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**BANCO DE GALICIA Y BUENOS AIRES S.A. REPORTS EARNINGS FOR THE
FOURTH QUARTER AND THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008**

(Buenos Aires, Argentina, February 13, 2009) – Banco de Galicia y Buenos Aires S.A. (the “Bank”, Buenos Aires Stock Exchange: GALI) today announced its financial results for the fiscal year and the quarter ended December 31, 2008.

- **Net income for FY 2008 amounted to Ps.195.3 million. After the adjustment to the valuation of public-sector assets (a Ps.9.2 million profit), and the amortization of *amparo* claims (a Ps.39.5 million loss), adjusted net income amounted to Ps.225.6 million.**
- **Net income for the fourth quarter of FY 2008 amounted to Ps.40.9 million. After the adjustment to the valuation of public-sector assets (a Ps.7.3 million gain) and the amortization of *amparo* claims (a Ps.11.2 million loss), adjusted net income amounted to Ps.44.8 million.**
- **During FY 2008, the Bank continued focussing its activity on the expansion of the volume of its business with the private sector. As of December 31, 2008, the Bank’s credit exposure to such sector reached Ps.14,227 million and its deposits in Argentina amounted to Ps.14,009 million.**
- **The development of the Bank’s activity allowed that the increase in the financial income and in the income from services more than offset the growth in administrative expenses and in loan loss provisions, resulting in an increase of the Bank’s operating income. Likewise, during the fiscal year there was an increase in the coverage of non performing loans with allowances for loan losses.**
- **During the fourth quarter, the Bank opened five new branches in the provinces of Córdoba, Chubut, San Luis, Santa Fe and Tucumán.**

FY 2008 RESULTS

Net income for FY 2008 amounted to Ps.195.3 million, with a Ps.164.9 million increase as compared to the Ps.30.4 million profit registered in FY 2007. Excluding the Ps.9.2 million gain from the adjustment to the valuation of public-sector assets and the Ps.39.5 million loss from the amortization of *amparo* claims, adjusted net income for FY 2008 amounted to Ps.225.6 million, Ps.48.3 million higher than in FY 2007.

The improvement in the adjusted net income for FY 2008 was mainly a consequence of a Ps.694.3 million increase in the adjusted net financial income⁽¹⁾ plus net income from services. This increase was partially offset by higher administrative expenses (which were up Ps.478.2 million) and higher loan loss provisions (which were up Ps.139.9 million).

The adjusted net operating income for FY 2008 totaled Ps.2,402.0 million, up 40.7% from the Ps.1,707.7 million recorded in the prior year. This increase was due both to a higher adjusted net financial income (up Ps.394.7 million) and a higher net income from services (up Ps.299.6 million).

In pesos

Table I	FY 2008	FY 2007	Twelve Months Ended	
Earnings per Share	4th Q	4th Q	12/31/08	12/31/07
Average Shares Outstanding (in thousands) ^(*)	562,327	562,327	562,327	506,641
Shares Outstanding (in thousands) ^(*)	562,327	562,327	562,327	562,327
Book Value per Share	3.476	3.129	3.476	3.129
Earnings per Share	0.073	0.091	0.347	0.060

(*) During August 2007, 93.7 million new shares were issued.

NET INCOME FOR THE QUARTER ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

In the fourth quarter of FY 2008, the Bank recorded a Ps.40.9 million profit, compared to a Ps.51.4 million gain in the same quarter of the previous year.

Excluding the Ps.7.3 million profit from the adjustment to the valuation of public-sector assets and the Ps.11.2 million loss from the amortization of *amparo* claims, the adjusted net income for the fourth quarter of FY 2008 amounted to Ps.44.8 million, compared to a Ps.62.9 million profit in the same quarter of the prior year.

The decrease in the quarter's adjusted net income was the consequence of the registration of charges for other provisions, for Ps.64.3 million, given that the adjusted net operating income⁽²⁾ increased Ps.75.3 million during the quarter. This increase was due to higher adjusted net financial income and net income from services (which totaled a Ps.218.9 million increase), offset by higher administrative expenses (which were up Ps.108.1 million) and the higher loan loss provisions (which were up Ps.35.5 million).

The quarter's adjusted net operating income totaled Ps.710.3 million, up 44.5% from the Ps.491.4 million recorded in the same quarter of the prior year. This increase was due both to a higher adjusted net financial income (up Ps.147.9 million) and a higher net income from services (up Ps.71.0 million).

(1) Financial income excluding the adjustment to the valuation of public-sector assets, in accordance with Argentine Central Bank rules, plus net financial income from security margins of repo transactions (the latter are recorded under "Miscellaneous Income/Loss").

(2) Adjusted net financial income plus net income from services minus loan loss provisions minus administrative expenses.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE

The data shown in the tables of this report and the consolidated financial statements correspond to Banco de Galicia y Buenos Aires S.A. consolidated with the subsidiaries under its direct or indirect control. The “Bank” refers to the consolidated Banco de Galicia y Buenos Aires S.A., unless there is a clarification of the contrary.

The Bank’s consolidated financial statements and the figures included in the different tables of this report correspond to Banco de Galicia y Buenos Aires S.A., Banco Galicia Uruguay S.A. (“Galicia Uruguay”) and its subsidiaries, Tarjetas Regionales S.A. and its subsidiaries, Galicia Factoring y Leasing S.A., and Galicia Valores S.A. Sociedad de Bolsa. Beginning in the fourth quarter of FY 2007, the financial statements of Galicia Administradora de Fondos S.A. have been consolidated directly with those of the Bank.

