# **General Electric Switzerland Pension Fund**

# **Short Report 2024**

Key figures	2024	2023
Capital investments in CHF	1 572 959 303	1 509 140 551
Expenditure/income surplus in CHF	50 539 504	75 154 909
Employer contributions in CHF	17 037 210	17 859 452
Employee contributions in CHF	13 398 525	13 968 626
Pension benefits in CHF	52 989 114	52 261 695
Lump-sum benefits in CHF	20 034 010	25 357 414
Net result from cash flow contributions/benefits		
in CHF	-42 587 389	-45 791 031
Administrative expenses in CHF (total)	618 911	641 766
Administrative expenses in CHF (per beneficiary;		
average portfolio at the beginning/end of the year)	198	199
Return on capital investments in %	7.39	6.68
Coverage ratio in %	121.50	117.00
Value fluctuation reserve in %1)	21.50	17.00
Target value fluctuation reserve in %1)	22.00	22.00

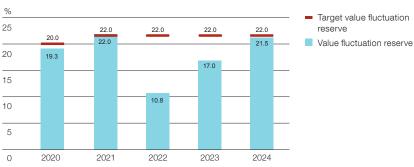
<sup>1)</sup> As % of pension plan capital (savings and coverage capital) and actuarial reserves

Member portfolio	2024	in %	2023	in %
Active members	1 384	46	1 539	48
Pensioners <sup>1)</sup>	1 657	54	1 657	52
Total	3 041		3 196	

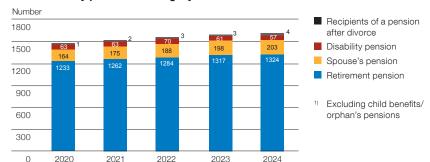
<sup>1)</sup> Including child benefits and orphan's pensions

Benefits	2024	2023
Pension increase in CHF	0	0
One-time bonus payment for pensioners <sup>1)</sup>	0	0
Conversion rate at 65 in %	4.80	4.90
Interest on savings capital in %	7.25	7.75
Average interest on savings capital over the		
last ten years in %	6.00	5.85
Actuarial interest rate in %	1.50	1.50

#### Value fluctuation reserve



# Breakdown by pensioner category 1)



# Stability and positive returns defy challenges

A key feature of the global financial markets in 2024 was their resilience. Despite geopolitical tensions and persistently tight monetary policies at many central banks, the major market indices posted positive returns. Falling inflation in many countries eased the pressure on central banks and boosted investor confidence. 2024 thus saw a continuation of the bull market in stocks that had started in October 2023. coupled with a recovery on the bond markets. Emerging markets, particularly in Asia, benefited from the market stabilisation and the recovery in global trade. Swiss real estate funds, investment foundations and real estate stocks generated positive returns, as did foreign real estate stocks. With the global situation remaining tense, gold reached new highs as a safe haven investment. From a Swiss perspective, currency hedging had a negative impact overall, reflecting the effects of currency developments.

In the reporting year, the Pension Fund achieved a total return of 7.39%.

As a result, the Pension Fund's financial situation improved, which in turn allowed the Fund to pay an exceptional interest rate of 7.25%. The coverage ratio rose to 121.5% (previous year 117.0%).

Given the inflation trend, the Board of Trustees has decided to raise pensions by 1.5% as of 1 January 2025.

For the years 2025, the Federal Council has left the BVG minimum interest rate on 2nd pillar savings capital at 1.25%. As a precautionary measure, the Board of Trustees has decided to continue applying the Federal Council's minimum interest rate to the savings capital in 2025.

In the past financial year, the Board of Trustees held four ordinary meetings and attended a specialised professional development workshop.

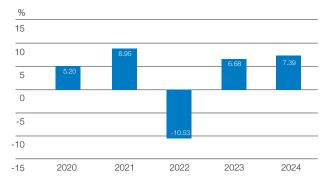
Balance sheet	31.12.2024 CHF	31.12.2023 CHF
Assets	Offi	Offi
Capital investments	1 572 959 304	1 509 140 551
Employer receivables	761 070	589 346
Cash and cash equivalents, other assets	8 621 275	29 776 630
Total assets	1 582 341 649	1 539 506 527
Liabilities		
Liabilities and passive accruals and deferrals	53 530 825	21 307 386
Active members' pension plan capital		
(savings capital)	507 446 310	540 231 053
Pensioners' pension plan capital (coverage capital)	714 947 040	731 655 117
Actuarial reserves	35 465 000	25 900 000
Value fluctuation reserve	270 952 474	220 412 971
Total liabilities	1 582 341 649	1 539 506 527

	2024	2023
Income statement	CHF	CHF
Regulatory contributions	30 435 735	31 828 078
Vested benefits, buy-in amounts and		
one-time payments	13 217 257	16 435 897
Inflow from contributions and entry benefits	43 652 992	48 263 975
Retirement, survivors' and disability benefits	-73 541 434	-78 521 558
Termination benefits	-67 805 208	-36 697 160
Advance withdrawals for home ownership/divorce	-2 360 351	-2 100 946
Outflow for benefits and advance withdrawals	-143 706 993	-117 319 664
Decrease/increase in pension plan capital		
and actuarial reserves	39 927 820	49 580 892
Contribution to guarantee fund	-45 000	-86 650
Income from insurance activities	25 155	25 155
Net result from insurance activities	-60 146 026	-19 536 292
Net return on investments	111 213 750	95 383 130
Other income	90 691	1 744
Administrative expenses	-618 911	-641 765
Decrease/increase value fluctuation reserve	-50 539 504	-75 154 910
Income surplus	0	0

# Investment strategy in %



# Return on capital investments



#### **Executive bodies**

#### **Board of Trustees**

(Term of office 2021-2024)

#### Employer representatives

Alexander Mihajlovic (Chair) Robin Indermaur Dana Kiefer (until 31.12.2024) Tharsilla Laier

#### Employee representatives

Hans-Jürg Harder (Vice Chair) Roland Hug Peter Renz Marius Stadtherr

#### **Audit committee**

Roland Hug Alexander Mihajlovic

#### General management (Avadis Vorsorge AG)

Marion Fischer (General Manager) Alexander Wyss (Deputy General Manager)

#### **Authorised signatories**

Alexander Mihajlovic Hans-Jürg Harder Roland Hug Robin Indermaur Marion Fischer (Avadis Vorsorge AG) Lars Kleuke (Avadis Vorsorge AG) Albert Steiner (Avadis Vorsorge AG) Alexander Wyss (Avadis Vorsorge AG)

# Occupational benefits expert

Olivier Kern (executive expert), Pittet Associates AG, Bern (contractual partner)

#### **Auditors**

KPMG AG, Zurich

#### Investment consultant

PPCmetrics AG, Zurich

# Supervisory authority

BVSA, BVG- und Stiftungsaufsicht Aargau, Aarau

## **Further information**

The full annual report can be accessed at www.ge-vorsorge.ch. You may also order it (in German) from the General Electric Switzerland Pension Fund. The full annual report is legally binding.

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