

## Portrait of FinanzIT

With around 2,200 employees (full-time equivalents) and consolidated revenues of € 600 million in 2007, FinanzIT GmbH, with its locations in Berlin, Hanover, Leipzig and Saarbrücken, is the IT services provider for the savings banks, banks and public sector building societies that constitute the German Sparkassen-Finanzgruppe. Some 160 savings banks and other banks have so far chosen to adopt FinanzIT's innovative software solutions. FinanzIT's activities are focused on the development and integration of application software systems, hardware and software consultancy services and the operation of networks and data centres.

FinanzIT with its integrated all-round services enhances its customers' competitiveness throughout the territories of eleven states of Germany: Berlin, Brandenburg, Bremen, Hamburg, Lower Saxony, Mecklenburg-West Pomerania, Saarland, Saxony, Saxony-Anhalt, Schleswig-Holstein and Thuringia. FinanzIT, a systems integrator created on January 1st 2003 by the merger of the former cooperation partners dvg, dvs, nbg and SIK, operates a network of data centres that is one of the modern in Europe.

As the system house of the Sparkassen-Finanzgruppe, FinanzIT plays an important role in the ATM association of the European Savings Banks Organisation EUFISERV, which embraces more than 63,000 savings bank ATMs in 12 countries. All authorisation requests for cards issued by banks of the Sparkassen-Finanzgruppe and used at foreign ATMs, and all ATM transactions effected at the Sparkassen-Finanzgruppe's ATMs in Germany with cards from the partner states, are transmitted to the account-holding bank via the central node at the FinanzIT data centre in Hanover. FinanzIT has also performed a supplementary function in the Sparkassen-Finanzgruppe as a central clearing unit for the prepaid online loading of chip cards.