



# CAPITAL GENERATION & LIFE INSURERS

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# FCG and dividend policy

- Paying (predictable) dividends essential for investors.
- Most insurers still express their dividends in terms of IFRS Net (Operating) Profit.
- Dividend targets typically in range of 40-50% of Net Profit
- Aegon has started to set dividend targets in based on Normalized Capital Generation

Insurer	Driver	Dividend policy
NN Group	IFRS operating result	40-50% of the net IFRS operating result
Aegon	Norm. Cap Gen	45%-55% of normalized capital generation
ASR	IFRS operating result	45% to 55% of net IFRS operating result allocated to the shareholders (net of hybrid costs)
Achmea	IFRS net profit	45% of IFRS net profit, to be allocated to the shareholders if Solvency ratio exceeds 130%
Allianz	IFRS net income	pay-out is 50% of Allianz Group IFRS net income (to shareholders) if sustainable Solvency II ratio above 160%
Generali	IFRS net income	Target pay-out ratio range of 55% to 65% if target average RoE > 11.5%
Ageas	IFRS net income	Dividend distribution ratio of at least 50% of the Group IFRS net result if sufficient resources are available

Source: Company disclosures

- Typical IFRS RoE targets in 7%-15% range
- Absolute “normalized” capital generation targets in addition



# How to manage FCG in practice?



## Manage future free capital generation

### Improve understanding

- FCG and risks for multiple future years
- Explain all FCG variances

### Sustainable and Organic capital generation

- Assess organic capital generation net of market impacts and one-offs
- Assess sustainability of long term financial risks

### Management and target setting

- Balance between risk exposures, stable capital position & dividend payments
- Strategic target setting

### In control of the business

- Confront actual capital generation with targets
- Benefit from gained knowledge for future decision making

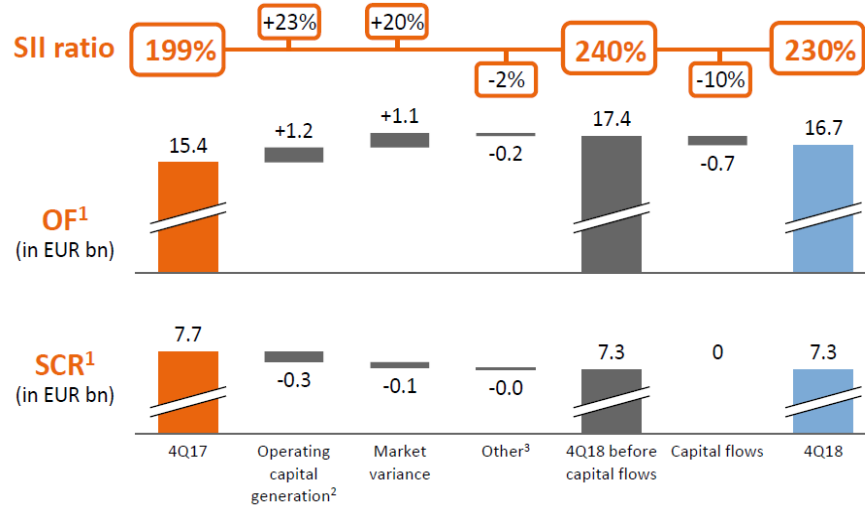
# Strong variation in FCG reporting practices

- Reporting practice amongst insurers varies strongly and level of detail in the disclosures is low
  - Important elements for analysts to forecast future FCG most often not separately shown
  - Focus is on explaining the “variances”, one-off items and model changes, and the paid-out dividend.
  - There are still many changes to models and methodologies.
- Investors / analysts primarily interested in ability to generate future FCG
  - Without the underlying detailed components, investors cannot make their own analysis.
- Need for “FCG reporting principles” from CFO Forum?  
(similar to EEV / MCEV)

Organic capital Generation	Incidental capital Generation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Impact increased operational result?</li><li>▪ Impact investment margins?</li><li>▪ Impact expected release of capital and risk margins?</li><li>▪ Impact upstreamed dividends from other activities?</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Impact B/S optimization activities</li><li>▪ Market developments?</li><li>▪ Refinement of assumptions and internal models?</li><li>▪ Impact M&amp;A activities?</li></ul>

# Example FCG reporting NN Group

## Solvency II movement FY18



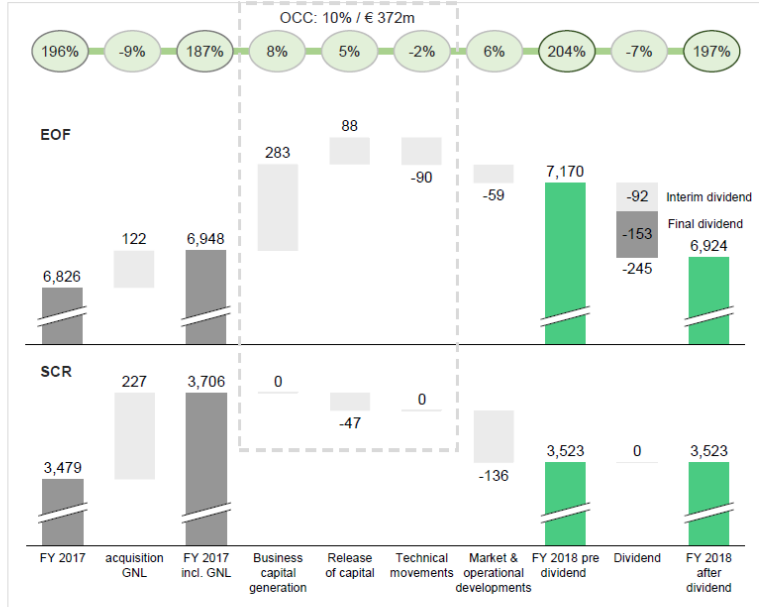
- Solvency II ratio increased to 230% driven by operating capital generation and market variance, partly offset by capital flows
- Operating capital generation of EUR 1.4bn in 2018 from Solvency II entities, Japan Life, Asset Management and pension funds, and includes holding expenses
- Market variance contributed positively to the ratio mainly reflecting the favourable impact from movements in credit spreads
- Capital flows reflect the 2018 interim and final dividends and the termination of the warrant agreement
- 1 January 2019 pro forma capital ratio of NN Life following legal merger with Delta Lloyd Life of 231%<sup>4</sup>

