

Summarizing list of material changes made public, distributed or filed by Hypothekenbank in Essen AG in the business year 2007

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<p>1. Essen Hyp's website as of December 31, 2006 (English version)</p> <p>Summarizing list of material changes made public, distributed or filed by Hypothekenbank in Essen AG in the business year 2006 (English version)</p>	<p>January 23, 2007</p>
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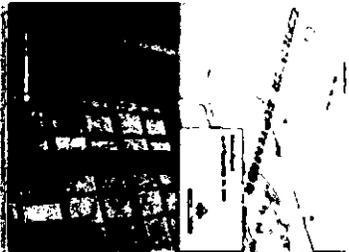
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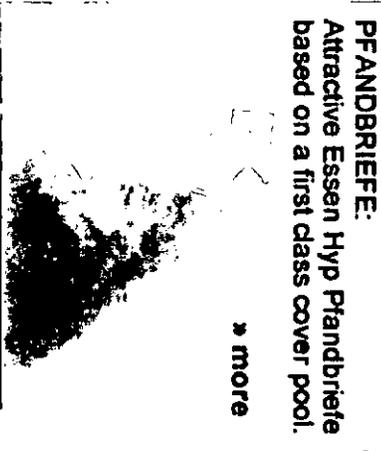
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 Attractive Essen Hyp Pfandbriefe based on a first class cover pool.
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RATINGS	S & P	MOODY'S	FITCH RATINGS
Public-sector Pfandbriefe	AAA	Aaa	AAA
Mortgage Pfandbriefe	not rated	Aaa	AAA
Long-term counterparty	A (outlook stable)	A1 (outlook stable)	A (outlook stable)

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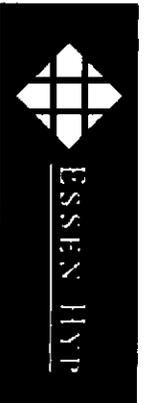
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Essen Hyp: Key competence in capital market business

The focus of Essen Hyp's business is on lending to national and international public-sector debtors. In addition the bank gives long-term mortgage loans to finance both commercial property and private housing.

Accordingly we make great use of the international capital markets on which, besides the "traditional" Pfandbrief, more and more Jumbo and Global Pfandbriefe are being issued.

Essen Hyp is one of the largest issuers of Jumbo Pfandbriefe worldwide.

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Ratings and Analyses (as of: January 9, 2008)

Ratings	S & P	Moody's	Fitch Ratings
<i>Pfandbriefe</i>	AAA	Aaa	AAA
- public-sector	not rated	Aaa	AAA
- mortgage	A	A1	A
Long-term counterparty rating	(outlook stable)	(outlook stable)	(outlook stable)
Short-term counterparty rating	A-1	P-1	F1
Notes issued under the Debt Issuance Program			
- Senior Unsecured Debt	A	A1	not rated
- Subordinated Debt	A-	A2	not rated
Commercial Paper Program	A-1	P-1	not rated
Financial Strength	not rated	C	C

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- ▷ Standard & Poor's [Bank Credit Report as of June 13, 2007](#)
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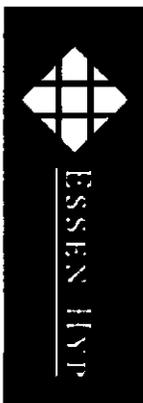
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- May 2008 Publication of the English version of our 2007 Annual Report
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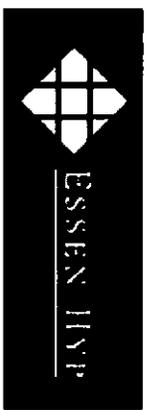
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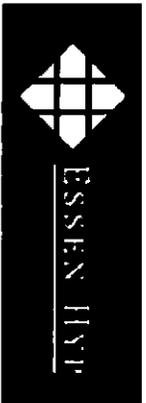
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a) Total amount outstanding	Nominal value		Present value		Risk-adjusted present value		in EUR m
	Sep 30, 2007	Sep 30, 2006	Sep 30, 2007	Sep 30, 2006	Sep 30, 2007	Sep 30, 2006	
Mortgage Pfandbriefe	5,709.7	5,300.0	5,606.7	5,300.1	5,406.5	5,133.8	
Cover assets	6,016.6	5,485.3	5,995.5	5,638.6	5,665.4	5,284.6	
of which: derivatives	-	-	-	-	-	-	
of which: derivatives (%)	-	-	-	-	-	-	
of which: additional cover*	1,010.6	1,054.3	1,012.8	1,278.0	894.5	1,119.3	
of which: further cover assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	
deduction: currency scenario	-	-	-	-	23.3	-	
Surplus cover	306.9	185.3	388.8	338.5	235.6	150.8	

Supplementary to a): Maturity structure (remaining time to maturity)

	Sep 30, 2007					Sep 30, 2006					in EUR m
	<=1 year	>1 year <=5 years	>5 years <=10 years	>10 years	<=1 years	>1 year <=5 years	>5 years <=10 years	>10 years			
Mortgage Pfandbriefe	1,101.6	2,670.5	1,588.1	349.5	1,394.2	2,435.5	1,252.8	217.5			
Cover assets	398.3	1,435.3	2,754.1	1,428.9	532.5	898.2	2,863.8	1,170.8			
of which: additional cover*	0.7	3.2	4.8	1,001.9	102.3	-	137.0	815.0			

b) Total amount outstanding

Nominal value

Present value

Risk-adjusted present value

in EUR m

	Nominal value		Face value		Risk-adjusted present value	
	Sep 30, 2007	Sep 30, 2006	Sep 30, 2007	Sep 30, 2006	Sep 30, 2007	Sep 30, 2006
Public-sector Pfandbriefe / liabilities derivatives	65,706.4	68,408.4	64,151.1	67,724.9	62,575.8	66,051.0
of which: derivatives	19.9	-	19.9	-	-	-
of which: derivatives (%)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cover assets	67,827.0	70,812.4	67,654.2	72,575.3	65,648.2	69,895.7
of which: derivatives	-	-	-	-	-	-
of which: derivatives (%)	-	-	-	-	-	-
of which: additional cover*	6,531.9	5,317.1	6,134.8	5,051.2	6,043.3	4,938.9
of which: further cover assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
deduction: currency scenario	-	-	-	-	108.1	46.4
Surplus cover	2,120.6	2,404.0	3,503.1	4,850.4	2,964.3	3,798.3

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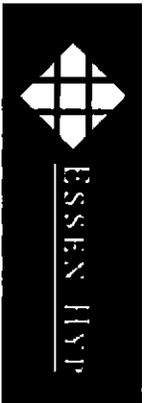
Supplementary to b): Maturity structure (remaining time to maturity)

	Sep 30, 2007					Sep 30, 2006				
	<=1 year	>1 year <=5 years	>5 years <=10 years	>10 years	<=1 year	>1 year <=5 years	>5 years <=10 years	>10 years		
Public-sector Pfandbriefe / liabilities derivatives	16,184.6	38,578.5	7,763.5	3,179.8	16,389.9	43,337.2	6,201.8	2,479.5		
of which: derivatives	-	19.9	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Cover assets	11,367.8	25,781.6	22,582.1	8,098.5	10,776.0	28,241.5	21,571.4	10,223.5		
of which: additional cover*	-	1,760.1	4,177.8	594.0	-	875.1	3,849.7	592.3		
of which: further cover assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		

*securities issued by other borrowers

The calculation of the risk-adjusted present value is based on the dynamic approach.

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>Section 28 (2) (1a) PfandBG

Breakdown of the total amount of mortgage loans serving as cover as defined in Section 28 (1) (1) of the German Pfandbrief Act (PfandBG) by loan size in accordance with Section 28 (2) (1a) of the PfandBG. All mortgage loans are stated at their nominal value. This overview is updated quarterly.

in EUR m	Sep 30, 2007	Sep 30, 2006
<= € 300,000	3,844.2	3,228.6
> € 300,000 - € 5,000,000	378.1	394.6
> € 5,000,000	783.7	807.8
Total amount	5,006.0	4,431.0

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Section 28 (2) (1b and c) PfandBG

Breakdown of mortgage loans serving as cover by countries in which the properties are located and by types of use

in EUR m

	Mortgage loans serving as cover		Mortgage loans serving as cover	
	Sep 30, 2007	Residential	Sep 30, 2006	Residential
Germany				
Condominiums	-	796.4	-	649.1
Detached and semi-detached houses	-	2,882.4	-	2,460.4
Apartment buildings	-	409.5	-	391.9
Office	276.7	-	360.5	-
Retail	236.7	-	247.8	-
Industrial	54.1	-	54.9	-
Other commercial properties	95.4	-	78.2	-
Buildings under construction, not yet generating earnings	0.0	-	0.0	-
Building sites	0.0	-	0.0	-
Total Germany	662.9	4,088.3	741.4	3,501.4

in EUR m

	Mortgage loans serving as cover		Mortgage loans serving as cover	
	Sep 30, 2007	Residential	Sep 30, 2006	Residential
England				
Condominiums	-	0.0	-	0.0
Detached and semi-detached houses	-	0.0	-	0.0

	Mortgage loans serving as cover		in EUR m	
	Sep 30, 2007	Sep 30, 2006		
	Commercial	Residential	Commercial	Residential
Unsecured and semi-secured houses	-	0.0	-	0.0
Apartment buildings	-	0.0	-	0.0
Office	75.2	-	77.4	-
Retail	0.0	-	0.0	-
Industrial	0.0	-	0.0	-
Other commercial properties	0.0	-	0.0	-
Buildings under construction, not yet generating earnings	0.0	-	0.0	-
Building sites	0.0	-	0.0	-
Total England	75.2	0.0	77.4	0.0

	Mortgage loans serving as cover		in EUR m	
	Sep 30, 2007	Sep 30, 2006		
	Commercial	Residential	Commercial	Residential
Belgium				
Condominiums	-	0.0	-	0.0
Detached and semi-detached houses	-	0.0	-	0.0
Apartment buildings	-	0.5	-	0.5
Office	0.0	-	0.0	-
Retail	0.0	-	0.0	-
Industrial	0.0	-	0.0	-
Other commercial properties	0.0	-	0.0	-
Buildings under construction, not yet generating earnings	0.0	-	0.0	-
Building sites	0.0	-	0.0	-
Total Belgium	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.5

	Mortgage loans serving as cover			
	Sep 30, 2007		Sep 30, 2006	
	Commercial	Residential	Commercial	Residential
France				
Condominiums	-	0.0	-	0.0
Detached and semi-detached houses	-	0.0	-	0.0
Apartment buildings	-	0.0	-	0.0
***	***	***	***	***

	Mortgage loans serving as cover		in EUR m	
	Sep 30, 2007	Sep 30, 2006	Commercial	Residential
URtce	32.2	42.2	-	-
Retail	0.0	0.0	-	-
Industrial	0.0	0.0	-	-
Other commercial properties	19.0	19.0	-	-
Buildings under construction, not yet generating earnings	0.0	0.0	-	-
Building sites	0.0	0.0	-	-
Total France	51.2	61.2	0.0	0.0

	Mortgage loans serving as cover		in EUR m	
	Sep 30, 2007	Sep 30, 2006	Commercial	Residential
The Netherlands				
Condominiums	-	-	0.0	0.0
Detached and semi-detached houses	-	-	0.0	0.0
Apartment buildings	-	-	0.0	0.0
Office	40.3	49.1	-	-
Retail	0.0	0.0	-	-
Industrial	0.0	0.0	-	-
Other commercial properties	0.0	0.0	-	-
Buildings under construction, not yet generating earnings	0.0	0.0	-	-
Building sites	0.0	0.0	-	-
Total The Netherlands	40.3	49.1	0.0	0.0

	Mortgage loans serving as cover		in EUR m	
	Sep 30, 2007	Sep 30, 2006	Commercial	Residential
Switzerland				
Condominiums	-	-	0.0	0.0
Detached and semi-detached houses	-	-	0.0	0.0
Apartment buildings	-	-	0.0	0.0
Office	87.5	0.0	-	-
Retail	0.0	0.0	-	-

Industrial	0.0	-	0.0	-
Other commercial properties	0.0	-	0.0	-
Buildings under construction, not yet generating earnings	0.0	-	0.0	-
Building sites	0.0	-	0.0	-
Total Switzerland	87.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total	917.1	4,088.8	929.1	3,501.9

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Section 28 (2) (2) PfandBG

Total amount of payments in arrears for at least 90 days in respect of the mortgage loans serving as cover for mortgage Pfandbriefe as defined in Section 28 (1) (1) of the German Pfandbrief Act (PfandBG). These figures are broken down by countries and updated quarterly.

in EUR m

Total amount of payments in arrears for more than 90 days

	Sep 30, 2007	Sep 30, 2006
Germany	0.0	0.0
Total	0.0	0.0

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Section 28 (3) (1) PfandBG

Assets serving as cover for the public-sector Pfandbriefe outstanding (in accordance with Section 28 (1) (1) of the German Pfandbrief Act (PfandBG)). The figures are broken down by the countries in which the borrowers are domiciled and show the nominal value of the cover assets broken down by borrower types (in accordance with Section 28 (3) (1) PfandBG).

	Assets serving as cover in EUR m	
	Sep 30, 2007	Sep 30, 2006
Austria		
Government	0.0	0.0
Regional authorities	127.0	0.0
Local authorities	0.0	0.0
Other borrowers	1,897.3	1,383.2
Total	2,024.3	1,383.2

	Assets serving as cover in EUR m	
	Sep 30, 2007	Sep 30, 2006
Belgium		
Government	0.0	0.0
Regional authorities	0.0	0.0
Local authorities	0.0	0.0
Other borrowers	115.0	90.0
Total	115.0	90.0

	Assets serving as cover in EUR m	
	Sep 30, 2007	Sep 30, 2006
Canada		
Government	0.0	0.0

regional authorities	430.9	430.9
Local authorities	0.0	0.0
Other borrowers	434.0	176.5
Total	884.9	631.9

Assets serving as cover in EUR m

Sep 30, 2007	Sep 30, 2006
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Cyprus		
Government	99.5	99.5
Regional authorities	0.0	0.0
Local authorities	0.0	0.0
Other borrowers	0.0	0.0
Total	99.5	99.5

Assets serving as cover in EUR m

Sep 30, 2007	Sep 30, 2006
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Czech Republic		
Government	125.5	238.0
Regional authorities	0.0	0.0
Local authorities	0.0	49.1
Other borrowers	0.0	11.8
Total	125.5	298.9

Assets serving as cover in EUR m

Sep 30, 2007	Sep 30, 2006
---------------------	---------------------

Denmark		
Government	0.0	0.0
Regional authorities	0.0	0.0
Local authorities	0.0	0.0
Other borrowers	271.5	231.0
Total	271.5	231.0

Assets serving as cover in EUR m

Sep 30, 2007	Sep 30, 2006
---------------------	---------------------

Finland

Frankreich	
Government	0.0
Regional authorities	0.0
Local authorities	0.0
Other borrowers	99.0
Total	99.0

	Assets serving as cover in EUR m
Sep 30, 2007	Sep 30, 2006
	447.8
	0.0
	0.0
	169.0
	616.8

France	
Government	2.5
Regional authorities	0.0
Local authorities	9.2
Other borrowers	1,103.5
Total	1,115.2

	Assets serving as cover in EUR m
Sep 30, 2007	Sep 30, 2006
	2.5
	0.0
	12.3
	1,045.0
	1,059.8

Germany	
Government	1,392.1
Regional authorities	25,713.1
Local authorities	2,478.8
Other borrowers	18,543.0
Total	48,127.0

	Assets serving as cover in EUR m
Sep 30, 2007	Sep 30, 2006
	2,907.2
	27,352.3
	2,410.9
	18,490.8
	51,161.2

Great Britain	
Government	0.0
Regional authorities	0.0
Local authorities	204.2
Other borrowers	929.7
Total	1,133.9

	Assets serving as cover in EUR m
Sep 30, 2007	Sep 30, 2006
	0.0
	0.0
	41.3
	794.8
	836.1

Assets serving as cover in EUR m

	Sep 30, 2007	Sep 30, 2006
Greece		
Government	792.5	827.5
Regional authorities	0.0	0.0
Local authorities	0.0	0.0
Other borrowers	35.0	35.0
Total	827.5	862.5
	Assets serving as cover in EUR m	
	Sep 30, 2007	Sep 30, 2006
Hungary		
Government	218.2	546.2
Regional authorities	0.0	0.0
Local authorities	0.0	0.0
Other borrowers	50.0	50.0
Total	268.2	596.2
	Assets serving as cover in EUR m	
	Sep 30, 2007	Sep 30, 2006
Iceland		
Government	0.0	0.0
Regional authorities	0.0	0.0
Local authorities	0.0	0.0
Other borrowers	216.0	254.5
Total	216.0	254.5
	Assets serving as cover in EUR m	
	Sep 30, 2007	Sep 30, 2006
Ireland		
Government	0.0	0.0
Regional authorities	0.0	0.0
Local authorities	0.0	0.0
Other borrowers	271.7	165.0
Total	271.7	165.0

	Assets serving as cover in EUR m	
	Sep 30, 2007	Sep 30, 2006
Italy		
Government	1,275.6	2,225.0
Regional authorities	800.9	1,008.3
Local authorities	290.7	344.9
Other borrowers	97.8	10.0
Total	2,465.0	3,588.2

	Assets serving as cover in EUR m	
	Sep 30, 2007	Sep 30, 2006
Japan		
Government	6.1	0.0
Regional authorities	87.0	87.0
Local authorities	67.3	0.0
Other borrowers	0.0	0.0
Total	160.4	87.0

	Assets serving as cover in EUR m	
	Sep 30, 2007	Sep 30, 2006
Latvia		
Government	0.0	45.0
Regional authorities	0.0	0.0
Local authorities	0.0	0.0
Other borrowers	0.0	0.0
Total	0.0	45.0

	Assets serving as cover in EUR m	
	Sep 30, 2007	Sep 30, 2006
Lithuania		
Government	0.0	39.0
Regional authorities	0.0	0.0
Local authorities	0.0	0.0
Other borrowers	0.0	0.0
Total	0.0	39.0

Other borrowers	0.0	0.0
Total	1,000.0	1,082.0

Assets serving as cover in EUR m
Sep 30, 2007 **Sep 30, 2006**

Slovak Republic		
Government	212.5	297.5
Regional authorities	0.0	0.0
Local authorities	0.0	0.0
Other borrowers	0.0	0.0
Total	212.5	297.5

Assets serving as cover in EUR m
Sep 30, 2007 **Sep 30, 2006**

Slovenia		
Government	142.9	0.0
Regional authorities	0.0	0.0
Local authorities	0.0	0.0
Other borrowers	0.0	0.0
Total	142.9	0.0

Assets serving as cover in EUR m
Sep 30, 2007 **Sep 30, 2006**

Spain		
Government	0.0	0.0
Regional authorities	1,819.2	2,053.4
Local authorities	10.0	10.0
Other borrowers	1,653.5	2,036.8
Total	3,482.7	4,100.2

Assets serving as cover in EUR m
Sep 30, 2007 **Sep 30, 2006**

Sweden		
Government	0.0	0.0
Regional authorities	0.0	0.0

Local authorities	263.3	270.5
Other borrowers	40.0	0.0
Total	303.3	270.5

Assets serving as cover in EUR m

Sep 30, 2007 **Sep 30, 2006**

Switzerland		
Government	0.0	0.0
Regional authorities	313.2	214.1
Local authorities	81.9	54.2
Other borrowers	375.2	150.0
Total	770.3	418.3

Assets serving as cover in EUR m

Sep 30, 2007 **Sep 30, 2006**

The Netherlands		
Government	0.0	0.0
Regional authorities	0.0	0.0
Local authorities	93.8	1.9
Other borrowers	417.0	467.0
Total	510.8	468.9

Assets serving as cover in EUR m

Sep 30, 2007 **Sep 30, 2006**

United States		
Government	275.5	83.0
Regional authorities	343.9	278.0
Local authorities	953.5	634.4
Other borrowers	667.3	377.9
Total	2,240.2	1,373.3

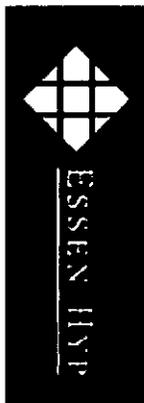
Assets serving as cover in EUR m

Sep 30, 2007 **Sep 30, 2006**

Others		
Government	0.0	0.0

Regional authorities	0.0	0.0
Local authorities	0.0	0.0
Other borrowers	53.2	0.0
Total	53.2	0.0
Total amount	67,827.0	70,812.4

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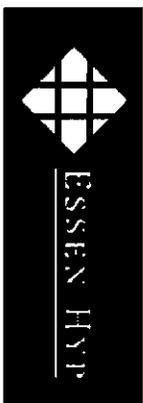
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Total amount of payments in arrears for more than 90 days in EUR m

	Sep 30, 2007	Sep 30, 2006
Country		
Government	0.0	0.0
Regional authorities	0.0	0.0
Local authorities	0.0	0.0
Other borrowers	0.0	0.0
Total	0.0	0.0

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Breakdown of cover pool by rating

