Erste Group investor presentation Q3 2021 results

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Excellent operating performance and benign risk environment continue, resulting in ROTE of 15.0%

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Key developments –

Setting the frame for today's presentation

CEE & AT macro recovery on track, expected 2021 real GDP growth upgraded further

- Economic growth in CEE & Austria has outperformed expectations so far this year
- Faster than expected rate hikes in Czech Republic, Hungary and Romania
- Loan growth guidance for 2021 improved again to mid to high-single digit growth

Fee performance goes from strength to strength

- Strong recovery in payment services fees continued in Q3 21
- Asset management and insurance brokerage fees continue to make strong growth contribution
- Further guidance upgrade to low double-digit growth in 2021

Benign credit risk environment results in further improvement of 2021 risk cost guidance

- Risk cost guidance revised to max 15bps in 2021, following 4bps in 1-9 21
- NPL ratio at historic low of 2.4%; estimated at approx. 2.5% at year-end 2021

Further 2021 outlook upgrades

- NII expected to post low-single digit growth in 2021
- Operating result to post double-digit growth, CIR to improve significantly yoy
- Significant improvement in net profit → return to solid, double-digit ROTE

Erste Group returns to progressive dividend policy

- Payout 2021: EUR 1.0 per share additional payment following ECB lifting its dividend restriction; subject to EGM approval on 25 Nov 2021, resulting in total payout of EUR 1.5 per share
- Payout 2022: Erste Group targets EUR 1.6 DPS for business year 2021



ESG: a key objective for Erste Group (1) –

Economic success paired with environmental and social well-being



Our aspiration ...

We believe in a stronger, healthier and more prosperous society in the **Central and Eastern European region.**

Where we believe to have an impact ...

relevance

...we make an impact through 16 million customers, ~45,000 employees and ~2.100+ branches in the region.

history

...our 200 years of history built on our purpose of prosperity proves our long-term commitment to the well-being of society.

proximity

...our social banking activities support those who are especially in need of help and financial assistance.

Main topics where we aspire to make a change



Climate Action

Climate change is not only a global challenge. Our region needs green investments into energy transition, clean transportation and building renovation.



Clean Water Clean water is still a prevailing challenge in our region. Wastewater collection, leakage and treatment deficiencies need long-term commitment and financing.



Recycling & Waste

Collection, sorting and reprocessing of urban and industrial waste is an important part of financial success and resilience of our clients and societies.



Affordable Housing

Housing is a growing concern of many middle-class citizens, especially young families. Our cities need affordable housing projects with long-term sustainable financing.



Financial Inclusion

There are still 14 million people in our region in risk of poverty. Many of them need access to banking services and financial guidance.



Financial Literacy

Financial literacy is a basis for successful financial life, financial stability and prosperity. Financial literacy needs to get into schools and the education system at large.



Strong, resilient societies are built from successful individuals enjoying equal opportunities, rewards and recognition regardless of their gender.



ESG: a key objective for Erste Group (2) -

Sustainability is embedded into the organisation



ESG supports our purpose to bring prosperity and securing financial resilience of our company

Main pillars of our ESG impact

Sustainable finance

We build our banking services with the aspiration to mobilise funds, services and client advisory for socio-environmental objectives and we refrain from harmful activities.

Working together

We believe that there is still a need for raising awareness through public advocacy and active contribution to new market standards. We are committed to actively participate on public initiatives and lead the impact in our region.

Good corporate citizenship and operations

We strive to demonstrate our deep commitment to strong institutions through clear respect for rules and standards, which we also expect from our business partners. In our operations we aim to minimise emissions and ultimately aspire to climate neutrality.

Employee engagement and social contribution

We aim to integrate sustainability into our culture. Therefore, we support employee's awareness, affiliation and engagement also through the means of corporate volunteering. Through our social banking activities we are ready to promote financial inclusion for those who need it most.



ESG: a key objective of Erste Group (3) -

Tackling climate change: green finance and the transition to net zero



As a member of the Net-Zero Banking Alliance we will be leading the transition within CEE

We have ambitions in all our markets to reach netzero financed emissions not later than mid-century.

Erste Group's financed emission intensity is estimated around a low 100gCO2e/€, driven by a well balanced regional and industrial distribution of our lending book.

Building on our good legacy portfolio we aim to help our clients and societies in their transition to netzero.



We will reach climate neutral operations by 2023

Erste Group reduced its Scope 1 & 2 emissions by 25% between 2016-2020.

We are committed to source more than 90%+ of our electricity from low emission sources by 2023.



ESG: a key objective of Erste Group (4) –

Erste Group is a leader in green bond issues in CEE

ESG ratings and key indices



Erste Group was upgraded to AA in July 2019 and is considered a leader among approx. 200 companies in the banking industry.



Erste Group was awarded prime status in ISS **ESG ratings** in October 2018.



sustainalytics In 2021 Erste Group was upgraded to LOW risk with a 18.9 score ranking 23rd out of 386 diversified banks



Since 2017 Erste Group is included in the Euronext Vigeo Index: Eurozone 120.



Included in the Bloomberg Gender-Equality Index since 2019 as the only Austrian company (as of 2020)



Included since 2016 in the FTSE4Good Index **Series** as a selection of companies with strong environmental, social and governance (ESG) practices

Our financing credentials



February 2021

Hypo Tirol Bank

EUR 500.000.000

10y Social Covered

Bond

Joint Bookrunner



June 2021





Social Structuring

September 2021





Romana



Covered Bond

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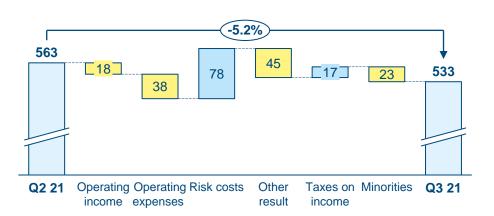


Joint Bookrunner



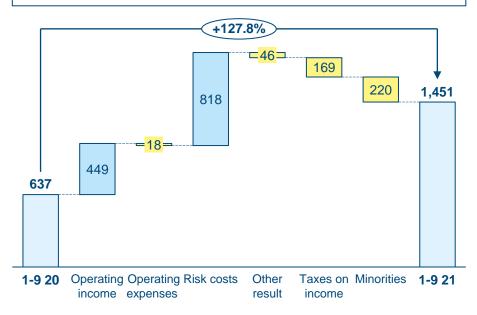
Group income statement performance

QoQ net profit reconciliation (EUR m)



- Q3 21 net result down solely due to TLTRO III related one-off booking of EUR 92.4m in Q2 21; supported by strong operating performance and a further significant decline in risk costs
- Operating income benefits from underlying NII growth and another record fee income quarter (strong payment fee recovery)
- Operating expenses increase on higher IT and marketing costs

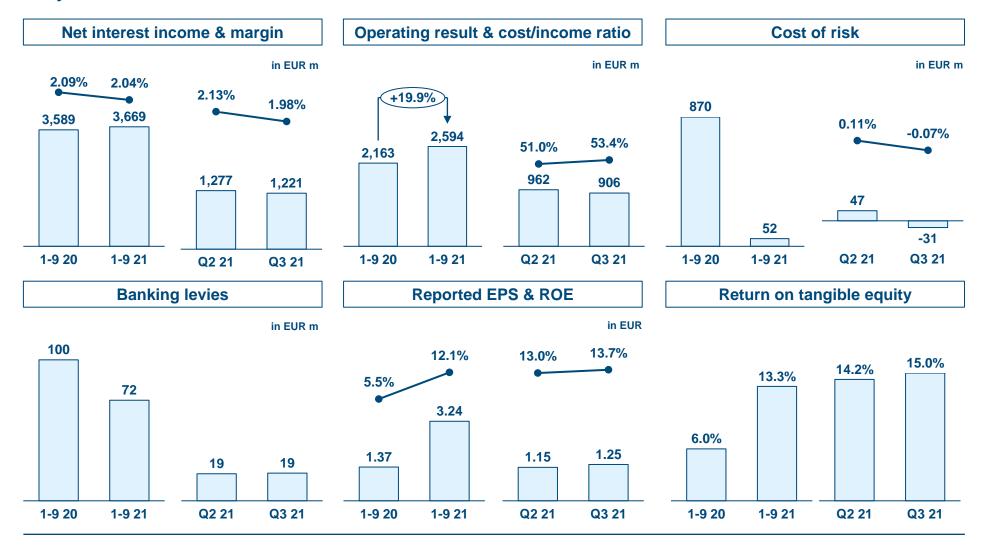
YoY net profit reconciliation (EUR m)



- Yoy net profit growth primarily driven by substantially higher operating income and significant decline in risk costs
- Operating income benefits from broad-based macro recovery, translating into **strong fee performance** (payment services, asset management, securities business and insurance brokerage)
- Higher minorities charge due to improved profitability at savings banks



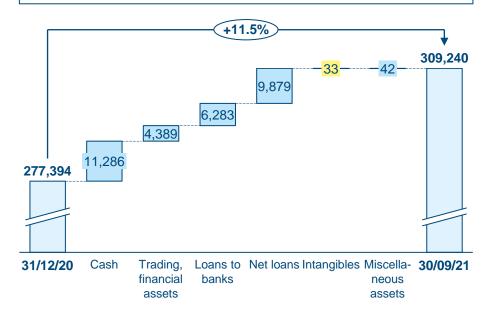
Key income statement data



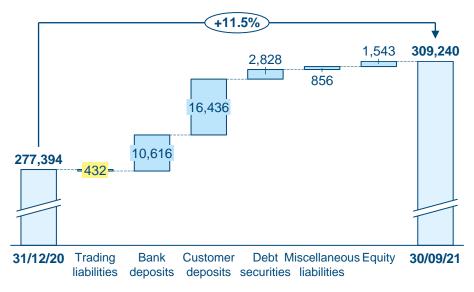


Group balance sheet performance

YTD total asset reconciliation (EUR m)



