









BCV at a glance 2014



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Key figures

| (in CHF millions) | 2014 | 2013 | Change as % |
|--------------------------------|--------|--------|-------------|
| Total assets | 42 068 | 40 454 | 4 |
| Total income | 993 | 991 | 0 |
| Operating profit | 476 | 471 | 1 |
| Net profit | 296 | 280 | 6 |
| Assets under management | 86 382 | 83 850 | 3 |
| Ratios | | | |
| Cost/income ratio ¹ | 60% | 61% | |
| ROE | 9.0% | 8.5% | |
| CET1 ratio ² | 17.1% | 17.8% | |
| Total capital ratio | 17.2% | 17.9% | |

¹⁾ Excluding goodwill amortization and write-downs

2014 highlights

BCV's net profit was up 6% in a mixed environment

- Business volumes grew in all core businesses on the back of a resilient local economy.
- Revenues were nevertheless flat at CHF 993m, owing to the ongoing decline in interest rates and the impact of the geopolitical environment on our international trade finance activities.
- Operating profit edged up 1% to CHF 476m thanks to firm cost control.

BCV's credit ratings were reaffirmed, underscoring our financial solidity

- Standard & Poor's reaffirmed BCV's long-term rating of AA and stable long-term outlook.
- Moody's maintained BCV's long-term rating of A1 and raised the outlook on the Bank's stand-alone rating from stable to positive.

We continued to improve our key processes as part of stratégie2018

- We re-engineered our process for managing retail mortgage loans and will complete the roll-out in 2015
- We have made major changes to our retail call center, improving response times and overall
 customer service.

Shareholders received CHF 32 per share

- We paid an ordinary dividend of CHF 22 and distributed CHF 10 per share out of paid-in reserves, thus returning a total of more than CHF 275m or CHF 32 per share to our shareholders.
- This payout, together with our share performance, equates to a total return of 17.4% the best among banking stocks in Switzerland.

²⁾ Determined according to the Basel III approach since 1 January 2013

The BCV share

Total shareholder return¹



¹⁾ Stockmarket performance over the period plus dividends and capital distributions

 Listed on:
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 Ticker symbols:

 Par value:
 CHF 10
 – Bloomberg: BCVN

 Swiss security number:
 1 525 171
 – Telekurs: BCVN

 ISIN code:
 CH0015251710
 – Reuters: BCVNS

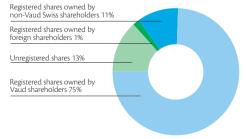
| | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 |
|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------------------|
| Number of shares outstanding (in thousands) | 8 606 | 8 606 | 8 606 | 8 606 | 8 606 |
| Period-end share price (in CHF) | 491.00 | 456.25 | 484.75 | 486.50 | 539.00 |
| Share price high/low (unadjusted, in CHF) - high | 507 | 547 | 519 | 559 | 541 |
| - low | 397 | 392 | 442 | 445 | 473 |
| Dividend per share (in CHF) | 22.0 | 22.0 | 22.0 | 22.0 | 22.0 ¹ |
| Dividend yield ² (in %) | 4.5 | 4.8 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.1 |
| Total payout ³ (in CHF) | 32.0 | 32.0 | 32.0 | 32.0 | 32.0 ¹ |
| Total payout yield² (in %) | 6.5 | 7.0 | 6.6 | 6.6 | 5.9 |

¹⁾ Dividend to be proposed at the Shareholders' Meeting on 23 April 2015

Share ownership structure

Registered shares owned by the Canton of Vaud 67% Registered shares owned by private shareholders 10% Registered shares owned by institutional shareholders 8% Registered shares owned by BCV employees 2% Unregistered shares 13%

Share ownership by geographical zone



²⁾ Relative to the period-end share price

³⁾ Total amount distributed to shareholders in the form of an ordinary dividend together with a distribution out of paid-in reserves

