

Consolidated Financial Statements and Report of  
Independent Certified Public Accountants

**DZ BANK CAPITAL FUNDING TRUST III**

December 31, 2011 and 2010

# DZ BANK CAPITAL FUNDING TRUST III

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**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS**

To the Board of Directors  
**DZ BANK Capital Funding Trust III**

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of DZ BANK Capital Funding Trust III and subsidiary (the “Company”) as of December 31, 2011, and the related consolidated statements of income, changes in equity and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company’s management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. The financial statements of the Company as of and for the year ended December 31, 2010 were audited by other auditors. Those auditors expressed an unqualified opinion on those financial statements in their report dated March 11, 2011.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company’s internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of DZ BANK Capital Funding Trust III and subsidiary as of December 31, 2011 and 2010, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

*Grant Thornton LLP*

New York, New York  
March 16, 2012

**DZ BANK CAPITAL FUNDING TRUST III**  
**Consolidated Balance Sheets**  
December 31, 2011 and 2010  
(in Euros and thousands, except share and per share amounts)

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Subordinated note receivable from DZ BANK	€ 350,003	€ 350,003
Accrued interest on subordinated note receivable from DZ BANK	<u>751</u>	<u>639</u>
Total assets	<u>€ 350,754</u>	<u>€ 350,642</u>
<b>EQUITY</b>		
<b>SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>		
Preferred securities, liquidation preference €1,000 per security; 350,000 securities authorized, issued and outstanding at December 31, 2011 and 2010	€ 350,000	€ 350,000
Common security, €1,000 par value; one security authorized, issued and outstanding at December 31, 2011 and 2010	1	1
Retained earnings	<u>751</u>	<u>639</u>
Total shareholders' equity	350,752	350,640
Noncontrolling interest	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
Total equity	<u>€ 350,754</u>	<u>€ 350,642</u>

*The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.*

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**Consolidated Statements of Income**  
Years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010  
(in Euros and thousands)

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	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
Interest income on subordinated note receivable from DZ BANK	€ 9,964	€ 8,030
Net income	<u>€ 9,964</u>	<u>€ 8,030</u>

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**DZ BANK CAPITAL FUNDING TRUST III**  
**Consolidated Statements of Changes in Equity**  
Years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010  
(in Euros and thousands, except per share amounts)

	<u>Preferred Securities</u>	<u>Common Security</u>	<u>Retained Earnings</u>	<u>Noncontrolling Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Balance, January 1, 2010</b>	€ 350,000	€ 1	€ 540	€ 2	€ 350,543
Net income	-	-	8,030	-	8,030
Cash dividends declared					
Preferred securities (€2.66 per share)	-	-	(7,931)	-	(7,931)
Trust common security (€2.66 per share)	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Balance, December 31, 2010</b>	350,000	1	639	2	350,642
Net income	-	-	9,964	-	9,964
Cash dividends declared					
Preferred securities (€28.15 per share)	-	-	(9,852)	-	(9,852)
Trust common security (€28.15 per share)	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Balance, December 31, 2011</b>	<u>€ 350,000</u>	<u>€ 1</u>	<u>€ 751</u>	<u>€ 2</u>	<u>€ 350,754</u>

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**Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows**  
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	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Net income	€ 9,964	€ 8,030
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities		
Accrued interest on subordinated note receivable for DZ BANK	<u>(112)</u>	<u>(99)</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	9,852	7,931
<b>CASH FLOWS USED IN FINANCING ACTIVITY</b>		
Cash dividends paid	<u>(9,852)</u>	<u>(7,931)</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents	-	-
Cash and cash equivalents		
Beginning	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Ending	<u>€ -</u>	<u>€ -</u>

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### 1. ORGANIZATION AND BASIS OF PRESENTATION

DZ BANK Capital Funding Trust III (the “Trust”) is a statutory trust under Chapter 38 of Title 12 of the Delaware Code formed on February 16, 2005 for the purpose of entering into various agreements to issue and sell common and preferred securities, and to use the proceeds from the issuance of common and preferred securities to acquire, hold and distribute preferred securities issued by DZ BANK Capital Funding LLC III as defined in the Amended and Restated Trust Agreement of DZ BANK Capital Funding Trust III dated as of June 6, 2005 (the “Trust Agreement”). The Trust’s common security is owned by DZ BANK AG (“DZ BANK” or the “Parent”), a German banking corporation rated AA- by Standard & Poor’s at December 31, 2011 and rated A+ by Standard & Poor’s at December 31, 2010. The Trust is a wholly-owned subsidiary of DZ BANK.

