

Varma's Interim Report 1 January–30 June 2025

The comparison figures in parentheses are from 30 June 2024 unless otherwise indicated.

- Total result amounted to EUR -24 (1,684) million.
- The six-month return on investments was 1.7 (5.9) per cent, and the market value of investments was EUR 64.9 (64.4 on 1 Jan) billion.
- Solvency capital amounted to EUR 16,769 (16,793 on 1 Jan) million and 1.7 (1.7 on 1 Jan) times the solvency limit

The economic operating environment

The direction of US trade policy gave rise to growing concern over the development of the global economy. The US President's tariff announcements to the country's trade partners caused a brief but strong reaction on the investment markets, which added to the uncertainty over economic development. The USA's total output shrunk in the first quarter of the year, but employment development remained stable. Economic growth in Europe accelerated briefly at the start of the year, when export orders to the USA were advanced to beat the tariff increase. The significant measures announced by Germany to strengthen the defence sector and the country's infrastructure raised expectations of accelerated growth in the eurozone in the coming years. China's economic growth remained relatively strong, supported by public sector stimulus measures that helped accelerate the recovery in private consumption. Finland's economy began to show fragile signs of recovery after stagnating at the turn of the year, but cuts in public finances and a weak labour market kept consumers cautious.

Inflation slowed in the eurozone, and the European Central Bank continued to ease its monetary policy. The central bank predicts that the current monetary policy measures will keep inflation close to its target level, so the present monetary easing cycle appears to be nearing its end. Inflation also moderated in the USA in the second quarter, although uncertainty over import tariffs and inflation remaining above the target rate put the brakes on the Fed's plan to ease monetary policy. The future direction of US monetary policy will likely be determined by the relative development of employment and inflation.

The geopolitical situation remained tense. The war in Ukraine intensified, and military actions between Israel and Iran escalated in June, with the USA also becoming involved in the conflict.

Earnings-related pension system

Preparations for the legislative changes and implementation required by the pension system reforms announced in January 2025 have continued under the leadership of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health. The deadline for the working group is 31 March 2026.

The Finnish Government commissioned an assessment of the need to develop the Self-employed Persons' Pensions Act (YEL). At the end of 2024, the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health appointed an investigator for the assessment, whose term started at the beginning of 2025. The assessment is expected to be completed by the end of November this year. It seeks solutions for improving how income used as the basis for the self-employed's pension contributions and pension is determined. In connection with the assessment, other necessary amendments for developing the YEL system will also be considered.



The insurance contribution interest rate used in TyEL and YEL insurance contributions was 2.65 per cent during the first half of the year. As of the beginning of July, the TyEL insurance contribution interest rate has been 2.10 per cent, while the YEL insurance contribution interest rate has remained at 2.65 per cent.

Varma's economic development

Varma's total result at fair value for the six-month period amounted to EUR -24 (1,684) million. The most significant factor of the total result is the investment result, which was EUR -28 (1,667) million. The return on investments at fair value amounted to EUR 1,089 (3,482) million, and the interest credited on the technical provisions was EUR 1,118 (1,814) million. The estimated technical underwriting result was EUR 5 (17) million. Following the introduction of the company-specific administrative cost component, Varma collects from its customers an administrative cost component that has been adjusted to reflect Varma's costs. The loading profit was EUR -1 (0) million.

Varma's solvency remained at a strong level. The solvency capital, which serves as a risk buffer for investment operations, was EUR 16,769 million at the end of June (EUR 16,793 mill. on 1 Jan), and 134.0 per cent in relation to the technical provisions (134.6 per cent on 1 Jan).

Solvency capital was on a solid level, i.e. 1.7 (1.7 on 1 Jan) times the solvency limit.

Tables illustrating Varma's financial development are presented as attachments to this half-year report.

Insurance business

Varma's pension recipients numbered 351,000 at the end of June (351,000 on 1 Jan). Claims paid in January–June totalled EUR 3,805 (3,618) million. Varma issued 25,780 pension decisions between January and June, 11,720 of which were new decisions, i.e. 2.7 per cent less than in the corresponding period of 2024. The number of partial old-age pension decisions decreased as much as 54 per cent. The number of applications decreased because this year not a single new age cohort will reach the lowest partial old-age pension age limit, which increased to 62 for those born in 1964. The number of old-age pension decisions increased, however, by 38 per cent. Since those born in 1961 will not reach the lowest retirement age until the end of the year at the earliest, the number of old-age pension applications is expected to decrease in the second half of the year. Similarly, the change in the retirement age was reflected in the lower number of applications in the first half of last year. In general, growth in the number of old-age pension applications is also affected by the fact that more and more people are working during their retirement and applying for the old-age pension that accrues on that work.

