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## Interim report 2009

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## A/S Arbejdernes Landsbank – Key figures

		Group		Bank	
				30.06.2009	
ncome statement		DKK '000	DKK '000	DKK '000	DKK '00
Core earnings, excl. trade earnings *)		576,593	477,845	529,786	439,7
Trade earnings		35,377	44,841	35,377	44,8
Total core earnings		611,970	522,686	565,163	484,5
Costs and depreciation/amortisation		-564,486	-436,014	-528,026	-405,1
Core results before write-downs		47,484	86,672	37,137	79,4
Write-downs on loans, etc.		-168,999	6,121	-159,667	9,8
Core results		-121,515	92,793	-122,530	89,2
Investment portfolio earnings, excl. investment securiti	06	247,327	-93,650	247,327	-93,6
Investment securities	es				
		-41,307	46,347	-41,340	46,8
Profit/loss before tax		84,505	45,490	83,457	42,5
Tax *)		-26,347	-15,490	-25,299	-12,5
Profit/loss		58,158	30,000	58,158	30,0
Cey figures					
Net interest and fee income *)		624,828	511,421	593,382	485,9
Value adjustments		192,933	-59,934	193,047	-59,9
Staff and administration expenses		499,009	410,958	475,135	389,6
Value adjustments for holdings in associated and group companies		-24,504	2,947	-24,537	3,4
Loans		17,377,345	14,300,061	17,416,222	
Deposits, incl. pools		21,108,507	14,575,141	21,117,989	
Own funds *)		2,905,696	2,921,311	2,905,696	2,921,3
Total assets		30,216,020	27,510,260	30,195,574	27,519,8
Number of employees					
Average number of employees,					
converted to full-time employees		1,034	954	990	Ç
(ey figures **)					
Solvency ratio	0/0	13.1	11.1	12.9	1
Core capital ratio	%	12.2	11.1	12.1	1
Return on equity before tax *)	%	2.9	1.5	2.9	
Return on equity after tax *)	%	2.0	1.0	2.0	
Ratio of operating income to operating expenses *)	DKK	1.11	1.10	1.12	1
Interest-rate risk	%	3.2	7.4	2.9	
Currency position	%	12.0	15.5	12.1	1
Currency risk	%	0.2	0.1	0.2	
Loans and write-downs in relation to deposits	%	84.5	99.4	84.5	9
Excess liquidity in relation to					
statutory requirements for liquidity	%	204.0	123.9	207.9	12
Sum of large exposures	%	97.4	92.9	98.3	9
Write-down ratio for the year	%	0.8	0.0	0.7	
Growth in loans for the year	%	0.1	8.1	0.1	
Loans in relation to equity *)		6.0	4.9	6.0	

<sup>\*)</sup> The Bank has implemented a new practice to accrue the annual budget account fee, which is charged before the start of the year. Comparative figures for the first half year of 2008 have been adjusted.

\*\*) The definition of key figures is in accordance with guidelines from the Danish Financial Supervisory Authority.

### Management review for first half year of 2009

#### Income statement

In the first six months of 2009, the Arbejdernes Landsbank Group saw a satisfactory development in earnings, in particular when taking into account total expenditure of DKK 65.4 million to participate in "Bank Package I". Core earnings increased by 17.1 per cent, and positive investment portfolio earnings more than offset increasing needs for write-downs on loans etc. We are also pleased that we continued to acquire new customers, and succeeded in maintaining and developing deposits and loans in 2009.

The Group earned a profit before tax of DKK 84.5 million, against DKK 45.5 million in 2008. Profit after tax amounted to DKK 58.2 million, compared with DKK 30.0 million in 2008.

The return on average Group equity was 2.9 per cent before tax and 2.0 per cent after tax.

Of particular note for the first half year 2009 are:

- Good increase in core earnings from DKK 522.7 million to DKK 612.0 million.
- Investment portfolio earnings show a gain of net DKK 206.0 million against a loss of DKK 47.3 million in 2008.
- Costs and depreciation/amortisation show an increase of 29.5 per cent, which in particular is attributable to higher staff costs in connection with the acquisition of five branches from Roskilde Bank in the autumn of 2008 as well as the Bank's payment of guarantee commission of DKK 38.9 million to the state guarantee scheme under "Bank Package I".
- Write-downs on loans etc. represent DKK 169.0
  million against a modest revenue recognition for
  the first half year in 2008. The Bank's percentage
  of provisions for bad debts in connection with
  the Private Contingency Association's takeover of
  failing banks of DKK 26.5 million is included
  under this item.

