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This Report contains a copy of the following:

The Press Release issued on 3 November, 2016

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ING Bank recorded EUR 3.6 billion of net core lending growth and attracted EUR 2.0 billion of net customer deposits in 3Q16

Performance reflects continued loan growth at healthy margins, as well as higher commission and fee income

Operating expenses declined slightly year-on-year and sequentially; risk costs remained relatively low at 34 bps of average RWA

ING Group 3Q16 net result EUR 1,349 million (or EUR 0.35 per share); robust ING Group CET1 ratio and ING Bank ROE

ING Group fully-loaded CET1 ratio rose to 13.5%; ING Bank underlying ROE of 11.3% for the first nine months of 2016

CEO statement

"ING delivered another quarterly result that exemplifies our Think Forward strategy in action," said Ralph Hamers, CEO of ING Group. "We again recorded solid commercial growth and introduced several new innovations.

Year-to-date, we have established over 400,000 new primary customer relationships. To foster further growth and maintain our standing as a leading European bank, we strive to keep getting better every day, while managing the pressure on returns from the continuous regulatory burden and the low interest rate environment. In this context, I am convinced that our recently announced investment programme and intention to converge towards a single digital banking platform are necessary steps to enable ING to evolve with changing customer expectations and to increase operational efficiency."

"ING Bank recorded EUR 3.6 billion of net core lending growth and attracted EUR 2.0 billion of net customer deposits in the third quarter. Lending growth was well diversified across Retail and Wholesale Banking. We also continued to facilitate our clients' sustainable transitions through deals that support recycling, the circular economy and renewable energy. We are proud that our integrated sustainability approach earned ING the number-one ranking among global listed banks by Sustainalytics in August. We also achieved a significant year-on-year improvement in our Dow Jones Sustainability Index ranking, and received the highest possible score in CDP's annual review for our performance and disclosure related to our climate change strategy."

"During the third quarter, we introduced another wave of innovative and insightful financial tools that empower customers. In Spain, the launch of Twyp Cash provides customers with greater convenience by enabling them to withdraw cash using their smartphones when making purchases at more than 3,500 supermarkets and petrol stations.

In Wholesale Banking, we developed Virtual Cash Management, an advanced application that allows companies to manage their cash across banks and borders. It provides corporate treasurers with enhanced cash visibility, access and control, anytime and anywhere."

"More recently, we created and launched the money management platform Yolt as a next step in digitalisation and in preparation for upcoming European regulation that will open the payment services market to new players in 2018. Yolt gives users insight into their account information from different banks in one easy overview, helping customers stay on top of their finances. The app is currently being tested only in the United Kingdom, but we will explore opportunities for expansion."

"ING's third-quarter underlying result before tax was EUR 1,878 million, reflecting continued loan growth at healthy margins, effective cost control and a relatively low level of risk costs. Challengers & Growth Markets delivered another record quarterly result on the back of further organic growth. Retail Benelux showed resilience, as the performance of the Netherlands compensated for the decline in results at Retail Belgium, which were down 16.5% year-on-year. ING Group's fully-loaded CET1 ratio rose to 13.5%. ING Bank's underlying ROE was 11.3% for the first nine months of 2016."

"As announced on 3 October, we intend to invest EUR 800 million over the next five years to create a scalable banking platform to cater for continued commercial growth, an improved customer experience and a quicker delivery of products. Regrettably, our intended transformation will impact many of our employees, particularly in Belgium and the Netherlands. We will do our utmost to build on our track record of helping colleagues who are or could be affected to find new job opportunities. All of those affected will be treated with respect and care."

"I fully appreciate the hard work of our employees that is reflected in our quarterly results. While change is not easy, it is essential to build on our position of strength. I have complete confidence in our ability to execute on our strategy and truly believe that the measures we intend to implement will ensure that we continue to empower customers to stay a step ahead."

Further information

All publications related to ING's 2016 Third Quarter can be found at www.ing.com/3q16, including a video with Ralph Hamers, which is also available at [YouTube](#).

Additional financial information is available at www.ing.com/qr:

- ING Group historical trend data
- ING Group analyst presentation (also available via [SlideShare](#)) For further information on ING, please visit www.ing.com.

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Investor conference call, Media conference call and webcasts

Ralph Hamers, Patrick Flynn and Wilfred Nagel will discuss the results in an Investor conference call on 3 November 2016 at 9:00 a.m. CET. Members of the investment community can join the conference call at +31 20 703 8261 (NL), +44 20 3043 2026 (UK) or +1 719 325 2213 (US) and via live audio webcast at www.ing.com.

Ralph Hamers, Patrick Flynn and Wilfred Nagel will also discuss the results in a Media conference call conference on 3 November 2016 at 11:00 a.m. CET. Journalists are welcome to join the conference call via +31 20 531 5871 (NL) or +44 203 365 3210 (UK). The Media conference call can also be followed via live audio webcast at www.ing.com.

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ING PROFILE

ING is a global financial institution with a strong European base, offering banking services through its operating company ING Bank. The purpose of ING Bank is empowering people to stay a step ahead in life and in business. ING Bank's 52,000 employees offer retail and wholesale banking services to customers in over 40 countries.

ING Group shares are listed on the exchanges of Amsterdam (INGA NA, INGA.AS), Brussels and on the New York Stock Exchange (ADRs: ING US, ING.N).

Sustainability forms an integral part of ING's strategy, which is evidenced by the number one position among 395 banks ranked by Sustainalytics. ING Group shares are being included in the FTSE4Good index and in the Dow Jones Sustainability Index (Europe and World) where ING is among the leaders in the Banks industry group.

IMPORTANT LEGAL INFORMATION

Elements of this press release contain or may contain information about ING Groep N.V. and/or ING Bank N.V. within the meaning of Article 7(1) to (4) of EU Regulation No 596/ 2014.

Projects may be subject to regulatory approvals. Insofar as they could have an impact in Belgium, all projects described are proposed intentions of the bank. No formal decisions will be taken until the information and consultation phases with the Work Council have been properly finalised.

ING Group's annual accounts are prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the European Union ('IFRS-EU'). In preparing the financial information in this document, except as described otherwise, the same accounting principles are applied as in the 2015 ING Group consolidated annual accounts. All figures in this document are unaudited. Small differences are possible in the tables due to rounding.

Certain of the statements contained herein are not historical facts, including, without limitation, certain statements made of future expectations and other forward-looking statements that are based on management's current views and assumptions and involve known and unknown risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results, performance or events to differ materially from those expressed or

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ING 3Q16 results full Press Release (PDF): <http://hugin.info/130668/R/2053879/768769.pdf>

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

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