

Helvetia Group 2007 Financial Statements

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Helvetia: On course for success with a convincing performance.

Stefan Loacker, Group CEO

Performance of Helvetia Group in 2007



Profitable growth

Non-life premium growth: 7.1% (FX-adjusted: 4.0%)

Combined ratio (net): 94.5%

Life premium growth: 2.2% (FX-adjusted: 1.2%)

Volume of new business (APE): +13.1%

Embedded value yield: 21.3%

Solid financial strength **Equity: + 4.1 %**

Stable solvency margin at: 217.4 %

Interactive rating: "A-" with stable outlook

Attractive return on equity

RoE after taxes: 14.4% (06: 16.2%)

Pay out ratio of 54%

Above-average dividend yield of 6.1%

(excl. par value reduction: 3.7%)



The financial figures

Paul Norton, Group CFO

Key figures for total business





(CHF million)

	2007	2006	+/- %
Profit for the period, after taxes	402.0	423.8	-5.1
Return on equity	14.4%	16.2%	-1.8%-pt
Group solvency 1)	217.4%	221.7%	-4.3%-pt
Investment performance 2)	2.4%	3.1%	-0.7%-pt
Gross premiums written	5'488.9	5'255.7	4.4
Net combined ratio	94.5%	94.1%	+0.4%-pt

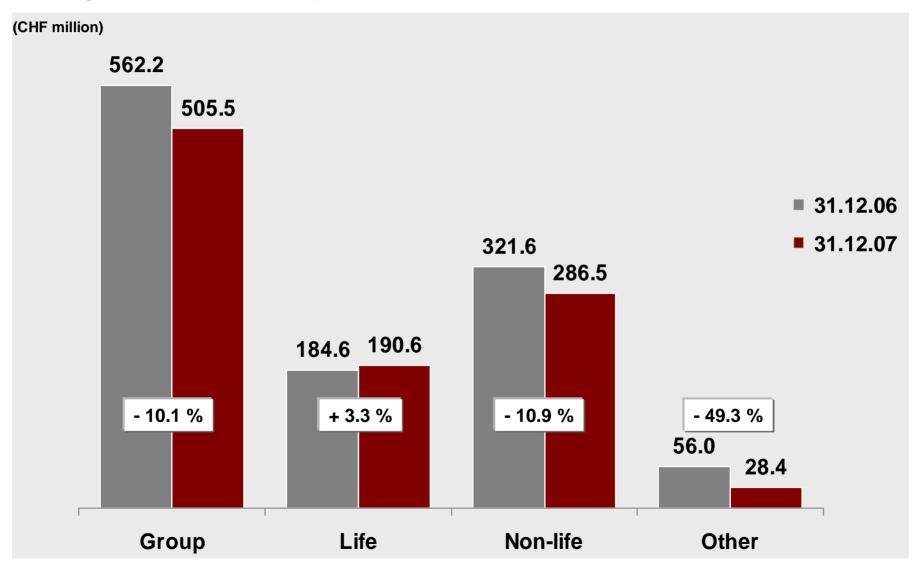
¹⁾ Calculated according to regulations of the lead regulator, the BPV

²⁾ Profit and loss and unrealised gains and losses in % of average invested capital (without unit-linked life insurance)

