# Presentation to Fixed Income Investors

# **Bank Austria**

Vienna, May 2023



# Agenda

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- UniCredit Group
- Overview of Bank Austria
- Funding & Liquidity
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# **Opening Remarks**



## Bank Austria, a leading bank in the local market



- Leading domestic bank in Corporate Banking and Wealth Management & Private Banking
- **High client shares** in business with corporate customers and leading institution in Private Banking



- Bank Austria is **by far the largest bank in Austria** at individual institution level
- With assets of about € 104 bn (as of 31 December 2022), largest Austrian bank on unconsolidated level



- Bank Austria is part of UniCredit Group, with 13 core markets in Europe and worldwide presence
- Bank Austria clients can use UniCredit's CEE network UniCredit is market leader in the region



Well-capitalized — with **CET1 ratio of 17.4%** 1)





# **UniCredit Group**



# 9th consecutive quarter of profitable growth and best 1Q ever

#### UNICREDIT UNLOCKED RELEASING OUR FULL POTENTIAL

- ✓ Consistently outstanding financial results via an optimal balance of our three levers
- Rooted in a clear vision and strategy: "phase two" of industrial transformation

#### POSITIONED TO DELIVER IN ALL ENVIRONMENTS

- Outperforming our prudent macro assumptions; taking alpha actions to keep ahead
- Strong lines of defense propelling or securing the future

#### **UPGRADED GUIDANCE FOR 2023 GIVEN NEW RUN RATE**

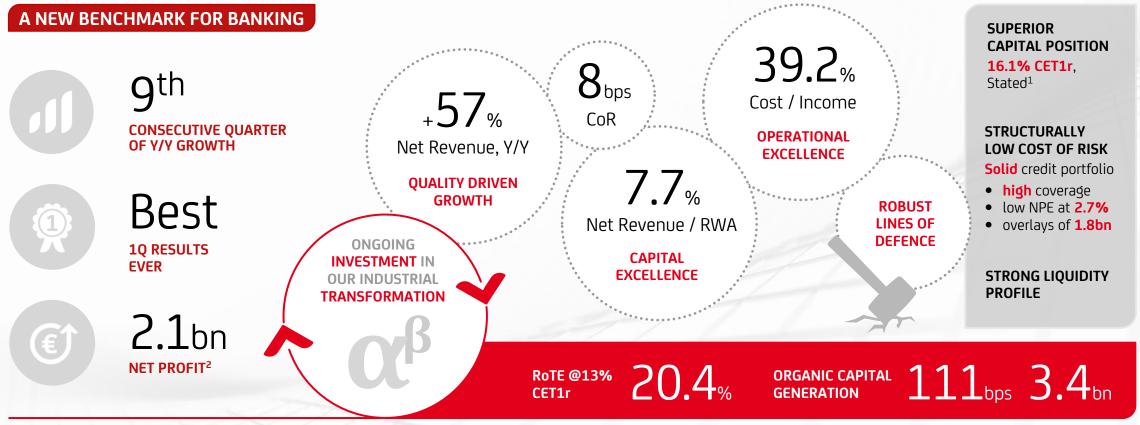
- ✓ Higher rates, improved trends and transformation at pace
- Set a new floor for the future



Delivering on our commitments: relentless investment in our industrial transformation continues to propel our results



# Strong franchise consistently delivering quality profitable growth



All figures related to Group incl. Russia unless otherwise specified



Considering full FY22 distribution and 1Q23 Cash dividend accrual
 "Net profit" means Stated net profit adjusted for impacts from DTAs tax loss carry forward resulting from sustainability test, pre AT1 and cashes coupons which for FY23 are expected to be around 0.4bn after tax and post integration costs which for FY23 are expected to be around 0.3bn before tax
 Distribution subject to supervisory and shareholder approvals

# Sustainable competitive advantage

Win. The Right Way. Together.







### Our Value Proposition









#### The Bank for Europe's future

A new benchmark for banking, delivering for all our stakeholders

#### **UniCredit Unlocked**

A client-centric strategy fully tailored to the bank's inherent strengths, continuously striving for excellence

#### 4 pillar industrial transformation

Transform to perform, reinforce the commercial franchise and optimise, then digitalise, the operating machine to deliver more with less

#### Sustainable value creation

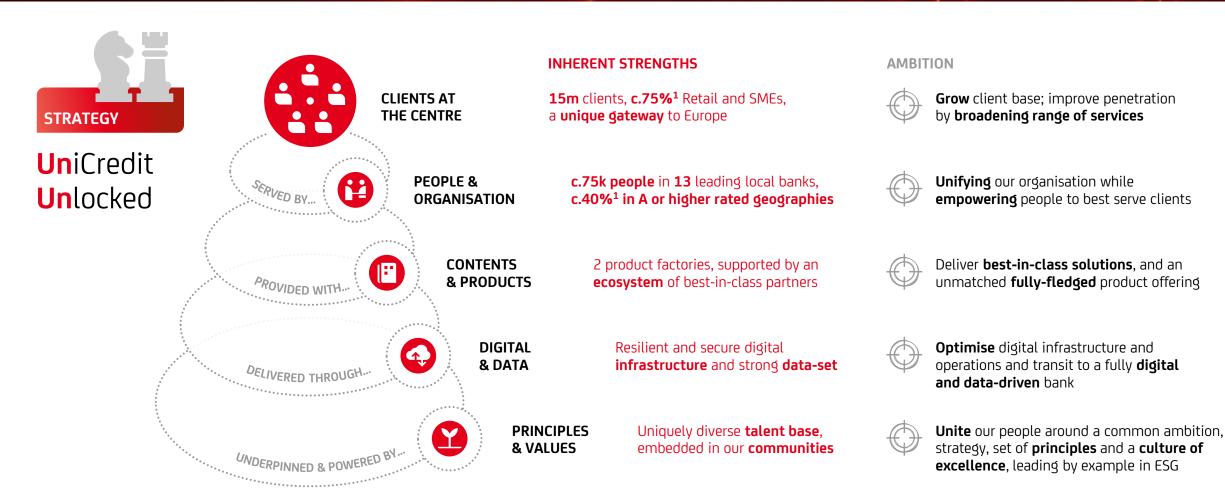
Delivering alpha driven profitable risk adjusted returns by balancing our three financial levers, while empowering our communities to progress



