

Annual results

BBVA earns €2.62 billion in 2014 (+25.7%)

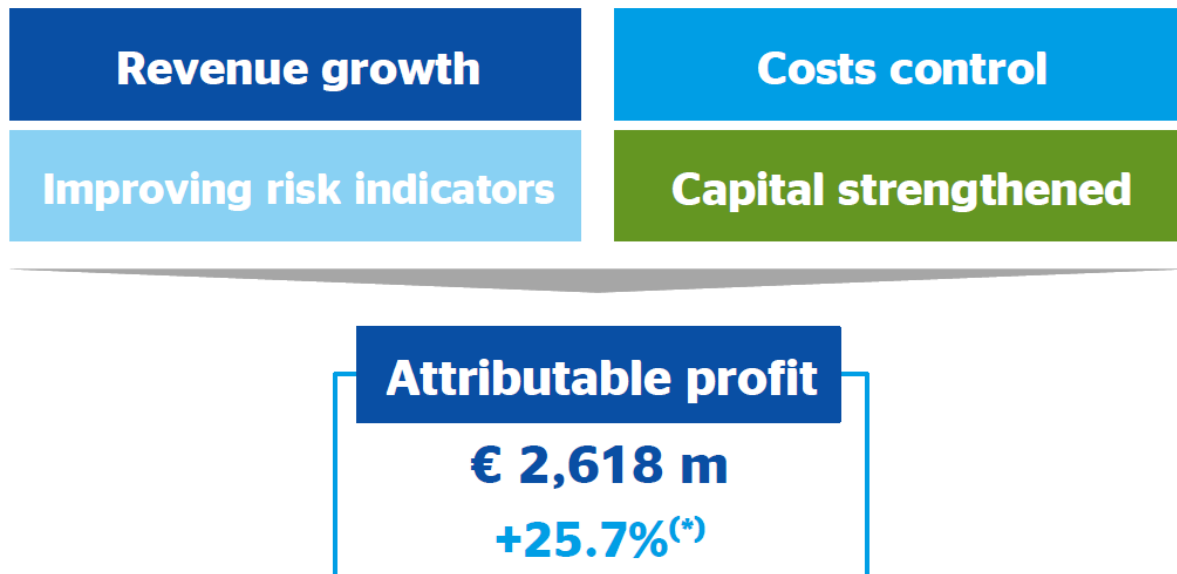
- **Income:** For the second quarter in a row, net interest income increased in all the regions in which the BBVA Group operates. For the full year, this line totaled €15.12 billion (+3.4% at current exchange rates, +15.6% without considering currency fluctuations)
- **Risks:** Excluding the real estate business, the BBVA Group's NPA ratio improved 53 basis points in a year, closing 2014 at 4.1%, with coverage of 65%. Loan-loss and real estate provisions dropped by over €1.6 billion compared to 2013 and to virtually half the amount registered in 2012
- **Capital adequacy:** The core capital ratio increased to 12.0% (10.4% fully-loaded), well above the regulatory requirements
- **Transformation:** 2014 has been a key year in the transformation of the bank's business model, with the creation of the Digital Banking unit, the evolution of its distribution model and the acquisitions of Simple and Madiva startups. Cost management and the transformation plan allowed the Group to generate €340 million in savings in Spain and the Corporate Center.

The BBVA Group posted a profit of €2.62 billion in 2014, 25.7% more than in 2013, according to the new accounting rules¹, driven by the solid net interest income performance, cost control and lower loan-loss and real-estate provisions. Net income from ongoing operations, which does not include results from corporate operations, grew 53.1% to €3.08 billion year-over-year.

"It has been a difficult but good year, shaped by growing income, controlled costs and improved risk indicators", BBVA Chairman & CEO Francisco González said. "All of this, on top of a very robust capital base, has allowed us to close the year in an astounding position to face a new cycle of growth and business transformation," he added.

The strength of the Group's earnings was particularly noticeable in the final stretch of the year. In the last quarter all income lines came in at the highs of the last 10 quarters. In that period, net interest income totaled €4.25 billion, gross income stood at €5.77 billion while the operating income reached €2.86 billion.

2014: a good year



* In 2014 accounting policies for contributions to the Deposit Guarantee Fund changed. This led to a modification of certain amounts recorded in 2013 and it affected net attributable profit in 2013. For more information please refer to the reconciliation in the quarterly report and the Group's audited financial statements.

In 2014, net interest income grew 3.4% to €15.12 billion. Excluding the exchange rate effect, net interest income saw an increase of 15.6% year-over-year. In the last three months of 2014, this line grew across all the regions in which the BBVA Group operates for the second quarter in a row.

