Erste Group investor presentation Q2 2015 results

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Erste Group continues on profitable path in Q2 15 as asset quality improves and capital ratios strengthen

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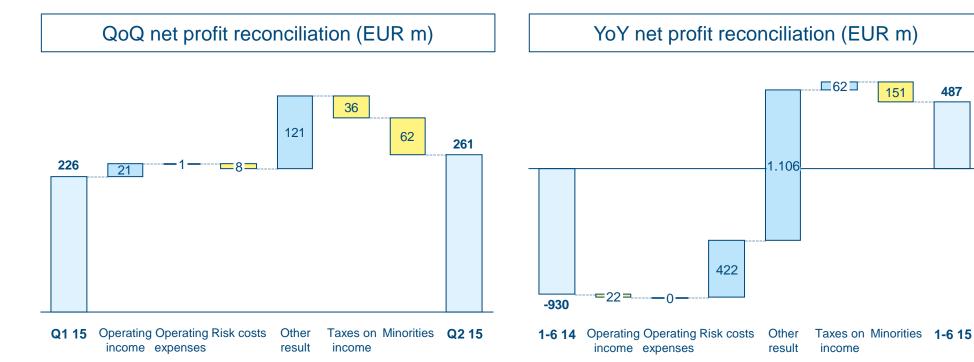
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Executive summary –

Group income statement performance



- Erste Group Q2 15 net profit equals EUR 261.4m supported by • strongly improved other result (no one-offs compared to Q1 15). slightly better operating result and despite higher minority charge
- Q2 15 risk costs stable driven by continued strong savings banks • performance with corresponding impact on minorities, solid trends in EBOe. Other Austria and Romania
- Q2 15 tax rate stable vs Q1 15 at 28.2%

 Erste Group H1 15 net profit equals EUR 487.2m; turnaround driven by strongly improved other result (no one-offs compared to H1 14), significantly lower risk costs, lower tax rate

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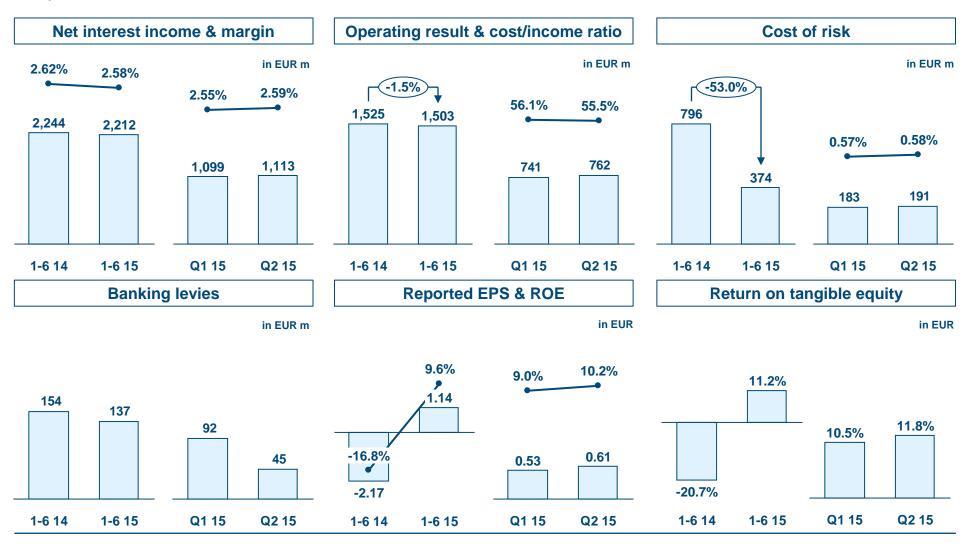
- Broadly stable operating performance, as costs remained flat, and NII pressure partly offset by higher fee income
- Historically high minority charge due to exceptional risk performance at the savings banks and turnaround in Romania



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Executive summary –

Key income statement data

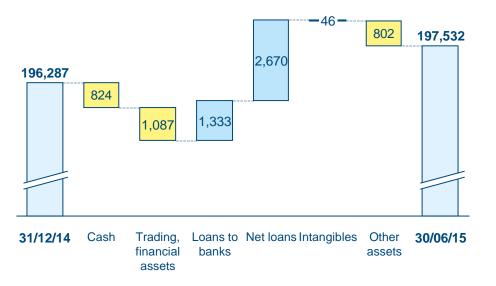




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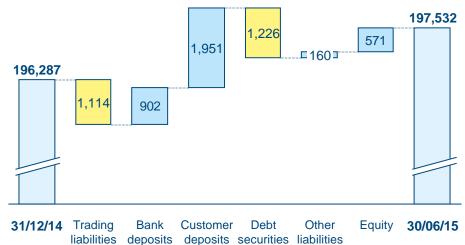
Group balance sheet performance

YTD total asset reconciliation (EUR m)



- Balance sheet total rises by 0.6% ytd, driven by net loans and interbank lending
- Net customer loans rise by 2.2% ytd, driven by retail and corporate loans as well as CHF strength (net updrift of about EUR 0.6bn)

YTD equity & total liability reconciliation (EUR m)

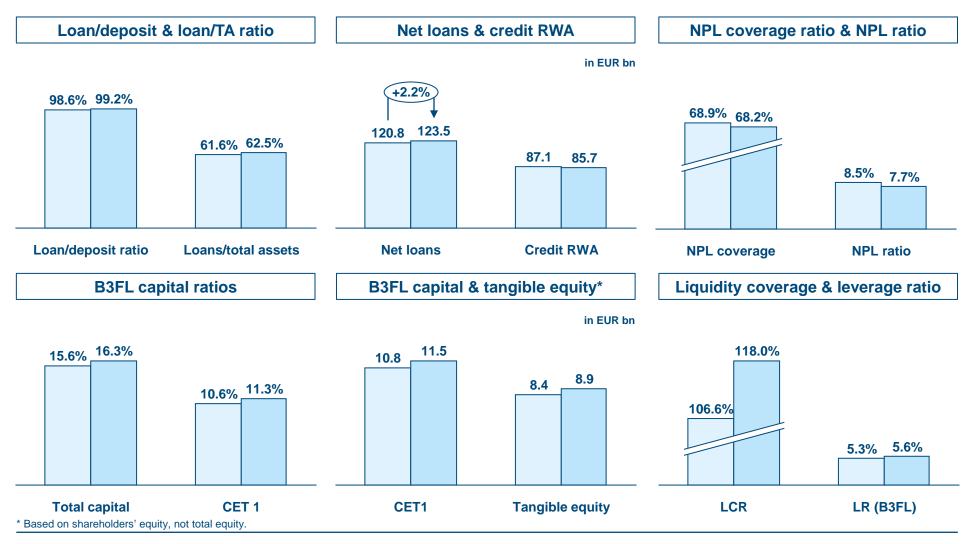


- 1.6% increase in customer deposits was main driver for expanding liabilities and supported 3.9% decline in debt securities
- Decline in trading liabilities offset by slightly higher bank deposits
- Rise in total equity mainly driven by turnaround in profitability



Executive summary – Key balance sheet data

31/12/14 30/06/15



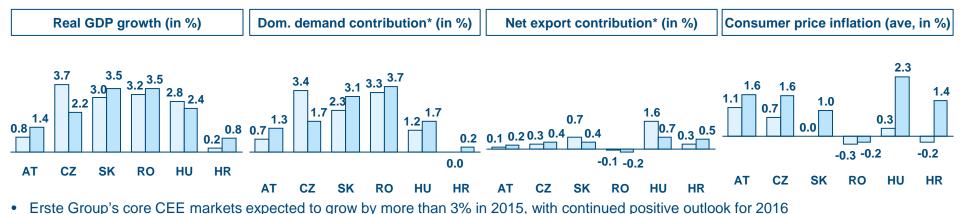


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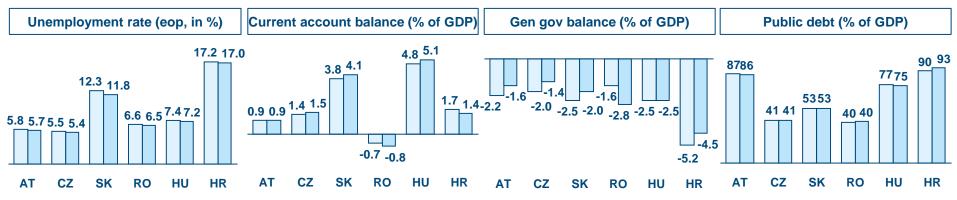


