

Annual Report 2023

AXA Foundation for Occupational Benefits, Winterthur

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Gabriela Grob Hügli, Chair of the Board of Trustees AXA Foundation for Occupational Benefits, Winterthur

Foreword by the Chair of the Board of Trustees on the 2023 Annual Report

Dear reader

This year, Swiss voters will have the opportunity to decide on a groundbreaking bill and take responsibility for how our occupational pensions system develops going forward. Due to the rising life expectancy of our population and the demographic reality, the redistribution from employed persons to pensioners is steadily continuing. Reducing the statutory conversion

rate and improving generational fairness is therefore a key theme of the BVG reform. Irrespective of the politics, we as a Foundation have to deal with multiple challenges such as demographic change – the aim being to provide our insureds with a stable pension fund that offers attractive, sustainable benefits over the long term. We lived up to our responsibility again in 2023, focusing in particular on the aspect of generational fairness and the continued modernization of our range of benefits.

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Fairness between generations

Rising life expectancy and the attendant redistribution from the employed generation to pensioners drove us to make the switch from split to comprehensive conversion rates and to adjust conversion rates accordingly effective January 1, 2025. Through the accompanying, significant reduction in redistribution, we are helping to strengthen the balance between the generations and offer insureds the prospect of a better rate of interest in the future. As a result of this decision, we are not least reinforcing the stability and financial security of our Foundation – one of the core tasks of a responsible Board of Trustees.

Modernizing the range of benefits

As an insured, you can expect state-of-the-art occupational pension cover that reflects changing social trends and needs. These include an individually chosen partner's pension and flexible order of beneficiaries in the event of death – thus giving you the opportunity to tailor your Pillar 2 benefits more closely to your personal requirements. The Board of Trustees is moving with the times and these changes will likewise take effect from January 1, 2025.

The AXA Foundation for Occupational Benefits will keep its eye on the ball and is committed to providing stable, state-of the art occupational benefits cover that future generations can count on. We therefore look forward to being a reliable partner at your side in the future too, and wish to thank you for your trust.



Gabriela Grob Hügli Chair of the Board of Trustees AXA Foundation for Occupational Benefits, Winterthur

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Gabriela Grob Hügli (Chair) Employee representative

Procap, Olten Attorney, Employee



Bodo Möller Employee representative

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Christoph Senti AG, Altstätten Partner



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Employer representative

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Urs FlückEmployer representative

Mathys AG Bettlach, Bettlach CFO

Profile of the Foundation

The Board of Trustees is the Foundation's highest governing body. Comprising a total of eight members, it has an equal number of employee and employer representatives. It determines the strategy, monitors implementation, is responsible for managing the investments, and also ensures the Foundation's sustainable approach and independence. The Board of Trustees has entrusted AXA Life Ltd with management and administration. AXA Life Ltd manages operations and is responsible for implementing the resolutions of the Board of Trustees.

To that end, AXA Life Ltd makes an independent Managing Director and Deputy Managing Director available on a full-time basis

The affiliated companies and insureds benefit from this strong partnership and semi-autonomous model in multiple ways: They can count on a state-of-the-art pension fund solution that offers an attractive level of benefits coupled with a high degree of security and stability.



Sandra GisinManaging Director



Esther JacometDeputy Managing Director

Addressing sustainability at the AXA Foundation for **Occupational Benefits**

The AXA Foundation for Occupational Benefits addresses the topic of sustainability at various levels of the investment process. As a Pillar 2 institution, the Foundation is already focused on generational fairness through its pension mandate. It has a statutory duty to ensure **payment of** the promised benefits as well as to balance the entitlements of the different generations (pension recipients and active insureds). In addition to its purpose of providing pension benefits, the Foundation strives to generate a market-level return in accordance with the Ordinance on Occupational Old Age, Survivors', and Invalidity Pension Provision (BVV 2/OPP 2). In line with its duty of ensuring fiduciary due diligence, it is required to take account of all relevant investment opportunities and risks in its considerations. These include environmental, social, and governance criteria ("ESG criteria").

For that reason, the Foundation addresses

the topic of sustainable investing on a continuous basis and has enshrined this in its investment regulations:

"The Foundation is aware of its ethical, ecological, and social responsibilities as investor, and incorporates these into investment decisions where possible."

Source: Investment regulations of the AXA Foundation for Occupational Benefits

The Foundation addresses various sustainability aspects in the course of its asset management activities.

Through **membership** of a range of initiatives and organizations, the institutions entrusted with managing the assets are dedicated to the promotion of sustainable investments. Both AXA Insurance Ltd – as

directly mandated asset manager – and the investment managers it has appointed are signatories of the Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI) established by the United Nations as well as members of other initiatives and organizations in the sustainability space. In addition, AXA Insurance Ltd as well as all investment managers have a **dedicated ESG team** for addressing sustainability issues.

Through the exercise of **voting rights** at general meetings, shareholders can have a direct impact on the environment, society, and governance. The Foundation does not invest in equities directly, and therefore has no direct voting rights. Nevertheless, where possible and where it makes economic sense to do so, voting rights for the equities held within the single-investor fund are exercised by fund management company Credit Suisse. Voting principles are based on the sustainability objectives supported by the fund management company. Furthermore, AXA Insurance Ltd (via the AXA Group) and the investment managers it has appointed actively seek dialog with the companies in accordance with their **engagement programs** and raise their awareness of their environmental, social, and governance-related responsibilities.

Both AXA Insurance Ltd and the investment managers it has appointed (active mandates) incorporate sustainability criteria into their investment process. AXA Sustainability aspects can also be incor-Insurance Ltd takes account of ESG criteria when selecting the investment managers. The investment managers in turn incorporate ESG criteria into their investment process in a variety of forms. In addition, exclusions lists are used in the course of asset management. For example, companies included in the exclusions list produced by the Swiss Association for Responsible Investments (SVVK-ASIR) are systematically excluded. This list reflects



tional agreements.

porated into the investment process in the case of **real estate investments**. Given that a significant portion of greenhouse gas emissions is caused by buildings, real estate is an important theme within the sustainability debate. Sustainability criteria are taken into account in the case of construction, buying/selling, and renovation of real estate investments held by the Foundation – the objective being to reduce CO₂ emissions to net zero on a

current Swiss legislation as well as interna- step-by-step basis by 2050. In addition, the properties held by the Foundation have been awarded sustainability certification (e.g. by Minergie). A large portion of the Foundation's real estate investments are held by the AXA Investment Founda**tion**, in which the Foundation is by far the biggest investor. A meaningful debate on sustainability themes takes place within the AXA Investment Foundation and the efforts made with respect to sustainability were continued in the last financial year. For example, the share of fossil fuel heating systems was reduced again, while the energy reference area heated through the

In %

use of renewables was increased to 36%. In addition, the installation of photovoltaic systems continued apace and eight new systems with an output of around 1.9 megawatt hours were commissioned (meeting the electricity consumption needs of around 630 four-person households in Switzerland). Additional details of the sustainability efforts made by the AXA Investment Foundation are published in the Investment Foundation's Annual Report.

In order to assess the portfolio's **sustainability characteristics**, these are measured on a periodic basis. In particular, these measurements are designed to enable comparison with the market. Below is a summary of a number of key data based on the recommendations published by ASIP.

In terms of **voting shares**, votes were cast in the case of around 76 % (Switzerland 96 %, international 74 %) of companies in 2023. 79 % (Switzerland 69 %, international 81 %) of these votes were cast in favor of the proposals of the Board of Directors. The share of motions on which a vote was cast was around 79 % (Switzerland 95 %, international 76 %). Of the total votes cast, 79 % were in favor and 21 % against, with 0.1 % abstentions. The share of supported votes on climate matters was 83 %.

As climate risks are frequently at the center of the public debate, **climate indicators** are generally accorded special importance. CO₂ intensity and CO₂ footprint are among the globally recognized climate indicators for investors and illustrate the exposure to carbon-intensive companies. The CO2 intensity of all equity and bond investments held by the Foundation (Scope 1, 2, 3) was -14% below that of the benchmark (1,182 vs. 1,370 tCO₂e/ CHF million in sales). The CO₂ footprint (Scope 1, 2, 3) was -20% below the benchmark (433 vs. 541 tCO₂e/CHF million in investment). The proportion of investee firms whose revenues come partly from **coal activities** was -0.7 percentage points below the benchmark (0.6 % vs. 1.3 %). The proportion of firms whose revenues come from **other fossil fuel types** was -2.9 percentage points below the benchmark (4.2 % vs. 7.1 %). Climate indicators are also calculated for the real estate investments. The **energy intensity** (Scope 1, 2) of Swiss properties held by CO₂ intensity (Scope 1, 2) was 15.1 kg CO₂e/m². The proportion of **fossil fuels** in the energy source mix was 68% in the case of Swiss real estate investments and 82% in the case of foreign real estate investments.

In summary, through its investments the Foundation addresses various sustainability aspects in a meaningful way.

