CERN Pension Fund

Annual Report and Financial Statements Overview

For the Year ended 31 December 2017

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Executive Summary

Net Assets as at 31 December 2017 are 4.26bnCHF

The Funding ratio according to IAS 26 is 41.5%
 (75.9% according to "Best Estimate" assumptions)

Increase in Net Assets during 2017 of 199mCHF



Annual Report

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Statement of Financial Position - Assets

	As at 31 December			%
(in kCHF)	2017	2016	Change	Change
Cash and Cash Equivalents	439,738	351,160	88,578	25%
Short-Term Deposits	108,505	103,600	4,905	5%
Derivatives	41,157	28,420	12,737	45%
Bonds	958,177	938,358	19,819	2%
Equities	634,226	727,315	(93,090)	-13%
Investment Funds	1,230,061	1,177,320	52,741	4%
Other Assets	88,232	41,384	46,848	113%
Investment Property	824,478	764,399	60,079	8%
Total assets	4,324,574	4,131,956	192,618	5%

Significant changes between 31 December 2016 and 31 December 2017:

- Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents of 88mCHF (+25%) largely due to the reduction in the equity portfolio (e.g. 60mCHF MFS mandate);
- Decrease of 13% in Equities due to a reduction of 214mCHF in the portfolio partially offset by market gains of 120mCHF;
- Investment Funds increased due mark to market gains of 130mCHF offset by net redemptions of 68mCHF (103mCHF hedge funds);
- Other Assets includes 66mCHF for one Investment Fund redeemed prior to the year-end;
- Increase of 60mCHF in Investment Property, including gains of 58mCHF from the annual revaluation exercise and gains of 39mCHF as a
 result of foreign exchange movements. Sales of two buildings reduced the Investment Property assets by 37mCHF.



Statement of Financial Position - Liabilities

	As at 3	As at 31 December		%	
(in kCHF)	2017	2016	Change (Change	
Total assets	4,324,574	4,131,956	192,618	5%	
Derivatives	44,831	54,147	(9,316)	-17%	
Other Liabilities	21,098	17,857	3,241	18%	
Total liabilities	65,929	72,004	(6,075)	-8%	
Net assets available for benefits	4,258,645	4,059,952	198,693	5%	

Liabilities:

 Derivatives liabilities of 45mCHF at 31 December 2017, largely as a result of the negative market value of the currency hedges in place at the year-end.

Net Assets:

Net Assets of 4.26bn CHF as at 31.12.17 (4.06bn CHF in 2016), an increase of 5%.



Technical Balance Sheet

	As at 31 December		%	
(in kCHF)	2017	2016	Change	Change
Vested pension capital				
Transfer values of active members or current value of deferred pensions	5,033,870	5,030,941	2,929	0%
Mathematical reserves of the beneficiaries	5,225,386	5,134,845	90,541	2%
Vested pension capital	10,259,256	10,165,786	93,470	1%
Technical deficit	(6,000,611)	(6,105,834)	105,223	2%
Funding Ratio	41.5%	39.9%	1.6%	

- Funding ratio is 41.5% (39.9% in 2016) according to the calculation based on the CERN Accounting Policy actuarial assumptions (IPSAS 25/IAS 26);
- Decrease of 105mCHF in the technical deficit;
- No changes to the accounting actuarial assumptions. The change in deficit and funding ratio is mainly due to the increase in Net Assets.



"Best Estimate" Liabilities

	Best Est	imate"
(in kCHF)	2017	2016
Net assets of the Fund	4,258,645	4,059,952
Acturial Liabilities	(5,608,816)	(5,598,243)
Surplus/(Deficit) in the Fund	(1,350,171)	(1,538,291)
Funding Ratio	75.9%	72.5%

- Funding ratio according to the "Best Estimate" actuarial assumptions is 75.9% (72.5% in 2016);
- Actuarial liabilities and funding ratio according to the "Best Estimate" assumptions are shown in the "Extract of the Actuary's Report on the Fund as at 31 December 2017" section VI.



