

RBI is “Best bank in CEE & CIS”

- **Also “Most innovative bank in CEE & CIS” as well as “Best product launch in CEE & CIS”**
- **Altogether 23 awards for the RBI Group in EMEA Finance’s “Europe Banking Awards” – “Best bank”, “Best foreign bank”, “Best investment bank” and “Best private bank” in 15 countries**

No less than 23 accolades were presented to the RBI Group in EMEA Finance’s “Europe Banking Awards”. The renowned finance magazine named RBI “Best bank in CEE & CIS” and its Slovak subsidiary Tatra banka “Most innovative bank in CEE & CIS”. It also decorated Tatra banka for its mobile banking app with the award for the “Best product launch in CEE & CIS”.

Furthermore, EMEA Finance selected RBI and its subsidiary banks as “Best bank” in Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Hungary, Kosovo, Serbia, Slovakia and Ukraine, as “Best foreign bank” in Albania, Belarus, Romania and Russia, as “Best investment bank” in Austria, Romania, Russia (“Best foreign investment bank”) and Serbia, as “Best private bank” in Bulgaria, the Czech Republic and Poland as well as as “Best asset manager” in Bulgaria and Slovakia.

“RBI is EMEA Finance’s Best Bank in the CEE and CIS region. The bank continues its run in the ‘black’ generating a consolidated profit of EUR 587 million in the first half of 2017 and completing its merger with parent RZB. The bank’s swift and effective actions to restore profitability, restructure in the Ukraine, and decisive moves to focus on certain core markets while exiting others, places the bank at least one year ahead of schedule on its revamped strategic plan. RBI is intent to continue with the good progress made lowering its NPLs as well, and its outlook is pretty good,” said Christopher Moore, publisher and CEO, EMEA Finance magazine.

“The excellent result in EMEA Finance’s Europe Banking Awards confirms that RBI is right on track. Not only does the Group perform well, it also proves to set the agenda in the fields of innovation and digital banking”, comments RBI’s CEO Johann Strobl.

EMEA Finance magazine is the only periodical dedicated exclusively to report financial events, happenings and triumphs initiated and influenced by the international financial industry in the EMEA region. The key financial personalities who make things happen are regularly profiled, creating a platform for its audience to gain a more complete and thorough understanding of their peers and industry news. The magazine is directed to an executive level audience that includes Chief Executive Officers, Chief Financial Officers and Chief Investment Officers. EMEA Finance Limited produces a premier magazine, related conferences, and a website. These comprehensive information services are complemented by its regular news e-mail service, emeafinance eNews, and from conferences across the EMEA region.

Raiffeisen Bank International AG (RBI) regards Austria, where it is a leading corporate and investment bank, as well as Central and Eastern Europe (CEE) as its home market. 14 markets of the region are covered by subsidiary banks.

Additionally, the group comprises numerous other financial service providers, for instance in leasing, asset management or M&A.

In total, approximately 50,000 employees service 16.5 million customers through more than 2,400 business outlets, the majority thereof in CEE. RBI's shares are listed on the Vienna Stock Exchange. The Austrian Regional Raiffeisen Banks own around 58.8 per cent of the shares, the remainder is in free float. Within the Austrian Raiffeisen Banking Group, RBI is the central institute of the Regional Raiffeisen Banks and other affiliated credit institutions and renders important services in this function.

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