# The renaissance of rights issues

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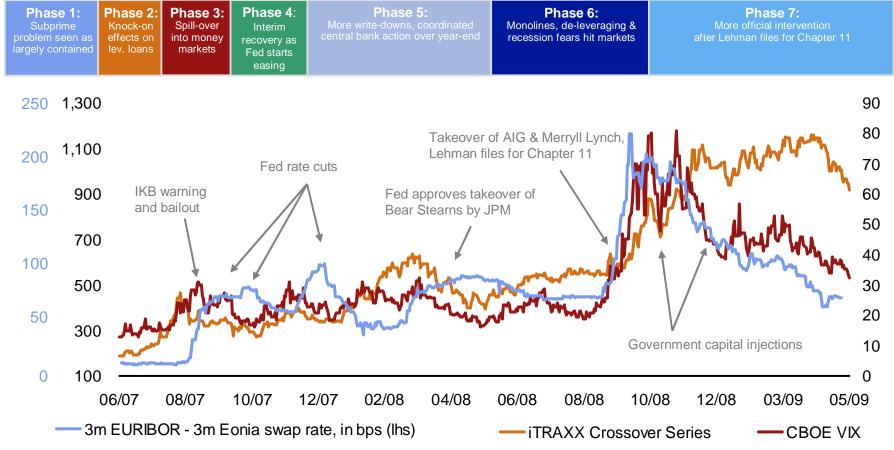
## **Equity issuance environment**

### **Section 1**



### **Escalation of the financial crisis**

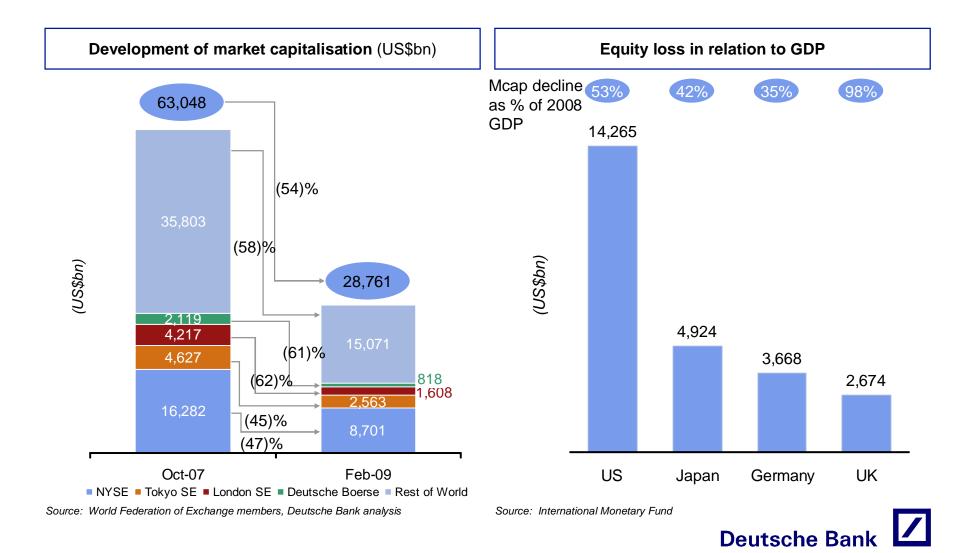
Crisis takes longer than anticipated and has escalated since Lehman's collapse



Source: \*iTraxx Europe Crossover, 5-year, series 10/9/8/7 Bloomberg, Deutsche Bank Global Markets, Deutsche Bank Research

