

Update: Erste Group Bank AG

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Ratings Score Snapshot

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Issuer credit rating														
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Business position	Strong	+1	GRE support	0										
Capital and earnings	Adequate	0	Group support	0										
Risk position	Adequate	0	Sovereign support	0										
Funding	Strong	+1												
Liquidity	Strong													
CRA adjustment		0												

ALAC--Additional loss-absorbing capacity. CRA--Comparable ratings analysis. GRE--Government-related entity. ICR--Issuer credit rating. SACP--Stand-alone credit profile.

Credit Highlights

Overview	
Key strengths	Key risks
Strong franchise in Austria and Central and Eastern European (CEE) countries.	Asset quality tail risks, particularly in foreign markets, stemming from secondary effects from the war in Ukraine and a generally weaker economic environment in Europe with high inflation.
High liquid buffers and solid funding profile dominated by granular and sticky retail deposits across the group.	Pressure on funding and operating costs amid high inflation and competitive banking market in Austria and CEE.
Well-defined multiple-point-of-entry resolution framework and sound additional loss-absorbing capital.	

Erste Group Bank (Erste) has a well-managed business model with strong franchise in retail, small and midsize enterprises (SMEs), and corporate banking across Austria and six core strategic countries in CEE. The group benefits from higher interest income across its core operating regions because of substantially higher interest rates in the euro area and CEE countries. While this has contributed to Erste's operating income in 2022 and the initial months of 2023, we expect pressure from higher funding costs on net interest margins, particularly from a repricing of Erste's large deposit base. The group has not yet seen a relevant asset quality deterioration, despite a generally weaker economic environment in Europe and elevated uncertainties from the war in Ukraine. On the contrary, it reported a €21 million

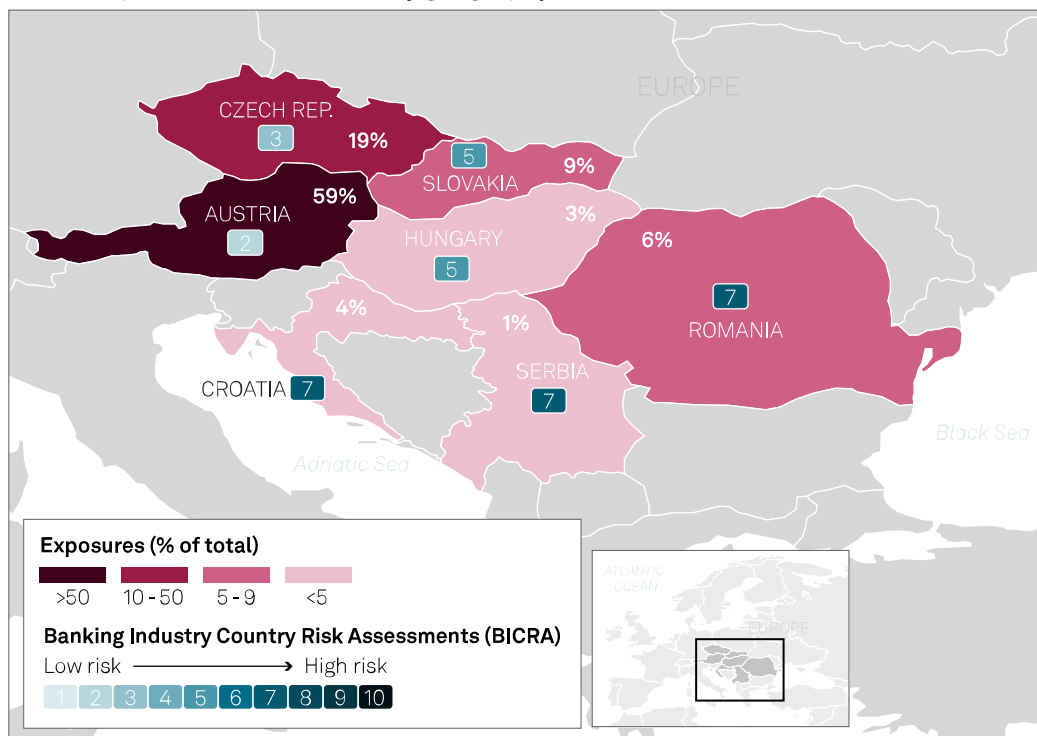
release of loan loss provisions because of rating upgrades and client recoveries in the first quarter of 2023. That said, we expect a moderate rise in credit losses in the next 12 months because of vulnerable corporate borrowers in certain sectors like energy, metals, and chemicals that could struggle to meet their financial obligations amid the economic slowdown in Europe. Elevated inflation could also be a strain for borrowers' debt repayment capacities, particularly in the bank's retail segment.

With assets of €343 billion on March 31, 2023, Erste is one of the largest banks in Austria. It continues to have a dominant market share in domestic retail loans (20%) and retail deposits (24%). Thanks to its widespread operations in Europe, we expect the group will continue to benefit from good geographic diversification of revenue, although we acknowledge some correlation among CEE countries and between CEE and Austria (chart 1). Erste's savings bank brand is strong in terms of image and customer loyalty, in our view, which historically helped to maintain client trust.

