

Grupo Catalana Occidente increases its consolidated profit by 9.4% to reach 190.2 million euros in the first half of the year

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Grupo Catalana Occidente's consolidated profit in the first half of 2017 reached 190.2 million euros, a 9.4% increase when compared with the same period last year. Furthermore, the Group's turnover has seen an increase of 2.1%, between January and June, up to 2,293.2 million euros.

These results are supported by a solid business performance in Grupo Catalana Occidente's two lines of activity: traditional business and credit insurance. In the first six months of this year, turnover from the traditional business (Seguros Catalana Occidente, Plus Ultra Seguros, Seguros Bilbao, NorteHispana Seguros and Previsora Bilbaína) grew by 1.1%, reaching 1,346.8 million euros, especially due to the good performance of non-life. This first half of the year saw a rise of 2.8% in car insurance and 7.5% in other insurance products (mainly in company branches).

The recurring profit of the traditional business rose to 100.6 million euros, after growing 9% when compared with the same period last year, mainly due to the good performance of accident rates and Previsora Bilbaína's incorporation since October 2016.

With regard to credit insurance (Atradius Crédito y Caución and Atradius Re), the business volume reached 946.4 million euros, which represents a growth of 3.5%. The 1.9% increase in acquired premiums is also noteworthy, where a 9% growth in Central European countries stands out. The recurring profit is stable at 105 million euros.

Technical rigour continues to characterise the Group, which achieved a combined ratio of 90.5% in traditional business (non-life) and 73.8% in credit insurance (involving an increase of 0.5 and 0.4 points, respectively, when compared with the same period last year).

The Group has continued to reinforce its solvency, with permanent resources at market value of 3,605.2 million euros, representing an increase of 8.4% when compared to June of last year. In addition, Grupo Catalana Occidente has published its Solvency II ratio, which at the close of 2016 is of 200% using the standard formula, with an excess of 1,729 million euros.

Furthermore, the funds administered by the Group rose to 11,881.4 million euros, a growth of 4.2% when compared to June of last year.

About Grupo Catalana Occidente

Grupo Catalana Occidente is one of the leaders in the Spanish insurance sector and the global credit insurance sector. With steady growth and a broad reach, it has more than 7,000 employees, a presence in more than 50 countries and serves more than 4,000,000 customers. Its network consists of over 1,600 offices and nearly 19,000 mediators. It is currently ranked in sixth position in the Spanish market and second worldwide for credit insurance.

With regards to returns for shareholders, the 5% increase of the first dividend distributed for 2017 is worth mentioning.

According to Francisco Arregui, Managing Director of Grupo Catalana Occidente, “we closed the first half of 2017 consolidating the positive performance of our main figures by improving our profits, income and capital. The favourable evolution of the business in both lines of activity reflects our efforts in being increasingly efficient, maintaining rigour in subscriptions and prioritising customer service”. In this sense, he values very highly that the Group continues to grow in a stable and sustainable manner and that it can offer its shareholders “higher returns while continuing to strengthen its capital”.

(figures in millions of euros)

Main figures	6M 2016	6M 2017	% Var. 16-17	12M 2016
Turnover	2,246.4	2,293.2	2.1%	4,235.8
- Traditional business	1,332.1	1,346.8	1.1%	2,547.3
- Credit Insurance business	914.3	946.4	3.5%	1,688.5
Consolidated result	173.8	190.2	9.4%	324.5
- Traditional business	92.3	100.6	9.0%	159.0
- Credit Insurance business	105.0	105.0	0.0%	186.5
- Non-Recurring	-23.5	-15.5		-21.0
Attributable Result	157.0	172.1	9.6%	295.6
Permanent resources	2,860.4	3,130.8	9.5%	3,039.6
Permanent resources market value	3,326.2	3,605.2	8.4%	3,508.5
Technical provisions	9,312.7	9,574.7	2.8%	9,351.0
Funds under management	11,397.4	11,881.4	4.2%	11,672.1

The Grupo Previsora Bilbaina business has been incorporated since October 2016.

For further information please find the results report at www.grupocatalanaoccidente.com

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