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# **KEY Q3 2018 HIGHLIGHTS**

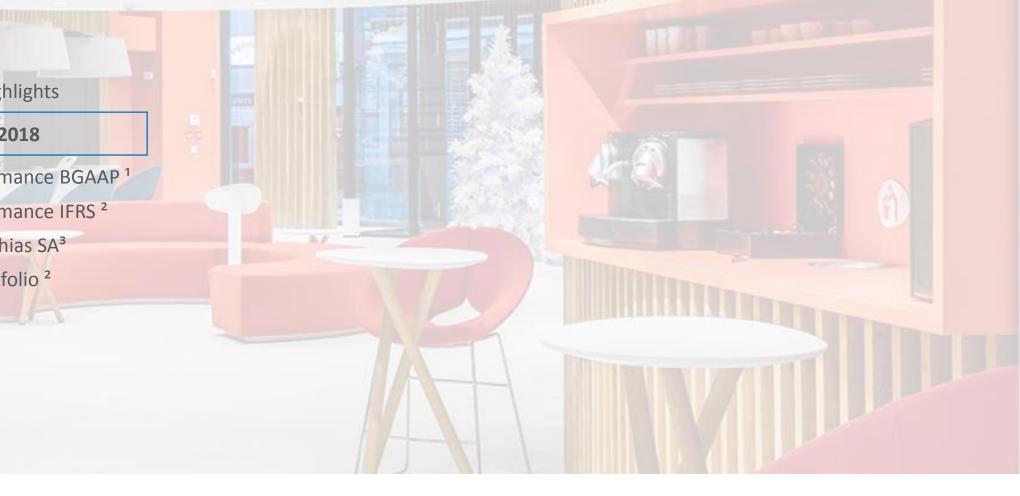
Key events		<ul> <li>Closing relative to the sale of the remaining First A portfolio on the 28th of September 2018</li> <li>Payment to Vitrufin of an interim dividend of €118M in August 2018</li> <li>Transfer of 31,49% of Vitrufin shares from FIWAPAC (including the bonds held in Vitrufin) to Wespavia</li> </ul>						
	Operating result before tax	BGAAP – Ethias SA ■ €151M o/w €119M from Non-Life	IFRS – Ethias Group ■ €151M o/w €117M from Non-Life					
Financial results	Net income	<ul> <li>€181M taking into account :</li> <li>Financial non-recurring items : +€28M</li> <li>Other non-recurring items : +€17M</li> <li>Tax : -€15M</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>€159M taking into account:</li> <li>Financial non-recurring items : +€16M</li> <li>Other non-recurring items : +€7M</li> <li>Tax: -€15M</li> </ul>					
	ess units FRS)	Non-Life  GWP €1,162M Operational result €117M COR 95.3%	Life ■ GWP €918M ■ Operational result €34M					
Other key	v indicators	Debt ratio (IFRS)         Solvency II           • 20.9% vs 20.0% end 2017         • 181% vs 183% end 2017						

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# **MAIN EVENTS IN 2018**

20/02/2018	The NBB takes note of the recovery plan filed by Ethias SA
01/04/2018	Structural partnership with <b>B-Hive</b> , a European innovation platform (FinTech ecosystem) for financial services, created in early 2017 with the support of the Minister of Finance
16/04/2018	Signing of the agreements with the purchaser of the remaining "FIRST A" portfolio, Laguna Life. The cost of the sale is already taken into consideration at end-2017 in the BGAAP and IFRS accounts (EUR 106 million) as well as in the SII ratio
16/05/2018	Approval by the General Assembly of Ethias SA to pay a dividend of EUR 150 million regarding the financial year 2017 to Vitrufin
12/06/2018	Rating for Ethias SA's financial strength placed at <b>BBB+ with positive outlook</b> to reflect Fitch's view that "the likely full repayment of Vitrufin debt and the full disposal of the insurer's capital-intensive individual life portfolio will lead to a strengthening in Ethias's capitalisation, profitability and financial flexibility"
27/06/2018	Validation by Ethias SA's Board of Directors of the company's vision and priority strategic axes
27/08/2018	Decision taken by Ethias SA's Board of Directors to pay an interim dividend of 118 million EUR allowing Vitrufin to have the necessary cash for the reimbursement of its senior loan of 278 million EUR in January 2019. Ethias continues to demonstrate a strong solvency level : Solvency II ratio at 175%
28/08/2018 🧲	Authorization given by the NBB to Ethias SA for the transfer of all rights and obligations resulting from the "FIRST A" portfolio to Laguna Life. The closing, viz. the effective transfer of the portfolio, took place on 28 September 2018, the date on which the "FIRST A" contracts lose the benefit of protection up to a maximum of EUR 100,000 granted by the Belgian Guarantee Fund. A surrender transaction was launched by the new acquirer, valid from the beginning of October to 7 December 2018 (similar conditions to the "Switch VII" transaction)
27/09/2018	Second affiliate company in the Ethias Pension Fund OFP
28/09/2018	Following the restructuring of the SRIW group, transfer of 31,49% of Vitrufin shares from FIWAPAC (including the bonds held in Vitrufin) to Wespavia