A bank that delivers in a balanced fashion for all its stakeholders



# Guided by a winning strategy



1. Calculation based on 1Q23 gross revenue

A client-centric strategy fully tailored to our inherent strengths, supported by our operating machine and deeply rooted in our values



# Enabled by an industrial transformation plan



Our industrial transformation



PEOPLE & **ORGANISATION** 



**CONTENTS** & PRODUCTS



**DIGITAL** & DATA



**PRINCIPLES** & VALUES



**2021 & BEYOND** 

#### Reinforce the commercial machine

- **Unify people** around a clear vision and strategy, unleashing their passion and energy
- **Empower the organisation** with a re-energised front-line, operating within a clear risk and capital framework
- Seamlessly integrate front-line and product factories offering a full service to our clients

**PHASE II** 

**2023 & BEYOND** 

#### Optimise the operating machine

- Re-engineer the operating machine with product factories delivering scale and scope
- **Simplify processes** to improve speed, efficacy, and reduce costs, while investing in the front-line
- Automate, digitalise and improve client and people experience becoming a digital and data-driven bank



Embedding our principles in everything we do, living our new culture

Accelerating the second phase of our industrial transformation, towards a full-service client-centric bank



STATUS OF

COMPLETION

# Significant progress in our transformation



PEOPLE & **ORGANISATION** 

#### **EMPOWER AND REVITALISE BUSINESSES**

#### SIMPLIFY AND DELAYER THE ORGANISATION AND PROCESSES



**CONTENTS** & PRODUCTS

#### **UNDERSTAND CLIENTS' NEEDS**

From siloed CIB to set-up of two global product factories focused on product development and serving all our clients through local coverage

#### PROVIDE BEST-IN-CLASS OFFERING

Creation of an ecosystem of best-in-class partners

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DIGITAL & DATA **RECLAIM CORE COMPETENCIES & NEW WAY OF WORKING** 

**IMPROVE DIGITAL EXPERIENCE & BECOME A DATA-DRIVEN BANK** 



**PRINCIPLES** & VALUES

#### UNIFY PEOPLE AROUND A CLEAR CULTURE

- Culture Roadshow (4 countries)
- Culture Network
- Culture Workshops
- DE&I Global Policies & Unconscious Bias course

#### LEAD BY EXAMPLE

#### **ESG VOLUMES**

Supporting our clients in a just and fair transition 61.7bn since 2022, 4.0bn in 1Q23

#### **EMPOWER COMMUNITIES**

#### SOCIAL

Total contribution in 2022: 36.5m

#### **ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

- 10 years of UniCredit Start Lab
- 100+ startups supported in last 2 years

All deltas refer to 1023 vs UniCredit Unlocked execution plan unless otherwise specified

Reinforce the **commercial** machine

Optimise the **operating** machine



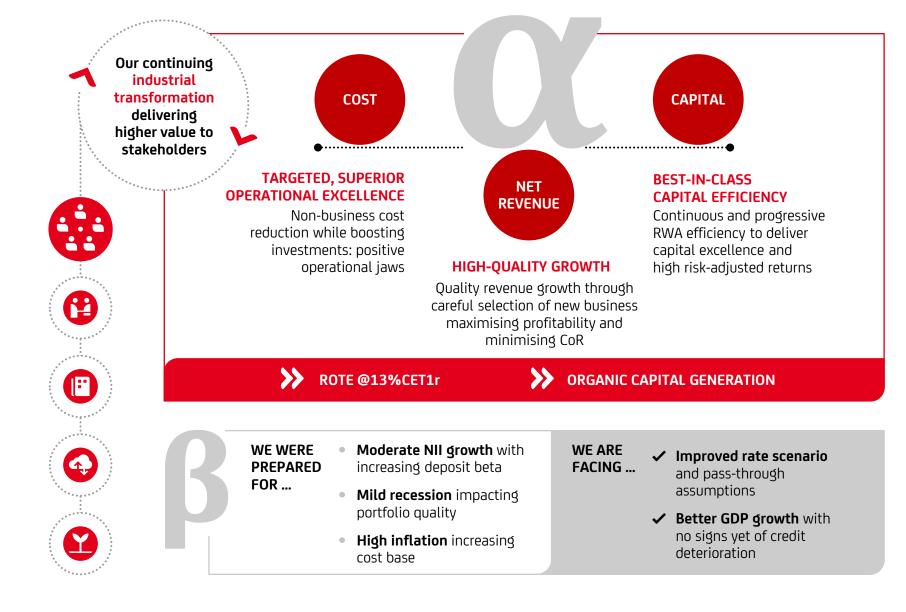
# Resilient and growing financial results

Our franchise aims to deliver alpha in its financial results in any macro scenario: 9 quarters of record quality growth







