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# BNP PARIBAS LEASING SOLUTIONS AS QUARTERLY REPORT Q2-2023

BNP Paribas Leasing Solutions AS was founded as Landkreditt Finans AS in October 2007 and received approval as a mortgage company from Finanstilsynet in May 2008. The company's purpose is object financing – leasing and sales mortgage financing – as well as activities related to this. BNP Paribas Leasing Solutions AS is headquartered in Ålesund, and has sales offices in Oslo, Gjøvik, Bergen and Trondheim.

All shares in the company are owned by BNP Paribas Leasing Solutions S.A. in Luxembourg. The company is contributing to realizing the owners' strategies for growth in Norway.

#### **PRODUCT & MARKET**

The company has continued its expansion to support the growth of its clients and industrial partners by offering rental and finance solutions with services for their professional equipment sales.

In addition to the strong historical presence in the agriculture market, BNP Paribas Leasing Solutions AS has supported small and medium-size customers in construction and public works, material handling, transportation and forestry. The company is also developing its business in the IT, office equipment, Software, specialized technologies and healthcare markets and energy transition.

New sales in the second quarter of 2023 have been NOK 750,3 million (purchase price of the financed assets). Most contracts are leasing contracts. Compared to the same period of last year, new sales have increased by 19%

#### **RISK**

The company seeks to ensure that all types of risks are adequately managed through good work processes and internal control procedures. When Norway implemented parts of Basel III rules, the rules have also been adopted to assess the capital requirements in relation to other types of risk than credit risk (ICAAP).

At the end of Q2, the book value of leasing and loan commitments was NOK 2 617 million after reduction for write-downs for losses totaling NOK 16,8 million. All agreements are secured in the form of property rights or first priority mortgages.

To ensure that the company has sound liquidity, long-term financing agreements have been entered into with BNP Paribas Group.

The company is financed by BNP Paribas S.A. Norway Branch in Oslo and BNP Paribas Leasing Solutions S.A. in Luxembourg. The borrowings are concluded with floating and fixed interest rates.

As of 30 June 2023, the liquidity coverage ratio is calculated at 151,2%.

BNP Paribas Leasing Solutions AS has only a few loans with a fixed interest rate, i.e. most of the loans and leasing contracts are based on floating interest rates. In practice, this means that within a relatively short period of time, interest rate changes can be implemented on all loans if the market interest rate changes.

It is the Board's assessment that financial risk has been treated in a reassuring manner.

The company has established an insurance program for all board members and executives. The coverage includes losses incurred by the board members or employees through work for the company and ensures that the board members or executives does not suffer any personal losses under normal circumstances.

### STATEMENT OF THE QUARTERLY ACCOUNTS

The book value of the portfolio at the end of the second quarter of 2023 was NOK 2 600 million. Total assets amounted to NOK 2 872 million. BNP Paribas Leasing Solutions AS had a profit after tax of NOK 4,76 million. At the end of the second quarter, loss provisions implemented in accordance with the rules in IFRS 9 resulted in an impairment of NOK 5,58 million (NOK 2,89 million on customers in stage 1 and 2, and NOK 2,70 million on customers in stage 3).

As of 30 June 2023, BNP Paribas Leasing Solutions AS had equity of NOK 364 million. The risk-weighted assets amounted to NOK 1 822 million.

After the closing of the accounts, no circumstances have arisen that are of significance for the assessment of the company's position.

# SCALING UP SUSTAINABLE FINANCE, SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

At the heart of BNP Paribas Group's strategy, there is a strong desire to participate in building a more sustainable and better shared future. This willingness translates our Corporate Engagement approach, in particular by helping to achieve the 17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

At BNP Paribas Leasing Solutions AS, we share this belief and want to fully support this approach with concrete measures.

To ensure that BNP Paribas Leasing Solutions has a maximum impact and is able to serve its customers, its partners and the society as a whole, each and every employee of the company embodies and assumes this responsibility.

We're constantly expanding the range of equipment we finance to include those that foster transition to cleaner forms of energy. We also develop solutions and associated services for better life cycle management of equipment. In this way, we also support our clients in reducing waste and conserving natural resources.

For us, diversity and inclusion are not just a matter of responsibility, but also something that concerns collective performance. We're truly committed, alongside our employees, to treasure and respect our differences, while fighting against all forms of discrimination and harassment.

We offer training programs to all our employees allowing them to develop their skills and knowledge around sustainability and diversity. We also offer our employees the opportunity to volunteer with local associations, during their working hours.

#### **FUTURE PROSPECTS**

In collaboration with the parent company, additional opportunities are foreseen in established markets (i.e. agriculture) and new markets including but not limited to specialized technologies, software, energy transition and healthcare.

Several digitization projects have been initiated for automation of work tasks and improvement of web portals. This will optimize both customers and vendors journeys. The company is subject to BNP Paribas guidelines regarding Anti-money laundering, Financial Security, Anti-corruption, KYC and data protection.

The company is optimistic about the possibilities for further growth in the markets mentioned above and will continue to adapt its organization accordingly.

