

To whom it may concern

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COMMUNICATION VII – COVID-19

Dear insured persons, affiliated companies and partners,

We hope this message finds you in good health

You are interested in news from the Foundation, and we are happy to share it with you each month.

Situation on the financial markets

The month of September was mixed with respect to stock market performance. A certain return to aversion to risk led to significant profit-taking, in particular on technology stocks, whereas the more defensive sectors benefited from this sector-based rotation. This more prudent attitude on the part of investors was fuelled by different elements: the US Federal Reserve (FED) indicated that there will probably be a long road before the return of growth and full employment. The exacerbated tensions between Democrat and Republican members of Congress also prevented the rapid adoption of a new economic recovery package which is necessary in the face of the downturn of certain indicators. The approach of the American elections will inevitably provoke a certain nervousness, not to mention the recent hospitalisation of Donald Trump.

Both the US and European markets moved downwards, about –2% in CHF, while the Swiss market, much more defensive, was unscathed and even posted a slight progression in the order of 1%.

The Foundation's performance and coverage rate at 30 September 2020

The indicative performance of the Foundation's assets, as calculated by our depository bank, remains very stable at +1.09%, while the principal reference indexes are still in slightly negative territory.

With a non-audited coverage rate of 106.10%, we continue to consider the situation as reassuring in view of the turbulence on the financial markets over recent months.

Transitional provision concerning art. 47a LPP

In adopting the COVID-19 law, the Parliament included in the Federal Law on the Occupational Old-Age Survivors' and Disability Benefit Plan (LPP) a transitional provision concerning art. 47a LPP (see art. 20 of the COVID-19 law).

Insured persons aged 58 and over who have involuntarily lost their job after 31 July 2020 now have the possibility of requesting the maintenance of their insurance from 1 January 2021.

It is worth noting that our pension regulations already provide for a solution for insured persons aged over 58, without additional contributions.

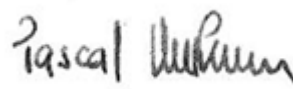
In fact, article 19 para. 4 stipulates that when an insured person ceases all lucrative activity after the age of 58, he/she may request to receive his/her early retirement benefit or defer the payment of his/her retirement pension, but at the latest at the ordinary retirement age.

Our management services are at your disposal for any additional information in this respect

Dear insured persons, affiliated companies and partners, we send you our warm greetings and best wishes for good health.



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