YTD equity & total liability reconciliation (EUR m)



- Total assets up by 11.5%, mainly driven by a substantial increase in cash (+31.5%); net loans to customers increased by 5.9%
- Increase in the liquidity surplus (cash position) mainly driven by TLTRO III uptake and client deposit inflows
- Total liability growth driven by rising customer deposits (+8.6%) and bank deposits (+42.9%)
- Growing customer deposits drive loan/deposit ratio to 84.8% (YE 20: 86.9%)
- Increase in equity reflects rising net result



Key balance sheet data

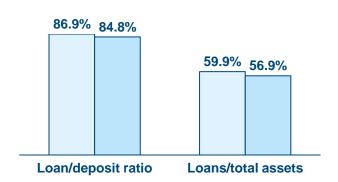
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Loan/deposit & loan/TA ratio

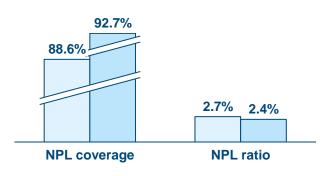
Net loans & credit RWA

NPL coverage ratio & NPL ratio

in EUR bn







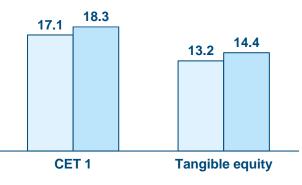
B3FL capital ratios

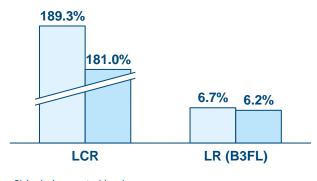
B3FL capital & tangible equity¹

Liquidity coverage & leverage ratio²









1) Based on shareholders' equity, not total equity

2) Includes central bank exposures



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Macroeconomic update -

CEE & AT recovery stronger than expected, rate hikes in CZ, HU & RO

- CEE & AT economies have switched to higher gear – growth expectations have further increased
 - AT: output already at pre-crisis level
 - CZ & SK: sound domestic and foreign demand but supply chain disruptions impact industrial output
 - RO: recovery supported by industry, private services & investments
 - HU: significant investment activity supports growth
 - HR: strong summer tourism has contributed to recovery
 - EU Multi-Annual Financial Framework and Next Generation funds to further support recovery and growth
- Interest rate tightening cycle has started in CEE faster an more sizeable than expected
 - Strong economic recovery and elevated inflation led to higher rate expectations
 - CEE economies have proved their resilience and experienced quick recovery
 - Inflation has risen due to mismatch between supply and demand following re-opening of economies; expected to moderate in 2022
 - Further rate hikes expected in CZ, HU, RO
 - CZ: 2.00% expected by end 21; 2.50% by end 22
 - HU: 2.10% expected by end 21; 2.85% by end 22
 - RO: 2.00% expected by end 21, 3.00% by end 22



Key interest rates (in %)

(as of 2 November)





Macroeconomic update -

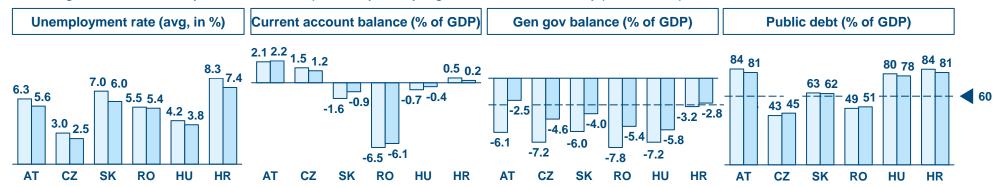
2021

2022

2021 economic rebound set to continue in 2022, albeit at slower pace

Consumer price inflation (avg., in %) Real GDP growth (in %) Dom. demand contribution* (in %) **Net export contribution* (in %)** 7.5 7.3 4.6 4.6 4.8 5.0 5.4 5.3 3.4 3.7 3.7 3.2 2.3 2.1 AT CZ RO HU HR **AT** CZ SK RO HU HR RO CZ SK RO HU

- Based on better than expected H1 2021 economic performance growth expectations were upgraded further
- Recovery mostly driven by household consumption and investments while supply chain issues have impacted industrial output
- Strong economic recovery has been accompanied by visibly higher inflation; inflationary pressure expected to ease in 2022



- Unemployment rates have increased from very low levels, expected to decline in CEE& AT in 2022
- Lower tax revenues and higher social payments have led to rising fiscal deficits

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



Business update –

Retail – what's happening on the ground? (1)

- Strong demand for housing loans, continued in Q3 2021; re-financing and increased mortgage demand in expectation of interest rate hikes as the key drivers in CEE
- Demand for consumer loans remains flat due to strong savings rates and a change in consumer behaviour
- Deposit volumes continue to increase, but at a lower pace, customers see Erste Group as a trusted partner
- High demand for securities products continues in Q3, proving strategic focus on building up wealth
 - Substantial increase in fee income from securities again driven by AT, CZ, HU – investment funds volumes growing
 - Long term securities saving plans in focus
 - Increase of opened securities saving plans strongly supported by new digital solutions
 - Annualised investment volume regular savings:
 > EUR 1 bn
- Demand for insurance solutions growing given increased awareness for financial protection (e.g. because of natural disasters in our region)



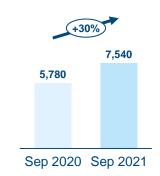


Business update –

Retail – what's happening on the ground? (2)

- Branch operations back to "normal", client traffic only slightly below pre-crisis levels
- Clients going digital:
 - More than 7.5 million George users across 6 markets
 - Digital sales continue to increase substantially; current accounts, consumer loans and term deposits as "most popular" digital products
- Offering for securities and insurance products further extended, additional "green products" under development:
 - Offering of sustainable investment solutions broadened (e.g. Erste Fair Invest launched in Austria)
 - Offering of green mortgages being prepared for selected markets
 - George insurance hub set up in cooperation with Vienna Insurance Group in Prague, delivering digital Bancassurance solutions for Erste Group
- Austrian savings banks show a strong sector performance, particularly driven by securities business

Number of George users (2020 vs 2021 YoY, in thsd)



Development of digital sales (2020 vs 2021, in thsd pieces)





Business update

Corporates & Markets – what's happening on the ground?

Recovery continues

- The segments SME, large corporates and real estate showed further growth on loans
- NII improving due to volume growth, stable margins and oneoff repayment fees
- Underlying investment and M&A appetite remains strong, in particular in the wood, pulp, paper and packaging sector; we also see larger portfolio deals in the CRE sector, in particular in the logistics sub-segment; there is still additional institutional money-flow into CEE; shopping center market has developed well despite the pandemic and sees further investment appetite as well

Capital markets business is performing very well

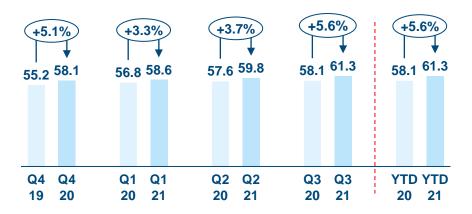
- Total issuance volume of more than EUR 85bn accompanied by Erste Group (+5% yoy) which was achieved through 165 mandated transactions (for all C&M customer segments)
- Net fee and trading income substantially higher than last year

ESG related assets are constantly growing

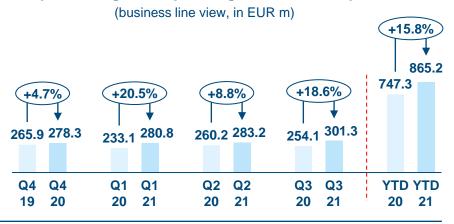
- ESG assets under management stood at EUR 13.7bn at the end of Q3 21; up by almost EUR 2bn yoy
- Asset management sales increased strongly yoy and reached a level of close to EUR 2.9bn ytd

Corporate loan stock development

(gross, business line view, in EUR bn)



Corporate segment operating results development





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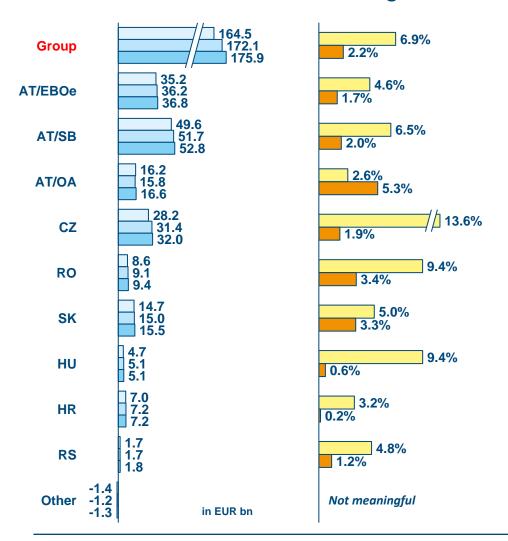
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Operating trends: net loan stock & growth -

