

**Erste Bank shares to start trading  
in Prague from October 1st**

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On August 28th, 2002, the Exchange Committee on Exchange Trades approved October 1st, 2002, as the date for the start of trading in shares of Erste Bank der oesterreichischen Sparkassen AG at the Prague Stock Exchange, following Erste Bank's recent admission to the Main Market of the Prague Stock Exchange. The Erste Bank share carries the ISIN AT0000652011. The timing for the launch reflects the requirements of the issuer, the Stock Exchange as well as trading participants (Exchange members).

The Erste Bank share will be included in the official Prague Stock Exchange PX 50 and PX-D indices. In the PX 50 index, the liquid index for the 50 most important companies, Erste Bank will have a weighting of 20 % (the maximum for the index). In the PX-D index, for blue chip companies, the weighting is expected to be around 33 %.