31 December 2016 - In Thousands of Lebanese Pounds	Audited 31/12/2016	Audited 31/12/2015
Interest and similar income	314,149,585	277,907,360
Interest and similar expense	236,927,990	203,988,902
NET INTEREST INCOME	77,221,595	73,918,458
Fee and commission income	14,831,297	15,431,751
Fee and commission expense	663,529	379,168
NET FEES AND COMMISSIONS INCOME	14,167,768	15,052,583
Net gain from financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	13,637,995	9,965,133
Net gain from sale of financial assets at amortized cost	18,259,473	5,914,947
Other operating income	2,241,931	4,948,511
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	125,528,762	109,799,632
Net Credit losses	(10,560,435)	(7,695,367)
NET OPERATING INCOME	114,968,327	102,104,265
Personnel expenses	29,744,573	27,489,493
Depreciation of property and equipment	3,629,926	3,876,684
Other operating expenses	17,631,527	14,987,843
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	50,006,026	46,354,020
Net loss on disposal of property and equipment	(165,192)	(165,276)
NET PROFIT BEFORE TAX	63,797,109	55,584,969
Income tax expense	10,498,276	9,493,249
NET PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD	53,298,833	46,091,720

