# Česká spořitelna – Firing on all cylinders

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# **Excellent operating environment**

- » Powerful economic growth
- » Political stalemate without effect
- » Buoyant banking market

## Reaping the rewards of ideal positioning

- » Key trends healthy margins and operating progress
- » Growth drivers loans and quality improvement
- » Competitive position maintained

# Outlook – positive all round

<sup>\*)</sup> All financial and market data are shown in EUR. Local currency data have been translated at the respective historic rates; the Q3/06 eop rate was applied to forecasts. Growth rates and ratios are based on local currency data.

# Economy on a sustainable, balanced growth path

### **GDP** growth tops **EU** rankings

- » GDP/capita expected to surpass EUR 10k for the first time in 2006
- » Real growth reaches highest level since start of transition in 1990
- » Disposable income grows in line with GDP
- » Slight growth slowdown expected for 2007

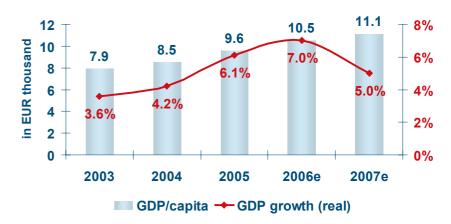
## High degree of price stability

- » CPI below 3% and expected to remain there over the next years
- » Strengthening currency lends support

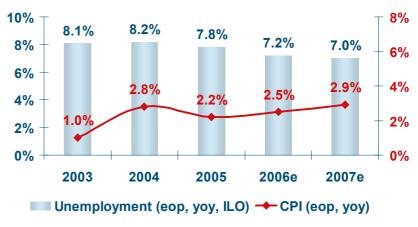
## Other parameters also positive

- » Continued strong FDI inflows easily cover negligible current account deficit
- » Unemployment on downward trajectory
- » Government finances, while deteriorating, are in better shape than in other CEE peers

#### GDP growth reaches all-time high in 2006



#### Tighter labour market does not affect inflation



Source for charts: Eurostat, Česká spořitelna

# > Economic policy remains generally unchanged

### Uncertainty about future economic policy due to post-election deadlock

- » Parliament is split down the middle: both blocks (left-wing and right-wing parties) have 100 votes each following the June 2006 general elections
- » Discussions about potential coalitions and forming new government so far ineffective
- » Possibility of early elections
- » CNB providing strong anti-inflationary policy

### Business conditions and tax policy dependent on new government

- » No noticeable effect on business conditions yet
- » Current corporate tax rate at 24%
- » Bankruptcy and Commercial Registry reforms have already been passed by Parliament

## Official Eurozone entry date is still 2010 but appears unlikely

- » CNB and current government agree that 2010 is unattainable with current state of finances
- » Estimate of Česká spořitelna is 2013

## Consumer protection movement is developing in the Czech Republic

- » Will lead to better educated clients and increased financial services penetration
- » Hinders ability to increase pricing in retail fees

# > Banking market enjoys buoyant growth

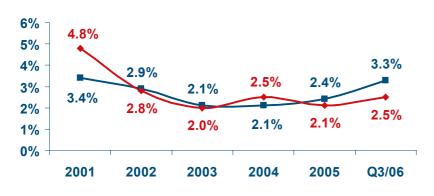
## Strong growth in all aggregates

- » Retail loans lead the way...
- » ... driven by strong mortgage demand
- » Continuation of trend expected in 2007

## Low interest rates support growth

- » Differential to Euro rates has increased over the past year (2W repo rate: 250 bps)
- » FX loans remain irrelevant in the market
- » Gradual rate hikes expected in 2006 & 2007

#### **PRIBOR vs EURIBOR**

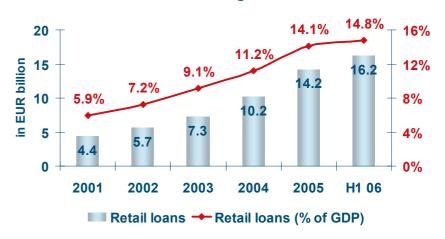


**■** EURIBOR (1m offer rate, eop) **→** PRIBOR (1m offer rate, eop)

#### Asset base of the banking market



#### Retail loan growth



Source for charts: Czech National Bank, European Central Bank

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# Healthy margins – strong operating profit growth

## **Double-digit operating profit growth**

- » Driven by rising volumes in all segments
- » Continued positive changes in asset mix (gradually improving loan/deposit ratio)
- » Above-plan fee income thanks to growing lending and asset mgmt volumes
- » Ongoing strict cost management (eg headcount reduction by 800 people in 05-06)
- » Using normalised provisioning levels

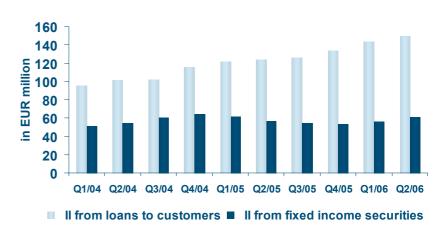
## Margins remain stable

- » Supported by strong retail lending growth
- » Loan mix towards higher-margin products

