# Invitation to the Annual General Meeting 2015

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OVB Holding AG Cologne ISIN DE0006286560 Convening Notice of the 2015 Annual General Meeting

# Dear shareholders,

We hereby invite you to the Annual General Meeting of OVB Holding AG to be held on Wednesday, 3 June 2015, 11:00 a.m. (admission starting at 10:30 a.m.), at the Dorint Hotel am Heumarkt Cologne, Pipinstrasse 1, 50667 Cologne city centre, Germany.

OVB Holding AG 50667 Köln

# Agenda

 Presentation of the adopted separate financial statements of OVB Holding AG and the approved consolidated financial statements as of 31 December 2014, the management reports of OVB Holding AG and the Group for financial year 2014 (including the Executive Board's explanatory report on the statements required under Sections 289 (4) and 315 (4) of the HGB), the Supervisory Board's report, the corporate governance report, and the remuneration report for the 2014 financial year.

In accordance with legal requirements, there will be no resolution concerning agenda item 1 as the annual financial statements and consolidated financial statements have already been approved by the Supervisory Board.

# 2. Resolution on the appropriation of the retained earnings as of 31 December 2014

The Executive Board and Supervisory Board propose that the retained earnings of EUR 14,677,620.09 for the financial year 2014 be appropriated as follows:

Distribution of a dividend of EUR 0.60 per no-par share entitled to dividend; with 14,251,314 no-par shares entitled to dividend, this amounts to

	EUR 8,550,788.40
Profit carryforward	EUR 6,126,831.69
Retained earnings	EUR 14,677,620.09

# 3. Resolution on the formal discharge of the members of the Executive Board for financial year 2014

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# 5. Resolution on the appointment of an auditor, group auditor and auditor for any audit review of the interim financial reports for the 2015 financial year

The Supervisory Board proposes that PricewaterhouseCoopers Aktiengesellschaft, Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft, Dusseldorf, Germany, be appointed auditor and group auditor for the financial year 2015, and auditor for the audit review of any interim financial reports that are prepared.

Before recommending this appointment, the Supervisory Board obtained from PricewaterhouseCoopers Aktiengesellschaft, Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft, Düsseldorf, Germany, a declaration of its independence pursuant to the German Corporate Governance Code.

# 6. Supervisory Board replacement elections

Supervisory Board member Jan De Meulder has stated that he will step down from office, effective at the end of the 2015 Annual General Meeting. Therefore, Section 10, para. 4 of the Articles of Association requires that a new member be elected to the Supervisory Board for the remainder of its term.

According to Sections 95 and 101 of the Aktiengesetz (AktG – German Stock Corporation Act) in conjunction with Section 10, para. 1 of the Articles of Association, the Supervisory Board consists of six members, all of whom are elected by the Annual General Meeting. The Annual General Meeting is not obliged to vote for proposed candidates.

The Supervisory Board proposes electing Dr Alexander Tourneau from Hamburg, member of the management board of Basler Versicherungen, Bad Homburg, as a member of the Supervisory Board for the remainder of its term, which lasts until the end of the Annual General Meeting that votes on formal discharge for the 2017 financial year. Dr Alexander Tourneau is a member of the management board of Basler Versicherungen, based in Bad Homburg. Basler Beteiligungsholding GmbH (formerly known as Deutscher Ring Beteiligungsholding GmbH), Hamburg, holds a roughly 32.57% share of OVB Holding AG. Pursuant to Sections 21 and 22, no. 1 of the Wertpapierhandelsgesetz (WpHG – German Securities Trading Act), this stake is allocated to various shareholders, including Bâloise Holding AG, Basel, Switzerland.

Over the 2014 financial year, the OVB Group earned EUR 19,198,000 in revenue and EUR 26,435,000 in total sales commissions from members of the Baloise group of companies. This revenue was derived from existing financial product brokerage contracts.