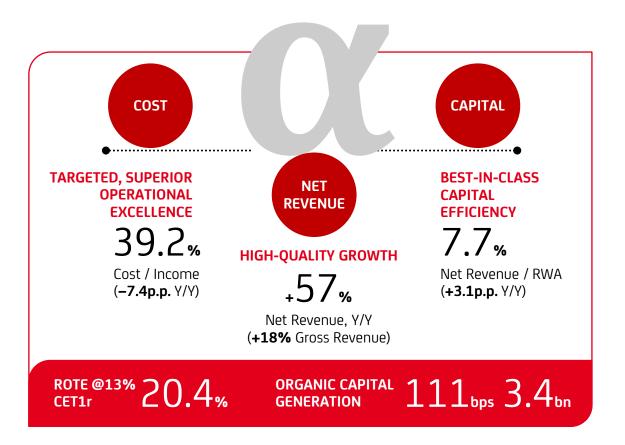






# 1Q23 – 9th consecutive quarter of outstanding results

#### **3 LEVERS BALANCED IN AN OPTIMAL WAY TO DELIVER OUR RESULTS**

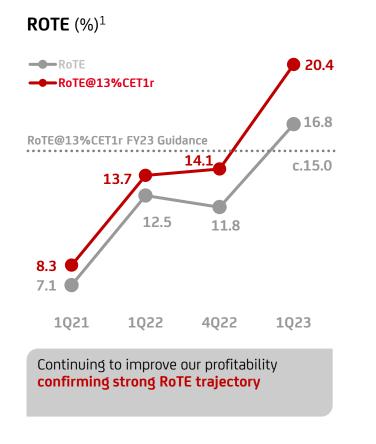


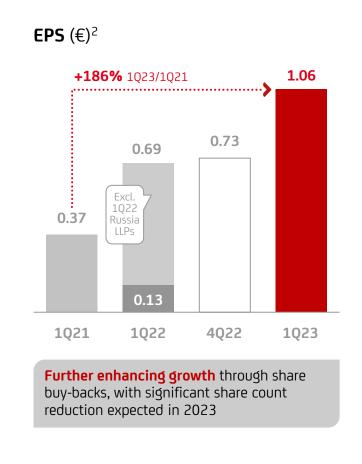
#### **1Q23 KEY METRICS**

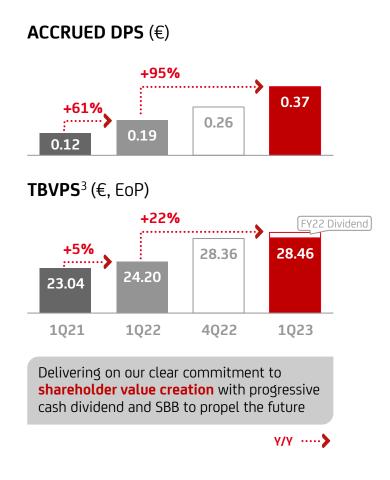
In million		1Q23	Y/Y	Q/Q
Net Revenue		5,837	+57%	+13%
o/w NII		3,298	+44%	-3%
o/w Fees	34% of Revenu	1,996	-2%	11%
o/w LLP	8bps Co	-93	-93%	-82%
Total Costs		-2,327	-0.6%	-5.8%
GOP		3,603	+35%	+11%
Net Profit <sup>1</sup>		2,064	n.m.	+28%
C/I Ratio		39.2%	-7.4p.p.	-4.0p.p.
CET1r Stated <sup>2</sup>		16.1%		



### Exceptional shareholder value creation continues







#### All figures related to Group incl. Russia unless otherwise specified

- 1. RoTE calculated with UniCredit Unlocked methodology; 1022 RoTE and RoTE@13%CET1r based on 1022 net profit excluding Russia LLPs of € 1.2bn
- 2. Diluted Earnings per Share (EPS)
- 3. Y/Y delta of 22% is growth rate between 1Q23 Tangible Book Value per Share (TBVPS) of 28.46 plus 0.99 FY22 cash Dividend per Share (DPS) and 1Q22 TBVPS (including FY21 cash DPS)

Currently executing on 2022 share buy-back programme of 3.34bn, to further propel future value





# **Overview of Bank Austria**



### Bank Austria – at a glance

### **Key information**

- Member of UniCredit since 2005
- Leading corporate bank and one of the largest retail banks in Austria
- ~ 4,900 FTE and 106 branches in Austria
- **Excellent capital base** (17.4% CET1 ratio<sup>1)</sup>)
- **Stable liquidity** with a perfect balance between customer loans and direct funding
- **High market shares**<sup>2)</sup> in Austria (Loans: 12%, Deposits: 12%)
- Issuer/Deposit **Ratings** at Baa1/A3 (Moody's) and BBB+ (S&P); Counterparty Ratings at A2 (Moody's) and A- (S&P)

#### **Income Statement**

(in € million)	1Q23	1022
Operating income	602	429
Operating costs	-255	-266
LLP	8	52
Net profit	223	86
Cost/income ratio	42.5%	62.0%
Cost of risk	-5 bp	-32 bp
Volumes		
(in € billion)	1Q23	1022
Customer Loans (excl. Repos and Intercompanies)	65.7	63.8
Customer Deposits (excl. Repos and Intercompanies)	61.0	62.6
Other Figures		
(Full-time equivalents in units, RoAC in %)	1Q23	1022
FTE (100%)	4,939	5,332
Return on Allocated Capital (RoAC)		

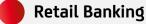


<sup>1)</sup> Capital ratios as of 31 December 2022, based on all risks and according to Basel 3 (transitional)

<sup>2)</sup> based on data by OeNB (Austrian Central Bank) as of December 2022

### **Business Model and Market Position in Austria**

#### RETAIL



- Covers **1.5m\*) Retail & Small Business customers** (<€ 1m turnover)
- Broad multi-channel offer via physical branch network (with a total of 106 branches), remote advisory (personal advisory services between 8.00 a.m. and 7.00 p.m., also via video telephony), digital services (internet and mobile banking) and support by experts in deposit business and real estate financing business

