# Varma's Interim Report 1 January—31 March 2020



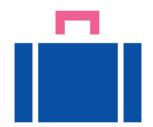
## Return and solvency development

	Q1/2020	12 months	
Investment return (MWR)	-10.0%	-4.1%	
	Q1/2020	Q4/2019	Q1/2019
Solvency capital (€ mill.)	7,870	11,646	10,616
Solvency capital / solvency limit	1.6	1.8	1.7
Solvency ratio (%)	121.6	130.8	129.4
Investments at fair value (€ mill.)	43,597	48,709	45,796





# **Key figures**



Market value of investments, €

43.6 bn



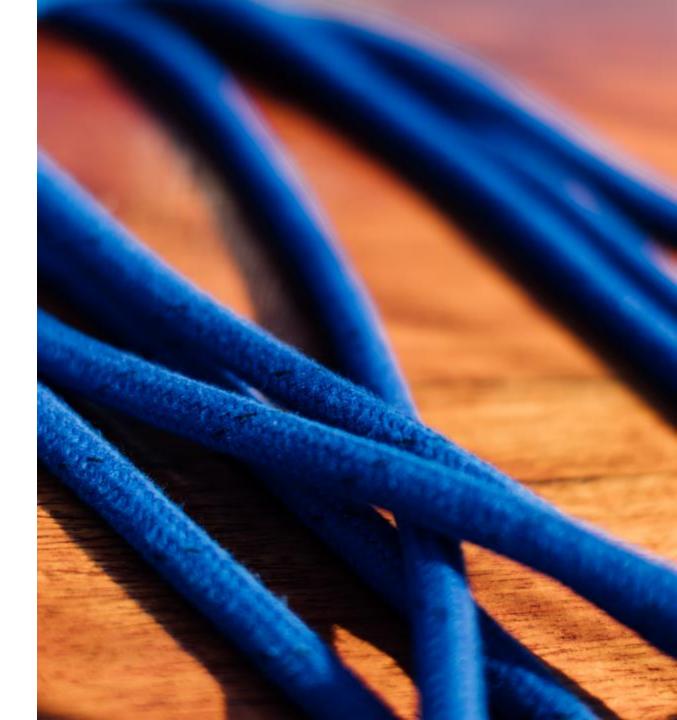
Solvency capital, €

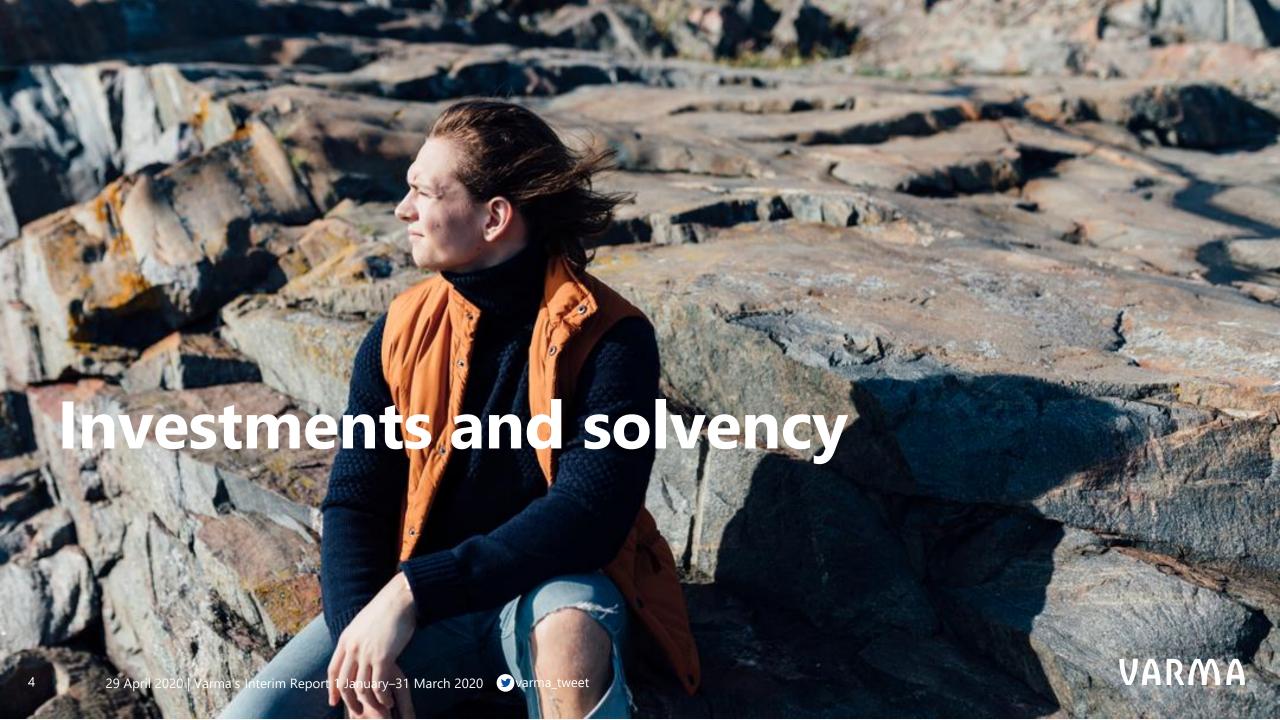
7.9 bn



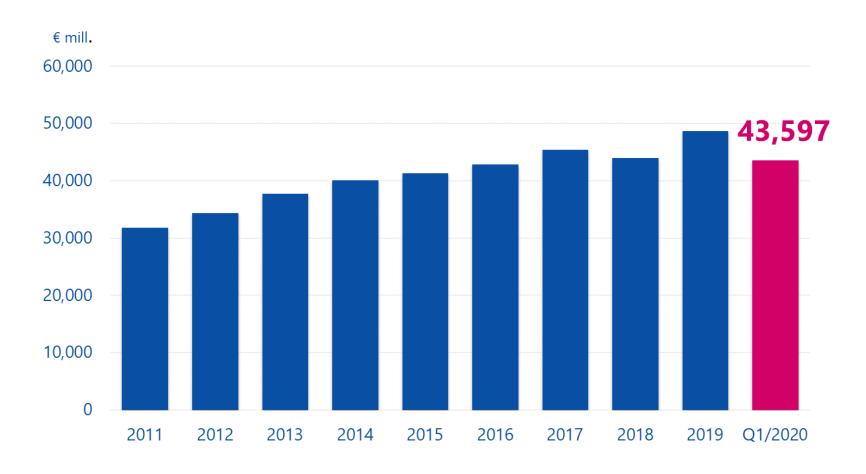
Return on investments

-10.0%



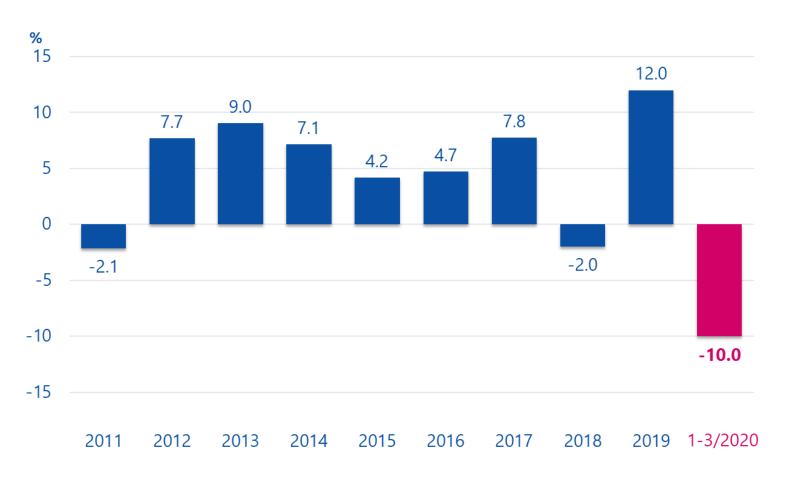


#### Market value of investments EUR 43.6 bn





#### Return on investments 2011–Q1/2020

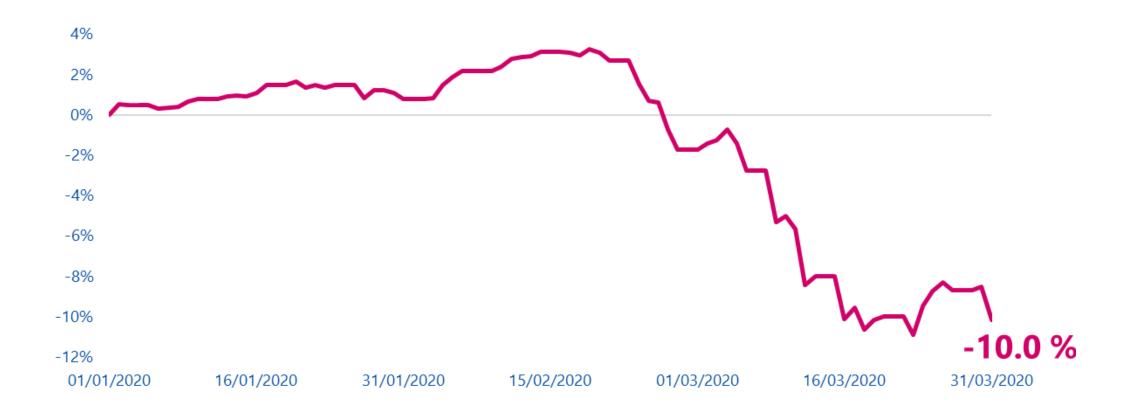


In March, the equity markets fell rapidly as the coronavirus pandemic expanded into a global crisis. By reducing equity weights, Varma lowered its risk level to secure solvency in all conditions.

The average nominal return on investments over ten years is approx. 4.3%, calculated in accordance with the recommendations issued by TELA. In 1-3/2019 return on investment was 5.1%.



