# Erste Group debt investor presentation FY 2019 preliminary results

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Erste Group closes 2019 with strong operating performance, outlook for 2020 confirmed



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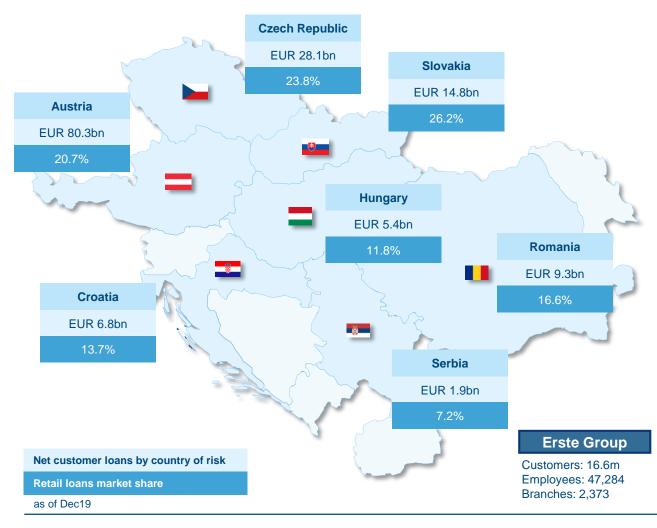
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1	Introduction to Erste Group					
2	Funding strategy					
3	Latest quarterly financials					



#### Erste Group's footprint -

## The leading retail & corporate bank in the eastern part of the EU

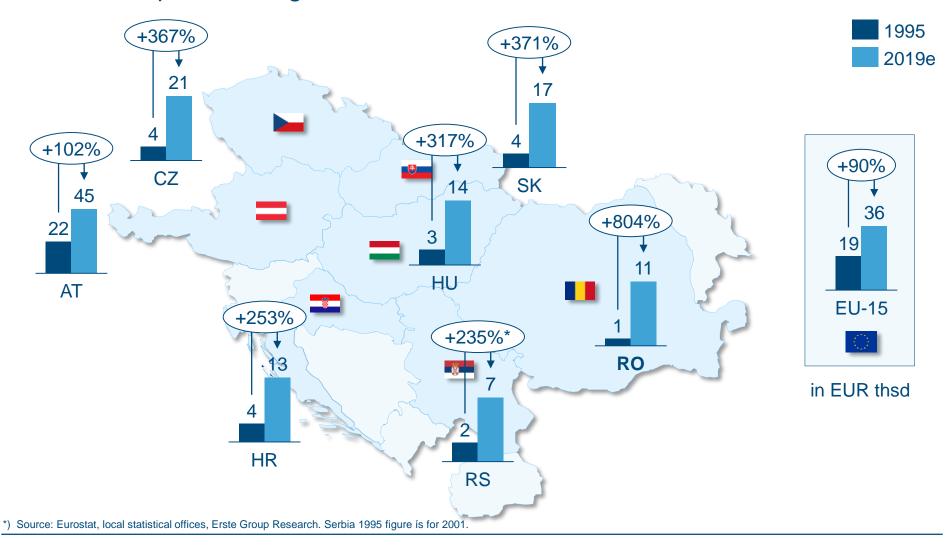


- Successful purpose driven business strategy: founded to create and safeguard prosperity
- Strong local banks with solid market positions in 7 core markets in CEE
- Favourable mix of mature and emerging markets with low penetration rates and high organic growth potential
- Dedicated omni-channel business model supported by cross-border digital platform George



#### Erste Group's convergence growth story -

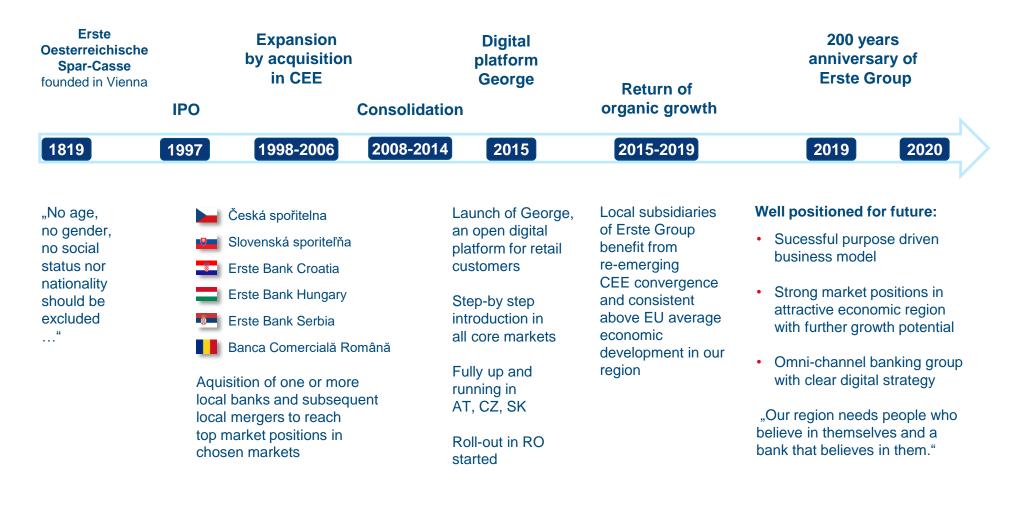
CEE GDP/capita convergence track record bodes well for the future\*





## Erste Group's journey through history -

The savings bank that set out to bring prosperity to all since 1819





## Erste Group is committed to sustainability for over 200 years – Strong ESG ratings & aligned with UN SDGs

#### **ESG** Ratings and Indices



Included in the Vienna Stock Exchange's sustainability index since its launch in 2008



Included since 2016: The FTSE4Good Index Series measures the performance of companies with strong environmental, social and governance (ESG) practices



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Since 2017 included in the Euronext Vigeo Index: Eurozone 120



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



In March 2019, imug Investment Research **raised** the **rating for Erste Group to positive (B)**, mortgage covered bonds are currently rated positive (BB) and public sector covered bonds positive (A).



Included since 2015, Erste Group was upgraded to AA in July 2019. Erste Group is a leader among 212 companies in the banks industry



Included since 2019 in the Bloomberg Gender-Equality Index. Erste Group is the only Austrian company represented in this index.(as of 2020)

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• Since its foundation 200 years ago, Erste Group's purpose has been to promote and secure prosperity. Erste Group values responsibility, respect and sustainability.

**UN Sustainable Development Goals** 

In principle, Erste Group supports all SDGs. Given its regional footprint

and business model, Erste Group is in fact able to make notable

contributions to the achievement of the below-mentioned SDGs:

- Financial literacy is key to economic prosperity. Therefore, Erste Group offers a variety of financial literacy trainings.
- Erste Group respects and promotes work-life balance among its employees and also contributes to their good health.
- Diversity and equal opportunity are key elements of Erste Group's human resource strategy.
- For Erste Group social and/or ecological criteria are as important as economic criteria in its investment decision process.
- Erste Group has launched social banking initiatives aiming at the financial inclusion of those parts of the population that are often excluded.
- Erste Group contributes to the cultural and social development of society.
- Erste Group aims at protecting the environment by minimising its ecological footprint, in particular with its consumption of energy and paper.
- Erste Group cooperates with national and international organisations and it promotes corporate volunteering



#### Erste Group's key financials & outlook – Strong track record of financial performance

2019 key takeaways

Operating in the **growth engine** of the European Union

Strong operating performance – **positive jaws** 

Sound **asset quality**, low risk costs

Strong capital position

Above average profitability

Risk factors to guidance

- CEE continued to grow in a sustainable and **balanced** manner in 2019, with real GDP growth between 2.3% (SK) and **4.9% (HU)**, driven by **full employment**
- Austria also performed well at 1.6% real GDP growth
- Strong revenue performance: +4.9%
- Good cost control: +2.4%
- Positive jaws for second consecutive year
- Improved cost/income ratio: 59.0%
- Healthy net loan growth: +7.3%
- **NPL ratio** improved for 6th consecutive year to **2.5%**
- NPL coverage ratio up again to 77.1%
- Benign risk costs at 7bps of avg gross customer loans
- **CET 1 ratio (final)** increased to **13.7%**, slightly exceeding management target of 13.5%
- 3rd successful AT1 issuance, first NPS issuance in Austria and Romania, respectively

• **Double-digit ROTE** for 5th consecutive year: 11.2% (despite significant negative one-offs)

• Dividend payout at 43.9%, DPS up to EUR 1.5



- Slight economic slowdown expected, with growth rates between 2%-4% in CEE, 1.3% in Austria
- · Domestic economies will remain pillars of support
- Ambition to continue on positive jaws path, ie revenue growth > cost growth, supported primarily by net interest income and fee growth
- 2024 CIR target of 55% confirmed
- Net loan growth in mid-single digits
- Risk costs expected to remain low (max 20bps of avg gross customer loans)
- Continued capital generation should lift CET1 ratio (final) further
- Following final MREL targets, further NPS issuance activity
- Targeting continued double-digit ROTE (>10%)
- Incremental increase in DPS
- Impact from other than expected interest rate development
- Political or regulatory measures against banks
- Geopolitical risks and global economic risks
- Negative economic effects from spreading of Corona virus



### Erste Group's ratings -

#### Erste Group boasts strong credit ratings

Ratings of Erste Group							Ratings of Erste Group subsidiaries							
						. (	Ceska sporitelna			Banca Comerciala Romana				
		Mo	ODY'S	S&P Glo Ratings		<b>Fitch</b> Ratings			Long term	А		Long term	NR	
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Long term / Outlook / Shor			/ Short t	erm		Ratings	Outlook	POS	Ratings	Outlook	NR			
Erste Group	Bank AG	A2 / p	ositive / P-1	A / positiv	e / A-1	A / stable / F1								
Public sector			Aaa						Long term	A1		Long term	Baa3	u
Mortgage co	overed bonds		Aaa					Moody's	Short term	P-1	Moody's	Short term	P-3	u
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Sovereign ratings							Erste Bank Hungary			Slovenska sporitelna				
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								S&P Global	Short term	NR	S&P Global	Short term	NR	
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Long Term Short Term														
Austria	Aa1	AA+	AA+	P-1	A-1+	F1+			Long term	Baa3		Long term	A2	
Czechia	Aa3	AA-	AA-	P-1	A-1+	F1+		Moody's	Short term	P-3	Moody's	Short term	P-1	
Slovakia	A2	A+	A+	P-1	A-1	F1+			Outlook	STABLE		Outlook	STABLE	
Romania	Baa3	BBB-	BBB-	P-3	A-3	F3								
Hungary	Baa3	BBB	BBB	P-3	A-2	F2		FitabBatime	Long term	BBB+	F1 FitchRating	Long term	NR	
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Croatia									Outlook	STABLE		Outlook	NR	
Serbia	Ba3	BB+	BB+	NR	В	B,								

\*) Status as of 19 February 2020; Erste Bank Oesterreich, Erste Bank Croatia and Erste Bank Serbia are not rated by rating agencies. u = unsolicited



