# Issue specific summary

# 1<sup>st</sup> Section - Introduction, containing warnings

# Warnings

This summary (the "**Summary**") should be read as an introduction to the base prospectus consisting of separate documents dated 9 April 2021 (the "**Prospectus**") in relation to the Debt Issuance Programme (the "**Programme**") of Erste Group Bank AG (the "**Issuer**"). Any decision to invest in the notes (the "**Notes**") should be based on a consideration of the Prospectus as a whole by the investors, i.e. the securities note relating to the Programme dated 9 April 2021 as supplemented, the registration document of the Issuer dated 28 October 2020 as supplemented (the "**Registration Document**") or any successor registration document, any information incorporated by reference into both of these documents, any supplements thereto and the final terms (the "**Final Terms**"). Investors should note that they could lose all or part of their invested capital.

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You are about to purchase a product that is not simple and may be difficult to understand.

Introduction					
Name and securities identification number	2,25% Erste Senior Note 22-25 USD ISIN: AT0000A2WUZ5				
Issuer	Erste Group Bank AG				
	LEI: PQOH26KWDF7CG10L6792				
	Contact details: Am Belvedere 1, A-1100 Vienna, Tel.: +43-50100-0				
Competent authority	Austrian Financial Market Authority (Finanzmarktaufsichtsbehörde - FMA), Ott Wagner-Platz 5, A-1090 Vienna, Tel.: (+43-1) 249 59 0				
Date of approval of the	Final Terms dated 25 March 2022				
Prospectus	Securities note dated 9 April 2021				
	Registration Document dated 28 October 2020				
2 <sup>nd</sup> Section - Key information on the Issuer					

# Who is the Issuer of the Notes?

# Domicile, legal form, law of operation and country of incorporation

The Issuer is registered as a joint-stock corporation (*Aktiengesellschaft*) in the Austrian companies register (*Firmenbuch*) at the Vienna commercial court (*Handelsgericht Wien*) and has the registration number FN 33209 m. The Issuer's registered office is in Vienna, Republic of Austria. It operates under Austrian law.

# Principal activities

The Issuer and its subsidiaries and participations taken as a whole (the "**Erste Group**") offer their customers a broad range of services that, depending on the particular market, includes deposit and current account products, mortgage and consumer finance, investment and working capital finance, private banking, investment banking, asset management, project finance, international trade finance, trading, leasing and factoring.

#### Major shareholders

As of the date of the Registration Document, 31.30% of the shares in the Issuer were attributable to DIE ERSTE österreichische Spar-Casse Privatstiftung (**"ERSTE Stiftung"**). This comprises an 11.41% economic interest of ERSTE Stiftung (including Erste Mitarbeiterbeteiligung Privatstiftung) as well as shares attributable to ERSTE Stiftung through syndicate agreements concluded with CaixaBank, S.A., the Austrian savings banks and other parties (i.e. the Sparkassenstiftungen and Anteilsverwaltungssparkassen, and Wiener Städtische Wechselseitiger Versicherungsverein – Vermögensverwaltung – Vienna Insurance Group), which held 9.92%, 6.89% and 3.08%, respectively. The free float amounts to 68.70% (of which 48.45% were held by institutional investors, 4.00% by Austrian retail investors, 4.24% by BlackRock Inc., 9.25% by unidentified international institutional and private investors, 2.02% by identified trading (including market makers, prime brokerage, proprietary trading, collateral and stock lending) and 0.74% by Erste Group's employees) (all numbers are rounded).

# Identity of key managing directors

- The members of the Issuer's management board as of the date of the Final Terms are:
- Bernhard Spalt
- Maurizio Poletto
- Ingo Bleier
- Stefan Dörfler
- Alexandra Habeler-Drabek
- David O'Mahony

Identity of statutory auditors

Sparkassen-Prüfungsverband Prüfungsstelle (statutory auditor, two current directors of which are members of "Kammer der Steuerberater und Wirtschaftsprüfer") at Am Belvedere 1, A-1100 Vienna, and PwC Wirtschaftsprüfung GmbH (a member of "Kammer der Steuerberater und Wirtschaftsprüfer") at DC Tower 1, Donau-City-Straße 7, A-1220 Vienna.

