

# Investors' Day 2006 International strategy and sustainability of growth

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### **Agenda**



#### 1. Demographic development

- 2. Strategic positioning
  - Growth
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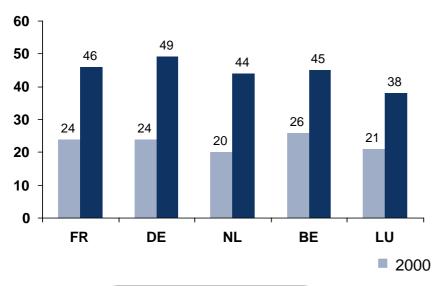
### Strong financial pressure on 1<sup>st</sup> pillar accelerates shift to 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> pillar



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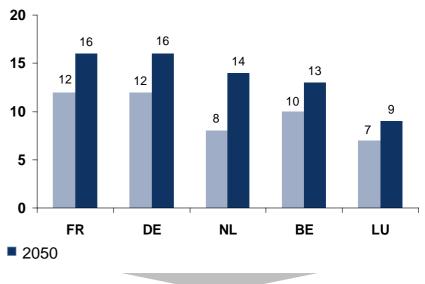
#### Old-age dependency ratio

Population aged 65+ as % of population aged 15-64



#### **Public pension ratio**

Public pension expenditure as % of GDP



- Demographic development in EU is characterised by rising life expectancy and low birth rates
- The proportion of pensioners is expected to increase strongly in the next decades

- Public pension expenditure is projected to increase in the next decades
- Increasing pressure on 1st pillar will increase people's awareness of the need for private savings

Source: Eurostat

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# International strategy focuses on profitable growth

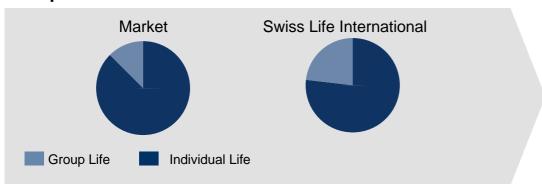


Group stra	tegic directions	International objectives	International priorities		
Growth	Focus on "pensions" related value proposition	<ul> <li>Top 10 / within niches top 5 position in each market</li> <li>Focus on HNWI, upper retail affluent, SME, large corporate clients</li> <li>High-performing, profitable, long-term savings products</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Develop Group-wide business model for individual life</li> <li>Expand profitable pension products and services</li> <li>Leverage existing skills in distribution and product development</li> </ul>		
	Develop own and third-party channels	<ul> <li>Multi-channel distribution</li> <li>Above average sales effectiveness and service quality</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Be present in growing distribution channels</li> <li>Reinforce / develop partnerships with banks</li> </ul>		
Efficiency	Increase basic insurance profitability substantially	<ul> <li>Increase risk margin</li> <li>Attractive investment performance</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Further decrease cost ratio</li> <li>Increase risk cover in new business</li> <li>Further develop risk management including underwriting</li> </ul>		
	Reduce complexity at all stages of the value chain	Elimination of cost overrun	<ul> <li>Pursue operational excellence</li> <li>Search for synergies in IT, operations, sourcing and investment management</li> </ul>		
Leader-	Enhance entrepreneurial responsibility and steering	Leverage existing know-how and coordinate efforts through best practice sharing and cross-border initiatives	<ul> <li>Provide high service quality</li> <li>Improve brand, image and reputation</li> </ul>		
ship	Develop integrated human capital portfolio	• Reach commitment of 80 index points (out of 100)	<ul> <li>Strengthen performance culture</li> <li>Improve coordination and internal communication</li> </ul>		