Core earnings, excluding trading income, have risen by 20.7 per cent or DKK 98.7 million, and are the result of recent years' growth, not least as a consequence of the acquisition of five branches in the autumn of 2008. In addition, this increase is attributable to continued customer growth and expansion of the interest margin. The margin expansion was introduced following the

current financial turbulence, including the financial burdens on the Bank as a consequence hereof.

Trading income has dropped by 21.1 per cent as a consequence of low activity due to customers being affected by societal developments.

Costs and depreciation/amortisation represent DKK 564.5 million and increased by DKK 128.5 million compared with 2008. The most important reasons for the increase were the Bank's takeover of 55 employees from Roskilde Bank and the Bank's guarantee commission for the state guarantee to cover failing banks.

Write-downs on loans etc. show a considerable increase to DKK 169.0 million, reflecting the general slow-down in society. A total amount of DKK 38.3 million has been provided to cover losses from failing banks under "Bank Package I", of which DKK 26.5 million has been recognised in the interim financial statements for 2009.

Investment portfolio earnings, excluding results from investment securities, amount to DKK 247.3 million, and the Group has thus recovered the negative result for all of 2008. The result under investment securities shows a loss of DKK 41.3 million against a gain of DKK 46.3 million for the first half year of 2008. In this respect, the result was extraordinarily affected by a profit of DKK 91.3 million in connection with an agreement made with Nykredit concerning final determination of the sales price of shares in Totalkredit.

### Balance sheet

The Group balance sheet total amounts to DKK 30.2 billion against DKK 31.8 billion at the end of 2008. Despite a slowdown in the demand for loans, the loan portfolio is intact because of customer growth, which is a consequence of the Bank's strategy to focus on sustainable growth. Group deposits, including deposits in pooled schemes have increased by 10.7 per cent compared with the turn of the year, and this development is evidence of a product range at competitive terms. The Group has thus expanded the deposit surplus and the excess liquidity in relation to the statutory requirement is particularly solid at 204.0 per cent.

#### Solvency

Group solvency is 13.1 per cent. The statutory requirement of 8.0 per cent emphasises the Group's solid financial position. The core capital ratio represents 12.2 per cent and Arbejdernes Landsbank has chosen not to apply for state capital injections as provided by "Bank Package II". The Bank is strong, with solid capital backing and a loyal group of owners, providing the Group with the latitude required to maintain development and focus on sustainable growth. Profits for the half-year are not included in the solvency statement.

#### Outlook for the second half of 2009

In the second half of 2009 there are expectations of continued difficult financial conditions with steady interest rates and inflation. Many families are, or will be, affected by unemployment, and the Group anticipates a great need for write-downs on loans etc.

As part of the participation in "Bank Package I" under which, on behalf of the banks, the state guarantees customers against losses on their deposits, Arbejdernes Landsbank has set up a guarantee of about DKK 219 million, to cover losses from failing banks, of which DKK 38.3 million has already been charged to the income statement. If the way failing banks cope in the rest of 2009 is ignored, the level of loss and writedowns at the end of the year is expected to be DKK 220-230 million.

As a result of continued customer influx and sustainable growth, core earnings in 2009 are expected to be considerably higher than in 2008. We are also expecting a positive, yet moderate, development in investment portfolio earnings for the second half year of 2009 as well as an expected profit before tax of around DKK 100 million for the whole of 2009.

#### Risks and uncertainty

The revenue basis of Arbejdernes Landsbank is business with private customers, corporate customers and organisations, of which private customers account for most of the growth in loans, primarily related to home loans in owner-occupied and cooperative properties.

Other than higher credit risks as a consequence of the financial turbulence and fluctuating economic trends, the Group's most important risks are market risk in the

form of interest-rate and share-price risk linked to the Bank's investment portfolio for which the interest-rate risk was calculated at 3.2 per cent against 7.4 per cent as at 30 June 2008.

The Group is also exposed to other risks, such as liquidity and operational risks. For further information about the risk composition, see the Annual Report 2008 and the Group Risk Report 2008, both of which are available at the Bank's website www.al-bank.dk.

In addition to increasing expenses on losses and writedowns on loans and guarantees, and on failing banks, none of the other risks are expected to significantly influence the Group or its financial position negatively in the second half of 2009.

The Group is not a party in legal proceedings or disputes which might significantly influence the Group or its financial position negatively in the second half of 2009.

No events have taken place after the end of the period which have a material effect on the result for the halfyear.