Continuation of solid net loan growth in Q3 21, ytd +5.9%





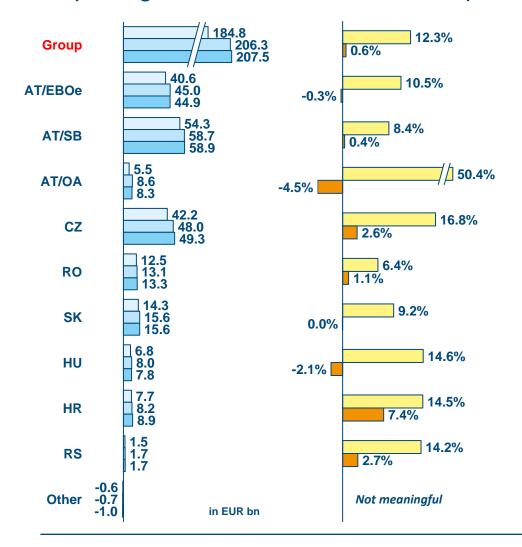
- Yoy growth predominantly driven by Retail (+8.2%) and Savings Banks (+6.1%); Corporates at +4.7%
- Qoq growth dynamics more pronounced in Retail (+2.9%) than in Corporates (+2.3%); Savings Banks at +1.9%
- Year-on-year segment trends:
 - CZ: dynamic increase, supported by CZK appreciation, in Retail growth attributable to mortgages, while Corporate loans were mainly driven by SMEs
 - RO: Corporate loans (with dynamic developments in Large Corporates) outperformed Retail loan growth
 - HU: growth momentum attributable to Retail business
- Quarter-on-quarter segment trends:
 - AT/OA: loan dynamics most visible in Large Corporates and Commercial Real Estate business
 - SK: net loan development stronger in Corporates, in particular SMEs and commercial real estate, than in Retail
 - AT/EBOe: loan growth more pronounced in Retail than in Corporates



Operating trends: customer deposit stock & growth -

Deposit growth decelerates, loan/deposit ratio at 84.8%





- Yoy growth due to exceptional inflows of retail deposits (+14.3%), solid inflows of corporate deposits (+9.7%) and Savings Banks (+8.4%)
- Qoq development more visible in Corporates (+2.5%), as growth in Retail (+1.0%) and Savings Banks (+0.4%) decelerate
- Year-on-year segment trends:
 - AT/OA: rising Corporate and Group Markets deposits in Holding
 - CZ: exceptionally strong inflow of retail deposits (+22.9%), supported by Corporates (+3.3%), balanced between SMEs and Large Corporates
 - AT/EBOe: deposit build up more pronounced in Retail (+10.4%) than in Corporates (+9.1%), supported by Group Markets (+22.4%)
- Quarter-on-quarter segment trends:
 - HR: strong deposit inflow in Corporates (+15.2%) balanced across business lines, Retail up by 5.7%
 - AT/OA: decline in corporate business
 - HU: deposit outflows in Group Markets (-8.2%) and Retail (-0.5%) only partially offset by Corporates (+0.5%)

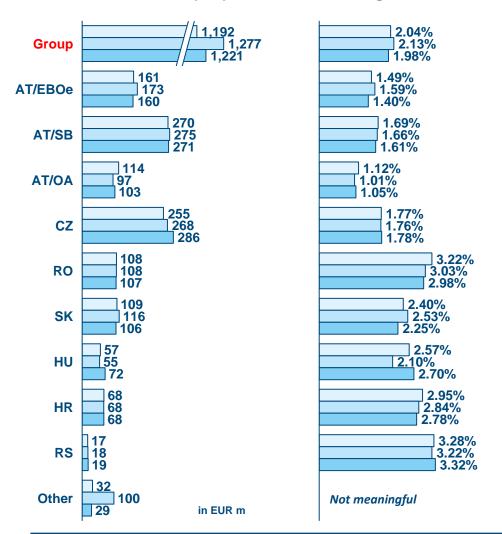


Operating trends: NII and NIM -

NII advances yoy on volume growth and rising rates in CZ







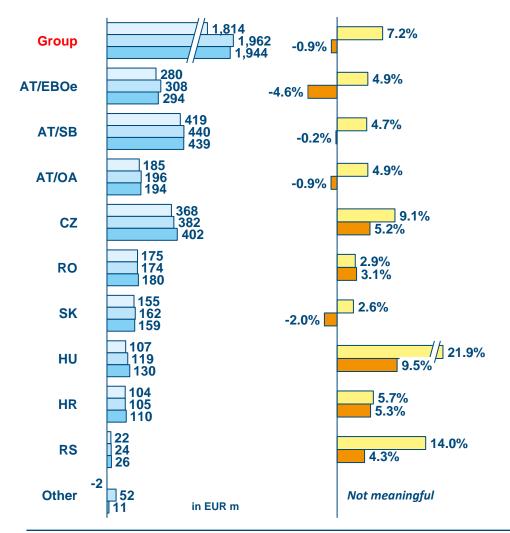
- NII up yoy on solid volume growth and improved rate environment in CZ
- Qoq decline solely due to TLTRO III booking in AT and SK in Q2 21
- Year-on-year segment trends:
 - CZ: volume growth and rate hikes push NII up;
 FX effect EUR 10m
 - HU: higher loan volumes and rising yields support NII
 - AT/OA: lower NII in the Group Markets business of the Holding
- Quarter-on-quarter segment trends:
 - AT/EBOe, AT/SB, SK, Other: decline attributable to TLTRO III booking in Q2 21
 - CZ: see yoy development
 - HU: NII improvement due to volume growth and higher interest expense related to intercompany loan in Q2 21



Operating trends: operating income -



4th consecutive record fee performance drives revenues



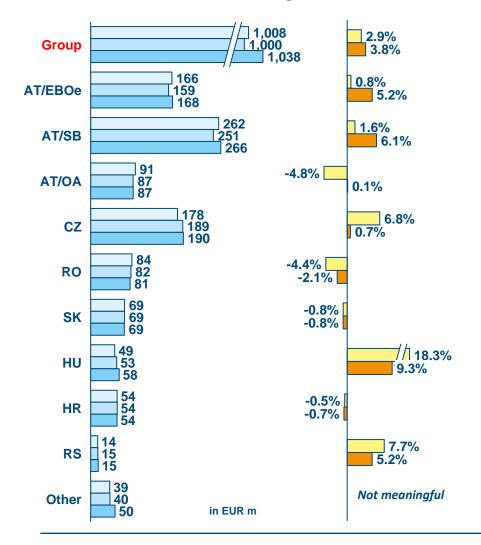
- Revenues up yoy, pushed by exceptional fee performance and higher NII
- Qoq decline solely attributable to TLTRO III booking in NII in Q2 21, partially offset by higher fee income and net trading and FV result; fees rise to EUR 591.4m
- Year-on-year segment trends:
 - CZ: rising NII and fee income more than offset lower net trading and FV result
 - HU: development reflects better NII and fees
 - RS: improvement across all major revenue lines
- Quarter-on-quarter segment trends:
 - AT/EBOe, AT/SB, SK: lower NII on TLTRO III booking in Q2 21 partially offset by improved fee income
 - HU: improved NII and fees more than offset lower net trading and FV result
 - HR: better operating performance mainly attributable to rising fee income



Operating trends: operating expenses -

Costs increase on higher IT and marketing spend





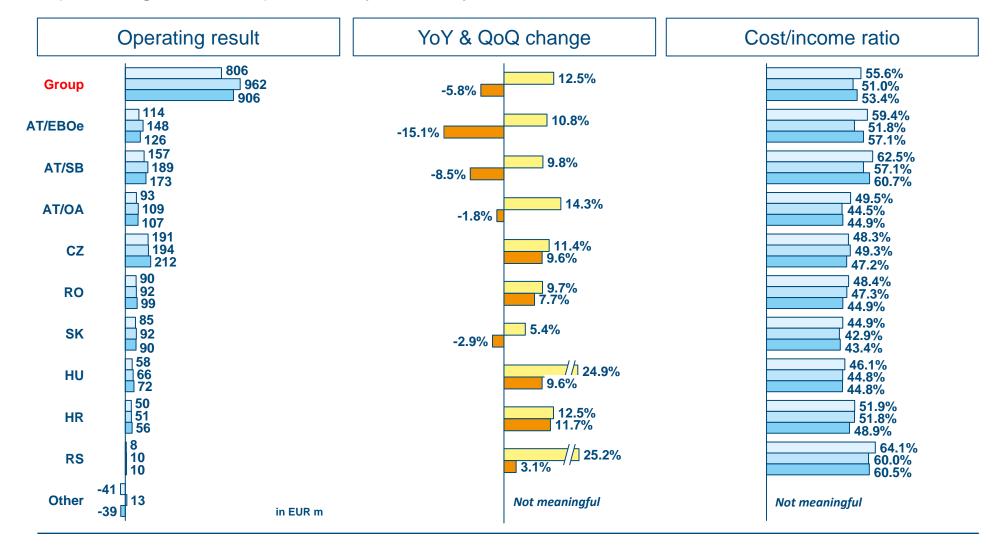
- Yoy operating expenses characterised by higher other administrative expenses, in particular IT and marketing expenses, while personnel expenses decline
- Qoq development attributable to an increase in IT, marketing and personnel expenses
- Year-on-year segment trends:
 - CZ: higher personnel and marketing expenses;
 FX effect EUR 7m
 - HU: increase attributable to personnel expenses and higher depreciation charge
- Quarter-on-quarter segment trends:
 - AT/EBOe: higher IT expenses partially offset by lower personnel expenses
 - AT/SB: development mainly due to an increase in IT expenses, personnel and consulting expenses slightly up



