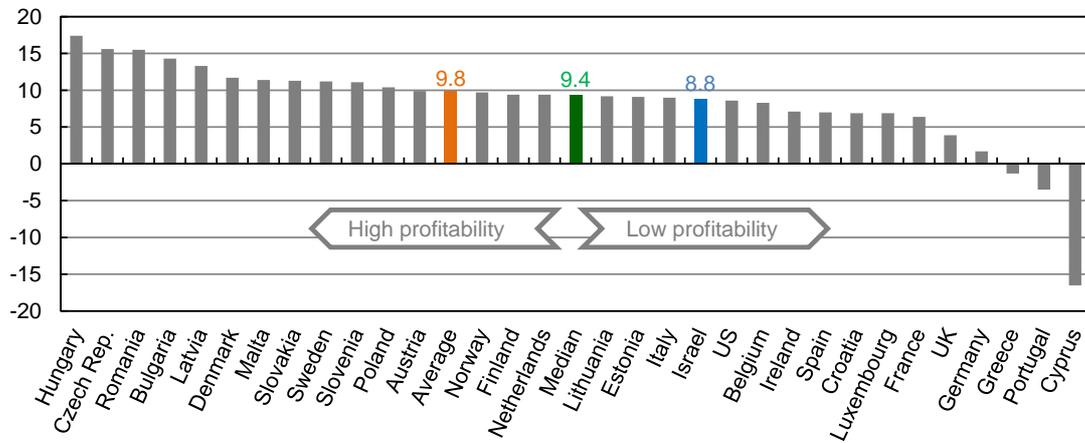


The profitability of the Israeli banks is slightly lower than that of the leading banks in the EU and US.

**Figure 2**  
**The After-Tax Return on Equity (ROE)<sup>a</sup>, Israel and the Leading Banks in the EU and US<sup>b</sup>, 2017 (percent)**



<sup>a</sup> The average and median do not include countries with negative ROAs.

<sup>b</sup> The data on Europe relate to the large and leading banks in each country that report to the European Banking Authority. The data on the US reflect the yearly average of the banks with total assets exceeding \$10 billion.

SOURCE: Europe—EBA; US—FDIC; Israel—based on published financial statements.