Dr Tourneau is a member of the following Supervisory Boards established in accordance with the law or similar governing bodies of German and non-German commercial enterprises:

- ZEUS Service AG, Hamburg, Supervisory Board Chairman
- Roland Schutzbrief Versicherungs-AG, Cologne, Supervisory Board member
- ZEUS Vermittlungs-GmbH, Hamburg, Supervisory Board Chairman

# 7. Resolution on approval to purchase and appropriate treasury shares of OVB Holding AG and disapply pre-emptive rights

On 10 June 2015, the authorisation to purchase treasury shares granted by the 2010 Annual General Meeting will expire. For that reason, the Annual General Meeting should renew the company's authority to purchase treasury shares. For this purpose, the Executive Board and Supervisory Board propose adopting the following resolution:

In accordance with Section 71, para. 1, no. 8 of the German Stock Corporation Act (AktG), the company is hereby authorised, with the Supervisory Board's consent, to purchase on one or more occasions during the period from 11 June 2015 until 10 June 2020 as many as 300,000 non-par bearer treasury shares. The shares shall be purchased through the stock exchange or a public tender offer addressed to all shareholders. When buying through the stock market, the company is allowed to utilise third parties if they adhere to the restrictions below.

If the purchase takes place on the stock market, the company shall not pay a purchase price per share (excluding associated purchasing fees and expenses) that is more than five percent (5%) above or below the average share price (closing auction price per share of OVB stock in XETRA or a functionally comparable trading system succeeding XETRA used by the Frankfurt Stock Exchange) on the last five trading days before the company enters into a purchase obligation.

If the purchase takes place through a public tender offer, the company shall not pay a purchase price per share that is more than ten percent (10%) above or below the average share price (closing auction price per share of OVB stock in XETRA or a functionally comparable trading system succeeding XETRA used by the Frankfurt Stock Exchange) on the fourth to the tenth trading days before the day the company announces its offer to purchase. The value of the offer can be limited. If the entire subscription to the offer exceeds that value, the number accepted must be in proportion to the volume of shares being offered. The company can reserve the right to give preference to shareholders offering small numbers of up to 100 company shares for sale by accepting such offers while partially disapplying any rights of the shareholders to offer their shares for sale.

The Executive Board is authorised, with the consent of the Supervisory Board, to use the company's shares bought back on the basis of its authority as follows:

- To sell them as (partial) payment during corporate mergers or to buy companies or invest in companies, parts of companies or other assets;
- (2) Conduct an employee share purchase program for executives, senior managers and independent agents of OVB Holding AG and its German and non-German subsidiaries (as defined by Sections 15 et seq. of the AktG);

(3) Retire the shares without the act of retirement or the buyback itself requiring a separate resolution of the Annual General Meeting. Retirement may be limited to a portion of the shares being purchased. The Executive Board is authorised, with the consent of the Supervisory Board, to reduce the company's share capital by the portion of the share capital accounted for by the retired shares. Retirement may be carried out in such a way that it does not reduce the share capital but instead increases the portion of the share capital represented by each of the remaining shares (Section 237, para. 3, no. 3 of the AktG).

The authority granted under subparagraphs 1-3 above can be exercised in full or in part.

The pre-emptive rights of shareholders to the company's treasury shares shall be disapplied if the shares are used as authorised under subsections 1-2 above.

The Executive Board's report to the Annual General Meeting concerning the disapplication of shareholders' pre-emptive rights when treasury shares are being used (Section 71, para. 1, no. 8 of the AktG in conjunction with Section 186, paras. 3 and 4 of the AktG) is contained in Appendix 1 of this invitation.

## Appendix 1:

Executive Board's report to the Annual General Meeting concerning the disapplication of shareholders' pre-emptive rights when treasury shares are being used (Section 71, para. 1, no. 8 of the AktG in conjunction with Section 186, paras. 3 and 4 of the AktG) in accordance with agenda item 7:

In Section 71, para. 1, no. 8 of the Aktiengesetz (AktG – German Stock Corporation Act), the Federal Parliament has given German stock corporations the option of purchasing treasury shares based on authority granted for no more than five years by the annual meetings of their shareholders, provided they do not intend to trade in their own shares and they adhere to the principle of equal treatment under the Stock Corporation Act. It is the Executive Board's opinion that it would benefit the company to purchase treasury shares and sell them by means other than an offer made to all shareholders, thereby improving the company's flexibility with respect to equity financing. Previous Annual General Meetings have authorised the company, with the Supervisory Board's consent, to purchase on one or more occasions as many as 300,000 non-par bearer treasury shares and sell them by means other than the stock exchange. The last time was for the period leading up to 10 June 2015. This authority was not exercised. Since the currently valid authorisation expires in the summer of 2015, any future purchase of treasury shares and their disposal in a manner other than through sale on the stock exchange requires new authorisation.