Operating trends: operating result and CIR -

Operating result improves by ~20% ytd





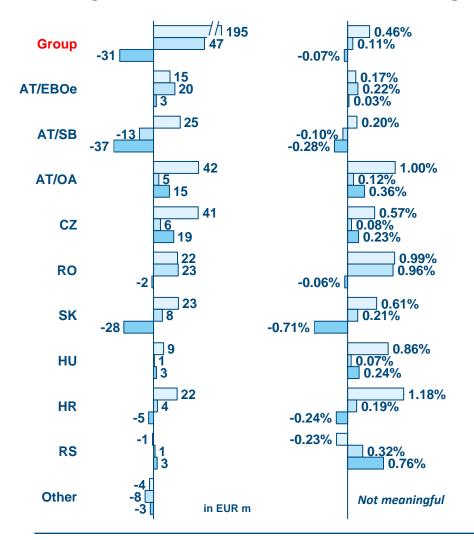


Operating trends: risk costs (abs/rel*) -

Q3 20

Benign risk environment leads to significant guidance upgrade





- 2021 risk guidance upgraded to max 15bps due to good portfolio performance across the Group after phasing-out of moratoria and revision of NPL inflow assumptions
- NPL ratio expected at approx. 2.5% at year-end 21
- Majority of macro overlays (FLI) updated in Q3, management overlays (Covid heatmap) not updated yet due to the still prevailing level of uncertainty; review planned for Q4 21
- Quarter-on-quarter segment trends:
 - AT/OA: parameter update on corporate side resulted in additional allocation
 - CZ: risk costs driven by single case defaults
 - SK: significant release due to upgrade of single customer from default

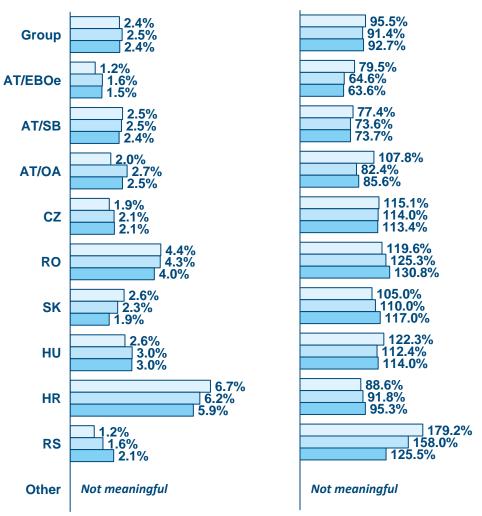


^{*)} A positive (absolute) figure denotes risk costs, a negative figure denotes net releases. Relative risk costs are calculated as annualised quarterly impairment result of financial instruments over average gross customer loans.

Operating trends: asset quality – NPL ratio and coverage

30/09/20 30/06/21 30/09/21

NPL ratio improves to historic low, coverage ratio with ample buffer



- NPL ratio improves to 2.4% and NPL coverage increases to 92.7% on stable NPL stock and accelerating loan growth
- Stage 2 ratio at elevated level of 17.9%, improved ytd, with strong coverage of 3.9%
- Post-moratoria experiences continue to be promising
 - · No significant increase in hard defaults observed yet
 - Current positive trends led to downward revision of new NPL inflows

Risk provisions by IFRS9 stages

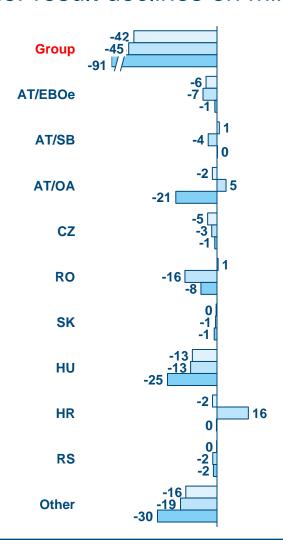
						CLA	Coverage
in EUR million	Sep 20	Dec 20	Mar 21	Jun 21	Sep 21	Sep 21	Sep 21
Stage 1	80.4%	78.4%	78.2%	78.9%	79.2%	377	0.3%
Stage 2	16.7%	18.4%	18.7%	18.1%	17.9%	1,242	3.9%
Stage 3	2.2%	2.5%	2.5%	2.4%	2.3%	2,249	54.6%
POCI	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	329	27.1%
Subject to IFRS9	99.6%	99.6%	99.6%	99.5%	99.5%	3,957	2.2%
Not subject to IFRS 9	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%	0.5%	0.5%	0	0.0%
Gross customer loans	168,276	170,020	171,811	176,094	179,848	3,957	2.2%



Operating trends: other result –

Other result declines on minor one-offs





in EUR m

- Other result deteriorates yoy and qoq on minor oneoffs
- Year-on-year segment trends:
 - AT/OA: breakage costs related to early loan repayment
 - HU: booking of the estimated loss related to loan moratorium extension and estimated interest refund related to revolving loans in moratoria
 - Other: valuation effects in the Holding
- Quarter-on-quarter segment trends:
 - RO: improvement due to tax litigation provisions booked in Q2 21
 - HR: normalisation following provision releases in Q2 21
 - HU: see above

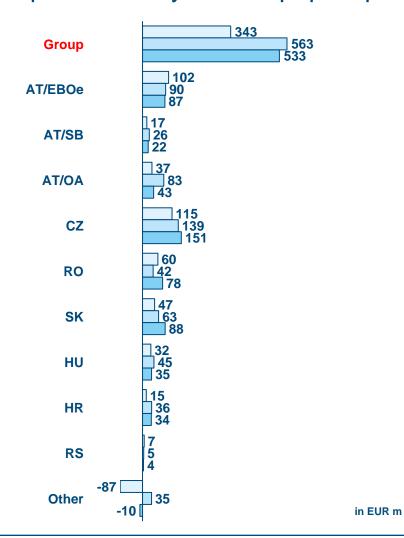


Operating trends: net result -

Q3 20

Net profit broadly stable qoq despite positive one-off in Q2 21





- Yoy profitability up on lower risk costs and exceptionally improved operating performance
- Qoq development attributable to non-recurrence of TLTRO III booking in Q2 21, partially offset by lower risk costs
- Year-on-year segment trends:
 - AT/EBOe: Q3 20 net result supported by pos. one-off tax effect due to reclassification within Austrian tax group (neutral on group level)
 - CZ: improved operating performance and lower risk costs
 - · SK: net result improves on lower risk costs
- Quarter-on-quarter segment trends:
 - AT/OA: other result and slightly higher risk costs weigh on net result
 - RO: net result improves on lower risk costs and temporarily lower other result in Q2 21
 - HU: improved operating performance more than offset by lower other result
- Return on equity at 13.7%, following 13.0% in Q2 21, and 9.6% in Q3 20
- Return on tangible equity at 15.0%, following 14.2% in Q2 21, and 10.5% in Q2 20



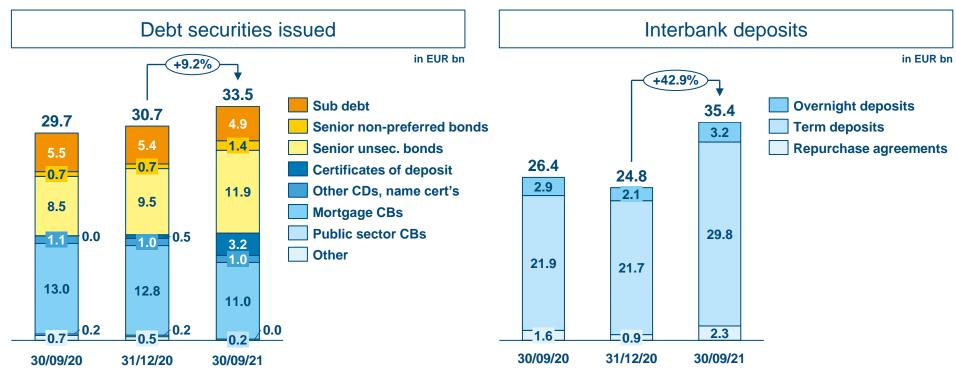
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Wholesale funding and capital: debt vs interbank funding -

Stable wholesale funding reliance, as customer deposits grow strongly

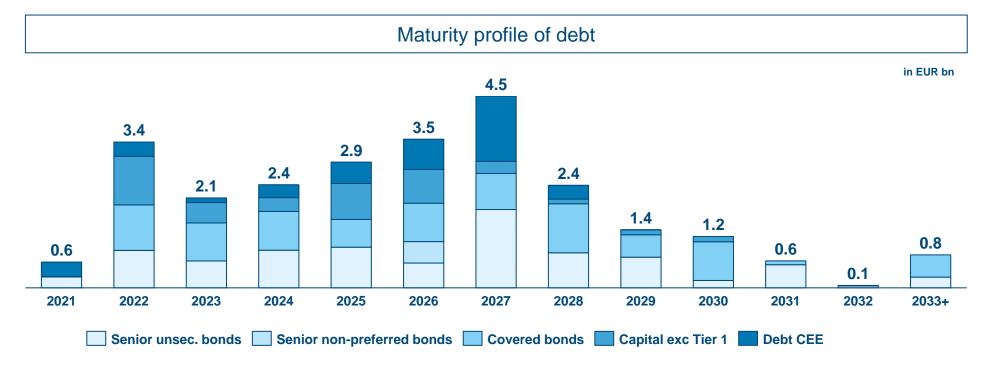


- Increased MREL-related issuance leads to rise in stock of senior unsecured bonds
- Temporary increase in CDs reflect increased activity in Group Markets business
- High liquidity (attributable to substantial deposit inflow and TLTRO III) results in decline in covered bonds issuances
- Significant increase in interbank deposits predominantly driven by increased TLTRO III balance, balance sheet management



Wholesale funding and capital: LT funding -

Stable LT funding needs in 2021 with focus on senior preferred funding



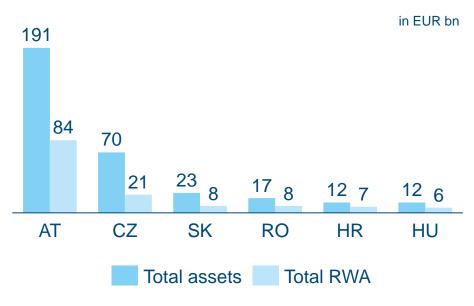
- Erste Group continued its senior preferred themed funding strategy in September by issuing an 8y EUR 500m transaction at MS+45bps after its first sustainability bond in May (EUR 500m, 7y) and a 10y senior preferred note in January
- TLTRO III outstanding as of 30 Sept 2021: EUR 21bn



Wholesale funding and capital: MREL update -

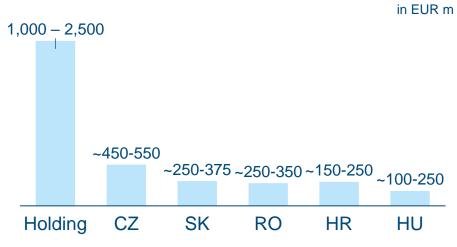
MREL-related issuance progresses as planned

MREL resolution groups (September 2021)



- Under MREL there are 6 MPE resolution groups: 3 (AT, SK, HR) covered by the Single Resolution Board and 3 (CZ, RO, HU) covered by the respective National Resolution Authority
- The Austrian resolution group (parent company, EBOe and savings banks) is not considered a legal entity or reporting unit, hence there is neither a statutory reporting nor a capital requirement for the Austrian resolution group

Preliminary 3year MREL issuance plan (avg. p.a.)