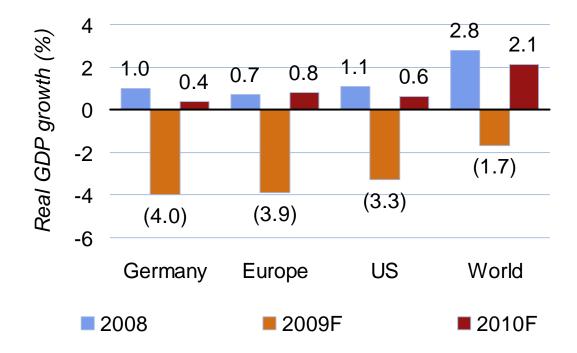


## **Equity markets sell off**



### Macro environment not likely to recover soon



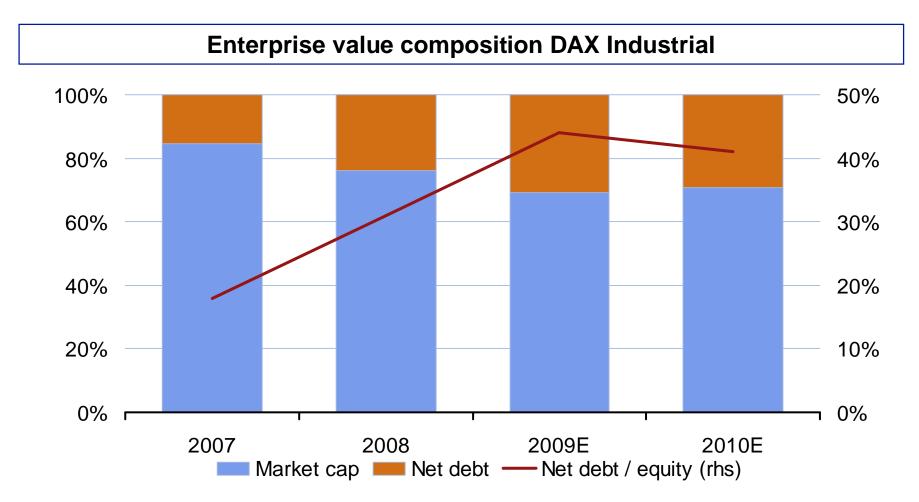


#### **Comments**

- Industrial countries are expected to record little or no growth in 2010
- Emerging markets are likely to experience recovery in 2010
- Key factors:
  - Monetary easing
  - Fiscal easing
  - Bank restructuring
  - Boost in confidence
- Forecasts are subject to higher uncertainty than usual

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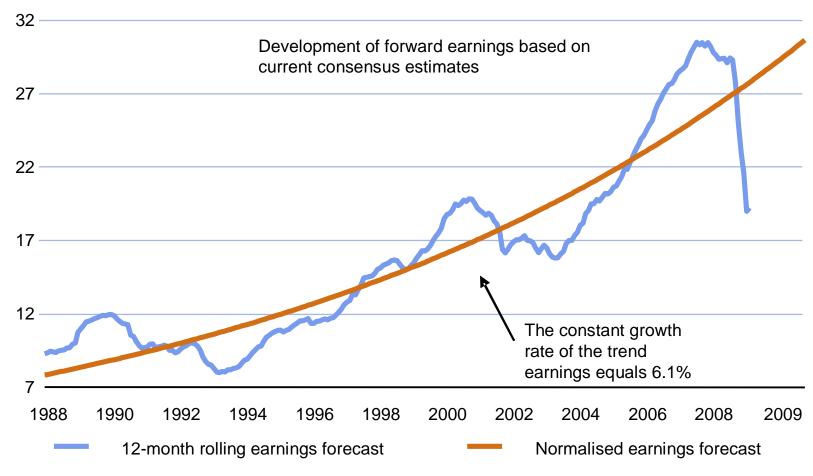




Source: Deutsche Bank Global Markets Research

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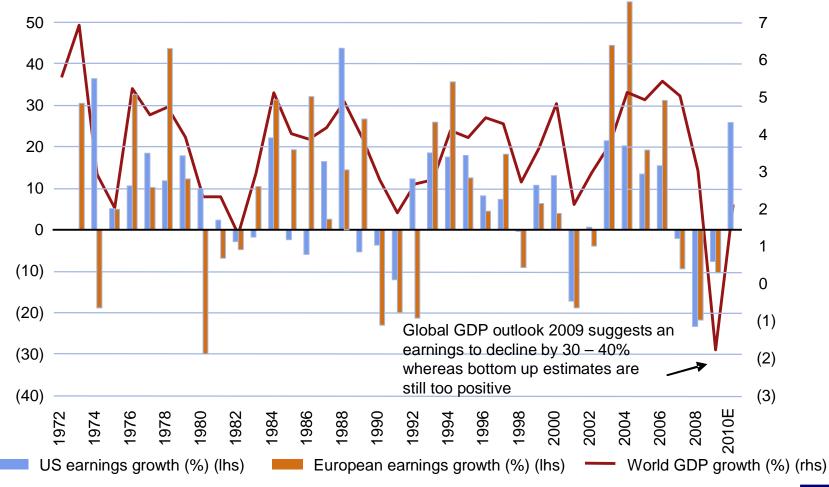
# How long will European earnings continue to decline and is there a chance to recover to the longer trend?





