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**Novartis Pension Funds** Information events for Novartis associates

Webinar

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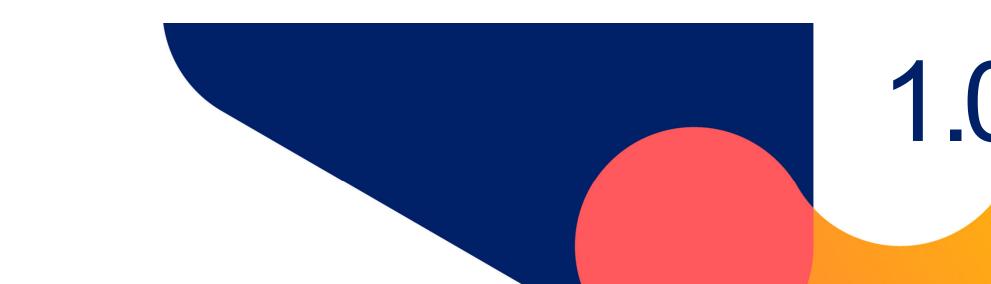
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### **Agenda**

- Flexibility is key: The Novartis pension plans in Switzerland
  - The Novartis defined contributions concept at a glance
  - Retirement credits: 3 contribution scales to choose from
  - Investment allocation: 4 basic strategies for your selection
  - New: «Sustainable» investment strategy as a 5<sup>th</sup> option
  - The LifeCycle model as a 6<sup>th</sup> strategy: The way it works
- Presentation Vermögenszentrum (VZ)
  - Key factors of the risk structure
  - Impact of the risk structure
  - Payout of retirement benefits



Flexibility is key

The Novartis pension plans in Switzerland

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### Flexibility is key(1)

#### **Contribution scale**

The retirement credits are age-related, with members being able to choose between three contribution scales ("Standard", "Standard Minus" and "Standard Plus").

#### **Funding arrangements**

The funding arrangements are based on a 2:1 ratio of employer and employee contributions (if the "Standard" contribution scale is chosen).

#### **Early retirement**

Early retirement (also partially) is possible from age 60 onwards.

#### Savings plan

An additional savings plan has been set up for all insured members aged 40 or older, based on equal contributions from associates/employer.

#### Survivor's pension

At retirement, insured members may select a lifelong survivor's pension for their partner in the same amount as the retirement pension ("joint life" annuity).

# Flexibility is key (2)

### **Investment options**

**Investment strategy**: If your insured salary is partly covered in Pension Fund 2, then for your Pension Fund 2 retirement account you can choose from a variety of investment options.

To make this possible, the Novartis Pension Fund had to be split into two separate legal entities, i.e., **the Pension Fund 1** and **Pension Fund 2**.

As from January 2016, the **Management Pension Fund** also offers a choice of contribution scales and investment strategies.

### The Novartis defined contributions concept

#### at a glance

220,000

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**Risk CHF** 

CHF 150,000 - 220,000

Savings CHF 0 - 150'000

**Novartis Pension Fund 2 (PF2)** 

- Standard contributions of employer and insured members in ratio 2:1
- Savings process in defined contributions plan (interest = investment performance)
- Retirement benefits: lump sum
- Risk benefits (death/disability): accrued capital, at least 400% of insured salary
- Individual choice of investment strategy

Novartis Pension Fund 1 (PF1)

- Standard contributions of employer and insured members in ratio 2:1
- Savings process in defined contributions plan (minimum interest 0%)
- Retirement benefits: pension with sustainable conversion ratio / higher lump sum option (max. 50%)
- Risk benefits (death/disability) in the form of a pension
- Additional savings plan from age 40

### Three contribution scale to choose from

### e.g., Novartis Pension Fund 1

Age	Retirement cre % of insured s		Standard plus	Standard minus	
	Member	Novartis	Total	Member	Member
25-29	4.25	8.50	12.75	6.25	2.25
30-34	4.90	9.80	14.70	6.90	2.90
35-39	5.55	11.10	16.65	7.55	3.55
40-44	6.20	12.40	18.60	8.20	4.20
45-49	7.50	15.00	22.50	9.50	5.50
50-54	8.15	16.30	24.45	10.15	6.15
55.59	8.80	17.60	26.40	10.80	6.80
60-65	9.45	18.90	28.35	11.45	7.45

A further credit of **3.50%** applies to all members aged 40 and over. This is paid into an **additional savings plan** within Pension Fund 1. Half of this amount (i.e., 1.75%) is contributed by Novartis and half by members. Further contributions are paid by members and by Novartis towards **risk benefits** (disability & death).

