

Banking for success.

Interim Report at 30 September 2005

Bank Austria Creditanstalt at a Glance

Bank Austria Creditanstalt shares – key data 1	Jan30 Sept. 2005	2004	Change
Share price at end of period	€ 92.99	€ 66.50	39.8 %
High/low (intraday)	€ 95.45/€ 62.01	€ 66.6/€ 40.81	
Earnings per share in accordance with IFRSs (annualised)	€ 7.48	€ 4.14	80.7 %
Price / earnings ratio (end of period)	12.4	16.1	
Total shareholder return (incl. dividend)	42.1 %	66.7 %	
Market capitalisation (end of period)	€ 13.7 bn	€ 9.8 bn	
Average daily turnover in Bank Austria Creditanstalt shares on the Vienna Stock Exchange (single counting)	238,932 shares	152,000 shares	

Income statement figures (in € m) 1	Jan30 Sept.	2005 1 Jan. – 30 Sept. 2004	Change
Net interest income after losses on loans and advances	1,609	1,485	8.4 %
Net fee and commission income	1,047	932	12.4 %
Net trading result	186	145	28.4 %
General administrative expenses	-1,917	-1,835	4.5 %
Operating profit	905	699	29.5 %
Net income before taxes	1,111	655	69.7 %
Consolidated net income	824	442	86.4 %

Volume figures (in € m)	30 Sept. 200	5 31 Dec. 2004	Change
Total assets	156,019	146,521	6.5 %
Loans and advances to customers	86,742	81,260	6.7 %
Primary funds	86,412	82,763	4.4 %
Shareholders' equity (excluding minority interests)	7,534	6,642	13.4%
Risk-weighted assets (banking book)	76,684	70,887	8.2 %

Key performance indicators (in %)	l Jan.–30 Sept.	2005 2004	1 Jan.–30 Sept. 2004
Return on equity after taxes (ROE)	16.0	9.8	9.7
Return on assets (ROA)	0.73	0.43	0.42
CEE contribution to net income before taxes	47.4	42.6	38.8
Cost/income ratio	61.1	64.9	64.6
Net interest income/avg. risk-weighted assets (banking book)	3.48	3.58	3.54
Risk / earnings ratio	16.4	16.3	17.2
Provisioning charge/avg. risk-weighted assets (banking book)	0.57	0.58	0.61
Total capital ratio (end of period)	11.6	12.4	12.4
Tier 1 capital ratio (end of period)	7.6	7.9	7.5

Staff	30 Sept. 200!	5 30 Sept. 2004	Change
Bank Austria Creditanstalt (full-time equivalent)	31,286	29,331	6.7 %
Austria (BA-CA AG and subsidiaries supporting core banking business)	10,149	10,936	-7.2 %
CEE and other subsidiaries	21,137	18,395	14.9 %
of which: Poland	10,033	9,669	3.8 %

Offices 3	30 Sept. 200	5 30 Sept. 2004	Change
Bank Austria Creditanstalt	1,521	1,320	15.2 %
Austria	400	404	-1.0 %
CEE countries and rest of world	1,121	916	22.4 %
of which: Poland	504	468	7.7 %

Comparative figures adjusted to amended and new IFRS rules (see page 16f)

To our shareholders, customers and business partners



Erich Hampel, Chairman of the Managing Board of Bank Austria Creditanstalt AG

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Bank Austria Creditanstalt AG continued the steady upward trend of the past few years with record results in the third quarter of 2005, proving that the bank can achieve sustained earnings growth both in the mature Austrian market and in CEE growth markets. This is also confirmed by the BA-CA share price, which has more than tripled since the initial public offering (+240%) and gained 48% since the beginning of 2005. And the business combination with UniCredit further substantially improves the outlook for the long-term development of our business.

In the third quarter, Bank Austria Creditanstalt generated a net income before taxes of \in 500 m. While this figure includes one-off effects, the larger part relates to operating income components, which continued to improve compared with previous quarters. Net income before taxes for the first nine months rose to \in 1,111 m. Excluding the one-off effects, which amounted to almost \in 200 m, net income before taxes increased by 40.1% to \in 917 m. This means that, on a pro-rata basis, our results are well above the target for the year as a whole. Earnings per share rose from \in 4.01 in the previous year to \in 7.48.

Contributions to this strong performance came from the banking subsidiaries in Central and Eastern Europe (CEE) and also from Austrian business segments, where especially the market initiatives in business with private customers have proved effective. In those areas where we identified weaknesses, namely in Austrian business with small and medium-sized companies, we launched a far-reaching programme for enhancing profitability. We have made a provision of \in 60 m for restructuring costs, which will be used for financing the reorganisation and process adjustments.

Let me now say a few words about the number 1 topic: after UniCredit's very successful takeover offer to HVB shareholders, UniCredit holds over 88 % of the voting shares in HVB and, directly and indirectly, 88.17 % of the shares in Bank Austria Credit-anstalt AG (as at 4 November). This has cleared the way for creating the "first truly European bank", the ninth-largest bank in Europe. It will cover 19 countries, including three of Europe's wealthiest regions (northern Italy, Austria and southern Germany) and the young growth markets in the north, east and south-east of Europe. Growth, economies of scale and supraregional synergies promise a sustained increase in value.

Binding rules and simple structures are required for managing such a large banking group. The basic principles include decentralised responsibility for results and a focused management approach to local markets and local customers. In line with these principles, it is envisaged that under the umbrella of Bank Austria Creditanstalt AG, management responsibility for business in Austria will be separated from management responsibility for business in CEE. Moreover, talks are being held with a view to combining asset management and investment banking operations in the new UCI Group on a supraregional basis. UniCredit is also planning to transfer to Bank Austria Creditanstalt AG all its CEE subsidiaries and its operations in Turkey, as well as HVB's activities in Russia, Ukraine and the Baltic states. In this expanded CEE network, we would serve over 16 million customers in 16 countries with some 58,000 employees. This would make us the clear number 1 in CEE, twice as large as the nearest competitor. The Managing Board welcomes the planned enhancement of Bank Austria Creditanstalt's position in the interests of the bank's shareholders, customers and employees, and also in the interests of Vienna as a business location.

Let's move into new, truly European dimensions with Bank Austria Creditanstalt!

Yours sincerely.

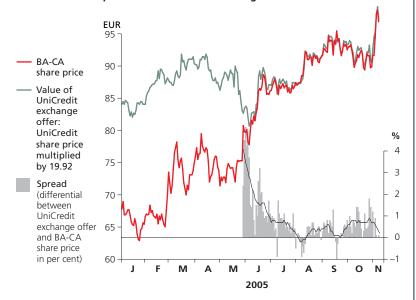
Performance of the BA-CA Share

The BA-CA share price gained 40 per cent in the first nine months of the current year to reach € 92.99 on 30 September. Bank Austria Creditanstalt's market capitalisation consequently rose to over € 13.7 bn, representing an increase in value of € 9.4 bn or 220 % since the initial public offering in July 2003.

Share price reflects exchange offer After rising steadily in the first few months of the year, the BA-CA share started being influenced by takeover speculation from 27 May. On 12 June, the Management Board and the Supervisory Board of HVB Group and the Board of Directors of UniCredit approved the combination of HVB Group and UniCredit. The price of BA-CA shares has by and large tracked the price movements of UCI shares in the ratio of 1 to 19.92.

After UniCredit's shareholders overwhelmingly approved UniCredit's plans at the extraordinary meeting of shareholders in Genoa on 29 July, UniCredit at the end of August launched separate public offers for the exchange of HVB shares and BA-CA shares. 88.14 % of HVB shareholders had accepted UniCredit's offer by the end of the acceptance period on 24 October. UniCredit's voluntary, public takeover offer was available to BA-CA shareholders from 29 August to 31 October, UniCredit offered shareholders 19.92 UCI shares for one BA-CA share, or alternatively an amount of € 79.60 per BA-CA share. 15.6 million BA-CA shares, corresponding to 10.64 % of Bank Austria Creditanstalt's share capital, were tendered for exchange or for acceptance of UniCredit's cash offer during the above period. After the exchange ratios were announced, the acceptance period was again extended for a further 10 trading days (7 to 18 November 2005).

BA-CA share price and UniCredit's exchange offer



Banking Environment in the Third Quarter of 2005

During the summer months the world economy continued to expand strongly: the dampening effects of rising crude oil prices (up by 13 % quarter on quarter; at the end of September up by 60 % on the previous year) contrasted with ample liquidity, record low capital market rates, higher corporate productivity and profitability and, in key countries, significant increases in asset prices (primarily for real estate). The vigorous entry of China, India and other East Asian emerging markets into the global division of labour provided strong impetus to global growth. The US economy proved to be remarkably robust in the face of natural catastrophes and a continued tightening of monetary policy. Demand within the euro area remained weak as rising energy prices absorbed purchasing power. Nevertheless, the economy revived on the back of stronger export demand (from oil-producing countries; recycling) and improved competitiveness (euro, productivity).

Financial markets saw vacillating expectations as to whether the rise in commodity prices would lead to weaker growth or higher inflation rates and, consequently, to a more restrictive monetary policy. Oil prices peaked in the wake of the hurricanes around the middle and the end of August (Brent 68 \$/bl and 66 \$/bl, respectively), initially coinciding with pessimism about growth and bouts of US dollar weakness. In September and especially in October, however, expectations of rising interest rates predominated. Following the eleventh increase of the Fed's key interest rate, the US dollar again appreciated against the euro (and even more strongly against the yen) to a level of about USD 1.20 / EUR, additionally supported by a wider interest rate differential. Long-term euro yields fell (as a result of heavy investment from the Far East and from oil-producing countries) to an all-time low of 3.024 % on 22 September.

In Austria, industrial companies benefited from export growth but consumption was weak. The banking industry experienced a sluggish trend in business volume and continued pressure on margins, all the more so as market rates fell to new lows. Rising net exports were the mainstay of growth in CEE countries, too. Following the special effect resulting from EU enlargement in 2004, and after the weak start in 2005, economic growth in CEE rose significantly (with real GDP in the CEE-11 region up by over 4 % y-o-y). In the third quarter, CEE currencies (especially PLN. CZK and RON) remained stable against the euro, and short-term interest rates were characterised by a more pronounced convergence to euro levels. Yet continued monetary expansion led to strong growth in the banking sector, with loans and deposits growing by 15 % and 12 %, respectively.

- ▶ Record results in Q3: net income before taxes reached € 500 m, enhanced by one-off effects. Continued growth, targeted allocation of capital and improved profitability further increased the operating performance compared with the previous quarter.
- ► Results for first nine months above target: net income before taxes was € 1,111 m, significantly higher on a pro-rata basis than the target for the year as a whole. Consolidated net income up by 86 % to € 824 m, ROE after taxes rose to 16.0 % (adjusted, 12.9 %). Earnings per share (annualised): € 7.5, after € 4.0 in 2004.
- ▶ Well-balanced profit growth: CEE and Austrian business segments contributed to the increase in profits in the ratio of 60 to 40.
- ► **High quality of results:** net interest income and net fee and commission income increased from quarter to quarter. Again good results from trading activities.
- ▶ Targeted growth: volume (RWA) up by 8 %; within the total figure, 23 % increase in CEE, and Austrian private customer business up by 20 %.
- ▶ Risk and costs remained under control despite expansion: cost/income ratio declined to 61.1% in the first nine months (previous year: 64.6%); risk/earnings ratio 16.4% after 17.2% in the previous year.

