

## ANNOUNCEMENT

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### Trading in the new shares will start on 14 June 2011

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 will start on 14 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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