The purpose of having the Annual General Meeting adopt a resolution is to enable the company to use the shares for every legitimate purpose while disapplying shareholders' pre-emptive rights. In particular, the authority will allow use of treasury shares as direct or indirect payment as part of corporate mergers or for acquiring companies, investing in companies or other assets. Treasury shares play an important role as acquisition currency. For the company, they can represent an affordable means of financing. Sellers often require them as a form of payment. When determining the relative valuations, the Executive Board will ensure that it safeguards shareholders' interests and that it bases the measurement of the value of the company's treasury shares as a form of payment on the OVB Holding AG share price.

The purpose of the authorisation being requested is to enable the company to carry out acquisitions for which payment is made fully or partially in shares quickly and flexibly, in particular without having the Annual General Meeting pass a resolution, which is often not possible due to time constraints. Using treasury shares for acquisitions also has the advantage of not diluting shareholders' voting rights when compared to the situation prior to the company's purchasing of treasury shares.

The authorisation is also intended to give the company the option of purchasing treasury shares by means of a public tender offer. If this method is used, every shareholder will be freely allowed to decide whether and how many shares he or she wishes to offer the company. If the number of shares being offered to the company exceeds the number needed by the company, then the company will have to limit the amount accepted from each sales offer. The limits shall be based on the respective proportions of the shares offered. However, the company should also be entitled to give preference to relatively small offers of up to 100 company shares offered for sale per shareholder. This option will help avoid fractional shares when determining the amount to be purchased and small residual amounts if at all possible, thereby facilitating settlement.

Finally, authorisation would also enable the company to use the shares acquired as part of an employee stock purchase plan by offering them to employees, managers, executives and independent agents of OVB Holding AG and its German and non-German subsidiaries. Issuing shares to employees of the Group and independent agents of Group companies will serve to boost loyalty to the organisation, increasing their motivation by helping them to identify more strongly with the company. Enabling employees to buy company stock helps make the company more successful and is therefore in the company's immediate business interest.

In view of the aims pursued by selling the shares, which are in the best interests of both the company and its shareholders, and the limitation of their scope, the disapplication of pre-emptive rights is objectively justifiable and appropriate.

There are at present no specific plans to carry out an acquisition for which treasury shares would need to be used. The Executive Board will report on whether it has exercised this authority at successive Annual General Meetings.

According to Section 71, para. 1, no. 8 of the AktG, the total value of the shares to be purchased may not exceed 10% of the share capital. This is guaranteed by a corresponding limit of 300,000 shares being placed on the authorisation. That equals roughly 2.1% of the existing share capital of EUR 14,251,314.00, divided into 14,251,314 no-par value shares.

The Annual General Meeting should also authorise the Executive Board to retire treasury shares without an additional resolution of the Annual General Meeting. Pursuant to Section 237, para. 3, no. 3 of the AktG, the proposed authorisation provides that the Executive Board may retire the shares even without a capital reduction. Retiring the shares without a capital reduction increases the portion of the company's share capital represented by each of the remaining shares. The Executive Board is authorised, with the Supervisory Board's consent, to amend the Articles of Association regarding the number of no-par value shares. Retirement of shares will have no effect on shareholders' rights.

The written report from the Executive Board to the Annual General Meeting in accordance with Section 71, para. 1, no. 8 of the AktG in conjunction with Section 186, paras. 3 and 4 of the AktG is available to shareholders on the Internet at http://www.ovb.eu (in the "Annual General Meeting" section under the "Investor Relations") and will also be available in printed form at the Annual General Meeting.

# Participation in the Annual General Meeting

### Documents

The content of this convening notice, an explanation of agenda item 1, the total number of shares and voting rights at the time of convening, the documents listed under agenda item 1, and the Executive Board's proposal for the appropriation of retained earnings as well as the

Executive Board's report to the Annual General Meeting concerning the disapplication of shareholders' pre-emptive rights when treasury shares are being used (Section 71, para. 1, no. 8 of the AktG in conjunction with Section 186, paras. 3 and 4 of the AktG) in accordance with item 7 of the agenda,

will be available on our website at http://www.ovb.eu (in the "Annual General Meeting" section under "Investor Relations") from the time the notice of meeting is published online. The aforementioned documents will also be available in print at the Annual General Meeting.

# Total number of shares and voting rights at the time of convening the General Meeting

As of the time of convening the Annual General Meeting, the company's share capital is divided into 14,251,314 no-par bearer shares carrying just as many voting rights. The company does not hold own stock as of the convening of the Annual General Meeting.

