> Retail Banking in Central Europe

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### > Where are we now?

## **Our strategy**

- » Retail bank primarily oriented towards private customers and SMEs
- » Positioning as best financial services provider differentiation through service and product quality
- » Offering a range of distribution channels and 24 hour access to EB Croatia's vast range of services.
- » Build client relationships with strong advisory role
- » Knowledge sharing and cross-selling with other EB Group companies

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## **Erste Bank Croatia after the merger**

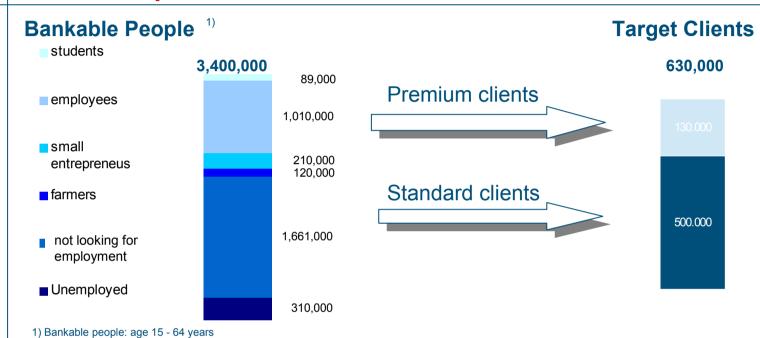
- » On 1 August 2003 Rijecka banka and Erste & Steiermarkische Bank merged into Erste Bank Croatia
- » New bank has 10% overall market share
- » Domiciled in Rijeka, head office in Zagreb.
- » The group employs roughly 1,400 people and has a customer base of about 600,000
  - » 550,000 retail and more than 30,000 corporate
- » Total assets at 30 June 2003 of HRK 15.8 billion (EUR 2.1 billion).
- » 116 branches and 200 cash dispensers
  - » mainly located in the densely populated regions of Istria and around Rijeka and Zagreb.

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## **Retail business**



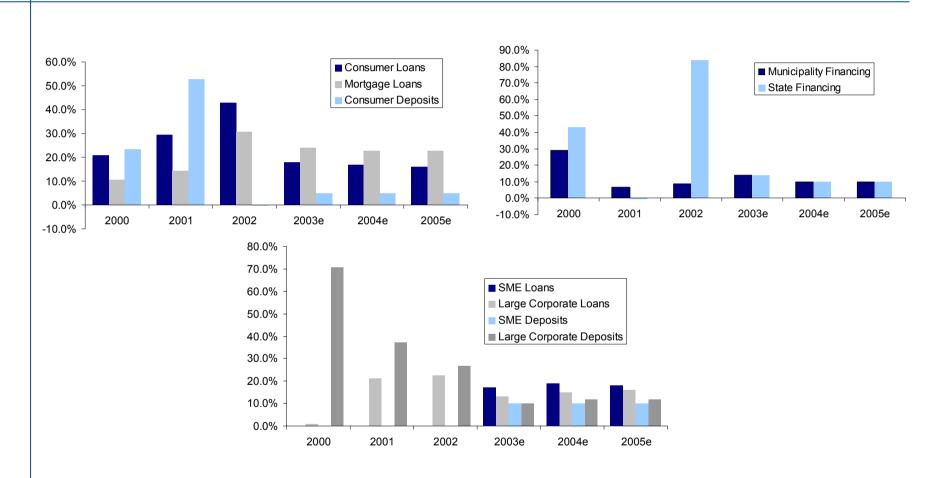
## **Customer potential in Croatia**



- » The retail customer base is segmented into standard clients and premium clients (with above-average income)
  - » Premium clients (lawyers, doctors, small entrepreneurs, etc.) are to be serviced pro-actively (relationship approach) -- this segment will be strongly targeted by EB Croatia. 15-20% of total customers should be advisory.
  - » Standard clients (employees, students) should receive standardised (prepackaged) products combined with quick and friendly service.

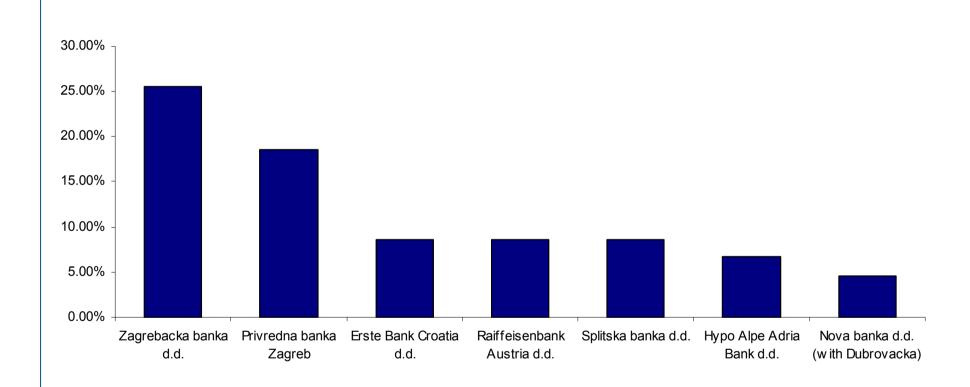
# > Croatian Banking Trends?