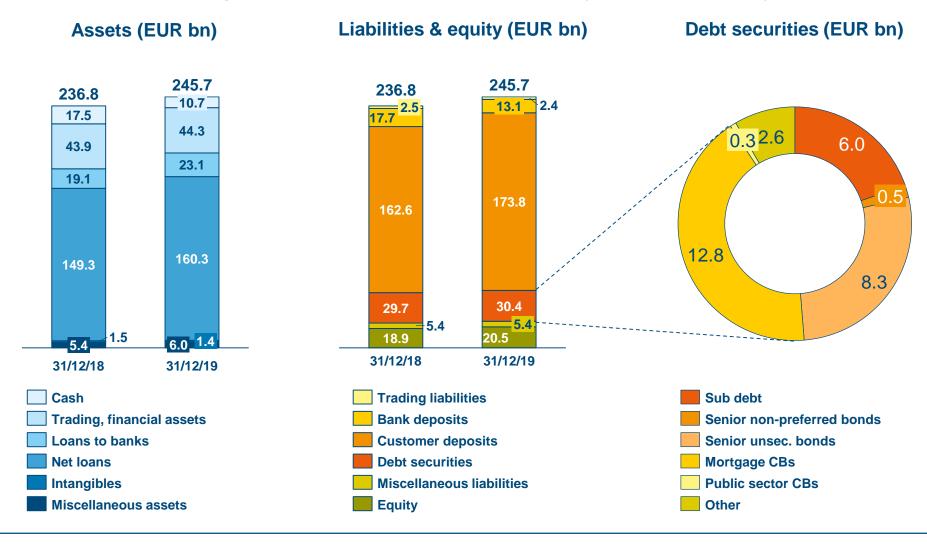
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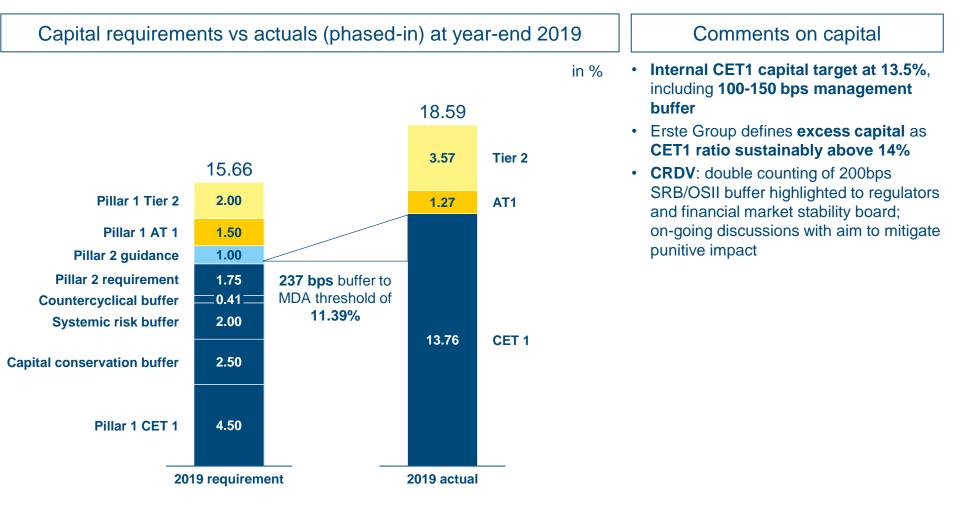
Favourable loan/deposit ratio of 92.2% at Dec 19 (Dec 18: 91.8%)





#### Erste Group's capital position -

#### Erste Group comfortably meets all capital targets



\*) In 2018 and 2019 P2G only applicable to CET1; in 2020 P2G applicable to all capital ratios (CET1, T1 and total capital),



#### Erste Group's long-term issuance track record – Successful issuances across all seniorities



- Erste Group started into 2020 with a EUR 750m covered bond issuance in January 2020; pricing at MS+3pbs
- Issuance of a EUR 500m perpNC7.2 AT1 with a 3.375% p.a. coupon in January 2020, representing the second lowest coupon ever printed for a EUR AT1
- In Q4 19 focus was on Tier 2: After simultaneously announcing a tender offer targeting outstanding EUR 10/22 Tier 2 notes and a new EUR 500m 10.5NC5.5 Tier 2 transaction with preferential allocation for investors participating in the tender, Erste Group managed to redeem nearly EUR 200m of the old notes. The transactions allowed Erste Group to optimise its capital structure while supporting the NII for upcoming reporting periods



## MREL update (1) – Targeting MPE approach

#### **Resolution strategy**

- Direct presence in 7 geographically connected countries
- Erste Group's setup suggests a multiple point of entry (MPE) resolution strategy
- When determined, MREL needs are likely to be met with a mix of own funds, senior non-preferred and senior preferred instruments



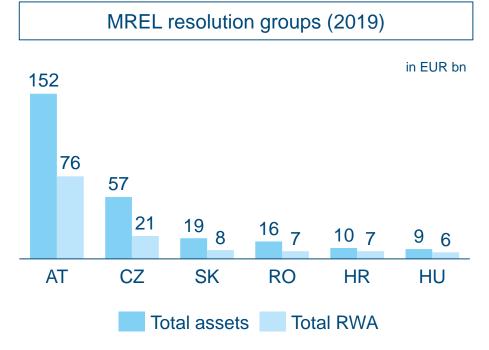
#### Austrian resolution group

- Major entities within the Austrian resolution group\*:
  - Erste Group Bank AG
  - Erste Bank Oesterreich and its subsidiaries
  - All other savings banks of the Haftungsverbund
- Limited non-preferred senior (NPS) need as subordination requirement does not seem to be a limiting factor
- NPS out of Austrian resolution group is expected to have a positive impact on the senior unsecured rating
- Further NPS benchmark issuance by Erste Group Bank AG planned in 2020 to further strengthen subordination layer in capital structure
- Binding MREL target for Austrian resolution group expected in H1 20, other resolution groups to follow

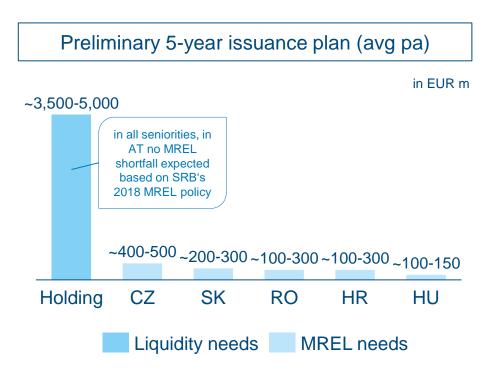
\*) Subject to joint decision of resolution authority



## **MREL update (2)** – Limited MREL-related issuance activity



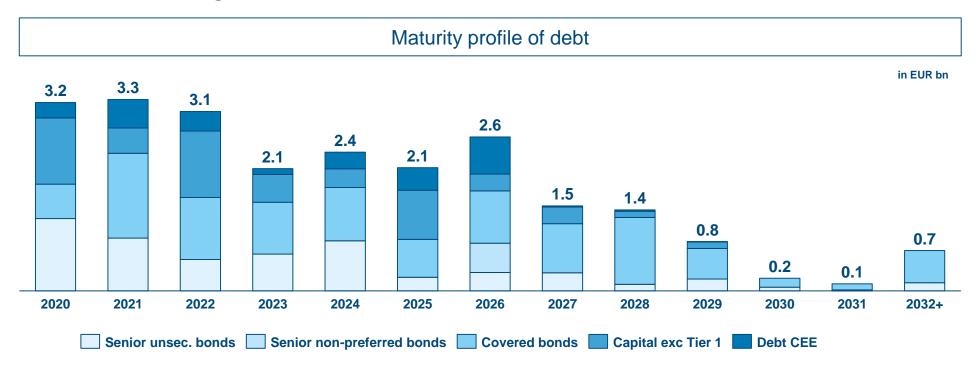
- Under MREL there are 6 resolution groups covered by the Single Resolution Board
- The Austrian resolution group (parent company, EBOe and savings banks) is not considered a legal entity or reporting unit, hence there is neither a statutory reporting nor a capital requirement for the Austrian resolution group



- · CEE issuances will mainly be placed in domestic market
- First NPS issuances by Erste Group Bank AG (in EUR) and BCR (in RON) in 2019 and Slovenská sporiteľňa in Feb 2020



#### **Long-term funding plan** – Stable LT funding needs in 2020



Funding activity and targets in EUR bn							
Erste Group Bank AG	Mortgage covered bonds	Senior preferred	Senior non-preferred	Tier 2	Addtitional Tier 1	total funding volume	
2019 funding activities	1.0	1.3	0.5	0.6	0.5	4.0	
2020 funding targets	1.8	0.8	0.5	0.5	0.5	4.0	



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#### • Executive summary

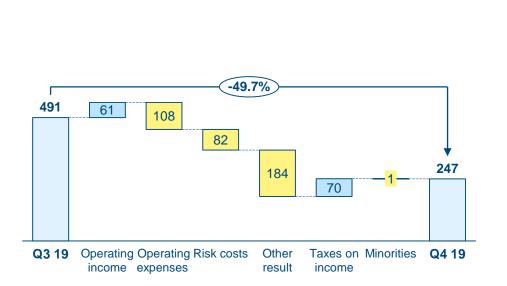
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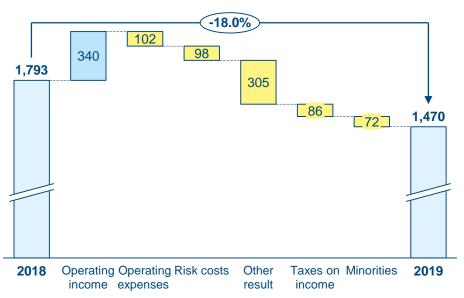
#### Group income statement performance

QoQ net profit reconciliation (EUR m)



- Q4 19 net result declined to EUR 247.2m, mainly due to the impairment of the SK goodwill (EUR 165.0m) and the booking of risk costs (EUR 82.1m) after 3 quarters of net releases
- Higher operating income driven by NII and fees, offsetting lower trading/FV result
- Operating expenses rose mainly on higher marketing, IT and personnel expenses