#### BOARD'S OPINION

The board confirms that the financial statements give a true picture of its financial position and results as of 30 June 2023. We confirm that, in accordance with §3-3a of the Norwegian Accounting Act, the going concern assumption is satisfied, and this assumption has been applied in the preparation of the financial statements.

# **INCOME STATEMENT**

(amounts in KNOK)	Notes	30/06/2023	30/06/2022
Interest incomes			
Interest incomes from loans to customers	3	783	520
Leasing incomes	3,4	88 182	51 150
Total interest incomes		88 964	51 670
Interest expenses			
Interest expenses from credit institutions		-53 238	-17 901
Other interest expenses		-5	-5
Total interest expenses		-53 242	-17 906
Net interest incomes		35 722	33 763
Commissions and fees			
Commissions and fees incomes	5a	5 353	4 498
Commissions and fees expenses	5b	-2 239	-2 395
Net commissions and fees		3 114	2 103
Net income from financial instruments		0	0
Other incomes and expenses		3 220	63
NET BANKING INCOME		42 056	35 929
Payroll, fees and other staff costs	6,17	-21 838	-18 653
Other operating expenses	7	-6 170	-5 423
Depreciation and amortisation		-2 361	-2 301
GROSS OPERATING INCOME		11 687	9 552
COST OF RISK	9	-5 584	-391
PROFIT BEFORE TAX		6 103	9 161
Tax		-1 343	-1 923
PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD		4 760	7 237

# OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

## Statement of comprehensive income

(amounts in KNOK)	30/06/2023	30/06/2022
Other comprehensive income		
Profit for the period	4 760	7 237
Other incomes and expenses		
Total comprehensive income for the period	4 760	7 237
Total comprehensive income for the period is attributable to:		
Attributable to shareholders	4 760	7 237
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# BALANCE SHEET

(amounts in KNOK)	Notes	30/06/2023	30/06/2022
ASSETS			
Deposit with credit institutions			
Deposit with credit institutions	14,16	155 833	149 053
Loans and receivables to customers			
Loans to customers	8,9	26 186	26 794
Finance Lease customers	4,8,9	2 574 064	2 121 247
Total loans and receivables from customers		2 600 250	2 148 042
Certificates and bonds			
Treasury Bill	15	9 696	9 910
Total certificates and bonds		9 696	9 910
Intangible assets			
Intangible assets		4 945	4 169
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Property, Plant and Equipment			
Office equipment		1 143	1 729
Leases (Right to use)		12 190	15 285
Property, Plant and Equipment		13 333	17 014
Prepaid expenses and earned, not received incomes			
Accounts receivables		74 196	17 343
Other receivables	12	13 742	23 273
Total prepaid expenses and earned, not received incomes		87 938	40 616
Total assets		2 871 995	2 368 804

# BALANCE SHEET

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Oslo, 30<sup>th</sup> of June 2023

Hans Wolfgang Pinner	Clément Perrin	Lars Horgen Hinze
Chairman of the board	Board member	Board member
Sophie Testelin	Claudine Françoise Smith	Arnault Leglaye
Board member	Board member	CEO Nordic Cluster

# NOTES

### NOTE 1 ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES

#### **GENERAL**

The financial statements of BNP Paribas Leasing Solutions AS have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and interpretations issued by the IFRS Interpretations Committee (IFRS IC) applicable to companies reporting under IFRS. The financial statements comply with IFRS as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB).

The financial statements are presented in Norwegian kroner and had no transactions in foreign currency. All amounts disclosed in the financial statements and notes have been rounded off to the nearest thousand NOK unless otherwise stated.

BNP Paribas Leasing Solutions AS was founded in October 2007 and the business consists of leasing financing and loans to customers. The business is licensed, and the company received a license from Finanstilsynet on 28 May 2008.

The financial statements have been approved by the Board of Directors on 30 June 2023 and were signed accordingly.

#### ASSETS MANDATORILY AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH P&L

The category includes the company's portfolio of certificates (treasury bill), as they are part of a portfolio that is managed and valued on the basis of fair value in accordance with a documented risk management or investment strategy. The portfolio is used as a buffer in LCR's reporting to Finanstilsynet to meet the liquidity requirement.

Changes in the value of financial assets determined at fair value are included in "Net income from financial instruments".

#### LOANS & ADVANCES AT AMORTIZED COSTS

The category includes "Loans to and receivables from credit institutions" and "Loans to and receivables from customers".

BNP Paribas Leasing Solutions AS capitalizes loans and receivables at fair value with the addition of transaction costs. In subsequent periods, these balance sheet items are measured at amortized cost calculated using the effective interest rate.

Impairment is made in accordance with IFRS 9, which involves a three-step approach, where loans and receivables go through three categories as the credit risk changes. Loans and receivables are presented after taking into account impairment in the company's balance sheet

BNP Paribas Leasing Solutions AS considers loans and advances at amortized cost if both of the following conditions are met:

- The financial asset is held within a business model with the objective to hold financial assets in order to collect contractual cash flows and,
- The contractual terms of the financial asset give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding

Gains and losses are recognized in profit or loss when the asset is derecognized, modified or impaired.

