

Income statement

For the years ended 31 December

USD millions	Note	2019	2020
Revenues			
Gross premiums written	4	42 228	42 951
Net premiums written	4	39 649	39 827
Change in unearned premiums		-1 675	494
Premiums earned	3	37 974	40 321
Fee income from policyholders	3	620	449
Net investment income – non-participating business ¹	7	4 171	2 988
Net realised investment gains/losses – non-participating business ²	7	1 580	1 730
Net investment result – unit-linked and with-profit business	7	4 939	-2 187
Other revenues		30	37
Total revenues		49 314	43 338
Expenses			
Claims and claim adjustment expenses	3	-18 683	-19 838
Life and health benefits	3	-13 087	-13 929
Return credited to policyholders		-4 633	1 760
Acquisition costs	3	-7 834	-8 236
Operating expenses		-3 579	-3 597
Total expenses before interest expenses		-47 816	-43 840
Income/loss before interest and income tax expense		1 498	-502
Interest expenses		-589	-588
Income/loss before income tax expense		909	-1 090
Income tax expense/benefit	14	-140	266
Net income/loss before attribution of non-controlling interests		769	-824
Income/loss attributable to non-controlling interests		-42	-54
Net income/loss attributable to common shareholders		727	-878
Earnings per share in USD			
Basic	13	2.46	-3.04
Diluted	13	2.39	-3.04
Earnings per share in CHF³			
Basic	13	2.46	-2.97
Diluted	13	2.40	-2.97

¹ Total impairments for the years ended 31 December of USD 80 million in 2019 and of USD 5 million in 2020, respectively, were fully recognised in earnings.

² Total impairments for the years ended 31 December of USD 10 million in 2019 and of USD 29 million in 2020, respectively, were fully recognised in earnings.

³ The translation from USD to CHF is shown for informational purposes only and has been calculated using the Group's average exchange rates.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the Group financial statements.

Statement of comprehensive income

For the years ended 31 December

USD millions	2019	2020
Net income/loss before attribution of non-controlling interests	769	-824
Other comprehensive income, net of tax:		
Change in net unrealised investment gains/losses	3 375	2 741
Change in other-than-temporary impairment	2	
Change in cash flow hedges	-9	2
Change in foreign currency translation	46	52
Change in adjustment for pension benefits	-29	-24
Change in credit risk of financial liabilities at fair value option	-2	1
Transactions with non-controlling interests	-56	
Disposal of ReAssure		-2 080
Other comprehensive income/loss attributable to non-controlling interests	341	127
Total comprehensive income/loss before attribution of non-controlling interests	4 437	-5
Comprehensive income/loss attributable to non-controlling interests	-383	-181
Total comprehensive income/loss attributable to common shareholders	4 054	-186

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Reclassification out of accumulated other comprehensive income
For the years ended 31 December

2019 USD millions	Net unrealised investment gains/losses ¹	Other-than- temporary impairment ¹	Cash flow hedges ¹	Foreign currency translation ^{1,2}	Adjustment for pension benefits ³	Credit risk of financial liabilities at fair value option	Accumulated other comprehensive income
Balance as of 1 January	1 905	-3	6	-5 904	-828	5	-4 819
Transactions with non-controlling interests	-128		1	64	7		-56
Change during the period	5 668		-57		-93	-2	5 516
Amounts reclassified out of accumulated other comprehensive income	-1 491		48	135	46		-1 262
Tax	-802	2		-89	18		-871
Balance as of period end	5 152	-1	-2	-5 794	-850	3	-1 492

2020 USD millions	Net unrealised investment gains/losses ¹	Other-than- temporary impairment ¹	Cash flow hedges ¹	Foreign currency translation ^{1,2}	Adjustment for pension benefits ³	Credit risk of financial liabilities at fair value option	Accumulated other comprehensive income
Balance as of 1 January	5 152	-1	-2	-5 794	-850	3	-1 492
Amounts reclassified on disposal of ReAssure	-2 133			-13	66		-2 080
Change during the period	5 634		17	-166	-166	1	5 320
Amounts reclassified out of accumulated other comprehensive income	-2 263		-15	18	137		-2 123
Tax	-630			200	5		-425
Balance as of period end	5 760	-1	0	-5 755	-808	4	-800

¹ Reclassification adjustment included in net income is presented in "Net realised investment gains/losses – non-participating business".

² Reclassification adjustment is limited to translation gains and losses realised upon sale or upon complete or substantially complete liquidation of an investment in a foreign entity.

³ Reclassification adjustment included in net income is presented in "Operating expenses".

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Balance sheet

Assets

As of 31 December

USD millions	Note	2019	2020
Investments	7, 8, 9		
Fixed income securities:			
Available-for-sale (including 14 175 in 2019 and 7 435 in 2020 subject to securities lending and repurchase agreements) (amortised cost: 2019: 74 780; 2020: 73 862)		79 163	81 080
Trading (including 1 911 in 2019 and 1 551 in 2020 subject to securities lending and repurchase agreements)		2 410	1 938
Equity securities at fair value through earnings (including 186 in 2019 and 59 in 2020 subject to securities lending and repurchase agreements)		2 993	4 899
Policy loans, mortgages and other loans		3 021	3 315
Investment real estate		2 528	2 602
Short-term investments (including 1 157 in 2019 and 3 969 in 2020 subject to securities lending and repurchase agreements)		5 768	16 082
Other invested assets		7 343	10 314
Investments for unit-linked and with-profit business (including equity securities at fair value through earnings: 520 in 2019 and 463 in 2020)		520	463
Total investments		103 746	120 693
Cash and cash equivalents (including 1 257 in 2019 and 773 in 2020 subject to securities lending, and 4 in 2019 and 3 in 2020 backing unit-linked and with-profit contracts)		7 562	5 470
Accrued investment income		673	626
Premiums and other receivables		15 271	15 934
Reinsurance recoverable on unpaid claims and policy benefits		5 898	5 892
Funds held by ceding companies		9 472	10 726
Deferred acquisition costs	6	7 838	8 230
Acquired present value of future profits	6	1 042	928
Goodwill		3 945	4 021
Income taxes recoverable		466	337
Deferred tax assets	14	4 726	6 079
Other assets		3 489	3 686
Assets held for sale ¹	10	74 439	
Total assets		238 567	182 622

¹ Please refer to Note 10 "Acquisitions and disposals" for more details.

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Liabilities and Equity

USD millions	Note	2019	2020
Liabilities			
Unpaid claims and claim adjustment expenses	5	72 373	81 258
Liabilities for life and health policy benefits	8	19 836	22 456
Policyholder account balances		5 405	5 192
Unearned premiums		13 365	13 309
Funds held under reinsurance treaties		3 521	5 146
Reinsurance balances payable		889	1 097
Income taxes payable		378	336
Deferred and other non-current tax liabilities	14	5 663	6 740
Short-term debt	11	185	153
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	7	7 191	8 093
Long-term debt	11	10 138	11 584
Liabilities held for sale ¹	10	68 586	
Total liabilities		207 530	155 364
Equity			
Common shares, CHF 0.10 par value			
2019: 327 404 704; 2020: 317 497 306 shares authorised and issued		31	30
Additional paid-in capital		256	251
Treasury shares, net of tax		-2 220	-1 396
Accumulated other comprehensive income:			
Net unrealised investment gains/losses, net of tax		5 152	5 760
Other-than-temporary impairment, net of tax		-1	-1
Cash flow hedges, net of tax		-2	
Foreign currency translation, net of tax		-5 794	-5 755
Adjustment for pension and other post-retirement benefits, net of tax		-850	-808
Credit risk of financial liabilities at fair value option, net of tax		3	4
Total accumulated other comprehensive income		-1 492	-800
Retained earnings		32 676	29 050
Shareholders' equity		29 251	27 135
Non-controlling interests		1 786	123
Total equity		31 037	27 258
Total liabilities and equity		238 567	182 622

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Statement of shareholders' equity

For the years ended 31 December

USD millions	2019	2020
Common shares		
Balance as of 1 January	32	31
Cancellation of shares bought back	-1	-1
Balance as of period end	31	30
Additional paid-in capital		
Balance as of 1 January	496	256
Transactions with non-controlling interests ¹	-241	9
Cancellation of shares bought back	-23	-27
Share-based compensation	-9	-1
Realised gains/losses on treasury shares	33	14
Balance as of period end	256	251
Treasury shares, net of tax		
Balance as of 1 January	-2 291	-2 220
Purchase of treasury shares	-1 041	-228
Cancellation of shares bought back	1 020	1 011
Issuance of treasury shares, including share-based compensation to employees	92	41
Balance as of period end	-2 220	-1 396
Net unrealised investment gains/losses, net of tax		
Balance as of 1 January	1 905	5 152
Transactions with non-controlling interests ¹	-128	
Disposal of ReAssure ²		-2 133
Changes during the period	3 375	2 741
Balance as of period end	5 152	5 760
Other-than-temporary impairment, net of tax		
Balance as of 1 January	-3	-1
Changes during the period	2	
Balance as of period end	-1	-1
Cash flow hedges, net of tax		
Balance as of 1 January	6	-2
Transactions with non-controlling interests ¹	1	
Changes during the period	-9	2
Balance as of period end	-2	0

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USD millions	2019	2020
Foreign currency translation, net of tax		
Balance as of 1 January	-5 904	-5 794
Transactions with non-controlling interests ¹	64	
Disposal of ReAssure ²		-13
Changes during the period	46	52
Balance as of period end	-5 794	-5 755
Adjustment for pension and other post-retirement benefits, net of tax		
Balance as of 1 January	-828	-850
Transactions with non-controlling interests ¹	7	
Disposal of ReAssure ²		66
Changes during the period	-29	-24
Balance as of period end	-850	-808
Credit risk of financial liabilities at fair value option, net of tax		
Balance as of 1 January	5	3
Changes during the period	-2	1
Balance as of period end	3	4
Retained earnings		
Balance as of 1 January	34 512	32 676
Net income/loss after attribution of non-controlling interests	727	-878
Dividends on common shares	-1 659	-1 765
Cancellation of shares bought back	-996	-983
Impact of ASU 2016-02 ³	92	
Balance as of period end	32 676	29 050
Shareholders' equity	29 251	27 135
Non-controlling interests		
Balance as of 1 January	797	1 786
Transactions with non-controlling interests ¹	606	4
Income/loss attributable to non-controlling interests	42	54
Other comprehensive income attributable to non-controlling interests:		
Change in net unrealised investment gains/losses	380	179
Change in foreign currency translation	-25	-53
Other	-14	1
Disposal of ReAssure ²		-1 848
Balance as of period end	1 786	123
Total equity	31 037	27 258

¹ In 2019, MS&AD Insurance Group Holdings, Inc. (MS&AD) acquired a 10% stake in ReAssure Group Plc. (ReAssure), then a subsidiary of the Group, increasing its total non-controlling interest to 25%. In the fourth quarter of 2019, the Group agreed to reacquire the 25% stake in ReAssure in connection with the agreement to sell ReAssure to Phoenix Group Holdings Plc. (Phoenix). In the third quarter of 2020, the Group completed the agreed sale.

² In the third quarter of 2020, the Group completed the sale of ReAssure to Phoenix.

³ Impact of Accounting Standards Update in 2019. Please refer to the Annual Report 2019 for more details.

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Statement of cash flows

For the years ended 31 December

USD millions	2019	2020
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net income/loss attributable to common shareholders	727	-878
Add income/loss attributable to non-controlling interests	42	54
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided/used by operating activities:		
Depreciation, amortisation and other non-cash items	538	617
Net realised investment gains/losses	-5 515	972
Income from equity-accounted investees, net of dividends received	-283	175
Change in:		
Technical provisions and other reinsurance assets and liabilities, net	10 659	4 736
Funds held by ceding companies and under reinsurance treaties	-5	393
Reinsurance recoverable on unpaid claims and policy benefits	-571	214
Other assets and liabilities, net	-472	-281
Income taxes payable/recoverable	-471	-630
Trading positions, net	-252	22
Net cash provided/used by operating activities	4 397	5 394
Cash flows from investing activities		
Fixed income securities:		
Sales	51 008	50 302
Maturities	7 732	7 333
Purchases	-58 240	-52 212
Net purchases/sales/maturities of short-term investments	-405	-9 681
Equity securities:		
Sales	2 225	1 782
Purchases	-1 495	-1 749
Securities purchased/sold under agreement to resell/repurchase, net	-869	-1 587
Cash paid/received for acquisitions/disposals and reinsurance transactions, net	340	-2 535
Net purchases/sales/maturities of other investments	581	-1 262
Net purchases/sales/maturities of investments held for unit-linked and with-profit business	1 584	1 888
Net cash provided/used by investing activities	2 461	-7 721
Cash flows from financing activities		
Policyholder account balances, unit-linked and with-profit business:		
Deposits	551	215
Withdrawals	-2 629	-1 630
Issuance/repayment of long-term debt	3 614	1 071
Issuance/repayment of short-term debt	-2 205	-190
Purchase/sale of treasury shares	-946	-199
Dividends paid to shareholders	-1 659	-1 765
Transactions with non-controlling interests	634	
Net cash provided/used by financing activities	-2 640	-2 498

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USD millions	2019	2020
Total net cash provided/used	4 218	-4 825
Effect of foreign currency translation	88	4
Change in cash and cash equivalents	4 306	-4 821
Cash and cash equivalents as of 1 January	5 985	7 562
Cash and cash equivalents as of 1 January classified as assets held for sale		2 729
Reclassified to assets held for sale	-2 729	
Cash and cash equivalents as of 31 December	7 562	5 470

Interest paid was USD 572 million and USD 563 million (thereof USD 24 million and USD 7 million for letter of credit fees) for 2019 and 2020, respectively. Tax paid was USD 611 million and USD 364 million for 2019 and 2020, respectively.

Non-cash investing activities for 2020 amounted to USD 1.1 billion. USD 1.4 billion reflects the receipt of shares in Phoenix as part of the sales consideration for ReAssure to Phoenix. This is reduced by USD 0.3 billion representing the transaction with MS&AD. Please refer to Note 10 "Acquisitions and disposals" for more details.

Cash and cash equivalents include restricted cash and cash equivalents, for instance pledged cash and cash equivalents (please refer to Note 7 "Investments").

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Notes to the Group financial statements

1 Organisation and summary of significant accounting policies

Nature of operations

The Swiss Re Group, which is headquartered in Zurich, Switzerland, comprises Swiss Re Ltd (the parent company) and its subsidiaries (collectively, the “Swiss Re Group” or the “Group”). The Swiss Re Group is a wholesale provider of reinsurance, insurance and other insurance-based forms of risk transfer. Working through brokers and a network of offices around the globe, the Group serves a client base consisting of insurance companies, mid- to large-sized corporations and public-sector clients.

Basis of presentation

The accompanying consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (US GAAP) and comply with Swiss law. All significant intra-group transactions and balances have been eliminated on consolidation.

On 22 July 2020, the Group completed the sale of ReAssure to Phoenix. Subsequently, the subject business was deconsolidated as of that date. Further details on the transaction are provided in Note 10 “Acquisitions and disposals”.

The Board of Directors of Swiss Re Ltd has decided that as of 1 January 2024 the Group’s consolidated financial statements will be prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). Financial statements for periods ending on or prior to 31 December 2023 will continue to be prepared in accordance with US GAAP.

Principles of consolidation

The Group’s financial statements include the consolidated financial statements of Swiss Re Ltd and its subsidiaries. Voting entities which Swiss Re Ltd directly or indirectly controls through holding a majority of the voting rights are consolidated in the Group’s accounts. Variable interest entities (VIEs) are consolidated when the Swiss Re Group is the primary beneficiary. The Group is the primary beneficiary when it has power over the activities that impact the VIE’s economic performance and at the same time has the obligation to absorb losses or the right to receive benefits that could potentially be significant to the VIE. Companies which the Group does not control, but over which it directly or indirectly exercises significant influence, are accounted for using the equity method or the fair value option and are included in other invested assets. The Swiss Re Group’s share of net profit or loss in investments accounted for under the equity method is included in net investment income. Equity and net income of these companies are adjusted as necessary to be in line with the Group’s accounting policies. The results of consolidated subsidiaries and investments accounted for using the equity method are included in the financial statements for the period commencing from the date of acquisition.

Use of estimates in the preparation of financial statements

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make significant estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses as well as the related disclosure, including contingent assets and liabilities. The Swiss Re Group’s liabilities for unpaid claims and claim adjustment expenses and policy benefits for life and health include estimates for premium, claim and benefit data not received from ceding companies at the date of the financial statements. In addition, the Group uses certain financial instruments and invests in securities of certain entities for which exchange trading does not exist. The Group determines these estimates based on historical information, actuarial analyses, financial modelling and other analytical techniques. Actual results could differ significantly from the estimates described above.

Foreign currency remeasurement and translation

Transactions denominated in foreign currencies are remeasured to the respective subsidiary’s functional currency at average exchange rates. Monetary assets and liabilities are remeasured to the functional currency at closing exchange rates, whereas non-monetary assets and liabilities are remeasured to the functional currency at historical rates. Remeasurement gains and losses on monetary assets and liabilities and trading securities are reported in earnings. Remeasurement gains and losses on available-for-sale securities, investments in consolidated subsidiaries and investments accounted for using the equity method are reported in shareholders’ equity.

For consolidation purposes, assets and liabilities of subsidiaries with functional currencies other than US dollars are translated from the functional currency to US dollars at closing rates. Revenues and expenses are translated at average exchange rates. Translation adjustments are reported in shareholders’ equity.

Valuation of financial assets

The fair value of the majority of the Group's financial instruments is based on quoted prices in active markets or observable inputs. These instruments include government and agency securities, commercial paper, most investment-grade corporate debt, most high-yield debt securities, exchange-traded derivative instruments, most mortgage- and asset-backed securities and listed equity securities. In markets with reduced or no liquidity, spreads between bid and offer prices are normally wider compared to spreads in highly liquid markets. Such market conditions affect the valuation of certain asset classes of the Group, such as some asset-backed securities as well as certain derivative structures referencing such asset classes.

The Group considers both the credit risk of its counterparties and own risk of non-performance in the valuation of derivative instruments and other over-the-counter financial assets. In determining the fair value of these financial instruments, the assessment of the Group's exposure to the credit risk of its counterparties incorporates consideration of existing collateral and netting arrangements entered into with each counterparty. The measure of the counterparty credit risk is estimated by incorporating the observable credit spreads, where available, or credit spread estimates derived based on the benchmarking techniques where market data is not available. The impact of the Group's own risk of non-performance is analysed in a manner consistent with the aforementioned approach, with consideration given to the Group's observable credit spreads. The value representing such risk is incorporated into the fair value of the financial instruments (primarily derivatives), in a liability position as of the measurement date. The change in this adjustment from period to period is reflected in realised investment gains and losses in the income statement.

For assets or derivative structures at fair value, the Group uses market prices or inputs derived from market prices. A separate internal price verification process, independent of the trading function, provides an additional control over the market prices or market inputs used to determine the fair values of such assets. Although management considers that appropriate values have been ascribed to such assets, there is always a level of uncertainty and judgement related to these valuations. Subsequent valuations could differ significantly from the results of the process described above. The Group may become aware of counterparty valuations, either directly through the exchange of information or indirectly, for example through collateral demands. Any implied differences are considered in the independent price verification process and may result in adjustments to initially indicated valuations. As of 31 December 2020, the Group had not provided any collateral on financial instruments in excess of its own market value estimates.

Investments

The Group's investments in fixed income securities are classified as available-for-sale (AFS) or trading. Fixed income securities AFS are carried at fair value, based on quoted market prices, with the difference between the applicable measure of cost and fair value being recognised in shareholders' equity. Trading fixed income securities are carried at fair value with unrealised gains and losses recognised in earnings. A trading classification is used for securities that are bought and held principally for the purpose of selling them in the near term.

For fixed income securities AFS that are other-than-temporary impaired and for which there is not an intention to sell, the impairment is separated into (i) the estimated amount relating to credit loss, and (ii) the amount relating to all other factors. The estimated credit loss amount is recognised in earnings, with the remainder of the loss amount recognised in other comprehensive income. In cases where there is an intention or requirement to sell and the fair value is lower than cost expressed in functional currency terms, the cost of fixed income securities AFS is reduced to fair value, with a corresponding charge to realised investment losses. Subsequent recoveries are not recognised in earnings.

Equity investments are carried at fair value with unrealised gains and losses recognised in earnings, with the exception of equity method investments and investments that result in consolidation.

Interest on fixed income securities is recorded in net investment income when earned and is adjusted for the amortisation of any purchase premium or discount. Dividends on equity securities are recognised as investment income on the ex-dividend date. Realised gains and losses on sales are included in earnings and are calculated using the specific identification method.

Policy loans, mortgages and other loans are carried at amortised cost. Interest income is recognised in accordance with the effective yield method.

Investment in real estate that the Group intends to hold for the production of income is carried at depreciated cost, net of any write-downs for impairment in value. Depreciation on buildings is recognised on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful life of the asset. Land is recognised at cost and not depreciated. Impairment in value is recognised if the sum of the estimated future undiscounted cash flows from the use of the real estate is lower than its carrying value. The impairment loss is measured as the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its fair value and is recognised in realised investment losses. Depreciation and other related charges or credits are included in net investment income. Investment in real estate held for sale is carried at the lower of cost or fair value, less estimated selling costs, and is not depreciated. Reductions in the carrying value of real estate held for sale are included in realised investment losses.

Short-term investments are measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in net income. The Group considers highly liquid investments with a remaining maturity at the date of acquisition of one year or less, but greater than three months, to be short-term investments.

Other invested assets include affiliated companies, equity accounted companies, derivative financial instruments, collateral receivables, securities purchased under agreement to resell, deposits and time deposits, and investments without readily determinable fair value

(including limited partnership investments). Investments in limited partnerships where the Group's interest equals or exceeds 3% are accounted for using the equity method. Investments in limited partnerships where the Group's interest is below 3% and equity investments in corporate entities which are not publicly traded are accounted for at estimated fair value with changes in fair value recognised in earnings.

The Group enters into securities lending arrangements under which it loans certain securities in exchange for collateral and receives securities lending fees. The Group's policy is to require collateral, consisting of cash or securities, equal to at least 102% of the carrying value of the securities loaned. In certain arrangements, the Group may accept collateral of less than 102% if the structure of the overall transaction offers an equivalent level of security. Cash received as collateral is recognised along with an obligation to return the cash. Securities received as collateral that can be sold or repledged are also recognised along with an obligation to return those securities. Securities lending fees are recognised over the term of the related loans.

Derivative financial instruments and hedge accounting

The Group uses a variety of derivative financial instruments including swaps, options, forwards and exchange-traded financial futures for the Group's trading and hedging strategy in line with the overall risk management strategy. Derivative financial instruments are primarily used as a means of managing exposure to price, foreign currency and/or interest rate risk on planned or anticipated investment purchases, existing assets or existing liabilities and also to lock in attractive investment conditions for funds which become available in the future. The Group recognises all of its derivative instruments on the balance sheet at fair value. Changes in fair value on derivatives that are not designated as hedging instruments are recorded in income.

If the derivative is designated as a hedge of the fair value of assets or liabilities, changes in the fair value of the derivative are recognised in earnings, together with changes in the fair value of the related hedged item. If the derivative is designated as a hedge of the variability in expected future cash flows related to a particular risk, changes in the fair value of the derivative are reported in other comprehensive income until the hedged item is recognised in earnings. The ineffective portion of the hedge is recognised in earnings. When hedge accounting is discontinued on a cash flow hedge, the net gain or loss remains in accumulated other comprehensive income and is reclassified to earnings in the period in which the formerly hedged transaction is reported in earnings. When the Group discontinues hedge accounting because it is no longer probable that a forecasted transaction will occur within the required time period, the derivative continues to be carried on the balance sheet at fair value, and gains and losses that were previously recorded in accumulated other comprehensive income are recognised in earnings.

The Group recognises separately derivatives that are embedded within other host instruments if the economic characteristics and risks are not clearly and closely related to the economic characteristics and risks of the host contract and if it meets the definition of a derivative if it were a free-standing contract.

Derivative financial instrument assets are generally included in other invested assets and derivative financial instrument liabilities are generally included in accrued expenses and other liabilities.

The Group also designates non-derivative and derivative monetary financial instruments as hedges of the foreign currency exposure of its net investment in certain foreign operations. From the inception of the hedging relationship, remeasurement gains and losses on the designated non-derivative and derivative monetary financial instruments and translation gains and losses on the hedged net investment are reported as translation gains and losses in shareholders' equity.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, short-term deposits, certain short-term investments in money market funds and highly liquid debt instruments with a remaining maturity at the date of acquisition of three months or less.

Deferred acquisition costs

The Group incurs costs in connection with acquiring new and renewal reinsurance and insurance business. Some of these costs, which consist primarily of commissions, are deferred as they are directly related to the successful acquisition of such business.

Deferred acquisition costs for short-duration contracts are amortised in proportion to premiums earned. Future investment income is considered in determining the recoverability of deferred acquisition costs for short-duration contracts. Deferred acquisition costs for long-duration contracts are amortised over the life of underlying contracts. Deferred acquisition costs for universal-life and similar products are amortised based on the present value of estimated gross profits. Estimated gross profits are updated quarterly.

Modifications of insurance and reinsurance contracts

The Group accounts for modifications of insurance and reinsurance contracts that result in a substantially unchanged contract as a continuation of the replaced contract. The associated deferred acquisition costs and present value of future profits (PVFP) will continue to be amortised. The Group accounts for modifications of insurance and reinsurance contracts that result in a substantially changed contract as an extinguishment of the replaced contract. The associated deferred acquisition costs or PVFP are written off immediately through income and any new deferrable costs associated with the replacement contract are deferred.

Business combinations

The Group applies the acquisition method of accounting for business combinations. This method allocates the cost of the acquired entity to the assets and liabilities assumed based on their estimated fair values at the date of acquisition.

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Life Capital closed blocks of business can be acquired in different legal forms, either through an acquisition of an entity's share capital or through a reinsurance transaction. The Group's policy is to treat these transactions consistently regardless of the legal form of the acquisition. Accordingly, the Group records the acquired assets and liabilities directly to the balance sheet. Premiums, life and health benefits and other income statement items are not recorded in the income statement on the date of the acquisition.

The underlying assets and liabilities acquired are subsequently accounted for according to the relevant US GAAP guidance. This includes specific requirements applicable to subsequent accounting for assets and liabilities recognised as part of the acquisition method of accounting, including present value of future profits, goodwill and other intangible assets.

Acquired present value of future profits

The acquired present value of future profits (PVFP) of business in force is recorded in connection with the acquisition of life and health business. The initial value is calculated as the difference between established reserves, which are set up in line with US GAAP accounting policies and assumptions of the Group, and their fair value at the acquisition date. The resulting PVFP, which could be positive or negative, is amortised on a constant yield basis over the expected revenue recognition period of the business acquired, generally over periods ranging up to 30 years, with the accrual of interest added to the unamortised balance at the earned rate. Amortisation and accrual of interest are recognised in acquisition costs. The earned rate corresponds to either the current earned rate or the original earned rate depending on the business written. The rate is consistently applied for the entire life of the applicable business. For universal-life and similar products, PVFP is amortised in line with estimated gross profits, which are updated quarterly. The carrying value of PVFP is reviewed periodically for indicators of impairment in value. Adjustments to PVFP reflecting impairment in value are recognised in acquisition costs during the period in which the determination of impairment is made, or in other comprehensive income for shadow loss recognition.

Goodwill

The excess of the purchase price of acquired businesses over the estimated fair value of net assets acquired is recorded as goodwill, which is reviewed periodically for indicators of impairment in value. Adjustments to reflect impairment in value are recognised in earnings in the period in which the determination of impairment is made.

Other assets

Other assets include deferred expenses on retroactive reinsurance, prepaid reinsurance premiums, receivables related to investing activities, real estate for own use, other classes of property, plant and equipment, lease right-of-use asset, accrued income, certain intangible assets and prepaid assets.

The excess of estimated liabilities for claims and claim adjustment expenses payable over consideration received in respect of retroactive property and casualty reinsurance contracts is recorded as a deferred expense. The deferred expense on retroactive reinsurance contracts is amortised through earnings over the expected claims-paying period.

Real estate for own use as well as other classes of property, plant and equipment are carried at depreciated cost. Depreciation on buildings is recognised on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful life. Land is recognised at cost and not depreciated.

Leases

The Group recognises for finance and operating leases a liability to make lease payments (the lease liability) and a right-of-use asset representing the right to use the underlying asset for the lease term. The lease right-of-use asset is included in "other assets" and the lease liability is included in "accrued expenses and other liabilities" on the balance sheet. Lease expense for lease payments is recognised on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

Additional disclosures are provided in Note 12 "Leases".

Capitalised software costs

External direct costs of materials and services incurred to develop or obtain software for internal use, payroll and payroll-related costs for employees directly associated with software development and interest cost incurred while developing software for internal use are capitalised and amortised on a straight-line basis through earnings over the estimated useful life.

Income taxes

Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are recognised based on the difference between financial statement carrying amounts and the corresponding income tax bases of assets and liabilities using enacted income tax rates and laws. A valuation allowance is recorded against deferred tax assets when it is deemed more likely than not that some or all of the deferred tax assets may not be realised.

The Group recognises the effect of income tax positions only if sustaining those positions is more likely than not. Changes in recognition or measurement are reflected in the period in which a change in judgement occurs.