Appendix: Key ESG data for 2023 based on ASIP standard

Memberships

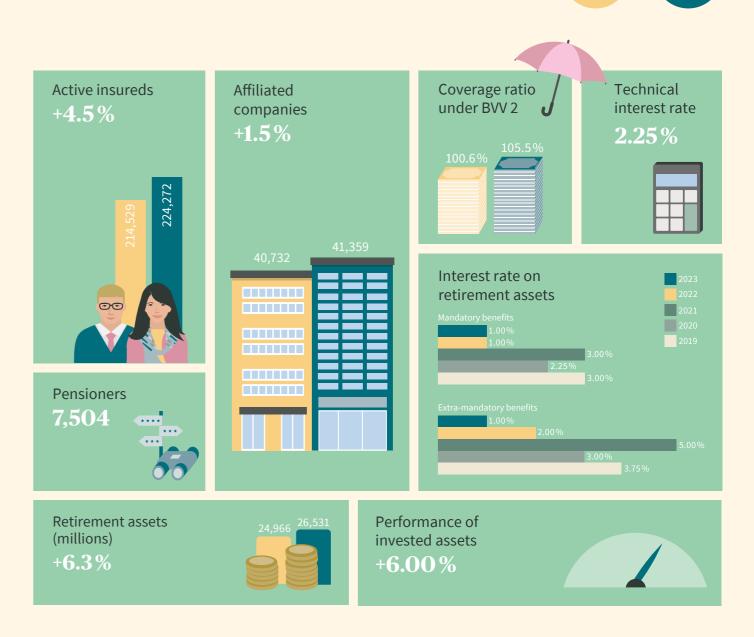
Memberships	Number	In %
Asset managers signed up to PRI (number out of total asset managers and in %)	13 of 13	100%
Asset managers with other memberships (number out of total asset managers and in %)	13 of 13	100%
Voting rights exercised	Switzerland	Internationa
Number of shares where votes cast	96%	74%
Share of motions on which a vote was cast (in % of total motions)	95%	76 %
Share of votes in favor of Board of Directors proposals	69%	81%
Share of votes in favor / against / abstentions overall (Switzerland and international)	79%/21	. % / 0.1 %
Share of supported votes on climate matters overall (Switzerland and international)	83	3%
Greenhouse gas emissions (portfolio "PF" vs. benchmark "BM")	PF	ВМ
CO2 intensity of equities and corporate bonds (tCO2e per m CHF revenue)		
Scope 1 + 2	104 ¹	170
Scope 3	1,079 ¹	1,200
CO2 intensity of government bonds (tCO2e per m CHF GDP)		
Scope 1 + 2	271	267
CO ₂ footprint (tCO ₂ e per m CHF invested capital)		
Scope 1 + 2	49 ¹	80
Scope 3	383 ¹	461
Exposure to fossil fuels (portfolio "PF" vs. benchmark "BM")	PF	ВМ
Proportion of companies with activities in fossil fuels (in % of investments)		
Coal	0.6 %1	1.3%
Other fossil fuels	4.2 %1	7.1%
Proportion of net-zero companies and global warming potential (portfolio "PF" vs. benchmark "BM")	PF	ВМ
Proportion of companies with commitments to net zero and global warming potential		
Proportion of companies with verified commitments to net zero and credible interim targets	19%	19%
Global warming potential in degrees Celsius	2.1	2.4
Climate indicators, real estate (portfolio "PF" vs. benchmark "BM")	PF	ВМ
CO ₂ intensity (in kg CO ₂ e per m ²)		
Real estate, Switzerland (Scope 1 and 2)	15	Not available
Real estate, international (Scope 1, 2 and 3)	20	Not available
Energy intensity (in kWh per m²)		
Real estate, Switzerland (Scope 1 and 2)	101	Not available
Real estate, international (Scope 1, 2, and 3)	88	Not available
Proportion of fossil fuel in energy source mix		
Real estate, Switzerland	68%	Not available
Real estate, international	82%	Not available
Water consumption (in m³ per m²)		
	1.2	Not available
Real estate, Switzerland	1.3	NOL available

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With over 224,000 insureds and more than 41,000 affiliated companies, the AXA Foundation for Occupational Benefits is the largest semi-autonomous collective foundation in Switzerland.

The top priority for our Board of Trustees is to safeguard the retirement assets and pension benefits of our insureds for the long term. With this aim in mind, our strategy is based on four key pillars.

- Attractive and sustainable interest on retirement assets: We not only base the interest rate on the short-term investment market but also take account of medium and long-term developments. This enables us to smooth out fluctuations as well as ensure stability and sustainability. The result is an above-average interest rate on retirement assets for the mandatory as well as extra-mandatory elements, and therefore growth in the retirement assets of our insureds.
- Strict risk control and monitoring of investments: The Board of Trustees defines a sustainable investment strategy and keeps a watchful eye on the management of the assets. The focus at all times is on safeguarding the interests of our insureds. The Investment and Liability Committee is responsible for ensuring these objectives are met. If required, we can also count on the expertise of external specialists.
- Clear governance rules of the Foundation: We exercise the responsibilities assigned to us with a high degree of care and commitment in the sole interest of our insureds. To that end, we rely on a state-of-the-art governance structure with clearly defined responsibilities at strategic as well as operating level.
- High level of transparency for insureds: The transparency of the decisions taken by the Board of Trustees is important to us. For that reason, we employ an interest model that creates transparency regarding the decisions taken by the Board of Trustees in relation to the interest rate on retirement assets. All communication in relation to the Foundation is proactive and transparent. In addition, the AXA pensions portal provides our insureds with all relevant information at all times.



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Balance sheet

in CHF	Index explanatory notes	31.12.2023	31.12.2022
Assets			
Investments of Foundation	6.4	32,868,221,083.60	29,137,578,556.53
Investments of Custom Invest occupational be	nefits funds 6.4	27,465,680.72	17,444,454.98
Accounts receivable	7.1.1	6,601,369.61	9,564,779.60
Assets with AXA Life Ltd	7.1.2	18,111,475.53	21,163,427.39
Accounts receivable from affiliated employers	6.11.1	232,458,474.18	202,531,125.58
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Prepayments and accrued income	7.1.3	19,439,204.35	15,888,897.60
Total assets		33,170,462,162.99	29,402,794,852.68

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Liabilities			
Liabilities		902,519,330.17	761,262,301.22
Vested termination benefits accounts and pensions	7.2.1	854,300,687.02	709,756,731.69
Prepaid contributions from affiliated employers		36,337,233.32	39,756,192.42
Other liabilities	7.2.2	11,881,409.83	11,749,377.11
Accrued liabilities and deferred income	7.2.3	5,981,256.50	8,170,813.35
Employer-paid contribution reserve	6.11.2	283,786,184.63	281,114,715.83
Contribution reserves without waiver of use		283,786,184.63	281,114,715.83
Non-actuarial reserves	7.2.4	77,708,935.43	147,833,795.80
Pension liabilities and actuarial reserves		30,140,626,537.70	27,945,894,881.03
Active participants' liabilities	5.3.1	26,530,769,331.42	24,966,585,843.67
Pensioners' liabilities	5.5.1	2,759,885,137.28	2,111,509,608.86
Actuarial reserves	5.6.1	849,972,069.00	867,799,428.50
Reserve for fluctuations in asset value of Foundation	6.3.1	1,642,687,902.37	163,323,948.17
Non-committed funds (unallocated assets) of			
occupational benefits funds	7.2.5	117,152,016.19	95,194,397.28
Non-committed funds at the beginning of the period		95,194,397.28	87,378,674.16
Change in non-committed funds from takeovers and transfers		30,659,656.77	26,884,892.04
Expense surplus of occupational benefits funds (net)		-8,702,037.86	-19,069,168.92
Non-committed funds of Foundation		0.00	0.00
Balance at the beginning of the period		0.00	0.00
Income surplus of Foundation		0.00	0.00
Total liabilities		33,170,462,162.99	29,402,794,852.68

Operating account

in CHF	Index explanatory notes	2023	2022
Ordinary and other contributions and transfe		2,740,414,656.62	2,579,168,135.36
Employee contributions	7.3.1	1,051,346,781.80	962,241,311.60
Employer contributions	7.3.1	1,363,025,085.84	1,239,649,526.19
of which withdrawal from employer-paid o			
to finance contributions	6.11.2	-46,262,656.36	-42,981,517.47
of which financed by payments from BVG (LOB) Guarantee Fund	-18,415,812.40	-17,594,501.10
One-time payments and purchase amounts		316,708,309.86	343,303,483.32
Other one-time payments		3,821,203.36	4,634,061.72
Transfers to employer-paid contribution rese	erve 6.11.2	51,751,621.22	72,294,818.50
Payments from BVG (LOB) Guarantee Fund		18,440,123.30	17,620,952.60
Entry lump-sum transfers		3,051,765,560.16	3,904,564,821.28
Vested termination benefits transfers		2,943,100,284.95	3,765,813,882.09
Transfers following takeover of benefits		25,587,637.74	61,060,798.57
Transfers following takeover of participants	7.3.2	32,938,626.21	29,245,255.20
Reimbursements of withdrawals for home ov	wnership/divorce	50,139,011.26	48,444,885.42
Inflow from contributions and entry lump-sur	m transfers	5,792,180,216.78	6,483,732,956.64
Regulatory benefits		-1,421,074,878.65	-1,220,179,903.16
Retirement pensions	7.3.3	-512,970,459.75	-488,207,490.15
Survivors' pensions	7.3.4	-71,852,382.10	-69,781,057.16
Disability pensions		-85,168,681.90	-83,069,977.25
Lump-sum benefits on retirement		-641,086,016.70	-494,514,018.05
Lump-sum benefits on death or disability		-109,997,338.20	-84,607,360.55
Termination benefits		-2,795,183,398.04	-2,696,060,868.75
Vested termination benefits for leavers		-2,650,709,511.93	-2,557,608,456.68
Transfer of additional assets in the case of co	ollective exit 7.3.2	-2,278,969.44	-2,360,363.16
Transfer of employer-paid contribution reser	rve in the case of		
withdrawals from occupational benefits fund	ds 6.11.2	-1,744,289.15	-2,067,067.75
Withdrawals for encouragement of home ow	nership/divorce 7.3.5	-136,883,254.13	-110,143,853.29
Reimbursement values in the case of transfer	r of benefits	-3,567,373.39	-23,881,127.87
Outflow for benefits and withdrawals		-4,216,258,276.69	-3,916,240,771.91
Increase in pension liabilities, actuarial			
reserves, and contribution reserves		-2,228,062,782.24	-2,602,160,572.47
Increase in active participants' liabilities (net	:)	-1,315,897,873.54	-2,327,746,873.85
Change in pensioners' liabilities (net)		-648,375,528.42	-500,291,225.10
Change in non-committed funds from takeov	vers and transfers	-30,659,656.77	-26,884,892.04
Decrease in actuarial reserves		17,827,359.50	622,538,773.51
Interest on active participants' liabilities		-248,285,614.21	-343,797,483.44
Increase in employer-paid contribution reser			