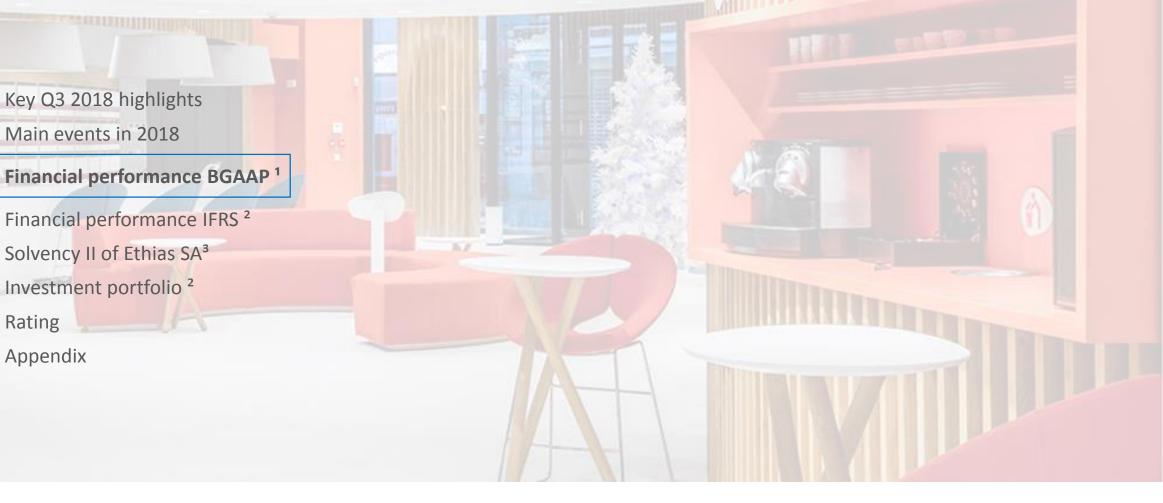
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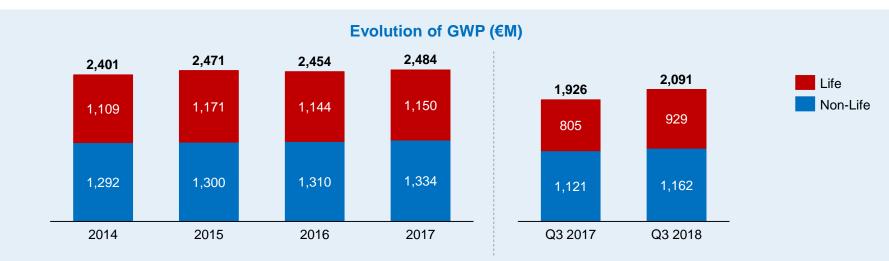
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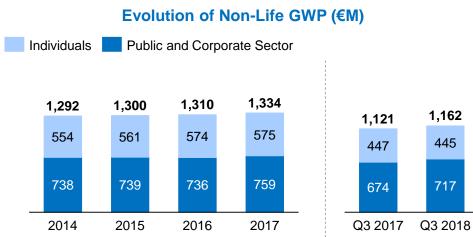
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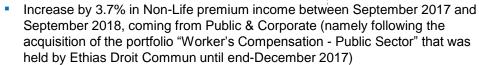


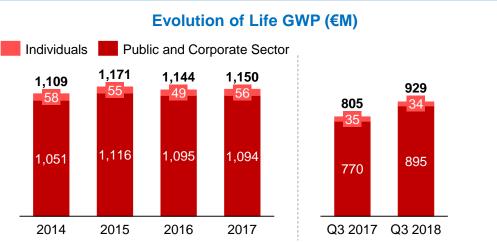


## **NON-LIFE/LIFE INFLOWS**



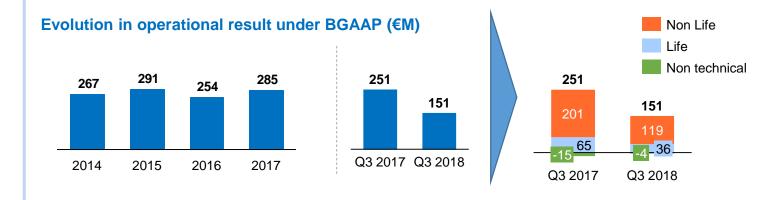




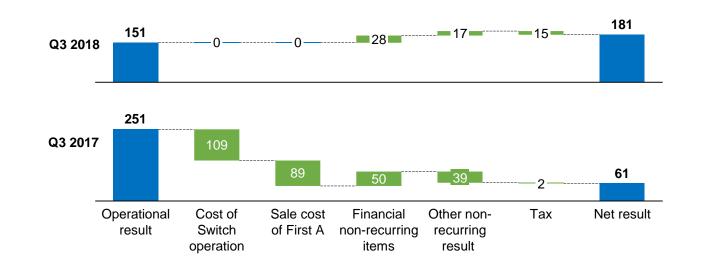


Pressure due to the low interest rate environment. The 15.4% growth in premium income between September 2017 and September 2018 comes from the Public Sector (first pillar), boosted by a timing effect in premium collection and higher single premiums, partially compensated by a decrease in second pillar 2 (transfer of Ethias' Group Insurance into the Ethias Pension Fund in H2 2017). Still no new business in Life Retail.

#### **EVOLUTION IN OPERATIONAL RESULT**



From the operational result to net result under BGAAP (€M)



- The operational result as per end of September 2018 amounts to €151M and results from the Non-Life activity for €119M and from the Life activity for €36M. The decrease in this result compared to the one as per end of September 2017 is explained by the following elements, reminding that the result of September 2017 was exceptionally at a very good level :
  - A deterioration in the claims charge of Car and Worker's Compensation
  - The impact of adverse weather events (non significant in 2017)
  - Lower reserve release on previous years

An action plan has been put in place to improve the Non-Life operational result.

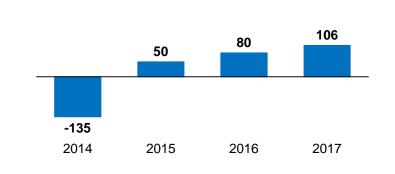
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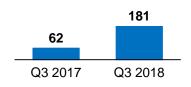
Operating costs are under control despite large IT investments (digitalization and new Non-Life platform still ongoing). Investment income remains stable thanks to former derisking and active management.

- Exceptional items amount +€45M as per end of September 2018, coming mainly from non-recurring financial income for €28M and from downward adjustment of the final sale price of portfolio First A to Laguna Life (€10M). These exceptional items are €154M above Q3 2017 (-€109M o/w -€198M resulted from the First A operations : Switch operations and sale of the remaining First A portfolio)
- The net result as per end of September 2018 stands at €181M, the operational result being impacted by +€45M exceptional items and by the tax charge of €15M (only €2M of tax charge as per end of September 2017)
- In 2018, no allocation to the flashing-light reserve has been recorded in the BGAAP accounts following successful completion of the criteria (like in 2017)

## **EVOLUTION IN NET RESULT**

Evolution in net result under BGAAP (€M)



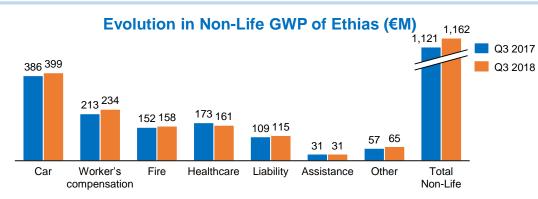


The increase in net result is mainly explained by the fact that there are only positive exceptional items in 2018 compared to large negative exceptional items booked as per end of September 2017 (the cost of Switch operation and the sale cost of the remaining First A portfolio - see page 8)

