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Erste Bank extends opening hours

Budapest, 22nd August, 2006 – Erste Bank Hungary is extending the opening hours of its 173 branches for the period between Thursday, 24th August and Thursday, 31st August. All Budapest branches of the bank will be open on weekdays until 6pm in order to receive clients in the run up to the introduction of the interest rate gains tax. All other Erste Bank branches will be open until 5pm. Branches in the major shopping centres will be open between 10am and 2pm on Saturdays. Branches will return to the usual opening times on 1st September, 2006.

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