in CHF	Index explanatory notes	2023	2022
Income from insurance benefits		692,812,945.16	687,819,677.54
Insurance benefits	7.3.6	662,152,522.16	663,205,552.54
Share of insurance surpluses	5.7	30,660,423.00	24,614,125.00
Insurance cost		-440,065,230.55	-434,742,861.08
Risk premium		-290,581,858.15	-263,246,449.25
Cost premium	7.3.7	-109,094,633.10	-102,541,265.25
One-time contributions to insurances		-28,674,690.35	-57,317,536.58
Contributions to the BVG (LOB) Guarantee Fund	d	-11,714,048.95	-11,637,610.00
Net result of insurance activities		-399,393,127.54	218,408,428.72
Net return on investments	6.9	1,803,573,450.11	-2,941,513,852.02
Return on investments, Foundation		1,910,278,702.15	-2,794,142,754.29
Return on investments, Custom Invest occupat	ional		
benefits funds		1,369,519.37	-1,824,985.99
Other income from assets		-2,143,626.91	-2,069,889.08
Administration cost of investments	6.10.1	-105,931,144.50	-143,476,222.66
Decrease/increase in Non-actuarial reserves		70,124,860.37	-147,833,795.80
Other income		3,598,273.64	4,155,822.88
Income from services rendered	7.3.8	2,853,480.50	2,681,398.20
Other income	7.3.9	744,793.14	1,474,424.68
Other expenses	7.3.10	-2,367,594.35	-2,834,248.38
Administration expenses	7.3.7	-4,873,945.89	-4,470,282.40
General administration expenses		-4,409,631.59	-4,086,057.55
Auditor's costs		-97,950.85	-78,251.60
Costs of occupational pensions actuary		-167,505.45	-129,417.95
Supervisory authorities' costs		-198,858.00	-176,555.30
Income/expense surplus prior to increase/decre	ease in		
reserves for fluctuations in asset value		1,470,661,916.34	-2,874,087,927.00
Increase/decrease in reserves for fluctuations in	n asset value	-1,479,363,954.20	2,855,018,758.08
Expense surplus		-8,702,037.86	-19,069,168.92
Expense surplus of occupational benefits funds	s (net) 7.3.11	-8,702,037.86	-19,069,168.92
Income surplus of Foundation	7.3.12	0.00	0.00

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Explanatory notes

1 Basis and organization

1.1 Legal form and purpose

"Winterthur" Life Insurance Company established a foundation on June 8, 1984, in Winterthur in accordance with Art. 80 ff. of the Swiss Civil Code under the name of "Winterthur" Foundation for Mandatory Occupational Benefits. The present name of the Foundation is AXA Foundation for Occupational Benefits, Winterthur, (UID: CHE-109.691.681 HR).

The Foundation has its registered office in Winterthur. The Foundation is active in all of Switzerland.

The Foundation was established in order to provide occupational retirement, survivors', and disability benefits. Its purpose is to protect employees and employers of affiliated companies in accordance with its regulations against the economic consequences of loss of earnings resulting from old age, disability, or death. It provides benefits in accordance with the provisions of the compulsory occupational benefits plan and also offers pension plans that exceed the minimum statutory requirements or only provide non-mandatory benefits.

Self-employed persons can also become affiliated to the Foundation through a professional association pension solution.

1.2 Registration with BVG and the Guarantee Fund

The Foundation is entered in the Canton of Zurich's register for occupational pension schemes under serial no. ZH.1431 and pays contributions to the BVG (LOB) Guarantee Fund.

1.3

Details on the document and regulations	Version	New version as at
Deed of foundation	2023	
Election regulations	01.01.2019	01.01.2024
Organization regulations of the Foundation	01.07.2022	
Regulations on conflicts of interest	01.09.2020	
Regulations on delegates in external		
organizations	01.09.2020	
Organization regulations of the Occupational		
Benefits Fund Commission/Professional		
Association Occupational Benefits Fund		
Commission	01.04.2023	
Occupational benefits fund regulations/		
occupational benefits plans for basic BVG		
occupational benefits cover	01.01.2023	01.01.2024
Occupational benefits fund regulations/		
occupational benefits plans for supplementary		
occupational benefits cover	01.04.2023	01.01.2024
Regulations for the promotion of home		
ownership	01.01.2023	
Investment regulations	01.01.2023	
Custom Invest investment regulations	01.04.2021	
Regulations on surplus participation	01.01.2020	
Regulations on the partial and total liquidation		
of occupational benefits funds	01.12.2021	01.12.2023
Regulations on the partial liquidation of a		
collective foundation	01.01.2019	01.06.2023
Regulations for the formation of provisions and		
reserves	31.12.2022	31.12.2023
Cost regulations	01.01.2017	
Data protection regulations	01.09.2023	

1.4 Supervisory board, authorized signatories, committees and management

1.4.1 Board of Trustees

			Employer/
Members	Function	Term of office	employee rep
Christoph Senti	Vice Chair	2021 - 2024	Employer
Urs Flück		2021 - 2024	Employer
Elisabeth Meyerhans Sarasin		2021 - 2024	Employer
Massimo Tognola		2021 - 2024	Employer
Gabriela Grob Hügli	Chair	2021 - 2024	Employee
Christoph Burkhalter		2021 - 2024	Employee
Hanspeter Herger		2021 - 2024	Employee
Bodo Möller		2021 - 2024	Employee

Documents must be signed by two trustees to be legally binding.

The Board of Trustees has established the following committees:

1.4.2 Investment Committee

Function
Foundation representative
Foundation representative
Foundation representative
External member of the Investment Committee
PPCmetrics AG, Investment Controller
Managing Director
Deputy Managing Director

¹⁾ Members with voting right

1.4.3 Governance Committee

Members	Function
Gabriela Grob Hügli ¹⁾	Foundation representative
Christoph Senti 1)	Foundation representative
Sandra Gisin	Managing Director
Esther Jacomet	Deputy Managing Director

¹⁾ Members with voting right

1.4.4 Liability Committee

Members	Function
Christoph Burkhalter 1)	Foundation representative
Bodo Möller 1)	Foundation representative
Massimo Tognola 1)	Foundation representative
Christoph Plüss	Allvisa AG, occupational pensions actuary
Sandra Gisin	Managing Director
Esther Jacomet	Deputy Managing Director

¹⁾ Members with voting right

1.4.5 Occupational Benefits Fund Commission (OBFC) / Professional Association Occupational Benefits Fund Commission (AOBFC)

The management bodies of the separately managed occupational benefits funds for affiliated employers and professional associations. These bodies consist of an equal number of employee and employer representatives.