FOURTH QUARTER OF FY 2008 RESULTS

Table II	<i>Percentages</i>			
	FY 2008	FY 2007	Twelve Months Ended	
Profitability and Efficiency	4 th Q	4 th Q	12/31/08	12/31/07
Return on Average Assets ^(*)	0.78	1.04	0.93	0.27
Return on Average Shareholders’ Equity ^(*)	8.38	11.89	10.53	2.10
Financial Margin ^(*) (1)	7.44	4.52	5.75	3.95
Net Income from Services as a % of Operating Income ⁽²⁾	47.02	54.95	51.86	56.43
Net Income from Services as a % of Administrative Expenses	71.34	73.06	71.47	74.85
Administrative Expenses as a % of Operating Income ⁽²⁾	65.90	75.21	72.57	75.39

(*) Annualized.

(1) Financial Margin: Financial Income minus Financial Expenses, divided by Average Interest-earning Assets.

(2) Operating Income: Net Financial Income plus Net Income from Services.

Net financial income for the fourth quarter of FY 2008 amounted to Ps.372.8 million, up Ps.159.8 million from the fourth quarter of the previous fiscal year. Excluding the Ps.7.3 million profit from the adjustment to the valuation of public-sector assets and including the Ps.14.0 million gain from the financial income from security margins of repo transactions, the Bank’s adjusted net financial income for the fourth quarter of FY 2008 amounted to Ps.379.5 million. Calculated in the same manner, the adjusted net financial income for the fourth quarter of FY 2007 was Ps.231.6 million.

The quarter’s net financial income includes a Ps.121.2 million profit from quotation differences, including the results from foreign-currency forward transactions. This profit was composed of a Ps.54.8 million gain from FX brokerage and a Ps.66.4 million gain from the valuation of the Bank’s net foreign-currency position. In the same quarter of the prior year, the profit from quotation differences was of Ps.13.9 million (composed by a Ps.28.3 million gain from FX brokerage and a Ps.14.4 million loss from the valuation of the foreign-currency net position).

The quarter’s adjusted net financial income before quotation differences amounted to Ps.258.3 million, up 18.6% from the Ps.217.7 million income recorded in the same quarter of 2007. This profit was mainly a consequence of the profit associated with the peso-denominated matched portfolio, partially offset by the loss on the foreign-currency denominated matched portfolio.

The increase in the adjusted net financial income was mainly a consequence of the increase in income from financial intermediation with the private sector (resulting from an increase in the volume of average loans to the private sector, together with a 217 basis points (“b.p.”) increase, during the year, in the average lending rate). This effect was partially offset by the 174 b.p. increase in the cost of liabilities, mainly as a consequence of the higher average cost of deposits.

The 217 b.p. annual increase in the average yield on interest-earning assets was due to the 427 b.p. increase in the average yield on loans to the private sector, offset, mainly, by the decrease in the average yield on loans to the public-sector due to the lower CER of the last quarter of FY 2008 compared to the same quarter of the prior year (to 5.34% from 9.52%, annualized).

Average balances in millions of pesos. Yields and rates in annualized nominal %

Table III Average Balances, Yield and Rates ^(*)	FY 2008						FY 2007			
	4 th Q		3 rd Q		2 nd Q		1 st Q		4 th Q	
	Av. B.	Int.	Av. B.	Int.	Av. B.	Int.	Av. B.	Int.	Av. B.	Int.
Interest-Earning Assets	20,041	13.06	19,832	11.36	19,971	11.43	19,726	11.12	18,845	10.89
Government Securities ^(**)	3,539	5.07	3,363	3.43	3,776	3.34	3,890	4.45	3,950	5.03
Loans	12,103	18.37	12,063	16.21	12,191	15.79	11,953	15.06	11,132	14.86
- Private Sector	10,802	19.41	10,785	16.89	10,938	15.93	10,727	15.07	9,932	15.14
- Public Sector	1,301	9.73	1,278	10.47	1,253	14.57	1,226	14.95	1,200	12.54
Financial Trusts Securities	1,118	6.12	1,062	3.67	1,029	10.97	992	10.82	968	6.99
Other Interest-Earning Assets	3,281	4.43	3,344	4.26	2,975	4.03	2,891	3.93	2,795	4.68
Interest-Bearing Liabilities	15,608	9.42	15,318	8.31	15,510	7.32	15,628	7.51	14,880	7.68
Current Accounts	1,128	2.45	858	2.53	935	2.02	872	2.11	796	2.34
Savings Accounts	2,657	0.19	2,596	0.19	2,534	0.18	2,564	0.17	2,449	0.17
Time Deposits	6,543	14.23	6,824	12.16	6,585	9.52	7,157	9.60	6,625	9.92
Debt Securities	2,764	10.41	2,648	9.10	2,876	10.21	2,919	10.22	3,077	10.06
Other Interest-Bearing Liabilities	2,516	8.73	2,392	7.35	2,580	7.43	2,116	7.84	1,933	7.94

() Does not include the adjustment to the valuation of public-sector assets pursuant to Communiqué "A" 3911 of the Argentine Central Bank, nor quotation differences. Annual nominal rates were calculated using a 360-day denominator.*

*(**) Includes Discount Bonds and GDP-Linked Units, valued in accordance with Communiqué "A" 4270.*

Provisions for loan losses for the fourth quarter of FY 2008 amounted to Ps.132.0 million, Ps.35.5 million higher than in the same quarter of the prior year. This increase was due, mainly, to the seasoning of the individuals' portfolio.

