

ERSTE STOCK EUROPE EMERGING

Jointly owned fund pursuant to the InvFG

Annual Report 2021/22

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General Information about the Investment Firm

The company	Erste Asset Management GmbH Am Belvedere 1, A-1100 Vienna Telephone: +43 05 0100-19777, fax: +43 05 0100-919777
Registered capital	EUR 2.50 million
Shareholders	Erste Group Bank AG (64.67%) Erste Bank der österreichischen Sparkassen AG (22.17%) Steiermärkische Bank und Sparkassen Aktiengesellschaft (3.30%) Tiroler Sparkasse Bankaktiengesellschaft Innsbruck (1.74%) DekaBank Deutsche Girozentrale, Frankfurt (1.65%) „Die Kärntner“ Trust-Vermögensverwaltungsgesellschaft m. b. H. & Co KG (1.65%) Salzburger Sparkasse Bank Aktiengesellschaft (1.65%) Sieben Tiroler Sparkassen Beteiligungsgesellschaft m. b. H. (1.65%) NÖ-Sparkassen Beteiligungsgesellschaft m. b. H. (0.76%) VIENNA INSURANCE GROUP AG Wiener Versicherung Gruppe (0.76%)
Supervisory Board	Rudolf SAGMEISTER (Chairman) Manfred BARTALSZKY (from 16.02.2022) Maximilian CLARY UND ALDRINGEN (from 16.02.2022) Thomas SCHAUFLER (Deputy Chairman) (until 31.10.2021) Harald GASSER Gerhard GRABNER Harald Frank GRUBER Oswald HUBER Radovan JELASITY Robert LASSHOFER (until 16.02.2022) Peter PROBER Rupert RIEDER Gabriele SEMMELROCK-WERZER Reinhard WALTTL Gerald WEBER Appointed by the Works Council: Martin CECH Regina HABERHAUER Heinrich Hubert REINER Peter RIEDERER Nicole WEINHENGST Manfred ZOUREK
Managing directors	Heinz BEDNAR Winfried BUCHBAUER Peter KARL Thomas KRAUS
Prokuristen (proxies)	Karl FREUDENSCHUSS Manfred LENTNER Günther MANDL Gerold PERMOSER Magdalena REISCHL Oliver RÖDER
State commissioners	Walter MEGNER (until 28.02.2022) Christoph SEEL (until 30.11.2021) Angelika SCHÄTZ (from 01.03.2022) Wolfgang TRISKO (until 14.05.2022)
Auditor	Ernst & Young Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft m.b.H.
Depository bank	Erste Group Bank AG

Dear Unit-holder,

We are pleased to present you the following annual report for the ERSTE STOCK EUROPE EMERGING jointly owned fund pursuant to the InvFG for the accounting year from 1 June 2021 to 31 May 2022.

The calculated value could not be determined for 27 October 2021 due to a technical problem. For this reason, the issue and redemption of unit certificates was temporarily suspended.

Due to the current political situation and the associated uncertainties regarding the fungibility of the Moscow Exchange, the last official calculated value was determined for ERSTE STOCK EUROPE EMERGING on 24 February 2022. From this point onward, the calculation of prices and the trading of unit certificates were suspended for the Fund. Because of this, an indicative calculated value was determined for the end of the accounting year, and the annual report is based on this value.

Even as the COVID-19 pandemic spreads, we are not losing sight of our responsibility to manage the assets entrusted to our care in a manner that maintains our ability to act on the capital markets and that enables us to make the best possible allocation decisions.

Modern technology also allows us to meet these obligations in full via teleworking.

Development of the Fund

Market report and portfolio orientation:

ERSTE STOCK EUROPE EMERGING employs an active investment policy. The assets are selected on a discretionary basis. The Fund is oriented towards the MSCI EM Europe 10/40 Net Total Return EUR index as a benchmark (index provider disclaimer: <https://www.erste-am.com/index-disclaimer>). The composition and performance of the Fund can deviate substantially or entirely in a positive or negative direction from that of the benchmark over the short term or long term. The discretionary power of the Management Company is not limited.

The reporting period was full of volatility, trend reversals, and disappointments for equity investors in Eastern Europe. Since the end of the Cold War, the relationship between Russia and the European Union saw rapprochement and economic cooperation, but also conflicts such as gas disputes, differing understandings of democracy, hacker attacks, and even geopolitical tensions in places such as Syria, Crimea, and Georgia. But the break in relations between Russia and the West culminated in a direct military, geopolitical, and economic conflict in Ukraine in February 2022.

Investors were directly affected by the unprecedented and far-reaching EU and United States sanctions against Russia, as well as the Russian sanctions against the EU. These sanctions targeted Russia as a state, but also Russian citizens and companies. At the time this report was completed, six packages of restrictive measures against Russia had been adopted by the EU, including a complete ban on the importation of Russian crude oil and Russian petroleum products by sea, the freezing of central bank reserves, measures affecting financial and business services, and import and export restrictions on commodities, chemicals, steel, services, transport, insurance, technology, travel, and more.

The most important sanctions for investors include the exclusion of Russian banks from the SWIFT payment system and from the international settlement processor Euroclear as well as the EU sanctions against the Russian central depository. Trading of Russian securities was suspended on European markets, including shares, bonds, ETFs, funds, and index providers.

Russia also enacted countersanctions in March. All EU Member States were designated as “unfriendly countries”, including Austria. All assets and accounts were blocked and all transactions with securities prohibited, including shares and money transfers. Trading on the Moscow Exchange was suspended for investors from the EU until further notice on 28 February 2022.

Because of these mutual sanctions, investors are not permitted to conduct any securities transactions in Russia or with Russian securities, including money transfers. The restrictions on trading Russian securities, the exclusion of some Russian banks from the SWIFT international payment system, the closure of the Moscow Exchange, and all prohibitions and restrictions also apply to ERSTE STOCK EUROPE EMERGING at present.

As of 23 February 2022, Russian shares accounted for roughly 55.8% of the fund assets. Due to the political situation, the sanctions against Russia and Russia's countersanctions against EU Member States, and the associated uncertainties regarding the fungibility of the Moscow Exchange, the last official calculated value was determined for ERSTE STOCK EUROPE EMERGING on 24 February 2022. From this point onward, the calculation of prices and the trading of unit certificates were suspended for the Fund. At present, the management cannot predict when unit certificate transactions will be resumed; notice will be given of any changes in this status. The international index provider MSCI Inc. removed all Russian shares from its international indices on 9 March 2022.

The markets were volatile from 31 May 2021 to 30 December 2021, but the equity market posted positive development. Initially, the market rose by roughly 21% (in EUR) until around the beginning of November. After a correction in November and December, the Fund closed 2021 with a plus of around 7.36% (EUR, 1 June 2021 to 30 December 2021). The calendar year was largely dominated by the lifting of the global coronavirus lockdowns. The Czech equity index delivered the best performance in this period (plus 25.5%, EUR), followed by the Russian RTS\$ (plus 7.9%, EUR) and the Hungarian BUX (plus 2.9%, EUR). The Turkish stock index lost around 9.9% (XU100, EUR) due to the depreciation of the lira. Greek shares closed 2021 unchanged for the most part (minus 0.2%, EUR).

The weighting of Russia was reduced in the third quarter of 2021, including through partial sales of Gazprom, Lukoil, Novatek, and Norilsk Nickel. Conversely, shares were purchased in the gold producers Polymetal and Polyus Gold. The Turkish names ENKA (industry), Sotkas (consumer discretionary), and Mediterra (pharmaceuticals) were eliminated from the portfolio. In Poland, Shopper was added. Further Turkish shares were sold in the fourth quarter of the year including Akbank, Coca-Cola, Index, and Turkcell. In Russia, names including Aeroflot and LSR were sold off. In the energy sector, the weightings of Gazprom, Rosneft, Novatek, and Lukoil were reduced. New names in the portfolio included Pik (real estate) and Reni Insurance (insurance). In Poland, Lotos (energy) was sold off and Cafrowy Polsat (telecoms) reduced while PKO Bank was added.

Due to the rising political risk, the management already followed a strategy of reducing positions in state-controlled Russian companies and shifting the capital into private, independent companies in 2021. This strategic portfolio orientation was continued in 2022. The cash share was increased successively. Sberbank was eliminated from the portfolio. Pick (real estate) and Reni Insurance (insurance) were also sold. MICEX (exchange) was reduced substantially while the weighting of Tinkoff was increased. In the energy sector, names including Gazprom and Lukoil were reduced while the private Novatek was bought. In consumer goods, companies including Magnit and X5 were reduced. The Romanian energy company OMV Petrom was added to the Fund.

