

Green light for takeover of Weinviertler Sparkasse by Erste Bank

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Andreas Kaim and Christian Wilhelm to form new Managing Board of Weinviertler Sparkasse from 1 June

As of May 2009, Erste Bank Oesterreich is the new majority owner of Weinviertler Sparkasse AG. After the deal was closed, Erste Bank now holds approximately 99% in the savings bank, with the remaining 1% staying in the ownership of the private foundation "Privatstiftung Weinviertler Sparkasse". The takeover will not have any effect on customers or staff at Weinviertler Sparkasse, account numbers, sort codes and contact persons in the branches will not change. However, there will be a reshuffling of the Managing Board. As of 1 June, Christian Wilhelm (48) and Andreas Kaim (38) will be heading up the operations of Weinviertler Sparkasse.



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Christian Wilhelm joined Erste Bank in 1986 as a credit analyst. From 1992 he was deputy manager of the credit department and an authorised signatory, and later headed up the commercial centre for districts 17, 18 and 19. Since 1998 he has been employed as a risk manager, initially in two commercial centres and then for all large clients. Wilhelm has also been a lecturer at the Sparkassen Academy for many years and is involved in teaching at the University of Applied Sciences bfi Vienna too. The 48-year old steps into the shoes of Robert Rosner, who is moving into retirement.



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Andreas Kaim is the second new appointment to the Board at Weinviertler Sparkasse. Kaim joined the Sparkassen Group in 1990 as a data controller; he spent a few years in sales before switching to Weinviertler Sparkasse in 1998 to head up the Hollabrunn retail centre. From 2002 he was the head of the commercial centre in Hollabrunn, where he also became an authorised signatory. He has been teaching at the Sparkassen Academy for some years now as well. In his position as chairman of the Managing Board at Weinviertler Sparkasse he is replacing Hans Jürgen Bröder, who will now be focusing on new tasks.

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