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# **Profit momentum continues**

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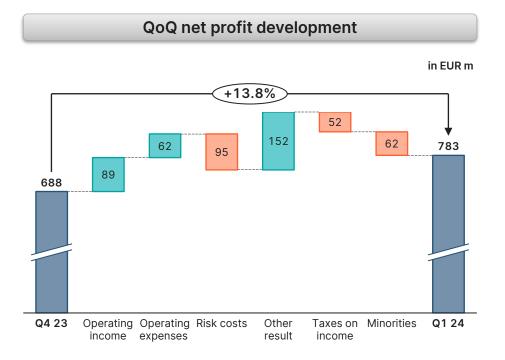
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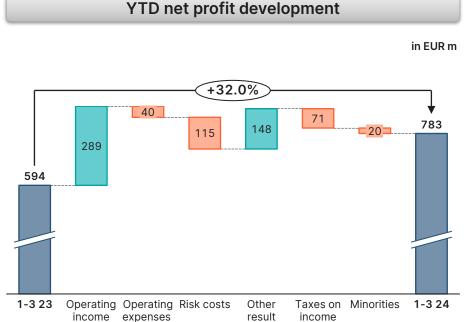
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# Robust top line and moderate costs drive net profit growth





#### Operating income grows qoq

NII consolidation near record levels, reassuring fee growth

#### Operating expenses decline qoq

Seasonally lower expenses, despite (lower) upfront booking of deposit insurance contributions in all geographies

Net result also benefits from improved other result

#### Balanced operating income growth yoy

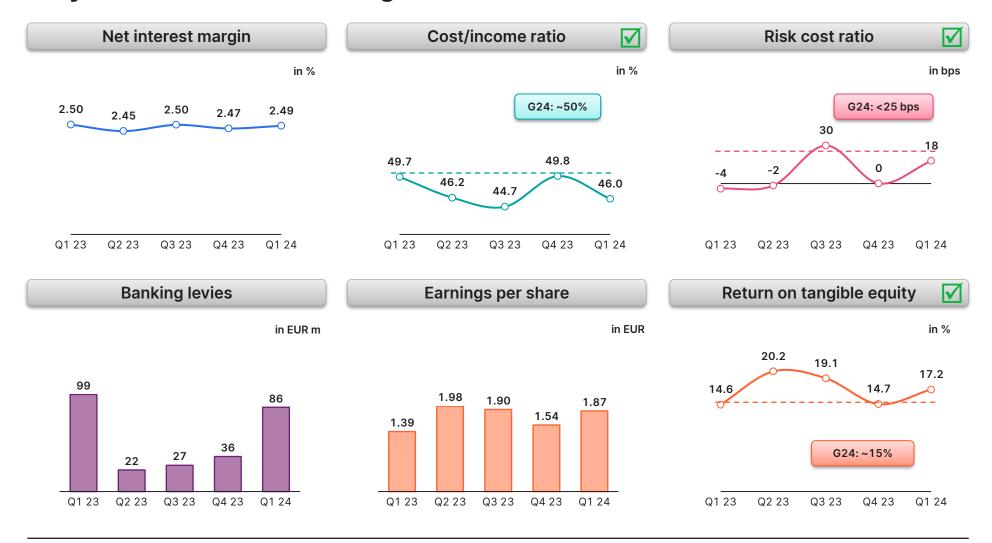
- NII, fees and net trading & FV result all contribute to growth

Costs benefit from lower deposit insurance contributions Risk costs remain moderate

Other result improves on lower resolution fund expenses

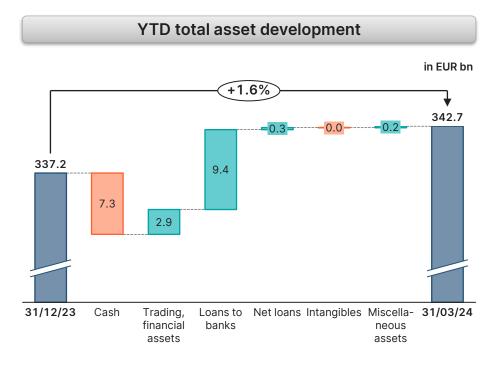


# Fully on track to deliver 2024 guidance



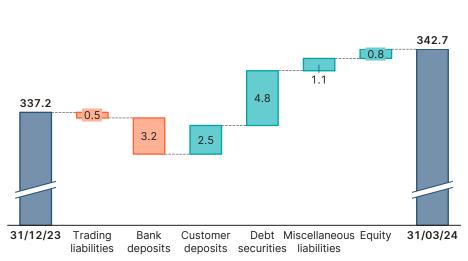


# Moderate volume growth, as expected









#### **Customer loans flat ytd in euro terms**

- Marginal increase in Retail offset by marginal decrease in Corporate segments
- Slow start to the year at minority-owned savings banks

#### Seasonally higher interbank lending volumes

#### Customer deposits increase by 1.1% in Q1 24

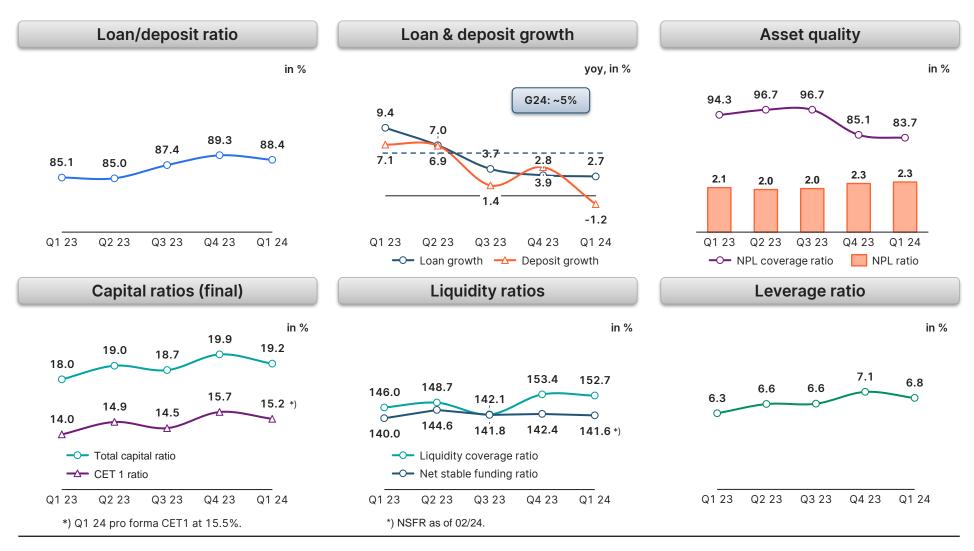
- Core deposits (Retail, SME, Savings Banks) broadly stable
- Large Corporate business stable

#### Debt securities driven by start-of-year issuance activity

 Primarily covered bond issuance and increased CD business as well as selected local MREL issuance (CZ, HR)



# **Balance sheet metrics remain strong**





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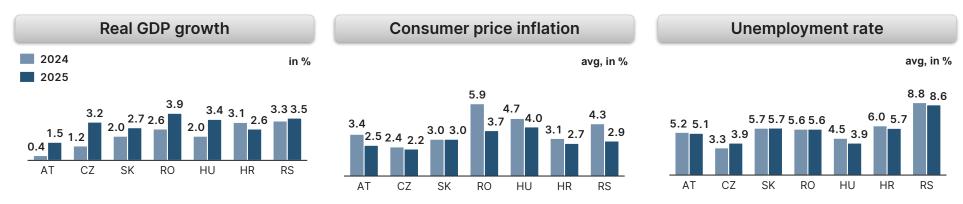
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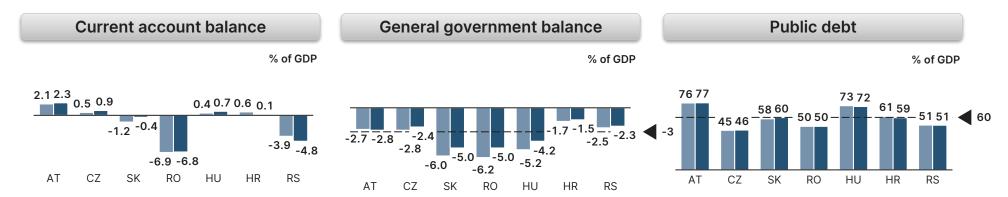
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# Moderate economic recovery projected for 2024



Economic growth expected to rebound on stronger household consumption Disinflation to continue and approach central banks' targets in 2024



Labour markets expected to remain robust in 2024

Current account balances sustainable in most countries, high fiscal deficit countries set to improve in 2025

<sup>\*</sup> Source: Erste Group Research.



