## Annual Report 2010 Raiffeisen Group





## Key figures

|   | 2010<br>Amounts<br>in CHF<br>millions | Changes<br>in % | 2009<br>Amounts<br>in CHF<br>millions | Changes<br>in % | 2008<br>Amounts<br>in CHF<br>millions |
|---|---------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|
| Key balance sheet figures                               |                                       |                 |                                       |                 |                                       |
| otal assets   | 147,239                               | 5.5             | 139,520                               | 6.0             | 131,575                               |
| oans to clients   | 127,261                               | 8.2             | 117,636                               | 8.3             | 108,595                               |
| of which mortgage receivables                           | 119,595                               | 8.1             | 110,678                               | 9.1             | 101,435                               |
| lient monies  | 116,443                               | 5.2             | 110,739                               | 6.4             | 104,098                               |
| Client monies in % of loans to clients                  | 91.5%                                 |                 | 94.1%                                 |                 | 95.9%                                 |
| Key P + L figures                                       |                                       |                 |                                       |                 |                                       |
| Net interest income                                     | 2,002                                 | 2.6             | 1,950                                 | 1.3             | 1,926                                 |
| ncome from commission business and service transactions | 242                                   | 6.3             | 227                                   | -1.1            | 230                                   |
| Operating income  | 2,418                                 | 2.9             | 2,350                                 | 1.0             | 2,327                                 |
| otal operating expenditure                              | 1,465                                 | 0.2             | 1,463                                 | 1.4             | 1,443                                 |
| Gross profit  | 953                                   | 7.4             | 887                                   | 0.4             | 883                                   |
| Group profit before tax                                 | 772                                   | -2.4            | 791                                   | 16.1            | 682                                   |
| Group profit  | 627                                   | -2.8            | 645                                   | 14.4            | 564                                   |
| Gross profit per personnel unit (in 1000 CHF)           | 118.6                                 | 4.7             | 113.3                                 | -4.6            | 118.8                                 |
| Cost/Income Ratio                                       | 60.6%                                 | 1.7             | 62.3%                                 | 1.0             | 62.0%                                 |
| Capital resources                                       |                                       |                 |                                       |                 |                                       |
| otal equity capital                                     | 9,281                                 | 7.6             | 8,628                                 | 8.1             | 7,979                                 |
| Return on equity (ROE)                                  | 7.0%                                  |                 | 7.8%                                  |                 | 7.3%                                  |
| Equity ratio  | 6.3%                                  |                 | 6.2%                                  |                 | 6.1%                                  |
| Core capital ratio                                      | 12.7%                                 |                 | 12.7%                                 |                 | 12.7%                                 |
| otal capital ratio                                      | 18.7%                                 |                 | 18.9%                                 |                 | 18.8%                                 |
| Market data   |                                       |                 |                                       |                 |                                       |
| Market Share Mortages                                   | 15.7%                                 |                 | 15.2%                                 |                 | 14.7%                                 |
| Market Share Savings                                    | 19.8%                                 |                 | 19.6%                                 |                 | 19.7%                                 |
| Number of cooperative members                           | 1,678,792                             | 3.7             | 1,618,941                             | 4.5             | 1,549,190                             |
| Client assets   |                                       |                 |                                       |                 |                                       |
| lient assets under management                           | 140,765                               | 4.3             | 134,904                               | 8.1             | 124,817                               |
| Custody account business                                |                                       |                 |                                       |                 |                                       |
| Number of custody accounts                              | 336,657                               | -8.4            | 367,389                               | -4.1            | 383,125                               |
| otal custody account volumes                            | 31,105                                | -7.5            | 33,639                                | 3.0             | 32,672                                |
| ending business   |                                       |                 |                                       |                 |                                       |
| osses on lending business                               | 20                                    | -22.1           | 25                                    | -41.5           | 43                                    |
| as % of loans to clients                                | 0.016%                                |                 | 0.022%                                |                 | 0.040%                                |
| Non-performing loans                                    | 364                                   | -2.4            | 373                                   | -5.1            | 393                                   |
| as % of loans to clients                                | 0.286%                                |                 | 0.317%                                |                 | 0.362%                                |
| Rating given to the Raiffeisen Switzerland              |                                       |                 |                                       |                 |                                       |
| Moody's   | Aa1                                   |                 | Aa1                                   |                 | Aa1                                   |
| Resources   |                                       |                 |                                       |                 |                                       |
| Number of employees                                     | 9,656                                 | 1.1             | 9,553                                 | 4.6             | 9,133                                 |
| of which trainees                                       | 787                                   | 1.4             | 776                                   | 5.1             | 738                                   |
| Number of personnel units                               | 8,068                                 | 0.9             | 7,999                                 | 4.4             | 7,665                                 |
| •   | 1,122                                 | -2.1            | 1,146                                 | -0.4            | 1,151                                 |
| Number of Raiffeisen locations                          | 1,144                                 |                 |                                       |                 |                                       |

## **Management summary**

#### **Ongoing vitality at Raiffeisen**

The Raiffeisen Group grew strongly in 2010, particularly in its core business. Client deposits rose at an above-average rate to CHF 116.4 billion (+ 5.2%). The main growth driver was the core business of savings and deposits, which grew CHF 6.9 billion (+ 8.7%). Loans to clients rose by 8.2% to CHF 127.3 billion. With additional mortgage loans of almost CHF 9 billion (+ 8.1%), Raiffeisen further expanded its leading position in the financing of private residential property in 2010 and achieved a market share of 15.7%.

#### Secure growth

Due to conservative lending practices with strict requirements for the ability of borrowers to keep up payments, the risk exposure of Raiffeisen's credit portfolio continues to be low. Thus losses from the lending business are amounting to a mere CHF 19.8 million or 0.016% of the credit volume. Raiffeisen continues to enjoy an outstanding reputation. 63,000 new clients – many in the cities – started to bank with Raiffeisen in 2010. The number of clients climbed to 3.4 million. With 60,000 new members, the total number of members reached 1.7 million.

#### **Higher gross profit**

Net interest income in 2010 was CHF 51.4 million higher than the previous year (+ 2.6%). Commission and service income also developed well, increasing by 6.3% after declining in previous years. The substantial volume growth took place almost without any increase in costs. Although the banking group continued to invest in personnel, the total operating expenditure merely underwent a marginal increase. Gross profit surged by 7.4% to CHF 952.5 million last year. Group profit amounted to CHF 627.2 million.

#### **Outlook: Expanding diversification**

Growth in the core business – especially in mortgages – continues to be one of Raiffeisen's main objectives for 2011. At the same time, the Group is also pushing ahead with the diversification of its business and will be focusing on expanding its investment and corporate clients business in 2011. Moreover, Raiffeisen will be increasing the attractiveness of membership starting in spring 2011.

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"My greatest accomplishment is to blaze the trail for my boys to enjoy a successful future as athletes."

Roland Barmettler, wrestling coach

You know Raiffeisen's trailblazers personally: they are the employees in your community. Our trailblazers clear paths for you and support you in the direction that is right for you.

Raiffeisen isn't the only place for dedicated trailblazers. They are hard at work everywhere – on the job, at home and as volunteers. The images in this year's annual report show trailblazers who are making the world a better place. They are motivated by the satisfaction of those around them. It is what drives them to embrace, share and pass on their values, day after day.

Roland Barmettler is one of the trailblazers showcased by photographer Phil Müller. He coaches young wrestlers in the Swiss town of Stans, strengthens their fighting spirit and teaches them fairness and tradition. Looking at their coach and role model, the boys see that they must embrace all of these values if they want a chance of becoming a real contender one day.

Discover the world of trailblazers who are clearing paths for others throughout Switzerland: such as the engineer who builds concrete paths in the form of bridges and a professor who shows her students the way to a successful future.

**Significant events at Raiffeisen in 2010.** In our 110th financial year, we were able to attract 63,000 new clients on the strength of the Raiffeisen Group's reputation.

Raiffeisen client deposits increased 5.2%, and savings deposits rose by 8.7% to CHF 87 billion. Loans to clients were up even further, increasing 8.2% to meet the record level recorded in 2009.

#### Interest in residential property ownership

Demand for residential property has been steadily increasing for years. Low interest rates made it quite inexpensive to finance purchasing a home. Raiffeisen mortgage lending increased by 8.1%, keeping us ahead of the market in our core business. The banking group achieved most of this growth in the owner-occupied residential property segment. The mortgage portfolio was correspondingly low-risk, with effective lending losses at a very low level of 0.02%, equal to CHF 19.8 million.

#### Members benefit

Members were able to travel in the cantons Vaud and Geneva for half-price in 2010. Raiffeisen additionally surprised members with a 50% discount on the daily passes at six ski resorts throughout Switzerland.

#### **Positioned for success**

Raiffeisen enjoys an outstanding reputation among Swiss consumers. In 2010, a number of studies confirmed that Raiffeisen is the most popular bank in Switzerland. A survey conducted by the market research firm GfK revealed for example that Raiffeisen not only has the best reputation of any bank, but also is one of the most popular Swiss firms in any industry.

## Sustainability at all levels

Raiffeisen observes its responsibilities as a business on all levels, as reflected for example in expansion of the partnership with Ethos. A joint study revealed that 39 of Switzerland's 100 largest publicly-traded firms either have concrete plans to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions or soon will. Climate change was also the topic of this year's Raiffeisen Kids Contest, in which nearly 50,000 kids provided their thoughts on the subject in picture form. The regularly-awarded Raiffeisen Centenary Foundation prize went to the Theodora Foundation, which cheers up sick children with its clowns.

#### **Royal entertainment**

The Swiss Alpine Wrestling and Herdsman Festival in Frauenfeld was an extraordinary event, crowned by the brilliance of 'Schwinger King' Kilian Wenger. The largest non-permanent stadium in Switzerland, an enthusiastic audience and Raiffeisen as royal partner were the recipe that made the festival a highlight among our many sponsorships.

#### Mission statement

#### Our vision

Raiffeisen is the leading Swiss retail banking group. Raiffeisen banks, which are organised as cooperatives, tailor their offering to clients' needs in liaison with their cooperation partners. Raiffeisen is guided by fair and cooperative values in its dealings with cooperative members, clients, staff and society.

#### Our principles

Fair partner to our clients

- We assume our responsibility towards our clients by providing personal service in clients' local areas and streamlined decision-making processes.
- We engage with others in a friendly and approachable manner and deal with our clients' concerns professionally.
- We aim to be a reliable partner by offering support to our clients on financial issues throughout their lives.

Cooperative as a matter of principle

- Through the membership option, we offer our clients the chance to become owners of their Raiffeisen bank.
- We combine business management principles with cooperative values by passing benefits on to our members.
- At a local level, the autonomous Raiffeisen banks benefit from the synergy potential of the national banking group.

Team-focused and entrepreneurial working attitude among staff

- We aim to achieve a partnership between our staff that is characterised by dialogue, fairness and social responsibility.
- We create the conditions and the environment in which our staff can flourish and develop responsibly.
- Their skills, commitment and ability to identify with Raiffeisen are prerequisites for the Group's long-term performance.

Active part of life in society

- We are committed to fair competition and our actions are guided by strong ethical principles.
- Through the dedication we show and the products we offer, we demonstrate our commitment to the sustainable development of society and the environment.
- By acting in a transparent and responsible manner, we create a relationship with our clients and with society that is built on trust.
- Committed staff and a membership that includes official bodies help to strengthen our Group's regional roots.

**Opener** After the turmoil unleashed by the financial crisis, 2010 was a year of normalisation, change and improvement. In such an environment, where nothing remained the same as it had been before, Raiffeisen held fast to its vision of being a trailblazer, helping members and clients to attain their goals and dreams.

"Bankers must return to being what they once were: someone you give your money to, who looks after it, "Renato Kaiser, a poetry slammer from eastern Switzerland, says of the profession. He fortunately qualified this by adding: "... and maybe they will do a bit more than that". In this 144-page annual report, we invite you to discover how we are genuinely capable of doing more. We will be introducing a number of "trailblazers" — people who help other people make their way, in the spirit of our own mission as an organisation.

#### Mortgages in demand

In 2010, many people moved toward owning their own home. Raiffeisen acted as a trailblazer, providing much sought financing for residential property. We capitalised heavily on our strengths: our presence and client relationships in local markets, and our localised decision-making structures. Recording growth of CHF 9 billion, we nearly reached the record level of 2009. Yet there are increasing concerns about a potential real estate bubble in Switzerland.

We at Raiffeisen can only speak for ourselves, reporting that our loan portfolio is of very high quality, and has further improved in parallel to our growth.

#### Light at the end of the economic tunnel

The year 2010 offered only meagre returns for savers. Low interest rates made fixed income investments scarcely attractive. Equity markets, however, did not show signs of a stable recovery. Capital preservation-oriented investors remained on the sidelines. But there is some optimism, as an economic recovery appears to be in the making, heralded

by rising stock markets. We have taken advantage of this "pause that refreshes" to optimise our product range to be even more closely aligned with investors' goals and preferences.

#### Strong identity as SME lender

Raiffeisen is blazing trails for a host of new corporate clients. We increased total volume by 7.2% and expanded the number of clients by 2.4% to no less than 126,000. This means that one out of three businesses in Switzerland is now a Raiffeisen client. Our service range has developed tremendously, and we have invested in new products. We accompany businesses every step of the way, from business plan to succession plan.

#### **Costs under control**

The path to growth over the last several years has been steep and difficult at times. We are pleased to report, however, that the substantial growth seen in 2010 was achieved practically without any cost increases – even as we invested in additional personnel, particularly client advisory. Costs were kept under control by simplifying processes, raising efficiency and trimming operating expenditure – with no impact on advice quality.