#### YoY net profit reconciliation (EUR m)

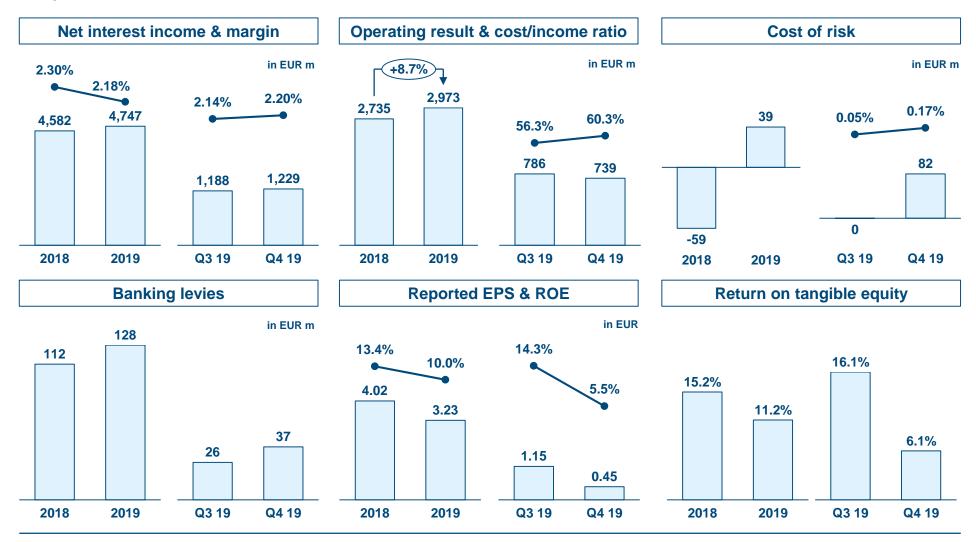


- Yoy lower net profit as rising operating result (+8.7%) could not offset negative impact in other result (negative one-offs), higher (but still low) risk costs and taxes
- Increase in all major components of operating income: NII up by 3.6%, fees rose by 4.8%, and exceptionally strong trading/FV result (+51.7%) on interest-rate driven valuations
- Costs mainly increased on rising personnel expenses (+2.5%)



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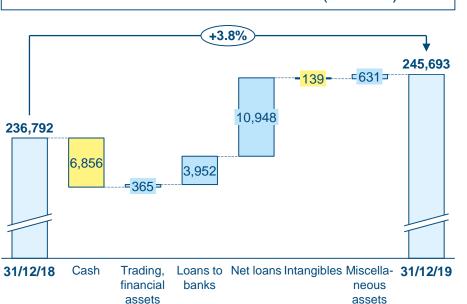
#### Key income statement data





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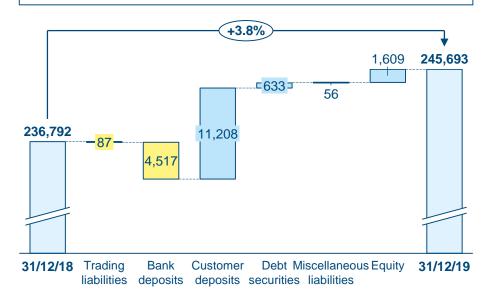
#### Group balance sheet performance



YTD total asset reconciliation (EUR m)

- Total assets up by 3.8%, mainly driven by customer loans (+7.3%) and interbank business (+20.7%)
- Decline in cash position correlated to increase in interbank assets

YTD equity & total liability reconciliation (EUR m)

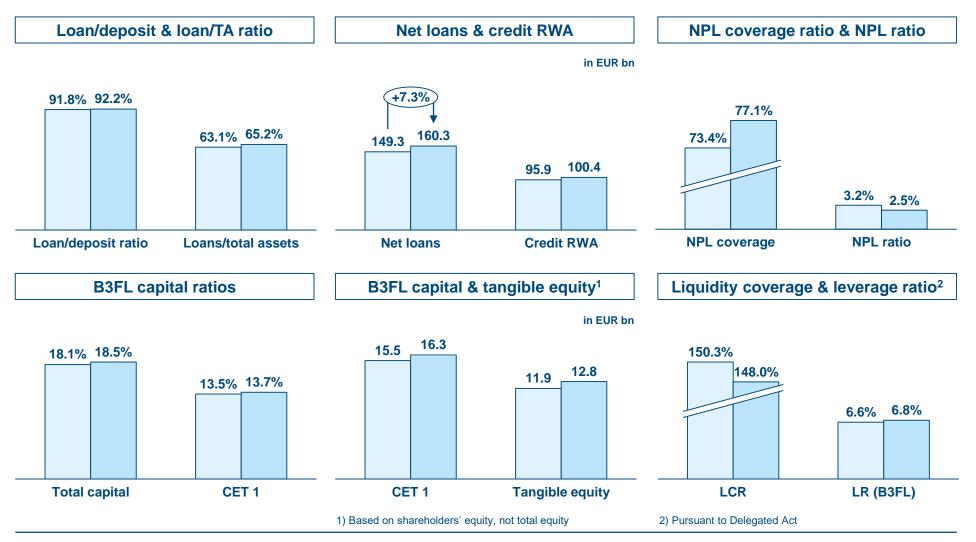


- Total liability growth mainly driven by a continuation of rising customer deposits (+6.9%), more than offsetting decline in bank deposits (-25.6%)
- Growing customer deposits result in a loan/deposit ratio of 92.2% (YE18: 91.8%)
- Increase in equity mainly attributable to increase in retained earnings and the issuance of AT1 instruments



#### **Executive summary –** Key balance sheet data

31/12/18 31/12/19





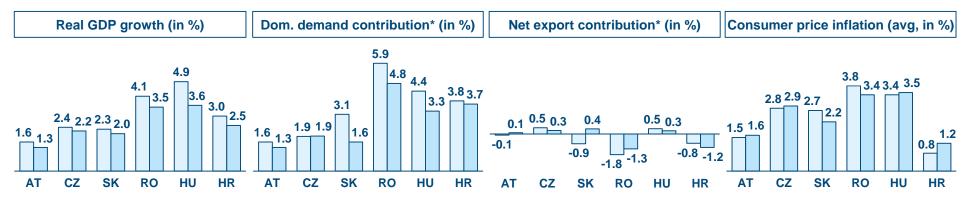
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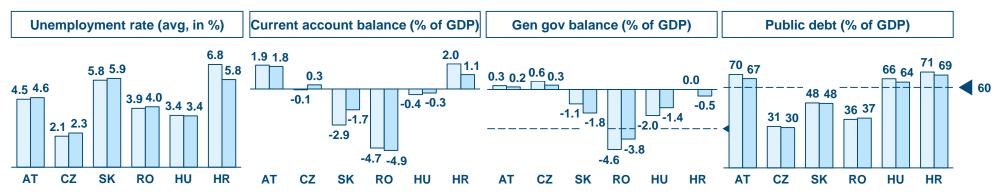




• Erste Group's core CEE markets expected to grow by 2-4% in 2020

· Domestic demand is expected to remain the main driver of economic growth; net export contribution to differ significantly across the countries

Consumption is supported by improving labour markets and wage increases across the region



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

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

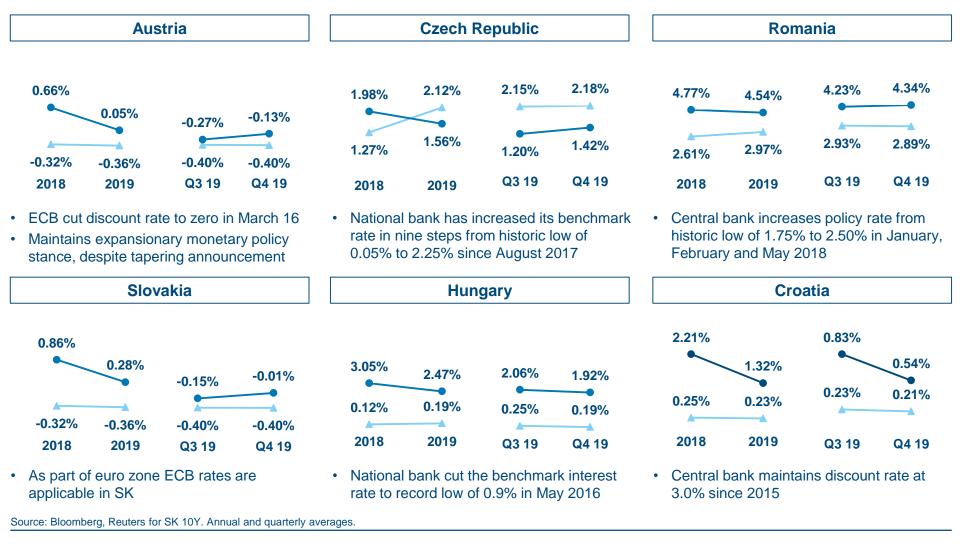
\* Contribution to real GDP growth. Domestic demand contribution includes inventory change. Source: Erste Group Research, EU Commission



#### **Business environment –**



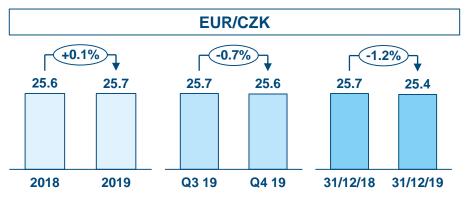
#### CZ has increased key policy rate in nine steps to 2.25%



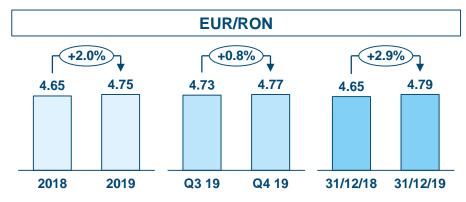


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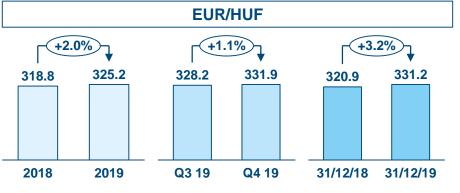
#### CEE currencies remain mostly stable versus the euro



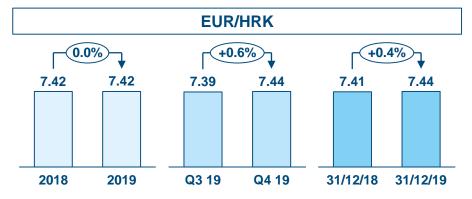
 Czech National Bank ended its currency peg in April 17; benchmark rate increased further to 2.25% in Feb 2020



 RON depreciated slightly amid political volatility; policy rate raised to 2.50% in May 2018



• HUF depreciated further due to expansionary monetary policy



Croatian National Bank continues to manage HRK in tight range

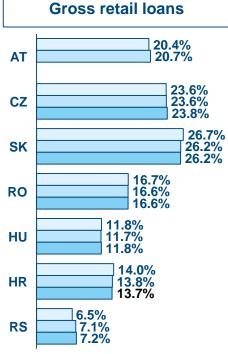
Source: Bloomberg



#### Business environment –

#### Stable market shares across the region

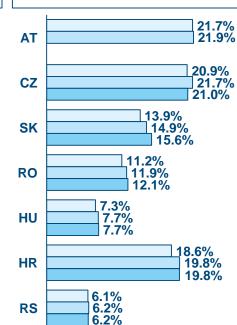




- CZ: increasing market share in • a growing market
- RO: stable market shares despite restrictive lending standards
- SK: market share impacted by • aggressive pricing by some of the smaller competitors

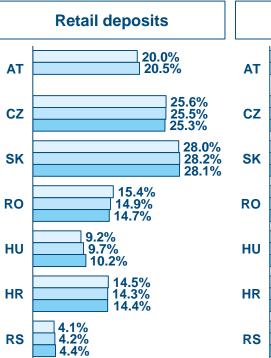
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\* 31/12/2019 market share data for Austria not yet available