From the beginning of 2022 to 24 February 2022, the Fund suffered a loss of around 14.79% (in EUR).

After the suspension of trading in Russian securities and the introduction of the sanctions, companies with a high level of activity in the Russian market were sold off or reduced, including OTP Bank and MOL in Hungary and Turk Sise in Turkey. By contrast, names including the Czech utility CEZ, the Polish energy group PKN, Allegro and Dino (retailers) in Poland, Kontrolmatik in Turkey, and the Slovenian NLB Bank were bought.

The Czech market delivered the best performance in the reporting period with a plus of 15.9% (PX, EUR). Turkey also closed the period with a gain of 5.7% (XU100, EUR) despite the depreciation of the lira. By contrast, the Hungarian market lost 25.7% (BUX, EUR) and Poland was down by 15.3% (WIG, EUR). The close proximity to Russia and Ukraine, dependency on energy imports, and the globally rising interest and inflation rates put pressure on the Eastern European markets.

Eastern European shares were trading at a hefty valuation discount compared with other markets. The developments in Ukraine will likely be decisive in the coming months. The restrictions on trading Russian securities, the exclusion of some Russian banks from the SWIFT international payment system, and the closure of the Moscow Exchange for international investors have far-reaching consequences for investors in the region. Accounts cannot be accessed, assets transferred, or prices calculated at this time.

The fund management is highly interested in and striving to find solutions and is in constant contact and exchange of information with the depositary bank, the supervisory authorities, and the auditor, as well as with government officials in Austria and Russia. At the end of May 2022, the Management Company filed an application with the FMA for a split off pursuant to § 65 InvFG 2011. During the split off, the illiquid assets of ERSTE STOCK EUROPE EMERGING shall be

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transferred out of ERSTE STOCK EUROPE EMERGING to a new fund (split off UCITS) for the purposes of winding down. Subject to approval by the FMA, one unit certificate of the same unit category and evidencing the same proportionate ownership of the split off UCITS shall be issued for each issued unit certificate in ERSTE STOCK EUROPE EMERGING on the date of the split off.

At the time this market commentary was prepared, no response had yet been received from the FMA on this application. If the FMA grants the requisite approval, the unit-holders will be informed of the resumption of unit certificate transactions and price calculation for ERSTE STOCK EUROPE EMERGING and the split off from ERSTE STOCK EUROPE EMERGING and winding down of the illiquid assets split off from ERSTE STOCK EUROPE EMERGING in accordance with the provisions of the InvFG 2011.

ERSTE STOCK EUROPE EMERGING generated a negative performance of 53.57% for the reporting period.

Method of Calculating the Global Exposure

Method of calculating the global exposure:	Commitment approach
Reference assets used:	-
Value at risk:	
Lowest value:	-
Average value:	-
Highest value:	-
Model used:	-
Leverage* when using the value-at-risk calculation method:	-
Leverage** according to § 4 of the 4 th Derivatives Risk Measurement and Reporting Regulation:	-

* Total nominal values of derivative instruments without taking into account offsetting and hedging (item 8.5. Schedule B InvFG 2011).

** Total derivative risk taking offsetting and hedging into account = total of the equivalent values of the underlying assets as a percentage of the fund assets.

Asset Allocation

	As of 31.05.2022	
	EUR millions	%
Equities		
BGN	0.1	0.45
EUR	3.2	11.17
PLN	7.6	26.70
ROL	0.4	1.31
RUB	2.7	9.33
CZK	2.7	9.45
TRL	4.2	14.80
HUF	2.5	8.78
USD	0.2	0.60
Transferable securities	23.6	82.58
Bank balances	5.0	17.35
Dividend entitlements	0.0	0.09
Interest entitlements	0.0	0.00
Other deferred items	-0.0	-0.02
Fund assets	28.6	100.00

Comparative Overview

Accounting year	Fund assets
2019/2020	50,194,468.18
2020/2021	65,983,288.50
2021/2022	28,595,714.59

General information about performance:

The performance of unit categories with no outstanding units at the end of the reporting period or no outstanding units during the reporting period is generally based on the dividend-adjusted performance of the overall fund. In these cases, the performance is not reported below.

When a unit category is issued during the reporting period, the performance and reinvestment are calculated from the point in time that the unit category is launched. Because of this and possible other fees and currency classes, the performance and reinvestment of this unit category differ from those of comparable unit categories.

The performance is determined assuming the reinvestment of all paid dividends and amounts at their nominal value on the day of disbursement.

Accounting year	Fund type	ISIN	Currency	Calculated value per unit	Dividend disbursement/payment	Re-investment	Development in per cent
2019/2020	Dividend-bearing units	AT0000858428	EUR	62.79	1.0000	0.0000	-10.62
2020/2021	Dividend-bearing units	AT0000858428	EUR	72.33	1.2000	0.0000	17.15
2021/2022	Dividend-bearing units	AT0000858428	EUR	33.07	0.0000	0.0000	-53.57

Accounting year	Fund type	ISIN	Currency	Calculated value per unit	Dividend disbursement/payment	Re-investment	Development in per cent
2019/2020	Non-dividend-bearing units	AT0000812938	EUR	88.34	0.0000	0.0000	-10.62
2020/2021	Non-dividend-bearing units	AT0000812938	EUR	103.49	0.0000	0.0000	17.15
2021/2022	Non-dividend-bearing units	AT0000812938	EUR	48.06	0.0000	0.0000	-53.56

Accounting year	Fund type	ISIN	Currency	Calculated value per unit	Dividend disbursement/payment	Re-investment	Development in per cent
2019/2020	Non-dividend-bearing units	AT0000A28E13	EUR	85.68	0.0992	0.4799	-14.32
2020/2021	Non-dividend-bearing units	AT0000A28E13	EUR	101.50	0.5669	3.1135	18.60
2021/2022	Non-dividend-bearing units	AT0000A28E13	EUR	47.41	0.0000	0.0000	-53.05

Accounting year	Fund type	ISIN	Currency	Calculated value per unit	Dividend disbursement/payment	Re-investment	Development in per cent
2019/2020	KESSt-exempt non-dividend-bearing units	AT0000673181	EUR	92.08	-	0.0000	-10.61
2020/2021	KESSt-exempt non-dividend-bearing units	AT0000673181	EUR	107.86	-	0.0000	17.14
2021/2022	KESSt-exempt non-dividend-bearing units	AT0000673181	EUR	50.09	-	0.0000	-53.56

Accounting year	Fund type	ISIN	Currency	Calculated value per unit	Dividend disbursement/payment	Re-investment	Development in per cent
2019/2020	KESt-exempt non-dividend-bearing units	AT0000639471	CZK	2,467.56	-	0.0000	-7.27
2020/2021	KESt-exempt non-dividend-bearing units	AT0000639471	CZK	2,744.02	-	0.0000	11.20
2021/2022	KESt-exempt non-dividend-bearing units	AT0000639471	CZK	1,238.72	-	0.0000	-54.86

Accounting year	Fund type	ISIN	Currency	Calculated value per unit	Dividend disbursement/payment	Re-investment	Development in per cent
2019/2020	KESt-exempt non-dividend-bearing units	AT0000A00G88	HUF	31,765.54	-	0.0000	-5.08
2020/2021	KESt-exempt non-dividend-bearing units	AT0000A00G88	HUF	37,445.58	-	0.0000	17.88
2021/2022	KESt-exempt non-dividend-bearing units	AT0000A00G88	HUF	19,872.78	-	0.0000	-46.93

Disbursement/Payment

The following disbursement or payment will be made for the accounting year from 1 June 2021 to 31 May 2022. The coupon-paying bank is obligated to withhold capital gains tax from this disbursement if the respective investor is not exempt from the payment of this tax.

The disbursement or payment will be effected on or after 1 September 2022 at

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and the respective bank managing the Unit-holder's securities account.