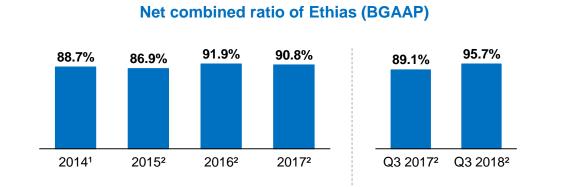
#### Evolution in net result under BGAAP (€M) - Breakdown

	2014	2015	2016	2017	Q3 2017	Q3 2018
Non-Life technical result	263	298	255	244	196	124
o/w Technical Items	330	366	316	363	265	230
o/w Financial revenues	133	133	153	125	91	80
o/w Expenses	(200)	(201)	(214)	(244)	(160)	(186)
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Life technical result	(28)	(300)	(320)	24	(8)	58
o/w Technical Items	(594)	(766)	(693)	(373)	(324)	(216)
o/w Financial revenues	600	491	406	435	342	293
o/w Expenses	(34)	(25)	(33)	(38)	(26)	(19)
Non-technical result	(366)	56	148	(158)	(124)	14
Tax & Transfers and withdrawals from untaxed reserves	(4)	(4)	(3)	(4)	(2)	(15)
Net result	(135)	50	80	106	62	181

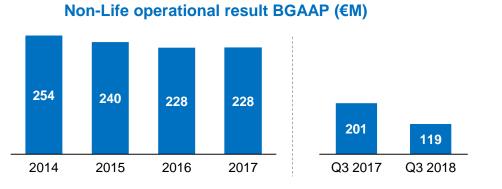
## **FOCUS ON NON-LIFE BUSINESS**



- Premium income increase in Worker's Compensation following the acquisition of the "Worker's Compensation Law 1967" portfolio (public sector) from Ethias DC (previously reinsured at 95% by Ethias SA) and increase in the number of new businesses in "Worker's Compensation Law 1971" (corporate sector)
- Premium income decrease in Healthcare due to portfolio pruning and different invoicing timing.
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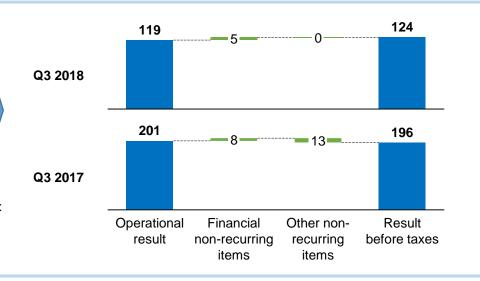


 Net CoR of September 2018 impacted negatively by the claims charge increase in Car and Worker's Compensation as well as by natural disaster



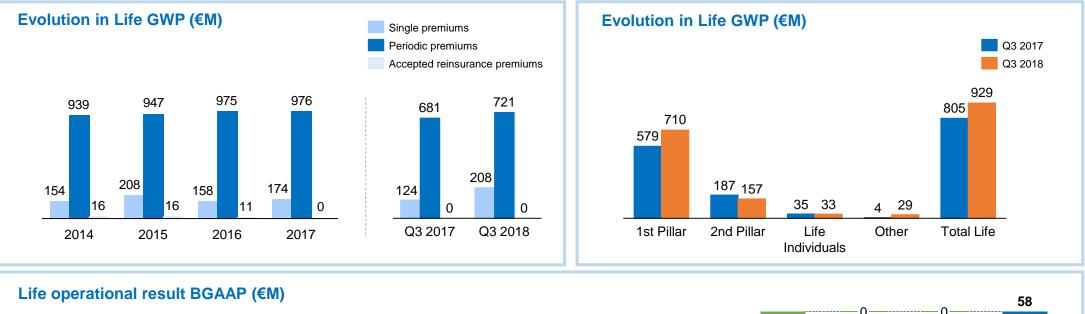
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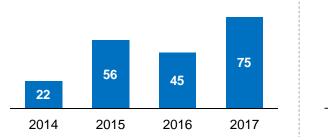
- Higher claims charge in Car and Worker's Compensation
- Adverse weather events (was non-significant in 2017)
- Lower reserve releases on previous years



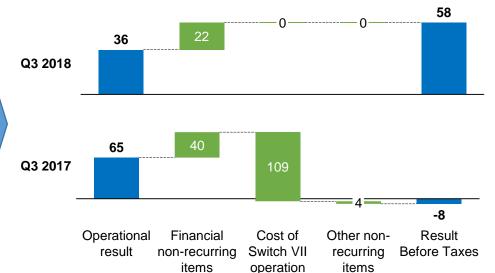
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## **FOCUS ON LIFE BUSINESS**



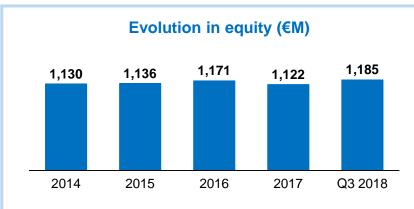




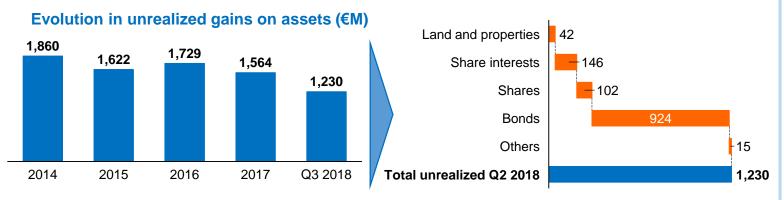


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# **OTHER KEY ELEMENTS**



 Increase in own funds by €63M compared to end-December 2017, the net result of €181M being partially offset by the distribution of an interim dividend of €118,4M end of August 2018



Decrease in unrealized gains compared to end-December 2017 mainly due to the increase in credit spreads

Decrease in unrealized gains more than compensated by a decrease in liabilities in market value in SII (MVBS)

