

## Investor Relations *Release*

Klagenfurt, December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Dear Business Partner,  
Dear Investor,

After very long and extremely intensive negotiations at the Austrian Federal Ministry of Finance, agreement was reached between the past owners and the Republic of Austria that there will be a new owner for Hypo Group Alpe Adria. The Republic of Austria acquired 100% of the shares in Hypo Alpe-Adria-Bank International AG from its past shareholders on December 30th, 2009.

On the basis of this decision, a positive course has been set for the future. It is, of course, clear to us that we may not now just sit back. The Republic of Austria has delegated a great responsibility to us and we are indebted to the Republic.

You can therefore rest assured that we will do everything we can to shape a positive future for Hypo Group Alpe Adria. The future strategy for Hypo Group Alpe Adria will be determined together with the new owners in the coming months.

Please feel free to contact us for further information; alternatively you will also find more information on the Investor Relation pages of our website ([www.hypo-alpe-adria.com](http://www.hypo-alpe-adria.com)).

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