



# BUCHAREST STOCK EXCHANGE

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## PRESS RELEASE

### **BVB increased its operating profit by 37% in the second quarter of 2012<sup>1</sup>**

Bucharest Stock Exchange (BVB) reached sales revenue<sup>2</sup> of RON 4.93 million in the second quarter of 2012, equal to that reported in second-quarter 2011, despite a drop in the value of trading on the equity and fund units markets by 31%. The decline in trading activity was due on the one hand by the increasing concerns about the fate of the Euro Zone and the related consequences, and on the other hand by the comparison with a period of a last year influenced by the listing of Fondul Proprietatea, which determined in the beginning of the year quarterly trading heights since 2008 to date. Structured products market, however, had the best quarter since the launch of this segment, in July 2010, and tripled its trading value compared to the second quarter of 2011. Higher revenues, on average by 20%, were obtained from data vending and listing activities.

The decrease of operating expenses by more than 12% allowed recording a 37% increase in operating profit to RON 1.73 million in Q2.2012 compared to Q2.2011. The decrease in operating expense was driven by lower personnel costs, with the largest weight in total operating expense, and lower expenses recorded for marketing and promotion activities. The increase in operating profit in Q2.2012 compared to Q2.2011 consistently compensated at half-yearly level the 36% decrease in the Q1.2012 operating profit compared to Q1.2011.

The operating margin improved to 35% in the second quarter of 2012, compared to 27% in the same quarter of 2011.

As expected, the result from financing activity was influenced by a 4 times lower dividend booked from the Central Depository, of only RON 1.88 million in the second quarter of 2012. Last year Central Depository' dividends included an exceptional dividend for the 2007 result and a dividend for the strong 2010 result, influenced by the numerous transfers with Fondul Proprietatea shares before the listing. Income recorded due to weakening of RON against EURO and USD, following the revaluation of BVB cash holdings in foreign currency, had a positive impact on the financial result. The record dividends paid by BVB to its shareholders decreased BVB cash position, with negative impact on interest revenue. Financial profit was RON 3.67 million in the second quarter of 2012, down 61% from the second quarter of 2011.

The net profit was RON 4.86 million in the second quarter of 2012.

BVB ended the first half of 2012 with a net profit of RON 7.64 million, given sales revenue of RON 9.95 million.

<sup>1</sup> The financial data have not been audited and represent the individual results of the Bucharest Stock Exchange, drawn up according to the Romanian Accounting Standards (RAS); the financial indicators are expressed in million RON and they are rounded off to the nearest integer, resulting in small reconciliation differences.

<sup>2</sup> BVB's sales revenue consists mainly from the fees recorded on trading of all listed instruments, tariffs from listing of companies and instruments, and from data vending to various users.

Bucharest Stock Exchange organizes on August 10, 2012, a conference call with financial analysts on financial results for Q2 2012. A live audio webcast of the call will be available at the following link <http://www.bvb.ro/conference>. A permanent reply of the conference will be available on the Investor Relations section of our web site at [www.bvb.ro](http://www.bvb.ro) shortly after the conference end. In the same section of the website is available for public the complete version of the Q2.2012 report.

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