

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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## Erste Bank Reacts again to ECB Interest Rate Hike

After the ECB announced a 25 basis point interest rate hike today, Erste Bank is amending its terms to pass these higher rates on to its customers as quickly as possible.

Interest rates for savings accounts will be increased as follows on 7. August respectively:

Kapitalsparbuch savings accounts (for new accounts)

	OLD interest rate	NEW interest rate
12 months	2.750 %	3.000 %
15 months	3.000 %	3.125 %
17 months	3.250 %	3.375 %
36 months	3.250 %	3.500 %
60 months	3.500 %	3.750 %

Profit cards (depending on balance)

EUR	OLD interest rate	NEW interest rate
up to 9,999	1.125 %	1.250 %
from 10,000	1.375 %	1.500 %
from 25,000	1.625 %	1.750 %
from 50,000	1.875 %	2.000 %

Profit JUGEND cards (depending on balance)

EUR	OLD interest rate	NEW interest rate
up to 24,999	1.500 %	1.625 %
from 25,000	1.625 %	1.750 %
from 50,000	1.875 %	2.000 %

If there will be changes in the interest rates for loans will be decided later on.

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