# Asset allocation: 4 basic strategies for selection

		Money Market	Bonds <sup>Plus</sup>	Equity 25 Plus	Equity 40 Plus
Cash		100%			
		100%			
Fixed income			80.0%	60.0%	45.0%
	Bonds CHF Foreign		10.0%	10.0%	5.0%
	Bonds Global (hCHF)		50.0%	30.0%	30.0%
	Corporate Bonds Global (hCHF)		20.0%	20.0%	10.0%
Equity				25.0%	40.0%
	Equity Switzerland			5.0%	10.0%
	Equity World			17.0%	20.0%
	Equity World (hCHF)				5.0%
	Equity Emerging Markets			3.0%	5.0%
Real Estate			20.0%	15.0%	15.0%
	Real Estate Switzerland		20.0%	15.0%	10.0%
	Real Estate World (hCHF)				
Total		100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
FX Exposure		0.0%	0.0%	20.0%	25.0%



### New sustainable investment strategy

### **Background**

- The Pension Fund Novartis (PF1) was among the early adopters of the idea to introduce Environmental, Social & Governance (ESG) criteria to its investment strategy almost 20 years ago.
  - The current ESG guidelines are available on the Pension Funds' website:
     <a href="https://www.pensionskassen-novartis.ch/E\_Anlagerichtlinien.pdf">https://www.pensionskassen-novartis.ch/E\_Anlagerichtlinien.pdf</a>
- With regard to Pension Fund Novartis 2 (PF2), all of the current strategies (Money Market, Bonds Plus, Equity 25 Plus, Equity 40 Plus and LifeCycle Plus) are in conformity with the exclusion list of the Swiss Association for Responsible Investments (SVVK-ASIR).
- In May 2020, we complemented the existing selection with an additional, specifically designed «ESG Strategy», sporting similar risk-return characteristics as the Equity 25 Plus investment option.

# Sustainable investment strategy

### «Equity 25 ESG» as a 5th investment option

- The UBS AST 2 BVG Equity 25 ESG investment option joins the existing range of strategies (Money Market, Bonds Plus, Equity 25 Plus, Equity 40 Plus and LifeCycle Plus) as an additional, particularly sustainable variant.
  - The underlying asset classes of the new strategy follow a multiple research screening process in order to make a meaningful contribution to a more sustainable world.
  - The applied sustainability policies exclude certain companies and prefer companies with a high ESG score and with a strong climate awareness
  - ... and seek to vote consistently in line with recognized ESG-principles.
- The new Equity 25 ESG investment option has a very similar risk/return profile as the existing Equity 25 Plus strategy,
  - ... with only slightly higher Total expense ratio (TER) and switching costs (dilution levies).

# Sustainable investment strategy

«Equity 25 ESG»: Comprehensive policy / approach

	ESG Approach							
Index	Exclusions	Climate focus	Sustainability	ESG voting	GRESB			
MSCI Switzerland IMI Socially Responsible	✓		<b>✓</b>	✓				
Equities Global Climate Aware	✓	✓	✓	✓				
MSCI Emerging Markets Socially Responsible	✓		✓	✓				
Global Bonds Climate Aware	✓	✓						
Global Corporate Bonds Climate Aware	✓	✓	✓					
Swiss Real Estate Securities Selection Passive					✓			

Climate Focus: Meaningful carbon reduction and aligned to forwardlooking carbon reduction targets

role in the investment process

**ESG-Voting**: Seek to vote consistently and in line with UBS governance principles across all portfolios

Sustainability: Strategies with sustainability/SI policies playing a significant GRESB: Independent organization committed to assessing the environmental, social and governance performance of real estate portfolios across the world. GRESB is now recognized as the leading global sustainability benchmark.