### **Growth rates 2000 – 2005e**



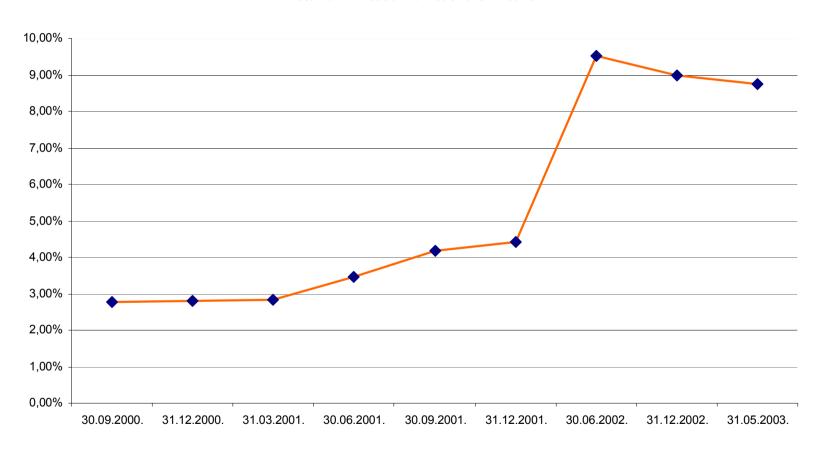
» Goal: to beat market growth rates by 2-3%

# Banks in Croatia and market shares by total assets



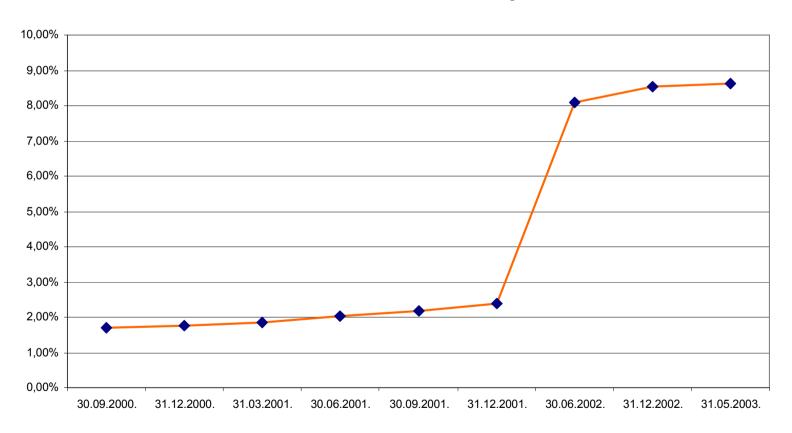
### Market share - retail loans

#### Erste Bank Croatia market share in loans



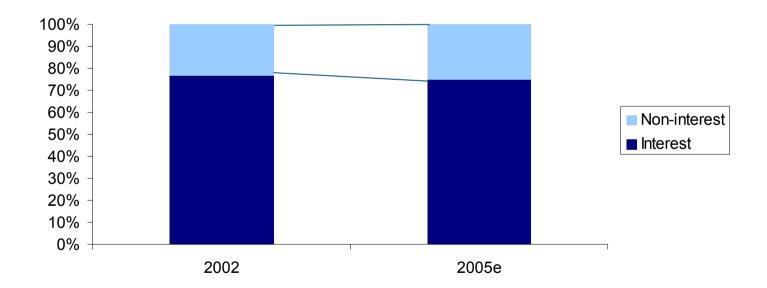
# Market share – retail deposits

#### Erste Bank Croatia market share in savings



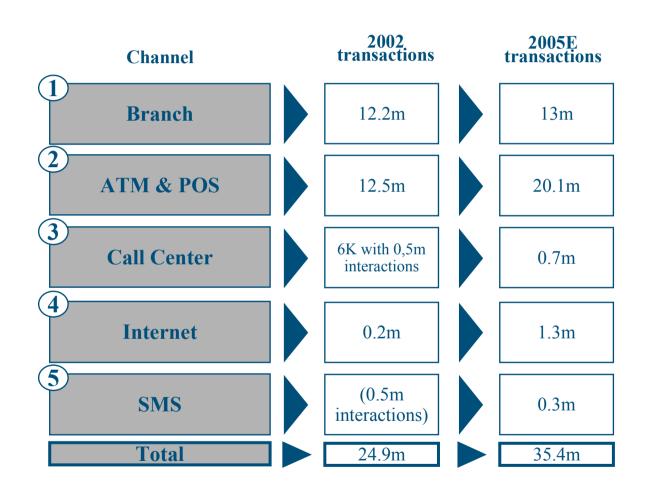
### Interest and non-interest income

- » The ratio in 2002: 77% vs 23%
- » The plan for 2005: 75% vs 25%
- » The main driver for change: direct channels



# > Where we are going?

# **Number of transactions / Channel development scenario**



### MCM focus – core areas

### » Netbanking

- » Work on increase of overall Internet penetration in our customer base
- » Increase netbanking penetration in our customer base
- » Develop and introduce new services on Internet

### » Card Business

- » Introduction of card product for savings accounts (both foreign and domestic currency)
- » Issuing more card products to one client, but retain the level of usage
- » Introduction of premium products
- » Expand the ATM and POS network

### » Call centre

- » Focus on substitution effect (emphasise convenience of phone banking)
- » Move standard payment and money transfer transactions to call center
- » Develop call centre as front-office for client information purposes