#### Varma's investments in the first quarter of 2020





## Return development since 2010: cumulative return 58.7%, i.e. €17.3 bn





## Investments classified according to risk

	31 Mar Market		31 Mar Market		31 Dec Market		Change from 1 Jan 2020	1-3/2020 Return	1-3/2019 Return	1-12/2019 Return	24 m
	<b>Market Value</b>	Risk position	<b>Market Value</b>	Risk position	<b>Market Value</b>	Risk position	Risk position	MWR	MWR MWR	MWR V	Vola-
	€ mill. %	€ mill. %	€ mill. %	€ mill. %	€ mill. %	€ mill. %	€ mill. %	%	%	%	tility
Fixed-income investments <sup>1</sup>	12,874 30	13,164 30	13,330 29	10,756 23	12,957 27	13,052 27	112 0	-3.6	1.9	4.5	
Loan receivables	2,299 5	2,299 5	1,890 4	1,890 4	2,315 5	2,315 5	-16 0	0.9	1.1	4.0	
Bonds	7,562 17	8,053 18	10,321 23	9,134 20	9,563 20	10,693 22	-2,640 -6	-5.4	2.1	5.1	5.2
Public bonds	2,872 7	3,464 8	3,910 9	2,723 6	3,577 7	4,707 10	-1,243 -3	-0.6	1.1	2.6	
Other bonds	4,691 11	4,589 11	6,411 14	6,411 14	5,986 12	5,986 12	-1,397 -3	-8.3	2.8	6.6	
Other money-market instruments and deposits	3,012 7	2,812 6	1,118 2	-268 -1	1,079 2	44 0	2,768 6	0.2	1.2	0.4	