#### Safety is built into our business model

The normalisation process in the wake of the financial crisis proceeded rapidly in 2010, and the relative speed with which the international community reached an appropriate compromise on Basel III was beneficial. Raiffeisen is very well-capitalised, as we already meet the Basel III requirements, compliance with which is mandatory by the



Dr h.c. Franz Marty, Chair of the Board of Directors of the Raiffeisen Group



Dr Pierin Vincenz, Chair of the Executive Board of the Raiffeisen Group

year 2019. Our solid business model and capitalisation have served Raiffeisen well, both before and during the crisis. It is thus no surprise that Moody's gives Raiffeisen a rating of Aa1 – one of the highest ratings for any bank in the world.

#### Outlook: Year of change ahead

New departures are in store for us in 2011. While we will remain extremely active in our core business of mortgages, Raiffeisen will be concentrating on other lines of business, partly in view of the interest rate reversal becoming evident. The Raiffeisen business model will become even more diversified, as we focus on growing our investment and corporate client businesses by investing in training and new products in 2011. At the same time, we will be working to expand our unique membership. Raiffeisen members will again be receiving exclusive recreation and entertainment offers in 2011, including tickets to concerts and events plus a variety of advantages starting this March, for which a dedicated member website is being set up.

In 2011 Raiffeisen will continue blazing trails for the fulfilment of the dreams and goals of both our clients and our employees, ranging from home ownership to entrepreneurship, the arts and travel.

Dr h.c. Franz Marty

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Chair of the Board of Directors of the Raiffeisen Group

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## Gerd Ipen and Nicolas Fattinger, guides for the blind

Gerd Ipen and Nicolas Fattinger accompany Christoph Wynistorf and Virgil Desax on their runs. The two men, who serve as guides in addition to their regular jobs, are members of Lauftreff.ch in Basel. Gabor Szirt is the association's president and head coach. He coordinates around 16 training sessions per week for blind and sight-impaired people. It took some courage for Ipen and Fattinger to engage in this form of community service. Now the runs are a permanent part of their schedules. They enjoy accompanying Christoph and Virgil on their journey towards greater physical fitness.

## **Market activities**

Raiffeisen was able to further enlarge its share of the Swiss mortgage market in 2010. In company financing, Raiffeisen has a reputation as a strategic, long-term partner. And in the investment sector, Raiffeisen was able to acquire new clients, thus showing a net cash inflow, despite ongoing investor uncertainty.

- Over 1.7 million members value Raiffeisen's member benefits.
- Raiffeisen expands presence in urban areas
- Studies find high client satisfaction among Raiffeisen clients
- The Raiffeisen brand enjoys enormous trust
- Sustainable products are in strong demand

#### Market environment

In 2010, the global economy returned to vigorous growth, led by the emerging markets. The debt crisis forced several European countries to enact drastic austerity programmes that weighed heavily on their economy. The economy of our most important trading partner, Germany, on the other hand, is booming due to its intact competitiveness. Switzerland's economy fared very well in 2010, reaching pre-crisis production levels as early as mid-year. Although unemployment barely declined in many places, the Swiss labour market was clearly on the road to recovery. Consumer confidence returned.

## Market development

Above-average growth in cities and conurbations
The private clients segment grew 2.0% in 2010. At the end of 2010, 3.2 million private individuals were Raiffeisen clients. In urban areas, new client relationships expanded more rapidly than average. Raiffeisen reinforced its local presence in these areas with several new branches and additional advisory resources.

Raiffeisen cultivates these client relationships over the long term through personal relationships and professional advisory service. Membership provides codetermination rights, special prices and interest rates as well as attractive travel and leisure opportunities. All these benefits help to expand Raiffeisen's client relationships.

### Brand leadership and client satisfaction

Raiffeisen's positive image was reaffirmed just like in previous years. The GfK BusinessReflector survey, for example,

## Raiffeisen by canton as at 31 December 2010<sup>1</sup>

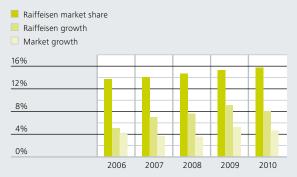
| Canton                 | Number of<br>banks | Number of<br>bank branches | Number of<br>members | Loans <sup>2</sup> in CHF<br>million | Client monies <sup>3</sup><br>in CHF million | Total assets in CHF million |
|------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| Aargau                 | 29                 | 101                        | 178,692              | 13,861                               | 12,093                                       | 15,283                      |
| Appenzell Ausserrhoden | 3                  | 11                         | 16,881               | 1,036                                | 1,090  | 1,211                       |
| Appenzell Innerrhoden  | 1                  | 5                          | 7,553                | 403                                  | 495  | 533                         |
| Berne                  | 26                 | 109                        | 168,862              | 10,189                               | 8,970  | 11,419                      |
| Basel-Land             | 10                 | 21                         | 46,277               | 3,491                                | 3,086  | 3,885                       |
| Basel-Stadt            | 1                  | 2                          | _                    | 626                                  | 524  | 711                         |
| Fribourg               | 18                 | 61                         | 82,017               | 6,619                                | 4,940  | 7,182                       |
| Geneva                 | 6                  | 18                         | 37,519               | 2,956                                | 3,682  | 3,945                       |
| Glarus                 | 1                  | 2                          | 6,199                | 359                                  | 355  | 397                         |
| Grisons                | 11                 | 66                         | 55,034               | 3,901                                | 3,602  | 4,429                       |
| Jura                   | 7                  | 43                         | 25,394               | 2,192                                | 1,609  | 2,413                       |
| Lucerne                | 23                 | 52                         | 115,859              | 6,816                                | 5,968  | 7,589                       |
| Neuchâtel              | 5                  | 21                         | 23,864               | 1,427                                | 1,179  | 1,557                       |
| Nidwalden              | 2                  | 8                          | 19,441               | 1,239                                | 1,161  | 1,465                       |
| Obwalden               | 2                  | 6                          | 11,826               | 685                                  | 605  | 783                         |
| St. Gallen             | 43                 | 90                         | 185,714              | 16,225                               | 13,759                                       | 18,212                      |
| Schaffhausen           | 1                  | 3                          | 6,781                | 401                                  | 416  | 469                         |
| Solothurn              | 27                 | 68                         | 116,240              | 8,230                                | 7,562  | 9,165                       |
| Schwyz                 | 8                  | 15                         | 36,863               | 2,319                                | 2,263  | 2,655                       |
| Thurgau                | 19                 | 48                         | 96,074               | 8,003                                | 6,449  | 8,798                       |
| Ticino                 | 30                 | 101                        | 103,088              | 9,132                                | 7,638  | 10,485                      |
| Uri                    | 3                  | 16                         | 15,599               | 870                                  | 789  | 950                         |
| Vaud                   | 20                 | 72                         | 97,351               | 6,558                                | 5,791  | 7,409                       |
| Valais                 | 30                 | 133                        | 122,921              | 9,062                                | 9,042  | 10,702                      |
| Zug                    | 8                  | 14                         | 38,117               | 3,327                                | 2,943  | 3,707                       |
| Zurich                 | 11                 | 36                         | 64,626               | 6,390                                | 6,120  | 7,342                       |
| Total 2010             | 345                | 1,122                      | 1,678,792            | 126,317                              | 112,131                                      | 142,696                     |
| Total 2009             | 356                | 1,146                      | 1,618,941            | 117,359                              | 107,090                                      | 134,027                     |
| Increase/decrease      | -11                | -24                        | 59,851               | 8,958                                | 5,041  | 8,669                       |
| Increase/decrease in % | -3.1               | -2.1                       | 3.7                  | 7.6                                  | 4.7  | 6.5                         |

<sup>1)</sup> Raiffeisen banks and branches of Raiffeisen Switzerland

<sup>2)</sup> Receivables from clients and mortgage receivables

<sup>3)</sup> Liabilities to clients in the form of savings and investment deposits, other liabilities to clients and medium-term notes

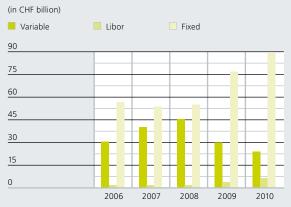
#### Share of Swiss mortgage market



#### Share of mortgage market by canton 2009



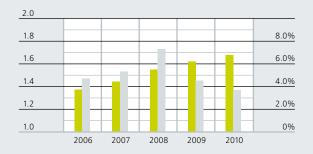
## Volume trends for various mortgage models 2006-2010



### Membership growth

Number of members (in millions)

Membership growth in %



rated Raiffeisen's reputation the highest among all Swiss banks. This study also found that Raiffeisen was most strongly associated with sustainability. The results of another study were equally positive: a survey by the Swiss Bankers Association and the Lausanne-based institute, MIS-Trend, of the opinions and attitudes of Swiss citizens on current banking issues. This study gave Raiffeisen top marks in trustworthiness, solidity and reliability. The brand tracking survey, which has been conducted exclusively since 2006, found that the Raiffeisen brand maintained or slightly improved its top scores from the year before. Its strong increase in reputation scores is particularly noteworthy.

Finally, Raiffeisen maintained the high 85% referral rate of main bank clients that it had established in the previous year. These encouraging results were confirmed by other independent surveys.

#### Membership

#### 300,000 new members in five years

Members co-own their Raiffeisen bank, determine business policy at the annual general meeting and elect people they trust to their bank's Board of Directors. In 2010, approx. 60,000 people opted to become Raiffeisen members. As such, Raiffeisen gained over 300,000 members from 1 January 2007 to 31 December 2010. Entertaining new offers are continuously being added for Raiffeisen members to maintain annual growth at around 5% in the years to come.

#### Winter sports special with day passes at half price

Raiffeisen sponsors SwissSki and eleven regional skiing associations; winter sports hold a special place for the Group. In the 2010/2011 winter season, Raiffeisen members now pay half price for day passes to six skiing areas across Switzerland.

## Free museum pass

As of 2000, Raiffeisen members with up to five children can enter over 400 museums throughout Switzerland free of charge. The Raiffeisen Maestro and credit cards serve as museum passes. Some 550,000 Raiffeisen members obtained free admission during the reporting year.

## 2011 member highlights

Raiffeisen members will receive concert and event tickets with exclusive benefits beginning in March 2011. The tickets will be distributed through a web-based member portal with recreational offerings.

Raiffeisen members can still book hotel rooms at half price in the Vaud-Geneva region and take discounted public transit to the region until the end of April 2011. Between March and November 2011, visitors can take in the Bernese Oberland against the unique backdrop of the Eiger, Mönch and Jungfrau mountains.

## **Client requirement: Financing**

#### Mortgage financing

Swiss residential construction was as strong in 2010 as in 2009, although the latest quarterly data signalled a decline

in construction activity. Construction derived its strength from Switzerland's healthy economic outlook compared to other countries, political stability, high immigration, low home ownership rate and historically low interest rates.

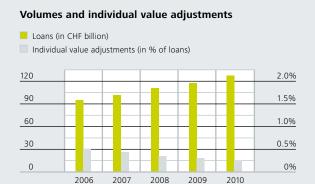
Much of existing real estate in Switzerland is in need of modernisation, which has fuelled an increasing number of conversion, expansion and demolition projects in recent years. Swiss government policies increased the incentives to use energy-efficient replacements.

The Swiss mortgage market saw a slight drop in growth although interest rates remain very low. The drop was most likely caused by uncertainty in the wake of the financial crisis. More and more people are becoming homeowners, as indicated by a decline in the number of vacant flats for sale and an increase in vacant rental flats.

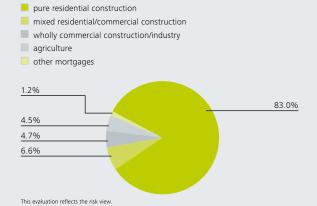
As the Swiss mortgage market slowed, so did Raiffeisen Group's mortgage growth, dropping slightly to 8.1%. The Raiffeisen Group nonetheless further increased its market share. Most of this increase was in LiborFlex and fixed-rate mortgages, due to the current low interest rates. Demand for Minergie mortgages was also stronger, partly due to the political incentives mentioned above.

#### **Company financing**

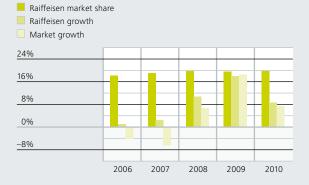
Small and medium-sized enterprises reaffirmed their confidence in Raiffeisen in 2010. The total number of corporate clients increased by 3% to 126,000 companies. The lending volume grew by 9% during the reporting year, but







#### Share of savings market



## Share of savings and investments market by canton 2009



without assuming undue risk. Products, services and processes such as "Raiffeisen Business Navigator", a new business plan solution, were expanded or adapted. As a result, Raiffeisen can retain its position as a strategic, long-term partner in future.

#### Capital goods leasing

The leasing business volume in Switzerland grew slightly over the previous year. This was no doubt largely due to pentup investment demand and a rise in companies' capacity utilisation. The leasing business grew at an encouraging rate of 5%. The East and Central Switzerland sales regions, however, reported growth of 12% and 17%, respectively.

The Raiffeisen capital goods leasing segment intends to grow further in 2011 and expand corporate client advisory services for capital goods leasing in Mittelland, French-speaking Switzerland and Zurich. The vendor leasing web portal greatly simplifies and speeds up the processes.

## Client requirement: Savings

Low market interest rates have eroded holdings in medium-term notes/time deposits since 2008. Many maturing medium-term notes were initially not renewed. These losses, however, are in line with market trends. Repayments were often left in the accounts, with dramatic increases mainly seen in member savings accounts with attractive interest rates. In 2010, Raiffeisen saw the volume held in conventional bank savings accounts increase by CHF 4.1 billion (4.3%) and 43,500 new accounts.