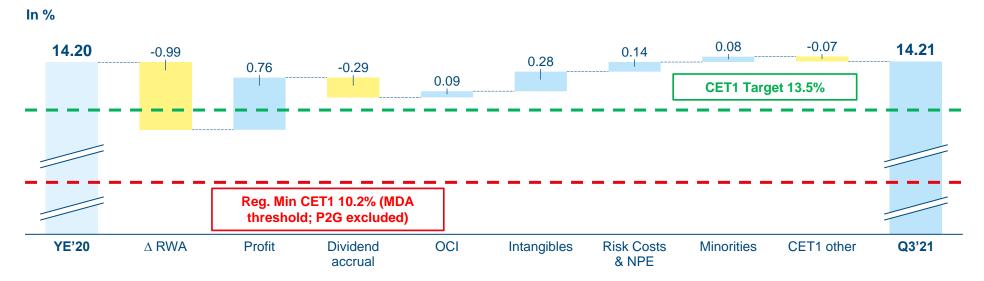


- CEE issuances will mainly be placed in domestic market and Euro markets
- First NPS issuances by Holding (in EUR) and BCR (in RON) in 2019 and Slovenská sporiteľňa in 2020
- MREL-related issuances in 2021:
 - Holding: ~EUR 2bn PS bonds (3 benchmarks)
 - CZ: EUR 500m NPS bond (1 inaugural benchmark)
 - SK: EUR 200m PS bonds (in 2 tranches)
 - RO: RON 1bn NPS and RON 500m PS bonds
 - HR: EUR 445m PS (international EUR 400m and domestic EUR 45m bonds)



Wholesale funding and capital: CET1 waterfall –

Strong fully loaded CET1 ratio of 14.2%, pro-forma at 14.5%



Solid CET1 ratio

- Half year profit of EUR 914m (CRR scope) included, EUR 0.8 per share accrued in H1 21
- Positive **OCI** development driven mainly by improvement in FX translation (EUR +160m), partially offset by lower FV changes from debt instruments (EUR -82m)
- Lower deduction for other intangible assets, mainly due to prudent amortisation of software assets (EUR +313m)¹
- Decrease in **risk provisions** (EUR +71m) further supported by lower deduction for the **NPE backstop** (EUR +98m)
- Increase in minorities (EUR +94m) driven by consideration of remaining YE'20 profit from minorities

Erste Group returns to progressive dividend policy

- Payout 2021: EUR 1.0 DPS, subject to EGM approval on 25 November 2021, capital neutral considering full accrual in 2020
- Payout 2022: Erste Group targets EUR 1.6 DPS for business year 2021



Wholesale funding and capital: capital & RWA -

Risk-weighted assets growth moderates in Q3 21

Basel 3 capital ratios Basel 3 capital Risk-weighted assets in EUR bn in EUR bn 16.0% 18.6% 15.9% 19.5 23.8 23.9 128.5 23.6 23.4 127.1 121.0 22.4 120.2 116.1 3.4 14.2% 3.6 **₹3.6** 3.8 **14.2%** 16.5 4.2% 3.8 3.7 14.2 14.0% 13.3 16. 14.2 3.9 15. 14.8 14.6 2.2 2.2 2.7 2.7 2.0 Ť 110.2 108.4 103.0 101.7 98.2 18.0 18.3 17.1 17.0 16.4 30/09/20 31/12/20 31/03/21 30/06/21 30/09/21 30/09/20 31/12/20 31/03/21 30/06/21 30/09/21 30/09/20 31/12/20 31/03/21 30/06/21 30/09/21 Tier 2 AT1 CET1 Market risk Op risk Credit RWA CET1 Tier 1 Total capital CET1 capital improves by EUR 1.2bn ytd Ytd credit RWAs up by EUR 8.5bn on: CET1 ratio at solid 14.2% mainly on: Business effects: ~ 7.0 EUR bn (growth) Planned dividend for H1 21 included in Interim profit (H1 21): EUR 565m Method and regulatory effect: ~ EUR 2.9bn (mainly new LGD model in Other intangible assets (software): EUR 342m capital ratios Retail and CRR2 effects) OCI and prudential filter impact: EUR 106m Medium-term target remains unchanged Asset quality effects: ~ EUR -1.8bn NPE backstop: EUR 98m at 13.5% FX effect: ~ EUR +0.5bn Non-inclusion of Q3 21 impact Ytd op risk down EUR 0.6bn driven by AT1 declines by EUR 500m on calling removal of regulatory add-on XS1425367494 AT1 instrument



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Conclusion -

Key takeaways and outlook for 2021

Q3 21 key takeaways

Operating environment

- Macro recovery on track in CEE, forecasts upgraded again in Q3 21
- Loan growth accelerated at +5.9% vtd
- · Deposit growth decelerated markedly in Q3 21

Business performance

- Strong fee performance driven by asset management and payment services
- NII starting to benefit from interest rate tailwinds
- Sound cost development

Credit risk

- Very favourable risk environment results in net release of risk costs
- Strong asset quality indicators: NPL ratio at 2.4%, NPL coverage at 92.7%

Capital position & capital return

- Fully loaded CET 1 ratio remained solid at 14.2%
- EUR 0.8 DPS accrued in H1 21

Profitability

- ROTE hits 15.0%
- Improved operating performance and low risk costs were key net profit drivers

Risk factors to guidance

2021 outlook

- Real GDP to rise 3.3-7.5% in 2021 in Erste Group's core CEE markets and Austria
- · Mid to high-single digit loan growth expected
- Outlook beyond 2021 impacted by economic fragility
- Double-digit operating result growth
- Fees on course for stellar performance low doubledigit growth expected
- 2021e risk charge expected to be max 15 bps of gross customer loans
- 2021e NPL ratio expected at approx. 2.5%
- EUR 1/share catch-up dividend in Q4, following ECB lifting dividend restriction; subject to EGM approval
- EUR 1.6 DPS target for business year 2021
- 2021e net result to be significantly higher than in 2020
- Double-digit ROTE expected for 2021
- Political, regulatory, geopolitical, economic, health and competition risks, also non-financial and legal risks
- Elevated level of uncertainty due to Covid-19 crisis
- Economic downturn may put goodwill at risk



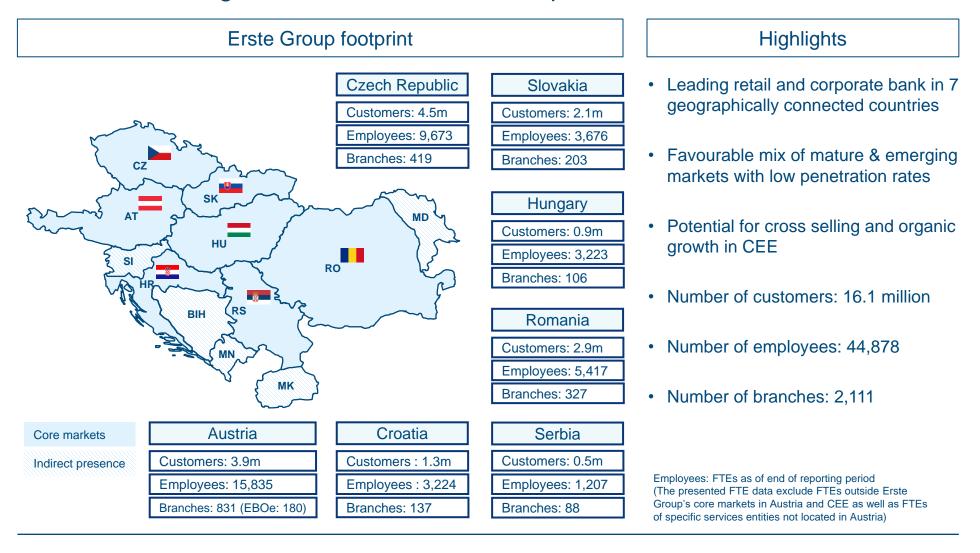
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Additional information: footprint –

Customer banking in Austria and the eastern part of the EU





Additional information: strategy -

A real customer need is the reason for all business

Customer banking in Central and Eastern Europe

Eastern part of EU

Focus on CEE, limited exposure to other Europe

Retail banking

Corporate banking

Capital markets

Public sector

Interbank business

Focus on local currency mortgage and consumer loans funded by local deposits

FX loans (in EUR) only where funded by local FX deposits (Croatia and Serbia)

Savings products, asset management and pension products

Expansion of digital banking offering

SME and local corporate banking

Advisory services, with focus on providing access to capital markets and corporate finance

