

Erste Group announces that no coupons will be paid on supplementary (upper tier 2) capital and hybrid instruments

Following the buyback offer for supplementary capital (upper tier 2) instruments in October 2014, Erste Group Bank AG hereby announces that based on current information for the financial year 2014, no coupons and distributions will be paid on its remaining outstanding supplementary capital and hybrid capital instruments (the "**Instruments**").

Non-payment of coupons and distributions is in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Instruments and applicable law, and is a result of the expected lack of sufficient profits (prior to movements in reserves) in case of the supplementary capital Instruments and, in case of the hybrid capital Instruments, the lack of sufficient distributable funds, each calculated for the financial year 2014 on a single entity basis of Erste Group Bank AG in accordance with Austrian GAAP and the Austrian Banking Act.

The non-payment will apply to the following instruments:

AT0000275862
AT0000275953
AT0000298260
AT0000298286
AT000B000062
AT000B000195
AT000B000450
AT000B000518
AT000B000658
AT000B000708
AT000B001078
AT000B001466
XS0143383148
XS0303559115
XS0188305741
XS0215338152
XS0268694808