# Retail business on a good track

#### Slightly growing loan book in FX-adjusted terms

- Housing loan volumes started to rebound in local currency (esp. in CZ and HU), first rate cuts support new sales; sustainable growth trend likely to be triggered by lower interest rates
- New business volumes for consumer loans remain at high levels (particularly strong in RO and HR); online offers further strengthen sales
- Risk profile of the retail loan portfolio remains very good

#### Broadly stable retail deposit base

NII growth mostly liability-driven on the back of euro zone interest rate hikes

#### Stock of securities savings plans increased further in Q1 24

- Strategic focus on long-term savings plans pays off increase across all markets
- Constant inflow of new assets under management

#### Retail digital platform George continues to grow

- 10 million users onboarded to George across 6 markets
- Continued focus on driving digital adoption among our retail customers
- Digital sales reach 51%, supported by assisted digital sales initiatives in CZ, HR, RO and SK

# Fee income growth driven by securities, insurance brokerage and payment fees

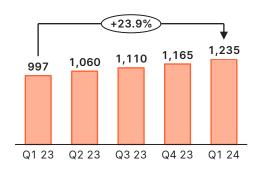
#### Housing and consumer loans

in EUR bn



#### Securities savings plans

in thds, eop





# Operating income growing in Corporates and Markets division

#### New loan generation covers repayments, pipeline builds up

- SME lending reflects weaker demand, FX development and minor resegmentation, while large corporates show moderate growth in Q1 24
- Key revenue growth driver remains NII with +5% yoy, mainly benefitting from rate environment, supported by rising fee income

#### **Group Markets business with strong start into the year**

- Group Markets segment increased operating income by 2.4% yoy, supported by strong primary and secondary business, continuously well performing securities business
- Origination business reaching almost the exceptional levels of Q1 23. In 2024, 70 bookrunning mandates and EUR 52bn of co-arranged volume.

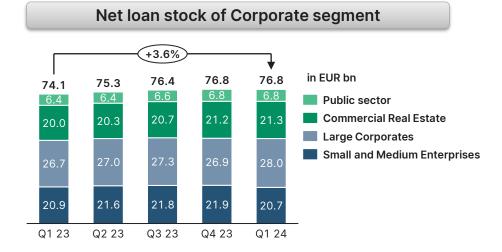
#### Asset Management with net sales growth

- Assets under management rise to EUR 81bn, strong Retail net sales in CZ and HU, and solid institutional sales in AT
- Sustainable funds increase by 18% to EUR 20.5bn

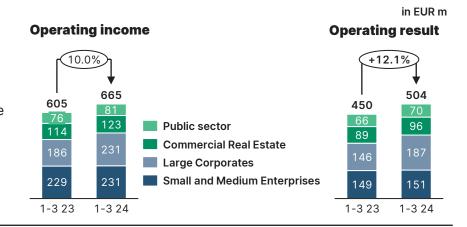


In Austria, almost 40,000 customers onboarded on George Business, first 600 clients onboarded in RO

Financial Health Zone available to over 3,000 corporate customers with promising results in CZ and HR



#### **Operating performance of Corporate segment**





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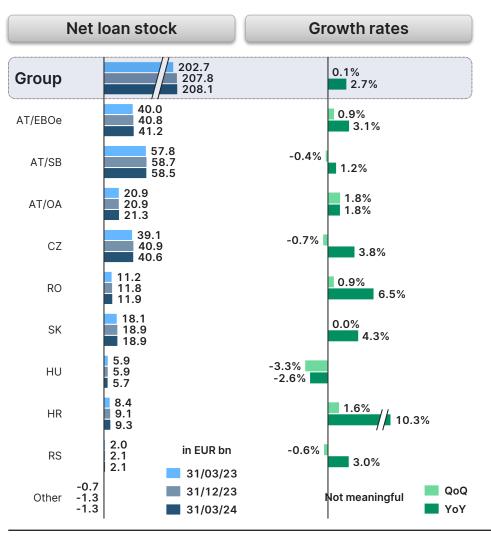
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# Flat qoq loan development on negative FX impact, muted demand



#### As expected, slow start to 2024

- Retail business flat qoq with RO and HR as positive outliers, up 3.5% yoy driven by organic growth in HR and SK, inorganic growth in CZ
- Austrian retail demand impacted by government measures, passed by parliament in mid-April, including abolition of stamp duty for first time property buyers and renovation subsidies
- Corporate loans flat qoq, up 3.6% yoy
- FX impact of EUR -1.1bn ytd dented growth

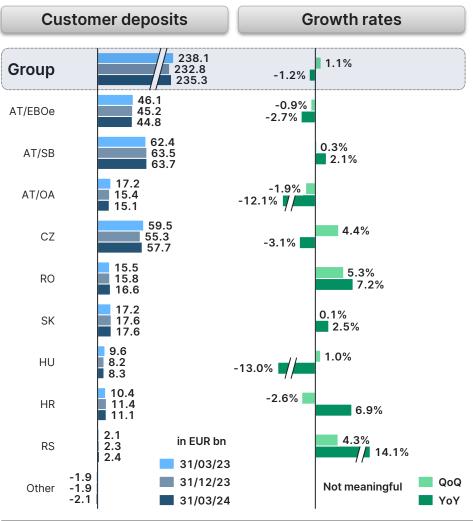
2024 loan growth guidance confirmed at ~ +5% with growth pick-up expected in H2 24, especially in Austria

#### Q1 24 loan growth drivers

- CZ: qoq decline due to currency depreciation (EUR -0.9bn)
- HU: qoq, yoy decline mainly due to currency depreciation (EUR 0.2bn) and weaker large corporate demand
- HR: strong yoy, qoq performance supported by healthy retail loan demand
- AT/EBOe and AT/SB: expectation of macroprudential relaxation and government support measures weigh on retail loan demand



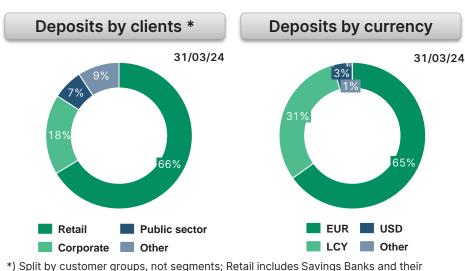
# Customer deposits up 1.1% in Q1 24



Erste Group's favourable deposit mix is a key competitive advantage – overweight retail, sight, EUR deposits

#### Key Q1 24 deposit drivers

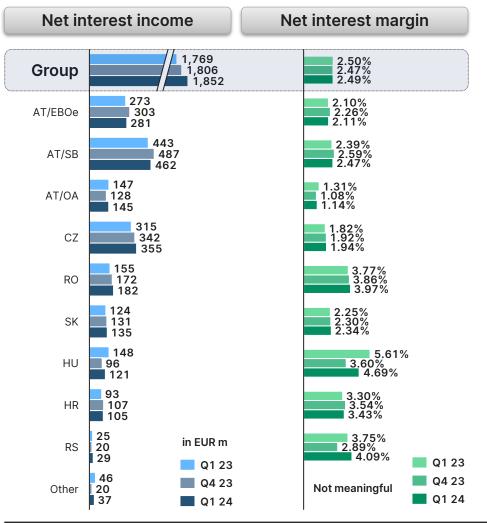
- Core deposits (Retail, SME & Savings Banks) stable gog & yoy
- Share of retail current account deposits (of total Retail) slipped to 52.3% (Q4 23: 53.8%, Q1 23: 57.1%) on continued gradual shift into term and savings deposits
- CZ: qoq increase attributable to volatility in public sector business
- AT/OA: yoy minor decline in Large Corporates







#### NII consolidates near record levels



#### NII grows 4.7% yoy, up 2.6% qoq

- Yoy increase driven by favourable interest rate backdrop
- Qoq increase due to strong CEE performance, more than offsetting declines in Austrian retail and SME segments

#### Key NII drivers in Q1 24

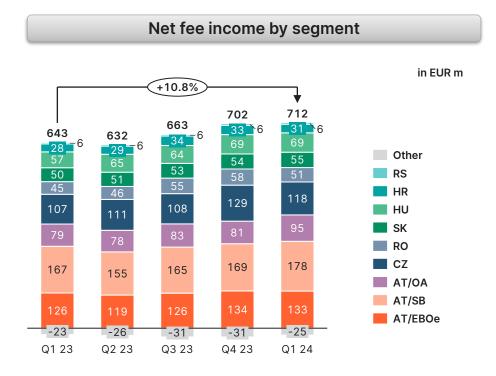
- AT/EBOe and AT/SB: qoq continued rise in deposit pass-through rates, stop of minimum reserve remuneration weigh on NII (yoy)
- AT/OA: qoq NII normalisation following technical adjustment in the previous quarter
- HU: yoy decline due to lower market interest rates, qoq increase driven by non-recurrence of Q4 23 rate cap modification loss oneoff and interest cap on corporate deposits in Q1 24
- RS: gog increase explained by modification loss one-off in Q4 23

#### **Unchanged 2024 NII guidance**

- Current projection is for NII to slip by ~3%, with potential pressures being mostly neutral to bottom line as mainly affecting the minorityowned savings banks, which benefitted most in the up cycle
- Headwinds: expected rate cuts, stop of remuneration of minimum reserves in CZ and euro zone
- Tailwinds: volume growth, increased income from bond portfolio
- Timing and magnitude of central bank rate cuts primarily in the euro zone and the Czech Republic will be key driver