Transaction banking services (trade finance, factoring, leasing)

Commercial real estate business

Focus on customer business, incl. customer-based trading activities

In addition to core markets, presences in Poland, Germany, New York and Hongkong with institutional client focus and selected product mix

Building debt and equity capital markets in CEE

Financing sovereigns and municipalities with focus on infrastructure development in core markets

Any sovereign holdings are only held for marketmaking, liquidity or balance sheet management reasons Focus on banks that operate in the core markets

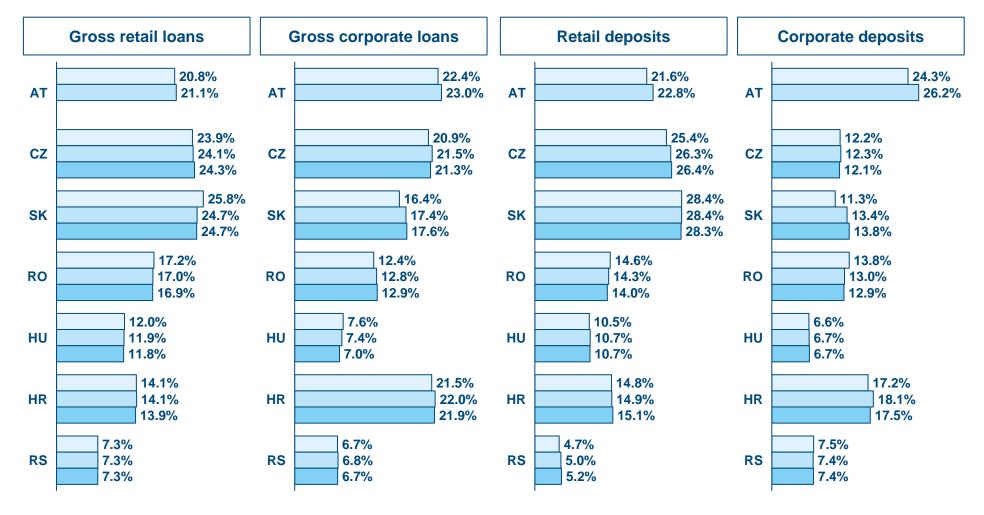
Any bank exposure is only held for liquidity or balance sheet management reasons or to support client business



Additional information: market shares -

Commanding market shares across the CEE region





Market shares for Austria are not yet available as of 30/09/2021



Additional information: income statement -

Year-to-date and quarterly view

	Year-to-date view			Quarterly view				
in EUR million	1-9 20	1-921	ΥΟΥ-Δ	Q3 20	Q2 21	Q3 21	ΥΟΥ-Δ	QOQ-A
Net interest income	3,589.3	3,669.5	2.2%	1,192.4	1,276.5	1,220.8	2.4%	-4.4%
Interest income	3,882.9	3,708.9	-4.5%	1,237.7	1,226.1	1,274.8	3.0%	4.0%
Other similar income	1,103.9	1,113.8	0.9%	344.6	438.8	336.0	-2.5%	-23.4%
Interest expenses	-501.0	-337.5	-32.6%	-122.1	-109.0	-124.1	1.6%	13.8%
Other similar expenses	-896.6	-815.8	-9.0%	-267.8	-279.3	-265.9	-0.7%	-4.8%
Net fee and commission income	1,448.3	1,690.4	16.7%	491.6	559.0	591.4	20.3%	5.8%
Fee and commission income	1,733.3	1,993.3	15.0%	587.3	655.9	699.1	19.0%	6.6%
Fee and commission expenses	-285.0	-302.9	6.3%	-95.7	-96.9	-107.8	12.6%	11.3%
Dividend income	15.7	28.1	79.6%	0.9	15.6	7.7	>100.0%	-50.8%
Net trading result	9.0	67.5	>100.0%	28.2	33.6	24.3	-13.6%	-27.7%
Gains/losses from financial instruments measured at fair value through profit or loss	81.4	133.5	64.1%	52.9	26.7	49.9	-5.6%	87.2%
Net result from equity method investments	9.9	10.0	0.3%	4.0	4.7	3.8	-6.5%	-19.4%
Rental income from investment properties & other operating leases	132.3	136.1	2.9%	44.0	45.9	46.5	5.5%	1.2%
Personnel expenses	-1,902.2	-1,881.3	-1.1%	-636.7	-626.5	-632.4	-0.7%	0.9%
Other administrative expenses	-819.0	-846.6	3.4%	-235.6	-235.5	-265.3	12.6%	12.6%
Depreciation and amortisation	-402.0	-413.2	2.8%	-136.1	-137.8	-140.3	3.1%	1.9%
Gains/losses from derecognition of financial assets measured at amortised cost	0.2	1.8	>100.0%	-0.1	8.0	-1.4	>100.0%	n/a
Other gains/losses from derecognition of financial instruments not measured at fair value through profit or loss	-0.7	-18.8	>100.0%	1.4	-0.3	-18.2	n/a	>100.0%
Impairment result from financial instruments	-870.1	-51.6	-94.1%	-194.7	-47.2	31.3	n/a	n/a
Other operating result	-213.6	-243.3	13.9%	-43.8	-45.6	-70.9	62.1%	55.5%
Levies on banking activities	-100.3	-71.6	-28.6%	-17.3	-19.0	-19.4	12.0%	2.4%
Pre-tax result from continuing operations	1,078.4	2,282.I	>100.0%	568.3	870.I	847.0	49.0%	-2.7%
Taxes on income	-264.2	-433.6	64.1%	-123.9	-163.0	-146.3	18.0%	-10.3%
Net result for the period	814.2	1,848.5	>100.0%	444.4	707.0	700.7	57.7%	-0.9%
Net result attributable to non-controlling interests	177.1	397.2	>100.0%	101.0	144.2	167.3	65.6%	16.1%
Net result attributable to owners of the parent	637.1	1,451.4	>100.0%	343.3	562.9	533.4	55.4%	-5.2%
Operating income	5,285.8	5,735.0	8.5%	1,814.0	1,962.1	1,944.3	7.2%	-0.9%
Operating expenses	-3,123.2	-3,141.0	0.6%	-1,008.5	-999.7	-1,038.0	2.9%	3.8%
Operating result	2,162.7	2,594.0	19.9%	805.5	962.4	906.3	12.5%	-5.8%



Additional information: group balance sheet –

Assets

	Quarterly data					Change		
in EUR million	Sep 20	Dec 20	Mar 21	Jun 21	Sep 21	YOY	-Δ YTD -Δ	QOQ-∆
Cash and cash balances	27,848	35,839	53,954	48,421	47,125	69.	.% 31.5%	-2.7%
Financial assets held for trading	6,764	6,356	6,464	6,088	6,244	-7.	'% -1.8%	2.6%
Derivatives	3,369	2,954	2,551	2,146	2,269	-32.	-23.2%	5.8%
Other financial assets held for trading	3,394	3,402	3,912	3,942	3,975	17.	% 16.8%	0.8%
Non-trading financial assets at fair value through profit and loss	3,157	3,083	3,096	3,154	3,105	-1.	0.7%	-1.6%
Equity instruments	395	347	325	309	316	-19.	-9.0%	2.3%
Debt securities	2,124	2,048	2,036	1,999	1,953	-8.	-4.7%	-2.3%
Loans and advances to banks	0	0	0	19	21		ı/a n/a	10.5%
Loans and advances to customers	638	687	735	827	815	27.	% 18.7%	-1.5%
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	8,578	8,519	8,547	9,181	9,074	5.	6.5%	-1.2%
Equity instruments	136	130	127	109	114	-16.	.% -12.1%	4.3%
Debt securities	8,442	8,389	8,420	9,072	8,960	6.	% 6.8%	-1.2%
Financial assets at amortised cost	212,824	210,940	219,901	223,072	230,488	8.	9.3%	3.3%
Debt securities	28,649	29,579	31,009	33,272	33,651	17.	13.8%	1.1%
Loans and advances to banks	25,672	21,466	27,477	24,522	27,728	8.	9% 29.2%	13.1%
Loans and advances to customers	158,502	159,895	161,414	165,279	169,109	6.	5.8%	2.3%
Finance lease receivables	4,118	4,127	4,094	4,167	4,208	2.	2.0%	1.0%
Hedge accounting derivatives	254	205	149	131	94	-63.	-54.2%	-28.3%
Fair value changes of hedged items in portfolio hedge of interest rate risk	6	5	1	0	-2		ı/a n/a	>100.0%
Property and equipment	2,496	2,552	2,526	2,545	2,539	1.	'% -0.5%	-0.2%
Investment properties	1,245	1,280	1,312	1,370	1,367	9.	6.8%	-0.2%
Intangible assets	1,331	1,359	1,332	1,342	1,326	-0.	-2.4%	-1.2%
Investments in associates and joint ventures	170	190	192	195	196	15.	3.1%	0.3%
Current tax assets	151	175	183	171	147	-2.	-15.8%	-14.0%
Deferred tax assets	454	460	446	427	439	-3.	-4.6%	2.9%
Assets held for sale	209	212	165	141	129	-38.	-38.9%	-8.5%
Trade and other receivables	1,256	1,341	1,596	1,841	1,797	43.	% 34.0%	-2.4%
Other assets	1,123	751	1,010	1,188	962	-14.	28.2%	-19.0%
Total assets	271,983	277,394	304,969	303,435	309,240	13.	% 11.5%	1.9%