Equity investments	17,410 40	17,501 40	19,801 43	19,868 43	22,486 46	22,457 46	-4,956 -11	-14.6	10.0	22.8	
Listed equities	11,566 27	11,657 27	15,225 33	15,292 33	17,252 35	17,223 35	-5,567 -13	-21.1	13.1	25.4	17.9
Private equity	5,550 13	5,550 13	4,329 9	4,329 9	4,945 10	4,945 10	605 1	5.6	1.0	15.1	
Unlisted equities	294 1	294 1	247 1	247 1	289 1	289 1	5 0	1.6	-1.8	16.9	
Real estate investments	4,611 11	4,611 11	3,946 9	3,946 9	4,413 9	4,413 9	198 0	1.3	0.7	4.1	
Direct real estates	2,808 6	2,808 6	2,939 6	2,939 6	2,792 6	2,792 6	16 0	1.1	0.9	3.9	
Real estate funds	1,804 4	1,804 4	1,007 2	1,007 2	1,622 3	1,622 3	182 0	1.5	0.1	4.7	
Other investments	8,702 20	8,705 20	8,720 19	10,043 22	8,853 18	9,548 20	-843 -2	-13.9	1.9	4.5	
Hedge funds	8,741 20	8,741 20	8,725 19	8,725 19	8,857 18	8,857 18	-117 0	-12.7	2.0	5.0	9.4
Commodities	0 0	3 0	-3 0	-17 0			3 0				
Other investments	-38 0	-38 0	-2 0	1,335 3	-5 0	691 1	-729 -2				
Total investments	43,597 100	43,982 101	45,796 100	44,613 97	48,709 100	49,471 102	-5,489 -13	-10.0	5.1	12.0	8.2
Impact of derivatives		-385 -1		1,183 3		-762 -2	377 1				
Investment allocation at fair value	43,597 100	43,597 100	45,796 100	45,796 100	48,709 100	48,709 100	-5,112 -12				