Consolidated balance sheet

| (in CHF millions) | 31 / 12 / 14 | 31 / 12 / 13 | Change absolute | Change as % |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Cash and cash equivalents | 4960 | 4 669 | 291 | 6 |
| Money-market instruments | 29 | 39 | - 10 | -26 |
| Due from banks | 1898 | 1 609 | 289 | 18 |
| Loans and advances to customers | 5714 | 5 434 | 280 | 5 |
| Mortgage loans | 24055 | 23 375 | 680 | 3 |
| Trading portfolio assets | 849 | 932 | - 83 | -9 |
| Financial investments | 3 2 5 9 | 3 146 | 113 | 4 |
| Non-consolidated holdings | 54 | 50 | 4 | 8 |
| Tangible fixed assets | 577 | 602 | - 25 | -4 |
| Intangible assets | 27 | 32 | -5 | - 16 |
| Accrued income and prepaid expenses | 117 | 196 | - 79 | -40 |
| Other assets | 529 | 370 | 159 | 43 |
| Assets | 42 068 | 40 454 | 1614 | 4 |
| Total subordinated assets | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total claims on non-consolidated holdings | | | | |
| and significant shareholders | 8 | 8 | 0 | 0 |
| of which claims on the Canton of Vaud | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Money-market paper issued | 5 | 43 | - 38 | -88 |
| Due to banks | 2 1 1 1 | 1921 | 190 | 10 |
| Customer savings and investment accounts | 13 0 14 | 12 799 | 215 | 2 |
| Other customer accounts | 16252 | 15 452 | 800 | 5 |
| Medium-term notes | 57 | 81 | - 24 | -30 |
| Bonds and mortgage-backed bonds | 6439 | 6 0 6 4 | 375 | 6 |
| Accrued expenses and deferred income | 217 | 224 | -7 | -3 |
| Other liabilities | 490 | 377 | 113 | 30 |
| Value adjustments and provisions | 142 | 171 | - 29 | - 17 |
| Liabilities | 38 727 | 37 132 | 1 595 | 4 |
| Reserves for general banking risks | 704 | 704 | 0 | 0 |
| Equity capital | 86 | 86 | 0 | 0 |
| Capital reserve | 106 | 192 | - 86 | - 45 |
| Own equity securities | - 13 | - 11 | -2 | - 18 |
| Retained earnings | 2 162 | 2 071 | 91 | 4 |
| Minority interests - equity | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Net profit before minority interests | 296 | 280 | 16 | 6 |
| Minority interests | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Shareholders' equity | 3 3 4 1 | 3 3 2 2 | 19 | 1 |
| Total liabilities and shareholders' equity | 42 068 | 40 454 | 1614 | 4 |
| Total subordinated liabilities | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total liabilities to non-consolidated holdings and significant shareholders | 1357 | 1 287 | 70 | 5 |
| of which liabilities to the Canton of Vaud | 1355 | 1 284 | 71 | 6 |
| | | | | |

Consolidated income statement

| (in CHF millions) | 2014 | 2013 | Change absolute | Change as % |
|---|---------------|---------|--------------------|-------------|
| Interest and discount income | 652.5 | 672.7 | - 20.2 | -3 |
| Interest and dividend income | | | | |
| from financial investments | 54.2 | 56.3 | - 2.1 | -4 |
| Interest expense | - 202.9 | - 227.5 | - 24.6 | - 11 |
| Net interest income | 503.8 | 501.5 | 2.3 | 0 |
| | | | | |
| Fees and commissions on lending operations | 44.9 | 44.5 | 0.4 | 1 |
| Fees and commissions on securities and | | | | |
| investment transactions | 280.0 | 285.4 | - 5.4 | -2 |
| Fees and commissions on other services | 82.5 | 76.7 | 5.8 | 8 |
| Fee and commission expense | - 64.0 | - 65.3 | - 1.3 | -2 |
| Net fee and commission income | 343.4 | 341.3 | 2.1 | 1 |
| Net trading income | 106.4 | 112.8 | -6.4 | -6 |
| | 2.2 | 1.0 | 4./ | 70 |
| Profit on disposal of financial investments | 3.2 | 1.8 | 1.4 | 78 |
| Total income from holdings | 4.3 | 9.6 | - 5.3 | - 55 |
| of which other non-consolidated holdings | 4.3 | 9.6 | - 5.3 | - 55 |
| Real-estate income | 11.0 | 11.5 | - 0.5 | -4 |
| Miscellaneous ordinary income | 21.9 | 15.2 | 6.7 | 44 |
| Miscellaneous ordinary expenses | - 0.8 | - 3.1 | -2.3 | -74 |
| Other ordinary income | 39.6 | 35.0 | 4.6 | 13 |
| Total income from ordinary banking operations | 993.2 | 990.6 | 2.6 | 0 |
| Personnel costs | - 339.0 | - 337.3 | 1.7 | 1 |
| Other operating expenses | - 178.4 | - 182.1 | - 3.7 | -2 |
| Operating expenses | - 517.4 | - 519.4 | - 2.0 | -0 |
| | | | | |
| Operating profit | 475.8 | 471.2 | 4.6 | 1 |
| Depreciation and write-offs on fixed assets | - 79.7 | - 85.7 | - 6.0 | -7 |
| Value adjustments, provisions and losses | - 34.1 | - 42.7 | -8.6 | -20 |
| Profit on ordinary banking operations before | | | | |
| extraordinary items and taxes | 362.0 | 342.8 | 19.2 | 6 |
| Extraordinary income | 19.2 | 21.3 | - 2.1 | - 10 |
| Extraordinary expenses | 0.0 | - 0.1 | -0.1 | - 100 |
| Taxes | -85.1 | - 83.9 | 1.2 | 1 |
| Net profit before minority interests | 296.1 | 280.1 | 16.0 | 6 |
| Minority interests | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 |
| Net profit | 296.1 | 280.1 | 16.0 | 6 |
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Overview of BCV

