

## **Bank Asya evaluated the figures for 2009**

*Bank Asya, which carries out its financial activities for 13 years, shared its figures for 2009 with the press in a meeting.*

“Bank Asya Evaluation Meeting 2009” was held in Çırağan Palace under Cemil Özdemir, the President of the Bank, on Wednesday, February 24. After he touched upon world economy in 2009 and economic influences of the global crisis, he evaluated Bank Asya’s year-end growth figures for 2009 and 2010.

Cemil Özdemir stated that with its powerful capital base and well-balanced financial statement Bank Asya continued to make profit and grow in parallel with its anticipated aims in 2009, and that the size of its assets reached to TL billion 11,6 increasing 43% compared to the same period of the last year. Mr. Özdemir made reference to the growth figures and rates of Bank Asya in his presentation, and remarked that Bank Asya’s growth rate outpaced banking sector in terms of size of assets, loans and collected funds.

### **Bank Asya grows with loans**

Cemil Özdemir stated that whereas total cash loans of banking sector increased 6,9% in 2009, Bank Asya’s total cash loans increased 34% within the same period, and that Bank Asya with its reassuring structure continued to finance real economy in 2009, too. He also said that 56% increase in collected funds apparently shows the trust of its customers. He pointed out that Bank Asya’s year-end net profit increased 22% in 2009 compared to the previous year and added that it is an appreciable success for Bank Asya.

### **Bank Asya ranked 29<sup>th</sup> among the Interest-Free Banks**

In the assessment made by worldwide known finance magazine, *The Banker*, Bank Asya ranked 520<sup>th</sup> among “*World’s Top 1000 Banks*” in terms of principal capital, 424<sup>th</sup> among “*World’s Top 500 Banks*” in terms of brand equity, and 29<sup>th</sup> among “*World’s Top 500 Interest-Free Banks*” in terms of interest-free banking criteria.

### **The highest public offering rate**

Bank Asya that opens 23% of its shares to the public has the highest public offering rate at IMKB.

### **Goals**

Bank Asya intends to expand its foreign activities, which begin with its expansion to Africa, and to be more active abroad in 2010. Within the medium term the Bank aims to figure among the banks with high brand equity, pioneer world’s interest-free banks and have a branch in all cities of Turkey.