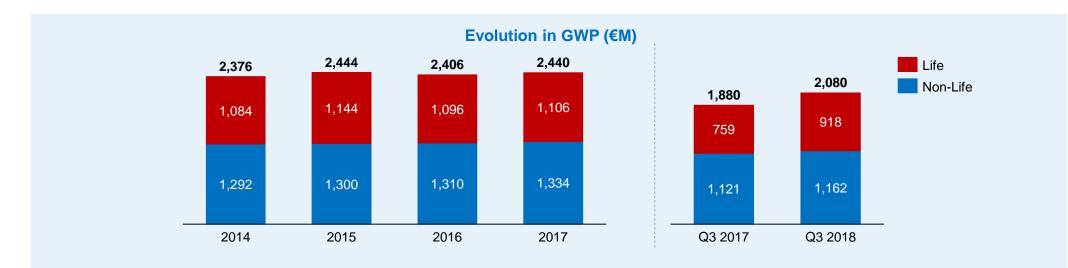
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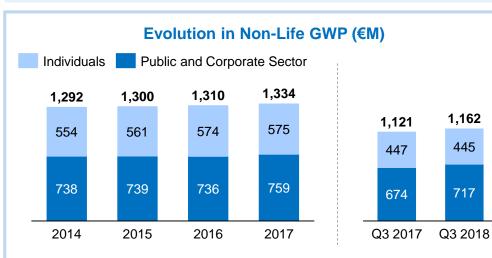
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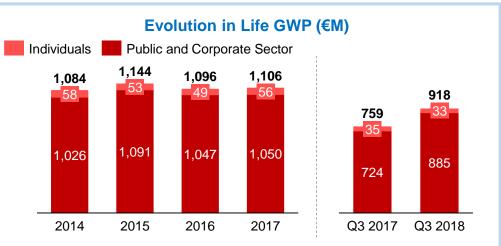


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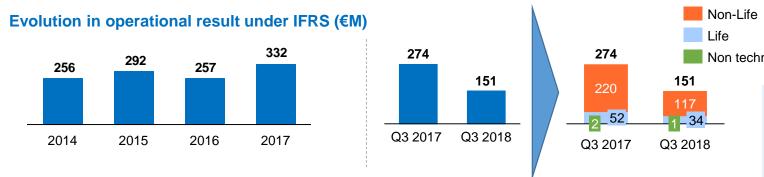


 Increase by 3.7% in Non-Life premium income between September 2017 and September 2018, coming from Public & Corporate (namely following the acquisition of the portfolio "Worker's Compensation - Public Sector" that was held by Ethias Droit Commun until end-December 2017)

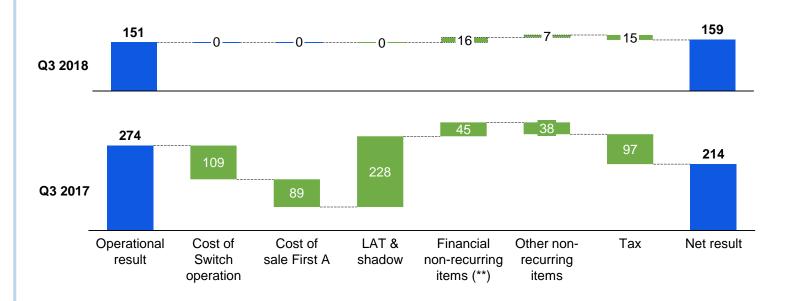


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# **EVOLUTION IN OPERATIONAL RESULT (\*)**



From the operational result to group result under IFRS (€M)



#### (\*) Part of the group

(\*\*) In 2018, financial non recurring items include fair value through P&L for the part not compensated by shadow accounting

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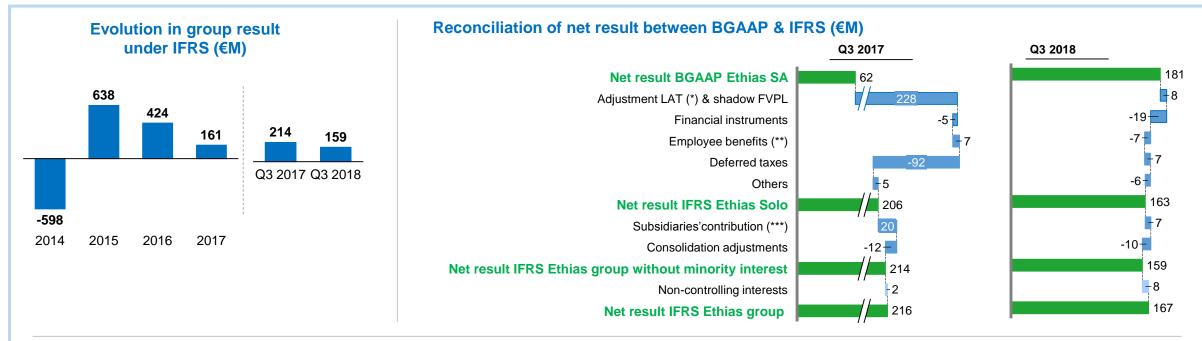
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- Exceptional items amounts €23M, coming from positive nonrecurring financial income and from other non-recurring items (namely retirement plan 60+ charge for -€6M totally compensated by the downward adjustment of the final sale price of portfolio First A to Laguna Life for €10M). The exceptional items are €14M below H1 2017 (€37M)
- The net result as per end of September 2018 stands at €159M. the €151M operational result being impacted by €23M of exceptional items and by the tax charge of €15M

# **EVOLUTION OF NET RESULT UNDER IFRS (€M)**

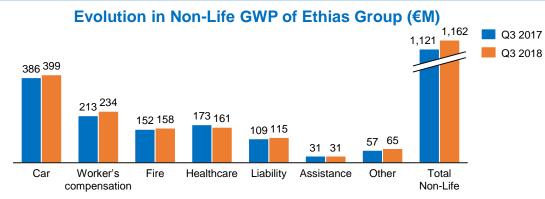


#### Breakdown of net result under IFRS, including minority interests (€M)

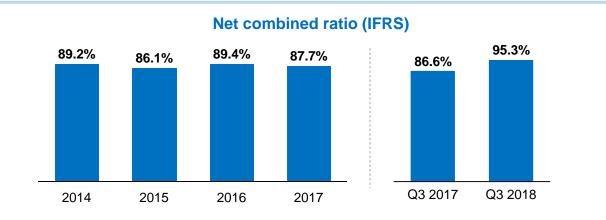
	2014	2015	2016	2017	Q3 2017	Q3 2018
Technical result	(439)	630	340	400	422	168
o/w Non-Life	242	306	278	299	231	114
o/w Life	(681)	324	62	101	191	54
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Non-technical result	(326)	95	182	(155)	(112)	6
Tax	167	(87)	(98)	(84)	(97)	(15)
Net result	(598)	638	424	161	214	159
For reference :						
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(\*) impact of the refined LAT methodology as from EoY 2017; (\*\*) Namely includes the provision for the 60+ retirement plan (different valuation rules between BGAAP & IFRS); (\*\*\*) Mainly NRB, Ethias Sustainable Investment Fund and Real estate subsidiaries