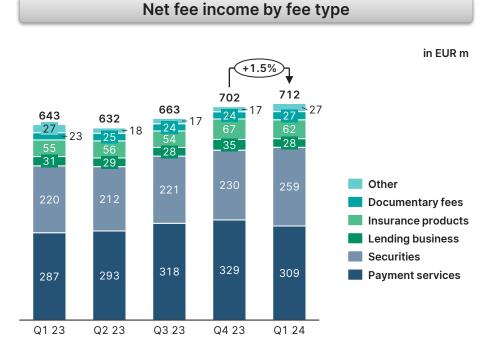


# Another quarter, another record fee print





- Yoy performance supported by balanced growth in all key fee categories (payment services, securities, insurance brokerage)
- Qoq uptick driven by strong securities performance on the back of supportive market environment

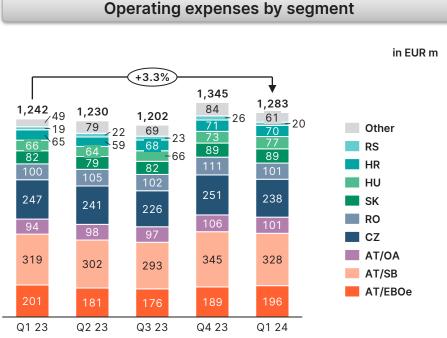


FY24 guidance: mid-single-digit growth

Fee income remains a key long-term structural growth opportunity



# Operating expenses benefit from lower deposit insurance contributions



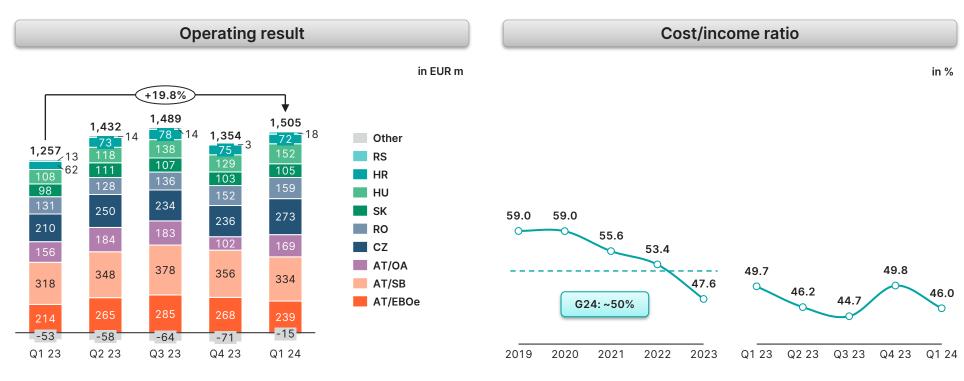
# Q1 24 Q1 24 Q1 24 FY24 guidance: ~ +5%, mainly on continued wage drift, especially in Austria

#### Key cost drivers in Q1 24

- Yoy cost updrift mitigated by lower deposit insurance contributions (EUR -37m), primarily in Austrian segments
- Qoq decline attributable to seasonally lower personnel, marketing, legal and consultancy expenses



# 2024 starts with a record operating performance



#### Key operating result drivers in Q1 24

- Revenue momentum re-accelerated, with NII consolidating near record highs, fees setting another quarterly record and trading & FV result also making an exceptionally strong positive contribution
- Expenses were seasonally lower qoq, on decreased personnel and other administrative expenses

# Q1 24 saw re-acceleration in revenue momentum paired with seasonally lower costs qoq

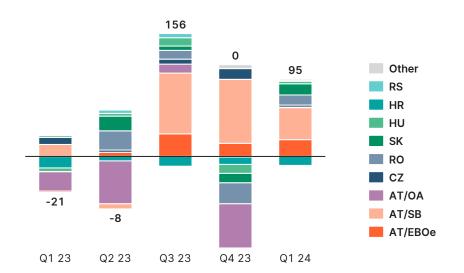
FY24 guidance: CIR of ~50%



# Q1 24 risk costs come in at 18 bps, 2024 outlook confirmed







#### Key risk costs drivers in Q1 24

- Allocations primarily at the savings banks and Erste Bank
   Oesterreich due to some defaults in the corporate segment,
   primarily residential real estate
- Very positive development across Central and Eastern Europe
- No release of FLI provisions and industry overlays in Q1 24

#### Risk cost ratio \*





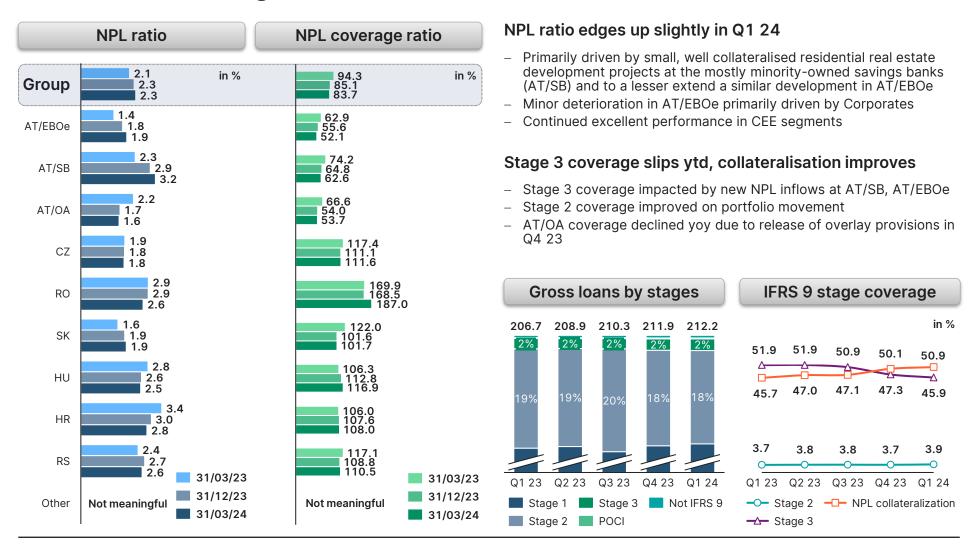
<sup>\*)</sup> A positive (absolute) figure denotes a net allocation, a negative figure denotes a net release. The risk cost ratio is calculated as annualised quarterly impairment result of financial instruments over average gross customer loans.

#### 2024 guidance confirmed at <25 bps

- Minority-owned savings banks expected to post somewhat higher risk costs, limiting bottom line impact
- EUR ~750m of portfolio overlays and FLI provisions available for portfolio/macro deterioration, of which approx. EUR 200m expected for release in 2024

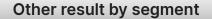


# NPL and NPL coverage ratios at comfortable levels



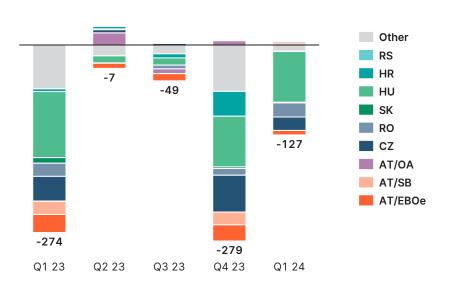


# Other result improves yoy on lower resolution fund contribution



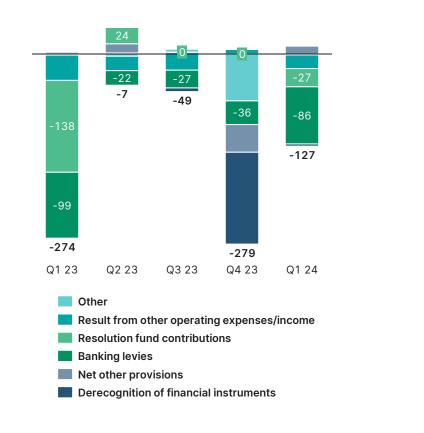
#### Other result by accounting categories

in EUR m in EUR m



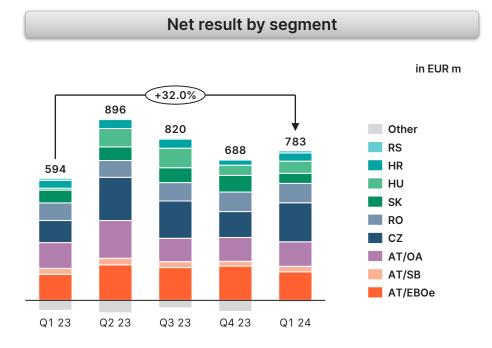
#### Key other result drivers in Q1 24

- Significantly lower resolution fund contributions as euro zone resolution fund was filled at year-end 2023
- Lower banking taxes due to halving of extra profit tax in HU, despite booking of new banking tax in RO and SK (affecting tax line)
- Net other provisions benefit from releases at Austrian entities

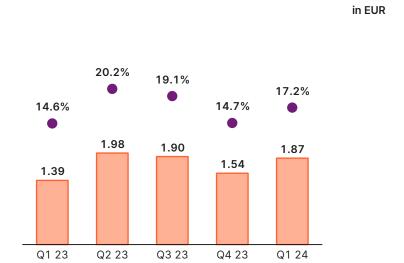




# **Q1 24 ROTE at 17.2%, 2024 ROTE target confirmed at ~15%**



#### **EPS & ROTE**



#### Key net profit drivers in Q1 24

- Strong yoy, qoq operating performance driven by top line growth
- Continued moderate risk costs
- Strongly improved yoy, qoq other result

