

PRESS RELEASE

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Good half-year results strengthen the Group's ability to act						
	Groupama S.A. ¹ – Consolidated Results					
Income from operations ² : Current income ² : Net profit: Annualised ROE ³ :	198 million euros, +56.2% 321 million euros, +41.0% 329 million euros, +51.6% 23.8%, +4.6 points (compared to 31.12.05), +3.5 points (compared to 30.06.05)					
	Groupama ¹ – Combined Results					
Income from operations ² : Current income ² : Net profit: Annualised ROE ³ :	218 million euros, +20.7% 385 million euros, +18.5% 393 million euros, +26.8% 17.1%, +2.7 points (compared to 31.12.05), +0.1 point (compared to 30.06.05)					

The board of directors of Groupama S.A., meeting on 25 September 2006 under the chairmanship of Jean-Luc Baucherel, approved the consolidated financial statements of Groupama S.A. and the combined financial statements of the Group for the first six months of 2006.

"During the first half of 2006, Groupama has confirmed its ability to develop innovative and effective commercial offers and raise the quality of its services," declared Jean Azéma, Chief Executive Officer of Groupama. "Internationally, the Group is continuing its active growth and expanding its positions, with the acquisition of companies in Spain and Turkey.

"Our performance in the first six months gives the Group a stronger footing. Our financial solidity, supported by the quality and consistency of our results, guarantees us all the flexibility necessary to develop a profitable and lasting growth strategy".

¹ <u>The consolidated financial statements of Groupama S.A.</u> include the business lines of all subsidiaries as well as internal reinsurance (i.e. approximately 40% of the premium income of the Regional Mutuals ceded to Groupama S.A.). <u>Groupama's combined financial statements</u> include all of the Group's business lines (the Regional Mutuals and those of subsidiaries consolidated within Groupama S.A.) – see diagram in appendix to press release.

² <u>Income from operations</u> corresponds to current income restated to reflect realized capital gains and losses for the share reverting to the shareholder net of corporate income tax. <u>Current income</u> is the net profit excluding impact of unrealised gains and losses on financial assets recorded at fair value net of gross revenues and corporate income tax, exceptional transactions net of corporate income tax and depreciation of goodwill.

³ Excluding fair value effect.

Highlights of the first six months of 2006: increased initiatives and accelerated performance

Groupama steps up its international growth

- During the first six months of the year, the Group continued its policy of international acquisition by strengthening its positions in markets with high potential. In <u>Spain</u>, the Group acquired the subsidiaries of the Azur-GMF group. In <u>Turkey</u>, as part of a privatisation deal, the Group purchased Basak Sigorta and Basak Emeklilik. The activity of these companies will be consolidated as of the second half of 2006. Thanks to this acquisition, Groupama is now the sixth largest insurer in the Turkish market, which has one of the highest growth rates in the world.

- In <u>Great Britain</u>, Groupama strengthened its positions in the field of health insurance by acquiring the British insurer Clinicare, whose activity is consolidated for the first time over the full half year period. After the close, in August 2006, Groupama also signed an agreement to sell its British run-off activity (Minster Insurance). This deal, which should be finalised by the end of this year subject to standard conditions precedent, will have a positive impact on the Group's solvency.

All the companies recently acquired by the Group are currently undergoing consolidation.

Groupama confirms its position as a global player in France

- In <u>individual health insurance</u>, the growth observed in 2005 continued over the first six months of 2006 with nearly 20,000 contracts gained over the period. This performance was supported by growth of 8% in the urban area portfolio, showing the ability of the group — which is already the leader in individual health — to conquer new markets.

- With a portfolio of over 224,000 contracts at 30 June, the Group is improving its already strong position in the market of <u>coverage for unforeseen events</u> thanks to growth, over the first six months of the year, at a rate 13% higher than the market (+9%).

- Regarding <u>legal protection</u>, the group's leadership (almost a 20% market share) grew, with a 9.5% increase in premium income in the first half of the year, which was higher than that of the market. The distribution partnership with Société Générale, which was signed in 2005, was a success, with 75,000 contracts already on the portfolio at 30 June 2006. The momentum continues, as Groupama Protection Juridique has been chosen to provide insurance and management of the future contract for employees and pensioners of the La Poste group.

- After the successful introduction of the <u>Auto-Presto</u> service (replacement of a damaged vehicle while it is being repaired), the development of new services is underway, such as Auto-Presto Privilège (replacement vehicle of the same category as the damaged vehicle).

- Strengthening its position as leader for agricultural professional risks, the Group has successfully continued its growth in <u>multirisk climate insurance</u>: by 30 June over 58,000 contracts had been signed, i.e. an increase of 10% compared to 2005.