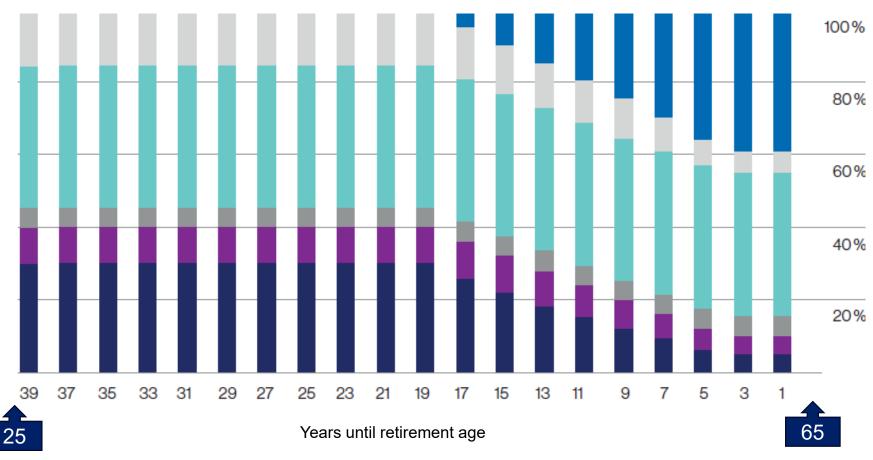


# "LifeCycle"- Model as a 6th strategy

- The LifeCycle solution works like a kind of "autopilot" that automatically factors in the investment horizon and risk.
- The fundamental concept is based on the assumption that the capacity to cope with investment volatility generally decreases the closer one gets to retirement.
- For this reason, the portion of Equities in the portfolio is gradually reduced.
- In view of a smooth implementation, focus was on simplicity:
  - Build-up based on the same indexed funds as already used by PF2 and MPF
  - Favorable pricing conditions
  - Reasonably staggered age-brackets so as not to unnecessarily complicate the setup (5-year "vintages" rather than 1 or 10-year spreads)

# "LifeCycle"- Model: The way it works

Glide path management: Gradually reducing risk up to the time of retirement





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# **Portfolio Strategies for Pension Scheme Assets**

**Road Show for Novartis Employees** 

Basel, 14 March 2024 / 17 May 2024

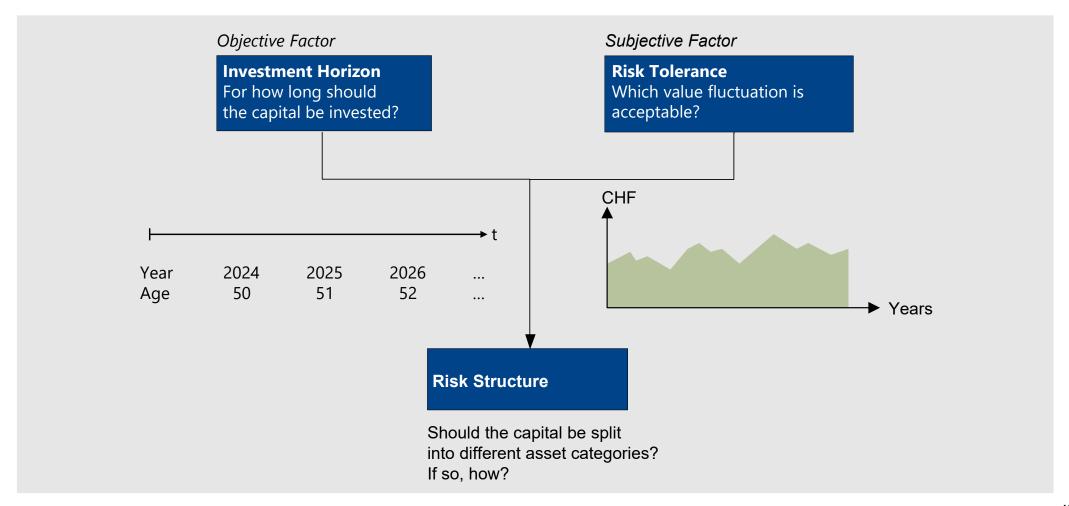
### **Speaker**



**Karl Flubacher, Executive Board Member** 

Karl Flubacher, MA in Economics and Business Administration, is Associate Partner at VZ VermögensZentrum. He regularly gives public and companyinternal seminars. He specializes in sophisticated retirement and inheritance planning strategies.