Statement of Financial Performance - Summary

	Year ended 31	Year ended 31 December		%
(in kCHF)	2017	2016	Change	Change
Total Investment Income/(Loss)	329,687	96,468	233,219	242%
Total Investment Expenses	39,251	38,362	889	2%
Net Investment Income/(Loss)	290,436	58,106	232,330	400%
Total Other Expenses	8,407	7,345	1,062	14%
Change in Net Assets before Membership Activities	282,029	50,761	231,268	456%
Total Contributions	240,241	234,515	5,725	2%
Total Benefits and Payments	323,577	318,133	5,444	2%
Net Membership Activities Cost	(83,336)	(83,618)	282	0%
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Net Assets During Year	198,693	(32,857)	231,550	705%

Significant changes between 2016 and 2017:

- Increase in net investment income of 233mCHF compared to 2016
- Net Membership Activities Cost in line with 2016
- Increase in Net Assets of 199mCHF



Statement of Financial Performance - Income

	Year ended 31 December		%	
(in kCHF)	2017	2016	Change (Change
Dividend Income	40,100	37,129	2,971	8%
Interest Income	24,962	26,150	(1,188)	-5%
Unrealised Gains/(Losses) on Financial Assets at Fair Value Through P&L	233,795	63,887	169,908	266%
Realised Gains/(Losses) on Financial Assets at Fair Value Through P&L	21,729	(74,595)	96,324	129%
Investment Property Income	140,266	28,901	111,365	385%
Foreign Exchange Gains/(Losses)	(131,165)	14,996	(146,161)	-975%
Total Investment Income/(Loss)	329,687	96,468	233,219	242%

Significant changes in Investment Income:

- Unrealised and Realised gains totalling 255mCHF were largely driven by price gains of 131mCHF on Investment Funds and 102mCHF on Equities. Exchange rate gains of 40mCHF were mostly due to the stronger EUR during 2017.
- Investment Property income was 140mCHF in 2017. The increase is mostly due to valuations of 97mCHF (58mCHF on price and 39mCHF on currency), in particular in the French and Swiss real estate markets.
- Foreign Exchanges losses of 131mCHF mainly due to the currency hedges.



Statement of Financial Performance - Expenses

	Year ended 31 December		%	
(in kCHF)	2017	2016	Change	Change
Investment Management Fees	22,170	22,269	(99)	0%
Custody Fees and Administration of Securities	1,296	1,291	5	0%
Transaction Costs	1,349	2,357	(1,008)	-43%
Taxation	165	196	(31)	-16%
Investment Property Expenditure	10,636	8,901	1,735	19%
Investment Related Expenditure	3,635	3,348	287	9%
Total Investment Expenses	39,251	38,362	889	2%
Bank Charges	100	55	45	82%
Other Financial Expenses	2,789	1,933	856	44%
Administration Costs	5,518	5,357	161	3%
Total Other Expenses	8,407	7,345	1,062	14%
Total Expenses	47,658	45,707	1,951	4%

Significant changes in Investment and other Expenses:

- Investment Management Fees were largely in line with 2016. Despite continued redemptions in the hedge fund portfolio, returns improved in 2017, resulting in a similar level of management/performance fees overall.
- Transactions costs decreased during 2017 due to a lower volume of purchase transactions compared to 2016.
- Investment Property Expenditure included renovation works on the Opera building in Paris, as well as Grand Saconnex in Switzerland.
- Increase in Other Financial Expenses was largely as a result of an increase in the level of cash held during the year compared to 2016.



Cash Flow Statement

	Year ended 31	Year ended 31 December		%
(in kCHF)	2017	2016	Change	Change
Contributions and other receipts	239,931	234,355	5,576	2%
Benefits and other payments	(321,961)	(321,093)	(868)	0%
Net cash flows from membership activities	(82,030)	(86,738)	4,707	5%
Net cash flows from investing activities	165,015	(3,721)	168,735	4535%
Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	82,984	(90,458)	173,443	192%
Cash at beginning of the year	351,160	440,915	(89,756)	-20%
Exchange gains /(losses) on cash and cash equivalents	5,594	703	4,891	696%
Cash at end of the year	439,738	351,160	88,578	25%

Membership activities:

- Net cash outflow of 82mCHF from membership activities in 2017.
- Includes receipt of 61.3mCHF from Employer special contributions.

Investment activities:

Net cash inflow of 165mCHF, largely as a result of a reduction in the equity portfolio and the sale of two buildings during the year.

