

Report of the Supervisory Board

Luxembourg, 20 April 2009

At the four meetings held in financial year 2008, the Supervisory Board kept itself thoroughly informed of business developments and the risk position of both the Bank and the Group, as well as of general management and corporate planning issues. The meetings focused on assessing the latest monthly balance sheets and income statements of both the Bank and the Group against the comparables for the previous year and projected figures. The Supervisory Board and the personally liable partners held in-depth discussions about the international financial market crisis and the consequences thereof for the Bank, with a particular view to the risk position and operating results. This included debates on initiatives and strategies for the necessary reorientation of business activities and cost management.

Alongside key personnel decisions and investment planning, the Supervisory Board took note of significant individual transactions that were executed during the financial year. These included the significant changes in the equity investments portfolio, in particular the acquisition of further shares in IVG Immobilien AG and the investment in ARCANDOR Aktiengesellschaft, and the subsequent spin-off of these investments into an independent company newly formed by the Bank's owners, into which Sal. Oppenheim Private Equity Partners S.A. and Sal. Oppenheim Private Equity Partners GmbH are also to be integrated. The relevant transactions also included the intra-group acquisition of BHF-BANK AG from Oppenheim Beteiligungs-AG with effect from 31 December 2008/1 January 2009.

The Supervisory Board's Audit Committee dedicated a great deal of attention in the meetings to the Bank's risk position, with the focus on the effects of the financial crisis. In addition, at its meeting on 17 October 2008, the Committee agreed on the audit plan and focal points of the audit with the auditors, and at its meeting on 12 December 2008 received a report on the progress of the audit and the results of the loan review.

The audit results for the annual financial statements and consolidated financial statements were discussed on 20 April 2009. Prior to this meeting, KPMG Audit S.à r.l., Luxembourg submitted the reports on its audit of the annual financial statements and the management report and its audit of the consolidated financial statements and the group management report as at 31 December 2008, all of which it found to have been prepared in accordance with the statutory requirements. The auditors awarded an unqualified audit opinion to both the annual financial statements and the consolidated financial statements.

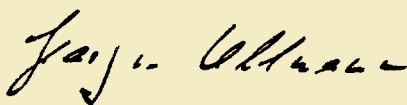
On the basis of this information and the comments in the audit report, the Audit Committee of the Supervisory Board examined the annual financial statements, the management report and the management's proposal regarding the appropriation of profit. It also assessed the consolidated financial statements and the group management report. The Committee approved the auditor's report, and in accordance with the final results of its examination, does not raise any objections.

In the meetings of the Supervisory Board held on 12 December 2008 and 20 April 2009, the Audit Committee reported on the meetings with the auditors. At the recommendation of the Audit Committee, the Supervisory Board approved the annual financial statements, the management report, the consolidated financial statements and the group management report. The Supervisory Board endorses the proposal of the management on appropriation of profit.

The management and the auditors were at the disposal of the Audit Committee of the Supervisory Board, and of the Supervisory Board throughout the reporting year to discuss any specific questions.

The Supervisory Board thanks the personally liable partners and the other members of management for their great commitment and perceptiveness in times marked by the turbulent developments on the financial markets, as well as the managers and all employees, without whose commitment and performance the results achieved would not have been possible.

Der Aufsichtsrat



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