

## Investment update and inflation

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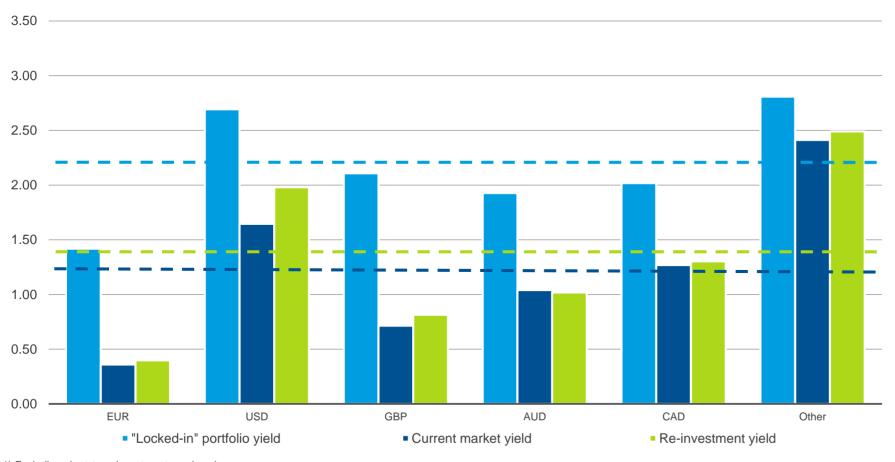


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Investment update

# Return on investment supported by comfortable "locked in" yields Whilst re-investment yields remain challenging

#### Fixed-income portfolio as at 30 July 2021<sup>1)</sup>



#### Average yield levels:

2.21% "Locked in" portfolio yield

1.22% Current portfolio market yield

1.38% Actual re-investment yield

<sup>1)</sup> Excluding short-term investments and cash

## **Investment strategy slightly adjusted**

## To further optimise portfolio towards stable and attractive returns and ESG targets

Credits				
Reduce	Increase			
Govs and Corps	High Yield			
with AA and A rating	opportunistically			
Increase	Increase			
Emerging Markets	CLOs			
opportunistically	A and BBB			

IFRS 9 preparation: reduce fund structures and shift to direct exposures; keep funds with low volatility profiles

Lower gov yields and spread returns require more opportunistic approach

# Increase Private Equity (target 3%) Increase Increase Real Estate (target 5%) Increase Infrastructure (target 2%) Keep Listed Equity (target 1%)

IFRS 9 preparation: reduce equity ETF's and shift to direct listed equities; keep PE and RE funds

Stable returns of real assets and closer movement to RoE business models by investing in (private) equities is key

ESG and impact				
Climate strategy	Decarbonisation target of -30% by 2025 <sup>1)</sup>			
Increase	Stringent negative			
sustainable	screening with			
and real impact	improved			
investments	measurements			

Reporting according to signed UN PRI; increase share of proxy votings and direct engagements

Net zero by 2050

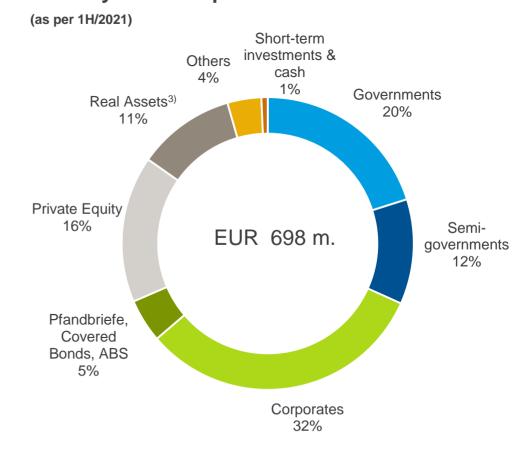
<sup>1)</sup> Corporates, covered bonds and equities; compared to base year 2019

# Asset allocation remains highly diversified and resilient Strong ordinary returns with high contributions from alternative investments

#### Asset allocation<sup>1)</sup>

Investment category	2017	2018	2019	2020	1H/2021
Fixed-income securities	87%	87%	87%	85%	85%
- Governments	30%	35%	35%	34%	32%
- Semi-governments	17%	16%	15%	15%	15%
- Corporates	32%	29%	31%	30%	32%
Investment grade	27%	25%	26%	25%	28%
Non-investment grade	5%	4%	4%	5%	4%
- Pfandbriefe, Covered bonds, ABS	8%	7%	7%	6%	6% <sup>2)</sup>
Equities	2%	2%	3%	3%	2%
- Listed equity	<1%	<1%	<1%	1%	1%
- Private equity	2%	2%	2%	3%	3%
Real Assets	5%	6%	5%	5%	5%
Others	1%	1%	2%	3%	3%
Short-term investments & cash	4%	4%	3%	3%	3%
Total market values in bn. EUR	40.5	42.7	48.2	49.8	53.4

