

## **RBI: Virtual Annual General Meeting held successfully**

Vienna, 20 October 2020. Today, shareholders approved all resolutions proposed under the individual agenda items at the Annual General Meeting of Raiffeisen Bank International AG (RBI). Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this year's Annual General Meeting was held virtually for the first time for the protection of all participants. Shareholders took advantage of the opportunity to participate via RBI's web-based AGM portal, through which questions could be asked and voting rights exercised during the Annual General Meeting.

Johann Strobl, CEO of RBI, commented positively on business trends during his presentation of the financial year 2019, and further on the current financial year: "As a result of the pandemic, the first half of 2020 was a great challenge for everyone. Despite the difficult environment, we nevertheless managed to protect the health of our customers and employees while also keeping the bank fully operational. Use of our digital offering is increasing and all our efforts and strong expansion into that area are paying off."

In line with the European Central Bank (ECB) recommendation, not to pay dividends until 1.1.2021, the original dividend payment proposal was not voted upon. Strobl commented: "With increased loan volumes since the beginning of the year, we could contribute to the strengthening of the economy and our customers. At the same time, the financial strength of RBI would still have enabled us to pay a dividend in 2020. However, we resolved to follow the recommendation of the ECB. The net profit for 2019 will be carried forward and as soon as the ECB lifts its recommendation, we will reevaluate a later dividend payment."

A recording of the Annual General Meeting up to the end of the presentation of agenda item 1 is available as a webcast on the RBI website until 23.10.2020:

<http://www.rbinternational.com/en/investors/events-overview/annual-general-meetings/annual-general-meeting-2020>.

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