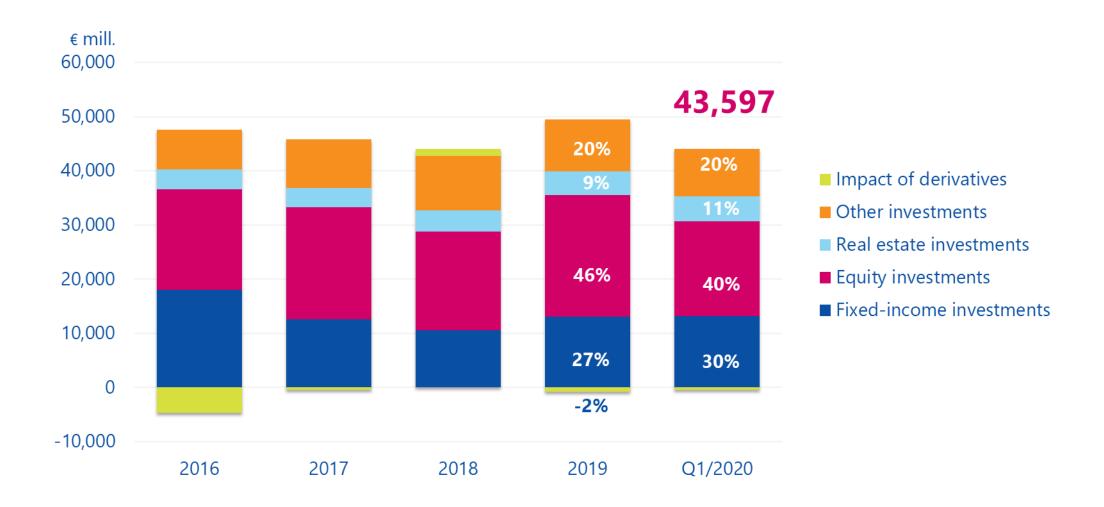
The modified duration for all the bonds is 4.4.



The open currency position is 21.4% of the market value of the investments.