The Group releases stranded tax effects for unrealised gains/losses on AFS securities to earnings on a straight-line basis over the average duration of the relevant AFS portfolio as an approximation of when the individual securities within the portfolio are sold or mature. For adjustment for pension and other post-retirement benefits, stranded tax effects are released to earnings when the relevant pension plan is terminated. For foreign currency translation, stranded tax effects are released to earnings in line with the recycling of the underlying foreign currency translation amounts.

Unpaid claims and claim adjustment expenses

Liabilities for unpaid claims and claim adjustment expenses for property and casualty and for life and health insurance and reinsurance contracts are accrued when insured events occur and are based on the estimated ultimate cost of settling the claims, using reports and individual case estimates received from ceding companies. Reserves also are established for claims incurred but not reported, which are developed on the basis of past experience adjusted for current trends and other factors that modify past experience. The establishment of the appropriate level of reserves is an inherently uncertain process involving estimates and judgements made by management, and therefore there can be no assurance that ultimate claims and claim adjustment expenses will not exceed the loss reserves currently established by the Group. These estimates are regularly reviewed, and adjustments for differences between estimates and actual payments for claims and for changes in estimates are reflected in income in the period in which the estimates are changed or payments are made.

The COVID-19 pandemic has created additional uncertainty, both in respect of estimation of claims across the insurance and reinsurance industry and assessments of the wider potential global health and economic impacts. This uncertainty has been compounded by the evolving nature of the pandemic, including the spread of new strains of the virus, and is driven, among other factors, by lack of definitive answers about the impacts of the pandemic and related mitigation efforts on economies and societies across the globe, the efficacy of vaccines and other treatments, and the long-term health and social impacts of the pandemic on populations, as well as by evolving responses of governments and regulators, responses of businesses and outcomes of legal actions that have already been brought or may in the future be brought. The Group has recorded its best estimate of claims and claim adjustment expenses incurred as a result of the pandemic as at 31 December 2020, which best estimate reflects the Group's expectations based on current facts and circumstances. However, the Group may, as a result of the myriad uncertainties, need to change its estimates for claims incurred and additional future claims over time as underlying facts develop.

The Group does not discount liabilities arising from prospective property and casualty insurance and reinsurance contracts, including liabilities which are discounted for US statutory reporting purposes. Liabilities arising from property and casualty insurance and reinsurance contracts acquired in a business combination are initially recognised at fair value in accordance with the acquisition method of accounting.

The Group does not discount life and health claim reserves except for disability income claims in payment and mortality claims paid out in the form of an annuity. These claims are recognised at the estimated present value of the remaining ultimate net costs of the incurred claims.

Experience features which are directly linked to a reinsurance asset or liability are classified in a manner that is consistent with the presentation of that asset or liability.

Liabilities for life and health policy benefits

Liabilities for life and health policy benefits from reinsurance business are generally calculated using the net level premium method, based on assumptions as to investment yields, mortality, withdrawals, lapses and policyholder dividends. Assumptions are set at the time the contract is issued or, in the case of contracts acquired by purchase, at the purchase date. The assumptions are based on projections from past experience, making allowance for possible adverse deviation. Interest rate assumptions for life and health (re)insurance benefit liabilities are based on estimates of expected investment yields. Assumed mortality rates are generally based on experience multiples applied to the actuarial select and ultimate tables based on industry experience.

Liabilities for life and health policy benefits are increased with a charge to earnings if it is determined that future cash flows, including investment income, are insufficient to cover future benefits and expenses. Where assets backing liabilities for policy benefits are held as AFS, these liabilities for policyholder benefits are increased by a shadow adjustment, with a charge to other comprehensive income, where future cash flows at market rates are insufficient to cover future benefits and expenses.

Policyholder account balances

Policyholder account balances relate to universal-life-type contracts and investment contracts.

Universal-life-type contracts are long-duration insurance contracts, providing either death or annuity benefits, with terms that are not fixed and guaranteed.

Investment contracts are long-duration contracts that do not incorporate significant insurance risk, ie there is no mortality and morbidity risk, or the mortality and morbidity risk associated with the insurance benefit features offered in the contract is of insignificant amount or remote probability. Amounts received as payment for investment contracts are reported as policyholder account balances. Related assets are included in general account assets except for investments for unit-linked and with-profit business, which are presented in a separate line item on the face of the balance sheet.

Amounts assessed against policyholders for mortality, administration and surrender are shown as fee income. Amounts credited to policyholders are shown as interest credited to policyholders. Investment income and realised investment gains and losses allocable to policyholders are included in net investment income and net realised investment gains/losses except for unit-linked and with-profit business, which is presented in a separate line item on the face of the income statement.

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Unit-linked and with-profit business are presented together as they are similar in nature. For unit-linked contracts, the investment risk is borne by the policyholder. For with-profit contracts, the majority of the investment risk is also borne by the policyholder, although there are certain guarantees that limit the downside risk for the policyholder, and a certain proportion of the returns may be retained by Swiss Re Group (typically 10%). Additional disclosures are provided in Note 7 "Investments".

Funds held assets and liabilities

On the asset side, funds held by ceding companies consist mainly of amounts retained by the ceding company for business written on a funds withheld basis. In addition, the account also includes amounts arising from the application of the deposit method of accounting to ceded retrocession or reinsurance contracts.

On the liability side, funds held under reinsurance treaties consist mainly of amounts arising from the application of the deposit method of accounting to inward insurance and reinsurance contracts. In addition, the account also includes amounts retained from ceded business written on a funds withheld basis.

Funds withheld assets are assets that would normally be paid to the Group but are withheld by the cedent to reduce a potential credit risk or to retain control over investments. In case of funds withheld liabilities, it is the Group that withholds assets related to ceded business in order to reduce its credit risk or retain control over the investments.

The deposit method of accounting is applied to insurance and reinsurance contracts that do not indemnify the ceding company or the Group against loss or liability relating to insurance risk. Under the deposit method of accounting, the deposit asset or liability is initially measured based on the consideration paid or received. For contracts that transfer neither significant timing nor underwriting risk, and contracts that transfer only significant timing risk, changes in estimates of the timing or amounts of cash flows are accounted for by recalculating the effective yield. The deposit is then adjusted to the amount that would have existed had the new effective yield been applied since the inception of the contract. The revenue and expense recorded for such contracts is included in net investment income. For contracts that transfer only significant underwriting risk, once a loss is incurred, the deposit is adjusted by the present value of the incurred loss. At each subsequent balance sheet date, the portion of the deposit attributable to the incurred loss is recalculated by discounting the estimated future cash flows. The resulting changes in the carrying amount of the deposit are recognised in claims and claim adjustment expenses.

Funds withheld balances are presented together with assets and liabilities arising from the application of the deposit method because of their common deposit-type character.

Shadow adjustments

Shadow adjustments are recognised in other comprehensive income reflecting the offset of adjustments to deferred acquisition costs and PVFP, typically related to universal-life-type contracts, and policyholder liabilities. The purpose is to reflect the fact that certain amounts recorded as unrealised investment gains and losses within shareholders' equity will ultimately accrue to policyholders and not shareholders.

Shadow loss recognition testing becomes relevant in low interest rate environments. The test considers whether the hypothetical sale of AFS securities and the reinvestment of proceeds at lower yields would lead to negative operational earnings in future periods, thereby causing a loss recognition event. For shadow loss recognition testing, the Group uses current market yields to determine best estimate US GAAP reserves rather than using locked-in or current book yields. If the unlocked best estimate US GAAP reserves based on current market rates are in excess of reserves based on locked-in or current book yields, a shadow loss recognition reserve is set up. These reserves are recognised in other comprehensive income and do not impact net income. In addition, shadow loss recognition reserves can reverse up to the amount of losses recognised due to past loss events.

Premiums

Property and casualty reinsurance premiums are recorded when written and include an estimate for written premiums receivable at period end. Premiums earned are generally recognised in income over the contract period in proportion to the amount of reinsurance provided. Unearned premiums consist of the unexpired portion of reinsurance provided. Life reinsurance premiums are earned when due. Related policy benefits are recorded in relation to the associated premium or gross profits so that profits are recognised over the expected lives of the contracts.

Life and health reinsurance premiums for group coverages are generally earned over the term of the coverage. For group contracts that allow experience adjustments to premiums, such premiums are recognised as the related experience emerges.

Reinstatement premiums are due where coverage limits for the remaining life of the contract are reinstated under pre-defined contract terms. The recognition of reinstatement premiums as written depends on individual contract features. Reinstatement premiums are either recognised as written at the time a loss event occurs or in line with the recognition pattern of premiums written of the underlying contract. The accrual of reinstatement premiums is based on actuarial estimates of ultimate losses. Reinstatement premiums are generally earned in proportion to the amount of reinsurance provided.

Insurance and reinsurance ceded

The Group uses retrocession arrangements to increase its aggregate underwriting capacity, to diversify its risk and to reduce the risk of catastrophic loss on reinsurance assumed. The ceding of risks to retrocessionaires does not relieve the Group of its obligations to its ceding companies. The Group regularly evaluates the financial condition of its retrocessionaires and monitors the concentration of credit risk to minimise its exposure to financial loss from retrocessionaires' insolvency. Premiums and losses ceded under retrocession contracts are reported as reductions of premiums earned and claims and claim adjustment expenses. Amounts recoverable for ceded short- and long-duration contracts, including universal-life-type and investment contracts, are reported as assets in the accompanying consolidated balance sheet.

The Group provides reserves for uncollectible amounts on reinsurance balances ceded, based on management's assessment of the collectability of the outstanding balances.

Receivables

Premium and claims receivables which have been invoiced are accounted for at face value. Together with assets arising from the application of the deposit method of accounting that meet the definition of financing receivables they are regularly assessed for impairment. Evidence of impairment is the age of the receivable and/or any financial difficulties of the counterparty. Allowances are set up on the net balance, meaning all balances related to the same counterparty are considered. The amount of the allowance is set up in relation to the time a receivable has been due and any financial difficulties of the debtor and can be as high as the outstanding net balance.

Pensions and other post-retirement benefits

The Group accounts for its pension and other post-retirement benefit costs using the accrual method of accounting. Amounts charged to expense are based on periodic actuarial determinations.

Share-based payment transactions

As of 31 December 2020, the Group has a Leadership Performance Plan, restricted shares and a Global Share Participation Plan. These plans are described in more detail in Note 16 "Share-based payments". The Group accounts for share-based payment transactions with employees using the fair value method. Under the fair value method, the fair value of the awards is recognised in earnings over the vesting period.

For share-based compensation plans which are settled in cash, compensation costs are recognised as liabilities, whereas for equity-settled plans, compensation costs are recognised as an accrual to additional paid-in capital within shareholders' equity.

Treasury shares

Treasury shares are reported at cost in shareholders' equity.

Earnings per common share

Basic earnings per common share are determined by dividing net income available to shareholders by the weighted average number of common shares entitled to dividends during the year. Diluted earnings per common share reflect the effect on earnings and average common shares outstanding associated with dilutive securities.

Subsequent events

Subsequent events for the current reporting period have been evaluated up to 17 March 2021. This is the date on which the financial statements are available to be issued.

Adoption of new accounting standards

In August 2018, the FASB issued ASU 2018-13, "Disclosure Framework – Changes to the Disclosure Requirements for Fair Value Measurement", an update to Topic 820, "Fair Value Measurement". The amendments in this ASU add, remove and modify some disclosure requirements on fair value measurement. The Group adopted the standard retrospectively on 1 January 2020 with the exception of the amendments which require prospective adoption. The applicable amendments of ASU 2018-13 are reflected in Note 8 "Fair value disclosures".

In August 2018, the FASB issued ASU 2018-14, "Disclosure Framework – Changes to the Disclosure Requirements for Defined Benefit Plans", an update to Subtopic 715-20, "Compensation – Retirement Benefits – Defined Benefit Plans – General". The amendments in this Update remove, clarify and add disclosure requirements related to defined benefit pension and other postretirement plans. The Group adopted the annual disclosure requirements retrospectively as of year-end 2020, which are provided in Note 15 "Benefit plans".

In August 2018, the FASB issued ASU 2018-15, "Customer's Accounting for Implementation Cost Incurred in a Cloud Computing Arrangement That Is a Service Contract", a consensus of the FASB Emerging Issues Task Force (EITF) to Subtopic 350-40, "Internal-Use Software". The amendments in this ASU align the requirements for capitalising implementation costs incurred in a cloud computing arrangement (CCA) that is a service contract with the requirements for capitalising implementation costs incurred to develop or obtain internal use software. The update requires that implementation costs related to a CCA that is a service contract need to be capitalised based on the phase and nature of the costs. The Group adopted ASU 2018-15 prospectively on 1 January 2020. The adoption did not have a material impact on the Group's financial statements.

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In October 2018, the FASB issued ASU 2018-17, "Targeted Improvements to Related Party Guidance for Variable Interest Entities", an update to Topic 810, "Consolidation". The standard requires that indirect interests held through related parties in common control arrangements should be considered on a proportional basis for determining whether fees paid to decision makers and service providers are variable interests. The Group adopted the ASU retrospectively on 1 January 2020. The adoption did not have an impact on the Group's financial statements.

In November 2018, the FASB issued ASU 2018-18, "Clarifying the Interaction between Topic 808 and Topic 606", an update to Topic 808, "Collaborative Arrangements". The amendments in this ASU provide guidance on whether certain transactions between collaborative arrangement participants should be accounted for with revenue under Topic 606 "Revenue from Contracts with Customers". In particular, the update requires that in a transaction with a collaborative arrangement participant that is not directly related to sales to third parties, the presentation of the transaction together with revenue recognised under Topic 606 is precluded. The Group adopted ASU 2018-18 on 1 January 2020 retrospectively to the date of initial application of Topic 606. The adoption did not have an impact on the Group's financial statements.

In April 2019, the FASB issued ASU 2019-04, "Codification Improvements to Topic 326, Financial Instruments – Credit Losses, Topic 815, Derivatives and Hedging, and Topic 825, Financial Instruments". The ASU provides selective clarifications and corrections of guidance on credit losses, hedging, and recognising and measuring financial instruments. The Group adopted the standard on 1 January 2020 with the exception of the guidance relating to ASU 2016-13 "Measurement of Credit Losses". The adoption did not have an impact on the Group's financial statements. The amendments related to credit losses will be adopted together with ASU 2016-13 as required by the standard.

In March 2020, the FASB issued ASU 2020-03, "Codification Improvements to Financial Instruments". The amendments in this ASU address seven specific issues identified related to financial instruments with the aim to improve and clarify the Codification, correct unintended application of current guidance and eliminate inconsistencies. The Group adopted issues 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 on 9 March 2020, which is the issuance date of the ASU. The adoption did not have an impact on the Group's financial statements. Issues 6 and 7 will be adopted together with ASU 2016-13 "Measurement of Credit Losses" as required by the standard.

In March 2020, the FASB issued ASU 2020-04, "Facilitation of the Effects of Reference Rate Reform on Financial Reporting", an update to Topic 848, "Reference Rate Reform". In response to concerns about structural risks of interbank offered rates (IBORs) and, particularly, the risk of cessation of the London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR), regulators in several jurisdictions around the world have undertaken reference rate reform initiatives to identify alternative reference rates. The amendments in this update provide optional expedients and exceptions for applying US GAAP accounting principles to contracts, hedging relationships and other transactions that reference LIBOR or another reference rate expected to be discontinued because of these reference rate reform initiatives. The Group adopted ASU 2020-04 on 12 March 2020, which is the issuance date of the standard. There is a choice to apply the guidance by Topic or industry Subtopic at any time prospectively during the effective period from 12 March 2020 through 31 December 2022. As of 31 December 2020, the Group applied the guidance to Topic 815 related to changes to the critical terms of a hedging relationship due to reference rate reform as well as to Topic 944 related to changes resulting from the replacement of discontinued reference rates included in contracts within the scope of Topic 944, "Financial Services – Insurance". While these elections did not have a material impact on the Consolidated Financial Statements, they ease the administrative burden of accounting for contracts impacted by the reference rate reform.

Future adoption of new accounting standards

In June 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-13, "Measurement of Credit Losses", an update to Topic 326, "Financial Instruments – Credit Losses". ASU 2016-13 replaces the incurred loss impairment methodology in current US GAAP with a methodology that reflects expected credit losses. The standard is applicable to all financial assets such as financial instruments that are measured at amortised cost, available-for-sale debt securities and reinsurance recoverables. The objective of the expected credit loss model is that a reporting entity recognises its estimate of expected credit losses incorporating forward-looking information in a valuation allowance for financial assets in scope. As amended by ASU 2019-10 "Effective Dates", ASU 2016-13 is effective for annual and interim periods beginning after 15 December 2022. For most affected financial assets, the ASU must be adopted using a modified retrospective approach, with a cumulative effect adjustment recorded to opening retained earnings on the adoption date. The Group is currently assessing the impact of the new requirements.

In January 2017, the FASB issued ASU 2017-04, "Simplifying the Test for Goodwill Impairment", an update to Topic 350, "Intangibles – Goodwill and Other". This ASU simplifies the subsequent measurement of goodwill and eliminates Step 2 from the goodwill impairment test. In computing the implied fair value of goodwill under Step 2, an entity has to perform procedures to determine the fair value of its assets and liabilities (including unrecognised assets and liabilities) at the impairment testing date following the procedure that would be required in determining the fair value of assets acquired and liabilities assumed in a business combination. Instead, under the amendments in this update, an entity should perform its regular goodwill impairment test by comparing the fair value of a reporting unit with its carrying amount. An entity should recognise an impairment charge for the amount by which the carrying amount exceeds the reporting unit's fair value; however, the loss recognised should not exceed the total amount of goodwill allocated to that reporting unit. As amended by ASU 2019-10 "Effective Dates", ASU 2017-04 is effective for goodwill impairment tests in annual and interim periods beginning after 15 December 2022. Early application of the ASU is permitted. The Group is currently assessing the impact of the new requirements.

In August 2018, the FASB issued ASU 2018-12, "Targeted Improvements to the Accounting for Long-Duration Contracts", an update to Topic 944, "Financial Services – Insurance". This ASU requires that the cash flows and net premium ratio will be updated for changes in insurance assumptions (eg mortality, morbidity, terminations) when measuring the liability for future policy benefits for nonparticipating traditional and limited-payment insurance and reinsurance contracts. There will no longer be a provision for adverse deviation. In addition, the discount rate used to reflect the time value of money in the calculation of the liability for future policy benefits will be standardised. Further, the ASU requires deferred acquisition costs (DAC) relating to most long-duration contracts to be amortised on a constant basis over the expected term of the contract. As amended by ASU 2020-11 "Effective Date and Early Application", ASU 2018-12 is effective for annual periods beginning after 15 December 2024, and interim periods beginning after 15 December 2025. Due to the decision of the Board of Directors of Swiss Re Ltd to prepare the Group's consolidated financial statements in accordance with IFRS beginning 1 January 2024, the Group does not plan to adopt ASU 2018-12.

2 Information on business segments

The Group provides reinsurance and insurance throughout the world through its business segments. The business segments are determined by the organisational structure and by the way in which management reviews the operating performance of the Group.

The Group presents four core operating business segments: Property & Casualty Reinsurance, Life & Health Reinsurance, Corporate Solutions and Life Capital. The presentation of each segment's balance sheet is closely aligned to the segment legal entity structure. The assignment of assets and liabilities for entities that span more than one segment is determined by considering local statutory requirements, legal and other constraints, the economic view of duration and currency requirements of the business written and the capacity of the segments to absorb risks. Interest expense is based on the segment's capital funding position. The tax impact of a segment is derived from the legal entity tax obligations and the segmentation of the pre-tax result. While most of the tax items can be directly attributed to individual segments, the tax which impacts two or more segments is allocated to the segments on a reasonable basis. Property & Casualty Reinsurance and Life & Health Reinsurance share the same year-to-date effective tax rate as both business segments belong to the Reinsurance Business Unit.

Accounting policies applied by the business segments are in line with those described in the summary of significant accounting policies (please refer to Note 1). Cross-segmental dividends and gains and losses on certain one-off transfers and transactions between segments are accounted for through segmental shareholders' equity.

The Group operating segments are outlined below.

Property & Casualty Reinsurance and Life & Health Reinsurance

Reinsurance consists of two segments, Property & Casualty and Life & Health. The Reinsurance Business Unit operates globally, both through brokers and directly with clients, and provides a large range of solutions for risk and capital management. Clients include stock and mutual insurance companies as well as public sector and governmental entities. In addition to traditional reinsurance solutions, Reinsurance offers insurance-linked securities and other insurance-related capital market products in both Property & Casualty and Life & Health.

Property & Casualty includes the business lines property, casualty (including motor) and specialty. Life & Health includes the life and health lines of business.

Corporate Solutions

Corporate Solutions offers innovative insurance capacity to mid-sized and large multinational corporations across the globe. Offerings range from standard risk transfer covers and multi-line programmes to highly customised solutions tailored to the needs of clients. Corporate Solutions serves customers from offices worldwide.

Life Capital

In the fourth quarter of 2019, the Group entered into an agreement to sell its subsidiary ReAssure, previously within the Life Capital business segment, to Phoenix. On 22 July 2020, the Group successfully completed the sale of ReAssure to Phoenix, following the receipt of all required regulatory and anti-trust approvals. The sale effectively led to the deconsolidation of ReAssure from the Group financial statements in the third quarter of 2020. For more details on the transaction, please refer to Note 10 "Acquisitions and disposals".

Life Capital manages Swiss Re's primary life and health business as well as its primary retail property and casualty business. It encompasses the closed and open life and health insurance books, including the ReAssure business sold in 2020 and the business comprising elipsLife and iptiQ.

Through ReAssure, Swiss Re acquired closed blocks of inforce life and health insurance business, either through reinsurance or corporate acquisition, and typically assumed responsibility for administering the underlying policies. The administration of the business was managed directly or, where appropriate, in partnership with a third party. In the open books business, elipsLife, the Group life and health insurance business, offers solutions to pension funds, corporates and affinity groups through an intermediated business to business to consumer ("B2B2C") model. The iptiQ business partners with distributors and enables individuals to address their protection needs on a white labelled basis.

As announced on 19 June 2020, the segmental disclosures will be revised to reflect the way the Group will manage its business activities going forward. As of 1 January 2021, the Life Capital reporting segment ceases to be managed as a separate Business Unit. iptiQ becomes a stand-alone division, and is reported as part of the Group items reporting segment. elipsLife moves to the Corporate Solutions reporting segment.

Group items

Items not allocated to the business segments are included in the "Group items" column, which encompasses Swiss Re Ltd, the Group's ultimate parent company, Principal Investments and certain Treasury units and reinsurance and insurance business in run-off. Swiss Re Ltd charges trademark licence fees to the business segments which are reported as other revenues. Certain administrative expenses of the corporate centre functions that are not recharged to the operating segments are reported as Group items.

Consolidation

Segment information is presented net of external and internal retrocession and other intra-group arrangements. The Group total is obtained after elimination of intra-group transactions in the "Consolidation" column. This includes significant intra-group reinsurance arrangements, recharge of trademark licence fees and intersegmental funding.

a) Business segments – income statement

For the year ended 31 December

2019 USD millions	Property & Casualty Reinsurance	Life & Health Reinsurance	Corporate Solutions	Life Capital	Group items	Consolidation	Total
Revenues							
Gross premiums written	21 562	14 452	4 974	2 831		-1 591	42 228
Net premiums written	20 882	12 734	4 253	1 780			39 649
Change in unearned premiums	-1 607	101	-87	-82			-1 675
Premiums earned	19 275	12 835	4 166	1 698			37 974
Fee income from policyholders		169		451			620
Net investment income – non-participating business	1 419	1 207	234	1 193	552	-434	4 171
Net realised investment gains/losses – non-participating business	883	628	162	18	-111		1 580
Net investment result – unit-linked and with-profit business		118		4 821			4 939
Other revenues	18	4	5	1	414	-412	30
Total revenues	21 595	14 961	4 567	8 182	855	-846	49 314
Expenses							
Claims and claim adjustment expenses	-14 783		-3 900				-18 683
Life and health benefits		-10 587		-2 500			-13 087
Return credited to policyholders		-162		-4 471			-4 633
Acquisition costs	-4 810	-1 975	-640	-409			-7 834
Operating expenses	-1 189	-746	-788	-721	-547	412	-3 579
Total expenses before interest expenses	-20 782	-13 470	-5 328	-8 101	-547	412	-47 816
Income/loss before interest and income tax expense/benefit							
	813	1 491	-761	81	308	-434	1 498
Interest expenses	-352	-445	-40	-72	-114	434	-589
Income/loss before income tax expense/benefit	461	1 046	-801	9	194	0	909
Income tax expense/benefit	-65	-147	143	-133	62		-140
Net income/loss before attribution of non-controlling interests	396	899	-658	-124	256	0	769
Income/loss attributable to non-controlling interests			11	-53			-42
Net income/loss attributable to common shareholders	396	899	-647	-177	256	0	727
Claims ratio in %	76.7		93.6				79.7
Expense ratio in %	31.1		34.3				31.7
Combined ratio in %	107.8		127.9				111.4
Management expense ratio ¹ in %		5.2					
Net operating margin ² in %	3.8	10.0	-16.7	2.4			3.4

¹ Management expense ratio is calculated as "Operating expenses" divided by "Total revenues" excluding "Net realised investment gains/losses – non-participating business" and "Net investment result – unit-linked and with-profit business".

² Net operating margin is calculated as "Income before interest and income tax expense" divided by "Total revenues" excluding "Net investment result – unit-linked and with-profit business".

Business segments – income statement

For the year ended 31 December

2020 USD millions	Property & Casualty Reinsurance	Life & Health Reinsurance	Corporate Solutions	Life Capital	Group items	Consolidation	Total
Revenues							
Gross premiums written	21 512	15 067	4 839	2 533	24	-1 024	42 951
Net premiums written	20 636	13 657	3 824	1 686	24		39 827
Change in unearned premiums	196	68	223	7			494
Premiums earned	20 832	13 725	4 047	1 693	24		40 321
Fee income from policyholders		158		291			449
Net investment income – non-participating business	1 178	1 140	140	827	20	-317	2 988
Net realised investment gains – non-participating business	683	445	74	243	285		1 730
Net investment result – unit-linked and with-profit business		-32		-2 155			-2 187
Other revenues	26	4	5	1	407	-406	37
Total revenues	22 719	15 440	4 266	900	736	-723	43 338
Expenses							
Claims and claim adjustment expenses	-16 403		-3 433	-2			-19 838
Life and health benefits		-12 204		-1 716	-9		-13 929
Return credited to policyholders		5		1 755			1 760
Acquisition costs	-5 104	-1 999	-592	-527	-14		-8 236
Operating expenses	-1 200	-786	-690	-613	-714	406	-3 597
Total expenses before interest expenses	-22 707	-14 984	-4 715	-1 103	-737	406	-43 840
Income/loss before interest and income tax expense/benefit							
	12	456	-449	-203	-1	-317	-502
Interest expenses	-321	-367	-31	-55	-131	317	-588
Income/loss before income tax expense/benefit	-309	89	-480	-258	-132	0	-1 090
Income tax expense/benefit	62	-18	136	41	45		266
Net income/loss before attribution of non-controlling interests	-247	71	-344	-217	-87	0	-824
Income attributable to non-controlling interests			-6	-48			-54
Net income/loss attributable to common shareholders	-247	71	-350	-265	-87	0	-878
Claims ratio in %	78.7		84.8				79.7
Expense ratio in %	30.3		31.7				30.5
Combined ratio in %	109.0		116.5				110.2
Management expense ratio ¹ in %		5.2					
Net operating margin ² in %	0.1	2.9	-10.5	-6.6			-1.1

¹ Management expense ratio is calculated as "Operating expenses" divided by "Total revenues" excluding "Net realised investment gains/losses – non-participating business" and "Net investment result – unit-linked and with-profit business".

² Net operating margin is calculated as "Income before interest and income tax expense" divided by "Total revenues" excluding "Net investment result – unit-linked and with-profit business".

Business segments – balance sheet

As of 31 December

2019 USD millions	Property & Casualty Reinsurance	Life & Health Reinsurance	Corporate Solutions	Life Capital	Group items	Consolidation	Total
Assets							
Fixed income securities	38 877	32 008	7 473	3 088	127		81 573
Equity securities	1 749	620	172	57	395		2 993
Other investments	14 606	4 871	147	865	5 009	-12 606	12 892
Short-term investments	3 283	1 678	380	377	50		5 768
Investments for unit-linked and with-profit business		520					520
Cash and cash equivalents	3 674	1 694	1 698	494	2		7 562
Deferred acquisition costs	2 613	4 529	483	213			7 838
Acquired present value of future profits		577		465			1 042
Reinsurance recoverable	2 325	4 887	7 058	3 111		-11 483	5 898
Other reinsurance assets	12 524	8 471	2 667	5 951	3	-4 873	24 743
Goodwill	1 895	1 846	204				3 945
Other	7 723	5 325	2 342	658	2 256	-8 950	9 354
Assets held for sale ¹				74 983		-544	74 439
Total assets	89 269	67 026	22 624	90 262	7 842	-38 456	238 567
Liabilities							
Unpaid claims and claim adjustment expenses	49 963	13 094	12 881	2 489		-6 054	72 373
Liabilities for life and health policy benefits		20 679	728	4 250		-5 821	19 836
Policyholder account balances		1 401		4 004			5 405
Other reinsurance liabilities	12 899	2 904	4 987	2 034	2	-5 051	17 775
Short-term debt	915	1 500		66	60	-2 356	185
Long-term debt	5 511	11 225	798	838	494	-8 728	10 138
Other	11 662	7 970	1 093	1 015	1 900	-10 408	13 232
Liabilities held for sale ¹				68 624		-38	68 586
Total liabilities	80 950	58 773	20 487	83 320	2 456	-38 456	207 530
Shareholders' equity							
	8 318	8 253	2 005	5 289	5 386	0	29 251
Non-controlling interests		1	132	1 653			1 786
Total equity	8 319	8 253	2 137	6 942	5 386	0	31 037
Total liabilities and equity	89 269	67 026	22 624	90 262	7 842	-38 456	238 567

¹ Please refer to Note 10 "Acquisitions and disposals" for more details.

