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## **UNICREDIT AND CEE: STRENGTHS TO COPE WITH CYCLICAL HEADWINDS**

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

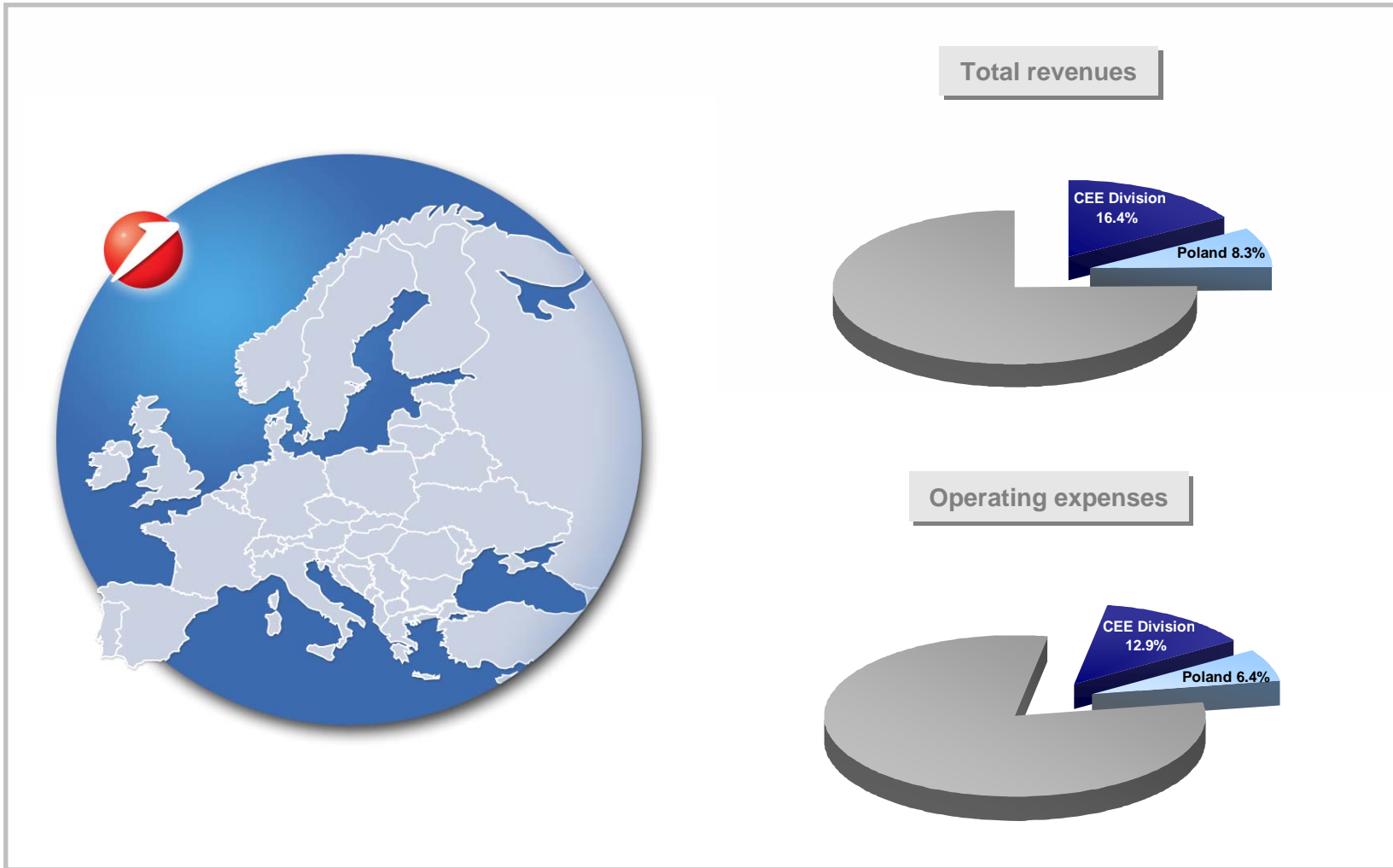
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- **UNICREDIT PRESENCE IN CEE REGION: A SUPERIOR POSITIONING**
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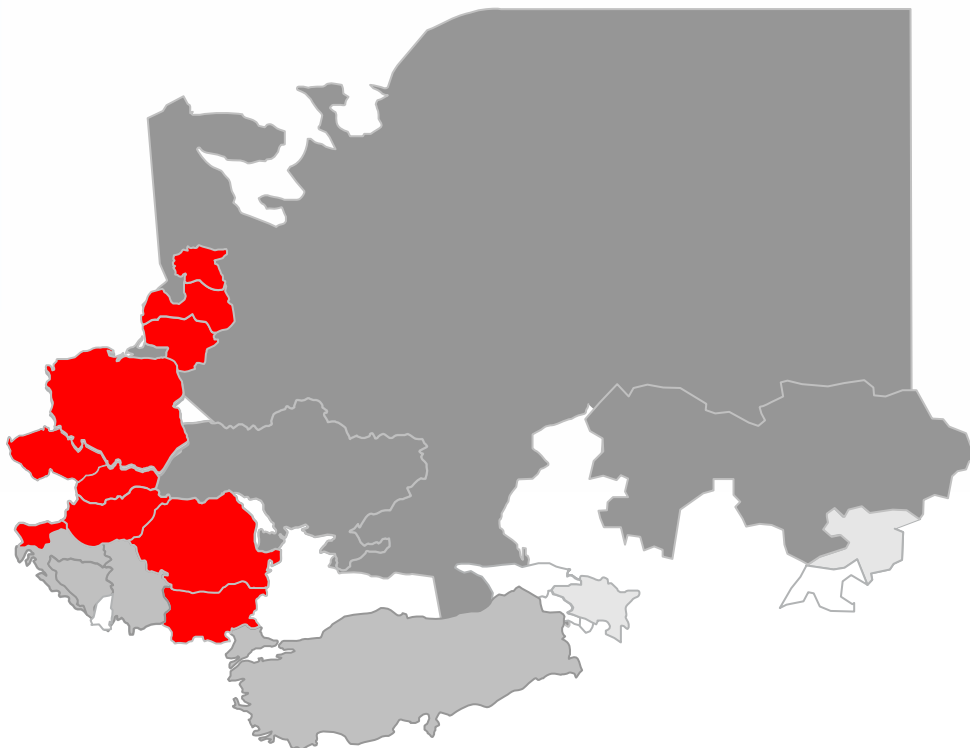
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# A TRULY EUROPEAN GROUP – FOCUS ON CEE REGION