Record Results in the Third Quarter of 2005

Bank Austria Creditanstalt's **net income before taxes** for the third quarter was a record \leq **500** m. This figure includes one-off income of \leq 253 m, which was partly reinvested as a provision for restructuring costs (\leq 60 m) in the SMEs Austria business segment. Even without these special factors, however, net income before taxes amounted to \leq 306 m – over one-third more than for Q3 2004. At \leq 332 m, operating profit exceeded the preceding quarter. Thus the bank has continued its steady upward trend. The quality of results also provides a strong base for positive developments in the future:

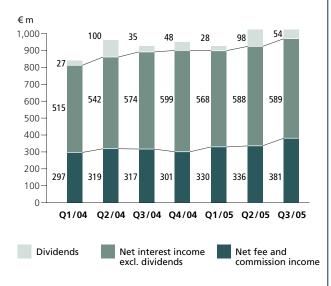
- ▶ We further improved net interest income and net fee and commission income, the "sustainable" revenue components, despite the usual seasonal fluctuations in dividend income.
- ▶ Contributions to this performance came from the Austrian business segments and our growth market Central and Eastern Europe (CEE). In Austria, the increase in net fee and commission income underlines the upward trend and structural improvement in customer business. The strong expansion of business in CEE leads to a strong increase in core net interest income.

- ▶ The bank continued to **expand** strongly in highly profitable business segments. Overall, the banking book (risk-weighted assets, RWA) in Austria, including International Markets, remained at a constant level. Within the total, the figure for business with private customers in Q3 rose by 5 % compared with Q2 and by 20 % as against the previous year. In CEE, volume increased by 7 % from Q2 to Q3 and was 25 % higher than in the third guarter of 2004.
- ▶ Costs and risk provisioning remained under control: in the third quarter, the cost/income ratio declined to 59.5 %, mainly as a result of tight cost management in Austria. The net charge for losses on loans and advances did not change to any significant extent and remained within budgeted figures. A slight improvement was seen in the Austrian business, while the provisioning charge in Central and Eastern Europe increased slightly due to expansion in business.

The above-mentioned **one-off effects** are reflected in income statement items shown below operating profit. With the sale of shares in Investkredit Bank AG, clear-cut competitive conditions have been created in the related market segment. The gain of € 130 m on the sale is included in net income from investments.

In Romania, as announced, we significantly improved our market position by integrating our subsidiary with Banca Comerciala "Ion Tiriac" S.A., Bucharest. With these two banks we combine complementary business models into a strong, new unit whose market share is close to 10 %. Through this transaction, the retail banking strengths of Banca Tiriac ideally complement the corporate banking expertise of HVB Romania. The acquisition

Continued revenue growth



Continued growth in profitable segments

Expansion in Romania of 50 % plus one share was effected mainly by way of an exchange of shares. In this connection, we realised a gain that resulted from the increase in our subsidiary's value. This gain amounted to € 123.5 m and is reflected in net income from investments (for details see note 4 on page 18).

As part of the implementation of our programme to enhance efficiency in business with Austrian small and medium-sized companies we have made a provision of € 60 m for restructuring costs. This amount is used for financing concrete projects aimed at streamlining back-office processes.

Key performance ratios by quarter

In %	Q3/04	Q4/04	Q1/05	Q2/05	Q3/05	Q3*)
Earnings per share in € (annualised)	4.27	4.54	5.63	6.71	10.10	5.77
ROE after taxes	10.1	10.4	12.3	14.4	20.9	12.0
Net interest income/RWA	3.51	3.67	3.32	3.73	3.41	
Provisioning charge/RWA	0.59	0.51	0.61	0.53	0.57	
Risk/earnings ratio	16.8	13.8	18.5	14.3	16.7	
Cost/income ratio	63.4	65.8	64.1	59.9	59.5	

^{*)} adjusted for one-off effects explained in the report; RWA = average risk-weighted assets (banking book)

Bank Austria Creditanstalt's Results for the First Nine Months of 2005

The upward trend in the year to date and the outstanding results for the third guarter have resulted in net income before taxes of € 1,111 m for the first nine months of 2005, an increase of € 456 m or 70 % over the same period of the previous year. Excluding one-off income and the allocation to the provisions for restructuring costs, the figure is still € 917 m. BA-CA is well above target in pro-rata terms, even after adjustment for one-off effects.

Higher earnings at all levels

€m	1-9/2005	Change ove	r prev. year
Operating revenues			
after provisioning charge	2,843	+ 282	+11%
Gen. administrative expenses	-1,917	-82	+5%
Operating profit	905	+206	+30%
Net income before taxes	1,111	+ 456	+ 70 %
adjusted for one-off effects	917	+ 263	+ 40 %
Consolidated net income	824	+ 382	+86%
adjusted for one-off effects	665	+ 222	+ 50 %

One-off effects: + € 130 m Investkredit, + € 123 m Romania;

Consolidated net income (after minority interests) for the first nine months of 2005 came to € 824 m (+86%, or +50 % without one-off effects). Earnings per share rose from € 4.01 to € 7.48 on an annualised basis (or € 6.04 adjusted for one-off effects). Return on equity after taxes climbed to 16.0 % (adjusted: 12.9 %). In this context, it should be noted that Bank Austria Creditanstalt has a very strong capital base compared with other banks in Austria. At the end of September, the Tier 1 capital ratio was 7.6 %. The ratio of IAS shareholders' equity to risk-weighted assets (RWA), at 10.6 %, is also an indication that the Group is overcapitalised to some extent.

Operating profit (€ 905 m), not affected by one-off effects, is 30 % up on the level of the previous year. This was attributable to an 11% rise in operating revenues (adjusted for the provisioning charge), with costs rising much more slowly (+5%).

All income components contributed to the bank's higher operating profit. Net interest income rose by € 131 m (7.3 %), which is entirely attributable to the expansion of operations in CEE where margins, despite a growing convergence of interest rates, are still much higher than in the euro area. In Austria, only the Private Customers segment was able to cushion narrowing margins through successful new business in the area of financings. The provisioning charge, especially in the SMEs Austria segment, was lower than originally expected at the beginning of the year. Overall, the provisioning charge was only 2.2 % above the previous year's level. The increase is mainly explained by the bank's expansion in CEE and exchange rate effects.

The € 116 m (12.4 %) increase in **net fee and commission** income - achieved in equal measure in Austria and in CEE marks one of the bank's outstanding successes in the current year. This development is the result of a revival in custody business, the success of structured investment products, trade finance activities, and the encouraging response received from corporate customers in the areas of advisory services and new issue business.

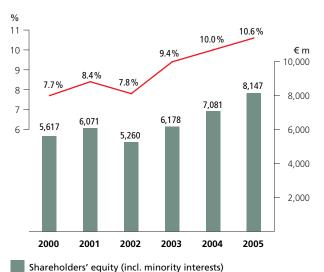
After the weaker performance of the previous quarter following the market turbulences in the spring, the net trading result for the third quarter was again good. The stabilisation of financial markets in emerging regions and foreign exchange trading activities mainly contributed to this improvement. The net trading result for the first nine months came to € 186 m, 28 % up on 2004 and one-tenth above three-quarters of the total figure for the previous year, and underlined its role as a stable source of revenue.

^{– € 60} m allocation to provisions for restructuring costs

The moderate rise of \leqslant 82 m or not quite 5 % in **general** administrative expenses is largely attributable to the CEE business segment (+ \leqslant 75 m), especially the SEE countries which are experiencing strong organic growth and acquisitions (+ \leqslant 19 m), and countries whose currency strongly appreciated against the euro in a year-on-year comparison. In Austria, general administrative expenses remained virtually unchanged. The cost/income ratio fell by 3.5 percentage points to 61.1 % over the previous year, and is now approaching 60 %.

An analysis of the income statement requires **exchange rate effects** arising from the conversion of the CEE-based financial statements to be taken into account. The appreciation of currencies was most pronounced in the period between mid-2004 and March 2005, and the exchange rates have since been fluctuating around the March 2005 levels. These developments are therefore above all reflected in the comparison with the previous year. The exchange rate changes affect both income and expense items, and largely offset one another in the results. For this reason, they hardly impact the overall picture. A year-on-year comparison shows a positive exchange rate effect – including hedging costs – of about € 24 m or approximately 2 % of net income before taxes.

Strong equity capital base in accordance with IASs



Snareholders equity (incl. minority interests)

— IAS equity in % of risk-weighted assets (RWA)

Business segment results for January to September 2005

Private Customers Austria

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€m	1-9/2005	1-9/2004	C	hange
Operating revenues ¹⁾ after net charge for	904	862	42	4.9 %
losses on loans and advances	834	803	32	3.9 %
General administrative expense	s –678	-675	-3	0.4 %
Operating profit	156	127	29	22.7 %
Net income before taxes	167	127	40	31.4%
Net income	129	93	36	39.2 %
share of Group total	15 %	19 %		
Equity – share of Group total	12 %	12 %		
ROE before taxes	24.2 %	22.2 %		
ROE before taxes, adjusted ²⁾	22.9 %	22.2 %		
ROE after taxes 3)	18.8 %	16.2 %		

1) net interest income, net fee and commission income, net trading result, other operating income and expenses

17.9%

16.2 %

2) adjusted for one-off effects

ROE after taxes, adjusted

3) net income (p.a.)/allocated equity (average for the period)

The footnotes apply to all tables in this section of the interim report.

Austrian private customer business generated good results for the third quarter. Net income before taxes (€ 81 m) doubled relative to the average figure for the past one and a half years. In the first nine months, net income before taxes rose by 31 % year on year, and net income after taxes was 39 % higher than a year ago. The ROE after taxes increased to just under 19 %. We are proud of these results, all the more so as the environment in which we operate was characterised by intense competition, stagnant market volume, and above all by an erosion of margins that started a long time ago and has accelerated since the middle of 2005. Nevertheless, operating revenues in the first nine months rose by just under 5 % compared with the previous year. The strongest contribution to this increase came from significant growth of financing volume – up by 15 % on the previous year – and from the success of innovative investment products in the asset management sector. There was only little change in general administrative expenses (+ 0.4 %).

At € 510 m, net interest income matched the previous year's level (+ 0.5 %). Declining margins on assets-side business were more than offset by growth in construction and housing finance and consumer loans. This development reflects the sharper focus on sales, the structured sales process and campaign management activities, all of which are part of our multi-year "Fit for Sales" programme and have been given priority in the preceding quarters. These efforts helped to counteract the even stronger decline in margins in the area of deposits, particularly savings deposits. The provisioning charge increased, as was to be expected in view of business expansion in a difficult economic environment, and absorbed 13.7 % of net interest income.

Sales success more than offsets decline in margins

Continued strong net inflow of funds thanks to guarantee products and theme funds

The main contribution to revenue growth in the Private Customers Austria segment came from net fee and commission income (+11.2%). In addition to successful card business operations, this increase was due to securities business in a wider sense. Net inflows of funds rose by more than 70 % as a result of successful sales of capital-quaranteed bonds and mutual funds of AMG and Capital Invest – sales tripled to € 966 m compared with the previous year, most recently thanks to "R.I.CH", an attractive Russia/India/China mutual fund offered with a capital guarantee and a peak-value guarantee. At the end of September, assets under management at the BA-CA Group totalled € 33.1 bn, an increase of 5 % over the level at the end of June. This figure includes the volume of business in CEE (almost € 2 bn), which rose by 25 % in the past three months alone.

