



FINANCIAL STATEMENTS



Report of Auditors to the shareholders

REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of National Bank of Bahrain BSC ("the Bank") which comprise the balance sheet as at 31 December 2008, the income statement, the statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes.

RESPONSIBILITY OF THE DIRECTORS FOR THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Directors of the Bank are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards. This responsibility includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatements, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

AUDITORS' RESPONSIBILITY

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing. Those standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on our judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, we consider internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting principles used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

OPINION

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Bank as at 31 December 2008, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards.

REPORT ON OTHER LEGAL AND REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS

In addition, in our opinion, the Bank has maintained proper accounting records and the financial statements are in agreement therewith. We have reviewed the accompanying Board of Directors' Report and confirm that the information contained therein is consistent with the financial statements. We are not aware of any violations of the Bahrain Commercial Companies Law 2001, the Central Bank of Bahrain and Financial Institutions Law 2006, terms of the Bank's license or its memorandum and articles of association having occurred during the year ended 31 December 2008 that might have had a material effect on the business of the Bank or on its financial position. Satisfactory explanations and information have been provided to us by the management in response to all our requests.

KPMG

20 January 2009
Kingdom of Bahrain