1.4.6 Management

Managing Director	Sandra Gisin, AXA Life Ltd	
Deputy Managing Director	Esther Jacomet, AXA Life Ltd	
Company mandated with administration,		
bookkeeping, and distributio	AXA Life Ltd, Winterthur	

1.5 Occupational pensions actuary, auditor, supervisory authority, data protection officer

Occupational pensions actuary	Contractual partner: Allvisa AG, Zurich	
	Appointed actuary: Christoph Plüss, licensed occupational	
	pensions actuary in accordance with Art. 52d BVG/LPP	
Auditors	KPMG AG, Zurich	
Supervisory authority	BVG and Foundation Supervision of the Canton of Zurich (BVS)	
Data protection officer	Swiss Infosec AG, Sursee	

L.6 Affiliated employers

Allitiated elliptoyers			
(number of affiliation contracts)	2023	2022	Change in %
Balance as at January 1	40,732	39,211	3.88
Additions	2,385	3,178	
Withdrawals	-1,758	-1,657	
Balance as at December 31	41,359	40,732	1.54

2 Active members and pensioners

L	Active participants	2023	2022	Change in %
	Balance as at January 1	214,529	191,490	12.03
	Additions	62,137	73,262	_
	Withdrawals	-52,394	-50,223	
	Balance as at December 31	224,272	214,529	4.54

2.2 Pension recipients

2.1

L	Pensions borne autonomously by		Additions	
	the Foundation	Number on	Withdrawals	Number on
		31.12.2023	2023	31.12.2022
	Retirement pensions	7,504	1,810	5,769
			-75	
	Divorce pensions	10	7	4
			-1	
	Retired person's child's pensions	314	153	237
			-76	
	Partner's pensions	68	27	47
			-6	
	Orphan's pensions	4	2	5
			-3	
•	Term annuities	4	1	5
			-2	
	Balance as at December 31	7,904		6,067

Balance as at De	cemper 31	7,904		6,067
Reinsured pensi	ons		Additions	
		Number on	Withdrawals	Number on
		31.12.2023	2023	31.12.2022
Retirement pensi	ons	19,204	6	19,771
			-573	
Divorce pensions		32	3	29
			0	
Retired person's	child's pensions	162	5	185
			-28	
Disability pension	ns	5,173	549	5,142
			-518	
Disabled person's	s child's pensions	1,298	126	1,334
			-162	
Partner's pension	IS	5,486	330	5,360
			-204	
Orphan's pension	ns	779	91	822
			-134	
Term annuities		1	0	1
			0	
Balance as at De	cember 31	32,135		32,644
Total pensions p	ortfolio as at December 31	40,039		38,711

Implementation of objectives 3

Characteristics of the pension plans 3.1

The pension fund regulations issued by the Board of Trustees form the framework of the individual pension plans of the affiliated occupational benefits funds.

Each affiliated occupational benefits fund has issued a pension plan. It stipulates the type and amount of occupational benefits as well as the amount and composition of the contributions.

Pension conversion rates	2023	2022
Mandatory benefits (BVG/LPP)		
for men with retirement age 65	6.800 %	6.800 %
for women with retirement age 64	6.800 %	6.800 %
Extra-mandatory benefits		
for men with retirement age 65	5.000 %	5.000 %
for women with retirement age 64	4.880 %	4.880 %

In individual cases, the conversion rates of the occupational benefits funds may deviate from those of the Foundation.

Financing, financing method

The financing of the occupational benefits fund depends on the individual pension plans of the pension funds.

Share of insurance surpluses

AXA Life Ltd calculates the surplus participations annually in accordance with the supervisory provisions of the federal government.

Details of the allocation of the share of surpluses are shown in 5.7.

Significant accounting policies and valuation methods, consistency

Statement of compliance with Swiss GAAP FER 26

The balance sheet, operating account, and explanatory notes on the annual financial statements are in accordance with the accounting recommendations of Swiss GAAP FER 26.

Significant accounting policies and valuation methods

The significant accounting policies and valuation methods are in compliance with the statutory provisions and are implemented as follows:

- Currency conversion:	Rates on the balance sheet date
- Liquid funds, accounts receivable, liabilities and deferrals/accruals:	Nominal value less necessary value
	adjustments
- Securities:	Net asset value on the balance sheet
	date
- Non-actuarial reserves:	Estimated figure
- Active participants' liabilities, pensioners' liabilities, and actuarial	In accordance with the regulations on
reserves:	the formation of provisions and reserves
	as well as the occupational pension
	actuary's calculations.
- Target value of the reserve for fluctuations in asset value:	In accordance with the investment
	regulations, the reserve for fluctuations
	in asset value is calculated by the value-
	at-risk method.

Changes in principles regarding valuation, bookkeeping, and financial accounting

None

5 Actuarial risks / risk benefit coverage / coverage rate

5.1 Type of risk benefit coverage, reinsurance

The actuarial risks of disability and death are reinsured under a group insurance contract with AXA Life Ltd. Since 2019, retirement and connected survivors' pensions have been autonomously provided by the Foundation. The costs of connected risks shall be borne by the Foundation.

5.2 Assets and liabilities from insurance contracts

Assets and liabilities from insurance contracts correspond to actuarial reserves arising from the group insurance contract. These are not stated in the balance sheet.

Development of assets and liabilities from insurance contracts	2023	2022
	CHF	CHF
Balance as at January 1	6,277,581,521.00	6,470,092,842.00
Change in actuarial reserves for pensioners	-188,354,219.00	-192,511,321.00
Balance as at December 31	6,089,227,302.00	6,277,581,521.00

5.3 Development and return on active participants' liabilities

Active participants' liabilities are the regulatory retirement assets of the insured persons.

Development of retirement assets	2023	2022
	CHF	CHF
Balance as at January 1	24,966,585,843.67	22,295,041,486.38
Retirement credits	2,047,972,682.49	1,871,181,925.29
Retirement credits from savings contribution exemptions	46,648,547.40	42,770,442.26
One-time payments and purchase amounts	316,708,309.86	343,303,483.32
Vested termination benefits transfers	2,943,100,284.95	3,765,813,882.09
Reimbursements of withdrawals for home ownership/divorce	50,139,011.26	48,444,885.42
Upward valuation of minimum amount of vested termination		
benefits for leavers	11,738.90	6,380.50
Further transfers 1)	13,108,822.49	20,918,266.04
Vested termination benefits for leavers	-2,650,709,511.93	-2,557,608,456.68
Withdrawals for encouragement of home ownership/divorce	-136,883,254.13	-110,143,853.29
Decrease due to retirement (transfer to pensioners' liabilities)	-621,430,617.80	-557,649,027.75
Lump-sum benefits on retirement	-641,086,016.70	-494,514,018.05
Lump-sum benefits on death or disability; other	-51,682,123.25	-44,777,035.30
Interest on retirement assets	248,285,614.21	343,797,483.44
Balance as at December 31	26,530,769,331.42	24,966,585,843.67

¹⁾ The position 'Further transfers' principally comprises transfers from the distribution of non-committed funds of occupational benefits funds and other change-related transfers not specified under other positions.

5.3.2 Interest on retirement assets

5.5.2

	2023	2022
Interest on retirement assets under BVG/LPP	1.00 %	1.00 %
Supplementary interest on retirement assets under BVG/LPP	0.00 %	0.00 %
Total interest on retirement assets under BVG/LPP	1.00 %	1.00 %
Interest on extra-mandatory retirement assets	1.00 %	1.00 %
Supplementary interest on extra-mandatory retirement assets	0.00 %	1.00 %
Total interest on extra-mandatory retirement assets	1.00 %	2.00 %

The provisions of Art. 46 BVV 2/OPP 2 were complied with.

5.4	Sum of retirement assets under BVG/LPP	31.12.2023	31.12.2022
		CHF	CHF
	Total retirement assets under BVG/LPP (sample accounting)	12,656,726,932.73	11,933,216,894.84
	BVG/LPP minimum interest set by Federal Council	1.00 %	1.00 %

5.5 Development of pensioners' liabilities and actuarial reserves for pensioners

5.5.1	Autonomously invested pensioners' liabilities	31.12.2023	31.12.2022
		CHF	CHF
	Retirement pensions	2,732,608,205.70	2,091,039,960.50
	Divorce pensions	2,030,869.56	1,305,697.93
	Retired person's child's pensions	9,956,153.49	7,678,387.52
	Partner's pensions	15,039,776.50	11,154,298.28
	Orphan's pensions	68,371.83	97,211.12
	Term annuities	181,760.20	234,053.51
	Balance as at December 31	2,759,885,137.28	2,111,509,608.86
	Number of pensions (see 2.2.1 for details)	7,904	6,067

Development of autonomously invested pensioners' liabilities	2023	2022
	CHF	CHF
Balance as at January 1	2,111,509,608.86	1,611,218,383.76
Transfer of retirement assets on retirement	621,430,617.80	557,649,027.75
Increase from pension takeovers	3,690,354.14	9,667,443.59
Increase from rise in pensions	431,634.30	492,713.85
Increase for fund-specific benefit components (financed from reserves		
of the occupational benefits funds)	537,094.55	508,131.35
Pension payments	-133,464,734.80	-98,026,530.15
Decrease from pension transfers	67,996.26	-4,947,277.61
Decrease for lump-sum payments	-157,174.95	0.00
Retirement losses at expense of Foundation	97,063,818.03	120,449,510.55
Interest 1)	54,803,190.89	32,573,869.94
Effect of change in actuarial bases	0.00	-124,250,791.59
Actuarial profit/loss, other changes	3,972,732.20	6,175,127.43
Balance as at December 31	2,759,885,137.28	2,111,509,608.86

¹⁾ Annual interest on the arithmetic mean between pensioners' liabilities at the beginning of the year and the end of the year.

