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Sampo has defined benefit plans in P&C insurance business in Sweden and Norway.

In addition to statutory retirement pension insurance, the Group has certain voluntary defined benefit plans. The voluntary defined benefit plans are intra-Group and included in the insurance liabilities of Mandatum Life. The amount is negligible and they have no material impact on the Group profit or loss or equity.

Employee benefit obligations of If

EURm	2017	2016
Present value of estimated pension obligation, including social costs	268	294
Fair value of plan assets	211	214
Net pension obligation recognised in the balance sheet	57	79

The main Swedish defined-benefit pension plan is closed to new employees born in 1972 or later. The corresponding Norwegian pension plan consists solely of active people employed prior to 2006 and born 1957 and earlier.

For both countries, the pension benefits referred to are old-age pension and survivors' pension. A common feature of the defined-benefit plans is that the employees and survivors encompassed by the plans are entitled to a guaranteed pension that depends on the employees' service period and pensionable salary at the time of retirement. The dominating benefit is the old-age pension, which refers in part to temporary pension before the anticipated retirement age and in part to a life-long pension after the anticipated retirement age.

The retirement age for receiving premature pension is normally 62 years in Sweden and normally 65 years in Norway. In Sweden, premature old-age pension following a complete service period is payable at a rate of approximately 65% of the pensionable salary and applies to all employees born in 1955 or earlier and who were covered by the insurance sector's collective bargaining agreement of 2006. In Norway, premature old-age pension following a complete service period is payable at a rate of approximately 70% of the pensionable salary and applies to all employees born in 1957 or earlier and who were employed by If in

The anticipated retirement age in connection with life-long pension is 65 years for Sweden and 67 years for Norway. In Sweden, life-long old-age pension following a complete service period is payable at a rate of 10% of the pensionable salary between 0 and 7.5 income base amounts, 65% of salary between 7.5 and 20 income base amounts and 32.5% between 20 and 30 income base amounts. In Norway, life-long old-age pension following a complete service period is payable at a rate of 70% of the pensionable salary up to 12 National Insurance base amounts, together with the estimated statutory old-age pension. Paid-up policies and pension payments from the Swedish plans are normally indexed upwards in an amount corresponding to the change in the consumer price index. However, there is no agreement guaranteeing the value and future supplements in addition to the contractual pension benefit could either rise or fall. If is not responsible for indexation of paid-up policies and/or pension payments from the Norwegian insured plans.

The pensions are primarily funded through insurance whereby the insurers establish the premiums and disburse the benefits. If's obligation is primarily fulfilled through payment of the premiums. Should the assets that are attributable to the pension benefits not be sufficient to enable the insurers to cover the guaranteed pension benefits, If could be forced to pay supplementary insurance premiums or secure the pension obligations in some other way. In addition to insured pension plans, there are also unfunded pension benefits in Norway for which If is responsible for ongoing payment.

To cover the insured pension benefits, the related capital is managed as part of the insurers' management portfolios. In such management, the characteristics of the investment assets are analyzed in relation to the characteristics of the obligations, in a process known as Asset Liability Management. New and existing asset categories are evaluated continuously in order to diversify the asset portfolios with a view to optimizing the anticipated risk-adjusted return. Any surplus that arises from management of the assets normally accrues to If and/or the insured and there is no form of transfer of the asset value to other members of the insurance collective.

The insurers and If are jointly responsible for monitoring the pension plans, including investment decisions and contributions. The pension plans are essentially exposed to similar material risks regarding the final amount of the benefits, the investment risk associated with the plan assets and the fact that the choice of discount interest rate affects their valuation in the financial statements.

When applying IAS 19, the pension obligations are calculated, as is the pension cost attributable to the fiscal period, using actuarial methods. Pension rights are considered to have been vested straight line during the service period. The calculation of pension obligations is based on future anticipated pension payments and includes assumptions regarding mortality, employee





turnover and salary growth. The nominally calculated obligation is discounted to the present value using interest rates based on the extrapolated yield-curves in Sweden and in Norway for AAA and AA corporate bonds, including mortgage-backed bonds, as at 30 November, approximately updated to reflect market conditions mid-December. The discount rate chosen takes into account the duration of the company's pension obligations. After a deduction for the plan assets, a net asset or net liability is recognized in the balance sheet.