# What is the key financial information regarding the Issuer?

Income statement (in EUR million (rounded))						
	31 December 2020	31 December 2019	30 September 2021	30 September 2020		
	audited	audited	unaudited	unaudited		
Net interest income	4,774.8	4,746.9	3,669.5	3,589.3		
Net fee and commission income	1,976.8	2,000.1	1,690.4	1,448.3		
Impairment result from financial instruments	-1,294.8	-39.2	-51.6	-870.1		
Net trading result	137.6	318.3	67.5	9.0		
Operating result	2,934.6	2,972.7	2,594.0	2,162.7		
Net result attributable to owners of the parent	783.1	1,470.1	1,451.4	637.1		

# Balance sheet (in EUR million (rounded))

	31 December 2020 audited	31 December 2019 audited	30 September 2021 unaudited	Value as outcome from the most recent Supervisory Review and Evaluation Process (SREP)
Total assets	277,394	245,693	309,240	-
Senior debt (in issue)*	24,587	23,888	27,212	-
Subordinated debt (in issue)**	6,090	6,483	6,293	-
Loans and advances to customer	166,050	160,270	175,929	-
Deposits from customers***	191,070	173,846	207,506	-
Total equity	22,410	20,477	23,954	
Non-performing loans (based on net carrying amount / loans and receivables)	2.7%	2.5%	2.4%	
Common Equity Tier 1 capital (CET 1) ratio	14.2%	13.7%	14.2%	10.2% (minimum requirement as of 30 September 2021)
Total Capital Ratio	19.7%	18.5%	18.6%	14.4% (minimum requiremen as of 30 September 2021
Leverage Ratio	6.7%	6.8%	6.2%	3.0% (minimum requirement pursuan to CRR applicable since 2021

\*) including covered bonds \*\*) including non-preferred senior notes \*\*\*) lease liabilities only in 2019 included

# What are the key risks that are specific to the Issuer?

- Erste Group may in the future continue to experience deterioration in credit quality, particularly as a result of financial crises or economic downturns.
- Erste Group may experience severe economic disruptions, as those for instance are induced by the worldwide corona virus (COVID-19) pandemic, which may have significant negative effects on Erste Group and its clients.
- Erste Group's business entails several forms of operational risks.
  - Erste Group is subject to the risk that liquidity may not be readily available.

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Section - Key information about the Securities

# What are the main features of the Securities?

# Type, class and ISIN

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The Notes bear a fixed interest income throughout the entire term.

The Notes are debt instruments issued in bearer form and represented by a global note. Form and content of the Notes as well as all rights and obligations from matters under the Notes are determined in every respect by the laws of Austria.

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# Currency, Principal Amount (denomination), number of Notes issued and term of the Notes

The Notes are denominated in United States Dollar (USD) with a princial amount per Note of USD 1,000 (the "**Specified Denomination**") and an aggregate principal amount of up to USD 50,000,000. The Notes have a fixed term which ends at the latest on 04.04.2025 (the "**Maturity Date**"), subject to any early redemption rights or repurchase and cancellation by the Issuer.

# Rights attached to the Notes

# Interest Payments under the Notes

The Notes shall bear interest on their outstanding aggregate principal amount at the rate of 2.25 per cent. *per annum* from, and including, the Interest Commencement Date (as defined below) to, but excluding, the Maturity Date.

The "Interest Commencement Date" of the Notes is 04.04.2022.

Interest payment dates: on each 04.04.

# Redemption of the Notes on the Maturity Date

Unless previously redeemed in whole or in part or repurchased and cancelled, and subject to adjustment, the Notes shall be redeemed at their Final Redemption Amount on the Maturity Date. The "**Final Redemption Amount**" in respect of each Note shall be the product of the Redemption Price and the Specified Denomination. The "**Redemption Price**" is 100 per cent.

# Early redemption of the Notes

# Early Redemption for Regulatory Reasons

The Notes (all but not some only) may be redeemed upon giving notice of redemption to the Holders (which notice shall be irrevocable) within the specified notice period at their principal amount together with accrued interest, if any, to but excluding the date fixed for redemption on the date fixed for redemption if, as a result of any change in, or amendment to, the directives, laws and regulations applicable in the European Union or the Republic of Austria or their interpretation, the Notes do no longer comply with the minimum requirements for own funds and eligible liabilities (MREL) (the "**MREL Requirement**") which are or, as the case may be, will be, applicable to the Issuer and/or the Issuer's MREL Group in accordance with (i) Article 45 of the BRRD (as defined below), as amended, and any applicable national law, as amended, implementing the BRRD; or (ii) Article 12 of the Regulation (EU) No. 806/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 July 2014, as amended.

**"BRRD"** means the Directive 2014/59/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014 establishing a framework for the recovery and resolution of credit institutions and investment firms (Bank Recovery and Resolution Directive), as implemented in the Republic of Austria and as amended or replaced from time to time, and any references to any relevant Articles of the BRRD include references to any applicable provisions of law amending or replacing such Articles from time to time.

