

# **Key figures**



Return on investments

8.8 %



Market value of investments, €

47.4 bn

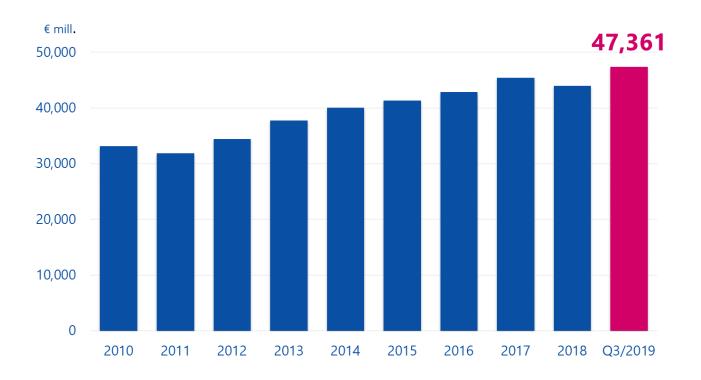


Solvency capital, €

11.3 bn

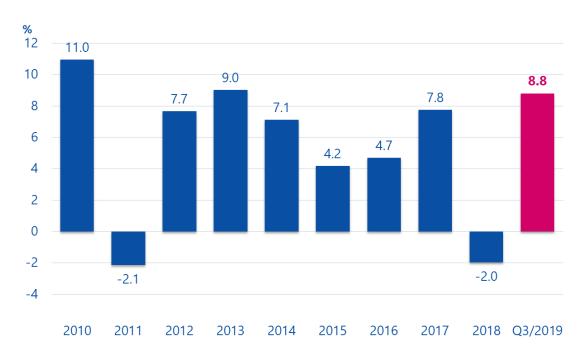


# Value of investments grew to €47.4 billion





## Investment returns 2010-9/2019



The average nominal return on investments over ten years is approx. 5.8%, calculated in accordance with the recommendations issued by TELA. In 1-9/2018 return on investment was 3.5%.

It has been a strong year on the investment markets. From the perspective of a pension investor, the past ten years have been an exceptionally long period of upward momentum, which has substantially increased the pension assets of Finns.