### Accounting policies

This interim report is presented in accordance with the Danish Financial Business Act, including the Executive Order on Financial Reports for Credit Institutions and Investment Companies etc. (the Danish Executive Order on the Presentation of Financial Statements).

The accounting policies have not been changed compared with the Annual Report 2008, which is available in English on the Bank's website at www.al-bank.dk. However, the annual budget fee charged at the beginning of the year was accrued. In the financial statements for the first half year of 2009 this amounts to an accrual of DKK 10.4 million for the second half of 2009. Comparative figures for 2008 have been adjusted in accordance herewith.

### Transactions with closely related parties

Transactions with closely related parties are based on contractually agreed prices on market terms. The Bank has no large transactions with closely related parties in the first half year of 2009.

# Income statement for first half year of 2009

	Group		Bank	
Note	30.06.2009	30.06.2008	30.06.2009	30.06.2008
	DKK '000	DKK '000	DKK '000	DKK '000
Interest income	829,161	704,527	800,589	684,175
Interest paid	-348,235	-356,037	-348,330	-356,748
Net interest income	480,926	348,490	452,259	327,427
Dividends from shares, etc.	13,409	28,136	13,409	26,901
Fee and commission income	139,923	143,533	130,510	134,812
Fees and commissions paid	-9,430	-8,738	-2,796	-3,149
Net interest and fee income	624,828	511,421	593,382	485,991
1 Value adjustments	192,933	-59,934	193,047	-59,950
Other operating income	28,967	25,704	14,264	13,024
Staff and administration expenses	-499,009	-410,958	-475,135	-389,610
Amortisation and depreciation as well as impairment losses on intangible and tangible assets	-18,517	-13,847	-6,732	-4,323
Other operating costs	-51,194	-15,964	-51,165	-15,964
Write-downs on loans and receivables etc.	-168,999	6,121	-159,667	9,868
Value adjustments for holdings in associated				
and group companies	-24,504	2,947	-24,537	3,476
Profit/loss before tax	84,505	45,490	83,457	42,512
Tax	-26,347	-15,490	-25,299	-12,512
Profit/loss	58,158	30,000	58,158	30,000

## Balance sheet as at end of June 2009

Nata	Group	31.12.2008	Bank	71 12 2000
Note	DKK '000	DKK '000	<b>30.06.2009</b> DKK '000	<b>31.12.2008</b> DKK '000
Assets	DKK 000	DKK 000	DKK 000	DKK 000
Cash in hand and demand deposits with central banks	274,941	299,975	274,928	299,875
2 Receivables from credit institutions and central banks	1,585,281	2,896,123	1,582,458	2,893,564
3 Loans and other amounts receivable at amortised cost	17,377,345	17,351,571	17,416,222	17,401,113
Bonds at fair value	8,483,246	8,723,912	8,483,246	8,723,912
Shares, etc.	973,706	971,023	973,706	971,023
Holdings in associated companies	310,623	322,195	310,623	322,195
Holdings in group companies	0	0	56,521	56,554
Assets linked to pool schemes	270,821	253,267	270,821	253,267
Intangible assets	13,794	20,846	12,876	19,501
Total land and buildings	443,188	444,328	442,428	443,568
Owner-occupied properties	443,188	444,328	442,428	443,568
Other tangible assets	139,888	135,779	25,832	22,608
Current tax assets	4,506	2,527	4,642	2,639
Deferred tax assets	35,717	62,233	60,524	86,016
Assets held temporarily	2,873	0	2,873	0
Other assets	263,274	326,771	242,405	301,187
Prepayments	36,817	23,526	35,469	22,385
Total assets	30,216,020	31,834,076	30,195,574	31,819,407
Liabilities				
Debt				
Debt to credit institutions and central banks	4,283,793	8,320,133	4,283,793	8,320,133
Deposits and other debt	20,837,686	18,815,925	20,847,168	18,826,269
Deposits in pool schemes	270,821	253,267	270,821	253,267
Issued bonds	802,902	499,487	802,902	499,487
Liabilities taken over temporarily	2,605	0	2,605	0
Other liabilities	657,411	662,330	631,639	641,471
Prepayments	14,762	25,637	10,606	21,483
Total debt	26,869,980	28,576,779	26,849,534	28,562,110
Provisions				
Provisions for pensions and similar liabilities	13,933	13,413	13,933	13,413
Provisions for losses on guarantees	51,886	25,402	51,886	25,402
Other provisions	46,525	42,943	46,525	42,943
Total provisions	112,344	81,758	112,344	81,758
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Subordinated debt				
Subordinate Ioan capital	328,000	328,000	328,000	328,000
Total subordinated debt	328,000	328,000	328,000	328,000
Equity				
Share capital	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000
Revaluation reserves	100,675	100,675	100,020	100,020
Other reserves	184,615	184,615	228,338	228,338
Statutory reserves	184,615	184,615	228,338	228,338
Retained earnings or losses	2,320,406	2,262,249	2,277,338	2,219,181
Total equity	2,905,696	2,847,539	2,905,696	2,847,539
Total liabilities		31,834,076		



















# Behind a rich life

Poul is 85 years old and the world's oldest kitesurfer. He is out on the water 300 days a year.

