

# Summary

Annual report 2015



# Important key figures 2014 2015

**Pensioners** 

All pensioners are reinsured with Zurich Life Insurance Company Ltd Active members

115,338 **116,968** 

Return on investments

8.18 % **1.23 %** 

Affiliated employers

18,950 **19,725** 

Assets in CHF million

10,281 **10,770** 

Interest on mandatory savings capital

2.75% **2.65%** 

Interest on supermandatory savings capital

3.75% **3.40%** 

# Turning the focus to the needs of the insured



Growing life expectancy combined with persistently low interest rates on investment markets flooded by money are posing an enormous challenge for the occupational pension business. But politicians and experts agree that the most burning issues are the conversion rate, the size of pensions, the number of pensioners, the duration of retirement and the generation conflict when it comes to the division of retirement capital. In this discussion, Vita Joint Foundation and its partner Zurich Life Insurance Company Ltd are putting their entire focus on the needs of the insured for occupational aftercare that can provide financial security.

In a challenging investment environment, Vita Joint Foundation earned a return of 1.23%, which is better than the average return of 0.7% for Swiss pension funds. With its innovative pension model and second interest reserve, the Joint Foundation continued to pave the way in 2015 to a future with improved benefits for our insured: at 2.25%, the mandatory retirement capital is earning a full percent more interest in the current year than the minimum prescribed by the Federal Council, while the super-mandatory assets are earning as much as 3% interest.

On behalf of the Foundation Board, I would like to thank you for your confidence. Together with the General Manager Samuel Lisse and his team, the Foundation Board will continue to devote its energies to meeting the needs of the insured.



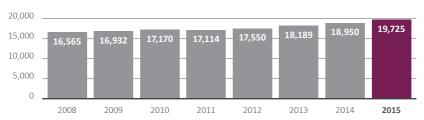
Peter E. Naegeli Chairman of the Foundation Board of Vita Joint Foundation

## Key figures

#### 19,725 affiliated companies

Vita Joint Foundation continued to grow in the past year. A total of 775 new companies entrusted their occupational pension plans to Vita Joint Foundation.

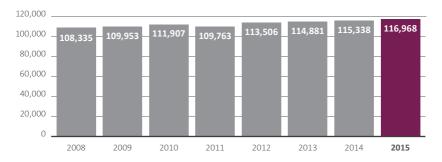
#### **Number of affiliated companies**



#### Some 117,000 insured

The number of insured increased again in 2015. By year-end, a total of 116,968 employees were insured with Vita Joint Foundation.

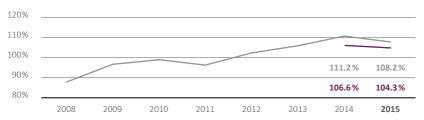
#### Number of insured



#### Coverage ratio 104.3%

The coverage ratio expresses the ratio between the available assets and required actuarial reserves. Under the new pension model, the coverage ratio is 104.3% after deduction of the interest reserve (the coverage ratio used for comparison with our competitors is 108.2%).

#### Coverage ratio (pursuant to Art. 44 BVV2)

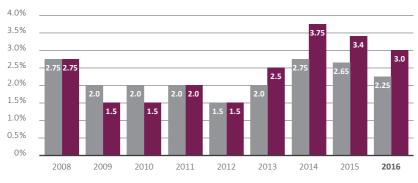


- Calculation according to the new Vita Classic pension planning model
- Customary trade calculation (for comparison with competitors)

#### Interest rate in 2016: 1% additional interest

In addition to the basic interest rate of 1.25% (mandatory assets) and 2% (super-mandatory assets), an additional interest of 1% from the interest reserve is being credited to the employees of the affiliated companies in 2016.

#### Interest rate



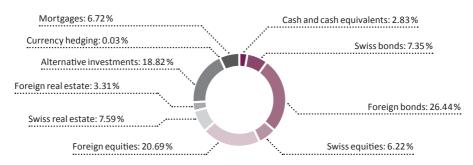
■ Mandatory savings capital
■ Super-mandatory savings capital

## Investments

The 2015 investment year was dominated by political tension and growing economic uncertainty. Decisions by central banks on monetary and currency policy had a strong impact on the financial markets. The portfolio returned a positive performance of 1.23% for 2015. This investment result outstrips the most important pension fund indices (CS PF Index 0.9%, UBS Pension Fund Barometer 0.8%). With an absolute

performance of 9.01%, real estate made the biggest contribution (0.94%). Bonds brought up the rear at –0.53%. Equities contributed 0.68% in total to the yield. European (0.26%) and US (0.41%) equities also made a positive contribution to the performance. At –0.62%, the exception was the emerging market equities.

#### Investments by asset class at 12/31/2015



#### Yield for 2015 better than benchmark return and pension fund indices



# Balance sheet

### Assets

in CHF	12/31/2015	12/31/2014
Investments	10,731,364,687	10,223,993,154
Cash and cash equivalents	301,784,601	299,129,460
Employers' current accounts	91,275,573	87,448,961
Other receivables	718,574	6,835,465
Collective investments – bonds	3,594,722,028	3,831,594,976
Collective investments – equities	2,863,229,275	2,571,581,446
Collective investments – real estate	1,159,174,395	1,090,834,705
Collective investments – alternative investments	2,002,197,217	1,658,457,927
Direct investments – mortgages	714,922,904	678,110,214
Currency overlay	3,340,120	-17,031,176
Accrued income and deferred expenses	38,550,633	56,858,747
Total assets	10,769,915,320	10,280,851,901

### Liabilities

in CHF	12/31/2015	12/31/2014
Minus liabilities	242,951,525	207,471,161
Vested benefits	209,646,544	177,876,988
Other liabilities	33,304,981	29,594,173
Accrued expenses and deferred income	449,071,923	428,381,799
Employers' contribution reserves	128,777,274	120,031,361
Pension capital, technical reserves and uncommitted funds of pension schemes	9,465,854,717	8,859,101,349
Pension capital of active insured	8,904,134,060	8,317,225,338
Technical reserves	561,720,657	541,876,011
Value fluctuation reserve	406,324,052	531,546,081
Uncommitted funds of pension schemes	76,885,830	83,277,855
Endowment capital and uncommitted funds	50,000	51,042,295
Endowment capital	50,000	50,000
Funding deficiency (–)/funding surplus (+)	-50,992,295	50,992,295
Total liabilities	10,769,915,320	10,280,851,901

## **Vita Joint Foundation**

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