

HETA ASSET RESOLUTION AG

The wind-down activity started in 2015 continues successfully in 2018

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Key points for 2018:

- Positive **annual result** of **EUR 810 million**.
- Proceeds of more than **EUR 650 million from wind-down activity**.
- More than **EUR 8 billion already distributed to creditors**.
- Expected **Recovery Rate** rises to more than **EUR 10 billion**.
- Almost **90 per cent of assets** wound down.
- **Executive Board Member Schiefer** leaves at his own request.

Once again HETA presents a positive balance sheet in 2018, with an annual result of EUR 810 million. The wind-down activity started in 2015 in accordance with BaSAG (Bundesgesetz über die Sanierung und Abwicklung von Banken [Austrian Federal Act on the Recovery and Resolution of Banks]) has continued very successfully.

Wind-down activities have produced around EUR 670 million, significantly more than the originally planned figure of EUR 500 million. A total withdrawal from Montenegro was achieved in the course of the year. A total of 30 companies were closed and many pending legal proceedings were brought to an end.

As a result of this efficient wind-down performance, HETA was able to make two interim distributions in respect of undisputed non-subordinated liabilities. As a result of the comprehensive clarification of disputed liabilities it was possible for a further payment of EUR 1.4 billion to be made in December 2018. In total, early payments have been made to HETA creditors in the amount of EUR 7.9 billion (63.112%).

On the basis of these developments, an upward revision of the recovery expectations in the 2018 wind-down plan was once again possible. It is currently assumed that a recovery of around EUR 10.5 billion per the end of 2023 can be achieved. HETA is currently working on the updating of the wind-down plan, in which a further increase in the Recovery Rate is expected. The completion of the 2019 wind-down plan is envisaged for May 2019.

The internal target of reducing the assets by 80% by the end of 2018 has been exceeded. Per 31 December 2018 around 90% of assets had been realised. HETA is therefore pursuing a consistent path, although it is to be assumed that due to complex circumstances the wind-down will now proceed at a slower pace.

Finally, HETA announces a change on its Executive Board. Mag. Arnold Schiefer is leaving the HETA Executive Board per 31 March 2019, at his own request. In future the Executive Board team will consist of Mag. Martin Handrich and Mag. Alexander Tscherteu.

Dipl. Kfm. Michael Mendel, Chairman of the Supervisory Board of HETA, says: *“With his prudent and solution-oriented approach, Mag. Arnold Schiefer has made an extraordinary contribution to the success of HETA. On behalf of the entire Supervisory Board I would like to thank him for his excellent work with the company and to wish him every success in the new and responsible activity he is about to take up.”*

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