SMEs Austria

€m	1-9/2005	1-9/2004	Ch	ange
Operating revenues	452	458	-6	-1.2 %
after net charge for				
losses on loans and advances	314	299	15	5.2 %
General administrative expense	s –282	-282	0	0.0 %
Operating profit	33	18	15	87.6 %
Net income before taxes	-27	17	-44 -	258.2 %
Net income	-20	12	-32 -	269.7 %
share of Group total	-2%	3 %		
Equity – share of Group total	13 %	14%		
ROE before taxes	-3.8 %	2.5 %		
ROE before taxes, adjusted	4.6 %	2.5 %		
ROE after taxes	-2.8 %	1.7 %		
ROE after taxes, adjusted	3.4 %	1.7 %		

Business with Austrian small and medium-sized companies (SMEs) was confronted with weak economic growth and excess liquidity in the business sector. This situation was reflected in falling demand for investment finance and working capital loans; the latter was additionally affected by narrowing margins. A slight improvement in sight and time deposits failed to offset these developments. Net interest income was over 5 % lower than a year earlier. This decline was largely offset by increased net fee and commission income, especially from sales of derivatives used for interest-rate/exchange-rate/liquidity management, from electronic banking services for businesses and from securities business. Overall, operating revenues were only slightly lower, by 1%, than in the previous year. We reduced the net charge for losses on loans and advances by 13 % or € 21 m by reviewing exposures. This was the main factor which helped boost operating profit from € 18 m in the previous year to € 33 m.

However, this improvement cannot obscure the major structural challenges faced by the SMEs business segment. The provisioning charge still absorbs close to one half of net interest income. With 13 % of total equity allocated to this segment, it generates only 4% of the bank's operating profit and accounts for 15 % of total costs. As a result of the allocation to provisions for restructuring costs, net income and ROE were negative. Even after adjustment for this effect, the ROE after taxes in this segment was 3.4 %, lower than the bank's cost of capital, which is between 8 % and 9 % after taxes.

A stronger focus on advisory services, the standardisation and automation of day-to-day business, risk-adjusted lending terms and other measures are pointing in the right direction; however, cost efficiency needs to be further improved. For this reason we have made a provision for restructuring costs and allocated € 60 m to the provision in the third quarter. It is used for necessary reorganisation measures and adjustments of back-office and settlement procedures.

Large Corporates and Real Estate

€m	1-9/2005	1-9/2004	C	hange
Operating revenues	442	441	1	0.2 %
after net charge for				
losses on loans and advances	419	416	3	0.8 %
General administrative expense	s -204	-211	7	-3.5 %
Operating profit	215	205	11	5.2 %
Net income before taxes	328	181	147	81.0 %
Net income	235	136	99	72.5 %
share of Group total	30 %	28 %		
Equity – share of Group total	20 %	23 %		
ROE before taxes	30.0 %	16.1 %		
ROE before taxes, adjusted	19.0 %	16.1%		
ROE after taxes	21.5 %	12.1%		
ROE after taxes, adjusted	14.7 %	12.1%		

In the third guarter the Large Corporates and Real Estate segment faced a difficult environment mainly characterised by ample liquidity in the business sector. Moreover, in connection with the review of loan portfolios, risk-weighted assets were fur-

Excess liquidity in corporate sector dampens business with large companies

ther reduced as planned, which had a dampening effect on volume and interest income. Nevertheless, the business segment improved its operating performance. Operating profit rose by 5% to € 215 m, and accounted for close to one-quarter of the bank's total

operating profit. The improvement resulted from stable operating revenues (+ 0.8 % after the provisioning charge) while general administrative expenses declined (-3.5 %). Net income (€ 235 m) reflects the gain on the sale of shares in Investkredit, which is included in net income from investments (with € 121 m recognised in this business segment). Excluding one-off effects, net income was over € 160 m. The ROE after taxes was 14.7 % even after adjustment for one-off effects.

A slight decrease of 3 % in net interest income was more than offset by an 11 % increase in net fee and commission income in the Large Corporates and Real Estate segment, too. Net interest income reflected a decline in dividend income resulting from the reduction of equity interests, whereas core net interest income rose. The sub-segment comprising commercial real estate finance customers continued to expand strongly, in terms of both volume and revenue. BA-CA Leasing also achieved strong growth. There was persistent pressure on margins in business with large corporates and public-sector customers. Export finance and guarantee business developed favourably. Excess liquidity in the business sector led to a strong increase in time deposits, with pressure on margins. In fee-based business, we used derivatives in all areas of the business segment, thereby expanding our leading market position and generating satisfactory income. CA IB Corporate Finance, BA-CA's M&A subsidiary, completed large projects in the third quarter, including the buy-side participation in the privatisation of steelworks in Turkey (Erdemir) and in Ukraine (Kriworischstal) with a total volume of € 6 bn, the sale of Antenna Hungaria to Swisscom Broadcasting and the completion of the partial privatisation of Postbus GmbH in Austria.

International Markets (INM)

€m	1-9/2005	1-9/2004	C	hange
Operating revenues	214	198	15	7.7 %
after net charge for				
losses on loans and advances	223	198	25	12.5 %
General administrative expenses	s –118	-108	-11	9.8 %
Operating profit	105	91	14	15.6 %
Net income before taxes	124	91	32	35.3 %
Net income	98	68	29	42.9 %
share of Group total	11%	14%		
Equity – share of Group total	3 %	3 %		
ROE before taxes	70.8 %	58.8 %		
ROE after taxes	55.9 %	44.0 %		

The strongest contribution to Q3 profits came from the net trading result and net income from investments, reflecting changing market conditions, while net interest income was weaker. In the first nine months, our trading, sales and origination units generated net income of almost € 100 m, an increase of 43 % achieved despite fluctuating trends in financial markets in the second quarter. With equity allocated to this segment amounting to only 3 %, International Markets accounted for about 11 % of the bank's total net income. The return on equity after taxes amounted to 55.9 %. The increase in general administrative expenses reflected in the segment result is due to the higher allocation of overheads, while costs originating in the INM segment continued to be reduced as in previous years.

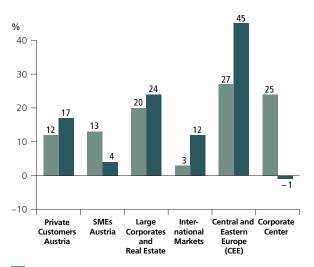
This good – and steady – performance reflects the continued expansion of customer business. In the third quarter, we placed three corporate bond issues as lead manager for leading Austrian companies; on account of the overwhelming response, the subscription volume of two of these issues was increased. The successful issue of an innovative basket bond for four medium-sized companies underlines the opportunities also available to this market segment for raising funds on the capital market. Apart from three IPOs in Warsaw and Vienna, the first ABS transaction for BA-CA Leasing involving an amount of € 425 m represented a highlight of the third quarter.

Central and Eastern Europe (CEE)

€m	1-9/2005	1-9/2004	C	hange
Operating revenues	1,090	868	222	25.5 %
after net charge for losses on loans and advances	993	803	190	23.7 %
General administrative expense	s –589	-514	- 75	14.6 %
Operating profit	404	289	115	39.8 %
Net income before taxes	526	254	272	107.0 %
Net income	442	197	245	124.2 %
share of Group total	47 %	39 %		
Equity – share of Group total	27 %	25 %		
ROE before taxes	34.8 %	20.7 %		
ROE after taxes	29.2 %	16.0 %		

In the third quarter the CEE business segment repeated the outstanding operating profit of the preceding quarter (€ 145 m). This means that CEE contributed € 404 m or 45 % to BA-CA's overall operating profit for the first nine months of 2005, an

Equity allocated to business segments and their contribution to operating profit



Share of average allocated equity

Contribution to operating profit of BA-CA

increase of 40 % over the previous year. Even without the above-mentioned one-off effect that resulted from the integration of our Romanian banking subsidiary with Banca Comerciala "Ion Tiriac" (a net amount of € 123 m resulting from the exchange of shares and included in net income from investments), net income before taxes rose by almost 60 %. The realisation of this gain reflects the favourable trend experienced by our subsidiary in the past few years; while the gain is a one-off effect, it is operating income in nature. Including this effect, net income before taxes doubled to € 526 m, almost half the figure for the bank as a whole. Exchange rate effects accounted for about 5 % of the absolute increase of € 272 m.

The consolidated banking subsidiaries (without items at business segment level, excluding the one-off effect) improved their combined net income before taxes for the first nine months by 34 % in euro terms, or 23 % adjusted for exchange rate changes.

Net income before taxes / CEE banks by region

Fi		months of 2005 Share in %		e on previ +/-% e	ous year xchange-rate adjusted
Poland	222	48	+ 62	+ 39	+ 22 %
CZ, SK, H, SLO	149	33	+ 21	+16	+11%
SEE	88	19	+ 35	+ 64	+ 54 %
All subsidiaries	459	100	+117	+ 34	+ 23 %
CZ, SK, H, SLO SEE	149	33 19	+ 21 + 35	+16	_

Operating revenues were 23 % (adjusted for exchange rate changes, 14 %) higher than in the same period of the previous year, and costs were up by 15 % (and 6 %, respectively). Accounting for three-quarters of the increase in operating revenues, the improvement in net interest income resulted from significant growth of 25 % (adjusted for exchange rate changes, + 16 %) in risk-weighted assets (RWA) and from margins which were still high despite interest rate convergence: expressed as a percentage of RWA, net interest income for the first nine months was 5 % in SEE countries (which saw the strongest expansion of volume), 6.7 % in Poland, and 3.3 % in the other EU member states (compared with 2.3 % in the Austrian customer segments). The positive trend in net fee and commission income (+16 % at the level of subsidiaries, +19 % at the business seqment level) shows that fee-based business already accounts for a relatively large proportion of the young CEE operations and that the use of capital market products is advancing.

The net charge for losses on loans and advances in CEE, adjusted for exchange rate changes, increased by about onethird, largely as a result of organic growth and acquisitions in SEE. Measured as a percentage of net interest income, the provisioning charge in Poland was slightly reduced. Overall, the risk/earnings ratio in the CEE business segment was 13.9 %, lower than for the bank as a whole (16.4 %).

Balance Sheet

The third quarter saw a further expansion of Bank Austria Creditanstalt's total assets. As at 30 September 2005 they were € 156 bn, € 16.1 bn or 11.5 % higher than a year ago, and € 9.5 bn or 6.5 % above the level at year-end 2004.

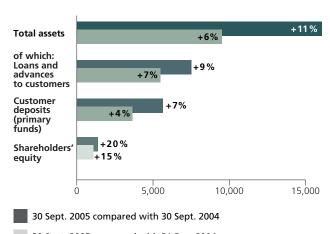
On the assets side, the increase in the first nine months of the current year is largely attributable to customer business and investments. Loans and advances to customers rose by € 5.5 bn or 6.7 % to € 86.7 bn, with Austria and CEE contributing in equal measure to this increase in absolute terms. Our banking subsidiaries in Poland and the Czech Republic show impressive growth; the strongest growth rates were achieved in South-East Europe, although they started from a low base level. BA-CA succeeded – especially in Austria – in reducing loan loss provisions by 1.3 % since the beginning of the year (by 8.4 % since the third quarter of 2004) despite this expansion. Investments grew by € 1.8 bn or 11% also in conjunction with increases in Treasury's longer term investment books.

On the liabilities side, primary funds (€ 86.4 bn or 55 % of the balance sheet total) made the strongest contribution to growth (+ € 3.6 bn or 4.4 %), and this was particularly apparent in the area of time deposits. There was little change (-0.9 %) in the level of savings deposits (€ 17.4 bn) and liabilities evidenced by certificates (€ 19.7 bn, + 0.6 %).

Shareholders' equity expanded by 15.1% to € 8.1 bn in the first nine months. This was primarily due to the current net income (€ 903 m) despite deduction of the dividend payment (€ 265 m).