#### **Client requirement: Pensions**

Voluntary pillar 3a saving offers substantial tax benefits, and alleviates the growing need for security among many savers concerned about the financing and future benefits of public pensions. In 2010, holdings in pension accounts grew by 12.2% (CHF 8.25 billion in holdings), while holdings in vested asset accounts only grew by 4.9% to CHF 4.08 billion due to the labour market situation. The prices of Raiffeisen pension funds went up as well.

#### **Client requirement: Investments**

The 2010 investment year was marked by a euro zone debt crisis, low interest rates and a rallying Swiss franc amid currency volatility. Despite great investor uncertainty, Raiffeisen once again acquired new investment clients and showed a net increase in cash inflow.

Credible and sustainable investment products – such as those marketed under Raiffeisen's longstanding "Futura" label – once again proved to be very popular among clients. The volume in these products grew by an impressive 68%. Growth was also driven by the fact that the Pension Invest funds' investment policies were switched to sustainability and/or the "Futura" label.

# Investment product range constantly adapted to client requirements

The regular review of the product range with respect to lifecycle considerations, possible portfolio gaps and current market developments is the Raiffeisen way to fully satisfy

the investment clients' needs. The strategy funds were revised in 2010: Alternative investments were added to the investment policy of the proven Raiffeisen Global Invest funds. The Raiffeisen Pension Invest funds, another group of pension vehicles, were in addition entirely aligned on sustainability – including voting rights based on Ethos recommendations.

The success story continues for structured products. Last year's subscription volume exceeded CHF 800 million. In order to further diversify the issuers of Raiffeisen products, these products are now being drawn from a wider range of issuers, chosen based on strict criteria. To provide the security the clients demand, products not issued by the cooperation partner Bank Vontobel are collateralised through the exchange ("COSI segment").

#### Raiffeisen strengthened as an investment bank

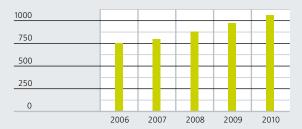
Raiffeisen's 2011 goal is to boost growth in the investment business. To accomplish this, Raiffeisen and its cooperation partner Bank Vontobel, will invest even further in processes and infrastructure and selectively expand the product range. Addressing the need for low-cost, transparent passive investment solutions, Raiffeisen launched index funds in cooperation with Pictet, a private bank.

#### Client requirement: Insurance

Clients' need for security is undiminished. This has kept the volume of new insurance business at the previous year's level. Nearly CHF 80 million in premium volume for

#### Raiffeisen Maestro cards

(in 1000)



#### Raiffeisen credit cards

(in 1000)

200

150

100

50

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2006

2007

2008

2009

2010

Helvetia, another cooperation partner, have been obtained, also by increasing the number of contracts even further. Most of this increase was in unemployment, disability and term life insurance. The Group posted a decline in single premiums because the technical interest rate was reduced at the start of 2010.

## Client requirement: Payment

Raiffeisen sold its millionth Maestro card in the spring of the reporting year. This popular card product again showed strong growth, with an increase of 90,000 units. Clients are increasingly using the Maestro card for cashless payments. This trend has only been confirmed by the increase of 8 million transactions (+17.9%).

Despite stiff competition in the credit card business, Raiffeisen added another 7,000 credit card clients to its roster. Revenues even rose by CHF 57 million year-on-year. Since mid-2009, all Raiffeisen credit cards have been equipped with "Pay Pass" (contactless payment). Pay Pass provides a convenient payment function that simplifies and expedites the payment process, especially for small amounts.

Prepaid cards are becoming a popular supplementary product for traditional debit and credit cards at Raiffeisen. During the reporting year, the number of cards grew by a healthy 12,000. Revenues increased CHF 7 million (+41%) for prepaid MasterCards and Visa cards. The volume of funds loaded onto Travel Cash cards, the traditional means of payment for travellers instead of travellers' cheques, also increased by CHF 11 million.

#### Client requirement: Advisory services

Comprehensive, customised advisory service is an integral part of Raiffeisen's philosophy. This is why insurance was integrated into the central advisory application. A direct interface with Helvetia Insurance integrated this cooperation partner even more deeply. The integration of retirement and pension advisory functions is under plan in the advisory application in 2011.

#### **Channels**

#### E-banking continues to gain importance

The number of users increased 15% to 670,000. 50 million payments (+17%) were processed, accounting for two-thirds of all Raiffeisen payment transactions. Electronic invoices and banking documents are becoming increasingly popular. Starting in the summer of 2011, payments made by 2 p.m. will enjoy same-day processing through the express function. Other functions that give users convenient mobile access to banking data will also be added.

## Largest ATM network in Switzerland

Raiffeisen again had the densest ATM network in Switzerland in 2010. The number of ATMs increased to 1,492 terminals, which translates into a market share of 27%. Many Raiffeisen banks have begun equipping new ATMs with touchscreen technology. All Raiffeisen ATMs now offer the ATM Mobile Voucher loading service (mobile phone topups). Clients are actively using this service.

## **Branch** network

With 1,122 locations, Raiffeisen has the broades bank branch network in Switzerland. Six additional branches were opened in 2010, giving residents in towns such as Volketswil and Adliswil their own Raiffeisen branch. 16 new branches are scheduled to open in 2011.

#### **Corporate clients segment**

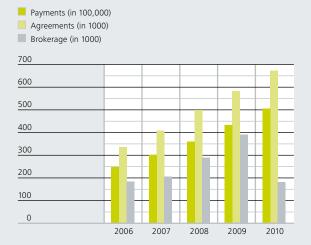
One-third of all Swiss companies bank with Raiffeisen. This places a large responsibility on Raiffeisen's shoulders. In 2010, Raiffeisen began offering pragmatic solutions for the economically significant issue of corporate succession, and plans to expand this program aggressively in the years to come. Raiffeisen has the right retirement and financing solutions for corporate successions. It supports successors in cooperation with regional competence centres and networked experts.

Every SME depends on well-functioning payment services for their survival. To render these even easier and smoother, Raiffeisen is investing in SME payment services and adapting the strategic e-banking channel to their needs.

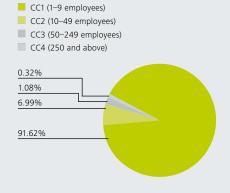
#### **Trading**

The Raiffeisen Group's trading result was good. The bank again demonstrated a compellingly healthy approach to risk tolerance and risk management.

#### Development of Raiffeisen e-banking

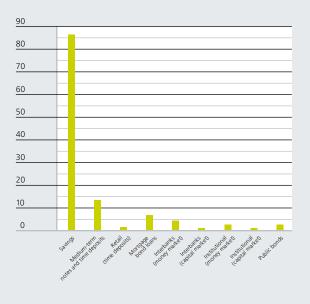


#### Corporate clients by segment



## Raiffeisen Group's sources of refinancing as at 31 December 2010

(in CHF billion)



## Refinancing

2010 saw continuous inflows of new money and even stronger growth in the lending business. There was a reduction in the large liquidity surplus that had accumulated during high market volatility in 2008. In refinancing, Raiffeisen Switzerland's Treasury focused on maintaining the balanced maturity structure of the Group's balance sheet over the long term.

The coverage ratio, which should always be above 100%, went down from 106% to 104% in the reporting year.





#### Barbara Huguenin-Landl, meteorologist

Barbara Huguenin-Landl studied meteorology because she has always been fascinated by the weather and spends a lot of time in the mountains and outdoors. Today she works for SwissMetNet as a deputy project manager in Payerne. This national project by Meteo-Schweiz aims to develop and modernise a single ground-based meteorological network that includes the Moléson meteorological station. The new weather stations will collect precise data for weather forecasts and climate analysis. The data will help athletes, travellers and tourists with their planning and decision-making.

**Risk policy and risk control** The Raiffeisen Group has effective tools for identifying and avoiding risk concentration. The Raiffeisen Group pursues extremely conservative policies, especially with respect to credit risks its most important risk category.

- Raiffeisen pursues a steady and cautious risk policy
- The risk profile has remained stable despite considerable business growth
- Proper balance between risk and return
- Losses were avoided in the Eurozone crisis thanks to active credit risk management

The Raiffeisen Group has achieved considerable growth without excessive increases in risk, and has survived the euro zone crisis unscathed, thanks to its clearly focused business policy, steady and cautious risk culture, and active and targeted risk management. Solid capitalisation, a focus on long-term performance objectives, considered risk-taking and effective risk control have proven their worth and inspired even more trust in Raiffeisen's business model. As a result, the Raiffeisen Group has enjoyed a high level of liquidity throughout.

The Raiffeisen Group takes a cautious and selective approach to risk, within a framework of clearly defined guidelines. In so doing it takes care to strike the correct balance between risk and return, actively controlling the risks it enters into. It acts based on several solid principles:

- Clear business and risk policy: Risk-taking and risk management are directly linked to the core business in Switzerland.
- Effective risk limitation: The Raiffeisen Group's risk tolerance is clearly defined and effectively enforced with a tried-and-tested limit system.
- Decentralized individual responsibility in line with clearly defined guidelines: Raiffeisen banks and line units of Raiffeisen Switzerland are responsible for managing risk. Their risk management is based on guidelines on limits, processes and business activities. The central controlling units monitor compliance with the guidelines.
- Risk control based on transparency: Independent reports are regularly issued on the individual banks' as well as on the Raiffeisen Groups's risk situation and risk profile.

- Independent risk monitoring and effective controls:
   Overall risk and limits are monitored independently by the risk-managing units. Effective risk control ensures that the predefined processes and thresholds are adhered to.
- Comprehensive risk management process: The Raiffeisen Group's risk management is a Group-wide, uniform and binding process comprising identification, measurement, evaluation, management, limitation and monitoring. This risk management process covers all risk categories.
- Avoidance of risk concentration: The Raiffeisen Group has effective tools at its disposal for identifying risk concentration and taking proactive measures to avoid it.
- Protection of reputation: The Raiffeisen Group attaches great importance to protecting its reputation. For this reason, it takes a generally cautious approach to risk and sets great store by effective control. It also seeks to comply with the highest ethical principles in all its business dealings.

# Control of the key risk categories within the Raiffeisen Group

The Raiffeisen Group controls the key risk categories using special processes and overall limits. As part of the risk budgeting process, the Board of Directors sets the level of risk tolerance and then uses this to define the overall limits. Risks that cannot be reliably quantified are limited by qualitative stipulations. Risk control is completed by independent monitoring of the risk profile.

## Approaches to control key risk categories

#### Guidelines

Regarding risk tolerance, risk profiles and processes

#### Management

By decision-makers who are responsible for the risk

#### Monitoring

Of risk tolerance, risk profiles and processes

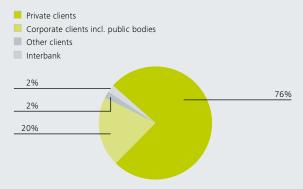
#### Risk reporting

Risk reports, portfolio reports, limit reports, ICS appropriateness and effectiveness

#### **Credit risks**

Credit risks are the most important risk category, due to the Raiffeisen Group's extremely strong position in lending. The Raiffeisen Group generates a large part of its income through the controlled taking on of credit risks and the comprehensive and systematic management of these risks. Credit risk management at the Raiffeisen Group is geared explicitly to Raiffeisen-specific client and business structures. Decentralised individual responsibility plays a key role in lending decisions and credit management. It is retained as a basic principle, even in cases where loans require the approval of Raiffeisen Switzerland because of their size or complexity.

## Raiffeisen Group lending by client segment



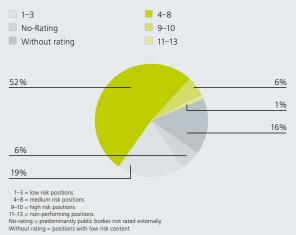
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## Raiffeisen Group lending by sector (corporate clients and other clients)



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#### Corporate client lending by rating category



This evaluation reflects the risk view and therefore cannot be directly compared with the view of the balance sheet due to the different perspective.

Credit risks are only entered into once a thorough check of the counterparty has been conducted. Client knowledge plays an important role in this. It is not the strategy of the Raiffeisen Group to assume credit risks of anonymous third parties via capital markets.

Borrowers are predominantly individuals, but also public bodies and corporate clients. The majority of corporate clients are small companies that operate within the locality of Raiffeisen banks.

#### **Prudent credit policy**

Raiffeisen Switzerland's main credit risks result from its business with commercial banks, with corporate and public sector clients. As stipulated in the Articles of Association, foreign exposures are limited to a risk-weighted 5% of the Raiffeisen Group's consolidated net assets. Raiffeisen banks may not provide any banking or financial services abroad. Raiffeisen Switzerland may grant exceptional permission, however, if compliance with foreign legislation (especially foreign regulatory provisions) can be ensured.

Lending within the Raiffeisen Group is governed by a prudent credit policy. The borrower's ability to keep up payments on the loan plays a crucial role. Furthermore, most loans are granted on a secured basis.

Credit management is a seamless process from the granting of the loan to its ongoing monitoring. The concept is rounded off with an appropriate and proven method for establishing provisions for default risks.

A conservative value-at-risk method is used to assess and monitor credit risks. Particular attention is paid to potential concentration risks. The underlying model is in line with recognised practice and is supplemented by scenario analyses. Models and parameters are examined on a regular basis, adjusted in line with developments and calibrated by means of back-testing.

Raiffeisen Switzerland monitors, controls and manages concentration risks within the Group, especially for individual counterparties, groups of affiliated counterparties and sectors. The process for identifying and consolidating affiliated counterparties is automated across the entire Raiffeisen Group.