Pre-tax profit by business segment

Record result in life business
Strong non-life result in spite of bad weather

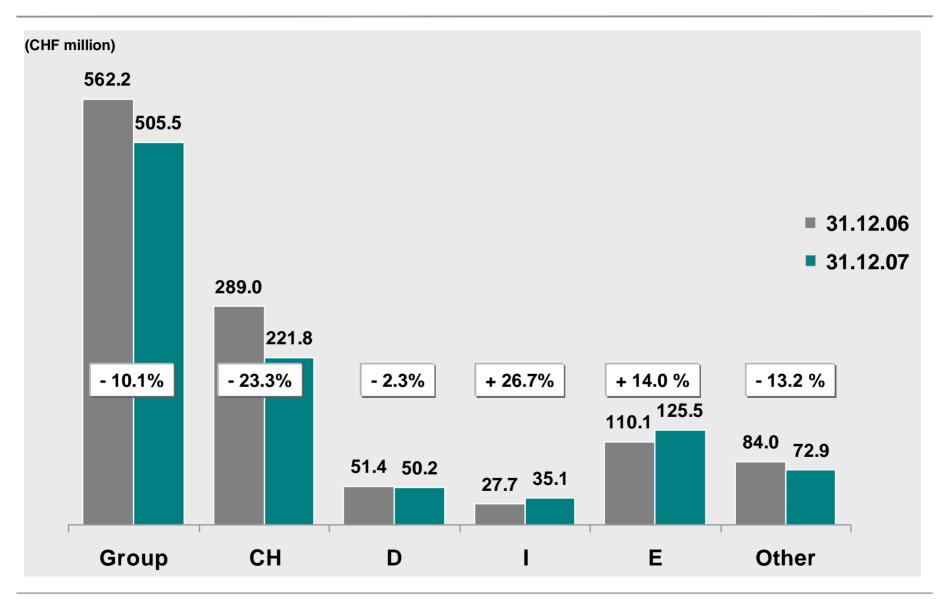




Pre-tax profit by region



All markets contributed substantial results

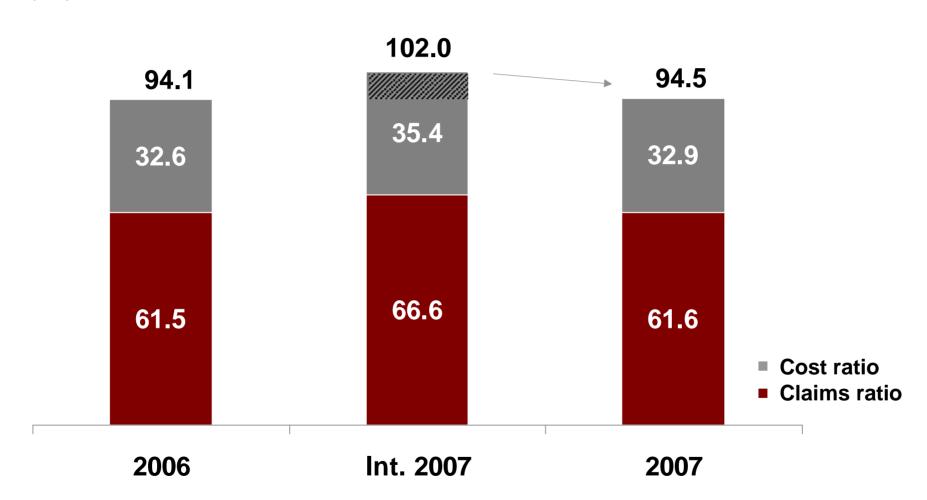


Non-life: Net combined ratio



Combined ratio on course again

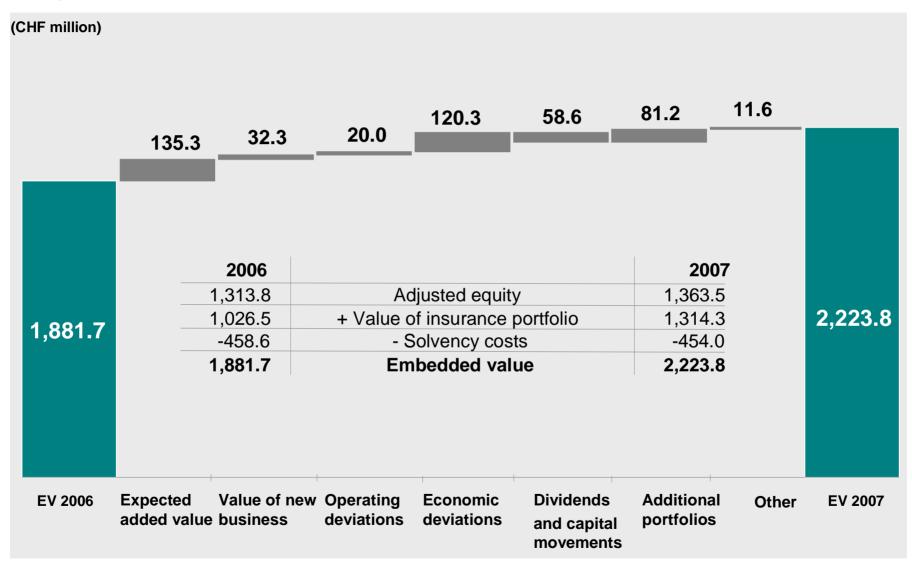




Traditional embedded value

Increase in EV 18.2% EV yield of 21.3%

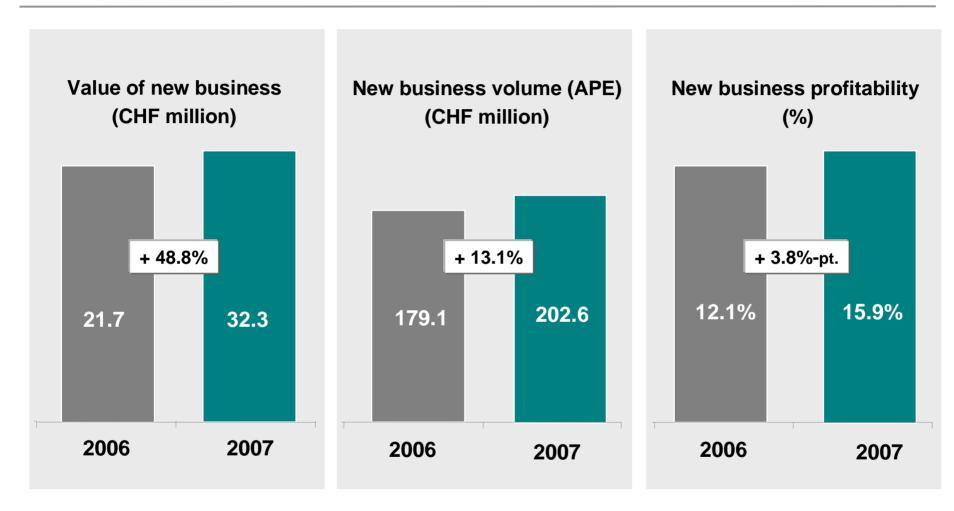




Value of new business



New business profitabilty improved from 12.1% to 15.9%

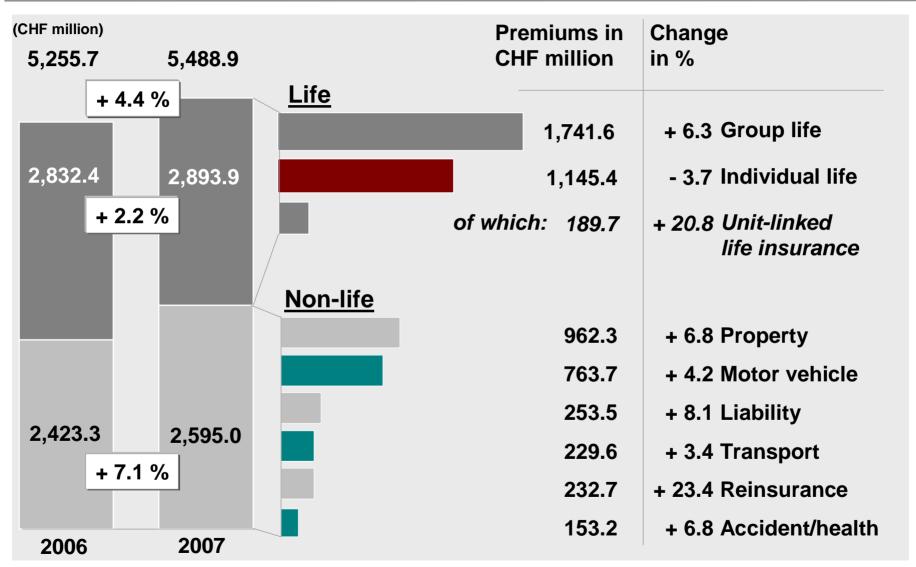


Volume of new business: annual premium equivalent (new annual premiums + 10% of new single premiums)

