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In its report, Fitch refers to the size of Andbank, the largest financial group in Andorra in terms of assets under management, highlighting its international footprint – particularly significant in Spain – which supports the bank's rise in earnings.

In relation to risk profile, Fitch considers the bank's approach and specialisation in private banking a plus and highlights its "moderate" credit risk arising from its highly collateralised loan book, its adequate capitalisation and its conservative liquidity management.

In that regard, Fitch underscores that the bank's impaired loan ratio is low and highlights the bank's relatively minor exposure to the real estate sector in comparison with other banks in Andorra, and a larger proportion of cash on its balance sheet.

Andbank closed 2022 with profits of €30 million, an increase of 11% over the preceding year, and with turnover in excess of €34.333 billion. The bank is growing strongly and its turnover now exceeds €39 billion.