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Q2 2026 Result Note – Beat

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Note date	Assessment	Rating	Target price	Target price date	Last close	Difference
29/07/2026	Beat	BUY	ISK 291	24/11/2025	ISK 195,5	+49%

Bottom Line

Q2 net earnings of ISKm 8.050 came 5,9% above AKKUR (ISKm 7.605) but 2,8% below consensus (ISKm 8.285). The beat vs AKKUR is NII-led: NII of ISKm 15.219 came 4,1% above estimate and rose 7,2% YoY on 11,4% growth in customer lending, with NIM flat YoY at 3,50%, while impairments of ISKm 679 (19bp annualised) came well below the ISKm 1.190 modelled. Against that, opex rose 10,9% YoY (cost/core 40,4% vs 36,6%) and NFI was negative ISKm 68 on unlisted equity revaluations - the lines that put the print below consensus. Core PBT of ISKm 12.432 came 3,3% above AKKUR. CET1 of 17,7% is inside the 150-250bp management buffer for the first time as REA rose 4,2% QoQ on loan growth. **Thesis intact; rating and target price unchanged.**

Q2 2026 Results — Actual vs. AKKUR Estimate vs. Consensus

Key Figures ISKm	Actual Q2 26	AKKUR Q2 26	Variance ISKm	Variance %	Consensus Q2 26	vs. Consensus	Actual Q2 25	YoY %
Net Interest Income (1)	15.219	14.625	+594	+4,1%	15.016	+1,4%	14.200	+7,2%
NIM	3,50%	3,40%		+10 bps	3,49%	+1 bps	3,50%	0 bps
Net F&C Income (2)	3.987	3.992	-5	-0,1%	4.127	-3,4%	4.553	-12,4%
Net Insurance Results (3)	655	554	+101	+18,2%	763	-14,2%	1.066	-38,6%
Net Financial Income	-68	394	-462	n.m.	316	n.m.	179	n.m.
Total Operating Income	19.944	19.665	+279	+1,4%	20.381	-2,1%	21.322	-6,5%
Operating Expenses (4)	-7.429	-7.140	-289	+4,0%	-7.199	+3,2%	-6.697	+10,9%
Net Impairments	-679	-1.190	+511	-42,9%	-946	-28,2%	147	n.m.
Profit Before Tax	11.254	10.779	+475	+4,4%	11.687	-3,7%	14.251	-21,0%
Net Income	8.050	7.605	+445	+5,8%	8.285	-2,8%	10.267	-21,6%
Core PBT (1+2+3+4)	12.432	12.031	+401	+3,3%	12.707	-2,2%	13.122	-5,3%
ROE*	15,7%	14,9%		+87 bps	16,1%	-32 bps	20,9%	-513 bps

Consensus: mean of contributing analysts (Modular Finance, via Arion IR). AKKUR contributes and is the only individually published estimate.

* AKKUR calculations

Valuation Read

Directional implication: the quarter supports the NII and asset-quality assumptions behind the ISK 291 fair value; preliminary FY26E revision is +3,9% on net earnings. Offsets - opex ~+11% YoY against the <45% cost/core target and CET1 now inside the management buffer - shift distributions from excess-capital release toward earnings-funded payouts.

Trigger for TP update: scheduled annual refresh; ad-hoc if H2 opex growth fails to decelerate, cost of risk re-normalises materially above ~20bp, or long-term NIM outlook deviates from ~3%.

Positives

- › NII ISKm 15.219, +4,1% vs AKKUR and +7,2% YoY; NIM 3,50% flat YoY - volume-led (lending +11,4% YoY)
- › Impairments ISKm 679, 19bp annualised, vs ISKm 1.190E; impairment ratio 0,90% vs 0,94% at YE25
- › Vörður result ISKm 655 vs 554E; combined ratio 87,9% vs 88,9% assumed; insurance revenue +5,8% YoY
- › EUR 300m senior preferred at MS+88bp, 8x oversubscribed; ISKbn 23,0 distributed in H1

