Risk, return and growth: getting the balance right

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The insurance industry's approach to risk management has changed

From: Focusing on liability risk management only: Underwriting management To: Managing simultaneously the whole spectrum of risks Liability risks + Asset risks + ALM



Structural trends are boosting the industry growth potential...

Life & Asset Management



Demographic trends will drive L&S and Asset Management growth as:

- ► Retirees are living longer
- ► They can no longer rely on government or employer
- ► Individual savings will not be enough to fill the gap

Non-life



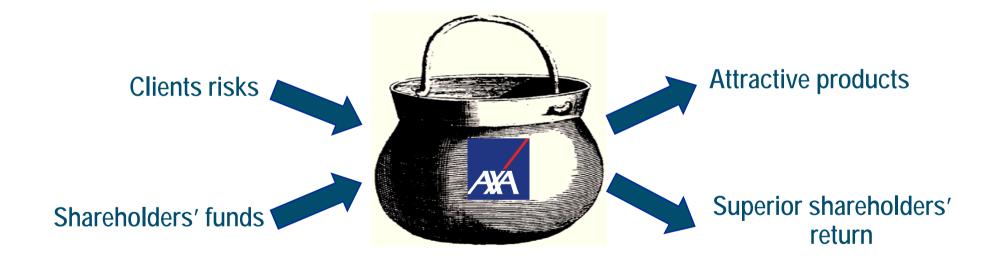
P&C growth is fueled by growing risk aversion



...and in particular the need for financial protection

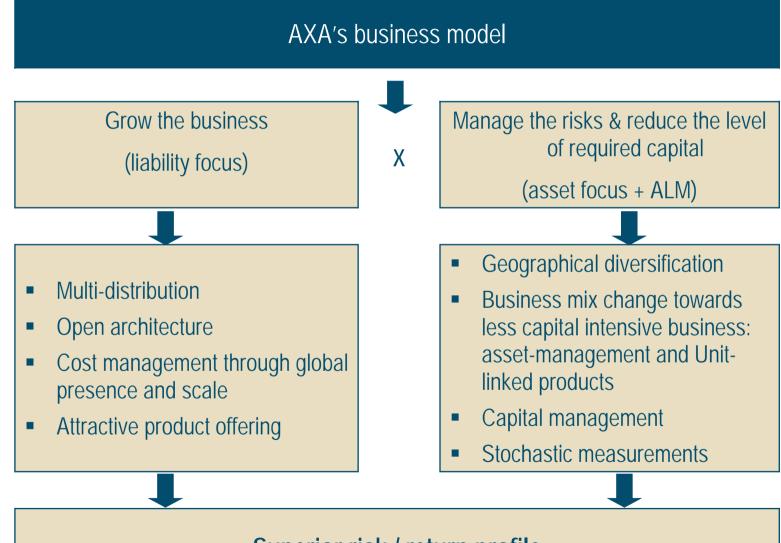
What do we mean by financial protection?

→ Use our balance sheet to assume and transform our clients' risks on a long-term basis





We genuinely analyze and understand our risks, which allows us to deliver superior growth with lower volatility

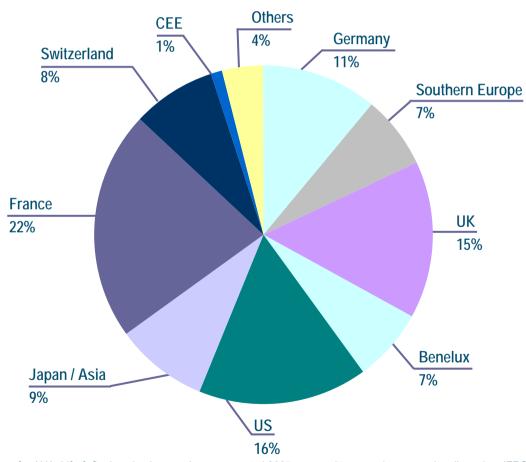




Superior risk / return profile

Our insurance activities are uniquely diversified in terms of geographic exposure...

