

Embedded Value at 31 December 2005 for the Swiss Life Group

Introduction

The embedded value of the in-force life insurance business of the Swiss Life Group has been calculated as at 31 December 2005. The embedded value at the end of 2004 is also shown, together with items contributing to the change in embedded value over the year. Sensitivities to changes in certain assumptions have also been calculated.

The embedded value of the life business is assessed to be:

- the shareholders' interest in the net assets of the Group
- plus
- the value (to shareholders) of the in-force life business
- less
- the cost of maintaining solvency capital.

The value of in-force life business is calculated as the present value of projected future post-tax profits attributable to shareholders arising from the in-force life business (ignoring profits from future new business). The present value is calculated at discount rates which incorporate risk margins.

The values of new business have been calculated as the present value as at inception of projected future post-tax profits to shareholders using the assumptions used for the 31 December 2005 embedded value. They allow for the cost of solvency capital requirements for the new business.

Results

The calculated values for the Swiss Life Group are shown below.

Embedded value as at:	31/12/2005	31/12/2004
	CHF millions	CHF millions
Shareholders' interest in the net assets	5,942	4,909
Value of in-force business	4,809	4,507
Cost of solvency capital	(1,864)	(1,480)
Total embedded value	8,887	7,936

The embedded value as at 31 December 2005 includes CHF 48 million value of new business written in 2005.

Geographical breakdown

A geographical breakdown of the figures is set out in the tables below.

Embedded value split by region	30/06/2005	31/12/2004
	CHF millions	CHF millions
Switzerland		
Shareholders interest in the net asset value	2,312	2,078
Value of in-force business	2,576	2,979
Cost of solvency capital	(1,167)	(1,047)
Elimination effects ⁽¹⁾	(107)	(409)
<i>Embedded value</i>	<i>3,614</i>	<i>3,601</i>
EU		
Shareholders interest in the net asset value	1,924	1,724
Value of in-force business	2,233	1,528
Cost of solvency capital	(697)	(433)
<i>Embedded value</i>	<i>3,460</i>	<i>2,819</i>
 Holding ⁽²⁾		
Shareholders interest in the net asset value	1,813	1,516
<i>Embedded value</i>	<i>1,813</i>	<i>1,516</i>
Total embedded value	8,887	7,936

⁽¹⁾ The book value of life subsidiaries of RA/SL whose embedded values are included in the consolidated results.

⁽²⁾ Statutory shareholder equity of SL Holding less the book value of RA/SL after deducting the present value after tax of the overhead expenses.

Italy has been included on the basis of the book value at which the company appears in the statutory accounts of Swiss Life.

Economic Assumptions

The economic assumptions used in the calculations were:

Economic assumptions by region	31/12/2005	31/12/2004
	%	%
Switzerland		
Discount rate	7.0	7.0
Pre tax investment returns		
Bond	2.1 – 2.4	2.5 – 3.3
Real Estate	4.5 – 5.0	4.2 – 4.5
Equities and Hedge Funds	6.5	5.0
EU		
Discount rate	8.0	8.0
Pre tax investment returns		
Bond	3.6 – 3.8	3.9 – 4.4
Real Estate	5.2 – 5.4	5.8 – 6.0
Equities and Hedge Funds	7.5	6.0

The change in investment returns is assumed to occur linearly over five years.

Where rates differ by country or for products within a country, the values shown above are averages weighted by the in-force assets.

Other assumptions

Other assumptions including mortality, morbidity, persistency and expenses have been chosen taking into account the recent and expected local experience of the insurance companies of the Group.

Conversion of foreign currencies

Calculations for individual countries have been performed in the local currencies and the results converted at the end of period exchange rates (as adopted for the Group accounts).

Change in embedded value

The total change of the embedded value during 2005 was CHF 951 million, which after allowance for dividends paid of CHF 135 million represents a return on embedded value of 13.7%. The expected increase in value over 2005 was CHF 580 million.

A better investment performance than expected in 2005, driven by increases in equity prices in Swiss Life's key markets and realisations of gains on bonds led to an increase in the embedded value by CHF 622 million.

Lower bond yields at 31 December 2005 have led to reduced expectations of future bond yields. This has been partially compensated by an increase in Swiss Life's assumption for future equity returns, which was increased to be more consistent with other insurers. In total the change in expected future investment returns reduced the total Embedded Value by CHF 239 million.

Improved persistency experience over the whole group increased the embedded value by CHF 41 million.

The value added by new business written in 2005 allowing for the cost of solvency capital was CHF 48 million.

Miscellaneous other items, including taxation, the impact of merging La Suisse with Swiss Life Zurich and the purchase of the Vaudoise Group pension portfolio and foreign exchange rate changes made up the balance of the change of value.

New Business

The value of new business by country is shown in the following table:

New Business Values at 31/12/2005 CHF millions	Annual Premium Equivalent	New Business Value
Switzerland	284	(2)
France	400	27
Germany	203	10
Netherlands	425	14
Belgium / Luxembourg	106	(1)
Total	1,418	48

Sensitivities

The sensitivity of the results has been calculated for changes to some of the key assumptions. The results were:

Sensitivities at 31/12/2005 (Deviation from central value) CHF millions	Switzerland	EU	Total
Base Case	3,614	3,460	8,887*
Investment return + 100 b.p.	657	697	1,354
Investment return – 100 b.p.	(985)	(842)	(1,827)
Risk discount rate – 100 b.p.	375	294	669
New money rate (bonds only) + 100 b.p.	216	386	602
New money rate (bonds only) – 100 b.p.	(369)	(458)	(827)
Asset values (property only) – 10%	(481)	(36)	(517)
Investment margin – 10 b.p.	(461)	(186)	(647)
Cost of locking-in + 150%	(583)	(513)	(1,096)

* Including CHF 1,813 million statutory shareholder equity of SL Holding less book value of SL Zurich after deducting the present value after tax of the overhead expenses.

The sensitivities to changes in investment returns are after allowing for changes to policyholder benefits.

Significant non-insurance subsidiaries

The values at which the Banca del Gottardo and Swiss Life Investment Management Holding are included are as follows:

Book value	CHF Million	
	31/12/2005	31/12/2004
Banca del Gottardo	1,340	1,340
Swiss Life Investment Management Holding	295	-

Deloitte & Touche LLP have reviewed the methodology adopted together with the assumptions and calculations made by the Directors of Swiss Life ("the Company") in the calculation of the embedded value of its Life and Health Business at 31 December 2005 and the analysis of change. These results and the assumptions underlying them are the sole responsibility of the Board of Directors.

The review was conducted in accordance with generally accepted actuarial practice and processes. In particular, Deloitte have relied on and not sought to verify the data provided by the Company; that data included information contained in the Company's audited financial statements.

In the light of the above, Deloitte considers that the methodology adopted is appropriate, the Directors' assumptions taken together are reasonable and the embedded value results have been properly compiled on the basis of the Directors' methodology and assumptions. It should be noted that the results are based on deterministic cashflow projections and they do not attempt to estimate the impact of applying the European Embedded Value Guidelines published by the CFO Forum.

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