Chart 1

Erste Benefits From Geographical Diversification, But Risks Are Higher In CEE Countries

Erste's exposures as of Q1-2023 by geography



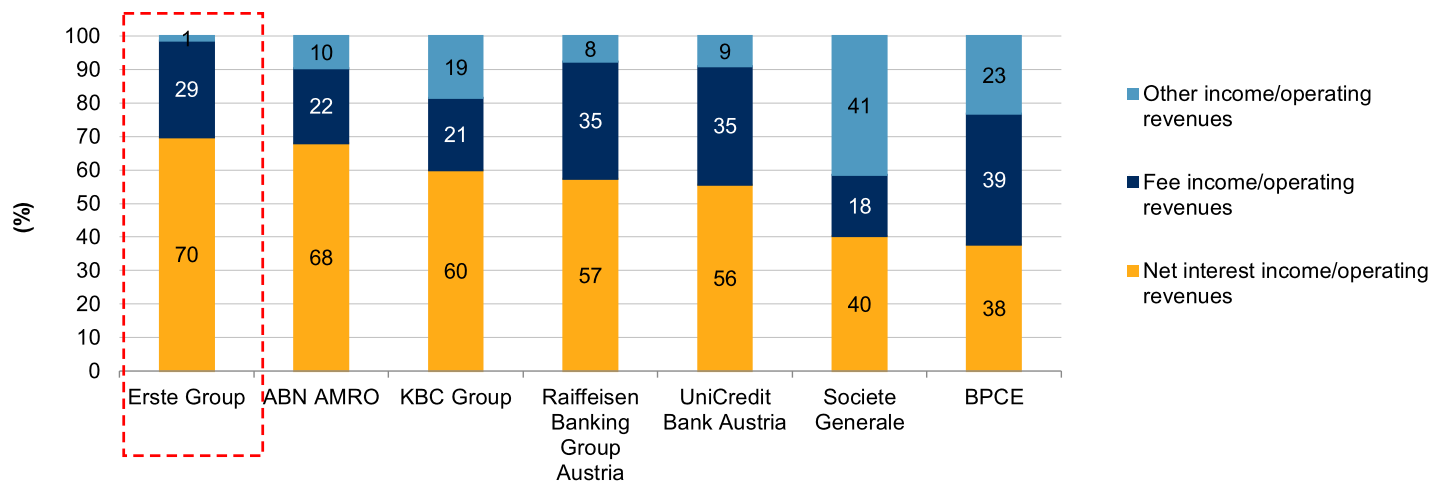
Note: Exposures defined as net customer loans. Source: S&P Global Ratings. Copyright © 2023 by Standard & Poor's Financial Services LLC. All rights reserved.

We expect the group will demonstrate resilient earnings generation. Both margins and credit losses are typically higher in economically riskier countries in CEE than in Austria; this generally translates into stronger but more volatile risk-adjusted returns through the cycle. Furthermore, the group relies more on net interest income than most similarly rated peers (chart 2). While this is not a weakness in an environment of higher interest rates, contribution of different revenue types by segments and products is a positive diversifier for a business model, in our view. We think that the

group's return on average common equity will remain at the higher range in comparison with other European banks, moving between 12%-13% in the next two years (chart 3). Its cost efficiency, as measured by a cost-to-income ratio of 56% as of December 2022 according to our definition, is slightly weaker than the median of European banks. While elevated inflation in Europe is also a burden for Erste, we expect further efficiency measures to contain the cost base. Digitizing products, services, and back-office operations remains an important pillar of the bank's strategy and is a positive factor in maintaining a competitive edge considering changing client expectations, in our view.

Chart 2

Erste relies more on net interest income for its revenue generation than other banks
Breakdown of operating revenues as of Dec-2022



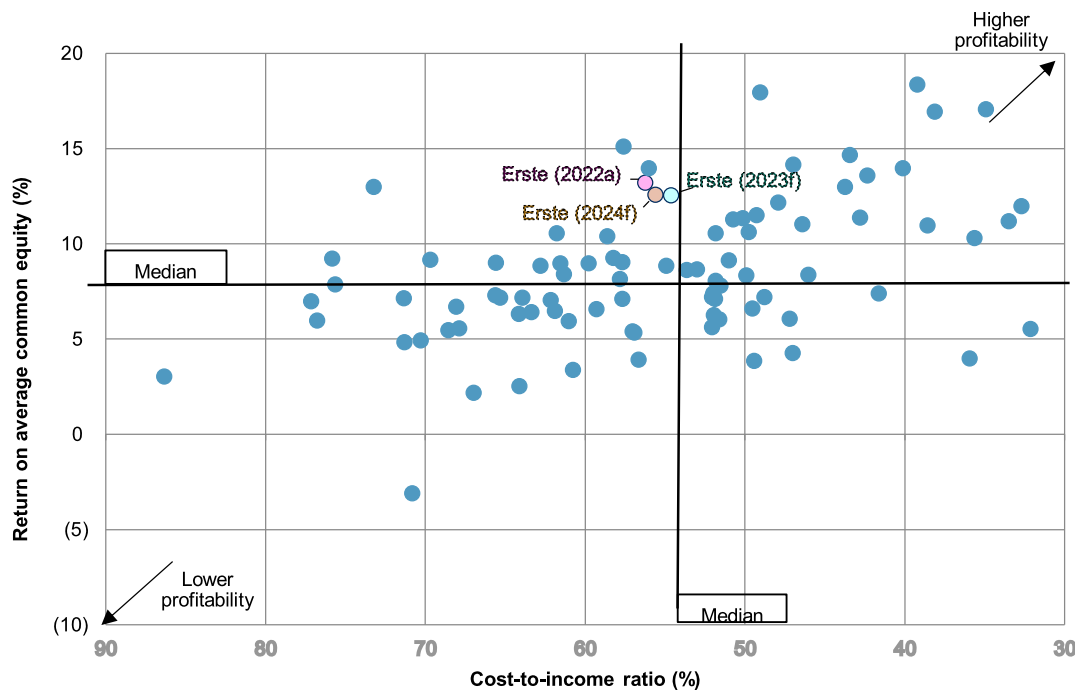
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Chart 3

Erste's profitability is stronger than the median of European banks, but cost efficiency remains slightly weaker

2022 cost-to-income ratio and return on average common equity for European top 100 banks