#### WEALTH MANAGEMENT & PRIVATE BANKING

- Wealth Management & Private Banking
  - Leading Private Banking in Austria with every fifth Austrian High Net Worth Individual (HNWI) as customer of Bank Austria
  - Successful client approach
    - via Private Banking Area
       (15 locations all over Austria, cooperation with 11 funds),
    - Wealth Management Area of Schoellerbank (8 branches all over Austria and own Schoeller Invest KAG) and
    - Tailor-made financial services to HNWI and foundations (Wealth Planning, Special Funds Solutions, Generation Planning)

#### **CORPORATES**



Offering the full range of investment banking products, from simple, standardized products to highly complex tailor-made structures, depending on client structure and client needs

- Multinational corporates in Austria, Nordics & Iberia
- Financial Institutions, Public Sector clients and Commercial real estate clients
- Leading role as strategic financial partner in client coverage which we strive to continuously improve.

For most of the Austrian Large Corporates, we are the **main banking connection** with a wide range of product offering among all product lines

- Member of UniCredit, a pan-European Commercial Bank with a unique franchise in Italy, Germany, Central Europe/CE and Eastern Europe/EE
  - Unparalleled access to market leading products and services in 13 core markets through our European banking network
  - Leveraging on an international network of representative offices and branches,
     UniCredit serves clients in another 15 countries worldwide



### P&L of Bank Austria Group

# Excellent profitability, based on a robust operative performance

#### Profit & Loss Development

- **Operating income** +40% y/y, driven by strong net interest, overcompensating slightly lower fee and trading income
- Operating costs -4% lower y/y, due to continued strong cost discipline and further FTE reduction; significant improvement of cost/income ratio to 42.5%
- Net write-downs of loans positive (due to releases) at € +8m (1Q22: € +52m)
- Non-operating items decreased to € -59m, of which € 73m systemic charges, partially compensated by positive net income from investments
- **1Q23 Group Net Profit** at strong € 223m (vs. € 86m in 1Q22)
- Cost/income ratio: improved by about 20 p.p. to 42.5%
- RoAC at excellent 17.1%

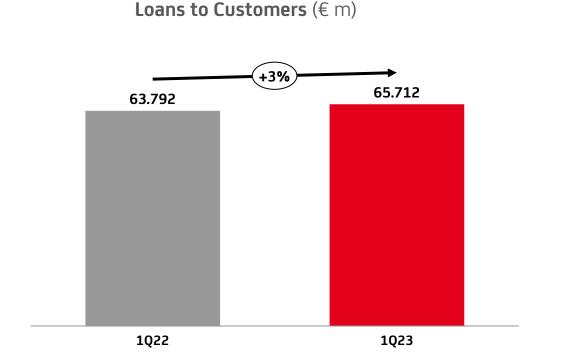
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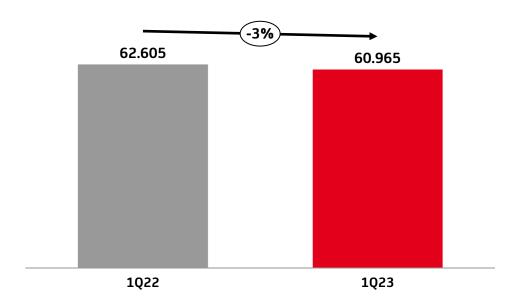


# **Loans and Deposit Volumes**

## Well-balanced development of loans and deposits

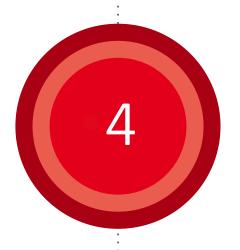


#### **Deposits from Customers** (€ m)



- Loans to customers increased y/y by 3% to € 65.7bn, mainly driven by Corporates with Retail stock remaining relatively stable, new loans affected by macroeconomic environment and more restrictive regulation
- Deposits from customers decreased by 3% to € 61bn, with reductions in Corporates and WM & PB, while Retail increased





# Funding & Liquidity



# Bank Austria Acts as Liquidity Reference Bank (LRB) for all Austrian Group Entities and is a Strategic Issuing Platform for UniCredit Group

#### UniCredit S.p.A. – Holding

- UniCredit S.p.A. is operating as the Group Holding as well as the Italian operating bank:
  - ▼ TLAC/MREL issuer assuming Single-Point of Entry (SPE)
  - Coordinated Group-wide funding and liquidity management to optimize market access and funding costs
  - ✓ Diversified by geography and funding sources

#### UniCredit Bank Austria AG

- Mortgage- and Public Sector Pfandbriefe
- Senior benchmark
- Housing bank bonds (Wohnbaubank-Anleihen)
- Registered secs. (SSD, NSV\*)) covered/senior
- Private placements
- Network issues

- Bank Austria has its own Issuing Programs for the respective instruments to be issued
- Bank Austria continues to be present on the local and global markets
- Coordinated approach within UniCredit regarding issuing activities on the global markets



## Funding Strategy Bank Austria Group - Self-Sufficiency Principle

#### Key Pillars of Bank Austria Group Funding Strategy

Well-diversified funding base due to Bank Austria's commercial banking model

### The key pillars are

- strong client deposit base related to a variety of products (sight-, savings- and term deposits)
- complemented by medium- and long-term placements of own issues in the capital market in order to cover the medium- and long-term funding needs

The key pillars described are part of the self sufficiency principle of Bank Austria's funding strategy

- It ensures that the proceeds are used primarily for business development of entities of Bank Austria Group
- It enables Bank Austria to reflect its own funding costs according to its own risk profile