"Issuer's MREL Group" means the Issuer and its subsidiaries which have to comply with the MREL Requirement on a group basis.

Any such early redemption shall only be possible if the conditions to redemption and repurchase are met.

# Early Redemption for Reasons of Taxation

The Notes (all but not some only) may be redeemed upon giving notice of redemption to the Holders (which notice shall be irrevocable) within the specified notice period at their principal amount together with accrued interest, if any, to but excluding the date fixed for redemption on the date fixed for redemption, if on the next succeeding interest payment

date, the Issuer will become obliged to pay additional amounts as a result of any change in, or amendment to, the laws or regulations of the Republic of Austria or of any political subdivision or taxing authority thereof or therein, or as a result of any change in, or amendment to, an official interpretation or application of such laws or regulations.

Any such early redemption shall only be possible if the conditions to redemption and repurchase are met.

No Early Redemption at the Option of a Holder

The Holders do not have a right to demand the early redemption of the Notes.

#### No Set-off/Netting, No Security/Guarantee and No Enhancement of Seniority

The Notes are not subject to any set off arrangements or netting rights that would undermine their capacity to absorb losses in resolution.

The Notes are neither secured, nor subject to any guarantee or any other arrangement that enhances the seniority of the claims under the Notes.

### Meeting of Holders, Modifications and Waiver

Holders may agree with the Issuer on amendments of the terms and conditions of the Notes with regard to specified matters by resolution with the specified majority. Majority resolutions of the Holders shall be binding on all Holders alike. A majority resolution of the Holders which does not provide for identical conditions for all Holders is void, unless Holders who are disadvantaged have expressly consented to their being treated disadvantageously.

The Holders may by majority resolution appoint a joint representative (the "**Joint Representative**") to exercise the Holders' rights on behalf of each Holder. The duties, rights and functions of the Joint Representative are determined by the terms and conditions of the Notes

# Non-Payment and Insolvency

In case of non-payment or insolvency each Holder shall be entitled to inform the Austrian Financial Market Authority of the occurrence of such event and propose that the Austrian Financial Market Authority applies to the competent court in Vienna for the commencement of bankruptcy proceedings against the assets of the Issuer. Each Holder shall be entitled, if bankruptcy proceedings are commenced against assets of the Issuer, to file an application in such court demanding payment of all principal amounts due under the Notes together with accrued interest and any additional amount.

# Relative seniority of the Notes

The Notes constitute direct, unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of the Issuer. In the event of insolvency proceedings (Konkursverfahren) or the liquidation of the Issuer, the obligations of the Issuer under the Notes:

(a) rank *pari passu* (i) among themselves and (ii) (subject to any applicable statutory exceptions and without prejudice to the aforesaid) with all other present or future unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of the Issuer which rank or are expressed to rank *pari passu* with the Issuer's obligations under the Notes;

(b) rank senior to all present or future obligations under (i) Non-Preferred Senior Instruments and any obligations of the Issuer that rank *pari passu* with Non-Preferred Senior Instruments and (ii) all subordinated obligations of the Issuer; and

(c) will be fully subordinated to the Issuer's Senior Ranking Obligations, so that in any such event no amounts will be payable in respect of the Notes until the Issuer's Senior Ranking Obligations have been satisfied in full.

#### Where:

"**BaSAG**" means the Austrian Recovery and Resolution Act (*Sanierungs- und Abwicklungsgesetz*), as amended or replaced from time to time, and any references to any relevant provisions of the BaSAG include references to any applicable provisions of law amending or replacing such provisions from time to time.

"Issuer's Senior Ranking Obligations" means all obligations of the Issuer which pursuant to mandatory provisions of law, rank or are expressed to rank senior to the obligations of the Issuer under the Notes.

"**Non-Preferred Senior Instruments**" means any obligations of the Issuer which fall or are expressed to fall within the category of obligations described in § 131(3) no. 1 to no. 3 BaSAG implementing Article 108(2) BRRD and any other obligations of the Issuer which, to the extent permitted by Austrian law, rank or are expressed to rank pari passu with the Non-Preferred Senior Instruments of the Issuer.

#### **Restrictions on transferability**

The Notes are freely transferable in accordance with applicable law and the applicable rules of the relevant clearing system.

# Where will the Notes be traded?

# Application for admission to trading on a regulated market or for trading on an MTF

Application will be made for the Notes to be included in the open market of the Stuttgart Stock Exchange (Baden-Württembergische Wertpapierbörse).

### What are the key risks that are specific to the Notes?

Risk factors relating to the structure of the interest rate of the Notes

 Holders are exposed to the risk that the market price of the Notes falls as a result of changes in the market interest rate.