## Credit policy in the corporate clients business

The Raiffeisen Group seeks to serve corporate clients with good or medium credit ratings. The Raiffeisen Group's risk tolerance in the corporate lending business is clearly defined and implemented with corresponding limits for the entire Group.

The Raiffeisen Group was keen to place the expansion of its corporate clients' business on a solid foundation. Its commitment is underscored by the large investments it made in staff, systems and organisation.

#### Analysis and assessment of the credit portfolio

The Board of Directors is apprised of the analyses and assessment of the quality of the Raiffeisen Group's credit portfolio each year. The analyses focus on sector concen-

trations and monitoring large individual exposures. In particular, they investigate the impact of severe macroeconomic difficulties on individual sectors and the overall credit portfolio. The Raiffeisen Group's credit portfolio has proven to be extremely robust and well-diversified, even under sharply deteriorating conditions.

#### Market risks

#### Risks in the bank book

The bank book is exposed to foreign currency risks and risks associated with fluctuating interest rates.

Risks associated with fluctuating interest rates are a major risk category, due to the Raiffeisen Group's strong positioning in interest operations. Raiffeisen therefore attaches great importance to the management of these risks.

Within the Raiffeisen Group, each Raiffeisen bank is individually responsible for managing the interest rate risks in its balance sheet in line with clearly defined guidelines and sensitivity limits. Raiffeisen banks have a well-developed set of risk-management tools, including tools to simulate interest rate developments and assess their impact.

The Treasury of Raiffeisen Switzerland's Central Bank department is the Group-wide binding counterparty for refinancing and hedging transactions. It manages Central Bank's interest rate risks. The Central Bank department provides advice on asset and liability management within the Raiffeisen Group.

#### Mortgage loans by rank

Mortgages by rank in % Disclosure as per SNB statistics



#### Break-down by country limits

Country limits by rating (central bank) as of 31/12/10 Total all country limits: CHF 5.53 billion



#### Raiffeisen Group: Interest rate risks in the bank book

| (in CHF million) | 31.12.2010 | 31.12.2009 |
|------------------|------------|------------|
| Sensitivity      | 1,149      | 855        |
|                  |            |            |

Group Risk Controlling monitors compliance with interest rate risk limits and the overall development of interest rate risks. It focuses on monitoring the interest rate sensitivity of equity capital and interest income. It calculates the value-at-risk for interest rates at various Group levels in addition to the interest rate sensitivity in order to monitor the overall risk situation.

With respect to foreign currency risk, assets in a foreign currency are in principle refinanced in the same currency (matched book approach). This means foreign currency risks are largely avoided.

The Treasury is responsible for managing foreign currency risks in the bank book. Group Risk Controlling monitors compliance with the relevant sensitivity limits on a daily basis.

#### Risks in the trading book

Of the entities within the Raiffeisen Group, only the Central Bank runs a trading book. Trading risks are strategically clearly limited by using global limits. Risks are limited operationally with sensitivity and loss limits. Sensitivity is a measure of the loss of value in the event of a percentage change in the underlying risk factor; the applicable percentage change is determined in line with the risk factor.

All traded products are depicted and assessed in a standardised trading and risk management system. This enables trading book risks to be efficiently and effectively assessed, managed and controlled and provides the ratios for monitoring all positions and market risks. Group Risk Controlling monitors trading risks on a daily basis based on market data and risk parameters that are independent of the trading desk. Before new products are rolled out, Group Risk Controlling performs an independent evaluation of the risks.

#### Liquidity and financing risks

In accordance with a FINMA ruling of 3 September 2010, the individual Raiffeisen banks are exempted from complying with liquidity, capital adequacy and risk diversification rules. Instead, these legal requirements have to be met by the Group as a whole. The Treasury department of Raiffeisen Switzerland handles liquidity and refinancing management for the Group. It facilitates the Group's access to money and capital markets and ensures that liabilities are properly diversified. The refinancing strategy takes into account legal and regulatory requirements. It ensures that the necessary liquidity is available and provides an appropriate and diversified maturity structure.

Treasury, in collaboration with Group Risk Controlling, monitors liquidity trends at the operational, tactical and strategic level on an ongoing basis and performs regular stress tests. This has proven the Raiffeisen Group's liquidity to be robust. The figure on page 28 shows how the overall liquidity situation developed during the 2010 financial year.

#### **Operational risks**

Operational and business risks arise in two ways: directly from the banking transactions carried out by the Raiffeisen Group and by virtue of its function as an employer and owner/occupier of buildings.

Business risks can never be eliminated entirely. Business risk management focuses instead on establishing the type, quantity and causes of the risks, taking effective risk minimisation measures and ensuring the measures are implemented correctly. Internal control systems and processes play a key role here.

The Raiffeisen Group carried out comprehensive operational risk assessments during the reporting year. The information gleaned from these assessments is documented in a Group-wide risk register that forms the basis for monitoring and controlling the overall operational risk profile. These assessments are conducted annually.

#### IT risks

A reliable IT infrastructure is indispensable in order to provide services in the banking business. For this reason, Raiffeisen attaches a great deal of importance to monitoring and controlling IT dangers and risks.

## Internal control system (ICS)

Raiffeisen's internal control system comprises all activities, methods and controls intended to ensure the proper conduct of operations, compliance with statutory and supervisory regulations and complete, reliable financial reporting.

The Raiffeisen Group's ICS model has three levels:

- ICS at the enterprise level
- ICS at the process level
- Assessment of the appropriateness and effectiveness of the ICS and ICS reporting

#### Raiffeisen Switzerland: Holdings in the trading book

(Sensitivity in 1000 CHF)

|                    | 2010   | 20091) | 20092) |
|--------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Risk type          |        |        |        |
| Equities           | 1,500  | 660    | 330    |
| Interest products  | 43,000 | 35,200 | 220    |
| Foreign currencies | 4,500  | 3,600  | 1,200  |
| Precious metals    | 1,500  | 750    | 150    |
|                    |        |        |        |
|                    | 50,500 | 40,210 | 1,900  |
| Loss limits        |        |        |        |
| Day                | 2,000  | 2,000  | 2,000  |
| Calendar month     | 5,000  | 5,000  | 5,000  |
| Calendar year      | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 |
|                    |        |        |        |

- 1) 2009 limits using the new system
- 2) 2009 limits using the old system

#### Raiffeisen Switzerland: Limits in the trading book

(Sensitivity in CHF)

|                    | Ø 2010     | 31.12.2010 | Ø 2009  | 31.12.2009 |  |
|--------------------|------------|------------|---------|------------|--|
| Risk type          |            |            |         |            |  |
| Equities           | 903,879    | 705,765    | 194,972 | 166,784    |  |
| Interest products  | 11,099,569 | 16,030,254 | 119,983 | 126,158    |  |
| Foreign currencies | 1,953,030  | 1,749,711  | 419,342 | 309,185    |  |
| Precious metals    | 138,628    | 220,334    | 22,329  | 3,470      |  |
|                    |            |            |         |            |  |

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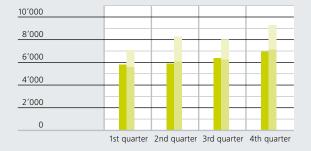
#### Overall liquidity of the Raiffeisen Group 2010

(in CHF million)

Overall liquidity requirement\*

Cover, repo collateral

Cover, other liquid assets



\* as set out in the Banking Ordinance

At the enterprise level, the ICS model lays out general organisational conditions designed to ensure the Group ICS works properly. This includes defining the Group-wide ICS framework and the associated roles, along with their tasks and responsibilities.

Processes, risks and controls are closely interconnected at the process level. The Raiffeisen Group's documented processes form the basis for the ICS. The major risks inherent in each process are identified and assessed, and then the key risks are identified on that basis.

Each identified risk is assessed based on its impact and frequency. The impact assessment includes the damage or loss incurred upon occurrence and the impact on compliance and financial reporting. It may optionally also address the reputational impact and the impact on credit risks.

Risks are assigned to risk classes based on their assessment. The risk class is used to identify key risks. Adequate control objectives and key controls must be defined for key risks. A standardised set of control objectives (General Computer Controls) is also used as part of the IT processes.

Raiffeisen distinguishes between manual, automatic and semi-automatic key controls. All key controls are documented and incorporated in the processes. There are many other risk reduction controls in addition to the key controls.

Every year, the Raiffeisen Group carries out a comprehensive assessment of the appropriateness and effectiveness of the ICS. This assessment takes both the enterprise level and the key controls into consideration.

A key control is considered appropriate if it is able to reduce risks to a manageable level and/or to achieve the defined control objectives. A key control is effective if it has been demonstrably performed in accordance with the control description and the risk has actually been reduced as intended.

Reporting on the ICS's appropriateness and effectiveness for the Group and Raiffeisen Switzerland is included in the standard risk report for the Executive Board and the Board of Directors of Raiffeisen Switzerland. When measures are taken to improve the ICS, their implementation is monitored quarterly as part of the risk report.

#### **Business continuity management**

Contingency plans for maintaining operating activity in the event of failure of critical resources (staff, IT, buildings, suppliers) complement extensive IT measures for hedging risk such as redundancy and the organisation of applica-

tions and data across locations. Tests and exercises conducted according to a timetable drawn up annually ensure that contingency planning is reviewed and improved on an ongoing basis.

#### Early warning system of Raiffeisen banks

Raiffeisen Switzerland operates an early warning system designed to identify unfavourable developments at Raiffeisen banks at an early stage and avert potential damage. The early warning system comprises quantitative risk indicators for the individual Raiffeisen banks and an ad-hoc reporting process for integrating qualitative information. Early warning events are analyzed, and where the situation requires it, resolved with the active involvement of Raiffeisen Switzerland.

#### Legal risks

Raiffeisen Switzerland's Legal & Compliance department supports all the units of the Raiffeisen Group in legal matters, ensures adequate regulatory competence at all levels and actively manages legal risks. These legal risks also include contractual risks. The department coordinates cooperation with external lawyers where necessary.

Legal & Compliance monitors the development of legal risks across the Group and reports any major legal risks to the Raiffeisen Switzerland Executive Board and Audit Committee on a half-yearly basis.

#### **Compliance risks**

Compliance is understood to mean adherence to all applicable legal, regulatory and professional provisions and internal requirements, with a view to identifying legal and reputational risks at an early stage, preventing such risks if possible and ensuring correct business conduct. The Raiffeisen Group has opted for a broad-based approach that covers all aspects of compliance, with a special focus on the following issues:

- Monitoring and analysing legal developments and participating in institutional commissions and working groups that cover the Swiss financial sector.
- Combating money laundering and terrorism financing. The Raiffeisen Group has traditionally attached great importance to "know your customer" principles. Regulations to combat money laundering and the financing of terrorism reinforce and substantiate these principles.
- Adherence to market conduct rules and the resulting due diligence and advisory obligations.
- Protection of data and bank client confidentiality.

New issues have recently appeared on the compliance agenda: requirements for cross-border business and developments in national and international tax compliance. As a domestic bank, Raiffeisen is also affected by issues such as the new US regulations on the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act ("FATCA"), the debate about the institution of a withholding tax or the new administrative assistance policy for double taxation treaties.

The Raiffeisen Group endeavours to avoid compliance risks by actively monitoring legal requirements and adapting internal policies and processes to new requirements as promptly as possible. Where necessary and useful, modern IT tools are used in support of relevant measures. In addition, the Compliance department – via a "blended learning" approach – invests substantial amounts in training and raising the awareness of staff and management at all levels.

Legal & Compliance reports any major compliance risks to the Raiffeisen Switzerland Executive Board and Audit Committee on a quarterly basis. These risks, together with an updated compliance risk profile and the plan of action on risk derived from it in accordance with FINMA Circular 2008/24, are submitted to the Board of Directors once a year.





#### Valerio Jelmini, ranger

Valerio Jelmini works in Ambri as a ranger for the canton. The steep slopes of Leventina are densely forested, thus protecting the villages and roads along the valley floor. The forest will only remain strong, stable and healthy if young trees have ideal growing conditions. Valerio Jelmini ensures the sustainability of the forest by preserving and promoting natural regeneration, and in extreme cases, reforesting the land. He is thus thinking about future generations while working in the forest.

## **Sustainability report**

As a cooperative, the Raiffeisen Group is inherently sustainably positioned. Raiffeisen also offers a variety of effective products, programmes and innovative solutions for social, economic and environmental sustainability.

- Sports sponsorship programme focuses on young athletes
- Raiffeisen supports culture and the arts as a responsible corporate citizen
- Employees are Raiffeisen's most important asset
- Reducing energy consumption has a high priority

As a cooperative, Raiffeisen has a long tradition of resource conservation. This is why Raiffeisen views corporate social responsibility (CSR) as the foundation for every activity in society, economy and the environment.

Raiffeisen plays an active role in social life, and regards this commitment as part of its broad-based corporate philosophy, which gives consideration to all stakeholders. All sustainability issues are now aggregated and strategically focused in its CSR management system.

#### **Politics & Society**

The Raiffeisen Group's Politics & Society unit is involved in many different political issues. It positioned domestic banks as a separate force within the Bankers Association's new financial centre strategy. It advocated voluntary restrictions in the debate on taxing bonuses. And it supports the withholding tax under one condition: that the negotiation results do not set a precedent for domestic tax practices. Our information activities contributed to the Federal Assembly's decision not to create a state postal bank (PostFinance).

The "IG Genossenschaftsunternehmen" interest group was formed in November to support scientific research into issues of interest to cooperatives. It also examines the need to change the political environment for cooperatives. Since 2012 will be the United Nations International Year of Cooperatives, it is looking into activities with the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (EDA).