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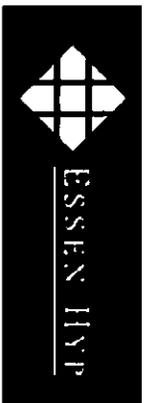
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Should the rating agencies come to different rating results, the worst rating is taken into account.

by rating	in Euro m	in %
AAA / Aaa / AAA	21,144	31.98
AA+ / Aa1 / AA+	6,159	9.32
AA / Aa2 / AA	5,499	8.32
AA- / Aa3 / AA-	13,605	20.58
A+ / A1 / A+	4,292	6.49
A / A2 / A	2,962	4.48
A- / A3 / A-	1,154	1.75
BBB+ / Baa1 / BBB+	525	0.79
BBB / Baa2 / BBB	91	0.14
Without rating *	10,674	16.15
Total	66,105	100.00
* - Without rating	in Euro m	in %
Public-sector banks and saving banks	5,775	8.75
Cities, municipalities, non-profit organizations and loans guaranteed by municipal authorities	3,910	5.91
Loans within the EU (public-sector banks, EU member states, regional governments, cities and municipalities). Loans guaranteed by EU	779	1.18

member states and EU institutions.		
Others	266	0.40
Total	10,674	16.15

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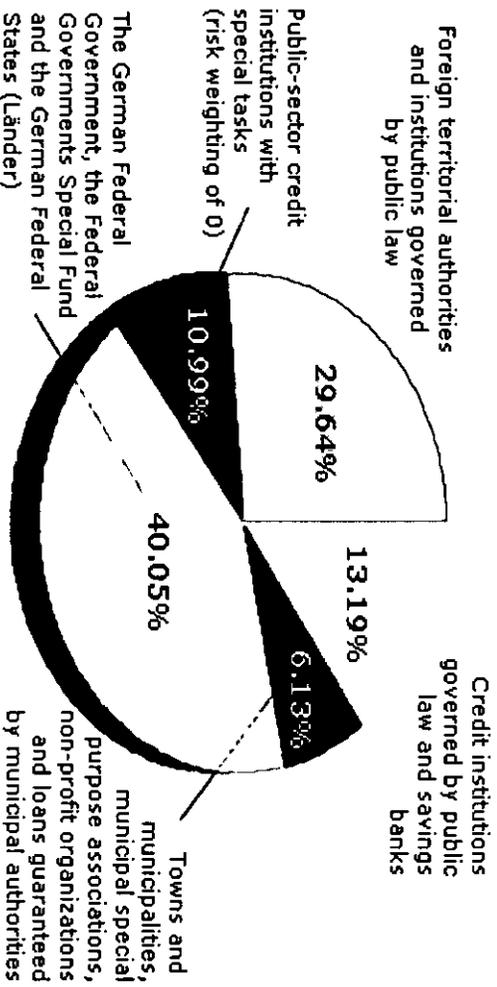
Breakdown of cover pool by borrowers and regions

Cover fund total: Euro 66,776 m

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The German Federal Government, the Federal Governments Special Fund and the German Federal States (Länder)

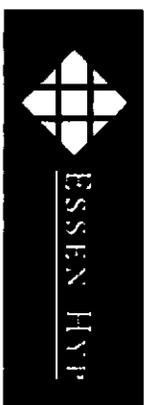
Towns and municipalities, municipal special purpose associations, non-profit organizations and loans guaranteed by municipal authorities

in Euro m	in %
26,473	40.05
4,055	6.13

Public-sector credit institutions with special tasks (risk weighting of 0)
Credit institutions governed by public law and savings banks
Foreign territorial authorities and institutions governed by public law
Total

7,266 10.99
8,716 13.19
19,595 29.64
66,105 100.00

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	in Euro m
The German Federal Government, the Federal Government's Special Fund and the German Federal States (Länder)	
Federal Government of Germany	200
Federal Government's Special Fund	702
Laender (individual German Federal States)	25,571
Total	26,473

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Towns and municipalities, municipal special purpose associations, non-profit organizations and loans guaranteed by municipal authorities

	in Euro m
Baden-Wuerttemberg	255
Bavaria	127
Berlin	0
Brandenburg	0
Bremen	20
Hamburg	521
Hesse	289
Lower Saxony	817
Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania	24
North Rhine-Westphalia	1,415
Rhineland-Palatinate	121
Saarland	76
Saxony	8
Saxony-Anhalt	1
Schleswig-Holstein	364
Thuringia	17

Total

4,055

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Breakdown of cover pool by borrowers and regions

Cover fund total: Euro 66.105 m

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Public-sector credit institutions with special tasks (risk weighting of 0)

In Euro m

special public sector banks (solva 0)

7,266

Total

7,266

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Breakdown of cover pool by borrowers and regions

Cover fund total: Euro 66,105 m

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Credit institutions governed by public law and savings banks

in Euro m

Public-sector banks/ financial institution

3,934

Savings banks in

in Euro m

Baden-Wuerttemberg

1,069

Bavaria

55

Bremen

35

Hamburg

105

Hesse

217

Lower Saxony

507

Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania

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101

Saarland

0

Saxony

25

Schleswig-Holstein

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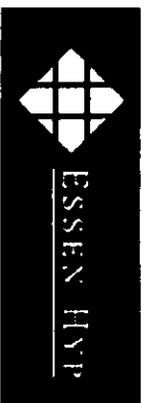
Mortgage loans guaranteed by the public-sector

12

Total

8,716

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Public-sector loans

Breakdown of cover pool by borrowers and regions

Cover fund total: Euro 66,105 m

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Loans within EU

in Euro m

Public-sector banks in EU member states

5,771

EU member states

4,180

EU regional governments

2,702

EU member states, cities and municipalities

931

Loans guaranteed by EU member states

1,199

EU institutions

80

Subtotal

14,863

Other Foreign Loans

in Euro m

Public-sector banks

1,444

States

337

Regional governments

1,403

cities and municipalities

1,106

Loans guaranteed by foreign states

442

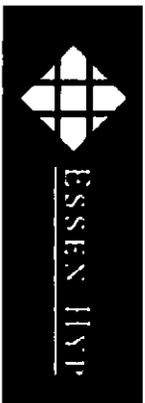
Subtotal

4,732

Total

19,595

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Breakdown of cover pool by countries

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by countries	in Euro m	in %
Austria	2,080	3.15
Belgium	365	0.55
Canada	871	1.32
Cyprus	100	0.15
Czech Republic	127	0.19
Denmark	271	0.41
Finland	99	0.15
France	1,115	1.69
Germany	46,510	70.36
Great Britain	735	1.11
Greece	778	1.18
Hungary	282	0.43
Iceland	213	0.32
Ireland	272	0.41
Italy	2,111	3.19
Latvia	0	0.00
Lithuania	0	0.00
Luxembourg	201	0.30
Norway	193	0.29
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Poland	534	0.81
Portugal	1,000	1.51
Slovak Republic	212	0.32
Slovenia	167	0.25
Spain	3,617	5.47
Sweden	297	0.45
Switzerland	747	1.13
The Netherlands	506	0.77
The United States	2,464	3.73
Others	238	0.36
Total	66,105	100.00

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Public-sector loans

Breakdown of cover pool by risk weighting

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Risk weighting	in Euro m	in %
0%	45,884	69.41
10%	550	0.83
20%	19,671	29.76
100%	0	0.00
Total	66,105	100.00

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Public-sector loans - Cover pool at market value

Development / Stress scenario

Date	Market value (cover pool)	Market value (public-sector Pfandbriefe)	Market value surplus cover in € m	Surplus cover in %	Market value (dynamic approach)		Market value (dynamic approach)	
					Surplus cover in € m in the case of rising yields	Surplus cover in % in the case of rising yields	Surplus cover in € m in the case of falling yields	Surplus cover in % in the case of falling yields
31.12.2007	65,872.00	62,641.74	3,230.26	5.16	2,638.02	4.31	3,670.12	5.72
30.11.2007	66,808.94	63,616.70	3,192.24	5.02	2,590.11	4.17	3,659.73	5.61
31.10.2007	66,969.22	64,113.48	2,855.74	4.45	2,296.92	3.67	3,279.61	4.99
30.09.2007	67,654.23	64,151.12	3,503.11	5.46	2,964.39	4.74	3,966.92	6.03
31.08.2007	68,807.74	65,364.84	3,442.90	5.27	2,970.09	4.66	3,763.91	5.61
31.07.2007	68,776.54	65,138.57	3,637.97	5.58	3,167.10	4.99	4,065.11	6.08
30.06.2007	72,309.82	68,660.80	3,649.02	5.31	3,060.67	4.57	4,250.65	6.04
31.05.2007	74,202.07	70,467.98	3,734.09	5.30	3,130.11	4.55	4,378.30	6.06
30.04.2007	74,658.88	71,025.80	3,633.08	5.12	3,088.26	4.46	4,236.12	5.81
31.03.2007	75,574.62	71,350.59	4,224.03	5.92	3,694.72	5.31	4,802.82	6.56
28.02.2007	75,841.21	71,655.45	4,185.76	5.84	3,511.98	5.03	4,933.20	6.70
31.01.2007	76,499.57	72,813.67	3,685.90	5.06	2,947.21	4.15	4,483.12	6.00

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Public-sector loans

Breakdown of cover pool
Surplus cover

all amounts in Euro m

Date	Public-sector Pfandbriefe outstanding	Cover	Surplus cover	in %	Bonds and loans not yet serving as cover *	in %	Total in %
31/12/2007	64,061.15	66,105.07	2,043.92	3.20	103.40	0.20	3.40
30/11/2007	64,865.76	66,775.63	1,909.87	2.90	53.90	0.10	3.00
31/10/2007	65,560.74	67,068.82	1,508.08	2.30	52.40	0.10	2.40
30/09/2007	66,230.50	68,340.88	2,110.38	3.20	57.10	0.10	3.30
31/08/2007	66,934.00	69,026.33	2,092.33	3.10	135.20	0.20	3.30
31/07/2007	67,010.28	69,184.24	2,173.96	3.20	265.30	0.40	3.60
30/06/2007	70,720.91	72,918.70	2,197.79	3.10	905.80	1.30	4.40
31/05/2007	72,307.15	74,433.62	2,126.47	2.90	423.00	0.6	3.50
30/04/2007	72,921.37	74,773.94	1,852.57	2.50	755.30	1.0	3.50
31/03/2007	72,717.31	75,174.61	2,457.30	3.40	300.90	0.40	3.80
28/02/2007	73,061.94	75,185.79	2,123.85	2.90	279.10	0.4	3.3
31/01/2007	74,397.23	76,062.10	1,664.87	2.2	336.40	0.5	2.7

* For technical reasons (e.g. due to the absence of certificates),
These bonds and loans are usually included in the cover pool within a few weeks.

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Public-sector loans - Breakdown of new lending commitments by rating

S & P/Moody's / Fitch

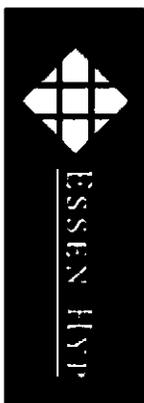
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Should the rating agencies come to different rating results, the worst rating is taken into account.

by rating	in Euro m	in %
AAA / Aaa / AAA	7,053	33.89
AA+ / Aa1 / AA+	2,010	9.66
AA / Aa2 / AA	1,989	9.56
AA- / Aa3 / AA-	4,208	20.22
A+ / A1 / A+	1,239	5.95
A / A2 / A	1,503	7.22
A- / A3 / A-	580	2.79
BBB+ / Baa1 / BBB+	0	0.00
BBB / Baa2 / BBB	0	0.00
Without rating *	2,229	10.71
Total	20,811	100.00
* - Without rating	in Euro m	in %
Public-sector banks and saving banks	646	3.10
Cities, municipalities, non-profit organizations and loans guaranteed by municipal authorities	1,467	7.05
Loans within the EU (Public-sector banks, EU member states, regional governments, cities and municipalities). Loans guaranteed by EU member states and EU institutions.	116	0.56
Others	0	0.00
Total	2,229	10.71

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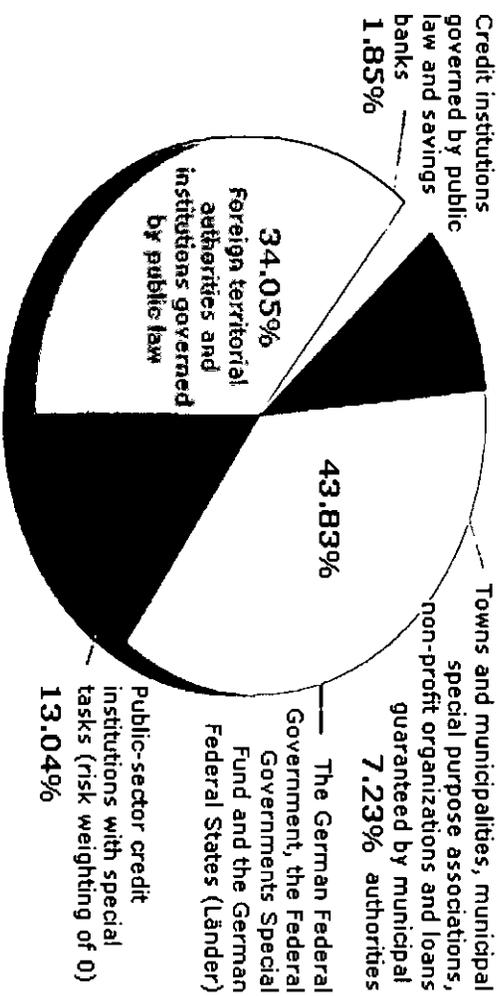
Public-sector loans - Breakdown of new lending commitments

by borrowers and regions

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by borrowers

The German Federal Government, the Federal Government's Special Fund and the German Federal States (Länder)

Towns and municipalities, municipal special purpose associations, non-profit organizations and loans guaranteed by municipal authorities

Public-sector credit institutions with special tasks (risk weighting of 0)

Credit institutions governed by public law and savings banks

in Euro m	in %
9,122	43.83
1,505	7.23
2,715	13.04
291	1.85

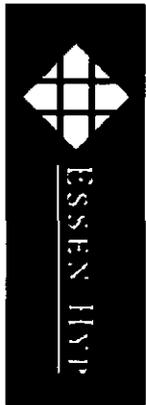
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Foreign territorial authorities and institutions governed by public law

Total

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20,811 100,00

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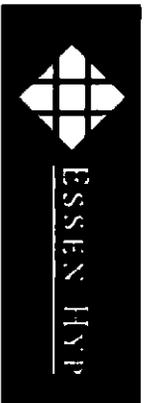
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The German Federal Government, the Federal Government's Special Fund and the German Federal States (Länder)	in Euro m
Federal Government of Germany	409
Federal Government's Special Fund	0
Laender (Individual German Federal States)	8,713
Total	9,122

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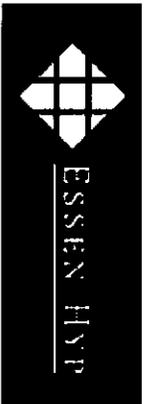
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Towns and municipalities, municipal special purpose associations, non-profit organizations and loans guaranteed by municipal authorities	In Euro m
Baden-Wuerttemberg	74
Bavaria	29
Berlin	0
Brandenburg	0
Bremen	1
Hamburg	103
Hesse	166
Lower Saxony	43
Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania	0
North Rhine-Westphalia	701
Rhineland-Palatinate	61
Saarland	17
Saxony	8
Saxony-Anhalt	0
Schleswig-Holstein	272
Thuringia	30
Total	1.505

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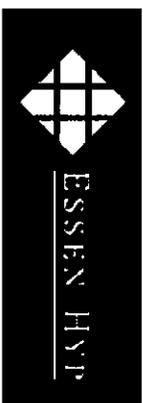
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Public-sector credit institutions with special tasks (risk weighting of 0)
special public sector banks (solva 0)
Total

in Euro m
2.715
2.715

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Public-sector loans

Breakdown of new lending commitments by borrowers and regions

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Credit institutions governed by public law and savings banks
Public-sector banks and Private banks/ financial institution

in Euro m
194

Savings banks in	in Euro m
Baden-Wuerttemberg	0
Bremen	0
Bavaria	0
Hamburg	0
Hesse	0
Lower Saxony	0
Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania	0
North Rhine-Westphalia	130
Rhineland-Palatinate	0
Saxony	25
Schleswig-Holstein	35
Total	384

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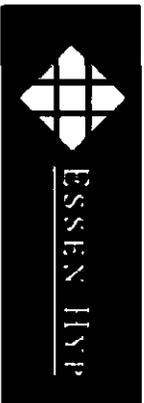
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	in Euro m
Loans within EU	
Public-sector banks in EU member states	3,609
EU member states	602
EU regional governments	143
EU member states, cities and municipalities	153
Loans guaranteed by EU member states	90
EU institutions	0
Subtotal	4,597

	in Euro m
Other Foreign Loans	
Public-sector banks	1,186
States	340
Regional governments	476
Foreign member states, cities and municipalities	438
Loans guaranteed by foreign states	48
Subtotal	2,488
Total	7,085

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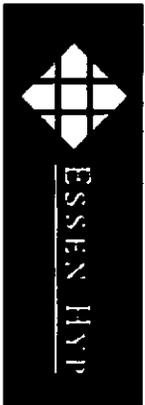
Public-sector loans - Breakdown of new lending commitments

by countries

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by countries	in Euro m	in %
Austria	1,162	5.58
Belgium	325	1.56
Canada	386	1.85
Cyprus	0	0,00
Czech Republic	0	0,00
Denmark	241	1.16
Estonia	0	0,00
Finland	20	0.10
France	67	0.32
Great Britain	236	1.13
Germany	13,726	65.97
Greece	28	0.13
Hungary	0	0,00
Iceland	50	0.24
Ireland	332	1.60
Italy	670	3.22
Latvia	0	0,00
Lithuania	0	0,00
Luxembourg	0	0,00

Norway	134	0.64
Poland	60	0.29
Portugal	100	0.48
Slovak Republic	0	0.00
Slovenia	0	0.00
Spain	1,104	5.30
Sweden	40	0.19
Switzerland	376	1.81
The Netherlands	213	1.02
The United States	1,410	6.78
Others	131	0.63
Total	20,811	100.00

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Public-sector loans - Breakdown of new lending commitments by risk weighting

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Risk weighting	in Euro m	in %
0%	14,792	71,08
10%	520	2,50
20%	5,499	26,42
Total	20,811	100,00

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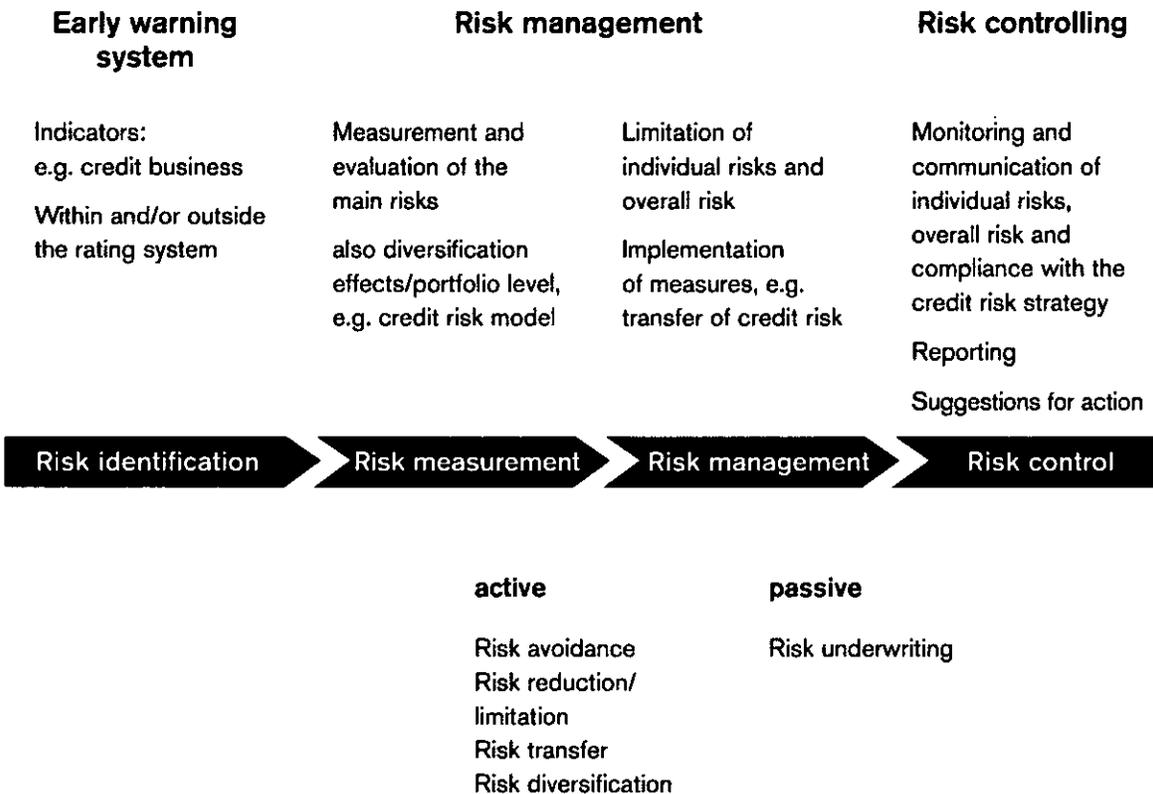
Fundamental principles

Concept and goals of risk management

Risk is an integral part of all entrepreneurial activity and involves a danger that corporate goals may not be attained due to internal and/or external events or actions or decisions, or that indeed the continuation of the company as a going concern may be jeopardized. Only conscious and target oriented risk

management procedures enable Hypothekenbank in Essen AG optimally to attain its overall banking goals. Furthermore, we ensure comprehensive risk management in order to meet the expectations and requirements of our parent company, our investors and capital market partners, rating agencies and the regulatory authorities. We consider risk management to be the entire set of all organizational regulations and measures for the identification of risk and the conscious and target oriented treatment of such risk. A comprehensive system for risk identification, early warning, evaluation (analysis and assessment),

The risk management system at Hypothekenbank In Essen AG



control and monitoring within the scope of a risk management system is therefore an integral part of Essen Hyp's business processes.