Fund type	ISIN	Currency	Dividend disbursement/payment	KESt with option declaration	KESt w/o option declaration	Re-investment
Dividend-bearing units	AT0000858428	EUR	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Non-dividend-bearing units	AT0000812938	EUR	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Non-dividend-bearing units	AT0000A28E13	EUR	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
KESt-exempt non-dividend-bearing units	AT0000673181	EUR	-	*	-	0.0000
KESt-exempt non-dividend-bearing units	AT0000639471	CZK	-	*	-	0.0000
KESt-exempt non-dividend-bearing units	AT0000A00G88	HUF	-	*	-	0.0000

* Pursuant to the penultimate sentence of § 58 (2) of the Austrian Investment Fund Act, no capital gains tax will be paid.

Income Statement and Changes in Fund Assets

1. Value Development over the Accounting Year (Fund Performance)

Calculation according to the OeKB method per unit in the unit currency not accounting for a front-end surcharge

The performance of unit categories with no outstanding units at the end of the reporting period or no outstanding units during the reporting period is generally based on the dividend-adjusted performance of the overall fund. In these cases, the "performance", the "net earnings per unit", and the "total value including (notional) units gained through disbursement/payment" are not reported in the following.

When a unit category is issued during the reporting period, the performance is calculated from the point in time that the unit category is launched. Because of this and possible other fees and currency classes, the performance of this unit category differs from that of comparable unit categories.

AT0000858428 dividend-bearing units EUR	
Unit value at the beginning of the reporting period (148,709.455 units)	72.33
Disbursement/payment on 30.08.2021 (corresponds to roughly 0.0155 units at a calculated value of 77.52)	1.2000
Unit value at the end of the reporting period (133,896.977 units)	33.07
Total value including (notional) units gained through dividend disbursement/payment	33.58
Net earnings per unit	-38.75
Value development of one unit in the period	-53.57%

AT0000812938 non-dividend-bearing units EUR	
Unit value at the beginning of the reporting period (420,953.269 units)	103.49
Disbursement/payment	0.0000
Unit value at the end of the reporting period (394,065.067 units)	48.06
Total value including (notional) units gained through dividend disbursement/payment	48.06
Net earnings per unit	-55.43
Value development of one unit in the period	-53.56%

AT0000A28E13 non-dividend-bearing units EUR	
Unit value at the beginning of the reporting period (77.309 units)	101.50
Disbursement/payment on 30.08.2021 (corresponds to roughly 0.0051 units at a calculated value of 110.26)	0.5669
Unit value at the end of the reporting period (105.033 units)	47.41
Total value including (notional) units gained through dividend disbursement/payment	47.65
Net earnings per unit	-53.85
Value development of one unit in the period	-53.05%

AT0000673181 KEST-exempt non-dividend-bearing units EUR	
Unit value at the beginning of the reporting period (82,146.239 units)	107.86
Disbursement/payment	0.0000
Unit value at the end of the reporting period (75,273.644 units)	50.09
Total value including (notional) units gained through dividend disbursement/payment	50.09
Net earnings per unit	-57.77
Value development of one unit in the period	-53.56%

AT0000639471 KES-exempt non-dividend-bearing units CZK	
Unit value at the beginning of the reporting period (22,790.176 units)	2,744.02
Disbursement/payment	0.0000
Unit value at the end of the reporting period (21,571.507 units)	1,238.72
Total value including (notional) units gained through dividend disbursement/payment	1,238.72
Net earnings per unit	-1,505.30
Value development of one unit in the period	-54.86%

AT0000A00G88 KES-exempt non-dividend-bearing units HUF	
Unit value at the beginning of the reporting period (3,102.628 units)	37,445.58
Disbursement/payment	0.0000
Unit value at the end of the reporting period (7,400.017 units)	19,872.78
Total value including (notional) units gained through dividend disbursement/payment	19,872.78
Net earnings per unit	-17,572.80
Value development of one unit in the period	-46.93%

2. Fund Result

a. Realised fund result

Ordinary fund result

Income (without profit or loss from price changes)

Interest income (excluding income adjustment) 886.16

Dividend income 2,590,606.50

Other income 8) 0.00

Total income (without profit or loss from price changes) 2,591,492.66

Interest paid - 14,843.31

Expenses

Fees paid to Investment Firm - 1,004,184.95

Costs for the financial auditor and tax consultation - 4,479.00

Publication costs - 49,976.82

Securities account fees - 31,799.08

Depository bank fees - 80,334.62

Costs for the external consultant 0.00

Performance fee -

Total expenses - 1,170,774.47

Compensation for management costs from sub-funds 1) 0.00

Ordinary fund result (excluding income adjustment) 1,405,874.88

Realised profit or loss from price changes 2) 3)

Realised gains 4) 3,322,582.97

Realised losses 5) - 9,852,157.24

Realised profit or loss from price changes (excluding income adjustment) - 6,529,574.27

Realised fund result (excluding income adjustment) - 5,123,699.39

b. Unrealised profit or loss from price changes 2) 3)

Changes in the unrealised profit or loss from price changes 7) - 27,200,390.99

Result for the reporting period 6) - 32,324,090.38

c. Income adjustment

Income adjustment for income in the period - 182,976.16

Income adjustment for profit carried forward from dividend-bearing units 0.00

Overall fund result - 32,507,066.54

3. Changes in Fund Assets

Fund assets at the beginning of the reporting period	65,983,288.50
Disbursement/payment in the accounting year	- 175,257.13
Issue and redemption of units	- 4,705,250.24
Overall fund result	
(The fund result is shown in detail under item 2.)	- 32,507,066.54
Fund assets at the end of the reporting period	<u>28,595,714.59</u>

- 1) Reimbursements (in the sense of commissions) paid by third parties are forwarded to the fund after deduction of appropriate costs. Erste Bank der oesterreichischen Sparkassen AG receives 25% of the calculated commissions to cover administrative costs.
- 2) Realised profits and losses are not calculated precisely for the specific periods, which means that they, as is the case for the changes in the unrealised profit or loss, are not necessarily congruent with the changes in the value of the fund in the accounting year.
- 3) Total profit or loss from price changes without income adjustment (realised profit or loss from price changes, without income adjustment, plus changes in the unrealised profit or loss): EUR -33,729,965.26.
- 4) Thereof profits from transactions with derivative financial instruments: EUR 129.02.
- 5) Thereof losses from transactions with derivative financial instruments: EUR 0.00.
- 6) The result for the accounting year includes explicitly reported transaction costs in the amount of EUR 36,130.39.
- 7) Thereof changes in unrealised gains EUR -8,102,228.46 and unrealised losses EUR -19,098,162.53.
- 8) The earnings reported under this item can be attributed to lending fees from securities lending transactions conducted with Erste Group Bank AG in the amount of EUR 0.00, to earnings from real estate funds in the amount of EUR 0.00, and to other earnings in the amount of EUR 0.00.

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as of 31 May 2022

(including changes in securities assets from 1 June 2021 to 31 May 2022)