## Active memberships in and outside Switzerland

Although a domestic bank, Raiffeisen collaborates with international organisations. It is represented on the Board of the European Association of Cooperative Banks (EACB) and on the Presidium of the International Raiffeisen Union (IRU). The bank is a member of the International Confederation for Agricultural Credit (CICA) and responsAbility Social Investments AG. In Switzerland, Raiffeisen chairs the Swiss depositor protection association and the Swiss Climate Foundation, sits on the advisory board of the Swiss Climate Foundation and is a member of the Swiss Association for Environmentally Conscious Management (ÖBU), the Swiss Bankers Association and economiesuisse.

## Social sustainability

As a responsible corporate citizen, Raiffeisen aims for its employees to contribute to society. Through their involvement, they help protect the environment and keep our society culturally diverse and solidarity-oriented. Raiffeisen maintains a strong presence throughout Switzerland. Employees at local Raiffeisen banks volunteer in clubs, institutions and other groups. As part of Raiffeisen's national programme, Pierin Vincenz, Chair of the Executive Board of the Raiffeisen Group, sits on the patronage committee of the "2011 Year of Volunteers" (www.freiwilligenjahr2011.ch).

#### Sponsoring and charitable donations

Raiffeisen facilitates local, regional and national projects in sport, culture, society and countless other fields. In keeping with the Raiffeisen philosophy, most sponsorship commitments are local: Raiffeisen banks agree to sponsor local

and regional clubs, associations and events. These commitments contribute to the diversity and distinctiveness of Switzerland's communities and regions. This report focuses on the bank's national commitments and only touches briefly upon the wide range of local and regional initiatives. Raiffeisen spent approximately CHF 18.5 million on sponsorships and donations in the reporting year.

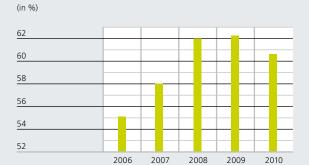
### Comprehensive winter sports commitment

Raiffeisen's winter sports sponsorship programme has been the cornerstone of the Group's sports sponsorship activities since 2005. Most activities build on the bank's Swiss Ski partnership, which was extended until 2014. Raiffeisen not only sponsors all 250 elite Swiss Ski athletes in the eight winter sports disciplines: Alpine skiing, ski jumping, snowboarding, cross-country, Nordic combined, freestyle, biathlon and telemark, but also many rising stars. As the main sponsor of tomorrow's athletes, it supports over 16,000 talented young winter sports stars through eleven regional skiing associations and three national high performance centres. In 2010, the bank launched a promotional campaign featuring official team gloves and hats to generate extra funds for young athletes. Raiffeisen's commitment to winter sports benefits members as well, thanks to the "Half-price snow fun" special.

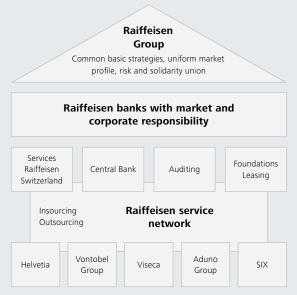
## Other sports commitments Wrestling

Raiffeisen was a primary sponsor and "royal partner" of one of last year's sports and social highlights: the Swiss Wrestling Festival in Frauenfeld. This congenial, traditional festival attracted over 240,000 spectators and Swiss wrestling

#### Cost/income ratio trend



**Business model** 



fans in 2010. Many Raiffeisen banks support local and regional wrestling clubs, festivals and wrestlers.

#### Track and field

Raiffeisen is a long-time sponsor of Switzerland's premier marathon runner, Viktor Röthlin, who celebrated a comeback in 2010 by winning the European Championships. Raiffeisen banks are involved in the Lucerne Marathon and many other long-distance races. The bank also supports two elite triathletes: Nicola Spirig and Reto Hug.

#### Events

Raiffeisen is a sponsor of freestyle.ch, the largest freestyle sports event in Europe held at Landiwiese in Zurich. The event pits the world's best snowboarders, freestyle skiers, FMX riders and skateboarders against one another. Raiffeisen is also involved with the largest snowboard and freestyle skiing tour in Switzerland.

# Contributions to the economy, innovation and social issues

#### SwissSkills

Raiffeisen sponsors SwissSkills, a skills competition, in order to help the SwissSkills foundation raise awareness of the importance of vocational training, particularly cooperative education.

#### Taxes

The government received a total of CHF 116.6 million in direct taxes (previous year: CHF 117.7 million).

#### Centenary Foundation

Besides supporting members and serving clients, the Raiffeisen Group has another calling: to give back to the community. In the summer of 2000, on the 100th anniversary of the Swiss Raiffeisen banks, the Raiffeisen Group established the Raiffeisen Centenary Foundation as a token of its gratitude to the people of Switzerland. The Foundation's mission is to support charitable projects that offer concrete benefits for the local population. To narrow its remit, the Group defined three areas of Foundation funding: the promotion of business ethics, charitable empowerment projects and cultural works of national or regional significance. In 2010, the Raiffeisen Centenary Foundation provided around CHF 200,000 in funding for relevant projects. The Raiffeisen Centenary Foundation Prize, which is awarded regularly, went in 2010 to the Theodora Foundation in recognition of its efforts to brighten the lives of sick children with clown doctors.

## Raiffeisen museum pass

Since 2000, Raiffeisen has offered free museum admission for members as part of its support for the wide range of museums found in Switzerland. Over 400 museums participate in the program. They registered 550,000 visits by Raiffeisen members in 2010.

#### Arts and culture

Raiffeisen promotes contemporary Swiss art, art in public places, building art, and recurring projects and platforms. Alongside local and regional art sponsorship by the individual Raiffeisen banks, the bank supports projects of national significance as well. Raiffeisen hosts its own events and

collaborates with art institutions, artists, groups or associations on nationwide events. The funding is proactive and focuses on two key goals: supporting art education and helping young artists.

#### Raiffeisen Benefit Art Auction

Raiffeisen has auctioned off works by young Swiss artists since 2008, in cooperation with cultural and art institutions and partners throughout Switzerland. The 2010 auction brought in CHF 40,000. This marked the second time that all the proceeds were donated to "kkj", the Swiss Art Association for Youth and Children.

## Building art

Local Raiffeisen banks commission countless studies for sophisticated architectural projects throughout Switzerland. They aim for modern, eloquent architecture that supports the bank's high-quality services and translates the essence of abstract financial products into physical substance. Raiffeisen's architecture is highly individual. Each building is made from local materials by local craftsmen. This produces authentic, artistically sophisticated buildings with specific, typical styles throughout Switzerland. Building projects worth CHF 140 million were approved in 2010.

#### **Diversity**

Given the ageing population, growing number of retirees, and shrinking number of school graduates, Raiffeisen is keen to continue attracting and retaining high-quality talent. Several diversity projects advance this goal. Raiffeisen constantly supports working mothers and fathers with a raft of work-life balance initiatives. It also promotes equal

## Statement of net added value

|   | Current year in CHF million | Prior year<br>in CHF million | Current year<br>in % | Prior year<br>in % |
|---|-----------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Creation of added value   |                             |                              |                      |                    |
| Corporate performance (= operating income)                          | 2,418                       | 2,350                        | 100.0                | 100.0              |
| Non-personnel expenditure   | -434                        | -447                         | -17.9                | -19.0              |
| Extraordinary income  | 24                          | 91                           | 1.0                  | 3.9                |
| Gross added value   | 2,008                       | 1,994                        | 83.0                 | 84.9               |
| Depreciation  | -200                        | -179                         | -8.3                 | -7.6               |
| Value adjustments/provisions/losses                                 | -4                          | -8                           | -0.2                 | -0.3               |
| Net added value   | 1,804                       | 1,807                        | 74.6                 | 76.9               |
| Distribution of added value   |                             |                              |                      |                    |
| Personnel (salaries and employee benefits)                          | 1,031                       | 1,016                        | 57.2                 | 56.2               |
| Cooperative members (paym. of interest on certif.: proposal to AGM) | 30                          | 28                           | 1.8                  | 1.5                |
| Government  | 145                         | 146                          | 8.0                  | 8.1                |
| of which income tax paid  | 117                         | 118                          | 6.5                  | 6.5                |
| of which creation/release of provisions for deferred taxes          | 28                          | 28                           | 1.6                  | 1.5                |
| Bolstering of reserves (self-financing)                             | 597                         | 617                          | 33.1                 | 34.1               |
| Total   | 1,804                       | 1,807                        | 100.0                | 100.0              |
| Key added value figures   |                             |                              |                      |                    |
| Gross added value per personnel unit in 1000 CHF*                   | 250                         | 255                          |                      |                    |
| Net added value per personnel unit in 1000 CHF*                     | 225                         | 231                          |                      |                    |
| Number of personnel units (average)                                 | 8.033                       | 7,832                        |                      |                    |

<sup>\*</sup> Calculated on the average number of personnel

opportunities for men and women at work. In 2010, the Raiffeisen Group increased the percentage of women in management to 25.3%. Bringing more women into management is a strategic goal. One woman has been on the Executive Board since mid-2008.

#### **Family-friendliness**

Employees make active use of programmes that have been modified to be more family-friendly. For example, the bank has instituted 15 days of paternity leave and up to five days' paid vacation to look after a sick child. Around 230 children in total attended two "family holiday weeks". Daughters and Sons Day was renamed "National Future Day" in 2010. Eighty-five children participated in Future Day in St. Gallen, and 21 in Dietikon.

#### Junior talent development

#### 273 new vocational trainees

In the summer of 2010, 273 young people all over Switzerland started Raiffeisen vocational training programmes – a 4% increase. Around 740 are in commercial programmes and 27 in IT. In summer 2010, 82% of the programme graduates were offered a permanent position or a fixed-term employment contract within the Raiffeisen Group. Twenty-seven high-school graduates embarked on a banking career by completing a banking internship structured according to recognised criteria.

#### University trainee program

In 2009, Raiffeisen launched an 18-month pilot trainee program with three university graduates. Its goal is to

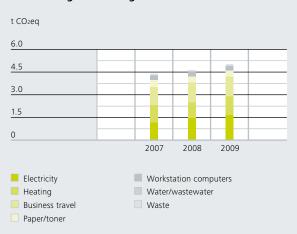
maintain a talent pipeline of skilled workers. The trainees were successfully placed in positions throughout the bank. Three new trainees will be entering the programme in October 2010. The university trainee programme enables the Raiffeisen Group to recruit skilled staff, while enabling college graduates with technical and management potential to launch a successful career at Raiffeisen. Over the course of 18 to 21 months, the trainees gain experience at no fewer than five departments at the Raiffeisen Group. These trainees have an outstanding reputation and were placed in challenging, desirable jobs.

#### Skills development and professionalisation

Hands-on, full-person development
Central skills development programmes were created for specific functions based on clear job profiles and career pathways. This provides transparent guidance and helps focus development planning. Local supervisors are consulted to ensure the complete development and practical application of social, technical and methodological skills. Thanks to a rigorous blended learning approach, learners capitalise on the unique advantages of e-learning, self-study and classroom teaching in seminars, coursework and independent learning.

Support through central and local information channels Raiffeisen bank employees acquire key job skills at central and local seminars. Twice a year, the chairs of the executive boards and boards of directors of the Raiffeisen banks meet with the Executive Board of Raiffeisen Switzerland to share ideas, views and insights.

#### Sources of greenhouse gases at Raiffeisen Switzerland



## Sources of environmental pollution at Raiffeisen Switzerland



#### Ecological sustainability:

Paper/toner

The charts show the absolute change in the assessed environmental impact, broken down into greenhouse gases and environmental pollution. The commuting impact was calculated but not included in the charts as data was only compiled for the branches. CO2 equivalents¹ are calculated in accordance with IPCC 2007², environmental impact points³ in accordance with EIP 2006⁴.

## Management development

Revamped management development process

Future managers can apply for admission to the 2 1/2-year management development process. Once accepted, middle managers work on developing leadership skills (as a line, project or functional manager), while senior managers focus on personality development. This is an all-encompassing process spanning several learning and development channels such as the workplace, seminars, feedback and personal experience ensuring the impact will last. In 2010, 49 middle managers and 54 senior managers completed the 2007-2010 management development process. No new process was launched this year. Instead, the entire process was thoroughly reviewed and relaunched for 2011.

## Leadership skills and tools

New managers acquire basic leadership skills in multi-day seminars. Other courses give experienced managers the opportunity to improve their managerial abilities.

 $<sup>^1</sup>$  CO2 equivalent: index of the greenhouse gas potential of substances in the earth's atmosphere, such as methane (CH4), nitrous oxide (N2O), HFCs, CFCs or sulphur hexafluoride (SF6). The greenhouse effect caused by carbon dioxide is used as the reference.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> IPCC 2007: CO<sub>2</sub> equivalents were calculated using the 2007 factors from the Intergovernmental Panel for Climate Change.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> In the environmental scarcity method, environmental impact points (EIPs) are calculated on the basis of compliance with environmental quality targets for air, water, land and resources in Switzerland.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> EIP 2006: Environmental impact points are calculated using the 2006 environmental factors from the environmental scarcity method. Swiss Association for Environmentally Conscious Management (Öbu) SR 28/2008.

#### Improving management skills

Thorough director training (10 courses, 780 participants)
New and current members of the boards of directors of
Raiffeisen banks can acquire the skills needed to strategically manage a bank at seminars specifically geared towards their needs. Seminars tailored for special board
functions — chairperson or member of the audit committee
— ensure that Raiffeisen banks are managed professionally.

#### Effective, goal-focused management

Executive board members and chairpersons attend focused development programs to acquire the management skills needed to play an entrepreneurial role at their Raiffeisen bank. In 2010, 18 people graduated from the one-year Bank Board College programme.