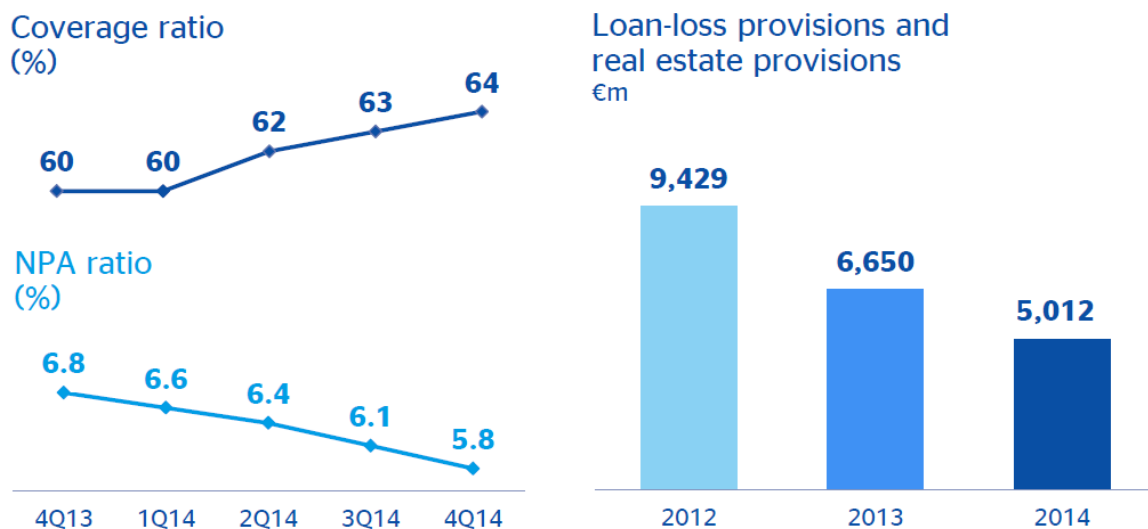
On the consolidated accounts, gross income totaled €21.36 billion, in line with 2013 (+0.8%) or 9.6% higher at constant exchange rates. Excluding currency fluctuations, gross income improved the spread over expenses as the year progressed. This trend, along with an excellent cost management, resulted in an operating income of €10.41 billion for the whole year (+15.8% year-over-year).

Real estate and loan-loss provisions in 2014 (€5.01 billion) dropped by over €1.6 billion compared to 2013 and to virtually half the amount registered in 2012.

Risk indicators continued to improve. The BBVA Group's NPA ratio ended the year at 5.8% (one percentage point less than a year earlier). The coverage ratio also improved to 64%. If we exclude the real-estate business, the NPA ratio fell 53 basis points in a year, leaving it at 4.1%, with coverage of 65%.

As for the bank's business activity, new loan production grew across virtually all regions. In Spain, net lending to customers grew 0.3% in Q4-14, quarter-over-quarter, coming in at €169.2 billion (balance as of end of December).

Improvement in risk indicators



BBVA's capital adequacy levels easily surpassed regulatory requirements. The core capital ratio increased to 12.0% at the end of the year, or 10.4% fully-loaded, which factors in future regulatory impacts. The fully-loaded leverage ratio stood at 5.9%.

BBVA announced several M&A deals, which are expected to be closed in the first half of 2015. In Spain, it won the auction for Catalunya Banc. In Turkey, it announced that it was increasing its stake in Garanti to 39.9%, which will make it the largest shareholder. In China, the bank reached an agreement to sell its stake (29.68%) in Citic International Financial Holdings Ltd. (CIFH) to China Citic Bank (CNCB), and in 2015 it also announced a plan to sell a 4.9% stake in CNCB.

In 2014, BBVA accelerated its digital transformation, as it achieved important milestones such as the creation of its Digital Banking unit, the evolution of its distribution model, the innovation in products and processes and the focus on new digital businesses through the respective acquisitions of Simple and Madiva startups. The progress made in the transformation plan allowed the Group to generate €340 million in savings in Spain and the Corporate Center.

As for the performance of the respective business areas, BBVA President and COO Ángel Cano pointed out, "the net attributable profit growth across all our regions at constant exchange rates, which makes us optimistic about 2015."

In the **banking business in Spain**, recovering activity and controlled costs drove income lines across the board. In cumulative terms, net interest income registered virtually the same performance as the previous year (-0.2%), while gross and operating income increased 12.3% and 31.0%, respectively. The NPA ratio improved to 6.0% at the end of December, with coverage ratio of 45%. Both the net entries to NPAs as well as non-performing loans fell

significantly during the year (-91% and -8.8%, respectively). Net attributable profit for the area was €1.03 billion in 2014, more than two times that of 2013.

The real estate business in Spain continued to reduce its net exposure to the sector (-14% in twelve months). Revenue increased 18% year-over-year to €1.93 billion. The market saw an upbeat trend, with a nascent recovery in prices and demand. Losses in this business narrowed by 30% to €876 million.

To better explain the business performance of regions with currencies other than the euro, the exchange rates described below refer to constant exchange rates.