Solid domestic demand expected to drive economic growth in 2015 & 2016



Domestic demand is expected to be main driver of economic growth in 2015 and 2016

• Inflation is expected to increase from low levels as support from low commodity prices vanes; negative price development in RO due to VAT cut



Solid public finances across Erste Group's core CEE markets: almost all countries fulfill Maastricht criteria

Sustainable current account balances, supported by competitive economies with decreasing unemployment rates

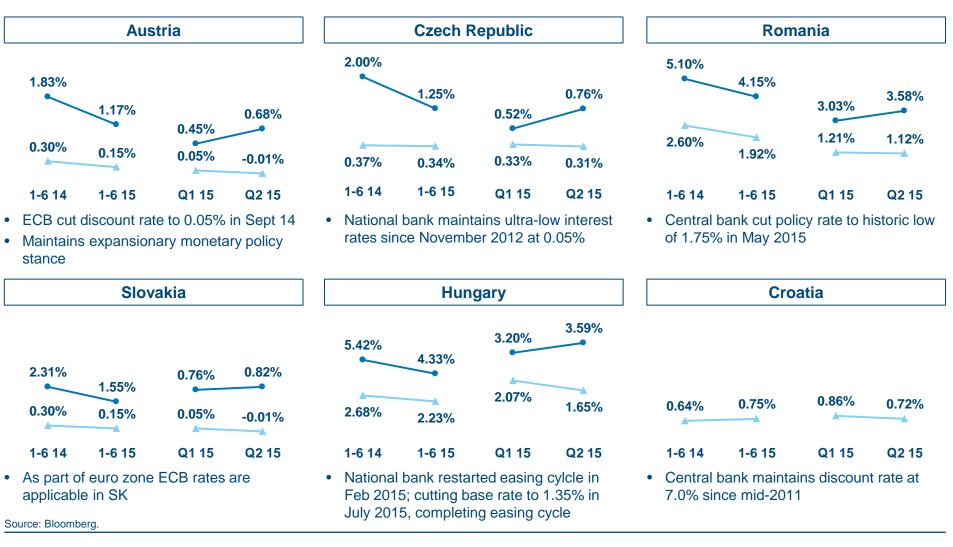
* Contribution to real GDP growth. Domestic demand contribution includes inventory change. Source: Erste Group Research.



2015

2016

Divergence between short-term and long-term rates in Q2 15



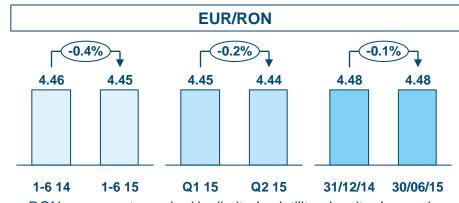


3M Interbank
 10YR GOV

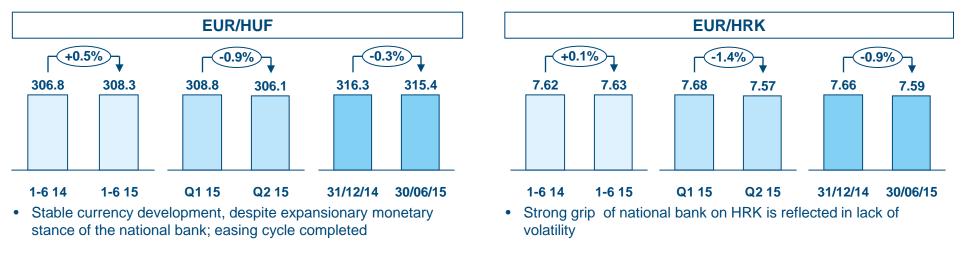
Limited currency volatility in CEE



 Czech National Bank maintains exchange rate stability; discount rate also stable at 0.05% in Q1 15



 RON movements marked by limited volatility, despite decreasing interest rates: policy rate cut to 1.75% in Q2 15



Source: Bloomberg.

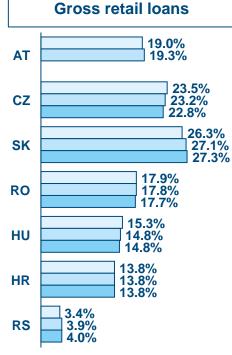




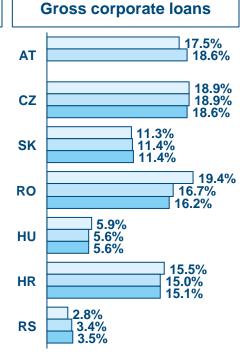


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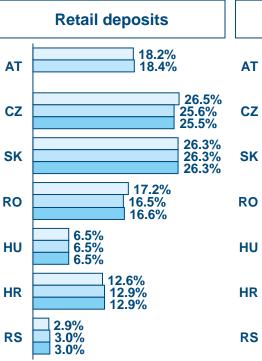
19.0%



- SK: steady market share gains in a growing market
- CZ: accelerating growth amid conservative lending approach
- RS: market share expansion driven by higher new business volumes



- RO: continued pressure on gross loan based market share due to NPL sales
- AT: solid performance following booking of new deals in Q1 15



- RO: successful qoq stabilisation
 of market share
- CZ: yoy decline in line with normal volatility, qoq stable

12.0% 11.8% 11.7% 11.8% 11.9% 13.6% 13.7% 13.4% 5.8% 6.0% 6.2% 11.4% 11.5% 11.9% 4.4% 4.9% 5.0% Stable or improving market

Corporate deposits

10.6%

shares in almost all markets; changes mainly due to normal quarterly volatility in corporate business

AT market share for 31/03/2015 not yet available



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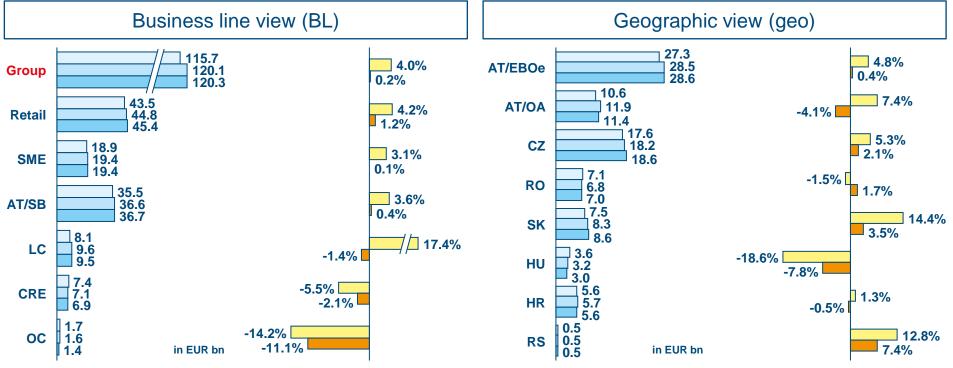
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Business performance: performing loan stock & growth -

Performing loan volume grows by 4.0% yoy, edges up qoq





- Fifth consecutive quarter with rising performing loan volume, due to qoq increases in CZ, SK and RO which more than offset declines in HU and AT/AO in line with exposure reductions
- Retail: solid qoq growth driven mainly by mortgage business and also supported by consumer loans
- CRE: continued exposure reduction qoq and yoy

