

Press release

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Commerzbank: Preliminary CET 1 ratio per end of June 2016 at 11.5% – group net profit for the second quarter 2016 in line with consensus

On the basis of preliminary figures Commerzbank posted an Operating profit of €342 million (Q2 2015: €419 million). Net profit attributable to Commerzbank shareholders stood at €209 million in the second quarter 2016 (Q2 2015: €307 million). Both are in line with consensus.

The Common Equity Tier 1 ratio (CET 1) under full application of Basel 3 stood at 11.5% at the end of June 2016 (end of March 2016: 12.0%; end of June 2015: 10.5%) based on preliminary figures. This ratio includes a dividend accrual of 10 cents per share for the first half of 2016.

The change in the CET1 ratio mainly results from the following non-operating valuation and methodology effects:

- Higher risk-weighted assets (RWA) in particular for operational risks due to the consideration of new external events factored in by external databases representing industrywide damage claims of banks.
- Higher pension liabilities due to lower discount factors (reduced from 2% to 1.7%) as well as higher capital deductions from revaluation reserves in particular driven by higher credit spreads for Italian sovereign debt.

As already stated in the past, the capital ratio can be volatile in the current market environment. Commerzbank's ambition remains to keep its capital ratio under full application of Basel 3 above SREP-requirements.

Figures shown in this release are preliminary. Commerzbank will publish its final figures for the second quarter 2016 on 2 August 2016.

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