# Growth: Attractive and sustainable position with further growth potential in group life

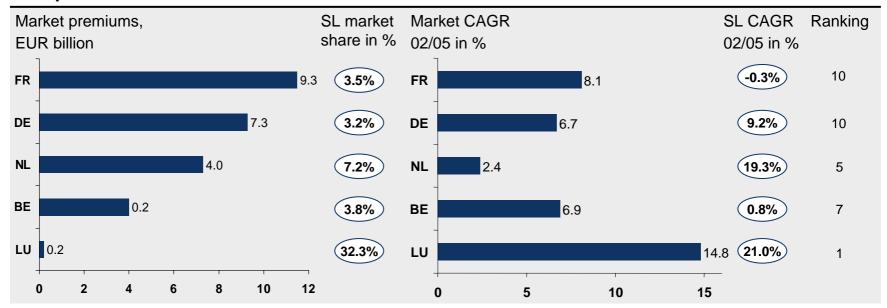


#### Group life vs individual life 2005



Swiss Life with relatively strong focus on group life business

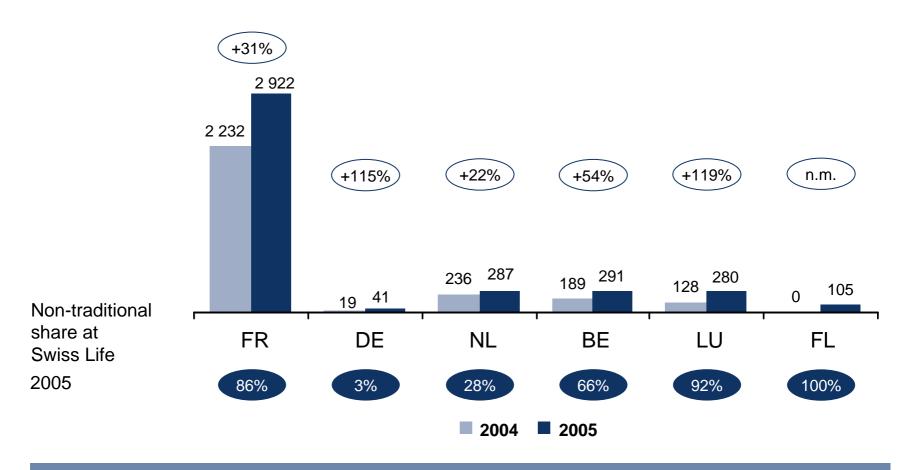
#### **Group life business 2005**



### Growth: Non-traditional products with strong growth in all market units



Non-traditional premiums; EUR million



Swiss Life successfully launched initiatives for performance-oriented products, offering variety of interesting investment opportunities

# Growth: Innovative products developed to meet changing customer needs (1/2)



	Customer needs	Client segment	Product description
France	<ul> <li>Maintain downside protection and achieve upside flexibility with higher returns</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Individual customers (affluent and HNWI)</li> <li>Institutional clients and possibly private customers</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Multi-support</li> <li>Fund of inflation-linked bonds</li> </ul>
Germany	<ul> <li>Participation in financial markets with downside protection (also feasible for second pillar)</li> </ul>	Retail and affluent clients	<ul> <li>SL Auro: Index-linked product with capital guarantee</li> <li>SL Synchro: Hybrid product, combining traditional and unit-linked product</li> </ul>
Nether- lands	<ul> <li>Customers demand comprehensive, transparent and fast / convenient products</li> <li>Make use of revised fiscal advantages</li> </ul>	<ul><li>SME</li><li>Private</li></ul>	<ul> <li>I-Pensioen: Web-based standardised product line with self- service, allowing lower costs and better information for customers. Brokers selling I-Pensioen can manage policyholder information using the extranet platform "my workplace"</li> </ul>
			<ul> <li>Introduction of 'Levensloop', savings product with a risk insurance element</li> </ul>

# Growth: Innovative products developed to meet changing customer needs (2/2)



	Customer needs		Client segment		Product description
Belgium	<ul> <li>Security</li> <li>Flexibility &amp; high return</li> <li>POS/brokers and customers online (achieve fully integrated e-sales)</li> </ul>		Affluent clients, self employed Above-average individuals HNWI SME	•	New traditional product range Unit-linked dedicated funds, deposit with withdrawals "My workplace" products in group business
Luxem- bourg	<ul> <li>Tax optimisation of assets</li> <li>Secure generational transfer of assets / estate planning</li> </ul>	•	Upper middle class and HNWI, as well as legal entities within the EU	•	ModuLife Universal product with mix of mutual, dedicated and with guaranteed funds Pure savings product without insurance Investment product in unlisted shares / real estate
Liechten- stein	<ul> <li>Tax optimisation of assets</li> <li>Secure generational transfer of assets / estate planning</li> <li>US-compliant rules</li> <li>Estate planning needs and</li> </ul>	•	HNWI worldwide  HNWI with links to the US  Targeting Asian offshore	•	LAP (life asset portfolio) Universal / Germany / Italy / Sweden / Norway DVA - USA (deferred variable annuity) VUL - Asia (variable universal

**HNWI** customers

life)

access to attractive BdG

investments

### Growth: Implement strong multi-channel distribution in all countries



Distribution mix (SL/market) in 2005

	Market	Swiss Life	Main achievements
FR			<ul> <li>Further development of modern distribution channels such as internet, IFAs and Private Banking</li> <li>Distribution agreements with selected banks e.g. UBS, CS, Rothschild</li> </ul>
DE			<ul> <li>Direct sales with SLP AG</li> <li>MetallRente (largest voluntary pension plan in DE)</li> <li>SLIS AG (Credit life business and consumer credits)</li> </ul>
NL			<ul> <li>Direct sales via internet and call center</li> <li>Franchising pilot by 2 advice lounges</li> <li>Participation in distribution parties</li> </ul>
BE <sup>1)</sup>			<ul> <li>Convert ex-agent into pension experts and develop new channel (internet)</li> <li>New points of sale: insurance brokers and independent bank brokers</li> </ul>
LU			<ul> <li>Expand bank partnerships</li> <li>Further development of IFAs and Family Offices</li> </ul>
FL <sup>2)</sup>			<ul> <li>Leverage synergies with BdG</li> <li>Develop distribution channels with private banks and brokers</li> </ul>