Security designation	ISIN number	Purch./ additions Units/nominal (nom. in 1,000, rounded)	Sales/ disposals	Holding	Price	Value in EUR	% share of fund assets
Publicly traded securities							
Equities denominated in BGN							
Issue country Bulgaria							
FIRST INVEST.BK AD SO.BW1	BG1100106050	0	0	117,000	2.140	128,012.68	0.45
Total issue country Bulgaria						128,012.68	0.45
Total equities denominated in BGN translated at a rate of 1.95590						128,012.68	0.45
Equities denominated in EUR							
Issue country Greece							
EUROBANK ERGASIAS EO-.22	GRS323003012	200,000	0	200,000	1.043	208,500.00	0.73
HELLENIC TELECOM. REG.	GRS260333000	0	10,000	20,000	17.690	353,800.00	1.24
MOTOR OIL (HELL.) EO 0.75	GRS426003000	10,000	0	50,000	16.370	818,500.00	2.86
NATL BK GREECE REG.EO 1	GRS003003035	0	0	300,000	3.543	1,062,900.00	3.72
Total issue country Greece						2,443,700.00	8.55
Total equities denominated in EUR						2,443,700.00	8.55
Equities denominated in PLN							
Issue country Poland							
GETBACK S.A. ZY -.05	PLGTBCK00297	0	0	132,200	0.000	0.00	0.00
Total issue country Poland						0.00	0.00
Total equities denominated in PLN translated at a rate of 4.58100						0.00	0.00
Equities denominated in RUB							
Issue country Russia							
AKTSION.KOM.ALROSA RL0.50	RU0007252813 *	90,000	0	1,050,000	8.600	133,799.98	0.47
GAZPROM RL 5	RU0007661625 *	90,000	890,000	1,410,000	23.800	497,238.06	1.74
LUKOIL RL-.025	RU0009024277 *	5,000	16,500	74,000	515.350	565,070.06	1.98
MAGNIT PJSC RL-.01	RU000A0JKQU8 *	10,000	5,000	19,000	310.000	87,273.74	0.31
MMC NORILSK NICK.PJSC RL1	RU0007288411 *	0	2,700	12,300	2,000.000	364,504.93	1.27
MOBILE TELESYSTEMS RL-.10	RU0007775219 *	0	0	200,000	23.500	69,641.18	0.24
MOSCOW EXCH.MICEX-RTS RL1	RU000A0JR4A1 *	0	100,000	300,000	9.937	44,171.77	0.15
NOVATEK RL 0.10	RU000A0DKVS5 *	25,000	65,000	180,000	126.900	338,456.16	1.18
NOVOLIPETSKIY MET. RL 1	RU0009046452 *	50,000	0	50,000	18.750	13,891.19	0.05
POLYUS PJSC RL 1	RU000A0JNAA8 *	1,500	0	10,000	1,112.400	164,827.35	0.58
SEVERSTAL RL-.01	RU0009046510 *	10,000	10,000	40,000	141.000	83,569.42	0.29
TATNEFT PJSC RL 1	RU0009033591 *	55,000	0	55,000	37.490	30,552.48	0.11
UNIT.CO.RUSAL RL -.656517	RU000A1025V3 *	300,000	0	300,000	6.230	27,693.48	0.10
Total issue country Russia						2,420,689.80	8.47
Total equities denominated in RUB translated at a rate of 67.48880						2,420,689.80	8.47

Security designation	ISIN number	Purch./ additions Units/nominal (nom. in 1,000, rounded)	Sales/ disposals	Holding	Price	Value in EUR	% share of fund assets
Equities denominated in TRL							
Issue country Turkey							
ARCELIK A.S. REG TN 1	TRAARCLK91H5	0	0	80,000	77.850	354,833.38	1.24
BIM BIRLESIK MAGAZALAR AS	TREBIMM00018	0	0	60,000	82.500	282,020.75	0.99
ENERJISA ENERJI TN -.01	TREENSA00014	0	0	125,000	14.800	105,401.69	0.37
EREGLI DEM.CEL. REG. TN 1	TRAEREGL91G3	0	0	350,000	34.200	681,977.45	2.38
FORD OTOMOTIV SANAYI TN 1	TRAOTOSN91H6	0	0	15,000	309.600	264,586.74	0.93
HACI OMER SABANCI TN 1	TRASAHOL91Q5	0	200,000	330,000	21.220	398,965.35	1.40
KOC HLDG NA TN 1	TRAKCHOL91Q8	100,000	0	170,000	40.980	396,914.29	1.39
KONT.TEKN.EN.VE MUE.TN 1	TREKNTR00013	80,000	20,000	60,000	147.000	502,509.70	1.76
TAV HAVALIMAN.HLDG TN 1	TRETAVH00018	0	0	40,000	45.780	104,330.59	0.36
TUERK.PETROL RAFI. TN 1	TRATUPRS91E8	0	0	40,000	271.100	617,824.85	2.16
TUERKIYE GAR.BANK.REG.TN1	TRAGARAN91N1	0	1,435,000	300,000	14.550	248,691.02	0.87
TURKCELL ILETISIM TN 1	TRATCELL91M1	0	120,000	250,000	19.340	275,468.75	0.96
Total issue country Turkey						4,233,524.56	14.80
Total equities denominated in TRL translated at a rate of 17.55190						4,233,524.56	14.80
Equities denominated in HUF							
Issue country Hungary							
MOL NYRT. NA A UF 125	HU0000153937	0	20,000	180,000	2,658.000	1,205,442.18	4.22
OTP BANK NYRT.	HU0000061726	0	15,000	30,000	8,818.000	666,515.50	2.33
RICHT.GEDE.VEG.GYAR UF100	HU0000123096	0	10,000	35,000	7,235.000	638,007.05	2.23
Total issue country Hungary						2,509,964.73	8.78
Total equities denominated in HUF translated at a rate of 396.90000						2,509,964.73	8.78
Equities denominated in USD							
Issue country Russia							
SURGUTNEFTEGAS PJSC VZ	RU0009029524 *	0	0	1,500,000	0.050	70,455.54	0.25
TATNEFT PJSC RL 1	RU0009033591 *	0	25,000	180,000	0.595	99,989.94	0.35
Total issue country Russia						170,445.48	0.60
Total equities denominated in USD translated at a rate of 1.07125						170,445.48	0.60
Total publicly traded securities						11,906,337.25	41.64
Securities admitted to organised markets							
Equities denominated in EUR							
Issue country Slovenia							
NOVA LJUBLJ.BK GDR REG.S	US66980N2036	15,000	0	57,000	13.150	749,550.00	2.62
Total issue country Slovenia						749,550.00	2.62
Total equities denominated in EUR						749,550.00	2.62

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Security designation	ISIN number	Purch./ additions Units/nominal (nom. in 1,000, rounded)	Sales/ disposals	Holding	Price	Value in EUR	% share of fund assets
Equities denominated in PLN							
Issue country Luxembourg							
ALLEGRO.EU ZY -.01	LU2237380790	40,000	0	40,000	25.110	219,253.44	0.77
Total issue country Luxembourg						219,253.44	0.77
Issue country Poland							
BANK POLSKA KASA OP. ZY 1	PLPEKA000016	6,000	0	76,000	93.240	1,546,876.23	5.41
CYFROWY POLSAT SA ZY -.04	PLCFRPT00013	0	110,000	65,000	22.440	318,402.10	1.11
DINO POLSKA S.A. ZY -.10	PLDINPL00011	2,600	0	7,600	299.100	496,214.80	1.74
EUROCASH S.A. CLA ZY 1	PLEURCH00011	0	0	80,000	11.100	193,844.14	0.68
KGHM POLSKA MIEDZ ZY 10	PLKGHM000017	0	0	45,000	145.550	1,429,764.24	5.00
PKN ORLEN S.A. ZY 1.25	PLPKN0000018	30,000	0	30,000	73.900	483,955.47	1.69
PKO BANK POLSKI S.A. ZY 1	PLPKO0000016	65,000	0	215,000	31.880	1,496,223.53	5.23
POWSZECHNY ZAKLAD UBEZP.	PLPZU0000011	0	20,000	200,000	32.380	1,413,665.14	4.94
SHOPER SPOL.A.A-C ZY 0.10	PLSHPR000021	5,000	0	5,000	35.000	38,201.27	0.13
Total issue country Poland						7,417,146.92	25.94
Total equities denominated in PLN translated at a rate of 4.58100						7,636,400.36	26.70
Equities denominated in ROL							
Issue country Romania							
OMV PETROM S.A.NAM.LN-.10	ROSNPPACNOR9	4,000,000	0	4,000,000	0.464	375,374.16	1.31
Total issue country Romania						375,374.16	1.31
Total equities denominated in ROL translated at a rate of 4.94440						375,374.16	1.31
Equities denominated in RUB							
Issue country Jersey							
POLYMETAL INTL PLC	JE00B6T5S470 *	45,000	0	60,000	89.540	79,604.32	0.28
Total issue country Jersey						79,604.32	0.28
Issue country Netherlands							
YANDEX N.V. CLA DL -.01	NL0009805522 *	19,000	18,000	50,000	193.000	142,986.69	0.50
Total issue country Netherlands						142,986.69	0.50
Issue country British Virgin Islands							
VK CO. LTD. GDR REG S	US5603172082 *	15,000	0	15,000	30.000	6,667.77	0.02
Total issue country British Virgin Islands						6,667.77	0.02
Issue country Cyprus							
SOFTLINE HLDG SP.GDR REGS	US83407L2079 *	45,000	0	45,000	26.480	17,656.26	0.06
Total issue country Cyprus						17,656.26	0.06
Total equities denominated in RUB translated at a rate of 67.48880						246,915.04	0.86

Security designation	ISIN number	Purch./ additions	Sales/ disposals	Holding Units/nominal (nom. in 1,000, rounded)	Price	Value in EUR	% share of fund assets
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Equities denominated in CZK**Issue country Czechia**