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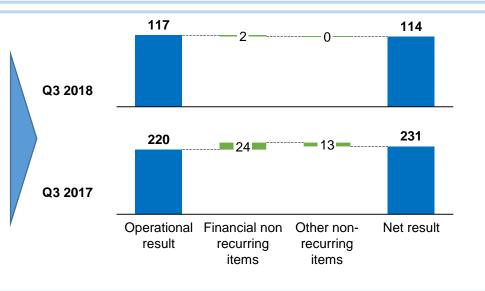


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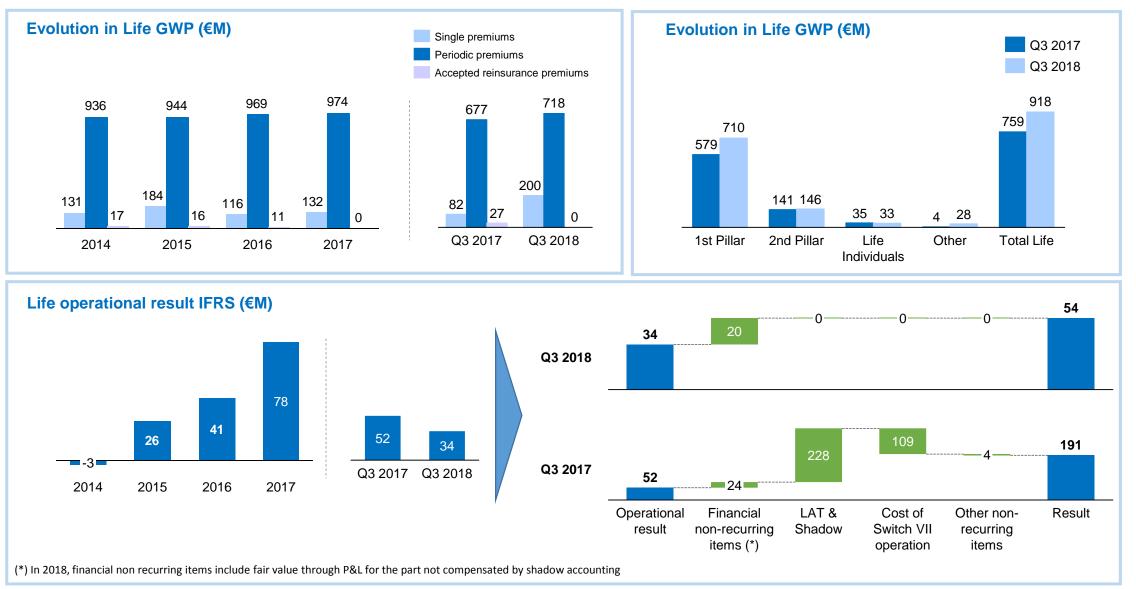


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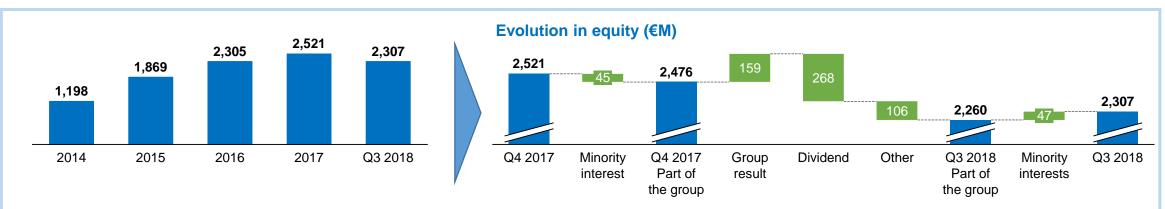


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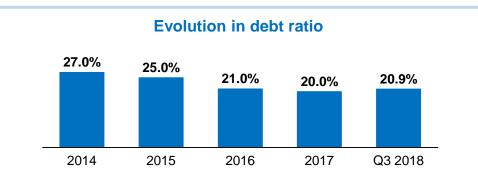
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# **OTHER KEY ELEMENTS**



The decrease in equity (part of the group) between end-December 2017 and end-September 2018 is mainly explained by the combination of the following elements:

- Payment of the €268M dividend
- Net result of the period of €159M
- Other movements of -€106M : mainly a decrease in financial assets of €310M (due to a decrease in market values following credit spread widening and higher rates) partly compensated by shadow accounting of +€183M



- The ratio at end-September 2018 increases as a result of the decrease in equity
- Ratio 2014-2017 corresponding to the Financial Leverage Ratio published by Fitch and computed for Q3 2018 on the basis of Fitch's methodology

	31/12/2017			30/09/2018				
	Assets Duration	Liab. Duration	Duration gap	Assets Duration	Liab. Duration	Duration gap		
Total Life	7.98	12.98	(0.92)	6.94	8.59	0.02		
Total Non-Life	5.13	8.21	(1.04)	5.09	7.76	(1.14)		
TOTAL			(0.96)			(0.34)		

