The return on income-generating assets increased due to an increase in the CPI and a change in the mix of assets, and despite stability of the interest rate gap.

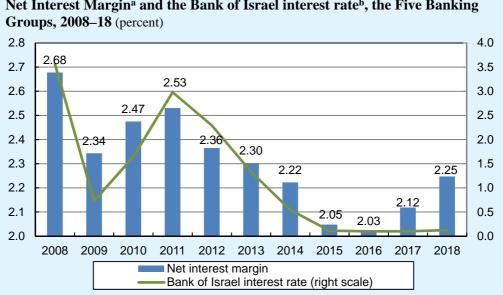


Figure 1.5 Net Interest Margin<sup>a</sup> and the Bank of Israel interest rate<sup>b</sup>, the Five Banking

<sup>a</sup> The ratio between net interest income and total monetary assets that generate financing income. <sup>b</sup> Yearly average.

SOURCE: Based on published financial statements.