Premium growth

Pleasing growth in non-life business and in unit-linked life insurance

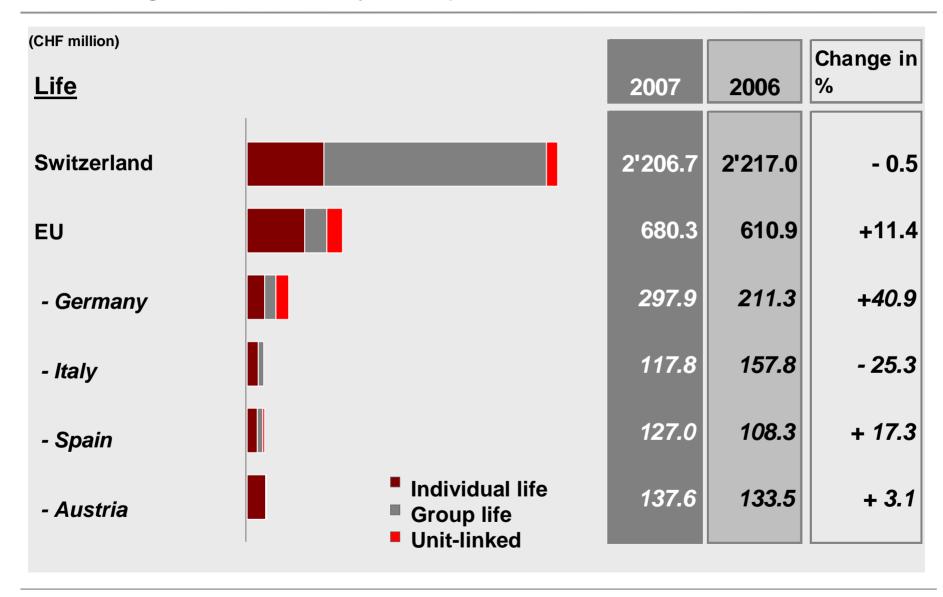




Life premium growth by country



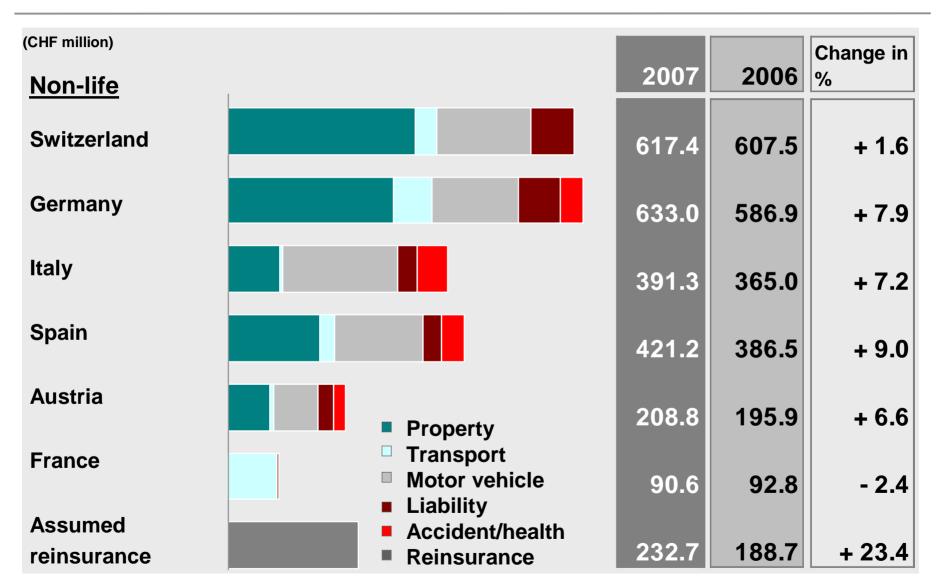
Excellent growth in Germany and Spain



Non-life premium growth by country



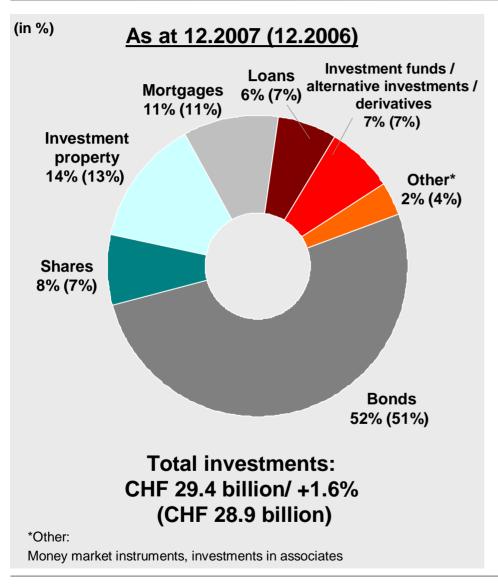
Strong growth in most markets

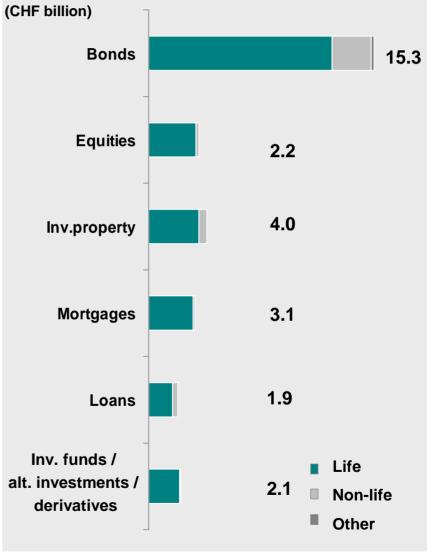


Investment structure



Valuable portfolio thanks to prudent investment strategy

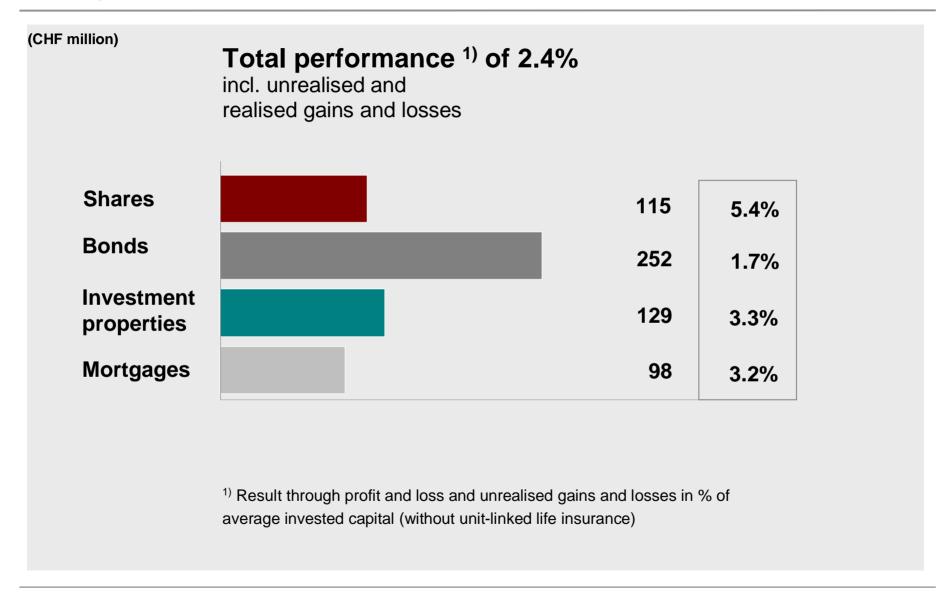




Investment income and performance



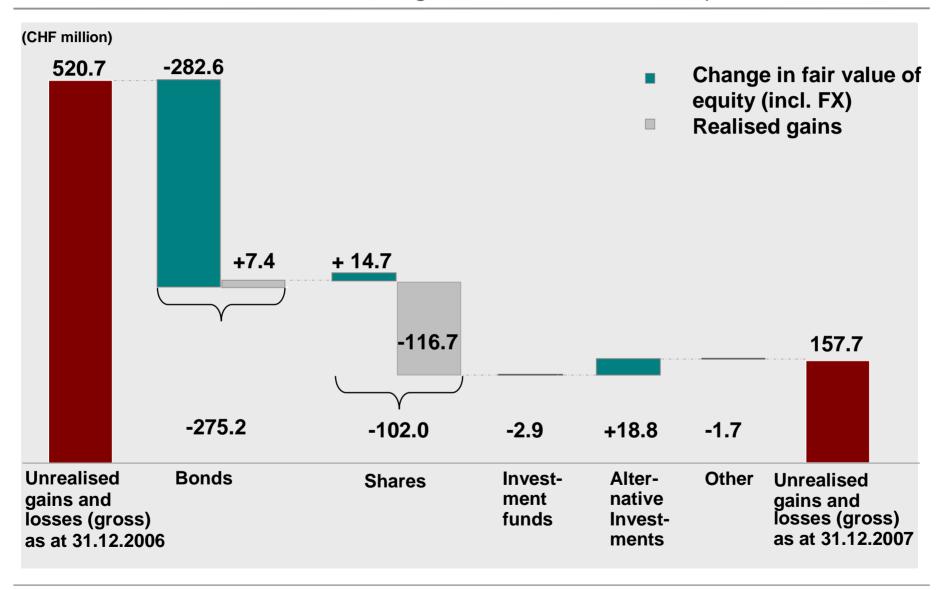
Solid performance



Unrealised gains/losses on investments



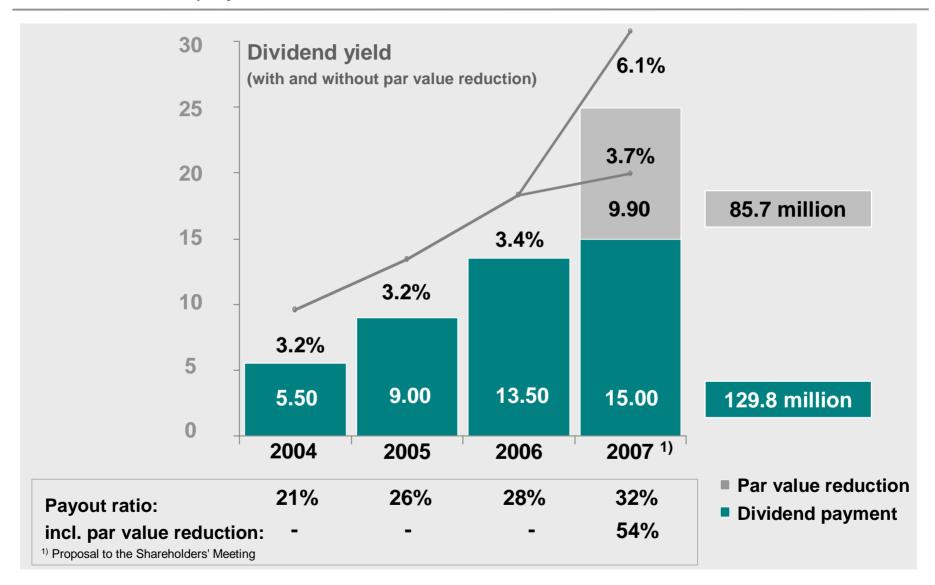
Reduction as a result of realised gains and market developments