Net income from services for the quarter amounted to Ps.330.8 million, up 27.3% from the Ps.259.8 million recorded in the fourth quarter of the previous fiscal year. The increases in fees which stand out were those related to national and regional credit-cards (up 40.1%), deposit accounts (up 28.2%), insurance products (up 32.6%) and financial fees (up 47.5%). This positive result reflects the significant increase in the Bank's volume of transactions during the year, together with certain adjustments in the price of some services, in line with the dynamics of the Argentine financial market.

In millions of pesos

Table IV Income from Services, Net	FY 2008				FY 2007
	4th Q	3rd Q	2nd Q	1st Q	4th Q
National Cards	106.7	93.0	88.6	79.4	76.6
Regional Credit Cards	167.0	157.9	145.6	126.4	118.8
Deposit Accounts	56.8	51.5	47.6	45.8	44.3
Insurance	29.3	28.3	28.3	24.9	22.1
Financial Fees	11.8	11.0	10.0	9.2	8.0
Credit-Related Fees	21.7	25.2	26.1	22.7	21.8
Foreign Trade	12.1	11.8	11.5	10.7	11.2
Collections	8.5	9.0	8.5	7.9	7.8
Utility-Bills Collection Services	5.3	5.2	4.8	4.2	4.1
Mutual Funds	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.0
Other	25.6	27.0	23.2	22.1	21.8
Total Income	445.8	421.0	395.3	354.4	337.5
Total Expenditures	115.0	93.4	94.9	80.4	77.7
Income from Services, Net	330.8	327.6	300.4	274.0	259.8

Administrative expenses for the quarter totaled Ps.463.7 million, up 30.4% from the same quarter of the previous year. This increase was mainly as a consequence of the greater level of activity, the geographical expansion of the regional credit-card companies and of the Bank, the growth of the staff and the inflation during the period.

Net other losses for the quarter amounted to Ps.37.3 million, compared to a Ps.49.6 million profit for the fourth quarter of the previous year. The quarter's loss was mainly made up of losses of Ps.64.3 million from the establishment of provisions and Ps.11.2 million from the amortization for *amparo* claims, offset by the financial income from security margins of repo transactions, for Ps.14.0 million, and by loans recovered, for Ps.6.5 million. The income recorded in the fourth quarter of FY 2007 was the consequence of a Ps.14.1 million profit from the net reversal of allowances, a Ps.11.9 million gain due to loans recovered, a Ps.7.1 million gain from the financial income from security margins of repo transactions, and other results.

The income tax charge was of Ps.24.4 million, Ps.10.4 million higher than in the fourth quarter of FY 2007. This charge corresponds mainly to the regional credit-card companies.

LEVEL OF ACTIVITY

The Bank's level of activity was affected by the adverse conditions of the international financial system, which also affected the Argentine financial system. As of December 31, 2008, the Bank's total exposure to the private sector reached Ps.14,227 million, only 6% up during the year due to the decrease of 5.6% in the last quarter.

In line with the dynamics of the financial system, the development of the monetary aggregates and the prevailing liquidity conditions, the Bank recorded a slight increase in total loans, with a different behavior among borrowers. Loans granted to individuals grew 20.4% during the year, whereas the exposure to corporations decreased 17.0% during the same period.

The aforementioned development of loans to individuals was influenced by the 16% increase in the loan portfolio of the regional credit-card companies (or Ps.324 million), between December 31, 2008 and the same date of the prior year.

Total gross loans as of December 31, 2008, amounted to Ps.12,248 million, of which Ps.1,428 million were loans to the public sectors (financial and non-financial).

In millions of pesos

Table V Exposure to the Private Sector	FY 2008					FY 2007
	4th Q	3rd Q	2nd Q	1st Q	4th Q	
Loans	10,820	11,416	11,015	11,202	10,657	
Leasing	450	463	430	403	360	
Corporate Securities	6	6	15	16	21	
Other Financing ^(*)	1,899	1,957	1,653	1,596	1,409	
Total Credit	13,175	13,842	13,113	13,217	12,447	
Securitized Loans ^(**)	1,052	1,229	839	931	978	
Total	14,227	15,071	13,952	14,148	13,425	

(*) Includes certain accounts under the balance sheet heading *Other Receivables from Financial Brokerage, Guarantees Granted and Unused Balances of Loans Granted.*

(**) As of December 31, 2008, includes the outstanding balances of the loans transferred to the following trusts: "Galicia Personales IV", "Galicia Personales V", "Galicia Personales VI", "Galicia Personales VII", "Galicia Personales VIII", "Galicia Créditos Inmobiliarios I", "Galicia Créditos Inmobiliarios II", "Galicia Prendas Comerciales I", "Galicia Leasing I." Also includes the outstanding balances of the loans securitized by the regional credit-card companies.