At the end of June, 643,000 (621,000 on 1 Jan) employees and entrepreneurs were insured by Varma. The TyEL payroll grew 3.9 per cent during the review period compared to the same period of 2024. EUR 73 million in annual premiums written will be transferred to Varma from other earnings-related pension insurance companies based on the review period, calculated based on the TyEL net transfer information in the applications. Sales of new pension insurance policies remained on a good level in January–June, at EUR 39 (44) million.

In June, the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health confirmed the actuarial principles that apply to the administrative cost component for Varma in 2026.

Based on amendments to the Self-Employed Persons' Pensions Act (YEL) that entered into force at the start of 2023, Varma is reviewing the income of 12,000 entrepreneurs in 2025. Varma will also review the YEL income of entrepreneurs whose YEL income has not been reviewed in the last three years.

Investments

Investment market sentiment plummeted following the US's announcement of import tariffs. After a period of intense turbulence, the US government backpedalled and granted additional time for trade negotiations, while also scaling back its threatened tariff levels. Investor risk appetite quickly returned, and attention gradually



shifted to the government's planned tax cuts. Government bond interest rates lacked a clear direction in the nervous market of the first half of the year, and the US dollar depreciated significantly in the currency markets.

In the first half of 2025, the return on Varma's investments was 1.7 (5.9) per cent and the value of investments was EUR 64,879 (62,069) million. Varma's solvency ratio declined slightly to 134.0 per cent (134.6 per cent on 31 Dec 2024).

Major volatility was seen on the equity markets in the second quarter of the year, and Varma's equity investments yielded 1.0 (9.1) per cent in the first half of the year. Listed equities yielded 3.6 (11.2) per cent, due in particular to the strong performance of Finnish equities. Following a correction in April, US equities rebounded strongly; however, the pronounced weakening of the US dollar kept the euro-denominated return on them negative in the first half of the year. The return on European equities was modest, and equity performance in other areas was inconsistent. The return on private equity investments was negative, at -4.1 (5.5) per cent, mainly due to the depreciated US dollar.

Uncertainty about trade, financial and monetary policies swayed interest rates globally in the first half of the year. The year started with rising interest rates, but the situation eased considerably in summer. Government bonds were among the top performers among bonds, with emerging market bonds in the lead. Corporate bond credit spreads widened sharply in April but quickly narrowed again. This recovery, along with falling interest rates, supported the returns on corporate bonds. The return on loan receivables was modest in the first half of the year.

The return on real estate investments was positive, at 1.2 (-2.4) per cent. Following the cooling of the interest rate environment, real estate valuations have begun to stabilise. The real estate market has still not bounced back from the recession, however. The fair value of Varma's directly owned real estate portfolio is assessed regularly, and an impairment of EUR 19 million was recorded in the portfolio. The impairment was based on the assessment of an independent third party.

The return on other investments in January–June was 3.2 (6.0) per cent. Hedge funds performed relatively consistently, and the turbulence on the listed market had only a mild impact on the asset class's performance. Due to the low duration, interest rate changes also had only a limited impact on hedge fund returns.

Varma has USD-denominated investments in almost all asset classes. In accordance with Varma's investment policy, part of the currency risk is hedged. In terms of operations, foreign currency risks are managed as a whole, and in financial reporting, the exchange rate impact is included in the returns of various asset classes. The US dollar depreciated significantly against the euro in the first half of the year, which had a negative impact on Varma's investment returns.

Varma's investment activities focussed on maintaining the company's secure solvency position, broadly diversifying investments and strongly emphasising risk management. In its investment risk management, the company used derivatives for hedging purposes and to control the risk level of the portfolio. The market risk of investments is the greatest risk affecting the company's result and solvency. Equities constitute by far the greatest market risk. The VaR (Value-at-Risk) figure describing the total risk of Varma's investments stood at EUR 3,400 (2,135) million.