A journalist and a cameraman joined him on the beach on Amager one day when the wind was good. This spurred a TV commercial and a documentary film. An honest portrait of a man to whom being rich is not about money but rather about values. A man with a rich life.



# Changes in equity

	Share capital DKK '000	Revaluation reserves DKK '000	Reserves DKK '000	Retained earnings DKK '000	<b>Dividend</b> DKK '000	<b>Total</b> DKK '000
The Group - first half year 2009						
Equity as at 01.01.2009	300,000	100,675	184,615	2,262,249	0	2,847,539
Dividend paid for 2008						
Profit for the year				58,158		58,158
Income or expenses posted directly to equity:						
Change in the valuation of owner-occupied properties						
Total				50.150		50.150
Total income				58,158		58,158
Equity carried forward 30.06.2009	300,000	100,675	184,615	2,320,406	0	2,905,696
Group 2008						
Equity as at 01.01.2008	300,000	84,675	221,337	2,285,299	60,000	2,951,311
Dividend paid for 2007					60,000	60,000
Profit for the year			-44,774	-14,998		-59,772
Income or expenses posted directly to equity:						
Change in the valuation of						
owner-occupied properties		16,000				16,000
Total		16,000	44774	14000		16,000
Total income		16,000	-44,774	-14,998		-43,772
Other additions and disposals  Equity carried forward			8,052	-8,052		0
31.12.2008		100,675	184,615	2,262,249	0	2,847,539
The Bank - first half year 2009						
Equity as at 01.01.2009	300,000	100,020	228,338	2,219,181	0	2,847,539
Dividend paid for 2008		,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	-,	,		7 - 17 - 2 -
Profit for the year				58,158		58,158
Income or expenses posted directly to equity:				,		,
Change in the valuation of owner-occupied properties						
Total						
Total income				58,158		58,158
Equity carried forward 30.06.2009	300,000	100,020	228,338	2,277,338	0	2,905,696
Bank 2008						
Equity as at 01.01.2008	300,000	84,020	289,996	2,217,295	60,000	2,951,311
Dividend paid for 2007		,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	, , , , , ,	60,000	60,000
Profit for the year			-54,460	-5,312	,	-59,772
Income or expenses posted directly to equity:			,	,		,
Change in the valuation of owner-occupied properties		16,000				16,000
Total		16,000				16,000
Liquidation of FIDANO A/S		0	-7,198	7,198		0
Total income		16,000	-61,658	1,886		-43,772
Equity carried forward						
31.12.2008	300,000	100,020	228,338	2,219,181	0	2,847,539