#### FINANCE LEASE AGREEMENTS

In accordance with IFRS 16, a financial lease is defined as a lease in which substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of an asset are transferred. Property rights can, but do not have to be transferred. Based on this definition, all the company's leases entered into are classified as financial. Such agreements are therefore entered in the balance sheet as rental financing at cost price, reduced by any advances and less annuity depreciation in accordance with the payment schedule for the individual contract.

Impairment is done in accordance with IFRS 9, which involves a three-step approach, where loans and receivables go through three categories as the credit risk changes. Rental financing contracts are presented net in the company's balance sheet.

Contracts with a guaranteed residual value (from the supplier) are depreciated to this residual value over the term of the contract.

The depreciation part (instalment) of the forward amount is entered in a separate account in the income statement, but in the annual settlement this is netted

against gross rental income. Net rental income consists of the interest portion of the forward amount.

Upon termination of leasing contracts, a gain / loss calculation is performed. This can happen both at the end of the leasing contract and at early termination during the contract period. Gains from the sale of leased assets arise when they are sold at a price that is higher than the book value. Otherwise, losses will occur. Both capital gains and losses are included as part of the rental financing income.

In accordance with IFRS 16, an estimate of future gains from the realization of the objects in the leasing portfolio has been carried out. Expected realized amounts are distributed over the lease period and are recognized as income as part of the effective interest under lease financing income in the income statement.

For tax purposes, depreciation is carried out on the leasing objects according to the balance method.

#### PROVISION FOR LOSSES MODEL

According to IFRS 9, the provision for losses must be recognized based on expected credit loss (ECL). The general model for write-downs of financial assets in IFRS 9 applies to financial assets that are measured at amortized cost or at fair value with changes in value over other income and expenses and which did not incur losses on initial recognition. In addition, loan commitments, financial guarantee contracts that are not measured at fair value through profit or loss and lease receivables are also included.

Impairment losses in accordance with IFRS 9 are described in more detail in Note 2 Risk management and internal control.

#### PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Property, plant and equipment are recorded in the balance sheet at acquisition cost, including depreciation and write-off. Expenses are added to the cost of fixed assets and are depreciated in line with these.

Maintenance costs are considered as a cost directly in the year they arise. Depreciable fixed assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives at the following rates:

Office Furniture	20 %
Office Machines	20 %
Computer Equipment (hardware)	33 %

#### LEASING - BNP AS A LESSEE

A lease is a contract that conveys the user the right to control the use of an asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration. The right to use an asset is recognized on the commencement date as a rightof-use (ROU) asset and the obligation to pay lease payments is recognized as a lease liability. The ROU asset is initially measured as the present value of the lease payments plus initial direct costs and the cost of obligations to refurbish the asset less any lease incentives. The discount rate used to calculate the lease liability for each contract is the incremental borrowing rate. The lease payments are adjusted with KPI, and any subsequent measurement is expensed accordingly. Judgement has to be exercised when assessing the lease term and it considers the economic incentive to exercise an option or termination option.

Leases are related to office premises contracts mainly.

In this connection, reference is made to note 14.

#### **INTANGIBLE ASSETS**

Expenses for intangible assets are capitalized to the extent that the criteria for capitalization are met. This means that such expenses are capitalized when it is considered probable that the future financial benefits associated with the asset will flow to the company and the acquisition cost can be measured reliably.

Capitalized intangible assets are amortized on a straight-line basis over their expected useful lifetime (5 years).

# FINANCIAL LIABILITIES ACCOUNTED AT AMORTIZED COSTS

Financial liabilities accounted for at amortized cost are initially recognized at fair value less transaction costs and with the addition of accrued effective interest. In subsequent periods, loans are recognized at amortized cost calculated using the effective interest rate. The difference between the disbursed loan amount (less transaction costs) and the redemption value is recognized in the income statement over the term of the loan.

#### ASSESSMENT OF OTHER OBLIGATIONS

Other liabilities (for example accounts payable, tax payable and accrued expenses) are booked at nominal value and are not adjusted for interest rate adjustments.

#### **PROVISIONS**

BNP Paribas Leasing Solutions AS provisions are recorded when the company has an obligation (legally or self-imposed) relating to a prior event, it is probable (more probable than not) that a financial settlement will take place as a result of the obligation and the actual amount can be reliably measured.

#### INTEREST AND FEE INCOME

Interest income is recognized as income using the effective interest method (internal interest rate). The internal rate of return is determined by discounting contractual cash flows within the expected term. Cash flows include set-up fees and direct transaction costs.

Interest income on financial assets in stage 1 and stage 2 is calculated using the effective interest method on the gross value of the financial asset, while interest income on financial assets in stage 3 is calculated based on the amortized cost of the financial asset.

#### **OTHER INCOME AND EXPENSES**

Other income is recognized as income in the period in which the service has been rendered. Administration and operating costs are expensed in the period in which they are incurred.

#### **INTEREST AND COMMISSION COSTS**

Interest expenses related to liabilities measured at amortized cost are recognized in the income statement on an ongoing basis based on an effective interest method. All fees related to interest-bearing borrowing are included in the calculation of the effective interest rate and are thus amortized over the expected term. The effective interest method is a method for calculating the amortized cost of a financial liability and of allocating interest costs over the relevant period.

