

## Announcement pursuant to sec. 135 para. 2 Austrian Stock Exchange Act in connection with sec. 134 para. 1 Austrian Stock Exchange Act – Changes of significant shareholdings

Erste Group Bank AG informs the public pursuant to sec. 135 para. 2 Austrian Stock Exchange Act in connection with sec. 134 para. 1 Austrian Stock Exchange Act that T. Rowe Price Group, Inc., Baltimore, Maryland, United States of America, as of 31 October 2018 held 17,146,573 or 3.99% (previously 4.1%) (ISIN AT0000652011) and 279 or 0.0% (unchanged) (ISIN US2960363040) thus 3.99% (previously 4.1%) of voting rights attached to shares and no voting rights through financial instruments in Erste Group Bank AG (rounded stake in share capital of 3.99% compared to previously 4.01%), thus combined less than 4% of Erste Group Bank AG's share capital (EUR 859,600,000 divided into 429,800,000 voting no-par value bearer shares – ordinary shares).

Additional details as per esma notification:

Full chain of controlled undertakings through which the voting rights and/or the financial/other instruments are effectively held starting with the ultimate controlling natural person or legal entity:

No.	Name	Directly controlled by No.	Shares held directly (%)	Financial/other instruments held directly (%)	Total of both (%)
1	T. Rowe Price Group, Inc.				
2	T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc.	1			
3	T. Rowe Price International Ltd	2			

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