#### **Definition of Risk Structure**



#### **Derivation of the Risk Structure**



### **Expected Return per Portfolio Strategy**

15% - 10.4% 10% - 7.4% 10.4% 7.1% 10.5% 0.5% 0.5% 0.5% 0.1% -5% - 2.5% -2.8% -3.2%	Scenario	Strategy	Expected Return	Expected V Ra	ariation nge	Best Case	Worst Case
III Shares 25 Plus 2.3% 7.4% -2.8% 12.5% -7.9%  IV Shares 40 Plus 3.6% 10.4% -3.2% 17.2% -10.0%  Expected variation range (68% probability) of annual returns  Maximum deviation (95% probability) of 1 year return  20% 15% 10.4% 10% 7.4% 10% 7.1% 10.5% 12.5% 10.5% 1	1	Money Market	0.3%	0.4%	0.2%	0.5%	0.1%
Expected variation range (68% probability) of annual returns    10.4%   -3.2%   17.2%   -10.0%	II	Bonds Plus	0.7%	3.9%	-2.5%	7.1%	-5.7%
Expected variation range (68% probability) of annual returns  20%   15%   10.4%   10.4%   10.4%   10.4%   10.4%   10.5	Ш	Shares 25 Plus	2.3%	7.4%	-2.8%	12.5%	-7.9%
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-1070   -1070	20% 15% - 10% - 5% - 0% -5% - -10% -	7.49 3.9%	10.4%		0f 20% 15% - 10% - 5% - 0 0% - -5% -	7.1%	17.2%

### Impact on Expected Return and Risk

in CHF

Sce	nario Asset	Expected <sup>1)</sup>	Risk	Expecta	itions³)	Maximum De	viation <sup>4)</sup>
Stru	ıcture	Return		Positive	Negative	Best Case	<b>Worst Case</b>
I	<b>Money Market</b>	+ 0.3%	+/- 0.1%	+ 0.4%	+ 0.2%	+ 0.5%	+ 0.1%
		+ 300 CHF	+/- 100 CHF	+ 400 CHF	+ 200 CHF	+ 500 CHF	+ 100 CHF
Ш	Bonds Plus	+ 0.7%	+/- 3.2%	+ 3.9%	- 2.5%	+ 7.1%	- 5.7%
		+ 700 CHF	+/- 3.200 CHF	+ 3.900 CHF	- 2.500 CHF	+ 7.100 CHF	- 5.700 CHF
III	Shares 25 Plus	+ 2.3%	+/- 5.1%	+ 7.4%	- 2.8%	+ 12.5%	- 7.9%
		+ 2.300 CHF	+/- 5.100 CHF	+ 7.400 CHF	- 2.800 CHF	+ 12.500 CHF	- 7.900 CHF
IV	Shares 40 Plus	+ 3.6%	+/- 6.8%	+ 10.4%	- 3.2%	+ 17.2%	- 10.0%
		+ 3.600 CHF	+/- 6.800 CHF	+ 10.400 CHF	- 3.200 CHF	+ 17.200 CHF	- 10.000 CHF
nves	stment Capital	100.000 CHF					

<sup>1)</sup> Expected long-term mean return per year

<sup>2)</sup> Expected fluctuation margin per year, based on standard deviation, viz. in 68% of all cases observed

<sup>3)</sup> Expected return after one year with standard deviation (68% of all values observed)

<sup>4)</sup> Expected return after one year with 2 standard deviation (95% of all cases observed)