Additional information: group balance sheet – Liabilities and equity

	Quarterly data						Change		
in EUR million	Sep 20	Dec 20	Mar 21	Jun 21	Sep 21	YC	Y- ∆ Y 7	D- Δ	QOQ-Δ
Financial liabilities held for trading	2,845	2,625	2,192	2,412	2,193	-2	2.9% -1	6.5%	-9.1%
Derivatives	2,253	2,037	1,631	1,392	1,364	-3	9.5% -3	3.1%	-2.0%
Other financial liabilities held for trading	592	588	561	1,021	829	3	9.9% 4	1.1%	-18.8%
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	12,334	12,091	11,383	10,448	10,281	-1	5.6% -1	5.0%	-1.6%
Deposits from customers	279	254	230	136	130	-5	3.2% -4	8.7%	-4.0%
Debt securities issued	11,878	11,657	10,982	10,136	9,971	-1	5.1% -1	4.5%	-1.6%
Other financial liabilities	178	180	172	176	180).9%	0.4%	1.8%
Financial liabilities at amortised cost	229,525	235,125	262,669	261,691	267,069	I	5.4% I	3.6%	2.1%
Deposits from banks	26,433	24,771	35,288	34,643	35,387	3	3.9%	2.9%	2.1%
Deposits from customers	184,551	190,816	205,144	206,120	207,376	1	2.4%	8.7%	0.6%
Debt securities issued	17,797	19,020	21,535	20,107	23,534	3	2.2% 2	3.7%	17.0%
Other financial liabilities	743	518	702	820	772		3.9% 4	9.1%	-5.9%
Lease liabilities	516	560	557	594	582	- 1	2.8%	4.1%	-1.9%
Hedge accounting derivatives	209	189	191	170	230		9.8% 2	1.9%	35.3%
Fair value changes of hedged items in portfolio hedge of interest rate risk	0	0	0	0	0	-9	2.0% -8	9.9%	-75.5%
Provisions	2,008	2,082	2,196	2,055	2,053		2.2%	1.4%	-0.1%
Current tax liabilities	67	58	68	65	87	3	0.0% 4	9.3%	35.1%
Deferred tax liabilities	31	20	25	28	26	-1	7.2% 2	8.6%	-6.4%
Liabilities associated with assets held for sale	3	1	1	1	1	-6	1.0% -3	5.8%	13.9%
Other liabilities	3,006	2,232	2,914	2,602	2,765	-	3.0% 2	3.9%	6.3%
Total equity	21,438	22,410	22,771	23,371	23,954	1	.7%	6.9 %	2.5%
Equity attributable to non-controlling interests	5,024	5,073	5,163	5,282	5,453		3.5%	7.5%	3.2%
Additional equity instruments	1,987	2,733	2,733	2,733	2,732	3	7.5%	0.0%	0.0%
Equity attributable to owners of the parent	14,427	14,604	14,876	15,355	15,769		9.3%	8.0%	2.7%
Subscribed capital	860	860	860	860	860		0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Additional paid-in capital	1,478	1,478	1,478	1,478	1,478		0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Retained earnings and other reserves	12,090	12,267	12,538	13,018	13,432	I	1.1%	9.5%	3.2%
Total liabilities and equity	271,983	277,394	304,969	303,435	309,240	1	3. 7 % I	1.5%	1.9%



Additional information: regulatory capital position/requirement (SREP) – Capital requirements (SREP) for 2021; Erste Group target of 13.5% unchanged

		Erste Group Consolidated Erste Group Unconsolidated						consolidated		
		ECB Capital Relief								
		Phased-i	n	Fully loaded	Measures I)	Fully loaded	Fully loaded			_
		2019 2020		Q3 2021	Q3 2021	YE 2021	2019	2020	Q3 2021	YE 2021
Pillar I CET I requirement		4.50%	4.50%	4.50%	4.50%	4.50%	4.50%	4.50%	4.50%	4.50%
Combined buffer requirement 5)		4.91%	4.68%	4.67%	2.17%	4.67%	4.75%	4.63%	4.63%	4.63%
Capital conservation buffer		2.50%	2.50%	2.50%	0.00%	2.50%	2.50%	2.50%	2.50%	2.50%
Countercyclical capital buffer 2)		0.45%	0.18%	0.17%	0.17%	0.17%	0.25%	0.13%	0.13%	0.13%
OSII buffer		2.00%	2.00%	1.00%	1.00%	1.00%	2.00%	2.00%	1.00%	1.00%
Systemic risk buffer		2.00%	2.00%	1.00%	1.00%	1.00%	2.00%	2.00%	1.00%	1.00%
Pillar 2 CET I requirement 3)		1.75%	0.98%	0.98%	0.98%	0.98%	1.75%	0.98%	0.98%	0.98%
Pillar 2 CET I guidance		1.00%	1.00%	1.00%	0.00%	1.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Regulatory minimum ratios excluding P2G										
	CETI requirement	11.16%	10.16%	10.15%	7.65%	10.15%	11.00%	10.11%	10.12%	10.12%
1.50% ATI	Tier I requirement	12.66%	11.99%	11.98%	9.48%	11.98%	12.50%	11.94%	11.94%	11.94%
2.00 % T2	Own funds requirement	14.66%	14.43%	14.42%	11.92%	14.42%	14.50%	14.38%	14.38%	14.38%
Regulatory minimum ratios including P2G										
	CETI requirement	12.16%	11.16%	11.15%	n.a.	11.15%	11.00%	10.11%	10.12%	10.12%
1.50% ATI	Tier I requirement	12.66%	12.99%	12.98%	n.a.	12.98%	12.50%	11.94%	11.94%	11.94%
2.00% T2	Own funds requirement	14.66%	15.43%	15.42%	n.a.	15.42%	14.50%	14.38%	14.38%	14.38%
Reported CET	I ratio as of September 2021			14.45%	4)				21.25% 4)	

- Buffer to MDA restriction as of 30 September 21: 424bps
- Available distributable items (ADI) as of 30 September 21: EUR 3.0bn (post expected dividend in Q4 21);
 based on CRR II, which allows additional own funds components to be included, ADIs are at EUR 5.4bn

⁵⁾ Combined buffer requirement: until Q1 2021 higher of OSII and systemic risk buffer; Q3 2021 and YE 2021 OSII and systemic risk buffer are cumulative



¹⁾ Following ECB's announcement re. measures in reaction to COVID-19 on 12 March 2020 and 1 July 2021, ECB allows banks to operate temporarily below the level of capital defined by the Pillar 2 Guidance (P2G) and the Capital Conservation Buffer (CCB). However, MDA restrictions still apply in case of a combined buffer requirement breach.

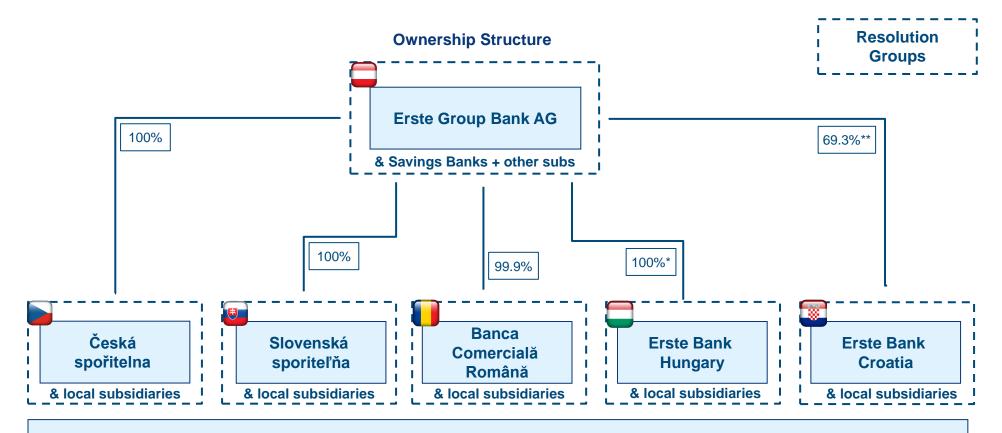
²⁾ Planned values based on Q3 2021 exposure (Q2 21 countercyclical buffer of 0.17% for Erste Group consolidated)

³⁾ As of end of May 2021 Art. 70b (7) ABA applies using the Pillar 2 Requirement (P2R) according to the capital stack which results in the following application: 56.25% for CET1 capital and 75% for Tier 1 capital. The overall P2R remained at 1.75% for Erste Group. In 2020, the temporary capital relief actions from ECB (published on 12 March 2020) applied.

⁴⁾ Consolidated capital ratios pursuant to IFRS on phased-in basis. Unconsolidated capital ratios pursuant to Austrian Commercial Code (UGB), on phased-in basis and based on Q2 2021. ADIs pursuant to UGB.