Changes in balance sheet data compared with year-end 2004 and with 30 September 2004

Changes in € m and in %



30 Sept. 2005 compared with 31 Dec. 2004

Monetary growth with good margins and market penetration with banking services support expansion in all regions

Capital Resources

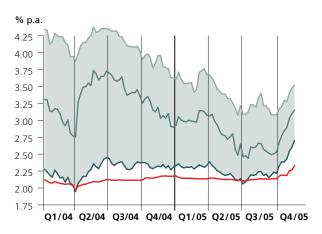
The assessment basis pursuant to the Austrian Banking Act (banking book) rose by € 5.8 bn to € 76.7 bn, an increase of 8.2 % over year-end 2004. The rise was due to an expansion of domestic business (especially private customers, large corporates and real estate) and to the growth of the banking subsidiaries in CEE (volume expansion, rising exchange rates, first-time inclusion of Banca Comerciala "Ion Tiriac" and Hebros Bank). Net capital resources increased slightly (+1.5 %) from € 8.8 bn to € 8.9 bn. This results in a Tier 1 capital ratio of 7.59 % as at 30 September 2005 (year-end 2004: 7.85 %) and a total capital ratio of 11.61 % (year-end 2004: 12.37 %).

Events after the date of the interim report

The additional acceptance period required by law for UniCredit's exchange offer to HVB shareholders will end on 11 November 2005. 88.14 % of the share capital and of the voting rights of HypoVereinsbank had accepted the exchange offer by the end of the acceptance period on 24 October 2005. This means that the minimum acceptance threshold (a condition precedent) was clearly exceeded.

The acceptance level of UniCredit's offer to BA-CA shareholders had reached 10.64 % by the editorial close of this interim report (as at 4 November 2005). This means that, together with the shares held indirectly through HVB, UniCredit now holds about 88.17 % of the share capital of Bank Austria Creditanstalt. The additional acceptance period required by law will end on 19 November 2005.

Interest rate turnaround at the beginning of the 4th quarter



- Yield on Austrian benchmark bonds 10-year
- Yield on Austrian benchmark bonds 5-year
- 12-month money
- 3-month money

Outlook

Financial markets experienced a sharp turnaround at the beginning of the fourth quarter. The reasons were expectations of a more restrictive central-bank policy in the US and, sooner or later, in Europe on the back of robust growth of the global economy and expectations of higher inflation. In Europe too, sentiment indicators especially in Germany's industrial sector, but also in Austria, are most recently giving cause for greater optimism. Interest rates in Europe have therefore risen strongly in step with US rates. This applies above all to medium-term yields (by 60 basis points), long-term yields (by 45 basis points), and to a lesser degree to the money market (around 1/8).

For banks in the euro area this could lead to hopes that the pressure on margins in money and capital markets could ease after many months of falling interest rates. The question is only how long this development will last. In Austria, the revival in exports, and therefore in industrial activity as a whole, is likely to stimulate investment. But consumers remained very sceptical at the beginning of the final quarter, which is normally characterised by buoyant sales. We expect the economy of Central and Eastern Europe to continue to grow about twice as fast as the Western European economy, and that loans and deposits in CEE will expand even faster. The convergence of interest rates between CEE and the euro area is now being supported by rising interest rates in the latter region. In the coming months, business volume will therefore probably expand with interest rates remaining more or less unchanged.

In light of this mixed scenario, and aware of the possibility of renewed trend reversals on financial markets, we have entered the final quarter with relatively positive expectations. One of the tasks that will be given priority in the current quarter will be to strictly implement our package of measures in the SMEs Austria segment. It is not yet possible to say if the technical handling of the combination of HVB and UniCredit in the final months of the year will have any effects – and if so, what these effects will be – on the financial statements of Bank Austria Creditanstalt.

Given the favourable business trend in the first nine months, and on the basis of the one-off income in the third quarter, we are raising our full-year target for net income before taxes from \in 1.1 bn to over \in 1.3 bn in line with previous developments.

Target for net income before taxes for 2005 raised

Consolidated Financial Statements

Income statement of the Bank Austria Creditanstalt Group for the first nine months of 2005 compared with the first nine months of 2004 after first-time application effects*)

	(Notes)	1 Jan. – 30 Sept. 2005	1 Jan. – 30 Sept. 2004	Cha	inge
		€ m	30 3eμt. 2004 € m	in € m	in %
Interest income		4,166	3,685	481	13.1
Interest expenses		-2,240	-1,891	-350	18.5
Net interest income	(5)	1,925	1,794	131	7.3
Losses on loans and advances	(6)	-316	-309	-7	2.2
Net interest income after losses on loans and advance	es	1,609	1,485	125	8.4
Fee and commission income		1,272	1,159	114	9.8
Fee and commission expenses		- 225	-227	2	-0.8
Net fee and commission income	(7)	1,047	932	116	12.4
Net trading result	(8)	186	145	41	28.4
General administrative expenses	(9)	-1,917	-1,835	-82	4.5
Balance of other operating income and expenses	(10)	-22	-28	7	-23.8
Operating profit		905	699	206	29.5
Net income from investments		269	9	260	>100
Amortisation of goodwill		0	-54	54	_
Allocation to provisions for restructuring costs		-60	0	-60	_
Balance of other income and expenses		-3	0	-3	>100
Profit from ordinary activities /					
Net income before taxes		1,111	655	456	69.7
Taxes on income		-208	-165	-43	25.9
Net income		903	490	414	84.5
Minority interests		-79	-47	-32	66.6
Consolidated net income		824	442	382	86.4

Key data

	1 Jan. – 30 Sept. 2005	1 Jan. – 30 Sept. 2004
Earnings per share (in €)	5.61	3.01
Return on equity before taxes (in %)	20.1	13.5
Return on equity after taxes (in %)	16.0	9.7
Cost/income ratio (in %)	61.1	64.6
Risk/earnings ratio (in %)	16.4	17.2

Key data excluding one-off effects

	1 Jan. – 30 Sept. 2005	1 Jan. – 30 Sept. 2004
Earnings per share (in €)	4.53	3.01
Return on equity before taxes (in %)	16.6	13.5
Return on equity after taxes (in %)	12.9	9.7

^{*)} See note 2 on page 16.

Income statement of the Bank Austria Creditanstalt Group by quarter, after first-time application effects*)

€m	Q3 2005	Q2 2005	Q1 2005	Q4 2004	Q3 2004
Interest income	1,417	1,436	1,312	1,355	1,250
Interest expenses	-774	- 750	-716	-708	-641
Net interest income	643	686	596	647	609
Losses on loans and advances	-108	-98	-110	-89	-102
Net interest income after losses on loans and advances	536	588	486	558	507
Fee and commission income	443	421	408	390	401
Fee and commission expenses	-62	-85	-78	-89	-84
Net fee and commission income	381	336	330	301	317
Net trading result	68	39	79	88	55
General administrative expenses	-646	-637	-634	-644	-620
Balance of other operating income and expenses	-7	1	-15	-57	-3
Operating profit	332	328	245	246	255
Net income from investments	229	5	35	-17	-11
Amortisation of goodwill	0	0	0	-22	-18
Allocation to provisions for restructuring costs	-60	0	0	0	0
Balance of other income and expenses	-1	-2	0	-3	2
Profit from ordinary activities / Net income before taxes	500	331	280	204	227
Taxes on income	-92	-63	-53	-23	-54
Net income	409	268	227	181	173
Minority interests	-38	-21	-20	-14	-16
Consolidated net income	371	246	207	167	157

Key data

	Q3 2005	Q2 2005	Q1 2005	Q4 2004	Q3 2004
Earnings per share (in €)	2.53	1.68	1.41	1.14	1.07
Return on equity before taxes (in %)	26.2	18.0	15.7	11.9	13.8
Return on equity after taxes (in %)	20.9	14.4	12.3	10.4	10.1
Cost/income ratio (in %)	59.5	59.9	64.1	65.8	63.4
Risk/earnings ratio (in %)	16.7	14.3	18.5	13.8	16.8

Key data excluding one-off effects

	Q3 2005	Q2 2005	Q1 2005	Q4 2004	Q3 2004
Earnings per share (in €)	1.44	1.68	1.41	1.14	1.07
Return on equity before taxes (in %)	16.0	18.0	15.7	11.9	13.8
Return on equity after taxes (in %)	12.0	14.4	12.3	10.4	10.1

^{*)} See note 2 on page 16.

Balance sheet of the Bank Austria Creditanstalt Group at 30 September 2005 compared with the balance sheets at 31 December 2004 and at 30 September 2004 after first-time application effects*)

Assets

(N	otes)	30 Sept. 2005 € m	31 Dec. 2004 € m	Cha in € m	inge in %	30 Sept. 2004 € m	Cha in € m	nge in %
Cash and balances with central banks	(11)	4,082	2,724	1,359	49.9	2,516	1,567	62.3
Trading assets	(12)	18,864	18,575	289	1.6	14,921	3,943	26.4
Loans and advances to, and placements with, banks	(13)	23,189	23,995	-806	-3.4	23,321	-132	-0.6
Loans and advances to customers	(14)	86,742	81,260	5,482	6.7	79,221	7,521	9.5
– Loan loss provisions	(15)	-3,261	-3,305	44	-1.3	-3,559	298	-8.4
Investments	(16)	19,142	17,316	1,825	10.5	17,703	1,439	8.1
Property and equipment	(17)	1,108	1,122	-14	-1.3	1,135	-27	-2.4
Intangible assets	(18)	1,360	1,133	228	20.1	1,142	218	19.1
Other assets	(19)	4,793	3,700	1,093	29.5	3,542	1,252	35.3
TOTAL ASSETS		156,019	146,521	9,499	6.5	139,942	16,078	11.5

Liabilities and shareholders' equity

	(Notes)	30 Sept. 2005	31 Dec. 2004		nge	30 Sept. 2004	Chai	
		€m	€m	in € m	in %	€m	in € m	in %
Amounts owed to banks	(20)	43,408	39,927	3,481	8.7	38,443	4,964	12.9
Amounts owed to customers	(21)	61,148	57,856	3,292	5.7	56,018	5,130	9.2
Liabilities evidenced by certificates	(22)	19,737	19,617	120	0.6	19,395	342	1.8
Trading liabilities	(23)	9,866	8,930	936	10.5	7,427	2,439	32.8
Provisions	(24)	3,961	3,757	205	5.5	3,578	383	10.7
Other liabilities	(25)	4,225	4,063	163	4.0	2,969	1,257	42.3
Subordinated capital	(26)	5,527	5,291	236	4.5	5,341	186	3.5
Shareholders' equity		8,147	7,081	1,067	15.1	6,770	1,377	20.3
of which: minority interests		613	439	174	39.8	402	211	52.4
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND								
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		156,019	146,521	9,499	6.5	139,942	16,078	11.5

^{*)} See note 2 on page 16.

Statement of changes in shareholders' equity of the Bank Austria Creditanstalt Group

€m	Subscribed capital	Capital reserves	Retained earnings	Foreign currency translation	Reserves in accordance with IAS 39 ²⁾	Shareholders' equity excl. minority interests	Minority interests	Share- holders' equity
As at 1 January 2004	1,069	2,737	2,733	-584	-139	5,815	362	6,177
First-time application effects resulting from amended and new IFRSs ³⁾			-24		12	-12	1	-11
As at 1 January 2004 after first-time application effects	1,069	2,737	2,709	-584	-128	5,803	363	6,166
Net income			442			442	40	482
Dividend paid			-150			-150		-150
Own shares/shares in the controlling compar	ıy	23				23		23
Other changes			10	104	135	249		249
As at 30 September 2004	1,069	2,760 ¹⁾	3,011	-480	7	6,367	403	6,770

€m	Subscribed capital	Capital reserves	Retained earnings	Foreign currency translation	Reserves in accordance with IAS 39 ²⁾	Shareholders' equity excl. minority interests	Minority interests	Share- holders' equity
As at 1 January 2005	1,069	2,749	3,197	-409	36	6,641	439	7,080
First-time application effects resulting from amended and new IFRSs ³⁾			-17		17	1	1	2
As at 1 January 2005 after first-time application effects	1,069	2,749	3,180	-409	53	6,642	440	7,082
Net income			824			824	79	903
Dividend paid			-221			-221	-44	-265
Own shares/shares in the controlling comp	any	-6				-6		-6
Other changes			23	86	185	294	138	432
As at 30 September 2005	1,069	2,743 1)	3,807	-323	238	7,534	613	8,147

¹⁾ Capital reserve in the separate financial statements of Bank Austria Creditanstalt AG: € 2,154 m.

