

Press release

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Result of the comprehensive bank assessment confirms conservative valuation policy and stable business model of Commerzbank

- **Commerzbank passes Asset Quality Review (AQR) and stress test of the European Central Bank**
- **CET 1 ratio in accordance with transitional rules of Basel 3 and after AQR as of the end of 2013 10.8% (hurdle 8.0%)**
- **CET 1 ratio in accordance with transitional rules of Basel 3 and after AQR in the adverse scenario of the stress test 8.0% (hurdle 5.5%)**
- **Blessing: “The good result of the comprehensive assessment by the ECB is testimony to the successful reorganisation of Commerzbank and to the strength of our client-centric business model.”**

Commerzbank has passed both the Asset Quality Review (AQR) of the European Central Bank (ECB) as well as the stress test of the European Banking Authority (EBA). According to the results in the AQR published by the ECB, the Common Equity Tier 1 ratio (CET 1) taking into account the transitional rules of Basel 3 as of 1 January 2014 is 10.8%, and thus considerably higher than the relevant hurdle of 8.0%. “The good result of the Asset Quality Review is confirmation of the conservative valuation policy and the adequate risk provisioning of the Bank, and does not lead to any change in our expected risk provisions for 2014,” said Stefan Schmittmann, Chief Risk Officer of Commerzbank.

Taking into account the AQR results, in the baseline scenario of the stress test Commerzbank has attained a Common Equity Tier 1 ratio (CET 1) of 11.4%, which is thus also considerably higher than the hurdle of 8.0%. In the so-called adverse scenario of the stress test this Common Equity Tier 1 ratio is at 8.0%, also significantly higher than the hurdle of 5.5%. Even with the full application of Basel 3 and taking into account the AQR results, the Common Equity Tier 1 ratio in the adverse scenario of the stress test is a comfortable 6.9%.

The cut-off date for the assessment by the ECB was 31 December 2013. Since then Commerzbank has further increased its profits and consistently moved ahead with the reduction of risks. The Common Equity Tier 1 ratio pursuant to the transitional rules of Basel 3 increased to 11.7% at the end of June 2014, following on from 11.4% as of the cut-off date of 31 December 2013 for the ECB assessment. With full application of Basel 3 the Common Equity Tier 1 ratio improved as of the end of June to 9.4% (cut-off date of ECB assessment: 9.0%).

“The good result of the comprehensive assessment by the ECB is testimony to the successful reorganisation of Commerzbank in the past years and to the strength of our client-centric business model. In this respect the stress test has clearly confirmed the stability and stress resilience of the bank. The strategic orientation is correct; the implementation of the measures from our agenda through to 2016 is proceeding successfully and to schedule,” said Martin Blessing, Chairman of the Board of Managing Directors of Commerzbank.

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