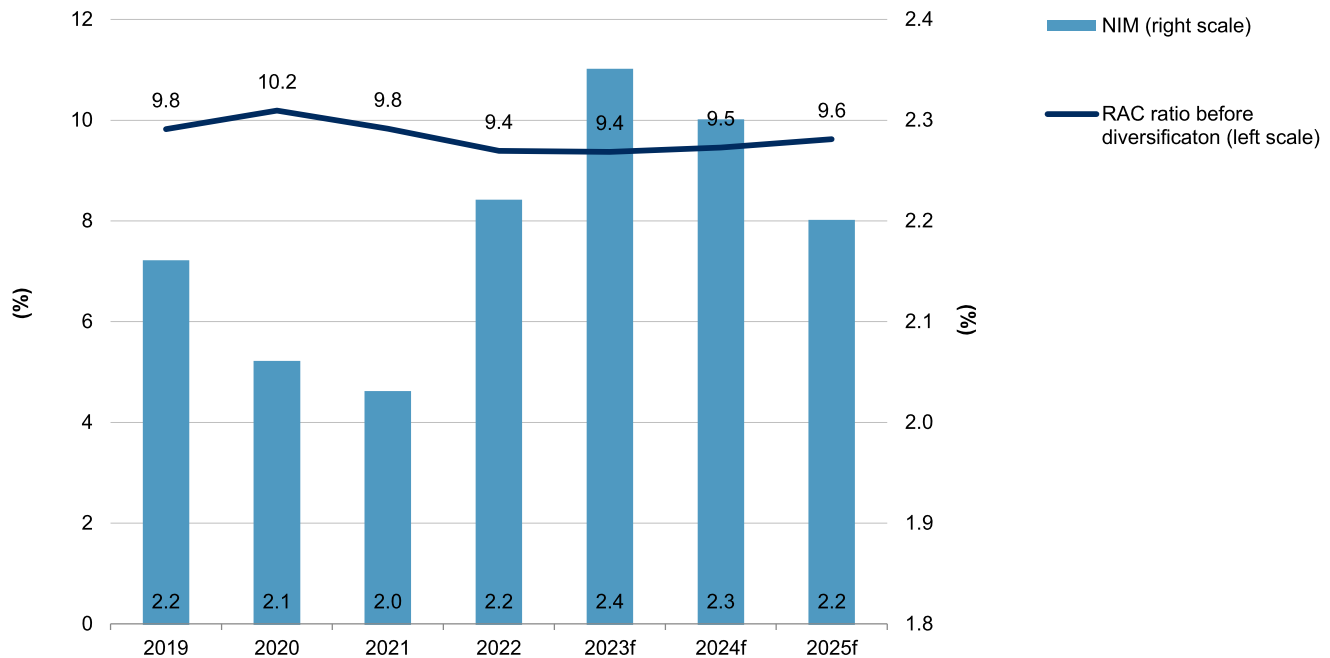
Source: S&P Global Ratings.

We project that our main capital indicator, the risk-adjusted capital (RAC) ratio, on Erste will remain below 10% in the next 12-24 months. Erste's RAC ratio was at 9.4% at year-end 2022 (chart 4). While the group's RAC ratio remains at a sound level, mainly thanks to the capital buildup capacity, it is weaker than that of many European banks, for which we see capital as a strength to the rating. The group's presence in CEE countries, where economic risks are generally higher, weighs on our measure of S&P Global Rating's risk-weighted assets (RWA). Our capital ratio forecast reflects moderate growth of the bank's retail and corporate lending in 2023 because of muted loan demand, mainly in lower-risk countries such as Austria, the Czech Republic (Czechia), and Slovakia. Also, our forecast considers sound net interest income, particularly due to pick-up of interest rates in the euro zone, and a robust fee performance. We note, however, pressure from higher funding costs because of higher deposit rates that the group will likely need to pass through to its client base, considering higher interest rates and competitive forces across its operating regions. Our projections also reflect the burden of extraordinary banking taxes in Czechia and Hungary. Finally, we deduct Erste's planned €300 million buyback of own shares in 2023 from its total adjusted capital.

Chart 4

We expect Erste's RAC ratio to remain close to 10% until 2025 despite pressure on interest margins

Risk-adjusted capital (RAC) ratio and net interest margin (NIM)



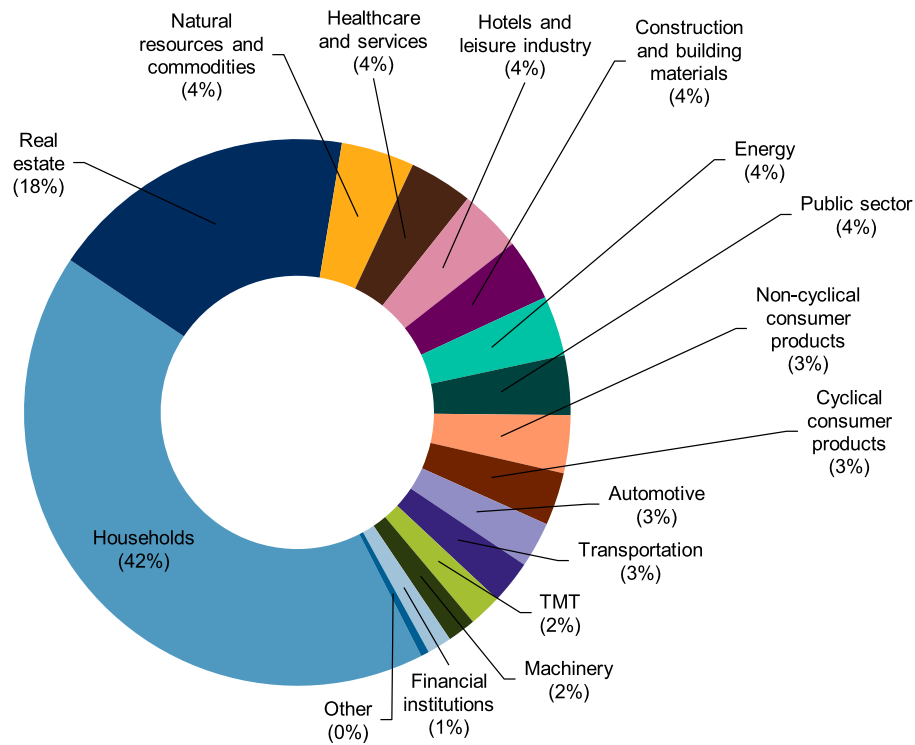
Note: NIM--Net interest income-to-average earning assets. Source: S&P Global Ratings.
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In our view, Erste is appropriately capitalized for the risks it faces. Nonfinancial risks, like money laundering, sanctions, and cyber risks, are adequately covered by headcounts and tools used in the risk and compliance departments. There are no particularly complex businesses or products. The group continues to concentrate on lower-risk retail lending, mortgage loans, and SME and corporate lending, while placing only a moderate emphasis on market-sensitive business. Real estate exposure constituted about 18% of gross customer loans on March 31, 2023 (chart 5). We understand that commercially oriented properties are mainly income-producing real estate (more than 80%) with a solid average loan-to-value ratio (50% retail, 57% office properties) and a diversified client base mainly located in Austria and Czechia. Corporate clients with a high reliance on energy input for their products, like energy, metals and chemicals, cover roughly 10% of gross exposures. These have so far remained financially resilient. We expect Erste's nonperforming assets (NPAs) and cost of risk to increase moderately in 2023 (chart 6). We believe that the recovery of economies in its core markets will be positive for NPAs and risk costs after 2023. Our measure of gross NPAs reached 2.2% of the group's gross customer loans as of March 31, 2023, while cost of risks were negative at 4 basis points (bps).

