

PRESS RELEASE

FIRST BANK Completes the Acquisition of Bank Leumi Romania

- **Following the completion of the transaction, Bank Leumi Romania has a new Board of Directors and a new Executive President.**

FIRST BANK, owned by the American investment fund J.C. Flowers & Co. has today completed the acquisition of the majority stake of Bank Leumi Romania, a subsidiary of Bank Leumi Israel, having received the necessary approvals from the National Bank of Romania and the Romanian Competition Council and completing the other conditions usual for transactions of this type.

Dominic Bruynseels, Executive President FIRST BANK

"We are excited to begin this new growth journey.

We welcome all the new possibilities deriving from this milestone event: the know-how of our colleagues in Bank Leumi Romania, their experience in dealing with a very special portfolio, its clients whom we are eager to serve.

The two businesses will go through an integration process preceding the merger. We believe that this acquisition will transform FIRST BANK in a stronger, more relevant banking partner for all our current and future clients as our joined forces with Bank Leumi Romania will add to our previous knowledge and expertise."

Hanan Friedman, First Executive Vice President, Head of Strategy, Innovation and Transformation Division, Bank Leumi Israel

"The sale of Bank Leumi Romania to FIRST BANK, which is owned by a leading international financial entity, will enable the continued implementation of Leumi's 'follow your customer' policy, which is based on collaborations with leading international players, rather than an actual presence. This sale constitutes yet another step in the implementation of our strategy to focus on Leumi's core banking activities, while concentrating our international operations in the main global financial centres, through our subsidiaries in the US and UK".

Clifford Chance Badea acted as the legal advisor to FIRST BANK on the transaction, and Ernst & Young as financial and tax advisor.

DLA Piper acted as legal advisor to Bank Leumi Romania on the transaction.

Jefferies LLC acted as exclusive financial advisor to Bank Leumi Israel on the transaction.

Starting July 10th Bank Leumi Romania has a new Board of Directors and a new Executive President, Ion Popovici.

Ion Popovici is a senior banking professional with over 28 years of banking.

During this time he occupied leading roles in major banking institutions in Romania such as Eximbank, BRD-Groupe Societe Generale etc.

Previously to being appointed Executive President of Bank Leumi Romania, Ion Popovici acted as Executive Vice-President Financial / Interim Executive President of the bank in the last one and a half

year, coordinating of the entire activity of the organization with direct responsibility in strategies, business, treasury, legal, human resources, accounting, reporting to the group, reporting to the NBR, financial statements, control-budgeting, operations.

Popovici used to assume roles and responsibilities in banking industry connected organizations such as IBR and ARB, where he acted as author, lector, teacher as well as an accounting advisor with a large contribution to the implementation of IFRS for the Romanian banking system.

He is a member within the Board of Directors of the Romanian Association of Banks since 2017.

Ion Popovici graduated the Academy of Economic Studies, Finance and Accounting Faculty and the National School of Politics and Administrative Studies, Administrative Sciences Faculty, Bucharest.

The New Board of Directors includes:

Ilinca Rosetti, Chairman

Ilinca Rosetti is currently Operating Partner for J.C. Flowers & Co.

She has a 14-year international experience in banking management in the corporate banking and financial development cooperation segment in Central and Eastern Europe.

Rosetti was CEO of Mirabank Serbia, a subsidiary of Royal Abu Dhabi Group, where she successfully managed the start of the operations of the only bank specializing in corporate banking on the Serbian market.

Ilinca Rosetti has extensive knowledge of the Romanian banking industry.

She managed ProCredit Bank Romania for five years, during 2010 - 2015. As CEO, she was responsible for the general development of the bank, for designing, implementing and developing the positioning strategy, as well as for redesigning the bank's entire organizational structure. Ilinca Rosetti was previously deputy CEO (2007) and then CEO (2007-2010) within ProCredit Bank Moldova.

