

Erste Asset Management and Partners Group announce strategic partnership to offer private markets solutions in Austria and wider Central and Eastern Europe

Partners Group, one of the largest firms in the global private markets industry, has entered into a strategic partnership with Erste Asset Management (or "EAM"), a leading asset manager in Central and Eastern Europe, to launch a one-stop private markets solution for Erste Group's private and institutional clients.

The new solution will be offered in an evergreen format and structured under the European Long-Term Investment Fund (ELTIF) 2.0 regulation. It will be available exclusively to Erste Group clients in its home markets.

The partnership brings together Partners Group's private markets portfolio solutions platform and transformation investing approach with EAM's deep client understanding and reach in Central and Eastern Europe, as well as its primary investment heritage. The solution will offer access to a diversified set of private markets opportunities across private equity, private credit, infrastructure, and real estate. It will invest in Partners Group's direct investments through its suite of evergreen strategies.

Markus Pimpl, Managing Director, Client Solutions, Partners Group, states: "We are pleased to join forces with Erste Asset Management to offer both their private and institutional clients access to a flexible, core private markets allocation. Bringing together our private markets pedigree with Erste's reach across its home markets combines the market leading strengths of both firms to the benefit of Erste's client base. We look forward to a fruitful collaboration in the coming years."

Heinz Bednar, CEO, Erste Asset Management: „This partnership aligns closely with our strategy to broaden our investment offering with innovative private markets solutions that create long-term value for our clients. Partners Group is a global leader in the evergreen space, and by combining their expertise with our deep regional client understanding, we can provide unique access to high-quality private markets investments across Central and Eastern Europe."

Maximilian Clary und Aldringen, Member of the Management Board, Erste Bank, states: "We welcome this cooperation with Erste Asset Management. The new private markets solutions meaningfully completes Erste Bank's existing offering for our clients and strengthens our position as a leading provider of private markets solutions. By adding this important component to our product range, we are able to serve our client's long-term investment needs even more comprehensively."

This partnership is the latest in a series of strategic agreements that Partners Group has signed with leading financial institutions globally to provide tailored private markets access to a variety of client types. Many large asset managers, wealth managers, and other financial institutions are seeking to expand their product shelf and Partners Group has positioned itself as a private markets solutions provider of choice to provide bespoke solutions for these varied partners.

Partners Group's manages USD 52 billion across its private wealth product suite globally. The firm serves individual investors through a network of over 130 carefully selected intermediaries and partners. To find

out more about Partners Group's private wealth offering, please visit:
<https://www.partnersgroup.com/en/our-solutions/private-wealth>

About Partners Group

Partners Group is one of the largest firms in the global private markets industry, with around 2'000 professionals and over USD 174 billion in assets under management. The firm has investment programs and custom mandates spanning private equity, private credit, infrastructure, real estate, and royalties. With its heritage in Switzerland and its primary presence in the Americas in Colorado, Partners Group is built differently from the rest of the industry. The firm leverages its differentiated culture and its operationally oriented approach to identify attractive investment themes and to build businesses and assets into market leaders. For more information, please visit www.partnersgroup.com or follow us on [LinkedIn](#).

About Erste Asset Management

Erste Asset Management (Erste AM) is the asset management unit of Erste Group and one of the leading financial solutions providers in Central and Eastern Europe. With over EUR 100 billion in assets under management, Erste AM offers a wide range of investment solutions for private and institutional clients—combined with local expertise and the strength of an international financial group. For more information, please visit www.erste-am.com or follow us on [LinkedIn](#).

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