

## Interim Report, January - September 2004

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Bank of Åland Plc STOCK EXCHANGE RELEASE 19.10.2004 09.00 hrs Interim Report, January - September 2004 The report period in brief · Consolidated net operating profit rose by 3.5 per cent to 12.5 million euros (Jan-Sep 2003: EUR 12.1 M) · Net income from financial operations declined by 1.3 per cent to EUR 21.9 M (22.2) · Other income increased by 9.8 per cent to EUR 15.1 M (13.7) · Expenses rose by 5.5 per cent to EUR 25.5 M (24.2) · The Group increased its reserve for possible loan losses by EUR 0.6 M · Lending volume rose by 15.3 per cent to EUR 1,510 M (Sep 2003: 1,309) · Deposit accounts increased by 2.3 per cent to EUR 1,091 M (Sep 2003: 1,067) · Return on equity after taxes (ROE) was 11.8 per cent(12.3) · The total capital ratio amounted to 11.8 (11.5) per cent · During the report period, debenture loans totalling EUR 20.0 M were issued · Earnings per share after taxes amounted to EUR 0.81(0.82) Bank of Åland mutual fund ratings improving So far during 2004, the Bank of Åland's mutual funds (unit trusts) have repeatedly attracted positive comments in the media and by the various mutual fund rating companies, as mentioned in previous Interim Reports. This trend continued during the third quarter. The mutual fund guide of Finnish financial magazine Arvopaperi, which appeared in September, presented an extensive comparison of all Finnish mutual fund companies, as measured by the mutual fund rating company Eufex's rating of these companies' funds. Ålandsbanken Fondbolag placed second in this comparison and was rated the best of the mutual fund companies that offer a broad selection of funds (the winner of the comparison managed only one fund). Ålandsbanken Fondbolag offers a competitive basic selection of mutual funds to the Bank of Åland's customers. This strategy has proved sound. Its success is the result of co-operation with skilled fund managers. The Bank of Åland's management model for equity and fixed-income investments has also been successful. THE GROUP Earnings During the first nine months of 2004, consolidated net operating profit amounted to EUR 12.5 M (12.1). This was an increase of EUR 0.4 M or 3.5 per cent compared to the corresponding year-earlier period. Net income from financial operations Despite larger total volume, narrowing customer margins due to tough competition caused a slight decline in net income from financial operations to EUR 21.9 M (22.2). Other income Commission income amounted to EUR 8.8 M (7.3), up EUR 1.5 M or 21.3 per cent. This increase derived mainly from securities brokerage and other capital market products. Other operating income totalled EUR 4.5 M (3.5). This included EUR 3.2 M (2.7) in income from the systems sales business area, of which EUR 1.0 M was nonrecurring income. In all, other income rose by EUR 1.3 M or 9.8 per cent to EUR 15.1 M (13.7). Total income - net income from financial operations and other income - amounted to EUR 37.0 M (35.9). Expenses New staff recruitments and salary adjustments in compliance with collective agreements raised staff costs by EUR 0.7 M to EUR 13.9 M (13.2). Also included in the item "Staff costs" was a negative item related to a refund of EUR 1.6 M in surplus contributions to Ålandsbanken Abps pensionsstiftelse, the Bank's pension fund, including tax compensation. Other administrative expenses (office costs, marketing, telecommunications and computer costs) rose by EUR 0.7 M to EUR 6.3 M (5.6). Depreciation/amortisation was EUR 0.2 M lower than the year before and amounted to EUR 1.5 M (1.7), while other operating expenses rose slightly to EUR 2.8 M (2.7). Total expenses including planned depreciation fell by EUR 0.3 M or 1.1 per cent to EUR 23.9 M (24.2). Excluding nonrecurring items, expenses rose by EUR 1.3 M or 5.5 per cent to EUR 25.5 M (24.2). Loan losses Net loan losses amounted to EUR 0.4 M (recovery of EUR -0.01). Deposits Deposits from the public, including bonds issued and certificates of deposit, rose during the 12 months to September 30, 2004 by 5.0 per cent to EUR 1,399 M (1,333). Deposit accounts rose by 2.3 per cent to EUR 1,091 M (1,067). During the year, the Bank floated bond issues with a nominal value of EUR 48.0 M. Lending During the 12 months to September 30, 2004, the Bank's volume of lending to the

public increased by 15.3 per cent to EUR 1,510 M (1,309). Most of the increase went towards residential financing. Private households accounted for 68.8 (68.6) per cent of the Bank's total lending. Nonperforming receivables Total nonperforming receivables and other zero-interest receivables amounted to EUR 2.8 M (2.1), or 0.2 per cent of loans and guarantees outstanding.