# BALANCED, DIVERSIFIED GROUP EXPOSURE, TO MINIMIZE THE POSSIBLE IMPACT OF THE MARKET CRISIS



- **Countries of presence spanning from EU members in Central Europe to Russia and Turkey**
- **Group set to confirm good performance despite the macro-environment downturn, based on: strong deposit base, strict cost control, tighter risk regulations and a strong focus on liquidity**

	% weight on Group	
	Revenues <sup>(1)</sup>	Tangible book <sup>(2)</sup>
<b>EU members</b>	<b>13.7%</b>	<b>13.2%</b>
Poland	8.3%	5.8%
Romania	1.1%	0.5%
Czech rep.	1.3%	2.5%
Slovakia	0.6%	1.1%
Slovenia	0.2%	0.4%
Hungary	0.9%	1.4%
Bulgaria	1.1%	1.3%
Baltics	0.1%	0.2%
<b>Candidate/potential EU</b>	<b>6.3%</b>	<b>8.5%</b>
Turkey	3.5%	3.8%
Bosnia – H.	0.4%	0.4%
Croatia	2.1%	3.6%
Serbia	0.3%	0.6%
<b>NON EU</b>	<b>4.6%</b>	<b>6.0%</b>
Russia	2.2%	3.1%
Ukraine	1.3%	1.3%
Kazakhstan	1.0%	1.6%

<sup>(1)</sup> Revenues as is 9M08

<sup>(2)</sup> Data as is 3Q08 pro-forma for the €3bn rights issue, tangible book = equity-goodwill

# UNICREDIT APPROACH TO CEE: A LONG-TERM INVESTOR, TO EXPLOIT STRUCTURAL STRENGTHS

## LONG TERM INVESTOR

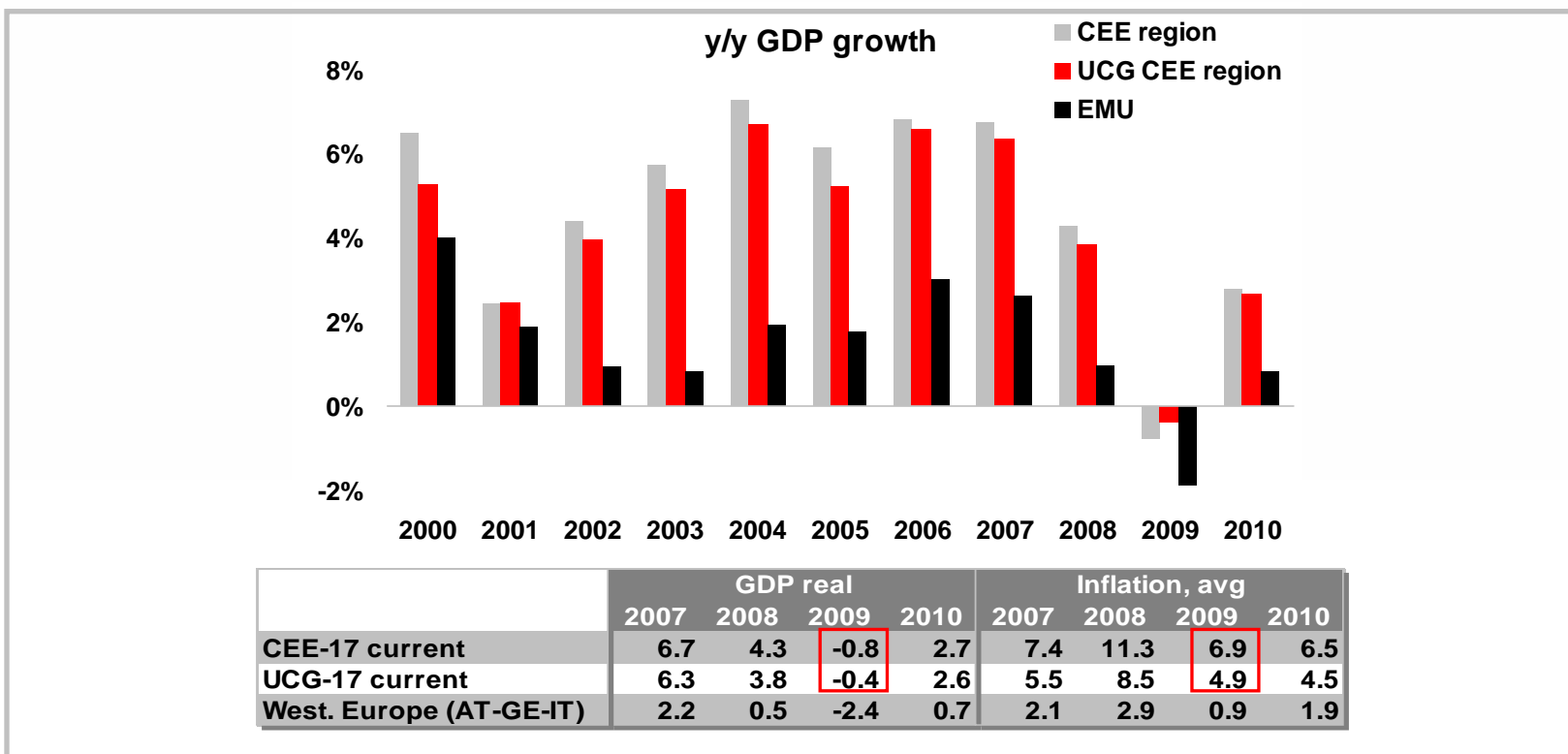
- Since 1999, with Pekao acquisition, UCG has pursued a **long term oriented strategy** - we are here to stay
  - ✓ UCG is part of the Country
  - ✓ Strong enforcement of local Managers
  - ✓ Best practices and know-how transfer
  - ✓ International programs for Talents

## COMPETITIVE HEDGE IN A CRISIS

- Belonging to a big European player, UCG banks in CEE could even enjoy **some competitive advantaged in the crisis**
  - ✓ Well known **brand** as a key to attract customers leaving troubled local banks
  - ✓ Access to international markets through UCG