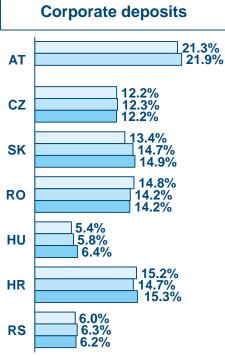


**Gross corporate loans** 

- SK, RO and HU: increasing market shares in both Large Corporate and SME segments
- HR: increasing yoy market share driven by strong SME business



- Continued inflows in all markets despite low interest rate environment
- Stable gog market shares across the region



Changes mainly due to normal quarterly volatility in corporate business

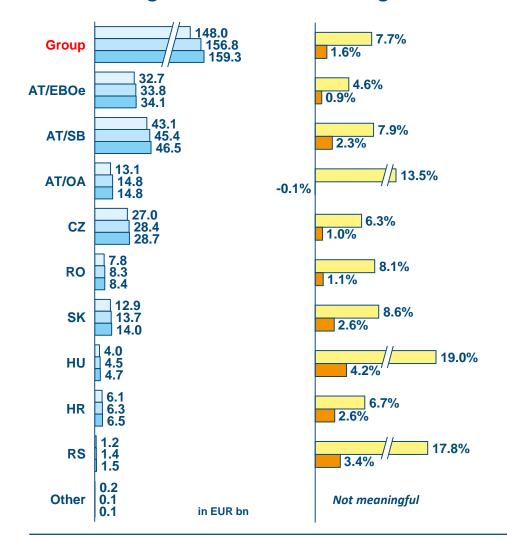
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#### Business performance: performing loan stock & growth – Performing loans continue to grow across all geographies

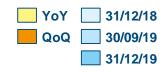
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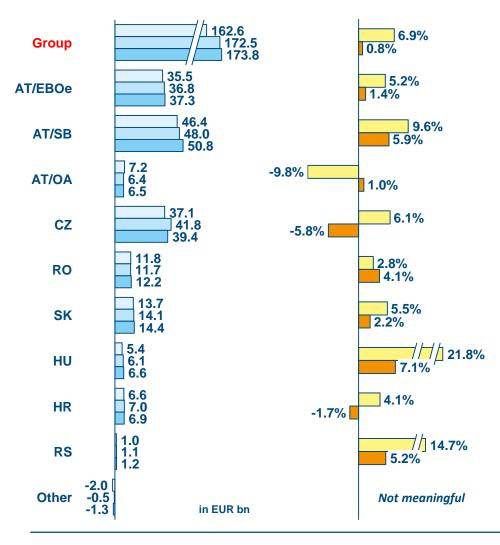


- Yoy development driven by Corporates (+10.7%) and Retail (+5.4%); shift from Retail to Corporates in EBOe totalling EUR 0.8bn benefitted corporate growth
- Qoq growth driven by Retail (+1.9%), while Corporates slowed in Q4 19 (+1.0%)
- Year-on-year segment trends:
  - Continued growth across all segments in line with favourable economic fundamentals
  - HU: strong growth in both Retail (+17.2%) and Corporates (+21.5%) on the back of strong economy and pent-up loan demand
  - AT/OA: both Group Large Corporates and Commercial Real Estate made good contributions
- Quarter-on-quarter segment trends:
  - HU: continuation of quarterly growth dynamics both in Retail (+6.8%) and Corporates (+4.4%)
  - HR: growth equally distributed between Retail (+2.6%) and Corporates (+2.8%)
  - SK: Corporates (+4.3%) remained growth driver in Q4 19
  - AT/SB: qoq growth mainly driven by Corporates



#### Business performance: customer deposit stock & growth – Deposit build-up continues in Q4 19



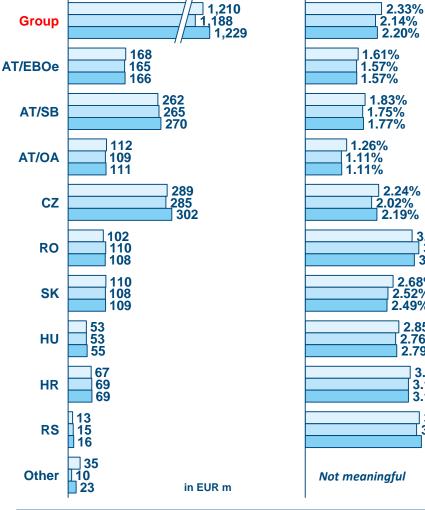


- Continuation of exceptional deposit growth across all geographies despite zero/low interest rate environment as retail and corporate clients park cash in overnight accounts
- Yoy growth in absolute terms mainly driven by Retail segment (+EUR 5.1bn) and Savings Banks (+EUR 4.4bn), while Corporates also contributed (+EUR 1.4bn)
- Qoq increase across most geographies
- Year-on-year segment trends:
  - HU: deposit growth in line with loan growth, supported by strong economic backdrop
  - AT/OA: seasonal volatility due to business structure
  - AT/SB: strong deposit growth across all client segments
  - RS: exceptional growth in Retail (+20.4%) more pronounced than in Corporates (+13.5%)
- Quarter-on-quarter segment trends:
  - CZ: qoq decline attributable to lower Public Sector deposits, which tend to be volatile
  - HU: continued strong increases across all business lines
  - AT/SB: growth driven by retail and corporate customers



#### Business performance: NII and NIM –

NII increases 1.6% yoy, up 3.5% qoq



- 1.61% 1.83% 1.75% 1.77% 2.24% 2.02% 2.19% 3.26% 3.46% 3.32% 2.68% 2.52% 2.49% 2.85% 2.76% 2.79% 3.20% 3.14% 3.14% 3.48% 3.39% 3.54%
- Yoy NII growth (+1.6%) mainly due to strong CZ, RO, • Savings Banks and RS performance; NIM decline due to margin pressure and changed balance sheet structure
  - Qog NII growth (+3.5%) driven by CZ, Savings Banks and Other segments
  - Year-on-year segment trends: •
    - CZ: higher rates and volumes pushed NII up; recharging of resolution fund contributions also helped (EUR +6.2m)
    - AT/SB: NII growth on the back of rising volumes •
    - RO: NII rises mainly on the back of higher ALM contribution •
    - Other: decline mainly driven by lower investment income from bonds
  - Quarter-on-quarter segment trends: •
    - CZ: driven by higher volumes, resolution fund recharge (see above) and better ALM contribution
    - AT/SB: rising volumes at stable margins remain key driver ٠

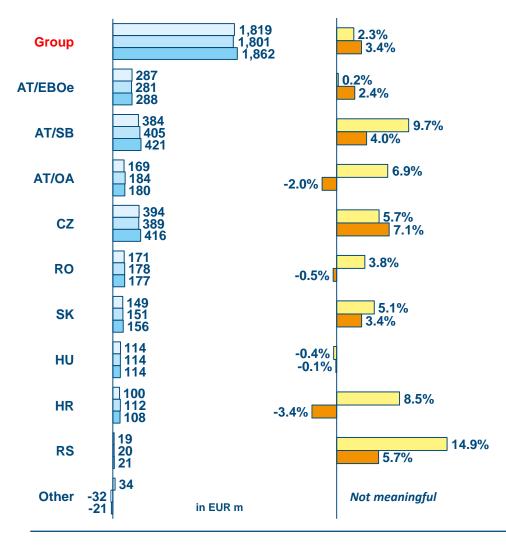


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#### Business performance: operating income –

NII and fees drive operating income growth



- Yoy up in most segments on the back of good macro and volume performance; improvements in all major operating income components, except net trading and FV result
- Qoq growth driven by higher fees, particularly from securities business and asset management, and NII on continued volume growth and higher market interest rates in CZ
- Year-on-year segment trends:
  - AT/SB: improvement in all key revenue lines supported by volume growth and solid economic backdrop in Austria
  - CZ: growth mainly attributable to NII and net trading and FV result
  - AT/OA: improvement due to higher net trading and FV result on the back of better derivative and fund valuations in Group Markets
  - Other: deterioration mainly driven by weaker net trading and FV
    result
- Quarter-on-quarter segment trends:
  - AT/SB: growth due to strong fee performance, primarily in asset management, and solid NII
  - CZ: rising NII was key driver (see above)



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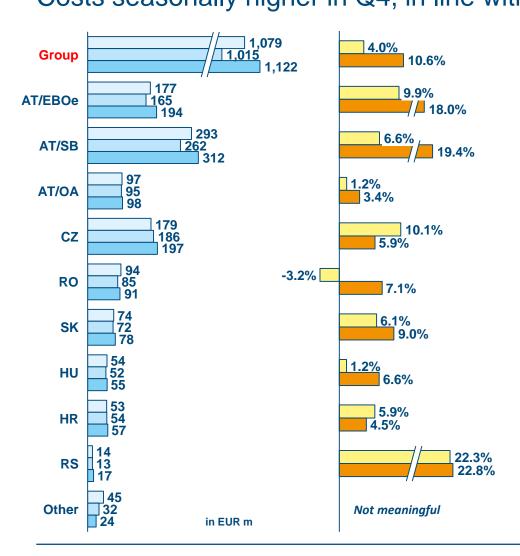
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## Business performance: operating expenses – Costs seasonally higher in Q4, in line with guidance

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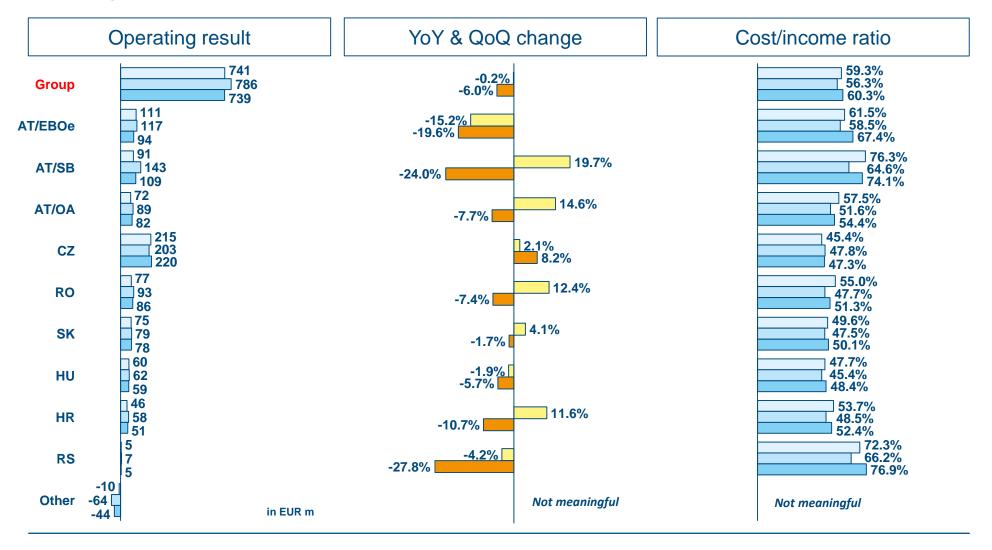