2)	Reserves in accordance with IAS 39	31 Dec. 2004	30 Sept. 2005
	Cash flow hedge reserve	-161	-25
	Available-for-sale reserve	214	262
	Total	53	238

³⁾ See note 2 on page 16.

Cash flow statement

€m	1 Jan. – 30 Sept. 2005	1 Jan. – 30 Sept. 2004
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF PERIOD	2,724	2,282
Cash flows from operating activities	2,424	2,080
Cash flows from investing activities	-1,054	-1,164
Cash flows from financing activities	-1	-207
Effects of exchange rate changes	-11	25
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF PERIOD	4,082	3,016

Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements of Bank Austria Creditanstalt

The interim report of the Bank Austria Creditanstalt Group has been prepared in accord- (1) Significant accounting ance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs). The interim report covers **principles** the first nine months of 2005 (1 January 2005 to 30 September 2005) and compares this period with the same period of the previous year.

A number of changes in IFRSs became effective on 1 January 2005. Most of the amend- (2) Changes in accounting ments and new rules are applicable retrospectively, as if the relevant accounting and val- principles in 2005 uation method had always been applied. Therefore the comparative figures for 2004 were adjusted. The following new rules are of major significance:

- Minority interests are to be presented separately within shareholders' equity. After inclusion of minority interests amounting to € 439 m, shareholders' equity as at 31 December 2004 totalled € 7,081 m.
- When financial assets are recognised initially, they may be classified as financial assets "at fair value through profit or loss". Under the EU endorsement, financial liabilities can currently not be recognised in this way. As a first-time application effect, € 888 m was reclassified as "at fair value through profit or loss" as at 31 December 2004.
- Reversals of previously recognised impairment losses on available-for-sale equity instruments are not permitted to be recognised in income, but are to be included in the available-for-sale reserve until the financial asset is sold. As a result of first-time application of this rule, reversals of impairment losses in the amount of € 10 m previously recognised in income were reversed as at 31 December 2004.
- Impairment losses resulting from inherent risks associated with financial assets which are measured at amortised cost (impairment losses incurred but not detected) were recognised. As a result of first-time application of this rule, the balance sheet item Loan loss provisions increased by € 110 m as at 1 January 2004, with no effect on income; this increase declined to € 89 m as at 31 December 2004.
- The financial statements of companies investments in which are accounted for under the equity method are now adjusted to uniform Group-wide accounting and valuation methods. Goodwill relating to investments in such companies is included in the item Investments.
- Future goodwill is to be recorded in the currency of the foreign operation and translated at the closing rate.
- Goodwill is not amortised. At least once a year, goodwill is tested for impairment and an impairment loss is recognised, if necessary. This change has been applied for the first time since the first quarter of 2005.

Income statement of the Bank Austria Creditanstalt Group Changes resulting from first-time application effects of amended and new IFRSs

€m	1 Jan.–30 Sept. 2004 published	First-time application effects	1 Jan.–30 Sept. 2004 new
Interest income	3,639	46	3,685
Interest expenses	-1,850	-41	-1,891
Net interest income	1,789	5	1,794
Losses on loans and advances	-323	14	-309
Net interest income after losses on loans and advances	1,466	19	1,485
Fee and commission income	1,159	0	1,159
Fee and commission expenses	- 227	0	-227
Net fee and commission income	932	0	932
Net trading result	138	8	145
General administrative expenses	-1,835	0	-1,835
Balance of other operating income and expenses	-28	0	-28
Operating profit	672	27	699
Net income from investments	13	-4	9
Allocation to provisions for restructuring costs	0	0	0
Amortisation of goodwill	-54	0	-54
Balance of other income and expenses	0	0	0
Profit from ordinary activities/Net income before taxes	632	22	655
Taxes on income	-151	-14	-165
Net income	481	8	490
Minority interests	-47	0	-47
Consolidated net income	434	8	442

Balance sheet of the Bank Austria Creditanstalt Group at 31 December 2004 Changes resulting from first-time application effects of amended and new IFRSs

Assets 3	1 Dec. 2004 published	First-time application effects	31 Dec. 2004 new	Liabilities and shareholders' equity € m	31 Dec. 2004 published	First-time application effects	31 Dec. 2004 new
Cash and balances with central ba	nks 3,302	-578	2,724	Amounts owed to banks	39,927	0	39,927
Trading assets	18,590	-15	18,575	Amounts owed to customers	57,856	0	57,856
Loans and advances to, and placements with, banks	23,995	0	23,995	Liabilities evidenced by certificates	19,617	0	19,617
Loans and advances to custome	rs 81,260	0	81,260	Trading liabilities	8,960	-30	8,930
 Loan loss provisions 	-3,215	-89	-3,305	Provisions	3,753	3	3,757
Investments	16,668	648	17,316	Other liabilities	4,033	30	4,063
Property and equipment	1,122	0	1,122	Subordinated capital	5,291	0	5,291
Intangible assets	1,133	0	1,133	Shareholders' equity	7,080	1	7,081
Other assets	3,662	39	3,700	of which: minority interests	439	0	439
TOTAL ASSETS	146,516	4	146,521	TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	146,516	4	146,521

No financial instruments are outstanding which could have a dilutive effect. Therefore (3) Earnings per share basic earnings per share equal diluted earnings per share. For the first nine months of 2005, earnings per share – based on 147,031,740 shares – are € 5.61 (comparative figure for the same period of the previous year: € 3.01). The annualised figures are € 7.48 for the reporting period and € 4.01 for the same period of the previous year.

On 1 January 2005, BPH Leasing S.A., Warsaw, was included in the group of consolidat- (4) Changes in the group ed companies in view of the dynamic development of the leasing business in Poland and of consolidated companies its growing importance to results from the leasing activities of Bank BPH S.A.

in 2005

At the end of February 2005, Austria Finanza S.P.A., Treviso, and Austrolease S.P.A., Bolzano, were sold. Bank Austria Creditanstalt Leasing GmbH sold these two companies to Fortis Lease Group S. A. against a cash payment of € 32 m. This transaction results in a profit of € 17 m in the BA-CA Group.

The closing of the purchase of Hebros Bank, Plovdiv, took place on 1 March 2005. The BA-CA Group acquired 99.91 % (13,690,107 shares) of Hebros Bank. In this context, Bank Austria Creditanstalt acquired 89.92 % and Biochim Bank, Sofia (a 99.7 % subsidiary of Bank Austria Creditanstalt AG), acquired 9.99 % of Hebros Bank. The purchase price of € 124 m was paid in cash.

The purchase of Hebros Bank results in goodwill of € 80 m in the BA-CA Group. In accordance with IFRSs, this goodwill is not amortised.

In the middle of August, the BA-CA Group sold its 28.23 % interest in Investkredit Bank AG, Vienna. The value of this transaction is about € 250 m.

On 1 September 2005, the acquisition of Banca Comerciala "Ion Tiriac" S.A., Bucharest, was completed by way of a purchase of shares and an exchange of shares. It is intended to merge Banca Comerciala "Ion Tiriac" with HVB Romania.

Bank Austria Creditanstalt acquired 9.09 % of Banca Comerciala "Ion Tiriac" (1,827,783 shares). The preliminary purchase price for this equity interest (€ 42.5 m) – depending on the financial statements to be certified by independent public accountants as at the closing date - was paid in cash. At the same time, BA-CA acquired 8,225,010 shares in Banca Comerciala "Ion Tiriac" (equivalent to a 40.91 % interest) in exchange for 50 % less one share in HVB Romania.

In connection with this transaction, BA-CA made a payment, which in effect is tantamount to a non-repayable shareholder contribution of € 40 m, to a company which is managed jointly with Mr Tiriac and in which BA-CA holds a 30 % interest. Following completion of the transaction, BA-CA now holds 10,052,793 shares in Banca Comerciala "Ion Tiriac" (corresponding to 50 % plus one share).

Overall, the preliminary purchase price of the entire transaction including incidental acquisition expenses is € 248 m. The resulting difference of € 187 m between the purchase price and net assets of Banca Comerciala "IonTiriac" was included in goodwill for the time being. The price of the transaction reflects the intrinsic value of Banca Comerciala "Ion Tiriac", the synergies that can be achieved and, above all, the potential of the Romanian market.

Income statement of the Bank Austria Creditanstalt Group for the first nine months of 2005 (of which: contribution of BPH Leasing S.A. + Hebros Bank + Banca Comerciala "Ion Tiriac" S.A.)

€m	1 Jan.–30 Sept. 2005	BPH Leasing S. A. + Hebros Bank + Banca Comerciala "Ion Tiriac" S. A.
Interest income	4,166	27
Interest expenses	-2,240	_5
Net interest income	1,925	23
Losses on loans and advances	-316	-4
Net interest income after losses on loans and advances	1,609	19
Fee and commission income	1,272	6
Fee and commission expenses	– 225	0
Net fee and commission income	1,047	6
Net trading result	186	1
General administrative expenses	-1,917	-19
Balance of other operating income and expenses	-22	0
Operating profit	905	7
Net income from investments	269	0
Allocation to provisions for restructuring costs	-60	0
Amortisation of goodwill	0	0
Balance of other income and expenses	-3	0
Profit from ordinary activities/Net income before taxes	1,111	7
Taxes on income	-208	-1
Net income	903	6
Minority interests	-79	-1
Consolidated net income	824	5

Notes to the Income Statement

€m	1 Jan30 Sept. 2005	1 Jan30 Sept. 2004
Interest income from		
loans and advances and money market transactions	3,262	2,846
bonds and other fixed-income securities	465	435
shares and other variable-yield securities	74	70
subsidiaries	29	41
companies accounted for under the equity method	50	43
investments in other companies	27	9
investment property	16	19
Interest expenses for		
deposits	-1,475	-1,177
liabilities evidenced by certificates	-414	-393
subordinated capital	-207	-183
Results from leasing transactions	99	86
NET INTEREST INCOME	1,925	1,794

(5) Net interest income

€ m	1 Jan30 Sept. 2005	1 Jan30 Sept. 2004
Allocations to	647	611
provisions for loans and advances	632	588
provisions for contingent liabilities	15	23
Releases from	-302	-288
provisions for loans and advances	- 243	- 245
provisions for contingent liabilities	- 59	- 4 <i>3</i>
Recoveries of loans and advances previously		
written off	-29	-14
NET CHARGE FOR LOSSES ON		
LOANS AND ADVANCES	316	309

(6) Losses on loans and advances

€m	1 Jan30 Sept. 2005	1 Jan30 Sept. 2004
Securities and custodian business	267	212
Foreign trade/payment transactions	603	524
Lending business	127	144
Other services and advisory business	50	52
NET FEE AND COMMISSION INCOME	1,047	932

(7) Net fee and commission income

€m	1 Jan30 Sept. 2005	1 Jan30 Sept. 2004
Equity-related transactions	78	40
Interest-rate and currency-related transactions	109	105
NET TRADING RESULT	186	145

(8) Net trading result

(9) General administrative expenses

1,082 740 164 178	1,042 705 167 170
164 178	167 170
178	170
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661	617
173	176
76	97
98	79
1,917	1,835
	76 98

(10) Balance of other operating income and expenses

€m	1 Jan30 Sept. 2005	1 Jan30 Sept. 2004
Other operating income	81	56
Other operating expenses	-102	-84
BALANCE OF OTHER OPERATING INCOME AND EXPENSES	-22	-28
AND EXITERSES		20

Starting with the interim report as at 30 September 2005, deconsolidation effects which have an effect on income and arise from the complete or partial sale of consolidated companies are no longer reflected in the balance of other operating income and expenses within operating profit, but in net income from investments. The comparative figures were adjusted accordingly.