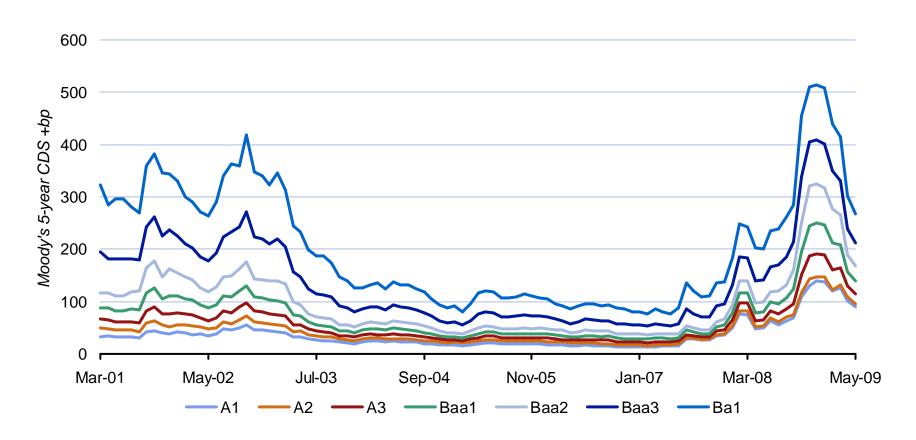


# Global GDP decline 2009 by 1.7% for 2009E means earnings should decline by 30 – 40%





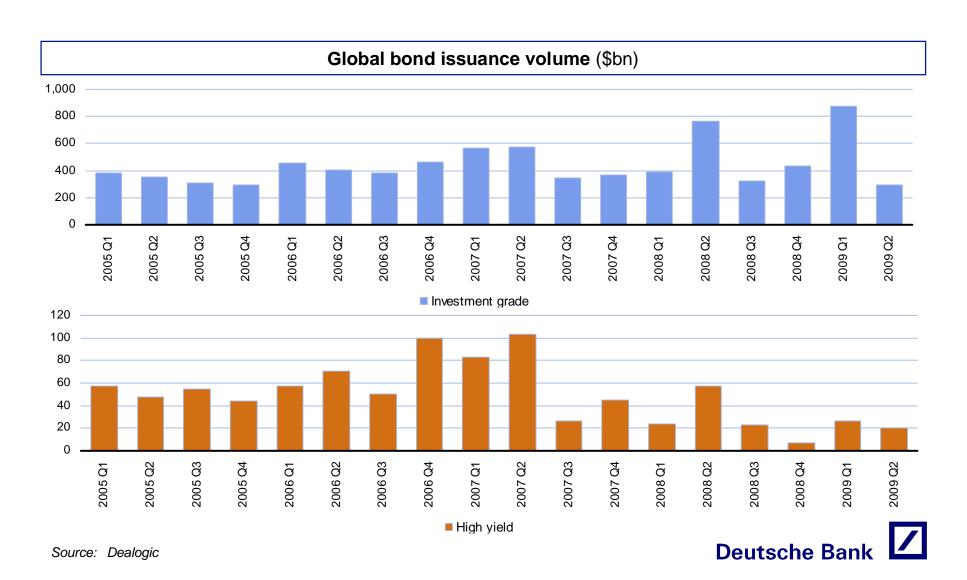
## Wide credit spreads reflect increased default risk



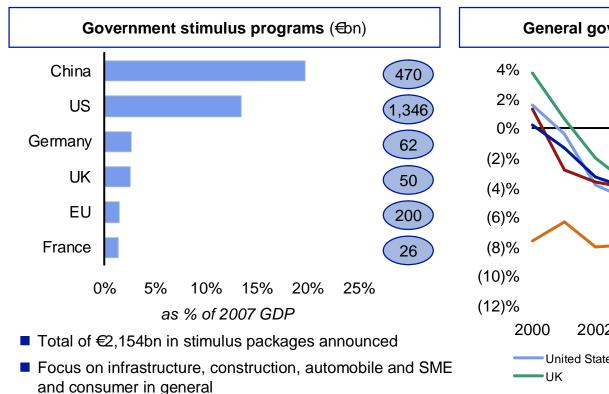
Source: Moody's

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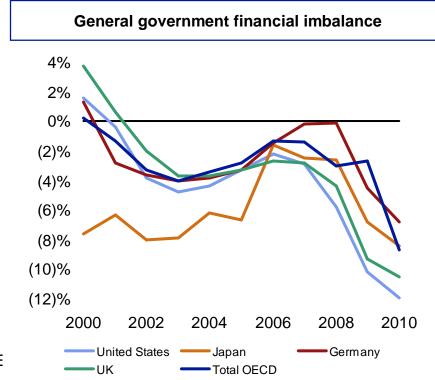