If lending or leasing contracts have been arranged from external parties, an agreement on commission payment has been established with some distributors. In such cases, the commission amount is expensed at the start of the contract.

#### **INCOME TAX**

The tax expense consists of the tax payable and changes to deferred tax. Temporary differences are calculated between the carrying amount of assets and liabilities for financial reporting and the amounts used for taxation purpose. Calculation and specification of tax costs are shown in a separate note.

Temporary differences are the difference between the carrying amount of an asset or a liability and the tax value of the asset or liability. Deferred tax is determined by tax rates and rules that apply on the balance sheet date.

# ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND DISCRETIONARY EVALUATIONS

The preparation of annual financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires that occasionally management must make estimates and assumptions. Estimates and discretionary evaluations are regularly assessed. They are based on historic experience as well as the expectations of future events that are considered to be probable under the current circumstances.

Accounting estimates are used for: (i) the calculation of estimated consideration on sale of leased property (ii) write-down on loans and leasing contracts. The most important assumption for estimated future gains on the sale of leases is described in note 4 and the risk management in note 2.

### NOTE 2 RISK MANAGEMENT AND INTERNAL CONTROL

#### **RISK MANAGEMENT**

Financial activities entail a need for management, administration and control of risk. Good risk management shall be a strategic tool for increasing value creation in BNP Paribas Leasing Solutions AS. Risk management shall contribute to ensure efficient operations, control the most significant risks to contribute to the company's goals, ensure high quality internal and external reporting and contribute to compliance with all relevant laws, regulations and internal guidelines. The company's board adopts the general principles for risk management and internal control.

The company's profitability depends, among other things, on the ability to identify, manage and price risks that arise in connection with financial services. The board of BNP Paribas Leasing Solutions AS aims to help in ensuring that the company's operations maintain a low risk profile.

The board of BNP Paribas Leasing Solutions AS determines the overall risk limits for, among other things, the following areas:

- Credit risk
- Liquidity risk
- Market risk
- Operational risk

The board is responsible for ensuring that the company has equity that is prudent based on the risk and scope of the company's activities and for ensuring that capital requirements that follow from laws and regulations are complied with. According to current rules, the total capital requirement 16%.

BNP Paribas Leasing Solutions AS has no equity items in the accounts other than tier 1 capital.

The board is also responsible for establishing appropriate systems and routines for risk management and internal control.

The management of the company is responsible for ensuring that all adopted routines are implemented to uncover all risk factors, and that changes in the risk exposure are identified and necessary improvement measures can be implemented.

A risk assessment is carried out annually which includes review of:

- Established control measures
- Assessment of own compliance with external and internal regulations

The result of the review is reported to the board.

Independent and effective auditing shall contribute to appropriate internal control and reliability in financial reporting. This also applies to the internal audit. The results of the audit activities are reported on an ongoing basis to the board and the operational management.

#### **CREDIT RISK**

Credit risk is defined as the potential that a bank borrower or counterparty will fail to meet its obligations in accordance with agreed terms.

Evaluating accurately the probability of default and the expected recovery on the loan or receivable in the event of default are key components of credit quality assessment.

Credit risk is the largest risk element in the company's operations, and the loan portfolio therefore receives close follow-up and monitoring. BNP Paribas Leasing Solutions AS uses an externally developed system for assessing credit risk (based on accounts, equity, payment remarks, trends for the individual industry, etc.). All new customers are scored in connection with credit processing in this system.

Large customers are rescored at least once a year, while other customers are rescored when requesting new engagements.

For assessing credit risk levels for new customers, BNP Paribas Leasing Solutions AS has adopted the Group's methodology for measuring counterparty Risk at the time of on boarding. Every customer is rated into a specific risk class based on the external score achieved and converted into BNP Paribas Group's internal risk rating scale ranging from 1-10. (Strong – Weak).

The assigned ratings can be divided into the following buckets.

- Ratings 1 5+ = Strong
- Ratings 5 7+ = Good
- Ratings 7 8+ = Average
- Ratings 8 10 = Weak

In addition, ratings 11-12 are assigned to customers in default.

The board is responsible for the company's lending and has delegated authorization limits to persons involved in lending in accordance with standards from the Group BNP Paribas Leasing Solutions. The authorizations are personal and are linked to competence, size of commitment and risk. Credit proposals may be decided between the Risk Management Function and the business to secure adherence to the 4 eyes principle. Business proposals that are considered significant require the involvement of Group's RISK department prior to a credit decision.

When activating new commitments, a depreciation plan is also registered for the individual financed asset. This depends on the type of asset and life expectancy and secondary market value. The depreciation plan is the basis for calculating market value during the leasing period.