CEZ AS BEARER KC 100	CZ0005112300	15,000	0	35,000	1,121.000	1,586,534.57	5.55
KOMERCNI BANKA BEARER KC100	CZ0008019106	0	0	31,000	716.000	897,533.36	3.14
MONETA MONEY BANK KC 20	CZ0008040318	0	30,000	70,000	76.600	216,821.67	0.76
Total issue country Czechia						2,700,889.60	9.45
Total equities denominated in CZK translated at a rate of 24.73000						2,700,889.60	9.45
Total securities admitted to organised markets						11,709,129.16	40.95

Unlisted securities**Equities denominated in EUR****Issue country Slovakia**

SLOVENSKE LOD. BEARER.SN1000	CS0005050954	0	0	1,266	0.000	0.00	0.00
Total issue country Slovakia						0.00	0.00
Total equities denominated in EUR						0.00	0.00
Total unlisted securities						0.00	0.00

Breakdown of fund assets

Securities	23,615,466.41	82.58
Bank balances 1)	4,960,791.81	17.35
Dividend entitlements	26,207.43	0.09
Interest entitlements	57.87	0.00
Other deferred items	-6,808.93	-0.02
Fund assets	28,595,714.59	100.00

Investor note:

The values of assets in illiquid markets may deviate from their actual selling prices.

Dividend-bearing units outstanding	AT0000858428	units	133,896.977
Value of dividend-bearing unit	AT0000858428	EUR	33.07
Non-dividend-bearing units outstanding	AT0000812938	units	394,065.067
Value of non-dividend-bearing unit	AT0000812938	EUR	48.06
Non-dividend-bearing units outstanding	AT0000A28E13	units	105.033
Value of non-dividend-bearing unit	AT0000A28E13	EUR	47.41
KEST-exempt non-dividend-bearing units outstanding	AT0000673181	units	75,273.644
Value of KEST-exempt non-dividend-bearing unit	AT0000673181	EUR	50.09
KEST-exempt non-dividend-bearing units outstanding	AT0000639471	units	21,571.507
Value of KEST-exempt non-dividend-bearing unit	AT0000639471	CZK	1,238.72
KEST-exempt non-dividend-bearing units outstanding	AT0000A00G88	units	7,400.017
Value of KEST-exempt non-dividend-bearing unit	AT0000A00G88	HUF	19,872.78

- 1) For unsettled transactions, EAM applied a haircut in the NAV-relevant valuation. This haircut is 90% for transactions with the counterparty VTB Capital and 50% for transactions with all other counterparties. It has not been possible to close these sales to date due to the fact that no financial transactions can be delivered through the central Russian depository (NSD) at present. NSD blocked the securities accounts of foreign investors as of 28 February 2022. Because it is impossible to predict if or when the sales transactions in question will be cleared due to the continuing difficult geopolitical situation, a haircut was applied to the NAV-relevant valuation of the unsettled transactions. This haircut is recognised as an impaired receivable in the bank assets. VTB Capital is a subsidiary of the Russian bank VTB, which is Russia's second-largest bank and in which the government holds a 92% stake. According to our information and media reports (e.g. Financial Times, International Financial Review, The Guardian), the UK has imposed sanctions against VTB Capital, its membership in the LSE has been suspended, and VTB Capital must exit the UK. In any case, the Ukraine crisis is having massive effects on the financial position of VTB Capital.
- * As market participants in the EU are unable to trade Russian shares on the Moscow exchange at present, EAM decided to apply a haircut of 90% to Russian shares with stale prices. The haircut was calculated using the listed prices on the last date on which trading was possible for market participants from the EU. The haircut of 90% was based on observations of the development of the ETFs and ADRs/GDRs.

The Fund is not permitted to engage in repurchase agreements pursuant to Regulation (EU) No. 2015/2365 (Regulation on Transparency of Securities Financing Transactions and of Reuse). For this reason, repurchase agreements were not employed.

No total return swaps pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2015/2365 (Regulation on Transparency of Securities Financing Transactions and of Reuse) were concluded for the Fund during the reporting period.

The Fund is permitted to engage in securities lending agreements pursuant to Regulation (EU) No. 2015/2365 (Regulation on Transparency of Securities Financing Transactions and of Reuse) according to the fund rules. No securities lending transactions took place during the reporting period.

Explanation on disclosure pursuant to Delegated Regulation (EU) No. 2016/2251 supplementing Regulation (EU) No. 648/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council on OTC derivatives, central counterparties, and trade repositories with regard to regulatory technical standards for risk-mitigation techniques for OTC derivative contracts not cleared by a central counterparty:

All OTC derivatives are traded through Erste Group Bank AG.

In the event of negative derivatives exposure, collateral in the form of cash or bonds is pledged to Erste Group Bank AG in accordance with the contractually agreed threshold.

In the event of positive derivatives exposure, EUR-denominated government bonds from the Republic of Austria and/or the Federal Republic of Germany are pledged by Erste Group Bank AG to the Fund in accordance with the contractually agreed threshold. A one-time discount of 4% is agreed with the counterparty for this collateral. Collateral that would require a higher discount pursuant to Annex II to Delegated Regulation (EU) No. 2016/2251 is not accepted.

Purchases and sales of transferable securities in the reporting period not listed in the statement of assets and liabilities

Security designation	ISIN number	Purch./ additions Units/nominal (nom. in 1,000, rounded)	Sales/ disposals
Publicly traded securities			
Equities denominated in RUB			
Issue country Russia			
AEROFLOT-RUSS.AIRLINE.RL1	RU0009062285	0	470,000
PIK-SP.HOMEBUIL. RL 62.50	RU000A0JP7J7	34,286	34,286

Security designation	ISIN number	Purch./ additions Units/nominal (nom. in 1,000, rounded)	Sales/ disposals
RENAISSANCE INSUR. RL-.01	RU000A0ZZM04	200,000	200,000
ROSNEFT OIL CO. RL-.01	RU000A0J2Q06	40,000	530,000
SBERBANK OF RU. RL 2	RU0009029540	0	1,050,000
SBERBANK PFD RL 3	RU0009029557	100,000	650,000

Equities denominated in TRY**Issue country Turkey**

AKBANK T.A.S. TN 1	TRAAKBNK91N6	0	950,000
AKIS GAYRIM. YAT. ORTAK.	TREAIGY00017	0	725,617
COCA COLA ICECEK C TN 1	TRECOLA00011	0	55,000
ENKA INSAAT VE SAN. TN 1	TREENKA00011	0	156,530
ESCAR FILO KIRALAMA TN 1	TREESCR00029	240,000	240,000
GEN I.V.S.U.S.V.T.AS TN1	TREGENLO0024	300,000	300,000
INDEKS BIL.SI.M.S. TN 1	TREINDX00019	0	600,000
MEDITERA TIBBI MALZEME 1	TREMDTR00028	50,000	50,000
SOKTAS PAMUK V.T.U. TN 1	TRASKTAS91B5	0	600,000
TUERKIYE SISE REG. TN 1	TRASISEW91Q3	0	347,991
TURKIYE VAKIFLAR BANK.	TREVKFB00019	0	300,000

Equities denominated in USD**Issue country Russia**

LSR GROUP PAO GDR S/5	US50218G2066	0	150,000
MAGNIT PJSC RL-.01	RU000A0JKQU8	0	8,000

Securities admitted to organised markets**Equities denominated in PLN****Issue country Poland**

GRUPA LOTOS S.A. ZY 1	PLLOTOS00025	0	55,000
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Equities denominated in RUB**Issue country Cyprus**

TCS GROUP HOL.GDR REG S 1	US87238U2033	15,000	15,000
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Security designation	ISIN number	Purch./ additions Units/nominal (nom. in 1,000, rounded)	Sales/ disposals
Equities denominated in USD			
Issue country Netherlands			
X 5 RETAIL G.GDR REGS 1/4	US98387E2054	0	19,000
Issue country British Virgin Islands			
VK CO. LTD. GDR REG S	US5603172082	0	10,000
Unlisted securities			
Equities denominated in TRL			
Issue country Turkey			
SOKTAS PAMUK V.T.U.-RIGHTS-	TRRSKTS00061	600,000	600,000

Vienna, 1 August 2022

Erste Asset Management GmbH
Electronically signed

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Note: This document was signed with two qualified electronic signatures. A qualified electronic signature has the same legal effect as a hand-written signature (Article 25 of Regulation [EU] No 910/2014 [eIDAS Regulation]).

