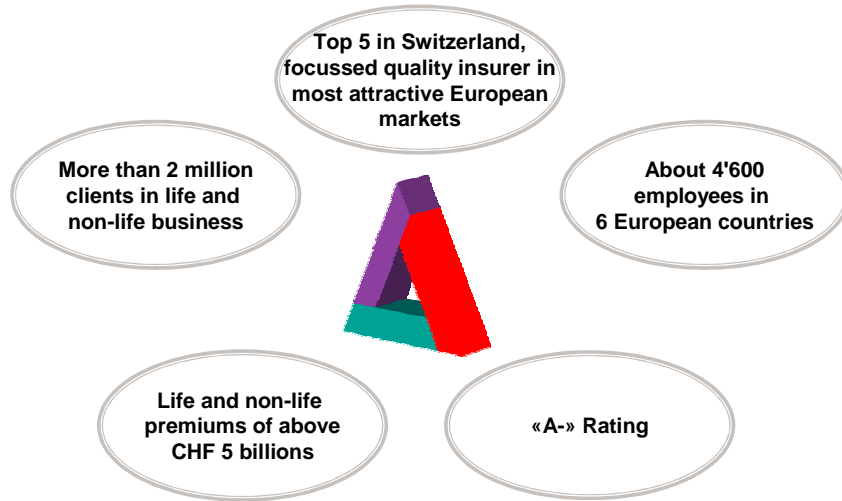




Business profile

Who we are – Helvetia Insurance at a glance



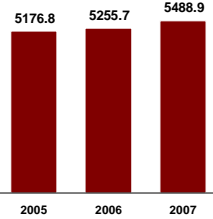
Key figures



Very solid development and ambitious targets

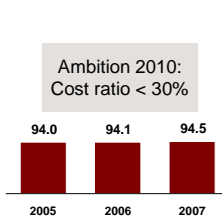
Gross premiums written

(in CHF million)



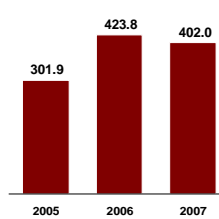
Net combined ratio

(in %)



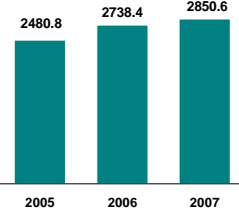
After tax profit

(in CHF million)



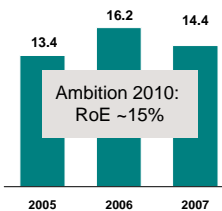
Shareholders' equity

(in CHF million)



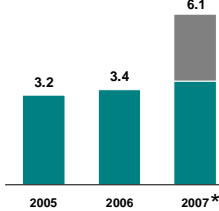
Return on equity

(in %)



Dividend yield

(in %)



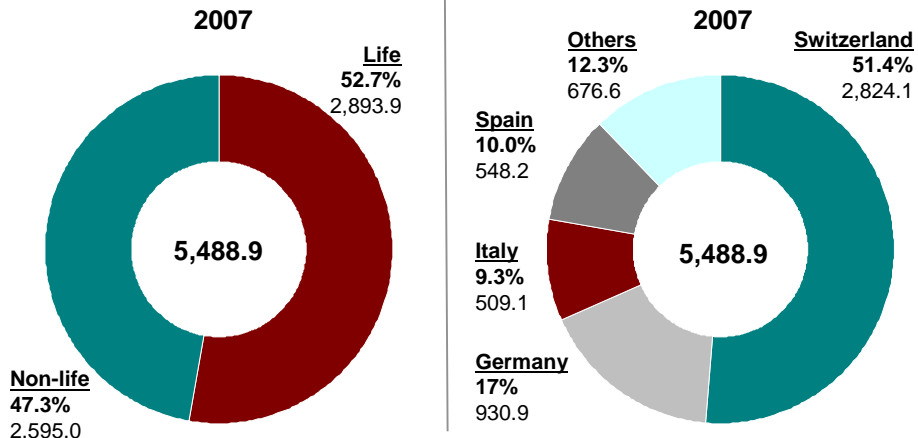
*dividend and par value reduction

Business diversification

Gross premiums by segment and country



(CHF million)