Our legal status

Banque Cantonale Vaudoise (BCV) was founded on 19 December 1845 by the Vaud Cantonal Parliament (Grand Conseil vaudois) as a société anonyme de droit public (i.e., a corporation organized under public law). The Canton of Vaud is BCV's majority shareholder, with 66.95% of the share capital. BCV is listed in the Vaud Commercial Register and is subject to all applicable legislation. Its legal status is defined in the Cantonal Act Governing the Organization of Banque Cantonale Vaudoise (LBCV) of 20 June 1995, as amended on 25 June 2002, 30 January 2007 and 2 March 2010. BCV's commitments are not underwritten by the Canton. However, customer deposits are covered by a nationwide system of investor protection concerning Swiss banks and securities dealers. This system insures deposits of up to CHF 100,000 per person and per bank. In addition, a limited cantonal guarantee applies to deposits with Caisse d'Epargne Cantonale Vaudoise, a savings institution managed by the Bank.

Our core businesses

With revenues of CHF 993m in 2014 and total assets of CHF 42.1bn, we rank among Switzerland's top six banks by assets. BCV is the country's second-largest cantonal bank and the largest bank in Vaud, with a network of 66 staffed branches and more than 220 ATMs throughout the Canton. The Bank's organization is based on four client-oriented divisions: Retail Banking, Private Banking, Corporate Banking and Asset Management & Trading. We offer a comprehensive range of financial services to all client segments. BCV Group had 1,946 full-time-equivalent employees at 31 December 2014. At that date, in addition to the parent company, BCV Group comprised a private bank, Piguet Galland & Cie SA, and two fund management firms, Gérifonds SA and GEP SA (Société pour la gestion de placements collectifs).

Our missions

Pursuant to Article 4 of the LBCV, BCV's corporate mandate is to offer a comprehensive range of banking services to the local community and to contribute to the development of all sectors of the Vaud economy and to the financing of the Canton's public-sector institutions and entities. Also, as part of our community focus, we provide mortgage financing in Vaud. The law also stipulates that BCV is to be guided by the principles of economically, environmentally and socially sustainable development. More generally, our missions are to create value for our shareholders and clients, to be a benchmark employer, and to be a good corporate citizen.

Our strategy

The *BCVPlus* strategy begun in 2008 was based on the business model of a universal bank with solid local roots. The success of this strategy led the Board of Directors and Executive Board in 2014 to maintain this model as the best way to ensure profitable growth going forward.

The new strategic phase – stratégie2018 – follows on from our previous strategy and aims primarily to continue developing all of the Bank's business lines and improving internal processes. A moderate risk profile and active approach to equity capital management remain central to this strategy.