# COUNTRY DIVERSIFICATION

A key strength also in a Macro-Economic slowdown



- **CEE growth will continue to outperform EMU** in 2009
- In a negative outlook scenario, **the diversification of UCG halves the impact on the group** showing a good positioning in faster growing countries
- **UCG weighted presence: lower negative growth of GDP** in 2009; lower CPI vs CEE region average highlights **considerable rooms of cost saving**
- Proactive policymaker response to the slowdown and solid banking sectors **pave the way for strong 2010 recovery prospects in Czech Republic, Poland and Turkey** (~55% of UCG revenues in CEE region)

# MACRO IMPACTS: RISKS, EFFECTS AND GROUP ACTIONS

Lower risk for UniCredit: geographic and loan mix, cost savings ahead

## ASSET QUALITY

- **General deterioration of asset quality:** provisioning level will be increased

### SOLID CLIENT BASE

- **UCG vs system:** usually **lower cost of risk** for **banks belonging to the Group since many years** and **largely lower than the market** for most of countries
- **De-risking actions to mitigate existing and new risks**

### INDIVIDUAL FX LENDING

- Equal to **12% of total customer loans in CEE region**, proportionally split by Euro, USD and CHF. **Pekao**, the oldest CEE bank in UCG, **was not used to grant FX loans to individuals**
- **De-risking actions in place : to grant excellent client profiles**

## COST MANAGEMENT – AS A KEY TO PRESERVE PROFITABILITY

- Negative macro scenario **reduces the level of CPI** which drives a **lower level of cost** in the area
  - ✓ **UCG positioned** in countries with lower expected CPI (see pg. 6): **Poland, Croatia, Czech Rep**
  - ✓ **Cost synergies:** 17 mergers in 2006/08 produce cost synergies allowing to open more than 400 branches in 2008 with limited FTEs increase (~1,000 vs ~5,000 expected)

# FROM THEORY TO PRACTICE: DE-RISKING ACTIONS IN PLACE

Some examples: not exhaustive!

## ■ Real Estate: further reducing risk appetite

- ✓ decrease of LTVs/LTCs by 10 percentage points
- ✓ increase of Debt Service Coverage Ratio (DSCR) by 10 bps
- ✓ no plot financing
- ✓ very selective developer financing, restricted in some countries (e.g. RU, UA, Baltics) and conditioned to tighter prelease sales conditions

## ■ Corporate: special liquidity check and very cautious lending

- ✓ Liquidity check of large corporate customers
- ✓ New business subject to up-dated review and positive result of liquidity check
- ✓ Focus on lending to operative companies
- ✓ No underwriting commitments
- ✓ No bridge financing unless we are comfortable/able to keep this risk on a midterm basis
- ✓ Asset based financing parameters more restrictive (e.g. decrease of LTVs/LTCs by 10 p.p., DSCR increased by 10 bps)
- ✓ Dedicated Task Force Kazakhstan

## ■ FX lending: limited origination, strict monitoring

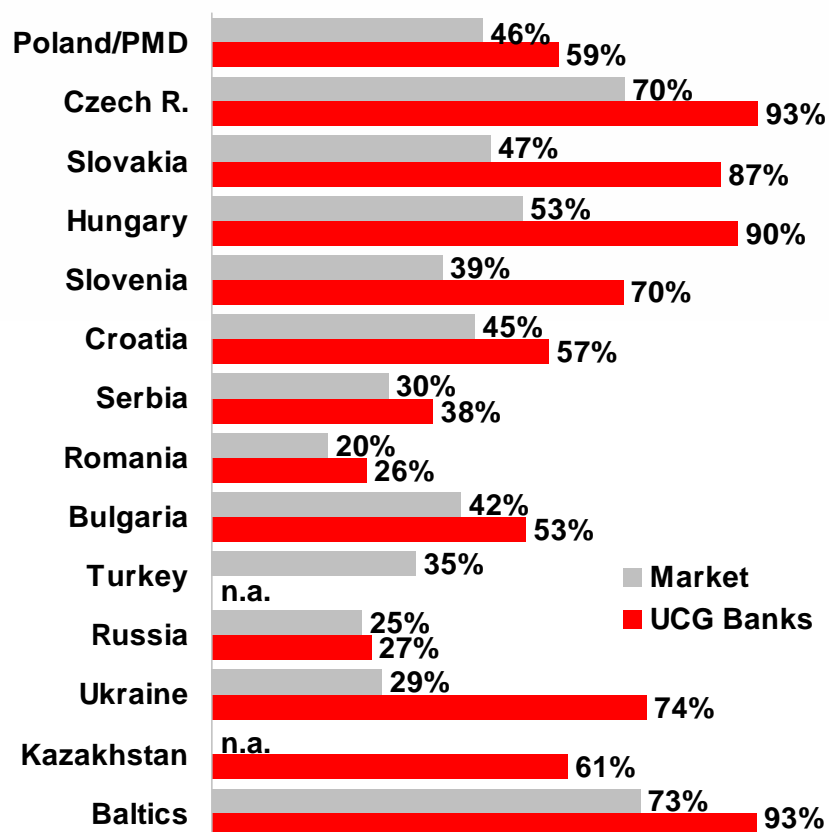
- ✓ Special Credit policy with appropriate add-on's and haircuts and Customer Awareness letters
- ✓ Close monitoring of portfolio and tightening of retail lending rules
- ✓ Required debt repayment capability is increased by 10-20% depending on currency