- Yoy cost increase driven by higher marketing and IT expenses; IFRS 16 impact on costs neutral
- Qoq deterioration primarily due to seasonality, led by other administrative expenses (significantly higher marketing, consultancy and legal costs, as well as higher IT and sundry expenses)
- Year-on-year segment trends:
  - AT/EBOe: increase due to higher IT and marketing expenses
  - AT/SB: increase due to higher IT expenses
  - CZ: growth mainly driven by higher salaries
  - Other: primarily lower IT costs
- Quarter-on-quarter segment trends:
  - AT/EBOe: see above
  - AT/SB: increase due to higher IT costs as well as seasonally higher marketing, legal and consultancy costs
  - CZ: seasonally higher marketing, IT and personnel-related costs



## Business performance: operating result and CIR – CIR improves to 59.0% in 2019

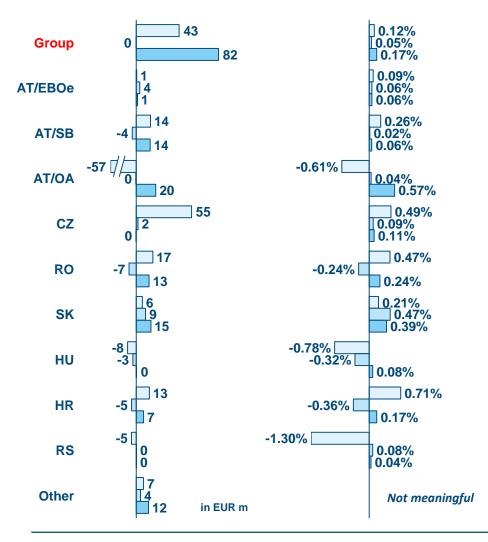






## Business performance: risk costs (abs/rel\*) –

Risk costs remain at benign levels in Q4 19



- Yoy and qoq development characterised by continuation of healthy asset quality and benign risk cost environment
- Q4 19 risk costs driven by:
  - Update of forward looking parameter estimates
  - Improved coverage of existing NPLs
- Year-on-year segment trends:
  - AT/OA: high recoveries and provision releases in Q4 18, higher allocations to existing workout customers in Q4 19
  - CZ: Q4 18 was impacted by higher risk costs for Corporates
  - SK: provisioning for single corporate case
- Quarter-on-quarter segment trends:
  - AT/SB: increase driven by parameter updates at various savings banks
  - AT/OA: higher allocations to existing workout customers
  - RO: higher allocations in Retail and Corporates due to parameter updates
  - HR: higher allocations for Corporates, partially offset by parameter update

\*) 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 at AC to customers (including finance lease and trade receivables) over average gross customer loans at AC. In contrast, the absolute risk costs values comprise additionally the net allocations/releases of provisions for commitments and guarantees given.



Q4 18

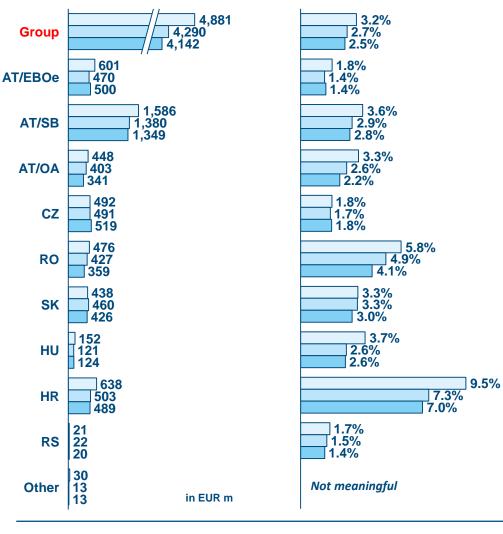
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## Business performance: non-performing loans and NPL ratio – NPL ratio improves further to 2.5%

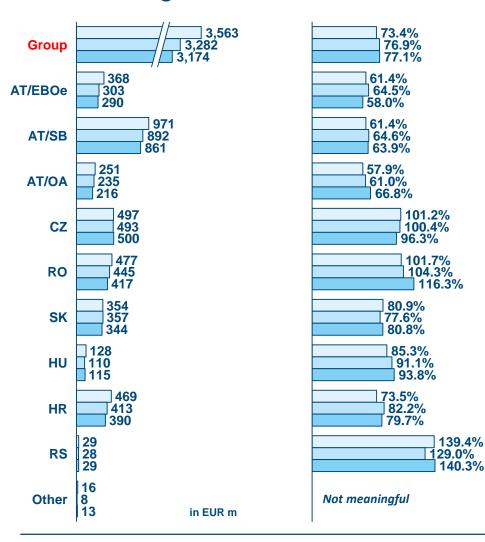


- NPL volume declines to EUR 4.1bn in Q4 19, resulting in lowest NPL ratio since going public in 1997, supported by:
  - Continued recoveries and upgrades, albeit at a lower level than in Q4 18 and Q3 19, but more than offsetting gross new inflows
- NPL sales of EUR 94.9m in Q4 19 (Q3 19: EUR 63.5m)
  - Retail: EUR 62.1m (Q3 19: EUR 45.3m)
  - Corporates: EUR 32.8m (Q3 19: EUR 18.2m)
  - Q4 19 NPL sales mainly in Romania, Slovakia and in the Holding





# Business performance: allowances for loans and NPL coverage – NPL coverage rises to 77.1%



- NPL coverage rises yoy and qoq driven by NPL stock decrease followed by less significant allowances reduction
- Year-on-year segment trends:
  - AT/SB, AT/OA, RO, HU, HR: reduction in NPLs at an faster pace than allowances result in higher coverage
  - No material changes in other markets; excellent macro backdrop allows for release of provisions in some markets
- Quarter-on-quarter segment trends:
  - AT/EBOe: decline in coverage partially due to new defaults of highly collateralised (and lower provisioned) leasing contracts
  - AT/OA, RO: reduction of allowances primarily due to sales and writes-offs, partially offset by additional allowances for performing portfolio and strengthening of coverage of existing NPLs; NPL coverage ratio improves in both segments



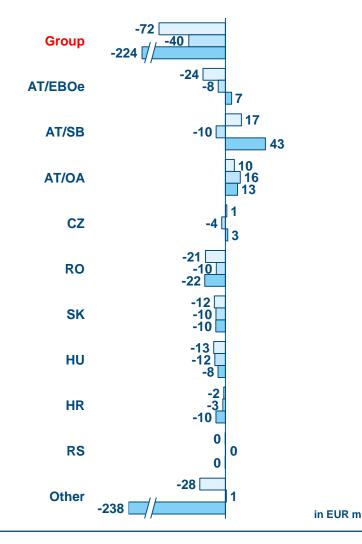
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# **Business performance: other result –**

Other result impacted by SK goodwill impairment in Q4 19



- Yoy and qoq deterioration primarily resulting from Slovakian (banking tax-related) goodwill write-down in the amount of EUR 165 million
- Year-on-year segment trends:
  - AT/EBOe: Q4 18 impacted by litigation provisions which did not recur in Q4 19, real estate selling gains in Q4 19
  - AT/SB: improvement due to booking of badwill in the amount of EUR 27m related to banking acquisition
  - HR: deterioration due to booking of legal provisions
  - Other: negatively impacted by Slovakian goodwill writedown of EUR 165 million in Q4 19
- Quarter-on-quarter segment trends:
  - AT/EBOe: improvement due to real estate selling gains
  - AT/SB: supported by booking of badwill (see above), and real estate selling gains
  - RO: booking of banking tax in the amount of EUR 11 million
  - HR: see above
  - Other: see above



Q4 18

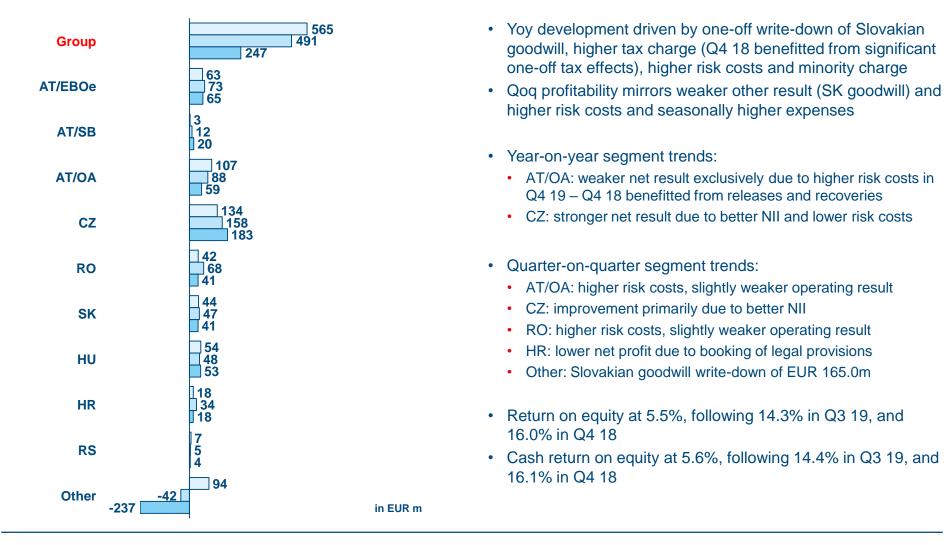
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#### Business performance: net result -

