



## Press Release

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### **Annual General Meeting of Aareal Bank AG approves increase of dividend per share to € 2.00 for the 2016 financial year**

Wiesbaden, 31 May 2017 – At today's Annual General Meeting, the shareholders of Aareal Bank AG approved the distribution of a dividend of € 2.00 per share for the 2016 financial year. In comparison to the previous year (2016: € 1.65 per share), this equates to an increase of 21.2 per cent. The payout ratio is 60 per cent, and thus fully in line with the corporation's communicated dividend policy. The corresponding resolution proposed by the Management Board and the Supervisory Board was adopted by 99.99 per cent of the shareholders. Shareholders also adopted the other proposed resolutions with a large majority.

"We achieved our objectives for the 2016 financial year, even exceeding some of them. Thanks to our operating profitability and robust capital base, we are not only well-prepared for regulatory contingencies. We are also in a position to exploit market opportunities in both our segments, from a position of strength, making significant investments for the future", said Chairman of the Management Board Hermann J. Merkens at the Annual General Meeting.

#### **Aareal Bank Group**

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