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# **Arab Bank**

# Arab Bank Group posts 13% growth in net profits and announces a cash dividend of JD0.25

- Arab Bank Group (ARBK) reported a net income of USD305.9 million for FY2011 as compared to USD270.8 million for FY2010, recording a growth of 13%. Furthermore, net operating income before provisions and taxes amounted to USD922 million.
- On the other hand, deposits at the group level grew by more than USD1 billion to stand at USD31.7 billion at the end of 2011.
- The capital adequacy ratio stood at 15.1% at the end of 2011 compared to 15.9% in 2010.
- Equity stood at USD7.7 billion at the end of 2011, a BVPS of USD14.4
- According to Mr. Nemeh Sabbagh, Chief Executive Officer of Arab Bank, the provisions coverage ratio reached more than 100% of non-performing loans, excluding the value of collaterals by the end of 2011.
- The BOD of ARBK has recommended an increase in the distribution of cash dividends to shareholders to JD0.25 per share for 2011, up from JD0.20 per share in 2010, a dividend yield of 3.5%.
- We maintain our BUY recommendation on ARBK with a 12-month price target of JD10.50, offering 46% total return potential from the last closing price. We will also issue an update report on ARBK as soon as the FY2011 financials are released.

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# **BUY**

**Current Price: JD 7.17** Target Price: JD 10.50 **Upside to Target Price: 46%** 

Share Data	
Market Cap (JD mn)	3828.8
Shares Outstanding (mn)	534.0
YTD Change	-8.6%
1 Year Total Return	-26.3%
52-week Low (JD)	7.00
52-week High (JD)	10.15
Avg. Daily Trading Volume	84,584
Avg. Daily Trading Value (JD)	721,332
Free Float	45.0%
Exchange	ASE
Reuters Code	ARBK.AM
Bloomberg Code	ARBK JR

## **Share Price Performance**



Valuation Multiples	2011
P/E (x)	17.65
P/B (x)	0.70

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