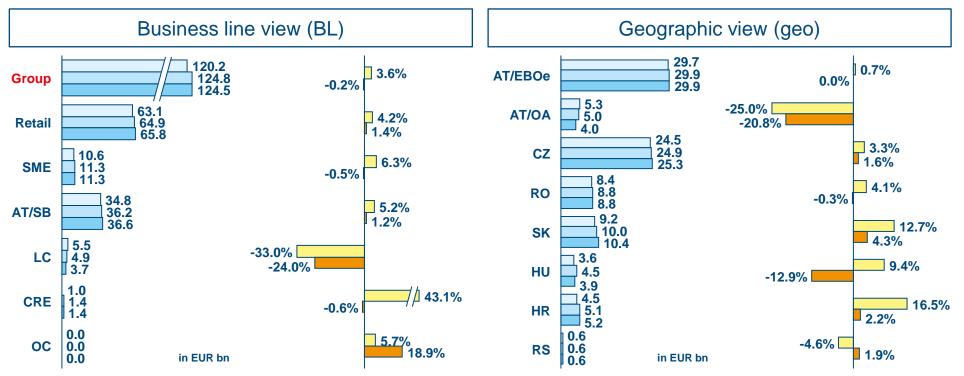
- RO: slight qoq increase in performing loans driven by Retail, mainly mortgages and consumer loans
- SK: remains growth driver based on continued Retail strength
- HU: qoq decline mainly due to 5% HUF depreciation in Q2 15



Business performance: customer deposit stock & growth -

YoY 30/06/14 QoQ 31/03/15 30/06/15

Deposits grow by 3.6% yoy, stable qoq



- Customer deposits up 3.6% yoy (stable qoq), mainly driven by retail and SME business lines as well as savings banks; well balanced yoy growth across all geographies
- LC: yoy and qoq declines due to deposit outflows in Q2 15
- SME: yoy inflows mainly driven by Czech Republic

- AT/OA: qoq and yoy driven by LC outflows in Q2 15
- SK: deposit growth broadly in line with loan growth ytd
- RO: yoy increase driven by Retail
- HU: qoq decrease driven by ouflows in CRE, LC and SME in Q2 15; yoy customer deposits still solidly up



Business performance: NII and NIM –

Q2 15 NII & NIM stable yoy and gog

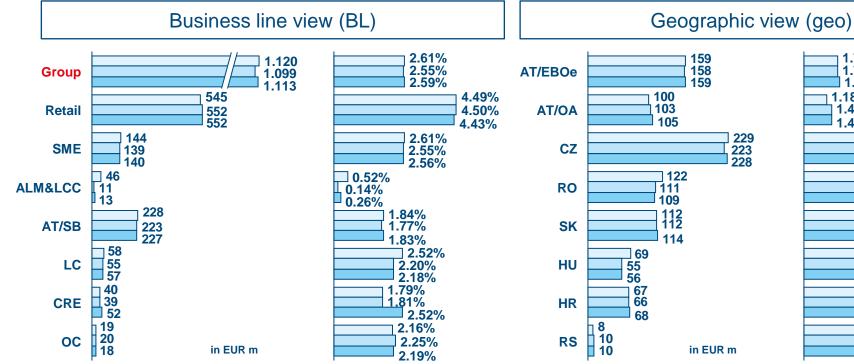


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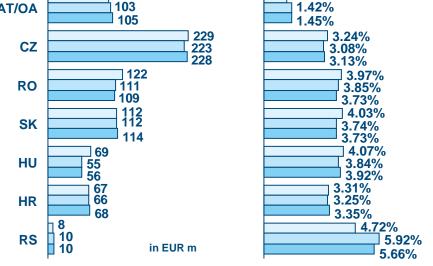
1.74%

1.18%

1.86%



- Group NII marked by stability yoy despite lower unwinding effect in RO and shrinking loan volume as a result of CHF conversion in HU, as lower refinancing costs support NII yoy and qoq
- CRE: improvements yoy and gog due to one-off income in Q2 15
- LC: lower deposit volumes support NII yoy and gog



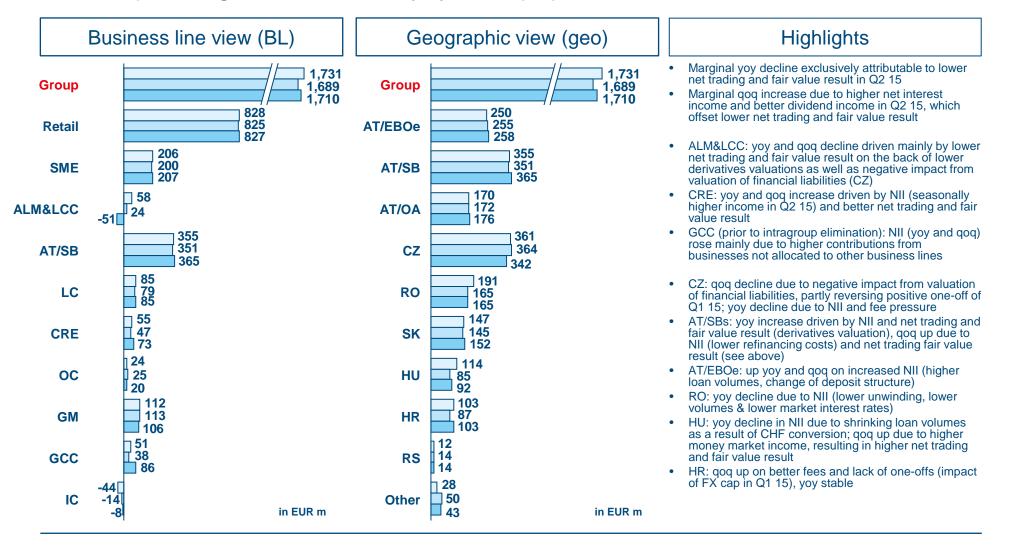
- RO: yoy decrease driven by significantly lower average loan volumes and lower unwinding impact; gog stable as no NPL sales
- AT/OA: yoy & gog improvements primarily on better performance in CRE
- HU: yoy decline driven by CHF conversion induced lower volumes