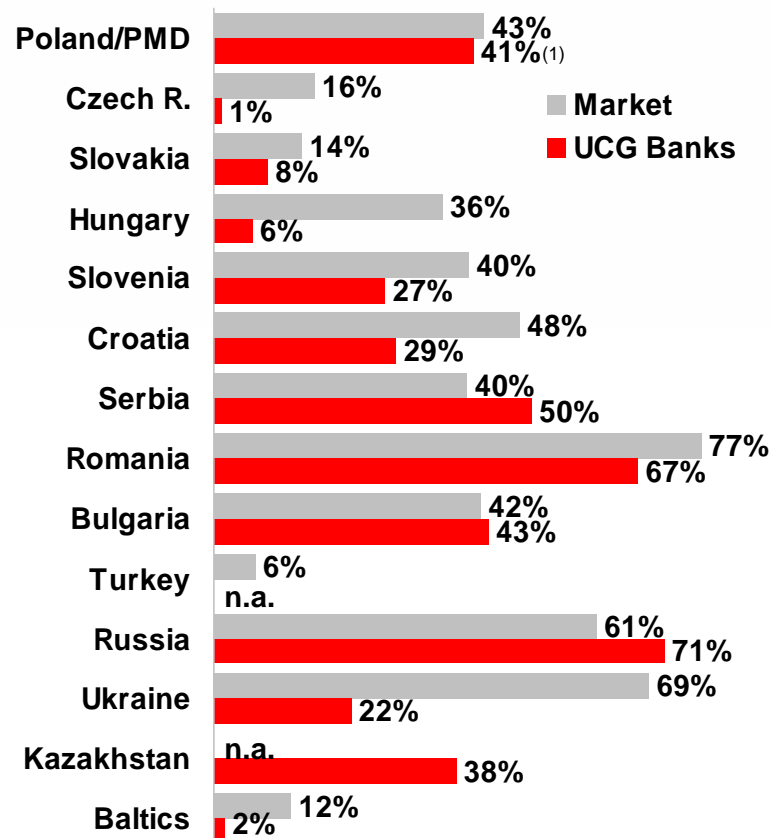
# LESS RISK - RETAIL

## UniCredit vs Peers: More Mortgages, Less Consumer Credit

**Household sector: mortgages**  
% on total household lending

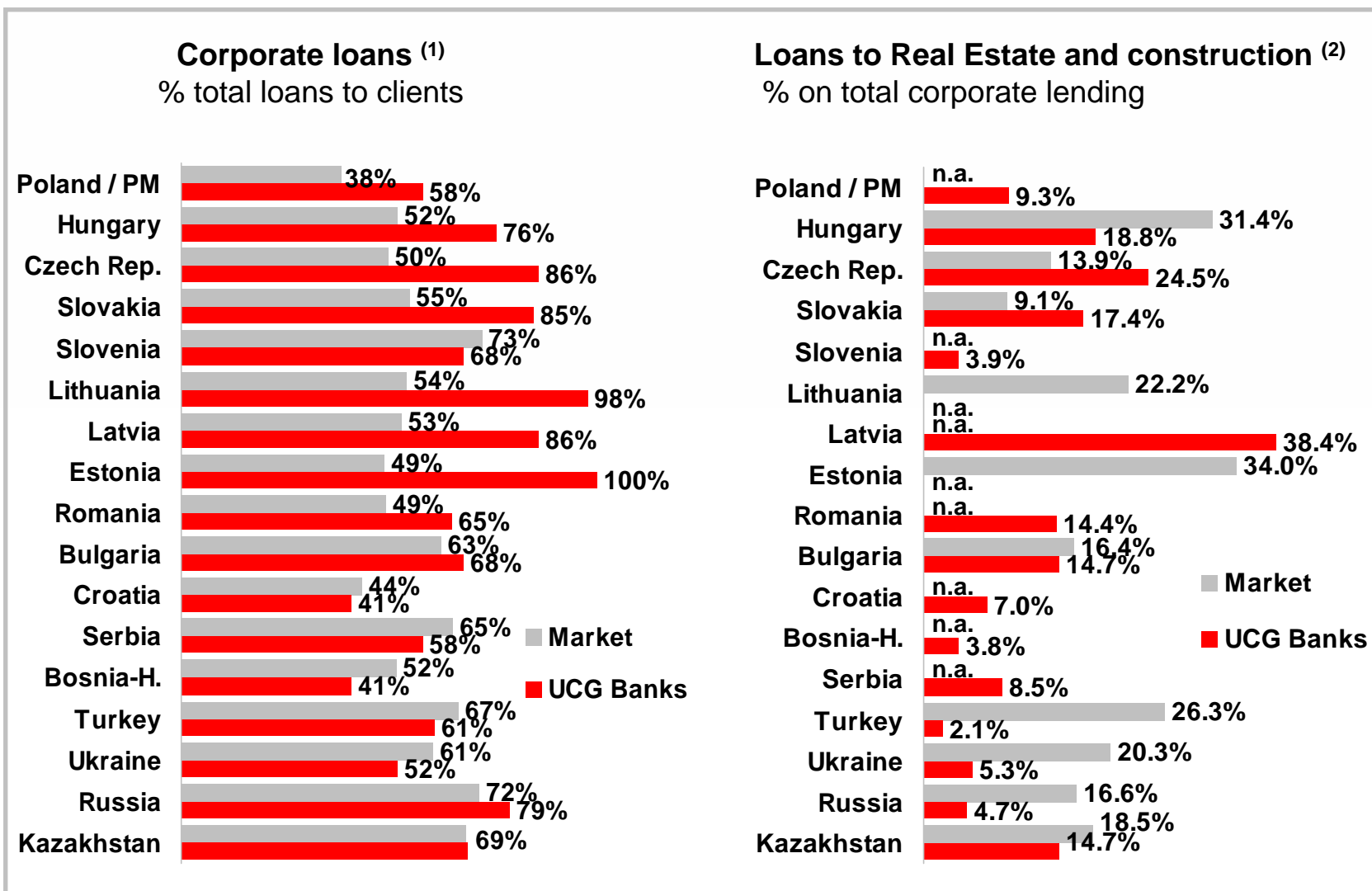


**Household sector: consumer credit**  
% on total household lending



# LESS RISK - CORPORATE

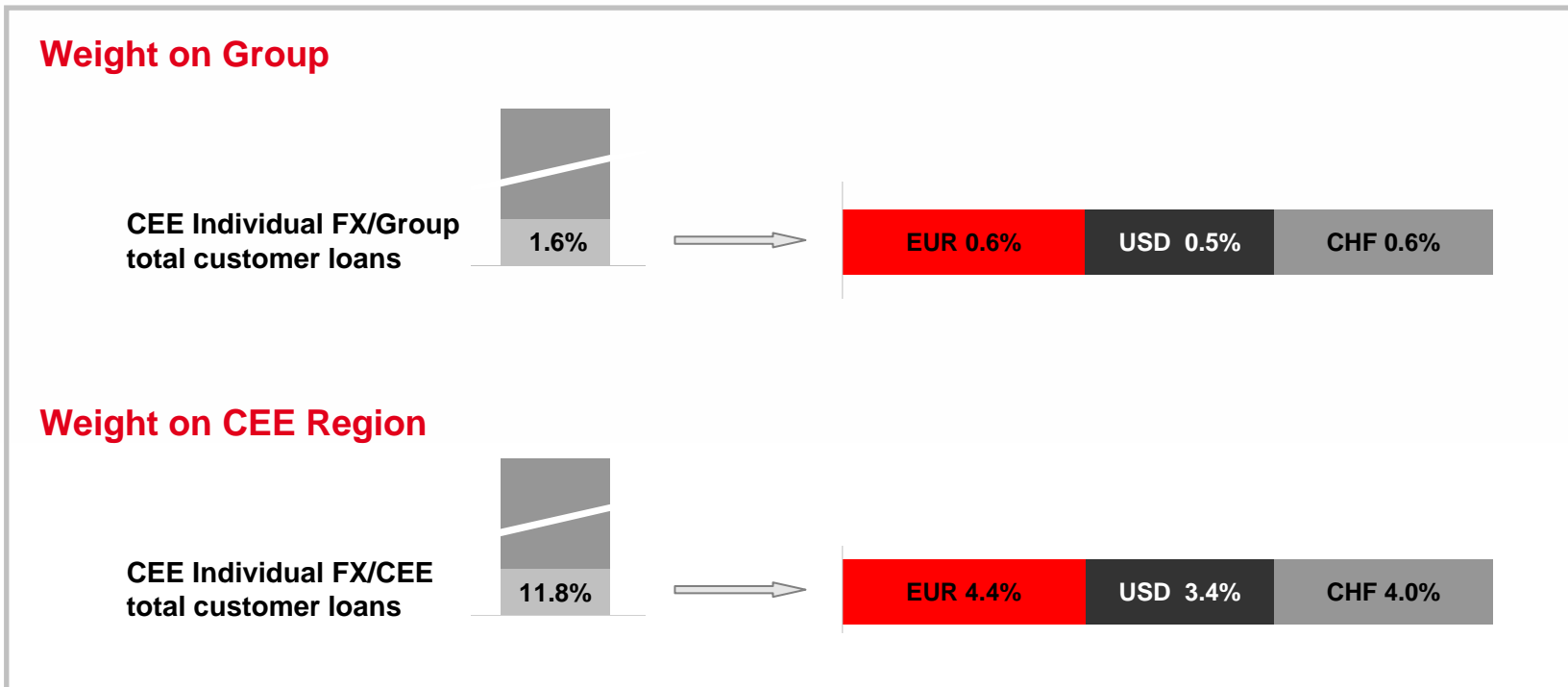
## UniCredit vs Peers: More Corporate and Less Commercial Real Estate



(1) Unicredit: Sept 2008; Market: November 2008; (2) Sept 2008

# FX RETAIL LENDING

Individual CEE FX portfolio: 1.6% of the UniCredit total loan portfolio

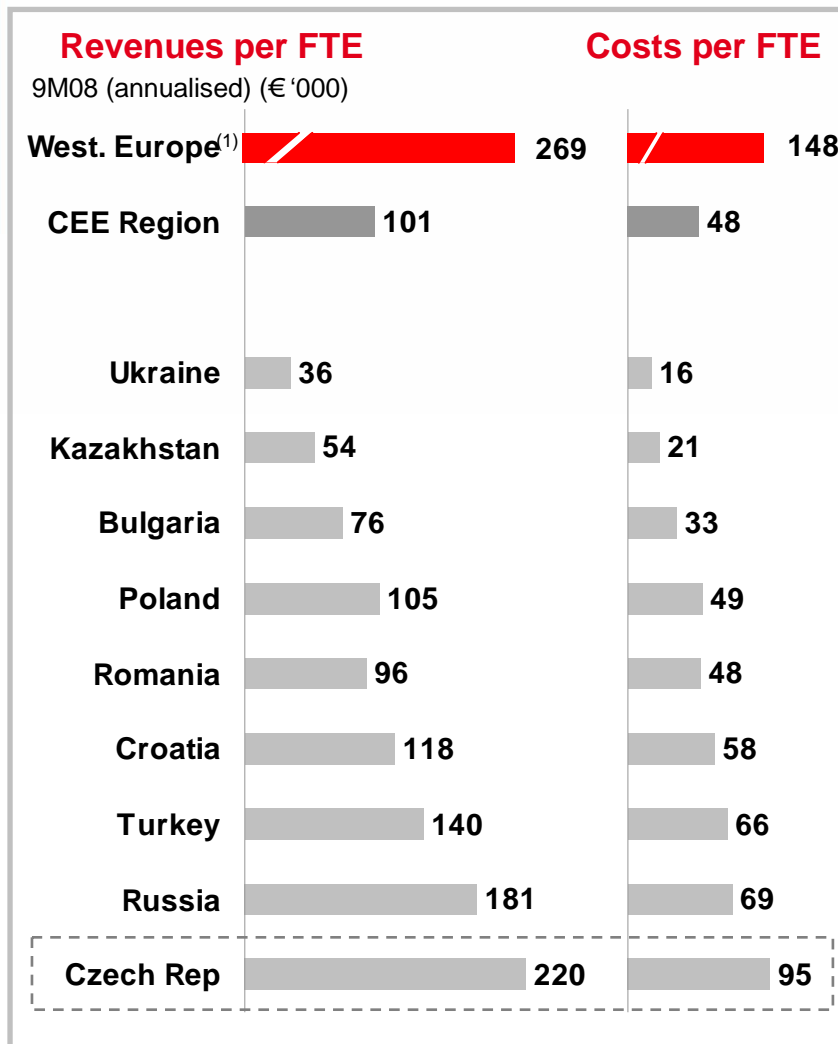


- **FX Retail lending** mainly in EUR in countries with strong EUR-links (currency board in Bulgaria & Bosnia, EUR-savings in Croatia and other SEE countries, transfers from Eurozone, etc.)
- **Russia, Ukraine and Kazakhstan** with a strong USD-orientation of the economies translates into high USD FX lending to individuals
- **CHF-exposures** only in Croatia, Hungary, Slovenia and Serbia (new business stopped), in Poland CHF-portfolio from former BPH

# COST CONTROL AS A MAJOR FOCUS IN 2009

17 mergers in 2006-2008: ready to exploit benefits

## Efficiency Benchmarking per country



## Cost Control measures for 2009

### HR-Costs:

- **FTE-Reduction** by appr. 2,000 despite limited branch openings (75)
- Strict **control of salary** development and reduction of variable compensation
- **GBS efficiency program**

### NON-HR-Costs:

- **IT-Efficiency**
  - Centralisation initiatives
  - Streamlining IT-Expenditures
  - Actions for each country
- **Back-Office**
  - Definition of benchmarks and best practices, measures derived thereon
- **Optimizing Real Estate**
- **Corporate Center Rationalization**
- **Further Initiatives** (travel, consulting, marketing, etc.)