**Erste Group continues track record of earning premium on cost of capital** 

Return on tangible equity
 Earnings per share

Erste Group targets ROTE of ~15% in 2024



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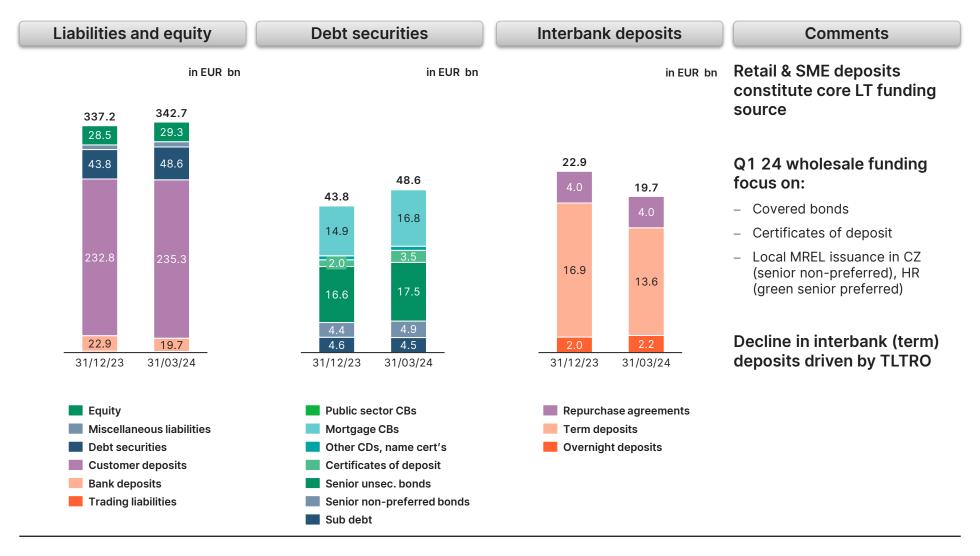
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# Start-of-year issuance activity drives debt securities





# MREL issuance progresses to plan

#### **MPE** resolution groups

# in EUR bn, as of Mar 2024 80 28 26 21 11 11 7 7 7 Total assets Total RWA

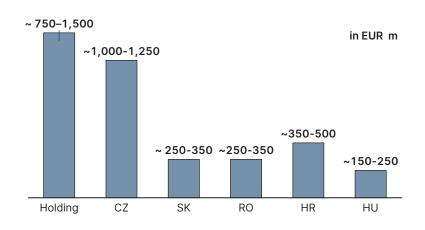
#### Multiple point of entry (MPE) resolution strategy

- 7 MPE resolution groups
- 4 (AT, SK, HR; SI\*) covered by the Single Resolution Board
- 3 (CZ, RO, HU) covered by the respective National Resolution Authority

#### Features of the Austrian resolution group

- Covers parent company (Holding), EBOe and savings banks
- Not considered a legal entity or reporting unit, hence there is neither a statutory reporting nor a capital requirement

#### MREL issuance plan (by year-end 2024)

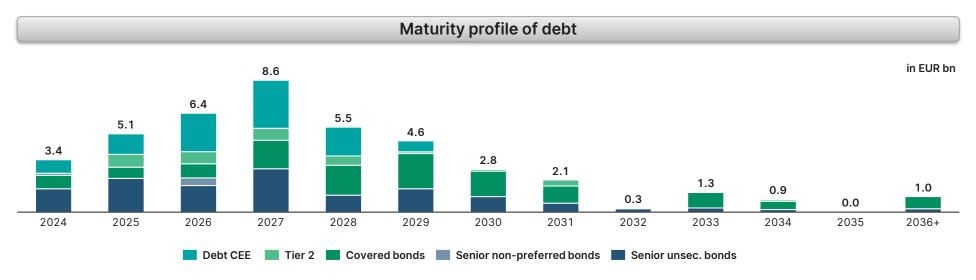


# More than EUR 5.5bn MREL-related CEE issuances placed in domestic and euro markets in 2022, 2023 and 2024

- Holding: ~EUR 5.4bn PS (thereof latest EUR 500m PS benchmark in Q2 23)
- CZ: ~EUR 2.2bn, thereof CZK 6bn NPS (domestic) and four EUR 500m NPS (international in Q4 22, Q2 23, Q3 23 and Q1 24)
- SK: ~EUR 1.1bn PS (several domestic & international issues, latest EUR 300m in Oct 23)
- RO: ~EUR 1.2bn, thereof four RON 2.4bn NPS (domestic) and one EUR 700m NPS benchmark (Q2 23)
- HU: ~EUR 550m PS, thereof EUR 350m PS (international issue in Q1 22)
- HR: ~EUR 490m PS (domestic issue in Q2 23 and EUR 400m in Q1 24)



# Majority of 2024 funding plan already executed



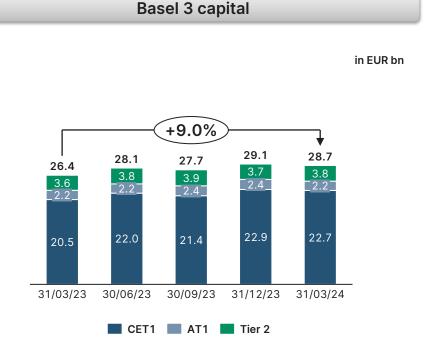
#### 2024 funding volume comparable to 2023 with funding mix leaning towards covered bonds

- In January 2024, Erste Group started the year with a EUR 1bn covered bond (7y at MS+50bps)
- Followed by another EUR 1bn covered bond in March (9.75y at MS+55bps)
- Total issuance volume in Q1 24 EUR 2.5bn in holding company

TLTRO III: Outstanding amount of EUR 2.6bn as of Q1 24



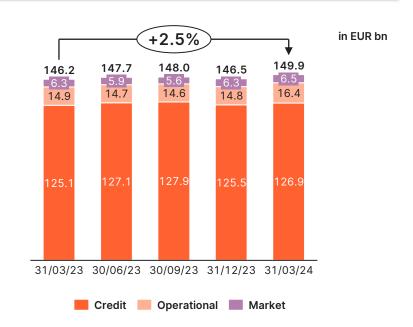
# **RWAs increase on business effects and operational risk**





- OCI impact and prudential filters: -EUR 180m
- AT1 declines by EUR 168m following the announcement of the call of the AT1 instrument (XS1597324950) in Feb 2024

#### **Risk-weighted assets**

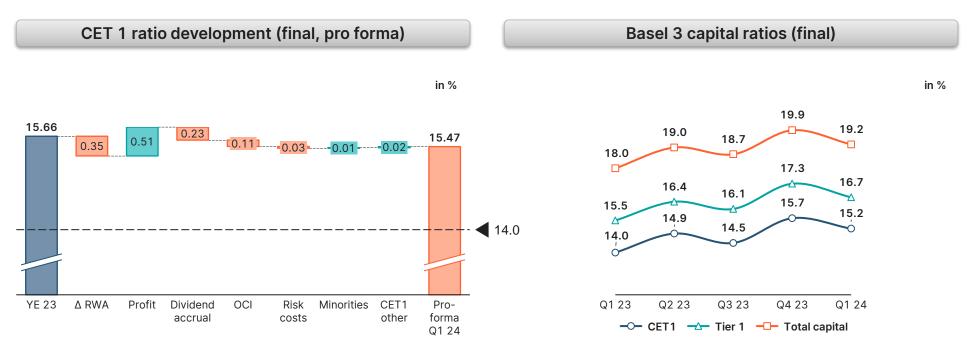


#### RWAs up ytd mainly on credit RWAs and operational risk

- Credit RWA up by EUR 1.4bn on business effects in Corporate (off balance sheet business) and Retail, partially offset by FX effects and portfolio effects
- Operational risk increase attributable to annual severity recalibration
- Market risk RWA up by EUR 0.3bn mainly due to interest rate risk



# **Capital remains at strong level**



#### Pro-forma CET1 ratio at 15.5%

- Total RWAs increase mainly on operational and credit RWA
- Decrease of OCI mainly attributable to negative impact from FX translations

Target CET1 ratio (fully loaded) of 14.0%

Application for EUR 500m second share buyback already filed with ECB



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# **Guidance for 2024 fully confirmed**

Variable	2024 guidance	Key assumptions/additional comments
Real GDP	> 2%	Moderately improving economic outlook
Loans	~ +5%	Loan growth on better economic outlook, declining interest rates, but back-end-loaded
NII	~ -3%	NII consolidation after 2 years of historic upswing
Fees	~ +5%	Strong fee outlook on healthy demand for asset management, payment services
Costs	~ +5%	Inflationary pressures partially mitigated by efficiency measures
CIR	~ 50%	Maintenance of strong operating performance
Risk costs	< 25 bps	Continuation of broadly positive risk environment
ROTE	~ 15%	Sustainable, strong profitability
Dividend	€2.7	Planned dividend for FY2023; unchanged dividend policy with pay-out ratio targeted at 40-50%
CET1 ratio	> 14.0%	Unchanged target CET1 ratio, targeting second share buyback in the amount of EUR 500m in 2024

Risk factors to guidance

- Political, regulatory, geopolitical, economic, health and competition risks, also non-financial and legal risks
- Indirect effects from international (military) conflicts, such as the Russia/Ukraine war or in the mid-east region, prolonged supply chain disruptions, additional shock on energy prices and/or supply, deterioration of investment and consumption appetite
- Economic downturn may put goodwill at risk