Source: NN Group analyst presentation FY18 results



# Example FCG reporting a.s.r.

## Solvency II ratio movements in 2018



\* Excluding a.s.r. bank and a.s.r. vermogensbeheer

- Strong organic capital creation of 10% pts SII (€ 372m)
- Impact of the acquisition of Generali Nederland represents the adjustment after legal merger and includes among other things the acquisition price and capital synergies (-9% points)
- Solvency II-ratio up, to 204% pre dividend and 197% after proposed dividend

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Source: NN Group analyst presentation FY18 results

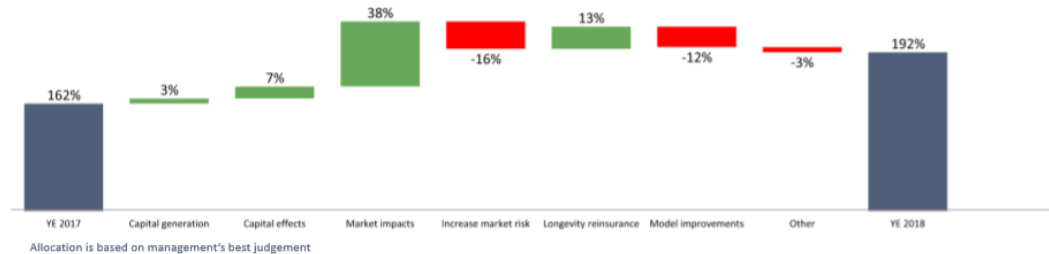


# Example FCG reporting VIVAT

## VIVAT's Solvency II ratio increased due to longevity reinsurance, RT1 issuance and increase in the VA, partly offset by impact of re-risking

- > VIVAT's Solvency II ratio increased from 162% at YE17 to 192% at the end of 2018
- > Market impacts, mainly due to the increase in the VA from 4 to 24 bps, had a positive impact of 38 %-points on the Solvency II ratio
- > Capital effects, which include the issuance of EUR 300 million RT1 notes partly offset by coupon payments on subordinated debt contributed 7 %-points
- > The longevity reinsurance transaction had a positive impact of about 13 %-points on the Solvency II ratio
- > These positive effects were offset by an increase in market risk, largely driven by re-risking of the investment portfolio, with a negative impact of 16 %-points and model improvements (-/-12 %-points)
- > VIVAT's organic capital generation in 2018 is still limited mainly as a result of the UFR-drag and the low expected asset returns caused by a low exposure to market risks. The result of re-risking activities in 2018 has not yet been fully realised in the figures. Together with further re-risking activities, capital generation is expected to improve going forward

Change in Solvency II ratio in 2018



# Outcomes Dutch insurers 2017-2018

€ bln	NN		AEGON		ASR		ACHMEA		VIVAT	
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018
<b>S2 ratio</b>	199%	230%	201%	211%	196%	197%	184%	198%	162%	192%
SCR growth (%)	41,6%	-5,9%	-32,2%	6,4%	4,2%	1,3%	-1,5%	-1,3%	-5,6%	3,7%
LACDT/Pre-tax SCR (%)	20%	18%	13%	14%	18%	15%	11%	14%	0%	0%
<b>IFRS net income</b>	2,1	1,1	2,4	0,7	0,9	0,7	0,2	0,3	-0,1	-0,3
<b>(1) Change Free Surplus</b>	1,1	3,2	2,5	1,9	0,8	0,5	0,1	0,6	-0,4	0,8
Capital flows	0,6	0,7	0,4	0,5	0,2	0,2	0,3		-	-0,2
<b>(2) Cap Gen</b>	0,5	2,5	2,1	1,4	0,6	0,3	0,4		-0,4	0,5
Market impacts / One-offs	0,9	-1,0	-1,1	-0,0	-0,2	0,1	-0,3		0,5	-0,4
<b>(3) Organic Cap Gen</b>	1,4	1,5	0,9	1,4	0,4	0,4	0,1	n.a.	0,1	0,1
<b>(4) Divs + Coupons + SBB</b>	0,6	0,7	0,4	0,5	0,5	0,2	0,3		-	-
<b>Ratio (4) / (3)</b>	0,43x	0,47x	0,42x	0,36x	1,29x	0,66x	3,09x		no div	no div