**Duration gap** 

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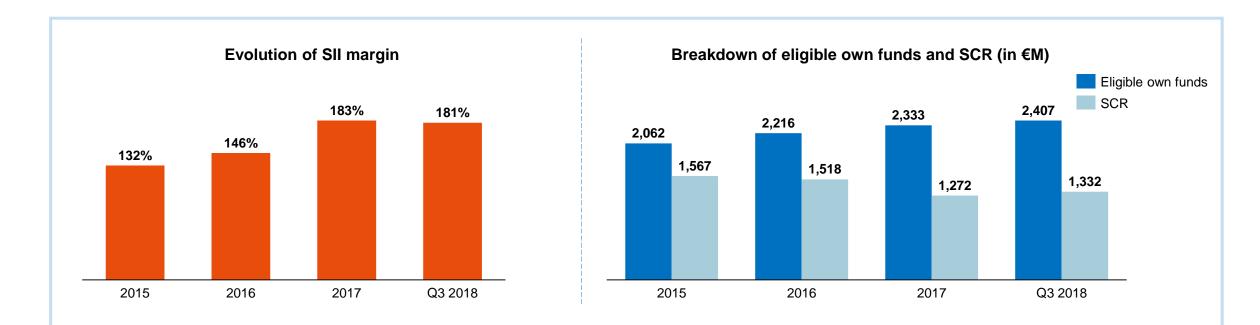
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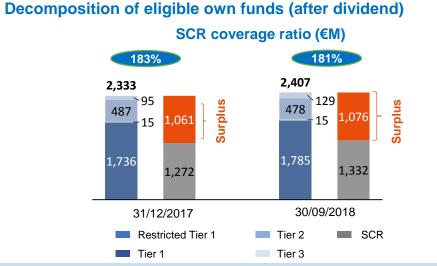
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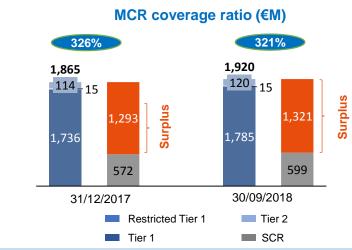


The SII margin at end-December 2017 and at end-September 2018 is impacted by the €268M of dividends allowing Vitrufin to have the necessary amount of cash to reimburse its senior loan in January 2019 (€150M have been paid to Vitrufin after the ordinary general assembly of Ethias SA in May 2018 and the balance of €118M has been paid as an interim dividend as per end of August 2018)

- The SII margin at end-September 2018 slightly decreases compared to end of December 2017 but increases by 5.5% compared to end of June 2018 mainly thanks to a release of a Tax provision, an increase in interest rates and a recalculation of the Non-Life reinsurance receivables.
- The SII margin after dividends remains well above the risk appetite tolerance limit (160%)

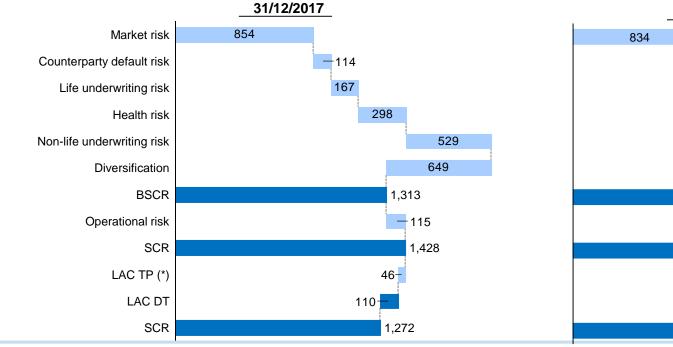
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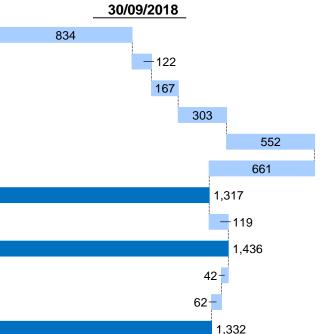


- Very high quality capital structure: unrestricted Tier 1 SCR coverage > 100% as of Q3 2018
- Tier 1 restricted corresponds to the portion of the perpetual loan issued in 2005 not having participated in the exchange operation of November 2015
- Tier 2 comprises, on the one hand, the subordinated loan of €75M issued in 2008 and maturing in July 2023 and, on the other hand, the subordinated loan of € 402.7M in nominal value issued in July and November 2015 and maturing in January 2026
- Restricted Tier 1 and a part of Tier 2 capital (€75M in book value) are grandfathered under Solvency II
- Tier 3 comprises deferred tax assets
- All available own funds are eligible for SCR coverage





\* The effect of LAC TP has been isolated (included in the market risk in the prior presentations)



- Decrease in market risk mainly related to the decrease in SCR Spread
- Increase in counterparty default risk mainly related to the increase in policyholder debtors due to seasonality
- Increase in Non-Life underwriting risk due to the increase in Non-Life catastrophe SCR (increase in Belgium, Germany and Netherlands Fire exposure)
- The impact of diversification is higher due to the increase in the Counterparty default risk and in the Non-Life risk which are more diversified than the Market risk
- The LAC DT decreases due to the increase of DTA

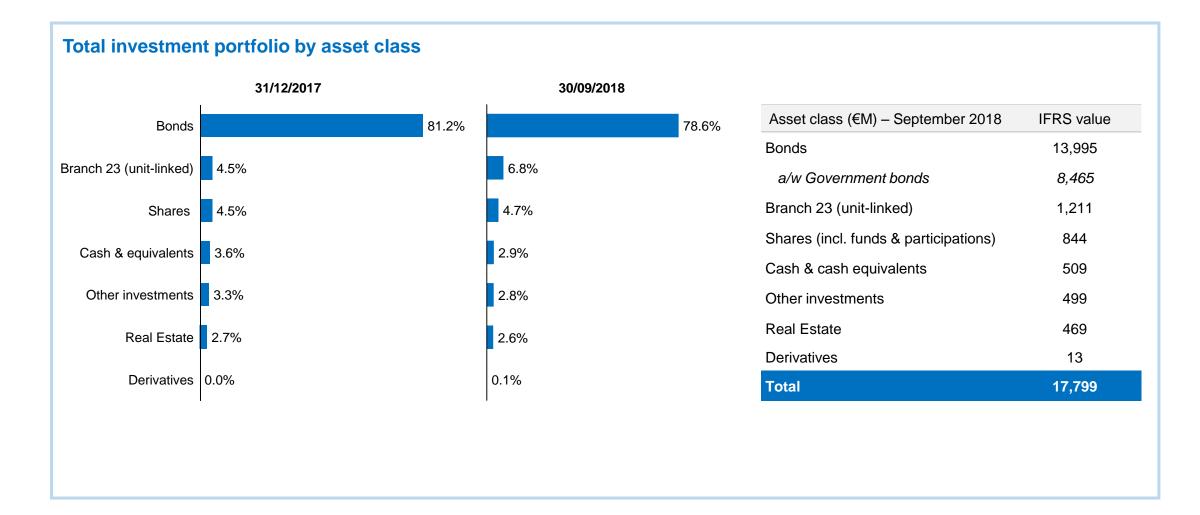
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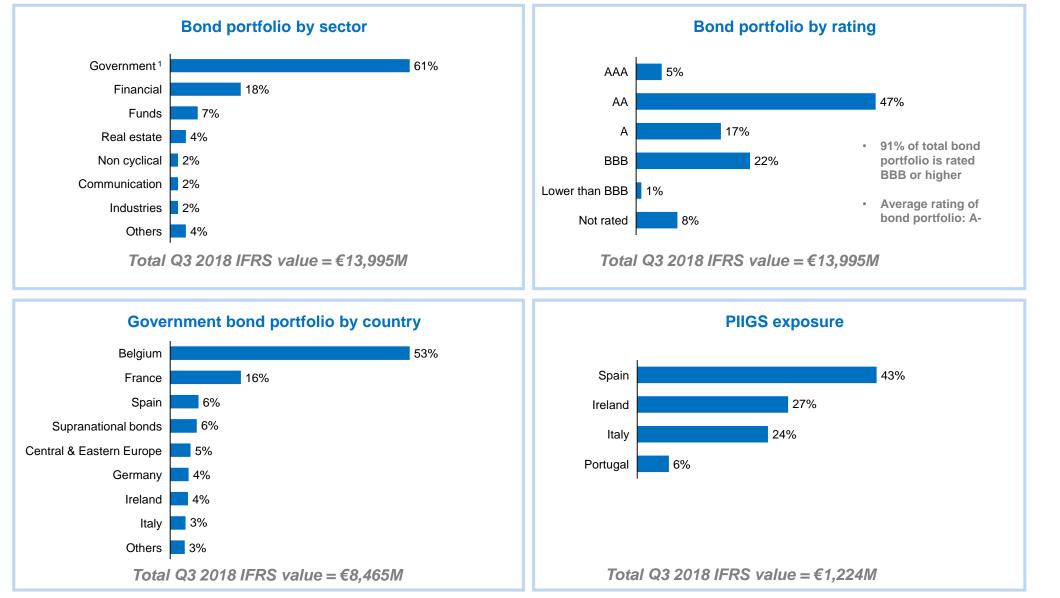
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# **TOTAL INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO AS OF 30 SEPTEMBER 2018**

