

Press release

Zürich, April 22, 2009. Bank Coop strengthens its financial analysis by adding independent equity analyses from *theScreener*.

Despite the turbulence of the worldwide economic crisis, Bank Coop has increased 2008 customer deposits by 10.6 %. Encouraged by this growing customer base, the bank has seen fit to respond to increasing client requests. Therefore, as of February 2009, all Bank Coop customer advisors in Switzerland began using equity analyses provided by *theScreener*. These evaluations are based on fundamental and technical criteria and are updated twice a week. *theScreener* offers companies better odds, along with the added benefit of a risk profile. The result is an overall assessment available on-line or in an informative, easy-to-understand printable report. Thanks to *theScreener*, the Bank Coop's advisors now have independent and updated stock valuations right at their fingertips.

"In an ideal and economical way, *theScreener's* multilingual analyses are a valuable complement to our present research. It gives our customers an additional advantage," says Mr. Martin Völkle, Director Asset Management of Bank Coop.

"We look forward to providing Bank Coop with our independent analyses," adds Inge Schütz, Director of *theScreener* Investor Services AG in Zürich.

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About the Bank Coop AG:

Bank Coop AG is a Swiss bank. It offers all essential banking products and services for private customers and KMU. Most important to the bank are its customers, their needs and wishes. As a customer-oriented bank they value fair terms. Offering a large supply of sustainable products and engagement for the resources for the benefits of the future generation, the bank sets itself apart from the others. With the "eva" service Bank Coop provides a special offer to their female costumers.

Since 2000 Basler Kantonalbank has a majority holding of Bank Coop. Previous to that it was the "cooperative central bank," and from 1995 - 2000 it was known as "Coop Bank".

Bank Coop has 33 offices in Switzerland and 750 employees. Since 2000 Dr. Willi Gerster is the President of the administrative board. The company's goal is to grow. The head office is located in Basel. As an incorporated company Bank Coop is on the SIX Swiss Exchange.

About *theScreener*:

theScreener, the leading independent equity analyst, evaluates 5,000 stocks in 39 markets two times a week, on a rigorously objective basis. The ratings and analysis of this Swiss firm are supplied to banks, Internet brokers and portals, as well as to institutional investors. More than 10,000 professionals currently use the company's data, and more than 1 million client deposits are evaluated using theScreener's ratings. The group has offices in Nyon, Zürich and Luxembourg.