As mentioned in note 1, the company has from 1 January 2018 introduced loss provisions in accordance with IFRS 9. In accordance with this standard, an industry approach has been chosen for estimating the loss ratio (LGD). This is based on the above risk assessment, as well as own experience with any expanded risk for certain industries. Although the company has historically had low losses, an extended loss ratio has been historically applied used for counterparties based on market segmentation:

- Group 1: Agriculture and ELS other -0,04%
- Group 2: Construction, TLS -0,14%

The rationale for the distinction of markets is that Agriculture portfolio which is the vast majority of group 1 is related with a considerably lower risk and less volatility than the construction portfolio providing the overall payment behavior and stability of the farming industry.

To calculate expected losses (ECL) in accordance with IFRS 9, the portfolio is divided into 3 stages based on credit risk. The division is based on default lists for the individual customer:

#### STAGE 1

At the first accounting, the company calculates a day-1 loss, corresponding to 12 months' expected credit loss.

Stage 1 comprises all financial assets that do not have a significantly higher credit risk than on initial recognition. The provision for losses corresponds to the expected loss for the next 12 months. All loans and receivables that have not been transferred to stage 2 or 3 are placed in this category

#### STAGE 2

Includes loans and receivables that have had a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition, but where there is no objective evidence of losses. For these assets, the company sets aside for expected losses over the entire contractual life. The company has defined that a significant increase in credit risk when lending to customers occurs if payment is delayed by 30 days or more (after the end of the leasing period for the individual invoice), and / or where impaired serviceability is revealed in the group's internal risk management and classification models.

#### STAGE 3

Consists of loans and receivables that have had a significant increase in credit risk since granting, and / or there is objective evidence of losses on the balance sheet date. Provisions are also made for these assets for expected losses over the entire life of the contract.

The company has defined a significant increase in credit risk since granting, and where there is objective evidence of loss on the balance sheet date, to occur in the event of overdrafts and arrears older than 90 days (after the end of the leasing period for the individual invoice) and the amount in arrears have breached regulatory threshold qualifying the customer as being in default.

In addition, an individual assessment is made for loss provisions on customers where there is objective evidence of loss. This can be:

- Significant financial problems with the debtor
- Default or other significant breach of contract
- It is considered probable that the debtor will enter into debt negotiations, other financial restructuring or that the debtor's estate will be taken into bankruptcy proceedings

Such individual loss provisions are booked in Stage 3.

Estimated losses in accordance with the above are entered as a provision for losses on the accounting line «Losses on customers» in the income statement with a counter-item in own write-downs accounts in the balance sheet.

#### Determination of loss

When any collateral has been realized and all possibilities for further recovery have been explored, the loss is defined as established.

In such cases, all receivables related to commitments are derecognized from the balance sheet and recognized as established losses on the accounting line "Losses and write-downs on loans" in the profit and loss statement. At the same time, any previous loss provisions are reversed on the commitment.

It is otherwise referred to note 9.

The result of loss calculation in accordance with IFRS 9 is shown in note 9.

#### MARKET RISK

Market risk for BNP Paribas Leasing Solutions AS is mainly related to interest rate risk.

The company has very few loans with a fixed interest rate and therefore most of the loans and leasing contracts are based on floating interest rates. In practice, this means that within a relatively short period of time (according to current rules 4 weeks for business customers), interest rate changes can be implemented on all loans if the market interest rate changes.

The company is financed with loans from group companies (BNP Paribas S.A. Norway Branch). The loan agreements with the bank are based on floating interest rates with repayment over 4-5 years. The market risk for BNP Paribas Leasing Solutions AS is therefore considered small.

#### LIQUIDITY RISK

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Bank will not be able to honor its commitments or unwind or settle a position due to the market environment or idiosyncratic factors (i.e. specific to BNP Paribas), within a given timeframe and at a reasonable cost.

Liquidity risk reflects the risk of the Group being unable to fulfil current or future foreseen or unforeseen cash or collateral requirements, across all time horizons, from the short to the long term.

The liquidity risk is managed globally at Group and local levels under governance, steering actions, monitoring tools and mitigation strategies defined in a dedicated Group Liquidity Risk Management Policy document. This ensures that liquidity is globally managed and balanced in terms of businesses' funding needs and related liquidity risk management.

BNP Paribas Leasing Solutions AS funds its activity through intragroup funding, respecting the operational limits allocated to it by BNP Paribas Leasing Solutions ALCO, monitored locally, and reported quarterly through Sub-ALCO.

#### **OPERATIONAL RISK**

The BNP Paribas general policy regarding operational risk is to have the operating management be accountable for managing the risks generated by the activity under his/her responsibility. Risk Management, an independent control function, acts as a second line of defence, defining the global framework, challenging output from risk and control assessment, testing the risk mitigation framework and independently reporting risks to the Senior Management. This second line of defence function is made fully independent and under the hierarchical supervision of the Corporate Risk Function.

This principle presupposes that the managers identify and assess their risks, formalize and disclose them transparently, and take measures to prevent and correct any vulnerability identified in this manner. while doing so in consistency with the Risk Appetite Statement defined by the BNP Paribas Group and its translation throughout the entities for which they are responsible. The major steps of the risk and control self-assessment (RCSA) exercise for operational risk are:

- The identification, analysis and the assessment of the inherent risks.
- The analysis of the actual functioning of the control system and of dynamic risk indicators.
- The residual risk, which provides an assessment of the risk having taken into account the actual functioning of the control framework and its results in terms of risks at a given point of time.