Business segments – balance sheet

As of 31 December

2020 USD millions	Property & Casualty Reinsurance	Life & Health Reinsurance	Corporate Solutions	Life Capital	Group items	Consolidation	Total
Assets							
Fixed income securities	39 691	32 958	7 024	3 244	101		83 018
Equity securities	1 518	641	204	110	2 426		4 899
Other investments	19 345	3 502	144	817	5 018	-12 595	16 231
Short-term investments	9 216	4 275	1 865	535	191		16 082
Investments for unit-linked and with-profit business		463					463
Cash and cash equivalents	2 941	1 625	558	294	52		5 470
Deferred acquisition costs	2 576	4 900	413	285	56		8 230
Acquired present value of future profits		510		418			928
Reinsurance recoverable	2 030	2 042	6 733	258		-5 171	5 892
Other reinsurance assets	13 003	7 883	2 491	4 469	9	-1 195	26 660
Goodwill	1 958	1 869	194				4 021
Other	8 769	7 705	2 366	1 193	4 580	-13 885	10 728
Total assets	101 047	68 373	21 992	11 623	12 433	-32 846	182 622
Liabilities							
Unpaid claims and claim adjustment expenses	55 267	14 863	13 560	2 727	9	-5 168	81 258
Liabilities for life and health policy benefits		20 207	746	1 495	9	-1	22 456
Policyholder account balances		1 303		3 889			5 192
Other reinsurance liabilities	14 570	1 399	4 137	887	74	-1 515	19 552
Short-term debt	435	1 500		66	60	-1 908	153
Long-term debt	4 771	12 304	498		2 400	-8 389	11 584
Other	16 834	9 416	909	808	3 067	-15 865	15 169
Total liabilities	91 877	60 992	19 850	9 872	5 619	-32 846	155 364
Shareholders' equity							
	9 168	7 381	2 021	1 751	6 814	0	27 135
Non-controlling interests	2		121				123
Total equity	9 170	7 381	2 142	1 751	6 814	0	27 258
Total liabilities and equity	101 047	68 373	21 992	11 623	12 433	-32 846	182 622

b) Property & Casualty Reinsurance business segment – by line of business

For the year ended 31 December

2019 USD millions	Property	Casualty	Specialty	Unallocated	Total
Revenues					
Gross premiums written	7 927	10 497	3 138		21 562
Net premiums written	7 329	10 452	3 101		20 882
Change in unearned premiums	-122	-1 166	-319		-1 607
Premiums earned					
Net investment income				1 419	1 419
Net realised investment gains/losses				883	883
Other revenues				18	18
Total revenues	7 207	9 286	2 782	2 320	21 595
Expenses					
Claims and claim adjustment expenses	-5 328	-7 675	-1 780		-14 783
Acquisition costs	-1 365	-2 758	-687		-4 810
Operating expenses	-610	-395	-184		-1 189
Total expenses before interest expenses	-7 303	-10 828	-2 651	0	-20 782
Income/loss before interest and income tax expense					
	-96	-1 542	131	2 320	813
Interest expenses				-352	-352
Income/loss before income tax expense	-96	-1 542	131	1 968	461
Claims ratio in %					
	73.9	82.6	64.0		76.7
Expense ratio in %					
	27.4	34.0	31.3		31.1
Combined ratio in %					
	101.3	116.6	95.3		107.8

Property & Casualty Reinsurance business segment – by line of business

For the year ended 31 December

2020 USD millions	Property	Casualty	Specialty	Unallocated	Total
Revenues					
Gross premiums written	9 001	9 445	3 066		21 512
Net premiums written	8 278	9 364	2 994		20 636
Change in unearned premiums	-28	245	-21		196
Premiums earned	8 250	9 609	2 973		20 832
Net investment income				1 178	1 178
Net realised investment gains/losses				683	683
Other revenues				26	26
Total revenues	8 250	9 609	2 973	1 887	22 719
Expenses					
Claims and claim adjustment expenses	-6 785	-7 570	-2 048		-16 403
Acquisition costs	-1 640	-2 732	-732		-5 104
Operating expenses	-604	-443	-153		-1 200
Total expenses before interest expenses	-9 029	-10 745	-2 933	0	-22 707
Income/loss before interest and income tax expense	-779	-1 136	40	1 887	12
Interest expenses				-321	-321
Income/loss before income tax expense	-779	-1 136	40	1 566	-309
Claims ratio in %	82.2	78.8	68.9		78.7
Expense ratio in %	27.2	33.0	29.8		30.3
Combined ratio in %	109.4	111.8	98.7		109.0

c) Life & Health Reinsurance business segment – by line of business

For the year ended 31 December

2019 USD millions	Life	Health	Unallocated	Total
Revenues				
Gross premiums written	10 123	4 329		14 452
Net premiums written	8 522	4 212		12 734
Change in unearned premiums	126	-25		101
Premiums earned	8 648	4 187		12 835
Fee income from policyholders	169			169
Net investment income – non-participating business	912	295		1 207
Net realised investment gains/losses – non-participating business	-24		652	628
Net investment result – unit-linked and with-profit business	118			118
Other revenues	3	1		4
Total revenues	9 826	4 483	652	14 961
Expenses				
Life and health benefits	-7 316	-3 271		-10 587
Return credited to policyholders	-162			-162
Acquisition costs	-1 295	-680		-1 975
Operating expenses	-472	-274		-746
Total expenses before interest expenses	-9 245	-4 225	0	-13 470
Income before interest and income tax expense	581	258	652	1 491
Interest expenses			-445	-445
Income before income tax expense	581	258	207	1 046
Management expense ratio ¹ in %	4.8	6.1		5.2
Net operating margin ² in %	6.0	5.8		10.0

¹ Management expense ratio is calculated as "Operating expenses" divided by "Total revenues" excluding "Net realised investment gains/losses – non-participating business" and "Net investment result – unit-linked and with-profit business".

² Net operating margin is calculated as "Income before interest and income tax expense" divided by "Total revenues" excluding "Net investment result – unit-linked and with-profit business".

Life & Health Reinsurance business segment – by line of business

For the year ended 31 December

2020				
USD millions		Life	Health	Unallocated
				Total
Revenues				
Gross premiums written		10 291	4 776	15 067
Net premiums written		9 156	4 501	13 657
Change in unearned premiums		36	32	68
Premiums earned		9 192	4 533	13 725
Fee income from policyholders		158		158
Net investment income – non-participating business		870	270	1 140
Net realised investment gains/losses – non-participating business		54	-12	403
Net investment result – unit-linked and with-profit business		-32		-32
Other revenues		3	1	4
Total revenues		10 245	4 792	403
				15 440
Expenses				
Life and health benefits		-8 587	-3 617	-12 204
Return credited to policyholders		5		5
Acquisition costs		-1 309	-690	-1 999
Operating expenses		-522	-264	-786
Total expenses before interest expenses		-10 413	-4 571	0
				-14 984
Income/loss before interest and income tax expense		-168	221	403
				456
Interest expenses				-367
Income/loss before income tax expense		-168	221	36
				89
Management expense ratio ¹ in %		5.1	5.5	5.2
Net operating margin ² in %		-1.6	4.6	2.9

¹ Management expense ratio is calculated as "Operating expenses" divided by "Total revenues" excluding "Net realised investment gains/losses – non-participating business" and "Net investment result – unit-linked and with-profit business".

² Net operating margin is calculated as "Income/loss before interest and income tax expense" divided by "Total revenues" excluding "Net investment result – unit-linked and with-profit business".

d) Net premiums earned and fee income from policyholders by geography

Net premiums earned and fee income from policyholders by region for the years ended 31 December

USD millions	2019	2020
Americas	18 158	19 462
Europe (including Middle East and Africa)	12 017	12 889
Asia-Pacific	8 419	8 419
Total	38 594	40 770

Net premiums earned and fee income from policyholders by country for the years ended 31 December

USD millions	2019	2020
United States	15 804	17 130
United Kingdom	3 593	3 793
China	2 136	2 133
Australia	2 026	1 865
Japan	1 620	1 677
Canada	1 205	1 341
Germany	1 330	1 336
Netherlands	913	1 325
Switzerland	1 071	1 205
France	941	968
Ireland	709	757
Other	7 246	7 240
Total	38 594	40 770

Net premiums earned and fee income from policyholders are allocated by country, based on the underlying contract.

3 Insurance information

Premiums earned and fees assessed against policyholders

For the years ended 31 December

2019 USD millions	Property & Casualty Reinsurance	Life & Health Reinsurance	Corporate Solutions	Life Capital	Group Items	Total
Premiums earned, thereof:						
Direct		14	3 837	2 211		6 062
Reinsurance	19 577	13 836	910	95		34 418
Intra-group transactions (assumed and ceded)	265	205	-265	-205		0
Premiums earned before retrocession to external parties						
	19 842	14 055	4 482	2 101		40 480
Retrocession to external parties	-567	-1 220	-316	-403		-2 506
Net premiums earned	19 275	12 835	4 166	1 698	0	37 974
Fee income from policyholders, thereof:						
Direct				360		360
Reinsurance		170		91		261
Gross fee income before retrocession to external parties						
		170		451		621
Retrocession to external parties		-1				-1
Net fee income	0	169	0	451	0	620

2020 USD millions	Property & Casualty Reinsurance	Life & Health Reinsurance	Corporate Solutions	Life Capital	Group Items	Total
Premiums earned, thereof:						
Direct			3 896	2 427	10	6 333
Reinsurance	21 152	14 794	940	67	14	36 967
Intra-group transactions (assumed and ceded)	418	343	-411	-350		0
Premiums earned before retrocession to external parties						
	21 570	15 137	4 425	2 144	24	43 300
Retrocession to external parties	-738	-1 412	-378	-451		-2 979
Net premiums earned	20 832	13 725	4 047	1 693	24	40 321
Fee income from policyholders, thereof:						
Direct				205		205
Reinsurance		159		86		245
Gross fee income before retrocession to external parties						
		159		291		450
Retrocession to external parties		-1				-1
Net fee income	0	158	0	291	0	449

Claims and claim adjustment expenses

For the year ended 31 December

2019 USD millions	Property & Casualty Reinsurance	Life & Health Reinsurance	Corporate Solutions	Life Capital	Group Items	Total
Claims paid, thereof:						
Gross claims paid to external parties	-12 453	-10 077	-3 836	-3 481		-29 847
Intra-group transactions (assumed and ceded)	-585	-165	585	165		0
Claims before receivables from retrocession to external parties						
Retrocession to external parties	-13 038	-10 242	-3 251	-3 316		-29 847
	352	1 049	264	472		2 137
Net claims paid	-12 686	-9 193	-2 987	-2 844	0	-27 710
Change in unpaid claims and claim adjustment expenses; life and health benefits, thereof:						
Gross – with external parties	-2 151	-1 394	-1 143	409		-4 279
Intra-group transactions (assumed and ceded)	-25	-8	25	8		0
Unpaid claims and claim adjustment expenses; life and health benefits before impact of retrocession to external parties						
Retrocession to external parties	-2 176	-1 402	-1 118	417		-4 279
	79	8	205	-73		219
Net unpaid claims and claim adjustment expenses; life and health benefits	-2 097	-1 394	-913	344	0	-4 060
Claims and claim adjustment expenses; life and health benefits	-14 783	-10 587	-3 900	-2 500	0	-31 770

Acquisition costs

For the year ended 31 December

2019 USD millions	Property & Casualty Reinsurance	Life & Health Reinsurance	Corporate Solutions	Life Capital	Group Items	Total
Acquisition costs, thereof:						
Gross acquisition costs with external parties	-4 875	-2 148	-729	-458		-8 210
Intra-group transactions (assumed and ceded)	-28	-4	28	4		0
Acquisition costs before impact of retrocession to external parties						
Retrocession to external parties	-4 903	-2 152	-701	-454		-8 210
	93	177	61	45		376
Net acquisition costs	-4 810	-1 975	-640	-409	0	-7 834

Claims and claim adjustment expenses

For the year ended 31 December

2020 USD millions	Property & Casualty Reinsurance	Life & Health Reinsurance	Corporate Solutions	Life Capital	Group Items	Total
Claims paid, thereof:						
Gross claims paid to external parties	-12 225	-11 813	-3 221	-2 791	-7	-30 057
Intra-group transactions (assumed and ceded)	-553	-222	553	222		0
Claims before receivables from retrocession to external parties	-12 778	-12 035	-2 668	-2 569	-7	-30 057
Retrocession to external parties	416	1 228	225	414		2 283
Net claims paid	-12 362	-10 807	-2 443	-2 155	-7	-27 774
Change in unpaid claims and claim adjustment expenses; life and health benefits, thereof:						
Gross – with external parties	-4 087	-1 474	-646	428	-2	-5 781
Intra-group transactions (assumed and ceded)	278	-88	-284	94		0
Unpaid claims and claim adjustment expenses; life and health benefits before impact of retrocession to external parties	-3 809	-1 562	-930	522	-2	-5 781
Retrocession to external parties	-232	165	-60	-85		-212
Net unpaid claims and claim adjustment expenses; life and health benefits	-4 041	-1 397	-990	437	-2	-5 993
Claims and claim adjustment expenses; life and health benefits	-16 403	-12 204	-3 433	-1 718	-9	-33 767

Acquisition costs

For the year ended 31 December

2020 USD millions	Property & Casualty Reinsurance	Life & Health Reinsurance	Corporate Solutions	Life Capital	Group Items	Total
Acquisition costs, thereof:						
Gross acquisition costs with external parties	-5 142	-2 243	-712	-599	-14	-8 710
Intra-group transactions (assumed and ceded)	-68	-24	66	26		0
Acquisition costs before impact of retrocession to external parties	-5 210	-2 267	-646	-573	-14	-8 710
Retrocession to external parties	106	268	54	46		474
Net acquisition costs	-5 104	-1 999	-592	-527	-14	-8 236

Reinsurance recoverable on unpaid claims and policy benefits

As of 31 December 2019 and 2020, the Group had a reinsurance recoverable of USD 5 898 million and USD 5 892 million, respectively. The concentration of credit risk is regularly monitored and evaluated. The reinsurance programme with Berkshire Hathaway and subsidiaries accounted for 33% and 30% of the Group's reinsurance recoverable as of year-end 2019 and 2020, respectively.

Reinsurance receivables

Reinsurance receivables as of 31 December were as follows:

USD millions	2019	2020
Premium receivables invoiced	3 589	3 960
Receivables invoiced from ceded re/insurance business	444	468
Assets arising from the application of the deposit method of accounting and meeting the definition of financing receivables	249	649
Recognised allowance	-56	-73

Policyholder dividends

Policyholder dividends are recognised as an element of policyholder benefits. The relative percentage of participating insurance of the life and health policy benefits in 2019 and 2020 was 10% and 0%, respectively. The amount of policyholder dividend expense in 2019 and 2020 was USD 165 million and USD 42 million, respectively.

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4 Premiums written

For the years ended 31 December

2019 USD millions	Property & Casualty Reinsurance	Life & Health Reinsurance	Corporate Solutions	Life Capital	Group Items	Consolidation	Total
Gross premiums written, thereof:							
Direct		14	3 869	2 230			6 113
Reinsurance	21 189	13 794	1 037	95			36 115
Intra-group transactions (assumed)	373	644	68	506		-1 591	0
Gross premiums written	21 562	14 452	4 974	2 831		-1 591	42 228
Intra-group transactions (ceded)	-68	-506	-373	-644		1 591	0
Gross premiums written before retrocession to external parties	21 494	13 946	4 601	2 187			42 228
Retrocession to external parties	-612	-1 212	-348	-407			-2 579
Net premiums written	20 882	12 734	4 253	1 780	0	0	39 649

2020 USD millions	Property & Casualty Reinsurance	Life & Health Reinsurance	Corporate Solutions	Life Capital	Group Items	Consolidation	Total
Gross premiums written, thereof:							
Direct			3 883	2 466	10		6 359
Reinsurance	20 871	14 732	908	67	14		36 592
Intra-group transactions (assumed)	641	335	48			-1 024	0
Gross premiums written	21 512	15 067	4 839	2 533	24	-1 024	42 951
Intra-group transactions (ceded)	-48		-589	-387		1 024	0
Gross premiums written before retrocession to external parties	21 464	15 067	4 250	2 146	24		42 951
Retrocession to external parties	-828	-1 410	-426	-460			-3 124
Net premiums written	20 636	13 657	3 824	1 686	24	0	39 827

5 Unpaid claims and claim adjustment expenses

A reconciliation of the opening and closing reserve balances for unpaid claims and claim adjustment expenses for the years ended 31 December is presented as follows:

USD millions	2019	2020
Balance as of 1 January	67 446	72 373
Balance as of 1 January classified as held for sale		497
Reinsurance recoverable	-3 606	-3 732
Deferred expense on retroactive reinsurance	-169	-168
Net balance as of 1 January	63 671	68 970
Incurred related to:		
Current year	29 338	34 064
Prior year	2 231	166
Amortisation of deferred expense on retroactive reinsurance and impact of commutations	-23	-36
Total incurred	31 546	34 194
Paid related to:		
Current year	-9 702	-10 329
Prior year	-18 008	-17 445
Total paid	-27 710	-27 774
Foreign exchange	161	2 149
Effect of acquisitions, disposals, new retroactive reinsurance and other items	1 302	-108
Net balance as of period end	68 970	77 431
Reinsurance recoverable	3 732	3 636
Deferred expense on retroactive reinsurance	168	191
Reclassified to liabilities held for sale	-497	
Balance as of period end	72 373	81 258

Prior-year development

Non-life claims development in the year ended 31 December 2020 on prior years is mainly driven by favourable property experience largely offset by adverse casualty experience. Development in property is principally due to reserve releases related to natural catastrophe events in Asia. The deterioration for casualty mostly comes from adverse claims experience for liability in North America, partially offset by favourable development for accident & health and motor. Specialty was impacted by adverse claims experience in engineering and large losses for credit and surety, partly offset by positive claims experience and reduction of large losses for marine.

For life and health lines of business, development on prior years' unpaid claims is unfavourable. For health business, adverse experience in disability portfolios in Australia and the US led to unfavourable claims development. Claims development related to prior years for disability portfolios also includes an element of interest accretion for unpaid claims reported at an estimated present value. For life business, favourable development in the US, driven by positive experience, is partly offset by unfavourable development in Latin America and the UK due to adverse experience.

A summary of prior year net claims and claim adjustment expenses development by lines of business for the years ended 31 December is shown below¹:

USD millions	2019	2020
Line of business:		
Property	367	-582
Casualty	1 425	456
Specialty	105	26
Life and health	334	266
Total	2 231	166

¹ Adverse development is shown as positive numbers, and represents a charge to the income statement. Favourable development is shown as negative, and represents a credit to the income statement.

US asbestos and environmental claims exposure

The Group's obligation for claims payments and claims settlement charges also includes obligations for long-latent injury claims arising out of policies written prior to 1986, in particular in the area of US asbestos and environmental liability.

At the end of 2020, the Group carried net reserves for US asbestos and environmental liabilities equal to USD 1 428 million. During 2020, the Group incurred net losses of USD 18 million and net paid losses of USD 80 million in relation to these liabilities.

Estimating ultimate asbestos and environmental liabilities is particularly complex for a number of reasons relating in part to the long period between exposure and manifestation of claims, and in part to other factors, which include risks and lack of predictability inherent in complex litigation, changes in projected costs to resolve, and in the projected number of, asbestos and environmental claims, the effect of bankruptcy protection, insolvencies, and changes in the legal, legislative and regulatory environment. As a result, the Group believes that projection of exposures for asbestos and environmental claims is subject to far less predictability relative to non-environmental and non-asbestos exposures. Management believes that its reserves for asbestos and environmental claims are appropriately established based upon known facts and the current state of the law. However, reserves are subject to revision as new information becomes available and as claims develop. Additional liabilities may arise for amounts in excess of reserves, and the Group's estimate of claims and claim adjustment expenses may change. Any such additional liabilities or increases in estimates cannot be reasonably estimated in advance but could result in charges that could be material to operating results.

Short duration contract unpaid claims and claim adjustment expenses

Basis of presentation for claims development information

This section of the note provides claims development information and information on reserves for claims relating to insured events that have occurred but have not yet been reported (“IBNR”).

Claims development information and IBNR are presented on an accident year basis and by line of business for individually significant categories. Additional aggregation or disaggregation is provided where appropriate, necessary and practicable (“disaggregation categories”). For instance, Reinsurance liability and motor lines of business are further disaggregated into proportional and non-proportional treaty types to provide more specific information on claims development. Amounts shown in the claims development tables are on a nominal basis, including cases where the Group discounts claims liabilities for measurement under US GAAP, and are net of external retrocession and retrocession between business segments to the extent that a retrocession programme can be allocated to a disaggregation category. Ceded retroactive reinsurance is not included in the claims development table if it cannot be allocated on a reasonable basis to the disaggregation categories used to present claims development information.

In the Property & Casualty Reinsurance and Corporate Solutions segments, all contracts that transfer significant insurance risk are included in scope to the extent they can be allocated to a disaggregation category. For many reinsurance contracts, proportional contracts in particular, ceding companies do not report losses by accident year. In these cases, the Group has allocated reported losses by underwriting year to accident year to produce the accident year tables. Similarly, IBNR is calculated on an underwriting year basis and then the liabilities are allocated to accident year.

In the Life & Health Reinsurance segment, contracts classified as short duration include group life business, certain types of disability and long-term care contracts, group accident, health coverage including critical illness and medical expenses. The Group provides claims development information for Life & Health Reinsurance where reported accident year information is available and there is potential for claims development. This primarily applies to the group disability business in Australia and the UK. This business is generally considered to have relatively higher claims estimation uncertainty than other life and health lines such as group life, due to longer claims development periods.

In the Life Capital segment, short duration contracts include mainly disability medical expenses business. The Group provides no claims development information for Life Capital as its short duration reserves are not material.

The number of years shown in the claims development tables differs by business segment.

For Property & Casualty Reinsurance and Life & Health Reinsurance, the Group discloses data for ten accident years and reporting periods.

The Corporate Solutions business segment was created in 2012. Therefore, nine accident years and reporting periods are shown for this business unit. Corporate Solutions related business written in Property & Casualty Reinsurance prior to 2012 is included in the net claims development information reported by this segment. All but an immaterial portion of claims arising from accident years prior to 2012 relate to accident years which are over ten years ago and therefore out of the required range of disclosure.

The current reporting period estimate of net claims liabilities for accident years older than the number of years shown in the claims development tables is presented as a total after disclosure of cumulative paid claims.

The information presented in claims development tables is presented at current balance sheet foreign exchange rates as of the date of these financial statements to permit an analysis of claims development excluding the impact of foreign exchange movements.

Some of the information provided in the following tables is Required Supplementary Information (RSI) under US GAAP and does not form part of these consolidated audited financial statements. Claims development information for all periods except the current reporting period and any information derived from it – including average annual percentage payout of claims incurred – is considered RSI and is identified as RSI in the tables presented.

Methodology for determining the presented amounts of liabilities for IBNR claims

The liability for unpaid claims and claim adjustment expenses is based on an estimate of the ultimate cost of settling the claims based on both information reported to us by ceding companies and internal estimates.

Non-life re/insurance contracts

The Group develops and recognises its own estimate of IBNR claims, which includes circumstances in which cedents have not reported any claims to the Group or where the Group's estimate of reserves needed to cover reported claims differs from the amounts reported by cedents. For reinsurance business, case reserves and estimated IBNR are reported by cedents and this IBNR is presented together with the Group's own estimate as IBNR in the claims development tables. For insurance business, reserving is performed similarly, except that estimates for case reserves and IBNR are performed by the Group.

Reserving is done on portfolio or contract level depending on the features of the contract. For business reviewed on a portfolio level, the expected ultimate losses are set for most lines and types of business based on analysis performed using standard actuarial techniques. In general, contracts are aggregated into portfolios by combining contracts with similar features.

In most cases, these standard actuarial techniques encompass a number of loss development factor techniques applied to claim tables of paid and reported losses. Other actuarial techniques may be applicable to specific categories. For instance, the analysis of frequency and severity could be applied in all disaggregation categories. Life contingency techniques for projecting regular payments related to bodily injury claims are applied to motor proportional, motor non-proportional, liability proportional, liability non-proportional, accident and health and similar Corporate Solutions lines, where the information is available. In some cases, techniques specific to the projection of future payments for specific risks such as asbestos or pollution claims are applied to both proportional and non-proportional liability claims, also in Corporate Solutions (see also separate section "US asbestos and environmental claims exposure" on page 220).

Contract-level reserving is based on standard actuarial techniques but requires more detailed contract, pricing, claim and exposure information than required for the business reviewed on a portfolio level.

In addition, the following applies to all non-life re/insurance business:

- For the most recent underwriting years, reliance may be made on the Group's costing and underwriting functions for the initial estimates of claims, although the initial reserving estimates may differ from these pricing estimates if there is good reason to believe losses are likely to emerge higher or lower, and in light of the limited claims experience to date. Reviews of those initial estimates are performed regularly, forming a basis for adjustments on both the current and prior underwriting years.
- The reserving process considers any information available in respect of either a specific case or a large loss event and the impact of any unusual features in the technical accounting of information provided by cedents.

Life and health re/insurance contracts

For the Life & Health Reinsurance business, liability for IBNR claims includes provision for "not yet reported claims" expected to have been incurred in respect of both already processed and not yet processed reinsurance accounts and generally includes provisions for the cost of claims on disability contracts that currently are within their deferred period. The IBNR reserving calculations have been made using appropriate techniques, such as chain ladder and/or Bornhuetter-Ferguson approaches, depending upon the level of detail available and the assumed level of development of the claim. For certain lines of business, IBNR claims reserves include reported but not admitted claims, allowing for expected rates of decline for these claims.

Claims frequency information

Claims frequency information is not available for the disaggregation categories of Property & Casualty Reinsurance, as cedents do not report claims frequency information to the Group for most of the assumed reinsurance contract types. These contracts are to be found in all disaggregation categories presented.

Life & Health Reinsurance reports claims frequency information based on individual incidence. The number of reported claims is the actual number of claims booked. For disability business, claims with multiple payments in a year are counted as one claim. Claims that are reported but not admitted are included in the claim count.

For Corporate Solutions, claims frequency is displayed for direct business only, as individual claims information is generally not available for assumed and ceded business. Claims are counted individually per contract to produce the claims frequency table. For some direct business, summary reports are received and multiple claims are booked under a single claim code; this is usually done at a programme, policy year, state, country and/or line of business level of detail. This approach may be applied to business which has a high volume of claim counts, but with only minor claims dollars associated with each claim.

Property & Casualty Reinsurance – Property

Incurred claims and allocated claim adjustment expenses, net of reinsurance

USD millions		Reporting year										
Accident year	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	thereof IBNR	
2011	4 513	4 586	4 399	4 463	4 414	4 409	4 428	4 468	4 470	4 482	23	
2012		2 772	2 597	2 393	2 349	2 318	2 303	2 303	2 297	2 294	5	
2013			3 255	3 267	3 087	2 999	2 974	2 958	2 954	2 947	-2	
2014				2 808	2 642	2 458	2 426	2 423	2 411	2 423	9	
2015					2 914	2 840	2 667	2 634	2 592	2 573	9	
2016						4 030	3 752	3 446	3 440	3 411	10	
2017							6 132	6 041	5 802	5 771	53	
2018								4 799	5 294	5 019	74	
2019		<i>RSI</i>							5 351	5 268	555	
2020										7 363	4 385	
Total										41 551	5 121	

Cumulative claims paid and allocated claim adjustment expenses, net of reinsurance

USD millions		Reporting year										
Accident year	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020		
2011	704	2 524	3 371	3 835	4 140	4 248	4 376	4 401	4 416	4 425		
2012		236	1 639	2 040	2 163	2 208	2 228	2 239	2 248	2 250		
2013			550	2 076	2 601	2 802	2 865	2 887	2 904	2 918		
2014				469	1 755	2 146	2 279	2 325	2 342	2 362		
2015					472	1 696	2 229	2 402	2 482	2 506		
2016						653	2 283	2 932	3 151	3 239		
2017							1 002	3 736	4 845	5 187		
2018								642	3 557	4 175		
2019		<i>RSI</i>							944	3 332		
2020										1 330		
Total										31 724		
All liabilities before 2011											205	
Liabilities for claims and claim adjustment expenses, net of reinsurance											10 032	

Average annual percentage payout of incurred claims by age, net of reinsurance

Years	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Property (RSI)	16.8%	50.3%	17.7%	6.7%	3.1%	1.1%	1.2%	0.5%	0.2%	0.2%

The liability for unpaid claims and claim adjustment expenses for property in Property & Casualty Reinsurance shows positive development on most recent accident years. Claims in accident year 2011 were at a high level due to several large natural catastrophes including the earthquake and tsunami in Japan, the earthquakes in Christchurch, New Zealand, and floods in Thailand. The 2017 accident year claims incurred are higher due to natural catastrophes which also affected 2018-2020 accident years. In addition, the current accident year was impacted by COVID-19.