For the business lines, we are targeting:

- At-or-above market-rate growth in the retail banking and SME segments;
- · Above-market growth in onshore private banking;
- Pursuit of niche growth drivers in asset management, structured products and trade finance;
- Continued development of our other business lines.

With stratégie2018, we will also work to improve our internal processes and sharpen our focus on the customer experience. This will involve:

- Improving customer-service quality through a series of targeted initiatives;
- Expanding multi-channel access to our products and services;
- Embarking on various projects to enhance our internal operations;
- Pressing ahead with our human resources strategy to continue developing our employees' skills sets.

BCV aims to achieve sustainable growth, with revenues and operating profit trending along the same lines as in recent years. We have set long-term targets of 12-13% for ROE, 57%-59% for the cost/income ratio, and 13% for Core Equity Tier 1 (CET1). These targets will be reached over a period of several years.

The Bank intends to pay an ordinary dividend of CHF 22-27 per share, as well as a special dividend of CHF 10 per share out of paid-in reserves. In early 2013, we announced that we planned to maintain this distribution level for the next five years, barring significant changes in the economic and regulatory environment or in the Bank's situation.

Key figures – 5-year overview

| (in CHF millions) | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 |
|--|----------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|
| Balance sheet at 31 December | | | | | |
| Total assets | 35 585 | 37 903 | 39 800 | 40 454 | 42 068 |
| Advances to customers | 25 501 | 27 965 | 27 958 | 28 809 | 29 769 |
| Customer deposits and bonds | 29 323 | 31 300 | 33 171 | 34 396 | 35 762 |
| Shareholders' equity | 3271 | 3 301 | 3 3 1 5 | 3 322 | 3 341 |
| Assets under management ¹ | 74426 | 75 063 | 79 129 | 83 850 | 86 382 |
| Income statement | | | | | |
| Total income | 996 | 1017 | 1010 | 991 | 993 |
| Operating expenses | 516 | 531 | 524 | 519 | 517 |
| Operating profit | 480 | 486 | 486 | 471 | 476 |
| Depreciation and write-offs | 78 | 84 | 86 | 86 | 80 |
| Value adjustments, provisions and | | | | | |
| losses | 5 | 20 | 4 | 43 | 34 |
| Net profit | 314 | 301 | 311 | 280 | 296 |
| Headcount | | | | | |
| Full-time equivalents | 1986 | 2 042 | 1931 | 1987 | 1946 |
| | | | | | |
| Ratios | | | | | |
| Shareholders' equity/total assets | 9.2% | 8.7% | 8.3% | 8.2% | 7.9% |
| FINMA capital adequacy ratio ² | 175% | 165% | 180% | 224% | 215% |
| FINMA Tier 1 capital ratio ² | 14.0% | 13.2% | 14.4% | 17.8% | 17.1% |
| BIS Total capital ratio ² | 17.6% | 16.8% | 18.4% | 17.9% | 17.2% |
| Operating profit/average | 4 (00 (| 4 / 00/ | 1 / 00/ | 4 (20 (| 4 / /0/ |
| shareholders' equity | 14.9% | 14.9% | 14.8% | 14.3% | 14.4% |
| Cost/income ratio ³ | 59.5% | 60.1% | 60.0% | 60.6% | 59.6% |
| Operating profit per employee (in CHF thousands) | 245.0 | 237.3 | 246.2 | 241.0 | 241.6 |
| ROE | 9.8% | 9.3% | 9.5% | 8.5% | 9.0% |
| KOL | 9.670 | 9.370 | 9.370 | 8.370 | 9.070 |
| Credit ratings | | | | | |
| Standard & Poor's | | | | | |
| Long term | AA- / positive | AA / stable | AA / negative | AA / stable | AA / stable |
| Short term | A-1+ | A-1+ | A-1+ | A-1+ | A-1+ |
| Moody's | | | | | |
| Long term | A1 / stable | A1 / stable | A1 / stable | A1 / stable | A1 / stable |
| Short term | Prime-1 | Prime-1 | Prime-1 | Prime-1 | Prime-1 |

 ²⁰¹⁰⁻²⁰¹² figures for assets under management were adjusted to exclude custody-only assets
 Determined according to the Basel III approach since 1 January 2013

³⁾ Excluding goodwill amortization and write-downs







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