Capital measure - par value reduction



Total dividend payout of CHF 215.5 million



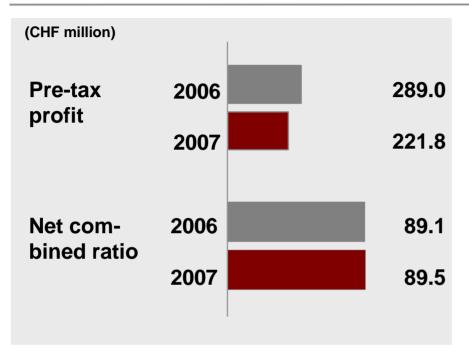


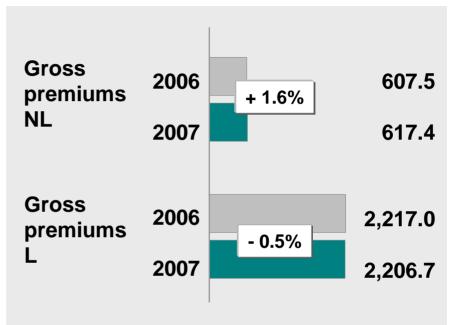
The Swiss business

Philipp Gmür, CEO Switzerland



Another good technical result by Helvetia Switzerland





§ Life business:

Another excellent contribution to the result. Large allocation to reserves for policyholder dividends and bonuses.

§ Non-life business:

Very good technical result with a combined ratio of 89.5%



Good growth in unit-linked products and group life

(CHF million)	2007	2006	+/-
Total premiums direct life	2'206.7	2'217.0	-0.5%
Total individual life	620.3	661.7	-6.3%
Regular premiums individual life	412.7	415.1	-0.6%
of which unit-linked (regular)	54.7	49.5	+10.5%
Single premiums individual life	207.6	246.6	-15.8%
Total group life	1'586.4	1'555.3	+2.0%
Regular premiums group life	849.4	821.8	+3.4%
Single premiums group life	737.0	733.5	+0.5%

- § Individual life: Share of unit-linked life insurance products increased substantially as planned.
- § Group life: Strong income-oriented growth in regular premiums. Outstanding risk result allows allocation to reserves for policyholder dividends and bonuses.

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Very profitable life business

Contribution components	Trend	Remarks
Whole life insurance	+	Consistent good results
Disability insurance	++	Good economic conditions, selective underwriting policy, active benefit management
Costs (surcharges)	-	Worsening due to project- related costs
Investments	++	Very good investment result in view of market turbulence
Embedded value	Trend	Remarks
Development of EV	++	Embedded value improved by 18.0%
Value of new business	+++	Value of new business increased by 29.2%
New business profitability	+++	Profitability of new business increased by 26.7%





Proof of compliance with the legal quota

(CHF million according to statutory financial statements)	20	07	20	06
Gross income				
(for business subject to legal quota)	497.2	100%	476.5	100%
Benefits in favour of insured				
(for business subject to legal quota)	456.8	92%	439.0	92.1%
Profit on operating account				
(for business subject to legal quota)	40.4		37.5	
Profit on operating account				
(for business not subject to legal quota)	17.4		19.8	
Profit on operating account for group business				
in Sw itzerland	57.8		57.3	



Non-life growth better than market average

(CHF million)	2007	2006	+/-
Total premiums non-life	617.4	607.5	+1.6%
Property	334.2	332.5	+0.5%
Transport	37.5	36.4	+3.0%
Motor vehicle	167.9	162.4	+3.4%
Liability	77.8	76.2	+2.1%
Net combined ratio	89.5%	89.1%	+0.4%-pt
Net claims ratio	59.2%	58.6%	+0.6%-pt
Net cost ratio	30.3%	30.5%	-0.2%-pt

- § Excellent claims result in spite of some major claims.
- § Net combined ratio: Substantial improvement compared to end of 1st half (period effects in interim statement, excellent claims experience in 2nd half).



Implementation of strategy 2010 going ahead at full speed

Results for 2007

- Successful implementation of new branding strategy. "So simple. Just ask us."
- § Opening up of new non-life niche markets
- § Introduction of new individual life product range
- S New individual life quotation system goes live
- § Relaunch of terzAvita for targeted retirement planning in three advisory steps
- § Expansion of range of unit-linked products
- Second Service receive award from independent institution

Outlook for 2008

- § 150th anniversary celebrations incl. launch of an anniversary product
- § Start of comprehensive advertising campaign (TV ads, sponsoring of Swiss Ski, traditional advertising)
- § Exploit access to new customer channels via GMAC and Raiffeisen Leasing
- § Optimise cooperation with Raiffeisen
- § Introduce internet portal for brokers and expand e-business services for sales channels
- § Introduce new non-life quotation system
- S Consistent optimisation of internal processes



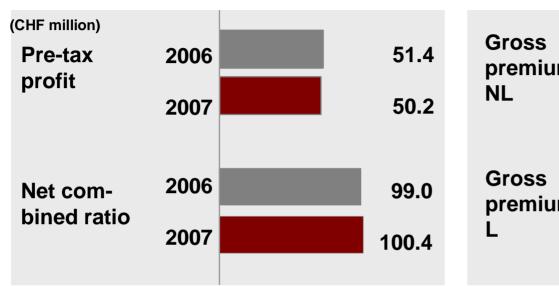
The foreign business units

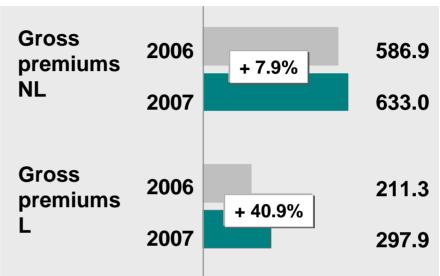
Stefan Loacker, Group CEO

German market



Dynamic growth in spite of difficult market conditions



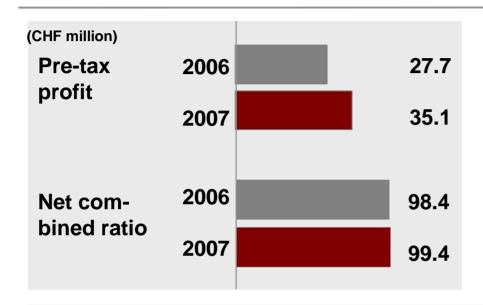


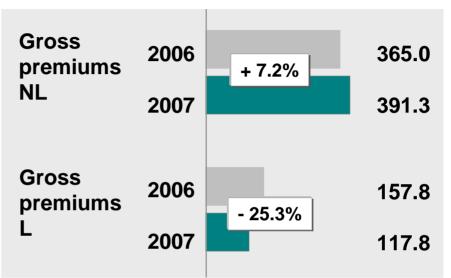
- § Strong non-life result in spite of winter storm Cyril
- § Combined ratio only slightly above 100%
- S Outstripped growth targets for life business and outperformed the market
- § High service quality award 'Recognised for Excellence'

Italian market

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Continued high earning power