Our risk management system is oriented on the business and credit risk strategy and therefore on the bank's corporate goals and constitutes a supplement to our strategic and operational planning. Its function is, in particular, assuring the bank's existence and its future success.

The concept of risk represents the danger that actual results will be different from those expected. It can therefore be described as a probability distribution

in which both positive and negative variances take place around an expected value. A positive variance is described as an opportunity, whereas a negative variance is considered to be a threat.

Risk categories

Market risk. The term market risk generally comprises all risks involving unfavorable developments in the money and capital markets. Such risks result from the fluctuation of market prices (interest rates, foreign currencies) as well as other price affecting parameters (volatilities, credit spreads). Essen Hyp subdivides market risk into general market risk,

Risk categories

Market risk	Credit risk	Liquidity risk	Operational risk	Other risk
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interest rate risk • Currency risk • Volatility risk • Credit spread risk • Trading book risk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Default and credit quality risk • Concentration and cluster risk • Country risk • Settlement risk • Advance payment risk • Replacement risk • Performance risk • Cover pool risk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Market liquidity risk • Funding risk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Processing risk • System risk • Personnel risk • External event risk • Legal risk • Outsourcing risk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business risk • Strategic risk • Reputational risk • Real estate and property risk • Participation and equity holding risk • Risk relating to conditions not in line with the market

which includes interest rate risk, currency risk and volatility risk, and specific market risk, which includes credit spread risk.

Credit risk. Credit risk involves the danger that unexpected losses may result from a full or partial default and/or an increase in the expected default probability of borrowers (deterioration of creditworthiness). While default risk defines the danger that a borrower may not at all or only partially make contractually agreed upon principal or interest payments, credit quality risk is the danger of a deterioration in a borrower's creditworthiness. In addition, credit risk also comprises concentration and cluster risk, country risk and counterparty risk (settlement and advance payment risk as well as replacement and performance risk).

Liquidity risk. Liquidity risk covers the current or future danger of an institution not being able to meet its current or future payment obligations when due, or only to be able to do so while incurring losses. Essen Hyp subdivides liquidity risk into market liquidity risk and funding risk.

Operational risk. Operational risk (Op-Risk) is the danger of incurring losses due to inadequacy or failure of internal processes and systems, human error or external factors. This definition includes legal and outsourcing risk.

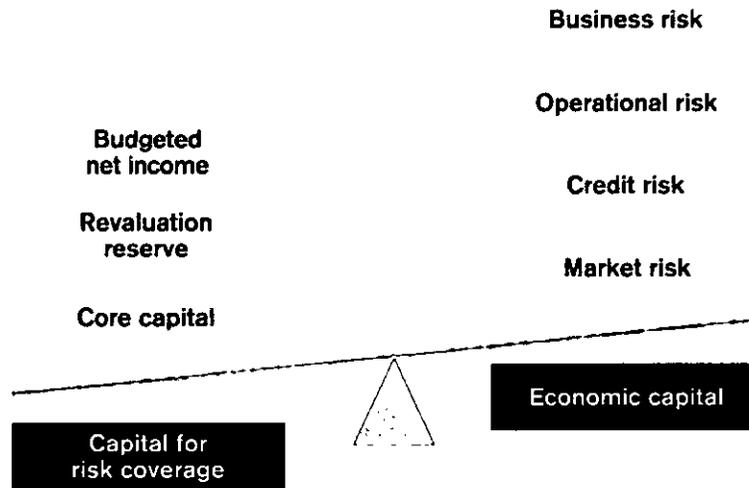
Other risk. The "other risk" category includes risk that can be quantified either only with difficulty or else not at all, such as e.g. business risk, strategic risk or real estate and property risk. Essen Hyp is aware of the existence of these types of risk and counters potential losses by instituting a buffer in the bank's risk taking capability calculation.

Risk taking capability, risk limitation and limit system

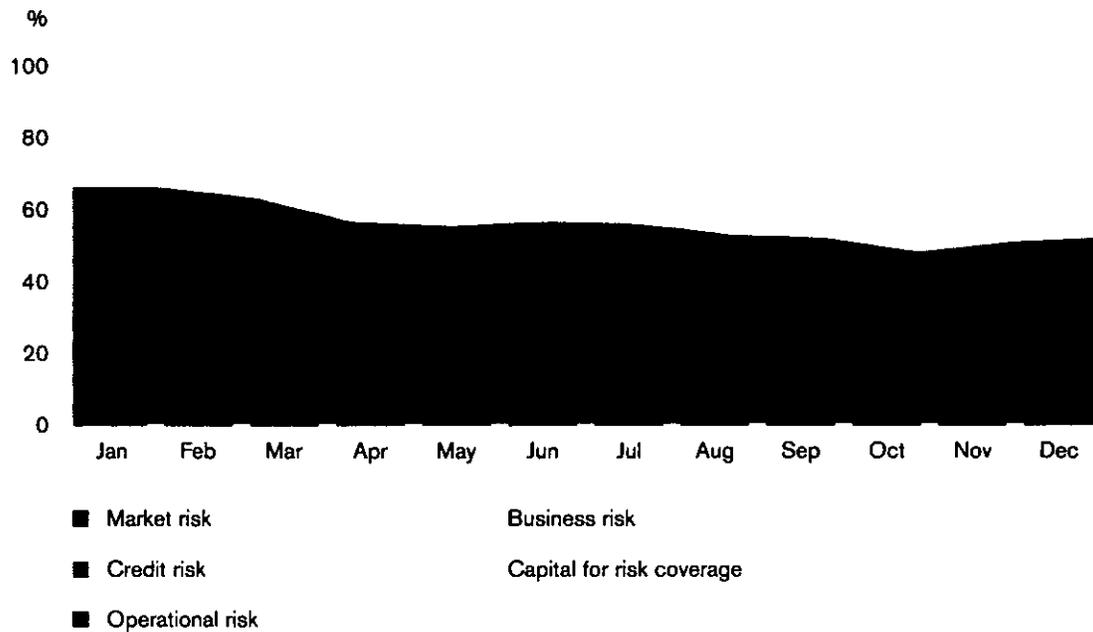
The central driving force of the risk and return oriented overall bank management of Essen Hyp is the optimal use of its economic capital, which is defined as that amount of capital that, with a certain degree of probability, will have to be advanced within a year to cover unexpected losses from risk affected positions (99.95% confidence level, investment period of one year). Within the scope of the calculation the economic capital is compared to the capital available for covering risk (capital for risk coverage) in order to determine whether in the event of a crisis there would be enough capital available to cover potential losses. Risk taking capability exists when all (essential) risks are covered on an ongoing basis by the risk coverage potential (see graph top right).

The ratio of capital for risk coverage to economic capital over the reporting year is shown in the adjacent graph (bottom right).

Diagram of the risk taking capability calculation



Risk taking capability over the reporting year



Organization of the risk management and controlling functions

Risk management organization

An essential prerequisite for the effectiveness and thus efficacy of the risk management system is a clear and transparent risk management organization. To ensure these qualities, the roles and responsibilities of the participating organizational units and their function within the bank wide risk manage-

ment and control process are defined so as to prevent potential misunderstandings concerning responsibility or overlaps.

At Essen Hyp, the Board of Managing Directors has the overall responsibility for the management of the risks resulting from the individual activities. In the strategic area, the Board of Managing Directors is supported by the Credit Committee (CC), chaired by the Chief Risk Officer (CRO),

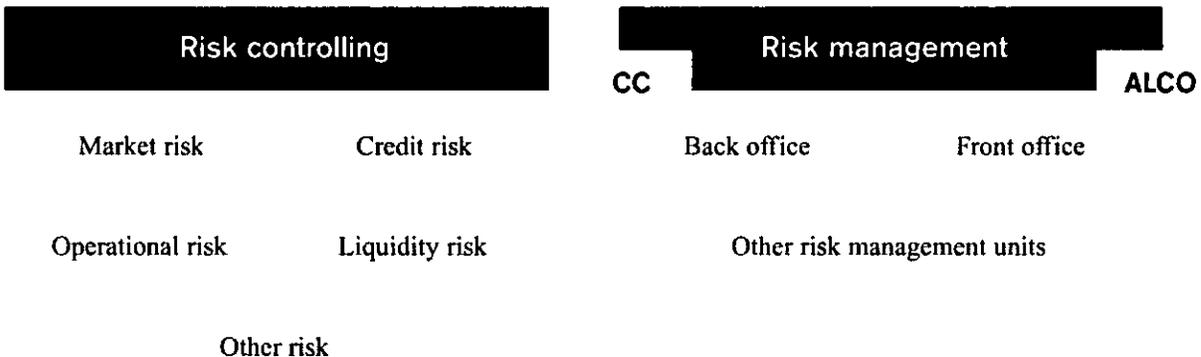
Risk management organization

Risk Committee of the Supervisory Board

Board of Managing Directors

Risk strategy

CRO



Risk types

Process monitoring: Internal Audit Department

and by the Asset Liability Committee (ALCO) as well as by Board and business planning meetings. Operational risk management according to the bank's stated strategy lies within the scope of responsibility of the responsible front office and back office units. Risk controlling is ensured, in particular, by the Controlling Department. Process-independent monitoring of the risk management system is carried out by Essen Hyp's Internal Audit Department.

The graph on the left provides an overview of the tasks and responsibilities defined within the scope of the risk management organization.

Internal audit

The Internal Audit Department is an instrument of the Board of Managing Directors of Essen Hyp and reports directly to the Chairman of the Board of Managing Directors. It is an essential building block of the bank-wide monitoring system. Acting on instructions from the Board of Managing Directors, it provides independent and objective audit and consulting services designed to create added value and improve business processes. It supports Essen Hyp in the achievement of its goals by evaluating and helping improve operating and business processes, risk management and controlling as well as the bank's internal control system with a systematic and target oriented approach.

Based on a long-term audit plan, the Internal Audit Department reviews and evaluates all operating and business processes of Essen Hyp on a risk and process oriented basis, including, more particularly,

- the functionality, efficacy, cost-effectiveness and adequacy of the internal control system,

- the application, functionality, efficacy and adequacy of the bank's risk management and controlling systems, reporting, information systems and finance and accounting systems,
- compliance with statutory and regulatory requirements as well as other provisions,
- compliance with corporate guidelines, regulations and stipulations, as well as
- the regularity of all operational and business processes, regulations and provisions for the protection of the bank's assets.

The Internal Audit Department draws up a written audit report in a timely manner after completion of the review process. The audit report contains a description of what has been audited, the conclusions of the audit, an assessment of these conclusions and a list of recommended measures. Implementation of the measures and recommendations stated in the report is monitored by means of a database application.

The Supervisory Board of Essen Hyp is kept informed of the most relevant findings in its regular meetings. In addition, annually and following the end of the financial year, the Supervisory Board receives a comprehensive report on the most important findings as well as on the current status of the implementation of the pertinent measures. Any serious deficiencies that are identified are reported to the Chairman of the Supervisory Board without delay.

Implementation of Basel II/SolvW and MaRisk

The impact of Basel II on Essen Hyp. In the first quarter of the reporting year, Essen Hyp participated in the Fifth Quantitative Impact Study (QIS 5). The

results were stringently analyzed and have been incorporated into Commerzbank AG's consolidated Group reporting. As a result it became apparent that the bank, which within the scope of Basel II is aiming at implementing the advanced internal rating based approach (A-IRBA), can overall look forward to distinct relief in respect to risk assets. In particular the home loan segment will benefit from the new regulatory requirements. We are currently expecting a reduction of capital requirements by approximately 60% as compared to the existing *Grundsatz I*. With a view to this future impact, the bank therefore acquired a home loan portfolio in the reporting year. Furthermore, a moderate reduction in the risk assets required can be expected within the segment "Specialized Lending", which comprises commercial real estate finance (CRE). Against this background and by means of detailed analyses, the bank is carrying out ongoing monitoring and assessment of all loans for the purposes of gradual portfolio optimization in keeping with the internal rating based approach.

For the capital markets business as a whole we have stated an increase in capital requirements pursuant to Basel II. This is particularly true for loans to borrowers governed by public law. For Essen Hyp as a traditionally large public-sector lending institution it is therefore of major importance that the demonstrably low default probability of loans to these borrowers is taken into account when modeling the relevant rating components. This is the only way to achieve a noticeable reduction of the risk-adjusted capital allocation in this core segment in the future.

The Fifth Quantitative Impact Study was carried out using the Basel II computation module implemented at the bank. Within the scope of an

ongoing review process the bank is gradually integrating the relevant amendments to the Solvency Regulation (SolvV) that became final at the end of the year.

Implementation status. In the past, Essen Hyp had participated in joint projects initiated by the Association of German Pfandbrief Banks (vdp), in which internal rating components were developed for the real estate finance business. The 2004 PD (probability of default) component for commercial real estate finance has been incorporated into the bank's credit procedures and was developed jointly with BV Risk Solutions of Cologne, a subsidiary of Bankverlag Köln.

With reference to our home loan segment, i.e. residential loans to private customers, since the beginning of the reporting year Essen Hyp has been participating in a scoring procedure developed by Eurohypo AG to determine default probabilities in accordance with the Basel II requirements. Internal rating procedures intended to measure PD for our business segments public-sector loans (Federal States (*Länder*) and territorial authorities) and/or for the capital markets business (banks) were developed by our parent company and/or within the scope of joint projects managed by the vdp and Standard & Poor's Risk Solutions, Frankfurt.

As concerns the determination of the LGD (loss given default) rate for real estate finance (both commercial loans and home loans) and the subsequent calculation of the future capital requirements according to Basel II, the bank joined a project started by other mortgage banks at an early stage.

The Basel II computation module thus designed and implemented at Essen Hyp forms the basis

which enables us to calculate and evaluate all financing transactions carried out by the bank within the scope of either new business or portfolio transactions in compliance with the pertinent regulations stipulated by Basel II.

Further standardization of the rating procedures and/or the underlying methodology is aimed at within the Commerzbank Group as part of the implementation of Basel II. Since the beginning of the financial year 2007 the bank has therefore been involved in a Group-wide migration project within which the rating components for commercial real estate finance will be integrated into the bank's credit procedures.

The components used at Essen Hyp for the capital markets and public-sector lending business (for PD and LGD determination) currently already correspond to the methods and procedures used at Commerzbank AG.

The migration of the rating procedures is intended to guarantee optimal allocation of counterparty risk and best possible management of this type of risk within the Group via a standardized risk assessment based on methodical consolidation. In the past reporting year, the bank's activities within the scope of Basel II were already taking place with a view to the beginning stages of the supervisory review and certification of the rating components and calculation procedures. In the first quarter of 2007, the Bundesbank's auditors are expected at Essen Hyp in order to approve the internal rating procedure for loans to banks. While processing what is commonly referred to as cross-reference lists, Essen Hyp has laid the foundations for successful acceptance in collaboration with our certification specialist colleagues at Commerzbank AG and with the support of the Group, via the consulting company PwC.

According to current plan, all internal rating procedures at Essen Hyp will be reviewed by the banking supervisory authority in 2007.

MaRisk implementation. With the introduction of the Minimum Requirements for Risk Management (MaRisk), the German banking supervisory authority implemented the second pillar of Basel II and the Solvency Regulation (SolvV), the so-called "Supervisory Review Process". The MaRisk modify the Minimum Requirements for Trading Activities (MaH), the Minimum Requirements for Lending Operations (MaK) and the Minimum Requirements for the Internal Audit (MaIR). In addition to the requirements concerning the formulation of strategy and the risk taking capability, the MaRisk represent new quantitative and qualitative requirements as concerns risk management and monitoring at an institution. One of the fundamental changes is the requirement that stipulates adequate risk management and controlling processes for interest rate risk in the investment book. For Essen Hyp, however, this is nothing new, as much stricter requirements based on a gentlemen's agreement between the Federal Financial Supervisory Agency (BaFin) and the mortgage banks used to apply to mortgage banks prior to the introduction of the Pfandbrief Act (PfandBG).

To implement the MaRisk requirements, Essen Hyp has set up an interdisciplinary project group, which has identified all requirements that are relevant for the bank's business and assigned them to partial projects with specific work packages. The project group was able to complete most of the projects already by the end of 2006. Completion of partial projects still outstanding is planned for the first half of 2007. Accordingly, the MaRisk will have been fully implemented in 2007.

Risk management and controlling process

Process overview

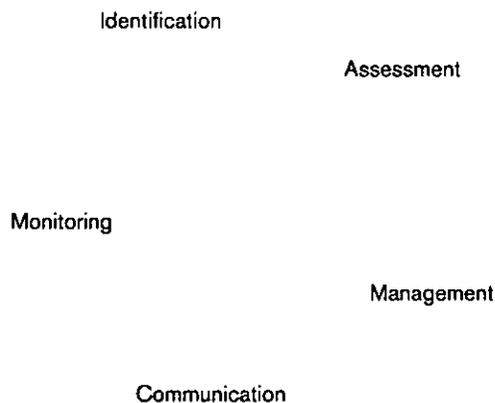
The risk management process at Essen Hyp comprises all activities necessary for a systematic approach to risk handling at Essen Hyp. It consists of the following phases: identification, evaluation (analysis and assessment), control and communication of risk, as well as monitoring the efficacy (effectiveness) and efficiency (adequacy) of risk management measures.

- The goal of *risk identification* is a structured, detailed and wherever possible complete detection of all conceivable risk potential to be found at Essen Hyp in connection with its business processes and functional areas. Risk identification

therefore provides the information needed for subsequent phases.

- The bank has implemented *early warning systems* that vary as to type and scope on the basis of the risk potential of our different areas of business. These systems serve to identify those loans and positions that begin to show indications of risk considered to be increased as compared to Essen Hyp's risk profile. This enables Essen Hyp to initiate countermeasures at the earliest possible stage (e.g. intensive treatment of loans).
- The goal of strategic *risk assessment* is to analyze the risks identified with regard to their risk potential for the bank, to rank them, and to represent them on a risk map. This quantitative

Risk management process map



assessment is drawn up in conjunction with a verbal justification on the basis of the following parameters: probability of occurrence, risk significance and controllability.

- (Operating) *risk measurement* is intended to determine the actual loss potentials and to reconcile them with the stipulated limits. The values thus measured are represented in the pertinent reports.
- *Risk management* means active control, i.e. actual management of the risk positions determined as part of the risk identification and risk analysis phases. Risk management must be congruent with corporate goals and the resulting goals of risk management.
- The goal of *risk reporting* is systematically to process, concentrate, channel and communicate the data obtained in connection with the previous phases.
- In the last phase of the risk management process, *risk monitoring* is intended to ensure that the actual risk position of Essen Hyp will always correspond to the targeted risk position stipulated by the Board of Managing Directors. Therefore, continuous operating control of the effectiveness of risk management measures is central to this phase.

Risk management with dual balance sheet accounting

Essen Hyp draws up both individual annual financial statements according to the German Commercial Code (HGB) and also, within the Group, annual financial statements according to the International Accounting Standards/International Financial Reporting Standards (IAS/IFRS).

By comparison to German commercial law, risk management according to IAS/IFRS is oriented to a much greater extent on the fair value principle. According to this principle, all financial assets and liabilities, including financial derivatives, must fundamentally be recognized in the balance sheet

and evaluated in respect to the category to which they are assigned.

All financial instruments listed on an "active market" within the meaning of IAS 39 must be valued at fair value.

The category "Financial assets held to maturity" is not used. Market changes are recognized as either having a positive or a neutral effect on the profit and loss account. This partial balance sheet accounting at market values, often referred to as the "mixed model", necessitated the total interest rate book to be structured in partial portfolios within the scope of the overall bank management. This is the only way in which balance sheet impacts according to IAS/IFRS can be kept and managed within predefined limits. The daily valuation carried out for the purposes of IAS/IFRS accounting also helps show up potential effects of asset liability management measures.

Market risk

Strategy. Market risk is consciously incurred within the scope of the predefined limits and taking into account the relevant approval powers in order to generate earnings.

Organization. Active market risk management is the responsibility of the Capital Markets Division. Risk controlling is the task of the Market Risk Department.

Management. Market risk management is both risk and profits oriented. This involves setting market risk limits that take into account both the use of the economic capital and business expectations.