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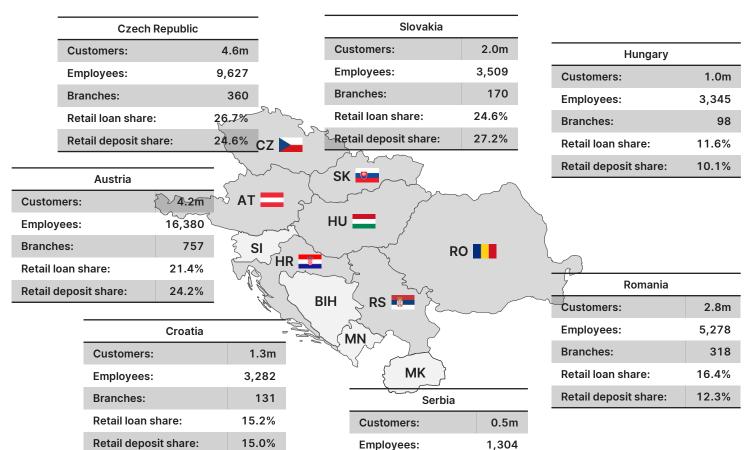
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# **Banking leadership in Central and Eastern Europe (1)**



Branches:

Retail loan share:

Retail deposit share:

87

7.0%

6.0%

Erste Group						
<b>Customers:</b>	16.4m					
Employees:	45,537					
Branches:	1,921					
Leading retail and corporate bank in 7 geographically connected core markets						
Favourable mix of remerging markets penetration rates						
Potential for cross organic growth in C						

Employees: FTEs as of end of reporting period (The presented FTE data per country exclude FTEs outside Erste Group's core markets in Austria and CEE as well as FTEs of specific services entities not located in Austria)



**Core markets** 

Indirect presence

Market shares for Austria are as of December 2023

# **Banking leadership in Central and Eastern Europe (2)**

#### **Eastern part of EU**

# Retail banking

Acting as Financial Health Advisor for the people in our region

Support customers to build up and secure wealth

Active management of customer journeys to increase profitability and customer satisfaction

# Corporate banking

SME and large 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 CEE, limited exposure to other Europe

# Capital markets

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

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

Building debt and equity capital markets in CEE

# Public sector

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

Any sovereign holdings are held for market-making, liquidity or balance sheet management reasons

# Interbank business

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

FINANCIAL HEALTH - Bringing advice to all customers to improve their financial health

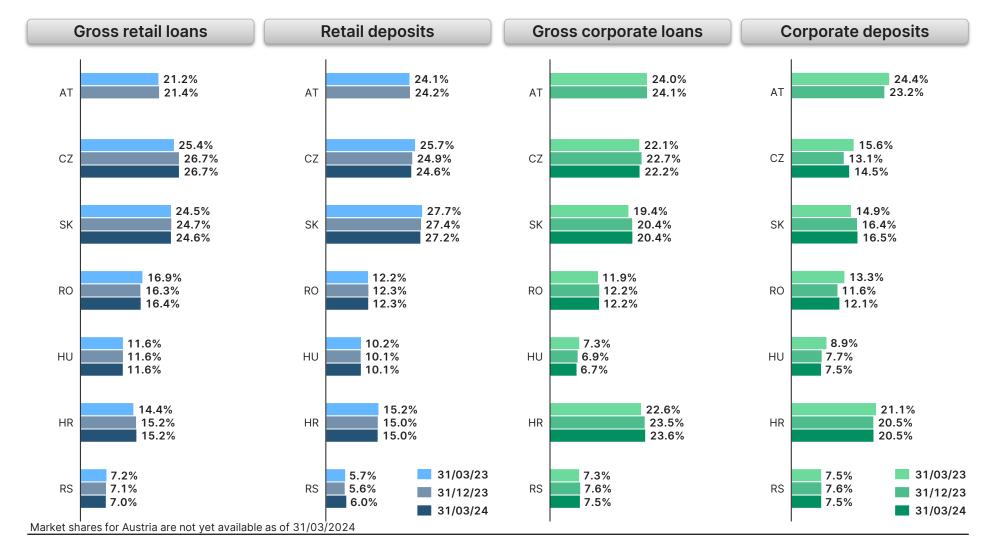
**GREEN TRANSITION – Being a financial leader in the green transition in CEE** 

PRIORITIES in DIGITALISATION - Invest in data analytics and innovate George

**CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY – Operating sustainably and profitably** 



# **Commanding market shares across the CEE region**





# **Strong track record of profitability**

	Year-to-date view				Qı			
in EUR million	1-3 23	1-3 24	ΥΟΥ-Δ	Q1 23	Q4 23	Q1 24	ΥΟΥ-Δ	QOQ-Δ
Net interest income	1,769.0	1,852.4	4.7%	1,769.	1,805.6	1,852.4	4.7%	2.6%
Interest income	3,388.2	3,966.0	17.1%	3,388.	3,919.3	3,966.0	17.1%	1.2%
Other similar income	1,068.2	1,080.5	1.2%	1,068.	1,103.4	1,080.5	1.2%	-2.1%
Interest expenses	-1,412.1	-1,981.8	40.3%	-1,412.	-1,894.1	-1,981.8	40.3%	4.6%
Other similar expenses	-1,275.4	-1,212.3	-4.9%	-1,275.	-1,323.1	-1,212.3	-4.9%	-8.4%
Net fee and commission income	642.7	712.2	10.8%	642.	702.0	712.2	10.8%	1.5%
Fee and commission income	746.5	836.0	12.0%	746.	813.6	836.0	12.0%	2.7%
Fee and commission expenses	-103.8	-123.7	19.2%	-103.	-111.6	-123.7	19.2%	10.9%
Dividend income	6.3	3.6	-42.5%	6.3	9.0	3.6	-42.5%	-59.9%
Net trading result	116.7	106.4	-8.8%	116.	416.8	106.4	-8.8%	-74.5%
Gains/losses from financial instruments measured at fair value through profit or loss	-81.4	33.0	n/a	-81.4		33.0	n/a	n/a
Net result from equity method investments	4.6	3.5	-23.8%	4.0		3.5	-23.8%	-33.6%
Rental income from investment properties & other operating leases	40.9	76.7	87.4%	40.9		76.7	87.4%	59.1%
Personnel expenses	-697.5	-746.5	7.0%	-697.		-746.5	7.0%	-6.2%
Other administrative expenses	-408.6	-401.9	-1.6%	-408.		-401.9	-1.6%	-1.1%
Depreciation and amortisation	-135.9	-134.1	-1.3%	-135.		-134.1	-1.3%	-5.9%
Gains/losses from derecognition of financial assets measured at amortised cost	-0.9	-2.1	>100.0%	-0.9		-2.1	>100.0%	-79.8%
Other gains/losses from derecognition of financial instruments not measured at fair value through profit or loss	1.1	-1.1	n/a	1.		-1.1	n/a	-99.1%
Impairment result from financial instruments	20.7	-94.8	n/a	20.	-0.3	-94.8	n/a	>100.0%
Other operating result	-274.3	-123.4	-55.0%	-274.3	-141.0	-123.4	-55.0%	-12.5%
Levies on banking activities	-99.1	-86.0	-13.2%	-99.	-35.7	-86.0	-13.2%	>100.0%
Pre-tax result from continuing operations	1,003.2	1,283.9	28.0%	1,003.2	1,074.7	1,283.9	28.0%	19.5%
Taxes on income	-185.6	-256.8	38.4%	-185.	-204.5	-256.8	38.4%	25.5%
Net result for the period	817.6	1,027.1	25.6%	817.6	870.2	1,027.1	25.6%	18.0%
Net result attributable to non-controlling interests	224.0	243.9	8.9%	224.	182.2	243.9	8.9%	33.9%
Net result attributable to owners of the parent	593.6	783.3	32.0%	593.6	688.0	783.3	32.0%	13.8%
Operating income	2,498.7	2,787.9	11.6%	2,498.	2,698.9	2,787.9	11.6%	3.3%
Operating expenses	-1,242.0	-1,282.5	3.3%	-1,242.	-1,345.0	-1,282.5	3.3%	-4.6%
Operating result	1,256.7	1,505.4	19.8%	1,256.7	1,353.9	1,505.4	19.8%	11.2%