#### Net profit impacted by one-offs, higher risk costs

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Q4 19





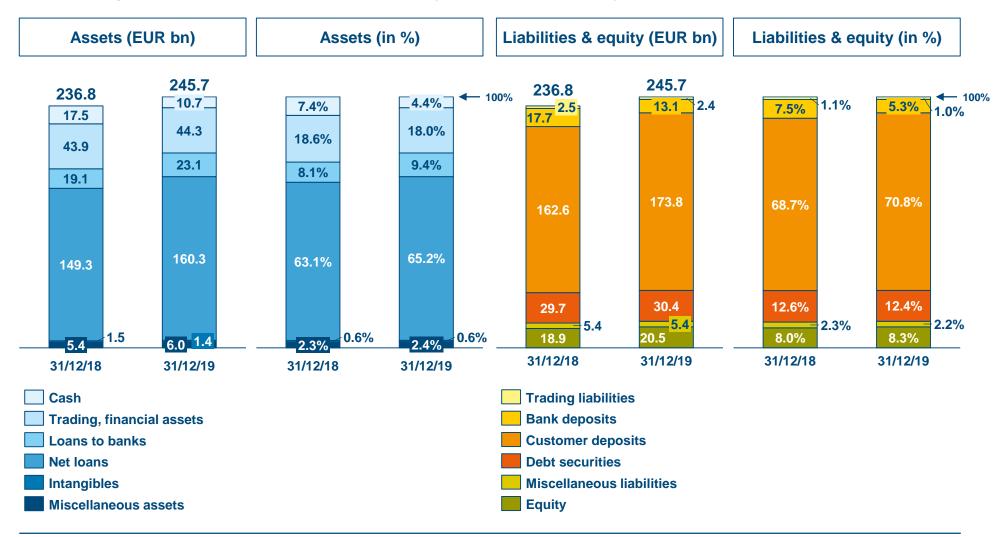
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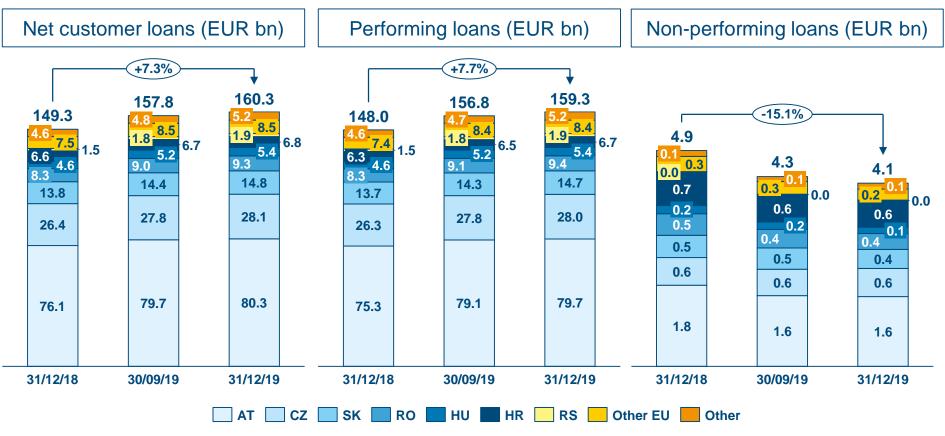
#### Assets and liabilities: YTD overview -

Loan/deposit ratio stable at 92.2% (Dec 18: 91.8%)





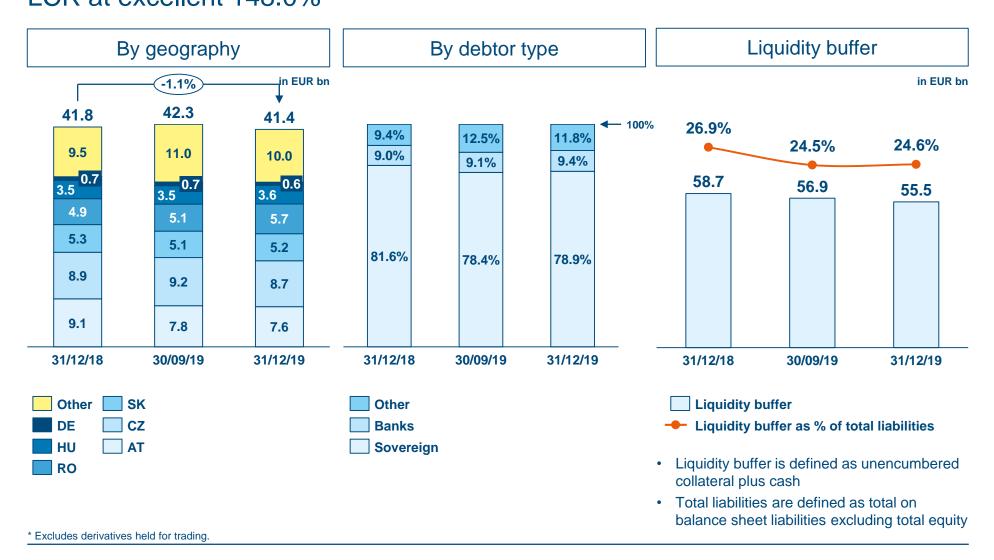
# Assets and liabilities: customer loans by country of risk – Net customer loans up 7.3%, NPLs down 15.1% in 2019



- Performing loans enjoy solid growth in most geographies, led by Hungary, Serbia and Slovakia; Savings Banks also performed strongly with 7.9% yoy growth
- · Corporates performed better than Retail, but also benefitted from segment shift from Retail to Corporates
- 15.1% decline in NPL stock in 2019 driven by reductions across most geographies



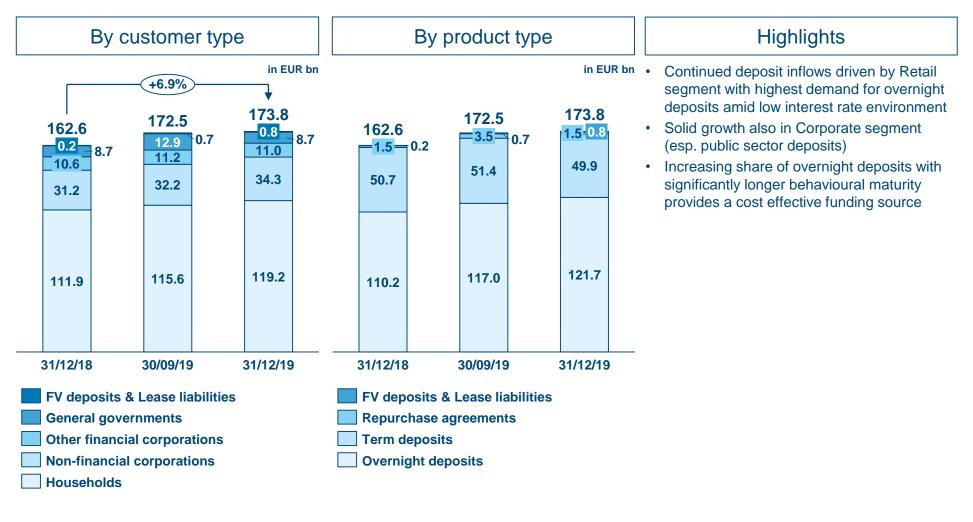
# Assets and liabilities: financial and trading assets\* – LCR at excellent 148.0%





#### Assets and liabilities: customer deposit funding -

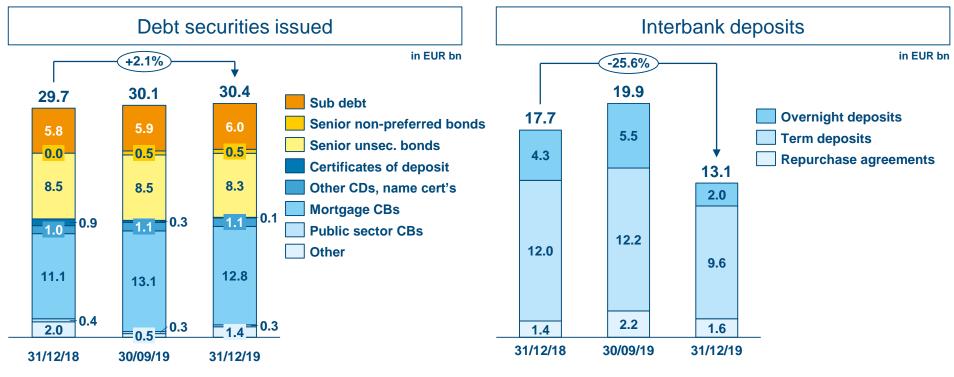
Customer deposits grow by 6.9% in 2019, driven by households and corporates





## Assets and liabilities: debt vs interbank funding -

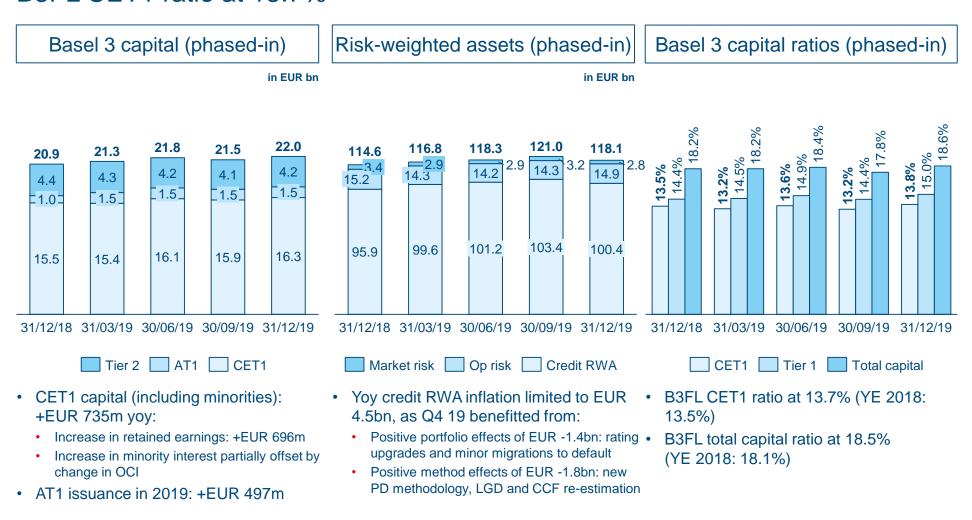
Taking advantage of favourable market conditions



- Slight yoy increase primarily related to start of NPS issuance in preparation for MREL implementation
- Seasonal decline in interbank deposits mainly in overnight and term deposits



#### **Assets and liabilities: capital position –** B3FL CET1 ratio at 13.7%





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## Erste Group's key financials & outlook – Strong track record of financial performance

2019 key takeaways

Operating in the **growth engine** of the European Union

Strong operating performance – **positive jaws** 

Sound **asset quality**, low risk costs

Strong capital position

Above average profitability

Risk factors to guidance

- CEE continued to grow in a sustainable and **balanced** manner in 2019, with real GDP growth between 2.3% (SK) and **4.9% (HU)**, driven by **full employment**
- Austria also performed well at 1.6% real GDP growth
- Strong revenue performance: +4.9%
- Good cost control: +2.4%
- Positive jaws for second consecutive year
- Improved cost/income ratio: 59.0%
- Healthy net loan growth: +7.3%
- **NPL ratio** improved for 6th consecutive year to **2.5%**
- NPL coverage ratio up again to 77.1%
- Benign risk costs at 7bps of avg gross customer loans
- **CET 1 ratio (final)** increased to **13.7%**, slightly exceeding management target of 13.5%
- 3rd successful AT1 issuance, first NPS issuance in Austria and Romania, respectively

• **Double-digit ROTE** for 5th consecutive year: 11.2% (despite significant negative one-offs)

• Dividend payout at 43.9%, DPS up to EUR 1.5



- Slight economic slowdown expected, with growth rates between 2%-4% in CEE, 1.3% in Austria
- · Domestic economies will remain pillars of support
- Ambition to continue on positive jaws path, ie revenue growth > cost growth, supported primarily by net interest income and fee growth
- 2024 CIR target of 55% confirmed
- Net loan growth in mid-single digits
- Risk costs expected to remain low (max 20bps of avg gross customer loans)
- Continued capital generation should lift CET1 ratio (final) further
- Following final MREL targets, further NPS issuance activity
- Targeting continued double-digit ROTE (>10%)
- Incremental increase in DPS
- Impact from other than expected interest rate development
- Political or regulatory measures against banks
- Geopolitical risks and global economic risks
- Negative economic effects from spreading of Corona virus