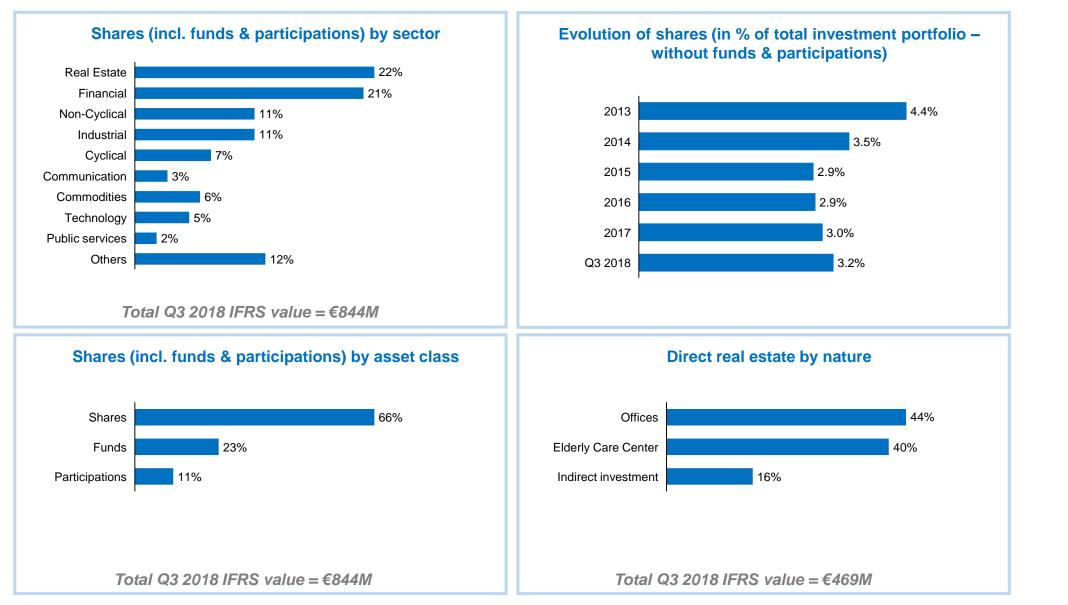


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Note: Figures under IFRS ; Total might not add up to 100% as a result of rounding errors <sup>1</sup> Including bonds issued by Public Sector and guaranteed by the Belgian State

# SHARES (INCL. FUNDS) AND REAL ESTATE PORTFOLIO AS OF 30 SEPTEMBER 2018





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# **RATING OVERVIEW**

# **Fitch**Ratings

Insurer Financial Strength	BBB+	Positive outlook
Long-Term Issuer Default Rating	BBB	Positive outlook
Subordinated Debt Rating	BB+	
Last review	12 June 20	18

"The revision of Ethias's Outlook to Positive reflects Fitch's view that the likely full repayment of Vitrufin debt and the full disposal of the insurer's capital-intensive individual life portfolio will lead to a strengthening in Ethias's capitalisation, profitability and financial flexibility"

Fitch June 12th, 2018

#### Selected extracts from Fitch last long report (07/2018):

*"Improving Credit Profile* : The ratings reflect Ethias's strong capital position, good profitability and sound business profile in Belgium. These strengths are counterbalanced by a moderate, albeit reducing, exposure to interest-rate risk, and the reliance that parent company Vitrufin places on Ethias for funding, through dividends, the payment of interest and principal on its EUR278 million debt maturing in January 2019."

"*Parent Loan Repayment Likely*: Ethias paid EUR150 million dividends to Vitrufin in May 2018 related to its 2017 net income and plans to pay another EUR118 million in 2H18 as an interim dividend on its 2Q18 (or 3Q18) earnings. Fitch understands that Vitrufin is bound by the terms of the loan agreement to allocate Ethias's dividends in priority to repay the loan."

"*'First A' Disposal Credit Positive* : Ethias has been running down its capital-intensive First A retail life reserves since 2010. Ethias announced the sale of its remaining First A portfolio (EUR189 million) in April 2018. The sale which was accounted for in 2017 has a positive effect on Ethias's risk-adjusted capital profile and duration gap."