# Requirements for participation in the General Meeting and the exercise of voting rights

Participation in the Annual General Meeting and the exercise of voting rights require that the shareholders register their participation with the company. Registration must be submitted in German or English and be received by the company in written form (Section 126b of the German Civil Code) before midnight (end of day, 24:00) on Wednesday, 27 May 2015, at the address below:

OVB Holding AG c/o Computershare Operations Center 80249 Munich, Germany Fax: +49 89 30903-74675 E-mail: anmeldestelle@computershare.de

Apart from their registration forms, shareholders must also provide proof of entitlement to attend and exercise their voting rights. This requires special proof of shareholdings provided by the respective depositary institute in written form (Section 126b BGB). The proof of shareholder capacity must be written in German or English and refer to the beginning of the twenty-first day prior to the Annual General Meeting ("record date"), i.e. midnight (start of day, 0:00) on Wednesday, 13 May 2015. This proof must be received by the Company before midnight (end of day, 24:00) on Wednesday, 27 May 2015 at the above-named address.

# Significance of the record date

The record date is the decisive date with respect to the scope and exercise of the rights to participate and to vote in the Annual General Meeting. In relation to the company, only those shareholders who have furnished proof of their shareholdings are entitled to participate in the Annual General Meeting and exercise their voting rights. The entitlement to participation and the scope of voting rights are based solely on existing shareholdings as of the record date.

The record date does not have a blocking effect on the marketability of shareholdings. Even in the case of the entire or partial sale of shareholdings subsequent to the record date, the shareholder's stock owned

as of the record date remains the sole deciding quantity for participation and scope of voting rights; i.e. the sale of shares subsequent to the record date has no effect on the entitlement to participation and the scope of voting rights. The same applies for the purchase of shares after the record date. Those who do not own any shares as of the record date and become shareholders only later are not entitled to participate or exercise voting rights.

## **Proxy voting**

Shareholders may have their voting rights exercised at the Annual General Meeting by a proxy, e.g. a bank, shareholders' association, or person of their choice. In this case as well, shareholders must register and submit proof of their share ownership in good time.

If the power of proxy is not subject to the scope of Section 135 AktG, i.e. if the power of proxy is neither granted to a bank, shareholders' association, or another person or association deemed equal to banks according to Section 135 (8) AktG or Section 135 (10) in conjunction with Section 125 (5) AktG nor is it otherwise subject to the scope of Section 135 AktG, granting the power of proxy, its revocation, and furnishing proof of the power of proxy to the company requires written form (Section 126b BGB).

Proof of the power of proxy granted may be furnished in such a way that the proxy shows the power of proxy at the admissions desk on the day of the Annual General Meeting. For electronic transmission of the proof of the power of proxy, the company provides the following e-mail address to its shareholders:

#### E-mail: Hauptversammlung2015@ovb.eu

The aforementioned method of transmission is also available if the power of proxy is intended to be granted by way of declaration to the company; a separate proof of the power of proxy is obsolete in this case. Even the revocation of the power of proxy granted may be declared directly to the company using the aforementioned way of transmission. A form for granting power of proxy is sent to the shareholders after the registration has been received in due time and in the form described above. If a shareholder grants the power of proxy to more than one person, the company may refuse one or several of them.

With respect to granting power of proxy to banks, shareholders' associations, or other persons or institutions deemed equal under stock corporation law, statutory provisions apply. If you wish to grant power of proxy to a bank, shareholders' association, or another person or institution deemed equal to a bank under stock corporation law, please consult this entity for the possible forms of the power of proxy.

### Authorisation of proxies nominated by the company

We provide our shareholders with the option to grant power of proxy even prior to the Annual General Meeting to company-nominated proxies bound by instructions.

Shareholders who wish to grant power of proxy to proxies nominated by the company prior to the Annual General Meeting must register and furnish proof of their shareholdings in good time. After proper registration, they will receive further information on proxy voting as well as a form that can be used to grant the power of proxy and give instructions to the proxies nominated by the company. The power of proxy granted to proxies nominated by the company, its revocation, proof of the power of proxy to the company, as well as the issue of instructions to company-nominated proxies, their revocation, or changes to the instructions must be in written form.