The Trust was initially capitalized on June 6, 2005 with the issuance to DZ BANK of one share of the Trust’s common security, €1,000 par value (the “Trust Common Security”), raising capital of €1,000. In June 2005, the Trust commenced operations concurrent with the offering and issuance of 200,000 noncumulative Trust Preferred Securities, liquidation preference €1,000 per security (the “Trust Preferred Securities”) to various institutional buyers. The entire capital was used to acquire Class B Preferred Securities issued by DZ BANK Capital Funding LLC III (the “LLC Class B Preferred Securities”). DZ BANK Capital Funding LLC III in turn used the proceeds to acquire subordinated notes issued by DZ BANK. In July 2005, DZ BANK issued an additional subordinated note in the amount of €100,000,000. Simultaneously, DZ BANK Capital Funding LLC III issued an additional 100,000 shares of LLC Preferred Securities. These LLC Preferred Securities were acquired by the Trust and funded through an additional issuance of 100,000 shares of Trust Preferred Securities with identical terms to the authorized, issued and outstanding Trust Preferred Securities (first increase). In October 2005, DZ BANK issued a subordinated note in the amount of €50,000,000. Simultaneously, DZ BANK Capital Funding LLC III issued an additional 50,000 shares of LLC Class B Preferred Securities. These LLC Class B Preferred Securities were acquired by the Trust and funded through an additional issuance of 50,000 shares of Trust Preferred Securities with identical terms to the authorized, issued and outstanding Trust Preferred Securities (second increase). There have not been any changes in the holder of the common security for the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010.

The LLC Class B Preferred Securities are redeemable at the option of DZ BANK Capital Funding LLC III, in whole but not in part, on the Initial Redemption Date on June 6, 2012, or on any payment date thereafter, at the Redemption Amount in accordance with the Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Agreement of DZ BANK Capital Funding LLC III dated June 6, 2005 (the “LLC Agreement”). Subject to the provisions contained in the Trust Agreement, upon redemption of the LLC Class B Preferred Securities, the Trust shall apply the Redemption Amount received in connection therewith to redeem pro rata the Trust Common Security and the Trust Preferred Securities. Prior to the Initial Redemption Date, upon the occurrence of a Special Redemption Event, as defined in the Trust Agreement as (i) a regulatory event with respect to the Trust or DZ BANK Capital Funding LLC III, (ii) a tax event solely with respect to DZ BANK Capital Funding LLC III or (iii) an investment company act event solely with respect to DZ BANK Capital Funding LLC III, the Trust Preferred Securities may be redeemed in full at any time upon at least 30 days’ prior notice to holders of the Trust Preferred Securities. There was no Special Redemption Event as of December 31, 2011 and 2010.



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The consolidated financial statements are presented in Euros, which is the functional currency of the Trust, DZ BANK Capital Funding LLC III and the Trust's Parent, since its operations are a direct and integral component or extension of the Parent's operations.

## **2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

### **Principles of Consolidation**

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Trust and DZ BANK Capital Funding LLC III, collectively referred to as the "Company." The Trust consolidates entities in which it has both the power to direct investments that significantly impact the economic performance of the entities and has the obligation to absorb losses or receive benefits that could potentially be significant to the entities. All material intercompany transactions and accounts have been eliminated.

### **Subordinated Note Receivable From DZ BANK**

This represents €350,003,000 subordinated notes issued by DZ BANK, a related party, and are due June 6, 2035. Interest accrues on a quarterly basis for each distribution period based on the applicable three-month EURIBOR plus 1.5%. The Subordinated Note Receivable from DZ BANK is carried at amortized cost.