Notes to the Balance Sheet

€m	30 Sept. 2005	31 Dec. 2004
Cash and balances with central banks	4,075	2,694
Debt instruments issued by public borrowers and bills eligible for discounting at central banks	7	30
CASH AND BALANCES WITH CENTRAL BANKS	4,082	2,724

(11) Cash and balances with central banks

€m	30 Sept. 2005	31 Dec. 2004
Bonds and other fixed-income securities Money market paper	9,356 240	9,462 118
Debt securities issued by public borrowers issued by other borrowers	9,117 1,379 7,737	9,344 1,788 7,556
Group's own debt securities	0	0
Shares and other variable-yield securities Shares	1,038 383	669 237
Investment certificates	61	54
Other	594	378
Positive market values of derivative financial instruments Equity derivatives	8,440 119	8,421 74
Interest-rate and currency derivatives	8,322	8,347
Other trading assets	29	22
TRADING ASSETS	18,864	18,575

(12) Trading assets

€m	30 Sept. 2005	31 Dec. 2004
Loans and advances	6,103	8,243
Money market placements	17,086	15,753
LOANS AND ADVANCES TO, AND PLACEMENTS WITH, BANKS	23,189	23,995

(13) Loans and advances to, and placements with, banks breakdown by product

€m	30 Sept. 2005	31 Dec. 2004
Loans to local authorities	3,476	3,893
Real estate finance	9,959	8,265
Current account credits	12,436	11,696
Loans	49,059	46,512
Money market placements	765	808
Other loans and advances	5,445	4,855
Finance lease receivables	5,601	5,231
LOANS AND ADVANCES TO CUSTOMERS	86,742	81,260

(14) Loans and advances to customers - breakdown by product

(15) Loan loss provisions

€m		loans and advances to, placements with, banks to customers Total		for loans and advances to customers		al
	30 Sept. 2005	30 Sept. 2004	30 Sept. 2005	30 Sept. 2004	30 Sept. 2005	30 Sept. 2004
At beginning of reporting period	26	34	3,279	3,456	3,305	3,490
First-time application effects resulting from amended and new IFRSs	0	0	0	110	0	110
At beginning of reporting period after first-time application effects	26	34	3,279	3,566	3,305	3,600
Allocation	2	0	630	588	632	588
Release	-1	-3	-242	-243	-243	-246
Use	-2	-2	-406	-341	-407	-343
Exchange differences and other adjustments not reflected in the income statement	11	2	-36	-43	-25	-41
AT END OF REPORTING PERIOD	35	32	3,225	3,527	3,261	3,559

(16) Investments

€m	30 Sept. 2005	31 Dec. 2004
Held-to-maturity investments – debt securities	6,987	7,291
Available-for-sale investments Shares in unconsolidated subsidiaries	8,523 924	7,729 738
Shares in other companies	167	169
Other fixed-income securities	4,152	3,211
Shares and other variable-yield securities	3,280	3,610
Fair value option – investments Bonds and other fixed-income securities	2,396 2,288	888 888
Shares and other variable-yield securities	108	0
Investments in companies accounted for under the equity method of which: goodwill*)	929 103	1,011 104
Investment property	307	397
INVESTMENTS	19,142	17,316
INVESTIMENTS	15,142	17,3

^{*)} In the previous year, adjustment of goodwill of regional banks (– \in 79 m) pursuant to IFRS 3 (purchase accounting)

(17) Property and equipment

€m	30 Sept. 2005	31 Dec. 2004
Land and buildings used for banking operations	706	754
Other land and buildings	53	16
Other property and equipment*)	349	352
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT	1,108	1,122

^{*)} including leased assets

(18) Intangible assets

€m	30 Sept. 2005	31 Dec. 2004
Goodwill	1,121	885
Other intangible assets	239	248
INTANGIBLE ASSETS	1,360	1,133

€m	30 Sept. 2005	31 Dec. 2004
Tax claims	865	915
Current taxes	59	55
Deferred taxes	806	860
Positive market values of derivative hedging instruments	2,505	2,046
Other assets	1,325	600
Prepaid expenses	98	140
OTHER ASSETS	4,793	3,700

(19) Other assets

€m	30 Sept. 2005	31 Dec. 2004
Repayable on demand	6,348	2,797
With agreed maturity dates or periods of notice Money market deposits by banks	37,060 24,700	37,130 23,620
Other amounts owed to banks AMOUNTS OWED TO BANKS	12,360 43,408	13,511 39,927

(20) Amounts owed to banks - breakdown by product

€m	30 Sept. 2005	31 Dec. 2004
Savings deposits	17,427	17,593
Other amounts owed to customers	43,721	40,263
Repayable on demand	22,020	20,676
With agreed maturity dates or periods of notice	21,701	19,586
AMOUNTS OWED TO CUSTOMERS	61,148	57,856

(21) Amounts owed to customers - breakdown by product

€m	30 Sept. 2005	31 Dec. 2004
Debt securities issued	18,152	17,929
Mortgage bonds and local-authority bonds	2,525	2,296
Other debt securities issued	15,627	15,633
Other liabilities evidenced by certificates	1,585	1,688
LIABILITIES EVIDENCED BY CERTIFICATES	19,737	19,617

(22) Liabilities evidenced by certificates - breakdown by product

€m	30 Sept. 2005	31 Dec. 2004
Negative fair values of derivative financial instruments	8,414	8,100
Equity derivatives	122	173
Interest-rate and currency derivatives	8,291	7,927
Other trading liabilities	1,452	830
TRADING LIABILITIES	9,866	8,930

(23) Trading liabilities

(24) Provisions

€m	30 Sept. 2005	31 Dec. 2004
Provisions for retirement benefits and similar obligations	2,715	2,699
Provisions for taxes	735	650
Current taxes	36	36
Deferred taxes	699	614
Provisions for restructuring costs*)	66	0
Provisions for contingent liabilities	172	132
Other provisions for impending losses	273	276
PROVISIONS	3,961	3,757

^{*)} of the total amount, € 6 m relates to Hebros Bank

The Managing Board of Bank Austria Creditanstalt AG has decided to restructure the "SMEs Austria" business segment which was newly defined with effect from 2005, and has communicated the restructuring plan to the Employees' Council. A provision of \in 60 m was made for restructuring costs relating to measures to be taken in this connection. The amount is expected to be used in the years 2006 to 2007.

(25) Other liabilities

€ m	30 Sept. 2005	31 Dec. 2004
Negative market values of derivative hedging instruments	2,150	2,766
Other amounts payable	1,875	1,205
Deferred income	200	92
OTHER LIABILITIES	4,225	4,063

(26) Subordinated capital

€m	30 Sept. 2005	31 Dec. 2004
Subordinated liabilities	4,011	3,793
Supplementary capital	1,110	1,250
Subordinated capital eligible as Tier 1 capital	406	248
SUBORDINATED CAPITAL	5,527	5,291

Additional IAS Disclosures

(27) Employees

(Full-time equivalent)	30 Sept. 2005	30 Sept. 2004
Bank Austria Creditanstalt Group	31,286	29,331
Bank Austria Creditanstalt AG and its Austrian subsidiaries that support its core banking business 1)	10,149	10,936
CEE and other subsidiaries ²⁾ of which: Poland	21,137 <i>10,033</i>	18,396 <i>9,669</i>

¹⁾ Including two non-consolidated subsidiaries (as at 30 September 2005).

²⁾ Including the consolidated companies Asset Management GmbH, BA Cayman Islands Ltd., Bank Austria Creditanstalt Leasing GmbH, Bank Austria Creditanstalt Real Invest GmbH, Capital Invest die KAG der BA-CA Gruppe GmbH, Schoellerbank AG, VISA-SERVICE Kreditkarten AG.

(28) Segment reporting January to September 2005/January to September 2004

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€m		Private Customers Austria	SMEs Austria	Large Cor- porates and Real Estate	Central and Eastern Europe (CEE)	Inter- national Markets	Corporate Center	BA-CA Group
Net interest income	1-9 2005	510	278	336	699	72	31	1,925
	1-9 2004	507	294	346	528	111	8	1,794
Losses on loans and advances	1-9 2005 1-9 2004	-70 -60	-138 -159	-23 -25	-97 -66	9	2	-316 -309
Net fee and commission income	1-9 2005	392	173	100	370	19	-6	1,047
	1-9 2004	353	164	90	311	16	-2	932
Net trading result	1-9 2005 1-9 2004	2 2	0	1	28 47	152 81	3 13	186 145
General administrative expenses	1-9 2005	-678	-282	-204	-589	-118	- 46	-1,917
	1-9 2004	-675	-282	-211	-514	-108	- 45	-1,835
Balance of other operating income and expenses	1-9 2005	0	2	5	-7	-29	8	-22
	1-9 2004	1	1	2	-17	-10	-5	-28
Operating profit	1-9 2005	156	33	215	404	105	-8	905
	1-9 2004	127	18	205	289	91	-30	699
Net income from investments	1-9 2005 1-9 2004	11 3	0	115 -20	123 2	19 5	1 20	269 9
Amortisation of goodwill	1-9 2005 1-9 2004	0 -3	0	0 -2	0 -36	0 -4	0 -8	0 -54
Allocation to provisions for restructuring costs	1-9 2005 1-9 2004	0	-60 0	0	0	0	0	-60 0
Balance of other income and expenses	1-9 2005 1-9 2004	0	0	-2 -1	-1 0	0	0 2	-3 0
Net income before taxes	1-9 2005	167	-27	328	526	124	−7	1,111
	1-9 2004	127	17	181	254	91	−16	655
Taxes on income	1-9 2005	-38	7	- 93	-84	-26	26	-208
	1-9 2004	-34	-5	- 45	-57	-23	-1	-165
Net income	1-9 2005	129	-20	235	442	98	19	903
	1-9 2004	93	12	136	197	68	-17	490
Risk-weighted assets	1-9 2005	13,094	13,631	20,825	20,383	3,329	3,452	74,714
(average, Austrian Banking Act)	1-9 2004	10,904	13,059	21,439	16,528	2,961	4,577	69,469
Equity allocated (average)	1-9 2005	917	954	1,458	2,016	233	1,804	7,382
	1-9 2004	763	914	1,501	1,641	207	1,457	6,484
Return on equity before taxes in %	1-9 2005 1-9 2004	24.2 22.2	-3.8 2.5	30.0 16.1	34.8 20.7	70.8 58.8		20.1 13.5
Return on equity after taxes in % 1)	1-9 2005 1-9 2004	18.8 16.2	-2.8 1.7	21.5 12.1	29.2 16.0	55.9 44.0	_ _ _	16.3 10.1
Cost/income ratio in %	1-9 2005	75.0	62.3	46.1	54.0	55.3	-	61.1
	1-9 2004	78.3	61.5	47.9	59.2	54.3	-	64.6
				6.8	13.9			16.4