Remuneration Policy

Remuneration paid to employees of Erste Asset Management GmbH in EUR (2020 financial year of Erste Asset Management GmbH)

No investment success bonuses are paid, and no other amounts are paid directly from the investment funds.

Number of employees as of 31.12.20	252
Number of risk bearers in 2020	130
Fixed remuneration	19,145,955
Variable remuneration (bonuses)	5,353,596
Total employee remuneration	24,499,551
Thereof remuneration for managing directors	1,067,602
Thereof remuneration for managerial risk bearers	3,957,611
Thereof remuneration for risk bearers with control functions*	1,411,721
Thereof remuneration for other risk bearers	7,875,864
Thereof remuneration for employees in the same income bracket as managers and risk bearers due to the amount of their total remuneration	0
Total remuneration for risk bearers	14,312,798

* Includes the Head of Compliance

Principles governing performance-based remuneration components

The Management Company has adopted remuneration principles to prevent possible conflicts of interest and to ensure compliance with the standard rules of conduct when awarding remuneration to relevant persons.

Fixed salary components make up a large enough share of the total remuneration of all employees of the Management Company that a variable remuneration policy can be applied on an individualised basis.

The total remuneration (fixed and variable components) is governed by the principle of balance and is linked to sustainability so that the acceptance of excessive risks is not rewarded. Therefore, the variable remuneration forms no more than a balanced portion of the total remuneration awarded to an employee.

The performance-based remuneration components serve the short-term and long-term interests of the Management Company and contribute to preventing risky behaviour. The performance-based remuneration components take into account individual performance as well as the profitability of the Management Company.

The size of the bonus pool is calculated based on the bonus potential that can be applied to the different employee categories. Bonus potential is a percentage of the fixed annual gross remuneration. The bonus potential can be no more than 100% of the fixed annual gross remuneration. The bonus pool is adjusted depending on the success of the Management Company. The personal bonus is linked to individual performance. The total of personal bonuses is limited by the size of the bonus pool after deduction of penalties.

The performance-based payments are capped at 100% of the annual gross remuneration for all employees, including the material risk bearers (according to the definition in the remuneration policy) and managing directors of the Management Company.

The remuneration system is made up of three components:

- 1) Fixed remuneration
- 2) Variable remuneration
- 3) Fringe benefits

The bonus potential is based on the fixed annual gross remuneration. The target agreements concluded with the employees contain qualitative and/or quantitative objectives. The payment of performance-based remuneration components is subject to a minimum profitability level for the Management Company and to performance targets.

Sixty per cent of the performance-based remuneration components are paid immediately; for employees who are involved directly in fund and portfolio management, 50% of this is paid immediately in cash and 50% is paid one year later in the form of non-cash instruments. The remaining 40% of the performance-based remuneration components are retained and paid out over a period of three years, with 50% of this also being paid in cash and 50% in the form of non-cash instruments for employees who are involved directly in fund and portfolio management. The non-cash instruments can consist of units in an investment fund that is administered by the Management Company, equivalent holdings or instruments linked to units, or equivalent non-cash instruments. Based on the principle of proportionality, the Management Company has set a materiality threshold below which there is no incentive to enter into inappropriate risks, for which reason there is no need to make delayed payment or payment in the form of a non-cash instrument. Other non-cash benefits are fringe benefits that are not associated with performance but with a specific position (e.g. company car) or that apply for all employees (e.g. holiday).

The Supervisory Board of the Management Company has set up a Remuneration Committee to ensure that the remuneration policy and its application are independently assessed. This committee consists of the following persons: Rudolf Sagmeister, Harald Gasser (remuneration expert), and Heinrich Hubert Reiner.

The complete remuneration policy of the Management Company can be viewed at http://www.erste-am.at/de/private_anleger/wer-sind-wir/investmentprozess.

The last audit of compliance with the requirements of the remuneration policy by the Supervisory Board on 7 April 2021 revealed no deviations. There were also no material findings during the last audit by the Internal Auditing department.

No material changes were made to the remuneration policy during the past accounting year.

Audit Report*

Statement on the annual report

Audit opinion

We have audited the annual report prepared by Erste Asset Management GmbH, Vienna, for the fund under its management

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consisting of the statement of assets and liabilities as of 31 May 2022, the income statement for the accounting year ending on this date, and the other information specified in Annex I Schedule B of the Austrian Investment Fund Act 2011 (InvFG 2011).

Based on the findings of our audit, we believe that the annual report satisfies the legal requirements and provides a true and fair view of the assets and financial position as of 31 May 2022 and of the earnings position of the fund for the accounting year ending on this date in accordance with Austrian commercial law and the provisions of the InvFG 2011.

Basis for the audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with § 49 (5) InvFG 2011 and in accordance with the Austrian principles of good auditing. These principles require the application of the International Standards on Auditing (ISA). Our responsibilities under these regulations and standards are described in the section “Responsibilities of the auditor in auditing the annual report” of our audit report. We are independent from the company as specified by the Austrian commercial and industry regulations and fulfilled our other professional obligations in accordance with these requirements. We feel that the audit evidence that we obtained up to the date of the audit certificate is sufficient and suitable to serve as a basis for our audit opinion as of that date.

Emphasis of a matter

We make express note of the disclosure provided by the management on page 4 of the annual report, in which the management indicates that the last official calculated value was determined on 24 February 2022 due to the current political situation and the associated uncertainties regarding the fungibility of the Moscow Exchange. From this point onward, the calculation of prices and the trading of unit certificates was suspended for the Fund. Thus, an indicative calculated value as determined on the reference date. Our audit opinion is not modified with regard to this matter.

Other information

The legal representatives are responsible for the other information. The other information includes all information in the annual report except for the statement of assets and liabilities, the income statement, the other information specified in Annex I Schedule B of the InvFG 2011, and the audit report.

Our audit opinion does not cover this other information, and we provide no assurance whatsoever for this other information.

In the context of our review of the annual report, we are responsible for reading this other information and assessing whether the other information contains material inconsistencies with the annual report or with the information gathered by us during our audit, or appears to contain other manners of material misstatements.

Should we come to the conclusion on the basis of the work completed with the other information received before the date of the audit report that this other information contains a material misstatement, we are required to report about this fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Management and supervisory board responsibilities relating to the annual report

The legal representatives are responsible for preparing the annual report and for ensuring that this report provides a true and fair view of the assets and financial and earnings position of the fund in accordance with Austrian commercial law and the provisions of the InvFG 2011. The legal representatives are also responsible for implementing the internal controls that they deem necessary to facilitate the preparation of an annual report that is free from material misstatements due to error or fraud.

The supervisory board is responsible for monitoring the accounting process of the company as it applies to the fund under its management.

Responsibilities of the auditor in auditing the annual report

Our goals are to ascertain with sufficient certainty whether the annual report contains material misstatements due to error or fraud and to issue an audit certificate that includes our audit opinion. Sufficient certainty is a high degree of certainty but no guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Austrian standards on good auditing, which require the application of the ISA, will always discover material misstatements that may be present. Misstatements can result from fraud or errors and are considered to be material when it can be reasonably expected that individual misstatements or a combination of misstatements can influence economic decisions made by readers on the basis of this annual report.

As part of an audit conducted in accordance with the Austrian standards on good auditing, which require the application of the ISA, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism during the entire audit process.

In addition:

- We identify and assess the risks of material misstatements in the annual report due to error or fraud, plan audit steps in response to these risks, perform the planned audit steps, and collect audit evidence that is sufficient and suitable to form a basis for our audit opinion. The risk that a material misstatement resulting from fraud will remain undiscovered is greater than for misstatements resulting from error because fraudulent activity can include collusion, the falsification of documents, intentional incomplete or misleading representations, and the circumvention of internal controls.
- We familiarise ourselves with the internal control systems that are relevant for the audit to plan audit steps that are appropriate under the specific circumstances, but not so as to state an opinion on the effectiveness of the company's internal control system.

- We assess the appropriateness of the accounting methods applied by the legal representatives and the reasonableness of the estimates made by the legal representatives in the accounts and of the associated information.
- We assess the overall presentation, the structure, and the content of the annual report including the figures as well as whether the annual report depicts the underlying transactions and events in a manner that provides a true and fair view.
- We discuss the planned scope and scheduling of the audit and any material audit findings, including material defects that we discover in the internal control system during our audit, with the supervisory board, among other issues.