Business performance: operating income –

Q2 15 operating income stable yoy and qoq

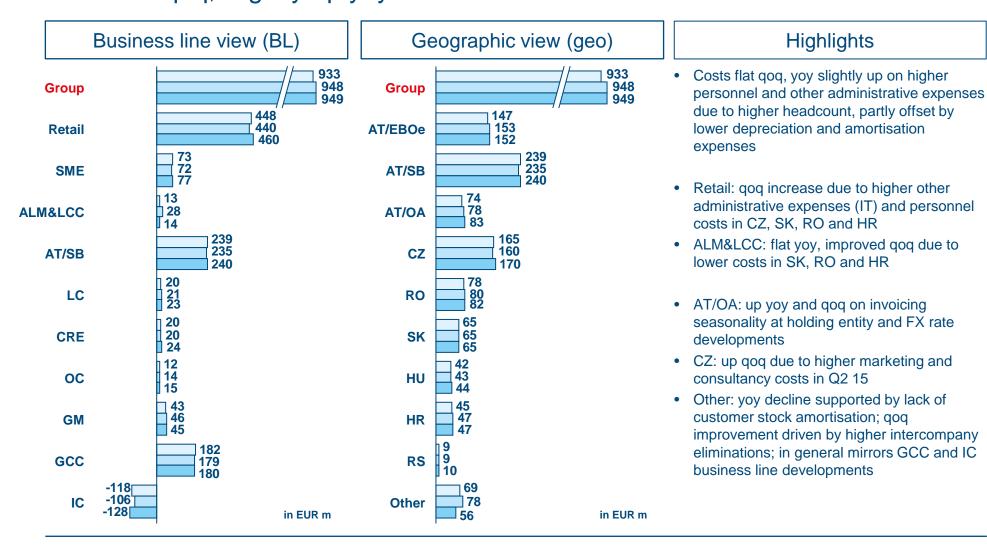






Business performance: operating expenses – Costs flat qoq, slightly up yoy

Q2 14 Q1 15 Q2 15

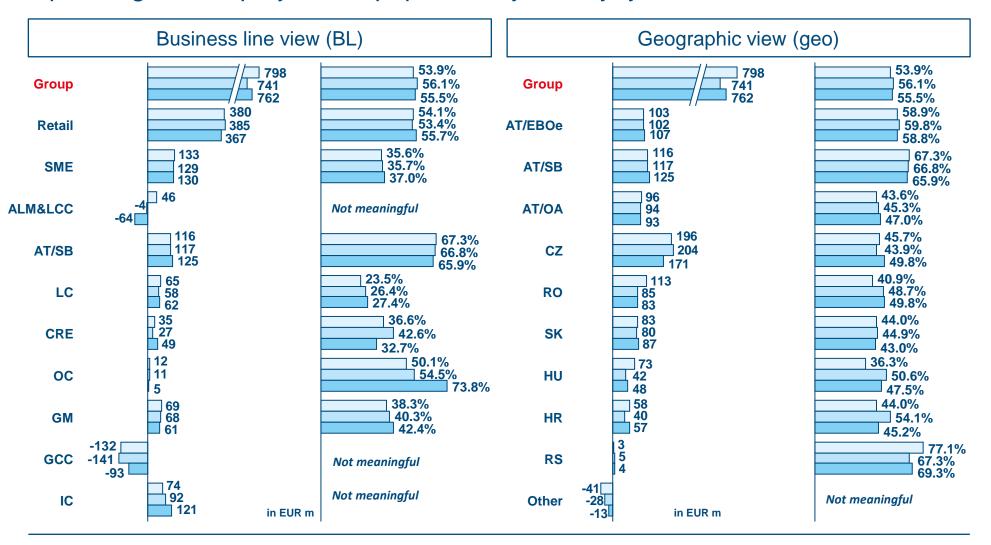




Business performance: operating result and CIR -

Operating result up by 2.8% qoq, down by 4.6% yoy



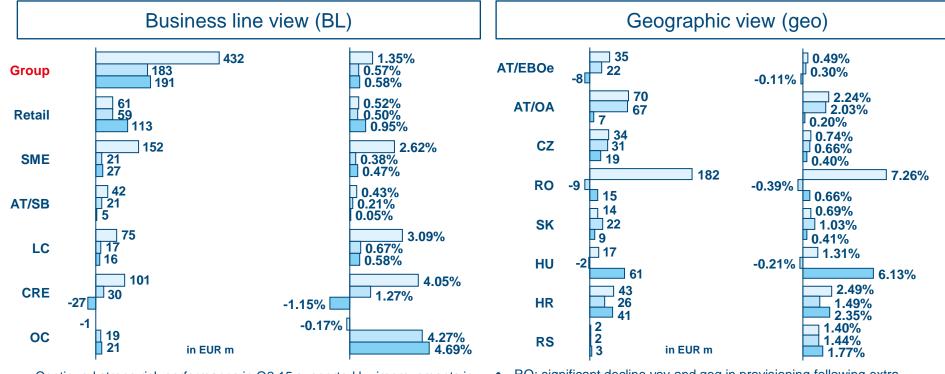




Business performance: risk costs (abs/rel*) –

Risk costs remain low in Q2 15, due to Austria and Romania





- Continued strong risk performance in Q2 15 supported by improvements in CRE and savings banks, while Retail risk costs increased qoq and yoy
- · Retail: increase entirely attributable to HU (see left)
- SME: yoy decline driven by RO, qoq increse due to HR
- LC: improvements yoy and qoq almost solely in RO
- CRE: yoy and qoq across the board improvements in holding entity CRE portfolio and at Immorent

*) Relative risk costs are defined as annualised guarterly risk costs over average gross customer loans.

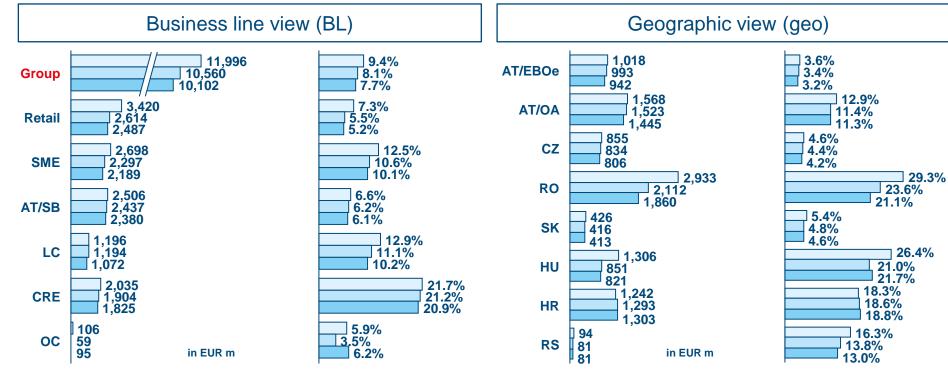
- RO: significant decline yoy and qoq in provisioning following extra provisions booked for accelerated NPL resolution in 2014
- AT/EBOe & AT/SB: across the board historically low provisioning requirements in Q2 15; no major defaults in H1 15
- AT/OA: qoq improvement driven by CRE (Immorent), yoy improvement by CRE
- HU: qoq and yoy increase due to methodological changes in Retail
- HR: stable yoy, up qoq due to higher provisions for SME clients



Business performance: non-performing loans and NPL ratio –

NPL ratio falls for the 6th consecutive quarter to 7.7%





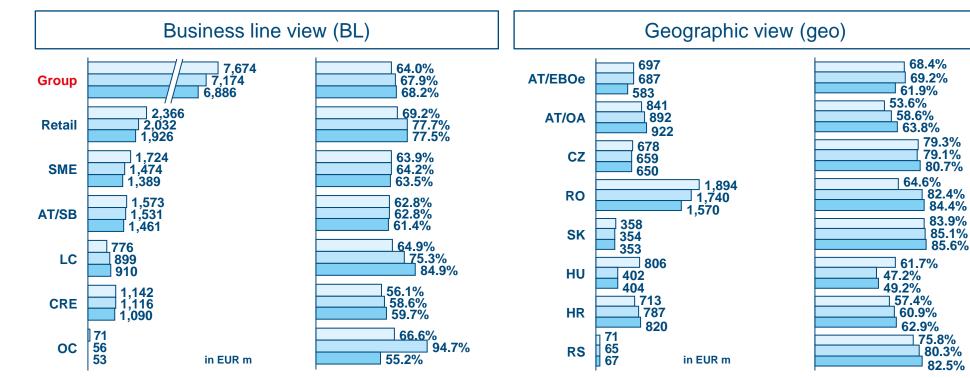
- Continued decline of group NPL volume in Q2 15 supported by all major business lines and geographic segments except Croatia
- Continued improvement in migration trends with low risk share reaching pre-crisis levels at 78.2%
- Limited NPL sales of EUR 149.9m in Q2 15 (Q1 15: EUR 61.6m)
 - Retail: EUR 51.0m (Q1 15: EUR 20.9m)
 - Corporate: EUR 98.9m (Q1 15: EUR 40.7m)
- NPL sales mainly in RO (EUR 64.6m) and HU (EUR 44.2m), minor sales in SK, CZ and AT