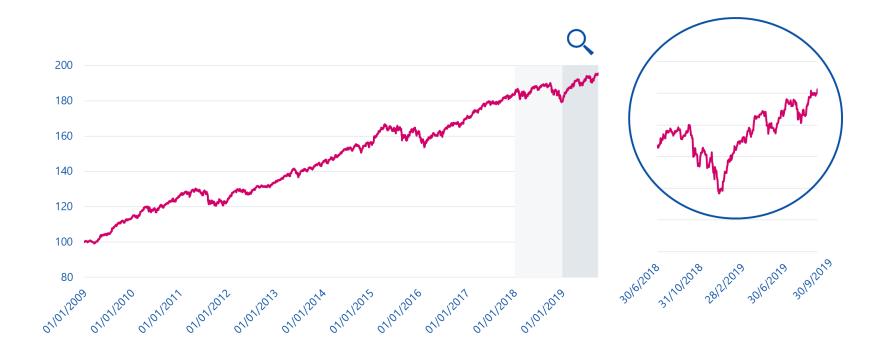


# The return on Varma's investments was a strong 8.8%, i.e. €3.9 billion





### Following the financial crisis, Varma's cumulative return on investment 95.7%, i.e. €24 bn





## €827 million return on investments in Q3





# **Investments classified according to risk**

	30 Sep 2019 Market value				31 Dec 2018 Market value			1-9/2019 Return	1-9/2018 Return	1-12/2018 Return	24 m	
	Market Value		Risk position			Market Value		Risk position		MWR	MWR	Vola-
	€ mill.	%	€ mill.	%	€ mill.	%	€ mill.	%	%	%	%	tility
Fixed-income investments <sup>1</sup>	12,708	27	12,202	26	13,522	31	10,568	24	4.2	-1.2	-1.8	
Loan receivables	2,051	4	2,051	4	1,817	4	1,817	4	2.9	2.7	3.7	
Bonds	9,701	20	10,687	23	10,625	24	9,031	21	4.8	-1.9	-2.9	2.0
Public bonds	3,541	7	4,526	10	4,104	9	2,142	5	3.2	-4.5	-4.2	
Other bonds	6,160	13	6,160	13	6,520	15	6,889	16	5.8	-0.1	-2.0	
Other money-market instruments and deposits	956	2	-535	-1	1,080	2	-280	-1	0.8	0.1	-0.1	
Equity investments	21,596	46	21,271	45	17,916	41	18,222	41	16.3	6.6	-3.6	
Listed equities	16,409	35	16,085	34	13,407	30	13,713	31	18.0	5.5	-8.3	12.4
Private equity	4,935	10	4,935	10	4,255	10	4,255	10	11.9	12.2	17.5	
Unlisted equities	251	1	251	1	254	1	254	1	1.7	7.1	3.8	
Real estate investments	4,100	9	4,100	9	3,879	9	3,879	9	2.6	4.0	5.5	
Direct real estates	3,011	6	3,011	6	2,895	7	2,895	7	2.8	3.2	3.9	
Real estate funds	1,089	2	1,089	2	984	2	984	2	2.0	6.6	10.6	
Other investments	8,958	19	9,911	21	8,699	20	10,037	23	3.3	3.4	-1.4	
Hedge funds	8,970	19	8,970	19	8,703	20	8,703	20	3.6	4.9	1.6	2.3
Commodities	-14	0	-1	0	-8	0	25	0				
Other investments	2	0	942	2	3	0	1,308	3				
Total investments	47,361	100	47,483	100	44,015	100	42,705	97	8.8	3.5	-2.0	4.5
Impact of derivatives			-123	0			1,310	3				
Investment allocation at fair value	47,361	100	47,361	100	44,015	100	44,015	100				

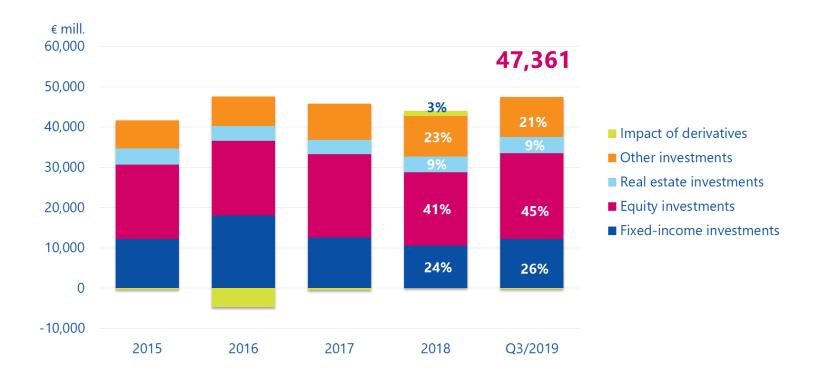
The modified duration for all the bonds is 4.2.

The open currency position is 29.4% of the market value of the investments.



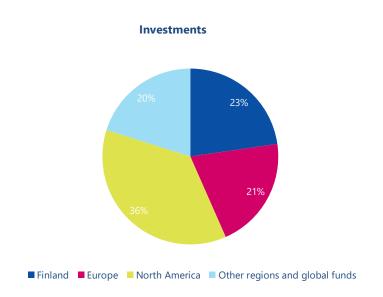
<sup>1</sup> Includes accrued interest

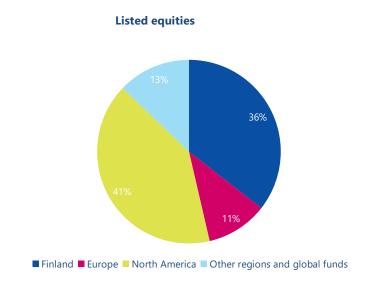
#### **Distribution of Varma's investments**





# **Geographical distribution of investments**

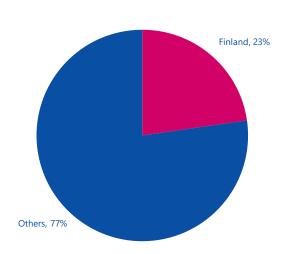




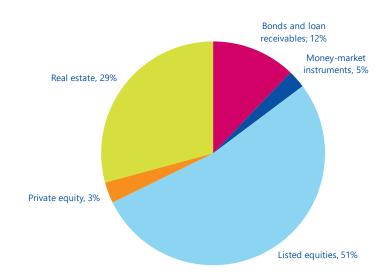


# **Investments in Finland 23%, €10.8 bn**

#### **Investments in Finland**



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





## Changes in the geographical distribution of investments during the year





#### **Investment returns for Varma and the markets**

			European		Euro government	Euro corporate
%	Varma Finni	Varma Finnish equities equi			bonds	bonds
09/2019	8.8	15.2	19.5	20.6	10.0	6.8
2018	-2.0	-3.9	-10.8	-4.4	1.0	-1.3
2017	7.8	11.5	10.6	21.8	0.1	2.4
Average nominal return						
5 years	4.8	10.5	5.7	10.8	3.7	2.6
10 years	5.8	10.7	8.0	13.2	4.6	4.3
Since 1999 *	5.5	8.4	4.4	6.4	4.7	4.3
Average real return						
5 years	4.1	9.8	5.0	10.1	3.0	1.9
10 years	4.5	9.3	6.6	11.8	3.2	3.0
Since 1999 *	3.9	6.8	2.8	4.8	3.1	2.7