# **Strong balance sheet dominated by customer loans**

	Quarterly data						Change		
in EUR million	Mar 23	Jun 23	Sep 23	Dec 23	Mar 24	ΥΟΥ-Δ	YTD-∆	QOQ-A	
Cash and cash balances	43,305	32,810	31,922	36,685	29,425	-32.1%	-19.8%	-19.8%	
Financial assets held for trading	6,472	8,076	6,971	8,773	9,342	44.4%	6.5%	6.5%	
Derivatives	1,668	1,306	1,357	1,262	1,105	-33.8%	-12.4%	-12.4%	
Other financial assets held for trading	4,803	6,770	5,615	7,511	8,237	71.5%	9.7%	9.7%	
Non-trading financial assets at fair value through profit and loss	2,870	2,902	2,889	3,004	2,965	3.3%	-1.3%	-1.3%	
Equity instruments	366	381	384	415	430	17.6%	3.8%	3.8%	
Debt securities	1,633	1,584	1,555	1,551	1,500	-8.2%	-3.3%	-3.3%	
Loans and advances to banks	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	
Loans and advances to customers	870	938	949	1,038	1,035	18.9%	-0.4%	-0.4%	
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	9,811	10,087	10,227	8,905	8,710	-11.2%	-2.2%	-2.2%	
Equity instruments	99	96	98	110	99	0.1%	-10.5%	-10.5%	
Debt securities	9,712	9,991	10,129	8,794	8,611	-11.3%	-2.1%	-2.1%	
Financial assets at amortised cost	265,455	274,936	270,286	264,721	277,092	4.4%	4.7%	4.7%	
Debt securities	43,401	44,819	44,367	44,047	46,647	7.5%	5.9%	5.9%	
Loans and advances to banks	27,299	33,454	28,094	21,432	30,874	13.1%	44.1%	44.1%	
Loans and advances to customers	194,755	196,663	197,825	199,241	199,570	2.5%	0.2%	0.2%	
Finance lease receivables	4,640	4,790	4,869	4,970	5,060	9.1%	1.8%	1.8%	
Hedge accounting derivatives	218	226	204	183	157	-27.8%	-13.9%	-13.9%	
Fair value changes of hedged items in portfolio hedge of interest rate risk	-35	-35	-35	-25	-26	-27.6%	2.5%	2.5%	
Property and equipment	2,671	2,665	2,593	2,605	2,660	-0.4%	2.1%	2.1%	
Investment properties	1,391	1,408	1,457	1,524	1,534	10.2%	0.7%	0.7%	
Intangible assets	1,335	1,328	1,313	1,313	1,281	-4.1%	-2.5%	-2.5%	
Investments in associates and joint ventures	217	225	225	241	269	24.3%	11.7%	11.7%	
Current tax assets	105	115	113	72	72	-31.1%	0.7%	0.7%	
Deferred tax assets	582	516	450	468	441	-24.2%	-5.8%	-5.8%	
Assets held for sale	175	163	173	163	14	-92.0%	-91.4%	-91.4%	
Trade and other receivables	2,402	2,489	2,510	2,579	2,421	0.8%	-6.1%	-6.1%	
Other assets	1,308	1,290	994	976	1,282	-2.0%	31.4%	31.4%	
Total assets	342,921	343,993	337,161	337,155	342,699	-0.1%	1.6%	1.6%	



# **Liabilities dominated by retail deposits**

	Quarterly data				Change			
in EUR million	Mar 23	Jun 23	Sep 23	Dec 23	Mar 24	ΥΟΥ-Δ	YTD-∆	QOQ-A
Financial liabilities held for trading	3,139	2,788	2,428	2,304	1,805	-42.5%	-21.6%	-21.6%
Derivatives	2,505	2,070	1,918	1,614	1,228	-51.0%	-23.9%	-23.9%
Other financial liabilities held for trading	635	718	510	690	577	-9.1%	-16.4%	-16.4%
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	11,227	11,223	10,931	11,152	10,865	-3.2%	-2.6%	-2.6%
Deposits from customers	1,384	1,201	1,016	593	158	-88.6%	-73.4%	-73.4%
Debt securities issued	9,708	9,890	9,781	10,429	10,572	8.9%	1.4%	1.4%
Other financial liabilities	135	132	134	130	135	0.1%	3.5%	3.5%
Financial liabilities at amortised cost	295,892	297,334	290,402	289,842	294,020	-0.6%	1.4%	1.4%
Deposits from banks	29,876	25,669	23,223	22,911	19,737	-33.9%	-13.9%	-13.9%
Deposits from customers	236,690	239,881	234,758	232,223	235,178	-0.6%	1.3%	1.3%
Debt securities issued	28,538	30,756	31,307	33,330	37,994	33.1%	14.0%	14.0%
Other financial liabilities	787	1,027	1,114	1,378	1,111	41.1%	-19.4%	-19.4%
Lease liabilities	699	703	684	670	690	-1.4%	2.9%	2.9%
Hedge accounting derivatives	365	322	300	286	269	-26.3%	-5.8%	-5.8%
Fair value changes of hedged items in portfolio hedge of interest rate risk	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Provisions	1,857	1,702	1,636	1,612	1,664	-10.4%	3.2%	3.2%
Current tax liabilities	163	171	174	265	284	74.7%	7.5%	7.5%
Deferred tax liabilities	19	3	3	14	50	>100.0%	>100.0%	>100.0%
Liabilities associated with assets held for sale	112	104	119	113	0	-100.0%	-100.0%	-100.0%
Other liabilities	2,966	2,909	2,796	2,396	3,731	25.8%	55.7%	55.7%
Total equity	26,483	26,735	27,687	28,502	29,322	10.7%	2.9%	2.9%
Equity attributable to non-controlling interests	6,188	6,424	6,672	6,853	7,088	14.5%	3.4%	3.4%
Additional equity instruments	2,236	2,236	2,394	2,405	2,405	7.6%	0.0%	0.0%
Equity attributable to owners of the parent	18,059	18,074	18,621	19,243	19,829	9.8%	3.0%	3.0%
Subscribed capital	860	860	851	843	842	-2.1%	-0.2%	-0.2%
Additional paid-in capital	1,478	1,478	1,486	1,494	1,495	1.2%	0.1%	0.1%
Retained earnings and other reserves	15,721	15,737	16,284	16,906	17,492	11.3%	3.5%	3.5%
Total liabilities and equity	342,921	343,993	337,161	337,155	342,699	-0.1%	1.6%	1.6%



## Capital requirements for 2024 slightly up on higher buffers

			Erste Group Con	solidated		Erste Group Unconsolidated			
			Fully loaded			Fully loaded			
		2022	2023	Q1 2024	YE 2024	2022	2023	Q1 2024	YE 2024
Pillar 1 CET1 I	requirement	4.50%	4.50%	4.50%	4.50%	4.50%	4.50%	4.50%	4.50%
Combined buf	ffer requirement	4.77%	5.46%	5.72%	5.73%	4.78%	5.31%	5.30%	5.36%
Capital cons	ervation buffer (CCB)	2.50%	2.50%	2.50%	2.50%	2.50%	2.50%	2.50%	2.50%
Countercycli	ical capital buffer (CCyB) 1)	0.27%	0.71%	0.72%	0.73%	0.28%	0.56%	0.55%	0.61%
OSII buffer		1.00%	1.25%	1.50%	1.50%	1.00%	1.75%	1.75%	1.75%
Systemic ris	k buffer (SRB)	1.00%	1.00%	1.00%	1.00%	1.00%	0.50%	0.50%	0.50%
Pillar 2 CET1 I	requirement (P2R) 2)	0.98%	0.98%	1.07%	1.07%	0.98%	0.98%	1.07%	1.07%
Pillar 2 CET1	guidance (P2G)	1.00%	1.00%	1.00%	1.00%	0.00%	0.00%	1.00%	1.00%
Regulatory mi	nimum ratios excluding P2G								
	CET1 requirement	10.26%	10.95%	11.29%	11.30%	10.27%	10.80%	10.86%	10.93%
1.50% AT1	Tier 1 requirement	12.09%	12.78%	13.14%	13.15%	12.10%	12.63%	12.72%	12.78%
2.00% T2	Own funds requirement	14.52%	15.21%	15.62%	15.63%	14.53%	15.06%	15.20%	15.26%
Regulatory mi	nimum ratios including P2G								
	CET1 requirement	11.26%	11.95%	12.29%	12.30%	10.27%	10.80%	11.86%	11.93%
1.50% AT1	Tier 1 requirement	13.09%	13.78%	14.14%	14.15%	12.10%	12.63%	13.72%	13.78%
2.00% T2	Own funds requirement	15.52%	16.21%	16.62%	16.63%	14.53%	15.06%	16.20%	16.26%
Reported CET	1 ratio as of March 2024			15.21%			_	23,40% 3)	

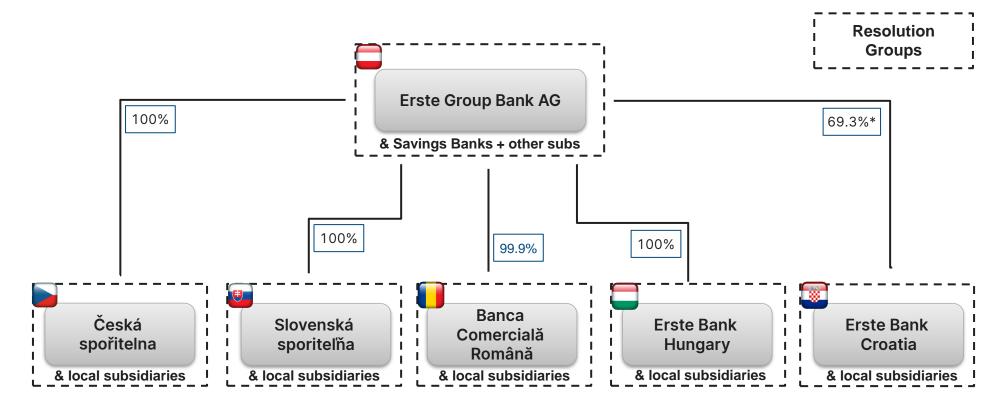
#### Buffer to MDA restriction as of 31 Mar 2024: 356 bps

Available distributable items (ADI) as of 31 Mar 2024: EUR 5.0bn (post dividend payable in 2024); based on CRR II, which allows additional own funds components to be included, ADIs are at EUR 7.6bn

- 1. Planned values based on Q1 2024 exposure.
- 2. As of end of May 2021 Art. 70b (7) ABA applies using P2R according to the capital stack: 56.25% for CET1 capital and 75% for Tier 1 capital. The overall P2R increased from 1.75% to 1.90% as of 1.1.2024.
- 3. Consolidated capital ratios pursuant to IFRS on phased-in basis. Unconsolidated capital ratios pursuant to IFRS as of Q4 2023. ADIs pursuant to Austrian Commercial Code (UGB).



