

## INVESTOR INFORMATION

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### Share count of Erste Bank increased by close to 9,000 new shares

- **Employees and management of Erste Bank bought 8,933 new shares in November**
- **Share count increased from 316,280,012 to 316,288,945 shares**

Under the Management Option Programme (MSOP) launched in 2005, 8,933 shares were purchased between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> November 2007. As a result, the total number of Erste Bank shares rose from 316,280,012 to 316,288,945 shares. Shares purchased under the programme must be held for a minimum of one year.

Trading in the 20,820 new shares that have been purchased under the MSOP in August and November will start in December 2007 in Vienna and Prague.

Since the IPO in 1997 Erste Bank has continued to expand its employee share ownership, with employee shares offered yearly under the scheme since 2002, as approved by the AGM. Shares purchased under the scheme are made available by a capital increase.

Employees and management of Erste Bank currently hold around 3% of the shares in the company.

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