<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)

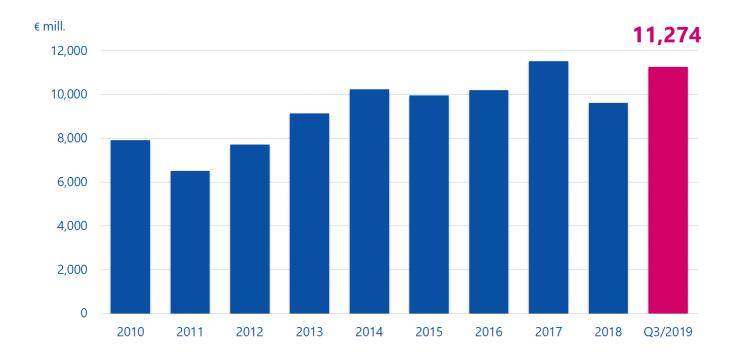
European equities = Stoxx 600 Total Return Index EUR

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

US equities= S&P500 Total Return Index

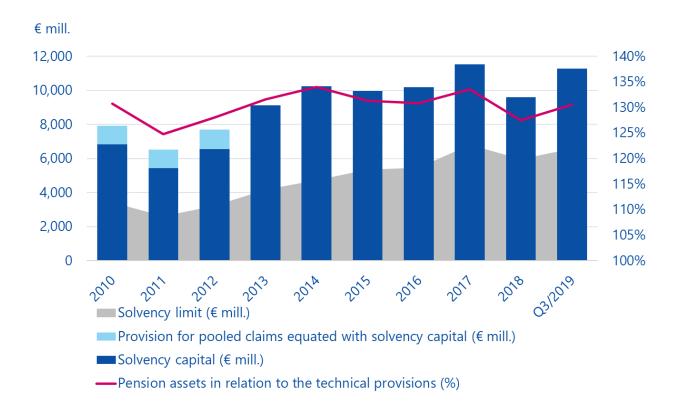


# **Solvency remained strong**





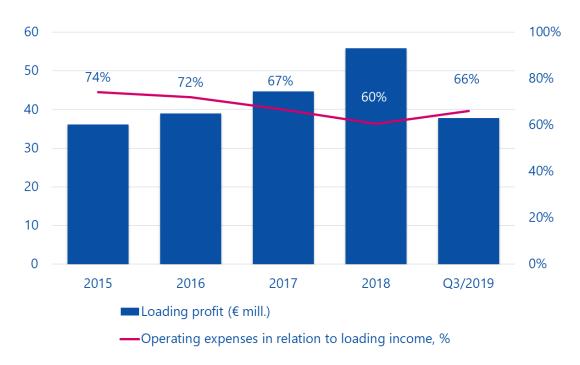
## Pension assets in relation to technical provisions at a strong level, 130.6%





# **Efficiency among the best in the sector**

€ mill.

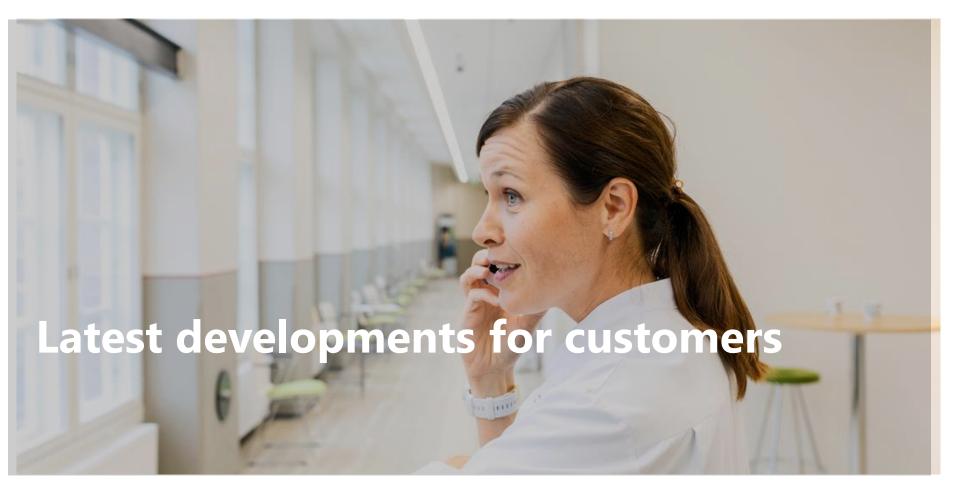




We handle the implementation of pension provision efficiently.