## MREL compliance at point of entry level (bail-in)

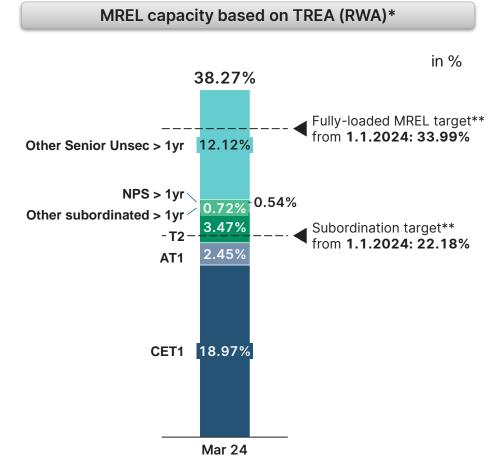


Erste Group follows an MPE resolution strategy with each resolution group issuing its external MREL debt



<sup>\*</sup> Erste Bank Croatia: direct stake of 59%; indirect stake through Steiermärkische Sparkasse

## Austrian resolution group: MREL requirement based on RWA fulfilled



#### Key take-aways

# Erste Group adopted multiple point of entry (MPE) resolution approach

- In Q2 23, Erste Group Bank AG received its MREL requirement calibrated on 31 Dec 2021 balance sheet data
- From 1.1.2024, Erste Group Bank AG, as the resolution entity of the Austrian resolution group, must comply with a MREL requirement of 28.69% of TREA (excl. CBR) and 9.49% of Leverage Ratio Exposure (LRE). In addition, the subordination requirement is set at 16.88% (excl. CBR) of TREA and 8.81% of LRE, respectively.
- As of Q1 24 the Combined Buffer Requirement (CBR) of the Austrian Resolution Group 5.30% of TREA
- Based on the Austrian resolution group's RWAs as of Mar 2024 of approx. EUR 91.6bn, the current MREL ratio stands at 38.27%, thereof 26.15% being subordinated eligible liabilities.

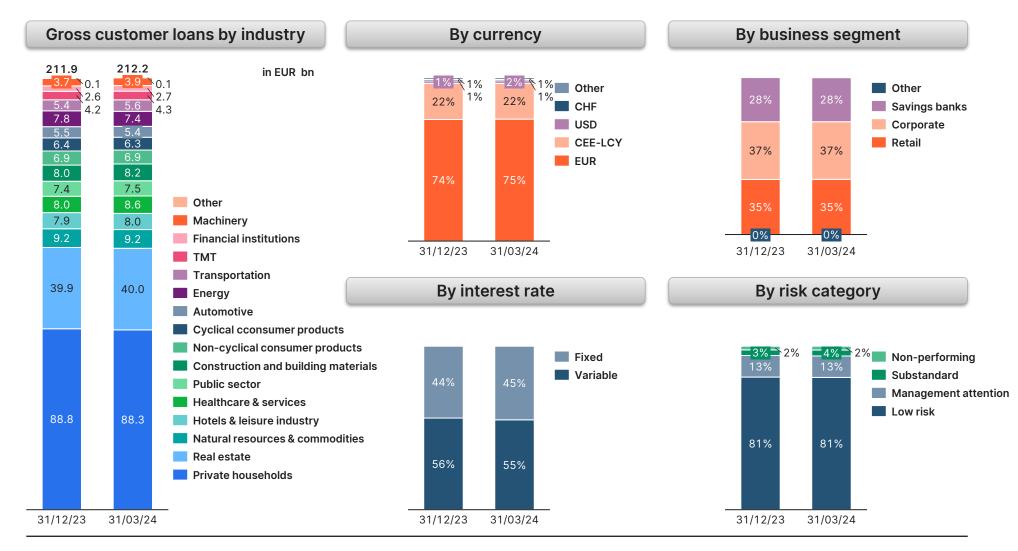
# As of Q1 24 the AT resolution group is compliant with the fully-loaded MREL and subordination requirements (TREA and LRE-based) to be fulfilled from 1 Jan 2024.

 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

- \* TREA... total risk exposure amount
- \*\* Target including the Combined Buffer Requirement (CBR)



## **Erste Group benefits from a highly diversified loan book**





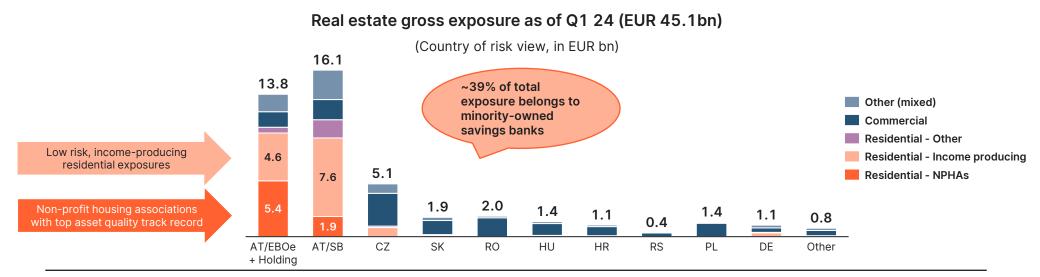
## Real estate snapshot

#### Sound lending standards

- Income producing projects (>80%)
- Ring-fenced, A-class buildings in prime locations with risk-mitigating structures
- Highly collateralised business with conservative valuation approach (application of valuation haircuts) and LTVs in the 50-60% range

#### Well-diversified portfolio with low-risk focus

- >50% of exposure is related to AT-focused residential real estate (RRE) with significant risk mitigating elements, such as high share of statesubsidised, non-profit housing associations (NPHAs)
- Commercial real estate (CRE) is well-diversified and heavily weighted towards lower risk economies, such as AT and CZ
- Moderate office vacancy rates in relevant market of Vienna of ~4%, and only minor increases in CEE
- Other real estate relates to RE management services and small RRE and CRE projects, typically in the minority-owned savings banks (>65%)



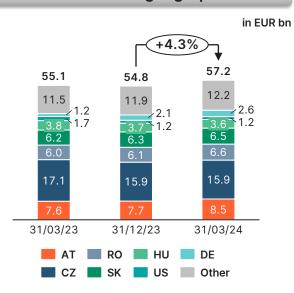


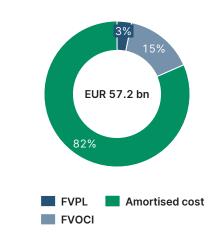
## Financial asset portfolio creates strong net interest income tailwinds

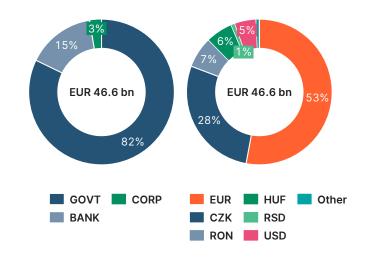
Financial assets – geographic view

Financial assets – accounting view

AC by issuer and currency







# Financial assets are geographically well-diversified

- Main rationale is maintenance of strong levels of highly liquid assets
- Focus on Erste Group core markets
- Largest exposure is to Czech sovereign

#### Amortised cost portfolio as at Q1 24

- Amounts to EUR 46.6bn or 82% of total financial assets, +5.9% as of Mar 2024
- Portfolio duration: 4.4 years
- Portfolio yield: 2.5%

- Rolling maturities are re-invested at higher yields
- Focus on euro driven by investments in core markets (AT, SK) as well as other euro zone exposures
- Focus on strong ratings: ~76% A or higher, ~22% BBB



## Erste Group's embedded ESG strategy as a key to success



#### **GREEN TRANSITION**

- We aim to achieve a net zero status for our portfolio by 2050.
- We strengthen our leading position in green finance in CEE by funding climate action and adaptation to climate change.
- We aim to achieve a net zero status of banking operations by 2030 to make a direct contribution to ecological transition as a credible champion of sustainability.



#### **SOCIAL INCLUSION**

- We promote financial inclusion through our social banking activities, thereby strengthening social cohesion in the civil society.
- We help our customers gain financial health and financial literacy, with a focus on financial education projects for children and young people.
- We invest in affordable housing.
- We promote diversity, including gender diversity, as a significant contributor to performance and a healthy corporate culture.