Insofar as the proxies nominated by the company are granted power of proxy, they must be given instructions for the exercise of voting rights with respect to each agenda item. The proxies are obligated to vote according to their instructions. The proxies nominated by the company do not accept power of proxy for filing objections to shareholders' resolutions, exercising the right to talk or ask questions, or for filing motions. Shareholders who wish to grant power of proxy to company-nominated proxies are kindly asked for organisational reasons to submit the power of proxy including voting instructions by Monday, 1 June 2015 per mail, fax message, or e-mail to the company at the following address:

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Furthermore, we provide the option to shareholders who have registered in due form and time and who are present at the Annual General Meeting to authorise the company-nominated proxies to exercise their voting rights even at the Annual General Meeting.

# Shareholders' rights

### Supplements to the agenda

Shareholders whose combined share ownership comes to a twentieth of the share capital or the proportionate amount of EUR 500,000.00 are entitled to request in accordance with Section 122 (2) AktG that topics of their choice be announced and put on the agenda. Each new topic must be accompanied by an explanatory statement or a proposal for resolution. Shareholders' requests for supplements to the agenda according to Section 122 (2) AktG must be directed to the company's Executive Board in writing and received by the company before midnight (end of day, 24:00) on Sunday, 3 May 2015. Please submit any such requests to the Executive Board at the following address:

OVB Holding AG Investor Relations 2015 Annual General Meeting Heumarkt 1 50667 Cologne, Germany Any supplements to the agenda subject to announcement are promptly announced in the Federal Gazette upon the request's receipt and transmitted for publication to media outlets of which it can be expected to spread the information throughout the entire European Union.

They will also be made available online at http://www.ovb.eu (under "Investor Relations" in the "Annual General Meeting" section) and announced to the shareholders.

#### **Countermotions and election proposals**

Furthermore, the company's shareholders may submit election proposals and countermotions with regard to the Executive Board's and/ or Supervisory Board's proposals for resolution on individual agenda items. If countermotions are to be made available, they must include an explanatory statement. Countermotions, election proposals, and other shareholders' requests for the Annual General Meeting must be directed exclusively to:

OVB Holding AG Investor Relations 2015 General Meeting Heumarkt 1 50667 Cologne, Germany Fax: +49 221 2015-325 E-mail: Hauptversammlung2015@ovb.eu

We will announce election proposals and countermotions to be made available on the Internet at

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upon receipt, including the respective shareholder's name and any explanatory statements to be made available. Those countermotions and election proposals with respect to individual agenda items will be considered that have been received at the aforementioned address or per fax message or e-mail before midnight (end of day, 24:00) on Tuesday, 19 May 2015. Any statements issued by the management will also be announced at the aforementioned Internet address.

# **Requests for information**

In accordance with Section 131 (1) AktG, the Executive Board must provide information on company matters upon any shareholder's request at the Annual General Meeting, insofar as the information is necessary for the proper assessment of an item on the agenda. The duty to provide information also includes the legal and business relationships the company maintains with its affiliates. Requests for information must generally be made verbally at the Annual General Meeting during the debate. The duty of the Executive Board of a parent company (Section 290 (1) and (2) HGB) to provide information at the Annual General Meeting at which the consolidated financial statements and the consolidated management report are presented also includes the situation of the Group and the companies included in the consolidated financial statements.

# Information supplied on the company's website

Compliant with Section 124a of the AktG, the required information is available to shareholders on our website at http://www.ovb.eu (under "Investor Relations" in the "Annual General Meeting" section).

Cologne, April 2015

OVB Holding AG Executive Board



# How to find the Dorint Hotel am Heumarkt Cologne

# Come by train and support the environment

Take a train to Cologne, Hauptbahnhof (main railway station). Once you get off the train it is about a 7- to 8-minute walk to our hotel. (Alternatively, you can take a taxi – cab fare will be about Euro 8). Go through the main exit of the railway station and walk towards Cologne Cathedral. Continue along the shopping street Hohe Strasse until you have reached the end of it. When you are in front of Kaufhof, turn left into Gürzenich Strasse. Now the hotel is already behind you and you must merely walk right down Grosse Sandkaul until you reach the main entrance of the hotel.

# Coming by Car

If you come by car and enter our address in your navigation system, please note that most navigation systems are not familiar with "Pipinstrasse". Instead, you should enter the street **"Grosse Sandkaul"**. In that case you will be directed straight to the entrance of our underground car park.