- The <u>private banking</u> portfolio increased by 43,000 clients (25,000 new accounts), totalling 318,000 clients in the first six months of 2006. Outstanding loans increased by 32% compared to 30 June 2005, and deposits increased by 22% over the same period. The launch of interest-bearing accounts in the spring of 2006 was a success that should continue in the second half of the year thanks to the marketing, since August 2006, of ASTREA 2, an innovative account offering double return on liquidities.

- In the first half of 2006, Groupama introduced the *Fourmi Verte* personal insurance service. By launching the *Fourmi Verte* offer at the very start of the year in partnership with the MSA [Mutualité Sociale Agricole] and Familles Rurales, Groupama has acquired a competitive advantage in personal services. The offer became operational throughout France in February 2006.

Groupama S.A. posts solid results in all business lines with a 56.2% increase in income from operations.

- Non life insurance contributed greatly to this performance. Life insurance showed high but more moderate growth.
- o Groupama S.A. also strengthened its financial capabilities thanks to an increase of over 50% in its net profit.

Consolidated financial statements of Groupama S.A.

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Rapid growth in income from operations¹: + 56.2%, at 198 million euros

Non life insurance: strong growth in performance

Operating income from non life insurance increased sharply, by 70.4%, to **182 million euros**. This notable increase comes from an improvement in underwriting fundamentals, a slight increase in the investment income (+1.9%) and the inclusion of a nonrecurring positive tax effect of 33 million euros for the British subsidiary.

The net combined ratio showed an improvement at 100.5%, i.e. -1.8 point compared to the first half of 2005.

- In France, the combined ratio improved slightly at 102.1%, i.e. -0.5 point, with a decline in the ratio for net operating expenses (-0.6 point).
- Internationally, the combined ratio improved sharply, at 96.1%, due to a reduction in the number of claims filed at the Spanish and Italian subsidiaries.

Life insurance: growth in income

Income from life insurance operations amounted to 65 million euros, an increase of 12.1% compared to 30 June 2005.

The ratio of underwriting expenses to net premiums acquired was 95.2% at 30 June 2006, up 1.8 point compared to 30 June 2005. The annual ratio of net operating expenses to total assets under management is stable (1.2%, identical to the ratio at 31.12.2005).

Life-insurance-related investment income amounted to 1.1 billion euros, representing an increase of 2.9%. This improvement comes from the very marked increase in net revenues from investment.

Holding companies (Group management and financing activity) showed an operating loss of 55 million euros (compared to a loss of 40 million euros for the first half of 2005). This improvement is due to financing charges — primarily charges related to a subordinated perpetual bond of 500 million euro issued in July 2005 — and operating charges incurred by the holding companies and especially Groupama S.A.

Growth in current income1: +41.0%, at 321 million euros

Growth in current income resulted from an increase in income from operations, and also from net realized capital gains of 122 million euros (+21.2%) during the first half of 2006.

Very strong growth in net profit (group share): +51.6%

Over the first half of the year, Groupama S.A. experienced very strong growth in its net profit, at 329 million euros.

This increase in income came essentially from an **improvement in the current income** in non life insurance, where earnings increased sharply, as well as life insurance, where performance continued to improve.

Gains or losses on financial assets (recorded at their fair value and posted to the income statement) amounted to a gain of 22 million euros at 30 June 2006, compared to a loss of 4 million euros at 30 June 2005.

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Activities make positive contribution to net profit

All the Group's operations greatly increased their contribution to earnings.

Activities in France contributed 272 million euros to the net profit, i.e. an increase of over 38%.

Insurance in France

The total contribution of the activities of insurance/banking and services in France increased greatly compared to the previous six months. Groupama S.A. (reinsurer of Regional Mutuals through an internal reinsurance agreement) contributed 100 million euros, compared to 84 million euros for the first half of 2005. All subsidiaries in the distribution network in France improved their earnings and profitability (see table in appendix 3).

<u>International activities</u> showed a very marked increase in their contribution to the consolidated net profit at 105 million euros (+ 61.5%). This was the result of the excellent performance of subsidiaries in Great Britain and Spain.

In Great Britain, through its subsidiary Groupama Insurances, earnings reached particularly high levels, at 50.7 million euros. That strong growth can be explained in part by the partial activation of prior tax losses (for 33 million euros) but also by the 2.4 point improvement in the combined ratio.

In Spain, over this first half of the year, Groupama Seguros showed growth of 54.5% in its earnings (34.3 million euros) spurred by the very noticeable improvement in its combined ratio.

In Italy, Groupama Assicurazioni (non life insurance) improved its contribution which amounted to 4.8 million euros for the six-month period. In the life-insurance sector, Groupama Vita contributed 5.9 million euros, i.e. almost as much as its contribution for the same period in 2005 (6.2 million euros).

Financial activities: sharp increase in contribution to consolidated net profit at 15 million euros

The contribution of financial activities to the Group's income increased sharply over this six-month period with 50% growth in its earnings. That excellent performance comes essentially from the Group's **asset management** companies (Groupama Asset Management and its subsidiaries).

