

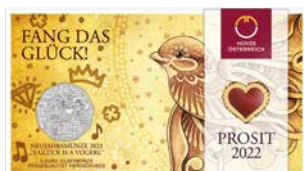
NEW YEAR COIN 2022

HAPPINESS IS A BIRD



Face value	€ 5
Date of Issue	1 December 2021
Design	R. Wilding, H. Andexlinger, A. Rastl
Diameter	28.5 mm

Quality	Special Uncirculated
Mintage	50.000
Alloy	Silver Ag 925
Fine Weight	1/4 oz (7.78 g)
Total Weight	8.41 g
Edge	Plain



Recommended initial
issue price: € 18.60 (incl. 20% VAT)
Blister pack featuring information in German and English

Quality	Uncirculated
Mintage	200.000
Alloy	Copper Cu 999
Total Weight	8.90 g
Edge	Milled



Price: € 5 (Tax free)

No ordinary talisman, the New Year coin 2022 both wishes luck at the start of the year and sends a profound message – *das Glück is a Vogerl*, or happiness is a bird. So says the popular Wienerlied (Viennese folk song) with the same title, written by composer and conductor Karl Kratzl (1852–1904). The bird metaphor is an expression of the essential truth that happiness is fleeting, fragile and hard to keep hold of. Not that we should be discouraged, as it is this very elusiveness that makes happiness worth striving for and why we should have the strength and courage to keep pursuing it. So, if you find happiness in 2022, enjoy it while you can – until the next time, at least.

This aphorism is particularly apt for the challenging times in which we are currently living. Destiny may force us to take a rest, continues the song, which is exactly what has happened to most of us in the last couple of years, when we have had to put life on hold and be patient. The pandemic has also forced us to appreciate the meaning of solidarity, another key message of the song. The bird on the coin's reverse doesn't have a big heart for nothing; in it there is room for all types of people. Other symbols of happiness and joie de vivre – the sun, the moon, the stars, a crown and a diamond – surround the bird. Musical notes symbolise the power of music and the Wienerlied that inspired the coin. The coin's reverse features the coats of arms of the nine provinces of Austria arranged in a circle.