Property & Casualty Reinsurance – Liability, proportional

Incurred claims and allocated claim adjustment expenses, net of reinsurance

USD millions		Reporting year									thereof	
Accident year	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	IBNR	
2011	650	708	731	678	636	632	606	599	598	588	54	
2012		531	615	571	542	514	523	514	528	526	58	
2013			741	764	772	766	770	760	757	760	87	
2014				1 009	1 000	1 013	1 002	990	1 028	1 036	157	
2015					1 280	1 329	1 418	1 493	1 564	1 548	267	
2016						1 732	1 738	1 737	1 842	1 892	573	
2017							1 985	2 096	2 239	2 420	869	
2018								1 916	2 095	2 241	1 245	
2019									2 744	3 115	2 204	
2020										2 999	2 692	
Total										17 125	8 206	

Cumulative claims paid and allocated claim adjustment expenses, net of reinsurance

USD millions		Reporting year									thereof	
Accident year	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	IBNR	
2011	2	110	185	255	341	387	422	446	468	472		
2012		12	120	188	247	301	360	396	432	436		
2013			13	131	238	354	437	513	567	599		
2014				24	162	298	438	575	672	755		
2015					35	214	431	662	915	1 094		
2016						47	94	395	665	906		
2017							50	257	551	1 015		
2018								52	314	597		
2019									84	426		
2020										114		
Total										6 414		
All liabilities before 2011											1 165	
Liabilities for claims and claim adjustment expenses, net of reinsurance											11 876	

Average annual percentage payout of incurred claims by age, net of reinsurance

Years	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Liability, proportional (RSI)	2.2%	12.6%	13.4%	14.3%	13.0%	10.0%	7.0%	5.0%	2.3%	0.7%

The increase in the incurred losses for accident years 2013 to 2020 is driven by volume increases of business being written. The increases in the incurred losses in reporting year 2020 for accident years 2016 to 2019 are driven by US business. The current accident year was impacted by COVID-19.

In line with the Group's policy, cash flows under loss portfolio transfers are reported through claims paid. For longer-tailed lines and depending on the business volume written, timing of cash flows can lead to net inward payments across the whole portfolio in the first development year of the contract for some accident years.

Property & Casualty Reinsurance – Liability, non-proportional

Incurred claims and allocated claim adjustment expenses, net of reinsurance

USD millions		Reporting year									thereof	
Accident year	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	IBNR	
2011	415	444	482	441	397	363	355	341	342	347	31	
2012		340	358	317	288	267	256	232	227	219	36	
2013			421	402	365	309	283	260	261	255	56	
2014				446	451	418	375	345	365	364	107	
2015					1 860	1 901	1 869	1 886	1 910	1 886	129	
2016						608	591	620	667	720	162	
2017							500	517	600	649	213	
2018								459	464	483	265	
2019									2 424	2 395	543	
2020										849	815	
Total										8 167	2 357	

Cumulative claims paid and allocated claim adjustment expenses, net of reinsurance

USD millions		Reporting year									thereof	
Accident year	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	IBNR	
2011	1	10	66	114	141	149	162	176	194	212		
2012		-4	11	35	53	85	100	115	130	139		
2013			-2	11	37	60	84	109	133	145		
2014				-2	8	40	71	101	142	169		
2015					0	94	204	337	490	596		
2016						14	224	250	303	365		
2017							-2	18	48	124		
2018								-1	21	72		
2019									211	499		
2020										10		
Total										2 331		
All liabilities before 2011											3 856	
Liabilities for claims and claim adjustment expenses, net of reinsurance											9 692	

Average annual percentage payout of incurred claims by age, net of reinsurance

Years	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Liability, non-proportional (RSI)	0.9%	7.9%	8.8%	9.4%	9.5%	7.2%	6.9%	5.2%	4.6%	5.2%

The increase in incurred losses for accident year 2015 compared to other years is due to an increase in volume of business written in that year. Accident year 2019 includes an Adverse Development Cover and a Loss Portfolio Transfer written with Corporate Solutions. Liabilities before 2011 include reserves for historic US Asbestos and Environmental losses. The current accident year was impacted by COVID-19.

In line with the Group's policy, cash flows under Loss Portfolio Transfers are reported through claims paid. For longer-tailed lines and depending on the business volume written, timing of cash flows can lead to net inward payments across the whole portfolio in the first development year of the contract for some accident years.

Property & Casualty Reinsurance – Accident & Health

Incurred claims and allocated claim adjustment expenses, net of reinsurance

USD millions		Reporting year											
Accident year	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020		thereof IBNR	
2011	233	253	248	240	243	237	237	233	232		228	21	
2012		338	346	331	321	318	311	309	304		297	22	
2013			354	360	346	336	328	326	321		309	32	
2014				306	340	331	320	308	307		292	42	
2015					439	436	414	404	395		375	45	
2016						597	631	625	589		583	129	
2017							737	771	732		723	206	
2018								730	818		814	187	
2019									807		799	242	
2020											901	533	
Total											5 321	1 459	

Cumulative claims paid and allocated claim adjustment expenses, net of reinsurance

USD millions		Reporting year										
Accident year	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020		
2011	48	122	143	154	163	168	177	180	183		185	
2012		81	186	213	229	240	249	252	256		258	
2013			56	144	185	209	222	230	236		242	
2014				30	104	147	175	193	208		215	
2015					62	139	192	225	244		257	
2016						74	179	273	328		358	
2017							96	235	336		395	
2018								98	316		458	
2019									113		332	
2020											122	
Total											2 822	
All liabilities before 2011											2 924	
Liabilities for claims and claim adjustment expenses, net of reinsurance											5 423	

Average annual percentage payout of incurred claims by age, net of reinsurance

Years	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Accident & Health (RSI)	15.9%	26.0%	13.5%	7.7%	4.7%	3.3%	2.3%	1.5%	1.0%	0.9%

The increase in incurred losses from accident year 2015 onwards is due to an increase in the volume of workers' compensation written on a proportional basis with the current year impacted by COVID-19. The 2010 and prior accident years include the run-off of business written by entities acquired as part of the acquisition of General Electric Insurance Solutions during 2006. This business, which generally had a longer payment pattern, was not renewed.

Property & Casualty Reinsurance – Motor, proportional

Incurred claims and allocated claim adjustment expenses, net of reinsurance

USD millions		Reporting year										
Accident year	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	thereof IBNR	
2011	1 048	1 042	1 012	967	968	967	966	956	960	963	-13	
2012		1 573	1 562	1 545	1 532	1 521	1 520	1 517	1 516	1 520	24	
2013			1 628	1 601	1 607	1 579	1 572	1 567	1 567	1 568	12	
2014				2 085	2 045	2 044	2 026	2 015	2 013	2 011	-7	
2015					1 983	1 979	1 982	1 986	1 986	1 994	15	
2016						2 557	2 675	2 725	2 727	2 732	39	
2017							2 438	2 455	2 441	2 453	136	
2018								2 089	2 124	2 102	225	
2019		<i>RSI</i>							2 090	2 066	416	
2020										1 916	1 015	
Total										19 325	1 862	

Cumulative claims paid and allocated claim adjustment expenses, net of reinsurance

USD millions		Reporting year										
Accident year	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020		
2011	277	702	893	927	947	957	965	968	971	971		
2012		501	1 167	1 337	1 388	1 421	1 443	1 456	1 467	1 473		
2013			599	1 225	1 415	1 462	1 494	1 510	1 520	1 529		
2014				767	1 530	1 787	1 867	1 904	1 925	1 938		
2015					823	1 486	1 736	1 840	1 886	1 912		
2016						844	1 872	2 229	2 414	2 520		
2017							776	1 560	1 901	2 078		
2018								636	1 364	1 613		
2019		<i>RSI</i>							674	1 320		
2020										630		
Total										15 984		
All liabilities before 2011											340	
Liabilities for claims and claim adjustment expenses, net of reinsurance											3 681	

Average annual percentage payout of incurred claims by age, net of reinsurance

Years	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Motor, proportional (RSI)	33.8%	37.2%	13.4%	4.7%	2.4%	1.2%	0.7%	0.5%	0.4%	0.0%

The increase in the incurred losses from accident years 2012 to 2016 is driven by new business volume across all regions, with the current accident year impacted by COVID-19. Proportional motor business includes both longer-tailed liability business and shorter-tailed hull business.

The negative IBNRs are due to overstated case reserves, mainly on the German business, and accident year 2011 includes the effects of an outwards proportional contract in inwards non-proportional business.

Property & Casualty Reinsurance – Motor, non-proportional

Incurred claims and allocated claim adjustment expenses, net of reinsurance

USD millions		Reporting year										
Accident year	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	thereof IBNR	
2011	430	471	450	447	432	425	413	441	434	430	99	
2012		350	367	345	329	330	311	320	315	318	60	
2013			456	479	481	462	448	454	453	459	68	
2014				428	461	457	456	449	426	423	66	
2015					404	426	463	458	470	468	83	
2016						488	609	571	564	550	123	
2017							605	636	623	629	177	
2018								510	553	560	212	
2019									1 231	1 243	330	
2020										536	444	
Total										5 616	1 662	

Cumulative claims paid and allocated claim adjustment expenses, net of reinsurance

USD millions		Reporting year									
Accident year	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	
2011	-11	21	58	82	107	122	138	150	157	179	
2012		2	25	50	86	113	139	161	173	181	
2013			7	90	156	202	229	256	273	288	
2014				4	63	108	148	193	223	243	
2015					-1	34	94	160	206	236	
2016						9	67	129	184	244	
2017							9	60	128	205	
2018								4	36	97	
2019									93	310	
2020										3	
Total										1 986	
All liabilities before 2011											2 876
Liabilities for claims and claim adjustment expenses, net of reinsurance											6 506

Average annual percentage payout of incurred claims by age, net of reinsurance

Years	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Motor, non-proportional (RSI)	1.2%	10.7%	10.9%	10.4%	8.6%	6.2%	4.8%	3.3%	2.1%	5.1%

Claims development in non-proportional motor business is considered long-tailed as it is dominated by liability exposures leading to bodily injury claims which pay out for the lifetime of the claimant.

For accident year 2011, negative claims paid in the first year are due to the commutation of an external retrocession on acquired retroactive business. The increase in incurred losses for accident year 2019 compared to other years is due to an increase in volume of business written, with the current accident year impacted by COVID-19.

In line with the Group's policy, cash flows under Loss Portfolio Transfers are reported through claims paid. For longer-tailed lines and depending on the business volume written, timing of cash flows can lead to net inward payments across the whole portfolio in the first development year of the contract for some accident years.

Property & Casualty Reinsurance – Specialty

Incurred claims and allocated claim adjustment expenses, net of reinsurance

USD millions		Reporting year										
Accident year	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	thereof IBNR	
2011	1 327	1 316	1 226	1 139	1 184	1 178	1 193	1 177	1 175	1 175	2	
2012		977	1 036	1 056	1 036	1 034	1 021	1 018	1 014	1 006	7	
2013			1 131	1 054	1 011	974	963	941	929	932	22	
2014				1 138	1 124	1 022	995	980	984	966	32	
2015					1 278	1 252	1 235	1 225	1 224	1 246	47	
2016						1 317	1 305	1 255	1 255	1 238	91	
2017							1 643	1 565	1 434	1 400	125	
2018								1 685	1 777	1 744	467	
2019		<i>RSI</i>							1 785	1 950	662	
2020										1 867	1 161	
Total										13 524	2 616	

Cumulative claims paid and allocated claim adjustment expenses, net of reinsurance

USD millions		Reporting year										
Accident year	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020		
2011	170	577	799	904	956	991	1 056	1 078	1 095	1 104		
2012		132	458	698	791	848	891	926	945	952		
2013			154	432	621	734	789	826	850	863		
2014				181	422	607	706	764	802	826		
2015					139	400	711	876	980	1 036		
2016						146	491	740	909	1 000		
2017							186	592	879	1 046		
2018								189	663	984		
2019		<i>RSI</i>							284	716		
2020										307		
Total										8 834		
All liabilities before 2011											625	
Liabilities for claims and claim adjustment expenses, net of reinsurance											5 315	

Average annual percentage payout of incurred claims by age, net of reinsurance

Years	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Specialty (RSI)	14.1%	27.7%	20.8%	11.3%	6.3%	3.9%	3.5%	1.7%	1.1%	0.8%

This category contains several individual large losses on marine, aviation and space lines, including the Costa Concordia event in accident year 2012. From 2017 to 2020 accident years, claims incurred is higher due to natural catastrophes, with the current accident year impacted by COVID-19. Accident year 2019 has increased this year due to aviation and engineering but is partially offset by marine decreases.

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Incurred claims and allocated claim adjustment expenses, net of reinsurance

USD millions	Reporting year									2020	Cumulative number of reported claims (in nominals) thereof IBNR
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019			
Accident year	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020		
2012	1 311	1 237	1 162	1 129	1 127	1 184	1 165	1 210	1 207	39	13 004
2013		1 613	1 593	1 523	1 439	1 436	1 427	1 399	1 412	87	26 338
2014			1 855	1 799	1 728	1 732	1 702	1 631	1 610	165	21 671
2015				1 907	2 080	2 144	2 115	1 932	1 894	198	18 252
2016					2 037	2 124	2 162	2 153	2 146	308	17 439
2017						3 036	3 268	3 016	3 037	367	20 609
2018							2 734	2 673	2 704	320	25 472
2019	RSI							2 835	2 678	788	20 509
2020									3 401	1 949	10 662
Total									20 089	4 221	173 956

Cumulative claims paid and allocated claim adjustment expenses, net of reinsurance

USD millions	Reporting year									2020
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019		
Accident year	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	
2012	184	562	724	819	908	980	1 014	1 044	1 067	
2013		275	673	946	1 106	1 175	1 252	1 300	1 327	
2014			276	841	1 137	1 284	1 375	1 473	1 491	
2015				354	914	1 316	1 514	1 650	1 740	
2016					373	1 150	1 405	1 676	1 750	
2017						385	1 520	2 131	2 388	
2018							421	1 447	1 932	
2019	RSI							534	1 247	
2020									580	
Total									13 522	
All liabilities before 2012									416	
Liabilities for claims and claim adjustment expenses, net of reinsurance									6 983	

Average annual percentage payout of incurred claims by age, net of reinsurance

Years	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Corporate Solutions (RSI)	17.0%	32.8%	17.5%	10.0%	5.7%	5.6%	2.4%	2.2%	1.9%

The increase in current accident year claims is driven by COVID-19-related losses and reserves and a number of large natural catastrophe losses, impacting mainly the property line of business. Decrease across prior accident years is driven by favourable reserve development on accident year 2019, mainly due to lower large man-made claims activity.

Reserves on the US liability line of business on accident years 2012-2019 were reduced by a Loss Portfolio Transfer to P&C Reinsurance of USD 1.2bn in the financial year 2019. In addition, the impact of unfavourable development across all lines of business for accident years 2012-2018 was reduced by recoveries under an Adverse Development Cover with P&C Reinsurance in place since the second half of the financial year 2019. For the financial year 2020, there were immaterial movements under both the Loss Portfolio Transfer and the Adverse Development Cover.

P&C Reinsurance reports both the Adverse Development Cover and the Loss Portfolio Transfer under accident year 2019 (see "Property & Casualty Reinsurance – Liability, non-proportional" on page 225).

Life & Health Reinsurance, long tail

Incurred claims and allocated claim adjustment expenses, net of reinsurance

USD millions	Reporting year										Cumulative	
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	thereof IBNR	number of reported claims (in nominals)
Accident year	229	240	303	316	331	308	301	302	309	308	28	6 945
2011		284	380	383	409	371	374	370	386	387	26	9 525
2012			512	503	501	463	462	464	489	489	29	12 168
2013				502	457	435	437	461	486	495	38	14 227
2014					428	463	448	449	481	491	40	17 140
2015						449	465	451	483	498	87	14 667
2016							458	465	488	512	124	17 303
2017								426	461	477	164	16 491
2018									396	484	217	12 806
2019	RSI									184	158	2 295
2020												
Total										4 325	911	123 567

Cumulative claims paid and allocated claim adjustment expenses, net of reinsurance

USD millions	Reporting year									
Accident year	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
2011	20	65	105	132	153	175	191	206	217	228
2012		29	92	147	188	222	246	266	283	298
2013			39	128	195	259	302	330	353	374
2014				34	114	208	274	312	342	369
2015					38	112	198	251	291	327
2016						14	91	167	223	268
2017							13	79	171	246
2018								12	78	171
2019									13	83
2020										5
Total										2 369
All liabilities before 2011										294
Liabilities for claims and claim adjustment expenses, net of reinsurance										2 250

Average annual percentage payout of incurred claims by age, net of reinsurance

Years	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Life & Health Reinsurance, long tail (RSI)	5.0%	15.2%	16.3%	11.8%	8.2%	6.5%	5.1%	4.5%	3.7%	3.6%

The increase in incurred losses from accident year 2013 onwards is due to an increase in volume of group disability business in Australia. Disability business volume written in Australia has reduced since 2019.

Reconciliation of gross liability for unpaid claims and claim adjustment expenses

The following table reconciles the Group's net outstanding liabilities to the gross liabilities for unpaid claims and claim adjustment expenses.

The net outstanding liabilities correspond to the total liabilities for unpaid claims and claim adjustment expenses, net of reinsurance for each disaggregation category.

Other short duration contract lines include reserves for business that is not material to the Group and where accident year information is not available. For Life & Health Reinsurance, in certain markets, cedents do not provide sufficient information to reinsurers to split claims incurred and claims paid by accident year. This is based on existing market practice. For these markets, an assessment of available information from other sources was made along with investigating approximations that could be used to provide claims development information by accident year. However, these alternate sources and estimates, based on currently available data and methods, could not be used to generate meaningful and representative accident year information and therefore have been excluded from disclosure. Other short duration contract lines also contain other treaties from Property & Casualty Reinsurance and Corporate Solutions which could not be allocated on a consistent basis to disaggregation categories or specific accident years.

For details on consolidation please refer to Note 2 "Information on business segments".

As of 31 December

USD millions	2020
Net outstanding liabilities	
Property & Casualty Reinsurance	
Property	10 032
Liability, proportional	11 876
Liability, non-proportional	9 692
Accident & Health	5 423
Motor, proportional	3 681
Motor, non-proportional	6 506
Specialty	5 315
Corporate Solutions	6 983
Life & Health Reinsurance, long tail	2 250
Total net undiscounted outstanding liabilities excluding other short duration contract lines and before unallocated reinsurance recoverable	61 758
Discounting impact on (Life & Health Reinsurance) short duration contracts	-311
Impact of acquisition accounting	-435
Total net discounted outstanding liabilities excluding other short duration contract lines and before unallocated reinsurance recoverable	61 012
Other short duration contract lines	4 131
Total net discounted outstanding short duration liabilities	65 143
Allocated reinsurance recoverables on unpaid claims:	
Property & Casualty Reinsurance	
Property	572
Liability, proportional	245
Liability, non-proportional	239
Accident & Health	238
Motor, proportional	52
Motor, non-proportional	220
Specialty	506
Corporate Solutions	5 217
Consolidation	-4 986
Impact of acquisition accounting	-79
Other short duration contract lines	523
Total short duration reinsurance recoverable on outstanding liabilities	2 747
Exclusions:	
Unallocated claim adjustment expenses	1 242
Long duration contracts	12 126
Total other reconciling items	13 368
Total unpaid claims and claim adjustment expenses	81 258

Discounting information

The following disclosure covers the discounting impact for the disaggregation categories included in the claims development information. Discounting information for Life & Health Reinsurance long tail as of 31 December was as follows:

USD millions	2019	2020
Carrying amount of discounted claims	1 318	1 374
Aggregate amount of the discount	-305	-311
Interest accretion ¹	28	29
Range of interest rates	3.0–3.4%	3.0–3.2%

¹ Interest accretion is shown as part of "Life and health benefits" in the income statement.

Please refer to Note 1 "Organisation and summary of significant accounting policies" for more details about the Group's discounting approach for unpaid claims and claim adjustment expenses.

6 Deferred acquisition costs (DAC) and acquired present value of future profits (PVFP)

As of 31 December, the DAC were as follows:

2019 USD millions	Property & Casualty Reinsurance	Life & Health Reinsurance	Corporate Solutions	Life Capital	Group Items	Total
Opening balance as of 1 January	2 156	4 784	488	789		8 217
Deferred	5 269	434	621	229		6 553
Effect of acquisitions/disposals and retrocessions		-256		68		-188
Amortisation	-4 809	-445	-626	-240		-6 120
Effect of foreign currency translation and other changes	-3	12		24		33
Reclassified to held for sale				-657		-657
Closing balance	2 613	4 529	483	213	0	7 838
2020 USD millions	Property & Casualty Reinsurance	Life & Health Reinsurance	Corporate Solutions	Life Capital	Group Items	Total
Opening balance as of 1 January	2 613	4 529	483	213		7 838
Opening balance as of 1 January classified as held for sale				657		657
Deferred	5 016	619	504	211		6 350
Effect of acquisitions/disposals and retrocessions		-2		-593 ²		-595
Amortisation	-5 103	-417	-579	-166	-14	-6 279
Effect of foreign currency translation and other changes	50	171	5	-37	70	259
Closing balance	2 576	4 900	413	285	56	8 230

Retroceded DAC may arise on retrocession of reinsurance portfolios, including reinsurance undertaken as part of a securitisation. The associated potential retrocession recoveries are determined by the nature of the retrocession agreements and by the terms of the securitisation.

As of 31 December, the PVFP was as follows:

2019 USD millions	Life & Health Reinsurance	Positive PVFP	Negative PVFP	Life Capital Total	Total
	Opening balance as of 1 January	804	1 505	-491	1 014
Effect of acquisitions/disposals and retrocessions	-161 ¹	203 ²		203	42
Amortisation	-108	-220	46	-174	-282
Interest accrued on unamortised PVFP	32	103	-15	88	120
Effect of change in unrealised gains/losses		-13		-13	-13
Effect of foreign currency translation	10	43	-16	27	37
Reclassified to held for sale		-1 156	476	-680	-680
Closing balance	577	465	0	465	1 042

2020 USD millions	Life & Health Reinsurance	Positive PVFP	Negative PVFP	Life Capital Total	Total
	Opening balance as of 1 January	577	465		465
Opening balance as of 1 January classified as held for sale		1 156	-476	680	680
Effect of acquisitions/disposals and retrocessions ²		-914	444	-470	-470
Amortisation	-99	-328	33	-295	-394
Interest accrued on unamortised PVFP	28	73	-10	63	91
Effect of change in unrealised gains/losses		-8		-8	-8
Effect of foreign currency translation	4	-26	9	-17	-13
Closing balance	510	418	0	418	928

¹ Impact from termination of a reinsurance arrangement included.

² Please refer to Note 10 "Acquisitions and disposals".

Retroceded PVFP may arise on retrocession of reinsurance portfolios, including reinsurance undertaken as part of a securitisation. The associated potential retrocession recoveries are determined by the nature of the retrocession agreements and by the terms of the securitisation.

The percentage of PVFP which is expected to be amortised in each of the next five years is 16%, 15%, 14%, 13% and 12%.

7 Investments

Investment income

Net investment income by source (excluding unit-linked and with-profit business) was as follows:

USD millions	2019 ¹	2020
Fixed income securities	2 889	2 251
Equity securities	66	92
Policy loans, mortgages and other loans	162	127
Investment real estate	226	241
Short-term investments	93	36
Other current investments	97	103
Share in earnings of equity-accounted investees	387	-51
Cash and cash equivalents	75	25
Net result from deposit-accounted contracts	149	128
Deposits with ceding companies	452	421
Gross investment income	4 596	3 373
Investment expenses	-412	-378
Interest charged for funds held	-13	-7
Net investment income – non-participating business	4 171	2 988

¹ The Group revised its allocation of net investment income. The revision has no impact on the income statement or balance sheet of the Group. Comparative information for 2019 has been adjusted accordingly.

Dividends received from investments accounted for using the equity method were USD 104 million and USD 124 million for 2019 and 2020, respectively.

Share in earnings of equity-accounted investees included impairments of the carrying amount of equity-accounted investees of USD 80 million and USD 5 million for 2019 and 2020, respectively.

Realised gains and losses

Realised gains and losses for fixed income securities, equity securities and other investments (excluding unit-linked and with-profit business) were as follows:

USD millions	2019	2020
Fixed income securities available-for-sale:		
Gross realised gains	1 590	1 676
Gross realised losses	-143	-256
Other-than-temporary impairments	-5	-29
Net realised investment gains/losses on equity securities	200	-87
Change in net unrealised investment gains/losses on equity securities	478	782
Net realised investment gains/losses on trading securities	153	86
Change in net unrealised investment gains/losses on trading securities	-26	-33
Net realised/unrealised gains/losses on other investments	-197	-41
Net realised/unrealised gains/losses on insurance-related activities	108	40
Foreign exchange gains/losses	-348	-163
Loss related to sale of ReAssure	-230	-245
Net realised investment gains/losses – non-participating business	1 580	1 730

Net realised/unrealised gains/losses on insurance-related activities included impairments of USD 5 million and nil for 2019 and 2020, respectively.

Investment result – unit-linked and with-profit business

For unit-linked contracts, the investment risk is borne by the policyholder. For with-profit contracts, the majority of the investment risk is also borne by the policyholder, although there are certain guarantees that limit the downside risk for the policyholder, and a certain proportion of the returns may be retained by the Group (typically 10%).

Net investment result on unit-linked and with-profit business credited to policyholders was as follows:

USD millions	2019		2020	
	Unit-linked	With-profit	Unit-linked	With-profit
Investment income – fixed income securities	58	101	29	50
Investment income – equity securities	733	76	401	27
Investment income – other	25	11	5	3
Total investment income – unit-linked and with-profit business	816	188	435	80
Realised gains/losses – fixed income securities	89	135	92	72
Realised gains/losses – equity securities	3 333	279	–2 566	–283
Realised gains/losses – other	90	9	–8	–9
Total realised gains/losses – unit-linked and with-profit business	3 512	423	–2 482	–220
Total net investment result – unit-linked and with-profit business	4 328	611	–2 047	–140

Impairment on fixed income securities related to credit losses

Other-than-temporary impairments for debt securities are bifurcated between credit and non-credit components, with the credit component recognised through earnings and the non-credit component recognised in other comprehensive income. The credit component of other-than-temporary impairments is defined as the difference between a security's amortised cost basis and the present value of expected cash flows. Methodologies for measuring the credit component of impairment are aligned to market observer forecasts of credit performance drivers. Management believes that these forecasts are representative of median market expectations.

For securitised products, cash flow projection analysis is conducted by integrating forward-looking evaluation of collateral performance drivers, including default rates, prepayment rates and loss severities and deal-level features, such as credit enhancement and prioritisation among tranches for payments of principal and interest. Analytics are differentiated by asset class, product type and security-level differences in historical and expected performance. For corporate bonds and hybrid debt instruments, an expected loss approach based on default probabilities and loss severities expected in the current and forecasted economic environment is used for securities identified as credit-impaired to project probability-weighted cash flows. Expected cash flows resulting from these analyses are discounted, and the present value is compared to the amortised cost basis to determine the credit component of other-than-temporary impairments.

A reconciliation of other-than-temporary impairments related to credit losses recognised in earnings was as follows:

USD millions	2019	2020
Balance as of 1 January	80	61
Credit losses for which an other-than-temporary impairment was not previously recognised	5	18
Reductions for securities sold during the period	–24	–32
Increase of credit losses for which an other-than-temporary impairment has been recognised previously, when the Group does not intend to sell, or more likely than not will not be required to sell before recovery	2	
Impact of increase in cash flows expected to be collected	–3	–2
Impact of foreign exchange movements	1	1
Balance as of 31 December	61	46

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Investments available-for-sale

Amortised cost or cost, estimated fair values and other-than-temporary impairments of fixed income securities classified as available-for-sale as of 31 December were as follows:

2019 USD millions	Amortised cost or cost	Gross unrealised gains	Gross unrealised losses	Other-than-temporary impairments recognised in other comprehensive income	Estimated fair value
Debt securities issued by governments and government agencies:					
US Treasury and other US government corporations and agencies	14 192	377	-31		14 538
US Agency securitised products	7 034	104	-14		7 124
States of the United States and political subdivisions of the states	1 783	168	-3		1 948
United Kingdom	7 936	1 309	-26		9 219
Germany	2 870	298	-35		3 133
France	2 095	343	-13		2 425
Canada	2 256	139	-4		2 391
Japan	2 028	98	-2		2 124
Other	10 589	583	-33		11 139
Total	50 783	3 419	-161		54 041
Corporate debt securities	37 293	3 749	-46		40 996
Mortgage- and asset-backed securities	4 397	195	-14	-2	4 576
Reclassified to assets held for sale	-17 693	-2 785	28		-20 450
Fixed income securities available-for-sale	74 780	4 578	-193	-2	79 163

2020 USD millions	Amortised cost or cost	Gross unrealised gains	Gross unrealised losses	Other-than-temporary impairments recognised in other comprehensive income	Estimated fair value
Debt securities issued by governments and government agencies:					
US Treasury and other US government corporations and agencies	10 915	693	-18		11 590
US Agency securitised products	6 575	214	-10		6 779
States of the United States and political subdivisions of the states	1 444	248			1 692
United Kingdom	4 206	841	-5		5 042
Germany	3 038	494	-1		3 531
France	2 551	570	-1		3 120
Canada	2 179	223	-13		2 389
Japan	2 086	56	-24		2 118
Other	10 189	788	-20		10 957
Total	43 183	4 127	-92		47 218
Corporate debt securities	27 538	3 084	-35		30 587
Mortgage- and asset-backed securities	3 141	157	-22	-1	3 275
Fixed income securities available-for-sale	73 862	7 368	-149	-1	81 080

The "Other-than-temporary impairments recognised in other comprehensive income" column includes only securities with a credit-related loss recognised in earnings. Subsequent recovery in fair value of securities previously impaired in other comprehensive income is also presented in the "Other-than-temporary impairments recognised in other comprehensive income" column.