In millions of pesos

Table VI Loans by Type of Borrower	FY 2008					FY 2007
	4th Q	3rd Q	2nd Q	1st Q	4th Q	
Large Corporations	1,149	1,541	1,465	1,879	1,870	
Middle-Market Companies	3,717	4,133	4,093	4,341	3,994	
Individuals	5,578	5,231	5,355	4,816	4,631	
Financial Sector	484	619	210	274	269	
Non-Financial Public Sector	1,320	1,295	1,272	1,247	1,211	
Total Loans	12,248	12,819	12,395	12,557	11,975	
Allowances	527	459	520	461	429	
Total Loans, Net	11,721	12,360	11,875	12,096	11,546	

In millions of pesos

Table VII Loans by Sector of Activity	FY 2008					FY 2007
	4th Q	3rd Q	2nd Q	1st Q	4th Q	
Financial Sector	484	619	210	274	269	
Services	2,233	2,256	2,419	2,533	2,357	
- Public Sector	1,320	1,295	1,272	1,247	1,211	
- Other	913	961	1,147	1,286	1,146	
Agriculture & Livestock	1,275	1,148	1,266	1,307	1,218	
Consumer	5,295	4,979	5,089	4,587	4,402	
Retail & Wholesale Trade	1,184	1,547	1,360	1,608	1,575	
Construction	82	154	182	210	268	
Manufacturing	1,591	1,985	1,790	1,954	1,807	
Other	104	131	79	84	79	
Total Loans	12,248	12,819	12,395	12,557	11,975	
Allowances	527	459	520	461	429	
Total Loans, Net	11,721	12,360	11,875	12,096	11,546	

Between December 31, 2007 and December 31, 2008, the Bank reduced its exposure to the public sector by Ps.89 million (See *Table VIII*). This was the consequence of a Ps.256 million decrease in the net position of government securities, due to the Ps.393 million reduction in the balance of Boden 2012 bonds as a result of the collection of amortization coupon and to sales of such bonds to fund the repurchase of the Bank's foreign debt, offset by a Ps.168 million increase in the net position of government securities held for trading. Likewise, the balance of Secured Loans, trust certificates of participations and securities and Boden bonds increased due to the CER adjustment and the local currency devaluation during the year.

<i>In millions of pesos</i>					
Table VIII					
Exposure to the Argentine Public Sector ^(*)			FY 2008	FY 2007	
	4th Q	3rd Q	2nd Q	1st Q	4th Q
Government Securities' Net Position	3,603	3,440	3,580	3,893	3,859
Held for Trading	585	640	302	491	417
Boden 2012 Bonds	2,351	2,114	2,586	2,710	2,744
Discount Bonds and GDP-Linked Negotiable Securities	667	686	692	692	698
Loans	1,428	1,403	1,380	1,355	1,318
Secured Loans	1,320	1,295	1,272	1,247	1,211
Other	108	108	108	108	107
Other Receivables Resulting from Financial Brokerage	927	919	908	890	870
Trust Certificates of Participation and Securities	927	919	908	890	870
Total Exposure	5,958	5,762	5,868	6,138	6,047

(*) Excludes deposits with the Argentine Central Bank, which constitute one of the items by which the Bank complies with the Argentine Central Bank's minimum cash requirements.

Equity investments amounted to Ps.57.3 million, up 11.9% from the Ps.51.2 million recorded at the end of the fourth quarter of FY 2007.

The item "Bank Premises and Equipment, Miscellaneous and Intangible Assets" includes Ps.317 million of net deferred losses associated to *amparo* claims. This amount includes Ps.210 million of deferred amortization.

The Bank's consolidated deposits amounted to Ps.14,097 million, of which Ps.240 million were deposits in Galicia Uruguay.

As of December 31, 2008, the Bank's deposits in Argentina amounted to Ps.14,009 million, representing a 7.8% increase, as compared to December 31, 2007, and remaining at similar levels to those of the prior quarter.

<i>In millions of pesos</i>					
Table IX					
Deposits in Argentina			FY 2008	FY 2007	
	4th Q	3rd Q	2nd Q	1st Q	4th Q
In Pesos	11,848	12,246	11,150	11,847	11,243
Current Accounts	3,126	3,173	2,892	3,031	2,698
Savings Accounts	2,819	2,637	2,522	2,445	2,479
Time Deposits	5,644	6,174	5,429	6,030	5,640
Adjusted Time Deposits	26	32	65	101	202
Other	233	230	242	240	224
In Foreign Currency	2,161	1,843	1,719	1,788	1,748
Total Deposits	14,009	14,089	12,869	13,635	12,991

As of December 31, 2008, the Bank's estimated market share of deposits in the Argentine financial system, considering its deposits in Argentina only, was 5.93%, compared with 6.32% as of the same date of 2007, and with 5.89% as of September 30, 2008.

Considering only private-sector deposits, the Bank's estimated deposit market share reached 7.59% as of December 31, 2008, compared with an 8.23% as of the same date of 2007, and with a 7.97% as of September 30, 2008. In order to understand the development of deposits by sector during the fourth quarter of FY 2008, it's worth mentioning the latest reform to the pension system, which implied the creation of the Argentine Integrated Pension System (*Sistema Integrado Previsional Argentino* or "SIPA"), eliminating the private pension funds capitalization system. This entailed the transfer of deposits from the private pension funds to the Sustainability Guaranty Fund of SIPA (*Fondo de Garantía de Sustentabilidad*) managed by National Social Security Administration (*Administración Nacional de Seguridad Social* or "ANSES") and the reallocation of funds from the private sector to the public sector. Adjusting the balances in accordance with such change, the Bank's market share of private-sector deposits would have decreased 0.19 percentage points as compared with September 30, 2008.