<sup>(1)</sup> Sum of Group Retail, Corporate (excl. Leasing) and Private banking

# UNICREDIT: ADDRESSING FEARS ON FUNDING AND FX VOLATILITY

## MANAGING FUNDING RISKS

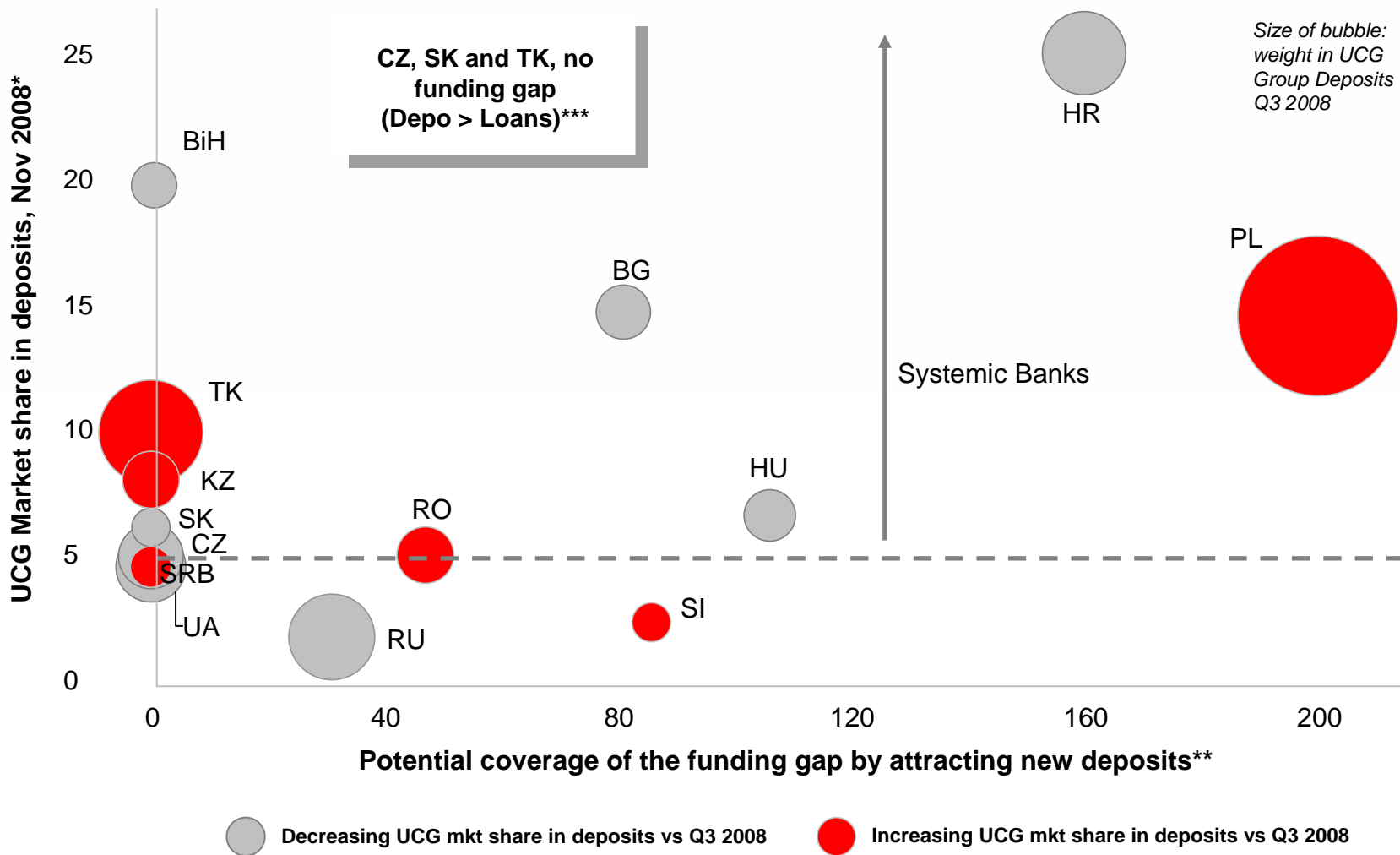
- **Improving loan/deposit ratio**
  - ✓ Key countries already self-funded (e.g. Poland, Croatia, Turkey)
  - ✓ Improvement in other Countries
- Exploiting **guarantee schemes** with Supranational agencies (i.e. MIGA, SACE) and innovative funding programs
- **Selected collateralization** action for new lending

## FX

- **Limited correlation** between FX smoothing impact on capital ratios (see slide 17)
- Yearly **hedging of expected net profit and dividend** (if feasible at reasonable costs)
- **Proactively approaching customers** with potential FX imbalance, to prevent/limit impacts from FX devaluation

