

Announcement

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Trading in the new shares will start on 22 June 2009

A total of 912,323 shares were issued under the bank's Employee Share Ownership Programme (ESOP) of Erste Group on 28 May 2009. As a result, the total number of Erste Group shares rose from 317,012,763 to 317,925,086. Trading in the new shares will start on 22 June 2009 in Vienna, Prague and Bucharest. Shares purchased under the programme must be held for a minimum of one year.

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