Table X Market Share (*)	Percentages				
	4 th Q	3 rd Q	2 nd Q	FY 2008 1 st Q	FY 2007 4 th Q
Total Deposits	5.93	5.89	5.70	6.16	6.32
Private Sector Deposits	7.59	7.97	7.73	8.21	8.23
Total Loans	6.17	6.64	6.73	7.44	7.41
Loans to the Private Sector	6.13	6.78	7.05	7.81	7.75

(*) Banco de Galicia y Buenos Aires S.A., only, within the Argentine financial system, according to the daily information on deposits and loans published by the Argentine Central Bank. End-of-period data. Deposits and Loans include only principal. The regional credit-card companies' data is not included.

Other financial liabilities increased by Ps.570 million from the amount as of the end of the fourth quarter of FY 2007. The increase was mainly the consequence of an increase in the balance of financing from foreign financial institutions and credit entities and of a greater financing from merchants in connection with credit-card activities. These increases were partially offset by the reduction in the Bank's foreign debt, which amounted to US\$ 86 million, due to amortization, prepayments and cancellations in advance, and to the US\$ 25 million payment made by Galicia Uruguay, in connection with the amortization installment of its negotiable obligations due in September 2008 and to the prepayment of the installments due in 2009 and 2010.

Table XI Other Financial Liabilities	In millions of pesos				
	4 th Q	3 rd Q	2 nd Q	FY 2008 1 st Q	FY 2007 4 th Q
Domestic Financial Institutions and Credit Entities	249	295	442	285	225
Foreign Financial Institutions and Credit Entities	772	752	761	593	504
Negotiable Obligations (*)	2,877	2,669	2,831	2,951	3,051
Obligations in Connection with Spot Transactions Pending Settlement and Repo Transactions	1,378	1,614	1,395	1,498	1,304
Other (**)	2,297	1,988	1,891	1,793	1,919
Total	7,573	7,318	7,320	7,120	7,003

(*) Includes subordinated negotiable obligations.

(**) Includes, mainly, debt with merchants in connection with credit-card activities.

As of December 31, 2008, the Bank had 1.5 million deposit accounts, which represents an increase of approximately 177 thousand accounts as compared with the same date of the previous year. Likewise, the number of credit cards reached 6.0 million, with a 10.9% increase from the 5.4 million credit cards managed a year before (See the *Additional Information* table).

ASSET QUALITY

The Bank's non-accrual loan portfolio amounted to Ps.428 million as of December 31, 2008, compared to Ps.376 million as of the same date of the prior year. The non-accrual loan portfolio represented 3.96% of total loans to the private-sector as of December 31, 2008, compared to 3.53% as of December 31, 2007.

Allowances for loan losses as a percentage of total loans to the private sector increased to 4.87% as of December 31, 2008 from 4.03% as of December 31, 2007. The coverage of the non-accrual loan portfolio with allowances for loan losses increased from 114.10% as of the end of 2007 to 123.13% as of December 31, 2008.

In millions of pesos, except percentages

Table XII Loan Portfolio Quality	FY 2008					FY 2007
	4th Q	3rd Q	2nd Q	1st Q	4th Q	
Non-Accrual Loans (*)	428	362	465	405	376	
- With Preferred Guarantees	42	39	38	35	44	
- With Others Guarantees	10	3	6	6	5	
- Without Guarantees	376	320	421	364	327	
Allowance for Loan Losses	527	459	520	461	429	
Non-Accrual Loans to Total Loans (%)	3.49	2.82	3.75	3.23	3.14	
Non-Accrual Loans to Private-Sector Loans (%)	3.96	3.17	4.22	3.62	3.53	
Allowance for Loan Losses to Total Loans (%)	4.30	3.58	4.20	3.67	3.58	
Allowance for Loan Losses to Private-Sector Loans (%)	4.87	4.02	4.72	4.12	4.03	
Allowance for Loan Losses to Non-Accrual Loans (%)	123.13	126.80	111.83	113.83	114.10	
Non-Accrual Loans with Guarantees to Non-Accrual Loans (%)	12.15	11.60	9.46	10.12	13.03	

(*) The non-accrual portfolio includes loans classified under the following categories of the Argentine Central Bank classification: With Problems and Medium Risk, High Risk of Insolvency and High Risk, Uncollectible and Uncollectible due to Technical Reasons.

During the quarter, Ps.63 million were charged off against the allowance for loan losses and direct charges to the income statement for Ps.2 million were made.

In millions of pesos

Table XIII Consolidated Analysis of Loan Loss Experience	FY 2008					FY 2007
	4th Q	3rd Q	2nd Q	1st Q	4th Q	
Allowance for Loan Losses at the Beginning of the Quarter	459	520	461	429	389	
Changes in the Allowance for Loan Losses						
Provisions Charged to Income	131	84	96	83	95	
Provisions Reversed	-	(6)	-	-	(18)	
Charge Offs	(63)	(139)	(37)	(51)	(37)	
Allowance for Loan Losses at Quarter End	527	459	520	461	429	
Charge to the Income Statement						
Provisions Charged to Income	128	82	91	83	95	
Direct Charge Offs	2	2	2	1	1	
Bad Debts Recovered	(6)	(52)	(10)	(7)	(12)	
Provisions Reversed (*)	-	(6)	-	-	(18)	
Net Charge to the Income Statement	124	26	83	77	66	

(*) Recorded under "Net Other Income".

In the following table, asset quality information is also shown in terms of “total credit.” Total credit is defined as loans, certain accounts included in “Other Receivables Resulting from Financial Brokerage” representing credit transactions, assets under financial leases, guarantees granted and unused balances of loans granted.