# Government stimulus programs support for economy, but will lead to major increase in sovereign debt



Source: European Central Bank, Deutsche Bank



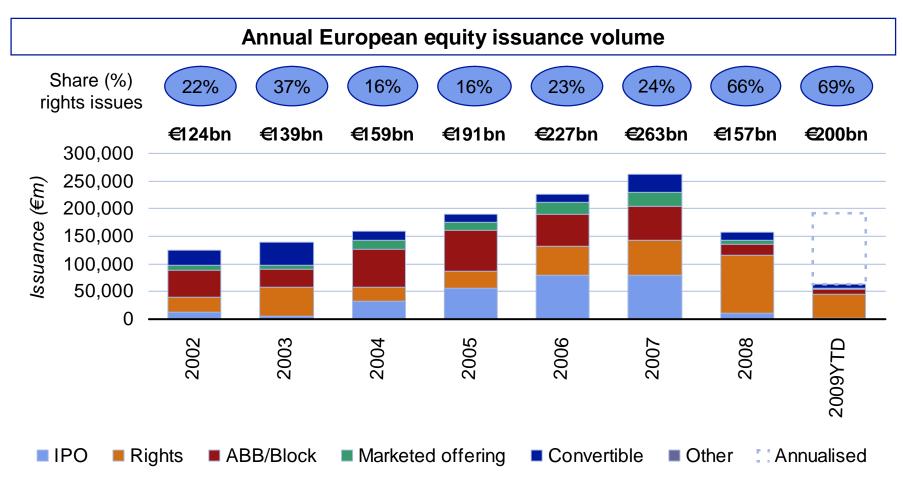
Note: Surplus/(deficit) as a percentage of nominal GDP

Source: OECD economic outlook

#### Who will buy the bonds?







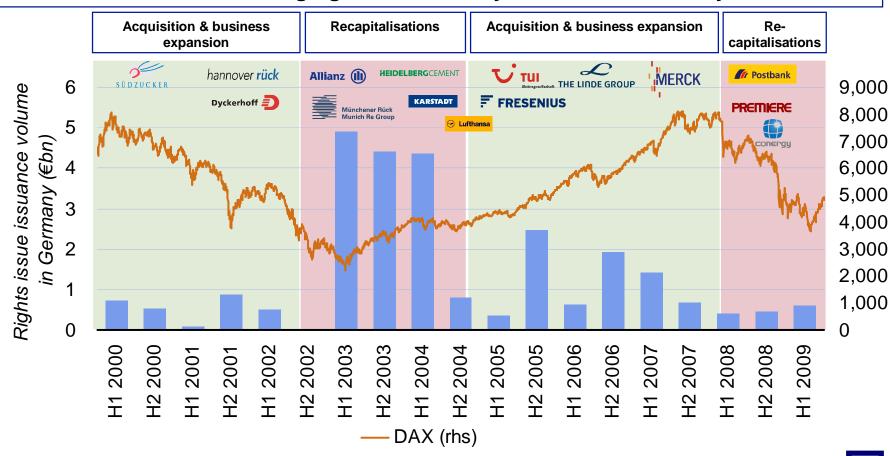
Note: Total deal value in Europe; excluding government recapitalisations

Source: Dealogic



### Rationale for rights issues change over time

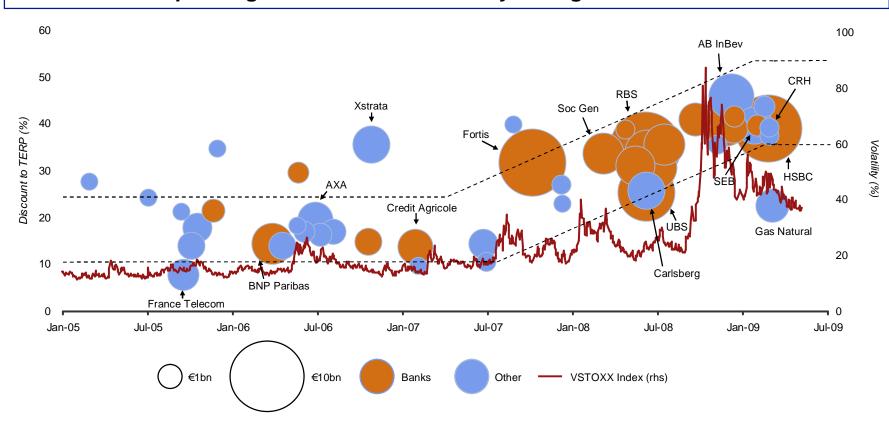
### New wave of restructuring rights issues likely to evolve in Germany in H2 2009