Loading profit, generated through efficient operations, and strong solvency have an impact on the bonuses paid to our clients.







Insured employees and entrepreneurs

557,000

Pensioners

343,000

Pensions paid

€4.3 bn

**VARMA** 

## **Latest developments for customers**



# Best client bonuses for Varma's customers for 12 years now

Varma's client bonuses have been the highest in the earnings-related pension insurance sector since 2007. For our customers, it means lower pension insurance contributions. Customers benefit from Varma's solvency and efficiency.



# September's TyEL transfers went well

In the TyEL transfer round in September, Varma's customer retention was at a good level. In the first three quarters of the year, altogether EUR 41 million in net TyEL premiums written were transferred to Varma from other pension companies.



### **Current pension topics**

- New pension decisions amounted to 16,744, which is 1.3% less than in the corresponding period last year.
- Old-age pension applications numbered 7,439, down 9% from last year.
- The popularity of partial old-age pension has grown. There were 1,746 applications for partial old-age pension, up 21% from the same period last year.
- Disability pension applications grew 8% year-on-year, and totalled 9,506.
- 5% fewer rehabilitation applications, 1,848 applications
- By the end of September, the average time it took to process all types of pension was just under 26 days – seven days quicker than the same time last year. The average processing time in private earnings-related pension companies is 12 days longer.







# **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



# **Current sustainability issues**



# PRI included Varma in the Leaders' Group

In an international assessment, the UN-supported PRI included Varma in the PRI Leaders' Group for its responsible investment work. The PRI identified investors with excellent responsible investment practices when selecting and monitoring external investment managers and their operations.



Varma's sustainable fund listed on London Stock Exchange

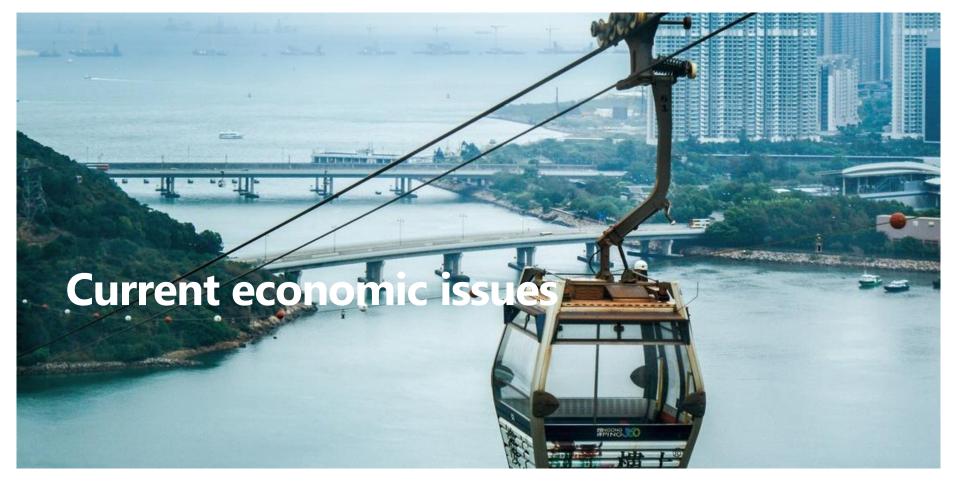
A sustainable exchange-traded fund (ETF) developed by Varma was listed on the London Stock Exchange. The ETF was created jointly with the asset management company LGIM and the index investment company Foxberry. The ETF tracks the performance of European equities, taking sustainability criteria broadly into account.



Decent outcome for Varma in GRESB real estate assessment

Varma took part in the Global Real Estate Sustainability Benchmark (GRESB) assessment of real estate sustainability performance for the first time. With 68 points, the company scored two out of five stars. GRESB assesses the sustainability of the entire direct real estate portfolio.





#### **Current economic issues**

- Numerous economic risks: trade wars, zero interest rate environment, Brexit
- The US-China trade war may leave lasting impacts, even if progress is made in negotiations
- The central banks have limited opportunities to use monetary policy to maintain economic growth
- Global industrial recession will affect Finland too