Chart 5

Erste has a diversified loan book by sectors and customers

Erste's exposures as of Q1-2023 by customer groups (in % of total exposures)

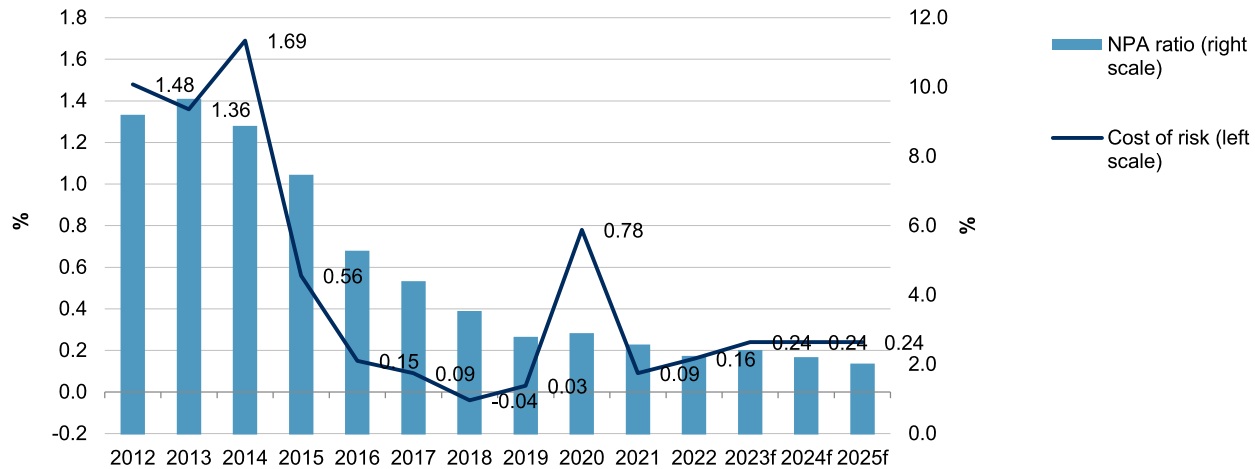


TMT--Technology, Media, and Telecom. Source: S&P Global Ratings. Note: Exposures defined as gross customer loans.

Chart 6

We project a moderate increase of Erste's credit losses in 2023 and stabilization afterwards

NPA ratio and cost of risk between 2012 and 2025f



Cost of risk defined as new loan loss provisions as % of average customer loans. NPA ratio defined as gross nonperforming assets as % of customer loans + other real estate owned. f--Forecast. NPA--Non-performing asset. Source: S&P Global Ratings.

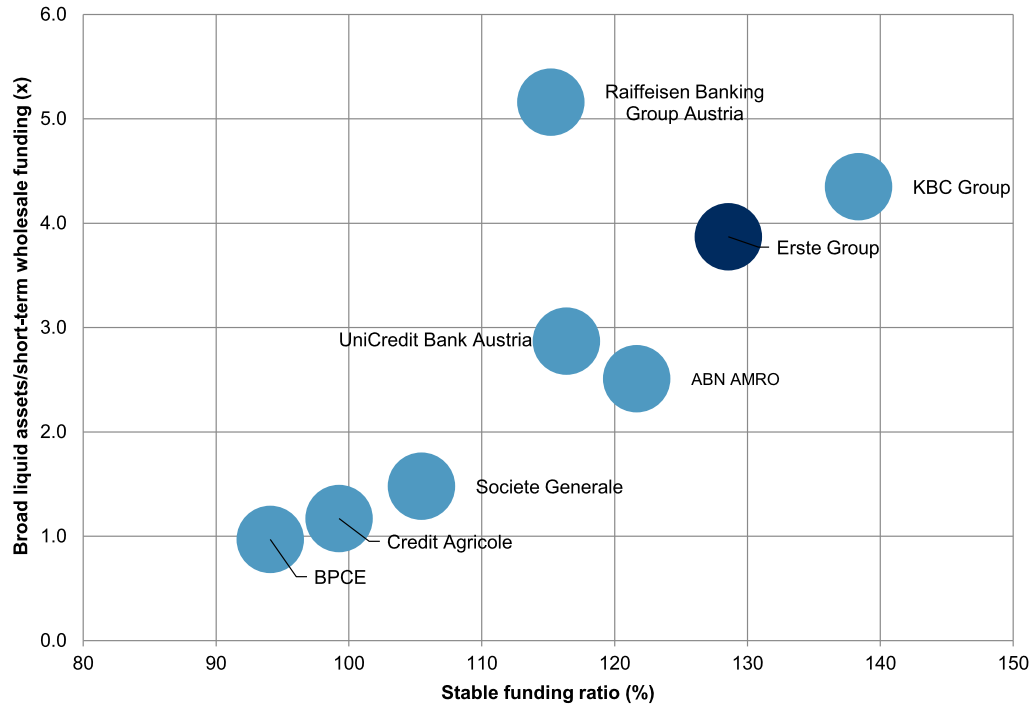
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We continue to view Erste's funding profile as stronger than many of its peers in Europe, and we also view its liquidity as a rating strength (chart 7). We expect that the group's main risk indicators of strong consolidated funding and its liquidity ratios at the group level will also remain evident at the main operating subsidiaries. We believe Erste can cope with extended market or idiosyncratic stress as indicated with multiple shocks to capital markets in the recent period. Funding costs have significantly increased since the central banks across Erste's core operating regions increased policy rates (chart 8). What's more, we believe customer funds will shift more toward savings and time deposits over the next 12-24 months, making Erste's funding more expensive. The group's stable funding ratio--our key funding metric--reached 133% (comfortably above the 100%-115% range that we see for most European peers), supporting our view of the bank's funding strength. In addition, our assessment of Erste's liquidity is strong, reflecting the bank's ongoing prudent liquidity management and high liquidity reserves. The coverage of short-term wholesale funding by broad liquid assets (BLAST), remained sound, at 3.9x on the same date. Our BLAST multiple at the group level and main subsidiaries are stronger than the 1x-2x average at an overwhelming majority of domestic and large European peers.

