

Prospectus Supplement No. 8

Erste Group Bank AG

(Incorporated as a stock corporation in the Republic of Austria under registered number FN 33209 m)

Credit Linked Notes Programme

This supplement (the "**Supplement**") constitutes a prospectus supplement pursuant to Art 16 (1) of the Directive 2003/71/EC as amended (the "**Prospectus Directive**") and Sec 6(1) of the Austrian Capital Market Act as amended (*Kapitalmarktgesetz*, the "**KMG**") and is supplemental to, and should be read in conjunction with, the prospectus dated 18 September 2014 (the "**Original Prospectus**") and together with supplement No. 1 dated 30 September 2014, supplement No. 2 dated 29 October 2014, supplement No. 3 dated 14 November 2014, supplement No. 4 dated 29 December 2014, supplement No. 5 dated 1 April 2015, supplement No. 6 dated 22 April 2015 and supplement No. 7 dated 21 May 2015, the "**Prospectus**") relating to the Credit Linked Notes Programme (the "**Programme**") of Erste Group Bank AG (the "**Issuer**" or "**Erste Group Bank**").

The Original Prospectus has been approved on 18 September 2014 by the Austrian Financial Market Authority (*Finanzmarktaufsichtsbehörde*, the "**FMA**").

This Supplement has been filed for approval with the FMA in its capacity as competent authority under the KMG on 10 June 2015. This Supplement has been filed with the Wiener Börse, which has admitted the Programme to the "Amtlicher Handel" (Official Market) and the "Geregelter Freiverkehr" (Second Regulated Market). This Supplement has been published in electronic form on the website of the Issuer under "www.erstegroup.com/de/Capital-Markets/Prospekt/Anleihen".

The Issuer has requested the FMA to provide the competent authorities in other host Member States within the European Economic Area including the Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Romania and the Slovak Republic with a certificate of approval attesting that this Supplement has been drawn up in accordance with the Prospectus Directive and the KMG.

Terms defined in the Prospectus shall have the same meaning when used in this Supplement.

To the extent that there is any inconsistency between a) any statement in this Supplement and b) any other statement in or incorporated by reference in the Prospectus, the statements mentioned in a) above will prevail.

Save as disclosed in this Supplement, no other significant new factor, material mistake or inaccuracy relating to information in the Prospectus has arisen or been noted, as the case may be, since the publication of the Prospectus.

In accordance with Art 16 of the Prospectus Directive and Sec 6 KMG, investors who have agreed to subscribe for Notes after the occurrence of the significant new factors described in this Supplement but before the publication of this Supplement have a right to withdraw their acceptances until, and including, 12 June 2015.

This Supplement has been filed with the FMA in its capacity as competent authority under the KMG for approval. The accuracy of the information contained in this Supplement does not fall within the scope of examination by the FMA under applicable Austrian law and the Prospectus Directive. The FMA has examined this Supplement only in respect of its completeness, coherence and comprehensibility pursuant to Sec 8a para 1 of the KMG.



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No person has been authorised to give any information or to make any representation other than those contained in the Prospectus and this Supplement in connection with the issue or sale of the Notes and, if given or made, such information or representation must not be relied upon as having been authorised by the Issuer. Neither the delivery of the Prospectus and/or this Supplement nor any sale made in connection therewith shall, under any circumstances, create any implication that there has been no change in the affairs of the Issuer or the Erste Group since the date hereof or the date upon which the Prospectus has been most recently supplemented or that there has been no adverse change in the financial position of the Issuer or the Erste Group since the date hereof or the date upon which the Prospectus has been most recently supplemented or that any other information supplied in connection with the Programme is correct as of any time subsequent to the date on which it is supplied or, if different, the date indicated in the document containing the same.

The distribution of this Supplement and the offering or sale of the Notes in certain jurisdictions may be restricted by law. Persons into whose possession this Supplement comes are required by the Issuer to inform themselves about and to observe any such restriction. The Notes have not been and will not be registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "**Securities Act**"), and may include Notes in bearer form that are subject to US tax law requirements. Subject to certain exceptions, Notes may not be offered, sold or delivered within the United States or to US persons except in certain transactions permitted by US tax regulations and the Securities Act. For a description of certain restrictions on offers and sales of Notes, see "Subscription and Sale" in the Prospectus.

This Supplement does not constitute an offer of, or an invitation by or on behalf of any of the Issuer to subscribe for, or purchase, any Notes.

Neither the Prospectus, this Supplement nor any financial statements supplied in connection with the Programme or any Notes are intended to provide the basis of any credit or other evaluation and should not be considered as a recommendation by the Issuer that any recipient of the Prospectus, this Supplement or any financial statements should purchase the Notes. Each potential purchaser of Notes should determine for itself the relevance of the information contained in the Prospectus, this Supplement or any financial statements and its purchase of Notes should be based upon any such investigation as it deems necessary.

