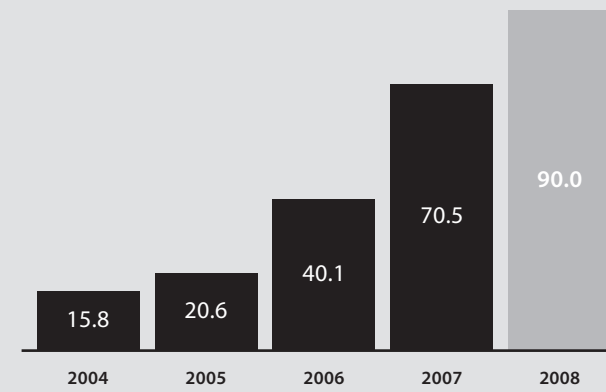
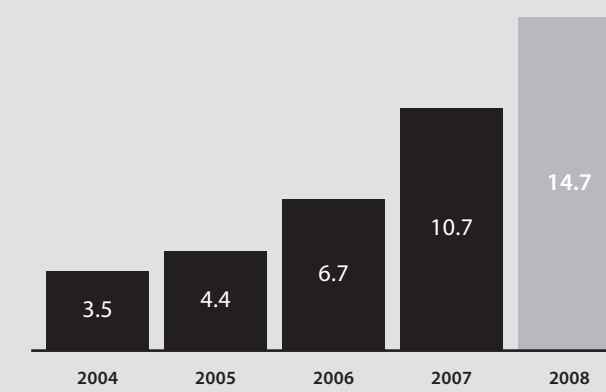


KEY FACTS 2004-2008

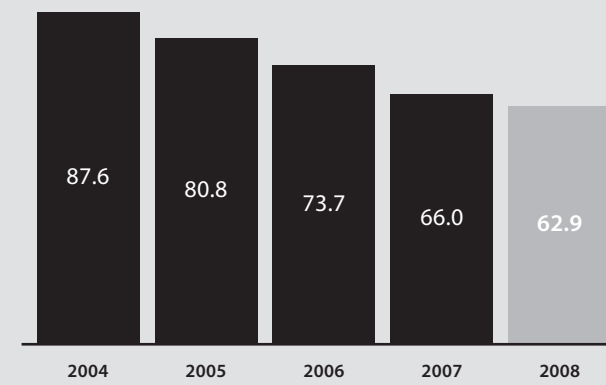
PROFIT
in EUR million



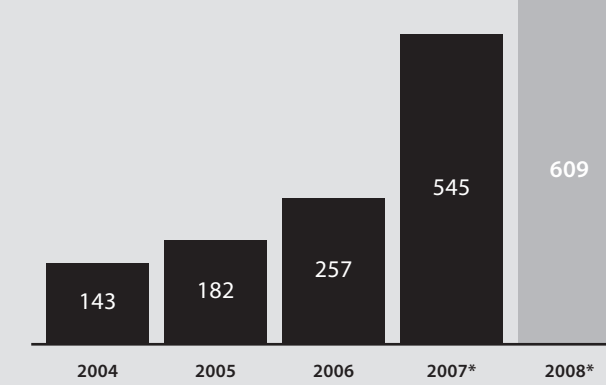
TOTAL ASSETS
in EUR billion



COST INCOME RATIO
in %



SALES OUTLETS
* including Franchise and Bank Shops



NETWORK



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www.volksbank.sk

Slovenia
www.volksbank.si

Bosnia-Herzegovina
www.volksbank.ba - www.volksbank-bl.ba

Czech Republic
www.volksbank.cz

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Annual Report 2008 - Highlights

MANAGING BOARD



Michel Ivanovsky
Ralf Weingartner
Friedhelm Boschert
Udo Szekulics
(from left to right)

Ladies and Gentlemen,

In 2008, the Volksbank International Group (VBI) generated the fourth record result in succession despite the international economic crisis. VBI increased the profits by 27.7 % to reach EUR 90.0 million. Significantly contributing to this situation, the net interest income developed positively and increased by 36.7 % to EUR 334.9 million. The fee and commission income also rose by 19.6 % to reach EUR 103.6 million.

The good results evidence that our conservative business model confirms its effectiveness even in a difficult environment. VBI is focussing on customer related business with private individuals and SME. We have always been pursuing a conservative approach in the risk policy and have kept away from speculation. This is certainly an advantage for us in this current situation.

Four years ago, VBI's strategy was restructured and since then, the profits have been multiplied by the factor six from EUR 15.8 million (2004) to EUR 90.0 million (2008). From 2005 to 2008 a profit of EUR 221.2 million was achieved. The cost income ratio highly improved by 25 percentage points from 88 % (2004) to 63 % (2008).

The network was built up mainly by self-initiated foundations. Only 3.5 % of the total assets belong to the last two acquisitions in the Ukraine as well as in Bosnia-Herzegovina. They were acquired below the 3.5 fold amount of the equity. More than 80 % of the loan volume account for the EU countries. The primary deposits volume increased by 13.9 % to reach EUR 5.1 billion. Amongst others, the risk provisions were decisively enlarged by EUR 72.4 million during the last year, in order to be well prepared for any occasion. On the basis of a Tier-1 ratio of 13 %, VBI Group has an excellent capital backing.

In 2009, VBI will be placing more emphasis on short-term business as well as new target groups and sales channels. The cost re-dimensioning has already got traction, the branch network will not be further enlarged for the moment and we will concentrate on generating deposits. We try hard to prepare for the time after the crisis and react actively. Due to the good knowledge of the region – the Volksbank sector's banks have already started their "East" commitment in Slovakia in 1991 – we take a differentiated look at the respective situation of the economies and identify positive mid-term perspectives in CEE.

HIGHLIGHTS 2008

EXCELLENT RESULTS

- Profits again increased to peak level: EUR 90.0 million (+ 27.7 %)
- 4th record result in succession
- Net interest income increased to EUR 334.9 million (+ 36.7 %)
- Fee and commission income rose to EUR 103.6 million (+ 19.6 %)
- Cost income ratio highly improved to 62.9 %
- Total assets: EUR 14.7 billion (+ 37.0 %)
- Loan volume: EUR 9.9 billion
- Primary deposits volume enhanced by 13.9 % to EUR 5.1 billion
- Risk provision significantly enlarged by EUR 72.4 million
- Excellent capital backing: Tier-1 ratio of 13 %
- 1.5 million customer accounts
- 609 sales outlets
- 5,849 employees
- 10 full service banks in 9 CEE countries

ABOUT VBI BANKS

SUCCESSFUL WITH CONSERVATIVE BUSINESS MODEL

	Foundation	Total assets 2008 in EUR million	Growth* in %	Sales outlets	Employees **)
Volksbank, Slovakia	1991	1,530	33.2 %	47	639
Volksbank, Czech Republic	1993	1,778	29.9 %	56	659
Volksbank, Hungary	1993	2,012	41.4 %	67	705
Volksbank, Slovenia	1993	867	40.0 %	11	194
Volksbank, Croatia	1997	1,049	5.2 %	28	406
Volksbank, Romania	2000	5,307	51.3 %	246	1,405
Volksbank, Bosnia-Herzegovina	2000	447	25.2 %	29	354
Volksbank, Banja Luka	2007	238	14.8 %	21	236
Volksbank, Serbia	2003	720	5.9 %	26	450
Volksbank, Ukraine	2007	277	49.6 %	78	737
VBI banks total		14,225			5,785
Other		448			64
VBI Group total		14,673	37.0 %	609	5,849

*) Comparison of total assets by 31 December 2007

***) as of 31 December 2008 full-time equivalent