Ilinca Rosetti graduated from the J.W. Goethe University in Frankfurt am Main, with degrees in mathematics and economic sciences (1997 and 2001, respectively). Ms. Rosetti has a PhD in Economic Sciences with the Academy of Economic Studies in Bucharest, 2007.

Robert Maxim

Robert Maxim, currently Partner of Ensign Management Consulting, has been a management consultant for over 20 years. He held leading positions in large companies, such as Manager of Consultancy with KPMG and e-Business Head with Citibank Romania.

Robert Maxim is a Certified Management Consultant (CMC) and Certified Auditor for Information systems (CISA).

He graduated International Law from the School of Political Sciences at the University of Bucharest and holds a diploma in Financial Management from the International Business School in Bristol, UK. He also holds an MBA from Ecole Nationale des Ponts et Chaussees, Paris, France.

Manfred Rauchwerger

Manfred Rauchwerger is a banking senior with almost 46 years of top-level experience both on the Romanian and international banking market.

He dedicated his banking career to Bank Leumi Israel and Bank Leumi Romania, serving as Vice – President as well as Councilor. He has extensive expertise in sales, retail private banking, and capital markets.

He joined Bank Leumi Romania in 2006 and has ever since administrated significant areas of the bank's business.

Manfred Rauchwerger graduated the University of Haifa, Economics.

Razvan Filcescu

Razvan Filcescu is a senior banking executive with almost 20 years of banking & financial experience. Currently, subject to NBR approval, he is Vice President with FIRST BANK. With a vast banking



expertise in banks such as Procredit Bank and Credit Europe Bank, Razvan started as loan officer and firmly grew into a senior manager deeply involved into a commercial bank building process. The last years were focused on SME, micro, and commercial credit underwriting, early collection and workout activities.

Razvan graduated the Academy of Economic Studies, Bucharest, holding a B.Sc. in Banking and Stock Exchanges.

He also holds an MBA in Financial Management at City University of Seattle.

Bogdan Ciobotaru

Bogdan Ciobotaru served as the Head of CEEMEA Financing at Renaissance Capital. Previously he served as an Executive Director in the Investment Banking Division of Morgan Stanley in London, where he worked for over a decade. Mr Ciobotaru has been an Independent Non-executive Director at Digi Communications N.V. since 2017. He currently serves as a Non-Executive Director of Qatar Solar Technologies and also as a Non-Executive Director within the Board of Directors of FIRST BANK. Mr. Ciobotaru graduated from the Bucharest Academy of Economic Studies and holds an Executive MBA from Oxford University.

About FIRST BANK

Based in Bucharest, First Bank provides a broad range of products and services targeting both domestic and international customers, including retail, SME and corporate banking services.

First Bank operates through 59 branches, 1200 professionals and has approximately 130,000 active clients. For more information, please visit www.firstbank.ro.

About J.C. Flowers & Co.

J.C. Flowers is a leading private investment firm dedicated to investing globally in the financial services industry. Founded in 1998, the firm has invested more than \$15 billion of capital in 52 portfolio companies in 17 countries across a range of industry subsectors including banking, insurance and reinsurance, securities firms, specialty finance, and services and asset management. With over \$6 billion of assets under management, J.C. Flowers has offices in New York and London. For more information, visit www.jcfco.com.

About Bank Leumi Romania

Based in Bucharest, Bank Leumi Romania provides comprehensive retail and commercial banking services through a national network of 15 branches. The bank employs 200 banking professionals and manages assets exceeding 250 million Euros. In 2006 the Bank was acquired by Bank Leumi le-Israel B.M.

About Bank Leumi le-Israel B.M

Bank Leumi is the leading bank in Israel according to market-cap, providing comprehensive banking services through more than 200 branches across Israel. Headquartered in Tel Aviv, Leumi has a presence in key financial centers across the globe, including London, New York, Palo Alto and Shanghai. In 2018, Leumi reported a net profit of NIS 3,257 million (USD 869 million) with total assets under management reaching NIS 1,434 billion (USD 382 billion). english.leumi.co.il

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