### **Ordinary income split**



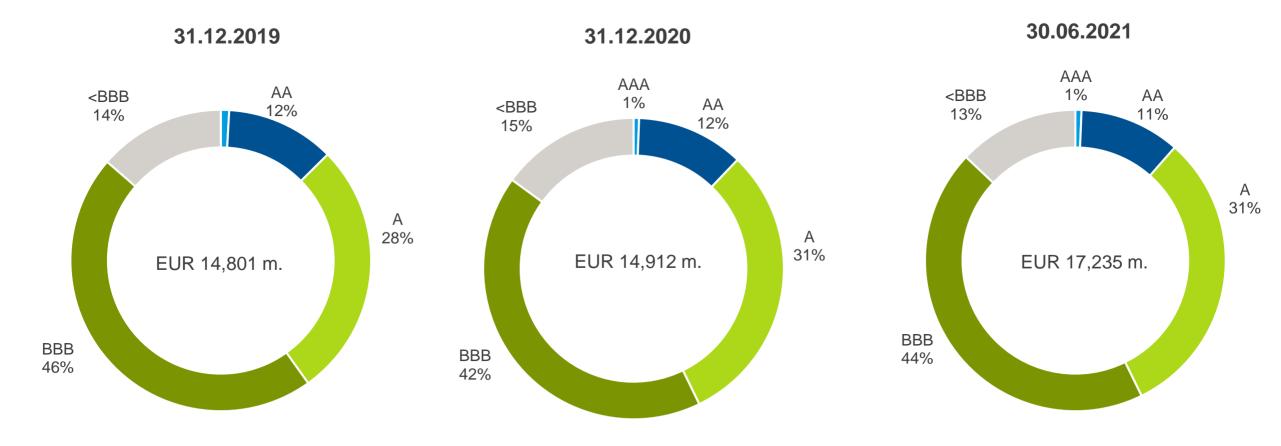
<sup>1)</sup> Economic view based on market values without outstanding commitments for Private Equity and Alternative Real Estate as well as fixed-income investments of EUR 1,583.2 m. (EUR 1,275.6 m.) as at 30 June 2021



<sup>2)</sup> Of which Pfandbriefe and Covered Bonds = 63.3%

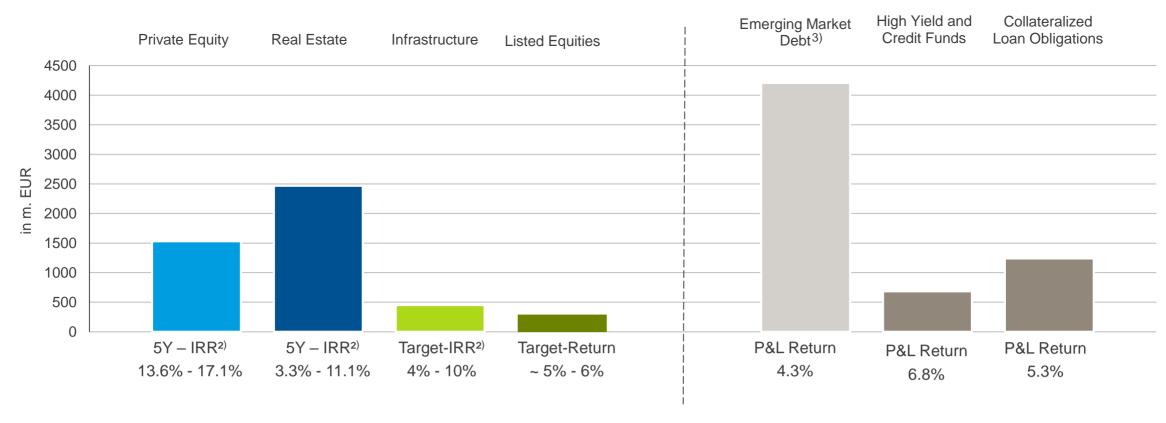
<sup>3)</sup> Before real estate-specific costs. Economic view based on market values as at 30 June 2021

# High-quality corporate bond portfolio Expansion supported by strong AuM growth



# Alternative investments and credit enhancement Well positioned to generate sustainable attractive returns to support Rol