Business performance: allowances for loans and NPL coverage –

30/06/14 31/03/15 30/06/15

NPL coverage excluding collateral at solid 68.2%

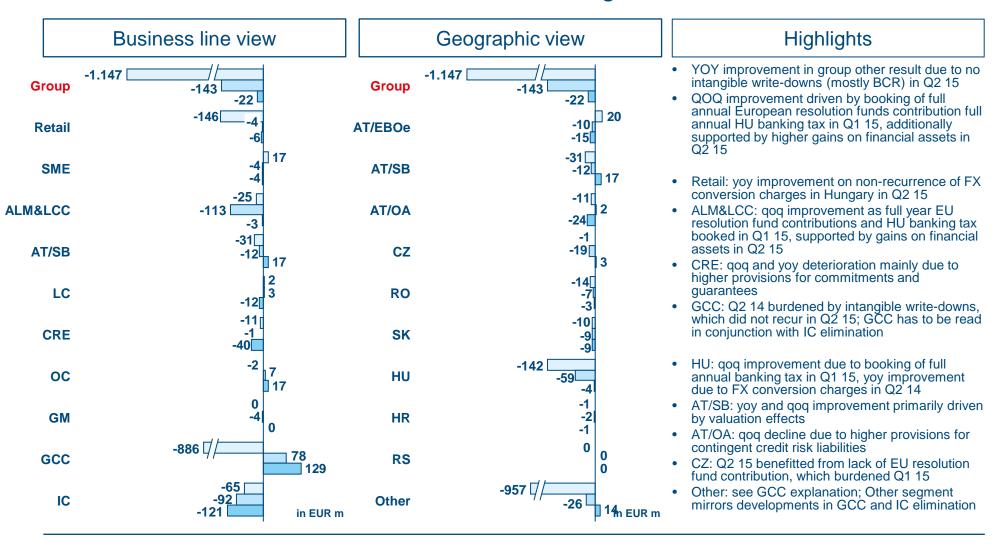


- Slight qoq and yoy increase in NPL coverage driven by all geographies except Austria; and LC and CRE business lines
- Strong yoy rise in NPL coverage by extensive provision creation in RO in 2014 to fund accelerated NPL resolution
- AT/EBOe: qoq and yoy drop in coverage driven by releases in Q2 15 on the back of solid collateralisation
- AT/SB: continued low provisioning requirements and solid collateralisation lead to slight decline in coverage
- All other geo segments show stable or improving NPL coverage ratios



Business performance: other result -

Q2 15 other result benefits from financial asset gains and lack of one-offs a 215





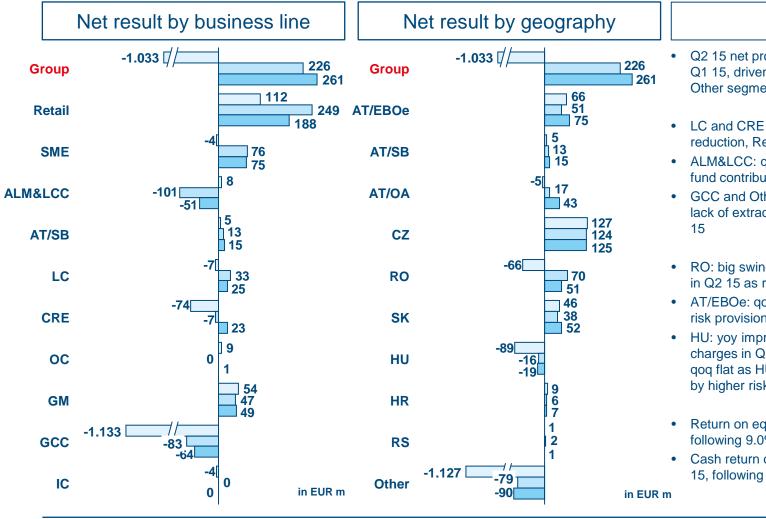
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Business performance: net result -

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Q2 15 net result confirms return to profitability in Q1 15





Highlights

- Q2 15 net profit confirms turnaround achieved in Q1 15, driven by Austria, Romania, Hungary and Other segments
- LC and CRE improve almost entirely on risk cost reduction, Retail on better other result
- ALM&LCC: qoq improvement driven by resolution fund contributions
- GCC and Other segment: net result benefits from lack of extraordinary intangible write-downs in Q2 15
- RO: big swing in profitability in Q1 15 confirmed in Q2 15 as risk costs remain low
- AT/EBOe: qoq improvement driven by releases of risk provisions
- HU: yoy improvement due to FX conversion charges in Q2 14, which did not recur in Q2 15; qoq flat as HU banking tax in Q1 15 was replaced by higher risk costs in Q2 15
- Return on equity advances to 10.2% in Q2 15, following 9.0% in Q1 15 and -37.6% in Q2 14
- Cash return on equity advances to 10.2% in Q2 15, following 9.1% in Q1 15 and -6.9% in Q2 14

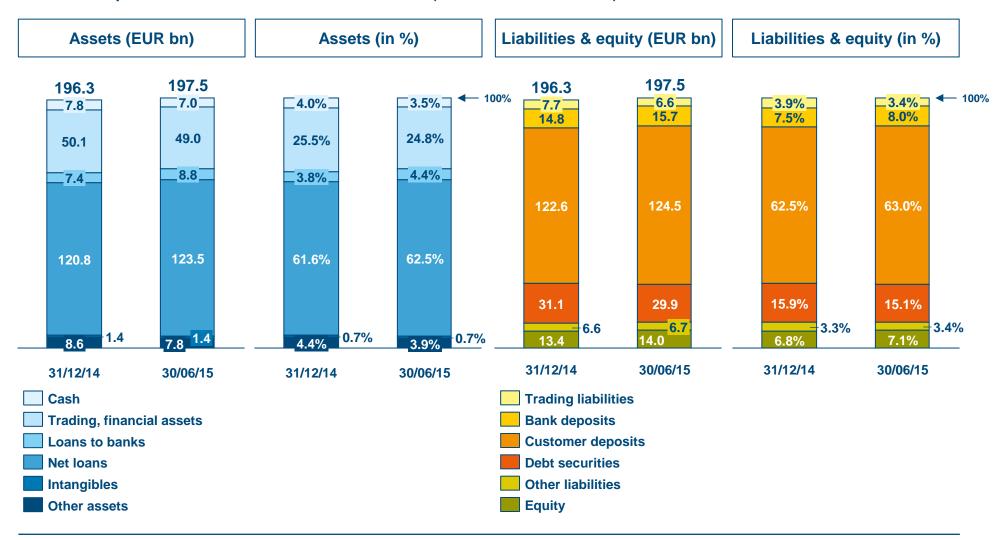
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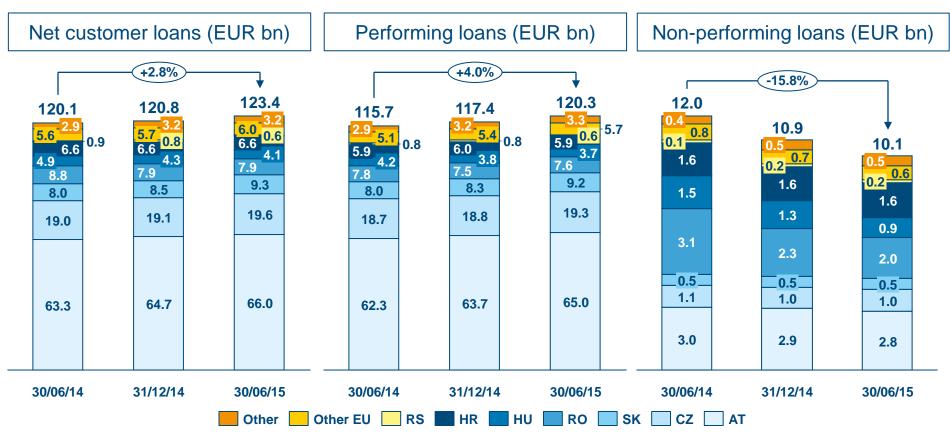
Assets and liabilities: YTD overview -

Loan/deposit ratio stable at 99.2% (Dec 14: 98.6%)





Assets and liabilities: customer loans by country of risk – Performing loans up 4.0% yoy, NPLs down 15.8%

