

Extraordinary announcement

Merkantil Bank sold the Slovakian OTP Leasing a.s.

Merkantil Bank Ltd., a 100% subsidiary of OTP Bank Plc., in accordance with its revised regional strategy has sold its stake in OTP Leasing a.s. Slovakia (with registered capital SKK 90 million), together with the other shareholder, OTP Banka Slovensko a.s.

In accordance with the decision announced early this year, the tender sale process was launched and the terms and conditions of the sale were finalized with the preferential buyer. The new owner of the leasing company is the Czech Credium a.s. financial company, which is owned 100% by the French SOFINCO s.a. The parties regard the purchase price as confidential.

Merkantil Bank Ltd. has modified its regional strategy as a consequence of the international financial turmoil. Hence Merkantil Bank currently focuses on the Hungarian market and for the time being suspended its expansion in Russia, Ukraine and Kazakhstan.

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