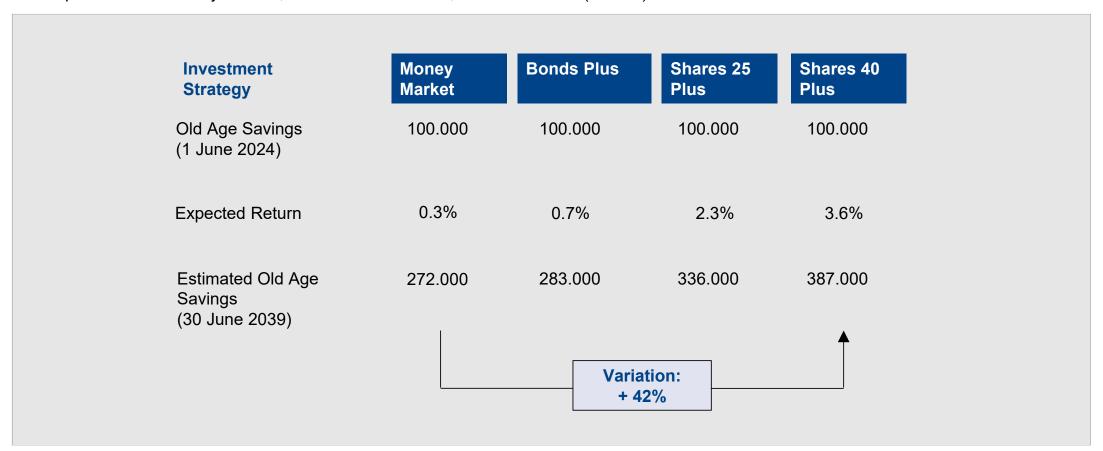
### **Ecpected Returns for Different Investment Horizons**

Source: MSCI World Total Return Index (in CHF) for all 1-, 3-, 5-, 8-, 10-, 12- and 15-year time series, from 31 Dec. 1972 until 31 Dec. 2023

Return p.a.	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	8 Years	10 Years	12 Years	15 Years
> 16%	41.2%	22.4%	12.8%	6.8%	4.8%	0.0%	0.0%
12-16%	3.9%	18.4%	19.1%	11.4%	14.3%	15.0%	16.2%
8-12%	9.8%	27.5% 10.2% 55.	23.4% <b>66.</b> 0	29.5%	81.8%	<b>83.3%</b> 37.5%	27.0% <b>97.3%</b>
4-8%	7.8%	18.4%	14.9%	20.5%	23.8%	25.0%	29.7%
0-4%	5.9%	8.2%	8.5%	20.5%	11.9%	15.0%	24.3%
< 0%	31.4%	22.4%	21.3%	11.4%	11.9%	7.5%	2.7%
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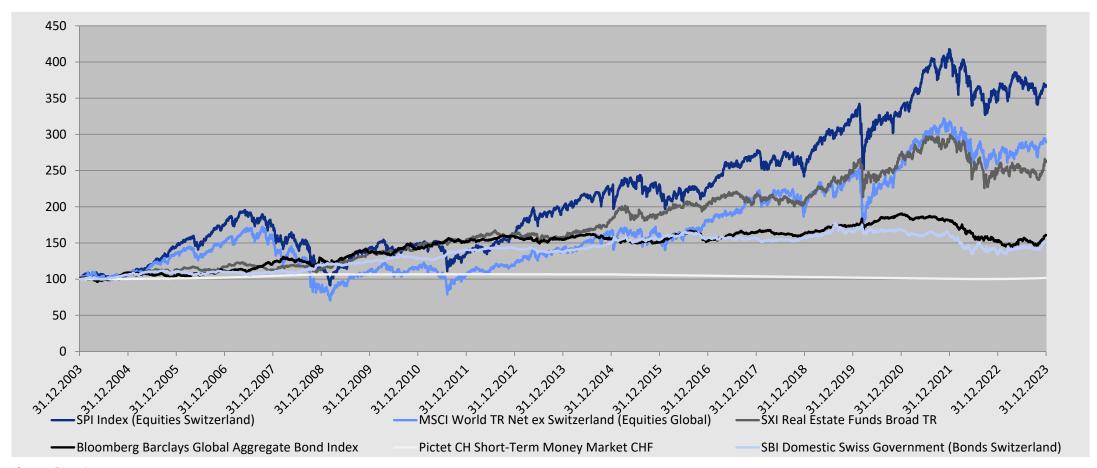
#### **Impact of the Investment Strategy on Assets**