- ▶ Balanced Business mix (life-,non-life)
- ▶ About 50% premium volume is generated outside Switzerland

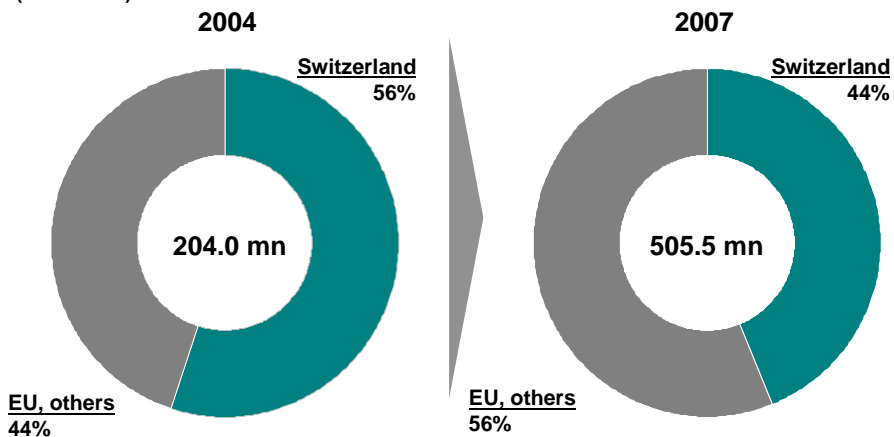
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Profit contribution

Pre-tax profit by geography



(CHF million)



- ▶ Swiss Market as key pillar, but increasing internationalisation of Group profit contribution

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Strong value proposition for customers:

- ▶ High quality supplier and premium «Swiss» brand
- ▶ Strong service culture: individual, personal, competent
- ▶ Big enough to be reliable, small enough to be personal
- ▶ High quality distribution networks
- ▶ Potential cost improvement through developing Group synergies

- ▶ Not everything for everybody:
Regional focus, customer focus, product focus

Strong value proposition for investors:

- ▶ Track record of strong capital base and earnings growth
- ▶ Attractive, diversified business portfolio
- ▶ Stable customer base supported by clear value proposition
- ▶ Loyal and effective distribution networks / close to market
- ▶ Well established position in non-life, growth potential in life outside Switzerland

- ▶ Sustainable Shareholder value culture:
Profitable growth, solid financial strength, attractive RoE

Winning proposition



- ▶ International, but not global
- ▶ Big enough to be reliable, small enough to be personal
- ▶ Capital market listed, aimed at medium and long-term focus

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Market & perspectives

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Challenging environment



- ▶ Increased competition for growth
- ▶ Industrialisation of service provision and processes
- ▶ Tough capital market conditions
- ▶ Demographic and environmental factors

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Helvetia response to market challenges (I/II)



Increased competition for growth

- n Acquisitions
 - Padana: Worksite marketing
 - Chiara Vita: Bancassurance
- n Developing existing distribution
 - 75 new agents in Germany
- n Developing co-operation partners
 - Raiffeisen
 - Swisscanto
 - GMAC

Industrialisation of service provision and processes

- n Set up of new business area «Strategy & Operations»
- n Development of cross border IT operations
 - Austria/Germany
 - Germany/Italy
- n Standardising processes
 - Pilot project for non-life motor
- n Rolling out common product concepts across business units
 - «Clevesto» unit-linked product

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Helvetia response to market challenges (II/II)



Tough capital market conditions

- n Well capitalised
 - Solvency: 212% (as of 30.6.2008)
 - S&P «A-» Rating
- n Conservative capital base