Source: company disclosures and Triple A analysis

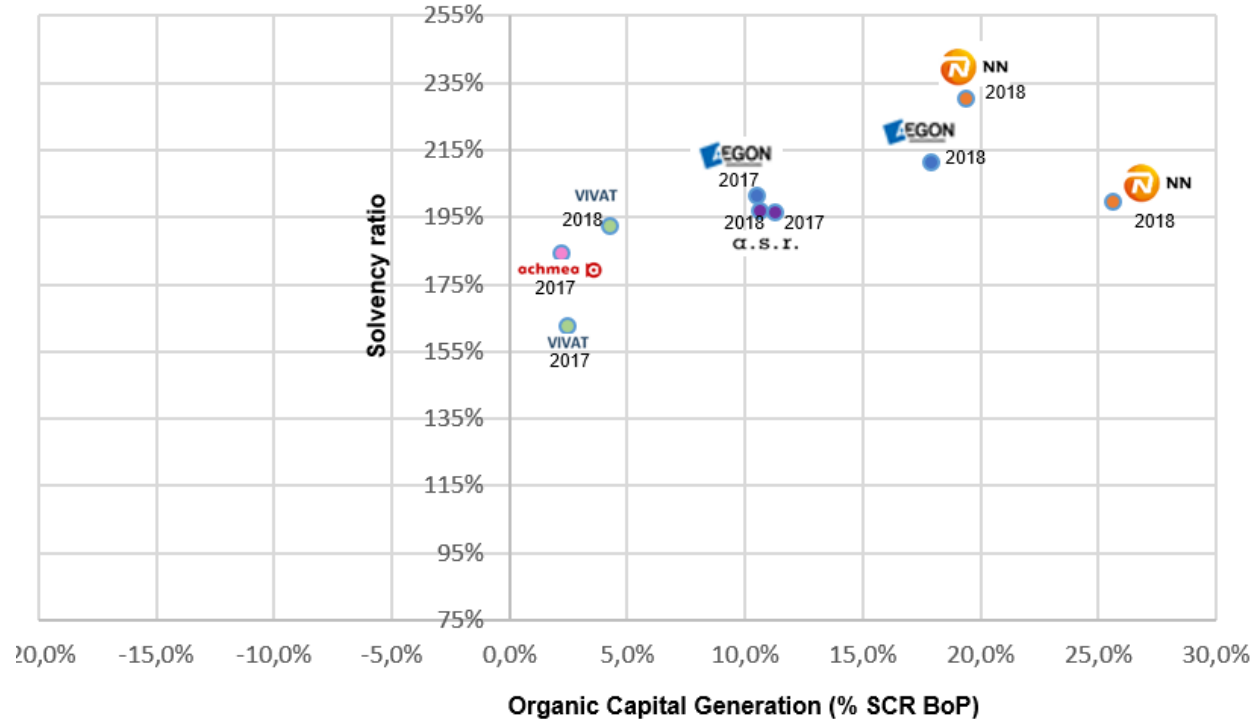




# Organic Capital generation 2017-2018

## Large Dutch insurance groups

### Organic Capital Generation



Source: company disclosures and Triple A analysis



# Actual Capital generation 2017-2018

Selection of Dutch insurance entities

- Overview of outcomes of Capital Generation Dutch market
- Years: 2017 and 2018
- Life, Non-Life and Health
- Based on Power BI



# Are we in control of FCG?

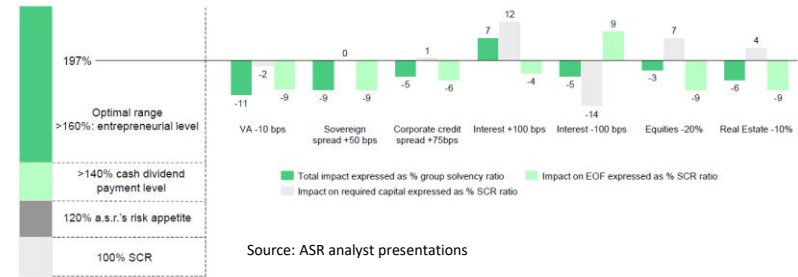
- Risks and sensitivities disclosed through single stress tests

?? Sufficiently clear for investors??

?? Sufficient understanding of how FCG itself responds to sensitivities ??

## a.s.r. example

### Sensitivities Solvency II ratio



## AEGON example

### Solvency II sensitivities

(in percentage points, 1H 2019)

Scenario	Group	NL	UK	US	
Equity markets	+25%	+13%	+4%	-4%	+35%
Equity markets	-25%	-14%	-8%	-3%	-25%
Interest rates	+50 bps	+6%	+6%	+2%	+7%
Interest rates	-50 bps	-8%	-4%	-1%	-13%
Credit spreads <sup>1</sup>	+50 bps	+5%	+11%	+5%	+4%
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Government spreads	+50 bps	-4%	-7%	-5%	+0%
Government spreads	-50 bps	+6%	+13%	+5%	+0%
US credit defaults <sup>2</sup>	-200 bps	-21%	n/a	n/a	-41%
Mortgage spreads	+50 bps	-5%	-13%	n/a	n/a
Mortgage spreads	-50 bps	+5%	+13%	n/a	n/a
EIOPA VA	+5 bps	+3%	+8%	n/a	n/a
EIOPA VA	-5 bps	-3%	-8%	n/a	n/a
Ultimate Forward Rate	-15 bps	-2%	-4%	n/a	n/a
Longevity <sup>2</sup>	+5%	-7%	-12%	-3%	-3%

Source: AEGON analyst presentations



# What happened during the first half of 2019?

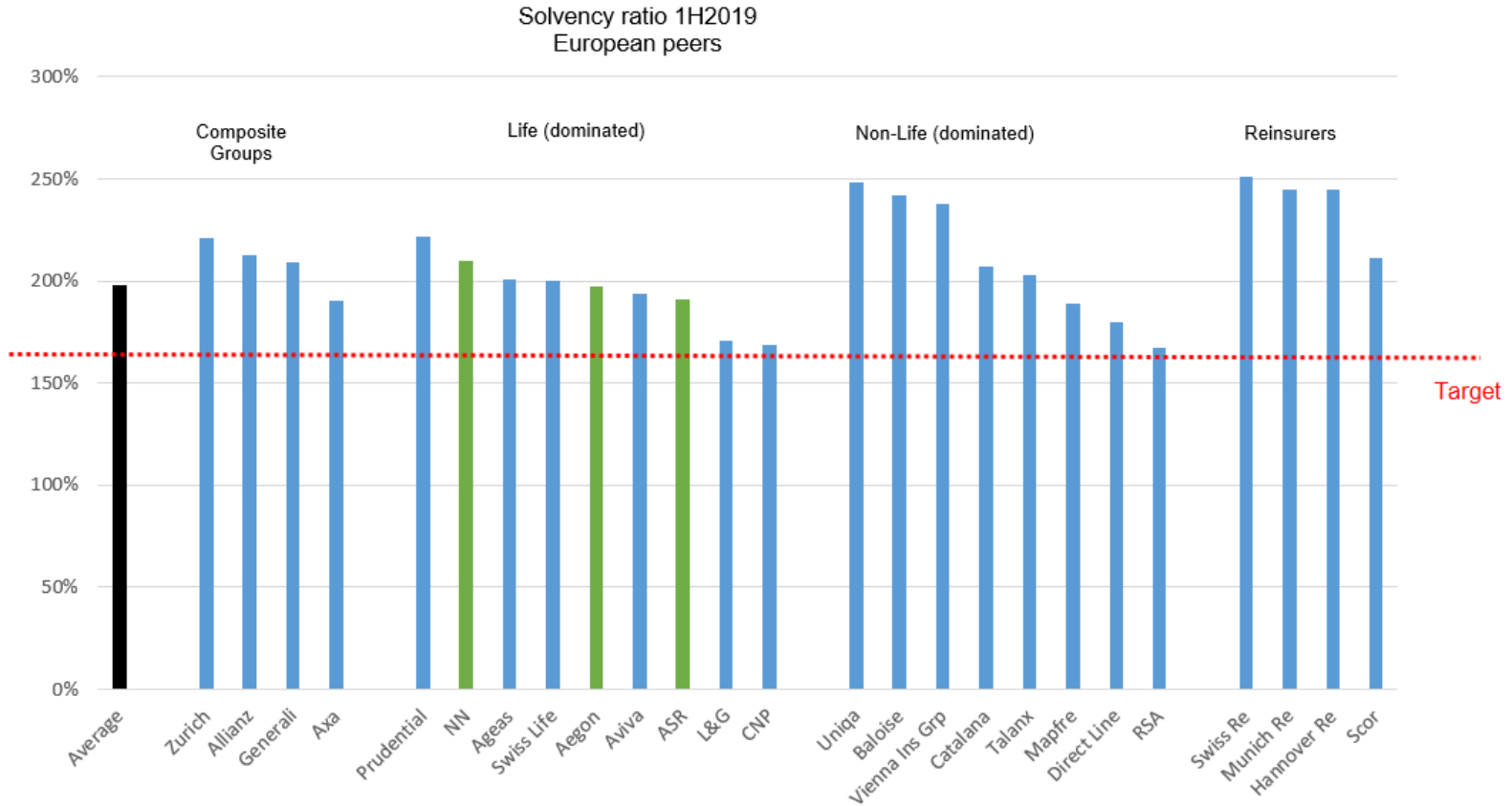
**European Central Bank cuts its deposit rate, launches new bond-buying program**



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# Overall solvency level still solid...