The RCSA (Risk Control Self Assessment) exercise should be conducted on a yearly basis.

The most material risks identified need then be analyzed more deeply for risk management purposes. On a half yearly basis, BNP Paribas group runs a formal process of reporting of key attention points in terms of operational risk through a bottom up approach, each level being subject to a formal signoff from the Head of the entity concerned. This exercise is made from the RCSA outputs, analysis of actual incidents, results from controls & key risks indicators and output from audits assignments (internal audits, external audits, supervisory reviews, etc.). It is challenged by the independent control function ORM in charge of operational risk and permanent control framework.

# NOTE 3 INTEREST INCOMES FROM LOANS AND LEASING TO CUSTOMERS

Interest incomes from credit institutions consists of interest incomes on bank accounts and from Loan and Finance Lease agreements. Interests and similar incomes from loans to customers apply to interests on repayment loans. Revenues from lease payments is recorded in accordance with the annuity principle.

### NOTE 4 EARNED INCOMES ON FUTURE SALES GAIN FOR FINANCE LEASES

As described in note 1, an estimate of future capital gains from Finance Leases assets is made.

The estimation is made on the current leasing portfolio. It is recognized within the finance lease incomes in the income statement and as finance lease customers agreements in the balance sheet.

The assessment is prepared based on historical data for the sale of a leased object at the end of its normal leasing term.

Below is the amount recognized within the income statement:

	30.06.2023	30.06.2022
Open Balance	61 975	56 129
Flow of the year	3 758	5 182
Closing Balance	65 734	61 310

## NOTE 5 COMMISSIONS AND FEES

**5.a.** These are fees associated to the administration of customers' contracts. It includes establishment fees, reminder fees, invoicing fees and those are earned when the service is rendered and accounted for in the appropriate accounting period. The establishment fees are spread over the lifetime of the contracts.

	30.06.2023	30.06.2022
Income fees on Finance Lease	5 315	4 465
Income fees on Loans	38	33
Total Income Fees	5 353	4 498

**5.b.** Commissions costs consist of brokerage commissions for loans and finance lease agreements with partners and vendors.

### NOTE 6 PAYROLL EXPENSES AND REMUNERATION

Payroll Expenses (KNOK)	30.06.2023	30.06.2022
Salaries/wages	15 302	13 136
Social security fees	2 882	2 475
Pension expenses	1 344	1 447
Other remuneration	2 310	1 595
Payroll, fees and other staff costs	21 838	18 653

# NOTE 7 OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES

	30.06.2023	30.06.2022
Statutory Audit	88	84
Tax advisory fee (incl. Technical assistance with tax return)	13	13
Other assistance	544	711
Total audit Fees	644	807
Office running costs	2 756	2 096
External fees (3 <sup>rd</sup> parties providers)	-9 571	-8 326
Other Operating Expenses	-6 170	-5 423

# NOTE 8 LOANS & FINANCE LEASE CONTRACTS

Loans by type of receivable:	30.06.2023	30.06.2022
Finance lease contracts	2 590 885	2 130 568
Loans contracts	26 186	26 794
Total gross Loans and Finance Lease	2 617 071	2 157 362
Provision Stage 1	-3 728	-2 018
Provision Stage 2	-858	-147
Provision Stage 3	-12 235	-7 155
Total Net Loans and Finance Lease	2 600 250	2 148 042

BNP Paribas Leasing Solutions AS has ownership of all leased assets. For loans, first priority mortgage security and / or bail has been established. The company has no customers with committed credit facilities.

#### LOANS AND LEASING CONTRACTS BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREA AND INDUSTRY:

Breakdown by region	30.06.2023		30.06.2022	
Agder	86 693	3 %	61 541	3 %
Innlandet	420 380	16 %	383 439	18 %
Møre og Romsdal	172 505	7 %	141 992	7 %
Nordland	124 548	5 %	98 674	5 %
Oslo	128 579	5 %	85 471	4 %
Rogaland	73 211	3 %	66 214	3 %
Troms og Finnmark	151 766	6 %	124 334	6 %
Trøndelag	307 903	12 %	276 553	13 %
Vestfold og Telemark	203 130	8 %	200 955	9 %
Vestland	223 575	9 %	199 067	9 %
Viken	724 782	28 %	519 121	24 %
Total gross Loans and Finance Lease	2 617 071	100 %	2 157 362	100 %
Breakdown by industry				
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	993 726	38 %	937 725	43 %
Construction	742 377	28 %	609 048	28 %
Information and communication	34 617	1 %	5 152	0 %
Other services	429 401	16 %	281 889	13 %
Public administration	89 249	3 %	91 763	4 %
Real estate activities	98 318	4 %	74 750	3 %
Transport and storage	123 517	5 %	84 215	4 %
Wholesale and retail trade	105 867	4 %	72 821	3 %
Total gross Loans and Finance Lease	2 617 071	100 %	2 157 362	100 %

BNP Paribas Leasing Solutions AS has its own classification system for assessing credit risk for all customers (both for loans and finance leases). This takes into consideration both the customer's financial situation and the asset / mortgage's market value in relation to the book value of the commitment. The company places the entire portfolio in different buckets (scale from 1-12). An annual reclassification is done based on the customer's financial situation on commitments above a certain size. The assessments also include a separate write-down plan for the mortgage's stipulated custody value.