Unrealised losses on securities available-for-sale

The following table shows the fair value and unrealised losses of the Group's fixed income securities, aggregated by investment category and length of time that individual securities were in a continuous unrealised loss position as of 31 December 2019 and 2020.

2019 USD millions	Less than 12 months		12 months or more		Total	
	Fair value	Unrealised losses	Fair value	Unrealised losses	Fair value	Unrealised losses
Debt securities issued by governments and government agencies:						
US Treasury and other US government corporations and agencies	2 357	31	97	0	2 454	31
US Agency securitised products	1 842	7	654	7	2 496	14
States of the United States and political subdivisions of the states	39	1	30	2	69	3
United Kingdom	1 297	22	83	4	1 380	26
Germany	669	34	17	1	686	35
France	340	12	16	1	356	13
Canada	863	3	62	1	925	4
Japan	443	1	2	1	445	2
Other	1 492	17	315	16	1 807	33
Total	9 342	128	1 276	33	10 618	161
Corporate debt securities	2 562	18	531	28	3 093	46
Mortgage- and asset-backed securities	730	5	404	11	1 134	16
Reclassified to assets held for sale	-1 071	-8	-301	-20	-1 372	-28
Total	11 563	143	1 910	52	13 473	195

2020 USD millions	Less than 12 months		12 months or more		Total	
	Fair value	Unrealised losses	Fair value	Unrealised losses	Fair value	Unrealised losses
Debt securities issued by governments and government agencies:						
US Treasury and other US government corporations and agencies	1 315	18			1 315	18
US Agency securitised products	382	10	9	0	391	10
States of the United States and political subdivisions of the states	8	0			8	0
United Kingdom	230	5			230	5
Germany	13	0	27	1	40	1
France	41	0	28	1	69	1
Canada	61	8	66	5	127	13
Japan	841	24			841	24
Other	1 539	11	108	9	1 647	20
Total	4 430	76	238	16	4 668	92
Corporate debt securities	1 072	31	147	4	1 219	35
Mortgage- and asset-backed securities	402	9	173	14	575	23
Total	5 904	116	558	34	6 462	150

Maturity of fixed income securities available-for-sale

The amortised cost or cost and estimated fair values of investments in fixed income securities available-for-sale by remaining maturity are shown below. Fixed maturity investments are assumed not to be called for redemption prior to the stated maturity date. As of 31 December 2019 and 2020, USD 20 188 million and USD 20 219 million, respectively, of fixed income securities available-for-sale were callable.

USD millions	Amortised cost or cost	2019	Amortised cost or cost	2020
		Estimated fair value		Estimated fair value
Due in one year or less	7 294	7 324	8 806	8 863
Due after one year through five years	27 559	28 083	18 298	19 040
Due after five years through ten years	15 994	17 115	14 512	15 696
Due after ten years	37 865	43 144	29 942	35 035
Mortgage- and asset-backed securities with no fixed maturity	3 761	3 947	2 304	2 446
Reclassified to assets held for sale	-17 693	-20 450		
Total fixed income securities available-for-sale	74 780	79 163	73 862	81 080

Investments trading and at fair value through earnings

The carrying amounts of fixed income securities classified as trading and equity securities at fair value through earnings (excluding unit-linked and with-profit business) as of 31 December were as follows:

USD millions	2019	2020
Debt securities issued by governments and government agencies	2 358	1 907
Mortgage- and asset-backed securities	52	31
Fixed income securities trading – non-participating business	2 410	1 938
Equity securities at fair value through earnings – non-participating business	2 993	4 899

Investments held for unit-linked and with-profit business

The carrying amounts of investments held for unit-linked and with-profit business as of 31 December were as follows:

USD millions	2019		2020	
	Unit-linked	With-profit	Unit-linked	With-profit
Fixed income securities trading	1 963	2 717		
Equity securities at fair value through earnings	35 528	2 078	463	
Investment real estate	512	200		
Other	692	3		
Reclassified to assets held for sale	-38 175	-4 998		
Total investments for unit-linked and with-profit business	520	0	463	0

Mortgage, policy and other loans, and investment real estate

As of 31 December, the carrying and respective fair values of investments in mortgage, policy and other loans, and investment real estate (excluding unit-linked and with-profit business) were as follows:

USD millions	2019		2020	
	Carrying value ¹	Fair value	Carrying value	Fair value
Policy loans	50	50	43	43
Mortgage loans	2 104	2 144	1 410	1 458
Other loans	2 314	2 376	1 862	1 906
Investment real estate	2 674	4 706	2 602	5 118

¹ Policy loans, mortgages and other loans include a total of USD 1 447 million which were reclassified to assets held for sale. Investment real estate of USD 146 million was reclassified to assets held for sale.

Depreciation expense related to investment real estate was USD 61 million and USD 67 million for 2019 and 2020, respectively. Accumulated depreciation on investment real estate totalled USD 660 million and USD 779 million as of 31 December 2019 and 2020, respectively. Investment real estate held by the Group includes residential and commercial investment real estate.

Substantially all mortgage, policy and other loan receivables are secured by buildings, land or the underlying policies.

Maturity of lessor cash flows

As of 31 December 2020, the total undiscounted cash flows to be received from operating leases of investment real estate for the next five years and thereafter were as follows:

USD millions	Operating leases
Less than one year	203
Between one year and two years	182
Between two years and three years	158
Between three years and four years	125
Between four years and five years	97
After five years	412
Total cash flows	1 177

The Group manages risk associated with the residual value of its leased properties through careful property selection as well as diversification by geographical region and property type. Lease contracts for residential real estate in Switzerland and Germany are usually open-ended. Cash flows for such contracts have been projected taking into consideration the average turnover rate in the region. Lease contracts for residential real estate in the US with a lease term of one year or less have been excluded from the projected cash flows in the table above. Rental income for those leases for the year ended 31 December 2019 and 2020 was USD 28 million and USD 27 million, respectively.

Other financial assets and liabilities by measurement category

As of 31 December 2019 and 2020, "Other invested assets" and "Accrued expenses and other liabilities" by measurement category were as follows:

2019 USD millions	Fair value	Investments measured at net asset value as practical expedient	Amortised cost or cost	Equity-accounted	Not in scope ¹	Total
Other invested assets						
Derivative financial instruments	472					472
Reverse repurchase agreements			2 089			2 089
Securities lending/borrowing	457		21			478
Equity-accounted investments	335			2 580		2 915
Other	76	913	905			1 894
Reclassified to liabilities held for sale	-60		-445			-505
Other invested assets	1 280	913	2 570	2 580	0	7 343
Accrued expenses and other liabilities						
Derivative financial instruments	692					692
Repurchase agreements			678			678
Securities lending	458		115			573
Securities sold short	1 764					1 764
Other			1 653		2 512	4 165
Reclassified to liabilities held for sale	-161		-329		-191	-681
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	2 753	0	2 117	0	2 321	7 191

2020 USD millions	Fair value	Investments measured at net asset value as practical expedient	Amortised cost or cost	Equity-accounted	Not in scope ¹	Total
Other invested assets						
Derivative financial instruments	266					266
Reverse repurchase agreements			3 002			3 002
Securities lending/borrowing	1 636		282			1 918
Equity-accounted investments	287			2 503		2 790
Other	302	1 026	1 010			2 338
Other invested assets	2 491	1 026	4 294	2 503	0	10 314
Accrued expenses and other liabilities						
Derivative financial instruments	495					495
Repurchase agreements			248			248
Securities lending	1 638		84			1 722
Securities sold short	1 353					1 353
Other			1 959		2 316	4 275
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	3 486	0	2 291	0	2 316	8 093

¹ Amounts do not relate to financial assets or liabilities.

Offsetting of derivatives, financial assets and financial liabilities

Offsetting of derivatives, financial assets and financial liabilities as of 31 December was as follows:

2019 USD millions	Gross amounts of recognised financial assets	Amounts set-off in the balance sheet	Net amounts of financial assets presented in the balance sheet	Related financial instruments not set-off in the balance sheet	Net amount
Derivative financial instruments – assets	1 662	-1 184	478	-2	476
Reverse repurchase agreements	5 185	-3 096	2 089	-2 061	28
Securities borrowing	171	-150	21	-20	1
Total	7 018	-4 430	2 588	-2 083	505

2019 USD millions	Gross amounts of recognised financial liabilities	Amounts set-off in the balance sheet	Net amounts of financial liabilities presented in the balance sheet	Related financial instruments not set-off in the balance sheet	Net amount
Derivative financial instruments – liabilities	-1 750	1 058	-692	75	-617
Repurchase agreements	-3 352	2 674	-678	653	-25
Securities lending	-1 145	572	-573	524	-49
Total	-6 247	4 304	-1 943	1 252	-691

2020 USD millions	Gross amounts of recognised financial assets	Amounts set-off in the balance sheet	Net amounts of financial assets presented in the balance sheet	Related financial instruments not set-off in the balance sheet	Net amount
Derivative financial instruments – assets	1 609	-1 343	266	-3	263
Reverse repurchase agreements	4 945	-1 943	3 002	-3 002	0
Securities borrowing	292	-10	282	-280	2
Total	6 846	-3 296	3 550	-3 285	265

2020 USD millions	Gross amounts of recognised financial liabilities	Amounts set-off in the balance sheet	Net amounts of financial liabilities presented in the balance sheet	Related financial instruments not set-off in the balance sheet	Net amount
Derivative financial instruments – liabilities	-1 775	1 280	-495	303	-192
Repurchase agreements	-1 891	1 643	-248	248	0
Securities lending	-2 032	310	-1 722	1 652	-70
Total	-5 698	3 233	-2 465	2 203	-262

Collateral pledged or received between two counterparties with a master netting arrangement in place, but not subject to balance sheet netting, is disclosed at fair value. The fair values represent the gross carrying value amounts at the reporting date for each financial instrument received or pledged by the Group. Management believes that master netting agreements provide for legally enforceable set-off in the event of default, which substantially reduces credit exposure. Upon occurrence of an event of default, the non-defaulting party may set off the obligation against collateral received regardless if it has been offset on the balance sheet prior to the defaulting event. The net amounts of the financial assets and liabilities presented on the balance sheet were recognised in “Other invested assets”, “Investments for unit-linked and with-profit business” and “Accrued expenses and other liabilities”.

Assets pledged

As of 31 December 2019 and 2020, investments with a carrying value of USD 5 239 million and USD 5 858 million, respectively, were on deposit with regulatory agencies in accordance with local requirements, of which USD 223 million and USD 249 million, respectively, were cash and cash equivalents. As of 31 December 2019 and 2020, investments with a carrying value of USD 14 659 million and USD 15 424 million, respectively, were placed on deposit or pledged to secure certain reinsurance liabilities, including pledged investments in subsidiaries, of which USD 485 million and USD 259 million, respectively, were cash and cash equivalents. Cash and cash equivalents pledged include some instances where cash is legally restricted from usage or withdrawal.

As of 31 December 2019 and 2020, securities of USD 18 686 million and USD 13 787 million, respectively, were transferred to third parties under securities lending transactions and repurchase agreements on a fully collateralised basis. Corresponding liabilities of USD 1 251 million and USD 1 970 million, respectively, were recognised in accrued expenses and other liabilities for the obligation to return collateral that the Group has the right to sell or reuse.

As of 31 December 2019 and 2020, a real estate portfolio with a carrying value of USD 188 million and USD 200 million, respectively, served as collateral for a credit facility, allowing the Group to withdraw funds up to CHF 500 million.

Collateral accepted which the Group has the right to sell or repledge

As of 31 December 2019 and 2020, the fair value of the equity securities, government and corporate debt securities received as collateral was USD 5 477 million and USD 4 837 million, respectively. Of this, the amount that was sold or repledged as of 31 December 2019 and 2020 was USD 2 025 million and USD 1 341 million, respectively. The sources of the collateral are securities borrowing, reverse repurchase agreements and derivative transactions.

Recognised gross liability for the obligation to return collateral (from repurchase agreements and securities lending)

As of 31 December 2019 and 2020, the gross amounts of liabilities related to repurchase agreements and securities lending by the class of securities transferred to third parties and by the remaining maturity are shown below.

2019 USD millions	Remaining contractual maturity of the agreements				Total
	Overnight and continuous	Up to 30 days	30–90 days	Greater than 90 days	
Repurchase agreements					
Debt securities issued by governments and government agencies	30	3 312			3 342
Corporate debt securities	3	7			10
Total repurchase agreements	33	3 319	0	0	3 352
Securities lending					
Debt securities issued by governments and government agencies	295		493	299	1 087
Corporate debt securities	58				58
Total securities lending	353	0	493	299	1 145
Gross amount of recognised liabilities for repurchase agreements and securities lending					4 497

2020 USD millions	Remaining contractual maturity of the agreements				Total
	Overnight and continuous	Up to 30 days	30–90 days	Greater than 90 days	
Repurchase agreements					
Debt securities issued by governments and government agencies	197	1 490	54		1 741
Corporate debt securities	2	148			150
Total repurchase agreements	199	1 638	54	0	1 891
Securities lending					
Debt securities issued by governments and government agencies	1 099		303	551	1 953
Corporate debt securities	79				79
Total securities lending	1 178	0	303	551	2 032
Gross amount of recognised liabilities for repurchase agreements and securities lending					3 923

The programme is structured in a conservative manner with a clearly defined risk framework. Yield enhancement is conducted on a non-cash basis, thereby taking no re-investment risk.

8 Fair value disclosures

Fair value, as defined by the Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures Topic, is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date.

The Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures Topic requires all assets and liabilities that are measured at fair value to be categorised within the fair value hierarchy. This three-level hierarchy is based on the observability of the inputs used in the fair value measurement. The levels of the fair value hierarchy are defined as follows:

Level 1 inputs are unadjusted, quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Group has the ability to access. Level 1 inputs are the most persuasive evidence of fair value and are to be used whenever possible. The types of instruments include most US government and sovereign obligations, active listed equities, certain exchange-traded derivative instruments and most money market securities.

Level 2 inputs are market-based inputs that are directly or indirectly observable, but not considered level 1 quoted prices. Level 2 inputs consist of (i) quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets; (ii) quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in non-active markets (eg markets which have few transactions and where prices are not current or price quotations vary substantially); (iii) inputs other than quoted prices that are observable (eg interest rates, yield curves, volatilities, prepayment speeds, credit risks and default rates); (iv) inputs derived from, or corroborated by, observable market data; and (v) quoted prices provided by third party brokers. The types of instruments that trade in markets that are not considered to be active include most government agency securities, investment-grade corporate bonds, certain mortgage- and asset-backed products, certain exchange-traded derivative instruments, catastrophe bonds, less liquid listed equities and state, municipal and provincial obligations.

Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs. These inputs reflect the Group's own assumptions about market pricing using the best internal and external information available. Certain financial instruments are classified within level 3 of the fair value hierarchy because they trade infrequently and therefore have little or no price transparency. Such instruments include private equity, less liquid corporate debt securities and certain asset-backed securities (ABS). Certain over-the-counter (OTC) derivatives trade in less liquid markets with limited pricing information, and the determination of fair value for these derivatives is inherently more difficult. When appropriate, valuations are adjusted for various factors such as liquidity, bid/offer spreads and credit considerations. Such adjustments are generally based on available market evidence. In the absence of such evidence, management's best estimate is used.

Pursuant to the election of the fair value option, the Group classifies certain liabilities for life and health policy benefits in level 3 of the fair value hierarchy. When appropriate, valuations are adjusted for various factors such as liquidity, bid/offer spreads and credit considerations. Such adjustments are generally based on available market evidence. In the absence of such evidence, management's best estimate is used.

The fair values of assets are adjusted to incorporate the counterparty risk of non-performance. Similarly, the fair values of liabilities reflect the risk of non-performance of the Group, captured by the Group's credit spread. These valuation adjustments from assets and liabilities measured at fair value using significant unobservable inputs are recognised in net realised gains and losses. For 2020, these adjustments were not material. Whenever the underlying assets or liabilities are reported in a specific business segment, the valuation adjustment is allocated accordingly. Valuation adjustments not attributable to any business segment are reported in Group items.

In certain situations, the Group uses inputs to measure the fair value of asset or liability positions that fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy. In these situations, the Group will determine the appropriate level based on the lowest level input that is significant to the determination of the fair value.

Valuation techniques

US government securities typically have quoted market prices in active markets and are categorised as level 1 instruments in the fair value hierarchy. Non-US government holdings are generally classified as level 2 instruments and are valued on the basis of the quotes provided by pricing services, which are subject to the Group's pricing validation reviews and pricing vendor challenge process. Valuations provided by pricing vendors are generally based on the actual trade information as substantially all of the Group's non-US government holdings are traded in a transparent and liquid market.

Corporate debt securities mainly include US and European investment-grade positions, which are priced on the basis of quotes provided by third party pricing vendors and first utilise valuation inputs from actively traded securities, such as bid prices, bid spreads to Treasury securities, Treasury curves and same or comparable issuer curves and spreads. Issuer spreads are determined from actual quotes and traded prices and incorporate considerations of credit/default, sector composition, and liquidity and call features. Where market data is not available, valuations are developed based on the modelling techniques that utilise observable inputs and option-adjusted spreads and incorporate considerations of the security's seniority, maturity and the issuer's corporate structure.

Values of mortgage- and asset-backed securities are obtained both from third party pricing vendors and through quoted prices, some of which may be based on the prices of comparable securities with similar structural and collateral features. Values of certain ABS for which there are no significant observable inputs are developed using benchmarks to similar transactions or indices. For both residential mortgage-

backed securities (RMBS) and commercial mortgage-backed securities (CMBS), cash flows are derived based on the transaction-specific information, which incorporates priority in the capital structure, and are generally adjusted to reflect benchmark yields, market prepayment data, collateral performance (default rates and loss severity) for specific vintage and geography, credit enhancements and ratings. For certain RMBS and CMBS with low levels of market liquidity, judgements may be required to determine comparable securities based on the loan type and deal-specific performance. CMBS terms may also incorporate lock-out periods that restrict borrowers from prepaying the loans or provide disincentives to prepay and therefore reduce prepayment risk of these securities, compared to RMBS. The factors specifically considered in valuation of CMBS include borrower-specific statistics in a specific region, such as debt service coverage and loan-to-value ratios, as well as the type of commercial property. Mortgage- and asset-backed securities also includes debt securitised by credit card, student loan and auto loan receivables. Pricing inputs for these securities also focus on capturing, where relevant, collateral quality and performance, payment patterns and delinquencies.

The Group uses third party pricing vendor data to value agency securitised products, which mainly include collateralised mortgage obligations (CMO) and mortgage-backed government agency securities. The valuations generally utilise observable inputs consistent with those noted above for RMBS and CMBS.

Equity securities held by the Group for proprietary investment purposes are mainly classified in level 1. Securities classified in level 1 are traded on public stock exchanges for which quoted prices are readily available.

The category "Other invested assets" includes the Group's private equity and hedge fund investments which are made directly or via ownership of funds. Valuation of direct private equity investments requires significant management judgement due to the absence of quoted market prices and the lack of liquidity. Initial valuation is based on the acquisition cost, and is further refined based on the available market information for the public companies that are considered comparable to the Group's holdings in the private companies being valued, and the private company-specific performance indicators, both historic and projected. Subsequent valuations also reflect business or asset appraisals, as well as market transaction data for private and public benchmark companies and the actual companies being valued, such as financing rounds and mergers and acquisitions activity. The Group's holdings in private equity and hedge funds are generally valued utilising net asset values (NAV), subject to adjustments, as deemed necessary, for restrictions on redemption (lock-up periods and amount limitations on redemptions). These investments are included under investments measured at net asset value as a practical expedient.

The Group holds both exchange-traded and OTC interest rate, foreign exchange, credit and equity derivative contracts for hedging and trading purposes. The fair values of exchange-traded derivatives measured using observable exchange prices are classified in level 1. Long-dated contracts may require adjustments to the exchange-traded prices which would trigger reclassification to level 2 in the fair value hierarchy. OTC derivatives are generally valued by the Group based on the internal models, which are consistent with industry standards and practices, and use both observable (dealer, broker or market consensus prices, spot and forward rates, interest rate and credit curves and volatility indices) and unobservable inputs (adjustments for liquidity, inputs derived from the observable data based on the Group's judgements and assumptions).

The Group's OTC interest rate derivatives primarily include interest rate swaps, futures, options, caps and floors and are valued based on the cash flow discounting models which generally utilise as inputs observable market yield curves and volatility assumptions.

The Group's OTC foreign exchange derivatives primarily include forward, spot and option contracts and are generally valued based on the cash flow discounting models, utilising as main inputs observable foreign exchange forward curves.

The Group's investments in equity derivatives primarily include OTC equity option contracts on single or baskets of market indices and equity options on individual or baskets of equity securities, which are valued using internally developed models (such as the Black-Scholes type option pricing model and various simulation models) calibrated with the inputs, which include underlying spot prices, dividend curves, volatility surfaces, yield curves and correlations between underlying assets.

The Group's OTC credit derivatives can include index and single-name credit default swaps. Plain vanilla credit derivatives, such as index and single-name credit default swaps, are valued by the Group based on the models consistent with the industry valuation standards for these credit contracts, and primarily utilise observable inputs published by market data sources, such as credit spreads and recovery rates. These valuation techniques warrant classification of plain vanilla OTC derivatives as level 2 financial instruments in the fair value hierarchy.

Assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis

As of 31 December, the fair values of assets and liabilities measured on a recurring basis by level of input were as follows:

2019 USD millions	Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets and liabilities (level 1)	Significant other observable inputs (level 2)	Significant unobservable inputs (level 3)	Impact of netting ¹	Reclassified to assets held for sale	Total
Assets						
Fixed income securities held for proprietary investment purposes	14 057	86 270	1 696		-20 450	81 573
Debt securities issued by US government and government agencies	14 057	2 510			-121	16 446
US Agency securitised products		7 175				7 175
Debt securities issued by non-US governments and government agencies		32 654	3		-5 283	27 374
Corporate debt securities		39 303	1 693		-14 671	26 325
Mortgage- and asset-backed securities		4 628			-375	4 253
Fixed income securities backing unit-linked and with-profit business		4 680			-4 680	0
Equity securities held for proprietary investment purposes	2 992	1				2 993
Equity securities backing unit-linked and with-profit business	37 550	56			-37 086	520
Short-term investments held for proprietary investment purposes	1 098	4 812			-142	5 768
Derivative financial instruments	11	1 426	225	-1 184	-65	413
Interest rate contracts		492			-8	484
Foreign exchange contracts		381			-51	330
Equity contracts	2	530	186			718
Credit contracts		17				17
Other contracts	6	3	39			48
Contracts backing unit-linked and with-profit business	3	3			-6	0
Investment real estate			143		-143	0
Other invested assets	317	140	411			868
Funds held by ceding companies		174				174
Total assets at fair value	56 025	97 559	2 475	-1 184	-62 566	92 309
Liabilities						
Derivative financial instruments	-5	-1 280	-465	1 058	161	-531
Interest rate contracts		-415	-2		50	-367
Foreign exchange contracts		-296			1	-295
Equity contracts	-5	-506	-20			-531
Credit contracts		-63				-63
Other contracts			-443		111	-332
Contracts backing unit-linked and with-profit business					-1	-1
Liabilities for life and health policy benefits			-91			-91
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	-340	-1 882				-2 222
Total liabilities at fair value	-345	-3 162	-556	1 058	161	-2 844

¹ The netting of derivative receivables and derivative payables is permitted when a legally enforceable master netting agreement exists between two counterparties. A master netting agreement provides for the net settlement of all contracts, as well as cash collateral, through a single payment, in a single currency, in the event of default or on the termination of any one contract.

2020 USD millions	Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets and liabilities (level 1)	Significant other observable inputs (level 2)	Significant unobservable inputs (level 3)	Impact of netting ¹	Total
Assets					
Fixed income securities held for proprietary investment purposes	11 264	70 571	1 183		83 018
Debt securities issued by US government and government agencies	11 264	2 194			13 458
US Agency securitised products		7 021			7 021
Debt securities issued by non-US governments and government agencies		28 646			28 646
Corporate debt securities		29 404	1 183		30 587
Mortgage- and asset-backed securities		3 306			3 306
Equity securities held for proprietary investment purposes	4 899				4 899
Equity securities backing unit-linked and with-profit business	463				463
Short-term investments held for proprietary investment purposes	6 846	9 236			16 082
Derivative financial instruments	5	1 372	232	-1 343	266
Interest rate contracts		494			494
Foreign exchange contracts		215			215
Equity contracts	4	653	201		858
Credit contracts		10			10
Other contracts	1		31		32
Other invested assets	551	1 085	588		2 224
Funds held by ceding companies		172			172
Total assets at fair value	24 028	82 436	2 003	-1 343	107 124
Liabilities					
Derivative financial instruments	-12	-1 422	-341	1 280	-495
Interest rate contracts		-444	-2		-446
Foreign exchange contracts		-410			-410
Equity contracts	-10	-331	-23		-364
Credit contracts		-237			-237
Other contracts	-2		-316		-318
Liabilities for life and health policy benefits			-98		-98
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	-891	-2 099			-2 990
Total liabilities at fair value	-903	-3 521	-439	1 280	-3 583

¹The netting of derivative receivables and derivative payables is permitted when a legally enforceable master netting agreement exists between two counterparties. A master netting agreement provides for the net settlement of all contracts, as well as cash collateral, through a single payment, in a single currency, in the event of default or on the termination of any one contract.

Assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis using significant unobservable inputs (level 3)

As of 31 December, the reconciliations of the fair values of assets and liabilities measured on a recurring basis using significant unobservable inputs were as follows:

2019 USD millions	Fixed income securities	Equity securities	Derivative assets	Investment real estate	Other invested assets	Total assets	Derivative liabilities	Liabilities for life and health policy benefits	Total liabilities
Assets and liabilities									
Balance as of 1 January	1 378	0	404	166	364	2 312	-517	-119	-636
Realised/unrealised gains/losses:									
Included in net income ¹	4		-151	16	20	-111	120	32	152
Included in other comprehensive income ²	73					73		-4	-4
Purchases	417		16		20	453			0
Issuances						0	-147		-147
Sales	-56		-9	-46	-2	-113	24		24
Settlements	-82		-37			-119	60		60
Transfers into level 3					2	2			0
Transfers out of level 3	-76					-76			0
Disposals									
Impact of foreign exchange movements	38		2	7	7	54	-5		-5
Closing balance as of 31 December	1 696	0	225	143	411	2 475	-465	-91	-556

¹ Fair value changes are reported in "Net realised investment gains/losses – non-participating business".

² Fair value changes from fixed income securities are reported in "Net unrealised investment gains/losses". Fair value changes from liabilities for life and health policy benefits are reported in "Credit risk of financial liabilities at fair value option".

2020 USD millions	Fixed income securities	Equity securities	Derivative assets	Investment real estate	Other invested assets	Total assets	Derivative liabilities	Liabilities for life and health policy benefits	Total liabilities
Assets and liabilities									
Balance as of 1 January	1 696	0	225	143	411	2 475	-465	-91	-556
Realised/unrealised gains/losses:									
Included in net income ¹	79		14	1	-9	85	-8	-8	-16
Included in other comprehensive income ²	-2					-2		1	1
Purchases	367				19	386			0
Issuances						0	-102		-102
Sales	-7			-14	-47	-68	6		6
Settlements	-48		-11			-59	127		127
Transfers into level 3		204	3		211	418			0
Transfers out of level 3						0			0
Disposals	-945	-204		-134		-1 283	104		104
Impact of foreign exchange movements	43		1	4	3	51	-3		-3
Closing balance as of 31 December	1 183	0	232	0	588	2 003	-341	-98	-439

¹ Fair value changes are reported in "Net realised investment gains/losses – non-participating business".

² Fair value changes from fixed income securities are reported in "Net unrealised investment gains/losses". Fair value changes from liabilities for life and health policy benefits are reported in "Credit risk of financial liabilities at fair value option".

Gains and losses on assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis using significant unobservable inputs (level 3)

The gains and losses relating to the assets and liabilities measured at fair value using significant unobservable inputs (level 3) for the years ended 31 December were as follows:

USD millions	2019	2020
Gains/losses included in net income for the period	41	69
Whereof change in unrealised gains/losses relating to assets and liabilities still held at the reporting date	-45	-16

Quantitative information about level 3 fair value measurements

Unobservable inputs for major level 3 assets and liabilities as of 31 December were as follows:

USD millions	2019 Fair value	2020 Fair value	Valuation technique	Unobservable input	Range (weighted average ¹)
Assets					
Corporate debt securities	1 693	1 183			
Infrastructure loans	1 147	701	Discounted cash flow model	Valuation spread	84–526 bps (199 bps)
Private placement corporate debt	504	440	Corporate spread matrix	Credit spread	214–236 bps (112 bps)
Private placement credit tenant leases	42	42	Discounted cash flow model	Illiquidity premium	125–150 bps (146 bps)
Derivative equity contracts	186	201			
OTC equity option referencing correlated equity indices	186	201	Proprietary option model	Correlation	-30–55% (30%)
Investment real estate	143				
Liabilities					
Derivative equity contracts	-20	-23			
OTC equity option referencing correlated equity indices	-20	-23	Proprietary option model	Correlation	-30–95% (42%)
Other derivative contracts and liabilities for life and health policy benefits	-534	-414			
Variable annuity and fair valued GMD contracts	-311	-355	Discounted cash flow model	Risk margin	4% (n/a)
				Volatility	12.8–63.8%
				Lapse	1.5–15%
				Mortality improvement	0–1.5%
				Withdrawal rate	0–90%
Swap liability referencing real estate investments	-110				
Weather contracts	-76	-30	Proprietary option model	Risk margin	6–11% (7.9%)
				Correlation	-49–45% (12.1%)
				Volatility (power/gas)	27–65% (56.4%)
				Volatility (temperature)	34–385 (164) HDD/CAT ²
				Index value (temperature)	441–7586 (2315) HDD/CAT ²

¹ Unobservable inputs were weighted by the relative fair value of the instruments. For Derivative equity contracts, the weighted average correlation is derived by computing an absolute piecewise correlation impact and is not weighted by the relative fair value.