Personnel At the end of September 2004, the number of employees - recalculated as full-time equivalents - was 390. This represented an increase of 15 positions, compared to the same date in 2003.

Capital adequacy Capital adequacy rules require that the capital base in the form of equity capital and reserves total at least 8 per cent of risk-weighted receivables and contingent liabilities. At the end of September, the Group's capital adequacy according to the Credit Institutions Act was 11.8 (11.5) per cent. To strengthen the capital base in the form of supplementary capital, risk debenture loans totalling EUR 20 M were issued during the report period. The core capital ratio was 8.6 (9.3) per cent. Profit during the report period is not included in core capital. The capital base amounted to EUR 120.9 M (107.2).

Corporate Governance On January 2, 2004, the Bank's Board of Directors adopted the recommendations of the Helsinki Stock Exchange for the administrative and corporate governance system of listed Finnish companies.

Ålandsbanken Fondbolag Ab Ålandsbanken Fondbolag Ab is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Bank of Åland Plc (Ålandsbanken Abp). The mutual funds (unit trusts) that the company manages are registered in Finland and comply with the Act on Mutual Funds. On September 30, 2004, the number of unit holders totalled 6,135 (Dec 31, 2003: 5,337), which represented an increase of 15 per cent. The total assets under management amounted to EUR 156.5 M (Dec. 31, 2003: 117.4), an increase of 33 per cent.

Ålandsbanken Asset Management Ab Ålandsbanken Asset Management Ab is a subsidiary of the Bank of Åland Plc. During 2004, the company has received several institutional asset management mandates. This is a concrete indication that Ålandsbanken Asset Management Ab is perceived as a credible asset manager among institutional investors as well. In terms of earnings, the company's basic asset management operations also exceeded expectations, while its proportion of extraordinary income was approximately as expected. Imputed taxes due Imputed taxes due have been calculated according to a tax rate of 26 per cent, compared to the earlier 29 per cent. This reduced taxes by EUR 0.7 M.

Forecast for the year Our earlier forecast remains unchanged. Full-year 2004 earnings may be somewhat lower than 2003 earnings.

Mariehamn, October 19, 2004 The Board of Directors Statement of opinion We have conducted a review of the Interim Report of the Bank of Åland Plc (Ålandsbanken Abp) for the period January 1 - September 30, 2004. This review included an analytical examination of the balance sheet and income statement items in the Interim Report. Such a review is significantly more limited in scope than a statutory audit. Nothing has emerged that indicates that the Interim Report does not fulfil the regulations in force.

Mariehamn, October 19, 2004 Leif Hermans Authorised Public Accountant Rabbe Nevalainen Authorised Public Accountant Marja Tikka Authorised Public Accountant

FINANCIAL RATIOS ETC	Jan-Sep	Jan-Sep	Full year	Bank of Åland Group	2004	2003	2003
Net operating profit per share	0.81	0.82	1.02	EUR 1	Market price per share, end of period, EUR	Series A	17.90
	18.70	18.65	Series B	17.62	18.30	19.10	Equity capital per share, EUR
	2	9.08	9.04	9.22	Return on equity after taxes, %	11.8	12.3
	11.4	(ROE)	3	Total lending volume, EUR M	1,510	1,309	1,385
	Total deposits from the public,	1,399	1,333	1,398	EUR M	Equity capital, EUR M	99
	99	101	Balance sheet total, EUR M	1,781	1,866	1,851	Income/expense ratio
	Including loan losses	1.5	1.5	1.4	Excluding loan losses	1.5	1.5
	1.4	Total capital ratio, %	11.8	11.5	11.4	1	Net operating profit minus imputed tax /
	Average number of shares, adjusted for new issue	2	Equity capital and reserves minus imputed tax /	Number of shares on balance sheet date, adjusted for new issue	3	Net operating profit minus imputed tax /	Average equity capital
	CAPITAL ADEQUACY	Jan-Sep	Jan-Sep	Full year	Bank of Åland Group	2004	2003
	2003	2003	Capital base, EUR M	Core capital	87.4	86.9	86.5
	Supplementary capital	33.4	20.	3	20.3	Total capital base	120.9
	107.2	106.8	Risk-weighted volume, EUR M	1,020.9	931.4	932.7	Total capital ratio, %
	11.8	11.5	11.4	Core capital as % of risk-weighted	8.6	9.3	9.3
	volume	Profit during the report period is not included in the capital base	INCOME STATEMENT BY QUARTER	Q 3	Q 2	Q 1	Q 4
	Q 3	(EUR M)	2004	2004	2004	2003	2003
	Net income from financial	7.4	7.1	7.4	7.4	7.4	operations
	Income from						

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SUMMARY BALANCE SHEET Bank of Åland Group Bank of Åland Plc Sep Sep Dec Sep Sep Dec 30 30 31  
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