Chart 7

Erste has a stronger funding and liquidity profile than most of its peers'

Funding and liquidity profile as of Dec. 31, 2022



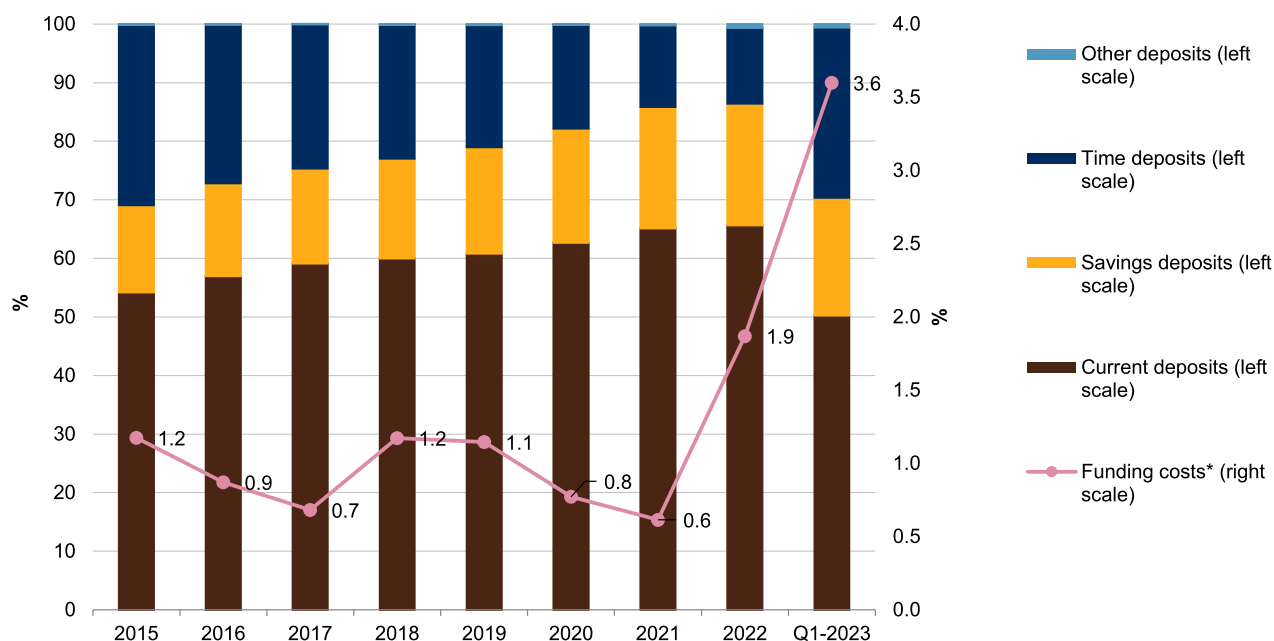
Source: S&P Global Ratings.

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Chart 8

Erste's deposit structure is changing and funding costs are arising because of higher interest rates

Composition of core customer deposits and total funding costs between 2015 and Q1-2023



*Calculated as Interest expense as % of average funding base. Q1--First quarter. Source: S&P Global Ratings.