#### Coming from a northern direction

Coming on the A1 (Dortmund), go all the way to Autobahnkreuz (motorway junction) Köln-Nord, take the exit "Köln Zentrum" (Cologne city centre) on the A57, continue on the A57 until you reach the end of the motorway, stay in the central lane, turn left onto Subbelrather Strasse and stay in the right lane. Continue straight ahead, take a slight right onto Gladbacher Strasse and continue straight ahead on Christophstrasse. Continue on Gereonstrasse and go straight ahead on Börsenplatz. Keep going straight ahead on Unter Sachsenhausen, staying in the right lane. Take a right onto Tunisstrasse and continue straight ahead on Offenbachplatz. Keep going straight on Tunisstrasse and continue on Nord-Süd-Fahrt, staying in the right lane. Continue straight on Neuköllner Strasse, keeping to the right on the underpass. Turn left onto Cäcilienstrasse/Pipinstrasse, turn left on Pipinstrasse (U-turn) and right onto Grosse Sandkaul.

# Coming from a southern direction

Coming on the A<sub>3</sub> (Frankfurt), go all the way to Autobahndreieck (motorway junction) Heumar, keep right to go onto the A<sub>4</sub>. At the Autobahnkreuz Gremberg keep half-right on the A<sub>559</sub>/Östliche Zubringerstrasse. Continue straight on Opladener Strasse through Kölnarena. Keep going straight on Mindener Strasse, staying in the central or left lane. Continue straight across Deutzer Brücke (bridge), take a right onto Grosse Sandkaul.

#### Coming from an easterly direction

Coming on the A 555 (Bonn) go all the way to the end of the motorway at the Verteilerkreis Köln, exit the roundabout at the first opportunity to go onto the B 51. In Cologne, continue on the B 9, take a left onto Mechtildstrasse. Continue straight on An Sankt Katharinen, turn right onto Severinsstrasse. Continue straight on Waidmarkt and then on Hohe Pforte, take a right onto Stephanstrasse, then take a left onto Kasinostrasse. Continue straight on Hermann-Joseph-Platz and then on Kasinostrasse, take a right onto Pipinstrasse, turn left on Pipinstrasse (U-turn) and right into Große Sandkaul.

## Coming from a westerly direction

Coming on the A 4 (Aachen), go all the way to the Köln-Klettenberg exit and keep half-right. Take a right onto the B 265, keep to the right on the B 265. In Cologne, take a left onto B 265/Pfälzer Strasse. Continue straight on B 55/Neue Weyerstrasse, keep going straight on Blaubach and continue on Main Street (Changes Name into Mühlenbach) whilst keeping on right line. Follow Signage MARITIM KONGRESS and DOM/RHEIN by turning right. Turn left into the tunnel underneath the Maritim Hotel and keep on right line. After a long curve to the left (keep right line) you will reach the Augustiner Straße. Go right into the Augustiner Straße. After approximately 400 meters you will find the Hotel main entrance on your right hand side.

#### Coming from a different direction

Coming on the A 3 (Oberhausen), go all the way to the Kreuz Köln-Ost exit, to the Köln-Deutz/Zentrum exit and to the Koelnmesse exit. Pass the trade fair ground on the right hand side going onto Köln-Mülheimer Strasse. After the underpass, take a left onto Opladener Strasse and stay in the left or central lane. Cross Deutzer Brücke (bridge) and then turn right onto Grosse Sandkaul.

### Coming from the airport

In a taxi it will take you about 20 minutes to the Dorint Hotel am Heumarkt Köln (fare for the ride: approx. Euro 27).

Right at the airport is a railway station from where ICE trains, RE trains and the S-Bahn line 13 go regularly to the main railway station in Cologne. After you get off there, you can walk to our hotel in approx. 7 to 8 minutes. Alternatively, you can take a taxi – cab fare will be about Euro 8. Go through the main exit of the railway station and walk towards Cologne Cathedral. Continue along the shopping street "Hohe Strasse" until you have reached the end of it. When you are in front of Kaufhof, turn left into Gürzenich Strasse. Now the hotel is already behind you and you must merely walk right down Grosse Sandkaul until you reach the main entrance of the hotel.

## Coming by car

Fees for underground car park: 1 hour: Euro 1 from the 2 hour: Euro 3 Daily rate Euro 25 per 24 hours

Please note that as of 01.01.2008, parts of the city of Cologne have been declared a low emission zone. You can obtain an emission sticker and further information via the website www.umwelt-plakette.de.

# From the Financial Calendar

31	March 2015	Publication of the annual financial statements for 2014, Annual Report
12	May 2015	Results for the first quarter of 2015
03	June 2015	Annual General Meeting, Cologne
14	August 2015	Results for the second quarter of 2015
13	November 2015	Results for the third quarter of 2015

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