"Strong Capitalisation : Fitch expects Ethias's capitalisation to benefit from the normalisation of its dividend policy due to earnings retention from 2019. The volatility of its capital position has diminished via a reduction in the company's interest-rate risk exposure. At end-2017, Ethias's Solvency II (S2) margin, which excludes transitional arrangements and dividends, improved to 205% from 146% at end-2016. It has a 'Very Strong' score under Fitch's Prism Factor-Based Capital Model (Prism FBM) at end-2017, after deduction of the EUR268 million dividends."

"Good Profitability : Ethias's underwriting performance is driven by the non-life business, whose profitability remains strong as demonstrated by a reported net IFRS combined ratio of 87.7% at end-2017. Fitch expects earnings in 2018 to be less affected by non-recurring items and be more reflective of consistent technical results."

"*Reduced Duration Gap*: Ethias has significantly reduced its exposure to interest-rate risk, resulting from historically high minimum guaranteed returns on life technical liabilities. Fitch views Ethias's investment policy as prudent. The overall risk profile of the investment portfolio remains a rating strength."

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<sup>1</sup> Figures are based on non-audited statutory accounts

<sup>2</sup> Figures are based on non-audited IFRS consolidated financial statements of the Ethias group (defined as Ethias SA and its subsidiaries)



# **Consolidated balance sheet (IFRS)**

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Q3 2018
Assets						
Goodwill	29	30	45	45	60	62
Other intangible assets	13	14	46	94	113	124
Properties and other fixed assets	133	132	136	140	145	134
Investments in associates	25	21	0	1	1	1
Investments properties	357	391	433	495	488	469
Financial investments	16.773	17.310	15.912	15.948	16.696	16.562
Reinsurers' share of insurance liabilities	141	114	134	122	132	153
Deferred tax assets	126	279	170	74	0	13
Receivables arising from insurance operations or accepted reinsurance	1.226	1.269	1.291	1.344	212	243
Receivables arising from ceded reinsurance operations	65	62	57	64	91	89
Other receivables	634	210	278	179	153	131
Otherassets	286	281	258	242	24	40
Cash and cash equivalents	1.567	1.893	1.087	751	640	509
Available-for-sale assets including assets from discontinued operations	4	1	0	0	0	0
Total assets	21.380	22.007	19.847	19.499	18.755	18.528
Liabilities						
	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
Share capital	249	574	-31	557	936	
Reserves and retained earnings	325	-604	633	424	930 158	813,631 158,996
Net profit (loss) of the period Other items of comprehensive income	525 170	-604 177	233	424 276	381	287,502
	1.744	1.146	1.835		2.475	287,502
Equity of the Group	42	<b>1.146</b> 52	<b>1.835</b> 34	<b>2.257</b> 48	<b>2.475</b> 46	47.14
Non-controlling interests	1.786	1.198	1.869	2.305	2.521	2.307
Total equity						
Insurance contract liabilities	8.136	8.530	8.607	8.541	8.612	8.521
Investment contract liabilities with discretionary participation features	9.470	10.279	7.351	6.197	4.946	4.664
Investment contract liabilities without discretionary participation featur	0	4	4	4	4	3,692
Liabilities belonging to unit-linked insurance contracts	477	416	359	408	811	1.211
Profit sharing liabilities Insurance and investment contract liabilities	<u>13</u> 18.096	21	38	24	34	1,665 <b>14.402</b>
Subordinated debts	322	<b>19.250</b> 322	16.359	15.174	14.407	474
	42	46	454 56	454 387	479 403	474 207
Other financial debts						
Employee benefits	537	603	502	535	286	273
Provisions	149	119	63	30	150	61
Derivative financial instruments	0 35	0 39	20 49	8 52	5 30	13 63
Tax payables	35	39	49	21		
Deferred tax liabilities	-	•	0 216	21	34	18
Liabilities from operating activities Other liabilities	186 218	208 214	216 259	306	232 208	233 476
	218	214	259	306	208	
Liabilities related to assets available for sale and discontinued operatior Total other liabilities	<b>19.594</b>	20.809	17.978	<b>17.194</b>	16.234	0 16.221
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# **Consolidated income statement (IFRS)**

(in €M)	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Q3 2017	Q3 2018
Gross premiums	2.692	2.376	2.444	2.406	2.440	1.880	2.080
Premiums ceded to reinsurers	-72	-41	-38	-37	-31	-33	-40
Change in the provision for unearned premiums and outstanding risks <sup>1</sup>	-12	-15	-7	-17	-2	-119	-117
Other income from insurance activities	3	4	5	5	5	8	4
Revenues from insurance activities <sup>1</sup>	2.611	2.324	2.404	2.357	2.412	1.736	1.927
Revenues from other activities	163	173	199	384	259	188	204
Revenues	2.775	2.497	2.603	2.741	2.671	1.924	2.131
Investment income	658	621	624	646	479	360	320
Net realized gains or losses on investments	33	120	34	62	85	74	76
Change in fair value of investment through profit or loss <sup>2</sup>	82	22	26	-2	44	35	-30
Net financial income	773	764	684	706	608	469	366
Net revenues	3.548	3.261	3.287	3.447	3.279	2.393	2.497
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Benefits and claims	2.633	3.185	2.137	2.326	2.274	1.489	1.841
Net expenses or revenues ceded to reinsurers	-26	-15	-48	-15	-7	-5	-20
Management costs <sup>3</sup>	281	285	258	274	287	244	258
Technical expenses for insurance activities	2.887	3.455	2.347	2.585	2.554	1.728	2.080
Expenses for other activities	175	542	201	306	425	308	188
Operating expenses	3.062	3.997	2.548	2.891	2.979	2.036	2.268
Change in depreciation and amortization on investments (net)	25	23	41	-10	10	7	16
Other investment financial expenses	83	-11	-45	14	15	14	9
Finance costs	18	18	20	30	30	23	22
Financial expenses	126	30	16	34	55	44	48
Net expenses	3.188	4.027	2.563	2.925	3.034	2.080	2.315
Goodwill impairment							
Net profit (loss) before tax	360	-766	724	522	245	313	182
Income taxes	-30	167	-87	-98	-84	-97	-15
Net profit (loss) after tax	330	-599	637	424	161	216	167
Investment in associates through profit or loss	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Net profit (loss) before tax of available-for-sale companies and of discontinued operat	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Net consolidated profit (los) attributable to :	330	-598	638	424	161	216	167
Owners of the parent	325	-604	633	424	158	214	159
Non-controlling interests	5	6	5	0	3	2	8

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