Risk measurement methods. Market risk is determined on the basis of the value at risk (VaR) concept. For these purposes, VaR is defined as the maximum loss of a portfolio over a specified holding period, where that loss will not be exceeded with a certain predetermined degree of probability (confidence

level). General market risk is calculated by means of historical simulation, and specific market risk is determined on the basis of a variance-covariance model.

The VaR is validated by means of back-testing. In this procedure, the maximum net present value change in the portfolio forecast by means of the VaR is compared to the actual changes. In addition to compliance with regulatory requirements, the goal of this procedure is to assess and continuously improve forecast quality.

Stress test and scenario analysis. As the results of a VaR calculation do not provide conclusions concerning the behavior of a particular portfolio under extreme market movements, other stress tests are carried out in addition to the VaR. Stress tests are calculated with the help of a selection of defined scenarios that distinctly exceed the range of standard daily fluctuations in the risk factors. All scenarios are developed based on historical yields and comprise both positive and negative shifts in the yield curve as well as tilts of the yield curve at certain key points on the curve. We also simulate other scenarios that are not extreme but involve other changes in the market data that are of interest to Essen Hyp (scenario analysis).

Limits. The level of general and specific market risk is limited for maximum utilization of the VaR and for the standardized stress tests. Trading book transactions are subject to a VaR sub-limit. In addition, a floor for the overall market value has been fixed.

Reporting. On a daily basis, the Board of Managing Directors, the Division Heads, the Head of Treasury and the Head of Bank Management are informed of the trends in Essen Hyp's market value, the level

of the VaR including the credit spread VaR and of the utilization of the different risk limits. At the same time the net present values of the public-sector and mortgage Pfandbriefe outstanding and their pertinent cover assets, as well as changes under defined stress scenarios are also determined and communicated. Furthermore, the Board of Managing Directors receives, on a monthly basis, detailed reports from the individual corporate divisions and departments. The report prepared by the Controlling Department includes, among other things, information on the transactions carried out in the past month, their impact on the gap report, the development of the market value and the developments concerning risk limit utilization. These reports also record the status of new products if applicable. The monthly report of the Accounting and Tax Department shows, among other things, the development of the balance sheet and profit and loss items according to both the German Commercial Code (HGB) and IAS/IFRS.

Trends in market risk figures over the financial year. As of December 31, 2006 the VaR represented 54.6% of the approved limit. Average limit utilization in 2006 was 69.8%. The utilization of the limit for worst case scenarios was 56.3% at the end of the year, at an average of 56.1% over the entire year. Essen Hyp incurred almost no currency or volatility risks in 2006 or significantly eliminated them by means of hedging instruments.

New developments in the financial year

Trading book institution/active trader. In August 2006 Essen Hyp registered with the Federal Financial Supervisory Authority (BaFin) as a trading book institution or active trader. In this capacity it enters into trading positions for the purpose of the short-term generation of additional profit. These positions are taken within the scope of stringently defined

parameters. Owing to the potentially increased risk content of these positions, Essen Hyp has set a sub-limit for the VaR arising out of trading book positions, approving only certain types of contracts within the scope of trading book transactions.

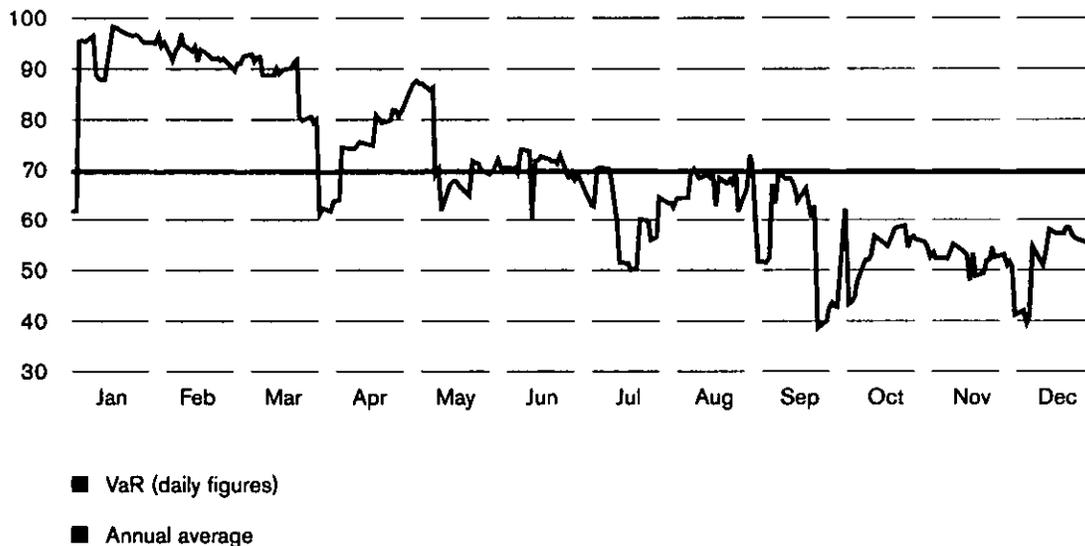
New risk calculation approach. With the goal of achieving the highest possible accuracy and data security in the calculation of risk ratios, a new risk calculation method was developed in our information systems and implemented into the existing systems and processes in the course of the reporting year. Contrary to the concept held to date, in the new risk calculation ratios are calculated both on an overall basis and also for individual risk factors (interest rates, currencies and volatilities) and on different aggregation levels, which enables differentiated market risk monitoring and management.

PRIME conversion. In August of 2006 we converted our Front Arena Atlas front-end system to Front Arena PRIME. This facilitates accounting for and valuation of existing contracts.

Credit risk

Strategy. The credit risk strategy sets the framework for the medium term management of the capital markets and real estate loan portfolios. Our strategy is based on the analysis of the starting position under our business policy and the estimation of the future risks and returns linked to the granting of credit. The credit risk strategy thus constitutes the foundation for the planned activities in the capital markets and real estate finance businesses and defines both the planned products and the target markets.

Value at risk on a daily basis and on an annual average of the authorized limit in 2006 in %



Organization. Active management of credit risk takes place under the joint responsibility of the responsible front office (Corporate Divisions Capital Markets and Real Estate Finance) and back office (Corporate Division Transaction Management) units. Risk controlling of credit risk at portfolio level is the responsibility of the Controlling Department.

Management. As an essential core function in banking, credit risk management is a decisive competitive factor. Only an institution that is able to quantify and manage its credit risk on a timely and systematic basis can meet the increasing requirements of its various stakeholders and will in the future be able to achieve a balanced relationship between risk and return.

The target portfolio defined in our credit risk strategy is the benchmark for new business and portfolio management activities. Credit risk is managed by means of a limit system that provides for limits for both issuers and counterparties on an individual contract level and also for country limits on a portfolio level. For country risk management purposes the bank uses Group know-how in addition to its own expertise. Within the scope of the Group-wide credit and decision-making process, Essen Hyp is also included in the parent company's Group limit system.

Credit approval and decision-making process. The conditions for each credit decision are determined by Essen Hyp's guidelines on credit approval powers. Credit approval powers are visually represented as a matrix whose structure is defined by the type of borrower, the borrower's internal rating and the facility requested by the responsible front office unit. An integral component of each credit decision is a creditworthiness analysis of the borrower, which culminates in the calculation of the borrower's internal rating taking into account all default risk

relevant information. To perform creditworthiness evaluations, Essen Hyp uses different EDP supported rating systems which are geared to the bank's different asset classes.

With the exception of the home loan segment, the property valuations carried out by the Hyp-Cert appraisers of Immobilien Expertise GmbH, a subsidiary of Essen Hyp, are of central significance for the determination of the lending value (*Beleihungswert*). Sustained income from properties to be mortgaged, as evidenced in the final appraisal report and taking into account non-recoverable operating costs, must distinctly exceed principal and interest payments to the bank and, if applicable, to other lenders. With the approval of the Supervisory Board's Risk Committee, the bank has developed credit guidelines that stipulate minimum debt service coverage (DSC) ratios and maximum loan terms depending on the amortization structure. In addition, specific portfolio limits are set for special risks, e.g. construction and development financing, financing in the East German Federal States (*Länder*) and selected property types. The guidelines also list the property types currently not eligible for lending or on which the bank will lend only subject to special conditions. A catalogue of favored target countries is also included in the guidelines.

Within the levels of credit approval powers, all credit decisions at the bank require the approval of the responsible front office unit, and, subsequently, a second vote from the responsible back office unit, independently from that issued by the front office unit. Both votes have to be issued prior to deciding on a credit application and thus constitute a prerequisite for decision-making.

The Credit Committee, chaired by the Chief Risk Officer, is the central decision-making body within

the levels of credit approval powers. The Credit Committee intervenes in Essen Hyp's decision-making process to bundle risk relevant decisions and/or to vote on credit reports to be submitted to the Board of Managing Directors.

Credit decisions that are not within the credit approval powers of Essen Hyp's Board of Managing Directors are submitted to the competent units at Commerzbank AG before being submitted to the Risk Committee of Essen Hyp's Supervisory Board for final decision.

Risk measurement methods. Monitoring compliance with the bank's credit risk strategy is the job of the Controlling Department. In order to ensure implementation of the risk strategy rules and to limit risk concentrations, the economic capital tied up is used as both a reference value and the upper risk limit for concentration and cluster risk. In addition, a standard comparison of budgeted and actual performance of the bank portfolios is also carried out on the basis of the target performance defined in the credit risk strategy.

For individual contracts, credit risk is fundamentally measured on an annual basis by means of the bank's internal credit rating for the borrower, obtained by means of quantitative and qualitative data, with the intensity and frequency of the risk measurement being dependent on the borrower's level of risk. The rotational risk measurement for individual contracts is supplemented with regular rating migration analyses at portfolio or, where applicable, sub-portfolio level.

The bank's ongoing monitoring is supplemented by an early warning system oriented on the risk inherent in the different portfolios. This system is designed to enable Essen Hyp, by means of quantitative and qualitative indicators and on a timely basis, to recognize risks affecting borrowers and to initiate appropriate countermeasures.

Reporting. The Board of Managing Directors, the Division Heads and the Supervisory Board / Risk Committee are comprehensively informed of credit risk trends by means of the quarterly risk report. Any credit risks that have been identified are analyzed in accordance with their essential structural characteristics (size, country and segment concentrations as well as rating distribution) with a view to determining compliance with the credit risk strategy. In the report, loans identified as non-performing are listed and described separately for the capital markets and the real estate finance segment. On this basis the Board of Managing Directors decides on the action to be taken in regard to significant deviations from the credit risk strategy and the connected countermeasures.

Provision for possible loan losses. Recognizable risks in the credit business are appropriately taken into account by means of specific valuation allowances and of global valuation allowances for latent risks. To date we have had no need to form specific valuation allowances for the loans to public-sector bodies or entities governed by public law, or to set aside provisions for these loans. As far as real estate finance is concerned, in-depth analyses that produce an estimation of potentially necessary precautionary measures are carried out in the course of the year to ensure planning compliance for the bank. For risk provisioning purposes, specific valuation allowances in respect to credit risks were formed by using the most realistic value (MRV) approach. Starting with a rating of 6.1, which corresponds to default status under Basel II, the portions remaining uncovered on application of the MRV approach have been fully written down in non-performing loans.

As part of our credit risk strategy we determined actuarial standard risk costs for both the home loan segment and commercial real estate finance on the basis of the existing portfolio quality and structure.

In view of the fact that some 95% of all home loans in our portfolio do not exceed 60% of the property's lending value (*Beleihungswert*), we use uniform standard risk costs for this business segment. In the commercial real estate finance segment, however, standard risk costs are calculated on the basis of the loan to value ratio. In the course of further implementation of our internal rating systems, we will gradually achieve risk adjusted pricing by calculating standard risk costs based on the expected loss.

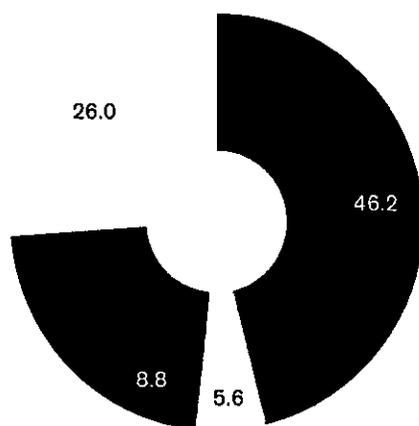
Cover pool risk management

§ 27 Sec. 1 of the German Pfandbrief Act (PfandBG) requires Pfandbrief banks to implement an appro-

priate risk management system that stipulates appropriate instruments and regulations concerning management, monitoring and control, in particular as relates to risks arising out of credits included in the cover pool and from the issuance of Pfandbriefe resulting therefrom. In this connection we have implemented a global, bank-wide risk management system that meets the special requirements of § 27 PfandBG. The duty of transparency pursuant to § 28 PfandBG is also complied with.

Public-sector loans and securities issued by other borrowers. Our public-sector cover assets amounted to €76.3bn at the end of the reporting year. The high quality of these assets is reflected on the one hand

Structure of our public-sector cover pool as of December 31, 2006
in %



Total: €76.3bn

- The German Federal Government, the Federal Government's Special Fund and the German Federal States (*Länder*)
- Towns and municipalities, municipal special purpose associations, non-profit organizations and loans guaranteed by municipal authorities
- Public-sector credit institutions with special tasks
- Credit institutions governed by public law (including claims guaranteed by these), savings banks and German credit institutions governed by private law
- Foreign territorial authorities, foreign institutions governed by public law and foreign credit institutions

in a lower average risk weighting pursuant to *Grundsatz I* and, on the other hand, in the external ratings assigned by the international rating agencies. In accordance with *Grundsatz I*, 72.7% of these assets are classified as having a risk weighting of 0%, 0.9% would be weighted at 10% and 26.4% at 20%. An analysis of the credit portfolio from a rating point of view shows that 37.7% of the cover assets are rated triple A, 33.6% double A, 13.7% single A and 1.2% triple B. Assets that are not externally rated make up 13.8% of all loans included in the cover pool, consisting to 54% of loans to credit institutions governed by public law, domestic private banks and savings banks and to 46% of

claims on domestic and foreign public-sector entities and public-sector institutions that according to our own creditworthiness analysis also enjoy excellent credit quality.

As a basic principle, an investment grade rating is required for the granting of loans not eligible for cover to foreign public-sector entities and other borrowers. As of December 31, 2006 loans to these borrowers (not including derivatives) totaled €1.2bn. Of these loans, 0.8% are rated triple A, 9.8% double A, 78.9% single A and 9.4% triple B. No external rating is recorded for 1.1% of these loans.

Rating of public-sector cover assets as of December 31, 2006

Standard & Poor's / Moody's / FitchRatings	in € m	in %
AAA / Aaa / AAA	28,810	37.7
AA+ / Aa1 / AA+	6,658	8.7
AA / Aa2 / AA	4,777	6.3
AA- / Aa3 / AA-	14,192	18.6
A+ / A1 / A+	7,216	9.5
A / A2 / A	2,561	3.4
A- / A3 / A-	635	0.8
BBB+ / Baa1 / BBB+	808	1.1
BBB / Baa2 / BBB	93	0.1
Not rated	10,592	13.8
Total	76,342	100.0

Derivatives. The bank reduces its counterparty risk by means of bilateral framework agreements that as a rule include netting agreements. This aspect, too, is subject to a standard Group regulation. The breakdown of our derivatives portfolio by counterparty rating is shown in the following table (see also page 110 in the notes to the annual financial statements):

Counterparty ratings in € m/remaining time to maturity

Rating	<1 year	1 – 5 years	>5 years	Total
Triple A	250	698	2,530	3,478
Double A	12,044	34,109	23,251	69,404
Single A	20,047	42,876	43,387	106,310
Triple B	0	0	0	0
Not rated	4,932	17,055	13,921	35,908
Total	37,273	94,738	83,089	215,100

The counterparties not rated are German subsidiaries of foreign financial and credit institutions which in turn enjoy good credit ratings. The volumes involved are shown in the following table. In this table, we have assigned the rating of these foreign financial and credit institutions to our counterparties as an “implicit rating”.

Implicit counterparty ratings in € m/remaining time to maturity

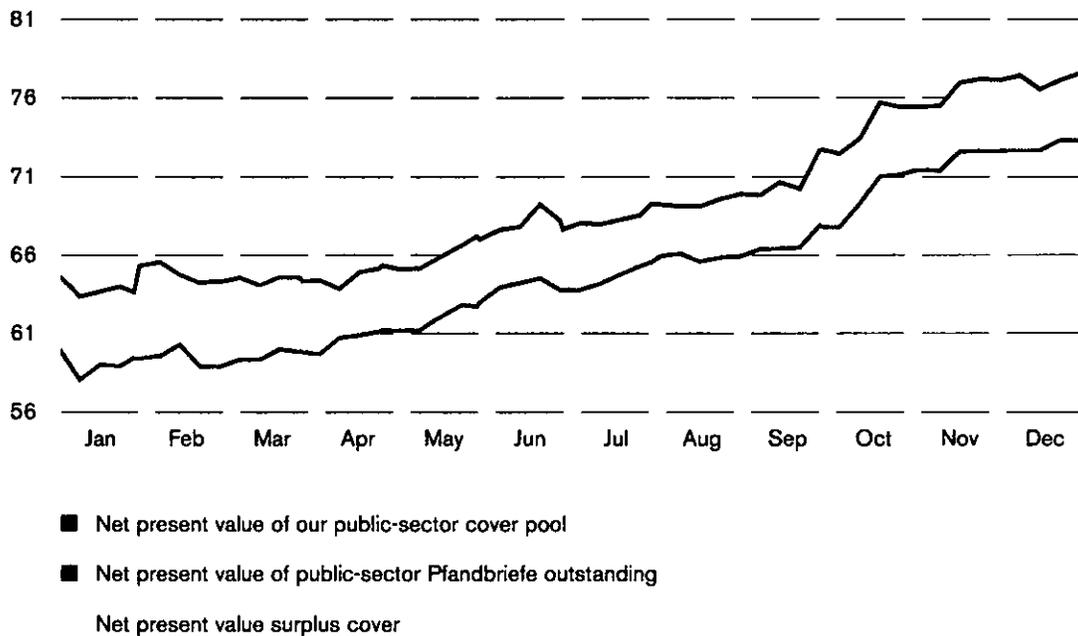
Rating	<1 year	1 – 5 years	>5 years	Total
Double A	1,150	3,046	1,771	5,967
Single A	3,782	14,009	12,150	29,941
Total	4,932	17,055	13,921	35,908

These derivatives are used exclusively to hedge the interest rate risk at the individual contract and/or portfolio level and to manage the overall interest rate book in regard to returns and interest risk profile.

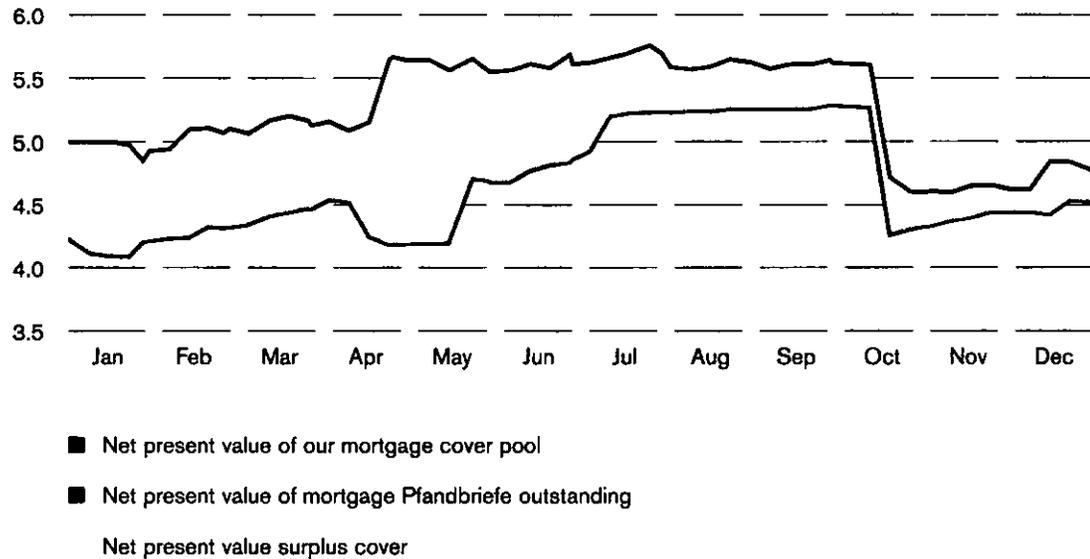
Essen Hyp's interest-bearing positions are valued on a daily basis. Information on the calculated total market value is provided daily to the Board of Managing Directors, the Head of Treasury and the Head of Bank Management. As a part of Essen Hyp's limit system, a floor for the market value has been fixed, which is to ensure that the overall market value never falls short of a predefined minimum amount.