² Heating Degree Days (HDD); Cumulative Average Temperature (CAT).

Uncertainty of recurring level 3 measurements from the use of significant unobservable inputs

The significant unobservable input used in the fair value measurement of the Group's infrastructure loans is valuation spread. A significant increase (decrease) in this input in isolation would have resulted in a significantly lower (higher) fair value measurement. The significant unobservable input used in the fair value measurement of the Group's private placement corporate debt securities is credit spread. A significant increase (decrease) in this input in isolation would have resulted in a significantly lower (higher) fair value measurement. The significant unobservable input used in the fair value measurement of the Group's private placement credit tenant leases is illiquidity premium. A significant increase (decrease) in this input in isolation would have resulted in a significantly lower (higher) fair value measurement.

The significant unobservable input used in the fair value measurement of the Group's OTC equity option referencing correlated equity indices is correlation. Where the Group is long correlation risk, a significant increase (decrease) in this input in isolation would have resulted in a significantly higher (lower) fair value measurement. Where the Group is short correlation risk, a significant increase (decrease) in this input in isolation would have resulted in a significantly lower (higher) fair value measurement.

The significant unobservable input used in the fair value measurement of the Group's investment real estate and swap liability referencing real estate investment is the rate used to discount future cash flows from property sales. A significant increase (decrease) in this input in isolation would have resulted in a significantly lower (higher) fair value measurement.

The significant unobservable inputs used in the fair value measurement of the Group's variable annuity and fair valued guaranteed minimum death benefit (GMDB) contracts are: risk margin, volatility, lapse, mortality improvement rate and withdrawal rate. A significant increase (decrease) in isolation in each of the following inputs: risk margin, volatility and withdrawal rate would have resulted in a significantly lower (higher) fair value of the Group's obligation. A significant increase (decrease) in isolation in lapse rate would, in general, have resulted in a significantly higher (lower) fair value of the Group's obligation due to the maturity of the contracts. Changes in the mortality improvement rate impact the fair value of the Group's obligation differently for living-benefit products, compared to death-benefit products. For the former, a significant increase (decrease) in the mortality improvement rate (ie decrease (increase) in mortality) in isolation would have resulted in a decrease (increase) in fair value of the Group's liability. For the latter, a significant increase (decrease) in the mortality improvement rate in isolation would have resulted in an increase (decrease) in fair value of the Group's liability.

The significant unobservable inputs used in the fair value measurement of the Group's weather contracts are risk margin, correlation, volatility and index value. Where the Group has a long position, a significant increase (decrease) in the risk margin input in isolation would have resulted in a significantly higher (lower) fair value measurement. Where the Group has a long volatility or correlation position, a significant increase (decrease) in the correlation and volatility inputs would have resulted in a significantly higher (lower) fair value measurement. Where the Group has a long index position, an increase (decrease) in the index value input in isolation would have resulted in a significantly higher (lower) fair value measurement. Where the Group has a short position, a significant increase (decrease) in the risk margin input in isolation would have resulted in a significantly lower (higher) fair value measurement. Where the Group has a short volatility or correlation position, a significant increase (decrease) in the correlation and volatility inputs would have resulted in a significantly lower (higher) fair value measurement. Where the Group has a short index position, an increase (decrease) in the index value input in isolation would have resulted in a significantly lower (higher) fair value measurement.

Other invested assets measured at net asset value

Other invested assets measured at net asset value as of 31 December were as follows:

USD millions	2019 Fair value	2020 Fair value	Unfunded commitments	Redemption frequency (if currently eligible)	Redemption notice period
Private equity funds	565	763	589	non-redeemable	n/a
Hedge funds	208	2		redeemable ¹	45–95 days ²
Private equity direct	128	259	72	non-redeemable	n/a
Real estate funds	12	2	15	non-redeemable	n/a
Total	913	1 026	676		

¹ The redemption frequency varies by position.

² Cash distribution can be delayed for an extended period depending on the sale of the underlyings.

The hedge fund investments employ a variety of strategies, including relative value and event-driven across various asset classes.

The private equity direct portfolio consists of equity and equity-like investments directly in other companies. These investments have no contractual term and are generally held based on financial or strategic intent.

Private equity and real estate funds generally have limitations imposed on the amount of redemptions from the fund during the redemption period due to illiquidity of the underlying investments. Fees may apply for redemptions or transferring of interest to other parties. Distributions are expected to be received from these funds as the underlying assets are liquidated. The period of time over which the underlying assets are expected to be liquidated is indeterminate as investees provide liquidation notices.

The redemption frequency of hedge funds varies depending on the manager as well as the nature of the underlying product. Additionally, certain funds may impose lock-up periods and redemption gates as defined in the terms of the individual investment agreement.

Fair value option

The fair value option under the Financial Instruments Topic permits the choice to measure specified financial assets and liabilities at fair value on an instrument-by-instrument basis. The Group elected the fair value option for positions in the following line items:

Other invested assets

The Group elected the fair value option for certain investments classified as equity method investees within other invested assets in the balance sheet. The Group applied the fair value option, as the investments are managed on a fair value basis. The changes in fair value of these elected investments are recorded in earnings.

Funds held by ceding companies

For operational efficiencies, the Group elected the fair value option for funds held by the cedent under three of its reinsurance agreements. The assets are carried at fair value and changes in fair value are reported as a component of earnings.

Liabilities for life and health policy benefits

The Group elected the fair value option for existing GMDB reserves related to certain variable annuity contracts which are classified as universal-life-type contracts. The Group has applied the fair value option, as the equity risk associated with those contracts is managed on a fair value basis and it is economically hedged with derivative options in the market. The liability is carried at fair value and changes in fair value attributable to instrument-specific credit risk are reported on other comprehensive income and all other changes in fair value are reported as a component of earnings.

Other derivative liabilities

For operational efficiencies, the Group elected the fair value option on a hybrid financial instrument, where the host contract is a debt instrument and the embedded derivative is pegged to the performance of the fund's real estate portfolio. The liability was carried at fair value and changes in fair value were reported as a component of earnings. In the balance sheet and the following fair value disclosures, this item was included under "Liabilities held for sale" for the year ended 31 December 2019.

Assets and liabilities measured at fair value pursuant to election of the fair value option

Pursuant to the election of the fair value option for the items described, the balances as of 31 December were as follows:

USD millions	2019	2020
Assets		
Other invested assets	7 343	10 314
of which at fair value pursuant to the fair value option	335	287
Funds held by ceding companies	9 472	10 726
of which at fair value pursuant to the fair value option	174	172
Liabilities		
Liabilities for life and health policy benefits	-19 836	-22 456
of which at fair value pursuant to the fair value option	-91	-98
Liabilities held for sale	-68 586	
of which at fair value pursuant to the fair value option	-110	

Changes in fair values for items measured at fair value pursuant to election of the fair value option

Gains/losses included in earnings for items measured at fair value pursuant to election of the fair value option including foreign exchange impact for the years ended 31 December were as follows:

USD millions	2019	2020
Other invested assets	16	-24
Funds held by ceding companies	11	6
Liabilities for life and health policy benefits	32	-8
Liabilities held for sale	-10	
Total	49	-26

Fair value changes from other invested assets and funds held by ceding companies are reported in "Net investment income – non-participating business". Fair value changes from the GMDB reserves are shown in "Life and health benefits". Fair value changes from accrued expenses and other liabilities are reported in "Net realised investment gains/losses – non-participating business".

Assets and liabilities not measured at fair value but for which the fair value is disclosed

Assets and liabilities not measured at fair value but for which the fair value is disclosed as of 31 December were as follows:

2019 USD millions	Significant other observable inputs (level 2)	Significant unobservable inputs (level 3)	Total
Assets			
Policy loans		50	50
Mortgage loans		2 144	2 144
Other loans		2 376	2 376
Investment real estate		4 563	4 563
Total assets	0	9 133	9 133
Liabilities			
Debt	-10 639	-3 565	-14 204
Total liabilities	-10 639	-3 565	-14 204

2020 USD millions	Significant other observable inputs (level 2)	Significant unobservable inputs (level 3)	Total
Assets			
Policy loans		43	43
Mortgage loans		1 458	1 458
Other loans		1 906	1 906
Investment real estate		5 118	5 118
Total assets	0	8 525	8 525
Liabilities			
Debt	-10 735	-4 014	-14 749
Total liabilities	-10 735	-4 014	-14 749

Policy loans, other loans and certain mortgage loans are classified as level 3 measurements, as they do not have an active exit market. Some of these positions need to be assessed in conjunction with the corresponding insurance business, whilst the fair value of some other positions does not differ materially from the carrying amount. Considering these circumstances for these positions, the Group presents the carrying amount as an approximation for the fair value. For certain commercial mortgage loans and infrastructure loans, which are included in mortgage loans and other loans respectively, the fair value can be estimated using discounted cash flow models which are based on discount curves and spread inputs that require management's judgement.

Investments in real estate are fair valued primarily by external appraisers based on proprietary discounted cash flow models that incorporate applicable risk premium adjustments to discount yields and projected market rental income streams based on market-specific data. These fair value measurements are classified in level 3 in the fair value hierarchy.

Debt positions, which are fair valued based on executable broker quotes or the discounted cash flow method using observable inputs, are classified as level 2 measurements. Fair value of the majority of the Group's level 3 debt positions is judged to approximate carrying value due to the highly tailored nature of the obligation and short-notice termination provisions.

9 Derivative financial instruments

The Group uses a variety of derivative financial instruments including swaps, options, forwards, credit derivatives and exchange-traded financial futures in its trading and hedging strategies, in line with the Group's overall risk management strategy. The objectives include managing exposure to price, foreign currency and/or interest rate risk on planned or anticipated investment purchases, existing assets or liabilities, as well as locking in attractive investment conditions for future available funds.

The fair values represent the gross carrying value amounts at the reporting date for each class of derivative contract held or issued by the Group. The gross fair values are not an indication of credit risk, as many over-the-counter transactions are contracted and documented under ISDA master agreements or their equivalent. Management believes that such agreements provide for legally enforceable set-off in the event of default, which substantially reduces credit exposure.

Fair values and notional amounts of derivative financial instruments

As of 31 December, the fair values and notional amounts of the derivatives outstanding were as follows:

2019 USD millions	Notional amount assets/liabilities	Fair value assets	Fair value liabilities	Carrying value assets/liabilities
Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments				
Interest rate contracts	27 544	494	-395	99
Foreign exchange contracts	26 256	291	-108	183
Equity contracts	16 089	721	-531	190
Credit contracts	3 283	17	-63	-46
Other contracts	10 290	48	-443	-395
Total	83 462	1 571	-1 540	31
Derivatives designated as hedging instruments				
Interest rate contracts	1 403	1	-22	-21
Foreign exchange contracts	15 038	90	-188	-98
Total	16 441	91	-210	-119
Total derivative financial instruments	99 903	1 662	-1 750	-88
Amount offset				
Where a right of set-off exists		-675	675	
Due to cash collateral		-509	383	
Total net amount of derivative financial instruments		478	-692	-214

2020 USD millions	Notional amount assets/liabilities	Fair value assets	Fair value liabilities	Carrying value assets/liabilities
Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments				
Interest rate contracts	21 315	485	-436	49
Foreign exchange contracts	27 311	195	-186	9
Equity contracts	21 583	858	-364	494
Credit contracts	9 755	10	-237	-227
Other contracts	10 128	32	-318	-286
Total	90 092	1 580	-1 541	39
Derivatives designated as hedging instruments				
Interest rate contracts	3 990	9	-10	-1
Foreign exchange contracts	18 258	20	-224	-204
Total	22 248	29	-234	-205
Total derivative financial instruments	112 340	1 609	-1 775	-166
Amount offset				
Where a right of set-off exists		-653	653	
Due to cash collateral		-690	627	
Total net amount of derivative financial instruments		266	-495	-229

The notional amounts of derivative financial instruments give an indication of the Group's volume of derivative activity. The fair value assets are included in "Other invested assets" and "Investments for unit-linked and with-profit business". The fair value liabilities are included in "Accrued expenses and other liabilities". The fair value amounts that were not offset were nil as of 31 December 2019 and 2020.

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Non-hedging activities

The Group primarily uses derivative financial instruments for risk management and trading strategies. Gains and losses of derivative financial instruments not designated as hedging instruments are recorded in "Net realised investment gains/losses – non-participating business" and "Net investment result – unit-linked and with-profit business" in the income statement.

For the years ended 31 December, the gains and losses of derivative financial instruments not designated as hedging instruments were as follows:

USD millions	2019 ¹	2020
Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments		
Interest rate contracts	-116	145
Foreign exchange contracts	-123	970
Equity contracts	-183	-114
Credit contracts	-51	-93
Other contracts	112	
Total gains/losses recognised in income	-361	908

¹ The Group has revised the scope of its non-hedging derivative activities. The revision had no impact on net income or shareholders' equity. Comparative information for 2019 has been adjusted accordingly.

Hedging activities

The Group designates certain derivative financial instruments as hedging instruments. The designation of derivative financial instruments is primarily used for overall portfolio and risk management strategies. As of 31 December 2019 and 2020, the following hedging relationships were outstanding:

Fair value hedges

The Group enters into foreign exchange and interest rate swaps to reduce the exposure to foreign exchange and interest rate volatility for certain fixed income securities and its issued long-term debt positions. These derivative instruments are designated as hedging instruments in qualifying fair value hedges.

For the years ended 31 December, the gains and losses attributable to the hedged risks were as follows:

USD millions	2019			2020		
	Net realised investment gains/losses – non-participating business	Interest expenses	Other comprehensive income - Net unrealised investment gains/losses ¹	Net realised investment gains/losses – non-participating business	Interest expenses	Other comprehensive income - Net unrealised investment gains/losses ¹
Total amounts of income and expense line items	1 580	-589	3 375	1 730	-588	2 741
Foreign exchange contracts						
Gains/losses on derivatives	40			-852		
Gains/losses on hedged items	-40			852		
Amounts excluded from the effectiveness assessment			-2			
Interest rate contracts						
Gains/losses on derivatives		-18			30	
Gains/losses on hedged items		20			-30	

¹ Represents the net change in accumulated other comprehensive income, reflecting the revised presentation of gains/losses recorded in AOCI. Comparative information for 2019 has been adjusted accordingly.

As of 31 December, the carrying values of the hedged assets and liabilities, and the cumulative amounts of fair value hedging adjustments included therein, recognised in the balance sheet, were as follows:

USD millions	2019		2020	
	Carrying value	Cumulative basis adjustment	Carrying value	Cumulative basis adjustment
Assets				
Fixed income securities available-for-sale	9 555		13 083	
Liabilities				
Long-term debt	-1 355	20	-3 968	-10

Cash flow hedges

The Group entered into cross-currency swaps to reduce the exposure to foreign exchange volatility for a long-term debt instrument issued in the second quarter of 2016. These derivative instruments were designated as cash flow hedging instruments, until the hedge was discontinued in the second quarter of 2020.

For the years ended 31 December, the gains and losses recorded in accumulated other comprehensive income, and reclassified into income were as follows:

USD millions	Net realised investment gains/losses – non-participating business	Other comprehensive income - Cash flow hedges ¹	2019	Net realised investment gains/losses – non-participating business	Other comprehensive income - Cash flow hedges ¹	2020
Total amounts of income and expense line items	1 580	–9		1 730		2
Foreign exchange contracts						
Gains/losses on derivatives	–48	–9		15 ²		2

¹ Represents the net change in accumulated other comprehensive income, reflecting the revised presentation of gains/losses recorded in AOCI. Comparative information for 2019 has been adjusted accordingly.

² Includes a loss of USD 11 million that was reclassified into earnings, as a result of cash flow hedge discontinuance.

Hedges of the net investment in foreign operations

The Group designates derivative and non-derivative monetary financial instruments as hedging the foreign currency exposure of its net investment in certain foreign operations.

As of 31 December 2019 and 2020, the Group recorded an accumulated net unrealised foreign currency remeasurement gain of USD 1 895 million and USD 248 million, respectively, in “Other comprehensive income - Foreign currency translation”. These offset translation gains and losses on the hedged net investment.

Maximum potential loss

In consideration of the rights of set-off and the qualifying master netting arrangements with various counterparties, the maximum potential loss as of 31 December 2019 and 2020 was approximately USD 987 million and USD 956 million, respectively. The maximum potential loss is based on the positive market replacement cost assuming non-performance of all counterparties, excluding cash collateral.

Credit risk-related contingent features

Certain derivative instruments held by the Group contain provisions that require its debt to maintain an investment-grade credit rating. If the Group’s credit rating were downgraded or no longer rated, the counterparties could request immediate payment, guarantee or an ongoing full overnight collateralisation on derivative instruments in net liability positions.

The total fair value of derivative financial instruments containing credit risk-related contingent features amounted to USD 75 million and USD 71 million as of 31 December 2019 and 2020, respectively. For derivative financial instruments containing credit risk-related contingent features, the Group posted collateral of nil and USD 48 million as of 31 December 2019 and 2020, respectively. In the event of a reduction of the Group’s credit rating to below investment grade, a fair value of USD 25 million additional collateral would have had to be posted as of 31 December 2020. The total equals the amount needed to settle the instruments immediately as of 31 December 2020.

10 Acquisitions and disposals

Disposal of ReAssure Group Plc.

On the 22 July 2020, the Group completed the sale of ReAssure Group Plc. (ReAssure) to Phoenix Group Holdings Plc. (Phoenix), following the receipt of all required regulatory and anti-trust approvals. The agreement to sell the subsidiary was entered into in the fourth quarter of 2019.

The principal products administered by ReAssure, formerly part of the Life Capital business segment, are long-term life and pension products, permanent health insurance, critical illness products and retirement annuities.

Swiss Re received a cash payment of USD 1.6 billion, shares in Phoenix representing a 13.3% stake and is entitled to a seat on the Board of Directors of Phoenix. ReAssure's minority shareholder, MS&AD Insurance Group Holdings, Inc. received shares in Phoenix representing a 14.5% stake. Phoenix is not considered a related party of Swiss Re preceding or following the transaction.

The transaction resulted in a net loss of USD 245 million in the Life Capital business segment for the year 2020, which has been reflected in the "Net realised investment gains/losses" line in the income statement. In 2019, USD 139 million of the estimated loss was allocated against the goodwill held by ReAssure in 2019, reducing its carrying amount to zero, and for the remainder of USD 91 million, an additional liability was established within "Liabilities held for sale". The Group reassessed goodwill based on the agreement to sell ReAssure to Phoenix.

For the year ended 31 December 2019 and for the period ended 22 July 2020, ReAssure reported a pre-tax income, including the loss on sale, of USD 120 million and a pre-tax loss of USD 69 million, of which a net income of USD 32 million and a net loss of USD 113 million were attributable to the Swiss Re Group, respectively.

The major classes of assets and liabilities held for sale as of 31 December 2019 and disposed on 22 July 2020 are listed below.

USD millions	2019	2020
Assets		
Fixed income securities	20 450	19 797
Short-term and other investments	2 240	2 287
Investments for unit-linked and with-profit business	43 173	37 885
Cash and cash equivalents	2 729	4 171
Reinsurance recoverable	3 134	2 031
Deferred acquisition costs	657	595
Acquired present value of future profits	680	468
Other assets	1 376	1 752
Total Assets disposed	74 439	68 986
Liabilities		
Unpaid claims and claim adjustment expenses	497	512
Liabilities for life and health policy benefits	22 624	21 300
Policyholder account balances	41 459	36 177
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	4 006	4 430
Total Liabilities disposed	68 586	62 419

Acquisition of Old Mutual Wealth Life Assurance Limited

On 31 December 2019, the Group through its ReAssure subsidiary acquired 100% of the UK closed book business of Quilter plc, consisting of Old Mutual Wealth Life Assurance Limited and its subsidiary Old Mutual Wealth Pensions Trustees Limited, including around 300 employees. The business acquired provides pension schemes, protection products, investment solutions and savings offerings, predominantly to the UK retail market.

The transaction was consistent with ReAssure's strategy to grow its closed-book business and added approximately 0.2 million customer policies, increasing ReAssure's total policy count to 3.2 million. The acquisition was funded from ReAssure's internal resources. The total consideration paid was USD 591 million in cash. As the business was acquired by ReAssure, it was recognised as held for sale upon acquisition and deconsolidated as part of the ReAssure assets and liabilities set out above on disposal.

11 Debt and contingent capital instruments

The Group enters into long- and short-term debt arrangements to obtain funds for general corporate use and specific transaction financing. The Group defines short-term debt as debt having a maturity at the balance sheet date of not greater than one year and long-term debt as having a maturity of greater than one year. For subordinated debt positions, maturity is defined as the first optional redemption date (notwithstanding that optional redemption could be subject to regulatory consent). Interest expense is classified accordingly.

The Group's debt as of 31 December was as follows:

USD millions	2019	2020
Senior operational debt		153
Contingent capital instruments classified as financial debt	185	
Short-term debt	185	153
Senior financial debt	2 809	2 919
Senior operational debt	244	95
Subordinated financial debt	5 993	6 147
Subordinated operational debt	1 918	1 927
Contingent capital instruments classified as financial debt	494	496
Reclassified to liabilities held for sale	-1 320	
Long-term debt	10 138	11 584
Total carrying value	10 323	11 737
Total fair value	14 204	14 749

As of 31 December 2019 and 2020, operational debt, ie debt related to operational leverage, amounted to USD 2.2 billion (thereof USD 1.9 billion limited- or non-recourse) and USD 2.2 billion (thereof USD 1.9 billion limited- or non-recourse), respectively. Operational leverage is subject to asset/liability matching and is excluded from rating agency financial leverage calculations.

Maturity of long-term debt

As of 31 December, long-term debt as reported above had the following maturities:

USD millions	2019	2020
Due in 2021	152	
Due in 2022	804	856
Due in 2023	840	916
Due in 2024	2 573	2 271
Due in 2025	802	1 157
Due after 2025	6 287	6 384
Reclassified to liabilities held for sale	-1 320	
Total carrying value	10 138	11 584

Senior long-term debt

Maturity	Instrument	Issued in	Currency	Nominal in millions	Interest rate	Book value in USD millions
2022	Senior notes	2012	USD	250	2.88%	250
2023	Senior notes	2016	EUR	750	1.38%	913
2024	EMTN	2014	CHF	250	1.00%	282
2026	Senior notes ¹	1996	USD	397	7.00%	453
2027	EMTN	2015	CHF	250	0.75%	284
2030	Senior notes ¹	2000	USD	193	7.75%	246
2042	Senior notes	2012	USD	500	4.25%	491
Various	Payment undertaking agreements	various	USD	85	various	95
Total senior long-term debt as of 31 December 2020						3 014
Total senior long-term debt as of 31 December 2019						3 053

¹ Assumed in the acquisition of GE Insurance Solutions.

Subordinated long-term debt

Maturity	Instrument	Issued in	Currency	Nominal in millions	Interest rate	First call in	Book value in USD millions
2035	Subordinated fixed rate resettable callable loan note	2020	SGD	350	3.13%	2025	263
2042	Subordinated fixed-to-floating rate callable loan note	2012	EUR	500	6.63%	2022	606
2044	Subordinated fixed rate resettable callable loan note	2014	USD	500	4.50%	2024	498
2049	Subordinated fixed rate reset step-up callable loan note	2019	USD	1 000	5.00%	2029	992
2050	Subordinated fixed rate reset step-up callable loan note	2019	EUR	750	2.53%	2030	913
2052	Subordinated fixed rate reset step-up callable loan note	2020	EUR	800	2.71%	2032	990
2057	Subordinated private placement (amortising, limited recourse)	2007	GBP	1 409	6.16%		1 927
Perpetual	Perpetual subordinated fixed-to-floating rate callable loan note	2015	EUR	750	2.60%	2025	892
Perpetual	Perpetual subordinated fixed spread callable note	2019	USD	1 000	4.25%	2024	993
Total subordinated long-term debt as of 31 December 2020						8 074	
Total subordinated long-term debt as of 31 December 2019						7 911	

Contingent capital instruments classified as long-term debt

Maturity	Instrument	Issued in	Currency	Nominal in millions	Interest rate	Book value in USD millions
2024	Senior unsecured exchangeable instrument with issuer stock settlement	2018	USD	500	3.25%	496
Total contingent capital instruments classified as long-term debt as of 31 December 2020						496
Total contingent capital instruments classified as long-term debt as of 31 December 2019						494

Interest expense on long-term debt and contingent capital instruments

Interest expense on long-term debt for the years ended 31 December was as follows:

USD millions	2019	2020
Senior financial debt	87	88
Senior operational debt	10	7
Subordinated financial debt ¹	194	263
Subordinated operational debt	111	112
Contingent capital instruments classified as financial debt	22	17
Total	424	487

¹ The Group has revised the presentation of interest expense on subordinated financial debt to exclude the change in fair value of the hedged long-term debt positions in addition to the change in fair value of the swap. The change has no impact on total interest expenses as shown in the income statement. Comparative information for 2019 has been amended accordingly.

The Group hedges the interest rate risk on some of its long-term debt positions. The net impact of the change in the fair value of the debt and interest rate swap is reflected in the interest expense line in the income statement but not in the table above. For more details on the hedging, please refer to Note 9 "Derivative financial instruments".

Long-term debt issued in 2020

In June 2020, Swiss Re Finance (UK) Plc., a subsidiary of Swiss Re Ltd, issued 32-year guaranteed subordinated fixed rate reset step-up callable notes, which are callable after 12 years. The notes have an aggregate face value of EUR 800 million, with a fixed coupon of 2.714% until the first optional redemption date (4 June 2032). The notes are guaranteed on a subordinated basis by Swiss Re Ltd.

In July 2020, Swiss Re Finance (UK) Plc., a subsidiary of Swiss Re Ltd, issued 15-year guaranteed subordinated fixed rate reset callable notes, which are callable after 5 years. The notes have an aggregate face value of SGD 350 million, with a fixed coupon of 3.125% until the first optional redemption date (3 July 2025). The notes are guaranteed on a subordinated basis by Swiss Re Ltd.

12 Leases

As part of its normal business operations, the Group as a lessee enters into a number of lease agreements mainly for office space. Certain lease agreements include rental payments adjusted periodically for inflation. Renewal or termination options that are reasonably certain of exercise by the lessee are included in the lease term. The lease agreements do not contain any material residual value guarantees or material restrictive covenants.

Lease liabilities and right-of-use assets

Lease liabilities and right-of-use assets for operating leases as of 31 December were as follows:

USD millions	2019	2020
Operating lease right-of-use assets	485	471
Operating lease liabilities	531	524

Operating lease right-of-use assets are included in "Other assets" and operating lease liabilities are included in "Accrued expenses and other liabilities" on the balance sheet.

Maturity of lease liabilities

As of 31 December, the total undiscounted cash flows due to operating leases for the next five years and thereafter were as follows:

USD millions	2019	2020
Less than one year	89	90
Between one year and two years	77	80
Between two years and three years	69	73
Between three years and four years	61	63
Between four years and five years	55	51
After five years	239	232
Total undiscounted cash flows	590	589
Less imputed interest	-59	-65
Total lease liability	531	524

As of 31 December 2020, undiscounted sublease cash flows over the next eleven years were USD 39 million.

The discount rates used to determine the lease liability reflect the collateralised borrowing rates for the Group, where the underlying collateral is assumed to be real estate.

The weighted average discount rate for operating leases as of 31 December 2019 and 2020 was 2.5% and 2.4%, respectively. The weighted average remaining lease term for operating leases as of 31 December 2019 and 2020 was 8.9 years and 9.3 years, respectively.

Lease cost

The composition of total lease cost for all operating leases for the year ended 31 December was as follows:

USD millions	2019	2020
Fixed operating lease cost	87	89
Other lease cost ¹	3	5
Total operating lease cost	90	94
Less sublease income from operating leases	-9	-10
Total lease cost	81	84

¹ "Other lease cost" includes variable lease cost.

Other information

For the year ended 31 December 2019 and 2020, cash paid for amounts included in the measurement of operating lease liabilities was USD 91 million and USD 93 million, respectively. Right-of-use assets obtained in exchange for new operating lease liabilities in 2019 and 2020 were USD 68 million and USD 51 million, respectively.

13 Earnings per share

Earnings per share for the years ended 31 December were as follows:

USD millions (except share data)	2019	2020
Basic earnings per share		
Net income/loss	769	-824
Non-controlling interests	-42	-54
Net income/loss attributable to common shareholders	727	-878
Weighted average common shares outstanding	295 660 059	289 126 570
Net income/loss per share in USD	2.46	-3.04
Net income/loss per share in CHF¹	2.46	-2.97
Effect of dilutive securities		
Change in income available to common shares due to convertible debt	14	
Change in average number of shares due to convertible debt	13 143 130	
Change in average number of shares due to employee options	704 411	
Diluted earnings per share		
Net income assuming debt conversion and exercise of options	741	
Weighted average common shares outstanding	309 507 600	
Net income/loss per share in USD	2.39	-3.04
Net income/loss per share in CHF¹	2.40	-2.97

¹ The translation from USD to CHF is shown for informational purposes only and has been calculated using the Group's average exchange rates.