		30.06.2023		30.06.2	022
Risk Group	BNP Paribas Notation	Loans & Finance Lease	Doubtful	Loans & Finance Lease	Doubtful
Strong	Ratings 1 - 5+	648 862	0	760 586	0
Good	Ratings 5 - 7+	1 676 119	0	1 295 834	0
Average	Ratings 7 - 8+	87 853	0	46 598	0
Weak	Ratings 8 - 10	7 796	0	4 375	0
Default	Ratings 11 - 12	196 440	92 559	49 968	45 170
Total gross Loans and Finance Lease		2 617 071	92 559	2 157 362	45 170
Risk Group	BNP Paribas Notation	Loans & Finance Lease	Doubtful in %	Loans & Finance Lease	Doubtful in %
Strong	Ratings 1 - 5+	24,8%	0 %	35,3%	0 %
Good	Ratings 5 - 7+	64,0%	0 %	60,1%	0 %
Average	Ratings 7 - 8+	3,4%	0 %	2,2%	0 %
Weak	Ratings 8 - 10	0,3%	0 %	0,2%	0 %
Default	Ratings 11 - 12	7,5%	3,5%	2,3%	2,1%
Total	gross Loans and Finance Lease	100 %	3,5%	100 %	2,1%

Accounting default is defined as a commitment with a delay of more than 90 days, or when there is objective evidence of events that indicate a default on the part of the customer. At the end of the second quarter 2023, the book value of commitments with arrears over 90 days amounted to NOK 92,56 million.

# NOTE 9 PROVISIONS FOR LOSSES ON LOANS AND LEASING CONTRACTS TO CUSTOMERS

Impairment losses in accordance with IFRS 9 are described in note 1 Accounting principles and note 2 Risk management and internal control. As stated here, the portfolio as of 30 June 2023 is divided into sectors (industry) for estimating the loss ratio. The estimate is based on historical experience with the individual industry:

	30.06.2023			30.06.2022		
	% Provision	Portfolio	in %	% Provision	Portfolio	in %
Agriculture	0,08 %	993 726	38 %	0,04 %	937 725	43 %
Contractor	0,28 %	742 377	28 %	0,14 %	609 048	28 %
Other industries	0,08 %	880 968	34 %	0,04 %	610 589	28 %
Total Portfolio		2 617 071	100 %		2 157 362	100 %

As shown in the table above, a large part of BNP Paribas Leasing Solutions AS's portfolio as of 30 June 2023 is contracts to Agriculture and forestry (approx. 38%). Customers belonging to Agriculture and forestry have historically shown a pattern for little loss. No factors have been identified that indicate increased risk and thus a need for increased write-downs for this customer group. This also applies to Other industries (34%). Furthermore, approximately 28% of the portfolio consists of loans to Contractors (industry, construction etc). Based on the company's experience, there is a higher risk of loss in this customer group and that is reflected in calculating the loss provisions in accordance with IFRS 9.

The portfolio is further divided into Stage 1, 2 and 3 are based on default lists. Customers with defaults up to 30 days are considered as Stage 1, customers up to 90 days are considered as Stage 2 and all customers above 91 days are considered as Stage 3.

An individual assessment of customers with an increased risk of loss has also been carried out. This assessment also includes the leasing object's probable net market value and potential risk mitigators in place including personal / company guarantees. The loss provision after this assessment has been added to Stage 3.

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The individual assessment where there is objective evidence of loss takes into consideration:

- Significant financial problems with the debtor
- Default or other significant breach of contract
- Granted deferral of payment or new credit for payment of instalments, agreed changes in the interest rate or in other contract terms as a result of financial problems with the debtor
- It is considered probable that the debtor will enter into debt negotiations, other financial restructuring or that the debtor's estate will be taken into bankruptcy proceedings
- Large mismatch between book value and estimated market value of the fixed asset

The tables show the loss provision for the individual stage and how this has changed since 1 January 2023. The total loss provision as of 30 June 2023 amounts to 16,821 MNOK

	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
	Classification for first-time capitalization and fresh loans	Significant increase in credit risk since the first recognition in the balance sheet	Significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition and objective evidence of losses	
	Expected loss over 12 months	Expected loss over the life of the instrument	Expected loss over the life of the instrument	
Provision for losses 01.01.2023	1 603	95	10 158	11 857
Transfers :				
Transfer from stage 1 to stage 2	-5	5		-
Transfer from stage 1 to stage 3	-24		24	-
Transfer from stage 2 to stage 3	To the	-141	141	-
Transfer from stage 3 to stage 2	######################################	-	-	-
Transfer from stage 3 to stage 1	90		-90	-
Transfer from stage 2 to stage 1	-27	27		-
Financial assets deducted during the period				-
New financial assets issued or acquired	1 091	852	2 678	4 622
Increase/(Decrease) of the contract in the same stage	1 005	13	-676	342
Provision for losses 30.06.23	3 734	852	12 235	16 821

#### **EXPLANATION OF THE TABLES ABOVE:**

#### Transfer between stages

Shows the effect of customers who have changed steps during the period. The amounts in the tables show value at the beginning of the period (i.e. 01.01.2023).

