

PRESS STATEMENT

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Erste Bank Financial Market Fund investment card

Budapest, 6th March, 2006. – Erste Bank Hungary will launch a financial market fund-linked bank card in March, 2006. Erste Bank has set up a separate investment fund, Erste Card Financial Market Investment Fund, for the card.

Erste Bank retail division head Bernadett Tátrai said the new card offered extraordinarily flexible money management options for users, as traditional transactions (purchases, withdrawals, balance queries) can also be performed with the card. These are coupled with investment yields, in other words, the card offers returns in excess of savings kept in non-fixed retail deposits, while it provides the same level of flexibility.

The construction offers much more advantages than traditional deposit investments, as interest rate losses incurred through breach of fixed deposits are avoided. In payments correspond to investment fund unit purchases, charges – including account management charges – correspond to the sale of investment units.

The Erste Bank investment card is a globally accepted VISA Classic bank card, with added free accident, health and luggage insurance policies and assistance services. Furthermore along with the card the bank offers free text message card security SMS Kártyaőr and phone banking Telebank services, which can be used for balance and transaction queries.

Erste Bank will introduce the new cards in cooperation with brokerage Erste Bank Befektetési. The minimum deposit to be placed in financial market investment funds with the card is HUF 10,000.



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