

## Financial Crisis Will Hit European Growth - Austria

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VIENNA - The financial crisis will affect economic growth in Europe, Austrian Finance Minister Wilhelm Molterer said on Wednesday.

He added that the European Central Bank needed full support and will provide stability and liquidity for financial markets. "The ECB deserves our full backing. It is successful because it is independent," Molterer told reporters. Austrian banks are little exposed to the impact of the Lehman collapse, he added. (Reporting by Boris Groendahl, Writing by Sylvia Westall; editing by David Stamp)

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