### **Dividend Distributions**

The holders of the Trust Common Security and the Trust Preferred Securities (together, the "Trust Securities") are entitled to receive cash distributions when the Trust receives distributions on the Subordinated Note Receivable from DZ BANK. These cash distributions are payable on a noncumulative basis quarterly in arrears.

Distributions on the Trust Securities will be calculated by the calculation agent on the liquidation preference of the Trust Securities on a quarterly basis for each distribution period on the applicable three-month EURIBOR plus 1.5% and any additional adjustments, as defined in the Trust Agreement. The right of the holders of the Trust Securities to receive distributions is noncumulative.

For the year ended December 31, 2011, the Trust has made dividend distributions on Trust Preferred Securities and Trust Common Security of €9,852,500 and €28, respectively. For the year ended December 31, 2010, the Trust has made dividend distributions on Trust Preferred Securities and Trust Common Security of €7,931,000 and €23, respectively.

### **Allocation of Net Income**

Net income is allocated to the Trust Common Security and Trust Preferred Securities as defined in the Trust Agreement. The undistributed retained earnings of €750,504 and €638,775 as of December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively, will be allocated on a pro-rata basis to the Trust Common Security, the Trust Preferred Securities and the noncontrolling interest.

### **Noncontrolling Interest**

Financial Accounting Standards Board (the "FASB") Accounting Standards Codification (the "Codification" or "ASC") 810 and formerly Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ("SFAS") No. 160, *Noncontrolling Interests in Consolidated Financial Statements - an Amendment of ARB No. 51*, clarifies that a noncontrolling interest in a subsidiary is an ownership interest in the consolidated entity that

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should be reported as equity in the consolidated financial statements. Dividend distributions have been made on noncontrolling interest of €56 and €46 for the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively.

#### **Income Taxes**

The Trust expects to be treated as a grantor trust for U.S. federal income tax purposes, and not as a business entity subject to tax as a corporation. For United States federal income tax purposes, holders of the Trust Preferred Securities are considered the owners of the LLC Class B Preferred Securities held by the Trust. Each United States holder of Trust Preferred Securities is required to include in its gross income its distributive share of the gross income attributable to the LLC Class B Preferred Securities.

Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) Accounting Standards Codification Topic 740, Income Taxes, provides guidance for how uncertain tax positions should be recognized, measured, disclosed and presented in the financial statements. This requires the evaluation of tax positions taken or expected to be taken in the course of preparing the Company’s tax returns to determine whether the tax positions are “more likely than not” of being sustained “when challenged” or “when examined” by the applicable tax authority. Tax positions not deemed to meet the more-likely-than-not threshold would be recorded as a tax expense and liability in the current year. Management evaluated the Company’s tax positions that require adjustment to the financial statements in order to comply with the provisions of this guidance. With few exceptions, the Company is no longer subject to income tax examinations by U.S. federal, state or local tax authorities for years before 2008.

#### **Use of Estimates in the Preparation of Financial Statements**

The consolidated financial statements are prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, which require management to make estimates and assumptions, including those regarding financial instrument valuations, that affect the related amounts reported in the consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ materially from these estimates.

#### **Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows**

For purposes of reporting cash flows, cash and cash equivalents include cash due from banks, and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less. At December 31, 2011 and 2010, the Company did not have any cash and cash equivalents.

#### **Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

In January 2010, the FASB issued ASU No. 2010-06, which amends the authoritative accounting guidance under ASC Topic 820 “Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures.” The update requires the following additional disclosures. 1) Separately disclose the amounts of significant transfers in and out of Level 1 and Level 2 fair value measurements and 143 describe the reasons for the transfers. 2) Information about purchases, sales, issuances and settlements needs to be disclosed separately in the reconciliation for fair value measurements using Level 3. The update provides for amendments to existing disclosures as follows. 1) Fair value measurement disclosures are to be made for each class of assets and liabilities. 2) Disclosures about valuation techniques and inputs used to measure fair value for both recurring and nonrecurring fair value measurements. The update also includes conforming amendments to guidance on employers’ disclosures about postretirement benefit plan assets. The update is effective for interim and annual

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reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2009, except for the disclosures about purchases, sales, issuances and settlements in the roll forward of activity in Level 3 fair value measurements. Those disclosures are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2010, and for interim periods within those fiscal years. Adoption of this update did not have a material effect on the Company's consolidated results of operations or consolidated financial condition.