# GOOD CAPACITY TO ATTRACT DEPOSITS DURING TURBULENCES

UniCredit competitive strength where leader confirmed in Oct-Nov



\* For PL and BG as of Dec.08, for CZ, HR and TK as of Oct.08

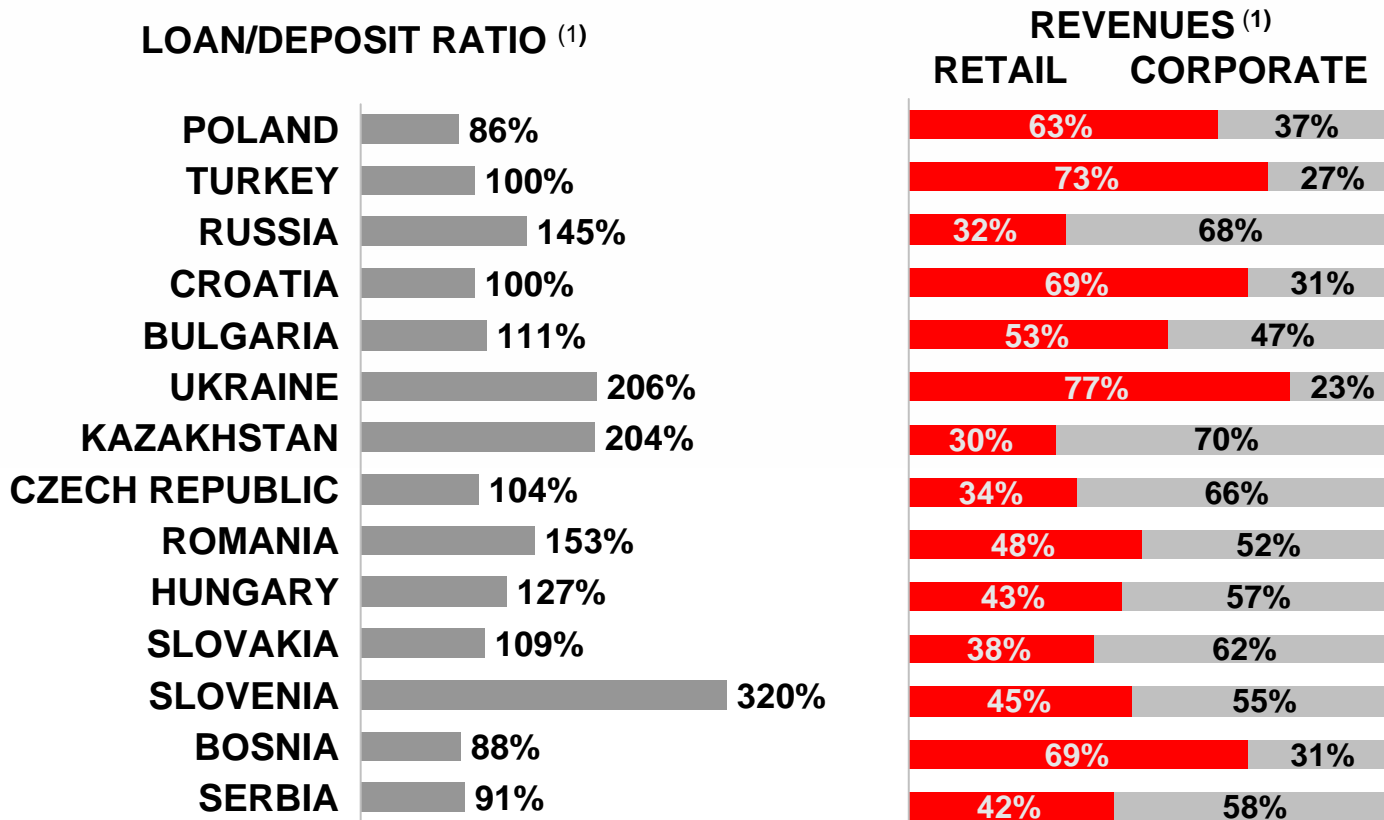
\*\* Potential coverage of the funding gap by attracting new deposits is defined as  $(\text{Currency} + \text{AuM}) / (\text{Loans} - \text{Deposits})$  at country level

\*\*\* In Kazakhstan, Serbia and Bosnia no information available on AuM and currency