Our contribution to the UN SGDs

















## **Erste Group's ESG targets**



#### **Leading the Green Transition**

Sustainable **Finance** 

25% of sustainable corporate financing in 2026

15% of sustainable retail mortgages in 2027

#### **Promoting Social Inclusion**

Social **Banking**  EUR 1bn Social Banking financing by 2030

200,000 jobs created or preserved by 2030

**Portfolio Net Zero** 

2050 Net Zero Portfolio

**Affordable** housing

affordable housing units established by 2030

Net- Zero **Operations**  90% low carbon electricity

2030 Net zero operations

**Diversity** 

women in management board positions 30% by 2028

33% women in B-1 positions by 2028

**Coal Exit** 

2030 Coal Exit



#### **Environment**

**Net zero operations** 

Operational emissions (in tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e):

→ pathway towards net zero 2030



#### Sustainable finance

New corporate financing of environmental objectives



						Committed amount (total), Mar 2024	in EUR m
			54,596	53,740		♠ Construction and real estate	512
				53,740	Scope 1+2	🍅 Renewable energy	54
76,677	54,491				Scope 3	☐ Transportation	5
		44,414	39,449	31,854		್ಲಿ Other Corporate	105
2017	2020	2021	2022	2023		Total	676

Scope 3, financed emissions, covering EUR 184.6bn exposure – low intensity & overall emissions (as of Q1 24)

→ basis for our **journey towards net-zero portfolio** by 2050

153.6



gCO<sub>2</sub>e/€ financing low emission intensity 15.1



million tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>e total financed emissions Scope 1 and 2 13.2



million tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>e total financed emissions Scope 3



## Net-zero target setting to meet 1.5 degree climate scenarios<sup>1</sup>

#### Portfolio decarbonization interim targets 2030

					Baselir	ne	Targe	ets	Volume as of Mar 24
Sector	Metric	Methodology	Scenario/ pathway	Emissions scope	Year	Value	2030	reduction	in EUR bn
excl. savings banks segment	:								
Mortgages	kgCO <sub>2</sub> e/m²	SBTISDA	IEA B2DS	1+2	2022	53.3	30.5	-43%	
Commercial real estate	kgCO <sub>2</sub> e/m²	SBTISDA	IEA B2DS	1+2	2022	50.9	25.7	-50%	72.4
Electricity production	kgCO <sub>2</sub> e/MWh	PACTA	IEA NZE2050	1+2	2022	421.4	215.6	-49%	72.4
Heat & steam production	thousand tCO2e	SBTiAC	IEA NZE2050	1+2	2022	1,382	801.0	-42%	
Oil and gas extraction	thousand tCO <sub>2</sub> e	PACTA	IEA NZE2050	1+2+3	2023	1,020	924.0	-9%	
Automotive production	gCO₂e/km	PACTA	IEA NZE2050	1+2+3	2023	170.0	104.0	-39%	1.1
Iron and steel production	tCO <sub>2</sub> e/t steel	PACTA	IEA NZE2050	1+2	2023	1.46	1.1	-24%	1.1
Cement production <sup>2</sup>	tCO <sub>2</sub> e/t cement	SBTiSDA	IEA NZE2050	1+2	2023	0.584	0.475	-17%	
incl. savings banks segment									
Mortgages	kgCO <sub>2</sub> e/m <sup>2</sup>	SBTiSDA	IEA B2DS	1+2	2022	48.7	27.1	-44%	
Commercial real estate	kgCO <sub>2</sub> e/m <sup>2</sup>	SBTiSDA	IEA B2DS	1+2	2022	45.9	22.2	-52%	102.5
Electricity production	kgCO <sub>2</sub> e/MWh	PACTA	IEA NZE2050	1+2	2022	357.1	182.7	-49%	

<sup>3</sup> The savings banks segment was only included in the target setting for those sectors whose financed emissions were material.



<sup>1</sup> The EU members states' updated National Energy & Climate Plans (NECP) in acc. with the Green Deal will allow us to update our target setting for all sectors to be in line with 1.5° scenarios

<sup>2</sup> The base year values are based on available input data, such as sustainability reports, some of which only show CO2 values. If, instead of the CO2e intensity, only the CO2 intensity per tonne of cement was available, this was used.

## **Erste Group has strong ESG ratings**

2022

2023



Erste Group maintains rating of AA in the MSCI ESG Ratings assessment.

**AA** (5.9)

**AA** (5.5)



Erste Group's assessment by Sustainalytics in the low risk category was confirmed.

**Low Risk** 15.3 / 100

**Low Risk** 16.4 / 100



Erste Group kept the Prime Status by ISS ESG, with a "very high" transparency level awarded.

**C "Prime"** 50.00

**C "Prime"** 52.25



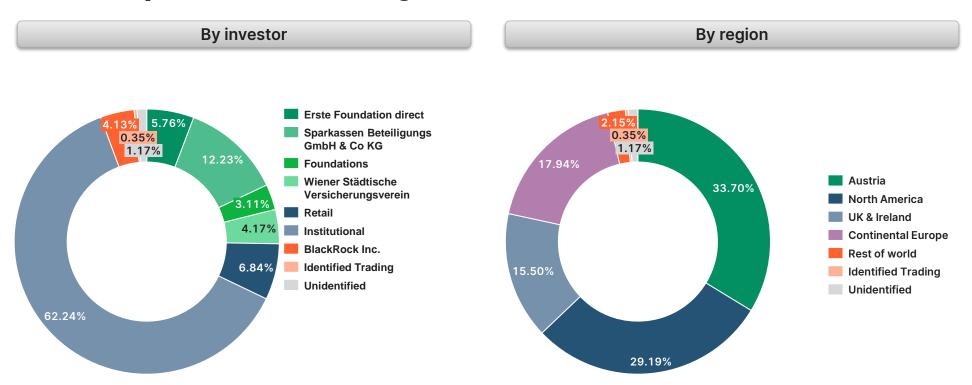
Second time reporting resulted in good **B rating**.

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## Erste Group benefits from strong and well-diversified shareholder base



#### Notes to shareholder structure

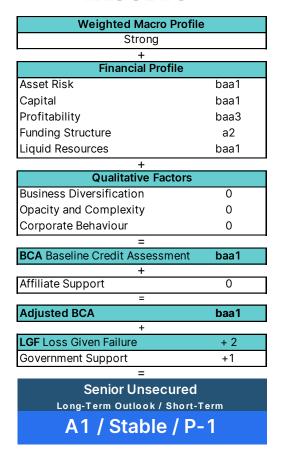
- Foundations include Erste Employees Private Foundation, Syndicated Savings Banks Foundations, own holdings of Savings Banks
- Identified Trading includes market makers, prime brokerage, proprietary trading, collateral and stock lending positions which are visible through custodian bank lists
- Unidentified include unidentified institutional and retail investors
- The shareholder structure may contain rounding differences

Status as of 31 March 2024



## **Erste Group Bank AG boasts strong issuer ratings**

## Moody's



#### S&P Global Ratings

SACP - Stand-Alone Credit Profile					
a					
	<b>A</b>				
Anchor	bbb+				
Business position	Strong	+1			
Capital and earnings	Adequate	0			
Risk position	Adequate	0			
Funding Above Average					
Liquidity	Strong	+1			
CRA adjustment 0					

Support	+1
<b>A</b>	
ALAC Support	+1
GRE Support	0
Group Support	0
Sovereign Support	0

Issuer Credit Rating

Long-Term Outlook / Short-Term

A+ / Stable / A-1

**Additional Factors** 

## **Fitch**Ratings

VR - Viability Rating (Individual Rating ) a

SRF - Support Rating Floor

NF (No Floor)

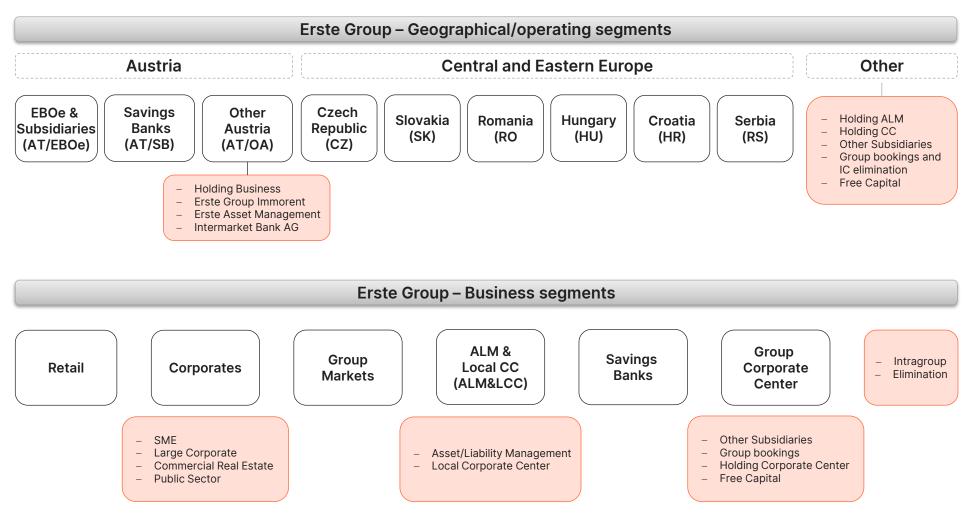
IDR - Issuer Default Rating Long-Term Outlook / Short-Term

A / Stable / F1

Status as of 21 July 2023



## Geographical/operating and business segment view





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