Operating expenses and personnel

Varma's total operating expenses in the reporting period were EUR 70 (69) million. The loading profit during the period was EUR -1 (0) million. Varma implements statutory earnings-related pension cover in an efficient manner. Following the introduction of the company-specific administrative cost component, the administrative cost component included in the insurance contribution has been adjusted to reflect Varma's costs.

Varma's parent company had an average of 559 employees in the first half of the year (578 in 2024). At the end of June, Varma's personnel were distributed as follows: pension services 14 per cent, actuarial and insurance services 15 per cent, customer service departments 16 per cent, work ability services 12 per cent, investment operations 15 per cent, and other functions 28 per cent.



In terms of Varma's personnel development, the focus is on defining skills and competencies based on strategic targets together with the management team, and on including personnel in building the current and targeted work culture. In addition, lectures have been arranged for personnel covering themes such as strengthening psychological safety and promoting an anti-racist society.

Governance

Varma's Supervisory Board held its constitutive meeting on 21 May 2025. Christoph Vitzthum continues as Chair of the Supervisory Board. Päivi Leiwo and Petri Vanhala continue as Deputy Chairs.

An up-to-date Corporate Governance Statement based on the recommendations of the Finnish Corporate Governance Code is presented on Varma's website. Varma publishes quarterly interim reports. Varma's website also contains an up-to-date list of the positions of trust held by Varma's management.

Sustainability

In June 2025, Varma updated its principles for responsible investment in regard to controversial weapons. Varma excludes from its direct investments companies with verified involvement in, for example, nuclear weapons, anti-personnel mines, cluster bombs, and chemical and biological weapons, unless their headquarters are in a NATO country, Japan, South Korea, Australia, New Zealand (Indo Pacific Four) or Switzerland. The update was influenced by the change in Europe's security situation, the development of defence technology and the need to safeguard the profitability and security of pension assets in a changed environment.

Varma is a prominent and responsible owner. In the first half of 2025, Varma participated in over 400 shareholder meetings. The main themes at the spring shareholder meetings included the transparency of political donations in the USA and the ethical use of Al. Varma supported increased requirements for reporting political donations in five US companies, in spite of objections by many companies' boards of directors. In terms of Al, Varma supported shareholder proposals requiring companies to report on their use of data and to commit to ethical principles in the use of Al, especially in the development of generative Al.

The annual analysis of the equality of the boards of listed companies in Varma's investment portfolio has been completed. According to the analysis, one per cent of the boards of the listed companies in Varma's investment portfolio include only one gender. It is also worth noting that among the boards of listed companies in the investment portfolio, basic industries such as the chemical, forestry and mining industries, had the highest share of female board members, at 43 per cent.

Risk management

Varma's most significant risks are related to investment operations and information processing. Cyber risks in particular are estimated to remain elevated. The most significant financial risks are those concerning investments. Varma's liquidity remains at a secure level.

The risks of pension insurance operations are related to pension and insurance processing and to the effectiveness of the joint systems used in the sector. The risk level related to these has remained low.

The Board of Directors has confirmed the principles for the company's internal control and risk management system. More information about insurance, investment, operative and other risks, the means for managing them, as well as related quantitative data, are provided in the notes to Varma's financial statements.

Varma's Board of Directors' investment plan lays down the general security goals set for investments, the diversification and liquidity goals, and the principles for organising currency risk hedging. The diversification of the investment portfolio is based on allocation that takes into account the return correlations of asset classes. Varma's risk and solvency assessment describes Varma's key risks and the company's measures to manage them.



Outlook

The outlook for the economic operating environment is unclear. The global economy has grown moderately, and inflation has gradually slowed, but the USA's aggressive trade policy threatens to halt global economic growth and uphold higher inflation, especially in the USA. Global economic growth forecasts were revised downward in the first half 2025, and uncertainty about the future of the international trading system makes forecasting the coming quarters difficult. The effects of trade and financial policies on economic growth and inflation remain unclear, which has held back the easing of monetary policy, particularly in the USA. Once the direction of the tariff policies becomes clearer, the Fed is likely to continue its interest rate cuts in the second half of the year, however. In the eurozone, the cycle of easing monetary policy appears to be nearing its end.

Risk appetite has improved rapidly since the turbulence in the spring, but a more lasting stabilisation in the markets will likely depend on easing trade war fears. Equity market valuations have returned to high levels in the USA but remain noticeably more moderate elsewhere in the world. The US dollar has weakened significantly, which has supported the competitiveness of American exporters.