Income from holding companies (Group management and financing activity) showed a loss of 60 million euros due to operating and financing charges incurred, especially by Groupama S.A.

Very high increase in ROE

At 30 June 2006, Groupama continued to achieve very high profitability ratios, exceeding the goals that had been set.

The ratio of consolidated net profit (excluding the impact of valuing assets at fair value) to opening capital and reserves (excluding revaluation reserve) amounted to 11.9%, i.e. an annual rate of 23.8% (compared to an annual rate of 20.3% at 30 June 2005). This was due especially to the good operating results for the financial year and an increase in net realized capital gains

A solid financial structure

- shareholders' capital and reserves, at 4.2 billion euros, are down slightly (-4.1%) due to the change in bond interest rates. Excluding any revaluation reserve, they are up 8.8%.

- technical provisions amounted to 61.4 billion euros.

- investment amounts were stable at 64.1 billion euros. The advances posted by stock markets in the first half of the year offset the decline in bond assets due to the rise in interest rates. Unrealized capital gains amounted to 7.0 billion euros, versus 9.0 billion.

- The net debt ratio of holding companies amounted to 39.9% at 30 June 2006. Restated for Silic financial indebtedness, this ratio amounted to 26.2%.

Outlook

After posting good operating profitability in 2005, Groupama confirmed its performance over the first half of 2006. In the current business climate, Groupama is confident about the second half of the year and therefore about its performance in 2006 as a whole.

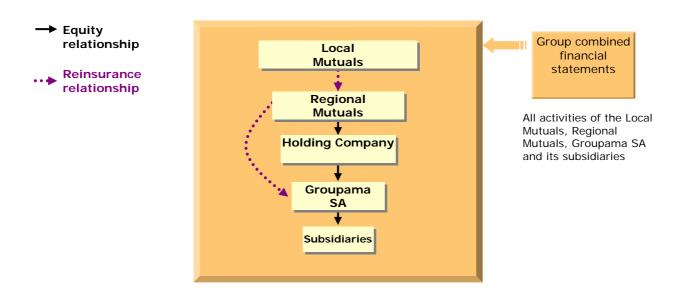
The key figures of the combined financial statements of Groupama are given in appendix 4 The combined financial statements of Groupama include all Group activity (Regional Mutuals and Groupama S.A. consolidated subsidiaries).

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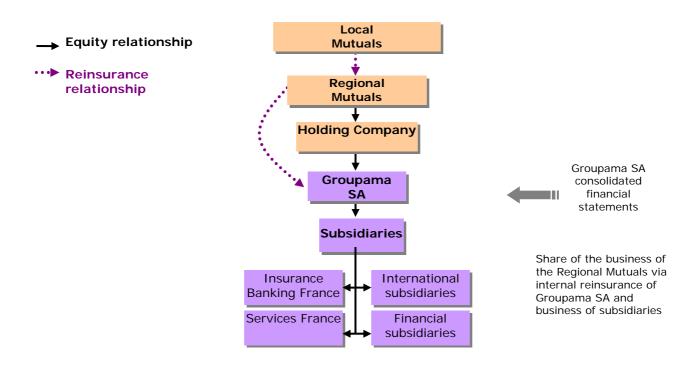
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Scope of Groupama's combined financial statements



Scope of Groupama S.A. consolidated financial statements



Groupama S.A. key figures -consolidated financial statements

. Main consolidated figures (in millions of euros)

	1 st HY 2005	1 st HY 2006	Variation
Consolidated premium income	6,333	6,502	+2.7%
Income from operations	127	198	+ 56.2%
Net capital gains	100	122	+ 21.2%
Current income	227	321	+ 41.0%
Variations in value of derivative products	-29	42	ns
Variations in value of financial assets recorded at fair value	25	-20	ns
Exceptional transactions	-7	-5	-20.0%
Depreciation of goodwill and intangible assets	0	-10	ns
Net profit	217	329	+ 51.6%

	31.12.2005	30.06.2006	
Equity	4.387	4.207	-4.1%
Gross unrealized capital gains	8.974	6.986	-22.2%
Subordinated debt*	1.245	1.245	-
Balance sheet total	74.384	77.142	+ 3.7%

*issue of a TSDI (subordinated perpetual bond) of €500m in July 2005.

