



The Banesco loan portfolio grew by 86% in one year.

The bank portfolio rose to Bs.F 16,207 million, and consolidated the bank's position as leader of the banking system in the granting of credit. (15,8% of the market). Furthermore, records showed an excellent performance of funds managed (Bs.F 28,643 million), total assets (Bs. F 27,700 million), and funds raised (Bs. 24,297 million).

Banesco Banco Universal, a multipurpose bank with 100% Venezuelan capital, showed at the end of 2007 an 85, 8% increase in its loan portfolio, totaling Bs.F 16,027. The bank became the leader of the Venezuelan financial system in credit grants. It also reported leadership figures in other categories such as third party managed funds, total assets, and fund raising.

The institution experienced the highest growth in the management of funds among the largest banks in Venezuela. At the end of December 2007, the balance reached was o Bs.F 28,643 million after a Bs. F 3,469 million growth experienced in the second semester. Banesco continued to be the market leader and raised its market share to 15.01%.

The half-year balance sheet shows a boost in credit operations. At the end of December, Banesco held a Bs.F 16,207 million portfolio, equivalent to an inter-annual variation of 85.8%. This result consolidates the bank's position as leader in the granting of credit (15.8% of the market of commercial and multipurpose banks) and total assets of Bs.F 27,700 million (13.1% share)

The source and use of the bank's funds show that 80.1% of the funds it attracted were aimed for credit intermediation, raising the corresponding ratio to 66.7% , 5 points above the mean for commercial and multipurpose banks (61.7%)

On the liability side, Banesco showed a 50.6% increase in funds raised in comparison to 2006, represented by Bs.F 24,297 million at the end of the second semester of 2007 (first place in the system with 14.6% share). This result is mainly attributable to the increase of one of its leading market products: current accounts, the balance of which rose by Bs.F 3,128 in the last 12 months, totaling Bs. 12,858 in December 2007 and concentrating 14.9% of the demand deposits of all commercial and multipurpose banks.

Savings and term accounts also grew, although at a slower rate, and together exceeded Bs. F 6,800 million, in third and second place in the banking ranking, with quotas of 14.1% and 9.5% respectively.

The maintenance of a quality portfolio and the expansion of the productive assets of the bank produced an increase in the financial intermediation margin to Bs.F 1,196 million at the closure of 2007, exceeding that of the same 2006 period by Bs.F 351 million.

Banesco registered a net result of Bs. F 398 million in the second semester of 2007 (2nd place among commercial and multipurpose banks), representing a Bs.F 122 million (43.9%) increase in comparison to the end of 2006. The sum of the net results of both semesters of 2007 produced an annual profit of Bs. F 695 million.

These excellent results yielded very favorable indicators, with a return on equity figure of (30.08%) almost 6 points higher than that of 2006 and above the 30% average for commercial and multipurpose banks.

Banesco operations in 2007 were supported, as always, by the best technology. At the end of last year, there were 1,144 automatic tellers, 234 self service machines, 260 checkbook dispensers and 43,590 sales points.