The following tables contain a number of material assumptions, specifications of pension costs, assets and liabilities and a sensitivity analysis showing the potential effect on the obligations of reasonable changes in those assumptions as at the end of the fiscal year.

The carrying amounts have been stated including special payroll tax in Sweden (24.26%) and a corresponding fee in Norway (14.1%-19.1%).

	2017				2016		
	Sweden	Norway	Total	Sweden	Norway	Total	
Recognised in income statement and other comprehensive income							
Current service cost	6	2	8	5	4	9	
Past service cost	-	-	0	0	-7	-6	
Interest expense on net pension liability	1	1	2	1	1	2	
Total in income statement	6	3	9	7	-2	5	
Remeasurement of the net pension liability	-9	4	-5	8	-2	6	
Total in comprehensive income statement	-3	8	5	15	-4	11	
Recognised in balance sheet							
Present value of estimated pension liability, including social costs	199	69	268	206	87	294	
Fair value of plan assets	177	35	211	166	49	214	
Net liability recognised in balance sheet	22	35	57	41	39	79	

		2017		2016	
Distribution by asset class	Sweden	Norway	Sweden	Norway	
Debt instruments, level 1	39%	52%	39%	54%	
Debt instruments, level 2	0%	13%	0%	13%	
Equity instruments, level 1	27%	11%	28%	6%	
Equity instruments, level 3	10%	2%	10%	3%	
Property, level 3	11%	14%	11%	12%	
Other, level 1	0%	6%	2%	9%	
Other, level 2	7%	2%	6%	3%	
Other, level 3	5%	0%	4%	0%	

The following actuarial assumptions have been used for the calculation of defined benefit pension plans in Norway and Sweden:

	Sweden	Sweden	Norway	Norway
	31.12.2017	31.12.2016	31.12.2017	31.12.2016
Discount rate	2.75%	2.75%	2.50%	2.75%
Future salary increases	2.75%	2.75%	3.00%	3.00%
Price inflation	1.75%	1.75%	2.00%	2.00%
Mortality table	FFFS 2007:31 +1 year	FFFS 2007:31 +1 year	K2013	K2013
Average duration of pension liabilities	21 years	21 years	13 years	13 years
Expected contributions to the defined benefit plans during 2018 and 2017	9	9	3	3

		2017			2016	
Sensitivity analysis of effect of reasonably possible changes	Sweden	Norway	Total	Sweden	Norway	Total
Discount rate, +0,50%	-24	-5	-28	-25	-6	-31
Discount rate, -0,50%	27	5	32	28	6	35
Future salary increases, +0,25%	7	1	8	8	1	9





Future salary increases, -0,25%	-7	-1	-7	-8	-1	-8
Expected longevity, +1 year	8	2	10	8	2	10

	2017					
EURm	Funded plans	Unfunded plans	Total	Funded plans	Unfunded plans	Total
Analysis of the employee benefit obligation						
Present value of estimated pension liability, including social costs	239	29	268	260	33	294
Fair value of plan assets	211	-	211	214	-	214
Net pension liability recognised in the balance sheet	28	29	57	46	33	79

Analysis of the change in net liability recognised in the balance sheet

Rm	2017	2016
Pension liabilities:		
At the beginning of the year	294	303
Earned during the financial year	8	9
Costs pertaining to prior-year service	-	-6
Interest cost	8	8
Actuarial gains (-)/losses (+) on financial assumptions	1	8
Actuarial gains (-)/losses (+), experience adjustments	-2	2
Exchange differences on foreign plans	-12	-2
Benefits paid	-28	-22
Settlements	-	-7
Defined benefit plans at 31 Dec.	268	294
Reconciliation of plan assets:		
At the beginning of the year	214	213
Interest income	6	6
Difference between actual return and calculated interest income	5	5
Contributions paid	16	16
Exchange differences on foreign plans	-8	-3
Benefits paid	-22	-14
Settlements	-	-7
Plan assets at 31 Dec.	211	214

Other short-term employee benefits

There are other short-term staff incentive programmes in the Group, the terms of which vary according to country, business area or company. Benefits are recognised in the profit or loss for the year they arise from. An estimated amount of these short-term incentives, social security costs included, for 2017 is EURm 68.