Additional information: Multiple point of entry resolution strategy -

MREL compliance at Point of Entry Levels (bail-in)



Erste Group follows an MPE resolution strategy with each resolution group issuing its external MREL debt

^{**}Erste Bank Croatia: direct stake of 59%; indirect stake through Steiermärkische Sparkasse

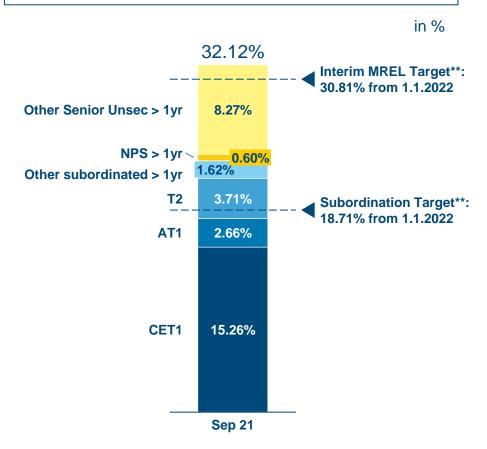


^{*}Erste Bank Hungary: 30% held by Corvinus/Hungarian State and EBRD (15% each) with option agreement to sell stakes to Erste Group Bank AG

Additional information: MREL details

Austrian resolution group: MREL requirement based on RWA fulfilled

MREL capacity based on TREA (RWA)*



^{*} TREA... total risk exposure amount

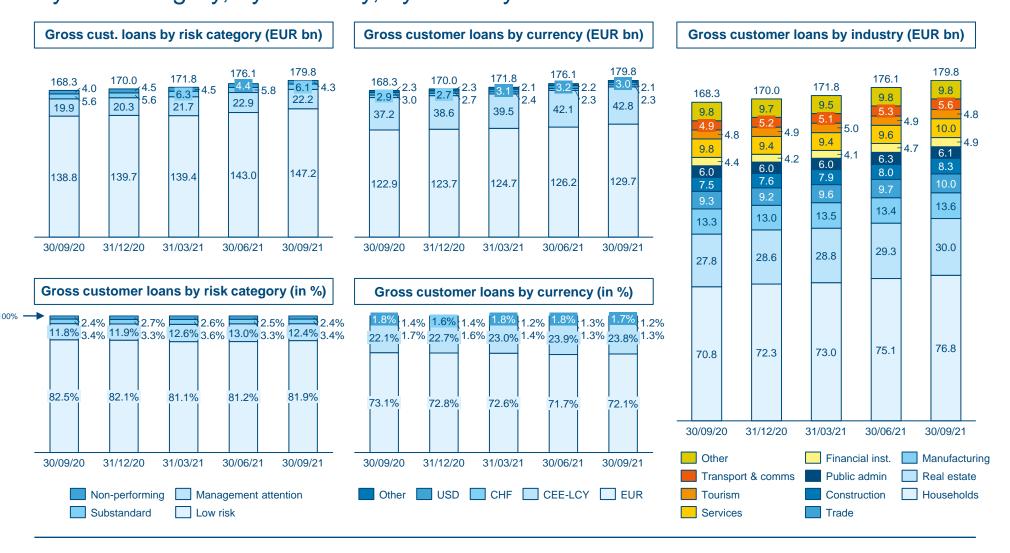
Key take-aways

- Erste Group's setup is based on a multiple point of entry (MPE) resolution approach
- In Q2 2021, Erste Group Bank AG received its MREL requirement calibrated on balance sheet data as of 31 Dec 2019 and based on BRRD2
- Erste Group Bank AG, as the Point of Entry of the Austrian resolution group, must comply with a MREL requirement of 30.81% of TREA (incl. CBR) and 9.92% of Leverage Ratio Exposure (LRE). In addition, the subordination requirement is set at 18.71% (incl. CBR) of TREA and 8.60% of LRE respectively.
- Based on the Austrian resolution group's RWAs as of Sep 2021 of approx. EUR 84.07bn, the current MREL ratio stands at 32.12%, thereof 23.86% being subordinated eligible liabilities.
- As of Q3 2021 the AT resolution group would be compliant with the interim MREL and subordination requirements (TREA and LRE-based) to be fulfilled from 1 Jan 2022.
- Potential changes in the MREL requirement will be reflected in Erste Group Bank AG's funding plan as to ensure compliance with MREL & subordination targets



^{**} Target including the Combined Buffer Requirement (CBR)

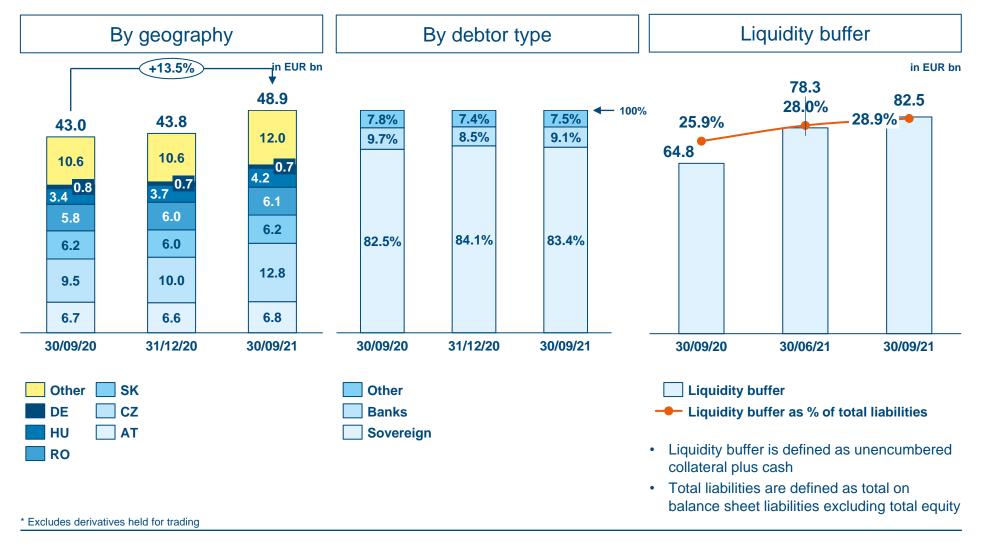
Additional information: gross customer loans – By risk category, by currency, by industry





Additional information: financial and trading assets* -

LCR at excellent 181.0%

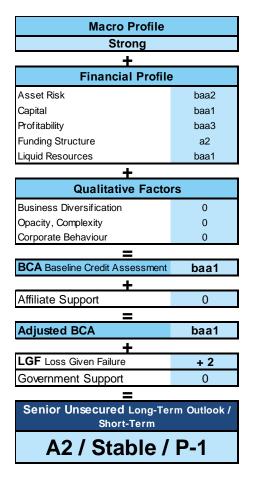




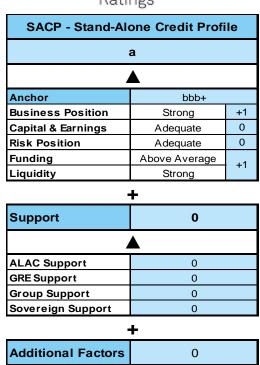
Additional information: Ratings –

Composition of Erste Group Bank AG's issuer ratings

Moody's



S&P Global Ratings



Issuer Credit Rating Long-Term Outlook / Short-Term A / Positive / A-1

FitchRatings

VR - Viability Rating (Individual Rating)

SRF - Support Rating Floor

NF (No Floor)

IDR - Issuer Default Rating
Long-Term Outlook / Short-Term

A / Stable / F1

Status as of 27 October 2021

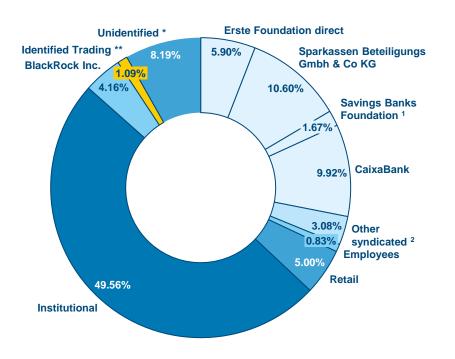


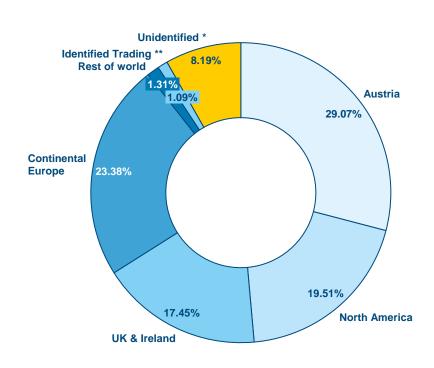
Additional information: shareholder structure –

Total number of shares: 429,800,000

By investor

By region





- 1 Syndicated Savings Banks Foundations, own holdings of Savings Banks, Erste Employees Private Foundation
- ² Other parties to the shareholder agreement of Erste Foundation, Savings Banks and CaixaBank
- * Unidentified institutional and retail investors

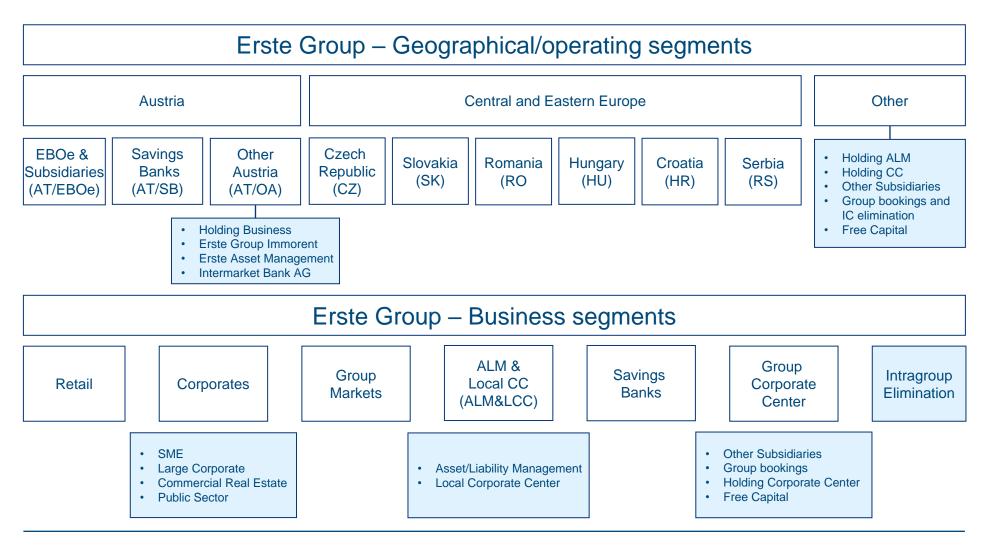
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^{**} Including Market Makers, Prime Brokerage, Proprietary Trading, Collateral and Stock Lending positions which are visible through custodian banklists

Additional information: segment structure –

Geographical/operating and business segment view





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