Vienna, 19 August 2022

Ernst & Young

Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft m.b.H.

Mag. Andrea Stippl m.p.
(Certified Public
Accountant)

ppa MMag. Roland Unterweger m.p.
(Certified Public Accountant)

- * In the case of the publication or dissemination of the annual report in a form that deviates from the confirmed (unabridged German) version (e.g. an abridged version or translation), reference may not be made to the audit report or our audit without our approval.

Annex Sustainability-Related Information

Information pursuant to Article 7 of Regulation (EU) 2020/852 (Taxonomy Regulation):

The underlying investments of this financial product do not take the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activity into account.

Fund Rules

The Fund Rules for ERSTE STOCK EUROPE EMERGING, jointly owned fund pursuant to the Austrian Investment Fund Act (Investmentfondsgesetz; InvFG) 2011 as amended, were approved by the Austrian Financial Market Authority (FMA).

The Fund is an undertaking for collective investment in transferable securities (UCITS) and is managed by Erste Asset Management GmbH (the "Management Company" in the following), which has its registered office in Vienna.

Article 1 Fund Units

The joint ownership of the fund assets is evidenced by certificates having the characteristics of a bearer unit.

The unit certificates are depicted in separate global certificates for each unit category. For this reason, individual unit certificates cannot be issued.

Article 2 Depositary Bank (Depositary)

The depositary bank (depositary) appointed for the Fund is Erste Group Bank AG, Vienna.

The payment offices for unit certificates are the depositary bank (depositary) and any other payment offices named in the prospectus.

Article 3 Investment Instruments and Principles

The following assets may be selected for the Fund in accordance with the InvFG.

The Fund invests predominantly, in other words at least 51% of its assets, in equities from issuers the majority of which have their registered office or the focus of their business activities in the Baltic region, eastern Central Europe (including Austria), Southeastern Europe, the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS, successor states to the Soviet Union), and Turkey, in the form of directly purchased individual instruments, in other words not indirectly or directly through investment funds or through derivatives.

The Fund may also invest in stocks from issuers registered in or having business interests in the Middle East and Africa.

The Fund employs an active investment policy. The assets are selected on a discretionary basis. The Fund is oriented towards a benchmark (more information can be found in section 12 of the prospectus). The composition and performance of the Fund can deviate substantially or entirely in a positive or negative direction from that of the benchmark over the short term or long term. The discretionary power of the Management Company is not limited.

The fund assets are invested in the following instruments in accordance with the investment focus described above.

The Fund may invest in units in investment funds with investment restrictions that deviate from those of the fund in terms of the investment focus described above and the restrictions regarding investment instruments defined below. This will not impair compliance with the investment focus described above at any time.

a) Transferable securities

Transferable securities (including securities with embedded derivative financial instruments) comprise at least 51% of the fund assets.

b) Money market instruments

Money market instruments may comprise up to 49% of the fund assets.

c) Transferable securities and money market instruments

The Fund may purchase transferable securities and money market instruments that are not fully paid up as well as subscription rights for these types of instruments and other financial instruments that are not fully paid up amounting to a maximum of 10% of the fund assets.

Transferable securities and money market instruments may be purchased for the Fund when they meet the criteria regarding listing or trading on a regulated market or a securities exchange pursuant to the InvFG.

Transferable securities and money market instruments that do not meet the criteria described in the previous paragraph may comprise up to 10% of the fund assets in total.

d) Units in investment funds

Units in investment funds (UCITS, UCI) may comprise up to 10% of the fund assets per individual issue and may comprise up to 10% in aggregate total, provided that the target funds themselves (UCITS or UCI) do not invest more than 10% of their fund assets in units of other investment funds.

e) Derivative financial instruments

Derivative financial instruments can be used as part of the investment strategy and for hedging purposes, and may comprise up to 49% of the fund assets.

f) Risk measurement method(s) of the Fund

The Fund applies the following risk measurement methods: commitment approach

The commitment value is determined according to § 3 of the 4th FMA Regulation on Risk Calculation and Reporting of Derivative Instruments (4. Derivate-Risikoberechnungs- und MeldeV) as amended.

g) Demand deposits or deposits with the right to be withdrawn

Demand deposits and deposits with the right to be withdrawn with a maximum term of 12 months may comprise up to 49% of the fund assets.

There are no minimum bank balance requirements.

However, in the course of the restructuring of the fund portfolio and/or in the case of the justified expectation of impending losses experienced by transferable securities, the Fund can hold a proportion of transferable securities below the specified limit and a higher proportion of demand deposits or deposits with the right to be withdrawn with a maximum term of 12 months.

h) Acceptance of short-term loans

The Management Company may accept short-term loans for the account of the Fund up to an amount of 10% of the total fund assets.

i) Repurchase agreements

Does not apply.

j) Securities lending

Securities lending transactions may comprise up to 30% of the fund assets.

Investment instruments may only be purchased for the entire Fund and not for individual unit categories or groups of unit categories.

This does not apply to currency hedging transactions, however. Such transactions can also be concluded solely for a single unit category. Expenses and income resulting from currency hedging transactions shall be allocated solely to the respective unit category.

Article 4 Issue and Redemption Procedure

The unit value shall be calculated in the currency of the respective unit category.

The unit value is calculated at the same time as the issue and redemption price.

Issue of units and front-end surcharge

The issue price will be calculated and units issued on each Austrian exchange trading day with the exception of bank holidays.

The issue price shall be made up of the unit value plus a surcharge per unit amounting to up to 5.00% to cover the costs incurred by the Management Company in issuing the unit, rounded up to the next equivalent sub-unit of the currency unit specified for the respective unit category in the prospectus.

The Management Company shall be entitled to apply a sliding front-end surcharge scale at its own discretion. There is no limit on the issue of units in principle. However, the Management Company reserves the right to temporarily or permanently suspend the issue of unit certificates.

Redemption of units and back-end commission

The redemption price will be calculated and units redeemed on each Austrian exchange trading day with the exception of bank holidays.

The redemption price is the unit value rounded down to the next equivalent sub-unit of the currency unit specified for the respective unit category in the prospectus. No back-end commission will be charged.

Upon request by the Unit-holder, his units shall be redeemed at the current redemption price in return for the unit certificate.

Article 5 Accounting Year

The accounting year of the Fund is from 1 June to 31 May.

Article 6 Unit Categories and Use of Earnings

The Fund features three different unit categories and the corresponding certificates: dividend-bearing units, non-dividend-bearing units with capital gains tax payment, and non-dividend-bearing units without capital gains tax payment, with certificates being issued for one unit each and also for fractional units.

Various unit categories may be issued for this Fund. The creation of unit categories and the issue of units of a specific category shall be decided at the discretion of the Management Company.

Use of earnings for dividend-bearing units

The earnings generated during the accounting year (interest and dividends) less all costs can be distributed as deemed appropriate by the Management Company. Dividend disbursement may be omitted in the interests of the Unit-holders. Dividends may also be disbursed at the discretion of the Management Company from earnings generated by the sale of fund assets, including subscription rights. Disbursements of fund assets and interim dividends may be paid.

The fund assets may in no case fall below the legally stipulated minimum volume for termination as a result of dividend disbursements.

The amounts shall be paid to the holders of dividend-bearing units on or after 1 September of the following accounting year. The remaining amount shall be carried forward.

An amount calculated in accordance with the InvFG must also be paid out on or after 1 September to cover the capital gains tax assessed by the tax authorities on the dividend-equivalent earnings from the fund units unless the Management Company provides suitable proof from the banks managing the corresponding securities accounts that the unit certificates can only be held by Unit-holders who are not subject to Austrian personal income tax or corporation tax or who meet the conditions for exemption from capital gains tax according to § 94 of the Austrian Income Tax Act (Einkommensteuergesetz) at the time of payment.

Use of earnings for non-dividend-bearing units with capital gains tax payment (non-dividend-bearing units)

The earnings generated by the Fund during the accounting year less all costs will not be paid out. In the case of non-dividend-bearing units, an amount calculated in accordance with the InvFG must be paid out on or after 1 September to cover the capital gains tax assessed by the tax authorities on the dividend-equivalent earnings from the fund units unless the Management Company provides suitable proof from the banks managing the corresponding securities accounts that the unit certificates can only be held by Unit-holders who are not subject to Austrian personal income tax or corporation tax or who meet the conditions for exemption from capital gains tax according to § 94 of the Austrian Income Tax Act (Einkommensteuergesetz) at the time of payment.