Varma's strong solvency position and careful risk management ensure good conditions for the favourable performance of investment returns and secure the pension benefits of the insured in various market conditions. Varma continues to effectively implement the earnings-related pension system.

Helsinki, 15 August 2025

Risto Murto President and CEO

The figures presented in this interim report are unaudited figures of the parent company.

Varma Mutual Pension Insurance Company is a responsible and solvent investor of pension funds. The company is responsible for the statutory earnings-related pension cover of 993,000 people in the private sector. Premiums written totalled EUR 6.7 billion in 2024 and pension payments stood at EUR 7.5 billion. Varma's investment portfolio amounted to EUR 64.9 billion at the end of June 2025.

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Balance sheet at fair values (Parent Company)

€ million	6/2025	6/2024	12/2024
Assets			
Investments	64,879	62,069	64,354
Receivables	1,880	1,780	1,395
Furniture and fixtures	2	2	2
Total Assets	66,760	63,851	65,751
Liabilities			
Capital and reserves	164	156	159
Valuation differences	14,924	14,561	14,989
Provision for future bonuses	1,694	986	1,657
Off-balance-sheet items other deductions	-12	-10	-13
Solvency capital, total	16,769	15,693	16,793
Provision for current bonuses (for client bonuses)	0	0	170
Equity-linked provision for current and future bonuses	1,511	945	1,334
Actual technical provision	47,787	46,567	47,100
Total	49,298	47,512	48,434
Other liabilities	692	646	354
Total Liabilities	66,760	63,851	65,751

Income statement at fair values (Parent Company)

€ million	1-6/2025	1-6/2024	1-12/2024
Premiums written	3,438	3,312	6,656
Claims paid	-3,805	-3,618	-7,263
Change in technical provisions	-695	-1,438	-2,363
Net investment income	1,112	3,506	6,071
Total operating expenses	-70	-69	-135
Other income/expenses	0	0	2
Taxes	-4	-8	-13
Total result 1)	-24	1,684	2,956

 $^{^{1)}}$ Result at fair value before the change in provision for current and future bonuses and equalisation provision

€ million	1-6/2025	1-6/2024	1-12/2024
Underwriting profit/loss	5	17	38
Investment result	-28	1,667	2,914
Loading profit	-1	0	2
Other income/expenses	0	0	2
Total result	-24	1,684	2,956

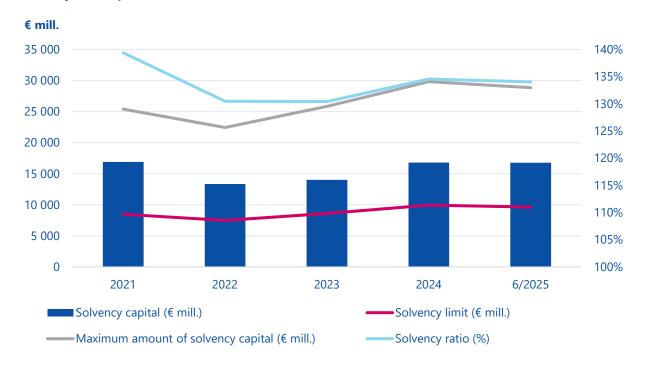


Solvency capital and limits

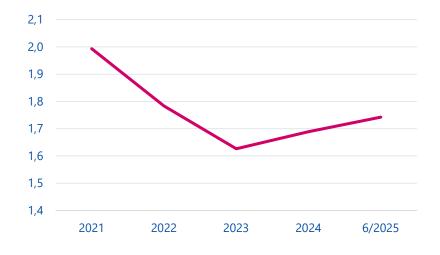
	30/06/2025	30/06/2024	31/12/2024
Solvency limit (€ mill.)	9,625	9,466	9,943
Maximum amount of solvency capital (€ mill.)	28,874	28,399	29,828
Solvency capital (€ mill.)	16,769	15,693	16,793
Solvency ratio (%) 1)	134.0	133.0	134.6
Solvency capital/Solvency limit ²⁾	1.7	1.7	1.7

¹⁾ Pension assets in relation to the technical provisions under §11 of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health's decree governing pension institutions (614/2008).

Solvency development



Solvency capital in relation to the solvency limit



²⁾ Solvency capital in relation to the solvency limit.