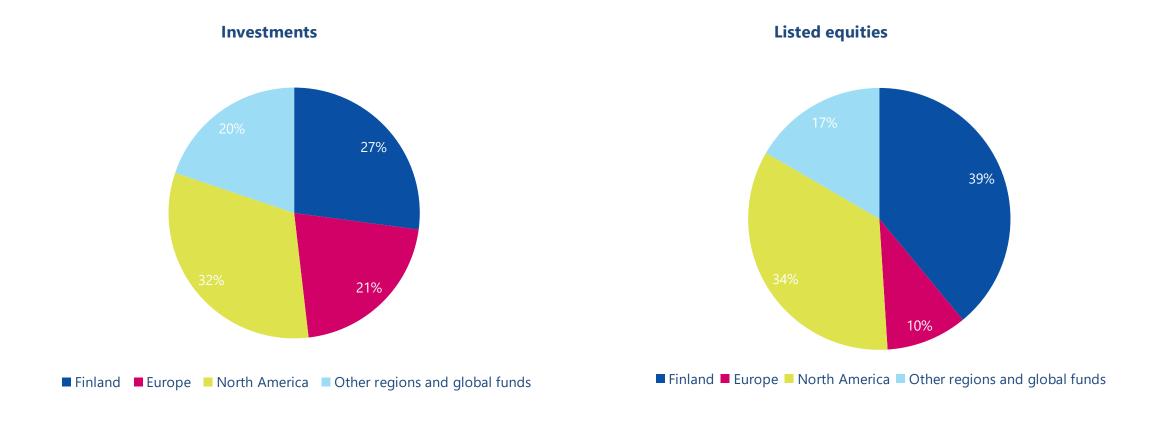
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Includes accrued interest

#### **Distribution of Varma's investments**



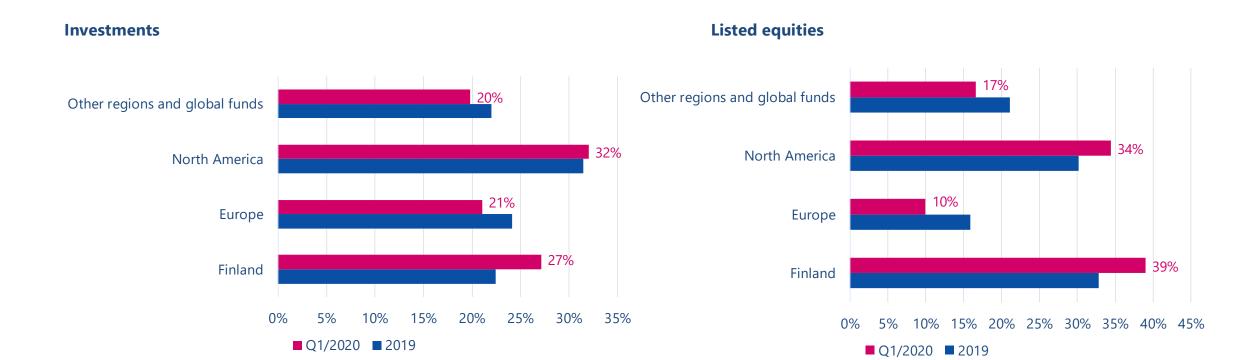


### Geographical distribution of investments





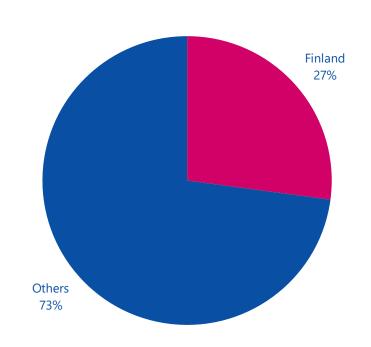
#### **Geographical changes in investments**