Net present value of the Pfandbrief cover. We calculate the net present value of our Pfandbrief cover on a daily basis. We are required by law to maintain a surplus cover of 2% at all times. Our internal rule requires 2.5%. Pursuant to § 4 Sec. 2 PfandBG this surplus cover is calculated on the basis of the net present value of the cover pool while assuming the required stress tests. These stress tests ensure that the surplus cover of 2% is also met in the event of interest rate movements. For its stress test calculations Essen Hyp employs the dynamic method, which uses the value at risk method based on the interest rate movements over the previous 250 trading days. Under stress test conditions, average surplus cover available at all times was 5.5% for

Net present value surplus cover of our public-sector Pfandbriefe in € bn



Net present value surplus cover of our mortgage Pfandbriefe in € bn



public-sector Pfandbriefe, and 10.6% for mortgage Pfandbriefe. No replacement was arranged for a large volume mortgage Pfandbrief which fell due in October.

Liquidity risk

Strategy. The goal of liquidity risk management is to ensure that Essen Hyp is solvent at all times and not subject to any impairment. With this aim, Essen Hyp pursues the concept of matching long-term maturities, usually referred to as the "stable funding concept". This means that long-term loans are predominantly funded on a long-term basis.

When evaluating the liquidity situation it is important to bear in mind that the assets in the segments public-sector loans, loans to banks and corporate loans are highly liquid and can thus, within the scope of nominal surplus cover, be sold and/or placed on the repo market if necessary.

Organization. Ensuring constant payment ability at all times is the job of the Treasury Department. Measurement and monitoring of the liquidity risk are the responsibilities of the Controlling and Accounting and Tax Departments.

Management. Liquidity risk management is based on the Group's available net liquidity (ANL) concept, which was, to a large extent, introduced during the reporting year and has already been implemented into the pertinent processes and procedures. In addition, liquidity risk is managed in accordance with the regulatory liquidity ratio as set out in *Grundsatz II*.

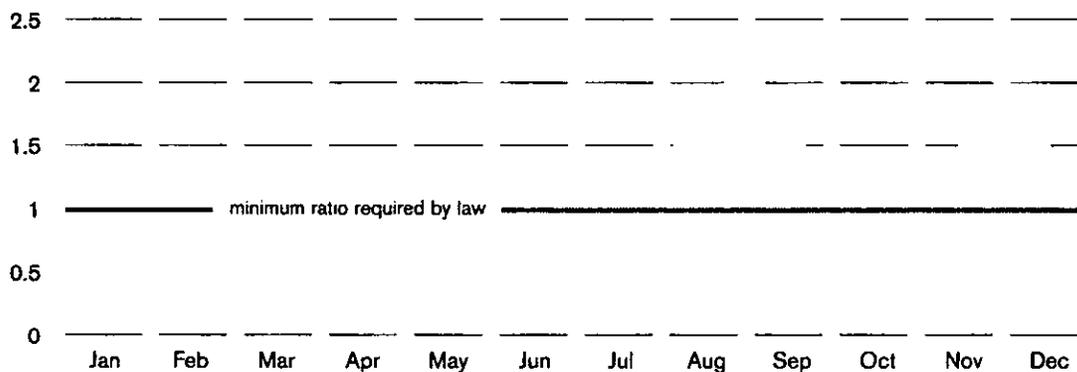
Risk measurement methods. The calculation of the liquidity ratio according to *Grundsatz II* is the responsibility of the Accounting and Tax Department. According to this principle, a credit institution's liquidity is considered to be assured when the weighted liquid assets available to it within 30 days cover the weighted payment obligations callable during this period. In the reporting year the liquidity ratio was between 1.1 and 1.5 and thus at all times higher than the minimum ratio of 1.0 required by the supervisory authorities.

In addition, the bank determines liquidity risk by representing the level of mismatches in the form of a cash flow gap analysis. The mismatches are compared to existing short-term funding lines plus the liquidity reserve, which enables an assessment of the liquidity position.

Using the ANL concept, legal and economic cash flows are calculated for both balance sheet and non-balance sheet items. A compensation instrument, called balance sheet liquidity, is being developed for potential future liquidity gaps. This liquidity reserve results from borrowing on or disposing of liquid assets.

Reporting. The Treasury Department's liquidity forecast is submitted to the Board of Managing Directors on a daily basis. The Board of Managing Directors is regularly informed of Essen Hyp's liquidity situation as part of the quarterly risk report.

Development of our liquidity ratio in accordance with *Grundsatz II*



Operational risk

Strategy. One of Essen Hyp's ongoing concerns is to keep operational risk at the lowest level possible in order to affect the economic capital as little as possible. To achieve this, we are very demanding in regard to process quality. In addition, we are forcing introduction of an IT standard and continue to develop employee sensitivity in regard to operational risk on an ongoing basis.

Organization. Essen Hyp has appointed an Op-Risk Controller in the Controlling Department, who is in constant contact with the Op-Risk Department of Commerzbank AG. The managers of each individual business unit and department are responsible for managing operational risk within their unit or department.

Management. Various different options are available to the Heads of Essen Hyp's business units and departments. The essential issue is whether risks are consciously incurred, or, rather, reduced and/or entirely prevented, avoided or transferred (for example via an insurance policy).

Risk measurement methods. Operational risk is measured on the basis of internal and external loss data and qualitative information concerning the business environment and the process quality. This information is gathered within the scope of a Quality Self Assessment (QSA). Loss distribution is determined by means of Monte-Carlo simulation models.

Reporting. The Op-Risk Department regularly produces reports on operational risk in the IT, Personnel and Legal Departments. These reports are reviewed in the Risk Committee meetings and are regularly presented and discussed in the meetings of the Board of Managing Directors. Any operational losses including legal risk are reported on a regular basis to the Board of Managing Directors and/or to the Risk Committee.

Developments over the reporting year. Op-Risk Controlling focused on the implementation of the requirements for obtaining AMA (Advanced Measurement Approach) certification within the Group. This included the following points:

In cooperation with Commerzbank AG, a new Qualitative Self Assessment was carried out in the fourth quarter of 2006. With the aid of questionnaire modules, experts from selected business units of Essen Hyp evaluated the quality of various processes, e.g. in the personnel, compliance and IT areas. The results will be assessed in the first quarter of 2007, following which any necessary measures will be taken.

After drawing up the risk inventory, a dialogue with staff helped identify and evaluate typical sources of operational risk and the losses they could engender. The result, in the form of a risk map, shows the areas of the bank in which operational risks can develop and ranks the risk potential in an evaluation queue.

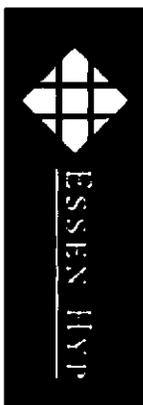
Owing to the significant use of IT systems and EDP applications, the cooperation between the Op-Risk Department and the Corporate Division Services has been further expanded. The goal of this cooperation is to ensure the functionality of the bank's IT environment so as to reduce and/or entirely avoid or prevent operational losses.

Summary and prospects

Over the reporting year, Essen Hyp has continued to develop its risk management and controlling system. The importance of risk management for a risk and return oriented overall bank management will continue to grow. Against this background, in the future we will also continue to develop our risk measurement and management processes and procedures at a high level and on an ongoing basis in concordance with forward-looking risk measurement methods. This course of action aims at ensuring optimum capital allocation. We have already reported on the risks that are of importance for an overall assessment. No other risk criteria or portfolio jeopardizing events became apparent over the reporting year. From the current perspective, no risks are apparent in the period covered by the forecast that would endanger the continuation of Essen Hyp as a going concern. We ensured that the risk coverage potential would at all times be distinctly above the level of risk incurred. The bank's risk taking capability was therefore assured at all times. As far as recognizable risks are concerned, within the scope of the annual financial statements we have taken the appropriate measures by means of write-

offs, specific valuation allowances and provisions for reserves.

Overall we pursue the goal of managing the total market risk position in a manner such that by assigning economic capital to the different business segments the overall risk position is reduced without compromising profitability.



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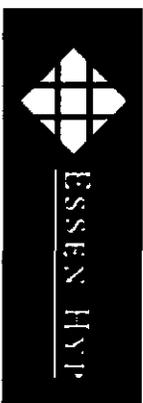
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Risk Management

Value at risk

Date	Utilization in %	Annual average utilization in %
31/12/2007	33.3	42.6
30/11/2007	40.1	42.6
31/10/2007	36.3	42.6
30/09/2007	37.3	42.6
31/08/2007	40.7	42.6
31/07/2007	30.8	42.6
30/06/2007	30.9	42.6
31/05/2007	33.9	42.6
30/04/2007	56.4	42.6
31/03/2007	42.1	42.6
28/02/2007	42.6	42.6
31/01/2007	43.7	42.6

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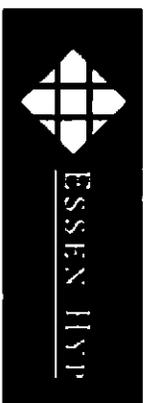
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Risk Management

Worst case scenario

Date	Utilization in %	Annual average utilization in %
31/12/2007	36.9	45.6
30/11/2007	40.7	45.6
31/10/2007	38.6	45.6
30/09/2007	39.5	45.6
31/08/2007	44.3	45.6
31/07/2007	40.3	45.6
30/06/2007	42.3	45.6
31/05/2007	45.7	45.6
30/04/2007	53.7	45.6
31/03/2007	50.4	45.6
28/02/2007	48.8	45.6
31/01/2007	50.2	45.6

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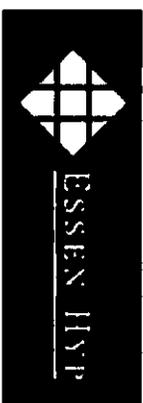
Risk Management

Grundsatz I - overview

Pursuant to Sections 10 (1) and 10a (1) of the German Banking Act (KWG), *Grundsatz I* establishes rules concerning the adequacy of a credit institution's equity capital. Pursuant to Grundsatz I the ratio of the liable capital of an institution to its risk weighted assets must not fall below 8% at the close of each business day (Tier II capital ratio), while the ratio of the core capital of an institution to its risk weighted assets must not fall below 4% at the close of each business day (Tier I capital ratio).

Date	Tier I		Tier II	
	Required by law	Ratio	Required by law	Ratio
31/12/2007	4.0	8.6	8.0	12.5
30/11/2007	4.0	8.0	8.0	12.0
31/10/2007	4.0	8.0	8.0	12.0
30/09/2007	4.0	7.9	8.0	11.9
31/08/2007	4.0	7.8	8.0	11.9
31/07/2007	4.0	7.8	8.0	11.9
30/06/2007	4.0	7.7	8.0	11.9
31/05/2007	4.0	7.6	8.0	11.7
30/04/2007	4.0	7.6	8.0	11.7
31/03/2007	4.0	7.5	8.0	11.6
28/02/2007	4.0	6.7	8.0	10.8
31/01/2007	4.0	6.7	8.0	10.9

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Grundsatz II

Grundsatz II concerns the adequacy of a credit institution's liquidity provision. It is required and sufficient that the liquid assets cover all actual and potential liquidity outflows over the following twelve months. Since December 1, 2000 German mortgage banks have to comply with *Grundsatz II*.

Date	Ratio	Required by law
31/12/2007	1.46	1.0
30/11/2007	1.13	1.0
31/10/2007	1.88	1.0
30/09/2007	1.67	1.0
31/08/2007	1.07	1.0
31/07/2007	1.16	1.0
30/06/2007	1.03	1.0
31/05/2007	1.24	1.0
30/04/2007	1.50	1.0
31/03/2007	1.10	1.0
28/02/2007	1.38	1.0
31/01/2007	1.09	1.0

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Derivatives

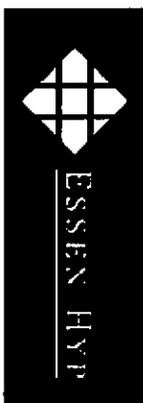
Counterparty ratings

Nominal amount in Euro m/Remaining time to maturity

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Rating	<= 1 year	in %	1-5 years	in %	> 5 year	in %	Total	in %
Triple A	0.0	0.00	1,349.1	2.44	2,465.6	3.30	3,814.7	2.30
Double A	15,056.6	42.10	28,727.7	51.89	29,571.0	39.63	73,355.3	44.25
Single A	20,709.5	57.90	25,298.8	45.67	42,590.7	57.07	88,599.0	53.45
Triple B	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.00
Total	35,766.1	100.00	55,375.6	100.00	74,627.3	100.00	165,769.0	100.00

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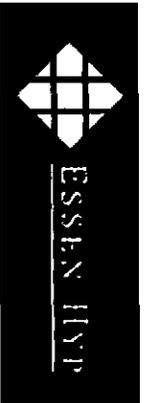
Yield curve distribution

Essen Hyp derivatives portfolio by instruments
Financial derivatives in Euro m / Remaining time to maturity

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Instruments	<= 1 year	in %	>1-5 years	in %	>5 years	in %	Total	in %
Interest rate swaps	33,475.6	93.60	50,645.8	91.45	65,970.6	88.40	150,092.0	90.54
Swaptions	51.1	0.14	440.6	0.80	544.5	0.73	1,036.2	0.63
Other interest rate derivatives	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0	0.00
Currency swaps	2,239.4	6.26	4,029.2	7.28	5,467.7	7.33	11,736.3	7.08
Credit default swaps	0.00	0.00	260.0	0.47	2,644.5	3.54	2,904.5	1.75
Total	35,766.1	100.00	55,375.6	100.00	74,627.3	100.00	165,769.0	100.00

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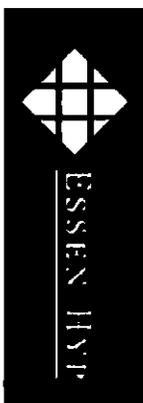
Ratings and Analyses (as of: January 9, 2008)

	Ratings	S & P	Moody's	Fitch Ratings
<i>Pfandbriefe</i>				
- public-sector	AAA	AAA	AAA	AAA
- mortgage	not rated	not rated	Aaa	AAA
Long-term counterparty rating	A	A	A1	A
	(outlook stable)	(outlook stable)	(outlook stable)	(outlook stable)
Short-term counterparty rating	A-1	A-1	P-1	F-1
Notes issued under the Debt Issuance Program				
- Senior Unsecured Debt	A	A	A1	not rated
- Subordinated Debt	A-	A-	A2	not rated
Commercial Paper Program	A-1	A-1	P-1	not rated
Financial Strength	not rated	not rated	C	C

Rating Reports

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Code of Conduct

Outline

In co-operation with its member institutions, the Association of German Pfandbrief Banks (vdp) has established a code of conduct for the issuers of Jumbo *Pfandbriefe*.

This Code of Conduct contains (a) rules of conduct and (b) disclosure requirements, with which the mortgage banks will voluntarily comply:

The rules of conduct nos. 1) to 3), which apply to the issuers of Jumbo *Pfandbriefe*, stipulate that

new issues and increases are to be announced duly in advance in order to make sure that there is sufficient time for the book-building process;

new issues and increases are to be marked to the market at all times;

as a rule, increases are to be launched by the laid down minimum number of market makers.

The rule of conduct no. 4) lays down minimum standards on the information to be disclosed. This will allow investors to evaluate the quality of cover assets. The information, which should be updated at least quarterly, is to be published in suitable electronic media.

Since mid-2001 Essen Hyp has been publishing detailed information about its cover pools, derivatives and interest rate risks. This information has been complemented by further details in accordance with the provisions of the Code of Conduct.

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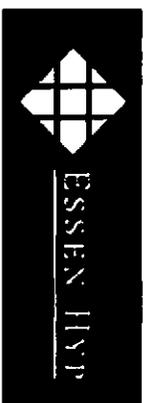
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New mortgage lending commitments	X
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Mortgage cover pool	X
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Breakdown of non-cover assets

by rating

S & P/Moody's/Fitch

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Should the rating agencies come to different rating results, the worst rating is taken into account.

by rating	in Euro m	in %
AAA / Aaa / AAA	95	10.23
AA+ / Aa1 / AA+	0	0.00
AA / Aa2 / AA	26	2.80
AA- / Aa3 / AA-	75	8.07
A+ / A1 / A+	97	10.44
A / A2 / A	444	47.80
A- / A3 / A-	165	17.76
BBB+ / Baa1 / BBB+	15	1.61
BBB / Baa2 / BBB	0	0.00
BBB- / Baa3 / BBB-	0	0.00
BB+ / Ba1 / BB+	0	0.00
BB- / Ba3 / BB-	0	0.00
Without rating *	12	1.29
Total	929	100.00

* - Without rating

National credit institutions

in Euro m

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in %

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International credit institutions

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Other (e.g. financial institutions)

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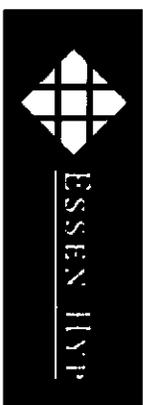
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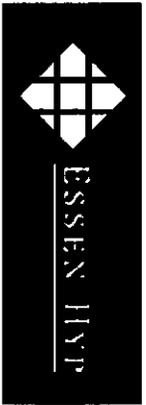
Breakdown of non-cover assets

by borrowers

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	in Euro m	in %
by borrowers		
National credit institutions	0	0.00
Foreign Governments and municipalities	34	3.66
International credit institutions	207	22.28
Other foreign financial institutions (guaranteed by national or international credit institutions)	593	63.83
Others	95	10.23
Total	929	100.00

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Breakdown of non-cover assets

by countries

	in Euro m	in %
by countries		
Germany	0	0.00
EU member states without Germany		
The Netherlands	25	2.69
France	0	0.00
Denmark	0	0.00
Austria	0	0.00
Belgium	0	0.00
Great Britain	120	12.92
Ireland	153	16.47
Italy	0	0.00
Spain	172	18.51
Finland	0	0.00
Sweden	0	0.00
Estonia	0	0.00
Hungary	0	0.00
Total EU without Germany	470	50.59
Non EU member states in Western Europe	12	1.29
Others	447	48.12
Total	929	100.00

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Breakdown of non-cover assets
by risk weighting

	in Euro m	in %
Risk weighting		
0%	19	2.05
10%	0	0.00
20%	790	85.03
100%	120	12.92
Total	929	100.00

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Non-cover loans - Breakdown of new lending commitments

by rating

S & P/Moody's/Fitch

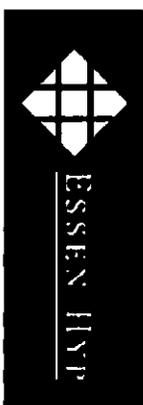
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by rating	in Euro m	in %
AAA / Aaa / AAA	95	32.42
AA+ / Aa1 / AA+	0	0.00
AA / Aa2 / AA	2	0.68
AA- / Aa3 / AA-	67	22.87
A+ / A1 / A+	0	0.00
A / A2 / A	7	2.39
A- / A3 / A-	122	41.64
BBB+ / Baa1 / BBB+	0	0.00
BBB / Baa2 / BBB	0	0.00
Without Rating	0	0.00
Total	293	100.00

* - Without rating

	in Euro m	in %
National credit institutions	0	0.00
International credit institutions	0	0.00
Other (e.g. financial institutions)	0	0.00
Total	0	0.00

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Non-cover loans - Breakdown of new lending commitments

by borrowers

	31.12.2007	
	in Euro m	in %
by borrowers		
National credit institutions	7	2.39
Foreign Governments and municipalities	67	22.87
International credit institutions	0	0.00
Other foreign financial institutions (guaranteed by national or international credit institutions)	124	42.32
Others	95	32.42
Total	293	100.00

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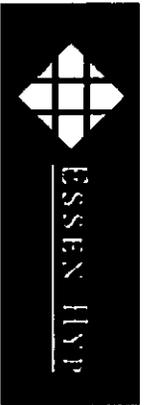
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Non-cover loans - Breakdown of new lending commitments

by countries

	31.12.2007	
	In Euro m	In %
by countries		
Germany	0	0,00
EU member states without Germany		
The Netherlands	0	0,00
Belgium	0	0,00
France	0	0,00
Austria	0	0,00
Denmark	0	0,00
Great Britain	96	32,76
Ireland	0	0,00
Italy	0	0,00
Spain	0	0,00
Finland	0	0,00
Sweden	0	0,00
Estonia	0	0,00
Hungary	0	0,00
Total EU without Germany	96	32,76
Non EU member states in Western Europe	0	0,00
Others	197	67,24
Total	293	100,00

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Non-cover loans - Breakdown of new lending commitments by risk weighting

		31.12.2007
Risk weighting	in Euro m	in %
0%	24	8,19
10%	0	0,00
20%	173	59,05
100%	96	32,76
Total	293	100,00

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Breakdown of mortgage portfolio by type of property, region and LTV