Negatives

- › Opex ISKm 7.429, +10,9% YoY and 4,0% above AKKUR; cost/core 40,4% vs 36,6%; salaries +9,0% YoY
- › NFI ISKm -68 vs +394E on unlisted equity revaluations - the swing behind the consensus miss
- › Fees -12,4% YoY and 3,4% below consensus; H1 -13,5% YoY despite record corporate lending
- › CET1 17,7% (-80bp QoQ) now inside the management buffer; REA +4,2% - payouts turn earnings-dependent

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Capital Position – Q2 2026 vs. Q1

Metric	Q1 26	Q2 26	Change
CET1 Ratio*	18,8%	18,7%	-16 bps
Total Capital Ratio*	22,8%	22,5%	-29 bps
RWA (ISKbn)	1.041	1.085	+43,8
CET1 Target Ratio	17,4%	17,4%	0 bps
Distributable Capital (ISKbn)*	15,0	13,8	-1,1

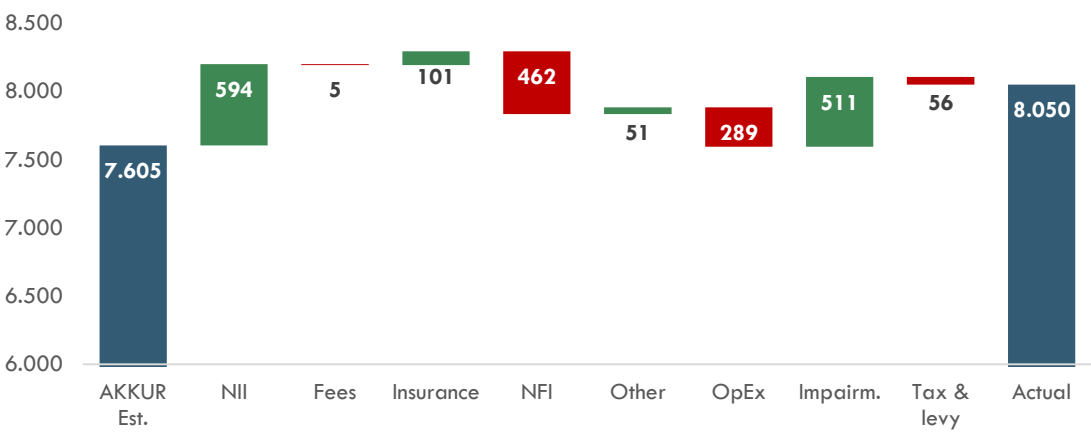
* Ratios exclude capital set aside for dividends/buybacks and distributable capital includes capital already set aside

Estimates Changes Post Earnings – Preliminary

Key Figures ISKm	AKKUR FY 2026E Prior	AKKUR FY 2026E New	Variance ISKm	Variance %
Net Interest Income (1)	57.726	59.530	+1.804	+3,1%
NIM	3,35%	3,46%		+11 bps
Net F&C Income (2)	16.019	16.060	+41	+0,3%
Net Insurance Results (3)	1.570	1.563	-7	-0,5%
Net Financial Income	1.770	1.308	-462	-26,1%
Total Operating Income	77.499	78.926	+1.427	+1,8%
Operating Expenses (4)	-30.291	-30.793	-501	+1,7%
Net Impairments	-3.997	-3.486	+511	-12,8%
Profit Before Tax	40.981	42.387	+1.406	+3,4%
Net Income	29.593	30.746	+1.152	+3,9%
Core PBT (1+2+3+4)	45.024	46.360	+1.336	+3,0%
ROE*	13,5%	14,0%		+57 bps
P/E	8,9x	8,6x		

* AKKUR calculations

Net Income Variance – AKKUR Estimates to Actual (ISKm)



To Watch on the Call

1.

NIM path & mix

Corporate-mix drag vs ">3% annually" guide; deposit beta into a possible August hike
2.

Opex trajectory

Route back toward the 36-40% cost/core range; wage review clause; IT run-rate
3.

Capital inside buffer

Growth vs distributions at CET1 17,7%; buyback beyond remaining ISKbn 2,7
4.

Impairments

Durability of 19bp CoR; drivers of Q2 charge vs Q1 ISKm 391; stage 3 at 2,5%
5.

NFI & Blikastaðir

Unlisted revaluation detail; disposal timing / size for other income