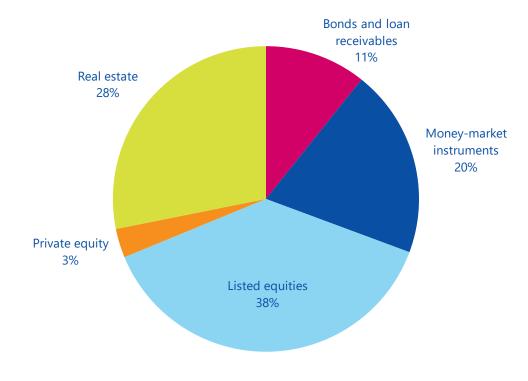


#### **Investments in Finland 27%, €11.9 billion**

#### **Investments in Finland**



#### **Distribution of Finnish investments**





#### Investment returns for Varma and the markets

		Finnish	European		Euro government	Euro corporate
%	Varma	equities	equities	<b>US</b> equities	bonds	bonds
3/2020	-10.0	-19.1	-22.6	-19.6	0.4	-6.2
2019	12.0	20.4	26.8	31.5	6.7	6.3
2018	-2.0	-3.9	-10.8	-4.4	1.0	-1.3
Average nominal return						
5 years	2.0	3.0	-1.5	6.7	1.7	0.7
10 years	4.3	7.1	4.9	10.5	4.1	3.1
Since 1999 *	5.0	7.4	3.3	5.6	4.4	3.8
Average real return						
5 years	1.3	2.3	-2.2	6.0	1.1	0.0
10 years	3.0	5.8	3.6	9.2	2.8	1.9
Since 1999 *	3.4	5.8	1.8	4.0	2.9	2.3

<sup>\*</sup> Varma, as it is today, was founded in mid-1998, so comparison data earlier than 1999 is not available.

Finnish equities = OMX Helsinki Cap Index

Euro government bonds = IBOXX Eurozone EUR (Total Return)

European equities = Stoxx 600 Total Return Index EUR

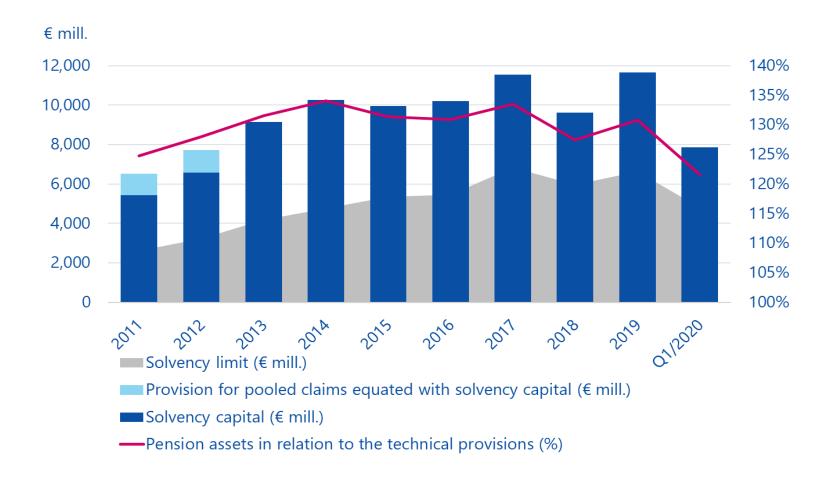
Euro corporate bonds = IBOXX Corporate Overall Performance Index EUR (Total Return)

US equities= S&P500 Total Return Index





#### Solvency remained at a good level



- Solvency capital amounted to EUR 7.9 billion.
- Solvency capital was at a secure level, i.e. at 1.6 times the solvency limit.
- Solvency ratio was 121.6%
- Solvency remained at a good level, and the risk buffers used to secure the pension system were effective.







Insured employees and entrepreneurs

533,000

**Pensioners** 

343,000

Pensions paid

€1.5 bn



#### **Current pension topics**

- New pension decisions totalled 6,005 (–4%) by the end of March.
- Partial early old-age pension continues to be popular – nearly the same amount of applicants as the previous year, 722 applications.
- The share of online pension applications was 56% (51%).
- The average time it took to process a pension application was 25 days, old-age pensions were processed faster, in an average of six days.
- The share of pension decisions making use of extensive automated systems increased by dozens of per cent.



#### Disability and rehabilitation applications

-3.0%
Disability pension applications

The number of disability pension applications declined slightly. A total of 3,351 applications were received.