¹⁾ before deduction of minority interests

Segment reporting Q3 2005/Q2 2005/Q1 2005

€m		Private Customers Austria	SMEs Austria	Large Corporates and Real Estate	Central and Eastern Europe (CEE)	Inter- national Markets	Corporate Center	BA-CA Group
Net interest income	Q3/2005	172	92	108	251	9	12	643
	Q2/2005	170	97	114	236	32	36	686
	Q1/2005	167	88	114	212	30	-17	596
Losses on loans and advances	Q3/2005	-23	-47	-8	-33	0	2	-108
	Q2/2005 Q1/2005	-24 -24	-54 -37	-1 -14	-28 -36	9	0	-98 -110
Net fee and commission income	Q3/2005	146	57	40	136	6	-4	381
Net lee and commission income	Q2/2005	118	61	33	118	7	0	336
	Q1/2005	128	55	27	116	6	-1	330
Net trading result	Q3/2005	0	0	0	2	58	7	68
_	Q2/2005	1	0	0	10	33	-4	39
	Q1/2005	1	0	0	17	61	0	79
General administrative expenses	Q3/2005	-224	-94	-70	-205	-35	-18	-646
	Q2/2005 Q1/2005	-228 -225	-96 -91	-67 -67	-192 -192	-37 -47	−17 −11	-637 -634
Balance of other operating income	Q3/2005	0	1	4	-132 -6	-10	3	-034 -7
and expenses	Q2/2005	0	0	4	_0 1	-10 -5	0	1
and expenses	Q1/2005	0	Õ	-3	_3	-14	5	-15
Operating profit	Q3/2005	72	11	74	145	28	2	332
	Q2/2005	37	7	84	145	40	15	328
	Q1/2005	47	15	57	114	37	-25	245
Net income from investments	Q3/2005	9	0	102	126	11	-19	229
	Q2/2005	1 1	0	-4 17	-4 0	2	10	5 35
Amortication of goodwill	Q1/2005 Q3/2005	0	0	0	0	7	10 0	0
Amortisation of goodwill	Q2/2005	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Q1/2005	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Allocation to provisions	Q3/2005	0	-60	0	0	0	0	-60
for restructuring costs	Q2/2005	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Q1/2005	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Balance of other income	Q3/2005	0	0	-1	0	0	0	-1
and expenses	Q2/2005	0	0	-1	0	0	0	-2
N.C. L. C.	Q1/2005	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net income before taxes	Q3/2005 Q2/2005	81 37	-49 7	176 78	271 141	39 42	-17 24	500 331
	Q1/2005	49	15	74	114	43	-15	280
Taxes on income	Q3/2005	-19	12	-60	-31	-8	14	-92
	Q2/2005	-8	-2	-17	-29	-9	3	-63
	Q1/2005	-11	-4	-16	-24	-9	10	-53
Net income	Q3/2005	62	-37	116	240	30	-3	409
	Q2/2005	29	5	61	112	33	27	268
Distriction of a sector	Q1/2005	38	11	58	90	34	-5	227
Risk-weighted assets (average, Austrian Banking Act)	Q3/2005 Q2/2005	13,683 13,033	14,274 13,951	20,234 20,443	21,519 20,177	2,846 3,664	3,384 3,461	75,940 74,730
(average, Austrian Banking Act)	Q1/2005	12,566	12,668	21,796	19,453	3,477	3,512	73,472
Equity allocated (average)	Q3/2005	958	999	1,416	2,127	199	1,947	7,647
zquity anotated (average)	Q2/2005	912	977	1,431	1,997	257	1,765	7,338
	Q1/2005	880	887	1,526	1,923	243	1,701	7,159
Return on equity before taxes in %	Q3/2005	33.7	-19.8	49.7	51.0	77.4	_	26.2
	Q2/2005	16.4	3.0	21.9	28.3	65.3	_	18.0
D : (1)	Q1/2005	22.1	6.8	19.4	23.7	71.1	_	15.7
Return on equity after taxes in % 1)	Q3/2005 Q2/2005	25.7 12.9	-14.9 2.2	32.7 17.2	45.2 22.4	60.9 51.3	_	21.4 14.6
	Q2/2005 Q1/2005	17.3	2.2 5.1	17.2	22.4 18.7	56.6	_	12.7
Cost/income ratio in %	Q3/2005	70.3	62.2	46.0	53.5	55.4	_	59.5
cost mome ratio in 70	Q2/2005	79.0	60.9	44.1	52.5	54.5	_	59.9
	Q1/2005	76.1	63.9	48.5	56.2	56.0	_	64.1
Risk/earnings ratio in %	Q3/2005	13.1	50.5	7.1	13.2	2.0	_	16.7
-	Q2/2005	13.9	56.0	1.0	12.0	28.7	_	14.3
	Q1/2005	14.1	41.6	12.4	16.8	0.0	_	18.5

¹⁾ before deduction of minority interests

Capital allocation is based on Austrian supervisory guidelines. Capital allocated to the Aus- Changes in segment reporting trian business segments amounts to 7 % of the risk positions (credit and market risk equivalents). In line with international capital market practices, capital allocated to foreign units in the CEE business segment amounts to 10 % of the respective risk equivalents. The difference to the equity capital actually available is transferred to the Corporate Center segment. The interest rate applied to allocated equity capital on a uniform Group-wide basis is 5 %.

As part of a restructuring of Austrian customer business effective from the first quarter of 2005, the previous business segments "Private Customers Austria" and "Corporate Customers Austria" were divided into three new segments: Private Customers Austria, SMEs Austria, and Large Corporates and Real Estate. The Private Customers Austria segment covers only private individuals. Business customers are now included in the SMEs Austria segment (previously in the Private Customers Austria segment). The Large Corporates and Real Estate segment covers multinational corporates, financial institutions, public sector and real estate customers. The comparative figures for 2004 were adjusted to reflect these changes.

The segment reporting data also show the net income after taxes.

The changes in IFRSs described in "Changes in accounting principles in 2005" in note 2 are applied retrospectively for the year 2004 also for segment reporting purposes (firsttime application).

Information pursuant to the Austrian Banking Act

Capital resources and capital requirements of the Bank Austria Creditanstalt group of credit institutions

€m	30 Sept. 2005	31 Dec. 2004
Core capital (Tier 1)	5,822	5,567
Paid-in capital	1,069	1,069
Capital reserve	2,154	2,154
Revenue reserve	600	597
Reserve pursuant to Section 23 (6) of the Austrian Banking Act	2,072	2,070
Untaxed reserves	148	148
Differences on consolidation pursuant to Section 24 (2)		
of the Austrian Banking Act	201	23
Fund for general banking risks	38	0
Less intangible assets	-460	<i>–</i> 494
Supplementary elements (Tier 2)	3,771	3,863
Undisclosed reserves	0	0
Supplementary capital	1,094	1,232
Participation capital	0	0
Revaluation reserve	196	224
Subordinated capital	2,481	2,407
Deductions	-689	-658
Net capital resources (Tier 1 plus Tier 2 minus deductions)	8,904	8,772
Assessment basis (banking book – risk-weighted amounts)	76,684	70,887
Tier 1 capital ratio (banking book)	7.59 %	7.85 %
Total capital ratio (banking book)	11.61%	12.37 %
Available Tier 3	209	263
Requirement for the trading book and		
for open foreign exchange positions	254	331
Requirement covered by Tier 3	209	263

(29) Consolidated capital resources and regulatory capital requirements

Capital requirements of the Bank Austria Creditanstalt group of credit institutions pursuant to the Austrian Banking Act as at 30 September 2005

€ m Risk weightings	Assets and off-balance sheet positions	Weighted amounts	Capital requirement
0 %	35,130	0	_
10 %	1,215	122	10
20 %	7,993	1,599	128
50 %	14,095	7,048	564
100 %	59,569	59,569	4,766
Investment certificates	1,320	421	34
ASSETS	119,322	68,758	5,501
Off-balance sheet positions	40,408	7,873	630
Special off-balance sheet positions	12,173	53	4
BANKING BOOK	171,903	76,684	6,135

Other Information

(30) Contingent liabilities and commitments

€ m	30 Sept. 2005	31 Dec. 2004
Guarantees	10,283	9,482
Acceptances and endorsements	21	19
CONTINGENT LIABILITIES	10,304	9,501
Liabilities arising from sales with an option to repurchase	35	787
Other commitments	9,548	8,749
COMMITMENTS	9,583	9,536

Income Statement of our Consolidated Banking Subsidiaries in CEE

in € m

	Pol 1-9 2005	and 1-9 2004	Hur	ngary 1–9 2004	Czech Rep. 1–9 2005 1–9 2004		Slovakia 1–9 2005 1–9 2004		
Net interest income	362.3	279.7	83.1	67.8	73.5	59.2	22.9	24.2	
Losses on loans and advances	-48.3	-42.3	-9.0	-7.5	-7.0	-2.3	-2.3	-2.2	
Net fee and commission income	181.0	165.7	42.1	42.1	50.8	45.5	9.9	8.1	
Net trading result	20.4	9.6	15.2	21.4	0.2	3.1	5.6	2.9	
General administrative expenses	-288.1	-249.6	-68.4	-64.0	-59.9	-55.7	-19.9	-19.2	
Balance of other operating income and expenses	1.9	7.7	-0.9	-0.1	-0.4	-3.4	0.0	0.0	
Operating profit	229.2	170.7	62.2	59.7	57.3	46.3	16.2	13.8	
Net income from investments	-3.7	-7.1	0.0	0.0	1.8	-0.1	0.2	0.2	
Amortisation of goodwill	-2.7	-2.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Balance of other income and expenses	-0.8	-0.7	0.0	0.0	-0.0	-0.0	0.0	0.0	
Net income before taxes	222.0	160.0	62.2	59.7	59.1	46.2	16.4	14.0	
Average risk-weighted assets	7,258	5,580	2,737	2,415	3,565	2,953	880	830	
Average shareholders' equity	1,510	1,187	431	343	469	394	200	165	
Cost/income ratio (in %)	50.9	54.0	49.0	48.8	48.2	53.4	51.8	54.5	
Return on equity before taxes (in %) ³⁾	19.6	18.0	19.3	23.3	16.8	15.6	11.0	11.3	
Exchange rate									
(units of local currency per euro)	4.060	4.629	247.304	253.226	30.047	32.230	38.686	40.346	
Appreciation/depreciation against the euro	+14%		+2%		+7%		+4%		

in local currency

	Poland (PLN m) 1–9 2005 1–9 2004		Hungary (HUF m) 1–9 2005 1–9 2004		Czech Rep. (CZK m) 1-9 2005 1-9 2004		Slovakia (SKK m) 1–9 2005 1–9 2004		
Net interest income	1,471	1,295	20,558	17,163	2,209	1,908	887	977	
Losses on loans and advances	-196	-196	-2,223	-1,896	-210	-75	-90	-90	
Net fee and commission income	735	767	10,422	10,656	1,527	1,466	384	327	
Net trading result	83	44	3,757	5,416	5	99	217	117	
General administrative expenses	-1,170	-1,155	-16,915	-16,201	-1,800	-1,796	-770	-774	
Balance of other operating income and expenses	8	36	-214	-14	-11	-110	0	0	
Operating profit	931	790	15,385	15,123	1,721	1,493	627	557	
Net income from investments	-15	-33	0	0	54	-4	6	8	
Amortisation of goodwill	-11	-13	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Balance of other income and expenses	-3	-3	0	0	-0	-0	0	0	
Net income before taxes	901	741	15,385	15,123	1,775	1,489	633	565	
Average risk-weighted assets	29,467	25,830	676,830	611,464	107,124	95,187	34,043	33,476	
Average shareholders' equity	6,132	5,493	106,642	86,772	14,097	12,707	7,721	6,669	

¹⁾ Including Banca Tiriac as from September 2005 2) Including Hebros Bank as from 1 April 2005 3) Based on actual average equity