# Liquidity and Funding Management within BA Group based on clear and strict Risk Management Principles

#### Clear Rules and Principles in Bank Austria for the Management of Liquidity and Funding

#### Liquidity strategy

- Bank Austria acting as an independent Liquidity Reference Bank (LRB) within UniCredit Group in line with the self-funding principle of the Group Strategy
- Bank Austria manages the liquidity development in Austria (including all Austrian Group entities)

#### Clear operative rules

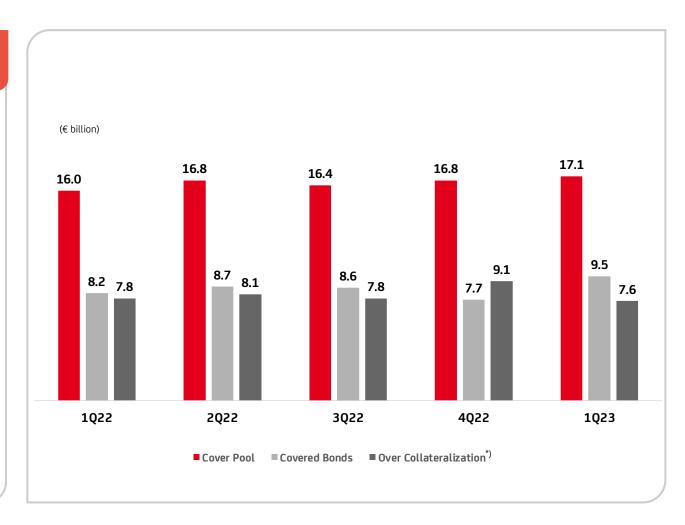
- Active liquidity and funding management by defining short-term and structural liquidity and funding limits for all subsidiaries of BA Group
- All national legal / regulatory constraints have to be followed on single entity level
- Bank Austria establishes a separate Funding and Liquidity Plan for Austria as part of the Funding and Liquidity Plan of UniCredit Group
- Bank Austria enjoys a sound counter-balancing capacity and ensuring compliance with key liquidity indicators (LCR >100%, NSFR >100%)



# Mortgage Cover Pool Overview and Yearly development

# **Total Value** of the **Cover Pool** (Primary Coverage) as of 31 March 2023 (€-equivalent): **17,135 million**

- thereof in €: 16,510 million (96.4%)
- thereof in CHF: 625 million (3.6%)
- Focus on Austrian mortgages
- Moody's-Rating: Aaa
- ECBC Covered Bond Label\*\*)
- Decrease of total value of CHF cover assets over the last six years (1Q17: € 1,453 million – 1Q23: € 625 million; no new CHF assets since 2010)





<sup>&</sup>quot;) Contains 2% legal overcollateralisation of the notional amount of the covered bonds, the remaining part is not bound

<sup>\*\*)</sup> https://www.coveredbondlabel.com/issuer/60-unicredit-bank-austria-aq

# Mortgage Cover Pool Parameters of Cover Pool and Issues

Parameters of Cover Pool	
Weighted Average Life (in years including Amortization)	10.3
Contracted Weighted Average Life (in years)	17.0
Average Seasoning (in years)	6.1
Total Number of Loans	64,577
Total Number of Debtors	56,226
Total Number of Properties	48,915
Average Volume of Loans (€ million)	0.3
Stake of 10 Biggest Loans	9.0%
Stake of 10 Biggest Debtors	9.6%
Stake of Bullet Loans	21.5%
Stake of Fixed Interest Loans	42.2%
Average Interest Rate	2.6%
Average Loan-to-Value	48.1%
Stake of Defaulted Loans	0.0%
Stake of Loans 90 Days Overdue	0.0%

Liquiditybuffer	
Covered Liquidity buffer requirement (€ million)	0.0

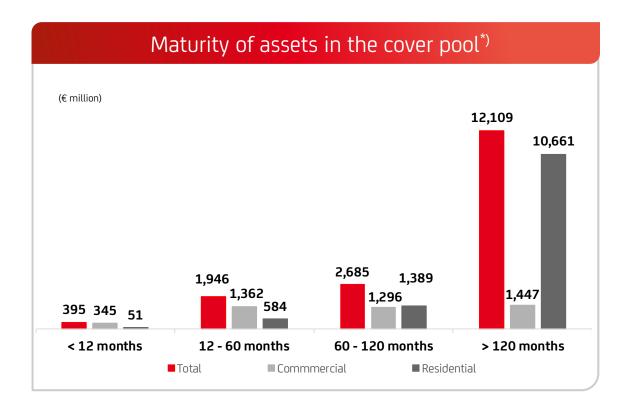
Parameters of Issues	
Total Number	69
Average Residual Maturity (in years)	4.3

