the additional tax charge in case of a tax audit of the Bank is not expected to exceed €500 thousand. Tax losses for 2007 and 2008 can offset future taxable profits until 2012 and 2013 respectively.

## 8. Earnings per share

Basic earnings per share is calculated by dividing the net profit/(loss) attributable to ordinary shareholders by the weighted average number of shares in issue during the period, excluding the average number of ordinary shares purchased by the Bank and held as treasury shares.

No diluted earnings per share are calculated since there are no diluted potential ordinary shares.



#### 9. Other operating expenses

(Amounts in Euro thousand)

	31.03.2009	31.03.2008
Real estate expenses	2,322	2,185
Third party fees	639	677
Financial reporting audit fees	47	-
Financial consulting fees	2	2
Telecommunication and postal charges	371	283
Other taxes	387	395
Subscription fees	830	688
Insurance premium	66	90
Traveling & accommodation expenses	282	329
Maintenance expenses	245	135
Marketing expenses	305	559
Supplies	158	125
Credit card expenses	306	268
Other expenses	132	1.027
Total	6,092	6,763

# 10. Tangible and intangible assets

During the three month period, the Bank acquired:

Property and equipment  $\in$  411 thousand Intangible assets  $\in$  225 thousand

During the same period, the disposals/write-offs of property, plant and equipment amounted to € 9.7 thousand.

#### 11. Reclassification of assets

As for the Bank certain amounts in prior years have been reclassified to conform to the current presentation. The reclassification in the statement of financial position relates to the transfer of total amount  $\in$  5,908 thousand from "Other assets" to "Loans and advances to customers".

# 12. Impairment losses on loans and advances to customers

The Bank taking into consideration the potential effects of the international credit crisis on the repayment ability of Greek companies and individuals, has made more prudent provisions for loan losses, charging the current period income statement by  $\in$  5.4 million approximately. The corresponding charge for the three month period ended 31 March 2008 amounted to  $\in$  2.1 million approximately.

The movement of loan loss provision for the period is as follows:

(Amounts in Euro thousand)

	31.03.2009	31.12.2008
Opening balance	54,554	37,403
Charge for the period	5,399	17,217
Loans written off during the period	-	(66)
Closing balance	59,953	54,554



#### 13. Other assets

(Amounts in Euro thousand)

	31.03.2009	31.12.2008
Guarantees and participations to other funds	9,774	9,540
Deposit Guarantee Fund	5,306	5,306
Repossessed property	5,184	5,184
Advances	737	1,795
Receivables from Greek State and other public organizations	5,968	11,169
Accrued income	3,474	5,387
Receivables from Special Purpose Entities	47,219	-
Other receivables	24,600	13,956
Total	102,262	52,337

#### 14. Provisions/ Other liabilities

(Amounts in Euro thousand)

	31.03.2009	31.12.2008
Tax obligations	1,298	1,826
Bank drafts & cheques payable	10,998	3,546
Accrued interest expenses*	642	754
State and Social Insurance liabilities	1,337	2,184
Other accrued expenses	7,458	8,280
Provisions	3,493	5,346
Other liabilities	1,346	7,174
Total	26,572	29,110

<sup>\*</sup> As for the Bank certain amounts in prior years have been reclassified to conform to the current presentation. The reclassification in the "Other Liabilities" relates to the transfer of total amount €17,443 thousand from "Accrued interest expense" to "Due to customers" (€ 15,187 thousand) and "debt Securities" (€ 2,256 thousand) respectively.

Provisions amounting to  $\in$  3,493 thousand refer to:  $\in$  2,993 thousand for the Bank restructuring and  $\in$  500 thousand for tax audits of the Bank.

# 15. Contingent liabilities and commitments

After consultation with legal counsel, management believes that there are no litigation claims which could have a material adverse effect on the financial position of the Bank.

The assets of the Bank are free from pledges.