#### New financial assets issued or acquired

Shows the effect of accessing new leases in the quarter.

#### Financial assets deducted during the period

Shows the effect of access contracts that have been terminated during the quarter.

#### Modification of contractual cash flows from financial assets that have not been derecognized

Shows the effect of contracts in the portfolio from 01.01.2023 which are still ongoing at the end of the period 30.06.2023, but where the book value has been reduced by instalment payments throughout the year. Changed balance on contracts that have changed steps in the reporting period are also included (see transfer between stages).

### NOTE 10 LOANS FROM CREDIT INSTITUTIONS

	30.06.2023	30.06.2022
Loans from group companies	2 394 525	1 941 658
Average interest rate	4,47 %	1,84 %

The effective interest rate is calculated as net interest expenses divided by the average debt in the year.

Change in loans from credit institutions during the financial year	30/06/2023	30/06/2022	
Loans from credit institutions 01.01.	2 236 004	1 742 468	
Installments Reimbursed	-312 419	-196 941	
New loans	468 000	395 000	
Increase in accrued interest	2 940	1 132	
Loans from credit institutions 30.06.	2 394 525	1 941 658	

# NOTE 11 ACCRUED COSTS

	30.06.2023	30.06.2022
Accruals on Commissions, Subsidies	20 506	21 056
Accruals on Management fees	0	2 260
Accruals on Staff costs	5 684	3 060
Total Accrued Costs	26 191	26 375

# NOTE 12 OTHER RECEIVABLES

	30.06.2023	30.06.2022
Prepaid costs	1 202	804
Refund VAT	11 714	15 483
Refund Tax	13	23
Other accruals	813	2 289
Receivables from Group companies	0	4 673
Total other receivables	13 742	23 273

# NOTE 13 CAPITAL ADEQUACY

	30/06/2023	30/06/2022
OWN FUNDS	353 018	251 805
TIER 1 CAPITAL	353 018	251 805
COMMON EQUITY TIER 1 CAPITAL	353 018	251 805
Capital instruments eligible as CET1 Capital	195 000	100 000
Paid up capital instruments	195 000	100 000
Retained earnings	162 974	155 984
Adjustments to CET1 due to prudential filters	-10	-10
Other intangible assets	-4 945	-4 169
Total Risk Exposure Amount	1 959 591	1 637 430
Risk Weighted Assets for Credit, Counterparty Credit and Dilution Risks and Free Deliveries	1 822 720	1 498 655
Central governments	0	0
Institutions	33 886	29 811
Corporates	446 159	232 054
Retail	1 229 355	1 008 280
Exposures in default	59 344	40 622
Other items	53 976	187 888
Total Risk Exposure for Operational Risk	136 870	138 775
OpR Basic indicator Approach (BIA)	136 870	138 775
Overall capital requirement ratio (OCR)	16,00%	15,00%
CET1 Capital ratio	18,01%	15,38%
T1 Capital ratio	18,01%	15,38%
Unweighted tier 1 capital	11,94%	10,62%

### NOTE 14 RELATED PARTIES

	30.06.2023	30.06.2022
Interest and similar costs on debt to credit institutions	53 235	17 801
Management fees	5 740	4 305
Rent for group companies	1 645	1 235
Loans and advances to credit institutions	33 783	37 316
Loans from credit institutions with agreed maturity	2 394 525	1 941 658
Accrued expenses and received unearned income	0	2 260

Transactions with Group companies consists of three items:

- Bank borrowings in order to support the activity of the company: The company is financed by BNP Paribas S.A. Norway Branch in Oslo and BNP Paribas Leasing Solutions S.A. in Luxembourg.
- Office rent.
- Management fees generated by the central functions of BNP Paribas Leasing Solutions or BNP Paribas Group.

### NOTE 15 Treasury Bill

	Investment	Risk Category	Procurement Cost	Book Value	Share Listed	Fair Value
NO0012779471	10 000	0 %	9 696	9 696	100 %	9 696

BNP Paribas Leasing Solutions AS invests in certificates that satisfy the requirements for the Liquidity Coverage Ratio. The due date is 20 December 2023.

### NOTE 16 RESTRICTED BANK DEPOSITS

As requested, one bank account is tied up to cover the tax deductions. The balance as of 30 June 2023 is NOK 1,417 million.

### NOTE 17 PENSIONS

The company has established a defined contribution pension scheme for all employees (OTP). The pension scheme meets the requirements of the Act on Mandatory Occupational Pensions. An agreement has also been entered into on the AFP scheme for all employees.

### NOTE 18 OBLIGATIONS

BNP Paribas Leasing Solutions AS has no assets that are pledged. The portfolio also does not contain any contracts where the company has guaranteed residual value.