Volume and returns<sup>1)</sup> of main alternative asset strategies



<sup>1)</sup> Volumes as of 15 July 2021; returns as a 5Y average as of Q1/2021



<sup>2)</sup> Range due to several investment structures with different risk-return profiles

<sup>3)</sup> w/o HR-entities located in emerging markets

# ESG in asset management has developed since 2011 and focusses on three pillars today

## Exclusionary criteria and negative screening

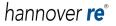
- Principles of UN Global Compact
- Controversial weapons
- Fossil fuel involvements
- Semi-annual screening covers up to 90 % of total assets
- Prompt exclusion in case of noncompliance with ESG standards

## Active investments in sustainable assets

- Impact investment funds
- Sustainable infrastructure investments
- Renewable energy, clean transport, sustainable forest and agriculture funds
- "Real impact" through improvement of living, environmental and working conditions complying with the UN Social Development Goals (SDGs)

## Increase sustainability quality in investment portfolio

- Best in class
- CO<sub>2</sub> reduction
- PRI participation
- Carbon footprint reduction of 30 % by 2025 for ~39% of total assets
- Net zero commitment 2050



Focus topic: inflation

## Areas potentially impacted by inflation...



Pricing



Reserving



Large loss budgeting



Investments, admin. costs, etc.



...but all actively addressed by effective measures



## Inflation closely monitored and reflected in pricing process

- General inflation (e.g. US CPI) increased significantly however claims inflation drivers are different
- Hannover Re's specific inflation index would be a mix across regions and currencies and depending on the lines of business; the main drivers being wages & salaries (Casualty), building costs (Property, incl. NatCat) and medical expenses (Life & Health)



- Best-estimate inflation is annually adjusted, based on historical experience and future outlook
- For 2021 pricing, we already raised inflation assumptions on top of historical experience; further "trend" adjustments for 2022 are under review, given shortages of material etc.; demand surge is also a component of cat models
- In addition to regular repricing at renewal, inflation exposure is mitigated by index-clauses, sliding scales or profit commissions in many P&C reinsurance treaties; we also participate in direct insurers' rate increases, in particular for proportional business

## Inflation also well considered in our strong reserving process

• Reserving is based on average historical inflation; loadings are applied if future inflation is expected to deviate significantly from past inflation



- Reserving particularly important for long-tail lines, as they are mainly affected by wage and medical expense inflation; actual loss experience has been in line with expectations, but potential loading at year-end 2021 currently under review
- Expected price increases on large losses are reflected in reserving process (e.g. demand search, etc.)
- On top of the above material reserve buffers and conservative large loss budgets leave substantial room for adverse developments

## Inflation-linked bonds provide additional protection

# Volume

# Hedge level

## Sensitivity to inflation in EUR m.

Inflation expectation: +100 bps	+468
Inflation expectation: -100 bps	- 417
Inflation expectation: +400 bps	+2,262

#### Market value of inflation-linked bonds

- EUR 2,191 m. (EUR)
- EUR 2,355 m. (USD)
- EUR 371 m. (AUD)
- EUR 19 m. (NZD)

#### Average hedged inflation levels

- 1.57% EUR
- 2.25% USD
- 2.47% AUD
- 1.90% NZD

- Portfolio of approx. 5 bn. EUR; duration between 6 and 9 vears, mainly USD and EUR
- Nominal (government) bond with embedded inflation swap
  - "fixed" payer leg = expected inflation at purchase date;
  - "floating" leg = realised inflation until maturity of the ILBs
- Market value of the embedded swap reflects the realised inflation (until reporting date) and changes of inflation expectations (for remaining life of ILBs)
- Swap not to be separated in IFRS, i.e. market value changes of swap are not visible in IFRS-P/L (less volatility)
- but realised YoY inflation feeds into the ordinary income of ILBs for each reporting year

Figures as at 30 June 2021

## **Key takeaways**



## Highly diversified and resilient investment portfolio

- Strategy adjusted for yield optimisation and ESG goals
- Ordinary income strong and stable earnings contributor
- Low yield environment challenging but manageable

## Inflation risks remain manageable

- Inflation drivers closely monitored and mitigated by price increases in renewals, index clauses, sliding scales and through price increases in primary rates
- Conservative reserving approach and large loss budgeting ensure sufficient buffers
- Inflation-linker used as proxy to further mitigate exposure
- Real assets, i.e. private equity, infrastructure, real estate provide additional protection



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