Increase		Reinsured actuarial reserves for pensioners
Decrease	31.12.2023	
2023	CHF	
1,262,250.00	4,353,577,825.00	Retirement pensions
-232,332,600.00		
1,349,699.00	6,844,598.00	Divorce pensions
-178,072.00		
40,501.00	2,825,421.00	Retired person's child's pensions
-652,962.00		
83,133,630.00	735,828,068.00	Disability pensions
-68,986,152.00		
3,490,173.00	17,491,650.00	Disabled person's child's pensions
-2,484,172.00		
64,602,936.00	949,280,710.00	Partner's pensions
-37,228,399.00		
3,627,914.00	23,373,554.00	Orphan's pensions
-3,996,930.00		
0.00	5,476.00	Term annuities
-2,035.00		
	6,089,227,302.00	Balance as at December 31
	32,135	Number of pensions (see 2.2.2 for details)
	Decrease 2023 1,262,250.00 -232,332,600.00 1,349,699.00 -178,072.00 40,501.00 -652,962.00 83,133,630.00 -68,986,152.00 3,490,173.00 -2,484,172.00 64,602,936.00 -37,228,399.00 3,627,914.00 -3,996,930.00 0.00	31.12.2023 Decrease CHF 2023 4,353,577,825.00 1,262,250.00 -232,332,600.00 6,844,598.00 1,349,699.00 -178,072.00 2,825,421.00 40,501.00 -652,962.00 735,828,068.00 83,133,630.00 -68,986,152.00 17,491,650.00 3,490,173.00 -2,484,172.00 949,280,710.00 64,602,936.00 -37,228,399.00 23,373,554.00 3,627,914.00 -3,996,930.00 5,476.00 0.00 -2,035.00

5.5.4 Adaption of pensions to inflation developments

In 2023, pensions were adapted to inflation developments in accordance with Art. 36 para. 1 BVG/LPP. Beyond that, no adaptions were made to pensions pursuant to Art. 36 para. 2 BVG/LPP.

5.6 Composition of, development of, and explanation regarding actuarial reserves

5.6.1 Actuarial reserves

Actuarial reserves of the Foundation		Increase	
	31.12.2023	Decrease	31.12.2022
	CHF	2023	CHF
Reserve for retirement losses	755,580,944.00	-51,428,013.50	807,008,957.50
Reserve for exit losses	25,237.00	-15,068.00	40,305.00
Provision for fundamentals risk	75,488,397.00	18,200,545.00	57,287,852.00
Provision for extending the term of	15,920,409.00	15,920,409.00	0.00
disability pensions			
Balance as at December 31	847,014,987.00		864,337,114.50

The reserve for retirement losses serves to cover the financing gap between the available retirement assets at the time of retirement and the pension liabilities needed to cover the pension obligations. The calculation of the provision as at December 31, 2023, takes into account the increase in the reference age for women to 65 and the adjustment of the conversion model from January 1, 2025, including transitional provisions.

The reserve for exit losses serves to finance the difference between the statutory vested termination benefits accounts and the retirement assets of the insured persons.

The provision for fundamentals risk serves to finance increases in pensioners' liabilities caused by the deviation in the actual development of mortality from that of the model assumptions in the actuarial principles.

The provision for extending the term of disability pensions is used to cover the costs of continued payment/continuation of current disability pensions and the costs of the savings process for women who were (retroactively) entitled to a disability pension until age 64 as of December 31, 2023, within the scope of the AHV/OASI 21 reform, through to the current AHV/OASI reference age.

Balance as at December 31	2,957,082.00		3,462,314.00
components		-1,131,080.55	
Reserves for additional fund-specific benefit	2,957,082.00	625,848.55	3,462,314.00
	CHF	2023	CHF
benefits funds	31.12.2023	Decrease	31.12.2022
Actuarial reserves of the occupational		Increase	

Total portfolio as at December 31	849,972,069.00	867,799,428.50

Calculation of the reserves for retirement losses is governed by the regulations on the formation of provisions and reserves.

The reserves are calculated by the occupational pensions actuary.

5.7 Share of insurance surpluses

In 2023, AXA Life Ltd paid out a total of CHF 30,660,423.00 from the share of surpluses from the group insurance contract in respect of the 2022 insurance year:

- CHF 15,808,098.00 from the share of surpluses from the risk process
- CHF 14,488,988.00 from the share of surpluses from the saving process
- CHF 363,337.00 from the share of surpluses from the risk process for occupational benefits funds with their own separate bonus formula

	2023	2022
	CHF	CHF
Total share of surpluses received from insurance	30,660,423.00	24,614,125.00
of which allocated to Foundation assets	30,297,086.00	24,378,171.00
of which credited to occupational benefits funds	363,337.00	235,954.00

5.8 Conclusions of the last actuarial report

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The last actuarial report by Allvisa AG was produced on August 29, 2023, as at December 31, 2022. Among other things, the report determined that:

- The actuarial reserves were calculated using the BVG 2020 generation tables, BFS 2018, and a technical interest rate of 2.25 % as the actuarial fundamentals. The use of the BVG 2020 generation tables as the actuarial fundamentals and of BFS 2018 is deemed to be appropriate. The actuarial interest rate of 2.25 % to determine the actuarial reserves is assessed as appropriate from today's perspective.
- The target for the reserve for fluctuations in asset value (15.0 %) in respect of the autonomously invested active participants' and pensioners' liabilities, as well as actuarial reserves, is sufficient.
- As at December 31, 2022, the Foundation offers sufficient security to meet its actuarial obligations (the coverage ratio pursuant to Art. 44 BW 2/OPP 2 is 100.6 %; the reserve for fluctuations in asset value is accrued to a level of 3.9 % of the target value).
- The regulatory actuarial provisions governing benefits and financing meet the statutory requirements.
- The measures taken to cover the actuarial risks (old age, death, disability) are assessed as sufficient from today's perspective.

5.9 Actuarial principles and other significant actuarial assumptions

5.9.1 Reinsurance coverage of risks

The Foundation has reinsured the actuarial risks of disability and death under a group insurance contract with AXA Life Ltd. The actuarial principles are based on the currently prevailing group life insurance rate of AXA Life Ltd as approved by the Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority FINMA.

5.9.2 Risks borne autonomously by the Foundation

Since 2019 the Foundation has provided new current retirement and connected survivors' pensions at its own risk. The actuarial calculations are performed in accordance with recognized principles on the actuarial basis of the BVG 2020 generation tables and an actuarial interest rate of 2.25 % (as in prior year). This does not apply to pensions brought into the fund as part of a new affiliation, whose valuation in the first five years of affiliation is determined by applying the actuarial interest rate (maximum of 2.25 %) used for calculating the purchase amount.

5.10 Change in actuarial bases and assumptions

5.10.1 Reinsurance coverage of risks

The FINMA-approved AXA Life Ltd rates applied by the Foundation were adjusted for 2023. While overall the risk premium for death and disability risk benefits rose slightly, the amount of the risk premium depends not only on the basic rate but also on other factors such as the sector to which the employer belongs and, in the case of disability, the risk experience for the insured group of persons.

5.10.2 Risks borne autonomously by the Foundation

No change

5.11 Foundation coverage rate according to Art. 44 BVV 2 / OPP 2

	31.12.2023	31.12.2022
Net assets at market values (pension assets)	CHF	CHF
Assets	33,170,462,162.99	29,402,794,852.68
./. Liabilities	-902,519,330.17	-761,262,301.22
./. Accrued liabilities and deferred income	-5,981,256.50	-8,170,813.35
./. Employer-paid contribution reserve	-283,786,184.63	-281,114,715.83
./. Non-actuarial reserves	-77,708,935.43	-147,833,795.80
./. Non-committed funds (unallocated assets) of occupational		
benefits funds	-117,152,016.19	-95,194,397.28
Total pension assets	31,783,314,440.07	28,109,218,829.20

Actuarial pension liabilities (PL)

Active participants' liabilities	26,530,769,331.42	24,966,585,843.67
Pensioners' liabilities	2,759,885,137.28	2,111,509,608.86
Actuarial reserves	849,972,069.00	867,799,428.50
Total PL	30,140,626,537.70	27,945,894,881.03
Foundation coverage rate according to Art. 44 BVV 2 / OPP 2	105.5 %	100.6 %

The coverage rate of the individual occupational benefits funds is dependent on any available non-committed funds and may, therefore, deviate from the coverage rate of the Foundation.

6 Comments on investments and net return on investments

6.1 Organization of investment activities, investment advisor, investment manager, and investment rules and regulations

The principles and guidelines governing the organization of investment activities and asset management are contained in the investment regulations. The Foundation's governance structure in the area of asset management comprises the Board of Trustees, the investment committee, and the managing director.

Investment controller	Stephan Skaanes, PPCmetrics AG, Zurich
External specialist	Ivana Reiss

Asset management by AXA Insurance Ltd

(authorized in accordance with Art. 48f para. 4g BVV 2/OPP2)

Asset manager AXA Insurance Ltd, Winterthur

The AXA Foundation for Occupational Benefits, as an occupational benefits institution, implements its investment strategy exclusively with collective investment schemes (with the exception of the derivative financial instruments permitted under the investment regulations). The Foundation is the sponsor and sole investor of the single-investor fund "AXA Strategy Fund Professional Invest" (managed by Credit Suisse Funds AG) and an investor in further collective investment schemes in which the asset manager invests for the Foundation's account. The single-investor fund "AXA Strategy Fund Professional Invest" is a subfund of the umbrella fund "AXA BVG Strategy Fund" established by Credit Suisse Funds AG. The umbrella fund is aimed exclusively at qualified investors within the meaning of Art. 10 para. 3 CISA in conjunction with Art. 4 para. 3 let. f FinSA.