Commercial Properties in Euro m

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Purpose of property	Country*	LTV up to 60%	in %	of which used as cover	in %	LTV 61-80 %	in %	LTV 81-90 %	in %	LTV >90 %	in %	Total	in %
Office and administrative buildings	Foreign countries	567.5	31.7	197.7	22.4	199.2	48.2	60.6	28.9	47.9	25.8	875.2	34.9
	West **	470.2	26.3	268.9	30.4	57.2	13.8	19.3	16.4	50.4	27.1	597.1	23.8
Building sites	East ***	11.1	0.6	13.5	1.5	2.5	0.6	1.0	0.8	0.0	0.0	14.6	0.6
	Foreign countries	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Factory buildings	West **	1.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.6	2.3	0.1
	East ***	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
Shops	Foreign countries	9.6	0.5	0.0	0.0	3.2	0.8	1.6	1.4	5.1	2.7	19.5	0.8
	West **	49.7	2.8	28.7	3.2	8.0	1.9	2.6	2.2	5.7	3.1	66.0	2.6
Hotels and restaurants	East ***	1.6	0.1	1.6	0.2	0.5	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	2.3	0.1
	Foreign countries	83.7	4.7	0.0	0.0	44.0	10.6	12.2	10.4	34.8	18.7	174.7	7.0
Other non-residential properties	West **	294.5	16.4	199.0	22.5	34.1	8.2	2.9	2.5	4.0	2.2	335.5	13.4
	East ***	62.4	3.5	37.5	4.2	15.7	3.8	6.2	5.3	5.4	2.9	89.7	3.6
Ware-houses and	Foreign countries	20.7	1.2	19.0	2.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	20.7	0.8
	West **	16.0	0.9	2.6	0.3	6.9	1.7	2.2	1.9	9.1	4.9	34.2	1.4
Other non-residential properties	East ***	19.6	1.1	7.1	0.8	6.1	1.5	2.2	1.9	18.2	9.8	46.1	1.8
	Foreign countries	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.2	1.6	0.1
Ware-houses and	West **	116.7	6.5	73.6	8.3	24.1	5.8	5.3	4.5	2.5	1.3	148.6	5.9
	East ***	11.0	0.6	10.7	1.2	3.3	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.0	0.0	15.0	0.6
Ware-houses and	Foreign countries	17.7	1.0	0.0	0.0	4.4	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	22.1	0.9

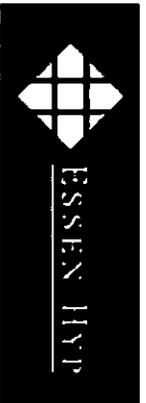
Purpose of property	Country*	LTV up to 60%	in %	of which used as cover	in %	LTV in %					Total	in %	
						61-80 %	81-90 %	in %	LTV >90 %	in %			
Residential Properties in Euro m	West **	37.1	2.1	24.4	2.8	4.0	1.0	0.7	0.6	1.2	0.6	43.0	1.7
	East ***	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Foreign countries	700.0	39.1	216.7	24.5	251.1	60.7	74.5	63.3	88.2	47.5	1,113.8	44.4
Total commercial properties	West **	985.3	55.0	597.2	67.5	134.4	32.5	33.0	28.0	74.0	39.8	1,226.7	48.9
	East ***	105.7	5.9	70.4	8.0	28.1	6.8	10.3	8.7	23.6	12.7	167.7	6.7
	Total	1,791.0	100.0	894.3	100.0	413.6	100.0	117.8	100.0	185.8	100.0	2,508.2	100.0
Owned houses	Foreign countries	4.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.6	0.1
	West **	3,525.2	62.3	2,645.8	63.2	143.2	50.6	6.1	28.4	4.3	11.7	3,678.8	61.3
	East ***	473.9	8.4	333.1	8.0	27.3	9.7	1.5	7.0	0.8	2.2	503.5	8.4
Owned flats	Foreign countries	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0
	West **	979.6	17.3	770.0	18.4	46.0	16.3	2.7	12.6	1.7	4.6	1,030.0	17.2
	East ***	48.0	0.8	36.5	0.9	2.0	0.7	0.2	0.9	0.2	0.5	50.4	0.8
Residential construction for letting purposes	Foreign countries	25.0	0.4	0.5	0.0	8.2	2.9	1.3	6.0	0.0	0.0	34.5	0.6
	West **	506.3	9.0	361.6	8.6	49.0	17.3	7.5	34.9	19.9	54.2	582.7	9.7
	East ***	93.2	1.6	40.0	1.0	6.8	2.4	2.2	10.2	9.8	26.7	112.0	1.9
Total residential properties	Foreign countries	29.4	0.5	0.5	0.0	8.6	3.0	1.3	6.0	0.0	0.0	39.3	0.7
	West **	5,011.1	88.6	3,777.4	90.2	238.2	84.2	16.3	75.9	25.9	70.6	5,291.5	88.2
	East ***	615.1	10.9	409.6	9.8	36.1	12.8	3.9	18.1	10.8	29.4	665.9	11.1
Total	5,655.6	100.0	4,187.5	100.0	282.9	100.0	21.5	100.0	36.7	100.0	5,996.7	100.0	
Total mortgage loans	Country*	LTV up to 60%	in %	of which used as cover	in %	LTV 61-80 %	in %	LTV 81-90 %	in %	LTV >90 %	in %	Total	in %
	Foreign countries	729.4	63.3	217.2	4.3	259.7	22.5	75.8	6.6	88.2	7.6	1,153.1	13.6
	West **	5,996.4	92.0	4,374.6	86.2	372.6	5.7	49.3	0.8	99.9	1.5	6,518.2	76.6
	East ***	720.8	86.5	480.0	9.5	64.2	7.7	14.2	1.7	34.4	4.1	833.6	9.8
Total	7,446.6	87.6	5,071.8	100.0	666.5	8.2	139.3	1.6	222.5	2.6	8,504.9	100.0	

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Mortgage loans

Breakdown of mortgage portfolio Foreign loans by type of property, country and LTV

Commercial Properties in Euro m

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Purpose of property	Country*	LTV up to 60%	of which used as cover	LTV 61-80%	LTV 81-90%	LTV >90%	Total	in %
Office and administrative buildings	United States	10.3	0.0	52.3	13.0	15.6	91.2	8.2
	Belgium	8.0	0.0	2.7	1.3	0.8	12.8	1.1
	England	162.3	69.6	59.3	25.7	24.2	271.5	24.4
	France	61.8	0.1	7.5	0.6	1.3	71.2	6.5
	Canada	20.2	0.0	6.7	3.4	3.4	33.7	3.0
	The Netherlands	65.4	40.2	15.1	0.0	0.0	80.5	7.2
	Poland	17.3	0.0	1.9	0.0	0.0	19.2	1.7
	Switzerland	106.8	87.8	35.6	16.6	2.6	161.6	14.5
	Spain	64.2	0.0	15.3	0.0	0.0	79.5	7.1
	Austria	51.2	0.0	2.8	0.0	0.0	54.0	4.8
Factory buildings	Czech Republik	9.6	0.0	3.2	1.6	5.1	19.5	1.8
	United States	4.8	0.0	24.0	8.3	2.9	40.0	3.6
	England	55.8	0.0	12.3	0.0	24.0	92.1	8.3
Shops	Poland	23.1	0.0	7.7	3.9	7.9	42.6	3.8
	France	19.0	19.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	19.0	1.7
	Spain	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.7	0.2
Hotels and restaurants	England	0.8	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.4	1.6	0.1
	France	17.7	0.0	4.4	0.0	0.0	22.1	2.0
other nonresidential properties	England	0.8	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.4	1.6	0.1
	France	17.7	0.0	4.4	0.0	0.0	22.1	2.0
Warehouse and exhibition buildings	France	17.7	0.0	4.4	0.0	0.0	22.1	2.0

Total commercial properties	Country	LTV up to 60%	of which used as cover	LTV 61-80%	LTV 81-90%	LTV >90%	Total	in %
	United States	15.1	0.0	76.3	21.3	18.5	131.2	11.8
	Belgium	8.0	0.0	2.7	1.3	0.8	12.8	1.2
	England	218.9	69.6	71.9	25.8	48.6	365.2	32.8
	France	98.5	19.1	11.9	0.6	1.3	112.3	10.1
	Canada	20.2	0.0	6.7	3.4	3.4	33.7	3.0
	Czech Republik	9.6	0.0	3.2	1.6	5.1	19.5	1.8
	The Netherlands	65.4	40.2	15.1	0.0	0.0	80.5	7.2
	Poland	40.4	0.0	9.6	3.9	7.9	61.8	5.5
	Switzerland	106.8	87.8	35.6	16.6	2.6	161.6	14.5
	Spain	65.9	0.0	15.3	0.0	0.0	81.2	7.3
	Austria	51.2	0.0	2.8	0.0	0.0	54.0	4.8
Total		700.0	216.7	251.1	74.5	88.2	1,113.8	100.0

Total in Euro m

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owned flats	Country*	LTV up to 60%	of which used as cover	LTV 61-80%	LTV 81-90%	LTV >90%	Total	in %
	France	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.5
	Austria	0.4	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.5	1.3
	France	3.8	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	4.1	10.4
	United States	24.5	0.0	8.2	1.3	0.0	34.0	86.5
	Belgium	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	1.3
	Austria	0.4	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.5	1.3
	United States	24.5	0.0	8.2	1.3	0.0	34.0	86.5
	Belgium	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	1.3
	France	4.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	4.3	10.9
Total		29.4	0.5	8.6	1.3	0.0	39.3	100.0

Total in Euro m

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Mortgage loans	Country*	LTV up to 60%	of which used as cover	LTV 61-80%	LTV 81-90%	LTV >90%	Total	in %

Austria	51.6	0.0	2.9	0.0	0.0	54.5	4.7
United States	39.6	0.0	84.5	22.6	18.5	165.2	14.3
Belgium	8.5	0.5	2.7	1.3	0.8	13.3	1.2
England	218.9	69.6	71.9	25.8	48.6	365.2	31.7
France	102.5	19.1	12.2	0.6	1.3	116.6	10.1
Canada	20.2	0.0	6.7	3.4	3.4	33.7	2.9
Czech Republik	9.6	0.0	3.2	1.6	5.1	19.5	1.7
The Netherlands	65.4	40.2	15.1	0.0	0.0	80.5	7.0
Poland	40.4	0.0	9.6	3.9	7.9	61.8	5.4
Switzerland	106.8	87.8	35.6	16.6	2.6	161.6	14.0
Spain	65.9	0.0	15.3	0.0	0.0	81.2	7.0
Total	729.4	217.2	259.7	75.8	88.2	1,153.1	100.0

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Mortgage loans - Cover pool at market value

Development / Stress scenario

Date	Market value (cover pool)	Market value (mortgage Plandbrieife)	Market value surplus cover in € m	Surplus cover in %	Market value (dynamic approach)		Surplus cover in % in the case of rising yields	Surplus cover in % in the case of falling yields	Surplus cover in % in the case of falling yields
					Surplus cover in € m in the case of rising yields	Surplus cover in € m in the case of falling yields			
31.12.2007	5,620.07	5,037.84	582.23	11.56	483.84	10.00	641.66	12.21	
30.11.2007	6,088.40	5,347.56	740.84	13.85	584.40	11.36	874.42	15.71	
31.10.2007	5,997.22	5,281.79	715.43	13.55	550.88	10.84	848.21	15.42	
30.09.2007	5,995.52	5,606.67	388.85	6.94	235.68	4.36	520.81	8.94	
31.08.2007	5,456.88	4,994.22	462.66	9.26	363.73	7.59	529.52	10.16	
31.07.2007	5,262.30	4,547.19	715.11	15.73	598.24	13.67	806.13	17.03	
30.06.2007	5,197.31	4,478.03	719.28	16.06	590.80	13.67	822.30	17.70	
31.05.2007	4,883.93	4,492.26	391.67	8.72	294.20	6.80	447.09	9.58	
30.04.2007	4,799.82	4,494.86	304.96	6.78	218.69	5.05	344.40	7.37	
31.03.2007	5,361.60	4,485.30	876.30	19.54	865.48	20.03	896.85	19.24	
28.02.2007	4,818.40	4,493.78	324.62	7.22	244.48	5.65	419.46	8.98	
31.01.2007	4,750.73	4,478.77	271.96	6.07	196.81	4.57	361.00	7.75	

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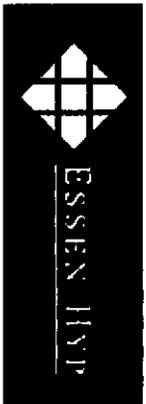
Breakdown of cover pool
Surplus cover

all amounts in Euro m

Date	Mortgage Pfandbriefe outstanding	cover	Surplus cover	in %	Not yet serving as cover
31/12/2007	5,143.38	5,626.93	483.55	9.40	2,261.46
30/11/2007	5,422.29	6,067.56	645.27	11.90	2,302.44
31/10/2007	5,372.25	6,013.37	641.12	11.93	2,257.64
30/09/2007	5,709.72	6,034.87	325.15	5.69	2,227.11
31/08/2007	5,092.59	5,423.03	330.44	6.49	2,648.08
31/07/2007	4,667.55	5,245.28	577.73	12.38	2,930.82
30/06/2007	4,617.00	5,203.27	586.27	12.70	2,927.04
31/05/2007	4,607.48	4,812.40	204.92	4.45	2,901.46
30/04/2007	4,573.23	4,671.03	97.80	2.14	2,920.23
31/03/2007	4,548.19	4,843.75	295.56	6.50	2,881.98
28/02/2007	4,532.31	4,885.85	353.54	7.80	2,846.56
31/01/2007	4,542.22	4,836.07	293.85	6.47	2,778.49
31/12/2006	4,582.18	4,823.05	240.87	5.26	2,780.04

* For technical reasons (e.g. due to the absence of evidence that the loan is secured by a first mortgage). The loans are usually included in the cover pool within not more than three months.

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Mortgage loans

Breakdown of non-cover assets
Loans with a LTV > 60%

Loans with a LTV exceeding 60% are not eligible to serve as cover for mortgage Pfandbriefe.

Date	In %
31/12/2007	13.83
30/11/2007	13.87
31/10/2007	13.92
30/09/2007	13.90
31/08/2007	13.98
31/07/2007	13.50
30/06/2007	13.46
31/05/2007	13.49
30/04/2007	13.60
31/03/2007	13.50
28/02/2007	13.59
31/01/2007	13.61

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Mortgage loans

Breakdown of new lending commitments Domestic loans by type of property, region and LTV

Commercial Properties in Euro m

31.12.2007

Purpose of property	Country*	LTV up to 60%	in %	of which used as cover	in %	LTV 61-80 %	in %	LTV 81-90 %	in %	LTV >90 %	in %	Total	in %
Office and administrative buildings	Foreign countries	200.8	39.7	0.0	0.0	45.6	56.2	6.4	45.7	9.2	21.1	262.0	40.6
	West **	115.0	22.7	7.2	26.4	2.2	2.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	117.2	18.2
Building sites	East ***	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Foreign countries	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Factory buildings	West **	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.0
	East ***	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Shops	Foreign countries	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	West **	12.5	2.5	0.0	0.0	2.6	3.2	1.3	9.3	4.7	10.8	21.1	3.3
Hotels and restaurants	East ***	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Foreign countries	55.8	11.0	0.0	0.0	12.4	15.3	0.0	0.0	24.6	56.3	92.8	14.4
Other non-residential properties	West **	73.6	14.5	1.1	4.3	14.3	17.6	4.7	33.6	2.6	5.9	95.2	14.8
	East ***	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0
Other non-residential properties	Foreign countries	19.0	3.8	19.0	69.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	19.0	2.9
	West **	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0
Other non-residential properties	East ***	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Foreign countries	0.8	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.7	0.4	0.9	1.6	0.2
Other non-residential properties	West **	8.1	1.6	0.0	0.0	1.5	1.8	0.8	5.7	1.5	3.4	11.9	1.8
	East ***	11.7	2.3	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	12.0	1.9
Other non-residential properties	Foreign countries	n.n	n.n	n.n	n.n	n.n	n.n	n.n	n.n	n.n	n.n	n.n	n.n

Purpose of property	Country*	LTV up to 60%	in %	of which used as cover	in %	LTV 61-80 %	in %	LTV 81-90 %	in %	LTV >90 %	in %	Total	in %
Residential Properties in Euro m	Foreign countries	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	West **	187.3	58.5	4.9	41.9	21.7	47.5	2.5	43.9	1.1	35.5	212.6	56.8
	East ***	26.0	8.1	0.1	0.9	2.6	5.7	0.2	3.5	0.3	9.7	29.1	7.8
Owned houses	Foreign countries	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	West **	45.0	14.1	1.5	12.8	6.8	14.9	1.1	19.3	0.5	16.1	53.4	14.3
	East ***	1.2	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3	0.3
Owned flats	Foreign countries	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	West **	51.4	16.1	2.6	22.2	13.4	29.3	1.4	24.6	1.2	38.7	67.4	18.0
	East ***	9.1	2.8	2.6	22.2	1.1	2.4	0.5	8.8	0.0	0.0	10.7	2.9
Residential construction for letting purposes	Foreign countries	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	West **	283.7	88.7	9.0	76.9	41.9	91.7	5.0	87.7	2.8	90.3	333.4	89.0
	East ***	36.3	11.3	2.7	23.1	3.8	8.3	0.7	12.3	0.3	9.7	41.1	11.0
Total residential properties	Foreign countries	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	West **	283.7	88.7	9.0	76.9	41.9	91.7	5.0	87.7	2.8	90.3	333.4	89.0
	East ***	36.3	11.3	2.7	23.1	3.8	8.3	0.7	12.3	0.3	9.7	41.1	11.0
Total mortgage loans	Foreign countries	276.4	73.7	19.0	48.5	58.3	15.5	6.5	1.7	34.2	9.1	375.4	36.8
	West **	501.5	84.9	17.3	44.6	64.4	10.9	12.5	2.1	12.3	2.1	590.7	58.0
	East ***	48.2	90.4	2.7	6.9	4.1	7.7	0.7	1.3	0.3	0.6	53.3	5.2
	Total	826.1	81.0	39.0	100.0	126.8	12.4	19.7	1.9	46.8	4.6	1,019.4	100.0

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Commercial Properties in Euro m

31.12.2007

Mortgage loans	Country*	LTV up to 60%	of which used as cover	LTV			Total	in %
				61-80 %	81-90 %	>90 %		
Office and administrative buildings	France	37.4	0.0	12.1	3.3	4.3	57.1	15.2
	Belgium	8.0	0.0	2.7	1.3	0.8	12.8	3.4
	Austria	51.2	0.0	2.8	0.0	0.0	54.0	14.5
	England	58.4	0.0	19.4	1.2	1.5	80.5	21.4
	Poland	17.3	0.0	1.9	0.0	0.0	19.2	5.1
	Switzerland	3.9	0.0	1.3	0.6	2.6	8.4	2.2
	The Netherlands	24.6	0.0	5.4	0.0	0.0	30.0	8.0
	England	55.8	0.0	12.4	0.0	24.6	92.8	24.7
	France	19.0	19.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	19.0	5.1
	England	0.8	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.4	1.6	0.4
hotels and restaurants	France	56.4	19.0	12.1	3.3	4.3	76.1	20.3
	Austria	51.2	0.0	2.8	0.0	0.0	54.0	14.4
	Belgium	8.0	0.0	2.7	1.3	0.8	12.8	3.4
	England	115.0	0.0	32.1	1.3	26.5	174.9	46.6
other nonresidential properties	Poland	17.3	0.0	1.9	0.0	0.0	19.2	5.1
	Switzerland	3.9	0.0	1.3	0.6	2.6	8.4	2.2
	France	19.0	19.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	19.0	5.1
Total commercial properties	France	56.4	19.0	12.1	3.3	4.3	76.1	20.3
	Austria	51.2	0.0	2.8	0.0	0.0	54.0	14.4
	Belgium	8.0	0.0	2.7	1.3	0.8	12.8	3.4
	England	115.0	0.0	32.1	1.3	26.5	174.9	46.6

Residential Properties in Euro m									
31.12.2007									
The Netherlands									
	24.6	0.0	5.4	0.0	0.0	30.0	8.0		
Total	276.4	19.0	58.3	6.5	34.2	375.4	100.0		
Residential Properties in Euro m									
31.12.2007									
Purpose of property	Country*	LTV up to 60%	of which used as cover	LTV 61-80%	LTV 81-90%	LTV >90%	Total	in %	
owned houses		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Residential construction for letting purposes		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Total residential properties		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
	Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	

Total in Euro m

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Mortgage loans	Country*	LTV up to 60%	of which used as cover	LTV 61-80%	LTV 81-90%	LTV >90%	Total	in %
	Austria	51.2	0.0	2.8	0.0	0.0	54.0	14.4
	Belgium	8.0	0.0	2.7	1.3	0.8	12.8	3.4
	France	56.4	19.0	12.1	3.3	4.3	76.1	20.3
	England	115.0	0.0	32.1	1.3	26.5	174.9	46.6
	Poland	17.3	0.0	1.9	0.0	0.0	19.2	5.1
	Switzerland	3.9	0.0	1.3	0.6	2.6	8.4	2.2
	The Netherlands	24.6	0.0	5.4	0.0	0.0	30.0	8.0
	Total	276.4	19.0	58.3	6.5	34.2	375.4	100.0

* - The figures comprise completely drawn loans and, for loans not yet made available in total, the drawn parts of the loans. Lending commitments are not taken into account.