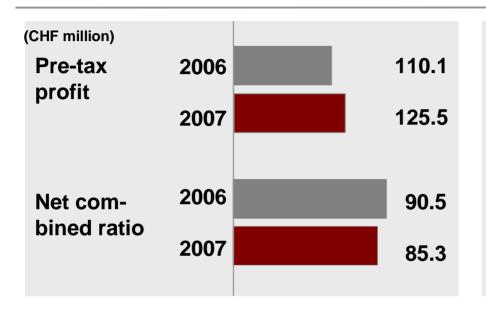


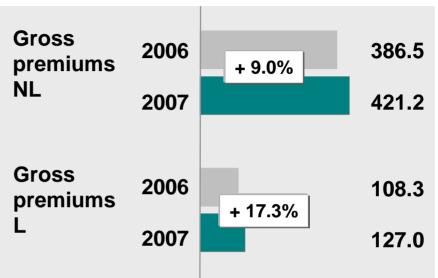
- § Combined ratio slightly higher than last year
- § Declining growth in individual life business due to quality-focused policy and unfavourable market conditions
- § Growth in non-life business better than market average
- Sestructuring measures support objectives of strategy 2010

Spanish market



Life business drives growth





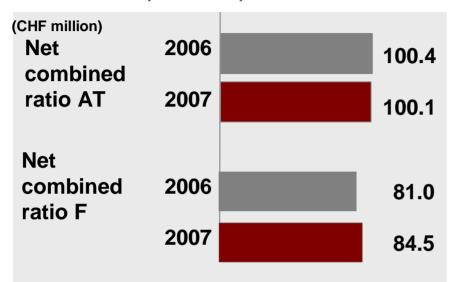
- § Expectations regarding results for Spanish market have been met
- § Combined ratio still excellent
- § Double-digit growth in life business well above sector average
- § Good non-life growth in spite of strong competition

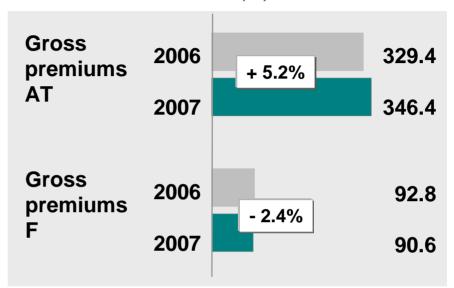
Austria and France



Ongoing improvement in profit contribution (AT)

Stable competitive position in difficult market environment (F)





Austria:

- § Higher profit contribution in life and non-life business
- § Successful introduction of unit-linked insurance coupled with decline in traditional business

France:

- § Slightly falling premium growth due to market trends in transport segment
- § Combined ratio still low in spite of increasing competition



Implementation of Group strategy

Stefan Loacker, Group CEO

Helvetia: a successful Swiss brand with potential



Well-positioned to exploit opportunities

- n Attractive business portfolio
- n Potential for healthy growth and other operational improvements

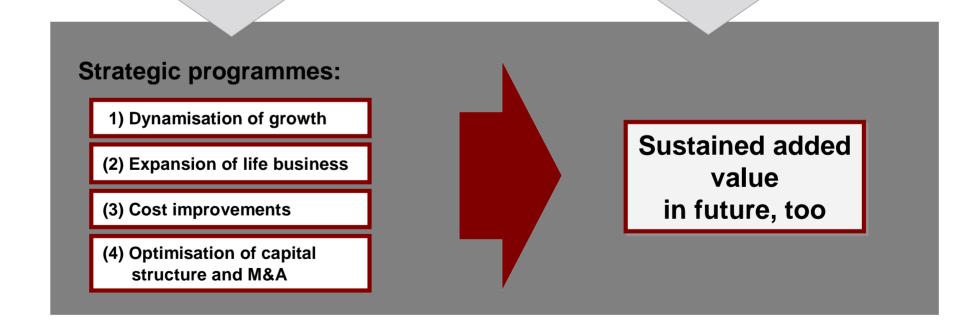
Financially successful

n Profit: CHF 402.0 million

n ROE: 14.4%

n Combined ratio: 94.5%

n Embedded value yield: 21.3%



Status of strategy implementation:



Focus falls on four strategic programmes

(1) Dynamisation of growth

Ambitious sales growth:
Non-life in line with market
Life better than market

Results for 2007

Gains in non-life market share in CH, ES, IT and DE
New life business + 13% (in APE),
Great momentum in the EU

(2) Expansion of life business

Focus on unit-linked and index-linked life products in foreign markets

Results for 2007

Increase in unit-linked and indexlinked business in foreign markets by: CHF 36.7 m (+ 36.7% yoy) to CHF 136.7 m in total.

(3) Cost improvements

Reduction of non-life cost ratio: Target: \leq 30%.

Results for 2007

Cost ratio stable at 32.9% in spite of project-related special charges

(4) Optimisation of capital structure and M&A

Target ROE 15% after taxes, growth through acquisitions

Results for 2007

ROE after taxes of 14.4%





Helvetia boosts its sales power in Italy

- n Helvetia is taking over ENI Group's in-house non-life insurance subsidiary «Padana Assicurazini S.p.A.»
- n «ENI Group» is the leading Italian energy company with activities in 70 countries, with 40,000 employees in Italy
- n EUR 40 m premium volume (2008 forecast):
 - n About one-third Group policy for ENI employees (accident insurance)
 - n About two-thirds Retail business with ENI employees, their families and retired staff (other non-life)
- n Subject to the relevant cartel and statutory insurance authorisations, the deal should be concluded in Q3 2008





Padana offers strong growth potential

- n Padana offers an attractive portfolio and growth opportunity in Italy:
 - n adds value to our non-life business by integrating a stable and profitable book business
 - n expanding the volume of Helvetia Italy by approximately 13 percent
 - n interesting growth potential (about 40,000 ENI employees in Italy, their families and retired ENI staff)
 - n allows us to develop worksite marketing as an alternative distribution model
- n Helvetia Italy intends to be a high-quality insurance provider to ENI employees

Focus on quality pays off



High quality in non-life

- NL result solid at CHF 286.5 m(-10.9% yoy) in spite of major claims and challenging market conditions
- n Net combined ratio recovered clearly and quickly from half-year low / at 94.5% again on a par with excellent previous year



Very solid investments

- n At CHF 1,040 million, investment income is solid / close to previous year (-6% yoy)
- n Substantial income in difficult market environment thanks to good assessment of markets and prudent investment policy

Record life result

- n Profit improved by +3.3% to CHF 190.6 m
- n Excellent life result, especially in view of volatile capital markets, particularly in 2nd half of year



So simple Just ask us.



Appendix

Important dates



n	25.04.2008	Ordinary Shareholders' Meeting in St.Gallen
n	03.09.2008	Publication of half year financial results for 2008
n	18.03.2009	Publication of annual results for 2008
n	17.04.2009	Ordinary Shareholders' Meeting in St.Gallen
n	03.09.2009	Publication of half year financial results for 2009

Non-life: Technical result



All country markets at a good level again

(in %)

	СН	D	1	Е	Α	F	Reins.	Group
Net claims ratio	59.2	64.5	67.0	53.6	60.6	51.2	69.2	61.6
Net cost ratio	30.3	35.9	32.4	31.7	39.5	33.3	29.6	32.9
Net combined ratio 2007	89.5	100.4	99.4	85.3	100.1	84.5	98.8	94.5
Net combined ratio 2006	89.1	99.0	98.4	90.5	100.4	81.0	94.4	94.1
Change from 2006 (in %-pt)	+0.4	+1.4	+1.0	-5.2	-0.3	+3.5	+4.4	+0.4