As at 31 March 2009 the Bank's contingent liabilities arising from letters of guarantee and letters of credit issued are as follows:

(Amounts	in	Euro	thousand)

	31.03.2009	31.12.2008
Letters of guarantee	195,918	210,102
Letters of credit	1,216	1,306

The commitments of the Bank arising from lease contracts refer mainly to buildings used for its branches and other operating units. The future minimum lease payments under operating leases for 31 March 2009 are as follows:

(Amount	s in	Euro	thousand)

	31.03.2009	31.12.2008
Less than one year	7,218	6,588
Between one and five years	16,896	16,080
More than five years	9,687	8,188



#### **Related parties transactions 16.**

The balances and the results of the transactions of the Bank with related parties as at and for the three month period ended 31 March 2009 are set out below:

(Amounts in Euro thousand)

(a) Senior management and Board of Directors	31.03.2009	31.12.2008
Loans and advances to customers	1,158	21,546
Deposits from customers	2,316	3,552
Other liabilities	81	81
	31.03.2009	31.03.2008
Income		
Net interest income	(27)	241
Net commission income	0	28
Expense		
Staff costs	488	573
Other operating expenses	76	99
(b ) Balances and transaction with subsidiaries:	31.03.2009	31.12.2008
Available-for-sale securities	421,338	2,500
Loans and advances to customers	111,110	69,557
Other assets	3,768	5,001
Due to customers	7,965	9,296
Subordinated liabilities and hybrid issues	140,250	140,250
Other borrowed funds	410,250	0
Other liabilities	1,475	2,257
	31.03.2009	31.03.2008
Income		
Interest income	1,852	1,097
Commission income	555	482
Net trading results	0	0
Other income	30	20
Expense	•	
Interest expense	1,983	2,522
Other expense	96	107
(c) Other key management personnel and other parties:	31.03.2009	31.12.2008
Loans and advances to customers	27,665	24,410
Due to customers	-	-
Amounts due from customers	58,866	58,932
Other liabilities	97	58
	31.03.2009	31.03.2008
Income		
Net interest income	135	197
Net commission income	270	66
Expense		

The outstanding Letters of Guarantee issued to related parties as at 31 March 2009 amounted to € 26,905 thousand.



#### 17. **Investments in subsidiaries**

The Bank's investment in subsidiaries is set out below:

(Amounts in Euro thousand)

	Country of incorporation	Ownership percentage	31.03.2009	31.12.2008
Aspis Leasing	Greece	100%	21,694	21,694
Aspis AE Insurance Brokerage	Greece	100%	616	616
Aspis International AEDAK	Greece	55%	8,166	8,166
Aspis Stegastika A.E.E.S.T.A	Greece	100%	60	60
Aspis Finance plc	United Kingdom	100%	13	13
Aspis Jersey plc	Jersey Islands	100%	-	-
Total			30,549	30,549

The Bank's holding in the subsidiaries listed above has not changed during the period.

In October 2008, Aspis Stegastika SA was founded (Registered: Athens Municipality, 4 Othonos Str, 105 57 Athens, Main activity: Bonds management services for bonds issued by organizations other than banks) with a share capital of €60 thousand. The Bank participates with 100% on the share capital of the entity. The SPV remains dormant up to the date of the Financial Statements.

In February 2009 Byzantium II Finance Plc, a Special Purpose Entity (S.P.E) for residential mortgages securitisation was founded.

#### 18. **Residential mortgages securitisation**

The Bank concluded in February 2009 the securitisation of € 424 million residential mortgages. The special purpose entity Byzantium II Finance plc which purchased the loans, issued AAA rated Notes for € 377 million (Fitch Ratings). The notes have been purchased from the Bank in order to strengthen its liquidity ratio through Repo agreements.

The Notes are classified in "Available for Sale portfolio" with the respective liability included in "Other borrowed funds".

Byzantium II issued additional Notes for € 33.25 million purchased from the Bank aiming to establish reserves for protection against losses. These Notes are unrated and classified in "Available for Sale portfolio".

The Bank granted a loan to Byzantium II for € 30.5 million in order to establish reserves for the protection against losses arising from the potential off-set of receivables with obligations of the borrowers.

#### 19. Subsequent events

- According to the records of Board of Directors meeting of 3 April 2009, the Board member Mr. Spiros Desillas resigned and replaced by Mr. Nikolaos G. Moustakis. Besides, as per the decision of the ordinary General Meeting of the Bank's shareholders held at 29 April 2009, two additional Board members were elected: Mr. Faidon Tambakakis and Mr. Basilios **Apostolopoulos**
- The extraordinary General Meeting of the Bank's shareholders, held in 23 January 2009, approved the participation of the Bank to the state-aid program for the strengthening of the liquidity of the Greek economy, according to Law 3723/2008, and specifically through the issuance of preference shares (amounting up to €90 million) in favour of Greek State, according to the specific provisions of the aforementioned law.

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C.G.Sorotos ID No.AZ.096924 OF DIRECTORS

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