# Risk factor relating to certain provisions of the Terms and Conditions of the Notes

In the event that the Notes are redeemed prior to their maturity, a Holder of the Notes may be exposed to the risk
that his investment will have a lower than expected yield

# **Risk factors relating to preferred Senior Notes**

- Holders of the preferred Senior Notes are exposed to the risk of statutory loss absorption.
- In case of an insolvency of the Issuer, deposits and certain other claims have a higher ranking than claims of Holders under the Notes.
- The Notes may be redeemed by the Issuer prior to maturity for regulatory or tax reasons.

# Risk factors relating to tax and legal matters

• The Notes are governed by Austrian law, and changes in applicable laws, regulations or regulatory policies may have an adverse effect on the Issuer, the Notes and the Holders.

# Risk factors relating to the pricing of, costs associated with, market in and settlement of the Notes

- Holders are exposed to the risk of partial or total inability of the Issuer to make interest and/or redemption
  payments under the Notes.
- Holders assume the risk that the credit spread of the Issuer widens resulting in a decrease in the market price of the Notes.
- Holders are exposed to the risk of an unfavourable development of market prices of their Notes which materialises if the Holder sells the Notes prior to the final maturity of the Notes.
- A liquid secondary market for the Notes may not develop or, if it does develop, it may not continue. In an illiquid market, a Holder may not be able to sell his Notes at fair market prices.

# **Risk factor relating to currencies**

Exchange rate risks may occur, if a Holder's financial activities are denominated in a currency or currency unit other than the Specified Currency in which the Issuer will make principal and interest payments. Furthermore, government and monetary authorities may impose exchange controls that could adversely affect an applicable exchange rate.

4<sup>th</sup> Section – Key information on the offer of Notes to the public and/or the admission to trading on a regulated market

# Under which conditions and timetable can I invest in these Notes?

# General terms, conditions and expected timetable of the offer

Not applicable; there are no conditions to which the offer is subject.

The Notes will be offered permanently (Daueremissionen, "tap issue").

The Notes will be offered in Romania (the "Offer State(s)").

The issue date is 04.04.2022.

The Notes will be offered by the Issuer for subscription at the issue price by means of a public offering from 29.03.2022 respectively in the period from 29.03.2022 (the **"Start of Subscription Period"**) until the end of the term of the Notes or until the closing of the tap issue or until the exercise of a call option.

If the aggregate principal amount for the Notes indicated in the Final Terms has been reached prior to the end of the subscription period or offer period at any time on a business day, the Issuer will terminate the subscription period or offer period for the Notes at the relevant time on that business day without prior notice. If the Issuer has not received sufficient valid subscription applications for the Notes until the first value date of the tap issue, the Issuer reserves the right to cancel the tap issue of the Notes. The Issuer is not obliged to issue subscribed Notes.

# Estimated expenses charged to the investor

The Issuer will charge to the subscriber or purchaser costs of up to 3.00 per cent of the initial issue price at the issue date.

# Why is the Prospectus being produced?

# Use and estimated net amount of the proceeds

The issue of the Notes is part of the ordinary business activity of the Issuer and is undertaken solely for its general funding purposes and for making profit.

# Date of the underwriting agreement

There is no firm underwriting in relation to the Notes offered.

Indication of the most material conflicts of interest pertaining to the offer or the admission to trading

The Issuer may from time to time act in other capacities with regard to the Notes, such as calculation agent, which allows the Issuer to make calculations in respect of the Notes (e.g. the amount of interest to be paid) which are binding for the Holders. This fact could generate conflicts of interest and may affect the market price of the Notes.

The Issuer acts as market maker for the Notes. In the context of such market making activities, the Issuer will substantially determine the market price of the Notes. The market prices provided by the Issuer in its capacity as market maker will not always correspond to the market prices that would have formed in the absence of such market making and in a liquid market.

The Issuer may use all or some of the proceeds received from the sale of the Notes to enter into hedging transactions which may decrease or increase the market price of the Notes. These hedging transactions and structuring costs might cause a depreciation of the initial value received by the Holders.

Employees of financial institutions such as Erste Group might undertake deals on their own behalf subject to securities laws on personal transactions and market abuse as well as statutory or internal compliance standards.

Erste Group's sales employees may be motivated to sell the Notes, due to the value of incentives received by them (in case the sale is successful) subject to securities and banking laws applicable to any such incentives.

Furthermore, employees might be permitted to take part in securities offerings of Erste Group. When purchasing the Notes, the employee might receive a discount from the value of the market price.