Demographic and environmental factors

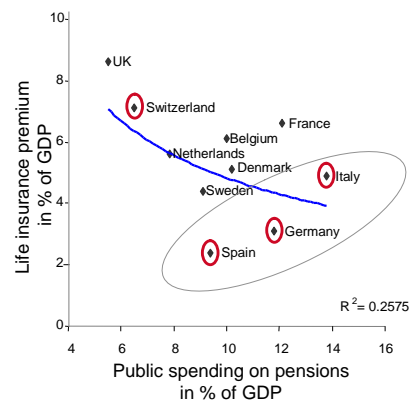
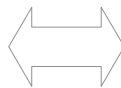
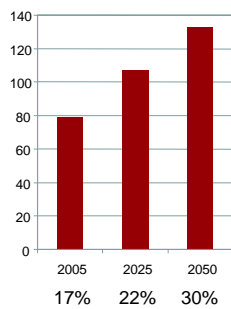
- n Expanding in under-insured growing life markets with high potential
- n Well protected non-life book

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Life: Helvetia combines some of Europe's most attractive markets - Life and Pension as growth engines



Number of people aged above 65 in Western and Central Europe in Mio. (in % of overall population)



- In three of our markets there are major pension gaps expected pushing governments to reform their pension systems.

Data Source: Avenir Suisse, Demographie, CEA 2006

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Non-life: Maintaining our good position through controlled profitable growth



Our non-life markets have become more competitive - nevertheless, Helvetia is able to maintain its good position and profitability in non-life based on:

- ▶ Diversified business and geographical market portfolio
- ▶ Focusing on well established sales channels with close proximity to our end customers
- ▶ Above average client retention and controlled increase of distribution capacity
- ▶ Further increase of efficiency and use of group synergies

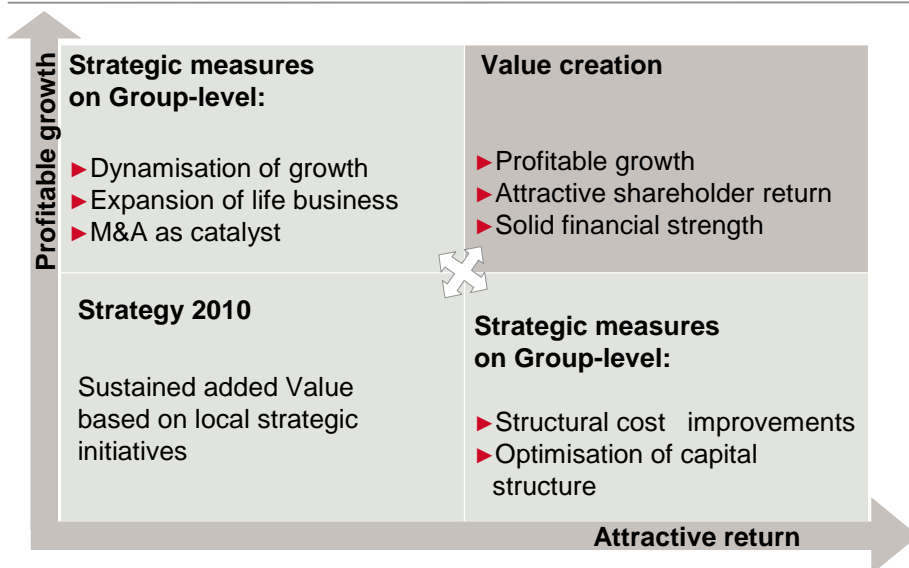
Market & perspectives by geographical segment



	Market characteristics	Targets
Swiss market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> n High market concentration n Saturated, but high profitable market n Increased competition 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> n Increase of market share n Encouragement of co-operations and alternative sales channels
German market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> n Low market concentration n Relatively low insurance density n Strong growth potential in life 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> n Strengthening of market position in target segments n Continuation of above market average growth n Expansion of sales network
Italian market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> n High market concentration n Weak market environment n Predominance of bancassurance in life 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> n Redefinition of market position n Enforcement of sales power based on recent acquisitions
Spanish market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> n Low density / low concentration n Growth potential despite weak economy n Predominance of bancassurance in life 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> n Focus new customer segments n Strengthening of sales power n Improve sales efficiency
Other	Austria: low density / high concentration France: increased internat. competition Re: increased pricing pressure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> n Strengthen competitive position n Strict profitability targets

Group strategy of profitable growth

Strategy 2010: Value creation



M&A transactions 2008 - Italy (I/II)



Acquisitions contribute significantly to strategy implementation in Italy

Helvetia Italy has moved into a higher league thanks to the latest acquisitions:

- n Future premium volume in Italy will double:
 - Padana (2007): EUR 40 mn (non-life)
 - Chiara Vita (2007): EUR 320 mn (life)
- n Access to new customer segments: Focus shifts from traditional focus on brokers (agencies) to an additional focus on end customers (Padana), bank counter employees and bank clients
- n Exploitation of synergies will help cut future cost
- n New (cooperation) partners: ENI, Banco di Desio

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M&A transactions 2008 - Italy (II/II)



Systematic integration ensures sustainable increase in value

Integration	<ul style="list-style-type: none">n Integration of all administrative units in «Helvetia Italy»n Padana: legal integration after three yearsn Chiara Vita: will remain independent legal entity and brand for the time being
Sales structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none">n ENI sales structure being set up (expansion of network)n Exclusive distribution agreement with Banco di Desio (access to bank sales channels in northern regions)
Product range	<ul style="list-style-type: none">n Life portfolio coordination through simplification and additions;n Expansion of non-life offer to ENI

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2008 Interim Results

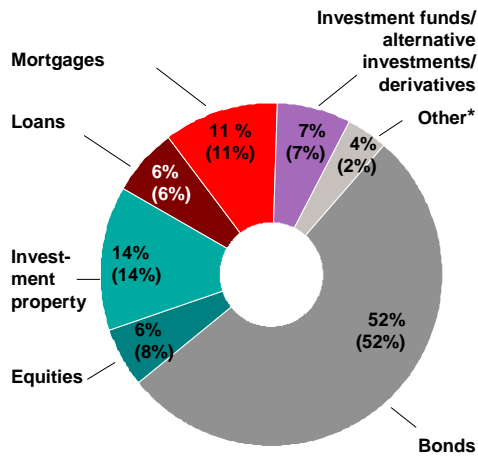
Performance of Helvetia Group in first half of 2008

<p>Strong operating performance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> n Profit for period CHF 166 mn n Premium growth non-life <small>(direct)</small> 2.4% (0.9% in CHF) n Net combined ratio 91.6% n Premium growth life 7.9% (7.6% in CHF) n New business profitability 19% (+3.1%) n Successful M&A transactions
<p>Capital position remains strong</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> n Equity remains stable: -6.4% compared to December 07 n Solid solvency margin: 212% n Interactive rating: A- with stable outlook
<p>Attractive return on equity</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> n RoE after tax: 12.1% <small>(annualised)</small> n Par value reduction on 28 July 2008 CHF 86 mn / 9.90 per share

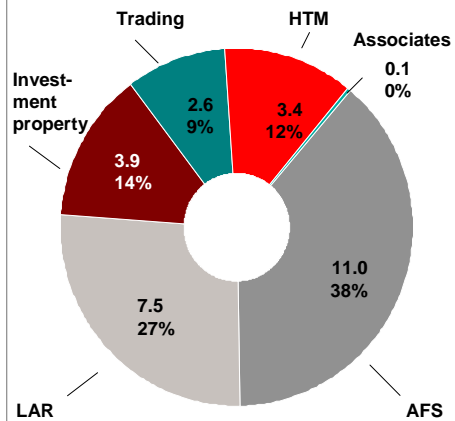
Investment structure as at 30.06.08



n by asset class (in %, Dec 07 in brackets)



n by IFRS category (in CHF billion)



* Other: Money market instruments and investments in associates



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Appendix

Key figures for total business

Stable profit and capital position

(CHF million)

	2008 HY	2007 HY	+/-
Profit for the period, after taxes	166.4	172.9	-3.8%
Gross premiums written	3'487	3'359	+ 3.8%
Net combined ratio	91.6%	102.0%	-10.4%pt
Return on equity (per annum)	12.1%	12.7%	
Group solvency ¹⁾	212%	222%	
Investment performance ²⁾ (per annum)	-1.2%	1.3%	

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

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

Important dates



- n **17.03.2009** Publication of annual results for 2008
- n **17.04.2009** Ordinary Shareholders' Meeting in St.Gallen
- n **03.09.2009** Publication of half-year financial results for 2009

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