

ANNOUNCEMENT

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Share count of Erste Group increased by 289,663 new shares

A total of 289,663 shares were issued under the bank's Employee Share Ownership Programme (ESOP) of Erste Group on 26 May 2011. As a result, the total number of Erste Group shares rose from 378,176,721 to 378,466,384. Trading in the new shares is expected to commence mid-June 2011 in Vienna, Prague and Bucharest. Shares purchased under the programme must be held for a minimum of one year.

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