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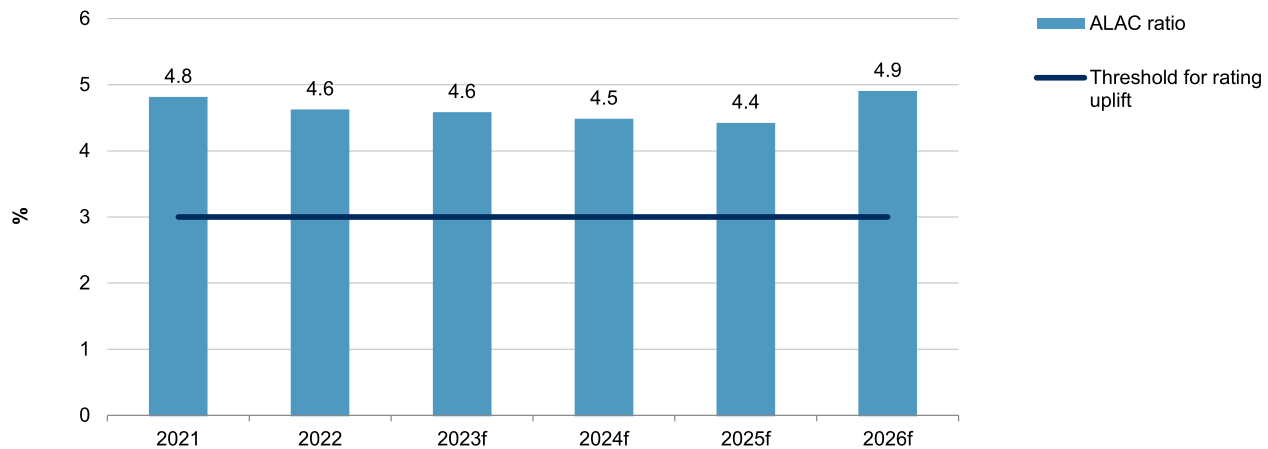
The group benefits from the mutual support mechanism between Austrian savings banks and Erste. Thanks to the joint liability and the institutional protection scheme, which is binding and recognized by European law, the group benefits from an additional layer of client trust, in our view. The joint liability scheme between Austrian member banks protects customer deposits beyond the statutory deposit insurance in the country. What's more, the scheme comes with an early warning system to monitor risks at member banks and to impose remedial actions at individual institutions, if needed. We believe that that this collective support mechanism across members of Erste Group in Austria continues to provide funding stability and reduces costs of the deposit base.

Erste is effectively operating under a multiple point of entry strategy, implying that each of the six resolution groups would enter a separate resolution path from its parent, in the unlikely scenario of nonviability. The bank has strengthened its additional loss-absorbing capacity (ALAC) buffers, which provide protection to senior creditors in a resolution scenario. We expect Erste's ALAC ratio to remain above 3% in the next 12-24 months considering the

bank's issuance and growth plans. The corresponding 'A+' long-term issuer credit rating of Erste is among the highest of rated commercial banks globally. Based on year-end 2022 data, the ALAC ratio was 4.6%. We project that the Austrian subgroup's ALAC over S&P Global Ratings' RWAs will be close to 5.0% by year-end 2025 (chart 9). RWAs correspond only to the businesses falling within Erste's resolution perimeter in Austria. We compare Erste's ALAC buffers against standard thresholds for banks with investment-grade level anchors: 300 bps for a one-notch uplift and 600 bps for a two-notch uplift.

Chart 9

We expect Erste's ALAC ratio will remain well above the relevant 3% threshold
ALAC-eligible debt-to-S&P Global Rating's RWAs (%) between 2021-2026f



Calculation only considers Erste's Austrian Resolution Group, the entry-point of the legal entity in Austria.
f--Forcaste. RWA--Risk weighted assets. Source: S&P Global Ratings.
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Outlook

The stable outlook on Erste reflects our view that, over the next 18-24 months, it will preserve a solid balance sheet, in particular sound asset quality metrics and strong liquidity buffers, despite challenges stemming from spillover effects from the war in Ukraine to European economies and the global economic slowdown. It also reflects our assumption that Erste will maintain solid profitability and capital-building capacity.

Downside scenario

We could lower our rating on Erste if we see a more material or prolonged setback for profitability and asset quality, particularly if the bank becomes loss-making. This would challenge our current view that Erste demonstrates superior resilience in difficult markets. We could also lower the rating if Erste's ALAC ratio decreases sustainably below the relevant 3% threshold within our forecast horizon, if for example the bank deviates from its planned debt issuances or it shows an aggressive acquisition strategy in some of its markets in CEE.

Upside scenario

Although unlikely, we could raise our ratings if Erste materially strengthened its RAC ratio, while maintaining solid asset quality and sound cost efficiency. For an upgrade to occur, we would see sustainable economic improvements in its main markets of operation, as well as easing pressure on profitability and the level of competition in the Austrian banking market.