#### Improving the quality of client advisory services

#### Development of advisory skills

Raiffeisen Switzerland provides tools to maintain the high quality of advisory services. Special seminars show client advisors how to use the tools to help their clients. All the seminars aim to develop an advisory culture that puts the client's needs first.

Development of advisory services at Raiffeisen banks
The 339 Raiffeisen banks regularly give classes on locally
relevant issues. The training hones client advisors' skills and
abilities and prepares them for real-life situations. Since
local managers are closely involved in the training, the skills
development process is highly effective and has a lasting
impact.

#### Career development

#### Welcoming new employees

We welcome new employees with a multi-day orientation programme on Raiffeisen's culture, tools and practices. Senior managers' deep involvement makes these encounters quite special, and lays the groundwork for further internal networking.

#### Personalised further education

The employees of the Raiffeisen Group are generously supported in planning their personal, individual training goals. The Group helps pay for external training and allows employees to take classes during work hours. This enables employees to acquire recognised qualifications to further their professional development and enhance their employability.

#### Mentoring – a key development tool

Mentoring refers to a coaching relationship between a more experienced senior employee (mentor) and a less experienced junior employee (mentee) outside of regular reporting channels. The mentors in Raiffeisen's programme are senior managers and Executive Board members. Mentees enter into personal development contracts laying out the steps they will be making. On that basis, mentees can build new networks, learn about different business activities and initiate a development process outside their department. There were 27 mentor-mentee teams in 2010.

Mid-life initiative – personal status evaluation
Raiffeisen has decided to tackle the issue of demographic change by implementing a carefully designed generation

policy. It actively promotes appreciation and equal opportunities for younger and older employees and encourages them to take responsibility for their professional development. Top managers actively seek new career prospects and work that provides meaning and fulfilment once they reach their prime. Knowing this, Raiffeisen offered a number of managers a two-day course on actively shaping their future career path in 2010. The executives were encouraged to reflect on their values, strengths and experience in order to find ways to leverage them. The "Mid-life initiative" seminar has been attended by exactly 100 employees since its beginning in 2009. Specific programmes encourage experienced mid-life employees to carefully examine their professional situation and plans for the future. They then develop new goals and expectations for the next stage in their career. Twenty-seven employees participated in the initiative in 2010.

#### "Week 53" seminar

This program was piloted in 2010 for longstanding, dedicated outperformers in senior management. It is geared toward participants who have spent several years in upper management and want to step back, take stock and then tackle new, extraordinary challenges with new-found energy.

## "Retirement as an opportunity" seminar

This seminar helps employees prepare for retirement. It addresses the unique challenges of withdrawing into private life. Employees can retire in stages, or remain employed after retirement age, depending on their needs.

#### Values and leadership culture

Values and culture have always been important for the Raiffeisen Group. Clear values and a solid culture have provided support and direction for clients, employees and cooperative members during this recent, turbulent period. However, people must be reminded of these key issues time and again. This is why Raiffeisen works to integrate them at every level in its hierarchy in order to encourage value-based behaviour and solid leadership practices within the Group.

#### Employee survey

Employees are Raiffeisen's most important asset and the foundation of any successful company. To cultivate its workforce, Raiffeisen has an independent survey institute conduct an employee survey every two years. The results are communicated throughout the organisation – from departments, units and teams to individual employees. Raiffeisen uses the findings to analyze opportunities for improvement and develop concrete measures for various hierarchical levels. Raiffeisen Switzerland conducted its most recent employee survey in summer 2010. The satisfying response rate of 71% illustrated how keenly employees are interested in their company. The survey is tailored to capture the specific work conditions at Raiffeisen Switzerland. It covers the organisational work conditions (organisational structure/processes, corporate culture, leadership, pay/development) that influence employees' commitment (identification, dedication and loyalty to Raiffeisen Switzerland) and job satisfaction. High employee commitment generally translates into lasting productivity gains. It

is particularly pleasing, that Raiffeisen employees remain very committed. Particularly high marks were given to teams, direct supervisors and actual duties. By contrast, strategy

and goal coordination across all units was identified as an opportunity for improvement. Appropriate measures were defined and will be put into action in 2011.

#### Employee committee

Raiffeisen Switzerland's seven-person employee committee has actively championed employees' concerns and needs since 1995. As the link between the Executive Board and employees, it is consulted on issues relating to personnel, employment law and the development of the company as a whole. Thanks to a right to information enshrined in the charter, the employee committee often plays an advisory role in the decision-making process. The employee committee meets regularly with the members of the Executive Board to discuss current issues. Their goal is to jointly find appropriate and viable solutions to employees' legitimate concerns.

Improving governance by changing pension management 2010 was a year of change for the pension fund. Michael Auer, Head of the Services department, was made Chairman of the Board of Directors, while Nils Ohlhorst was appointed as the new pension fund manager. The pension fund's management was strengthened with new governance structures. Despite an adverse environment, the coverage ratio increased to 97% by the end of 2010 (previous year: 93%).

#### Social report of the Raiffeisen Group

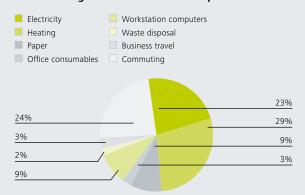
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|-------|--|
| 9,656 | 9,553  |
| 6,360 | 6,879  |
| 3,296 | 2,674  |
| 103   | 420  |
| 5,225 | 5,171  |
| 891   | 863  |
| 4,431 | 4,382  |
| 2,635 | 2,560  |
| 787   | 776  |
| 7.5   | 7.1  |
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#### **Economic sustainability**

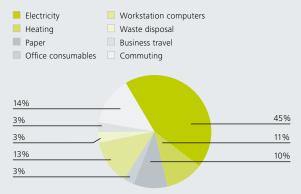
Process management made even more professional

Raiffeisen is supported by a comprehensive, group-wide process model and in 2010 made further strides toward professionalising its process management system. Raiffeisen Switzerland focused on strengthening and anchoring process roles in the line organisation, establishing continuous process improvement in day-to-day operations and expanding process controlling to include process performance indicators and process maturity. When maintaining the process and ICS reference model for Raiffeisen banks, it focused on optimising and enhancing the substance of the model and expanding functions that support the adaptation of the model to each Raiffeisen bank's practices.

#### Raiffeisen Switzerland 2007 – 2009: Greenhouse gases and environmental pollution



### Raiffeisen banks reference group 2007 – 2009: Greenhouse gases and environmental pollution



The charts show the impact per full-time equivalent (FTE). The average values from the reference group are based on the mean values for the median $^1$  in 2007 – 2009.

<sup>1</sup> The value m is considered to be the median of a sample if no more than half the data points in the sample have a value < m and no more than half have a value > m.

#### Cost/income ratio

To ensure economic sustainability, income and expenses must maintain a healthy equilibrium over time. At the same time, every enterprise – Raiffeisen included – must continually adapt to new trends and challenges. Over the medium term, Raiffeisen expects fierce competition to keep income growth moderate in interest operations (i.e. borrowing funds at a low rate and lending them out at a higher rate). Raiffeisen is therefore pursuing further qualitative growth and entering adjoining businesses to diversify its income streams. At the same time, it is taking steps to offset the costs of diversification by streamlining service processes. The change in the cost/income ratio clearly reflects this trend. It was reduced from 62.3% to 60.6% percent, above all due to stable operating expenditure.

## Information on the statement of net added value

Thanks to strong volume growth and successful asset and liability management, Raiffeisen boosted corporate performance – also known as "operating income" – considerably to CHF 2.4 billion in 2010. After deducting third-party services, depreciation, amortisation, value adjustments and losses from this total, Raiffeisen's net added value was CHF 1.8 billion.

There were minor changes in the distribution of available funds to stakeholders. The personnel share went up one percentage point to 57.2%. There was also an increase, although much smaller, in the profit distribution to cooperative members in the form of interest payments on share certificates. These higher allocations reduced self-financing.

The amount allocated to reinforcement of reserves (retention of earnings) declined slightly to 33.1%.

Personnel received over CHF 1 billion, which was by far the largest share of added value. The allocation to reserves was slightly more than CHF 600 million. The government received CHF 145 million, including CHF 117 million for taxes paid and the remainder for future taxes from reversing temporary measurement differences. CHF 30 million was paid directly to the cooperative members. Cooperative members also enjoy other direct benefits (e.g. free banking), higher interest on savings and other benefits (e.g. discounted travel). These member benefits added up to more than CHF 160 million in the course of the year.

#### Value-based management

The aim of value-based management is to implement key values in day-to-day business. At the employee level, the focus is on providing a good working environment and suitable training and development processes; clients have the right to expect fair products and reliable relationships. Raiffeisen's Board of Directors and Executive Board understand the importance of this focus on values, recognising it as a corporate objective and defining it in the form of management principles. Milestones and implementation principles have been laid down within the strategy process.

#### **Ecological sustainability**

As Switzerland's third-largest banking services provider, Raiffeisen has a responsibility to protect the environment. It devotes most of its efforts to reducing greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption, mainly by minimising the environmental impact of its operations. Other important existing projects include server virtualisation (green IT) to lower electricity consumption and the expansion of the bank's local heating network to conserve heating energy. Outside its own organisation, Raiffeisen also participates in nationwide projects to achieve goals such as lowering greenhouse gas emissions and energy use.

#### **Ecobalance**

In order to measure and minimise the impact of its business on the environment on an ongoing basis, Raiffeisen institutionalised the lifecycle assessment process in 2006 with assistance from sinum AG. This pilot project captures central data, data on Raiffeisen Switzerland and data on a reference group of nine regional Raiffeisen banks. Since the system boundaries have not changed in recent years, it is now possible to track the greenhouse gas emissions and environmental impact of Raiffeisen Switzerland and the reference group over time. Over the years, Raiffeisen collected enough meaningful data to develop a sound sustainability strategy and expand the system boundaries to include key indicators. Not only will data be collected on more locations, but the lifecycle assessment process will also be broadened to include sustainability performance, including a separate GRI-compliant sustainability report.

#### Raiffeisen Switzerland development

In 2009, Raiffeisen Switzerland's greenhouse gas emissions were equivalent to approx. 7,300t of CO<sub>2</sub> (including extrapolated commuter traffic, which accounted for over 2,300 t of the CO<sub>2</sub> equivalents), or the amount of CO<sub>2</sub> emitted by circling the earth 700 times with a car. Its

environmental impact was nearly 11,000 million environmental impact points (including 2,500 million EIPs for commuter traffic), or roughly equal to the impact of a car circling the earth 1,200 times. CO<sub>2</sub> equivalents are calculated in accordance with IPCC2007, environmental impact points in accordance with EIP2006. Electricity consumption dominated Raiffeisen Switzerland's environmental impact, while fuel took the lead in terms of greenhouse gases. Commuter traffic is the main emitter (over 30 percent) of greenhouse gases and accounts for nearly a quarter of the environmental impact. Greenhouse gas emissions and the environmental impact have largely risen due to higher power consumption as a result of the bank's growth. Diesel consumption is also trending upwards.

## Trend for reference group of Raiffeisen banks

The reference group emitted greenhouse gases equivalent to 3.2 t of CO<sub>2</sub> per full-time equivalent (FTE). This is roughly the same amount of CO<sub>2</sub> emitted by driving a car over 12,000 kilometres or the amount of CO<sub>2</sub> absorbed each year by an approx. 3,200 m2 forest. The environmental impact of nearly 5 million EIPs per FTE is equal to driving nearly 22,000 km with a car. The main sources of greenhouse gas emissions and environmental impact are electricity consumption, heating energy and commuting, although electricity plays a much larger role in the environmental impact.

# Raiffeisen's other environmental sustainability projects

Besides reducing its environmental impact, Raiffeisen has long been involved in various environmental sustainability projects. It supports smaller-scale activities and nationwide projects on sustainable building or the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.

#### Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP)

In 2010, Raiffeisen Switzerland and the Ethos Foundation asked Switzerland's 100 largest exchange-listed companies about their efforts to lower CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. The survey formed part of the Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP), the world's largest investor association on climate change. The company data helps investors make investment decisions since climate change strategies can significantly affect the risks and opportunities of business activities. Raiffeisen plans to continue working with CDP in the years ahead to support the transparency of corporate climate change reporting (www.cdproject.net).

#### Swiss Climate Foundation

The Swiss Climate Foundation, which is chaired by Raiffeisen, helps fund SMEs and champions climate protection. The Foundation is funded by the CO<sub>2</sub> tax rebates collected by its partner companies. It has supported several projects since being established in 2008 by twelve major service providers – including the Raiffeisen Group with a contribution of CHF 660,000. By mid-2010, it had supported 11 projects in total (www.klimastiftung.ch).

## Energieallianz

Raiffeisen Switzerland pays an annual contribution to support the Energieallianz, an association that initiates projects to reduce energy use and/or CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. Its "Door opener" project, for example, is currently raising homeowner awareness of home weatherisation in the Canton of Lucerne, while the "Power 40+" project is training well-qualified, unemployed people above the age of 40 to become building energy consultants in the Canton of St. Gallen (www.energieallianz.ch).

#### Swiss Green Building Association

In 2010, Raiffeisen and several other organisations formed the Swiss Green Building Association. This sustainable building platform advocates the construction of solid, well-insulated buildings and the demolition and replacement of non-energy-efficient ones. The association's main tools are research, education and information. However, it also intends to partner with government agencies and set up a centre of competency for demolition and replacement (www.greenbuilding.ch).

