

## Announcement

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### Trading in the new shares will start on 25 November 2008

A total of 900 shares were issued under the bank's Management Stock Option Programme (MSOP) on 29 August 2008. As a result, the total number of Erste Bank shares rose from 317,011,863 to 317,012,763. Trading in the new shares will start on 25 November 2008 in Vienna, Prague and Bucharest. Shares purchased under the programme must be held for a minimum of one year.

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