- 1) FY 2004 for the market
- 2) HY 2006 figures, best estimate for market





### Growth and efficiency: Paradigm shift in the individual life product architecture



#### **Current situation**

Product	Α	Product	В	Product	n
Tariff	Α	Tariff	В	Tariff	n
In-/Exkasso	Α	In-/Exkasso	В	In-/Exkasso	n
Commission	Α	Commission	В	Commission	n
Surrender	Α	Surrender	В	 Surrender	n
Reserving	Α	Reserving	В	Reserving	n
Client	Α	Client	В	Client	n
Mutations	Α	Mutations	В	Mutations	n
General ledger	Α	General ledger	В	General ledger	n

- Reinventing the wheel for each new product
- Different definitions and therefore multiplication of identical components
- High costs, not only in development but also in maintenance
- Complex, unclear documentation obstructing know-how transfer

New business model					
Product architecture					
Tariff					
In-/Exkasso					
Surrender					
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Commission					
General legder					
Customer information					

- Modular products with standard components
- Global product architecture enabling local specialities and innovation
- Low costs & short time-to-market
- Leverage cross-border know-how
- Flexibility to outsource modules

### Efficiency: Projects in progress in all countries



	Project	initiatives	to deliver
France	• Lean Six Sigma	<ul> <li>Improve client service while maintaining cost levels despite growth</li> </ul>	• Unchanged costs with 30% increase in business
Germany	• Opus	<ul><li>Streamline structure</li><li>Optimise processes through more automation</li></ul>	• Reduce costs by 12%
Nether- lands	• Lean Six Sigma	Improve and automate processes	• Improve productivity by almost 20%
Belgium	<ul><li>Technical profitability committee</li><li>Lean Six Sigma</li><li>E-business project</li></ul>	Reengineer business processes and implement integrated web based platform	• Reduce costs by 11%
Luxem- bourg	• Lean Six Sigma	<ul> <li>Improve efficiency and quality of business processes</li> <li>Speed-up product development (time-to-market)</li> </ul>	Almost double productivity
Liechten- stein	• E-BAO	Leveraging the existing tools	More than double productivity

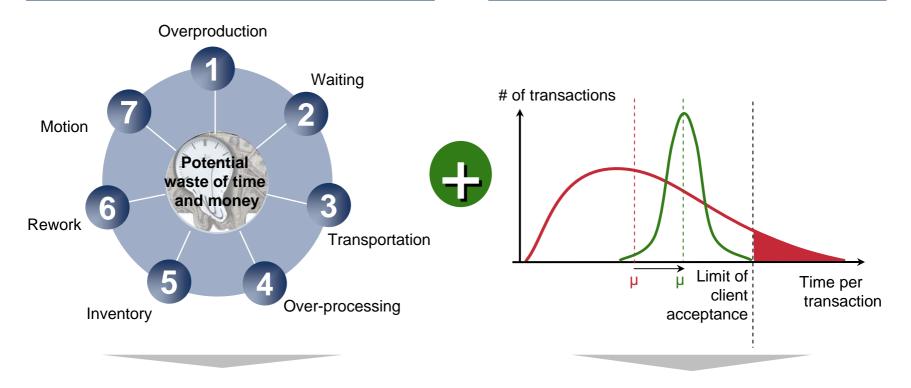
### Efficiency: Pursue coordinated operational excellence initiatives



Lean Six Sigma: Combination of "Lean" and "Six Sigma"

#### "Lean" to improve efficiency

#### "Six Sigma" to improve quality



"Lean" service delivery to

- Reduce process time
- Reduce cycle time

"Six Sigma" service delivery to

- Reduce process variability
- Reduce error rate

### Leadership: Strong recognition with awards in all countries











Incompany 100 onderzoek: Zwitserleven heeft de meest tevreden collectieve pensioenrelaties.



Zwitserleven first insurer in the Netherlands to receive SAS 70 (Type I) certification



SL BE 2005: Best campaign



SL BE 2006: Innovation prize for MyWorkplace

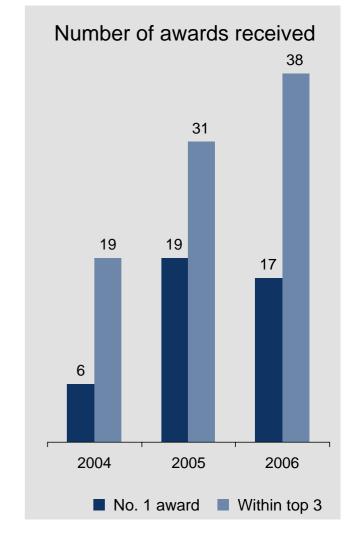












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# Pensions Leadership strategy with concrete actions and proven success



#### Growth

- Develop innovative products to satisfy changing customer needs
- Strengthen multi-distribution channels to support growth
- Invest in internet as a rapidly growing support channel

#### **Efficiency**

- Continue projects to achieve operational excellence
- Promote cross-border projects to increase efficiency
- Look for add-on acquisitions to reach competitive cost levels

#### Leadership

- Capitalise on strong Swiss quality brand
- Reinforce international cooperation
- Aspire to Pensions Leadership

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