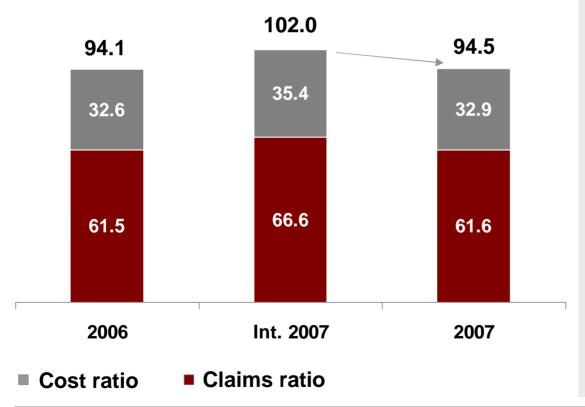
Non-life: Net combined ratio

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Combined ratio on course again

(in %)

Expectations for quick and clear reduction in 2nd half were met

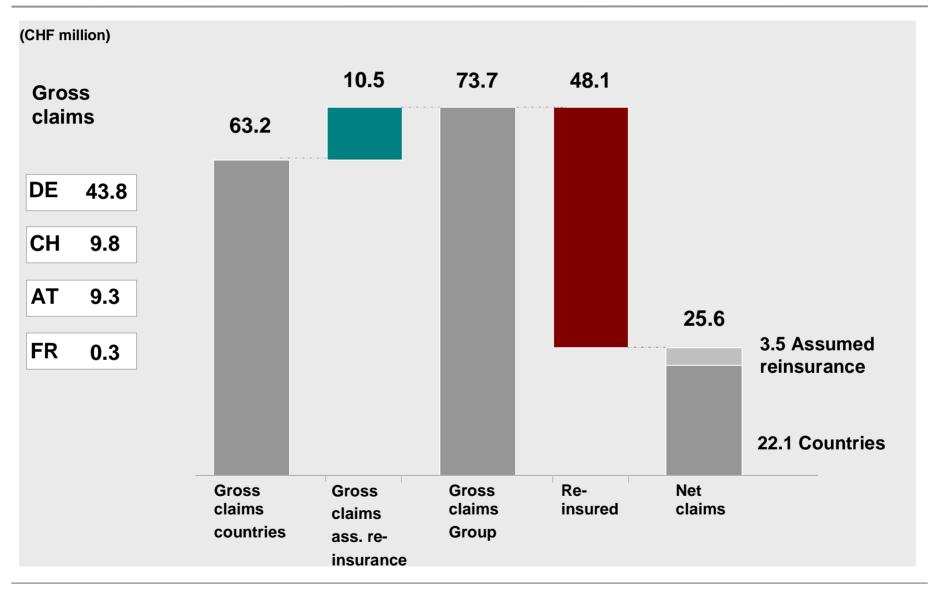


- § Impact of Cyril and other storms:
 - at year end: 2.0%-pt.for half year: 5.2%-pt.
- Strong fluctuation in 1st half 07 due to timing of event and prudent policy for calculating reserves
- § As expected, good loss development result in 2nd half
- § Excellent claims experience in 2nd half

Cyril - gross and net claims

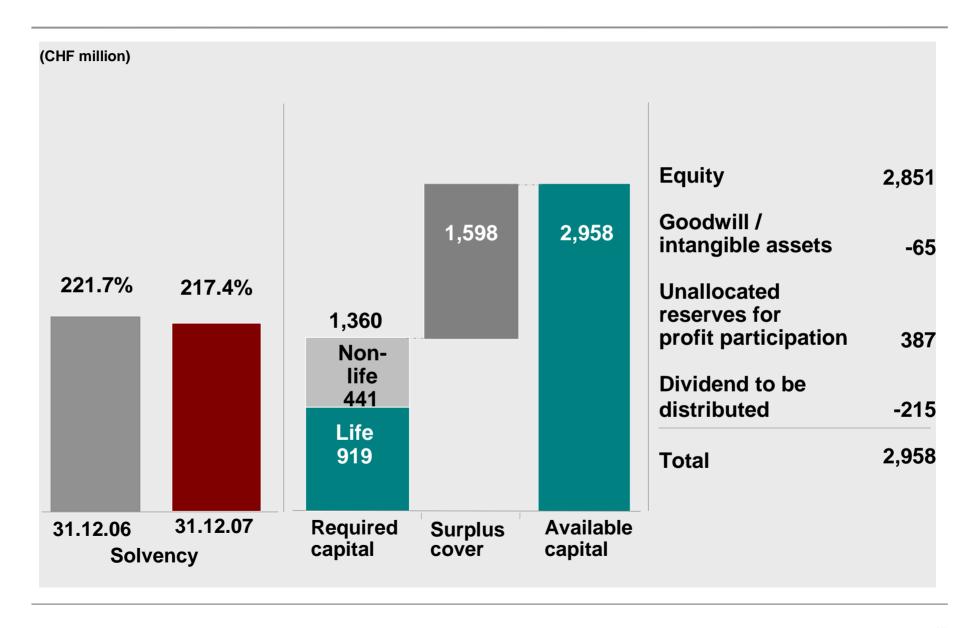


Gross effectively limited by efficient reinsurance programme



Solvency of Helvetia Group





Assumptions for calculation of embedded value



Switzerland

Risk discount rate

Yield on bonds

Yield on equities

Yield on real estate

EU

Risk discount rate

Yield on bonds

Yield on equities

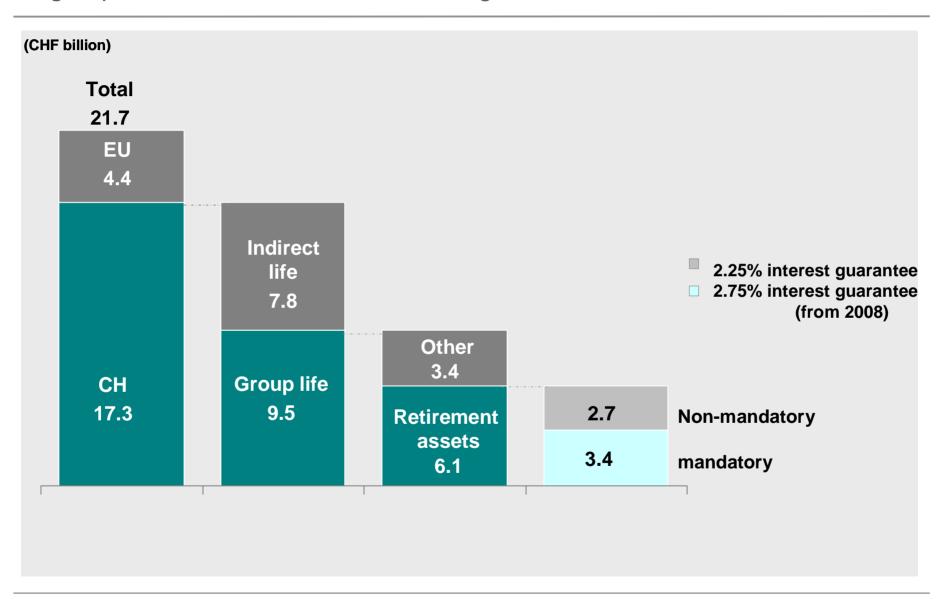
Yield on real estate

2006	2007
7.0%	7.0%
2.8%	3.4%-3.7%
6.5%	6.5%
4.5%	4.5%
8.0%	8.0%
4.0%-4.2%	4.7%-5.2%
7.5%	7.5%
5.1%	4.6%