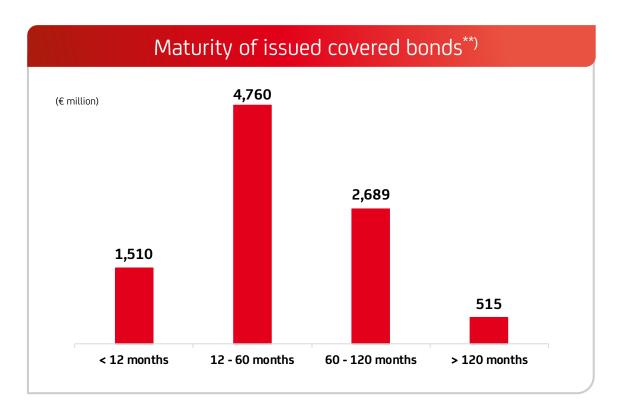


The valuation method for the cover assets is in accordance with § 6 (4) PfandBG



# Mortgage Cover Pool Maturity Structure of Cover Pool and Issues





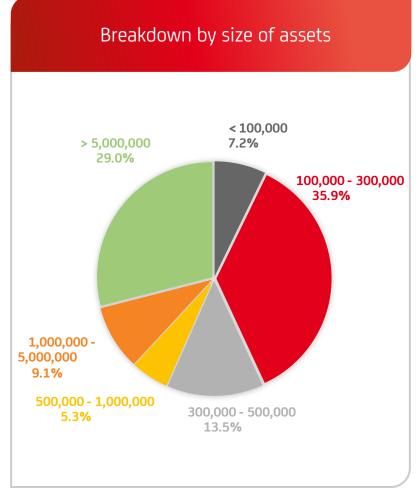
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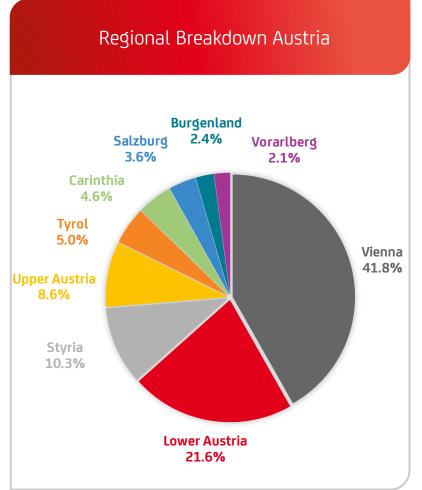


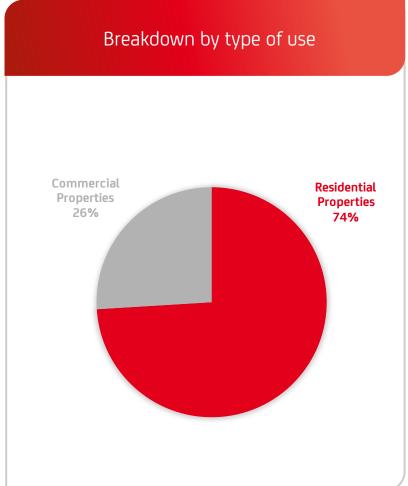
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## Mortgage Cover Pool

### Breakdown of Mortgages by Size, Region and Type of Use





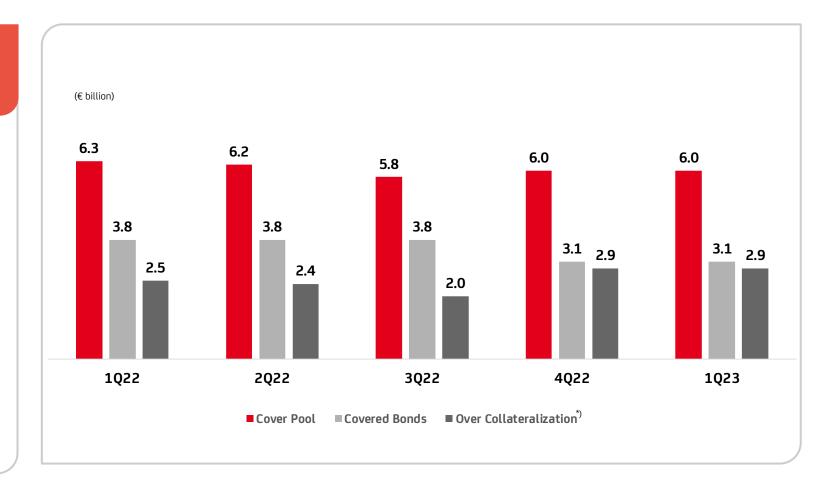




# Public Sector Cover Pool Overview and Yearly Development

# **Total Value** of the **Cover Pool** (Primary Coverage) as of 31 March 2023 (€-equivalent): **6,038 million**

- thereof in €: 5,348 million (88.6%)
- thereof in CHF: 106 million (1.7%)
- thereof public sector bonds(€-equivalent): 584 million (9.7%)
- Focus on purely Austrian claims
- Moody's-Rating: Aaa
- ECBC Covered Bond Label\*\*)



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# Public Sector Cover Pool Parameters of Cover Pool and Issues

Parameters of Cover Pool	
Weighted Average Life (in years including Amortization)	9.1
Contracted Weighted Average Life (in years)	14.4
Average Seasoning (in years)	7.0
Total Number of Loans	4,555
Total Number of Debtors	2,174
Total Number of Guarantors	312
Average Volume of Loans (€ million)	1.3
Stake of 10 Biggest Loans	23.2%
Stake of 10 Biggest Guarantors	31.5%
Stake of Bullet Loans	32.0%
Stake of Fixed Interest Loans	58.3%
Average Interest Rate	2.3%
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Liquiditybuffer	
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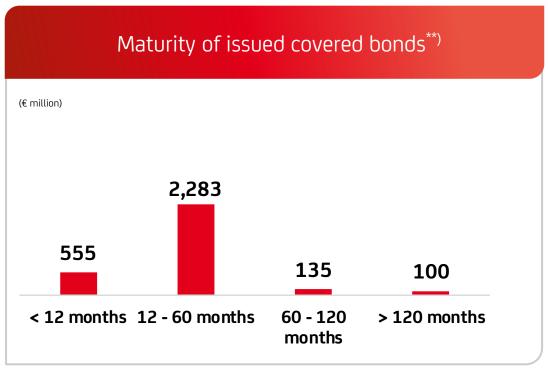
Parameters of Issues	
Total Number	25
Average Residual Maturity (in years)	2.8