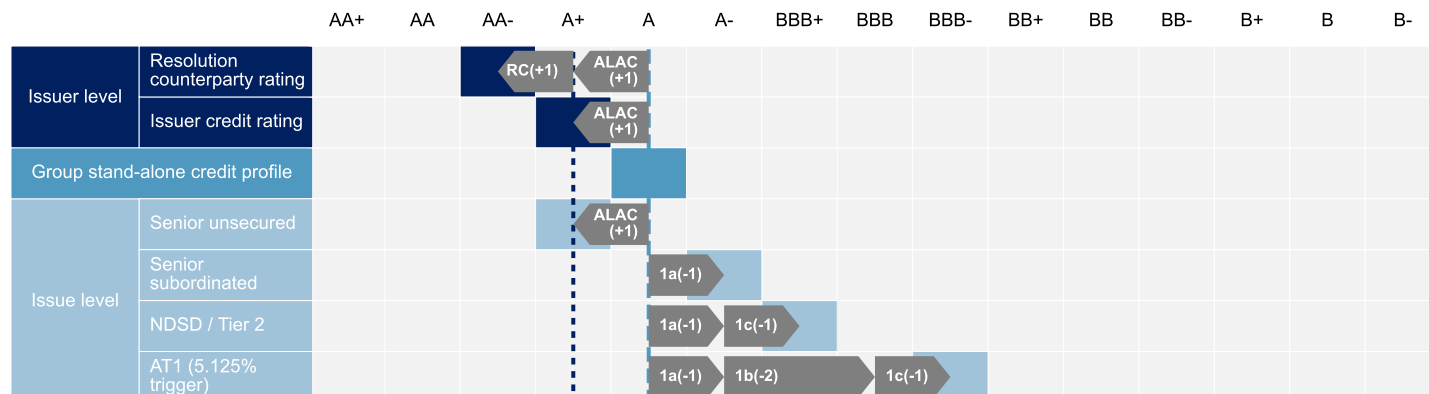
Key Metrics

Erste Group Bank AG--Key ratios and forecasts

(%)	--Fiscal year ended Dec. 31--				
	2021a	2022a	2023f	2024f	2025f
Growth in operating revenue	8.0	10.1	11.0-13.4	2.9-3.5	1.5-1.8
Growth in customer loans	7.9	11.9	2.7-3.3	4.5-5.5	4.5-5.5
Growth in total assets	10.8	5.3	3.4-4.2	2.5-3.1	4.0-4.9
Net interest income/average earning assets (NIM)	2.0	2.2	2.2-2.5	2.2-2.4	2.1-2.3
Cost to income ratio	58.7	56.2	53.2-56.0	54.2-56.9	55.4-58.3
Return on average common equity	12.7	13.2	11.9-13.1	11.9-13.2	11.2-12.4
Return on assets	0.8	0.8	0.7-0.9	0.7-0.9	0.7-0.9
New loan loss provisions/average customer loans	0.1	0.2	0.2-0.3	0.2-0.3	0.2-0.3
Gross nonperforming assets/customer loans	2.5	2.2	2.3-2.5	2.1-2.3	1.9-2.1
Net charge-offs/average customer loans	0.0	0.0	0.0-0.0	0.1-0.1	0.1-0.1
Risk-adjusted capital ratio	9.8	9.4	9.1-9.6	9.2-9.7	9.4-9.9

All figures are S&P Global Ratings-adjusted. a--Actual. f--Forecast. NIM--Net interest margin.

Erste Group Bank AG: Notching



Key to notching

- Group stand-alone credit profile
- Issuer credit rating
- RC Resolution counterparty liabilities (senior secured debt)
- 1a Contractual subordination
- 1b Discretionary or mandatory nonpayment clause and whether the regulator classifies it as regulatory capital
- 1c Mandatory contingent capital clause or equivalent

Note: The number-letter labels in the table above are in reference to the notching steps we apply to hybrid capital instruments, as detailed in table 2 of our "Hybrid Capital: Methodology And Assumptions" criteria, published on March 2, 2022.

AT1--Additional Tier 1. NDS--Non-deferrable subordinated debt.

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ESG credit indicators



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Key Statistics

Table 1

Erste Group Bank AG--Key figures					
--Year-ended Dec. 31--					
(Mil. €)	2023*	2022	2021	2020	2019
Adjusted assets	341,585.9	322,517.9	306,065.9	276,034.8	244,324.5
Customer loans (gross)	204,209.7	203,621.0	181,966.6	168,648.4	161,964.6
Adjusted common equity	22,263.7	21,147.4	19,297.5	17,596.7	17,036.9
Operating revenues	2,498.9	8,518.6	7,734.5	7,161.9	7,280.3
Noninterest expenses	1,417.3	4,786.3	4,543.6	4,381.1	4,262.3

Table 1

Erste Group Bank AG--Key figures (cont.)					
	--Year-ended Dec. 31--				
(Mil. €)	2023*	2022	2021	2020	2019
Core earnings	898.4	2,840.4	2,489.2	1,113.9	2,494.2

*Data as of March 31.

Table 2

Erste Group Bank AG--Business position					
	--Year-ended Dec. 31--				
(%)	2023*	2022	2021	2020	2019
Loan market share in country of domicile	19.9	20.1	20.8	20.8	20.8
Deposit market share in country of domicile	23.9	23.9	23.2	20.6	20.6
Total revenues from business line (currency in millions)	2,498.9	8,518.6	7,734.5	7,161.9	7,280.3
Commercial banking/total revenues from business line	24.2	25.6	22.4	21.8	22.0
Retail banking/total revenues from business line	47.0	47.2	44.4	45.4	48.5
Commercial and retail banking/total revenues from business line	71.2	72.8	66.8	67.2	70.5
Trading and sales income/total revenues from business line	8.7	9.9	7.8	7.4	7.4
Other revenues/total revenues from business line	20.1	17.3	25.4	25.4	22.1
Investment banking/total revenues from business line	8.7	9.9	7.8	7.4	7.4
Return on average common equity	13.5	13.2	12.7	5.5	10.7

*Data as of March 31.

Table 3

Erste Group Bank AG--Capital and earnings					
	--Year-ended Dec. 31--				
(%)	2023*	2022	2021	2020	2019
Tier 1 capital ratio	15.5	15.8	16.2	16.5	15.0
S&P Global Ratings' RAC ratio before diversification	N/A	9.4	9.8	10.2	9.8
S&P Global Ratings' RAC ratio after diversification	N/A	9.9	10.5	11.0	10.5
Adjusted common equity/total adjusted capital	90.9	90.4	89.6	86.6	92.0
Net interest income/operating revenues	70.8	69.9	64.3	66.7	65.2
Fee income/operating revenues	25.7	28.8	29.8	27.6	27.5
Market-sensitive income/operating revenues	1.5	-1.1	2.9	2.9	4.8
Cost to income ratio	56.7	56.2	58.7	61.2	58.5
Preprovision operating income/average assets	1.3	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.3
Core earnings/average managed assets	1.1	0.9	0.9	0.4	1.0

*Data as of March 31. N/A--Not applicable. RAC--Risk adjusted capital.