Assumption: Person is 50 years old, income 200.000 CHF; retirement at 65 (in CHF)



### **Benchmarking**

Development of selected indices (from 31 December 2003 to 31 December 2023; in CHF)



Source: Bloomberg

### Pension or Lump Sum: Comparison of Criteria

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Security High security

Flexibility

Pension

scheme regulations

Taxes

Pay-out

Pension 100% taxable

Pensio

Inflationary Compensation

Coverage widow

Surviving depend

No flexibility

Pay-out according to pension

Not applicable, no pay-out

According to pension scheme

60% of old age pension<sup>1)</sup>

No entitlement

#### **Lump Sum**

Security depends on asset allocation

High flexibility

3-6% return / remuneration, according to income-concept

Non-recurring taxation 3-11% (BS) Non-recurring taxation 3-10% (BL) Remuneration (from 0%) up to 100% taxable, according to income-concept

According to individual planning

Up to 100% of income<sup>2)</sup>

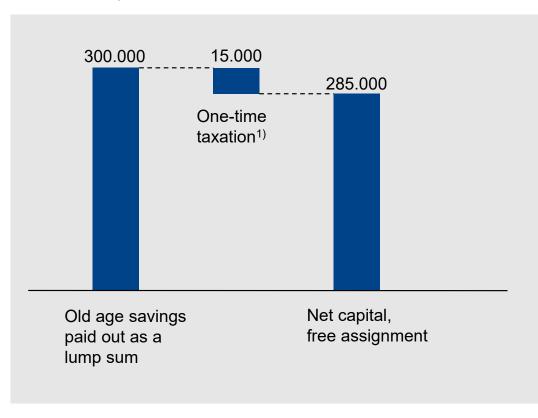
According to inheritance law, testament

<sup>1)</sup> Statutory regulation; deviations possible depending on pension scheme

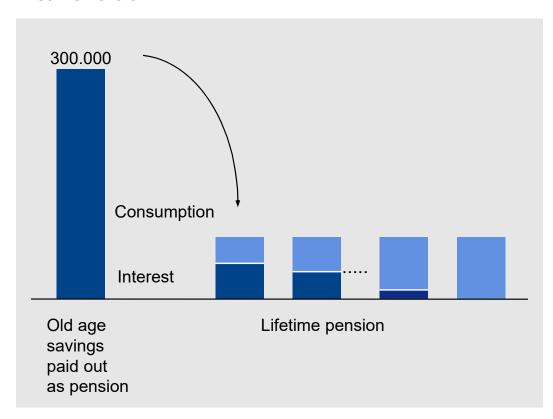
<sup>2)</sup> On condition of most-favoured treatment for widow / widower

#### Tax Treatment of Old Age Savings (in CHF)

#### **Lump sum Payment**



#### Lifetime Pension<sup>2)</sup>

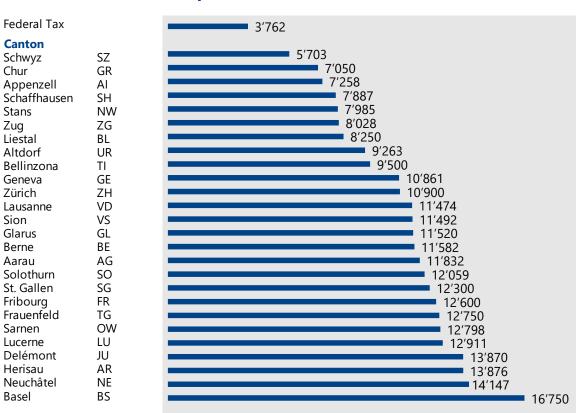


- 1) Taxation separated from residual income with reduced rate of taxation (cantonal differences)
- 2) Taxation together with residual income (cantonal differences in income tax rate)

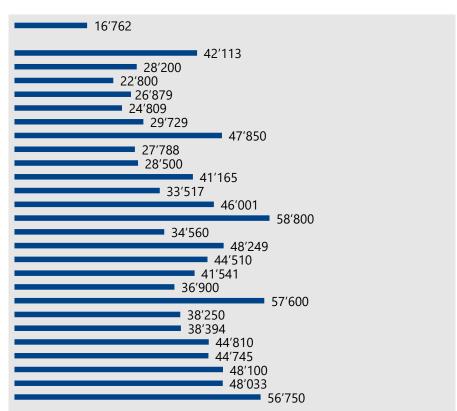
#### **Lump Sum Payment with Domicile in Switzerland**

Example: Person is married, 65 years old, domiciled in...

