

## **RBI: Preliminary results 2019**

### **Profit before tax up again – Core revenues up driven by strong loan growth across the group**

- Profit before tax up 1% y-o-y to EUR 1,767 million, Consolidated profit at EUR 1,227 million
- NII and net fee and commission income up 8% and 7% respectively y-o-y (adjusted for sale of Polish core banking operations in 2018)
- Loans to customers up 13% in 2019 mainly at head office, in Russia and Central Europe
- Net interest margin stabilized at 2.44%
- Risk costs remain low (0.26% provisioning ratio)
- NPE ratio further improved to 2.1%
- CET1 ratio increased to 13.9%
- Proposed dividend of EUR 1.00 per share, payout ratio of 27%

<b>Income Statement in EUR million</b>	<b>1-12/2019 preliminary</b>	<b>1-12/2018*</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Q4/2019 preliminary</b>	<b>Q3/2019*</b>
Net interest income	3,412	3,362	1.5%	881	866
Current income from investments in subsidiaries and associates	171	80	114.6%	120	14
Net fee and commission income	1,797	1,791	0.3%	489	468
Net trading income and fair value result	(17)	17	-	70	(8)
Other net operating income	78	88	(10.5)%	65	(8)
Operating income	5,475	5,377	1.8%	1,642	1,327
General administrative expenses	(3,100)	(3,048)	1.7%	(855)	(748)
Operating result	2,376	2,330	2.0%	787	580
Other result	(212)	(241)	(11.7)%	(144)	(35)
Levies and special governmental measures	(162)	(170)	(4.4)%	(21)	(11)
Impairment losses on financial assets	(234)	(166)	41.2%	(154)	(68)
Profit before tax	1,767	1,753	0.8%	468	465
Profit after tax	1,365	1,398	(2.4)%	380	341
Consolidated profit	1,227	1,270	(3.4)%	353	303

\*Please note that current income from associates valued at equity is now recognized as a separate line of the operating income rather than in other result.

<b>Balance Sheet in EUR million</b>	<b>31/12/2019</b> preliminary	<b>31/12/2018</b>	<b>Change</b>
Loans to customers	91,204	80,866	12.8%
Deposits from customers	96,214	87,038	10.5%
Total assets	152,200	140,115	8.6%
Risk-weighted assets RWA (total RWA)	77,961	72,672	7.3%

<b>Key ratios</b>	<b>31/12/2019</b> preliminary	<b>31/12/2018</b>	<b>Change</b>
NPE ratio	2.1%	2.6%	(0.5)PP
NPE coverage ratio	61.0%	58.3%	2.7PP
CET1 ratio (fully loaded)	13.9%	13.4%	0.5PP
Total capital ratio (fully loaded)	17.9%	18.2%	(0.3)PP

<b>Key ratios</b>	<b>1-12/2019</b> preliminary	<b>1-12/2018</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Q4/2019</b> preliminary	<b>Q3/2019</b>
Net interest margin (average interest-bearing assets)	2.44%	2.50%	(0.07)PP	2.47%	2.46%
Cost/income ratio	56.6%	56.7%	(0.1)PP	52.1%	56.3%
Consolidated return on equity	11.0%	12.6%	(1.6)PP	12.8%	10.9%
Earnings/share in EUR	3.54	3.68	(0.13)	1.03	0.87
Dividend proposal/share in EUR	1.00	0.93	0.07	-	-

The Management Board decided to propose a dividend distribution of EUR 1.00 per share to the Annual General Meeting for the 2019 financial year. This would correspond to a maximum dividend payout of EUR 329 million and a payout ratio of 27 per cent.

The data contained in this release is based on unaudited figures. On 18 March 2020, RBI will publish its full 2019 Annual Report including further details on the business year and the outlook.

\* \* \* \* \*

RBI regards Austria, where it is a leading corporate and investment bank, as well as Central and Eastern Europe (CEE) as its home market. 13 markets of the region are covered by subsidiary banks. Additionally, the RBI Group comprises numerous other financial service providers, for instance in leasing, asset management or M&A.

Around 47,000 employees service 16.5 million customers through approximately 2,100 business outlets, the by far largest part thereof in CEE. RBI's shares are listed on the Vienna Stock Exchange. The Austrian Regional Raiffeisen Banks own around 58.8 per cent of the shares, the remainder is in free float. Within the Austrian Raiffeisen Banking Group, RBI is the central institute of the Regional Raiffeisen Banks and other affiliated credit institutions.

For further information please contact:

Ingrid Krenn-Ditz (+43-1-71 707-6055, [ingrid.krenn-ditz@rbinternational.com](mailto:ingrid.krenn-ditz@rbinternational.com)) or

Christof Danz (+43-1-71 707-1930, [christof.danz@rbinternational.com](mailto:christof.danz@rbinternational.com))

<http://www.rbinternational.com>