15.6% life reserves subject to minimum BVG interest rate



Legal quota in Switzerland exceeded again



Investment performance

Solid investment performance thanks to good market assessment



(CHF million)	2007	2006	+/-
Interest and dividend income	793.8	704.4	+12.7%
Gains and losses on investments (net)	130.2	291.4	-55.3%
-Shares, inv. funds, alt. investments, derivatives	101.5	224.4	-54.8%
-Bonds	27.0	63.4	-57.4%
-Other	1.7	3.1	-45.2%
Income from investment property	194.4	186.4	+4.3%
-Rental income	231.6	226.6	+2.2%
-Realised and book gains and losses	-37.2	-40.2	-7.5%
Profit or loss from associates	2.8	1.8	+55.6%
Investment management expenses	-81.2	-74.7	+8.7%
Investment income (gross)	1'040.0	1'109.3	-6.2%
Direct yield 1)	3.3%	3.1%	+0.2%-pt
Investment performance 2)	2.4%	3.1%	-0.7%-pt

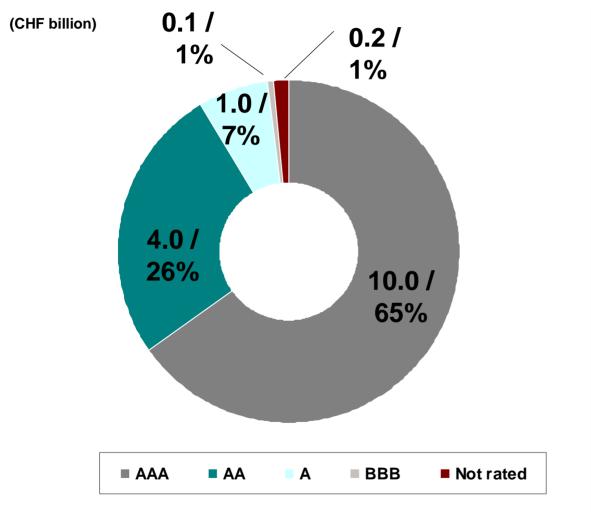
¹⁾ Current income from capital investments in % of average invested capital (without unit-linked life insurance)

²⁾ Profit and loss and unrealised gains and losses in % of average invested capital (without unit-linked life insurance)

Credit quality of bonds remains high



No direct subprime or CDO exposure



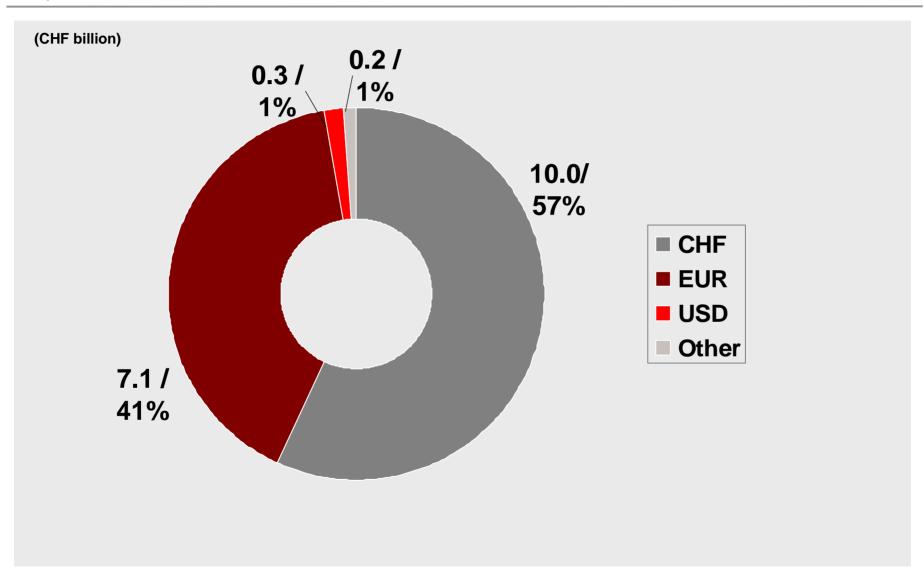
- No direct exposure to subprime investments or structured products
- § Portfolio retains its high quality
- § Bond impairment mostly unchanged compared to previous year

Total bonds: CHF 15.3 / +4.0%

Foreign currency exposure



Equities and bonds



Investment income by business segment

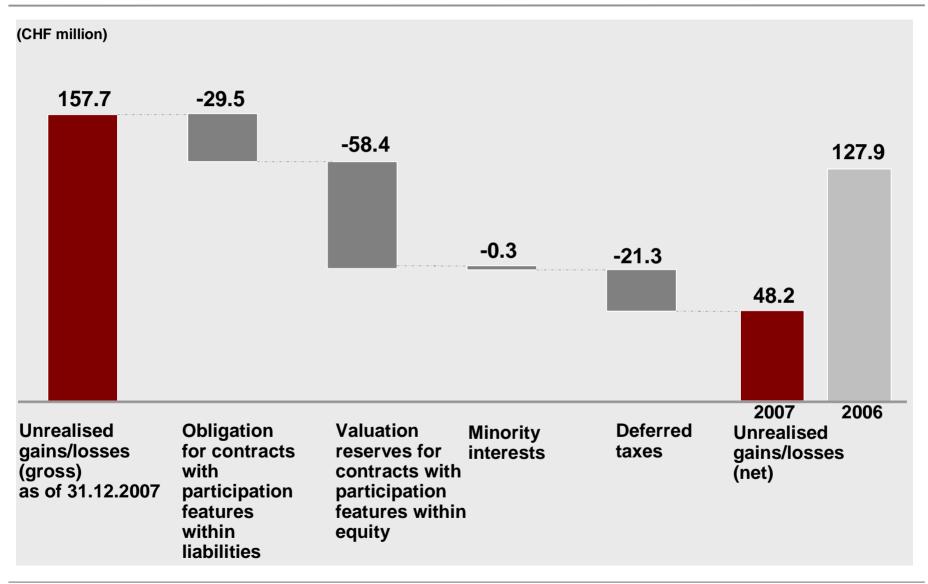


(CHF million)

	Life	Non-life	Other
Interest and dividend income	639.8	141.8	12.2
Gains and losses on investment (net)	86.1	26.1	18.0
-shares, inv. funds, alt. investments, derivatives	62.1	22.2	17.1
-Bonds	23.7	3.8	-0.4
-Other	0.3	0.1	1.3
Income from investment property	157.6	38.6	-1.8
Profit or loss from associates	1.7	1.1	0.0
Investment management expenses	-67.8	-12.0	-1.4
Investment income	817.4	195.6	27.0

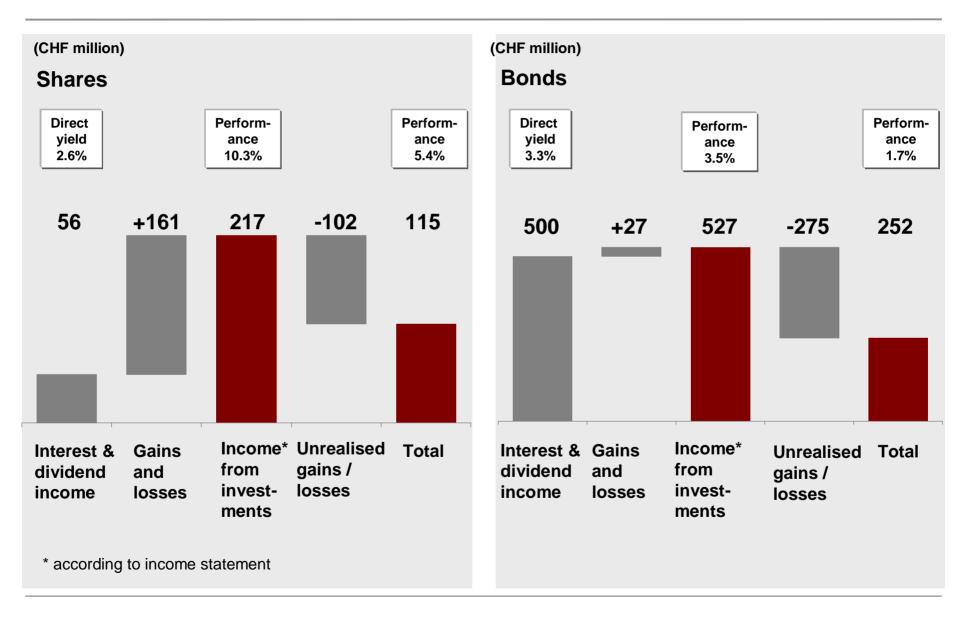
Unrealised gains/losses on investments (net)