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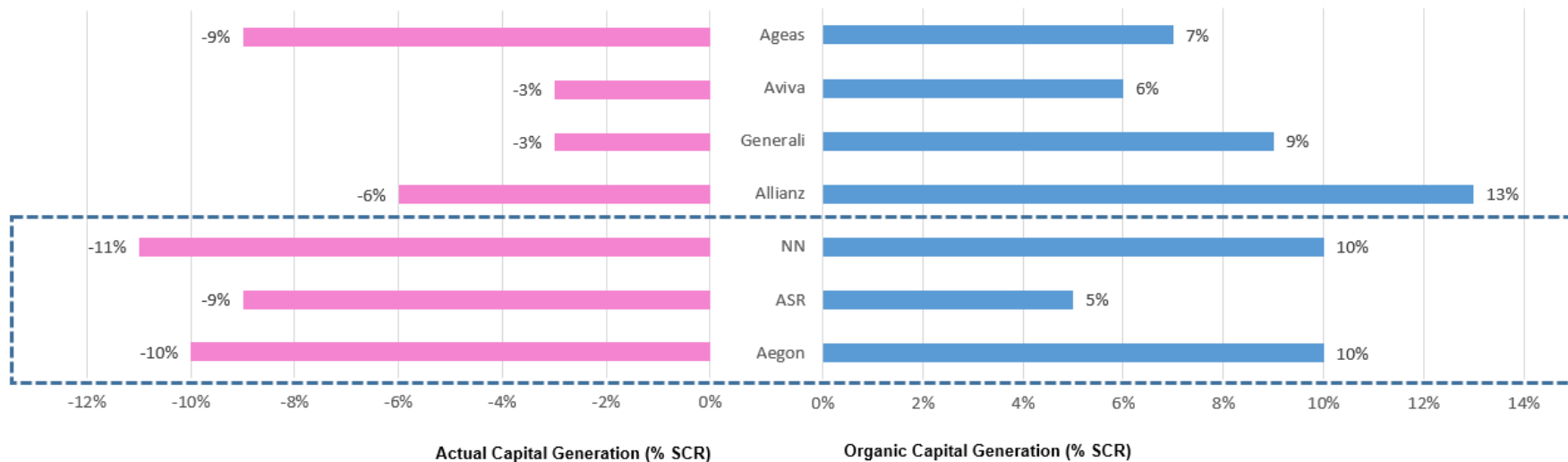
# ... but extremely volatile

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### Capital Generation 1H2019