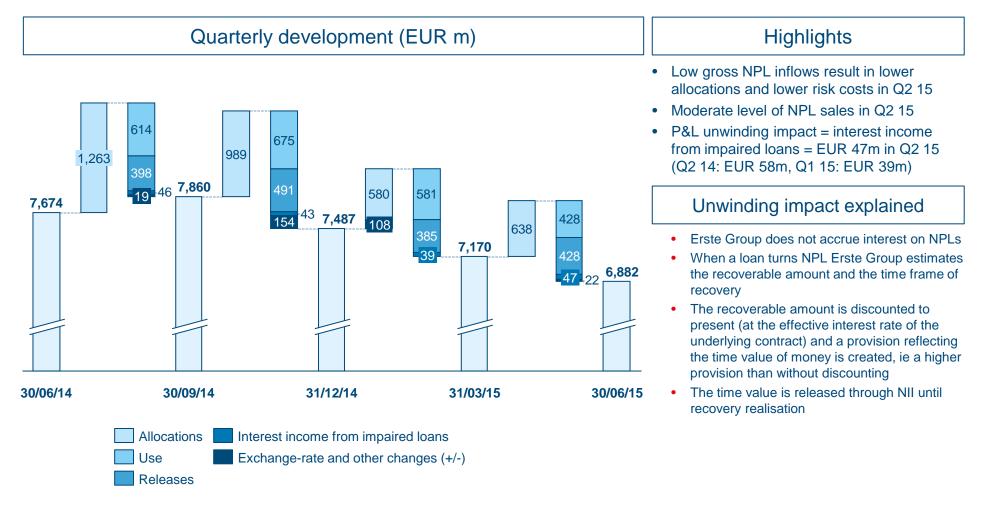


- Performing loan growth accelerates, driven by Austria, Slovakia and Czech Republic, Other EU and Other:
 - QOQ increase in Austria due to growth in corporate business, yoy growth driven by retail
 - Slight increase in performing loans in Romania, continued decline in Hungary
- 15.8% yoy decline in NPL stock mainly driven by NPL sales und upgrades across most geographies



Assets and liabilities: allowances for customer loans -

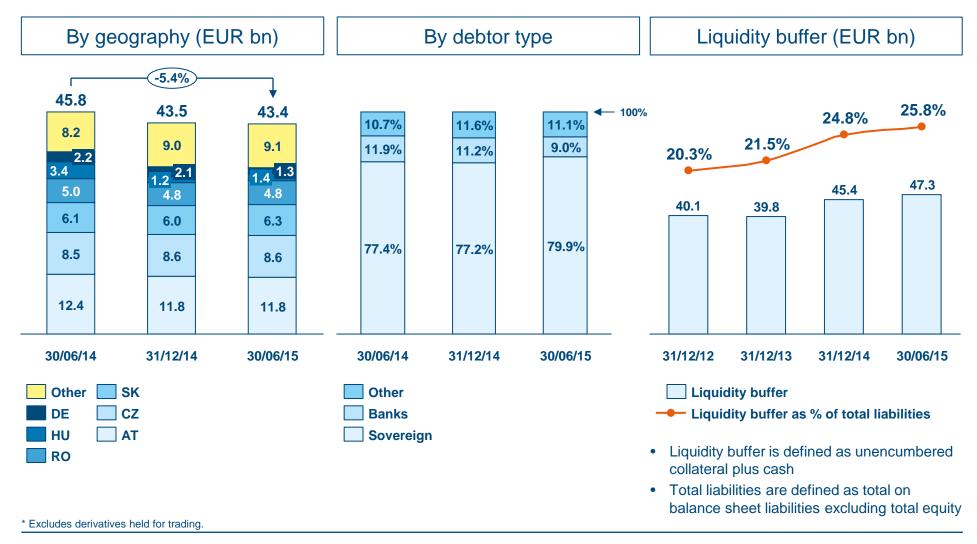
Decrease in allowances mainly due to continued NPL reduction in Q2 15





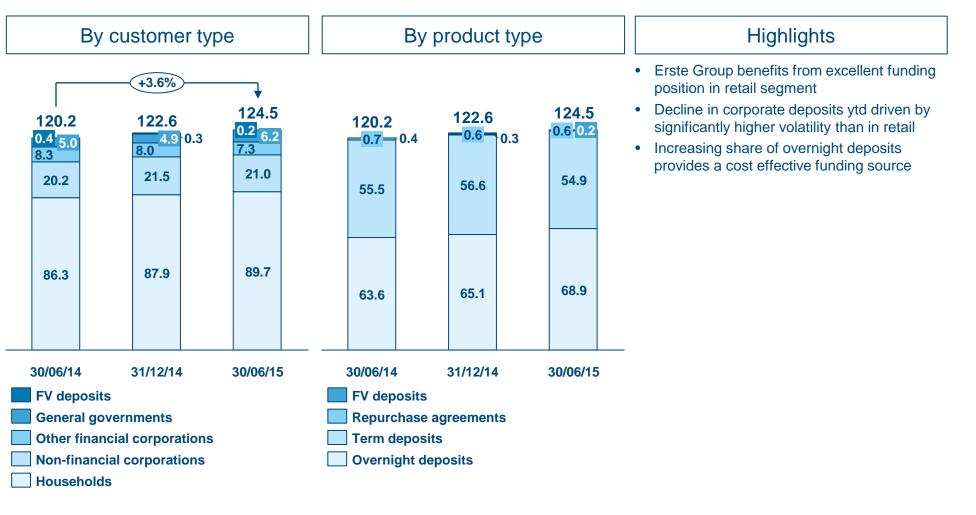
Assets and liabilities: financial and trading assets * –

LCR at comfortable 118%



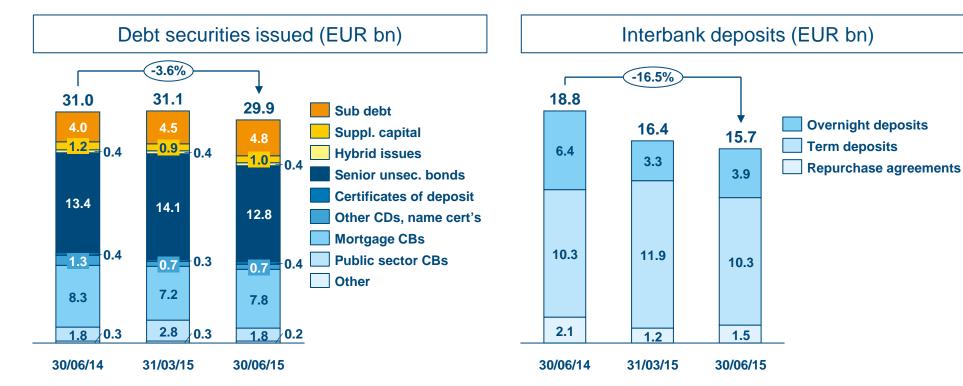
Assets and liabilities: customer deposit funding –

Customer deposits grow by 1.6% ytd, up 3.6% yoy





Assets and liabilities: debt vs interbank funding – Stable wholesale funding base

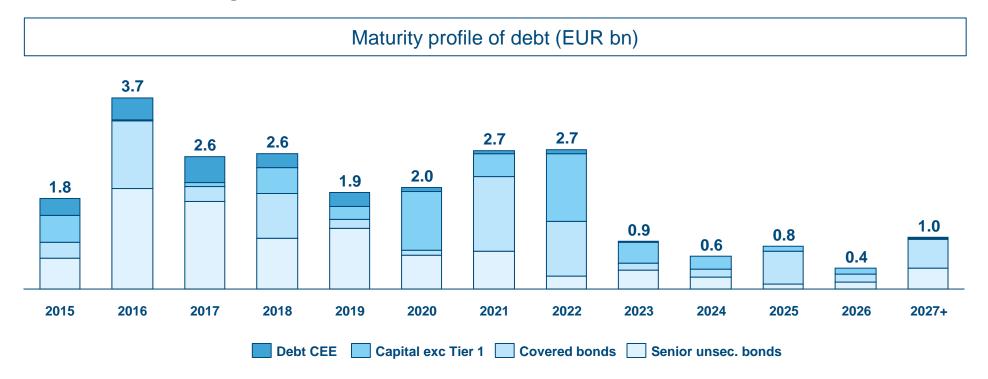


- YOY increase in subordinated debt attributable to tier 2 benchmark issue in November 2014 and private placements in H1 15
- QOQ increase in mortgage covered bonds due to issuance of 10y EUR 500m CB at MS+6bps
- Decline in senior unsecured bonds due to maturities