Dividends are declared in Swiss francs. During the years ended 31 December 2019 and 2020, the parent company of the Group (Swiss Re Ltd) paid dividends per share of CHF 5.60 and CHF 5.90, respectively.

At the 2019 Annual General Meeting held on 17 April 2019, Swiss Re Ltd's shareholders authorised a public share buyback programme consisting of two tranches of each up to CHF 1 billion purchase value of Swiss Re Ltd's own shares for cancellation purposes prior to the 2020 Annual General Meeting, the first tranche being conditional on obtaining all necessary legal and regulatory approvals and Board of Directors approval and the second tranche being conditional on (in addition to obtaining all necessary legal and regulatory approvals and Board of Directors approval) the 2019 development of the Group's excess capital position and subject to the Group's capital management priorities.

The first tranche of the public share buyback programme approved by the 2019 Annual General Meeting was completed on 18 February 2020. The total number of shares repurchased amounted to 9.9 million, of which 8.2 million and 1.7 million shares were repurchased as of 31 December 2019 and between 1 January and 18 February 2020, respectively. As announced on 31 October 2019, the Board of Directors of Swiss Re Ltd decided not to launch the second tranche of the public share buyback programme approved by the 2019 Annual General Meeting.

On 17 April 2020, the 2020 Annual General Meeting resolved the cancellation of the 9.9 million repurchased shares by way of share capital reduction. The share capital reduction was registered in the Commercial Register of the Canton of Zurich on 23 July 2020 and publication in the Swiss Commercial Gazette occurred on 28 July 2020. Swiss Re Ltd's shareholders authorised the SRL Board of Directors to repurchase up to a maximum CHF 1 billion purchase value of Swiss Re Ltd's own shares by way of a public share buyback programme for cancellation purposes prior to the 2021 Annual General Meeting. At the post-AGM meeting, the Board of Directors decided that the share buyback programme would not be launched.

Net of tax expense effects of debt conversion, totalling USD 14 million in 2020, and the potential impact of this debt conversion as well as the issuance of employee options on the weighted average number of shares, of 14 303 549 shares, have not been included in the diluted earnings per share calculation because the impact of such an inclusion was antidilutive.

14 Income taxes

The Group is generally subject to corporate income taxes based on the taxable net income in various jurisdictions in which it operates. The components of the income tax expense were:

USD millions	2019	2020
Current taxes	496	398
Deferred taxes	-356	-664
Income tax expense/benefit	140	-266

Tax rate reconciliation

The following table reconciles the expected tax expense at the Swiss statutory tax rate to the actual tax expense in the accompanying income statement:

USD millions	2019	2020
Income tax at the Swiss statutory tax rate of 21.0%	191	-229
Increase (decrease) in the income tax charge resulting from:		
Foreign income taxed at different rates	27	-12
Impact of foreign exchange movements	16	172
Tax exempt income/dividends received deduction	-142	-181
Change in valuation allowance	-16	-88
Non-deductible expenses	38	61
Other income based taxes	76	-36
Change in liability for unrecognised tax benefits including interest and penalties	-42	-17
Basis differences in subsidiaries	1	38
Intra-entity transfers	20	92
Other, net ¹	-29	-66
Total	140	-266

¹ Other, net includes tax return to tax provision adjustments from various jurisdictions.

For the year ended 31 December 2020, the Group reported a tax benefit of USD 266 million on a pre-tax loss of USD 1 090 million, compared to a charge of USD 140 million on a pre-tax income of USD 909 million for 2019. This translates into an effective tax rate in the current and prior-year reporting periods of 24.4 % and 15.4%, respectively.

For the year ended 31 December 2020, the tax rate was largely driven by tax benefits from tax-exempt income and the release of valuation allowance on deferred tax assets, partially offset by tax charges from intra-entity transfers and foreign currency translation differences between statutory and US GAAP accounts. The tax rate in the year ended 31 December 2019 was largely driven by tax benefits from effective settlement of tax audits and tax-exempt income, partially offset by tax charges from other income based taxes and non-deductible expenses.

Deferred and other non-current taxes

The components of deferred and other non-current taxes were as follows:

USD millions	2019	2020
Deferred tax assets		
Income accrued/deferred	238	312
Technical provisions	519	756
Unearned Premium Reserves	318	322
Pension provisions	303	295
Benefit on loss carryforwards	2 446	2 982
Currency translation adjustments	316	522
Unrealised gains in income	651	232
Investment valuation in income	269	182
Other	774	869
Reclassified to assets held for sale	-604	
Gross deferred tax asset	5 230	6 472
Valuation allowance	-505	-395
Unrecognised tax benefits offsetting benefits on loss carryforwards	1	2
Total deferred tax assets	4 726	6 079
Deferred tax liabilities		
Investment valuation in income	-448	-240
Deferred acquisition costs	-1 036	-1 062
Technical provisions	-2 230	-1 818
Unrealised gains on investments	-1 443	-1 492
Foreign exchange provisions	-489	-790
Currency translation adjustments	-156	-266
Other	-961	-883
Reclassified to liabilities held for sale	1 321	
Total deferred tax liabilities	-5 442	-6 551
Liability for unrecognised tax benefits including interest and penalties	-250	-189
Reclassified to liabilities held for sale	29	
Total deferred and other non-current tax liabilities	-5 663	-6 740

As of 31 December 2020, the aggregate amount of temporary differences associated with investment in subsidiaries, branches and associates and interests in joint ventures, for which deferred tax liabilities have not been recognised amount to approximately USD 3.4 billion. In the remote scenario in which these temporary differences were to reverse simultaneously, the resulting tax liabilities would be very limited due to participation exemption rules.

As of 31 December 2020, the Group had USD 14 061 million net operating tax loss carryforwards, expiring as follows: USD 6 million in 2021, USD 3 million in 2022, USD 7 million in 2023, USD 841 million in 2024, USD 7 495 million in 2025 and beyond, and USD 5 709 million never expire.

As of 31 December 2020, the Group had capital loss carryforwards of USD 592 million that never expire.

For the year ended 31 December 2020, net operating tax losses of USD 1 596 million and net capital tax losses of USD 1 036 million were utilised.

Income taxes paid in 2019 and 2020 were USD 611 million and USD 364 million, respectively.

Unrecognised tax benefits

A reconciliation of the opening and closing amount of gross unrecognised tax benefits (excluding interest and penalties) is as follows:

USD millions	2019	2020
Balance as of 1 January	257	170
Additions based on tax positions related to current year	38	13
Additions based on tax positions related to prior years	8	-6
Reductions for tax positions of current year	-7	16
Reductions for tax positions of prior years	-83	-30
Statute expiration	-2	-5
Settlements	-16	-17
Other (including foreign currency translation)	-1	9
Reclassified to assets/liabilities held for sale	-24	
Balance as of 31 December	170	150

As of 31 December 2019 and 2020, the amount of gross unrecognised tax benefits within the tabular reconciliation that, if recognised, would affect the effective tax rate were approximately USD 170 million and USD 150 million, respectively.

Interest and penalties related to unrecognised tax benefits are recorded in income tax expense. For the year ended 31 December 2019 such expenses were USD 5 million and for the year ended 31 December 2020 such benefits were USD 10 million. For the years ended 31 December 2019 and 2020, USD 55 million and USD 37 million, respectively, were accrued for the payment of interest (net of tax benefits) and penalties. The accrued interest balance as of 31 December 2020 is included within the deferred and other non-current taxes section reflected above and in the balance sheet.

The balance of gross unrecognised tax benefits as of 31 December 2020 presented in the table above excludes accrued interest and penalties (USD 37 million).

During the year, certain tax positions and audits in the United Kingdom, Japan, Malaysia, United States and Switzerland were effectively settled.

The Group continually evaluates proposed adjustments by taxing authorities. The Group believes that it is reasonably possible (more than remote and less than likely) that the balance of unrecognised tax benefits could increase or decrease over the next 12 months due to settlements or expiration of statutes. However, quantification of an estimated range cannot be made at this time.

The following table summarises jurisdictions and tax years that remain subject to examination:

Australia	2014–2020	Korea	2013–2020
Brazil	2014; 2016–2020	Luxembourg	2016–2020
Canada	2012–2020	Malaysia	2016–2020
China	2010–2020	Mexico	2016–2020
Colombia	2016–2020	Netherlands	2015–2020
Denmark	2015–2020	New Zealand	2014–2020
France	2018–2020	Nigeria	2016–2020
Germany	2017–2020	Singapore	2014–2020
Hong Kong	2014–2020	Slovakia	2016–2020
India	2004; 2010–2020	South Africa	2015–2020
Ireland	2016–2020	Spain	2016–2020
Israel	2016–2020	Switzerland	2016–2020
Italy	2016–2020	United Kingdom	2008, 2013–2020
Japan	2013–2020	United States	2017–2020

15 Benefit plans

Defined benefit pension plans and post-retirement benefits

The Group sponsors various funded defined benefit pension plans. Employer contributions to the plans are charged to income on a basis which recognises the costs of pensions over the expected service lives of employees covered by the plans. The Group's funding policy for these plans is to contribute annually at a rate that is intended to maintain a level percentage of compensation for the employees covered. A full valuation is prepared at least every three years.

The Group also provides certain healthcare and life insurance benefits for retired employees and their dependants. Employees become eligible for these benefits when they become eligible for pension benefits.

The measurement date of these plans is 31 December for each year presented.

2019 USD millions	Swiss plan	Foreign plans	Other benefits	Total
Benefit obligation as of 1 January	3 832	2 270	319	6 421
Service cost	99	8	3	110
Interest cost	29	67	7	103
Amendments			-1	-1
Actuarial gains/losses	307	297	24	628
Benefits paid	-59	-95	-16	-170
Employee contribution	32			32
Effect of settlement, curtailment and termination	-150			-150
Effect of foreign currency translation	75	42	4	121
Benefit obligation as of 31 December	4 165	2 589	340	7 094
Fair value of plan assets as of 1 January	3 760	2 336	0	6 096
Actual return on plan assets	391	323		714
Company contribution	97	16	16	129
Benefits paid	-59	-95	-16	-170
Employee contribution	32			32
Effect of settlement, curtailment and termination	-150			-150
Effect of foreign currency translation	74	53		127
Fair value of plan assets as of 31 December	4 145	2 633	0	6 778
Funded status	-20	44	-340	-316

2020 USD millions	Swiss plan	Foreign plans	Other benefits	Total
Benefit obligation as of 1 January	4 165	2 589	340	7 094
Service cost	120	8	4	132
Interest cost	4	47	5	56
Amendments				0
Actuarial gains/losses	226	169	10	405
Benefits paid	-49	-84	-17	-150
Employee contribution	35			35
Acquisitions/disposals/additions		-541		-541
Effect of settlement, curtailment and termination	-161			-161
Effect of foreign currency translation	410	46	18	474
Benefit obligation as of 31 December	4 750	2 234	360	7 344
Fair value of plan assets as of 1 January	4 145	2 633	0	6 778
Actual return on plan assets	220	272		492
Company contribution	104	15	17	136
Benefits paid	-49	-84	-17	-150
Employee contribution	35			35
Acquisitions/disposals/additions		-559		-559
Effect of settlement, curtailment and termination	-161			-161
Effect of foreign currency translation	408	39		447
Fair value of plan assets as of 31 December	4 702	2 316	0	7 018
Funded status	-48	82	-360	-326

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Amounts recognised in “Other assets” and “Accrued expenses and other liabilities” in the Group’s balance sheet as of 31 December were as follows:

2019 USD millions	Swiss plan	Foreign plans	Other benefits	Total
Non-current assets		242		242
Current liabilities		-3	-17	-20
Non-current liabilities	-20	-195	-323	-538
Net amount recognised	-20	44	-340	-316

2020 USD millions	Swiss plan	Foreign plans	Other benefits	Total
Non-current assets		294		294
Current liabilities		-3	-18	-21
Non-current liabilities	-48	-209	-342	-599
Net amount recognised	-48	82	-360	-326

Amounts recognised in accumulated other comprehensive income, gross of tax, as of 31 December were as follows:

2019 USD millions	Swiss plan	Foreign plans	Other benefits	Total
Net gain/loss	818	441	13	1 272
Prior service cost/credit	-85	2	-50	-133
Total	733	443	-37	1 139

2020 USD millions	Swiss plan	Foreign plans	Other benefits	Total
Net gain/loss	832	297	23	1 152
Prior service cost/credit	-70	2	-35	-103
Total	762	299	-12	1 049

Components of net periodic benefit cost

The components of pension and post-retirement cost for the years ended 31 December were as follows:

2019 USD millions	Swiss plan	Foreign plans	Other benefits	Total
Service cost (net of participant contributions)	99	8	3	110
Interest cost	29	67	7	103
Expected return on assets	-93	-88		-181
Amortisation of:				
Net gain/loss	35	15	-2	48
Prior service cost	-15		-15	-30
Effect of settlement, curtailment and termination	28			28
Net periodic benefit cost	83	2	-7	78

2020 USD millions	Swiss plan	Foreign plans	Other benefits	Total
Service cost (net of participant contributions)	120	8	4	132
Interest cost	4	47	5	56
Expected return on assets	-102	-61		-163
Amortisation of:				
Net gain/loss	66	21		87
Prior service cost	-15		-15	-30
Effect of settlement, curtailment and termination	34			34
Net periodic benefit cost	107	15	-6	116

Other changes in plan assets and benefit obligations recognised in other comprehensive income for the years ended 31 December were as follows:

2019 USD millions	Swiss plan	Foreign plans	Other benefits	Total
Net gain/loss	10	55	24	89
Prior service cost/credit			-1	-1
Amortisation of:				
Net gain/loss	-35	-15	2	-48
Prior service cost	15		15	30
Effect of settlement, curtailment and termination	-26			-26
Exchange rate gain/loss recognised during the year		3		3
Total recognised in other comprehensive income, gross of tax	-36	43	40	47
Total recognised in net periodic benefit cost and other comprehensive income, gross of tax	47	45	33	125

2020 USD millions	Swiss plan	Foreign plans	Other benefits	Total
Net gain/loss	108	-42	10	76
Prior service cost/credit				0
Amortisation of:				
Net gain/loss	-66	-21		-87
Prior service cost	15		15	30
Effect of settlement, curtailment and termination	-28			-28
Impact of sale of ReAssure		-93		-93
Exchange rate gain/loss recognised during the year		12		12
Total recognised in other comprehensive income, gross of tax	29	-144	25	-90
Total recognised in net periodic benefit cost and other comprehensive income, gross of tax	136	-129	19	26

The accumulated benefit obligation (the current value of accrued benefits excluding future salary increases) for pension benefits was USD 6 687 million and USD 6 921 million as of 31 December 2019 and 2020, respectively.

Pension plans with a projected benefit obligation and an accumulated benefit obligation in excess of plan assets as of 31 December were as follows:

USD millions	2019	2020
Projected benefit obligation	4 793	5 455
Fair value of plan assets	4 575	5 195

USD millions	2019	2020
Accumulated benefit obligation	619	5 413
Fair value of plan assets	430	5 195

Principal actuarial assumptions

	Swiss plan		Foreign plans weighted average		Other benefits weighted average	
	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020
Assumptions used to determine obligations at the end of the year						
Discount rate	0.1%	0.0%	2.1%	1.6%	1.5%	1.1%
Rate of compensation increase	1.8%	1.8%	2.9%	2.6%	2.1%	2.1%
Interest crediting rate	1.5%	1.8%				
Assumptions used to determine net periodic pension costs for the year ended						
Discount rate	0.8%	0.1%	3.0%	2.1%	2.2%	1.5%
Expected long-term return on plan assets	2.5%	2.5%	3.7%	2.9%		
Rate of compensation increase	1.8%	1.8%	3.0%	2.9%	2.1%	2.1%
Interest crediting rate	1.5%	1.8%				
Assumed medical trend rates at year end						
Medical trend – initial rate					4.4%	4.3%
Medical trend – ultimate rate					3.6%	3.6%
Year that the rate reaches the ultimate trend rate					2023	2024

The expected long-term rates of return on plan assets are based on long-term expected inflation, interest rates, risk premiums and targeted asset category allocations. The estimates take into consideration historical asset category returns.

Plan asset allocation by asset category

The actual asset allocation by major asset category for defined benefit pension plans as of the respective measurement dates in 2019 and 2020 was as follows:

Asset category	Swiss plan allocation			Foreign plans allocation		
	2019	2020	Target allocation	2019	2020	Target allocation
Equity securities	26%	26%	23%	8%	5%	6%
Debt securities	41%	37%	46%	76%	75%	86%
Real estate	18%	18%	23%	0%	0%	0%
Other	15%	19%	8%	16%	20%	8%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Actual asset allocation is determined by a variety of current economic and market conditions and considers specific asset class risks.

Equity securities include Swiss Re shares of USD 3 million (0.04% of total plan assets) and USD 2 million (0.03% of total plan assets) as of 31 December 2019 and 2020, respectively.

The Group's pension plan investment strategy is to match the maturity profiles of the assets and liabilities in order to reduce the future volatility of pension expense and funding status of the plans. This involves balancing investment portfolios between equity and fixed income securities. Tactical allocation decisions that reflect this strategy are made on a quarterly basis.

Assets measured at fair value

For a description of the different fair value levels and valuation techniques see Note 8 "Fair value disclosures".

Certain items reported as pension plan assets at fair value in the following table are not within the scope of Note 8, namely two positions: real estate and an insurance contract.

Real estate positions classified as level 1 and level 2 are exchange-traded real estate funds where a market valuation is readily available. Real estate reported on level 3 is property owned by the pension funds. These positions are accounted for at the capitalised income value. The capitalisation based on sustainable recoverable earnings is conducted at interest rates that are determined individually for each property, based on the property's location, age and condition. If properties are intended for disposal, the estimated selling costs and taxes are recognised in provisions. Sales gains or losses are allocated to income from real estate when the contract is concluded.

The fair value of the insurance contract is based on the fair value of the assets backing the contract.

As of 31 December, the fair values of pension plan assets were as follows:

2019 USD millions	Fair value			Investments measured at net asset value as practical expedient	Total
	Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets (level 1)	Significant other observable inputs (level 2)	Significant unobservable inputs (level 3)		
Assets					
Fixed income securities:					
Government debt securities	50	1 576			1 626
Corporate debt securities		2 011	11		2 022
RMBS/CMBS/ABS		13			13
Equity securities	1 082	205			1 287
Real estate	4		756		760
Other assets		174		698	872
Cash and cash equivalents	198				198
Total plan assets	1 334	3 979	767	698	6 778

2020 USD millions	Fair value			Investments measured at net asset value as practical expedient	Total
	Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets (level 1)	Significant other observable inputs (level 2)	Significant unobservable inputs (level 3)		
Assets					
Fixed income securities:					
Government debt securities	60	1 521			1 581
Corporate debt securities		1 891	11		1 902
RMBS/CMBS/ABS		9			9
Equity securities	1 209	122			1 331
Real estate	4		861		865
Other assets		56		1 155	1 211
Cash and cash equivalents	119				119
Total plan assets	1 392	3 599	872	1 155	7 018

Assets measured at fair value using significant unobservable inputs (level 3)

For the years ended 31 December, the reconciliation of fair value of pension plan assets using significant unobservable inputs were as follows:

2019 USD millions	Real estate	Other assets	Total
Balance as of 1 January	721	10	731
Realised/unrealised gains/losses:			
Relating to assets still held at the reporting date	20	1	21
Relating to assets sold during the period			0
Purchases, issuances and settlements	2		2
Transfers in and/or out of level 3			0
Impact of foreign exchange movements	13		13
Closing balance as of 31 December	756	11	767

2020 USD millions	Real estate	Other assets	Total
Balance as of 1 January	756	11	767
Realised/unrealised gains/losses:			
Relating to assets still held at the reporting date	19	-1	18
Relating to assets sold during the period			0
Purchases, issuances and settlements	12		12
Transfers in and/or out of level 3			0
Impact of foreign exchange movements	74	1	75
Closing balance as of 31 December	861	11	872

Expected contributions and estimated future benefit payments

The employer contributions expected to be made in 2021 to the defined benefit pension plans are USD 127 million and to the post-retirement benefit plan are USD 18 million.

As of 31 December 2020, the projected benefit payments, which reflect expected future service, not adjusted for transfers in and for employees' voluntary contributions, are as follows:

USD millions	Swiss plan	Foreign plans	Other benefits	Total
2021	240	83	18	341
2022	233	87	18	338
2023	226	89	18	333
2024	228	91	19	338
2025	222	93	19	334
Years 2026–2030	1 095	486	93	1 674

Defined contribution pension plans

The Group sponsors a number of defined contribution plans to which employees and the Group make contributions. The accumulated balances are paid as a lump sum at the earlier of retirement, termination, disability or death. The amount expensed in 2019 and 2020 was USD 86 million and USD 84 million, respectively.

16 Share-based payments

As of 31 December 2019 and 2020, the Group had the share-based compensation plans as described below.

The total compensation cost for share-based compensation plans recognised in net income was USD 30 million and USD 44 million in 2019 and 2020, respectively. The related tax benefit was USD 6 million and USD 9 million, respectively.

Restricted shares

The Group granted 51 036 and 21 709 restricted shares to selected employees in 2019 and 2020, respectively. In addition, 37 593 and 47 984 shares were delivered to members of the Board of Directors during 2019 and 2020, respectively, which are generally not subject to forfeiture risk.

A summary of the movements in shares relating to outstanding awards granted under the restricted share plans for the year ended 31 December 2020 is as follows:

	Weighted average grant date fair value in CHF ¹	Number of shares
Non-vested at 1 January	91	238 125
Granted	79	69 693
Forfeited	92	-3 212
Vested	90	-71 103
Outstanding as of 31 December	87	233 503

¹ Equal to the market price of the shares at grant.

Leadership Performance Plan

The Leadership Performance Plan (LPP) awards are expected to be settled in shares, and the requisite service as well as the maximum contractual term are three years. For LPP 2017, LPP 2018, LPP 2019 and LPP 2020 awards, an additional two-year holding period applies for all members of the Group EC and other key executives. At grant date, LPP 2017, LPP 2018 and LPP 2019 awards were split equally into two underlying components of Performance Share Units (PSUs). The ROE PSUs are measured against a return on equity performance condition and will vest within a range of 0–100%. The TSR PSUs are based on relative total shareholder return, measured against a pre-defined group of peers and will vest within a range of 0–200%. At grant date, LPP 2020 was split equally into three underlying components of PSUs. The ENW PSUs, being the third component, are measured against ENW growth performance and will vest within a range of 0–100%. The fair values of all components are determined separately, based on stochastic models.

The fair value assumptions in the grant valuations include market estimates for dividends and the risk-free rate based on the average of the 10-year US Treasury bond taken monthly over each year in the performance period, resulting in risk-free rates ranging between 1.5% and 3.1% for all outstanding LPP awards.

For the year ended 31 December 2020, the outstanding units were as follows:

ROE PSU	LPP 2017	LPP 2018	LPP 2019	LPP 2020
Non-vested at 1 January	446 794	317 069	314 151	
Granted				215 458
Forfeited	-10 337	-13 864	-17 121	-7 532
Vested	-436 457			
Outstanding as of 31 December		303 205	297 030	207 926
Grant date fair value in CHF	47.41	70.18	78.22	78.81

TSR PSU

Non-vested at 1 January	609 090	256 939	302 567	
Granted				352 827
Forfeited	-14 091	-11 243	-16 498	-12 334
Vested	-594 999			
Outstanding as of 31 December		245 696	286 069	340 493
Grant date fair value in CHF	34.78	86.62	81.25	48.12

ENW PSU

Non-vested at 1 January				
Granted				199 497
Forfeited				-6 974
Vested				
Outstanding as of 31 December				192 523
Grant date fair value in CHF				85.17

Unrecognised compensation cost

As of 31 December 2020, the total unrecognised compensation cost (net of forfeitures) related to non-vested, share-based compensation awards was USD 52 million and the weighted average period over which that cost is expected to be recognised is 1.9 years.

The number of shares authorised for the Group's share-based payments to employees was 3 660 142 and 3 004 148 as of 31 December 2019 and 2020, respectively. The Group's policy is to ensure that sufficient treasury shares are available at all times to settle future share-based compensation plans.

Global Share Participation Plan

Swiss Re has a Global Share Participation Plan, which is a share purchase plan available to employees of companies within the Group. Swiss Re makes a financial contribution to participants in the plan, by matching the commitment that they make during the plan cycle with additional Swiss Re shares.

If the employee is still employed by Swiss Re at the end of a plan cycle, the employee will receive an additional number of shares equal to 30% of the total number of purchased and dividend shares held at that time. In 2019 and 2020, Swiss Re contributed USD 12 million and USD 11 million to the plans and authorised 169 772 and 178 571 shares as of 31 December 2019 and 2020, respectively.

17 Compensation, participations and loans of members of governing bodies

The disclosure requirements under Swiss Law in respect of compensation and loans to the members of the Board of Directors and of the Group Executive Committee, as well as closely related persons, are detailed in the Compensation Report on pages 140–146 of the Financial Report of the Swiss Re Group.

The disclosure requirements under Swiss Law in respect of participations of members of the Board of Directors and the Group Executive Committee, as well as closely related persons, are detailed on pages 304–305 of the Annual Report of Swiss Re Ltd.

18 Related parties

The Group defines the following as related parties to the Group: subsidiaries of Swiss Re Ltd, entities in which the Group has significant influence, pension plans, members of the Board of Directors (BoD) and the Group Executive Committee (EC) and their close family members, and entities which are directly and indirectly controlled by members of governing bodies of the Group and their close family members.

As part of the consolidation process, transactions between Swiss Re Ltd and subsidiaries are eliminated in consolidation and are not disclosed in the notes.

Contributions made to defined benefit pension plans and post-retirement benefit plans are disclosed in Note 15 "Benefit plans". Plan assets of the defined benefit pension plans include Swiss Re common stock of USD 3 million (0.04% of total plan assets) and USD 2 million (0.03% of total plan assets) as of 31 December 2019 and 2020, respectively.

The total number of shares, options and related instruments held by members of the BoD and the Group EC and persons closely related to, amounts to less than 1% of the shares issued by Swiss Re Ltd. None of the members of the BoD and the Group EC has any significant business connection with Swiss Re Ltd or any of its Group companies. The Board member Susan L. Wagner is also a board member of BlackRock, Inc. BlackRock, Inc. acts as external asset manager for the Group. The Board member Joachim Oechslin is a senior advisor to Credit Suisse Group AG. Swiss Re has a banking relationship with Credit Suisse. It is also a credit provider, and a named dealer under Swiss Re's Debt Issuance Programme.

Share in earnings and dividends received from equity-accounted investees for the years ended 31 December, were as follows:

USD millions	2019	2020
Share in earnings of equity-accounted investees	387	-51
Dividends received from equity-accounted investees	104	124

19 Commitments and contingent liabilities

As a participant in limited and other investment partnerships, the Group commits itself to making available certain amounts of investment funding, callable by the partnerships for periods of up to ten years. The total commitments remaining uncalled as of 31 December 2020 were USD 1 781 million.

The Group has entered into various real estate construction contracts. The commitments under the contracts amount to USD 127 million over the next six years.

The Group enters into a number of contracts in the ordinary course of reinsurance and financial services business which, if the Group's credit rating and/or defined statutory measures decline to certain levels, would require the Group to post collateral or obtain guarantees. The contracts typically provide alternatives for recapture of the associated business.

Legal proceedings

In the normal course of business operations, the Group is involved in various claims, lawsuits and regulatory matters. In the opinion of management, the resolution of these matters is not expected to have a material adverse effect on the Group's business, consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

20 Significant subsidiaries and equity investees

	Share capital (millions)	Affiliation in % as of 31.12.2020	Method of consolidation	
Europe				
Germany				
Swiss Re Germany GmbH, Munich	EUR	45	100	f
Jersey				
Swiss Re Finance Holdings (Jersey) Limited, St Helier	GBP	0	100	f
Swiss Re Finance (Jersey) Limited, St Helier	GBP	3	100	f
Swiss Re Finance Midco (Jersey) Limited, St Helier	GBP	0	100	f
Liechtenstein				
Elips Life AG, Vaduz	CHF	12	100	f
Elips Versicherungen AG, Vaduz	CHF	5	100	f
Luxembourg				
iptiQ Life S.A., Luxembourg	EUR	6	100	f
Swiss Pillar Investments Europe SARL, Luxembourg	EUR	0	100	f
Swiss Re Europe Holdings S.A., Luxembourg	EUR	105	100	f
Swiss Re Europe S.A., Luxembourg	EUR	350	100	f
Swiss Re Finance (Luxembourg) S.A., Luxembourg	EUR	0	100	f
Swiss Re Funds (Lux) I, Senningerberg ¹	EUR	13 772	100	f
Swiss Re International SE, Luxembourg	EUR	182	100	f
Netherlands				
elipsLife EMEA Holding B.V., Hoofddorp	EUR	0	100	f
Swiss Re Life Capital EMEA Holding B.V., Hoofddorp	EUR	0	100	f
Switzerland				
Swiss Pillar Investments Ltd, Zurich	CHF	0	100	f
Swiss Re Corporate Solutions Ltd, Zurich	CHF	100	100	f
Swiss Re Direct Investments Company Ltd, Zurich	CHF	0	100	f
Swiss Re Investments Company Ltd, Zurich	CHF	0	100	f
Swiss Re Investments Ltd, Zurich	CHF	1	100	f
Swiss Re Life Capital Ltd, Zurich	CHF	0	100	f
Swiss Re Life Capital Management Ltd, Zurich	CHF	0	100	f
Swiss Re Nexus Reinsurance Company Ltd, Zurich	CHF	10	100	f
Swiss Re Management Ltd, Adliswil	CHF	0	100	f
Swiss Re Principal Investments Company Ltd, Zurich	CHF	0	100	f
Swiss Re Reinsurance Holding Company Ltd, Zurich	CHF	0	100	f
Swiss Reinsurance Company Ltd, Zurich	CHF	34	100	f
United Kingdom				
IptiQ Holdings Limited, London	GBP	0	100	f
Swiss Re Finance (UK) Plc., London	GBP	1	100	f
Swiss Re Capital Markets Limited, London	USD	60	100	f
Swiss Re Life Capital Regions Holding Ltd, London	GBP	0	100	f
Swiss Re Services Limited, London	GBP	2	100	f

¹ Net asset value instead of share capital.