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Investments at fair value

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	€ mill.	%	€ mill.	%	€ mill.	%	€ mill.	%	€ mill.	%	€ mill.	%	%	%	%	
Fixed-income investments ¹	12,825	20	23,509	36	11,828	19	13,520	22	12,815	20	34,854	54	2.8	1.6	4.7	
Loan receivables	2,997	5	2,997	5	2,411	4	2,411	4	2,072	3	2,072	3	2.2	4.2	7.5	
Bonds	7,502	12	8,239	13	7,688	12	10,556	17	7,992	12	10,613	16	3.2	0.8	4.1	4.4
Public bonds	3,735	6	4,375	7	2,797	5	5,564	9	2,820	4	5,345	8	3.5	-1.5	1.5	
Other bonds	3,766	6	3,864	6	4,891	8	4,991	8	5,172	8	5,268	8	2.9	2.4	5.9	
Other money-market instruments and	2,327	4	12,273	19	1,729	3	553	1	2,751	4	22,169	34	2.4	1.3	3.6	
deposits																
Equity investments	35,527	55	35,779	55	34,194	55	34,361	55	35,134	55	35,437	55	1.0	9.1	14.9	
Listed equities	23,256	36	23,507	36	22,248	36	22,415	36	22,408	35	22,711	35	3.6	11.2	16.5	9.8
Private equity	11,135	17	11,135	17	11,067	18	11,067	18	11,704	18	11,704	18	-4.1	5.5	12.0	
Unlisted equities	1,137	2	1,137	2	879	1	879	1	1,022	2	1,022	2	3.8	2.6	12.7	
Real estate investments	5,776	9	5,776	9	5,636	9	5,636	9	5,717	9	5,717	9	1.2	-2.4	-2.8	
Direct real estates	2,998	5	2,998	5	3,011	5	3,011	5	3,028	5	3,028	5	1.2	-0.4	-0.9	
Real estate funds	2,777	4	2,777	4	2,626	4	2,626	4	2,689	4	2,689	4	1.1	-4.6	-4.9	
Other investments	10,751	17	10,743	17	10,411	17	10,392	17	10,687	17	10,696	17	3.2	6.0	10.5	
Hedge funds	10,746	17	10,746	17	10,413	17	10,413	17	10,667	17	10,667	17	3.2	6.1	10.5	1.4
Commodities	3	0	-5	0	3	0	-16	0	0	0	8	0				
Other investments	2	0	2	0	-5	0	-5	0	21	0	21	0				
Total investments	64,879	100	75,806	117	62,069	100	63,909	103	64,354	100	86,704	135	1.7	5.9	10.2	3.9
Impact of derivatives			-10,927	-17			-1,840	-3			-22,350	-35				
Investment allocation at fair value	64,879	100	64,879	100	62,069	100	62,069	100	64,354	100	64,354	100				

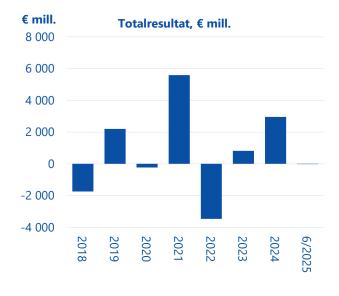
The modified duration for all the bonds is 6.7

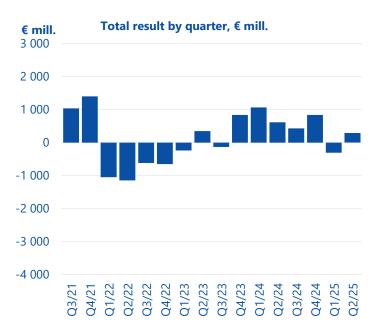
The open currency position is 26.1 per cent of the market value of the investments.