Source: Dealogic Deutsche Bank

## Larger TERP discounts reflect the increased volatility

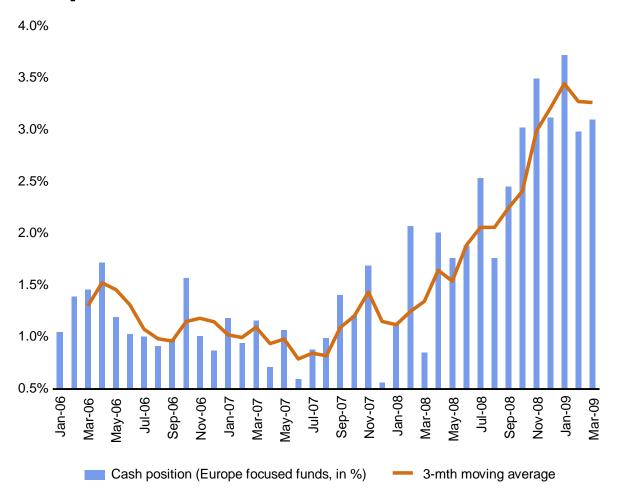
### European rights issues since January 2005 greater than €1bn<sup>(a)</sup>



(a) Excludes Greece and Austria Source: Dealogic, Bloomberg



# Investors still hold high cash positions and are looking to put these to work



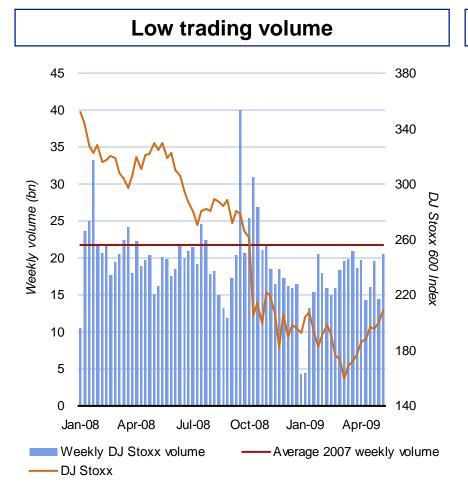
#### **Comments**

- Hedge funds are sitting on approx US\$300bn of cash
- Approx US\$80bn of this is expected to be put to work within the next 6 months
- Consistent with the rally in stock markets in March/April the cash positions dropped slightly but still remain at elevated levels

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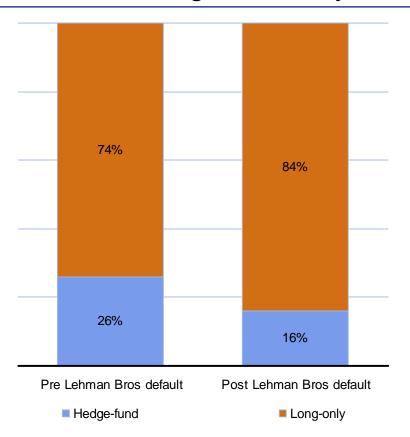


# communication approach



Source: Bloomberg

### Reduced hedge fund activity



Trading split of current DAX companies via Deutsche Bank Note:

Source: Deutsche Bank

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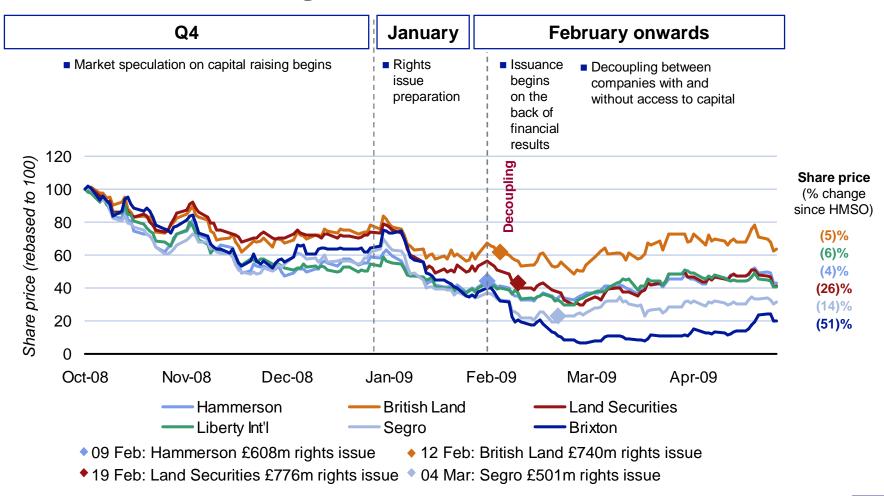
- The vast majority of recent equity transactions have incorporated extensive pre marketing
  - securing the support of major shareholders is critical to the success of deals
- Shareholder sub-underwriting is becoming increasingly common across Europe
- Confidential investor briefings generally take place 2 3 days ahead of launch with demand indications required prior to launch