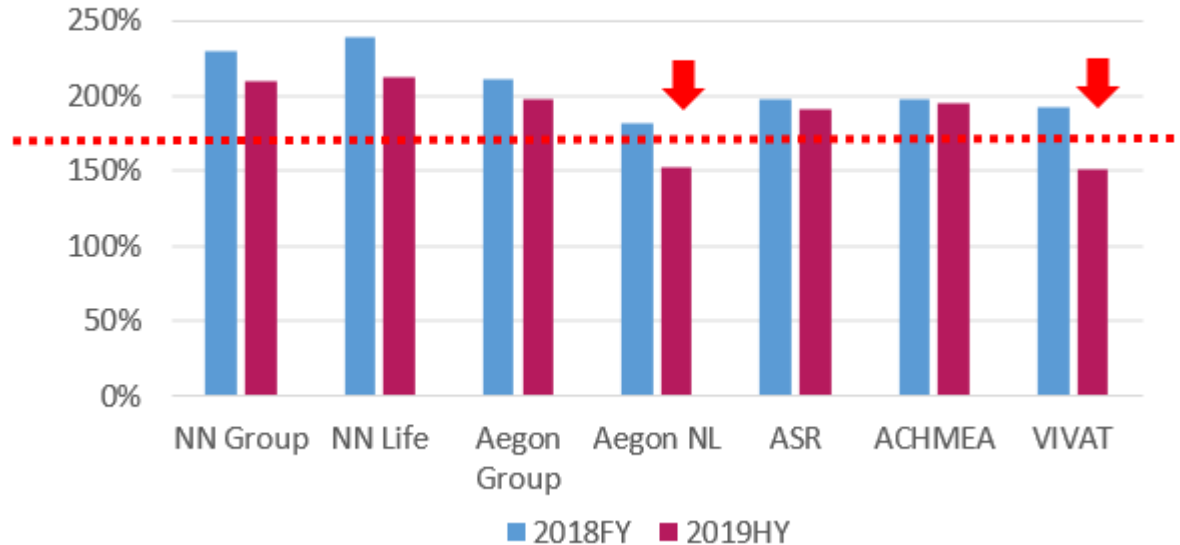
European peers



... and even solvency pressure based on "market" standards

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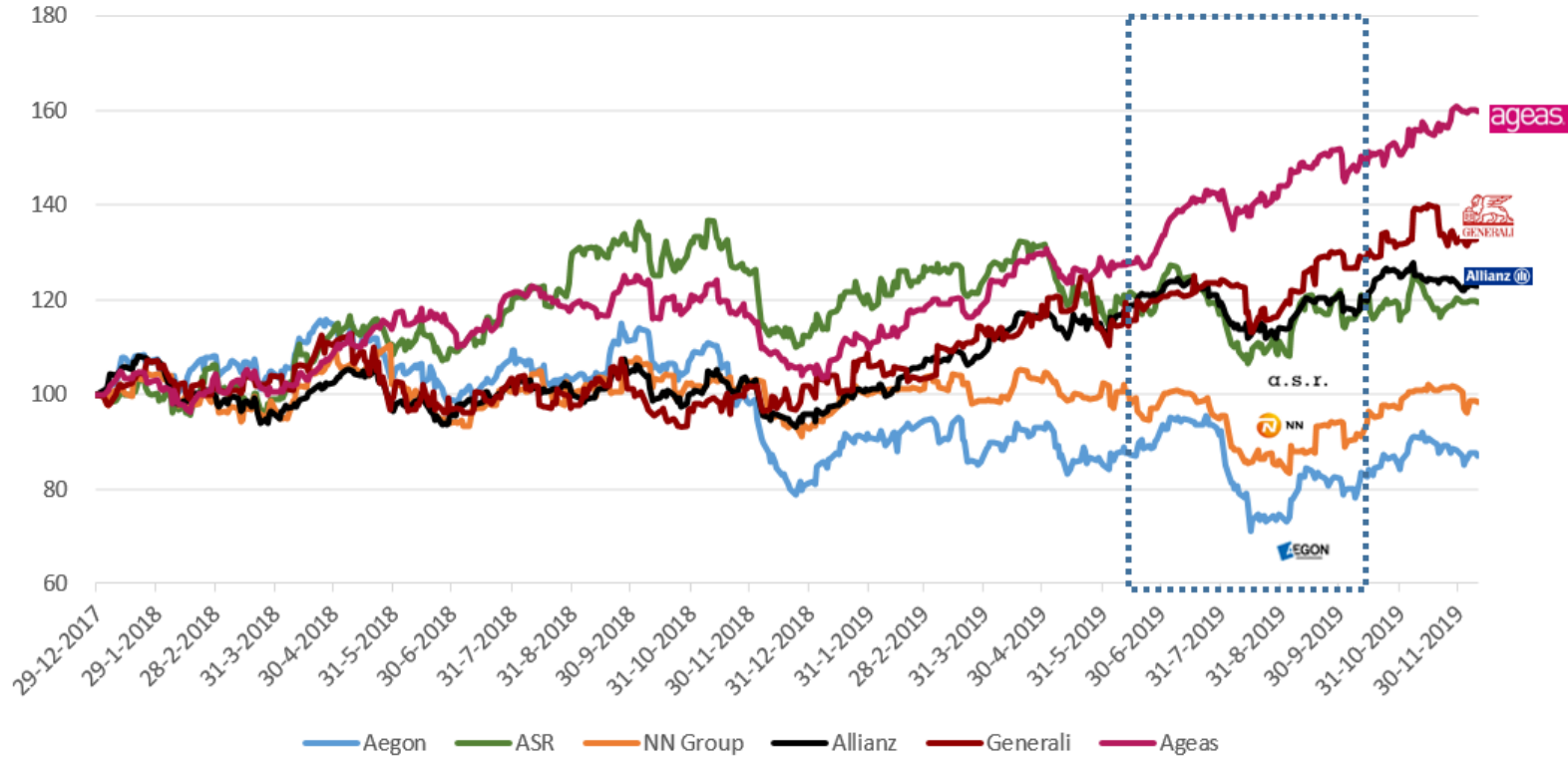
Solvency ratio FY18 - HY19  
Dutch insurance groups



# ... and Dutch insurers heavily punished

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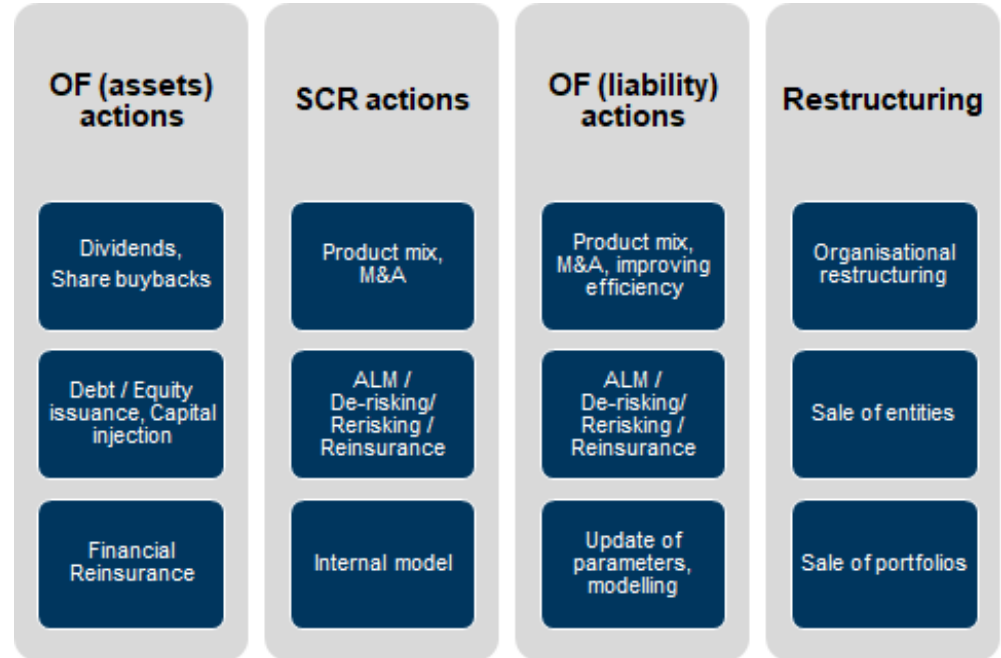
## Stock price development European insurers





# Management and improvement of FCG

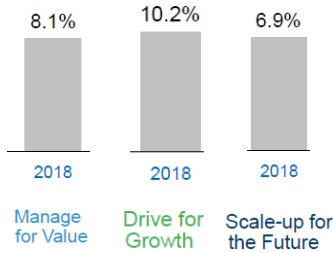
- Distinct categories of business
- Focused strategy per category
- Actively manage portfolios
- Develop effective risk & capital management practices



# Aegon example (1)

## Profitability targets (IFRS)

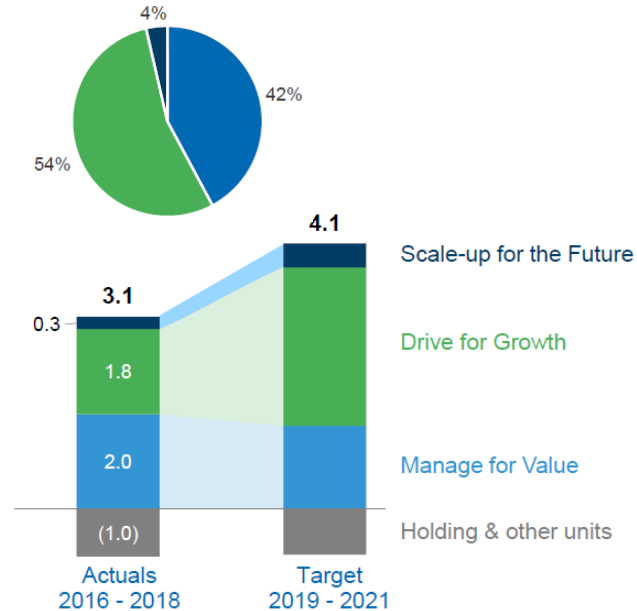
Return on capital  
(in %)