		Share capital (millions)	Affiliation in % as of 31.12.2020	Method of consolidation
Americas and Caribbean				
Brazil				
Swiss Re Brasil Resseguros S.A., Sao Paulo	BRL	295	100	f
Swiss Re Corporate Solutions Brasil Seguros S.A., Sao Paulo	BRL	318	60	f
Cayman Islands				
FWD Group Ltd, Grand Cayman	USD	1	15	e
SRE HL PE 1 LP, George Town	EUR	156	100	f
SREH HL PE 1 LP, George Town	EUR	213	100	f
SRZ HL PE 1 LP, George Town	USD	190	100	f
Colombia				
Compañía Aseguradora de Fianzas S.A. Confianza, Bogota	COP	234 203	51	f
United States				
First Specialty Insurance Corporation, Jefferson City	USD	5	100	f
iptiQ Americas Inc., Wilmington	USD	0	100	f
Lumico Life Insurance Company, Jefferson City	USD	0	100	f
North American Capacity Insurance Company, Manchester	USD	4	100	f
North American Elite Insurance Company, Manchester	USD	4	100	f
North American Specialty Insurance Company, Manchester	USD	5	100	f
Pecan Re Inc., Colchester	USD	5	100	f
Pillar RE Holdings LLC, Wilmington	USD	0	100	f
SR Corporate Solutions America Holding Corporation, Wilmington	USD	0	100	f
SRE HL PE 1 (Master) LP, Wilmington	EUR	155	100	f
SREH HL PE 1 (Master) LP, Wilmington	EUR	213	100	f
SRZ HL PE 1 (Master) LP, Wilmington	USD	190	100	f
Swiss Re America Holding Corporation, Wilmington	USD	0	100	f
Swiss Re Capital Markets Corporation, New York	USD	0	100	f
Swiss Re Corporate Solutions Global Markets Inc., New York	USD	0	100	f
Swiss Re Financial Markets Corporation, Wilmington	USD	0	100	f
Swiss Re Financial Products Corporation, Wilmington	USD	0	100	f
Swiss Re Life & Health America Holding Company, Wilmington	USD	0	100	f
Swiss Re Life & Health America Inc., Jefferson City	USD	4	100	f
Swiss Re Life Capital Americas Holding Inc., Wilmington	USD	0	100	f
Swiss Re Management (US) Corporation, Wilmington	USD	0	100	f
Swiss Re Property & Casualty America Inc., Kansas City	USD	1	100	f
Swiss Re Risk Solutions Corporation, Wilmington	USD	0	100	f
Swiss Re Treasury (US) Corporation, Wilmington	USD	0	100	f
Swiss Reinsurance America Corporation, Armonk	USD	10	100	f
Washington Insurance Corporation, Jefferson City	USD	4	100	f
Westport Insurance Corporation, Jefferson City	USD	6	100	f
Wing Re Inc., Jefferson City	USD	0	100	f
Wing Re II Inc., Jefferson City	USD	0	100	f

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	Share capital (millions)	Affiliation in % as of 31.12.2020	Method of consolidation	
Africa				
South Africa				
Swiss Re Africa Limited, Cape Town	ZAR	2	100	f
Asia-Pacific				
Australia				
Swiss Re Australia Ltd, Sydney	AUD	845	100	f
Swiss Re Life & Health Australia Limited, Sydney	AUD	980	100	f
China				
Swiss Re Corporate Solutions Insurance China Ltd, Shanghai	CNY	569	100	f
Singapore				
Swiss Re Asia Holding Pte. Ltd., Singapore	USD	0	100	f
Swiss Re Asia Pte. Ltd., Singapore	USD	3 002	100	f
Swiss Re Principal Investments Company Asia Pte. Ltd., Singapore	USD	0	100	f

Significance is defined by the total assets of the subsidiaries and the carrying value of the equity investees in relation to the total assets of the Group. The threshold is set at 0.05%.

Method of consolidation

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21 Variable interest entities

The Group enters into arrangements with variable interest entities (VIEs) in the normal course of business. The involvement ranges from being a passive investor to designing, structuring and managing the VIEs. The variable interests held by the Group arise primarily as a result of the Group's involvement in certain insurance-linked securitisations, life and health funding transactions, swaps in trusts, debt financing, investment, senior commercial mortgage and infrastructure loans as well as other entities, which meet the definition of a VIE.

When analysing whether the entity is a VIE, the Group mainly assesses if (1) the equity is sufficient to finance the entity's activities without additional subordinated financial support, (2) the equity holders have the right to make significant decisions affecting the entity's operations and (3) the holders of the voting rights substantively participate in the gains and losses of the entity.

When one of these criteria is not met, the entity is considered a VIE and is assessed for consolidation under the VIE section of the Consolidation Topic.

The party that has a controlling financial interest is called a primary beneficiary and consolidates the VIE. The party is deemed to have a controlling financial interest if it has both:

- the power to direct the activities of the VIE that most significantly impact the entity's economic performance; and
- the obligation to absorb the entity's losses that could potentially be significant to the VIE or the right to receive benefits from the entity that could potentially be significant to the VIE.

For all its variable interests in VIEs, the Group assesses whether it has a controlling financial interest in these entities and, thus, is the primary beneficiary. The Group identifies the activities that most significantly impact the entity's performance and determines whether the Group has the power to direct those activities. In conducting the analysis, the Group considers the purpose, the design and the risks that the entity was designed to create and pass through to its variable interest holders. Additionally, the Group assesses if it has the obligation to absorb losses or if it has the right to receive benefits of the VIE that could potentially be significant to the entity. If both criteria are met, the Group has a controlling financial interest in the VIE and consolidates the entity.

The Group monitors changes to the facts and circumstances of the existing involvement with legal entities to determine whether they require reconsideration of the entity's designation as a VIE or voting interest entity. For VIEs, the Group regularly reassesses the primary beneficiary determination.

Insurance-linked securitisations

The insurance-linked securitisations transfer pre-existing insurance risk to investors through the issuance of insurance-linked securities. In insurance-linked securitisations, the securitisation vehicle assumes the insurance risk from a sponsor through insurance or derivative contracts. The securitisation vehicle generally retains the issuance proceeds as collateral, which consists of investment-grade securities. The Group does not have potentially significant variable interest in these vehicles and therefore is not a primary beneficiary.

Typically, the variable interests held by the Group arise through ownership of insurance-linked securities, in which case the Group's maximum loss equals the principal amount of the securities held by the Group.

Life and health funding vehicles

The Group participates in certain structured transactions that retrocede longevity and mortality risks to captive reinsurers with an aim to provide regulatory capital credit to a transaction sponsor through the creation of funding notes by a separate funding vehicle which is generally considered a VIE. The Group's participation in these transactions is generally limited to providing contingent funding support via a financial contract with a funding vehicle, which represents a potentially significant variable interest in the funding vehicle. The Group does not have power to direct activities of the funding vehicles and therefore is not a primary beneficiary of the funding vehicles in these transactions. The Group's maximum exposure in these transactions equals either the total contract notional or outstanding balance of the funding notes issued by the vehicle, depending on the specific contractual arrangements.

Swaps in trusts

The Group provides interest rate and foreign exchange risk hedges to certain asset securitisation trusts which qualify as VIEs. As the Group's involvement is limited to interest rate and foreign exchange derivatives, it does not have the power to direct any activities of the trusts and therefore does not qualify as primary beneficiary of any of these trusts. These activities are in run-off.

Debt financing vehicles

The Group consolidates a debt-financing vehicle created to collateralise reinsurance coverage provided by the Group. The Group manages the asset portfolio in the vehicle and absorbs the variability of the investment return of the vehicle's portfolio, thereby satisfying both criteria for a controlling financial interest: power over activities most significant to the vehicle's economic performance and significant economic interest.

Investment vehicles

The Group's variable interests in investment partnerships arise through ownership of the limited partner interests. Many investment partnerships are VIEs because the limited partners as a group lack kick-out or participating rights. The Group does not hold the general partner interest in the limited partnerships and therefore does not direct investment activities of the entity. Therefore, the Group lacks power over the relevant activities of the vehicles and, consequently, does not qualify as the primary beneficiary. The Group is exposed to losses when the values of the investments held by the investment vehicles decrease. The Group's maximum exposure to loss equals the Group's share of the investment.

The Group is a passive investor in structured securitisation vehicles issuing residential and commercial mortgage-backed securities (RMBS and CMBS, respectively) and other asset-backed securities (ABS). The Group's investments in RMBS, CMBS and other ABS are passive in nature and do not obligate the Group to provide any financial or other support to the issuer entities. By design, RMBS, CMBS and ABS securitisation entities are not adequately capitalised and therefore considered VIEs. The Group is not the primary beneficiary, because it does not have power to direct most significant activities. These investments are accounted for as available-for-sale as described in the investment note and not included in the tables on the following pages.

The Group consolidates an investment vehicle, because the Group holds the entire interest in the entity and makes investment decisions related to the entity. The investment vehicle is a VIE because it is structured as an umbrella company comprised of multiple sub-funds. The majority of the investments held in this vehicle are accounted for as available-for-sale and are disclosed in the investment note and not included in the tables on the following pages.

Investment vehicles for unit-linked business

Additionally, the Group invests on behalf of the policyholders as a passive investor in a variety of investment funds across various jurisdictions. By design, many of these funds meet a VIE definition. While the Group may have a potentially significant variable interest in some of these entities due to its share of the fund's total net assets, in most cases it does not have power over the fund's investment decisions or unilateral kick-out rights relative to the decision maker.

The Group is not exposed to losses in the aforementioned investment vehicles, as the investment risk is borne by the policyholder.

Senior commercial mortgage and infrastructure loans

The Group also invests in structured commercial mortgage and infrastructure loans, which are held for investment.

The commercial mortgage loans are made to non-recourse special purpose entities collateralised with commercial real estate. The entities are adequately capitalised and generally structured as voting interest entities. Occasionally, the borrower entities can be structured as limited partnerships where the limited partners do not have kick-out or participating rights, which results in the VIE designation.

The infrastructure loans are made to non-recourse special purpose entities collateralised with infrastructure project assets. Some borrower entities may have insufficient equity investment at risk, which results in the VIE designation.

The Group does not have power over the activities most significant to the aforementioned borrower entities designated as VIEs and therefore does not consolidate them.

The Group's maximum exposure to loss from its investments equals the loan outstanding amount.

Other

The Group consolidates a vehicle providing reinsurance to its members, because it serves as a decision maker over the entity's investment and underwriting activities, as well as provides retrocession for the majority of the vehicle's insurance risk and receives performance-based fees. Additionally, the Group is obligated to provide the vehicle with loans in case of a deficit. The vehicle is a VIE, primarily because its total equity investment at risk is insufficient and the members lack decision-making rights.

The Group did not provide financial or other support to any VIEs during 2020 that it was not previously contractually required to provide.

Consolidated VIEs

The following table shows the total assets and liabilities in the Group's balance sheet related to VIEs of which the Group is the primary beneficiary as of 31 December:

USD millions	2019	2020
Fixed income securities available-for-sale	3 423	3 807
Investment real estate	143	
Short-term investments	260	59
Investments for unit-linked and with-profit business	654	
Cash and cash equivalents	49	20
Accrued investment income	27	30
Premiums and other receivables	31	35
Funds held by ceding companies	1	1
Deferred acquisition costs	3	5
Deferred tax assets	182	191
Other assets	15	14
Reclassified to assets held for sale	-812	
Total assets	3 976	4 162
Unpaid claims and claim adjustment expenses	55	59
Unearned premiums	12	16
Funds held under reinsurance treaties	4	4
Reinsurance balances payable	21	22
Deferred and other non-current tax liabilities	152	166
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	129	18
Long-term debt	1 918	1 926
Reclassified to liabilities held for sale	-114	
Total liabilities	2 177	2 211

The assets of the consolidated VIEs may only be used to settle obligations of these VIEs and to settle any investors' ownership liquidation requests. There is no recourse to the Group for the consolidated VIEs' liabilities. The assets of the consolidated VIEs are not available to the Group's creditors.

Non-consolidated VIEs

The following table shows the total assets and liabilities on the Group's balance sheet related to VIEs in which the Group held a variable interest but was not the primary beneficiary as of 31 December:

USD millions	2019	2020
Fixed income securities available-for-sale	1 187	1 084
Equity securities at fair value through earnings	113	100
Policy loans, mortgages and other loans	1 735	1 518
Other invested assets	2 160	2 359
Investments for unit-linked and with-profit business	17 131	145
Funds held by ceding companies		25
Reclassified to assets held for sale	-17 590	
Total assets	4 736	5 231
Unpaid claims and claim adjustment expenses		19
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	43	52
Total liabilities	43	71

The following table shows the Group's assets, liabilities and maximum exposure to loss related to VIEs in which the Group held a variable interest but was not the primary beneficiary as of 31 December:

USD millions	Total assets	Total liabilities	2019 Maximum exposure to loss ¹	Total assets	Total liabilities	2020 Maximum exposure to loss ¹
Insurance-linked securitisations	598		627	545		381
Life and health funding vehicles	22		2 300	20		2 377
Swaps in trusts	83	43	- ²	14	52	- ²
Investment vehicles	2 174		2 174	2 435		2 435
Investment vehicles for unit-linked business	17 131			145		
Senior commercial mortgage and infrastructure loans	2 318		2 318	2 047		2 047
Other				25	19	
Reclassified to held for sale	-17 590		-607			
Total	4 736	43	-²	5 231	71	-²

¹ Maximum exposure to loss is the loss the Group would absorb from a variable interest in a VIE in the event that all of the assets of the VIE are deemed worthless.

² The maximum exposure to loss for swaps in trusts cannot be meaningfully quantified due to their derivative character.

The assets and liabilities for the swaps in trusts represent the positive and negative fair values of the derivatives the Group has entered into with the trusts.

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Report of the statutory auditor

to the General Meeting of Swiss Re Ltd

Zurich

Report of the statutory auditor on the consolidated financial statements

As statutory auditor, we have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of Swiss Re Ltd and its subsidiaries (the 'Group'), which comprise the income statement and statement of comprehensive income for the year ended 31 December 2020, the balance sheet as at 31 December 2020 and the statement of shareholders' equity and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the Group financial statements (pages 182 to 284).

Board of Directors' responsibility

The Board of Directors is responsible for the preparation of the consolidated financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (US GAAP) and the requirements of Swiss law. This responsibility includes designing, implementing and maintaining an internal control system relevant to the preparation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. The Board of Directors is further responsible for selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Swiss law, Swiss Auditing Standards and auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (US GAAS). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the consolidated financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers the internal control system relevant to the Group's preparation of the consolidated financial statements 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 Group's internal control system. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2020 present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position, the results of operations and the cash flows in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (US GAAP) and comply with Swiss law.

Other Matter

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (US GAAP) requires that the supplementary information based on the requirements of ASU 2015-09, Disclosures about Short-Duration Contracts, on pages 223 to 231 be presented to supplement the consolidated financial statements. Such information, although not part of the consolidated financial statements, is required by the Financial Accounting Standards Board, which considers it an essential part of financial reporting for placing the consolidated financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (US GAAS), which consisted of inquiries of the Group about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with the Group's responses to our inquiries, the consolidated financial statements and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the consolidated financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the supplementary information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

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Report on key audit matters based on the circular 1/2015 of the Federal Audit Oversight Authority

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the consolidated financial statements of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the consolidated financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

Unobservable or interpolated inputs used for the valuation of certain level 2 and 3 investments

Key audit matter	How our audit addressed the key audit matter
<p>Investment valuation continues to be an area with inherent risk for certain level 2 and 3 investments that have unobservable or interpolated inputs. The risk is not the same for all investment types and is greatest for those listed below. These investments are more difficult to value because quoted prices are not always available, and valuation requires unobservable or interpolated inputs and complex valuation models:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fixed income securitised products• Fixed income mortgage and asset-backed securities• Private placements and infrastructure loans• Private equity investments• Derivatives• Insurance-related financial products	<p>We assessed and tested the design and operating effectiveness of selected relevant controls around the valuation models for level 2 and 3 investments, including the Group's independent price verification process. We also tested the Group's data integrity and change management controls relating to the valuation models.</p> <p>In relation to the matters set out opposite, our substantive testing procedures included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Challenging the Group's methodology and assumptions, in particular, the yield curves, discounted cash flows, perpetual growth rates and liquidity premiums used in the valuation models; comparing these assumptions against appropriate benchmarks; and investigating significant differences.• Engaging our own valuation specialists to perform independent valuations of selected level 2 and 3 investments. <p>Based on the work performed, we determined the Group's conclusions with regard to the valuation of these investments to be reasonable.</p>

Valuation of Property & Casualty ('P&C') loss reserves

Key audit matter

The valuation of P&C loss reserves within the unpaid claims and claim adjustment expenses financial statement line item involves a high degree of subjectivity and complexity. Reserves for losses and loss adjustment expenses represent estimates of future payments of reported and unreported claims for losses and related expenses at a given date.

The Group uses a range of actuarial methodologies and methods to estimate these reserves. P&C loss reserves require significant judgment relating to certain factors and assumptions. Among the most significant reserving assumptions are the a-priori loss ratios, which typically drive the estimates of P&C loss reserves for the most recent contract years. Other key factors and assumptions include but are not limited to changes in exposure and business mix as well as inflation trends, claim emergence trends, and legal or regulatory decisions.

In particular, loss reserves for 'long tail' lines of business (for example, Liability, US Asbestos and Environmental, Motor and Workers' Compensation portfolios) generally require more judgment to estimate. This is due to the protracted period over which claims may be reported and/or settled as well as the fact that claim settlements are often less frequent but of higher magnitude.

Moreover, losses from natural catastrophe, significant man-made and COVID-19 pandemic events cannot be modelled using traditional actuarial methodologies or available proprietary models, which increases the degree of judgment needed in establishing reserves for these events. The ongoing nature of the COVID-19 pandemic and additional complexity because of unresolved contract coverage issues, notably on property lines, required particular focus and judgment by management.

How our audit addressed the key audit matter

We assessed and tested the design and operating effectiveness of selected relevant controls relating to the application of the actuarial methodology, data collection and analysis, as well as the processes for determining the assumptions used by the Group in the valuation of P&C loss reserves.

In relation to the matters set out opposite, our substantive testing procedures included involving our PwC internal actuarial specialists, as appropriate, to perform the following:

- Testing the completeness and accuracy of underlying data utilised by the Group's actuaries in estimating P&C loss reserves; this includes applying IT audit techniques to validate the claims triangles used by management to develop reserving estimates.
- Performing independent projections of selected portfolios. For these portfolios, we compared our calculations of projected reserves with those of the Group taking into account the available corroborating and contrary evidence and challenging the Group's assumptions as appropriate.
- Testing the reasonableness of the methodology and assumptions for further selected portfolios by comparing the methodologies and assumptions adopted by the Group with recognised actuarial practices and by applying our industry knowledge and experience.
- Assessing the process and related judgments of the Group in relation to natural catastrophes and other large losses, including using our industry knowledge to assess the reasonableness of market loss estimates and other significant assumptions.
- Challenging the process followed and related judgments of the Group in relation to COVID-19 pandemic losses to assess the reasonableness of loss estimates.
- Where there was significant estimation uncertainty, performing sensitivity tests to determine the impact of selected key assumptions.
- Evaluating the appropriateness of any significant adjustments made by the Group to P&C loss reserve estimates.

Based on the work performed, we determined the Group's conclusions with regard to the valuation of P&C loss reserves to be reasonable.

Valuation of actuarially determined liabilities for Life & Health ('L&H') policy benefits

Key audit matter

The Group's valuation of actuarially determined liabilities for L&H policy benefits involves complex judgments about future events affecting the business.

Actuarial assumptions selected by the Group, including mortality, morbidity, longevity, and persistency, may result in material impacts on the valuation of liabilities for L&H policy benefits. The methodology and methods used can also have a material impact on the valuation of actuarially determined liabilities for L&H policy benefits. In addition, the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic required additional management judgment, particularly over shorter-term mortality assumptions.

The valuation of actuarially determined liabilities for L&H policy benefits depends on the use of complex models. The Group continues to migrate actuarial data and models from legacy systems and/or spreadsheets to new actuarial modelling systems. At the same time, the Group is validating models to ensure that new models are fit for use. Moving from one modelling platform to another is a complex and time-consuming process, frequently taking several years. Any resulting adjustments to the liabilities for L&H policy benefits need to be assessed in terms of appropriateness and classified as a change in estimate or as an out-of-period adjustment.

Furthermore, on a regular basis, the Group enters into large and/or structured transactions which often have material or complex financial reporting and reserving consequences. The reserving for such transactions is subject to increased risk of error due to the non-routine nature of transactions and the judgmental nature of reserving.

How our audit addressed the key audit matter

We assessed and tested the design and operating effectiveness of selected relevant controls relating to the application of actuarial methodology, data collection and analysis, as well as the processes for determining the assumptions used by the Group in the valuation of actuarially determined liabilities for L&H policy benefits.

In relation to the matters set out opposite, our substantive testing procedures included involving our PwC internal actuarial specialists, as appropriate, to perform the following, which are applicable for the valuation of both standard and large and/or structured transactions:

- Testing the completeness and accuracy of the underlying data by vouching against the source documentation.
- Testing the migration of actuarial data from legacy systems and/or spreadsheets to the new actuarial systems for completeness and accuracy.
- Performing independent model validation procedures, including detailed testing of models, independent recalculations and back testing.
- Testing the Group's methodology and methods, focusing on changes to L&H actuarial methodology and methods during the year, by applying our industry knowledge and experience to check whether the methodology and methods are consistent with recognised actuarial practices and reporting requirements.
- Testing the reasonableness of L&H assumptions by applying our industry knowledge and experience to check whether the assumptions are consistent with recognised actuarial practices and industry trends.
- Challenging the process followed and related judgments of the Group in relation to COVID-19 pandemic losses to assess the reasonableness of loss estimates.
- Evaluating the appropriateness of the recognition, accounting, valuation, and disclosures for large and/or structured transactions.

Based on the work performed, we determined the Group's conclusions with regard to the valuation of actuarially determined liabilities for L&H policy benefits to be reasonable.

Valuation of deferred tax assets and completeness and valuation of uncertain tax positions

Key audit matter	How our audit addressed the key audit matter
<p>The Group operates in various countries and is subject to income taxes in those jurisdictions. The assessment of the valuation of deferred tax assets, resulting from net operating losses and temporary differences, and provisions for uncertain tax positions is based on complex calculations and depends on sensitive and judgmental assumptions made by the Group. These include, amongst others, future profitability and local fiscal regulations and developments.</p> <p>Changes in those estimates may have a material impact (through income tax expense) on the Group's results.</p>	<p>We assessed and tested the design and operating effectiveness of selected relevant controls related to the valuation of deferred tax assets and selected relevant controls in place to determine the completeness of the uncertain tax items and the Group's assessment of the items for recognition and valuation.</p> <p>In relation to the matters set out opposite, our substantive testing procedures included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Involving our own tax specialists to critically review the Group's 'more likely than not' tax assessments and to evaluate the Group's judgments and estimates of the probabilities and the amounts.• Assessing the feasibility of the Group's tax planning measures, including the assessment of forecasted taxable income and any relevant tax rulings that impact the recoverability of deferred tax assets resulting from net operating losses.• Assessing how the Group considered new information or changes in tax law or case law and assessing the Group's judgment of how these impact the Group's position or measurement of the required provision.• Examining tax audit documentation to validate the appropriateness of releases of uncertain tax provisions.• Evaluating the appropriateness of the Group's assessment of completeness of uncertain tax positions.• Examining material movements within uncertain tax positions in each jurisdiction. <p>Based on the work performed, we determined the Group's assessments of the valuation of deferred tax assets and the completeness and valuation of uncertain tax positions to be reasonable.</p>

Report on other legal requirements

We confirm that we meet the legal requirements on licensing according to the Auditor Oversight Act (AOA) and independence (article 728 CO and article 11 AOA) and that there are no circumstances incompatible with our independence.

In accordance with article 728a paragraph 1 item 3 CO and Swiss Auditing Standard 890, we confirm that an internal control system exists which has been designed for the preparation of consolidated financial statements according to the instructions of the Board of Directors.

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

PricewaterhouseCoopers Ltd



Roy Clark

Audit expert
Auditor in charge

Zurich, 17 March 2021



Jasmine Chang



Group financial years 2011–2020

USD millions	2011	2012 ¹	2013
Income statement			
Revenues			
Premiums earned	21 300	24 661	28 276
Fee income	876	785	542
Net investment income	5 469	5 302	4 735
Net realised investment gains/losses	388	2 688	3 325
Other revenues	50	188	24
Total revenues	28 083	33 624	36 902
Expenses			
Claims and claim adjustment expenses	-8 810	-7 763	-9 655
Life and health benefits	-8 414	-8 878	-9 581
Return credited to policyholders	-61	-2 959	-3 678
Acquisition costs	-4 021	-4 548	-4 895
Other operating costs and expenses	-3 902	-3 953	-4 268
Total expenses	-25 208	-28 101	-32 077
Income/loss before income tax expense	2 875	5 523	4 825
Income tax expense/benefit	-77	-1 125	-312
Net income/loss before attribution of non-controlling interests	2 798	4 398	4 513
Income/loss attributable to non-controlling interests	-172	-141	-2
Net income/loss after attribution of non-controlling interests	2 626	4 257	4 511
Interest on contingent capital instruments, net of tax		-56	-67
Net income/loss attributable to common shareholders	2 626	4 201	4 444
Balance sheet			
Assets			
Investments	162 224	152 812	150 075
Other assets	63 675	68 691	63 445
Assets held for sale			
Total assets	225 899	221 503	213 520
Liabilities			
Unpaid claims and claim adjustment expenses	64 878	63 670	61 484
Liabilities for life and health policy benefits	39 044	36 117	36 033
Unearned premiums	8 299	9 384	10 334
Other liabilities	65 850	62 020	57 970
Long-term debt	16 541	16 286	14 722
Liabilities held for sale			
Total liabilities	194 612	187 477	180 543
Shareholders' equity	29 590	34 002	32 952
Non-controlling interests	1 697	24	25
Total equity	31 287	34 026	32 977
Earnings per share in USD	7.68	11.85	12.97
Earnings per share in CHF	6.79	11.13	12.04

¹ The Group updated its balance sheet presentation of deferred tax assets and liabilities. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are presented on a gross basis as per the first quarter 2013. The comparative period has been adjusted accordingly and is consistent with the relevant income tax disclosure in the notes to the financial statements in the prior year.

2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
30 756	29 751	32 691	33 119	33 875	37 974	40 321
506	463	540	586	586	620	449
4 992	4 236	4 740	4 702	5 077	5 175	3 503
1 059	1 220	5 787	4 048	-2 530	5 515	-972
34	44	28	32	39	30	37
37 347	35 714	43 786	42 487	37 047	49 314	43 338
-10 577	-9 848	-12 564	-16 730	-14 855	-18 683	-19 838
-10 611	-9 080	-10 859	-11 083	-11 769	-13 087	-13 929
-1 541	-1 166	-5 099	-3 298	1 033	-4 633	1 760
-6 515	-6 419	-6 928	-6 977	-6 919	-7 834	-8 236
-3 876	-3 882	-3 964	-3 874	-3 987	-4 168	-4 185
-33 120	-30 395	-39 414	-41 962	-36 497	-48 405	-44 428
4 227	5 319	4 372	525	550	909	-1 090
-658	-651	-749	-132	-69	-140	266
3 569	4 668	3 623	393	481	769	-824
	-3	3	5	-19	-42	-54
3 569	4 665	3 626	398	462	727	-878
-69	-68	-68	-67	-41		
3 500	4 597	3 558	331	421	727	-878
143 987	137 810	155 016	161 897	147 302	103 746	120 693
60 474	58 325	60 049	60 629	60 268	60 382	61 929
					74 439	
204 461	196 135	215 065	222 526	207 570	238 567	182 622
57 954	55 518	57 355	66 795	67 446	72 373	81 258
33 605	30 131	41 176	42 561	39 593	19 836	22 456
10 576	10 869	11 629	11 769	11 721	13 365	13 309
53 670	55 033	59 402	56 959	51 581	23 232	26 757
12 615	10 978	9 787	10 148	8 502	10 138	11 584
					68 586	
168 420	162 529	179 349	188 232	178 843	207 530	155 364
35 930	33 517	35 634	34 124	27 930	29 251	27 135
111	89	82	170	797	1 786	123
36 041	33 606	35 716	34 294	28 727	31 037	27 258
10.23	13.44	10.72	1.03	1.37	2.46	-3.04
9.33	12.93	10.55	1.02	1.34	2.46	-2.97