Slov 1-9 2005	∕enia 1−9 2004	Croa 1–9 2005 1		Rom 1-9 2005	ania ¹⁾ 1–9 2004	Bulg 1-9 2005	aria ²⁾ 1–9 2004	Bosnia and I 1–9 2005 1		CEE b 1-9 2005	
21.3	17.3	62.0	52.2	35.4	19.7	42.9	26.8	13.9	7.5	717.5	554.4
-2.4	-1.4	-7.6	-4.2	-4.9	-2.0	-8.5	-1.4	-2.9	-0.9	-92.9	-64.3
8.9	7.6	21.7	18.6	20.6	9.1	19.7	10.0	6.9	5.3	361.6	311.8
-0.8	-0.2	5.0	5.2	3.4	1.8	3.1	4.5	0.2	0.1	52.4	48.3
-16.3	-14.8	-47.6	-45.2	-19.8	-10.6	-40.4	-26.3	-14.7	-12.9	-575.0	-498.3
-0.1	-0.3	-1.5	-3.1	-1.3	-0.9	0.3	0.3	-0.2	0.0	-2.1	0.2
10.7	8.2	32.1	23.4	33.5	17.1	17.1	13.8	3.2	-0.9	461.5	352.2
0.4	0.0	-0.0	0.0	1.2	-0.3	1.3	0.5	0.0	0.0	1.1	-6.7
0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-2.7	-2.9
-0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	-0.8	-0.4
11.0	8.2	32.1	23.4	34.7	16.8	18.4	14.3	3.2	-0.6	459.1	342.1
900	740	1,894	1,758	964	455	835	532	300	254	19,333	15,517
116	75	229	198	99	40	123	76	40	24	3,217	2,503
55.4	60.6	54.5	62.1	34.1	35.7	61.2	63.3	70.5	100.2	50.9	54.5
12.8	14.6	18.8	15.8	46.9	56.0	20.0	25.1	10.7	-3.3	19.1	18.3
239.602	238.784	7.406	7.483	3.644	4.078	1.956	1.952	1.956	1.956		
-0%		+1%		+12%		-0%		+0%			

(SI	Slovenia (SIT m) 1–9 2005 1–9 2004		Croatia (HRK m) -9 2005 1-9 2004		Romania ¹⁾ (RON m) 1 – 9 2005 1 – 9 2004		Bulgaria ²⁾ (BGN m) 1–9 2005 1–9 2004		Herzegovina M m) 1–9 2004	
5,100	4,123	459	390	129	81	84	52	27	15	
-579	-338	-56	-31	-18	-8	-17	-3	-6	-2	
2,131	1,812	161	139	75	37	39	20	13	10	
-193	-39	37	39	12	7	6	9	0	0	
-3,894	-3,534	-353	-338	-72	-43	-79	-51	-29	-25	
-13	-62	-11	-24	-5	-4	1	1	-0	0	
2,553	1,963	238	175	122	70	34	27	6	-2	
89	0	-0	0	4	-1	3	1	0	0	
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
-0	0	0	-0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
2,642	1,963	238	175	126	68	36	28	6	-1	
215,646	176,686	14,027	13,153	3,513	1,855	1,634	1,040	586	498	
27,675	17,914	1,694	1,484	360	163	241	149	79	47	

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Balance Sheets of our Consolidated Banking Subsidiaries in CEE

in € m

		Poland		I	Hungary		C:	zech Rep).	_	Slovakia		
	30 Sept. 2005	+/-	31 Dec. 2004	30 Sept. 2005	+/-	31 Dec. 2004	30 Sept. 2005	+/-	31 Dec. 2004	30 Sept. 2005	+/-	31 Dec. 2004	
Loans to non-banks	8,402	13 %	7,428	2,634	7 %	2,463	3,268	16 %	2,809	920	12 %	818	
Loans and advances to, and placements with, banks	3,263	67 %	1,955	618	-27%	847	650	-1%	657	70	-39%	115	
Loan loss provisions	-469	-17 %	-563	-41	19 %	-34	-44	11%	-39	-19	13 %	-17	
Investments	2,454	161%	942	414	29 %	321	1,054	11%	954	211	0 %	211	
Other assets	1,960	-33 %	2,946	397	61%	247	303	1 %	300	564	10 %	511	
Total assets	15,610	23 %	12,708	4,022	5 %	3,844	5,231	12 %	4,681	1,746	7 %	1,638	
Deposits from non-banks	9,458	13 %	8,405	2,223	18 %	1,890	3,157	10 %	2,874	737	3 %	717	
Deposits from banks	2,586	74 %	1,483	889	-26%	1,202	840	3 %	816	732	13 %	648	
Liabilities evidenced by certificates	1,108	116 %	513	230	26 %	183	500	25 %	400	52	-28%	72	
Other liabilities	896	2 %	876	226	35 %	167	235	43 %	164	19	32 %	14	
Shareholders' equity	1,563	9 %	1,432	455	13 %	401	499	17 %	426	205	10 %	186	
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	15,610	23 %	12,708	4,022	5 %	3,844	5,231	12 %	4,681	1,746	7 %	1,638	
Loan/deposit ratio (customers)	89 %		88 %	118 %		130 %	104%		98 %	125 %		114%	
Loan/deposit ratio (total)	97 %		95 %	104 %		107 %	98 %		94 %	67 %		68 %	
1 7	10,033	3 %	9,728	1,310	8 %	1,209	1,198	-4%	1,250	454	4 %	437	
Offices	503	8 %	466	49	20 %	41	24	0 %	24	28	4 %	27	
Exchange rate (units of local currency per euro)	3.919		4.085	249.610		245.970	29.553		30.464	38.790		38.745	
Appreciation/depreciation against the euro	+4%			-1%			+3%			-0%			

in local currency

		Poland (PLN m)			Hungary (HUF m)			zech Re (CZK m			Slovakia (SKK m)		
	30 Sept. 2005	+/-	31 Dec. 2004	30 Sept. 2005	+/-	31 Dec. 2004	30 Sept. 2005	+/-	31 Dec. 2004	30 Sept. 2005	+/-	31 Dec. 2004	
Loans to non-banks	32,923	9 %	30,342	657,499	9 %	605,786	96,576	13 %	85,588	35,699	13%	31,708	
Loans and advances to, and placements with, banks	12,785	60 %	7,985	154,181	-26%	208,306	19,198	-4%	20,007	2,711	-39%	4,462	
Loan loss provisions	-1,837	-20 %	-2,298	-10,193	21%	-8,407	-1,291	7 %	-1,201	-749	13 %	-664	
Investments	9,617	150 %	3,846	103,413	31 %	79,079	31,162	7 %	29,061	8,196	0 %	8,181	
Other assets	7,681	-36 %	12,033	99,150	63 %	60,708	8,942	-2%	9,134	21,886	11%	19,796	
Total assets	61,169	18 %	51,907	1,004,050	6 %	945,473	154,587	8 %	142,590	67,742	7 %	63,482	
Deposits from non-banks	37,061	8 %	34,329	554,981	19 %	464,999	93,309	7 %	87,556	28,607	3 %	27,785	
Deposits from banks	10,131	67 %	6,055	221,882	-25%	295,762	24,812	0 %	24,865	28,410	13 %	25,118	
Liabilities evidenced by certificates	4,341	107 %	2,096	57,325	28 %	44,942	14,763	21%	12,187	2,027	-28%	2,802	
Other liabilities	3,510	-2%	3,578	56,345	37 %	41,125	6,952	39 %	5,001	737	32 %	558	
Shareholders' equity	6,125	5 %	5,848	113,516	15 %	98,645	14,751	14%	12,982	7,962	10%	7,220	
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	61,169	18 %	51,907	1,004,050	6 %	945,473	154,587	8 %	142,590	67,742	7 %	63,482	

¹⁾ Including Banca Tiriac as from 1 September 2005 2) Including Hebros Bank as from 1 April 2005

ς	lovenia			Croatia		R	omania ¹⁾)	R	ulgaria ²⁾		Bosnia a	ınd Herze	egovina		EE total	
30 Sept.		31 Dec.	30 Sept.		31 Dec.	30 Sept.		31 Dec.	30 Sept.		31 Dec.	30 Sept.		31 Dec.	30 Sept.		31 Dec.
2005		2004	2005		2004	2005		2004	2005		2004	2005		2004	2005		2004
1,008	27 %	795	1,868	13 %	1,652	1,280	117 %	591	966	58 %	613	283	57 %	180	20,630	19 %	17,350
271	69 %	161	129	-55 %	285	51	-67 %	154	325	92 %	170	214	34 %	160	5,590	24%	4,503
-14	28 %	-11	-68	7 %	-64	-22	212 %	-7	-43	52 %	-28	-9	92 %	-5	-730	-5%	-769
343	57 %	219	257	-1%	259	357	112 %	168	139	107 %	67	0	0 %	0	5,231	66 %	3,142
131	51%	87	825	16 %	714	818	417 %	158	248	39 %	179	29	-38%	47	5,276	2 %	5,188
1,739	39 %	1,251	3,011	6 %	2,845	2,484	133 %	1,065	1,636	64 %	1,000	517	35 %	383	35,997	22 %	29,414
546	12 %	486	1,362	13 %	1,201	1,281	149 %	514	883	64 %	538	320	21%	264	19,968	18 %	16,890
1,053	65 %	639	1,341	-3%	1,377	891	94 %	458	535	50 %	357	136	99 %	68	9,002	28 %	7,049
0		0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0		0	1,889	62 %	1,168
16	-64%	44	68	18 %	57	84	121%	38	73	267 %	20	13	-19%	15	1,629	17 %	1,396
124	52 %	81	240	15 %	209	229	320 %	54	144	68 %	86	49	40 %	35	3,509	21%	2,911
1,739	39 %	1,251	3,011	6 %	2,845	2,484	133 %	1,065	1,636	64 %	1,000	517	35 %	383	35,997	22 %	29,414
185 %		164 %	137 %		138 %	100 %		115 %	109 %		114%	89 %		68 %	103 %		103 %
80 %		85 %	74 %		75 %	61 %		77 %	91 %		87 %	109 %		102 %	91 %		91 %
375	12 %	336	1,247	0 %	1,242	1,538	413 %	300	2,435	59 %	1,534	450	4 %	434	19,041	16 %	16,470
13	18 %	11	112	1 %	111	77	542 %	12	221	69 %	131	35	6 %	33	1,062	24%	856
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239.520	2	239.760	7.433		7.600	3.560		3.939	1.956		1.956	1.956		1.956			
+ 0 %			+ 2 %			+11%			+0%			+0%					

Slovenia (SIT m)			Croatia (HRK m)			Romania ¹⁾ (RON m)			Bulgaria ²⁾ (BGN m)			Bosnia and Herzegovina (BAM m)			
	30 Sept. 2005	+/-	31 Dec. 2004	30 Sept. 2005	+/-	31 Dec. 2004	30 Sept. 2005	+/-	31 Dec. 2004	30 Sept. 2005	+/-	31 Dec. 2004	30 Sept. 2005	+/-	31 Dec. 2004
	241,428	27 %	190,707	13,884	11%	12,555	4,558	96 %	2,327	1,890	58 %	1,198	554	57 %	353
	64,963	69 %	38,486	961	-56%	2,163	181	-70%	608	636	92 %	332	419	34 %	313
	-3,470	28 %	-2,710	-507	4 %	-487	- 79	182 %	-28	-84	52 %	-55	-18	92 %	-9
	82,064	56 %	52,464	1,913	-3%	1,969	1,271	92 %	663	272	107 %	131	0	0 %	0
	31,483	51%	20,880	6,130	13 %	5,424	2,914	367 %	623	485	39 %	350	57	-38 %	92
	416,468	39 %	299,828	22,381	3 %	21,624	8,845	111%	4,194	3,199	64 %	1,956	1,012	35 %	748
	130,737	12 %	116,605	10,124	11%	9,130	4,560	125 %	2,025	1,728	64 %	1,052	625	21%	516
	252,286	65 %	153,155	9,966	-5%	10,469	3,172	76 %	1,805	1,046	50 %	697	266	99 %	134
	0		0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0		0
	3,823	-64%	10,591	504	16 %	436	297	100%	149	143	267 %	39	24	-19 %	30
	29,622	52 %	19,476	1,786	12 %	1,590	815	280 %	215	283	68 %	168	97	40 %	69
	416,468	39 %	299,828	22,381	3 %	21,624	8,845	111%	4,194	3,199	64 %	1,956	1,012	35 %	748

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