In July 2010, the FASB issued ASU No. 2010-20, which amends the authoritative accounting guidance under ASC Topic 310 "Receivables." The purpose of this update is to provide financial statement users with greater transparency about an entity's allowance for credit losses and the credit quality of its financing receivables. The update requires disclosures that facilitate financial statement users' evaluation of the following: (1) the nature of credit risk inherent in the entity's portfolio of financing receivables; (2) how that risk is analyzed and assessed in arriving at the allowance for credit losses; and (3) the changes and reasons for those changes in the allowance for credit losses. An entity is required to provide disclosures on a disaggregated basis by portfolio segment and class of financing receivables. This update requires the expansion of currently required disclosures about financing receivables as well as requiring additional disclosures about financing receivables. The disclosures as of the end of a reporting period are effective for interim and annual reporting periods ending on or after December 15, 2011. Adoption of this update is currently evaluated and is not expected to have a material effect on the Company's consolidated results of operations or consolidated financial condition.

In April 2011, the FASB issued ASU No. 2011-02, which amends the authoritative accounting guidance under ASC Topic 310 "Receivables." The update provides clarifying guidance as to what constitutes a troubled debt restructuring. The update provides clarifying guidance on a creditor's evaluation of the following: (1) how a restructuring constitutes a concession and (2) if the debtor is experiencing financial difficulties. The amendments in this update are effective for the first interim or annual period beginning on or after June 15, 2012 and should be applied retrospectively to the beginning of the annual period of adoption. Adoption of this update is currently evaluated and is not expected to have a material effect on the Company's consolidated results of operations or consolidated financial condition.

In April 2011, the FASB issued ASU No. 2011-03, which amends the authoritative accounting guidance under ASC Topic 860 "Transfers and Servicing." The amendments in this update remove from the assessment of effective control (1) the criterion requiring the transferor to have the ability to repurchase or redeem the financial assets on substantially the agreed terms, even in the event of default by the transferee and (2) the collateral maintenance implementation guidance related to that criterion. The amendments in this update are effective for the first interim or annual period beginning on or after December 15, 2011 and should be applied prospectively to transactions or modifications of existing transactions that occur on or after the effective date. Early adoption is not permitted. Adoption of this update is currently evaluated and is not expected to have a material effect on the Company's consolidated results of operations or consolidated financial condition.

In May 2011, the FASB issued ASU No. 2011-04, which amends the authoritative accounting guidance under ASC Topic 820 "Fair Value Measurement." The amendments in this update clarify how to measure and disclose fair value under ASC Topic 820. The amendments in this update are effective for annual periods beginning on or after December 15, 2011 and should be applied prospectively to transactions or modifications of existing transactions that occur on or after the effective date. Early adoption is not permitted. Adoption of this update is currently evaluated and is not expected to have a material effect on the Company's consolidated results of operations or consolidated financial condition.

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In June 2011, the FASB issued ASU No. 2011-05, which amends the authoritative accounting guidance under ASC Topic 220 “Comprehensive Income.” The amendments eliminate the option to present components of other comprehensive income in the statement of stockholders’ equity. Instead, the new guidance requires entities to present all nonowner changes in stockholders’ equity either as a single continuous statement of comprehensive income or as two separate but consecutive statements. The amendments in this update are effective for fiscal years ending after December 15, 2012 and must be applied retrospectively. Early adoption is permitted. Adoption of this update is currently evaluated and is not expected to have a material effect on the Company’s consolidated results of operations or consolidated financial condition.