Significant new factors and/or inaccuracies (as referred to in Art 16 (1) of the Prospectus Directive and Sec 6(1) of the KMG) have arisen which in the Issuer's perception are capable of affecting the assessment of the Notes, and are thus herewith included in the Prospectus as follows:

1. AMENDMENTS TO THE SECTION ENTITLED "1. SUMMARY OF THE PROGRAMME" COMMENCING ON PAGE 11 OF THE ORIGINAL PROSPECTUS

- 1.1 In the element B.17 "Credit ratings assigned to an issuer or its debt securities at the request or with the cooperation of the issuer in the rating process:" on page 15 of the Original Prospectus, in the right column the sentence after the first paragraph is replaced by the following sentence and the table after the sentence "Standard & Poors assigned the following ratings:" is replaced by the following table:**

"Credit ratings assigned to the Issuer as of 10 June 2015:"

"Debt Type	Rating	Outlook
Senior Unsecured Long-Term	BBB+	Negative
Senior Unsecured Short-Term	A-2	-
Subordinated	BB+	-"

2. AMENDMENTS TO THE SECTION ENTITLED "2. RISK FACTORS" COMMENCING ON PAGE 35 OF THE ORIGINAL PROSPECTUS

- 2.1 In the risk factor entitled "Rating agencies may suspend, downgrade or withdraw a rating of Erste Group Bank or of a country where Erste Group is active, and such action might negatively affect the refinancing conditions for Erste Group Bank, in particular its access to debt capital markets." on page 40 of the Original Prospectus the last sentence of the first paragraph is replaced by the following sentence:**

"Erste Group Bank's long-term credit ratings are: Standard & Poors, BBB+ (outlook: negative); Moody's, Baa2 (outlook Rating under Review (for possible upgrade)); and Fitch, BBB+ (outlook stable)."

3. AMENDMENTS TO THE SECTION ENTITLED "6. ERSTE GROUP BANK AG" COMMENCING ON PAGE 358 OF THE ORIGINAL PROSPECTUS

- 3.1 In the subsection entitled "6.6 CREDIT RATINGS", commencing on page 373 of the Original Prospectus, the content after the sentence "Standard & Poors assigned the following ratings:" until the sentence "Moody's assigned the following ratings:" (excluding) is replaced by the following:**

"Debt Type	Rating	Outlook
Senior Unsecured Long-Term	BBB+	Negative
Senior Unsecured Short-Term	A-2	-

Subordinated

BB+

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According to the Ratings Definitions as published by Standard & Poors (www.standardandpoors.com) as of the date of this Prospectus, the above ratings have the following meanings:

'BB' — An obligor rated 'BB' is less vulnerable in the near term than other lower-rated obligors. However, it faces major ongoing uncertainties and exposure to adverse business, financial, or economic conditions which could lead to the obligor's inadequate capacity to meet its financial commitments.

'BBB' — An obligor rated 'BBB' has adequate capacity to meet its financial commitments. However, adverse economic conditions or changing circumstances are more likely to lead to a weakened capacity of the obligor to meet its financial commitments.

Note: The ratings from 'AA' to 'CCC' may be modified by the addition of a plus (+) or minus (-) sign to show relative standing within the major rating categories.

'A-2' — An obligor rated 'A-2' has satisfactory capacity to meet its financial commitments. However, it is somewhat more susceptible to the adverse effects of changes in circumstances and economic conditions than obligors in the highest rating category.

'Negative Outlook' — A Standard & Poors rating outlook assesses the potential direction of a long-term credit rating over the intermediate term (typically six months to two years). In determining a rating outlook, consideration is given to any changes in the economic and/or fundamental business conditions. An outlook is not necessarily a precursor of a rating change or future CreditWatch action. Negative means that a rating may be lowered."

4. **AMENDMENTS TO THE SECTION ENTITLED "GERMAN TRANSLATIONS" COMMENCING ON PAGE 416 OF THE ORIGINAL PROSPECTUS**

The following translation of selected sections of the original summary and the risk factors of the Prospectus has not been approved by the FMA. Further, the FMA did not review its consistency with the original text of the Prospectus.

Die folgende Übersetzung von ausgewählten Abschnitten der originalen Zusammenfassung und der Risikofaktoren des Prospekts wurde nicht von der FMA gebilligt. Auch die Übereinstimmung mit dem originalen Text des Prospekts wurde nicht von der FMA geprüft.

- 4.1 **Im Element B.17 "Die Ratings, die im Auftrag des Emittenten oder in Zusammenarbeit mit ihm beim Ratingverfahren für den Emittenten oder seine Schuldtitel erstellt wurden", das auf Seite 420 des Original Prospekts beginnt, wird in der rechten Spalte der Satz nach dem ersten Absatz durch folgenden Satz und die Tabelle nach dem Satz "Standard & Poors erteilte folgende Ratings:" durch folgende Tabelle ersetzt:**

"Der Emittentin wurden zum 10. Juni 2015 folgende Ratings zugewiesen:"

"Art der Schulden	Rating	Ausblick
Senior Ungesicherte Langfristige Einlagen	BBB+	Negativ
Senior Ungesicherte Kurzfristige Einlagen	A-2	-
Nachrangig	BB+	-"

- 4.2 Im Risikofaktor mit dem Titel "Ratingagenturen können ein Rating der Erste Group Bank oder eines Landes, in dem die Erste Group tätig ist, aussetzen, herabstufen oder zurückziehen, was sich negativ auf die Refinanzierungsbedingungen der Erste Group Bank, insbesondere auf den Zugang zu den Fremdkapitalmärkten, auswirken kann." auf Seite 445 des Original Prospekt wird der letzte Satz des ersten Absatzes durch folgenden Satz ersetzt:**

"Die Ratings für langfristige Finanzverbindlichkeiten der Erste Group lauten: Standard & Poors, BBB+ (Ausblick negativ); Moody's, Baa2 (Ausblick Rating under Review (for possible upgrade)); und Fitch, BBB+ (Ausblick stabil)."

RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT OF ERSTE GROUP BANK AG

Erste Group Bank AG, with its registered office at Graben 21, A-1010 Vienna, Austria, is solely responsible for the information given in this Supplement.

The Issuer hereby declares that, having taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case, the information contained in this Supplement is, to the best of the knowledge of the Issuer, in accordance with the facts and contains no omission likely to affect its import.

Vienna, 10 June 2015

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