In millions of pesos, except percentages

Table XIV	FY 2008 FY 2007				
	4th Q	3rd Q	2nd Q	1st Q	4th Q
Asset Quality - Total Credit					
Non-Accrual Portfolio (*)	436	370	479	422	399
- With Preferred Guarantees	43	40	40	37	45
- With Other Guarantees	11	3	6	6	5
- Without Guarantees	382	327	433	379	349
Allowance for Credit Losses	540	470	533	474	447
Non-Accrual Portfolio to Total Credit (%)	2.99	2.43	3.31	2.90	2.90
Non-Accrual Portfolio to Private-Sector Credit (%)	3.31	2.67	3.65	3.19	3.21
Allowance for Credit Losses to Total Credit (%)	3.70	3.08	3.68	3.25	3.25
Allowance for Credit Losses to Private-Sector Credit (%)	4.10	3.40	4.06	3.59	3.59
Allowance for Credit Losses to Non-Accrual Portfolio (%)	123.85	127.03	111.27	112.32	112.03
Non-Accrual Portfolio with Guarantees to Non-Accrual Portfolio (%)	12.39	11.62	9.60	10.19	12.53

(*) Includes credits classified under the categories mentioned in the note to Table XII.

CAPITALIZATION AND LIQUIDITY

As of December 31, 2008, the Bank’s consolidated computable capital exceeded by Ps.988 million the Ps.1,564 million minimum capital requirement. This excess was of Ps.1,054 million as of December 31, 2007.

The increase in the minimum capital requirement compared with December 31, 2007 was mainly attributable to the Bank’s greater exposure to the private sector.

In millions of pesos, except ratios

Table XV	FY 2008 FY 2007				
	4th Q	3rd Q	2nd Q	1st Q	4th Q
Consolidated Regulatory Capital					
Minimum Capital Required (A)	1,564	1,522	1,551	1,512	1,303
Allocated to Financial Assets	945	888	904	877	786
Allocated to Fixed Assets	169	166	160	157	153
Allocated to Other Assets	69	61	63	61	61
Allocated to Market Risk	5	4	7	10	20
Allocated to Interest-Rate Risk	51	59	67	56	52
Allocated to Lending to the Public Sector	325	344	350	351	231
Computable Capital (B)	2,552	2,414	2,405	2,409	2,357
Core Capital	1,789	1,787	1,783	1,796	1,757
Supplemental Capital	995	834	812	788	757
Deductions	(245)	(212)	(197)	(183)	(160)
Additional Capital – Market Variation	13	5	7	8	3
Excess over Required Capital (B) - (A)	988	892	854	897	1,054
Total Capital Ratio (%)	13.92	13.54	13.27	13.57	15.54

As of December 31, 2008, the Bank's unconsolidated liquid assets (held by the Bank's Argentine operation only) represented 68.10% of the Bank's transactional deposits and 32.46% of its total deposits in Argentina. Including government securities available, at their market value, the latter ratio was 34.83%.

Table XVI Liquidity (unconsolidated)	FY 2008 FY 2007				
	4 th Q	3 rd Q	2 nd Q	1 st Q	4 th Q
Liquid Assets ^(*) as a percentage of Transactional Deposits	68.10	68.84	47.61	52.89	55.87
Liquid Assets ^(*) as a percentage of Total Deposits	32.46	31.22	22.15	23.38	24.57

() Liquid assets include cash and due from banks (including deposits with the Argentine Central Bank and the special escrow accounts with the monetary authority), holdings of Lebac and Nobac (Argentine Central Bank's bills and notes, respectively), net call money interbank loans, short-term placements with correspondent banks and reverse repos with the local market.*

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SELECTED FINANCIAL INFORMATION – CONSOLIDATED DATA ^(*)

	<i>In millions of pesos</i>				
				FY 2008	FY 2007
	4 th Q	3 rd Q	2 nd Q	1 st Q	4 th Q
Cash and Due from Banks	3,404.6	3,291.0	3,037.6	2,692.7	2,959.1
Government and Corporate Securities	1,489.6	1,056.0	1,186.5	1,785.8	1,674.8
Net Loans	11,720.5	12,359.5	11,874.9	12,095.5	11,546.1
Other Receivables Resulting from Financial Brokerage	4,075.5	4,197.0	3,787.7	3,951.3	3,538.5
Equity Investments in Other Companies	57.3	94.0	52.6	53.8	51.2
Bank Premises and Equipment, Miscellaneous and Intangible Assets	1,481.8	1,414.5	1,373.5	1,316.2	1,281.1
Other Assets	2,210.5	1,816.8	1,603.7	1,524.4	1,475.3
Total Assets	24,439.8	24,228.8	22,916.5	23,419.7	22,526.1
Deposits	14,097.4	14,258.8	13,108.0	13,894.7	13,188.5
Other Liabilities Resulting from Financial Brokerage	6,585.6	6,447.4	6,477.9	6,261.7	6,148.2
Subordinated Negotiable Obligations	987.0	870.2	841.8	857.9	855.3
Other	689.8	619.1	540.0	491.6	462.8
Minority Interests	125.3	119.4	112.6	115.7	111.9
Total Liabilities	22,485.1	22,314.9	21,080.3	21,621.6	20,766.7
Shareholders' Equity	1,954.7	1,913.9	1,836.2	1,798.1	1,759.4
Foreign-Currency Assets and Liabilities					
- Assets	7,100.7	6,096.6	6,092.4	6,266.8	6,202.9
- Liabilities	7,263.0	6,853.9	6,758.7	6,809.8	6,739.2
- Net Forward Purchases/(Sales) of Foreign Currency ⁽¹⁾	471.1	959.5	782.3	750.9	860.5

(*) Banco de Galicia y Buenos Aires S.A., consolidated with subsidiary companies (Art.33 - Law 19550).

