

Elke Meier heads controlling department at Erste Bank

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Elke Meier (46) took over as head of controlling department at Erste Bank der oesterreichischen Sparkassen as of 1 July 2011. Meier started her career in 1987 at "Erste"; at last she was head of accounting and taxes at Ceska sporitelna, the Czech subsidiary of Erste Group. Elke Meier succeeds Otto Ilchmann who has retired.

Thomas Uher, member of the management board of Erste Bank Oesterreich: "I am very pleased to have found a worthy successor to Otto Ilchmann from our own ranks in Elke Meier. Because he is hard to replace. I know Elke Meier from my time at Creditanstalt. She has a talent for being able to read the principal challenges for the bank from an Excel sheet. She is a manager with a focus on finding solutions. I look forward to working together with her."

Elke Meier is from Vienna and studied commercial sciences from 1985 and 1989 at the University of Economics of Vienna. She had already worked at Erste as an analyst for financial statements during her studies. In 1989, she served as an expert for business affairs at Österreichische Hochschülerschaft (student representative body) and later joined Auxilia Treuhand and in 1993 she CA Immo. In 1994, she became head of accounting and management account at CA in Bratislava. In 1996, she became head of management accounting in Prague. In 2001, as the mother of two children she took over the department for management accounting and accounting at Ceska Sporitelna and

was thus back at Erste Group. Elke Meier has a talent for languages: She speaks English, Spanish, French and Czech and masters SAP, IBIS and also Excel.