#### **Lump Sum: 250.000 CHF**



#### **Lump Sum: 750.000 CHF**



# **Your Questions**

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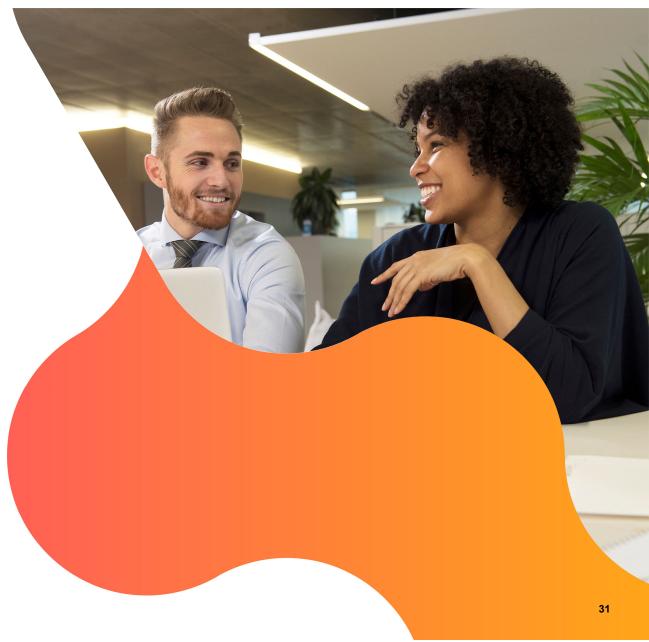
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# Back up





### **Overview of contributions**

Age	Savings Co Retireme		Risk Con	tribution <sup>2</sup>	Additional S Contrib	_	Total Cont	ributions
	Employee <sup>4</sup>	Employer	Employee	Employer	Employee	Employer	Employee <sup>4</sup>	Employer
Up to 25	-	-	0.5%	1.0%	-	-	0.50%	1.00%
25-29	4.25	8.50	0.6%	1.2%			4.85%	9.70%
30-34	4.90	9.80	0.6%	1.2%			5.50%	11.00%
35-39	5.55	11.10	0.6%	1.2%			6.15%	12.30%
40-44	6.20	12.40	0.6%	1.2%	1.75%	1.75%	8.55%	15.35%
45-49	7.50	15.00	0.6%	1.2%	1.75%	1.75%	9.85%	17.95%
50-54	8.15	16.30	0.6%	1.2%	1.75%	1.75%	10.50%	19.25%
55-59	8.80	17.60	0.6%	1.2%	1.75%	1.75%	11.15%	20.55%
60-65	9.45	18.90	0.6%	1.2%	1.75%	1.75%	11.80%	21.85%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>on insured salary PF1 (base salary plus incentive minus social security offset) up to CHF 150k

<sup>4</sup>indicates standard contribution; employees can chose to contribtute 2% more or 2% less



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>on insured salary risk (base salary minus social security offset) up to CHF 220k base salary

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>on total insured salary (base salary plus incentive minus social security offset) up to CHF 220k base salary