(1) Recorded off-balance sheet.

SELECTED FINANCIAL INFORMATION – CONSOLIDATED DATA (*)

	<i>In millions of pesos</i>				
				FY 2008	FY 2007
	4th Q	3rd Q	2nd Q	1st Q	4th Q
FINANCIAL INCOME	740.2	586.3	639.9	585.5	547.8
- Interest on Cash and Due from Banks	0.8	1.6	2.1	3.3	5.1
- Interest on Loans to the Financial Sector	1.8	1.0	0.7	0.3	0.3
- Interest on Overdrafts	55.8	49.8	40.8	36.4	34.4
- Interest on Promissory Notes	120.0	115.0	101.3	104.2	97.3
- Interest on Mortgage Loans	33.3	32.1	30.9	30.2	29.6
- Interest on Pledge Loans	4.0	4.0	3.6	3.4	3.7
- Interest on Credit-Card Loans	198.8	157.2	161.1	139.4	127.6
- Interest on Other Loans	89.5	79.0	78.2	70.8	63.1
- Net Income from Government and Corporate Securities	54.6	38.5	62.9	73.8	56.6
- Interest on Other Receivables Resulting from Financial Brokerage	7.1	8.0	8.9	8.7	9.6
- Net Income from Secured Loans - Decree No.1387/01	13.5	13.2	13.1	12.7	12.4
- CER Adjustment	20.1	24.1	39.0	39.5	47.5
- Other	151.2	54.8	29.4	39.4	31.2
- Quotation Differences on Gold and Foreign Currency	(10.3)	8.0	67.9	23.4	29.4
FINANCIAL EXPENSES	367.4	355.0	354.0	331.3	334.8
- Interest on Current-Account Deposits	6.9	5.4	4.7	4.6	4.7
- Interest on Savings-Account Deposits	0.7	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.8
- Interest on Time Deposits	232.2	206.6	153.9	167.3	156.8
- Interest on Subordinated Obligations	27.4	24.7	24.4	24.9	24.2
- Other Interest	0.6	0.7	0.9	1.1	1.1
- Interest on Interbank Loans Received (Call Money Loans)	3.6	-	2.0	0.1	0.7
- Interest on Financing from the Financial Sector	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.4
- Interest on Other Liabilities Resulting from Financial Brokerage	72.1	70.1	69.7	69.7	70.4
- Contributions to the Deposit Insurance Fund	6.1	5.8	6.0	5.7	5.5
- CER Adjustment	0.6	1.0	3.3	4.5	7.8
- Other	17.1	39.6	88.0	52.2	62.4
GROSS FINANCIAL MARGIN	372.8	231.3	285.9	254.2	213.0
PROVISIONS FOR LOAN LOSSES	132.0	84.2	94.0	85.2	96.5
INCOME FROM SERVICES, NET	330.8	327.6	300.4	274.0	259.8
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	463.7	456.3	435.1	369.8	355.6
- Personnel Expenses	255.4	248.1	235.2	206.5	186.6
- Directors' and Syndics' Fees	2.5	1.3	1.4	1.3	1.3
- Other Fees	13.2	13.9	12.8	10.7	11.4
- Advertising and Publicity	36.3	42.5	41.9	25.0	32.9
- Taxes	25.7	23.4	23.5	19.6	20.0
- Depreciation of Premises and Equipment	15.8	15.1	14.9	15.1	14.4
- Amortization of Organization Expenses	10.7	9.7	9.0	7.9	8.5
- Other Operating Expenses	63.9	65.6	61.4	55.6	51.6
- Other	40.2	36.7	35.0	28.1	28.9
MINORITY INTERESTS RESULTS	(5.9)	(6.8)	(4.0)	(3.9)	(5.6)
INCOME FROM EQUITY INVESTMENTS	0.6	56.2	1.0	2.0	0.7
NET OTHER INCOME / (LOSS)	(37.3)	25.0	6.0	(12.5)	49.6
INCOME TAX	24.4	15.2	22.1	20.1	14.0
NET INCOME / (LOSS)	40.9	77.6	38.1	38.7	51.4

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SELECTED FINANCIAL INFORMATION – CONSOLIDATED DATA (*)