. Main consolidated data by activity (in million euros)

		LIFE			NON-LI	FE	FINANCIAL AND BANKING		HOLDING			TOTAL			
	1 st HY	1st	Var.	1 st	1st	Var.	1 st	1st	Var.	1 st	1 st	Var.	1 st	1st	Var.
	2005	HY		HY	HY		HY	HY		HY	HY		HY	HY	
		2006		2005	2006		2005	2006		2005	2006		2005	2006	
Income from operations	58	65	12.1%	107	182	70.4%	2	6	200%	-40	-55	37.5%	127	198	56.2%
Net capital gains	40	34	-14.1%	61	88	44.1%				0	0		100	122	21.2%
Current income	98	99	1.5%	168	270	60.8%	2	6	200%	-40	-55	35.9%	227	321	41.0%
Variations in value on derivative products	-12	33		-9	3		0	0		-8	7		-29	42	
Variations in value of financial assets recorded at their fair value	20	-10		5	-10		0	0		0	0		25	-20	
Exceptional transactions	0	0		0	0		0	0		-7	-5		-7	-5	
Depreciation of goodwill and intangible assets	0	0		0	0		0	0		0	-10		0	-10	
Net profit group share	106	122	14.8%	164	263	60.4%	2	6	200%	-55	-63	14.5%	217	329	51.6%

. Main ratios as %

	1 st HY 2005	1 st HY 2006
Restated net profit /shareholdes'	annualised: 20.3	annualised: 23.8
capital excluding revaluation reserves		
Combined ratio Non life	102.3	100.5
Debt ratio*	27.5	26.2

*excluding the property company Silic

<u>Contribution of Groupama S.A. activities - consolidated financial</u> <u>statements</u>

In millions of euros

	1 st HY 2005	1 st HY 2006
	Actual	Actual
INSURANCE/BANKING, SERVICES – FRANCE	197	272
Groupama S.A. operations	84	100
Groupama Vie	18	46
Gan Assurances	21	28
Gan Eurocourtage	39	66
Gan Patrimoine	14	16
Gan Prévoyance	15	21
Groupama Transport	14	5
Other specialised Group companies*	7	6
Groupama Banque	-17	-20
Groupama Epargne Salariale	-1	0
Other	3	4
INTERNATIONAL and French overseas departments and territories	65	105
Great Britain	20	51
Spain	22	34
Italy	8	11
Other active subsidiaries (incl. Portugal and Gan Outre-Mer)	9	4
Discontinued activities	6	5
Financial activities	10	15
Holding companies and other companies	-54	-60
TOTAL	218	332
relution effect and mutual funds minority holdings	-1	-3
TOTAL CONSOLIDATED NET PROFIT	217	329

*other non life and life insurance companies

<u>Group key figures – combined financial statements</u>

. Main figures (in millions of euros)

	1 st HY 2005	1 st HY 2006	Variation
Combined premium income	8,795	8,980	+2.1%
Income from operations	181	218	+20.7%
Net capital gains	144	166	+15.2%
Current income	325	385	+18.5%
Variations in value of derivative products	-32	44	ns
Variations in value of financial assets recorded at fair value	21	-19	ns
Exceptional transactions	-5	-8	71.4%
Depreciation of goodwill and intangible assets	0	-10	ns
Net profit	310	393	+26.8%

	31.12.05	30.06.06	
Equity	6,459	6,397	-1.0%
Gross unrealized capital gains	9,630	7,755	-19.5%
Subordinated debt*	1,245	1,245	-
Balance sheet total	80,288	84,376	+5.1%

*issue of a TSDI (subordinated perpetual bond) for €500 m in July 2005.

. Key data combined by activity (in millions of euros)

		LIFE			NON-LI	FE	FINANCIAL AND BANKING		HOLDING			TOTAL			
	1 st	1 st	Var.	1 st	1 st	Var.	1st	1 st	Var.	1st	1st	Var.	1st	1 st	Var.
	ΗY	ΗY		ΗY	ΗY		HY	ΗY		ΗY	ΗY		ΗY	ΗY	
	2005	2006		2005	2006		2005	2006		2005	2006		2005	2006	
Income from operations	58	65	12.1%	168	210	25.3%	2	6	200%	-47	-63	34.0%	181	218	20.7%
Net capital gains	40	34	-14.1%	105	132	26.3%				0	0		144	166	15.2%
Current income	98	99	1.5%	273	343	25.7%	2	6	200%	-47	-63	32.7%	325	385	18.5%
Variations in value of derivative products	-12	33		-13	5		0	0		-8	7		-32	44	
Variations in value of financial assets recorded at fair value	20	-10		1	-9		0	0		0	0		21	-19	
Exceptional transactions	0	0		0	0		0	0		-5	-8		-5	-8	
Depreciation of goodwill and intangible assets	0	0		0	0		0	0		0	-10		0	-10	
Net profit group share	106	122	14.8%	262	339	29.8%	2	6	200%	-60	-74	23.3%	310	393	26.8%

. Main ratios as %

	1 st HY 2005	1 st HY 2006
Restated net profit /shareholdes'	annualised: 17.0	annualised: 17.1
capital excluding revaluation reserves		
Combined ratio Non life	100.3	100.5
Debt ratio*	19.6	18.2

*excluding the property company Silic