### Selected transactions where major shareholders have acted as underwriters

Issuer	Offer size (€m)	Country	Major shareholder underwriters	% underwritten by shareholders
Xstrata	4,700	UK	Glencore	35%
Gas Natural	3,500	Spain	Repsol and Criteria Caixacorp	67%
Snam Rete Ga	as 3,500	Italy	Eni	55%
Nordea	2,500	Sweden	Government, Sampo, Nordea Foundation	36%
SEB	1,397	Sweden	Investor AB Other institutions	24% 27%
Emporiki	850	Greece	Credit Agricole	100%
British Land	782	UK	GIC	34%
Faurecia	455	France	Peugeot	71%
Premiere	412	Germany	NewCorp	100%
Colt Telecom	201	UK	Fidelity	100%



# Anatomy of a rights issue The benefit of being a first-mover



Source: Bloomberg

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## **Section 2**

### **Rights issue mechanics in Germany**



## **Equity financing alternatives**

		Description			
emptive ncrease	Private placement	<ul> <li>Capital increase without subscription rights</li> <li>Anchor investor invests larger stake via capital increase in cash or in kind</li> </ul>			
Non-preemptive capital increase	Block trade	<ul> <li>Capital increase without subscription rights</li> <li>Accelerated bookbuilding to limit market risk</li> </ul>			
Pre- emptive rights	Rights issue	<ul> <li>Capital increase with pre-emptive rights</li> <li>Existing shareholders can either subscribe to the capital increase or monetise their rights</li> </ul>			
Equity-linked instruments	Convertible	<ul> <li>Bond with an embedded call option on the issuer's equity providing investors with the right to convert into shares of the issuer (usually no equity credit)</li> </ul>			
Equity	Mandatory convertible	■ Bond that mandatorily converts into shares at maturity			





#### **Authorised capital**

- Authorisation approved by AGM or EGM for max five years
- In cash or in kind
- Subscription rights exclusion of max 10% of share capital (§186 III AktG)
- Max 50% of share capital (25% of market capitalisation assuming a 50% nominal discount)

#### **Conditional capital**

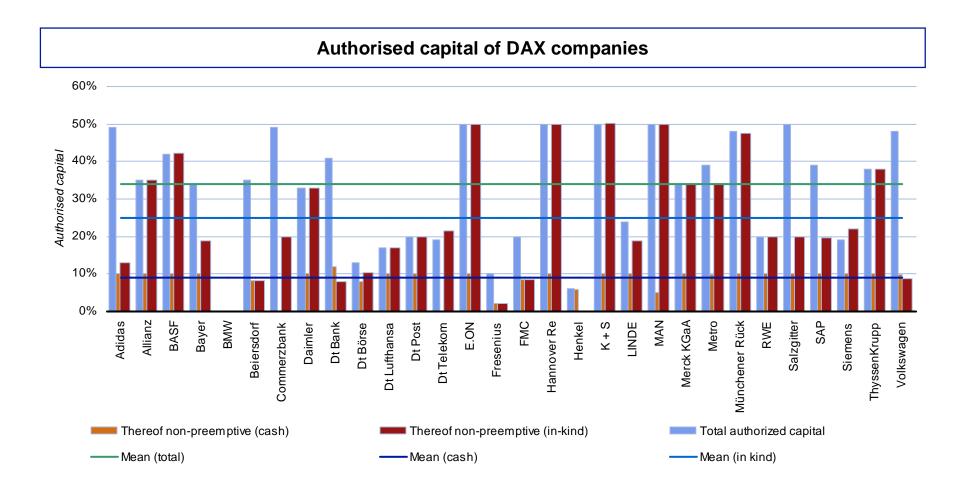
- Authorisation approved by AGM or EGM for max five years
- Convertibles and employee participation programmes
- Subscription rights exclusion of max 10% of share capital (§186 III AktG)
- Max 50% of share capital (25% of market capitalisation assuming a 50% nominal discount)

## **Direct resolution** ('Direktbeschluss')

- Capital increase approved by AGM or EGM
- Authorisation valid for max 6 months
- No limit in size