Source: UniCredit Group CEE Strategic Analysis

# SATISFACTORY LOAN/DEPOSIT RATIOS

A good revenue mix of Corporate and Retail

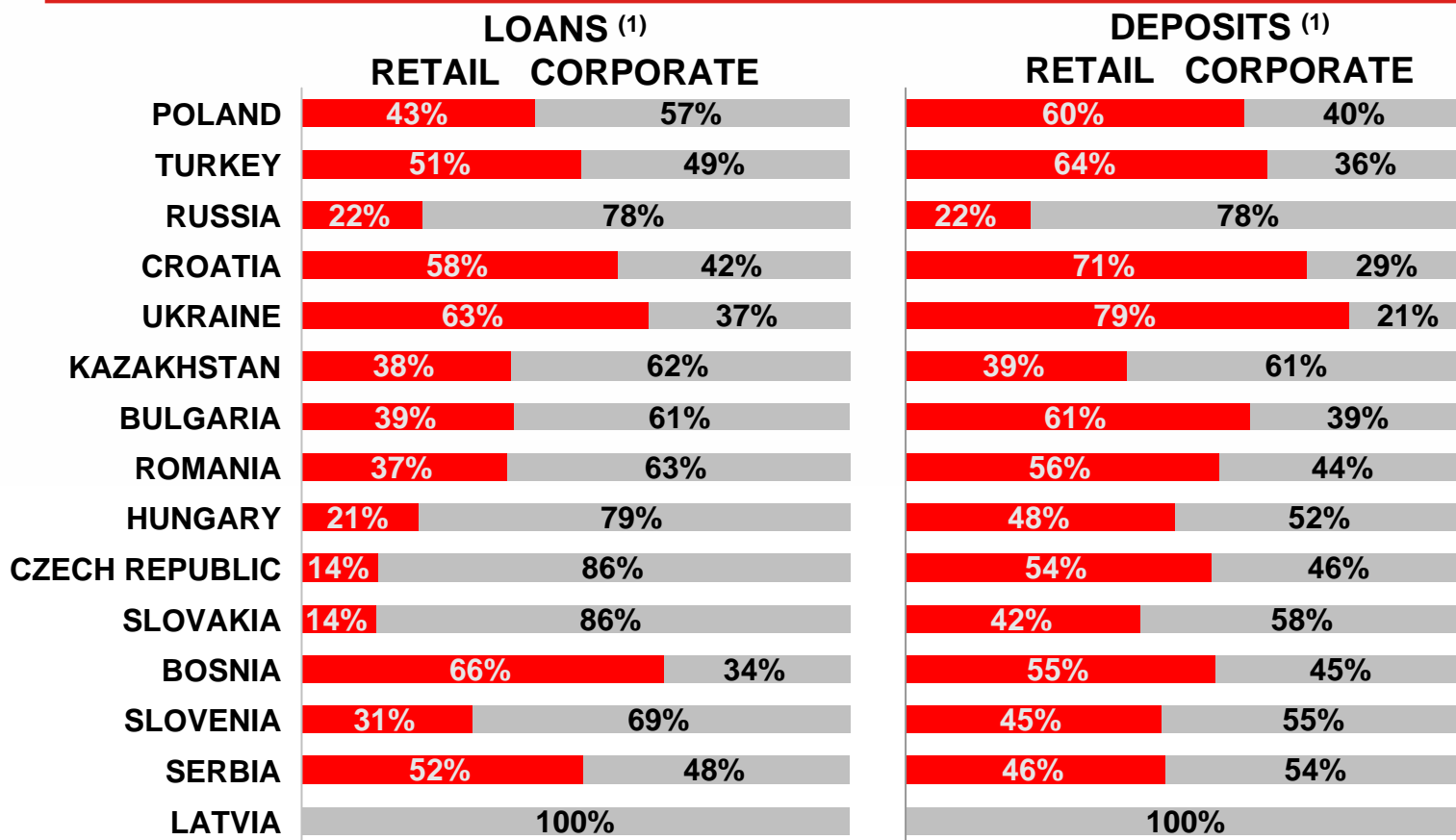


- **Balanced Loan/Deposit-Ratio** in most countries; higher values in countries with strong recent loan growth (Russia, Romania, Ukraine, Kazakhstan)
- Universal bank approach with both retail and corporate as important revenue contributors; **strong retail franchise** in most large banks (Poland, Turkey, Croatia, Bulgaria, Ukraine)

<sup>(1)</sup> as of September 30, 2008

# GOOD BALANCE OF CORPORATE AND RETAIL DEPOSITS

Higher share in Corporate loans, but stable deposit base

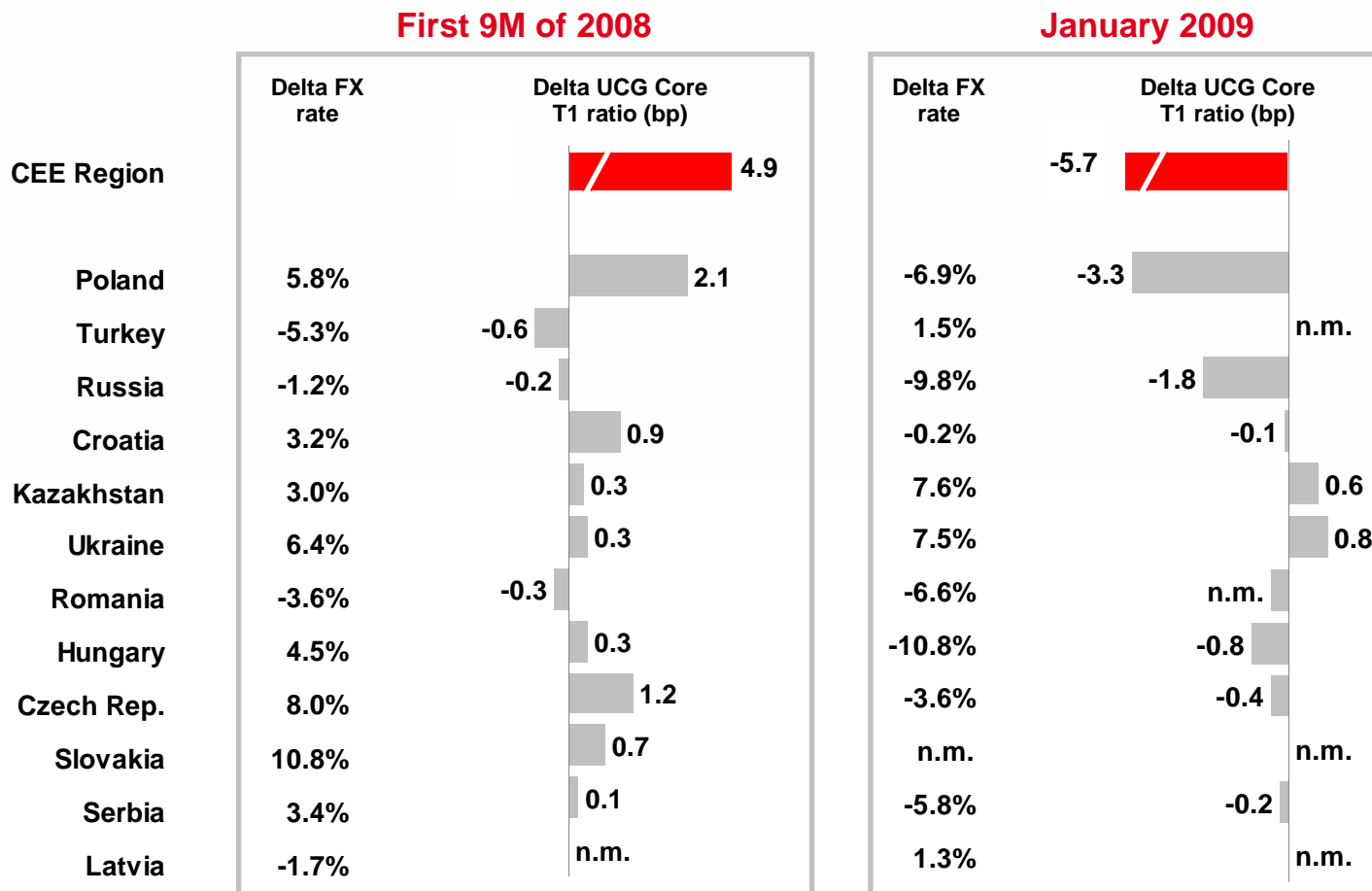


- **Higher share of corporate loans**, reflecting a still more **limited retail loan market** in many countries resp. stronger position in corporate in some markets (Russia, Czech R., Slovakia)
- **Strong retail focus** in many countries supports a **stable basis of deposits** hence reducing the dependence on external funding

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# UCG'S COUNTRY DIVERSIFICATION MINIMIZING THE IMPACT ON GROUP CORE TIER1 OF FX RATE VOLATILITY



- **Impact on group Core Tier 1 of volatility of CEE FX looks** a positive contribution in the first 9 months (+4.9bp) and a negative impact of devaluation in Russia and Poland in the first month of 2009
- **Low correlation of FX rate in CEE area is confirmed also in high stressed environment**
- **A sensitivity scenario shows a maximum loss of 17bp in Group CT1 if all currencies drop by 10%**

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