# Public Sector Cover Pool Maturity Structure of Cover Pool and Issues





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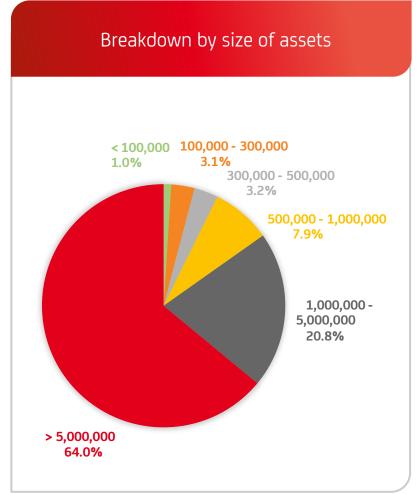
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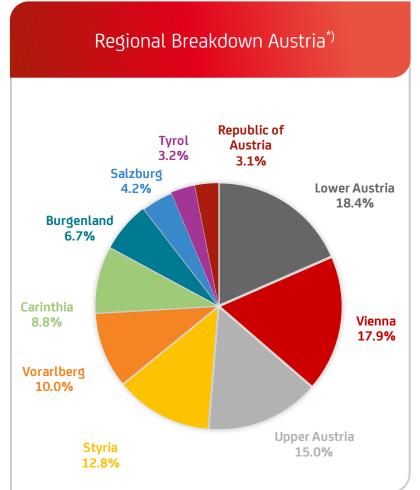
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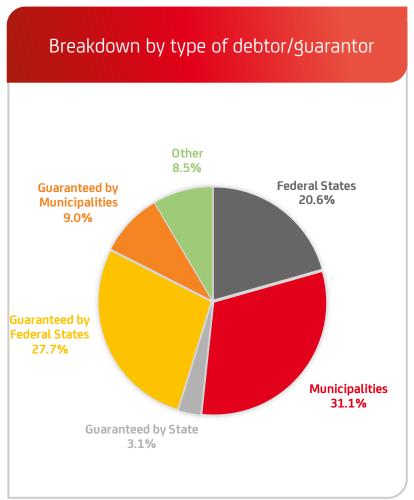
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### **Public Sector Cover Pool**

### Breakdown of Assets by Size, Region and Type of Debtor / Guarantor









<sup>\*)</sup> Considering Guarantors



# Annex

- Liquidity & Funding Transactions
- Ratings Overview
- Real Estate Market
- Legal Situation Austrian Covered Bonds

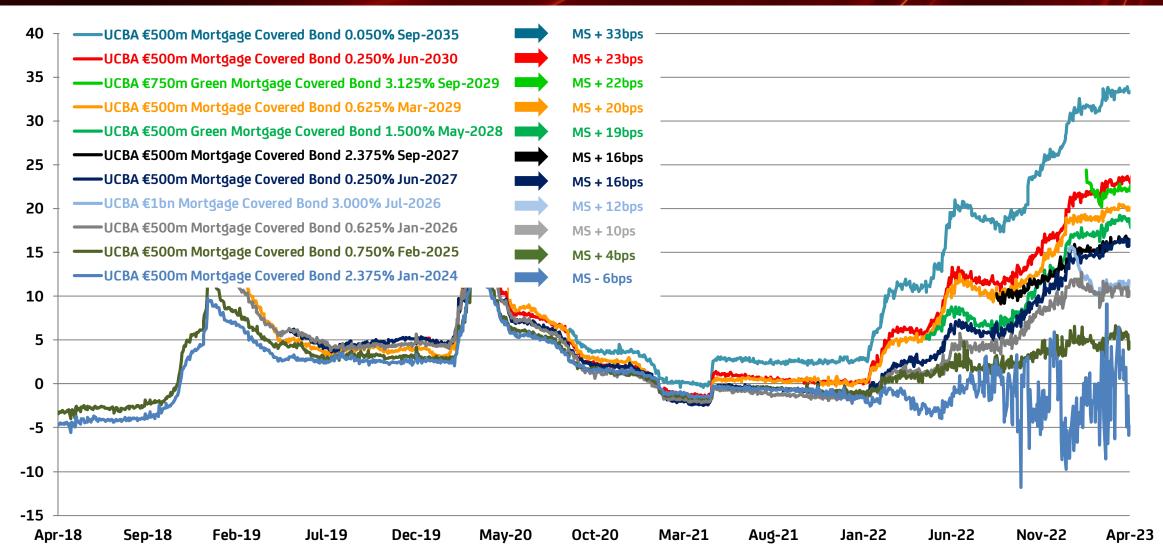


# Overview of Bank Austria's outstanding Pfandbrief Benchmark Issues

Type of Pfandbrief	Interest rate	Due date (dd/mm/yyyy)	Volume	Date of issuance	Mid Swap + number of basis points
Green Mortgage Pfandbrief: AT000B049945	3.125%	21/09/2029	€ 750m	Feb. 2023	MS + 26bps
Mortgage Pfandbrief: AT000B049937	3.00%	31/07/2026	<b>€ 1</b> bn	Jan. 2023	MS + 17bps
Mortgage Pfandbrief: AT000B049929	2.375%	20/09/2027	€ 500m	Sept. 2022	MS + 10bps
Green Mortgage Pfandbrief: AT000B049911	1.50%	24/05/2028	€ 500m	May 2022	MS + 6bps
Mortgage Pfandbrief: AT000B049846	0.05%	21/09/2035	€ 500m	Sept. 2020	MS + 9bps
Mortgage Pfandbrief: AT000B049796	0.25%	21/06/2030	€ 500m	Jan. 2020	MS + 6bps
Mortgage Pfandbrief: AT000B049788	0.25%	04/06/2027	€ 500m	June 2019	MS + 7bps
Mortgage Pfandbrief: AT000B049754	0.625%	20/03/2029	€ 500m	March 2019	MS + 15bps
Mortgage Pfandbrief: AT000B049739	0.625%	16/01/2026	€ 500m	Jan. 2019	MS + 18bps
Mortgage Pfandbrief: AT000B049572	0.75%	25/02/2025	€ 500m	Feb. 2015	MS + 3bps
Mortgage Pfandbrief: AT000B049465	2.375%	22/01/2024	€ 500m	Jan. 2014	MS + 35bps