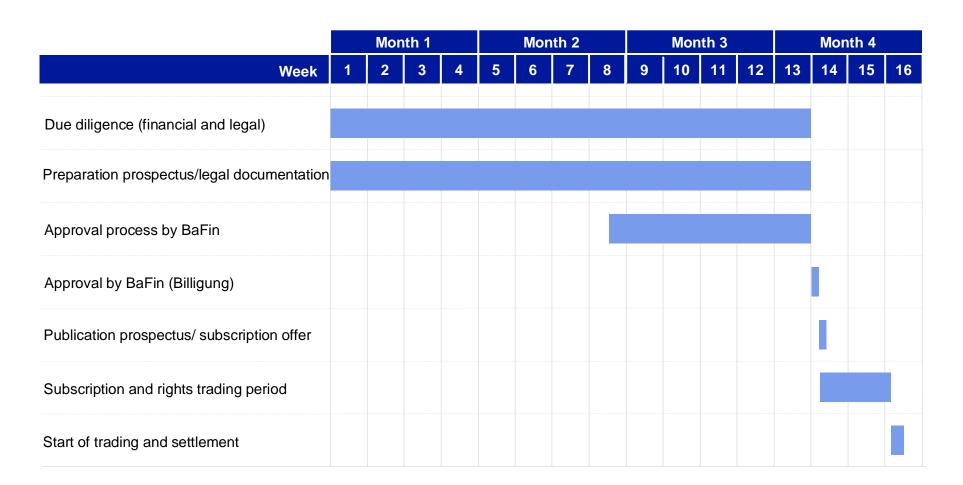
## German corporates filling authorisations



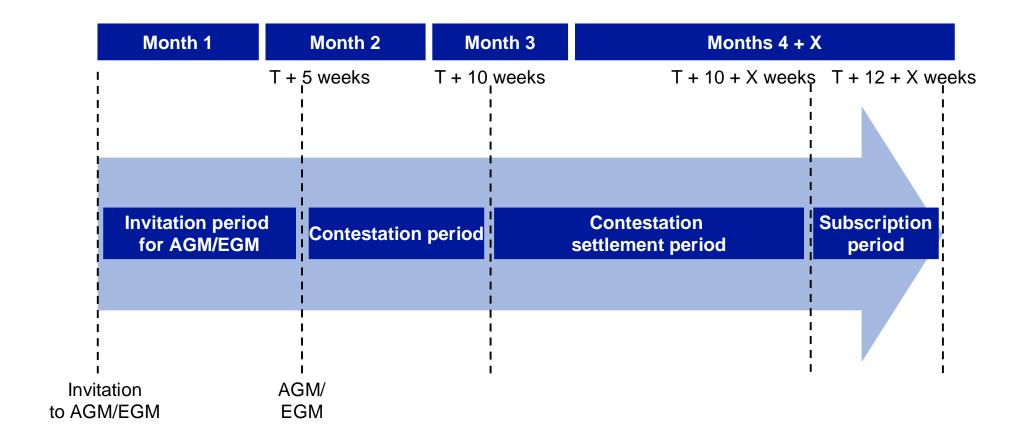
Note: Authorised capital as % of share capital



## Illustrative timetable for a rights issue

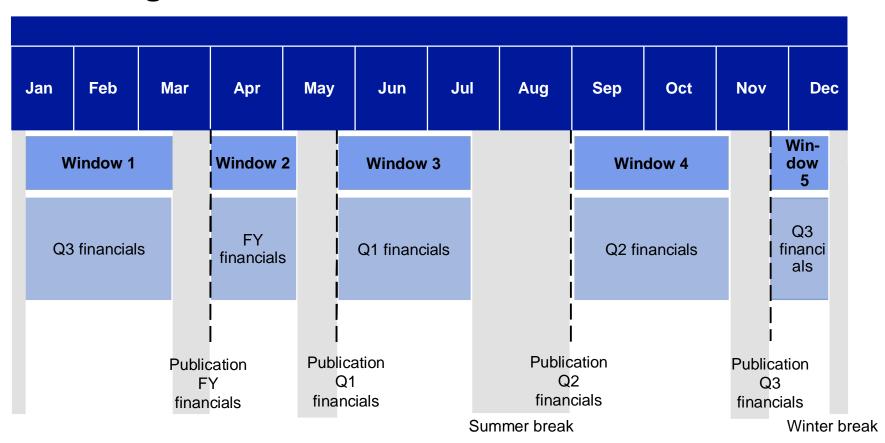


### Timeline for direct resolution





# Potential placement windows driven by financials and marketing considerations



## Structure and key terms of a discounted rights issue

	Illustrative example	
Subscription price	Price at which the new shares are offered	5
Subscription ratio	Ratio of new shares to old shares	1 for 4
Theoretical ex rights price ('TERP')	Issuance volume + market cap pre CI No new shares + no old shares	$\frac{\text{€5x25} + \text{€10x100}}{25 + 100} = \text{€9}$
Reference price	Last closing market price prior to the shares going ex-rights	€10
Nominal discount	(Reference price – subscription price)  Reference price	<u>€10 - €5</u> €10
TERP discount	(TERP – subscription price) TERP	<u>€9 - €5</u> <u>€9</u> = 44%
Theoretical rights price	(TERP – subscription price) x subscription ratio	(€9 - €5)-1/4=€1