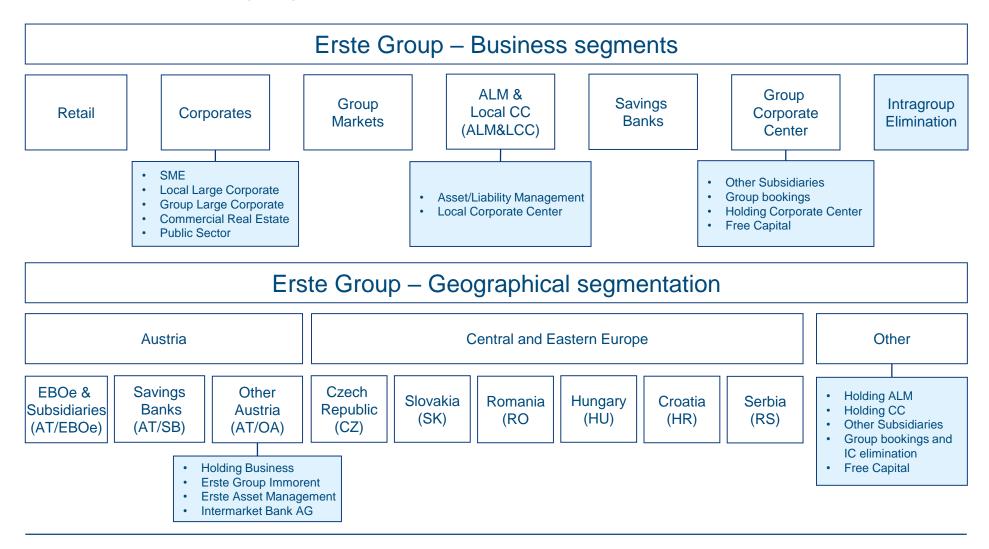
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### Additional information: segment structure –

#### Business line and geographic view





#### Additional information: income statement -

#### Year-to-date and quarterly view

	Year-to-date view				Qu	arterly vie	N	
in EUR million	2018	2019	ΥΟΥ-Δ	Q4 1	Q3 19	Q4 19	ΥΟΥ-Δ	QOQ-Δ
Net interest income	4,582.0	4,746.8	3.6%	1,210.0	1,187.7	1,229.5	1.6%	3.5%
Interest income	5,174.3	5,544.0	7.1%	1,374.9	1,397.4	1,404.6	2.2%	0.5%
Other similar income	1,772.6	1,655.2	-6.6%	437.	392.0	423.8	-3.0%	8.1%
Interest expenses	-1,003.4	-1,054.9	5.1%	-270.	-262.9	-237.1	-12.4%	-9.8%
Other similar expenses	-1,361.5	-1,397.5	2.6%	-331.3	-338.8	-361.8	9.2%	6.8%
Net fee and commission income	1,908.4	2,000.1	4.8%	477.	503.9	515.9	8.0%	2.4%
Fee and commission income	2,377.0	2,373.5	-0.1%	587.	616.8	567.7	-3.3%	-8.0%
Fee and commission expenses	-468.6	-373.4	-20.3%	-109.3	-113.0	-51.8	-52.6%	-54.1%
Dividend income	29.0	27.9	-4.0%	6.	′ <u>5</u> .1	3.8	-43.1%	-24.7%
Net trading result	-1.7	318.3	n/a	48.	109.2	-101.0	n/a	n/a
Gains/losses from financial instruments measured at fair value through profit or loss	195.4	-24.5	n/a	29.	-49.2	164.9	>100.0%	n/a
Net result from equity method investments	13.1	17.1	30.5%	3.	3.1	7.0	>100.0%	>100.0%
Rental income from investment properties & other operating leases	189.4	170.1	-10.2%	43.	6 41.5	41.7	-4.3%	0.5%
Personnel expenses	-2,474.2	-2,537.1	2.5%	-643.	-631.3	-650.0	1.0%	3.0%
Other administrative expenses	-1,234.9	-1,205.1	-2.4%	-313.4	-253.8	-325.8	4.0%	28.4%
Depreciation and amortisation	-472.0	-541.0	14.6%	-121.	-129.8	-146.6	20.5%	13.0%
Gains/losses from derecognition of financial assets measured at amortised cost	0.1	0.9	>100.0%	-0.	-1.3	1.3	n/a	n/a
Other gains/losses from derecognition of financial instruments not measured at fair value through profit or loss	5.7	23.5	>100.0%	-4.	7.9	5.5	n/a	-29.9%
Impairment result from financial instruments	59.3	-39.2	n/a	-42.9	0.1	-82.1	91.4%	n/a
Other operating result	-304.5	-628.2	>100.0%	-67.	-46.2	-230.9	>100.0%	>100.0%
Levies on banking activities	-112.2	-128.0	14.1%	-24.	-26.2	-37.1	54.0%	41.7%
Pre-tax result from continuing operations	2,495.0	2,329.7	-6.6%	626.	746.8	433.2	-30.8%	-42.0%
Taxes on income	-332.4	-418.7	25.9%	22.	-138.2	-67.8	n/a	-50.9%
Net result for the period	2,162.5	1,911.1	-11.6%	648.	608.6	365.4	-43.7%	-40.0%
Net result attributable to non-controlling interests	369.1	440.9	19.5%	83.3	3 117.6	118.2	41.8%	0.5%
Net result attributable to owners of the parent	1,793.4	1,470.1	-18.0%	565.2	491.1	247.2	-56.3%	-49.7%
Operating income	6,915.6	7,255.9	4.9%	1,819.	5 1,801.2	1,861.8	2.3%	3.4%
Operating expenses	-4,181.1	-4,283.3	2.4%	-1,078.	-1,014.9	-1,122.4	4.0%	10.6%
Operating result	2,734.6	2,972.7	8.7%	740.0	786.4	739.4	-0.2%	-6.0%



### Additional information: group balance sheet – Assets

	Quarterly data				Change			
in EUR million	Dec 18	Mar 19	Jun 19	Sep 19	Dec 19	ΥΟΥ-Δ	YTD-Δ	QOQ-A
Cash and cash balances	17,549	16,382	16,843	15,638	10,693	-39.1%	-39.1%	-31.6%
Financial assets held for trading	5,584	6,331	6,464	7,215	5,760	3.1%	3.1%	-20.2%
Derivatives	3,037	3,208	3,101	3,551	2,805	-7.6%	-7.6%	-21.0%
Other financial assets held for trading	2,547	3,123	3,363	3,664	2,954	16.0%	16.0%	-19.4%
Non-trading financial assets at fair value through profit and loss	3,310	3,328	3,377	3,350	3,208	-3.1%	-3.1%	-4.2%
Equity instruments	372	367	401	393	390	4.8%	4.8%	-0.7%
Debt securities	2,651	2,692	2,459	2,539	2,335	-11.9%	-11.9%	-8.0%
Loans and advances to banks	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	n/a	n/a
Loans and advances to customers	287	269	518	419	483	68.7%	68.7%	15.5%
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	9,272	9,207	9,404	8,940	9,047	-2.4%	-2.4%	1.2%
Equity instruments	239	271	285	312	210	-12.0%	-12.0%	-32.6%
Debt securities	9,033	8,936	9,119	8,629	8,836	-2.2%	-2.2%	2.4%
Financial assets at amortised cost	189,106	195,852	199,411	204,079	204,162	8.0%	8.0%	0.0%
Debt securities	26,050	26,594	26,892	26,808	26,764	2.7%	2.7%	-0.2%
Loans and advances to banks	19,103	22,741	23,035	25,241	23,055	20.7%	20.7%	-8.7%
Loans and advances to customers	143,953	146,518	149,484	152,030	154,344	7.2%	7.2%	1.5%
Finance lease receivables	3,763	3,779	3,925	3,987	4,034	7.2%	7.2%	1.2%
Hedge accounting derivatives	132	139	168	182	130	-1.7%	-1.7%	-28.4%
Property and equipment	2,293	2,663	2,580	2,509	2,629	14.7%	14.7%	4.8%
Investment properties	1,159	1,243	1,228	1,226	1,266	9.2%	9.2%	3.3%
Intangible assets	1,507	1,489	1,490	1,491	1,368	-9.2%	-9.2%	-8.2%
Investments in associates and joint ventures	198	200	204	202	163	-17.7%	-17.7%	-19.2%
Current tax assets	101	98	92	80	81	-20.3%	-20.3%	0.7%
Deferred tax assets	402	412	417	436	477	18.6%	18.6%	9.5%
Assets held for sale	213	141	214	242	269	26.1%	26.1%	10.9%
ade and other receivables		1,391	1,404	1,405	1,408	6.8%	6.8%	0.2%
Other assets	882	1,050	1,039	1,119	1,001	13.5%	13.5%	-10.5%
Total assets	236,792	243,706	248,261	252,101	245,693	3.8%	3.8%	-2.5%



# Additional information: group balance sheet – Liabilities and equity

		Qu	arterly data	1		Change		
in EUR million	Dec 18	Mar 19	Jun 19	Sep 19	Dec 19	ΥΟΥ-Δ	YTD-Δ	QOQ-A
Financial liabilities held for trading	2,508	2,277	2,518	2,751	2,421	-3.5%	-3.5%	-12.0%
Derivatives	2,000	1,979	2,125	2,411	2,005	0.3%	0.3%	-16.8%
Other financial liabilities held for trading	508	298	393	341	416	-18.2%	-18.2%	22.0%
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	14,122	14,449	14,605	14,550	13,494	-4.4%	-4.4%	-7.3%
Deposits from customers	212	229	255	277	265	25.0%	25.0%	-4.3%
Debt securities issued	13,446	13,784	13,914	13,754	13,011	-3.2%	-3.2%	-5.4%
Other financial liabilities	464	436	436	520	219	-52.9%	-52.9%	-57.9%
Financial liabilities at amortised cost	196,863	201,357	205,560	208,728	204,143	3.7%	3.7%	-2.2%
Deposits from banks	17,658	20,295	19,043	19,936	13,141	-25.6%	-25.6%	-34.1%
Deposits from customers	162,426	165,556	169,004	171,831	173,066	6.6%	6.6%	0.7%
Debt securities issued	16,293	14,886	16,859	16,350	17,360	6.6%	6.6%	6.2%
Other financial liabilities	486	620	653	611	576	18.5%	18.5%	-5.6%
Lease liabilities	0	432	409	403	515	>100.0%	>100.0%	27.8%
Hedge accounting derivatives	277	285	276	291	269	-2.8%	-2.8%	-7.4%
Fair value changes of hedged items in portfolio hedge of interest rate risk	0	0	0	0	0	-77.9%	-77.9%	-81.3%
Provisions	1,705	1,877	2,004	2,001	1,919	12.6%	12.6%	-4.1%
Current tax liabilities	99	88	75	89	61	-38.9%	-38.9%	-31.6%
Deferred tax liabilities	23	30	31	24	18	-21.8%	-21.8%	-26.1%
Liabilities associated with assets held for sale	3	6	7	7	6	86.4%	86.4%	-13.7%
Other liabilities	2,323	3,151	3,127	3,128	2,369	2.0%	2.0%	-24.3%
Total equity	18,869	19,754	19,649	20,130	20,477	8.5%	8.5%	1.7%
Equity attributable to non-controlling interests	4,494	4,570	4,639	4,735	4,857	8.1%	8.1%	2.6%
Additional equity instruments	993	1,490	1,490	1,490	1,490	50.1%	50.1%	0.0%
Equity attributable to owners of the parent	13,381	13,694	13,520	13,904	14,129	5.6%	5.6%	1.6%
Subscribed capital		860	860	860	860	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Additional paid-in capital	1,477	1,477	1,477	1,477	1,478	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
Retained earnings and other reserves	11,045	11,358	11,183	11,568	11,792	6.8%	6.8%	1.9%
Total liabilities and equity	236,792	243,706	248,261	252,101	245,693	3.8%	3.8%	-2.5%