## UniCredit Bank Austria Covered Bond Spread Comparison





# **Rating Overview**

			Moody's			S&P			Fitch			
	Long-Term Deposits	Long-Term Senior Unsecured	Short-Term	Subordinated	Counterparty Risk	Long-Term	Short-Term	Subordinated	Counterparty Risk	Long-Term	Short-Term	Subordinated 1)
Bank Austria <sup>2)</sup>	А3	Baa1	P-2	Baa3	A2 / P-1	BBB+	A-2	BBB-	Α-	-	-	-
Dalik Austria		Negative				Stable				-		
Public Sector Covered Bond			Aaa	***************************************			***************************************	-			-	***************************************
   Mortgage Covered     Bond			Aaa					-			-	
 	Baa1	Baa1	P-2	Baa3	Baa1 / P-2	BBB	A-2	BB+	BBB+	BBB	F2	BB+
UniCredit S.p.A.		Negative				Stable				Stable		

(as of 12 May 2023)



<sup>1)</sup> Subordinated (Lower Tier II)

# **Austrian Real Estate Market** Overview

- 2022, the investment volume in Austria was approx. € 4.1 billion (-13% vs. previous year). Even though the forecast value of € 4.5 billion could not be realized, it is a very solid result in view of the market conditions, which continue to be impacted by economic and political uncertainties, and is still above the 10-year-average
- The focus was again on the asset classes Residential with 27%, Office with 26% and Logistics with 16% of the total investment volume
- The change in interest rate policy resulting from the high inflation rate has caused increasing restraint on the Austrian real estate market, which has intensified in the second half of 2022. Many investors have adopted a wait-and-see attitude
- The trend of rising residential real estate prices was interrupted in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2022, with prices registering a downward trend across Austria in comparison with the previous quarter for the first time in a long period (-2%). For 2022 in total, prices increased by +10.3% Austria-wide compared with the previous year 2021. Construction costs have risen by a total of about 21% since 2020
- In 2023, the Austrian economy is facing a recession. While the inflation rate is expected to stabilize again and unemployment to develop stably, an overall economic downturn is forecasted
- The **further development** of real estate prices in 2023 has to be regarded in a differentiated manner due to the noticeable rise in interest rates, the credit policy restrictions, and the Russia-Ukraine war. In **Office** real estate, the focus will be on **ESG-compliant buildings** with modern space in prime locations. In the **Retail** sector, further **optimization of space** will take place, and the **winners** will primarily be **A-locations** and **good local supply locations**. For the Austrian **Logistics** market, the **positive tendency** of 2022 **continues**, with prime yields of 4.4% at year-end (vs. 2021 +0,6%). The city **Hotel** industry is still struggling with occupancy, which remains below 2019 levels. The **trend** is towards **mixed-use buildings** (serviced apartments). The **Residential** market is impacted by **rising interest rates**, **inflation**, and the more **restrictive financing policy**. Strategic challenges such as **ESG** and **construction costs** are also influencing market activities

# Austrian Real Estate Market Prices for residential real estate

- The trend of increasing prices was interrupted in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2022, when price increases declined for the first time after a long period. After a slight increase of 0.3% in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2022, the prices nationwide fell by 2%. Higher interest rates and stricter lending guidelines for loans are likely to lead to a further flattening of real estate prices
- In 2022, compared with the previous year, in Austria (excluding Vienna) Residential property prices developed slightly stronger, at around +10.8%, than in Vienna, at around +9,7%

Source: OeNB, Technical University Vienna, Department für Raumplanung



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# Austrian Real Estate Market Investment Property Databank (IPD)

- The adjusted interest rate policy has triggered a repricing process that has led to rising yields in all asset classes, some of which are now up to 80 basis points higher than in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2021
- As long as the yields achievable with real estate are attractive in comparison with alternative investments such as government bonds, real estate will remain in demand. However, the outlook for continued interest rate increases is slowing investment appetite to a certain extent. The 1<sup>st</sup> half of 2023 will be even more tempered, but the situation is expected to improve in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of 2023
- ESG will play a more significant impact in real estate business in the future. Many investors are willing to pay a price premium for ESG-compliant properties

#### Top yields for real estate investments vs. yields for Austrian government bonds

• Office top yield in 2021 3.90%

Yield of Austrian Government Bonds (10Y)
 3.16%

Spread 0.74%



# **Austrian Covered Bond Law**Mortgage and Public Sector Covered Bonds

- On 8 July 2022, the **new Covered Bond Law** (*Pfandbriefgesetz PfandBG*) entered into force in Austria. The Covered Bond Law is based on an EU Directive, which harmonized the rules for Covered Bonds within the EU
- The Covered Bond Law offers investors in Mortgage and Public Covered Bonds a **safety net** by i.a. the following provisions:
  - The issuer has to maintain an **overcollateralization** of at least 2 % of the nominal amount of the Covered Bonds issued at all times
  - The credit institution must at any time maintain a liquidity buffer, which covers the net liquidity outflows of the respective Covered Bond Program over the next 180 days
  - Each credit institution, which issues covered bonds, is obligated to appoint an internal or external **Trustee**
  - In case of insolvency of the issuer, the assets in the Cover Pool are being separated from the rest of the assets and the holders of Public Covered Bonds or Mortgage Covered Bonds have a preferential claim on the cover assets. A special cover pool administrator will then be appointed to manage the cover pools
- Covered Bonds are declared as gilt-edged under Austrian Civil Law



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