The single-investor fund "AXA Strategy Fund Professional Invest" invests in accordance with the investment strategy of the AXA Foundation for Occupational Benefits in shares, bonds, real estate, mortgages, and alternative investments within the provisions of the Federal Act on Occupational Retirement, Survivors' and Invalidity Pension Provision (BVG/BVV 2 / LPP/OPP 2). Compliance by the asset manager with the investment guidelines is monitored by the fund management of Credit Suisse Funds.

Fund management of the single investor fund	Credit Suisse Funds AG, Zurich
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The provisions of Art. 48f BVV 2/OPP 2 are being complied with.

Investment manager per asset class as at December 31, 2023

Asset class	Investment manager	Accreditation
CHF bonds	AXA Investment Managers Switzerland Ltd, Zurich	FINMA
		(Switzerland)
	Lombard Odier Asset Management (Switzerland) SA,	FINMA
	Petit-Lancy	(Switzerland)
CHF mortgages	AXA Insurance Ltd, Winterthur	FINMA
		(Switzerland)
Foreign currency bonds (hedged)	AXA Investment Managers Paris SA, Paris	AMF (France)
	PIMCO Europe GmbH, Munich, with delegation of	BaFin (Germany)
	investment decisions to Pacific Investment	SEC (USA)
	Management Company LLC, Newport Beach	
	JPMorgan Asset Management (UK) Limited, London,	FCA (UK)
	with delegation of investment decisions to JPMorgan	SEC (USA)
	Investment Management Inc., New York	
	Zürcher Kantonalbank, Zurich	FINMA
		(Switzerland)
Emerging market bonds	AllianceBernstein Limited, London, with delegation of	FCA (UK)
	investment decisions to AllianceBernstein LP,	SEC (USA)
	New York	
	Capital International Sàrl, Geneva	FINMA
		(Switzerland)
Swiss equities	Credit Suisse Asset Management (Switzerland) Ltd,	FINMA
	Zurich	(Switzerland)
Equities, global (hedged)	BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited,	FCA (UK)
	London	
	UBS AG, Asset Management, Zurich	FINMA
		(Switzerland)
Small cap equities, global (hedged)	Credit Suisse Asset Management (Switzerland) Ltd,	FINMA
	Zurich	(Switzerland)
Emerging market equities	BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited,	FCA (UK)
	London, with some delegation of investment decisions	SFC (Hong Kong)
	to BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited,	
	Hong Kong	
	UBS AG, Asset Management, Zurich	FINMA
		(Switzerland)
Infrastructure	BlackRock Financial Management, Inc, New York	SEC (USA)
Private equity	Ardian France SA, Paris	AMF (France)
Private debt/alternative credit	StepStone Group Europe Alternative Investments Ltd,	CBI (Ireland)
	Dublin, with delegation of advisory to Swiss Capital	FINMA
	Alternative Investments AG, Zurich	(Switzerland)
Swiss real estate	AXA Investment Managers Switzerland Ltd, Zurich	FINMA
		(Switzerland)
Global real estate (hedged)	UBS Asset Management (UK) Ltd, London	FCA (UK)

Account / custody account management

The accounts and custody accounts are managed by Credit Suisse (Schweiz) AG.

6.2 Availment of expanded investment possibilities (Art. 50 para. 4 BVV 2 / OPP 2) with conclusive proof of compliance with security and risk distribution (Art. 50 para. 1 to 3 BVV 2 / OPP 2)

The investment regulations provide that expansions of investment possibilities within the meaning of Art. 50 para. 4 BVV 2/OPP 2 may be availed of. No use was made of this option in the reporting year.

6.3 Target reserve for fluctuations in asset value and calculation of the reserve

The Foundation's target reserve for fluctuations in asset value is determined using the value-at-risk method. The appropriateness of the target value is reviewed by the Board of Trustees periodically, or when exceptional events so require, and, if necessary, adjusted. A level of certainty of 97.5 % over a period of one year is aimed for.

The Board of Trustees has set the target reserve for fluctuations in the asset value at 15 % of the autonomously invested active participants' and pensioners' liabilities, as well as the actuarial reserves.

6.3.1	Reserve for fluctuations in asset value of Foundation	31.12.2023	31.12.2022
		CHF	CHF
	Reserve for fluctuations as shown in the balance sheet	1,642,687,902.37	163,323,948.17
	Target amount of reserve for fluctuations	4,521,093,980.66	4,191,884,232.15
	Shortfall in reserve for fluctuations (reserve deficit)	2,878,406,078.29	4,028,560,283.98
	Reserve for fluctuations as % of the target amount	36.3 %	3.9 %

5.4 Breakdown of investments into investment categories

	31	.12.2023	Strategy		Bandwidth
Asset class	CHF	in %	in %	min. %	max. %
Liquidity CHF	1,163,963,755	3.55	1	0	10
CHF bonds	4,290,738,292	13.05	14	11	17
CHF mortgages	1,303,438,311	3.97	4	0	10
Foreign currency bonds (hedged)	4,223,723,533	12.85	14	11	17
Emerging market bonds	1,170,443,046	3.56	4	2	6
Swiss equities	976,528,794	2.97	3	1	5
Equities, global (hedged)	7,728,766,392	23.51	24	21	27
Small cap equities, global (hedged)	982,998,453	2.99	3	1	5
Emerging market equities	1,311,953,094	3.99	4	2	6
Infrastructure	250,506,606	0.76	0	0	3
Private equity	1,081,909,499	3.29	3	1	5
Private debt/alternative credit	230,016,837	0.70	0	0	3
Other alternative investments	0	0.00	0	0	5
Swiss real estate	7,233,266,347	22.01	23	18	28
Global real estate (hedged)	919,968,125	2.80	3	0	5
Total investments of Foundation	32,868,221,084	100.00			
of which total shares		33.46	34	25	43
of which foreign currencies (not hedged)		13.03	11	5	17
Investments of occupational benefits funds					
Custom Invest 1)	27,465,681				
Accounts receivable	6,601,370				
Assets with AXA Life Ltd	18,111,475				
Accounts receivable from affiliated					
employers	232,458,474				
./. Del credere	-1,835,125				
Prepayments and accrued income	19,439,204				
Total assets	33,170,462,163				

¹⁾ In the context of a pension solution authorized by the Board of Trustees, six occupational benefits funds invest their unallocated assets for their own account and at their own discretion in accordance with the "Custom Invest" investment regulations.

Confirmation of compliance with limits

The limits according to Art. 54, Art. 54a, Art. 54b, Art. 55, and Art. 57 BVV 2/OPP 2 are being complied with.

Breakdown of investments into investment categories, prior year

	31	.12.2022	Strategy	1	Bandwidth
Asset class	CHF	in %	in %	min. %	max. %
Liquidity CHF	910,216,597	3.12	1	0	10
CHF bonds	3,666,206,183	12.58	14	11	17
CHF mortgages	1,149,247,144	3.94	4	0	10
Foreign currency bonds (hedged)	3,596,355,858	12.34	14	11	17
High-yield bonds (hedged)	0	0.00	0	0	3
Emerging market bonds	1,184,989,627	4.07	4	2	6
Swiss equities	881,760,796	3.03	3	1	5
Equities, global (hedged)	6,810,006,622	23.37	24	21	27
Small cap equities, global (hedged)	760,877,102	2.61	3	1	5
Emerging market equities	1,177,945,955	4.04	4	2	6
Infrastructure	42,656,591	0.15	0	0	3
Private equity	1,018,592,308	3.50	3	1	5
Private debt/alternative credit	0	0.00	0	0	3
Other alternative investments	0	0.00	0	0	5
Swiss real estate	6,837,906,653	23.47	23	18	28
Global real estate (hedged)	1,100,817,121	3.78	3	0	5
Total investments of Foundation	29,137,578,557	100.00			
of which total shares		33.05	34	25	43
of which foreign currencies (not hedged)		12.69	11	5	17
Investments of occupational benefits funds					
Custom Invest 1)	17,444,455				
Accounts receivable	9,564,780				
Assets with AXA Life Ltd	21,163,427				
Accounts receivable from affiliated					
employers	202,531,125				
./. Del credere	-1,376,389				
Prepayments and accrued income	15,888,898				
Total assets	29,402,794,853				

¹⁾ In the context of a pension solution authorized by the Board of Trustees, four occupational benefits funds invested their unallocated assets for their own account and at their own discretion in accordance with the "Custom Invest" investment regulations.

Confirmation of compliance with limits

The limits according to Art. 54, Art. 54a, Art. 54b, Art. 55, and Art. 57 BW 2/OPP 2 were complied with.

Current (open) financial derivative instruments

No derivatives are held directly. However, the Foundation has invested in collective investment vehicles in which financial derivative instruments are used. The provisions of Art. 56a BVV 2/OPP 2 are being complied with.

Deeds of pledge

None

Open commitments

None

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Market value and counterparties in securities lending

The Foundation has not engaged in direct securities lending and repurchase transactions since it invests exclusively in collective investment schemes. The investment guidelines defined by the Board of Trustees for the single-investor fund "AXA Strategy Fund Professional Invest" exclude securities lending.