Assumptions: Shares outstanding pre-rights issue: 100



## Existing investors should be indifferent towards the discount from an economic point of view

### 'Neutrality' of the discount

#### (A) Exercise rights

 Subscribes in cash for new shares at the subscription price

- Acquires the new ordinary shares subscribed for
  - owns greater absolute number of shares
  - maintains % ownership of the company

OR

- (B) Sell rights
- Sells the rights for cash
- Maintains existing holding of shares
  - reduced % ownership of the company

Value of increased No of shares now owned times ex-rights price less cash subscribed for new shares

Value of original No of shares owned times ex-rights price plus cash proceeds from selling rights





## Existing investors should be indifferent towards the discount from an economic point of view (continued)

#### Illustrative example

#### **Assumptions**

Shares outstanding pre rights issue: 100 TERP: €9

Shares offered: 25 Value of subscription right = €1

Subscription ratio: 1 for 4 Shares existing shareholder pre rights issue: 4

Reference price: €10 Wealth shareholder: 4x€10 = €40

Issue price: €5

(A) Exercise rights OR (B) Sell rights

+ Value of 'new' share: €9 + Cash received for sold rights: 4x€1 = €4

- Subscription price: -€5

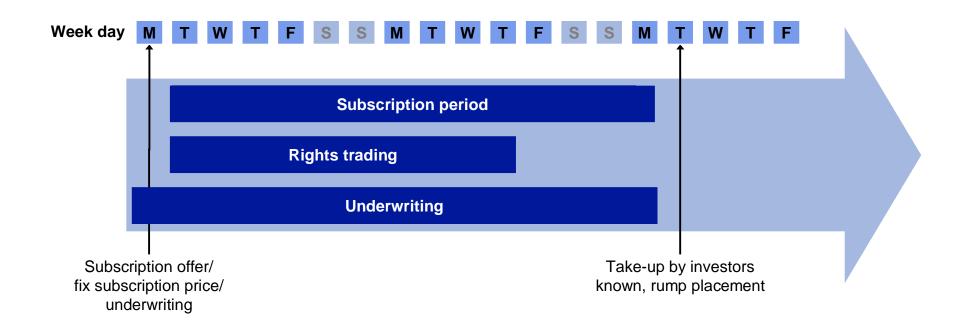
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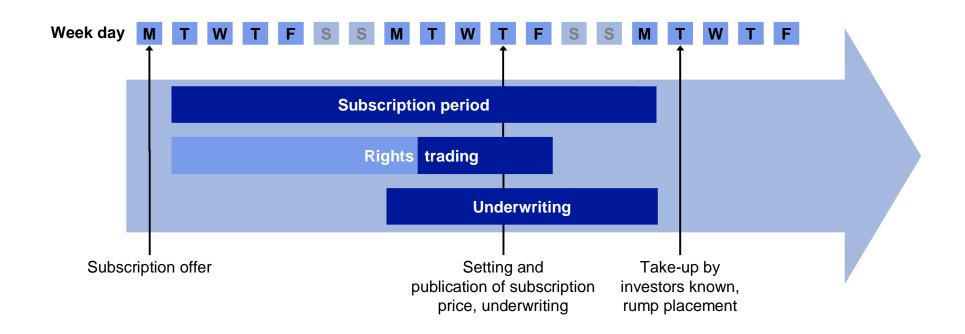
## Structural alternatives – fixed price rights issue

Subscription price set prior to subscription period giving more certainty about level of proceeds





Higher execution certainty through late fixing of subscription price



## Pros and cons for raising equity in today's market

### Pros Cons ✓ Insurance policy against worst case scenario Forced cash call for investors at inopportune time Expected re-rating through removal of financing Potentially signalling effect regarding operational risks and financial performance ✓ Reduced financing costs and risks ➤ Potentially not necessary in hind sight Capital increase without rights can be targeted towards anchor investor ▶ Perceived management credibility