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Luzerner Kantonalbank AG results for the first quarter of 2026

Continual increase in earnings and profit

- Consolidated profit of 80.1 million Swiss francs (+4.5 %)
- Increase in income to 182.6 million Swiss francs (+5.0 %)
- Interest income +4.1 %, non-interest income +6.7%
- Slightly lower cost-income-ratio of 45.3 %
- Moderate credit growth of 0.9 %
- Growth in asset advisory and management mandates of 366 million Swiss francs (performance-adjusted)
- Minimum target for consolidated profit for 2026 unchanged at 295 million Swiss francs

Lucerne, 10 April 2026 - Lucerne Kantonalbank AG (LUKB) is maintaining the positive performance of the previous year and increased its consolidated profit in the first quarter of 2026 by 4.5 % versus the corresponding period in the previous year to 80.1 million Swiss francs. Profitability increased by 5.0 % or 8.8 million Swiss francs year-on-year. This growth was driven by interest income of 4.7 million Swiss francs (+4.1 %) and non-interest income of 4.0 million Swiss francs (+6.7 %). Credit growth was reduced as planned and stands at 0.9 %. A high level of trust in LUKB's investment and management expertise led to performance-adjusted increases in securities mandates of 366 million Swiss francs. The overall result for the first quarter of 2026 outstripped LUKB's own forecast. Despite the gloomy environment, LUKB continues to expect consolidated profit of at least 295 million Swiss francs in 2026.

In the first quarter of 2026, LUKB increased its consolidated profit by 3.5 million Swiss francs compared with the corresponding period in 2025 to 80.1 million Swiss francs (+4.5 %). Daniel Salzmann, CEO of LUKB, explains: 'We have maintained the momentum from the successful anniversary year and can report a pleasing quarterly result, despite the start of the year having been overshadowed by unexpected negative geopolitical events. Thanks to our income diversification, cost discipline, and professional balance sheet management, even such unpredictable events do not throw us off track.'

Interest income strengthened at a high level

The continued robust state of the Swiss economy is reflected, among other things, in persistently high demand for loans. With regard to the available equity base, LUKB is managing the growth in **loans to clients** in a very targeted manner. With an increase of 0.9 % in the first quarter of 2026, LUKB still has scope for growth in loans to clients. LUKB is aiming for growth of 3.5% to 5.5% on an annual basis.

Following the continual increase in interest income in previous years, LUKB was able to stabilise net income at 118.4 million Swiss francs (+4.1 %). This positive development in an environment of falling interest rates is driven by active interest rate management. LUKB CEO Daniel Salzmann explains: 'The zero-interest rate environment is the worst conceivable starting point for a bank's interest business. However, there are levers to keep this important earnings source stable. Examples of this include our

hedging policy, our own financial assets, as well as credit terms. Our focus for the lending business is on profitable growth.'

Income diversification pursued in line with strategy

In the strategically important **commission and service business**, LUKB increased its result versus the corresponding period in the previous year by 10.7 % to 38.6 million Swiss francs, primarily thanks to the 4.5 million Swiss francs (+14.8 %) increase in income from securities trading and investment business. In line with its strategy, LUKB was able to expand its securities management and advisory mandates in the first quarter of 2026. CEO Daniel Salzmann comments: 'The uncertainty on the global stock exchanges is prompting more and more clients to place their investment decisions in professional hands. This means we are slightly ahead of schedule in our strategic planning in terms of growth in mandated funds.' Specifically, net subscription growth in the mandate business amounted to 366 million Swiss francs. Overall, LUKB aims to generate new money of at least 1.2 billion Swiss francs in its mandated investment business in the current year.

LUKB's **trading** business amounted to 23.5 million Swiss francs (-4.9 %). Thanks to the broadening of our trading activities, LUKB achieved its second-highest quarterly result in the first quarter with an unchanged limit system. Trading income in the first quarter of 2026 is thus well above the budgeted figure.

Overall, **operating income** for the first quarter of 2026 amounted to 182.6 million Swiss francs, which equates to an increase of 5.0 %.