Use of earnings for non-dividend-bearing units without capital gains tax payment (KESt-exempt non-dividend-bearing units)

The earnings generated by the Fund during the accounting year less all costs will not be paid out. No payment pursuant to the InvFG will be made. The reference date for the exemption from KESt payment for the profit for the year for the purposes of the InvFG shall be 1 September of the following accounting year.

The Management Company shall provide suitable proof from the banks managing the corresponding securities accounts that the unit certificates could only be held by Unit-holders who are not subject to Austrian personal income tax or corporation tax or who met the conditions for exemption from capital gains tax according to § 94 of the Austrian Income Tax Act (Einkommensteuergesetz) at the time of payment.

If these requirements are not met at the time of payment, the amount calculated pursuant to the InvFG must be paid out by the credit institution managing the respective securities account.

Article 7
Management Fee, Compensation for Expenses, Liquidation Fee

- a) The Management Company shall receive an annual fee for its administrative activities amounting to up to 1.80% of the fund assets as calculated and accrued on the basis of the daily fund volume. The fee will be charged to the fund assets once per month.
- b) In addition to the fees to which the Management Company is entitled, an annual fee amounting to up to 0.36% of the fund assets as calculated and accrued on the basis of daily total fund assets can be paid from the fund assets for the services of a third party appointed in accordance with § 28 InvFG. The fee will be charged to the fund assets once per month.

The Management Company shall be entitled to compensation for all expenses incurred in the administration of the Fund.

The Management Company shall be entitled to apply a sliding management fee scale at its own discretion.

The costs for the introduction of new unit categories for existing investment funds shall be assessed against the unit price of the new unit categories.

Upon liquidation of the Fund, the party processing the liquidation shall receive a fee in the amount of 0.50% of the fund assets.

The Fund is a user for the purposes of Regulation (EU) 2016/1011 (Benchmarks Regulation). The Management Company has drawn up robust written contingency plans for the event that the benchmark is materially changed or is no longer published. Further information on this can be found in the prospectus.

Further information and details about this Fund can be found in the prospectus.

Annex to the Fund Rules

List of exchanges with official trading and organised markets (As of October 2021)

1. Exchanges with official trading and organised markets in the Member States of the EEA as well as exchanges in European countries outside of the EEA considered to be equivalent to regulated markets

Every Member State must maintain a current list of the authorised markets within its territory. This list must be submitted to the other Member States and the Commission.

According to this provision, the Commission is required to publish a list of the regulated markets registered with it by the Member States once per year.

Because of lower entry barriers and specialisation in different trading segments, the list of “regulated markets” is subject to significant changes. For this reason, the Commission will publish an up-to-date version of the list on its official website in addition to the annual publication of a list in the Official Journal of the European Union.

1.1. The currently valid list of regulated markets can be found at

https://registers.esma.europa.eu/publication/searchRegister?core=esma_registers_upreg *

1.2. The following exchanges are included in the list of regulated markets:

1.2.1 Luxembourg: Euro MTF Luxembourg

1.3. Recognised markets in the EEA according to § 67 (2) 2 InvFG:

Markets in the EEA that have been classified as recognised markets by the competent supervisory authorities.

2. Exchanges in European countries outside of the EEA

2.1.	Bosnia and Herzegovina:	Sarajevo, Banja Luka
2.2.	Montenegro:	Podgorica
2.3.	Russia:	Moscow Exchange
2.4.	Switzerland:	SIX Swiss Exchange AG, BX Swiss AG
2.5.	Serbia:	Belgrade
2.6.	Turkey:	Istanbul (only “National Market” on the stock market)
2.7.	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland:	Cboe Europe Equities Regulated Market – Integrated Book Segment, London Metal Exchange, Cboe Europe Equities Regulated Market – Reference Price Book Segment, Cboe Europe Equities Regulated Market – Off-Book Segment, London Stock Exchange Regulated Market (derivatives), NEX Exchange Main Board (non-equity), London Stock Exchange Regulated Market, NEX Exchange Main Board (equity), Euronext London Regulated Market, ICE FUTURES EUROPE, ICE FUTURES EUROPE – AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS DIVISION, ICE FUTURES EUROPE – FINANCIAL PRODUCTS DIVISION, ICE FUTURES EUROPE – EQUITY PRODUCTS DIVISION and Gibraltar Stock Exchange

3. Exchanges in non-European countries

3.1.	Australia:	Sydney, Hobart, Melbourne, Perth
3.2.	Argentina:	Buenos Aires
3.3.	Brazil:	Rio de Janeiro, Sao Paulo
3.4.	Chile:	Santiago
3.5.	China:	Shanghai Stock Exchange, Shenzhen Stock Exchange
3.6.	Hong Kong:	Hong Kong Stock Exchange
3.7.	India:	Mumbai
3.8.	Indonesia:	Jakarta
3.9.	Israel:	Tel Aviv
3.10.	Japan:	Tokyo, Osaka, Nagoya, Fukuoka, Sapporo
3.11.	Canada:	Toronto, Vancouver, Montreal
3.12.	Colombia:	Bolsa de Valores de Colombia
3.13.	Korea:	Korea Exchange (Seoul, Busan)
3.14.	Malaysia:	Kuala Lumpur, Bursa Malaysia Berhad
3.15.	Mexico:	Mexico City
3.16.	New Zealand:	Wellington, Auckland
3.17.	Peru:	Bolsa de Valores de Lima
3.18.	Philippines:	Philippine Stock Exchange
3.19.	Singapore:	Singapore Stock Exchange
3.20.	South Africa:	Johannesburg
3.21.	Taiwan:	Taipei

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3.22.	Thailand:	Bangkok
3.23.	USA:	New York, NYCE American, New York Stock Exchange (NYSE), Philadelphia, Chicago, Boston, Cincinnati, Nasdaq
3.24.	Venezuela:	Caracas
3.25.	United Arab Emirates:	Abu Dhabi Securities Exchange (ADX)

4. Organised markets in countries outside of the European Union

4.1.	Japan:	over the counter market
4.2.	Canada:	over the counter market
4.3.	Korea:	over the counter market
4.4.	Switzerland:	over the counter market of the members of the International Capital Market Association (ICMA), Zurich
4.5.	USA:	over the counter market (under the supervision of an authority such as the SEC, FINRA, etc.)

5. Exchanges with futures and options markets

5.1.	Argentina:	Bolsa de Comercio de Buenos Aires
5.2.	Australia:	Australian Options Market, Australian Securities Exchange (ASX)
5.3.	Brazil:	Bolsa Brasileira de Futuros, Bolsa de Mercadorias & Futuros, Rio de Janeiro Stock Exchange, Sao Paulo Stock Exchange
5.4.	Hong Kong:	Hong Kong Futures Exchange Ltd.
5.5.	Japan:	Osaka Securities Exchange, Tokyo International Financial Futures Exchange, Tokyo Stock Exchange
5.6.	Canada:	Montreal Exchange, Toronto Futures Exchange
5.7.	Korea:	Korea Exchange (KRX)
5.8.	Mexico:	Mercado Mexicano de Derivados
5.9.	New Zealand:	New Zealand Futures & Options Exchange
5.10.	Philippines:	Manila International Futures Exchange
5.11.	Singapore:	The Singapore Exchange Limited (SGX)
5.12.	South Africa:	Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE), South African Futures Exchange (SAFEX)
5.13.	Turkey:	TurkDEX
5.14.	USA:	NYCE American, Chicago Board Options Exchange, Chicago Board of Trade, Chicago Mercantile Exchange, Comex, FINEX, ICE Future US, Inc., New York, Nasdaq, New York Stock Exchange, Boston Options Exchange (BOX)

*) To open the list, select "Regulated market" under "Entity type" in the column on the left side of the page and then click "Search" (or "Show table columns" and "Update"). The link can be changed by the ESMA.

Note regarding the data used

The sections Income Statement and Changes in Fund Assets, Statement of Assets and Liabilities and Details and Explanation of Tax Treatment in this annual report were prepared on the basis of data from the depositary bank for the Fund.

The data and information provided by the depositary bank were collected with the greatest possible care and were checked solely for plausibility.

Note for retail funds:

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