#### Sustainable investment products

Minergie mortgage is renamed Eco-mortgage and keeps growing

Raiffeisen pioneered the Minergie mortgage in Switzerland in 2002, and has now broadened its scope. Besides renaming it the "Eco-mortgage", it has raised the maximum interest discount and broadened the eligibility criteria. The mortgage is available not only for Minergie-certified

buildings (www.minergie.ch), but also for buildings that receive a Class A (new buildings) or Class C (old buildings) cantonal energy performance certificate ("GEAK"). Demand rose by over one-third in 2010. The average mortgage amount is also higher.

#### Futura sustainability funds

The Raiffeisen Futura funds only invest in securities issued by companies that treat human and natural resources with due care and respect and use the latest technologies and techniques to ensure that their business model is sustainable. Investments are evaluated using the ethical and environmental criteria formulated by Inrate, a rating agency (www.inrate.com). Inrate utilises an innovative approach and a rigorous methodology to develop its criteria. To pursue a forward-looking path with the Futura products, Raiffeisen made its Pension Invest funds completely sustainable by switching their investment policies to Futura in 2010. The Raiffeisen Pension Invest funds are BBV2-compliant, thus can be used for pensions.

The Raiffeisen Futura Swiss Stock fund won the Lipper Fund Award for best Swiss equity fund over five years in 2010 for the fourth year running.

As a cosignatory of the Eurosif transparency guidelines for sustainability funds, Raiffeisen systematically informs investors about the investment criteria and processes governing the Futura funds (www.eurosif.org).

#### Partnership with Ethos

Responsibly investing also means exercising voting rights. After all, shareholders have the final say in important business decisions. As a major provider of sustainable investment products, Raiffeisen has therefore decided to partner with the Ethos Foundation. The partnership already covers some Futura funds, but will be extended to all Futura products in 2011. The foundation's primary aim is to protect the interests of investors on a long-term and forward-looking basis by promoting sustainable development principles and corporate governance best practices. Its voting positions are available on the Ethos homepage (www.ethosfund.ch).

## Raiffeisen structured products

Structured products offer clients the opportunity to base their investment decisions on future-oriented criteria. The Raiffeisen product range includes various different capital-protected products relating to climate protection, water, renewable energies and sustainable mobility.

#### ResponsAbility microfinance funds

Investments in microfinance have proved that social benefits and financial performance are not mutually exclusive. This has heightened investor interest in microfinance, as it delivers a double return: social and financial. Microlending allows people in developing countries to earn a living by running their own business, while giving fund investors a return on their capital.

Raiffeisen is a founding member of responsAbility Social Investments AG, established in 2003 (www.responsAbility.com).





#### Fabrice Roth, engineer

Fabrice Roth never wanted to build sandcastles, just solid, permanent structures. As a young engineer, he decided to specialise in bridges. In his eyes, the most perfect challenges are bridges that are technologically and aesthetically groundbreaking, like the Hardbrücke Bridge in Zurich. For Fabrice Roth, they simultaneously represent a symbol, a mission in life and an artefact of our current culture for tomorrow's generations.

**Strategy** Raiffeisen is a success story. To stay successful, Raiffeisen must tackle current challenges such as fiercer competition, high customer expectations and stricter regulation.

- The strategic targets have proven their worth and will continue to be pursued
- Processes are examined for efficiency enhancement opportunities on an on-going basis
- Raiffeisen's compelling cooperative culture is strengthened further
- By investing in future projects, Raiffeisen is in an ideal position to develop future business opportunities

## Review and achievement of targets in 2010

Switzerland recovered more rapidly from the financial crisis than many experts had predicted a year ago. The worst-case scenarios — unstable financial markets and a lacklustre real economy — failed to materialise, despite the uncertainty. However, future economic trends remain hard to predict. The solvency of some European countries is still in question, and Swiss exporters are concerned about exchange rates.

In these turbulent times, Raiffeisen's values, strategy and business model have proven highly effective. Raiffeisen closed out another successful financial year in 2010 in spite of the extremely adverse environment. Once again, it captured further market share by rapidly growing its core business. It also pressed ahead with its planned income diversification (investment business, corporate clients). Raiffeisen champions values (e.g., security, trust, transparency and client intimacy) that have gained importance in many clients' eyes as a result of the crisis. Raiffeisen owes its success to these strengths which will remain unchanged, to best tackle the challenges ahead. Raiffeisen has spent recent years making large strategic investments and positioning itself to capitalise on future business opportunities as they arise.

#### Trends and challenges

The banking market in Switzerland is still experiencing upheaval. The financial crisis has permanently transformed the competitive environment, client requirements and the regulatory environment:

#### Competition

Shifts in the bank income landscape during and after the crisis significantly heightened appreciation for retail banking and particularly interest business. Major banks are once again paying more attention to domestic private clients, partly for political reasons. As the traditional interest business has become more appealing, it has not only attracted major banks, but also new players such as online banks, direct banks and non-banks such as life insurance providers. This has fuelled cut-throat competition, squeezing margins and flattening earnings growth in the interest business. The downward pressure on profits forces banks to aggressively manage costs and broaden their earnings base by entering new business segments.

#### **Client requirements**

The financial crisis and related uncertainty has definitively shifted client requirements. Security and trust are now paramount, making personal advisory services more important than ever.

Clients expect not only higher-quality products tailored to their needs, but also higher-quality advisory services. At the same time, they are more price-sensitive due to greater Internet use and more product transparency.

These changes will have to be addressed with skilled employees, personalised advisory services and needs-oriented products and services.

#### Regulations

Governments responded to the financial crisis by tightening financial sector regulations. Voters also demanded tougher rules in light of the need for government intervention, and the Swiss Federal Council thus sought to address this issue through several expert committees. The findings on Basel III and the "too big to fail" problem were published in late 2010.

Raiffeisen is directly affected by the stricter capital adequacy requirements of the Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority (FINMA). They are intended to ensure financial market stability and provide stronger client protection. As a cooperative, Raiffeisen retains around 95% of its net profit (retention of earnings) and so will meet the stricter requirements, too.

#### Strategic objectives and measures

Raiffeisen is well prepared for the upcoming trends and challenges. The existing strategic targets have proven their worth and will continue to be pursued.

## Qualitative growth and diversification

Raiffeisen aims to win a greater market share in the lending and deposit-taking businesses. In under-tapped markets, particularly cities and conurbations, Raiffeisen's objective is to attract and retain new clients. To achieve this, it will expand its sales network (30 new branches by 2013) and aggressively develop its markets. Its client base also harbours growth potential that should be leveraged into main bank client relationships.

Volume is not Raiffeisen's only goal, however. It is pursuing sustainability as well. Sustainable, profitable growth requires a simple and clear strategy for the local market, a regional sales network and fair pricing.

While Raiffeisen develops its market position in the core business, it is also selectively diversifying into adjacent business segments. This is intended to reflect the varied needs of Raiffeisen clients while expanding the earnings base.

- Raiffeisen intends to advance its positioning in the investment business. It had a good starting position after the financial crisis and has a good reputation that it can leverage. It is focusing on simple and clear pension, insurance and investment products and professional advisory services to accompany the products. The benefits for clients include good value and high transparency, security and sustainability. However, clients also have preferential access to more sophisticated investment products through Raiffeisen's relationship with Vontobel.
- Corporate clients represent an enormous potential. Many entrepreneurs have personal bank accounts with Raiffeisen, but have not yet tapped the wide service portfolio for their companies. This is why Raiffeisen is continuing to pursue its corporate clients strategy, with particular emphasis on small and medium-sized enterprises. It aims to capitalise on Raiffeisen's well-known strengths to become the second-largest provider of

corporate loans in this segment over the medium term. Clients can choose solutions from the full range of banking and insurance services (collaboration with Helvetia). The partnership with eight regional competence centres and the Raiffeisen capital goods leasing segment gives Raiffeisen a strong, comprehensive market presence.

#### Increase in productivity

Besides achieving its growth targets, Raiffeisen also aims to deliver services more efficiently and cost-effectively. Answers to the market-driven flattening of earnings growth have to be found. Raiffeisen acted early to optimise cost structures and boost efficiency. This lowered the growth of total operating expenditure in 2009 and 2010 compared to previous years, among other things. The search for greater efficiency is not, however, a one-time, temporary effort, but rather an ongoing management responsibility to ingrain cost discipline throughout the organisation.

Thus processes to enhance efficiency opportunities are being examined on an on-going basis. Automation and self-service, for example, can lower costs and free-up staff to advise clients. They are mainly used for payment transactions, securities processing and loan handling. These measures are supported by efficiency and productivity improvements in IT as well as extensive investments in new software and hardware.

Raiffeisen is pressing ahead with the homogenisation of its IT environment. Via consolidation, standardisation and new technologies, IT is working to reduce complexity and enhance cost-effectiveness.

## Strengthening the corporate culture

Raiffeisen has a cooperative culture that is embraced throughout the Group. It ensures that employees show initiative and identify strongly with the bank – and our clients notice. Trust in the Raiffeisen brand is firmly entrenched in the market and constitutes a competitive edge. The Raiffeisen Group's regional roots are strengthened by dedicated employees and government members who actively participate in social events.

To keep this trust, improvement of these capabilities have to be continued. This means attracting top professional and managerial talent. Raiffeisen is thus positioning itself as an attractive, responsible employer with a unique management culture. It also actively promotes diversity and a healthy work-life balance.

## Raiffeisen Group capital investment 2006–2010, by category

(net investment, in CHF million)

|                                     | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 |  |
|-------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|--|
| Bank buildings                      | 67   | 98   | 119  | 156  | 161  |  |
| Other real estate                   | 15   | 3    | 38   | 11   | 25   |  |
| Alterations and fixtures in third-  |      |      |      |      |      |  |
| party premises                      | 15   | 32   | 48   | 32   | 36   |  |
| IT hardware                         | 16   | 39   | 50   | 30   | 27   |  |
| IT software                         | 28   | 22   | 30   | 22   | 18   |  |
| ATMs                                | 12   | 16   | 15   | 21   | 17   |  |
| Furniture                           | 7    | 8    | 9    | 8    | 8    |  |
| Fixtures                            | 16   | 10   | 15   | 9    | 12   |  |
| Office machines, vehicles, security |      |      |      |      |      |  |
| installations                       | 17   | 15   | 21   | 11   | 12   |  |
| Total net investment                | 192  | 242  | 344  | 300  | 316  |  |
| ·                                   |      |      |      |      |      |  |

## Raiffeisen Group capital investment 2006–2010, by region

(net investment, in CHF million)

|                              | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 |  |
|------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|--|
| Région lémanique             | 27   | 32   | 47   | 37   | 37   |  |
| Espace Mittelland            | 45   | 31   | 39   | 43   | 53   |  |
| Northwestern Switzerland and |      |      |      |      |      |  |
| Zurich                       | 14   | 18   | 44   | 42   | 37   |  |
| Eastern Switzerland*         | 70   | 108  | 170  | 121  | 136  |  |
| Central Switzerland          | 25   | 32   | 25   | 29   | 28   |  |
| Ticino                       | 12   | 20   | 19   | 27   | 24   |  |
| Total                        | 192  | 242  | 344  | 300  | 316  |  |

\* incl. central investment by Raiffeisen Switzerland

## Raiffeisen Group capital investment 2006-2010

(net investment, in CHF million)



## Investments in future projects

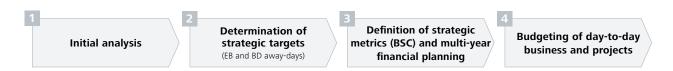
Current strengths have to be maintained and constant investments in future opportunities have to be, for Raiffeisen to attain its strategic targets. Raiffeisen has substantially increased its spending in this area throughout Switzerland in the past few years with a view to improving its market position, being an important investment partner for the regional economy.

Most of its investments are used to establish and expand a modern bank branch and sales network. Not only does this strengthen our local roots and corporate client involvement, but it also opens up areas (especially cities and conurbations) where Raiffeisen is underrepresented.

#### Strategic planning process

Raiffeisen reviews and updates its strategy in a strategic planning process. Raiffeisen's strategic alignment for the next three-year planning period is discussed and adopted at the annual away-day of the Executive Board and the Board of Directors of Raiffeisen Switzerland. The strategy discussions and updates take into account trends and recent market developments.

The Raiffeisen Group has measured and managed its strategic objectives using a balanced scorecard (BSC) for several years. The BSC is firmly anchored in the overall controlling process. It allows the Group to operationalise the strategic targets and consider all relevant aspects. The BSC measures not only financial performance indicators, but also other dimensions such as clients, employees and processes. This instrument has proven its worth and is systematically updated.



The following selection of key performance indicators (KPIs) operationalises Raiffeisen's strategic targets.

| Target value                                  | BSC<br>dimension | 2008<br>actual value | 2009<br>actual value | 2010<br>actual value | 2010 target achievement | 2011 target value |
|---|------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Loans to clients                              | Clients          | + 6.96%              | + 8.33%              | + 8.18%              |                         | + 3.00%           |
| Lending volume to corporate clients           | Clients          | + 4.00%              | + 11.06%             | + 9.15%              |                         | + 6.00%           |
| Gross additions to value adjustment component | Finance          | 0.08%                | 0.08%                | 0.06%                |                         | < 0.20%           |
| Cost/income ratio                             | Processes        | 62.00%               | 62.30%               | 60.60%               | <b>A</b>                | < 61.00%          |
| Active e-banking agreements                   | Processes        | + 20.44%             | + 15.68%             | + 14.72%             |                         | + 10.00%          |
| Turnover rate<br>Key people                   | Employees        | 4.40%                | 2.20%                | 2.48%                |                         | < 7.00%           |

Target achievedTarget not achieved





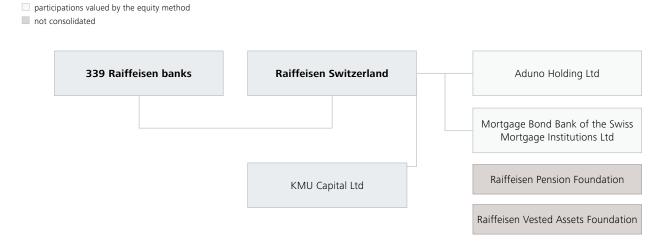
## Rémy Wirz, ferryman

Rémy Wirz is the ferryman for the Ueli Ferry between St. Johanns Park and Kleinbasel. Nothing is more important than safety in his daily work. He is meticulous about checking his equipment and materials. To keep the ferry stable on the water, he has to manoeuvre it into the right position. The Rhine current provides the propulsion, thus freeing up Rémy Wirz so that he can personally attend to his passengers and ensure they cross the Rhine safe and sound.