Insurance volumes by countries: AXA + Winterthur FY 2005



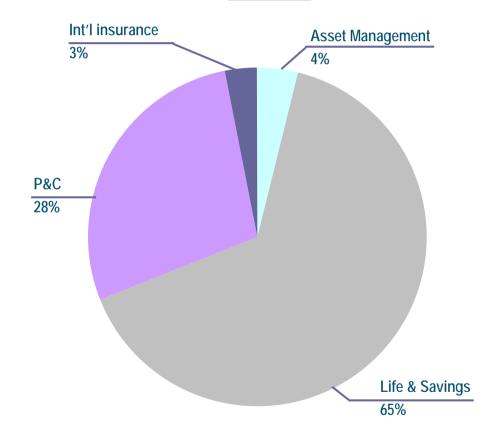


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- ▶ 2005 business volumes for AXA. Life & Savings business volume = reported 2005 gross written premiums + cash collected on IFRS pure investment contracts in 2005. Other activities' business volume = reported 2005 revenues. This adjustment is made to enable comparison with Winterthur.
- ▶ Taking into account the sale of AXA RE

...and business segments...

Business volumes by segments: AXA + Winterthur FY 2005

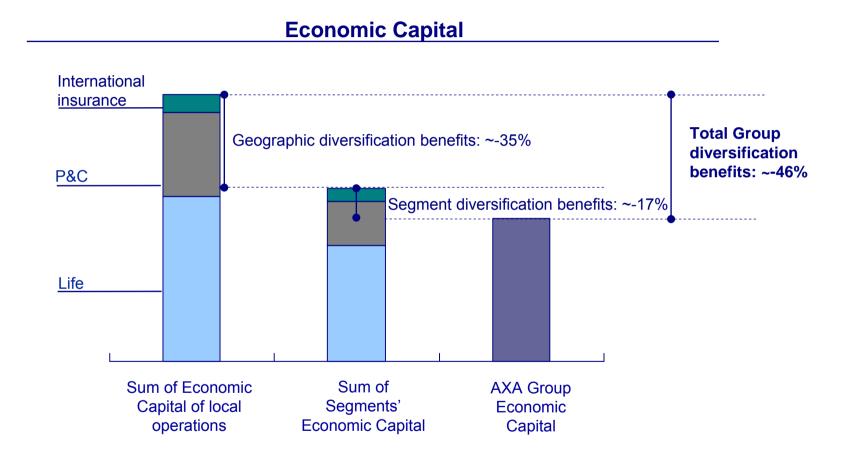




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- ▶ Asset management includes Other Financial services

...and thanks to our economic capital, we are able to measure the benefits of this diversification





As a result, AXA's sensitivity to financial markets movements is lower than usually expected...

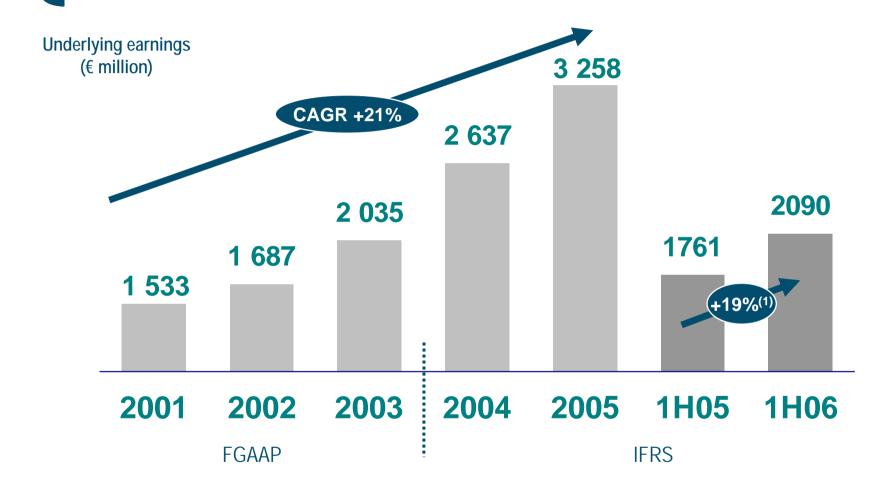
Impact of financial markets' evolution on AXA's value

