

# FirstCaribbean International Bank Limited

## Consolidated Financial Statements

For the Half Year ended April 30, 2008 (expressed in thousands of United States dollars)



**FIRSTCARIBBEAN**  
INTERNATIONAL BANK

### CHAIRMAN'S REVIEW

Core earnings of the Bank were 12% ahead of last year which is a creditable performance in today's business environment.

Year to date net income attributable to equity shareholders of the Company was \$74.6 million compared to the adjusted \$115.9 million in the prior year, a decline of \$41.3 million or 36%. Earnings for the half year were impacted by three significant one-off or non-core factors. Adjusting for these one-off events, and considering that there was a one-off gain in the prior year comparatives relating to a change in policy on health benefits, core earnings for the year to date would be \$114.8M or \$11.9 million (12%) ahead of the prior year core earnings. Details of the three non-core factors are as follows:

- **Global Credit Markets**  
Earnings on our U.S. dollar investment portfolios continued to be adversely impacted by widening of credit spreads which started during the third quarter of last fiscal. Earnings on these portfolios for the year-to-date were \$16.3 million below the prior year's comparative.
- **VISA Initial Public Offering**  
In Q4 2007, the Bank estimated the one-off impact of the VISA restructuring, a planned initial public offering (IPO), on its earnings to be a gain of \$52.4 million. On March 19, 2008 the IPO took place at a significantly lower pricing than was earlier contemplated. As a result, the mandatory redemption of a portion of our shares resulted in a loss of \$7.8 million. As in 2007, the Board views this as a one-off item with no impact on core earnings.
- **Hedge Accounting**  
As previously disclosed, in the prior year the Group was unable to claim hedge accounting for certain interest rate hedges. The Group has since reinstated these hedges from an accounting perspective. In addition certain hedges were not fully effective during the period. The impact on the current year from hedge accounting was a loss of \$16.4 million greater than the prior year comparative.

Total revenue for the year to date was \$251.2 million compared to \$275.3 million in the prior year. This was again impacted by the aforementioned matters, which when excluded would result in a year on year increase in revenues of 6%.

Falling U.S. interest rates and a slowing U.S. economy are beginning to negatively impact revenues and credit provisions. Credit provisions increased by \$4.2 million, year on year.

Operating expenses of \$152.4 were 2% below the prior year, excluding the one-off gain related to the change in policy on health benefits, with the efficiency ratio amounting to 53% versus the prior year comparative period of 56%, excluding the impact of the aforementioned matters.

Net loans and advances to customers have grown by \$0.4 billion (7%) over the prior year and now stand at \$6.3 billion.

Total deposits were \$9.9 billion, up \$0.2 billion (2%) from the prior year and other borrowings of \$0.9 billion in the prior year were fully repaid.

The Directors have approved an interim dividend of \$ 0.03 cents per share to be paid on June 20, 2008 to the shareholders of record on June 5, 2008.

The Board, management and staff will continue to monitor the economic conditions and take the necessary steps to ensure that the interests of all our stakeholders are promoted in these circumstances.

We thank the Board, management, staff and most importantly our customers for their support.

**Michael K. Mansoor**  
Chairman  
May 28, 2008

#### FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENT DISCLOSURE:

This report contains forward-looking statements, including statements about our financial condition, results of operations, earnings outlook, asset quality trends and profitability. Forward looking statements provide management's current expectations or forecasts of future events and, by their nature, are subject to assumptions, risks and uncertainties. Although management believes that the expectations and forecasts reflected in these forward-looking statements are reasonable, actual results could differ materially from those contained in or implied by such forward-looking statements due to a variety of factors including: (1) changes in interest rates; (2) changes in trade, monetary or fiscal policy; (3) changes in general economic conditions, or in the condition of the local economies in which we have significant operations or assets, which could, among other things, materially impact credit quality trends and our ability to generate loans; (4) increased competitive pressure among financial services companies; (5) the inability to successfully execute strategic initiatives designed to grow revenues and/or manage expenses; (6) consummation of significant business combinations or divestitures; (7) operational or risk management failures due to technological or other factors; (8) heightened regulatory practices, requirements or expectations; (9) new legal obligations or restrictions or unfavourable resolution of litigation; (10) adverse capital markets conditions; (11) disruption in the economy and general business climate as a result of terrorist activities or military actions; and (12) changes in accounting or tax practices or requirements. Forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and should not be relied upon as representing management's views as of any subsequent date. We do not assume any obligation to update these forward-looking statements. For further information regarding FirstCaribbean International Bank Limited, please read FirstCaribbean International Bank Limited's financial and other reports that are available on the company's website at [www.firstcaribbeanbank.com](http://www.firstcaribbeanbank.com).

### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

	Restated Unaudited Period ended April 30, 2008	Unaudited Period ended April 30, 2007	Audited October 31, 2007
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash, balances with Central Banks and other banks	2,124,019	2,764,069	1,518,650
Financial assets at fair value through the profit or loss	760,948	1,438,861	1,123,589
Loans and advances to customers	6,287,730	5,869,073	6,079,959
Investment securities	1,940,092	1,561,589	2,471,004
Property, plant and equipment	130,647	134,795	136,002
Other assets	158,875	139,526	178,995
Intangible assets	345,997	348,955	347,476
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>11,748,308</b>	<b>12,256,868</b>	<b>11,855,675</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Customer deposits and other borrowings	9,936,972	10,587,355	10,033,841
Other liabilities	132,698	128,270	186,853
Debt securities in issue	273,489	274,959	274,161
	10,343,159	10,990,584	10,494,855
<b>Equity</b>			
<b>Capital and reserves attributable to equity holders of the Company</b>			
Share capital & reserves	846,648	794,067	815,683
Retained earnings	532,691	448,322	520,310
	1,379,339	1,242,389	1,335,993
<b>Minority interest</b>	25,810	23,895	24,827
	1,405,149	1,266,284	1,360,820
<b>Total liabilities and equity</b>	<b>11,748,308</b>	<b>12,256,868</b>	<b>11,855,675</b>

Note: Results have been converted to US\$ at an exchange rate of US\$1 = BBD\$2

**Michael K. Mansoor**  
Chairman

**Charles Pink**  
Director

### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

	Attributable to equity holders					Total Equity
	Share Capital	Treasury Shares	Reserves	Retained Earnings	Minority Interest	
<b>Balance at October 31, 2006 as previously reported</b>	1,117,349	(426)	(336,802)	403,610	22,829	1,206,560
Prior period adjustment	—	—	643	(7,444)	(460)	(7,261)
<b>Balance at October 31, 2006 as restated</b>	1,117,349	(426)	(336,159)	396,166	22,369	1,199,299
Foreign currency translation differences	—	—	409	(2,241)	—	(1,832)
Net change in available-for-sale investment securities	—	—	(3,792)	—	(18)	(3,810)
<b>Total income and expense for the period recognised directly in equity</b>	—	—	(3,383)	(2,241)	(18)	(5,642)
Net income for the period as previously reported	—	—	—	120,505	3,346	123,851
Prior period adjustment	—	—	—	(4,625)	(192)	(4,817)
<b>Net income for the period</b>	—	—	—	115,880	3,154	119,034
<b>Total income and expense for the period</b>	—	—	(3,383)	113,639	3,136	113,392
Transfer to reserves	—	—	15,758	(15,758)	—	—
Net purchase of treasury shares	—	(1)	—	—	—	(1)
Share based payment reserves	—	—	929	—	—	929
Equity dividends	—	—	—	(45,725)	—	(45,725)
Dividends of subsidiaries	—	—	—	—	(1,610)	(1,610)
<b>Balance at April 30, 2007 as restated</b>	1,117,349	(427)	(322,855)	448,322	23,895	1,266,284
<b>Balance at October 31, 2007</b>	1,117,349	(1,418)	(300,248)	520,310	24,827	1,360,820
Foreign currency translation differences	—	—	(862)	78	33	(751)
Net change in available-for-sale investments securities	—	—	17,231	—	734	17,965
<b>Total income and expense for the period recognised directly in equity</b>	—	—	16,369	78	767	17,214
<b>Net income for the period</b>	—	—	—	74,646	1,654	76,300
<b>Total income and expense for the period</b>	—	—	16,369	74,724	2,421	93,514
Transfer to reserves	—	—	13,679	(13,679)	—	—
Share based payment reserves	—	—	917	—	—	917
Dividends	—	—	—	(48,664)	—	(48,664)
Dividends of subsidiaries	—	—	—	—	(1,438)	(1,438)
<b>Balance at April 30, 2008</b>	1,117,349	(1,418)	(269,283)	532,691	25,810	1,405,149

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### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF INCOME