Cost-income-ratio improves further despite initial investments in new strategy

At 83.9 million Swiss francs, **operating expenses** were 4.6 million Swiss francs (+5.8 %) above the figure recorded in the corresponding period in the previous year. Headcount increased by 3.2 % versus the corresponding period in the previous year and stood at 1,217 full-time equivalents at the end of March. Personnel expenses increased accordingly by 2.9 million Swiss francs. General and administrative expenses increased by 1.7 million Swiss francs in line with the strategy due to higher spending on IT, premises, and marketing.

The positive earnings trend resulted in a slightly lower **cost-income-ratio** of 45.3 % compared to the full year 2025 (46.1 %). This figure is well below our own strategic target of a maximum of 50 %. CFO Marcel Hurschler explains the importance of this key figure for LUKB: 'We are known to be one of the most efficient full-service banks in Switzerland. The persistently low cost-income-ratio proves that we are able to manage relevant income and expense components in a targeted and effective manner at all times.'

Increase in consolidated profit as desired

LUKB's operating result during the first quarter of 2026 amounted to 90.0 million Swiss francs, up 3.5 % on the same period during the previous year. **Consolidated profit** after taxes amounted to 80.1 million Swiss francs for the first quarter of 2026. This represents an increase of 4.5 % compared with the already very pleasing figure of 76.6 million Swiss francs recorded in the previous year. CEO Daniel Salzmann is therefore extremely satisfied: 'We promised that the investments made in recent years will continue to pay off and that the potential of our successful business model is far from exhausted. The improvement in earnings as planned confirms this key statement.'

Financial targets for 2026 confirmed in uncertain environment

Economic and inflation trends plus stock market performance will have a major impact on LUKB's future business performance in 2026. For example, rising energy prices due to the Middle East conflict are likely to lead to higher inflation, at least in the short term. Based on the current assumption that the conflict in the Middle East will remain limited in terms of both geography and time, LUKB is forecasting

moderate growth in the global economy this year and next. Furthermore, LUKB does not anticipate an increase in policy rates.

The Swiss economy has so far proved very robust overall despite the new Middle East crisis. LUKB also has a proven crisis-resistant business model. It therefore currently assumes that the short- and medium-term growth targets will be achieved.

Financial targets for the 2026 financial year remain unchanged:

- Net growth in asset management and advisory mandates: >1.2 billion Swiss francs
- Non-interest income: >240 million Swiss francs
- Net growth in lending business: 3.5 % to 5.5 %
- Cost-income-ratio: <50 %
- Consolidated profit*: >295 million Swiss francs
(*adjusted for the creation/release of reserves for general banking risks)

This is subject to the proviso that the war in Iran and its consequences remain limited in terms of time and geography.

Key financial figures of the LUKB Group

	Q1 2024 (in Swiss francs)	Q1 2025 (in Swiss francs)	Q1 2026 (in Swiss francs)	Δ25/26
Net result from interest business	104.6 million	113.7 million	118.4 million	+4.1%
Non-interest income	52.1 million	60.1 million	64.2 million	+6.7%
- Result from commission and service business	31.7 million	34.9 million	38.6 million	+10.7%
- Result from trading business and fair value options	18.7 million	24.7 million	23.5 million	-4.9%
- Other ordinary income	1.7 million	0.5 million	2.1 million	+278.4%
Operating income	156.7 million	173.9 million	182.6 million	+5.0%
Operating costs	-73.0 million	-79.3 million	-83.9 million	+5.8%
Operating result	76.6 million	86.9 million	90.0 million	+3.5%
Consolidated profit	74.8 million	76.6 million	80.1 million	+4.5%
	31 December 2024	31 December 2025	31 March 2026	Δ25/26
Loans to clients	43,374.0	46,352.6	46,788.5	+0.9%
Risk-weighted assets (RWAs)	28,204.5	27,904.3	27,960.1	+0.2%
CET1 ratio	13.89%	14.66%	14.76%	
Total capital ratio	18.47%	20.57%	20.66%	

Further information

[Income statement for 01.01. - 31 March 2026 and balance sheet as at 31 March 2026 \(PDF\) Group and parent company](#)

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