• QOQ and yoy decrease in interbank deposits mainly due to slight balance sheet reduction



Assets and liabilities: LT funding – Limited LT funding needs

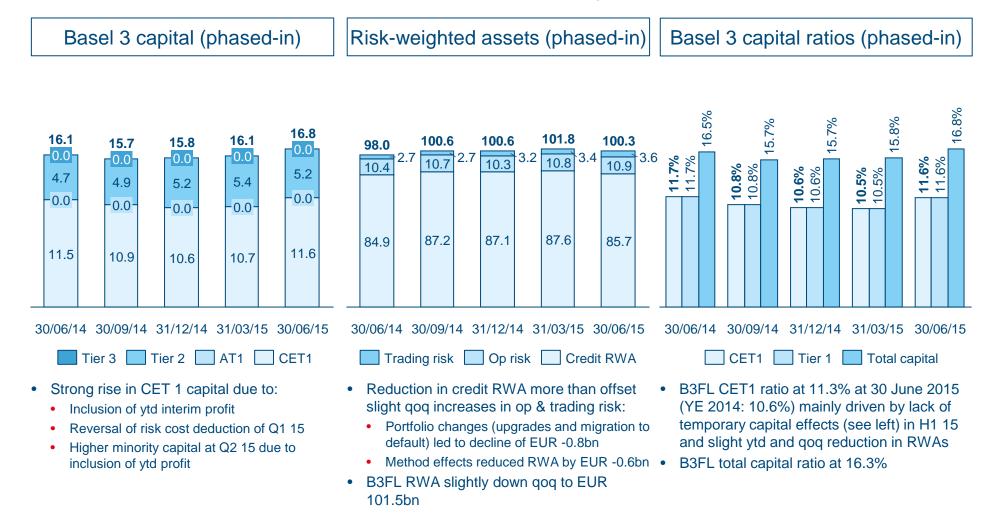


- Increased appetite for issues in covered bond format led to a successful EUR 500m 10y mortgage Pfandbrief (MS + 6 bps) in the first quarter
- Historically low refinancing cost result in an ongoing prolongation of the redemption profile (average maturity of issues during 2015 amounted to 8 years)
- Issuance of EUR 1.3bn has been achieved in the first 6 months, which is more than half of the yearly funding target



Assets and liabilities: capital position -

B3FL CET1 ratio reaches 11.3% at 30 June 15, phased-in CET1 ratio at 11.6%





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Conclusion – Outlook

- Operating environment anticipated to be conducive to credit expansion
 - Real GDP growth of between 2-4% expected in 2015 in all major CEE markets, except Croatia
 - Real GDP growth to be driven by solid domestic demand
 - Real GDP growth in Austria expected at below 1% in 2015

• Return on tangible equity (ROTE) expected at 8-10% in 2015 (YE 14 TE: EUR 8.4bn)

- Operating result expected to decline in the mid-single digits on the back of lower but sustainable operating results in Hungary (due to FX conversion related effect of lower average volume) and Romania (lower unwinding impact) as well as persistent low interest rate environment
- Loan growth expected in the low single digits in 2015
- Risk costs expected to decline to about EUR 0.9-1.1bn
- Banking levies expected at about EUR 360m in 2015, including parallel contributions to national as well as European bank resolution and deposit insurance funds; related discussions with Austrian government still ongoing

Risks to guidance

- Consumer protection initiatives, e.g. CHF borrower support scheme in Croatia
- Geopolitical risks resulting in potentially negative economic impacts



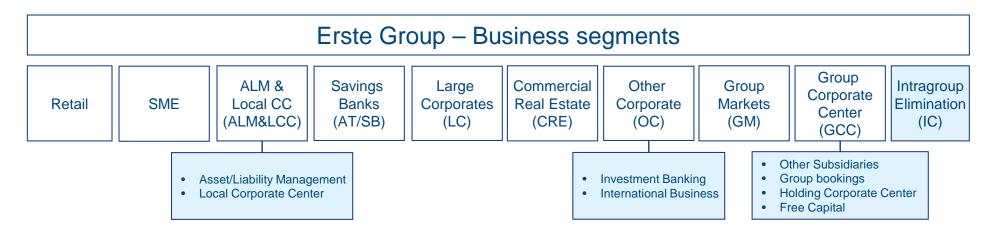
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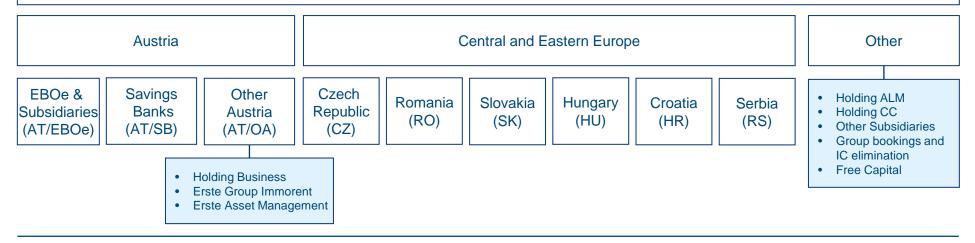


Additional information: new segmentation –

Business line and geographic view



Erste Group – Geographical segmentation





Additional information: income statement – Year-to-date and quarterly view

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Additional information: group balance sheet – Assets

		Qu	arterly data	ı 👘			Change	
in EUR million	Jun 14	Sep 14	Dec 14	Mar 15	Jun 15	ΥΟΥ-Δ	YTD-Δ	QOQ-Δ
Cash and cash balances	7,267	8,010	7,835	8,223	7,011	-3.5%	-10.5%	-14.7%
Financial assets - held for trading	12,954	11,641	10,531	11,366	9,022	-30.4%	-14.3%	-20.6%
Derivatives	6,480	7,611	7,173	7,628	5,613	-13.4%	-21.7%	-26.4%
Other trading assets	6,474	4,030	3,357	3,738	3,409	-47.3%	1.5%	-8.8%
Financial assets - at fair value through profit or loss	456	444	350	271	269	-40.9%	-23.0%	-0.7%
Financial assets - available for sale	21,923	21,940	22,373	23,187	21,804	-0.5%	-2.5%	-6.0%
Financial assets - held to maturity	16,955	17,026	16,877	17,462	17,949	5.9%	6.4%	2.8%
Loans and receivables to credit institutions	8,548	7,166	7,442	8,345	8,775	2.7%	17.9%	5.2%
Loans and receivables to customers	120,005	120,451	120,834	123,437	123,504	2.9%	2.2%	0.1%
Derivatives - hedge accounting	2,489	2,764	2,872	2,914	2,181	-12.3%	-24.0%	-25.1%
Changes in fair value of portfolio hedged items	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a
Property and equipment	2,347	2,356	2,264	2,340	2,330	-0.7%	2.9%	-0.4%
Investment properties	975	952	950	947	805	-17.5%	-15.3%	-15.0%
Intangible assets	1,438	1,456	1,441	1,415	1,395	-2.9%	-3.2%	-1.4%
Investments in associates and joint ventures	211	191	195	190	194	-8.2%	-0.5%	2.0%
Current tax assets	101	107	107	107	150	48.3%	40.2%	40.5%
Deferred tax assets	411	461	301	293	255	-37.9%	-15.3%	-12.9%
Assets held for sale	158	150	291	229	429	>100.0%	47.4%	87.5%
Other assets	2,158	1,859	1,623	1,844	1,457	-32.5%	-10.2%	-21.0%
Total assets	198,398	196,973	196,287	202,570	197,532	-0.4%	0.6%	-2.5%

