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## **Cornèr Bank Group: an encouraging first half year**

**The Cornèr Bank Group, with general management and head office in Lugano, made further progress in the first half of 2009, following the positive results achieved in 2008.**

This positive development is due to a combination of factors, including, above all, the Bank's relationship with its Clients, who have always shown the greatest confidence in how the Cornèr Bank Group conducts its business. Thus, in just six months, the total amount of customer account balances with the Group has increased by no less than 10.1%, rising to 3,658 million swiss francs, with loans amounting to 2,387 million. This represents an 8.8% increase over the end of 2008.

An analysis of the Consolidated Balance Sheet also indicates that available liquidity and easily realizable financial investments still stand at a high level and amount to a total of 1,333 million francs.

The Income Statement figures were also very satisfying and higher than expected. The effects on the Cornèr Bank Group of the turbulence at international level, which began in the summer of 2008 and continued for most of the first half of 2009, turned out to be very marginal.

The gross profit for the first half of 2009 amounts to 48.8 million francs (-4,6%) while revenues amount to 154.6 million (-0.9%) and costs to 105.8 million (+0.8%).