

## ABOUT Banka Kombëtare Tregtare (BKT)

First branch of BKT was established in Durrës on 29 November 1925, in the historical building where today's BKT Durrës Branch is situated. This building actually represents the oldest Albanian financial institution in the country.

Banka Kombëtare Tregtare (NCB), with today's name, was established in January 1993, after the merging of the Albanian Commercial Bank (ACB) and the National Bank of Albania (NBA). Actually NCB is the largest and the oldest commercial bank in Albania.

Banka Kombëtare Tregtare was established as a Joint Stock Company in July 1997, with assets reaching ALL 2.7 billion. BKT accomplished its privatization process in the year 2000.

The year 2006 started with a new vision for BKT. With the authorization of the Bank of Albania and pursuant to the specific court decision issued on June 9, 2006, it was approved the transfer of 60% plus 2 of the BKT shares possessed by Kent Bank in favour of Calik-Seker Konsorsiyum Yatirim A.S.

After the decision to expand in Kosovo, BKT had opened 25 branches, ranking as the largest Albanian bank in the region.

On June 30, 2009 Çalik Financial Services their shares owning 100 % of the shares.

During 2006 – 2011, with its stable performance, BKT was given different prizes on national and international levels, among which several times as “ The best Bank of the Year” in Albania, “The best medium sized bank in South-eastern Europe” and also achieving its highest evaluation as “The Best Bank in South East Europe for 2009”. Meanwhile for two consecutive years JCR Eurasia Rating assigned to BKT a credit rating of ‘AAA (Alb)’ along with a ‘stable’ outlook on the long term national scale, which denotes the highest investment grade. For the third time and for the fifth consecutive year the Bank of Albania graded BKT according to the Banking Evaluation system CAMELS with a Strong 1. At the same time, the prestigious magazine of the banking sector The Banker, part of Financial Times, has awarded BKT as Bank of the Year in Albania for two consequent years (2010 and 2011).

Euromoney Magazine has recognized BKT, as “The Best Bank in Albania for 2014” in its annual Awards for Excellence that took place in London on July 10, 2014.

BKT has a total asset value of 2.7 billion USD and total deposits of 2.2 billion USD. BKT is the largest Albanian bank in the region, with a network including 86 branches, out of which 62 are located in Albania and 24 in Kosova.

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