(€ billion)	Equity Drop	Equity Increase	Interest rates decrease	Interest rates increase
	-10%	+10%	-50 bps	+50 bps
Life & Savings (EEV) Life & Savings (NBV)	-1.8 -0.09	+1.6 +0.09	-1.0 -0.09	+0.6 +0.06
Non-life	-0.5	+0.5	+0.7	-0.7
Impact of debt MTM	n.a.	n.a.	-0.3	+0.3

AXA's market capitalization as of Sept. 28, 2006	61.3
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...and the Group has been able to continuously deliver strong earnings growth,...





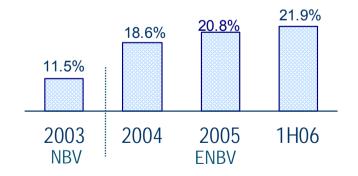
(1) 1H05 underlying earnings for International Insurance included Euro 55m of AXA RE as a going concern entity. Excluding these Euro 55m from 1H05 earnings, and total underlying earnings were up 22%

...in all our core activities, namely Life & Savings,...

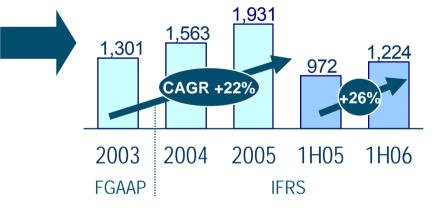
• We have strongly grown total new business volumes:



While improving our NBV Margin:



Leading to strong underlying earnings momentum:

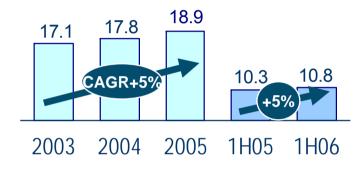


L&S underlying earnings (€ million)

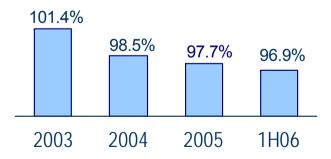


...Property & Casualty,...

• We have grown the volume of business



While improving our combined ratio



Leading to strong underlying earnings growth:



P&C underlying earnings (€ million)



...and Asset Management

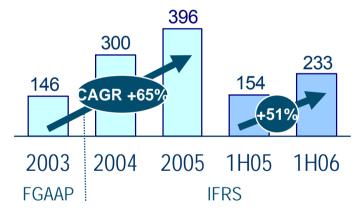
Strong top line growth:



• with decreasing the cost income ratios:



Resulting in booming underlying earnings growth



Asset Management underlying earnings (€ million)



Going forward, AXA teams are focused on an organic growth challenge, Ambition 2012

As part of the Ambition 2012, we set ourselves challenging organic growth targets over the 2004-2012 period:

LT growth target for activity indicators			Underlying EPS
L&S APE	+5 / + 10%	' + 5%	
P&C revenues	+3 / + 5%		(x3)
AM revenues	> + 10%		



To pursue our journey on this road to 2012, we will:

- 1. Continue to apply our business model
- 2. Keep on developing practical measures to further reduce our capital needs:
 - ▶ Securitization, cat bonds,...
- 3. Work on convincing the regulators and the rating agencies to take into account our achievements in their capital requirements/models:
 - Diversification benefits
 - ▶ Benefits of securitization programs
 - Regulators' acknowledgement through Solvency II of our internally developed economic capital models



Create a virtuous circle favoring players with better control of technical risks and costs:

Capital requirements on an economic basis



Better product offering



Better shareholders' return

Thank you

Save the date: October 18, 2006

Investor presentation: "On the road to 2012"