	Unaudited Quarter ended April 30, 2008	Restated Unaudited Quarter ended April 30, 2007	Unaudited Period ended April 30, 2008	Restated Unaudited Period ended April 30, 2007	Audited October 31, 2007
Interest income	176,359	191,081	365,712	384,747	784,857
Interest expense	63,589	88,222	147,316	176,013	359,876
<b>Net interest income</b>	112,770	102,859	218,396	208,734	424,981
Operating income	15,325	38,731	32,836	66,616	181,048
	128,095	141,590	251,232	275,350	606,029
Operating expenses	85,528	77,527	152,376	137,536	301,607
Loan loss expenses	3,815	2,338	10,381	6,127	17,029
Amortisation of intangible assets	741	740	1,481	1,480	2,960
	90,084	80,605	164,238	145,143	321,596
<b>Income before taxation and minority interest</b>	38,011	60,985	86,994	130,207	284,433
Taxation	3,850	3,658	10,694	11,173	23,092
<b>Net income for the period</b>	34,161	57,327	76,300	119,034	261,341
Attributable to:					
Equity holders of the Company	32,943	55,587	74,646	115,880	255,667
Minority interest	1,218	1,740	1,654	3,154	5,674
<b>Net income for the period</b>	34,161	57,327	76,300	119,034	261,341
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding (000's)	1,525,468	1,526,030	1,525,468	1,526,030	1,525,155
<b>Net income per common share in cents attributable to the equity holders of the Company</b>					
- basic	2.2	3.6	4.9	7.6	16.8
- diluted	2.2	3.6	4.9	7.6	16.8

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### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

	Unaudited Period ended April 30, 2008	Unaudited Period ended April 30, 2007	Audited October 31, 2007
Net cash (used in)/from operating activities	(148,833)	162,639	(166,919)
Net cash from/(used in) investing activities	593,458	28,800	(827,415)
Net cash used in financing activities	(59,558)	(21,929)	(64,243)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents for the period	385,067	169,510	(1,058,577)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	(751)	(1,832)	(6,009)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	1,012,377	2,076,963	2,076,963
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	1,396,694	2,244,641	1,012,377

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### NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### Summary of significant accounting policies

#### Basis of presentation

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements of FirstCaribbean International Bank Limited (the Group) should be read in conjunction with the IFRS consolidated financial statements and notes thereto for the year ended October 31, 2007, included in the Group's Annual Report 2007. For a description of the Group's significant accounting policies, see Note 2 of the aforementioned consolidated financial statements.

Certain financial information, which is normally included in annual financial statements prepared in accordance with IFRS, but not required for interim reporting purposes, has been condensed or omitted. Certain reclassifications have been made to the prior period's financial statements to conform to the current period's presentation. These condensed consolidated financial statements reflect, in the opinion of management, all adjustments that are necessary for a fair presentation of the condensed consolidated financial statements for the interim periods presented.

The results of operations for interim periods are not necessarily indicative of results for the entire year.

In preparing these condensed consolidated financial statements, management is required to make estimates and assumptions which affect amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

#### Transactions affecting year on year comparisons

#### Change in post retirement medical benefits

Effective January 1, 2007 certain changes to the Group's health benefit scheme were made which resulted in the recognition of a curtailment gain of \$17.1 million in the prior year.

#### Unearned loan fees

In 2006, in accordance with IAS 18 Revenue, loan fee income, which would have been considered to be an integral part of the effective interest rate of the financial instruments, was deferred and recognised as an adjustment to the effective interest yield on the loan. The associated fees however continued to be reported in fiscal 2007 as part of operating income, but have now been reclassified appropriately as part of the effective interest rate of the financial instruments. This adjustment was applied retrospectively and as such, the comparative statements for April 2007 were restated resulting in an increase in interest income by \$6.3 million with a corresponding decrease in operating income. There was no impact to total revenues or net income.

#### Hedge accounting

At the end of the last fiscal, a review of the Group's hedge accounting revealed that one of the criteria was not fully met and this resulted in an adjustment to the 2007 results and a restatement of the 2006 results. As a consequence, the April 30, 2007 comparative numbers have been restated to reflect this adjustment. Opening retained earnings for 2007 has been reduced by \$7.4 million, net income attributable to the equity holders of the Company for 2007 reduced by \$4.6 million with a corresponding reduction in retained earnings, total assets reduced by \$13.7 million, total liabilities reduced by \$0.4 million, minority interest reduced by \$0.6 million, and reserves reduced by \$0.7 million.

#### Loss on disposal of shares

During the second quarter of 2008, shares in Visa were sold at a loss of \$7.8 million.