# Additional information: regulatory capital position/requirement (SREP) – Capital requirements (SREP) for 2020; Erste Group target of 13.5% unchanged

- Combined impact of countercyclical buffers amounts to 55 bps in 2020
- Management buffer targeted in 100-150bps range

	Erste Group Consolidated			Erste Gr	oup Unconsoli	dated		
			Phased-in		Fully loaded	Phased-in		Fully loaded
		2017	2018	2019	2020	2018	2019	2020
Pillar 1 CET1	requirement	4.50%	4.50%	4.50%	4.50%	4.50%	4.50%	4.50%
Combined but	ffer requirement	1.90%	3.19%	<b>4.91%</b>	5.05%	3.07%	4.75%	4.85%
Capital cons	servation buffer	1.25%	1.88%	2.50%	2.50%	1.88%	2.50%	2.50%
Countercycl	ical capital buffer 2)	0.15%	0.31%	0.41%	0.55%	0.20%	0.25%	0.35%
OSII/System	nic risk buffer	0.50%	1.00%	2.00%	2.00%	1.00%	2.00%	2.00%
Pillar 2 CET1	requirement	1.75%	1.75%	1.75%	1.75%	1.75%	1.75%	1.75%
Pillar 2 CET1	guidance	1.66%	1.05%	1.00%	1.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Regulatory m	inimum ratios excluding P2G							
	CET1 requirement	8.15%	9.44%	11.16%	11.30%	9.32%	11.00%	11.10%
1.50% AT1	Tier 1 requirement	9.65%	10.94%	12.66%	12.80%	10.82%	12.50%	12.60%
2.00% T2	Own funds requirement	11.65%	12.94%	14.66%	14.80%	12.82%	14.50%	14.60%
Regulatory m	inimum ratios including P2G							
	CET1 requirement	9.81%	10.49%	12.16%	12.30%	9.32%	11.00%	11.10%
1.50% AT1	Tier 1 requirement	9.65%	10.94%	12.66%	13.80%	10.82%	12.50%	12.60%
2.00% T2	Own funds requirement	11.65%	12.94%	14.66%	15.80%	12.82%	14.50%	14.60%
Reported CET	1 ratio as of December 2019 1)		13.76%				22.89%	

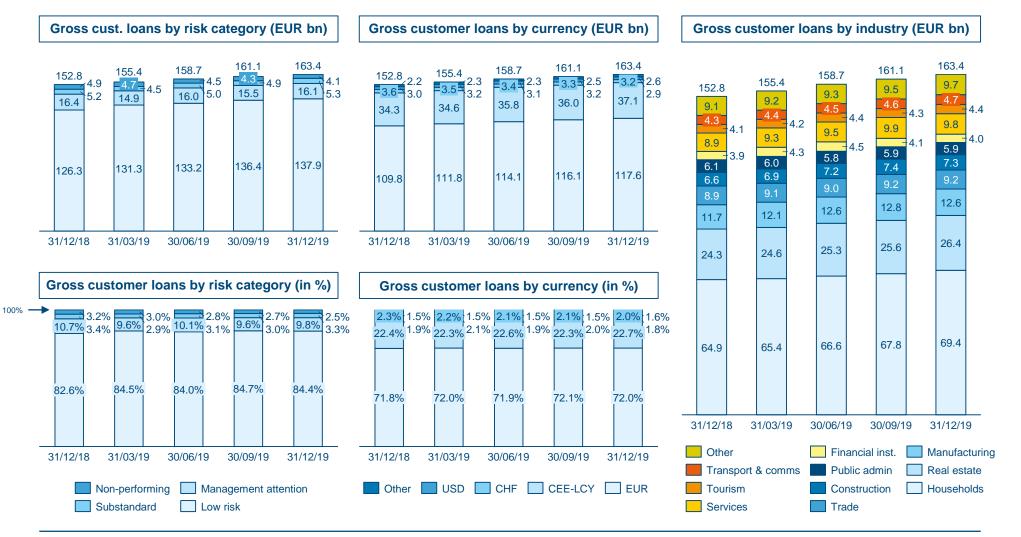
• Buffer to MDA restriction as of 31 Dec 19: 237bps

• Available distributable items (ADI) as of 31 Dec 19: EUR 2.6bn (post proposed 2019 dividend and AT1 coupon; based on CRR II, which allows additional own funds components to be included, ADIs are at EUR 5.1bn)

1) Consolidated capital ratios pursuant to IFRS. Unconsolidated capital ratios pursuant to Austrian Commercial Code (UGB) and on phased-in basis. ADIs pursuant to UGB. 2) Planned values based on Q4 2019 exposure (Q4 19 countercyclical buffer of 0.41% for Erste Group consolidated).



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





# Additional information: Ratings –

## Composition of Erste Group Bank AG's issuer ratings

# Moody's

Macro Profile					
Strong					
+					
Financial Profile	<b>;</b>				
Asset Risk	baa2				
Capital	baa1				
Profitability	baa3				
Funding Structure	a3				
Liquid Resources	baa1				
+					
Qualitative Facto	rs				
Business Diversification	0				
Opacity, Complexity	0				
Corporate Behaviour	0				
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BCA Baseline Credit Assessment	baa1				
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Affiliate Support	0				
Adjusted BCA	baa1				
+					
LGF Loss Given Failure	+ 2				
Government Support	0				
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Issuer Rating / Senior Un Long-Term Outlook / Sho					
A2 Positive /					

#### S&P Global Ratings

SACP - Stand-Alone Credit Profile					
	a				
	<b>A</b>				
Anchor	bbb+				
<b>Business Position</b>	Strong	+1			
Capital & Earnings	Adequate	0			
Risk Position	Adequate	0			
Funding	Above Average	+1			
Liquidity	Strong	ŦI			
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Support 0					
ALAC Support	0				
GRE Support	0				
Group Support	0				
Sovereign Support	0				
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Additional Factors	0				
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Issuer Credit Rating Long-Term Outlook / Short-Term					
A Positive / A-1					

# **Fitch**Ratings

VR - Viability Rating (Individual Rating )	
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SRF - Support Rating Floor
NF (No Floor)

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

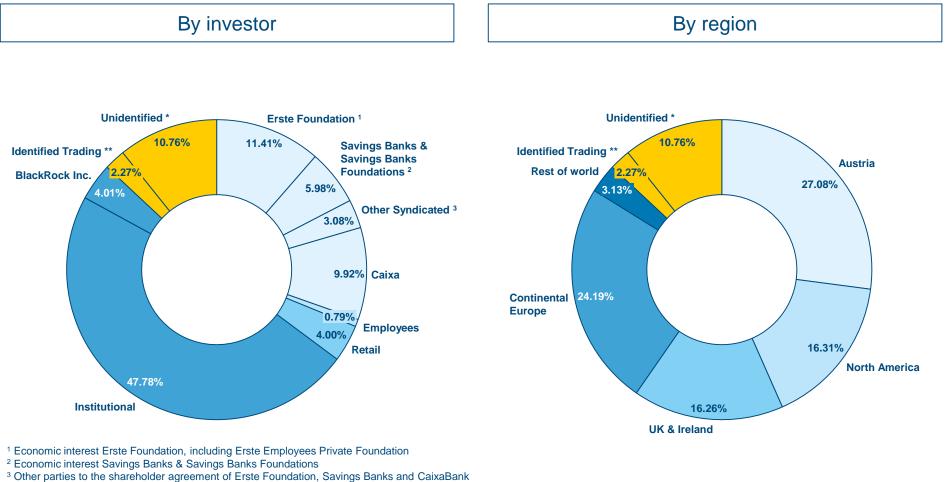
#### A Stable / F1

Status as of 5 February 2019



# Additional information: shareholder structure –

#### Total number of shares: 429,800,000



\*\* Including Market Makers, Prime Brokerage, Proprietary Trading, Collateral and Stock Lending positions which are visible through custodian banklists Status as of 2 January 2020



### Summary of benchmark issues –

Seniority	ISIN	Coupon	Maturity / First Call	Term	Currency	Volume in mn
Senior Preferred	XS1982725159	0,375%	16.04.2024	5	EURO	500
Senior Non-Pref.	XS2000538343	0,875%	22.05.2026	7	EURO	500
Mortgage Cov. Bond	XS1288539874	0,375%	09.09.2020	5	EURO	500
Mortgage Cov. Bond	XS0580561545	4,000%	20.01.2021	10	EURO	1.000
Mortgage Cov. Bond	XS0743547183	3,500%	08.02.2022	10	EURO	1.000
Mortgage Cov. Bond	XS1346557637	0,625%	19.01.2023	7	EURO	750
Mortgage Cov. Bond	XS1845161790	0,250%	26.06.2024	6	EURO	750
Mortgage Cov. Bond	XS1181448561	0,750%	05.02.2025	10	EURO	500
Mortgage Cov. Bond	XS1807495608	0,625%	17.04.2026	8	EURO	750
Mortgage Cov. Bond	XS1550203183	0,625%	18.01.2027	10	EURO	750
Mortgage Cov. Bond	XS1750974658	0,750%	17.01.2028	10	EURO	1.000
Mortgage Cov. Bond	AT0000A2A6W3	0,010%	11.09.2029	10	EURO	500
Mortgage Cov. Bond	AT0000A286W1	0,875%	15.05.2034	15	EURO	500
Tier 2	XS0840062979	7,125%	08.10.2022	10	EURO	500
Tier 2	XS1143333109	5,5%, reset ms+376,6bp	26.05.2020	10.5NC5.5	USD	500
Tier 2	XS2083210729	1,0%, reset ms+130bp	10.06.2030	10.5NC5.5	EURO	500
AT1	XS1425367494	8,875%	15.10.2021	perpNC5	EURO	500
AT1	XS1597324950	6,500%	15.04.2024	perpNC7	EURO	500
AT1	XS1961057780	5,125%	15.10.2025	perpNC6.5	EURO	500



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