Comments on net return on investments	2023	2022
	CHF	CHF
Net return on investments, Foundation	1,910,278,702.15	-2,794,142,754.29
Securities income	1,908,699,331.49	-2,793,952,554.65
Interest on liquid assets (net)	1,579,370.66	-190,199.64
Net return on investments, Custom Invest occupational		
benefits funds	1,369,519.37	-1,824,985.99
Securities income	1,369,269.21	-1,824,190.41
Interest on liquid assets (net)	250.16	-795.58
Other income from assets	-2,143,626.91	-2,069,889.08
Interest on assets/obligations with AXA Life Ltd	19,069.78	35,232.43
Interest income on accounts receivable from employers	3,646,061.45	3,194,884.52
Interest on vested termination benefits accounts/insurance benefits	-6,314,146.52	-5,726,453.56
Interest on takeover/transfer of participants	504,960.93	426,280.98
Interest income on accounts receivable	427.45	166.55
Administration cost of investments	-105,931,144.50	-143,476,222.66
Fotal	1,803,573,450.11	-2,941,513,852.02

			2023
	TWR total	Benchmark	Contribution
	in %	perf. in %	in %
Liquidity CHF (excl. operational liquidity)	0.85	1.34	0.01
CHF bonds	7.18	7.36	0.95
CHF mortgages	2.92	5.03	0.13
Foreign currency bonds (hedged)	-3.52	-3.84	-0.53
Emerging market bonds	1.13	0.96	0.04
Swiss equities	5.48	6.09	0.17
Equities, global (hedged)	13.81	12.82	3.20
Small cap equities, global (hedged)	7.72	5.29	0.22
Emerging market equities	-0.42	-0.10	0.00
Infrastructure	-10.65	4.94	-0.06
Private equity	-8.58	13.51	-0.31
Private debt/alternative credit	-8.25	3.89	-0.03
Swiss real estate	1.15	2.00	0.29
Global real estate (hedged)	-15.32	2.00	-0.57
Performance interim total		5.07	3.51
Fees & taxes, FX hedge effect overlay and other effects			2.51
Operational liquidity			-0.02
Investment performance, Foundation		7.54	6.00

Performance is calculated using the time-weighted rate of return (TWR) method.

Comments on the asset management costs 6.10

6.10.1 Administration cost of investments, Foundation	2023	2022
	CHF	CHF
Sum of cost indicators for collective investment schemes (TER) 1)	105,529,473.00	143,051,224.96
Transaction costs fund units (TTC costs) 2)	3,100.00	8,200.00
Other direct asset management costs	37,917.00	37,687.15
Fee for independent investment consulting	241,921.10	291,126.60
Total	105,812,411.10	143,388,238.71

¹⁾ The TER include the costs of asset manager AXA Insurance Ltd as well as safekeeping, administration, benchmarking, analysis, and service fees.

²⁾ Transaction costs for subscription and redemption of unit certificates of the strategy fund.

Administration cost of investments, occupational benefits funds	2023	
	CHF	CHF
Sum of cost indicators for collective investment schemes (TER)	118,361.00	87,465.00
Transaction costs and taxes	372.40	518.95
Total	118,733.40	87,983.95
Total administration cost of investments	105,931,144.50	143,476,222.66

	31.12.2023	31.12.2022
	CHF	CHF
Total investments	32,895,686,764.32	29,155,023,011.51
Total transparent investments	32,895,686,764.32	29,155,023,011.51
Total investment costs as a percentage of		
transparent investments	0.32 %	0.49 %
Cost transparency ratio	100.00 %	100.00 %

Non-transparent collective investment schemes

None

6.10.2 Refunds / retrocessions

Any refunds/retrocessions from investments are credited to the Foundation.

The use of any retrocessions, remuneration, fees, commission, repayments, discounts, sales commissions, etc., which persons and institutions entrusted with asset management receive in the exercise of their activities on behalf of the Foundation is governed by the arrangements entered into under the asset management agreements. On an annual basis, they must submit a written confirmation or statement and pass on all pecuniary advantages to the Foundation that they receive above and beyond this amount from their activities on behalf of the Foundation.

6.10.3 Shareholders' rights

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The Foundation does not invest in equities directly and therefore has no shareholders' rights.

6.11 Comments on investments in employers' entities and employer-paid contribution reserve

.11.1	Accounts receivable from affiliated employers	31.12.2023	31.12.2022
		CHF	CHF
	Accounts receivable from affiliated employers (open contributions)	232,458,474.18	202,531,125.58
	./. Del credere	-1,835,125.00	-1,376,389.00
	Balance as at December 31	230,623,349.18	201,154,736.58

As at March 31, 2024, these accounts receivable were reduced by payments from the respective employers to CHF 52,373,994.12 (prior year: CHF 42,380,913.84).

The Foundation levied default interest of 5.00 %, as in the prior year.

Employer-paid contribution reserve	2023	2022
	CHF	CHF
Balance as at January 1	281,114,715.83	255,135,844.28
Transfers to employer-paid contribution reserve		
(incl. any takeovers of occupational benefits funds)	51,751,621.22	72,294,818.50
Withdrawal to finance contributions	-46,262,656.36	-42,981,517.47
Transfer in the case of withdrawals from occupational benefits funds	-1,744,289.15	-2,067,067.75
Decrease in favor of non-committed funds	-1,073,206.91	-1,267,361.73
Balance as at December 31	283,786,184.63	281,114,715.83

As in the previous year, the employer-paid contribution reserve attracted no interest.

7 Comments on other positions in the balance sheet and operating account

7.1 Comments on asset accounts

7.1.1 Accounts receivable

This position contains mainly accounts receivable from other occupational benefits institutions as well as from insureds.

7.1.2 Assets with AXA Life Ltd

These comprise balances on Foundation accounts with AXA Life Ltd.

7.1.3 Prepayments and accrued income

These consist mainly of prepaid pensions as well as contributions earned but not yet settled.

7.2 Comments on liability accounts

7.2.1 Vested termination benefits accounts and pensions

These consist largely of vested termination benefits not yet transferred to other occupational benefits institutions as well as vested termination benefits received but not yet included.

7.2.2 Other liabilities

These are mainly liabilities toward the BVG (LOB) Guarantee Fund.

7.2.3 Accrued liabilities and deferred income

This position comprises mainly contribution refunds that have not yet been credited in favor of affiliated employers.

7.2.4 Non-actuarial reserves

Non-actuarial reserves were created in order to facilitate benefits from previous years stemming from partial liquidations where payment was not yet definitively fixed by the end of the 2023 financial year. Based on up-to-date information relating to the partial liquidations, the Non-actuarial reserves were updated to CHF 77,708,935.43 as at December 31, 2023.

Non-committed funds (unallocated assets) of occupational	31.12.2023	31.12.2022
benefits funds	CHF	CHF
Non-committed funds of occupational benefits funds		
(excluding Custom Invest) 1)	89,453,544.87	77,565,677.88
Non-committed funds of Custom Invest occupational benefits funds		
(investments for own account and at own discretion)	27,465,770.07	17,444,455.10
Financing reserves of occupational benefits funds in the context of an		
affiliation solution	232,701.25	184,264.30
Balance as at December 31	117,152,016.19	95,194,397.28

 $^{^{1)}}$ In 2023, non-committed funds of occupational benefits funds bore interest of 1.00 %, as in the prior year.

7.3 Comments on operating accounts

7.3.1	Breakdown of total contributions	2023	2022
		CHF	CHF
	Savings contributions	2,047,972,682.49	1,871,181,925.29
	Risk contributions	273,629,458.30	247,298,300.81
	Cost contributions	82,715,195.20	73,322,727.65
	Contributions to the BVG (LOB) Guarantee Fund	11,633,747.05	11,510,860.20
	Total	2,415,951,083.04	2,203,313,813.95
	of which employee contributions	1,051,346,781.80	962,241,311.60
	of which employer contributions	1,363,025,085.84	1,239,649,526.19
	of which contributions from non-committed funds of		
	occupational benefits funds	1,579,215.40	1,422,976.16
7.3.2	Transfers following takeover / transfer in the case of collective exit		
	Transfers following takeover of participants	2023	2022
		CHF	CHF
	Non-committed funds	32,938,626.21	29,245,255.20
	Total	32,938,626.21	29,245,255.20
	Transfer of additional assets in the case of collective exit	2023	2022
		CHF	CHF
	Non-committed funds	2,278,969.44	2,360,363.16
	Total	2,278,969.44	2,360,363.16
7.3.3	Retirement pensions paid	2023	2022
		CHF	CHF
	Pensions borne autonomously by the Foundation	132,685,581.05	97,389,931.20
	Reinsured pensions	380,284,878.70	390,817,558.95
	Total	512,970,459.75	488,207,490.15
7.3.4	Survivors' pensions paid	2023	2022
		CHF	CHF
	Pensions borne autonomously by the Foundation	779,153.75	636,598.95
	Reinsured pensions	71,073,228.35	69,144,458.21
	Total	71,852,382.10	69,781,057.16

7.3.5 Withdrawals for encouragement of home ownership / divorce

Withdrawals for purchase of residential property	2023	2022
Number	977	811
Total amount in CHF	97,206,112.79	73,759,554.93
Pledges for residential property	2023	2022
Number	184	244
Payments following divorce	2023	2022
Number	447	395
Total amount in CHF	39,677,141.34	36,384,298.36

7.3.6 Insurance benefits

These contain the retirement, survivors', and disability benefits (pensions and capital) received from AXA Life Ltd, savings contribution exemptions, premium waivers, as well as reimbursement values in the case of contract terminations.