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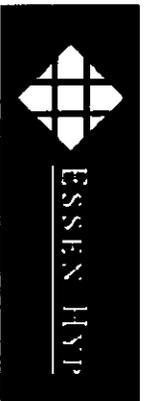
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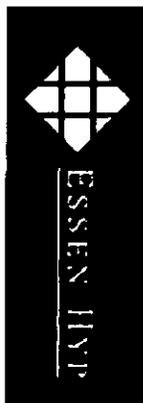
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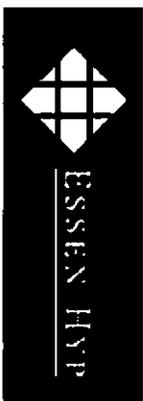
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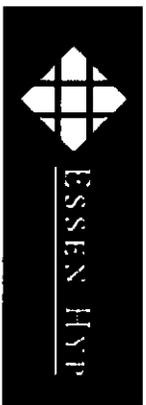
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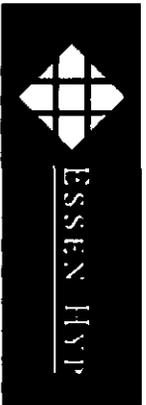
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257 402	250	04/06	1,273	5,250	22/01/08	15/01/98	1/2/4/5/7/10	AAA/Aaa	AAA
HBE 0BQ	500	03/06	2,000	2,750	11/03/08	11/03/05	1/6/18/27	AAA/Aaa	AAA
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HBE 1MP			1,000	3,875	21/11/16	14/11/06	1/2/5/10/11/18/19/22/26/27/30/32	AAA/Aaa	AAA

Security no	by	on	Issuing volume in US-\$	Coupon	Maturity	Issue Date	Market makers	S&P
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HBE 1MD			1,250	5,00	20/01/12	08/11/06	5/11/31	AAA
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Essen Hyp EUR 30,000,000 Debt Issuance Program (DIP)

Essen Hyp's €30bn Debt Issuance Program, which was launched on May 28, 1998 and increased to €30bn in April 2006, aims to facilitate Essen Hyp's funding on the international capital markets.

The main intention of this Program is to provide structured financing transactions. However, any underlying risk exposure of a structured deal must be hedged against. In general, the required swap will be entered into with the dealer proposing the transaction. As a rule, each swap counterparty must have a minimum rating of AA- (S&P).

Jumbo *Pfandbriefe*, Global public-sector *Pfandbriefe* and similar benchmarks are launched outside the DIP.

The Program allows international fund-raising in almost any currency by means of a syndicated or non-syndicated, public or private placement. Funding proceeds are swapped back into EURIBOR. Pursuant to the German Mortgage Bank Act, Essen Hyp as a mortgage bank is not allowed to run any currency risks.

Maturities under this Program can reach up to 30 years, depending on the type of transaction. There is no specific maturity target.

Notes, including public-sector *Pfandbriefe*, may be issued in bearer or registered form. Depending on the agreement between issuer and dealer, Notes can be launched as Fixed Rate Notes, Floating Rate Notes, Indexed Notes, Dual Currency Notes or Zero Coupon Notes. The minimum volume per drawing is €5m.

Essen Hyp's DIP is listed on the Luxembourg stock exchange. The terms and conditions of the DIP also provide for a listing of bearer notes (including public-sector *Pfandbriefe*) on the Düsseldorf stock exchange, or any other stock exchange. Registered Notes (including public-sector *Pfandbriefe*) are not listed on any stock exchange.

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The following ratings have been assigned to the Notes listed under Essen Hyp's Debt Issuance Program:

	Standard & Poor's	Moody's
Public-sector <i>Pfandbriefe</i>	AAA	Aaa
Senior Unsecured Debt	A	A1
Subordinated Debt	A-	A2

The Program is governed by German Law.

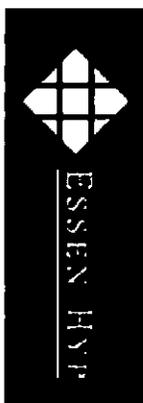
Our Debt Issuance Program has been arranged by Commerzbank and Merrill Lynch International. The dealers are ABN AMRO, Barclays Capital, Calyon, Citigroup, Commerzbank, Deutsche Bank, Goldman Sachs International, HSBC Trinkaus & Burkhardt, Lehman Brothers, Merrill Lynch International, Morgan Stanley, UBS Warburg and SG Investment Banking. The Program allows for reverse inquiry. Bids are welcome.

For further information please contact our Treasury Department or look at our latest » Debt Issuance Program Prospectus 2007.

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Essen Hyp A\$ 5,000,000,000 Debt Issuance Program (DIP)

On October 13, 2006 Essen Hyp launched an A\$ 5 billion Debt Issuance Program which permits the issue of both secured and unsecured bonds on the Australian market. The bank does not take any foreign exchange risks onto its books, given that these risks are hedged by €/A\$ currency swaps. Drawings under the program are made in A\$.

The following ratings have been assigned to the Notes listed under Essen Hyp's Debt Issuance Program:

	Standard & Poor's	Moody's
Public-sector <i>Pfandbriefe</i>	AAA/A-1+	Aaa
Senior Unsecured Debt	A/A-1	A1
Mortgage <i>Pfandbriefe</i>	n.r.	Aaa
Short term issues	n.r.	P-1

The Program is governed by German Law.

Our Debt Issuance Program has been arranged by ABN AMRO BANK N.V., Australian Branch. The dealers are ABN AMRO BANK N.V., Australian Branch, Commonwealth Bank of Australia, National Australia Bank Limited, Royal Bank of Canada and UBS AG, Australia Branch. The Program allows for reverse inquiry. Bids are welcome.

For further information please contact our Treasury Department or look at our latest » Information Memorandum 2006.

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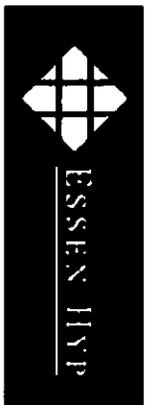
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Securities Prospectus

Persons into whose possession the Euro 30,000,000,000 Debt Issuance Program Prospectus or the A\$ 5,000,000,000 Medium Term Note Program Information Memorandum of Hypothekenbank in Essen Aktiengesellschaft (the "Issuer"), as amended or supplemented (the "Prospectus" or the "Information Memorandum"), or any final terms (the "Final Terms") of the offer of notes issued by the Issuer under its Euro 30,000,000,000 Debt Issuance Program (the "Notes") or any pricing supplement (the "Pricing Supplement") of the offer of medium term notes issued by the Issuer under its A\$ 5,000,000,000 Medium Term Note Program (the MTNs) comes, are requested to inform themselves and to observe any legal restrictions on the distribution of the Prospectus or the Information Memorandum and any Final Terms or Pricing Supplements and the offering, sale and delivery of Notes or MTNs in the relevant jurisdiction, all as stated in the Prospectus or the Information Memorandum. Persons interested in purchasing any Notes or MTNs are additionally requested to study said legal restrictions in order to verify whether they qualify as an investor in such Notes or MTNs before purchasing any of them.

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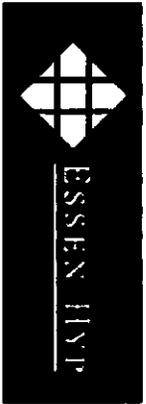
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Essen Hyp EUR 5,000,000,000 Commercial Paper Program

Following the launch of its €5bn Commercial Paper Program in December 1998, Essen Hyp has been able to issue short-term notes since the beginning of 1999.

Essen Hyp actively uses this Program in order to ensure flexible funding at low cost.

The Program allows drawings in EUR and any other internationally recognized currencies, as agreed between Essen Hyp and the dealer(s). The Notes that are issued under the Program must have a maturity of not less than two days. Clearing can be made through Euro Clear and Clearstream Banking. In accordance with the existing legal and regulatory requirements, the maximum maturity in both cases is two years less one day. The minimum amount of the Notes is €2.5m. There is no issuance of Definitive Notes under this Program.

One of the special features of the Program is that it allows for the issuance of

- Fixed-Rate Notes or
- Floating Rate Notes or
- Discounted Notes

all of which may be listed on a German stock exchange. The Notes may be deposited with the European Central Bank as Tier 1 securities.

Unless otherwise agreed, Floating Rate Notes under the Program have a maturity of at least six months and a minimum period of three months between two interest payment dates. Unless otherwise agreed, the EURIBOR is taken as the reference rate.

The Program itself is listed on the official market of the Düsseldorf stock exchange. Individual Notes may be listed with official quotations on the Düsseldorf stock exchange, or on any other stock

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exchange. However, Notes to be listed must have a minimum maturity of three months.

The Program offers a high degree of flexibility for both the dealer(s) and the issuer. Further day-to-day dealers are welcome.

Rating: Standard & Poor's: A-2 (Standard & Poor's)
P-1 (Moody's)

Arranger:
Commerzbank AG

Frequent dealers:
Commerzbank AG, Deutsche Bank AG, Barclays London

Day-to-day dealer:
Citigroup, London; Dresdner Bank, FFM; Goldman Sachs, London; Ixis Corp & Inv. Bank, FFM; Lehman Brothers, London.

The Program is a supplement to Essen Hyp's Debt Issuance Program, which was signed in May 1998 and increased to €20bn in July 2002.

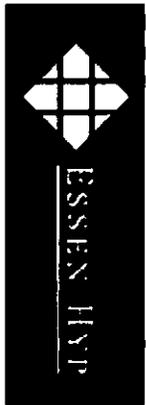
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Slimbos (Short Liquid Money Market Bonds) are highly liquid money market bonds which have been issued on the German money markets since fall 2004. The banks issuing these bonds must, as a minimum, have a long-term rating. Slimbos have become increasingly popular with both national and international investors.

Slimbos are short-term unsecured bearer bonds featuring a maturity of no more than two years. The minimum issuance volume is €500m. Slimbos are placed by bank syndicates of some four to six joint leads.

For trades between €1m and €15m market making is guaranteed by the lead managers. Slimbos are listed on a stock exchange within 30 days after their issue. The issuance volume may be increased at any time. Slimbos are traded electronically via Bloomberg Trading and Eurex Bonds. They are placed as retention deals.

Accordingly, Slimbos can be seen as the equivalent of Jumbo Pfandbriefe in the unsecured money markets.

Having now operated in the Slimbo market since July 2005, Essen Hyp plans to further expand its activities in this market segment in the future.

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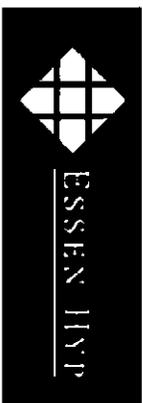
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Essen Hyp about to receive STEP label

Essen Hyp seeks to receive the STEP label for its European Commercial Paper Programs in spring 2007. STEP stands for 'Short-Term European Paper'.

The STEP label has been developed by ACI (The Financial Markets Association) and FBE (Fédération Bancaire de l'Union Européenne) in cooperation with the European Central Bank.

The aim of STEP is to foster the integration of the European markets for Short-Term Money Market Paper by laying down general market standards. This will enhance market liquidity and increase diversification opportunities.

The STEP Market Convention lays down the criteria and requirements to be fulfilled by an issuance program in order to be STEP compliant. These criteria and requirements relate to the format of documentation, settlement and the provision of data for the production of STEP statistics. The creditworthiness of the issuer, however, is not taken into account.

Issues qualifying for the STEP label are automatically eligible as Tier 1 securities of the ECB.

Accordingly, compliance with the STEP label is an additional quality feature for the benefit of our ECP Program investors.

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Success needs far-sightedness

Success needs far-sightedness - guided by this motto, Hypothekbank in Essen AG, which was founded in 1987, has become one of the leading mortgage banks in Germany within just two decades. The bank's business activities basically rest on two pillars: the granting of public-sector and mortgage loans. Our mortgage lending activities range from the extension of retail loans to finance detached or semi-detached houses or owned flats in Germany to the financing of large commercial properties on the domestic market, as well as abroad. To refinance these lending activities Essen Hyp is active on the national and international capital markets. In this context, one of our key objectives is to increase the popularity of our most important funding instrument, the Pfandbrief, with national and international investors. The fact that we have been awarded excellent ratings from the three leading rating agencies is just one proof of the quality of our work. Essen Hyp's most important shareholder is the Commerzbank AG.

You can find more detailed information on our bank, its management and its business activities on the following pages. Should you have any further questions please feel free to contact us and we will be happy to provide you with any information you require.

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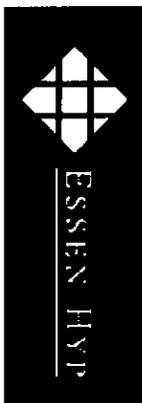
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Corporate Governance Code of Hypothekbank in Essen AG

Due to the fact that Commerzbank purchased the Essen Hyp shares previously held by the Schuppili Group, we are currently adapting our Corporate Governance Code and Declaration of Compliance. The revised documents will be available here as soon as all necessary amendments have been made.*

The German Corporate Governance Code Commission set up by the German government, presented the German Corporate Governance Code on February 26, 2002. This Code of best practice describes key statutory provisions for the management and supervision of German listed companies and embodies internationally and nationally recognized standards for good and responsible governance. It is intended to make the German system of corporate governance transparent and understandable, and also to promote the trust of international and national investors, customers, employees and the general public in the management and supervision of listed companies.

The shares of Essen Hyp are not listed on a stock exchange. This is why certain legal requirements and stipulations set out in the German Corporate Governance Code, which are applicable to German listed companies, are not relevant to Essen Hyp

Nevertheless, and in view of maximum transparency, Essen Hyp expressly welcomes and supports the German Corporate Governance Code and the goals and objectives it pursues. The Corporate Governance Code of Essen Hyp complies with most of the requirements set out in the German Corporate Governance Code. Given that Essen Hyp's shares are not listed on a stock exchange and that the bank is thus not in a position to satisfy those requirements of the Code that are mandatory for listed companies, the bank does not expressly state which recommendations of the Corporate Governance Code are not complied with for this reason.

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Declaration of Conformity with the German Corporate Governance Code

Preliminary remark: The shares of Hypothekbank in Essen Aktiengesellschaft (hereinafter also referred to as "Essen Hyp" or the "bank") are not listed on a stock exchange. At present, Hypothekbank in Essen Aktiengesellschaft has only two shareholder groups: Commerzbank Aktiengesellschaft, with a majority stake, and the Schuppli Group holding the remaining shares. Accordingly, certain legal requirements and stipulations set out in the German Corporate Governance Code, which are applicable to German listed companies, are not relevant to Essen Hyp.

Nevertheless, Hypothekbank in Essen Aktiengesellschaft expressly welcomes and supports the German Corporate Governance Code and the goals and objectives it pursues. The Corporate Governance Code of Hypothekbank in Essen Aktiengesellschaft complies with the recommendations of the German Governance Code Commission, first announced in the official section of the electronic version of the Federal Gazette (*Bundesanzeiger*) on August 20, 2002 and amended on June 2, 2005, except for those restrictions which relate to the fact that Essen Hyp is not a German listed company and does not produce consolidated accounts, and except also for the following recommendations:

Pursuant to Section 2.3.2 the bank shall inform all domestic and foreign shareholders, shareholders' associations and financial services' providers, who, in the preceding 12 months, have requested such notification, of the convening of the General Meeting, and shall provide them with the convention documents upon request, also using electronic channels. The shares of Hypothekbank in Essen Aktiengesellschaft are not listed on a stock exchange. Hypothekbank in Essen Aktiengesellschaft has only two shareholder groups: the Commerzbank Aktiengesellschaft and the Schuppli Group. All shareholders are known to the bank. This is why Essen Hyp makes use of the simplifications as regards the invitation to and convening of General Meetings laid down in the German Stock Corporation Act (*AktG*). Thus, Essen Hyp does not announce its General Meetings externally, e.g. in the Federal Gazette (*Bundesanzeiger*), and, contrary to the provisions laid down in Section 2.3.1, the agenda and the reports and documents required for the General Meeting are not published on Essen Hyp's company website.

Given that both shareholders are represented in the Supervisory Board and in the Presiding Committee as the committee responsible for the employment contracts of the members of the Board of Managing Directors, the Supervisory Board does not discuss and review the structure of the Board's compensation system as laid down in Section 4.2.2.

Contrary to Section 3.10 there is no yearly Corporate Governance Report in the bank's Annual Report.

Contrary to Section 4.2.4 the information and figures on the compensation of the members of the Board of Managing Directors are not individualized.

Contrary to Section 4.2.5 disclosure is not made in a compensation report.

Pursuant to Section 5.3.2 the Supervisory Board shall set up an Audit Committee which, in particular, handles issues of accounting and risk management. As the Supervisory Board of Essen Hyp is composed of not more than 6 members, the Board refrained from setting up such an Audit Committee. Risk management issues are the responsibility of the Risk Committee of

the Supervisory Board, which also deals with the bank's market, liquidity, credit, counterparty and operational risks, as well as with any other risks that do not belong to any of the mentioned risk categories. Issues relating to the annual audit are addressed by the Supervisory Board itself.

Due to our bank's shareholder structure we have refrained from specifying an age limit within the meaning of Section 5.4.1.

Pursuant to Section 5.4.3 proposed candidates for the Supervisory Board chair shall be announced to the shareholders. Due to the fact, however, that no shares of Essen Hyp are in free flow or listed on a stock exchange and that the bank has only two shareholder groups, this provision is not relevant to Essen Hyp.

Contrary to Section 5.4.6 the information and figures on the compensation of the members of the Supervisory Board are not individualized.

Given that all shareholders carrying voting rights are directly or indirectly represented in the Supervisory Board, conflicts of interest are dealt with exclusively within the Supervisory Board in accordance with Section 5.5.2. Contrary to Section 5.5.3 such conflicts of interest are not formally dealt with at the General Meeting.

Due to the fact that no shares of Essen Hyp are in free flow or listed on a stock exchange, and that the bank does not have any stock option programs or comparable incentives in place, the provisions laid down in Sections 4.2.3, 6.6 and 7.1.3 of the German Corporate Governance Code are not relevant to Essen Hyp.

As long as Hypothekbank in Essen Aktiengesellschaft compiles its Annual Accounts in accordance with the provisions of the German Commercial Code (*HGB*), it will not pass information to third parties by means of Annual Reports or Interim Reports compiled in accordance with the International Accounting Standards (IAS), as stipulated in Section 7.1.1. Apart from the Annual Accounts and Interim Reports, the two shareholder groups of the company receive additional information during the Supervisory Board meetings, so that the above reports are not the main source of information available to them.

Essen, March 21, 2007

The Board of Managing Directors

The Supervisory Board

Corporate Governance Code of Hypothekbank in Essen Aktiengesellschaft, Essen

1. Preamble

1.1 Implementation of the German Corporate Governance Code.

The German Corporate Governance Code Commission (the “Code Commission”) set up by the German government, presented the German Corporate Governance Code on February 26, 2002. This Code of best practice describes key statutory provisions for the management and supervision of German listed companies and embodies internationally and nationally recognized standards for good and responsible governance. It is intended to make the German system of corporate governance transparent and understandable, and also to promote the trust of international and national investors, customers, employees and the general public in the management and supervision of listed companies.

The German Corporate Governance Code contains the following three elements:

- a presentation of applicable law
- recommendations of the Code Commission regarding the management and supervision of companies
- suggestions

This Code of best practice, as amended on June 2, 2005, has been officially published by the Federal Ministry of Justice, and is complemented by a provision in the German Stock Corporation Act (*AktG*) pursuant to which the Board of Managing Directors and the Supervisory Board of listed stock corporations (*Aktiengesellschaften*) are required to declare every year whether these recommendations were complied with and which recommendations were not applied (the “comply or explain declaration”).

The shares of Hypothekbank in Essen Aktiengesellschaft (hereinafter also referred to as “Essen Hyp“ or “bank“) are not listed on a stock exchange. At present, Hypothekbank in Essen Aktiengesellschaft has only two shareholder groups: Commerzbank Aktiengesellschaft, with a majority stake, and the Schuppli Group holding the remaining shares. This is why certain legal requirements and stipulations set out in the German Corporate Governance Code, which are applicable to German listed companies, are not relevant to Essen Hyp.

Nevertheless, Hypothekbank in Essen Aktiengesellschaft expressly welcomes and supports the German Corporate Governance Code and the goals and objectives it pursues. The Corporate Governance Code of Hypothekbank in Essen Aktiengesellschaft (hereinafter referred to as the “Code”) complies with the requirements set out in the German Corporate Governance Code, except from those restrictions which relate to the fact that Essen Hyp is not a German listed company and does not set up consolidated accounts.

The Code clarifies the rights of shareholders who provide Essen Hyp with the necessary equity capital and bear the entrepreneurial risk. At the same time, it presents the rules set out in the Articles of Association and the rules of procedure for the Supervisory Board and the Board of Managing Directors.

1.2 Board system of Hypothekbank in Essen Aktiengesellschaft

A dual board system is prescribed by law for Hypothekbank in Essen Aktiengesellschaft as a German stock corporation.

The Board of Managing Directors is responsible for managing the company. Its members are jointly accountable for the management of the company, whereby the individual members are responsible for the areas assigned to them within the framework of Board resolutions. The Chairman of the Board of Managing Directors coordinates the work of the Board members. Subject to certain legal provisions, such as Section 15 of the German Banking Act (*KWG*), Board resolutions are passed with the majority of votes cast.

The Supervisory Board appoints, supervises and advises the members of the Board of Managing Directors and is directly involved in decisions of fundamental importance to the company. The Chairman of the Supervisory Board coordinates the work of the Supervisory Board.