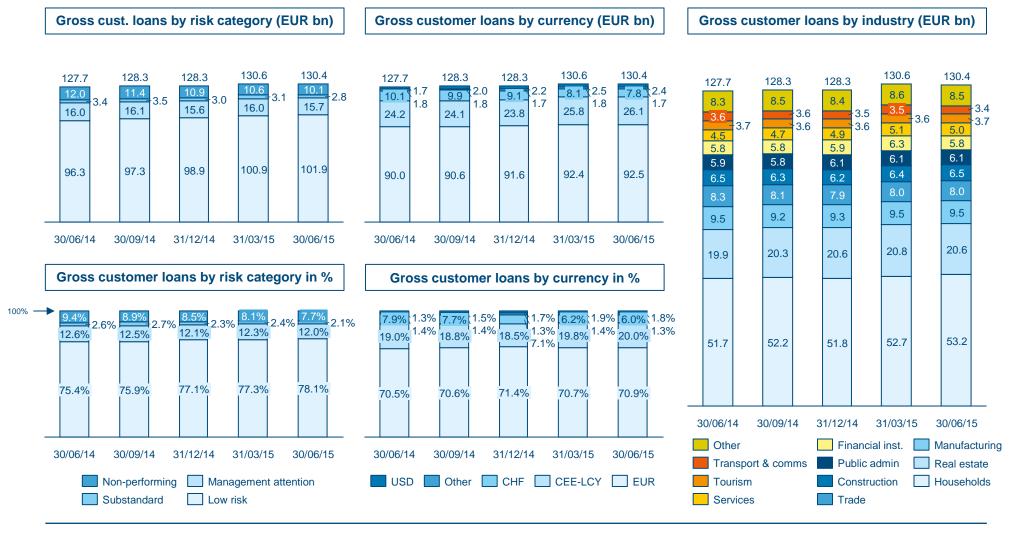


Additional information: group balance sheet – Liabilities and equity

		Qu	arterly data	1			Change	
in EUR million	Jun 14	Sep 14	Dec 14	Mar 15	Jun 15	ΥΟΥ-Δ	YTD-Δ	QOQ-Δ
Financial liabilities - held for trading	7,152	8,488	7,746	8,988	6,632	-7.3%	-14.4%	-26.2%
Derivatives	6,347	7,563	7,188	8,163	5,875	-7.4%	-18.3%	-28.0%
Other trading liabilities	805	925	558	824	758	-5.9%	35.8%	-8.1%
Financial liabilities - at fair value through profit or loss	2,278	2,161	2,073	1,966	1,881	-17.4%	-9.3%	-4.3%
Deposits from banks	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a
Deposits from customers	435	363	320	257	237	-45.5%	-25.8%	-7.7%
Debt securities issued	1,843	1,797	1,753	1,709	1,644	-10.8%	-6.2%	-3.8%
Other financial liabilities	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a
Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost	168,155	166,139	166,921	170,616	168,769	0.4%	1.1%	-1.1%
Deposits from banks	18,803	16,483	14,803	16,389	15,704	-16.5%	6.1%	-4.2%
Deposits from customers	119,814	119,698	122,263	124,495	124,296	3.7%	1.7%	-0.2%
Debt securities issued	29,190	29,414	29,387	29,143	28,270	-3.1%	-3.8%	-3.0%
Other financial liabilities	348	545	469	590	497	42.8%	6.0%	-15.6%
Derivatives - hedge accounting	724	755	726	833	639	-11.8%	-12.0%	-23.4%
Changes in fair value of portfolio hedged items	983	1,072	1,225	1,277	962	-2.1%	-21.5%	-24.7%
Provisions	1,607	1,822	1,653	1,688	1,608	0.1%	-2.7%	-4.7%
Current tax liabilities	88	95	91	111	121	38.0%	33.3%	9.7%
Deferred tax liabilities	132	199	99	140	85	-35.5%	-13.9%	-39.1%
Liabilities associated with assets held for sale	0	0	0	0	33	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other liabilities	3,199	2,590	2,310	2,996	2,786	-12.9%	20.6%	-7.0%
Total equity	14,080	13,652	13,443	13,956	14,015	-0.5%	4.2%	0.4%
Equity attributable to non-controlling interests	3,626	3,707	3,605	3,718	3,701	2.1%	2.6%	-0.5%
Equity attributable to owners of the parent	10,454	9,945	9,838	10,238	10,314	-1.3%	4.8%	0.7%
Total liabilities and equity	198,398	196,973	196,287	202,570	197,532	-0.4%	0.6%	-2.5%



Additional information: gross customer loans – By risk category, by currency, by industry





Additional information: footprint –

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Customer banking in Austria and the eastern part of the EU

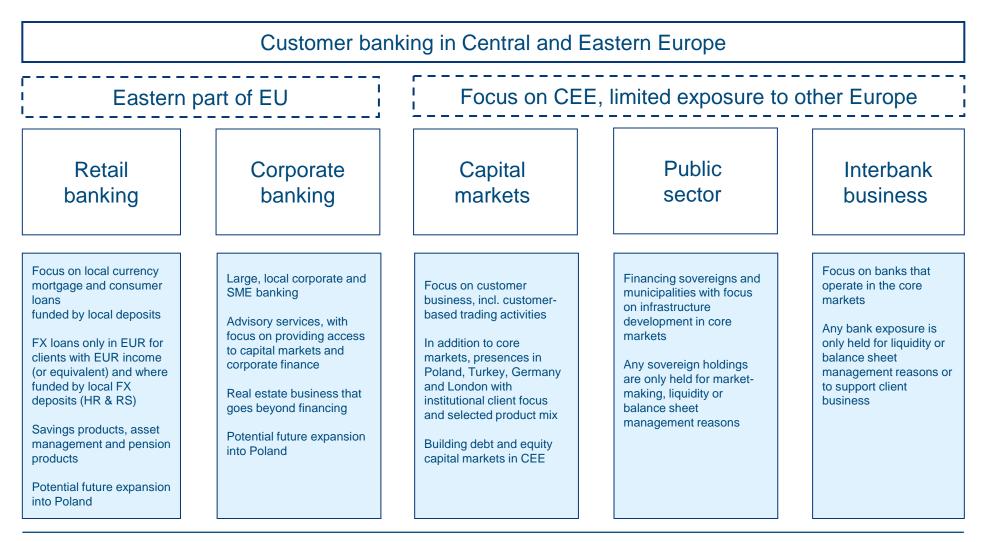


Highlights

- Leading retail and corporate bank in 7 geographically connected countries
- Favourable mix of mature & emerging markets with low penetration rates
- Potential for cross selling and organic growth in CEE

Additional information: strategy -

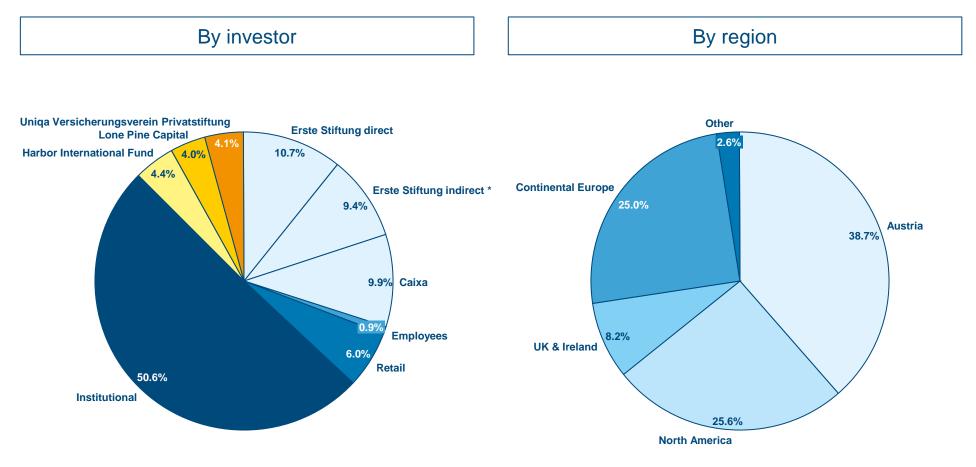
A real customer need is the reason for all business





Additional information: shareholder structure –

Total number of shares: 429,800,000



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