

NEW YEAR COIN 2023  
**LUCKY PIG**



**Face value** € 5  
**Date of Issue** 30 November 2022  
**Design** Herbert Wähler,  
 Helmut Andexlinger

**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:** € 19.80 (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)

The New Year coin 2023 features a lucky pig because this likeable and intelligent animal has long been a symbol of good luck in Austria. Maybe the pig can be a sign of hope for us all in these troubled times, because something unforeseen and pleasant can happen even when there is no sign of light at the end of the tunnel.

For many, the turn of the year means the transformation of fear and uncertainty into hope, not least when times are hard. Since time immemorial it has been customary to wish good luck and abundance at New Year. The pig is the most popular symbol of luck in Austria, not because the animal itself is considered lucky but because it was long a symbol of plenty that could sustain an entire family for a considerable amount of time. The popular Austrian expression 'Schwein gehabt' (literally 'had pig'), meaning to be fortunate in one's misfortune, is said to have been coined in the 16th century during times when people did not have enough to eat. The lucky ones were those who had at least one pig. But they did not rest on their laurels. They managed their resources responsibly and sustainably by transforming every edible part of their slaughtered pig into different types of cured meat so that it would last them through the year.

The obverse of the nine-sided coin shows the coats of arms of all nine of the provinces of Austria. The coin's reverse features the head of a pig, its snout slightly raised above a crop of lucky four-leafed clovers. A pig and four-leafed clovers – two lucky symbols for the price of one!