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IBC's Efficiency Ratio Maintains a Positive Trend



According to the Banking Activity Report issued by the Superintendency of Banks of Panama, the International Banking Center (IBC) obtained net profits of USD 808 million through the end of May 2018.

IBC's efficiency ratio for the surveyed period maintains a positive trend consistent with recent months.

The activity benefited from diversified income. The behavior of the results is again comparable to the rate for the previous year, characterized by moderate growth in financial income in line with the cost of funds.

For its part, the results of the National Banking System (general license banks only) for May showed revenue of USD 627 million, a 6.7% growth compared to last year.

The IBC ended the period with assets totaling USD 117.38 million, a 0.9% growth compared to the same period in 2017. **Domestic credit to the private sector increased 5.9% compared to the**



same period in 2017.

The lower level of the external component of liquid placements has also played a role in this process due to the redirection of resources in search of more profitable operations. This type of strategy has permitted banks to improve their profitability level without jeopardizing the financial health of the IBC.

These figures show that the IBC maintains healthy financial soundness indicators, mainly legal liquidity and solvency, registering almost double the minimum required by law.

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