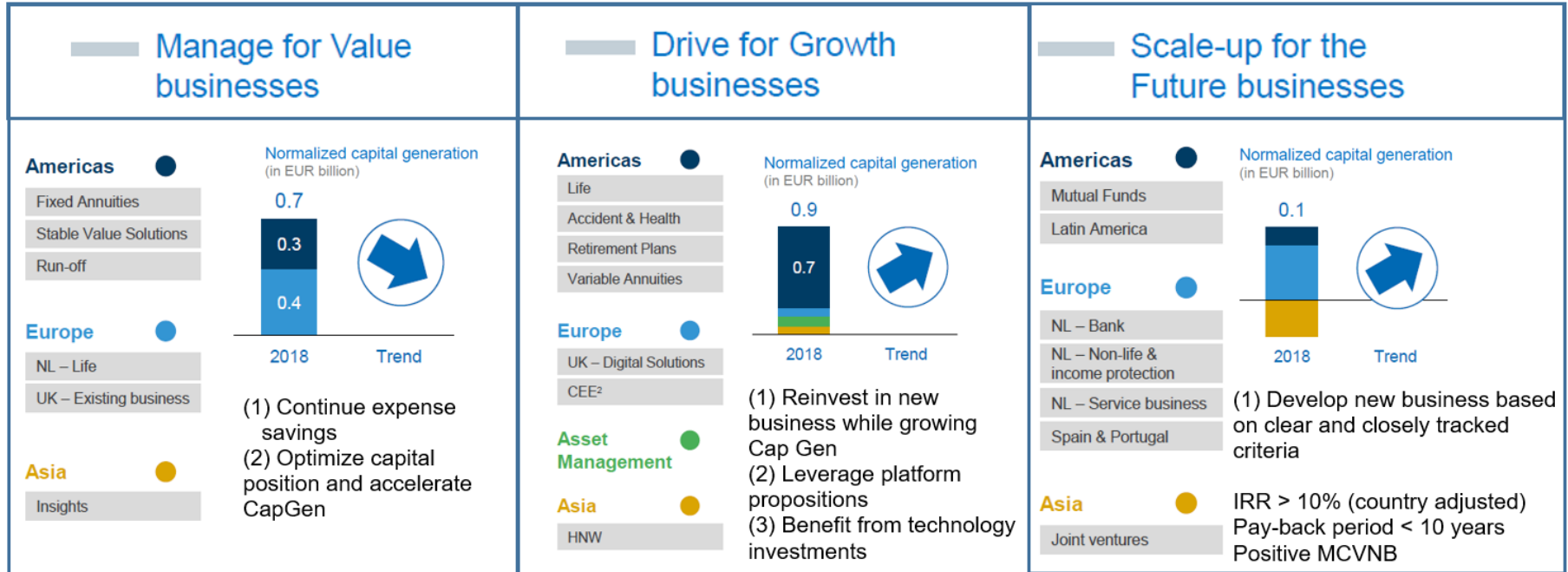
- Manage both FCG and profitability
- Focused strategy per category of business

## Future Cap Gen targets

Normalized capital generation  
(in EUR billion)



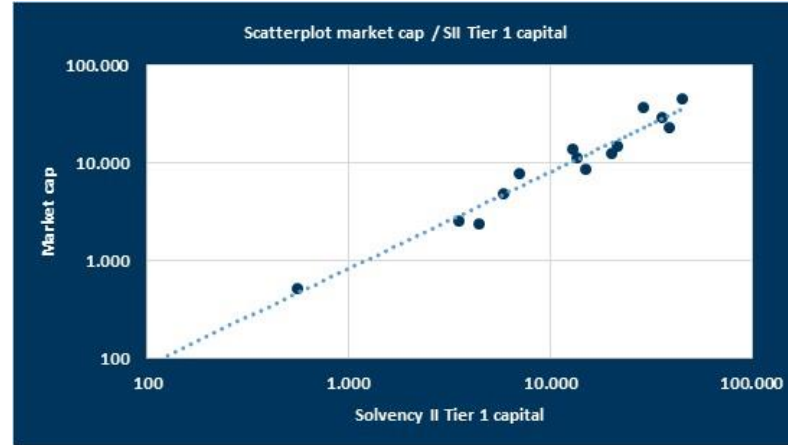
# Aegon example (2)



# Market multiple analysis (1)

How are life companies valued by investors?

- Market cap strongly related to Solvency II Tier 1 capital.
- We determine the multiples derived from the market capitalization as % from Solvency II Tier 1 capital (unrestricted and restricted) as per FY 2018 and HY 2019.
- Based on an additional high-level analysis we further substantiate observed market multiples.