### **Overview of benefits**

Age	Death	Disability
Lifelong retirement pension  Conversion rate at age: 65: 5.00% 64: 4.85% 63: 4.72% 62: 4.60% 61: 4.48% 60: 4.36% of the accrued retirement plan assets.  Lump-sum pay-out instead of pension, up to max. 50% possible (time limit 3 months before retirement)  Retirement child pension 20% of retirement pension up to age 20/25  Available savings plan assets may be used to finance a bridging pension until to statutory (AHV) retirement age (temporary retirement pension) or paid out as a one-off retirement lump sum.	Spouse's or domestic partner's pension for active insured members:  • 60% of insured/current disability pension for retirement pension recipients:  • 60% of retirement pension or, with the survivor's pension option, 100% of retirement pension  Orphan's pension  • 20% of insured or current disability or retirement pension up to age 20/25  Lump sum on death  Active insured members:  • 200% of insured disability pension  • plus accrued savings plan assets  • plus assets transferred from incentive/bonus and shift insurance on 1.1.2011  • plus voluntary extra contributions since 1.1.2011 paid into retirement and savings account  • minus early withdrawals WEF / divorce transfers  • minus retirement/disability benefits already paid out	Disability pension  • 60% of insured salary Risk up to age 65  • From age 65 onwards: conversion of accrued retirement assets, based on the current conversion rate (at present 5.00%)  Disability child pension  • 20% of disability pension, up to age 20/25  Disability lump sum (with 100% disability)  • Accrued savings plan assets

### **Overview of contributions**

Age	Savings Co	ntribution¹	Risk Con	tribution <sup>2</sup>	Total Conf	tributions
	Employee <sup>3</sup>	Employer	Employee	Employer	Employee	Employer
up to 25	-	-	0.4%	0.8%	0.40%	0.80%
25-29	3.50%	7.0%	0.4%	0.8%	3.90%	7.80%
30-34	4.00%	8.0%	0.4%	0.8%	4.40%	8.80%
35-39	4.50%	9.0%	0.4%	0.8%	4.90%	9.80%
40-44	5.00%	10.0%	0.4%	0.8%	5.40%	10.80%
45-49	6.25%	12.5%	0.4%	0.8%	6.65%	13.30%
50-54	6.75%	13.5%	0.4%	0.8%	7.15%	14.30%
55-59	7.25%	14.5%	0.4%	0.8%	7.65%	15.30%
60-65	7.75%	15.5%	0.4%	0.8%	8.15%	16.30%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>on insured salary PK2 (base salary plus incentive minus CHF 150k) up to 220k base salary



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> on insured salary PK2 (base salary plus incentive minus CHF 150k) up to 220k base salary

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> indicates standard contribution; employees can chose to contribute 2% more or 2% less

### **Overview of benefits**

Retirement	Death	Disability
Lump sum on retirement	Todesfallkapital	Lump sum on disability
<ul> <li>Assets available at the time of retirement</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Assets available at the time of death,</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Assets available at the time when the disability pension starts,</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>at least 400% of insured salary</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>at least 400% of insured salary</li> </ul>

# **Novartis Management Pension Fund: A top-up plan**

> CHF 220 000

CHF 150`000 – 220`000

Risk CHF 0 - 220,000

Savings CHF 0 - 150`000

#### **Novartis Management Pension Fund**

- Standard contributions of employer and insured members in ratio 2 : 1 (choice from 3 different contribution scales for members' contributions)
- Savings process in defined contributions plan (interest according to investment performance)
- Retirement benefits: lump sum
- Risk benefits (death/disability) in the form of a pension
- Individual choice of investment strategy

#### **Novartis Pension Fund 2 (PF2)**

- Standard contributions of employer and members in ratio 2 : 1 (choice from 3 different contribution scales for members' contributions)
- Savings process in defined contributions plan (interest according to investment performance)
- Retirement benefits: lump sum
- Risk benefits (death/disability): accrued capital, at least 400% of insured salary
- Individual choice of investment strategy

#### **Novartis Pension Fund 1 (PF1)**

- Standard contributions of employer and insured members in ratio 2 : 1 (choice from 3 different contribution scales for members' contributions)
- Savings process in defined contributions plan (minimum interest 0%)
- Retirement benefits: pension with sustainable conversion ratio / lump sum option (up to 50% of accrued capital)
- Risk benefits (death/disability) in the form of a pension
- Additional savings plan from age 40

#### Example

Paula Powell earns CHF 240'000 and received an incentive of 20%, so her total earnings are CHF 288'000.

She is covered in Pension Fund 1 for the maximum (i.e. CHF 150'000 less coordination offset) and in Pension Fund 2 for CHF 70'000.

The Management Pension Fund covers her salary above CHF 220'000, i.e. CHF 68'000 (incl. incentive) Novartis Pension Funds pk.novartis@novartis.com +41 61 324 24 20

# **Thank You!**