¹ Includes accrued interest

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Total result





Summary of the key figures

	1-6/2025	1-6/2024	1-12/2024
Premiums written, € million	3,438	3,312	6,656
Net investment income at fair value, € million	1,089	3,482	6,026
Return on invested capital, %	1.7	5.9	10.2
	6/2025	6/2024	12/2024
Technical provisions, € million	50,992	48,498	50,261
Solvency capital, € million	16,769	15,693	16,793
in relation to solvency limit	1.7	1.7	1.7
Pension assets, € million	66,035	63,178	65,365
% of technical provisions	134.0	133.0	134.6
TyEL payroll, € million	27,025	26,255	26,111
YEL payroll, € million	1,094	1,053	1,055

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Investments at fair value, broken down as per the regulations of the Financial Supervisory Authority

	Market value						Risk position						
	30 Jun	2025	30 Jun 2024 31 Dec 2024		-	30 Jun 2025	30 Jun 2024		31 Dec 2024				
	€ mill.	%	€ mill.	%	€ mill.	%	€ mill.	%	€ mill.	%	€ mill.	%	
Fixed-Income Investments	12,825	19.8	11,828	19.1	12,815	19.9	23,509	36.2	13,520	21.8	34,854	54.2	
Loan receivables	2,997	4.6	2,411	3.9	2,072	3.2	2,997	4.6	2,411	3.9	2,072	3.2	
Bonds	7,502	11.6	7,688	12.4	7,992	12.4	8,239	12.7	10,556	17.0	10,613	16.5	
Other money-market instruments and deposits	2,327	3.6	1,729	2.8	2,751	4.3	12,273	18.9	553	0.9	22,169	34.4	
Equity investments	35,527	54.8	34,194	55.1	35,134	54.6	35,779	55.1	34,361	55.4	35,437	55.1	
Listed equities	23,256	35.8	22,248	35.8	22,408	34.8	23,507	36.2	22,415	36.1	22,711	35.3	
Private equity	11,135	17.2	11,067	17.8	11,704	18.2	11,135	17.2	11,067	17.8	11,704	18.2	
Unlisted equities	1,137	1.8	879	1.4	1,022	1.6	1,137	1.8	879	1.4	1,022	1.6	
Real estate investments	5,776	8.9	5,636	9.1	5,717	8.9	5,776	8.9	5,636	9.1	5,717	8.9	
Direct real estates	2,998	4.6	3,011	4.9	3,028	4.7	2,998	4.6	3,011	4.9	3,028	4.7	
Real estate funds	2,777	4.3	2,626	4.2	2,689	4.2	2,777	4.3	2,626	4.2	2,689	4.2	
Other investments	10,751	16.6	10,411	16.8	10,687	16.6	10,743	16.6	10,392	16.7	10,696	16.6	
Hedge funds	10,746	16.6	10,413	16.8	10,667	16.6	10,746	16.6	10,413	16.8	10,667	16.6	
Commodities	3	0.0	3	0.0	0	0.0	-5	0.0	-16	0.0	8	0.0	
Other investments	2	0.0	-5	0.0	21	0.0	2	0.0	-5	0.0	21	0.0	
Total	64,879	100.0	62,069	100.0	64,354	100.0	75,806	116.8	63,909	103.0	86,704	134.7	
Impact of derivatives							-10,927	-16.8	-1,840	-3.0	-22,350	-34.7	
Total	64,879	100.0	62,069	100.0	64,354	100.0	64,879	100.0	62,069	100.0	64,354	100.0	

Modified duration of the bond portfolio 6.7



Net return on invested capital

	Net investment return at fair value	Invested capital	Return % on invested capital	Return % on invested capital	Return % on invested capital
			30 Jun 2025	30 Jun 2024	31 Dec 2024
	€ million	€ million	%	%	%
Fixed-Income Investments	346	12,510	2.8	1.6	4.7
Loan receivables	68	3,155	2.2	4.2	7.5
Bonds	219	6,914	3.2	0.8	4.1
Other money-market instruments and deposits	59	2,441	2.4	1.3	3.6
Equity investments	359	35,146	1.0	9.1	14.9
Listed equities	798	22,280	3.6	11.2	16.5
Private equity	-479	11,802	-4.1	5.5	12.0
Unlisted equities	40	1,064	3.8	2.6	12.7
Real estate investments	67	5,721	1.2	-2.4	-2.8
Direct real estates	36	3,019	1.2	-0.4	-0.9
Real estate funds	31	2,702	1.1	-4.6	-4.9
Real estate funds	340	10,734	3.2	6.0	10.5
Hedge funds	346	10,728	3.2	6.1	10.5
Commodities	-2	2			
Other investments	-4	4			
Total	1,111	64,111	1.7	5.9	10.3
Unallocated income, costs and operating	22	11			
expenses from investment activities					
Net investment return at fair value	1,089	64,122	1.7	5.9	10.2

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