Table 4

Erste Group Bank AG--Risk-adjusted capital framework data					
	Exposure*	Basel III RWA	Average Basel III RW(%)	S&P Global Ratings' RWA	Average S&P Global Ratings' RW (%)
Credit risk					
Government and central banks	85,472,434,457.3	3,175,462,431.7	3.7	12,293,618,339.5	14.4
Of which regional governments and local authorities	5,774,573,827.0	434,872,651.4	7.5	1,147,984,325.9	19.9
Institutions and CCPs	17,777,792,727.9	3,528,015,587.4	19.8	3,558,174,966.4	20.0
Corporate	149,001,615,878.8	74,139,786,447.2	49.8	125,084,965,468.4	83.9
Retail	112,466,948,288.6	26,944,205,429.6	24.0	61,896,826,443.0	55.0
Of which mortgage	64,105,067,186.0	10,315,119,774.0	16.1	20,646,634,468.0	32.2
Securitization§	1,088,814,793.8	159,584,354.7	14.7	599,661,743.8	55.1
Other assets†	6,384,910,122.5	5,857,637,302.4	91.7	8,674,015,550.5	135.9
Total credit risk	372,192,516,268.9	113,804,691,553.0	30.6	212,107,262,511.6	57.0
Credit valuation adjustment					
Total credit valuation adjustment	--	418,377,231.6	--	0.0	--
Market risk					
Equity in the banking book	1,088,648,556.1	2,728,719,850.7	250.7	8,322,908,400.0	764.5
Trading book market risk	--	7,027,252,816.6	--	11,604,995,063.6	--
Total market risk	--	9,755,972,667.4	--	19,927,903,463.6	--
Operational risk					
Total operational risk	--	14,831,366,454.9	--	16,840,892,987.2	--
	Exposure	Basel III RWA	Average Basel II RW (%)	S&P Global Ratings' RWA	% of S&P Global Ratings' RWA
Diversification adjustments					
RWA before diversification	--	141,792,995,406.9	--	248,876,058,962.4	100.0
Total diversification/ Concentration adjustments	--	--	--	-13,307,873,507.5	-5.3
RWA after diversification	--	141,792,995,406.9	--	235,568,185,454.9	94.7
	Tier 1 capital	Tier 1 ratio (%)	Total adjusted capital	S&P Global Ratings' RAC ratio (%)	
Capital ratio					
Capital ratio before adjustments	22,683,917,344.0	16.0	23,383,580,000.0	9.4	
Capital ratio after adjustments‡	22,683,917,344.0	16.0	23,383,580,000.0	9.9	

*Exposure at default. §Securitization exposure includes the securitization tranches deducted from capital in the regulatory framework. †Exposure and S&P Global Ratings' risk-weighted assets for equity in the banking book include minority equity holdings in financial institutions. ‡Adjustments to tier 1 ratio are additional regulatory requirements (e.g. transitional floor or pillar 2 add-ons). RWA--Risk-weighted assets. RW--Risk weight. RAC--Risk-adjusted capital. Sources: Company data as of Dec. 31, 2022, S&P Global Ratings.

Table 5

Erste Group Bank AG--Risk position					
(%)	--Year-ended Dec. 31--				
	2023*	2022	2021	2020	2019
Growth in customer loans	1.2	11.9	7.9	4.1	6.9
Total diversification adjustment/S&P Global Ratings' RWA before diversification	N/A	-5.3	-6.2	-7.0	-6.8
Total managed assets/adjusted common equity (x)	15.4	15.3	15.9	15.8	14.4
New loan loss provisions/average customer loans	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.8	0.0
Net charge-offs/average customer loans	0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.1	-0.1
Gross nonperforming assets/customer loans + other real estate owned	2.2	2.2	2.5	2.9	2.8
Loan loss reserves/gross nonperforming assets	86.9	86.9	83.2	81.4	69.5

*Data as of March 31. N/A--Not applicable. RWA--Risk-weighted assets.

Table 6

Erste Group Bank AG--Funding and liquidity					
(%)	--Year-ended Dec. 31--				
	2023*	2022	2021	2020	2019
Core deposits/funding base	76.1	76.8	76.1	76.6	78.9
Customer loans (net)/customer deposits	85.6	89.7	84.9	86.8	92.5
Long-term funding ratio	91.2	91.8	93.2	95.6	94.4
Stable funding ratio	133.3	128.6	138.9	140.2	125.8
Short-term wholesale funding/funding base	9.6	8.9	7.4	4.8	6.1
Regulatory net stable funding ratio	139.0	139.1	150.2	N/A	N/A
Broad liquid assets/short-term wholesale funding (x)	3.9	3.9	5.2	7.7	4.9
Broad liquid assets/total assets	33.7	30.8	34.6	33.2	26.8
Broad liquid assets/customer deposits	49.4	44.8	50.7	48.5	38.3
Net broad liquid assets/short-term customer deposits	43.6	39.9	51.1	51.5	38.7
Regulatory liquidity coverage ratio (LCR) (x)	146.0	138.0	177.3	189.3	N/A
Short-term wholesale funding/total wholesale funding	38.9	37.0	29.8	19.7	28.2

*Data as of March 31. N/A--Not applicable.

Erste Group Bank AG--Rating component scores	
Issuer credit rating	A+ /Stable/ A-1
SACP	a
Anchor	bbb+
Economic risk	3
Industry risk	3
Business position	Strong
Capital and earnings	Adequate
Risk position	Adequate
Funding	Strong
Liquidity	Strong
Comparable ratings analysis	0
Support	+1

Erste Group Bank AG--Rating component scores (cont.)

Issuer credit rating	A+ /Stable/A-1
ALAC support	+1
GRE support	0
Group support	0
Sovereign support	0
Additional factors	0

ALAC--Additional loss-absorbing capacity. GRE--Government-related entity. SACP--Stand-alone credit profile.

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Ratings Detail (As Of July 5, 2023)***Erste Group Bank AG**

Issuer Credit Rating	A+ /Stable/A-1
Resolution Counterparty Rating	AA-/--/A-1+
Commercial Paper	
<i>Local Currency</i>	A-1
Junior Subordinated	BBB-
Senior Subordinated	A-

Ratings Detail (As Of July 5, 2023)*(cont.)

Senior Unsecured	A+
Short-Term Debt	A-1
Subordinated	BBB+
Issuer Credit Ratings History	
16-Dec-2021	A+/Stable/A-1
29-Sep-2021	A/Positive/A-1
29-Apr-2020	A/Stable/A-1
Sovereign Rating	
Austria	AA+/Stable/A-1+
Related Entities	
Erste Group Bank AG (Hong Kong Branch)	
Commercial Paper	A-1

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