## Notes to interim financial statements 2009

Note	Group	30.06.2008	Bank 30.06.2009	30.06.2008
Note	DKK '000	DKK '000	DKK '000	DKK '000
1 Value adjustments				
Bonds	62,195	-97,611	62,195	-97,611
Shares, etc.	42,237	27,239	42,237	27,239
Currency	25,715	4,901	25,829	4,885
Derivative financial instruments	20,7.13	.,50.	23,023	.,,,,,
Currency contracts	15,664	10,869	15,664	10,869
Interest rate contracts	45,040	-1,661	45,040	-1,661
Share contracts	-437	-84	-437	-84
Total derivative financial instruments	60,267	9,124	60,267	9,124
Assets linked to pool schemes	19,619	-11,573	19,619	-11,573
Deposits in pool schemes	-19,619	11,573	-19,619	11,573
Other assets	2,519	-3,587	2,519	-3,587
Total value adjustments	192,933	-59,934	193,047	-59,950
	Group 30.06.2009 DKK '000	<b>31.12.2008</b> DKK '000	Bank 30.06.2009 DKK '000	<b>31.12.2008</b> DKK '000
2 Receivables from credit institutions				
Individual write-downs				
Accumulated write-downs brought forward	0	0	0	0
Write-downs for the year	17,288	0	17,288	0
Other movements	80	0	80	0
Total accumulated write-downs carried forward	17,368	0	17,368	0
3 Loans and other receivables at amortised cost price Individual write-downs				
Accumulated write-downs brought forward	279,167	151,315	254,835	146,556
Write-downs for the year	186,619	185,870	178,149	164,159
Reversal of write-downs	62,163	53,512	59,814	53,029
Other movements	6,482	7,773	6,482	7,773
Actual loss (written off), previously written down	10,776	12,279	6,616	10,624
Total accumulated write-downs carried forward	399,329	279,167	373,036	254,835
Group-wise write-downs				
Accumulated write-downs brought forward	57,262	33,259	55,695	33,167
Write-downs for the year	9,416	28,687	9,415	27,212
Reversal of write-downs	11,173	10,470	11,053	10,470
Other movements	2,020	5,786	2,020	5,786
Total accumulated write-downs carried forward	57,525	57,262	56,077	55,695
Total accamalated with downs carried forward	37,323	37,202	30,077	33,033
Total write-downs on loans				
Total accumulated write-downs brought forward	336,429	184,574	310,530	179,723
Write-downs for the year	196,035	214,557	187,564	191,371
Reversal of write-downs	73,336	63,982	70,867	63,499
Other movements	8,502	13,559	8,502	13,559
Actual loss (written off), previously written down	10,776	12,279	6,616	10,624
Total accumulated write-downs carried forward	456,854	336,429	429,113	310,530

## Other notes

Note	Group 30.06.2009 DKK '000	<b>31.12.2008</b> DKK '000	Bank 30.06.2009 DKK '000	<b>31.12.2008</b> DKK '000
4 Contingent liabilities				
Guarantees				
Financial guarantees	690,161	811,722	691,361	812,922
Guarantees for losses on mortgage loans	136,685	169,233	136,685	169,233
Private resources	180,626	218,213	180,626	218,213
Land registration and conversion guarantees	6,092	1,372	6,092	1,372
Guarantee for subsidiary	0	0	5,000	5,000
Other guarantees	1,307,284	1,193,287	1,302,284	1,188,287
Total guarantees	2,320,848	2,393,827	2,322,048	2,395,027
Other liabilities				
Irrevocable credit commitments less than 1 year	1,847,321	1,679,091	1,469,362	1,389,802
Irrevocable credit commitments more than 1 year	219,660	309,115	219,660	272,337
Unutilised pension commitments	14,900	12,700	14,900	12,700
Other liabilities	4,290	18,570	4,290	18,570
Total other liabilities	2,086,171	2,019,476	1,708,212	1,693,409
Total contingent liabilities	4,407,019	4,413,303	4,030,260	4,088,436
5 For collateral deposited with Danmarks Nationalbank, clearing centres, etc.				
Market value of bonds	6,759,852	6,696,426	6,759,852	6,696,426
Of which, surplus collateral	6,759,852	1,985,837	6,759,852	1,985,837
6 Solvency statement				
Base capital after deduction	2,610,686	2,555,356	2,586,797	2,530,674
Solvency requirement	1,597,737	1,703,378	1,603,848	1,706,794

## Group overview

AKTIESELSKABET

# Arbejdernes Landsbank COPENHAGEN

### AL Finans A/S

GLOSTRUP	DKK '000
Share capital as at 31 December 2008	6,000
Equity as at 31 December 2008	43,831
Half-year result 2009	-105

### Handels ApS Panoptikon

COPENHAGEN	DKK '000
Share capital as at 31 December 2008	500
Equity as at 31 December 2008	12,723
Half-year result 2009	72

Both subsidiaries are fully owned by the parent company.

### Statement by management

The Board of Directors and Executive Management have today discussed and approved the interim report of Aktieselskabet Arbejdernes Landsbank for the period 1 January - 30 June 2009.

The interim report is presented in accordance with the Danish Financial Business Act, including the Executive Order on financial reports for credit institutions and investment companies, etc.

The management review provides a true review of the development of the activities and financial situation

Copenhagen, 18 August 2009

of the Group and the Bank as well as a description of the most significant risks and uncertainty factors that may influence the Group and the Bank.

We consider the accounting policies applied appropriate so that the interim report provides a true presentation of the assets, equity capital and liabilities of the Group and the Bank, their financial position as well as their result for the first half year 2009.

The interim report has not been audited and it has not been reviewed by external auditors.

### **Executive Management:**

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Chief Executive

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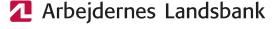
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