	<i>In millions of pesos</i>	
	FY 2008	FY 2007
FINANCIAL INCOME	2,551.9	1,973.8
- Interest on Cash and Due from Banks	7.8	14.6
- Interest on Loans to the Financial Sector	3.8	2.6
- Interest on Overdrafts	182.8	111.3
- Interest on Promissory Notes	440.5	294.2
- Interest on Mortgage Loans	126.5	98.4
- Interest on Pledge Loans	15.0	12.4
- Interest on Credit-Card Loans	656.5	431.8
- Interest on Other Loans	317.5	202.1
- Net Income from Government and Corporate Securities	229.8	232.5
- Interest on Other Receivables Resulting from Financial Brokerage	32.8	35.8
- Net Income from Secured Loans - Decree No.1387/01	52.5	70.0
- CER Adjustment	122.7	204.3
- Other	274.8	177.0
- Quotation Differences on Gold and Foreign Currency	88.9	86.8
FINANCIAL EXPENSES	1,407.7	1,253.3
- Interest on Current-Account Deposits	21.6	16.4
- Interest on Savings-Account Deposits	3.5	4.6
- Interest on Time Deposits	759.9	521.8
- Interest on Subordinated Obligations	101.4	94.7
- Other Interest	3.3	45.9
- Interest on Interbank Loans Received (call Money Loans)	5.7	3.9
- Interest on Financing from the Financial Sector	0.8	1.9
- Interest on Other Liabilities Resulting from Financial Brokerage	281.6	319.3
- Contributions to the Deposit Insurance Fund	23.6	20.4
- CER Adjustment	9.4	67.3
- Other	196.9	157.1
GROSS FINANCIAL MARGIN	1,144.2	720.5
PROVISIONS FOR LOAN LOSSES	395.4	255.5
INCOME FROM SERVICES, NET	1,232.8	933.2
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	1,724.9	1,246.7
- Personnel Expenses	945.2	655.1
- Directors' and Syndics' Fees	6.5	5.0
- Other Fees	50.6	37.7
- Advertising and Publicity	145.7	113.3
- Taxes	92.2	64.5
- Depreciation of Premises and Equipment	60.9	49.2
- Amortization of Organization and Development Expenses	37.3	35.4
- Other Operating Expenses	246.5	188.2
- Other	140.0	98.3
MINORITY INTERESTS RESULTS	(20.6)	(27.5)
INCOME FROM EQUITY INVESTMENTS	59.8	4.1
NET OTHER INCOME / (LOSS)	(18.8)	(24.9)
INCOME TAX	81.8	72.8
NET INCOME / (LOSS)	195.3	30.4

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

				FY 2008	FY 2007
	4 th Q	3 rd Q	2 nd Q	1 st Q	4 th Q
Mutual Funds (In millions of pesos) ^(*)	776.0	787.6	651.1	814.9	617.0
Physical Data (Number of)					
Employees	9,246	9,674	9,695	9,327	8,962
Bank in Argentina	5,324	5,494	5,591	5,451	5,164
Other companies	3,922	4,180	4,104	3,876	3,798
Branches	390	382	378	374	363
Bank Branches	239	234	234	233	233
Regional Credit-Card Companies Offices	151	148	144	141	130
Deposit Accounts (in thousands)	1,541	1,520	1,434	1,399	1,364
Credit Cards (in thousands)	5,981	5,995	5,878	5,605	5,391
Inflation and Exchange Rates					
Retail Price Index (%) ^(**)	1.11	1.35	2.04	2.55	2.48
Wholesale Price Index (IPIM) (%) ^(**)	0.16	2.16	3.54	2.86	2.62
CER Coefficient (%) ^(**)	1.31	1.50	2.52	2.42	2.30
Exchange Rate (Pesos per US\$) ^(***)	3.4537	3.1302	3.0242	3.1653	3.1510

() Market value of the FIMA mutual fund units under custody.*

*(**) Variation within the quarter.*

*(***) As of the last working day of the quarter.*

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

BANCO GALICIA

Bank's Ratings by Moody's

On December 29, 2008, Moody's published its first report on the Bank's debt and deposits risk ratings. In domestic scale, Moody's assigned "Aa3.ar" to the Bank's outstanding negotiable obligations, and "Aa2.ar" and "Ba1.ar" to its deposits in local currency and foreign currency respectively.

Swap of Secured Loans

In accordance with the Argentine debt restructuring process carried out by the National Government, the Bank participated in an exchange offer of National Secured Loans "due 2009-7%, Promissory Note Bond G+580 Mega (fixed rate)" for other public-sector assets at market prices, without negative effects on the Bank's financial condition.

ISO 9001 Certification

Within the framework of the process of continuous improvement and its commitment to quality, the Bank received in December 2008 the ISO 9001 international certification for its Private Banking Customer Service Model and for its Branch Network Training processes, in addition to the Normative Analysis and Development process received in April, 2008.

Branch Network

During the quarter, the Bank continued expanding its distribution network, with the opening of the following branches: Villa Mercedes (in San Luis), Recta Martinolli (in Córdoba), Tucumán Barrio Norte (in Tucumán), San Lorenzo (in Santa Fe) and Comodoro Barrio Industrial (in Chubut).

New Branch of Tarjeta Naranja Dominicana S.A.

In December, Tarjeta Naranja Dominicana S.A. opened the third branch of its international project in Dominican Republic, an initiative developed together with Grupo León, the biggest holding company of that country.

FIMA Ahorro in Pesos Mutual Fund

Standard & Poor's, together with Apertura magazine, designated Fima Ahorro Pesos Class "C" mutual fund as the best short-term Argentine fixed income fund, in Pesos, in a ranking by category of those funds that have the best combination of risk and yield.

Financial Trusts – Own Portfolio

During the fourth quarter and after, the Bank publicly offered the securities issued by the Tarjeta Naranja Trust IX Financial Trust:

	<i>In millions of pesos</i>
	Tarjeta Naranja Trust IX
Issue date	01.19.2009
Estimated Maturity Date of the Certificates of Participation	05.20.2010
Underlying Assets (Portfolio Transferred)	Ps.90.61
Debt Securities Issued	Ps.76.11
Certificates of Participation	Ps.14.50 (*)

(*) *Not publicly offered.*

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