

**PRESS RELEASE**

**CM4-CIC Group**

**Growth and financial solidity**

**Commercial activity: expanding the network**

The priority given to the development of the retail branch network has resulted in:

- winning 241,612 new customers (+3.1%, raising the total of retail banking customers to 8,101,249 on June 30, 2008);
- 19.2% rise in total loans to customers (€197,988 million on June 30, 2008 as against €166,105 million on June 30, 2007);
- 12.1% rise in deposits (€113,033 million June 30, 2008 as against €100,811 million on June 30, 2007);
- 6.5% increase in the number of contracts in the insurance business in first half 2008 (19,810,000 contracts on June 30, 2008 as against 18,605,000 on December 31, 2007), with further growth in services.

Organized on the basis of an overarching IT system and single business-line dedicated subsidiaries, the CM4-CIC Group(a) is advancing its strategy of modernization and improvement, in both the quality and reach of its network, so as to better serve its private, professional and corporate customer base.

**Financial results: stable core business and fall in financial market-related revenues (impact of mark to market).**

In CM4-CIC's core retail banking business, the Net Banking Income (NBI) advanced 2.9 % from €2,308 million on June 30, 2007 to €2,375 million on June 30, 2008. Net income was €377 million at end June 2008, as against €401 million at end June 2007, the date at which the current crisis in the financial markets set in.

Insurance NBI was broadly unchanged on €539 million (€544 million on June 30, 2007).

Private banking NBI was broadly unchanged on €225 million (€223 million on June 30, 2007).

Private equity NBI was €77 million on June 30, 2008, a figure without extraordinary items, as compared to the first half 2007 NBI of €318 million, reflecting substantial capital gains.

Finance banking reported a rise in NBI from €154 million on June 30, 2007 to €207 million on June 30, 2008.

Against the backdrop of the crisis in the financial markets, market-related NBI fell from +€310 million on June 30, 2007 to -€295 million on June 30, 2008.

All positions have been assessed under IFRS accounting standards, by applying market prices driven down by the poor performance of the financial markets and widening credit spreads in markets affected by low liquidity.

CIC owns a portfolio of American RMBS(\*) valued at €2.8 billion, made up of 95% AAA rated securities of which 37% are guaranteed by the American Federal agencies. The decline in market value of such securities, particularly in market conditions of poor liquidity in the first half of 2008, has adversely affected the mark to market value of the relevant securities...

NBI group-wide fell from €3,954 million on June 30, 2007 to €3,095 million on June 30, 2008.

The cost of risk rose from -€66 million on June 30, 2007 to - €165 million on June 30, 2008.

First half 2008 net book income was €507 million.

Shareholders' equity, which is the foundation of financial solidity, stood at €20 billion as of June 30, 2008 (€19.6 billion on June 30, 2007).

This solidity enabled CM4-CIC group in early July to sign the contract for the acquisition of Banco Popular France, acting through the BFCM (Banque Federative du Credit Mutuel), and Citibank in Germany. CIC was also able at end March 2008 to reinforce its operations in Morocco by raising its stake in Banque Marocaine du Commerce Exterieur (BMCE) from 10% to 15%.

(a): The figures presented are provisional, unaudited, and have not been approved by the Boards of Directors. CM4 is made up of the following federations: *Credit Mutuel Centre Est Europe (Strasbourg)*, *Credit Mutuel du Sud-Est (Lyon)*, *Credit Mutuel Ile-de-France et Credit Mutuel Savoie-Mont Blanc (Annecy)*.

(\*): *RMBS or residential mortgage backed securities.*

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**GRUPE CM 4 / CIC (\*)**  
**Highlights (\*\*) as of June 30, 2008**  
(in millions of euros)

	June 30, 2008	June 30, 2007	Dec. 31, 2007
<b>Shareholders's equity</b> <i>(Including profit for the current financial and before dividend payout)</i>	20.008	19.637	20.291
<i>Of which attributable</i>	17.876	17.543	18.109
<b>Banking business</b>			
<i>Customer deposits</i> <sup>1</sup>	113.033	100.811	109.475
<i>Savings and insurance</i>	51.613	49.692	50.424
<i>Loans to customers</i> <i>Including leasing</i> <sup>1</sup>	197.988	166.105	182.241
<b>Elements of Profit and Loss Statement</b>			
<i>Net banking income</i> <sup>2</sup>	3.095	3.954	7.253
<i>General expenses, depreciation-amortization</i>	2.283	2.207	4.237
<i>Gross operating profit</i>	812	1.747	3.016
<i>Charges on doubtful debt</i>	165	66	124
<i>Consolidated net income</i>	507	1.213	2.161
<i>Attributable net income</i>	426	1.046	1.845
<i>Number of branches</i>	3.406	3.313	3.389
<i>Number of customers</i>	8.101.249	7.859.637	7.993.000
<i>Numbers of employees</i>	38.959	38.433	38.908

(\*) Consolidated figures from the Caisses Crédit Mutuel Centre Est Europe, Sud-Est, Ile-de-France et Savoie-Mont Blanc, from their joint federal Caisse, and from the Banque Fédérative du Crédit Mutuel and its major subsidiaries: ACM, BECM, information systems, etc., including the CIC.

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<sup>1</sup> Excluding attached debts and receivables

<sup>2</sup> Excluding the effects of reciprocal transactions between the banks and insurance companies in regard to employee providence insurance schemes and investments made by and between the insurance companies and the banks