

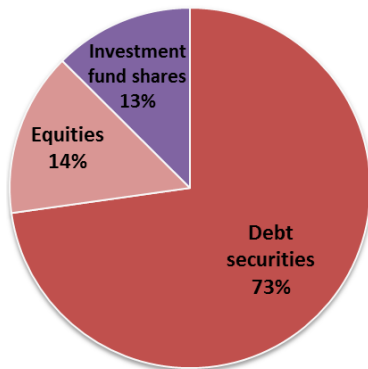
Financial Assets of Insurance Corporations – France • 1st quarter 2019

Insurers' financial assets increase by 93 billion in the 1st quarter 2019

At the end of March 2019, French insurance companies' assets reach €2,591 billion, increasing by €93 billion as a result of positive valuations (+ €64 billion) which largely offset the decline in value of the portfolios recorded in 2018 (- €75 billion). This level of valuation is linked to the rebound in equity markets (CAC 40: + 13% in Q1) and the easing of long-term interest rates (10-year OAT: -26 basis points in Q1). In addition, net transactions amount to €28 billion.

Insurers focus their investments on money market funds (+ €16.5 billion) and long-term debt securities (+ €10.6 billion) while they disinvest from non-money market funds (- €2.6 billion) and listed shares (- €1.1 billion). More precisely, insurers sell equity funds (- €2.2 billion) and mixed funds (- €1.7 billion) but continue to buy shares in real estate funds (+ €1.5 billion).

Financial portfolio assets
by type of assets

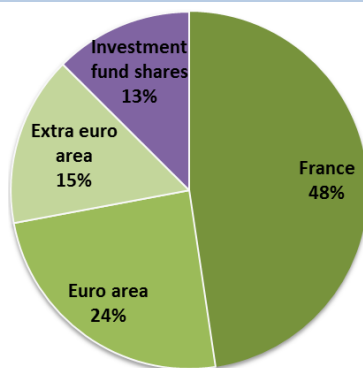


After the implementation of a look-through approach¹, debt securities, i.e. mainly bonds, account for 73% of insurers' portfolio, equities 14%, the remaining 13% being invested in mutual fund shares.

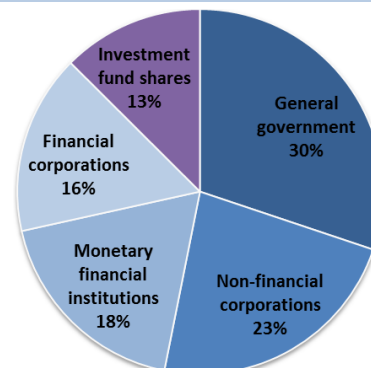
48% of the portfolio is invested in assets issued by residents, 39% in assets issued by non-residents and 13% in unallocated mutual fund shares.

Financial holdings finance mainly general government (30%), NFCs (23%), banks and other monetary financial institutions_MFIs (18%), and financial corporations (16%).

Financial portfolio assets
by geographical area



Financial portfolio assets
by issuers



¹ 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 +7 basis points (8% to 15%) and the one of debt securities by +10 basis points (63% to 73%).

Financial assets of insurance corporations – 1st quarter 2019

(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		0,4	0,0	29	2,2	0,0	13	2,5	0,0	43
Debt securities	≤ 1 year (original maturity)	-0,2	0,0	24	0,1	0,0	0	0,0	0,0	25
	> 1 year (original maturity)	9,0	26,8	1 419	1,6	1,8	113	10,6	28,6	1 532
Loans		0,8	0,0	43	0,2	0,0	9	1,0	0,0	52
Equity	Listed shares	-1,1	6,5	72	0,1	1,7	14	-1,1	8,2	86
	Unlisted shares	1,2	0,2	53	-0,3	-0,6	27	0,9	-0,4	80
	Other shares	0,2	0,6	20	0,1	-0,6	23	0,3	0,0	43
Investment	Money market funds	14,8	0,0	91	1,7	0,0	8	16,5	0,0	99
	Non money market funds	-2,4	28,1	590	-0,2	1,1	35	-2,6	29,1	626
Financial derivatives		-0,2		5	0,0		0	-0,2		5
Total		22,5	62,1	2 347	5,4	3,3	243	27,9	65,4	2 591

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