In the **United States**, banking activity rose 12.2% both in lending, and customer funds. All income lines increased in the last three months compared to the year earlier period. Net interest income grew for the fourth straight quarter, thanks to a robust activity. The region's risk indicators continued to improve, with NPA ratio standing at 0.9% at the end of December, and coverage of 167%. The United States posted net attributable profit of €428 million in 2014 (+8.9%).

In **Eurasia**, Turkey was once again the key, with double-digit income growth. Lower provisions and the recovery in the wholesale banking business also contributed to a net attributable profit of €565 million for the area (+36.3%).

Solid business activity in **Mexico** drove notable growth rates in the income statement, both in terms of margins and profit. BBVA Bancomer consolidated its position as the leading bank in the country in terms of size, shares of assets and liabilities, risk management, efficiency and profitability. The NPA ratio moved downward to 2.9% in December, down from 3.6% the previous December, with coverage ratio of 114%. In 2014 Mexico earned €1.92 billion (+10.7%).

South America was once again the most dynamic region in terms of business activity, with growth of over 20% in both lending and customer funds. Strong recurrent earnings helped to offset the impact of hyperinflation in Venezuela and allowed income to increase across the board. At the end of the year, the NPA ratio came in at the same 2.1% registered in Dec. 2013 and 2012, with coverage ratio of 138%. The region posted €1 billion in profit last year (+6.3% vs. 2013). If we exclude Venezuela from the year-over-year comparison, profit would have grown 13.1%.

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¹ Following the adoption of IFRIC 21 on levies by the IFRS interpretations Committee, in 2014 there was a change in accounting policy with respect to contributions made to the Deposit Guarantee Fund. According to the International Accounting Standards said change has been applied retroactively restating certain amounts presented for comparative purposes from prior year.

Adjusted income statement Group (m€)

BBVA Group	12M14	Growth		
		12M14/12M13		
		Abs.	%	% constant
Net interest Income	15,116	+ 503	3.4	15.6
Gross Income	21,357	+ 166	0.8	9.6
Operating income	10,406	+ 416	4.2	15.8
Income Before Tax	4,063	+ 1,519	59.7	n.s.
NI ex corporate operations	3,082	1,068	53.1	n.s.
Corporate Operations Income	0	- 823	n.s.	n.s.
Net Attributable Profit	2,618	+ 535	25.7	54.6

Adjusted income statement Spain (m€)

Banking activity in Spain	12M14	Growth	
		12M14/12M13	
		Abs.	%
Net interest Income	3,830	- 8	-0.2
Gross Income	6,622	+ 725	12.3
Operating income	3,777	+ 894	31.0
Income Before Tax	1,463	+ 1,440	n.s.
Net Attributable Profit	1,028	+ 584	n.s.

2013 P&L: figures restated following the change made in accounting policy relating to the DGF

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BBVA Group	2014	2013	Adjustment	Adjusted 2013
Net interest income	15.116	14.613		14.613
Fees	4.365	4.431		4.431
Net trading income	2.135	2.527		2.527
Other incomes	-260	-175	-206	-381
Gross income	21.357	21.397	-206	21.190
Costs	-10.951	-11.201		-11.201
Operating income	10.406	10.196	-206	9.989
Impairment losses	-4.486	-5.776		-5.776
Provisions	-1.155	-630		-630
Non-ordinary profits	-701	-1.040		-1.040
Income before tax	4.063	2.750	-206	2.544
Tax	-981	-593	62	-531
Net income ex corporate operations	3.082	2.158	-144	2.013
Corporate operations income	0	823		823
Minorities	-464	-753		-753
Net attributable profit	2.618	2.228	-144	2.083

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Banking activity in Spain	2014	2013	Adjustment	Adjusted 2013
Net interest income	3,830	3,838		3,838
Fees	1,454	1,376		1,376
Net trading income	1,149	807		807
Other incomes	189	82	-206	-124
Gross income	6,622	6,103	-206	5,897
Costs	-2,845	-3,014		-3,014
Operating income	3,777	3,088	-206	2,882
Impairment losses	-1,690	-2,577		-2,577
Provisions	-623	-315		-315
Non-ordinary profits	0	34		34
Income before tax	1,463	230	-206	24
Tax	-431	-62	62	0
Net income ex corporate operations	1,032	608	-144	464
Corporate operations income	0	440		440
Minorities	-4	-20		-20
Net attributable profit	1,028	589	-144	444

About BBVA



€ 651 billion in total assets	51 million customers	31 countries	7,371 branches	22,104 ATMs	108,770 employees
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BBVA is a customer-centric global financial services group founded in 1857. The Group has a solid position in Spain, it is the largest financial institution in Mexico and it has leading franchises in South America and the Sunbelt Region of the United States. Its diversified business is focused on high-growth markets and it relies on technology as a key sustainable competitive advantage. Corporate responsibility is at the core of its business model. BBVA fosters financial education and inclusion, and supports scientific research and culture. It operates with the highest integrity, a long-term vision and applies the best practices. The Group is present in the main sustainability indexes.