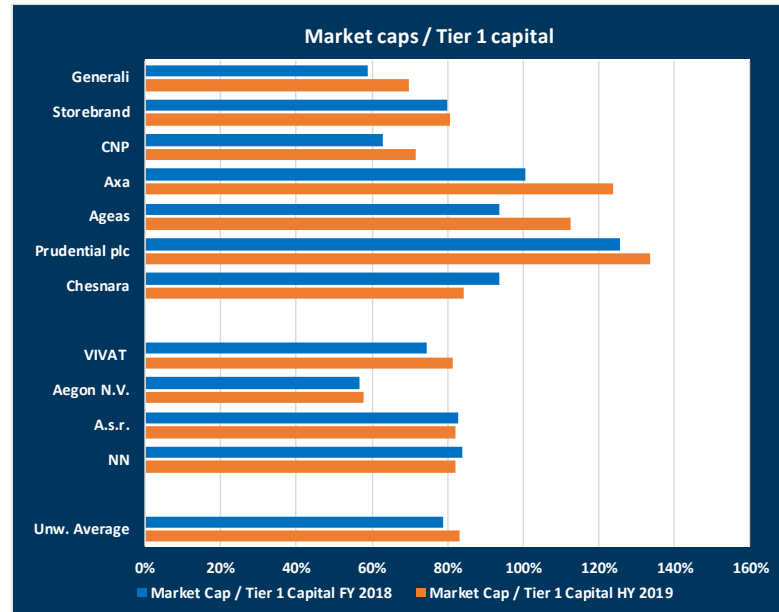


Source: Triple A analysis

# Market multiple analysis (2)

Market cap lies on average around 80% of Solvency II Tier 1 capital

- Graph shows multiples derived from the market capitalization as % from Solvency II Tier 1 capital (unrestricted and restricted) as per end FY 2018 and HY 2019.
- Market capitalization per listed insurer depends sentiment on the stock market and could be under- or overvalued.
- Outcomes show large variations among the different insurers, probably also related to underlying differences in type of business, capital structure and accounting treatment.
- We observe that the market multiple on average lies around 80%, with some notable outliers (e.g. Aegon, Axa, Prudential)



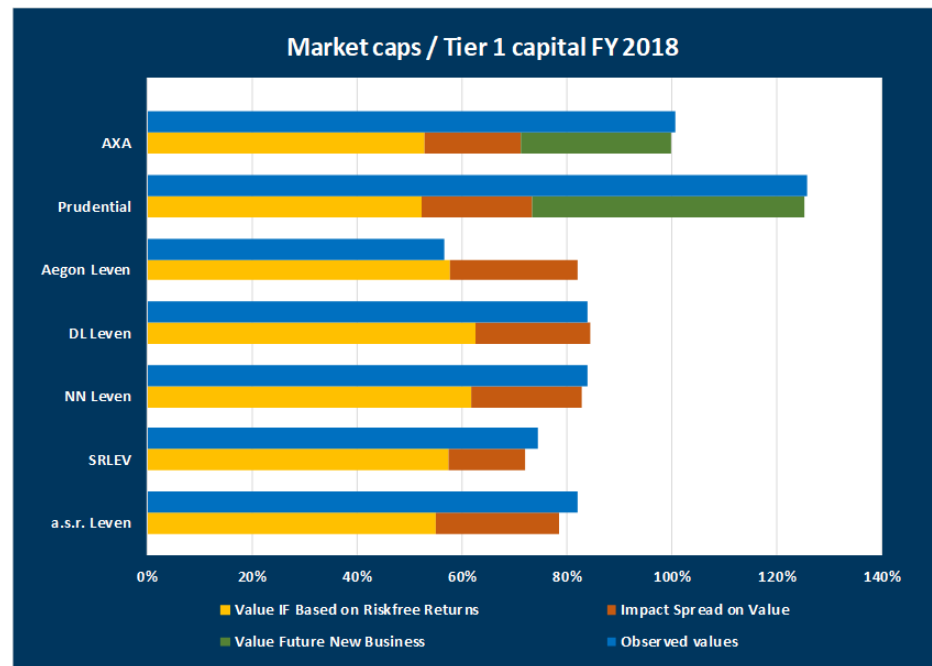
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# Market multiple analysis (3)

Ability to generate positive investment margins and write profitable new business  
boost company valuation

- Underlying differences in market cap are predicted quite well by breakdown in the following components:
  1. **Value IF based on Risk Free Returns:** value of expected release of Own Funds plus risk margin over time
  2. **Impact Investment margins:** value of excess spread over the risk free rate on own risk assets based on the asset mix
  3. **Value Future New Business:** The different multiples observed for the global insurance companies in our sample can be explained by the value of future new business: in the Dutch market VNBs are close to zero, whilst for some global life insurers this is not the case.

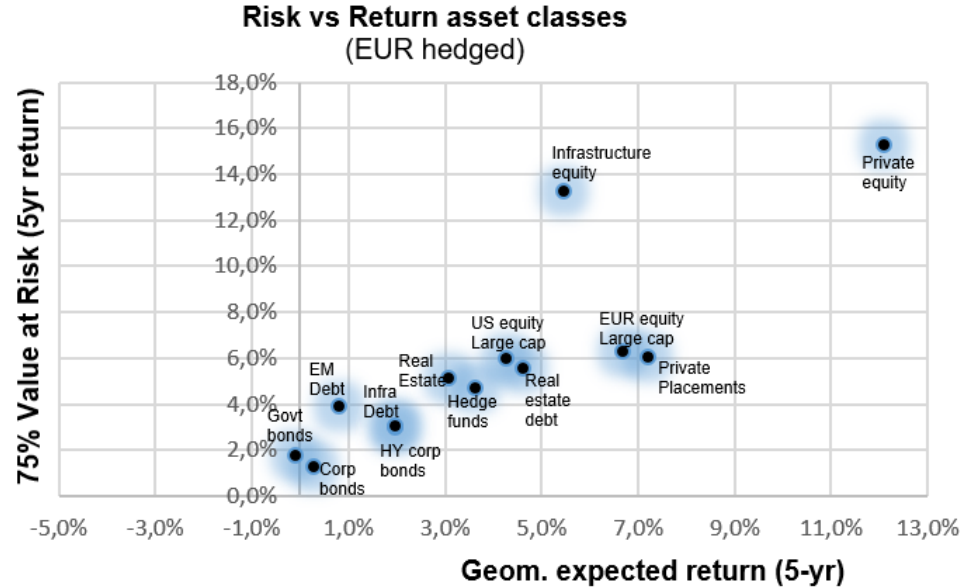


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# Strong business case to improve FCG through ALM ...

- Extremely high amounts of capital tied in the business of life insurers
- Capital generation under great pressure and limited ways to accelerate capital generation
- Strong focus on improving investment margins and FCG through rerisking and ALM



Source: BlackRock Capital Market Assumptions (<https://www.blackrock.com>)

# ... it is already happening in NL on large scale

## Interest rates

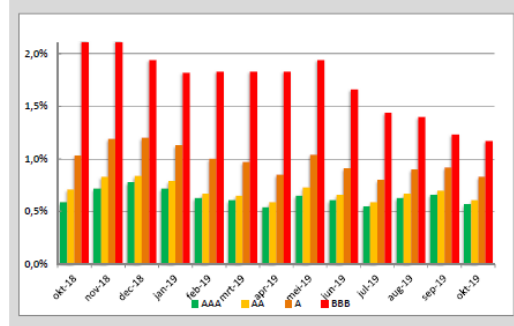
Figuur 3 De Nederlandse rentes bevinden zich op historisch lage niveaus



Toelichting: De nominale lange rente is de gemiddelde 10-jaarsrente op Nederlandse staatsobligaties. De reële lange rente is de nominale lange rente gecorrigeerd voor de inflatie (op basis van gemiddelde consumentenpretprijzen per jaar).

