

Profile

Intesa Sanpaolo is among the top banking groups in the euro zone and is the leader **in Italy** in all business areas (retail, corporate, and wealth management). The Group offers its services to 11.1 million customers through a network of over 4,000 branches well distributed throughout the country with market shares no lower than 12% in most Italian regions.

Intesa Sanpaolo has a **selected presence in Central Eastern Europe and Middle Eastern and North African areas** with approximately 1,200 branches and 8.1 million customers belonging to the Group's subsidiaries operating in commercial banking in 12 countries.

Moreover, an **international network** of specialists in support of corporate customers spreads across 29 countries, in particular in the Middle East and North Africa and in those areas where Italian companies are most active, such as the United States, Brazil, Russia, India and China.

VÚB BANKA, member of the Intesa Sanpaolo Group, is the second largest bank in Slovakia and it serves more than 1.2 million clients. At the same time, it is the only **universal bank** with license to provide **full range of banking products** to the public, business and institutional clients. The bank's core offering consists of mortgage and consumer loans, deposit and payment products and services, corporate banking and financing of foreign trade activities. Through its subsidiaries the bank provides its services in the field of mutual funds (VÚB Asset Management), lease (VÚB Leasing), pension saving (VÚB Generali), consumer financing (Consumer Finance Holding), and factoring (VÚB Factoring). At the same time, the bank intermediates offering of insurance products.

VÚB has received a large number of awards* at home as well as abroad. The bank is very active in the field of corporate and social responsibility and support many projects through its VUB Foundation. VÚB was the first bank being awarded with VIA BONA prize for best corporate responsibility.

*The bank was named the "Bank of the Year" three times in a row by Trend magazine, and it is awarded with several prizes in the competition called Zlatá minca (Golden Coin) every year. Among others it has also received the title of "The Most Responsive Bank" in a public vote. The bank was awarded two prizes for its core product, i.e. mortgages, by Trend economic magazine in 2016. Currently the bank holds "The Best Bank in Slovakia" award from Global Finance and EMEA magazines, as well as the "Bank with the Best Private Banking Services" award received from Euromoney magazine. Global Finance, international financial magazine, recognized the bank as the most secure bank in the Central and Eastern European Region.

VÚB BANKA is fully aware of social responsibility and the need to support projects and activities that could not be successfully executed without the support of commercial partners. For this reason **VÚB Foundation** was established in December 2003. Over 13 years, the foundation has supported more than 1,000 projects in the field of art and cultural heritage, education, charity, health or various active communities. Altogether more than 7 million Euros were allocated in order to support a good cause.

Art is a strong pillar of the VÚB Foundation which is promoted through a number of projects, grants and awards. The foundation **gives space to contemporary art**, and it strives **to support young talents** through the annual competition for young artists in painting medium. The foundation does not forget about our history and cultural heritage, and it has been continuously contributing to its rescue. The biggest and most supported project is the reconstruction of the Calvary in Banská Štiavnica which was ranked among the 100 most endangered monuments in the world. Within the Poklady môjho srdca (Treasures of My Heart) program, the foundation participates in restoration of different regional monuments every year. The foundation enables to preserve significant artistic and cultural works for future generations through financial support and it encourages creation of new works.

VÚB Foundation specifically supports young educated people and gives them chance to excel in professional competitions or cooperate with inspiring foreign professors.

VÚB Foundation fulfills its mission in **four foundation pillars: for Hope, for Education, for Community and for Art**. Its activities support both individuals and communities from 3rd sector (NGOs).

The foundation is funded by donations from the parent VÚB Banka and through tax contributions from legal entities (the so-called 2% of income and/or corporate tax). The foundation allocates these funds to support projects in open grant schemes, partnership projects and competitions.