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### Erste Bank Group reaches milestone

**Budapest, 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2008 – The Hungarian Erste Bank Group had a successful year in 2007: according to consolidated, audited figures prepared according to Hungarian Accounting Standards (HAS), the group's total assets rose 13 per cent to exceed HUF 2,000bn. The bank will pay a 10 per cent dividend on its 2007 net profits.**

On today's annual general meeting the shareholders approved the Board's proposal to pay HUF 10bn of the bank's net profit in dividend, and to retain earnings of HUF 11.1bn. The dividend will correspond to 18.72 per cent of the nominal value of ordinary shares, and 28.08 per cent of the nominal value of preference shares. The shareholders were asked to approve motions on personnel changes: Mrs László Várady and Mr Béla Bokor were elected to the supervisory committee as staff representatives, Bernhard Spalt and Peter Weiss were appointed to the supervisory and audit committees and Edit Papp, Zoltán Pásti, Imre Sztanó, Jonathan Till, Frederik Silzer, László Szivi and Dr János Rudnay were reappointed to the Board until 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2012.

The Hungarian Erste Group maintained its position among Hungary's leading banks and increased its profits faster than the market average in the face of far worse macroeconomic conditions and unfavourable market changes compared to the previous year.

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