**-3.1%** 

# Rehabilitation applications

The number of rehabilitation applications was 625.

77%
People returning to work

More than three quarters of those who receive a positive rehabilitation decision return to working life. The most common form of rehabilitation is a work trial carried out at one's own workplace.







#### **Coronavirus timeline**

#### Varma's measures to help client companies get through the toughest months.

Weeks of 24 February – 9 March

Week of 16 March

Week of 23 March

Week of 30 March

Week of 6 April



#### **Finnish** Gov't/ THL

26.2 HUS: First case of the COVID-19 coronavirus 3.3 THL: Change in the coronavirus situation 12.3: Events with more than 500 people prohibited

16.3: Finland declares state of emergency, enacts the Emergency Powers Act

17.3: Restrictions on border traffic begin, travel bans

18.3: Schools are closed 21.3: First COVID-19 death

27.3: Lockdown of the Uusimaa region begins

3.4: Restaurants shut down



16 April Uusimaa lockdown lifted

#### **Varma**

20.3: All Varma employees working from home

20.3 Varma allows flexibility in business rents to entrepreneurs facing special difficulties

20.3: Deferred payment of insurance contributions for TyEL and YEL customers

31.3: Varma freezes rent payments for 2 months for restaurant tenants 1.4: Terms of payment for pension loans to Varma's customers changed 8.4: Reduction of employers' contributions as of 1 May



#### Impacts of the coronavirus pandemic on Varma's customers



# Entrepreneurs and especially larger employers have applied for an extension to their payment terms

- It is possible to get a three-month deferral on the payment of earnings-related pension contributions, with no penalty interest charged.
- Eight per cent of Varma's TyEL insurance customers and 14 per cent of YEL insurance customers are making use of the payment period flexibility.
- The applications for an extended term of payment highlight companies operating in the Uusimaa region and the hotel and restaurant industry, employment services as well as speciality shops.
- Large employers are making use of the deferred payment period to a relatively greater extent than small employer companies.



## High number of changes to YEL confirmed income made by entrepreneurs

- In March 2020, there was double the amount of changes to confirmed income compared to March of last year.
- Of the changes made to confirmed income since the beginning of March, approximately 60% were reductions and 40% were increases.
- By changing their confirmed income, entrepreneurs sought flexibility in light of changes in their work situation due to the coronavirus crisis.
- The confirmed income set by the entrepreneur is used as the basis for calculating pension and social security benefits as well as YEL contributions.



#### Impact of the coronavirus on insurance matters

- In March and April, customers contacted Varma's insurance services two to three times more than normal.
- There have been thousands of customer enquiries a day.
- The enquiries have concerned especially the possibility for entrepreneurs and employers to apply for an extended term of payment in their TyEL and YEL insurance contribution invoices.
   Customers can apply for an extended term of payment in Varma's eServices, with no queuing.





#### **Working for future generations**

Our sustainable operations and strong solvency secure present and future pensions.

Mitigating climate change

**Ethical business and open communication** 

Promoting workability and a good working life

Responsibility for Varma employees



Residential apartment buildings forgo district heating – geothermal heating among one of the options

Varma will switch to using heat pumps as the heating source for a large part of the properties in its housing stock.

Heat pumps and solar panels will be installed in 36 apartment buildings, which means the emissions from Varma's total housing stock will decrease by approx. 48% by 2023. In some apartment buildings geothermal heating will entirely replace district heating.

**Climate goal:** fossil-free heating and electricity in properties by 2030 and 2025, respectively.





## **Current issues**

- The decline in the investment markets is so far not exceptional in terms of how low it fell.
- The restrictions and economic uncertainty that followed the coronavirus epidemic have been a bigger crisis in people's day-to-day lives and the real economy than in the financial markets. The decline in the real economy this year will be profound.
- In terms of economic recovery, the main factor will be how fast governments can lift the restrictions.
- Central banks' stimulus measures have been rapid and massive, which has slowed the expansion of the economic crisis into a financial crisis.