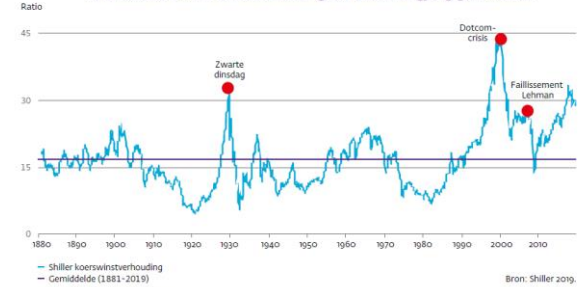
## Credit markets

Corporate Credit Spread



## Equity markets

Amerikaanse koers-winstverhouding ver boven langjarig gemiddelde

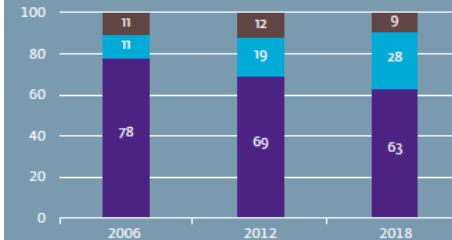


Toelichting: De koers-winstverhouding is gebaseerd op de gemiddelde winst over de afgelopen 10 jaar.

## Aanwijzingen voor search for yield

In procenten

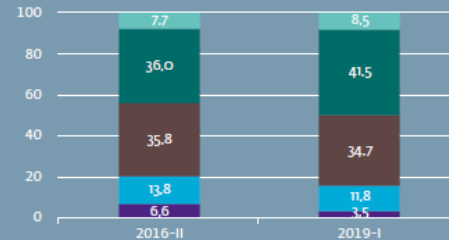
Nieuwe productie hypotheek in Nederland



■ Banken  
■ Verzekeraars en pensioenfondsen  
■ Overige aanbieders

Bron: IG&H.

Kredietkwaliteit bedrijfsobligaties Nederlandse levensverzekeraars



■ AAA ■ BBB  
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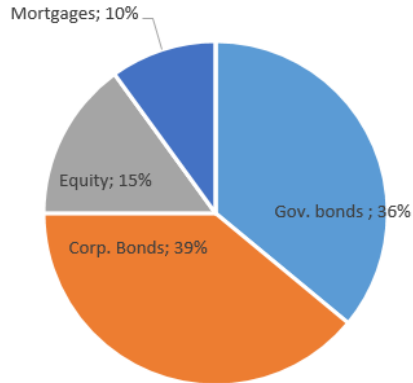
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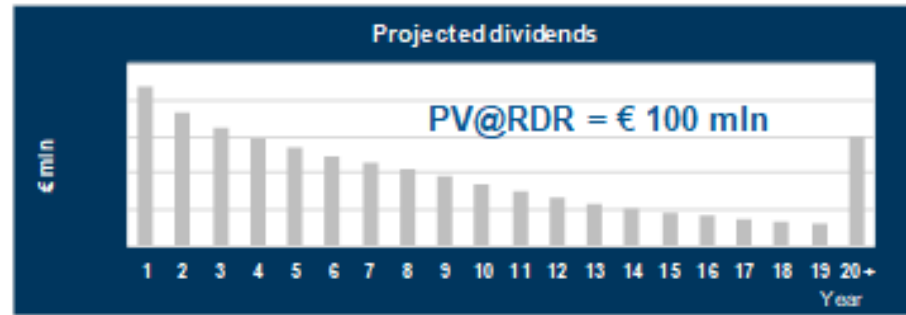
# Case study rerisking Dutch life insurer (1)

- Case study: Dutch life company with limited new business
- Around 50% of traditional spread business and around 50% UL/Savings mortgages
- Derived company valuation based on PV of future dividends assuming target capital of 165% of SCR

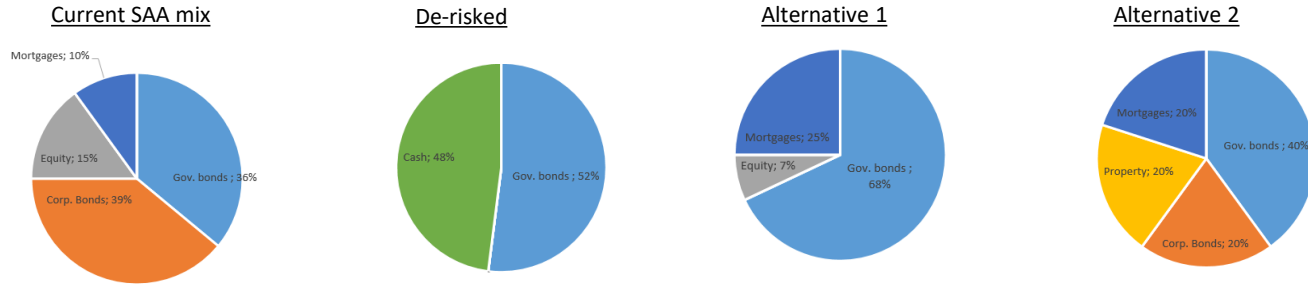
## Current SAA mix



## PV of future Dividends ( or PV of future Net Capital generated at 165% target)



# Case study rerisking Dutch life insurer (2)



Asset class	Spread
Gov. bonds	0,1%
Corp. Bonds	0,7%
Equity	4,0%
Property	4,0%
Mortgages	1,4%
Cash	0,0%

	SAA current	De-risked	Alt 1 Rerisking using mortgages	Alt 2 Rerisking optimized
(1) Investment margins	20	0	21	31
(2) Release of capital	51	58	55	53
(3) Release of risk margin	30	30	30	30
<b>PV future dividends (=1+2+3)</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>114</b>
<b>Free capital at time 0</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>19</b>

Note: future dividends modelled as future Net Capital Generation using target required capital of 165% $\times$ SCR

- Significant improvement of FCG but ... take care of “Prudent Person Principle”

# Conclusion

- FCG is a highly relevant framework for investors and other stakeholders
- It will be the leading guide for development of strategy and performance evaluation at European and Dutch insurers
- It is of great importance to gain sufficient insight into how it works and manage the pitfalls





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