Two thirds of the members of the Supervisory Board are elected by the shareholders at the General Meeting. The two remaining members of the Supervisory Board are staff representatives who are elected by the bank's employees at a secret ballot. The Chairman of the Supervisory Board is appointed by the Commerzbank Aktiengesellschaft, being the majority shareholder. His deputy is appointed by the minority shareholder. Subject to certain legal provisions, Supervisory Board resolutions are passed with the majority of votes cast. In the case of a tie – also at elections – the Chairman of the meeting has the casting vote. Both, the representatives elected by the shareholders and the staff representatives are obliged to act in the company's best interests.

The company's accounting follows the 'true and fair view' principle and presents a view of the company's net assets, financial position and earnings situation that corresponds to the actual circumstances.

As a rule this Code will be reviewed and, if necessary, adjusted once a year in the light of national and international developments and changes within the company.

2 Shareholders and General Meeting

2.1 Shareholders

2.1.1 Shareholders exercise their rights at the General Meeting and vote there.

2.1.2 Each share carries one vote. There are no shares with multiple voting rights, preferential voting rights (golden shares) or maximum voting rights.

2.2 General Meeting

2.2.1 The Board of Managing Directors submits the Annual Financial Statements to the General Meeting. The General Meeting decides on the appropriation of profit and the discharge of the acts of the Board of Managing Directors and of the Supervisory Board. It also elects the shareholders' representatives to the Supervisory Board and the auditors.

Furthermore, the General Meeting decides on the Articles of Association, the object of the company, amendments to the Articles of Association and essential corporate measures such as, in particular, inter-company agreements and transformations and the issuance of new shares, convertible bonds, bonds with warrants and profit-sharing certificates, or it authorizes the Board of Managing Directors to issue them with the approval of the Supervisory Board. In addition, the General Meeting decides on the authorization to purchase own shares.

2.2.2 When new shares are issued, shareholders shall have a subscription right reflecting their respective share of the equity capital, unless the General Meeting decides otherwise.

2.2.3 Each shareholder is entitled to participate in the General Meeting, to take the floor on matters on the agenda and to submit materially relevant questions and proposals.

2.2.4 The Chairman of the General Meeting shall ensure that the meeting runs smoothly. In this, he shall take into consideration that an ordinary General Meeting is completed after four to six hours.

2.3 Invitation to the General Meeting, Proxies

2.3.1 The Board of Managing Directors shall convene the General Meeting at least once a year, giving details of the agenda. A quorum of shareholders is entitled to require that a General Meeting be convened and the agenda extended. The Board of Managing Directors shall not only make available the reports and documents that are required by law for the General Meeting, including the Annual Report, during the meeting itself, but also send them to the shareholders on request.

- 2.3.2 The bank facilitates the personal exercising of shareholders' rights and also assists the shareholders in the use of proxies. The Board of Managing Directors arranges for the appointment of a representative to exercise shareholders' voting rights in accordance with their instructions.

3 Cooperation between the Board of Managing Directors and the Supervisory Board

- 3.1 The Board of Managing Directors and the Supervisory Board shall cooperate closely to the benefit of the company.
- 3.2 The Board of Managing Directors coordinates the bank's business strategy with the Supervisory Board and discusses the current state of strategy implementation with the Supervisory Board at regular intervals.
- 3.3 Pursuant to specific provisions set out in the Articles of Association, by the Supervisory Board and in the German Banking Act (*KWG*), transactions of fundamental importance require the approval of the Supervisory Board. These transactions include decisions or measures which fundamentally alter the company's asset, financial or earnings situation, as well as fundamental credit decisions.
- 3.4 Providing the Supervisory Board with sufficient information is the joint responsibility of the Board of Managing Directors and the Supervisory Board.

The Board of Managing Directors shall inform the Supervisory Board regularly, without delay and comprehensively, about all issues that are relevant to Essen Hyp with regard to planning, business development, the risk situation and risk management. The Board of Managing Directors reports on deviations of the actual plans from previously formulated targets, indicating the reasons for these deviations.

The Supervisory Board specifies the information and reporting duties of the Board of Managing Directors. The reports of the Board of Managing Directors to the Supervisory Board are, as a rule, to be submitted in writing. Documents required for decision-making such as, in particular, the Annual Financial Statements and the Auditors' Report are, to the extent possible, forwarded to the members of the Supervisory Board in due time prior to the meeting.

- 3.5 Good corporate governance requires an open discussion between the Board of Managing Directors and the Supervisory Board, as well as amongst the members within the Board of Managing Directors and the Supervisory Board. The strict observance of confidentiality is of paramount importance for this.

All Board members shall ensure that the staff members they employ also comply with the obligation to maintain confidentiality.

- 3.6 As necessary, the Supervisory Board meets without the Board of Managing Directors.

- 3.7 In the event of a takeover offer the Board of Managing Directors and the Supervisory Board of the bank, as the target company, must submit a statement of their reasoned position so that the shareholders can make an informed decision on the bid.

After the announcement of a takeover bid, the Board of Managing Directors may not take any actions outside the ordinary course of business that could prevent the success of the bid unless the Board of Managing Directors has been authorized by the General Meeting, or the Supervisory Board has given its approval. In making their decisions, the Board of Managing Directors and the Supervisory Board are obliged to act in the best interests of the shareholders and of the company.

- 3.8 The members of the Board of Managing Directors and the Supervisory Board shall comply with the rules of proper corporate management. If they violate the due care and diligence of a prudent and conscientious member of the Board of Managing Directors or the Supervisory Board, they are liable to the bank for damages.

The bank has taken out a directors' and officers' liability insurance (D&O insurance) policy for the Board of Managing Directors and the Supervisory Board, placed through the majority shareholder, the Commerzbank Aktiengesellschaft. A suitable deductible has been agreed for both the members of the Board of Managing Directors and the members of the Supervisory Board.

- 3.9 Pursuant to Section 15 of the German Banking Act (*KWG*) the extension of loans from the company to members of the Board of Managing Directors or the Supervisory Board or their relatives (spouses and children who are still minors) requires the unanimous approval of the Board of Managing Directors, as well as the prior consent of the Supervisory Board.
- 3.10 The Board of Managing Directors and the Supervisory Board shall report on possible deviations from the recommendations of the German Corporate Governance Code once every year. The company shall keep previous Declarations of Conformity with the Code available for viewing on its website for five years.

4 The Board of Managing Directors

4.1 Tasks and Responsibilities

- 4.1.1 The Board of Managing Directors is responsible for independently managing the company. In doing so, it is obliged to act in the company's best interests and undertakes to increase the sustainable value of the company.
- 4.1.2 The Board of Managing Directors develops the company's strategy, coordinates it with the Supervisory Board and ensures its implementation.
- 4.1.3 The Board of Managing Directors shall ensure that all provisions set out by law are complied with.

4.1.4 The Board of Managing Directors ensures appropriate risk management and risk controlling within the company.

4.2 Composition and Compensation

4.2.1 The Board of Managing Directors is composed of several persons and has a Chairman. Rules of procedure, which require the approval of the Supervisory Board, govern cooperation within the Board of Managing Directors. The Board of Managing Directors cooperates on a basis of trust with the bank's other bodies and the employee representatives to the benefit of the company.

4.2.2 The compensation of the members of the Board of Managing Directors is fixed by the Presiding Committee of the Supervisory Board at an appropriate amount, based on a performance assessment. Criteria for determining the appropriateness of the compensation are, in particular, the tasks of the respective Board member, his personal performance, the performance of the Board of Managing Directors as a whole, the economic situation, and the performance and future prospects of the bank, taking into account its competitors.

4.2.3 The overall compensation of the members of the Board of Managing Directors comprises a fixed salary and variable elements. The variable part of the compensation includes both result- and performance-linked components and is based on the achievement of the bank's business success, the results of the business segments for which the respective Board member is responsible, and his individual performance. All compensation components must be appropriate, both individually and in total.

4.2.4 The compensation of the members of the Board of Managing Directors is reported in the Notes to the Annual Accounts, broken down into fixed salary and variable components, each in a single sum.

4.3 Conflicts of Interest

4.3.1 During their employment with Essen Hyp, the members of the Board of Managing Directors are subject to a comprehensive non-competition obligation.

4.3.2 In connection with their work, the members of the Board of Managing Directors and employees may neither demand nor accept from third parties payments or other benefits for themselves or for any other person, nor grant any unlawful advantage to third parties.

4.3.3 The members of the Board of Managing Directors are bound by the company's best interests. No member of the Board of Managing Directors will pursue personal interests in his decisions, or use business opportunities intended for Essen Hyp for himself.

- 4.3.4 Each member of the Board of Managing Directors must disclose conflicts of interest to the Supervisory Board without delay and inform the other members of the Board of Managing Directors. All transactions between the company and the members of the Board of Managing Directors, persons they are closely related to or companies they have a personal association with must meet the standards that are customary in the sector. Important transactions require the approval of the Supervisory Board or the Committee responsible according to the rules of procedure of the Supervisory Board.
- 4.3.5 Sideline activities of the members of the Board of Managing Directors, especially Supervisory Board mandates outside the company, are subject to the approval of the Supervisory Board.

5 The Supervisory Board

5.1 Tasks and Responsibilities

- 5.1.1 The task of the Supervisory Board is to provide continuous advice to, and to monitor the work of the Board of Managing Directors in the management of the company. The Supervisory Board must be involved in all decisions that are of fundamental importance to the bank.
- 5.1.2 The Supervisory Board appoints and dismisses the members of the Board of Managing Directors. Together with the Board of Managing Directors, the Presiding Committee of the Supervisory Board ensures that there is long-term successor planning. The Supervisory Board has delegated the preparations for the appointment of members to the Board of Managing Directors to the Presiding Committee, which also lays down the conditions of the employment contracts, including compensation.

A re-appointment prior to one year before the end of the appointment period with a simultaneous termination of the current appointment may only take place under special circumstances. For members of the Board of Managing Directors there is a fixed age limit of 65 years.

- 5.1.3 The Supervisory Board has issued rules of procedure.

5.2 Tasks and Powers of the Chairman of the Supervisory Board

The Chairman of the Supervisory Board coordinates the work within the Supervisory Board, chairs its meetings and attends to the affairs of the Supervisory Board externally.

The Chairman of the Supervisory Board also chairs the Presiding Committee which, inter alia, deals with the employment contracts of the members of the Board of Managing Directors.

The Chairman of the Supervisory Board maintains close contact with the Board of Managing Directors, and with the Chairman in particular, in order to discuss the strategy, business development and risk management of the bank. The Chairman of the Supervisory Board shall, without delay, be informed by the Chairman of the Board of Managing Directors of any events material for the assessment of the bank's situation and development, or for the management of the bank. The Chairman of the Supervisory Board shall then inform the Supervisory Board and, as necessary, convene an extraordinary meeting of the Supervisory Board.

5.3 Formation of Committees

5.3.1 Depending on the specific features of the company and the number of Supervisory Board members, the Supervisory Board has formed a Presiding Committee and a Risk Committee from within itself. These two committees serve to increase the efficiency of the Supervisory Board's work and deal with more complex issues. The Chairman of each committee regularly reports to the Supervisory Board on the work of the respective committee.

5.3.2 The rules of procedure of the Supervisory Board provide for committees to make decisions in place of the Supervisory Board. The Presiding Committee prepares Supervisory Board meetings, at which personnel decisions are to be made.

5.3.3 The Supervisory Board can delegate other subjects to be handled by one or several committees. These subjects include the strategy of the bank, the compensation of the members of the Board of Managing Directors, investments and financing.

5.4 Composition and Compensation

5.4.1 When submitting proposals for the election of Supervisory Board members, care shall be taken that the Supervisory Board, is, at all times, composed of members who, as a whole, have the required knowledge, ability and expertise to properly complete their tasks and are sufficiently independent. Furthermore, the international activities of the company and potential conflicts of interest are taken into account.

- 5.4.2 To ensure the Supervisory Board's independent advice and supervision of the Board of Managing Directors, the Supervisory Board shall include what it considers an adequate number of members. A Supervisory Board member is considered independent if he or she has no business or personal relations with the company or its Board of Managing Directors which cause a conflict of interest. Not more than two former members of the Board of Managing Directors shall be a member of the Supervisory Board. Moreover, Supervisory Board members shall not hold directorships or similar positions with main competitors of the company or provide any advisory services to them.
- 5.4.3 It shall not be the rule for the former Chairman of the Board of Managing Directors or a member of the Board of Managing Directors to become Supervisory Board Chairman or the Chairman of a Supervisory Board committee. If this is intended, special reasons shall be presented to the annual general meeting.
- 5.4.4 The members of the Supervisory Board shall ensure that they have sufficient time to perform their mandate. Members of the Board of Managing Directors of a listed bank shall not accept more than five Supervisory Board mandates in non-group listed companies.
- 5.4.5 The election or re-election of all Supervisory Board members takes place at the same time, and as a rule for the longest admissible period of office. Elections to replace members are for the remaining period of office of a member of the Supervisory Board who resigns prematurely, or, if the resigning member's period of office was shorter than the regular period of office in accordance with sentence 1 of this Section, up to the end of the period of office of the other members of the Supervisory Board who have been appointed for the longest admissible period of office.
- 5.4.6 The compensation of the members of the Supervisory Board is specified in the Articles of Association. It is based upon the responsibilities and tasks of the members of the Supervisory Board, as well as the economic situation and performance of the bank. Also taken into account are the holding of a chair or deputy chair position in the Supervisory Board, as well as the Chairmanship and membership in any Supervisory Board committee.

The members of the Supervisory Board receive fixed as well as performance-related compensation. The latter is based upon the dividend payments to the bank's shareholders.

The compensation of the members of the Supervisory Board is reported in the Notes to the Annual Accounts, broken down according to components, each in a single sum. Should, by way of exception, compensation be paid to the members of the Supervisory Board or advantages extended for services provided individually, in particular, advisory or agency services, these payments are shown separately in the Notes to the Annual Accounts.

- 5.4.7 If a member of the Supervisory Board has taken part in less than half of the meetings of the Supervisory Board in a financial year, this will be noted in the Report of the

Supervisory Board.

5.5 Conflicts of Interest

- 5.5.1 All members of the Supervisory Board are bound to act in the company's best interests. No member of the Supervisory Board will pursue personal interests in his decisions, or use business opportunities intended for the company for himself.
- 5.5.2 Each member of the Supervisory Board shall inform the Chairman of the Supervisory Board of any conflicts of interest, especially those which may result from a consultant or directorship position with clients, suppliers, lenders or other business partners. If necessary, the Chairman of the Supervisory Board will then have the Presiding Committee discuss the issue. The Chairman of the Supervisory Board shall disclose his own conflicts of interest to the Supervisory Board or the Presiding Committee.
- 5.5.3 Material and not merely temporary conflicts of interest with respect to the person of a Supervisory Board member shall result in the termination of his mandate.
- 5.5.4 Advisory and other service agreements between a member of the Supervisory Board and the bank require the Supervisory Board's approval.

5.6 Examination of Efficiency

The Supervisory Board shall examine the efficiency of its activities on a regular basis.

6 Transparency

- 6.1 The Board of Managing Directors must disclose insider information directly relating to the company without delay unless it is exempted from the disclosure requirement in an individual case.
- 6.2 As soon as the bank becomes aware of the fact that an individual acquires, sells or by any other means exceeds or falls short of 5, 10, 25, 50 or 75% of the voting rights in the bank, the Board of Managing Directors shall disclose this fact without delay.
- 6.3 The bank's treatment of all shareholders in respect of information shall be the same. The bank shall also disclose all new facts made known to financial analysts and similar addressees to its shareholders without delay.
- 6.4 The bank shall use suitable communication media, such as the internet, to inform shareholders and investors in a prompt and uniform manner.
- 6.5 Any information which the bank discloses abroad in compliance with applicable capital market law provisions will also be disclosed domestically without delay.
- 6.6 As part of the bank's regular information policy, the dates of its most important regular publications (including the Annual Report, Interim Reports, General Meeting) are published sufficiently in advance in a 'financial calendar'.

6.7 Any information on the bank disclosed by the bank itself shall also be published on the bank's website. The website shall have a clear structure.

7.1 Reporting

7.1.1 Third parties receive their information through the Annual Financial Statements. During the financial year, they receive additional information in the form of Interim Reports that are published at the end of the second and third quarters. The Annual Financial Statements and Interim Reports are prepared according to national legislation, i.e. the provisions set out in the German Commercial Code (*HGB*), which also form the basis for taxation.

7.1.2 The Annual Financial Statements are prepared by the Board of Managing Directors and examined by the auditors and the Supervisory Board. In addition, the Financial Reporting Enforcement Panel (*Prüfstelle für Rechnungslegung*) and the Federal Financial Supervisory Authority (*BaFin*) are authorized to check that the Annual Financial Statements comply with the applicable accounting regulations (enforcement). The Annual Financial Statements shall be publicly accessible within 90 days of the end of the financial year; Interim Reports shall be publicly accessible within 45 days of the end of the reporting period.

7.1.3 The bank publishes a list of third party companies in which it has a participating interest that is not of minor importance for the bank. The trading portfolios of the bank, on which voting rights are not exercised, are disregarded in this context. In accordance with the German Commercial Code (*HGB*) the following information is provided in the bank's Annual Accounts: name and registered office of the bank, the amount of the interest, the amount of equity and the operating result of the past financial year.

7.1.4 Notes on the relationships with shareholders who are considered 'related parties' pursuant to the applicable accounting regulations, shall be provided in the Annual Financial Statements.

7.2 Audit of the Annual Financial Statements

7.2.1 Prior to submitting a proposal for election, the Supervisory Board will obtain a statement from the proposed auditor stating whether, and where applicable, which business, financial, personal and other relationships exist between the auditor and its executive bodies and head auditors on the one hand, and the bank and its Board members on the other hand, that could call its independence into question. This statement shall include the extent to which other services were performed for the bank in the past year, especially in the field of consultancy, or which are contracted for the following year.

The Supervisory Board agrees with the auditor that the Chairman of the Supervisory Board will be informed immediately of any grounds for disqualification or partiality occurring during the audit, unless such grounds are removed immediately.

7.2.2 The Supervisory Board shall commission the auditor to carry out the audit and conclude an agreement on the latter's fee.

- 7.2.3 The Supervisory Board shall arrange for the auditor to report on all facts and events of importance for the tasks of the Supervisory Board which arise during the performance of the audit.

The Supervisory Board shall arrange for the auditor to inform it and/or note in the Auditors' Report if, during the performance of the audit, the auditor comes across facts which show a misstatement by the Board of Managing Directors and Supervisory Board on the Corporate Governance Code.

- 7.2.4 The auditor takes part in the Supervisory Board's deliberations on the Annual Financial Statements and reports on the relevant results of the audit. He is available to answer the questions the members of the Supervisory Board may have.



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Claims outstanding:

Mortgage loans	108	1,715	1,827	1,841	2,271	3,003	4,290	5,822	7,258	6,926	8,074
Public-sector loans	603	29,389	35,873	39,810	36,097	36,841	35,870	34,764	33,102	35,824	33,249
Bonds and notes **)	31	2,689	5,918	10,701	16,493	24,349	24,286	25,179	30,588	39,855	45,109
Other claims	0	672	888	1,591	2,415	2,703	4,035	5,647	5,047	7,352	12,788

Bonds and notes issued:

Mortgage Pfandbriefe	39	1,219	1,087	1,078	1,272	1,305	1,884	2,703	4,173	4,250	4,667
Public-sector Pfandbriefe	819	30,077	38,684	48,379	47,015	54,519	50,738	51,477	52,571	60,972	75,643
Other bonds and notes / other liabilities	0	3,418	4,872	5,281	9,170	12,182	16,855	18,452	20,855	25,770	20,162

New lending commitments:

Mortgage loans	135	266	415	574	1,216	1,366	1,627	2,517	1,956	1,770	2,026
Public-sector loans	875	14,238	14,856	16,706	13,714	5,297	4,235	7,148	4,538	10,898	9,746

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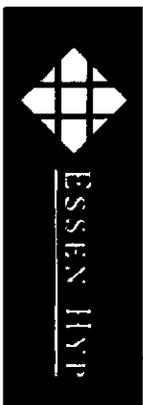
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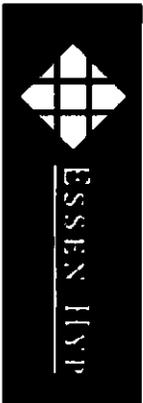
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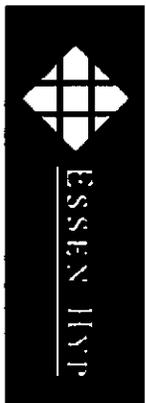
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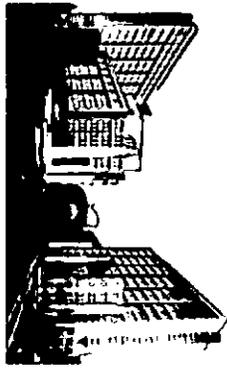


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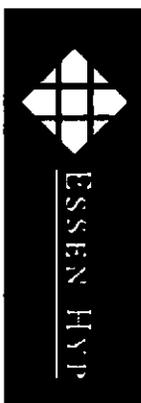
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