7.3.7 Cost premiums / administration expenses

Cost premiums	2023	2022
	CHF	CHF
Costs for general administration expenses	59,332,700.97	57,274,235.55
Marketing and advertising expenses	996,631.13	969,203.11
Remuneration for distribution and closing costs	48,765,301.00	44,297,826.59
of which remuneration for brokers	20,722,297.70	18,106,370.10
of which remuneration for distribution costs, excl. brokers'		
commission	28,043,003.30	26,191,456.49
Total	109,094,633.10	102,541,265.25

The cost premium is an element of the insurance cost booked in the reporting year. It reflects the compensation which the Foundation pays to AXA Life Ltd for administration and services in accordance with the insurance and management contract as well as to recompense sales costs such as closing and brokerage commissions.

Administration expenses

The administration expenses reported in the operating accounts contain administration cost contributions for special expenses and services billed to the Foundation in addition to the cost premium as well as direct Foundation

Costs of special expenses

(financed by occupational benefits funds, employers, insured	2023	2022
participants) 1)	CHF	CHF
Costs of purchase calculation for early retirement	200.00	200.00
Costs of purchase	4,900.00	4,800.00
Costs of processing promotion of home ownership	534,483.75	473,788.00
Costs of debt collection	726,526.50	825,807.43
Costs of total and partial liquidation of occupational benefits funds	1,387,059.50	1,291,941.88
Costs of voluntary distribution of non-committed funds	16,294.35	27,749.98
Costs of reporting	186,150.00	169,900.00
Costs of special services	238,182.75	188,865.00
Costs of occupational pensions actuary	4,296.50	3,796.45
Total	3,098,093.35	2,986,848.74

¹⁾ These costs financed by occupational benefits funds, employers, or insured participants do not influence the Foundation's income/

Direct Foundation costs	2023	2022
(financed from Foundation assets)	CHF	CHF
Costs for administration of autonomous pensioners	771,670.50	588,042.00
Costs of compensating the Board of Trustees	355,596.95	345,594.66
Costs of training for the Board of Trustees	5,520.00	4,990.00
Advisory costs 2)	170,793.99	155,894.20
Auditor's costs	97,950.85	78,251.60
Costs of occupational pensions actuary	163,208.95	125,621.50
Costs of direct supervision	84,600.00	73,100.00
Costs of Occupational Pension Supervisory Commission	114,258.00	103,455.30
Costs of special expenses	12,253.30	8,484.40
Total	1,775,852.54	1,483,433.66

Total	administration expenses	4,873,945.89	4,470,282.40

²⁾ In 2023, the Foundation assumed part of these costs CHF 38,279.75 (prior year: CHF 86,806.10). The amounts credited are contained in the position "Other income".

7.3.8 Income from services rendered

For the purpose of settling special expenses (e.g. for debt enforcement/debt collection measures, processing promotion of home ownership, contract terminations), additional cost contributions were levied in accordance with the cost regulations.

7.3.9 Other income

This position contains above all credits from the Founder regarding the assumption of losses on receivables as well as cost contributions billed for official collection costs.

7.3.10 Other expenses

This consists largely of losses on receivables, the formation of del credere, and the premium for asset loss liability insurance.

7.3.11 Expense surplus of occupational benefits funds (net)

The distribution of non-committed funds in favor of insured participants is the main reason for the expense surplus.

Income surplus of Foundation	2023	2022
	CHF	CHF
Interest on active participants' liabilities	-248,285,614.21	-343,797,483.44
Decrease in actuarial reserves of the Foundation (net)	17,322,127.50	621,529,216.66
Autonomously paid pensions and change in pension liabilities for		
pensioners (net)	-156,144,903.17	-31,427,749.62
Decrease/increase in Non-actuarial reserves	70,124,860.37	-147,833,795.80
Exit loss on vested termination benefits	-1,796.20	-6,380.50
Insurance expense financed by the Foundation	-31,958,669.80	-34,299,621.10
Net return on investments	1,802,322,670.24	-2,939,600,396.48
Share of insurance surpluses	30,297,086.00	24,378,171.00
Interest on non-committed funds of occupational benefits funds	-787,124.85	-778,307.75
Direct Foundation costs (administration expenses)	-1,775,852.54	-1,483,433.66
Costs assumed by Founder	38,279.75	86,806.10
Losses on receivables (net)	-1,449,379.44	-1,542,355.13
Losses on receivables	-1,753,272.03	-2,115,056.35
Losses on receivables assumed by Founder	303,892.59	572,701.22
Formation of del credere	-458,736.00	-383,729.00
Premium for asset loss liability insurance	-109,725.00	-109,725.00
Other expenses and income (net)	230,731.55	250,025.64
Income/expense surplus prior to increase/decrease in		
reserves for fluctuations in asset value	1,479,363,954.20	-2,855,018,758.08
Increase/decrease in reserves for fluctuations in asset value	-1,479,363,954.20	2,855,018,758.08
Income surplus of Foundation	0.00	0.00

8 Supervisory authority requirements

None

9 Further information regarding financial situation

9.1 Underfunding / comments on measures taken (Art. 44 BVV 2 / OPP 2)

The Foundation is not underfunded.

9.2 Total and partial liquidations

The conditions for the partial liquidation of the Foundation and the execution of a partial liquidation procedure are laid down in the "Regulations on the partial liquidation of a collective foundation".

In the course of business operations, partial and total liquidation procedures are executed at the level of the occupational benefits funds. The requirements and procedures are laid down in the "Regulations on the partial and total liquidation of occupational benefits funds".

9.3 Legal proceedings in course

As at December 31, 2023, there were 25 legal proceedings pending in connection with benefit claims. They are being executed in collaboration with AXA Life Ltd and/or an external law firm.

10 Events after the balance sheet date

None

The annual report of the AXA Foundation for Occupational Benefits, Winterthur is published in English, German, French and Italian. If the text of the English, French, or Italian versions differs from the original German text, the German version is binding.





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Report of the statutory auditor to the Foundation Board of AXA Foundation for Occupational Benefits, Winterthur, Winterthur

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of AXA Foundation for Occupational Benefits, Winterthur (the Occupational pension scheme), which comprise the balance sheet as at 31 December 2023, the operating accounts for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements comply with Swiss law, the foundation deed and the scheme regulations.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Swiss law and Swiss Standards on Auditing (SA-CH). Our responsibilities under those provisions and standards are further described in the "Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements" section of our report. We are independent of the Occupational pension scheme in accordance with the provisions of Swiss law and the requirements of the Swiss audit profession, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Other Information

The Foundation Board is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, but does not include the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon.

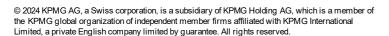
Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Foundation Board's Responsibilities for the Financial Statements

The Foundation Board is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the provisions of Swiss law, the articles of association and the scheme regulations, and for such internal control as the







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Foundation Board determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Responsibilities of the Expert in Occupational Benefits for the Audit of the Financial Statements

The Foundation Board appoints a statutory auditor as well as an expert in occupational benefits for the audit. The expert in occupational benefits is responsible for evaluating the necessary reserves for underwriting insurancerelated risk, consisting of pension liabilities and actuarial reserves. Assessing the evaluation of the pension liabilities and actuarial reserves is not a task of the statutory auditor pursuant to Art. 52c para. 1 let. a of the Swiss Occupational Pensions Act (OPA). In accordance with Art. 52e para. 1 OPA, the expert in occupational benefits also evaluates whether the occupational pension scheme provides assurance that it can meet its obligations and whether all insurance-related provisions regarding benefits and funding in the scheme regulations comply with the legal requirements.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Swiss law and SA-CH will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Swiss law and SA-CH, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the internal control of the occupational pension scheme.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates, other than pension liabilities and actuarial reserves evaluated by the expert in occupational benefits.

We communicate with the Foundation Board regarding, among other matters, significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.



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Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

The Foundation Board is responsible for ensuring that the legal requirements are met and that the statutory and regulatory provisions on organization, management and investments are applied. In accordance with Art. 52c para. 1 OPA and Art. 35 of the Occupational Pensions Ordinance 2 (OPO 2) we have performed the prescribed procedures.

We have assessed whether:

- the organization and management comply with the legal and regulatory requirements and whether an internal control exists that is appropriate to the size and complexity of the Occupational pension scheme;
- the investment of assets complies with legal and regulatory requirements;
- the occupational pension accounts OPA comply with legal requirements;
- measures have been taken to ensure loyalty in fund management and whether the governing body has
 ensured to a sufficient degree that duties of loyalty are fulfilled and interests are disclosed;
- the non-committed funds or discretionary dividends from insurance contracts have been used in compliance with the legal and regulatory provisions;
- the legally required information and reports have been issued to the supervisory authority;
- the Occupational pension scheme's interests are safeguarded in disclosed transactions with related parties.

We confirm that the applicable legal, statutory and regulatory requirements have been met.

We recommend that the financial statements submitted to you be approved.

KPMG AG

Erich Meier Licensed Audit Expert Auditor in Charge Carole Gehrer
Licensed Audit Expert

Zurich, 19 June 2024

Enclosure

- Financial statements consisting of the balance sheet, operating accounts and notes