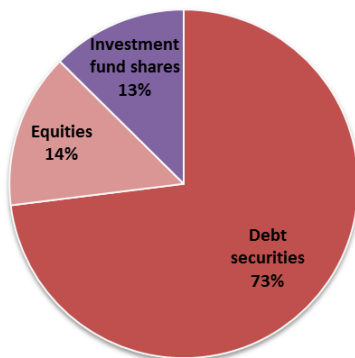


## Financial Assets of Insurance Corporations – France • 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2018

### In 2018, insurers' outstanding assets decrease by 18 billion due to unrealized capital losses

The outstanding financial investments of French insurance companies reaches €2,501 billion at market value at the end of 2018, a decrease of €18 billion compared to its level a year earlier. This decline is mainly attributable to negative valuation effects (-€ 73 billion) whereas insurers' net purchases of assets reach €55 billion euros. These net purchases of assets take essentially the form of long-term debt securities (+€ 19 billion), non-money market funds shares (+€ 19 billion of which €14 billion of equity and real estate funds) and equities (+€ 11 billion). Insurers however disinvest in money market funds shares (-€ 7 billion).

Financial portfolio assets  
by type of assets

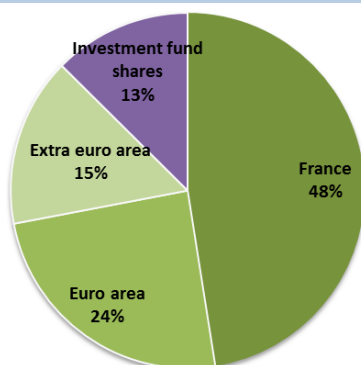


After the implementation of a look-through approach<sup>1</sup>, debt securities, i.e. mainly bonds, account for 73% of insurers' portfolio, equities 14%, the remaining 13% being invested in mutual fund shares.

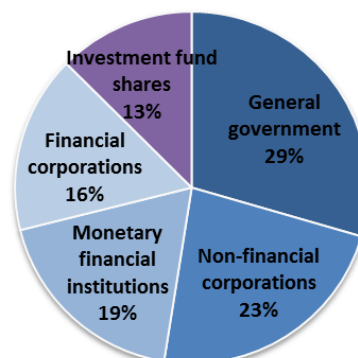
48% of the portfolio is invested in assets issued by residents, 39% in assets issued by non-residents and 13% in unallocated mutual fund shares.

Financial assets are split between general government (29%), NFCs (23%), banks and other monetary financial institutions or MFIs (19%), in financial corporations (16%) and finally 13% of unallocated investment fund shares.

Financial portfolio assets  
by geographical area



Financial portfolio assets  
by issuers



<sup>1</sup> The look-through approach consists, when the information is available, in replacing the resident mutual funds shares in the insurance portfolios by the final investments of mutual funds. The 13% residual amount correspond to these mutual funds shares (mainly non-resident) which cannot be allocated with this approach. After a look-through approach, the share of equities increased by +6 basis points (8% to 14%) and the one of debt securities by +12 basis points (61% to 73%).

## Financial assets of insurance corporations during 2018

(EUR billion, outstanding amounts at market prices at end of period, variations, transactions, valuation effects during period)

		Life and composite IC			Non-Life IC			Total IC		
		Net flows	Valuation effect	Stocks	Net flows	Valuation effect	Stocks	Net flows	Valuation effect	Stocks
Currency and deposits		1,7	0,0	29	1,2	0,0	11	2,9	0,0	40
Debt securities	≤ 1 year (original maturity)	5,1	0,0	25	-0,1	0,0	0	5,1	0,0	25
	> 1 year (original maturity)	17,4	-31,7	1 385	2,0	-2,2	110	19,4	-33,8	1 495
Loans		4,1	0,0	41	0,1	0,0	9	4,1	0,0	50
Equity	Listed shares	2,0	-8,2	67	-0,7	-1,0	13	1,3	-9,2	80
	Unlisted shares	4,3	1,4	52	1,4	0,4	28	5,7	1,7	80
	Other shares	2,8	0,4	19	1,2	1,9	24	4,1	2,3	43
Investment	Money market funds	-7,8	-0,2	77	0,5	0,0	7	-7,4	-0,2	83
	Non money market funds	19,7	-33,0	565	-0,4	-1,0	35	19,3	-34,0	600
Financial derivatives		0,9	0,0	5	-0,2	0,0	0	0,7	0,0	5
<b>Total</b>		<b>50,2</b>	<b>-71,3</b>	<b>2 265</b>	<b>5,0</b>	<b>-2,0</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>55,2</b>	<b>-73,3</b>	<b>2 501</b>

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