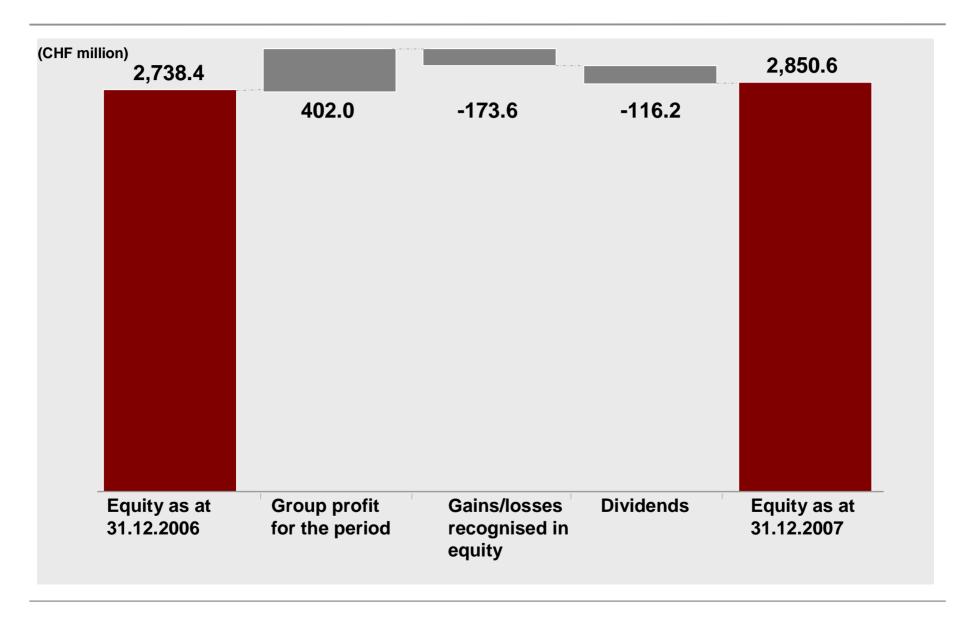
Investments: direct yield – performance





Changes in equity





Gross premiums by business line and country



(CHF million)

	Switzerland		Germany Ita		Italy	Spain		Other		
	2007	+/-	2007	+/-	2007	+/-	2007	+/-	2007	+/-
Individual life	545.4	-5.5%	123.0	3.7%	81.8	-40.5%	72.5	11.0%	133.0	-0.4%
Group life	1,586.4	2.0%	78.8	175.5%	36.0	76.5%	40.4	16.8%	-	-
Unit-linked	74.9	-11.5%	96.1	49.9%	-	-	14.1	67.9%	4.6	100.0%
Reinsurance									6.9	53.3%
Total life	2,206.7	-0.5%	297.9	40.9%	117.8	-25.3%	127.0	17.3%	144.5	4.7%
Property	334.2	0.5%	295.8	10.4%	92.8	18.8%	163.6	8.0%	75.9	6.9%
Transport	37.5	3.0%	67.7	12.6%	4.7	2.2%	26.3	14.3%	93.4	-4.7%
Motor vehicle	167.9	3.4%	153.7	3.1%	204.9	0.8%	157.4	9.2%	79.8	7.5%
Liability	77.8	2.1%	75.6	4.7%	35.5	14.5%	34.0	17.2%	30.6	17.1%
Accident/health	0.0	0.0%	40.2	7.2%	53.4	11.3%	39.9	2.6%	19.7	3.2%
Reinsurance									232.7	23.3%
Total non-life	617.4	1.6%	633.0	7.9%	391.3	7.2%	421.2	9.0%	532.1	11.5%
Total	2,824.1	0.0%	930.9	16.6%	509.1	-2.6%	548.2	10.8%	676.6	10.0%

Swiss market

Group life

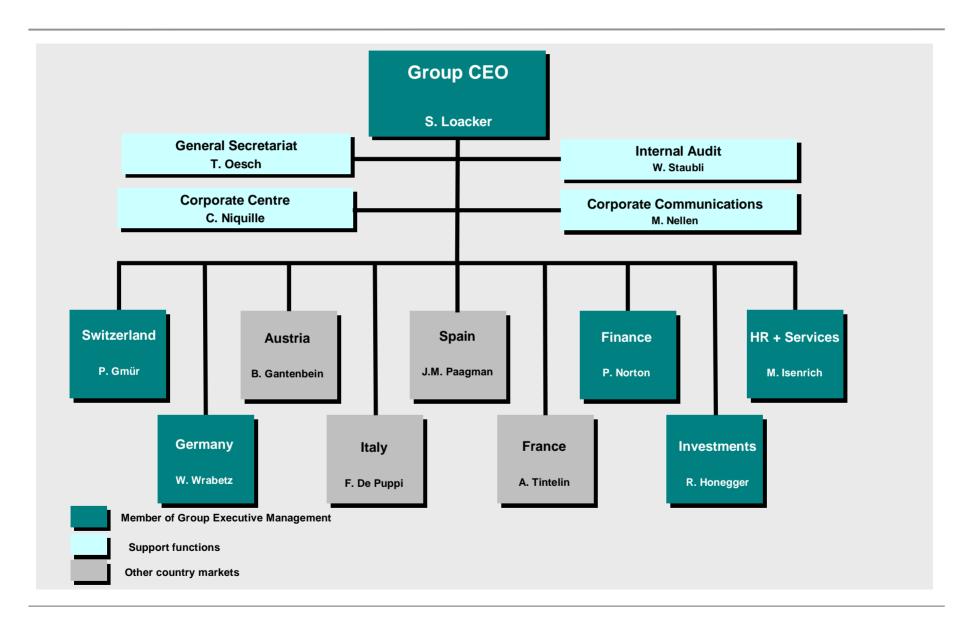


Result analysis for business subject to legal quota

(CHF million according to statutory financial statements)	2007
Profit or loss from savings process	53.7
Profit or loss from risk process	43.7
Profit or loss from cost process	0.6
Gross profit	98.0
(for business subject to legal quota)	
Reserve reinforcement	-8.4
Allocation to reserves for future profit participation	-49.2
Profit on operating account	40.4
(for business subject to legal quota)	

Executive Management at a glance





About Helvetia Group



Helvetia is an all-line insurance carrier active in all of Europe. It focuses on risk management (life and non-life business, reinsurance) and employee benefits, and has branch offices and partly-owned subsidiaries in Central and Southern Europe. The Group is headquartered in St. Gallen, while the Swiss company's headquarters are located in Basel. With approximately 4,600 employees, Helvetia provides services to more than two million customers in six European countries. Around 2,300 people work for the company in Switzerland. During the previous financial year, the Group reported a premium volume of CHF 5.5 billion and earned a net profit of CHF 402.0 million. The Helvetia Holding registered share is listed on the SWX Swiss Exchange under the code HELN and is included in the Swiss Performance Index (SPI).

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