### **3. SHAREHOLDERS’ EQUITY**

The Company’s noncumulative preferred securities consist of 350,000 shares authorized, issued and outstanding at December 31, 2011 and 2010, each having a liquidation preference, as defined in the Trust Agreement, of €1,000.

The Company’s common security consists of one share authorized at €1,000 and outstanding at December 31, 2011 and 2010.

### **4. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

The Trust’s regular trustees, Dr. Florian Straßberger, Carl Amendola, Norah McCann and Tobias Sagan, are employees of DZ BANK New York and act as managers, as defined in the Trust Agreement. DZ BANK New York provides administrative services to the Company. Currently, the Company does not reimburse DZ BANK New York for these services.

The activities are substantially governed by DZ BANK New York, which provides ongoing administrative support. Therefore, the Company’s financial condition and results of operations may not necessarily be indicative of those which would have resulted if the Company had operated as an unaffiliated company.

### **5. VARIABLE INTEREST ENTITIES**

In accordance with FASB ASC 810-10, *Consolidation*, a variable interest entity (“VIE”) is defined as an entity with one or more of the following characteristics:

- The equity investment at risk is not sufficient to permit the entity to finance its activities without additional subordinated financial support from other parties;
- Equity holders either (a) lack direct or indirect ability to make decisions about the entity, (b) are not obligated to absorb expected losses of the entity or (c) do not have the rights to receive expected residual returns of the entity if they occur; or
- Equity holders have voting rights that are not proportionate to their economic interests, and the activities of the entity involved or are conducted on behalf of an investor with a disproportionately small voting interest.

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If an entity is deemed to be a VIE, the reporting entity that both has the power to direct activities that significantly impact the economic performance of the VIE and has the obligation to absorb losses or receive benefits that could potentially be significant to the VIE is considered the primary beneficiary and must consolidate the VIE.

The Trust purchased LLC Class B Preferred Securities issued by DZ BANK Capital Funding LLC III whose purpose was to acquire subordinated notes issued by DZ BANK. For further details on the transactions, see Note 1. As of December 31, 2011 and 2010, the Trust has determined that its investee is a VIE under ASC 810-10. Furthermore, the Trust has concluded that it is the primary beneficiary of the VIE and, therefore, the Trust has consolidated the VIE under ASC 810-10.

FASB ASC 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures* (formerly known as SFAS No. 107), requires the disclosure of fair value information about financial instruments for which it is practicable to estimate that value, whether or not the instrument is recognized in the consolidated balance sheet. FASB ASC 825-10 excludes certain financial instruments from its disclosure requirements. The aggregate fair value amounts presented do not represent the underlying value of the Company.

**6. FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

A description of the valuation methodologies used for assets and liabilities recorded at fair value, and for estimating fair value for financial instruments not recorded at fair value in accordance with ASC 820, is set forth below.

**Accrued Interest Receivable**

The carrying amount is a reasonable estimate of fair value.

**Subordinated Note Receivable From DZ BANK**

The fair value is based on the quoted market price of the Trust Preferred Securities, which are financial instruments that react to changes in market conditions in a similar way as the Subordinated Note Receivable from DZ BANK.

The estimated fair values of the Company's financial instruments as of December 31, 2011 and 2010 are as follows:

	December 31, 2011		December 31, 2010	
	Carrying Amount	Fair Value	Carrying Amount	Fair Value
Subordinated note receivable from DZ BANK	<u>€ 350,003,000</u>	<u>€ 143,501,230</u>	<u>€ 350,003,000</u>	<u>€ 218,751,875</u>

The estimated fair value amounts at December 31, 2011 and 2010 have not been reevaluated or updated for purposes of these consolidated financial statements subsequent to those respective dates. As such, the estimated fair values of these financial instruments subsequent to the respective reporting dates may be different than amounts reported at December 31, 2011 and 2010.

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**7. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

In preparing these consolidated financial statements, the Company has evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition and/or disclosure through March 16, 2012, the date the consolidated financial statements were available to be issued.