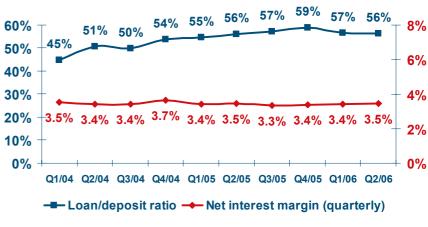
## Strong growth in funds and deposits

- » Total funds under management climbed to EUR 21.5 bn in H1 06 (or 11.1% ytd)
- » Good growth both in banking deposits and funds under management of CS subs

#### Structural improvements in interest income



#### Margins - stability all round



Source for charts: Česká spořitelna

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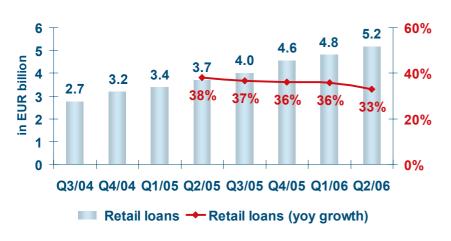
### **Double-digit annual loan growth**

- » Driven by private & commercial mortgages
- » Slowdown in large corporate loans due to significantly lower credit limit utilisation
- » Gradual repayments of loans to Czech Consolidation Agency

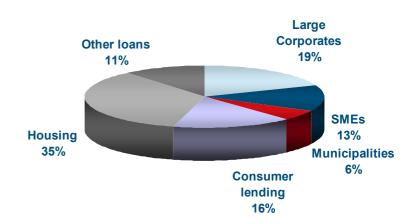
## Asset quality remains stable

» NPL ratio (NPLs to total loans) = 1.6%

#### Retail loan growth



#### Credit portfolio structure (H1 06)



#### Corporate loan growth



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### Initiative to make banking easier

- » 60 actions to enable Česká spořitelna to maintain its position as the country's most respected and dynamic bank
- » Corporate culture effort to develop more professional and more confident staff

### Seven building blocks

» Each of them comprising a number of steps targeted to improve product offering, service quality and corporate culture within 18 months

#### Investments at normal levels (06-08)

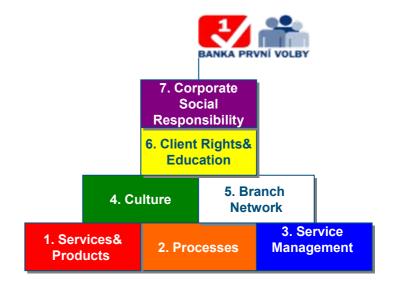
» Branch renovations
» Community grants
» Training
» IT & projects
EUR 52 – 61m
EUR 5 – 10m
EUR 10 – 17m
EUR 189 – 232m

### Positive financial impact in 2007

» Annual net profit growth 15% instead of 10%

» Revenues: 3% above normal growth

» Expenses: 1% above normal growth



GOAL		Current	Date
1m	Credit cards	350,000	4Q/08
140,000	Mortgages	74,000	4Q/08
1.3m	SERVIS 24 unique Users	1m	2Q/08
1,300	ATMs	1,078	4Q/08
6,500	SME Clients	4,900	4Q/08
250,000	Micro Business Clients	170,000	3Q/08
2.5	Cross-sell (= sell 2.1m products)	2.1	4Q/08

# > Competitive position maintained

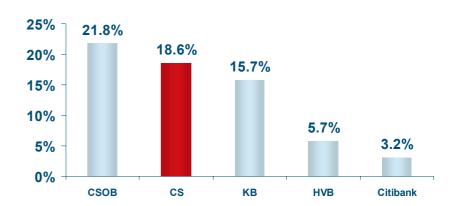
### Market position maintained

- » No. 2 by total assets (2005: No. 2)
- » No. 1 by total loans (2005: No. 1)
- » No. 2 by total deposits (2005: No. 2)
- » Gains in key growth segments, eg mortgage loan market where market share reached 35%

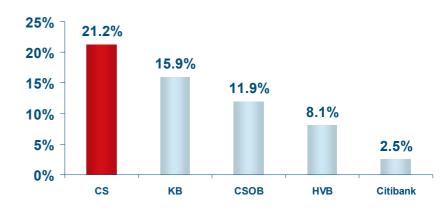
#### Market structure remains stable

- » Concentrated banking market
- » 3 dominant players, including CS
- » 37 banks in total, 28 owned by foreigners
- » Concentration continues, eg merger of Unicredit interests in CZ and Raiffeisen purchase of e-Banka
- » New entrants: Fortis, BAWAG, CALYON, etc

Top 5 by assets (H1 06)



Top 5 by total loans (H1 06)



Source for charts: Czech National Bank, local banks

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## **Strong economy continues**

- » Solid, mid-single digit GDP growth
- » Disposable income growth ahead of GDP
- » Low inflation

#### Favourable interest rate scenario

- » Slowly rising rates, not affecting demand
- » Rates remaining below Euro rates
- » 25bps hike yields CZK 300m in additional revenues

## **Targets reflect fundamentals**

- » Revenues to grow twice as fast as expenses
- » Loan/deposit ratio to reach 70% by yearend 07, from 63% - 65% at year-end 06
- » Acceleration in profit growth
- » Maintenance of 20%+ ROE
- » Further improvement of cost/income ratio

	06 outlook*	07 target*
Net profit growth	10%	15%
Return on equity	> 20%	> 20%
Cost/income ratio	< 54%	< 53%

<sup>\*)</sup> Please note: all targets relate to local, consolidated results.