**Corporate governance** Corporate governance encompasses all principles of corporate organisation, management instruments and controlling structures. The system creates clarity, reliability and stability. Corporate governance is the framework for fulfilling responsibilities vis-à-vis customers and the company.

- Trustworthy and fair business policies are pursued
- Strategic management, operational management and controlling are kept separate for transparency
- Security is upheld by pillars of confidence
- Cooperative members elect the Board of Directors

The most important corporate governance rules of the Raiffeisen Group are established in binding documents such as the Articles of Association, the Terms and Conditions of Business, the organisational regulations and a series of other instructions and directives. All the statutes and documents relevant to the business, such as the Articles of Association, regulations, instructions, product catalogues, forms and descriptions of processes, are contained in an electronic system of rules. The binding nature of the regulations and regulatory documentation is clearly defined. Thanks to this electronic aid, new issues, processes and products and amendments to existing ones can be processed centrally and made available directly to all staff. This makes it possible to provide clients with more rapid, targeted and comprehensive service.



The following report has been primarily drawn up according to the Swiss Code of Best Practice for Corporate Governance published by economiesuisse and the SIX Swiss Exchange Corporate Governance Directive (DCG). Although the code is not binding for Raiffeisen, it is helpful even for an unlisted company to apply these best practices in certain areas. The report addresses in particular the special cooperative organisational structure of the Raiffeisen Group. The various levels of decision-making authority and responsibility are also presented and explained. Except where stated otherwise, all data are accurate as at 31 December 2010.

#### Raiffeisen Group structure

The subsidiary KMU Capital AG is wholly owned by Raiffeisen Switzerland. The Raiffeisen Group also owns 21.58% of Pfandbriefbank schweizerischer Hypothekarinstitute AG, and Raiffeisen Switzerland owns 24.68% of Aduno Holding AG. The Group has access to two independent foundations for the investment of pillar 2 and 3 pension contributions. Small shareholdings are not listed separately.

## **Group companies**

| Company                             | Activity   | Owner(s)               |
|-------------------------------------|--|------------------------|
| Raiffeisen banks                    | Banking business   | Cooperative members    |
| Mairieiseir Dariks                  | <ul> <li>Mainly retail business</li> </ul>   | Cooperative members    |
|                                     | <ul> <li>Traditional savings and mortgage business</li> </ul>  |                        |
|                                     | <ul> <li>Corporate clients business</li> </ul>   |                        |
|                                     | <ul> <li>Payment services</li> </ul>   |                        |
|                                     | • Investment fund and securities, and consumer goods leasing   |                        |
| Raiffeisen Switzerland              | Business policy and strategy as well as a centre of competence   | Raiffeisen banks       |
|                                     | for the Raiffeisen Group   |                        |
|                                     | <ul><li>Risk controlling</li></ul>   |                        |
|                                     | <ul> <li>Central bank function (monetary settlement, liquidity maintenance and<br/>refinancing)</li> </ul> |                        |
|                                     | <ul> <li>Banking business (mainly interbank transactions and securities trading)</li> </ul>                |                        |
|                                     | ■ Staff development  |                        |
|                                     | <ul><li>Running of branches</li></ul>  |                        |
| KMU Capital Ltd                     | Financing business, mezzanine financing and investments in SMEs  | Raiffeisen Switzerland |
| Raiffeisen Vested Assets Foundation | Vested assets accounts to safeguard occupational pension assets (pillar 2)                                 |                        |
| Raiffeisen Pension Foundation       | Personal tax-incentivised pension savings (pillar 3)   |                        |

#### Changes versus the previous year

The operations of Raiffeisen Leasing AG were integrated into Raiffeisen Switzerland effective 1 January 2010. The former company was renamed KMU Capital AG and its business purpose changed.

Raiffeisen Switzerland (Luxemburg) Fonds Advisory S.A. was folded in 2010.

After purchasing shares, Raiffeisen Switzerland's investment holding in Aduno Holding AG rose to over 20%. As a result, the investment holding in Aduno Holding AG is now measured using the equity method.

### Mergers of Raiffeisen banks

Due to mergers, the number of legally and organisationally independent Raiffeisen banks fell from 350 to 339 in the year under review. The mergers were motivated by operational and market considerations. The ongoing structuring process enables the individual Raiffeisen banks to optimally align their activities with the needs of their regional markets. The number of independent Raiffeisen banks will continue to decline slightly over the next few years, though there will be little change in the number of bank branches.

#### Expansion of Raiffeisen locations

The presence in urban centres was further expanded. Raiffeisen banks opened six new branches in 2010.

## Raiffeisen Group organisational structure

Raiffeisen has four levels of decision-making authority and responsibility:

The 339 Raiffeisen banks, with a total of 1109 branches (excluding Raiffeisen Switzerland branches), are legally and organisationally independent cooperatives that elect their own boards of directors and have an independent auditor. Raiffeisen banks are owned by the cooperative members. The candidates for the board of directors are voted in at the local general or delegate meetings. This guarantees a fair balance between the interests of the bank in question and those of the cooperative members. Raiffeisen banks own 100% of Raiffeisen Switzerland.

Raiffeisen banks are grouped into 22 regional federations (see page 63) organised as associations. The federations act as links between Raiffeisen Switzerland and the individual Raiffeisen banks. The duties of the regional federations include in particular organising delegate elections for the Raiffeisen Switzerland Delegate Assembly, coordinating regional advertising activities, conducting training events for Raiffeisen banks, and safeguarding and representing the interests of Raiffeisen banks in dealings with cantonal business associations and authorities.

Raiffeisen Switzerland is a cooperative. Any bank with a cooperative structure that recognises the model Articles of Association of Raiffeisen banks and the Articles of Association and regulations of Raiffeisen Switzerland can join. Raiffeisen Switzerland bears responsibility for the Raiffeisen Group's business policy and strategy, acting as a centre of competence for the entire Group and representing its interests nationally and internationally. Raiffeisen Switzerland directly manages six retail branches. The Raiffeisen Banks Steering Committee (not shown in the chart) is another management body. Each regional union

#### **Cooperative members**

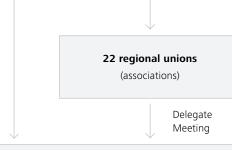
(individuals, limited partnerships and collective associations entered in the Commercial Register and legal entities)

General or Delegate Meeting

#### 339 Raiffeisen banks

(cooperatives)

Executive bodies: General Meeting, Board of Directors, Executive Board, auditor for the purposes of the Swiss Code of Obligations



#### Raiffeisen Switzerland

(cooperative)

Executive bodies: Delegate Meeting, Board of Directors, Executive Board, auditor for the purposes of the Swiss Code of Obligations

has one seat, while Raiffeisen Switzerland is represented with one seat per department in this committee. The Committee reviews strategic matters, objectives and plans of Raiffeisen banks; viewpoint, prioritising them according to the specifications established by the Raiffeisen Switzerland Executive Board. It also appoints representatives who sit on the individual steering committees of Raiffeisen Switzerland, ensuring that Raiffeisen banks have a sufficient say in Group-wide plans and projects.

#### **Major participations**

Note 3 (on page 118) lists all major participations of the Raiffeisen Group, including company name, domicile, capital and share of voting rights.

## **Major cooperative members**

Under the Swiss Code of Obligations, the voting rights of any one cooperative member are limited to one vote, irrespective of the number of shares held. Furthermore, the Articles of Association stipulate that no cooperative member may own more than CHF 20,000 of the cooperative capital of a Raiffeisen bank. This means that the Raiffeisen Group has no major cooperative shareholders holding more than 5% of capital or voting rights.

#### **Cross-shareholdings**

Raiffeisen Group companies have no cross-shareholdings.

#### Capital structure and liability

#### **Capital structure**

The Raiffeisen Group's cooperative capital totals CHF 570 million. A precise breakdown and accounting of changes in the year under review are provided in note 10, "Evidence of equity capital" (see page 124).

## The regional federations

| Regional federations                                 | Chair                              | Number of mem-<br>ber banks |
|--|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 15 in German-speaking Switzerland                    |                                    |                             |
| Aargauer Verband der Raiffeisenbanken                | Thomas Blunschi, Stetten           | 27                          |
| Berner Verband der Raiffeisenbanken                  | Peter Hunziker, Utzigen            | 24                          |
| Bündner Verband der Raiffeisenbanken                 | Hans Sprecher, Grüsch              | 10                          |
| Deutschfreiburger Verband der Raiffeisenbanken       | Daniel Perler, Wünnewil            | 7                           |
| Luzerner Verband der Raiffeisenbanken                | Kurt Sidler, Ebikon                | 23                          |
| Oberwalliser Verband der Raiffeisenbanken            | Claudio Cina, Salgesch             | 11                          |
| Raiffeisenverband Nordwestschweiz                    | Peter Thüring, Aesch               | 17                          |
| Raiffeisenverband Ob- und Nidwalden                  | Theddy Frener, Sachseln            | 4                           |
| Raiffeisenverband Zürich und Schaffhausen            | Elisabeth Pflugshaupt, Bertschikon | 12                          |
| Schwyzer Verband der Raiffeisenbanken                | Christian Schnetzler, Schwyz       | 8                           |
| Solothurner Verband der Raiffeisenbanken             | André Bourquin, Aetigkofen         | 23                          |
| St.Galler Verband der Raiffeisenbanken               | Stefan Dudli, Waldkirch            | 48                          |
| Thurgauer Verband der Raiffeisenbanken               | Urs Schneider, Bissegg             | 19                          |
| Urner Verband der Raiffeisenbanken                   | Rolf Infanger, Flüelen             | 3                           |
| Zuger Verband der Raiffeisenbanken                   | Cuno Senn, Cham                    | 8                           |
| 6 in French-speaking Switzerland                     |                                    |                             |
| Fédération des Banques Raiffeisen de Fribourg romand | Michel Pauchard, Domdidier         | 11                          |
| Fédération genevoise des Banques Raiffeisen          | Philippe Moeschinger, Thônex       | 6                           |
| Fédération jurassienne des Banques Raiffeisen        | Philippe Plumey, Fahy              | 9                           |
| Fédération neuchâteloise des Banques Raiffeisen      | Jean-Bernard Wälti, Coffrane       | 5                           |
| Fédération des Banques Raiffeisen du Valais romand   | Jean-Michel Revaz, St-Léonard      | 19                          |
| Fédération vaudoise des Banques Raiffeisen           | Bertrand Barbezat, Grandson        | 20                          |
| 1 in Italian-speaking Switzerland                    |                                    |                             |
| Federazione Raiffeisen del Ticino e Moesano          | Mario Verga, Vacallo               | 31                          |
|  |                                    |                             |

The member banks are Raiffeisen banks and branches of Raiffeisen Switzerland.

#### **Changes in equity capital**

Membership in a Raiffeisen bank and the associated rights and obligations are tied closely to the individual/entity in question. This is why individual shares normally cannot be sold or transferred. Departing cooperative members have the right to redeem their share certificates at their intrinsic value, up to a maximum of their par value. They may only be redeemed once the annual accounts of the fourth year following the termination of membership have been approved, unless they are replaced with new share certificates in the same amount.

Share certificates bear a maximum 6% interest.

Raiffeisen's cooperative model is geared toward the retention of earnings. This means that with the exception of interest on cooperative shares, net profit is not paid out in dividends, but instead channelled into the Group's reserves in order to strengthen its capital base.

## **Security model**

The Raiffeisen business model, its business policy, its high level of equity and the possibility of helping shape policy as a cooperative member give Raiffeisen clients comprehensive security. The Raiffeisen system provides a reliable and sustainable basis for all banking transactions for the benefit of clients (see chart page 67).

#### Liability

The Raiffeisen Group guarantees its financial obligations through a balanced system of security measures based on the principle of mutual liability, which it has anchored in its Articles of Association. Working together in a tightly knit cooperative union is also a form of solidarity, as the fate and risks of the Raiffeisen banks are tied closely together. With the solidarity fund, Raiffeisen Switzerland is also able to cover claims and operating losses beyond what the individual members could afford (see chart page 66).

1) Raiffeisen Switzerland liability towards Raiffeisen banks In its capacity as principal party, Raiffeisen Switzerland guarantees the liabilities of all Raiffeisen banks, and therefore of the Raiffeisen Group as a whole. A total of CHF 867.7 million in equity capital of Raiffeisen Switzerland is available for this purpose. Under the Articles of Association of Raiffeisen Switzerland, Raiffeisen banks must acquire a share certificate for CHF 1,000 for each CHF 100,000 of their total assets. This results in a call-in obligation towards Raiffeisen Switzerland of CHF 1.4 billion, of which CHF 360 million have been paid in. Raiffeisen Switzerland has the right to call in the outstanding CHF 1,004.9 million from the Raiffeisen banks at any time.

#### Changes in equity capital

(in CHF million)

|                     | 2010  | 2009  | 2008  | 2007  |
|---------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Cooperative capital | 570   | 536   | 505   | 467   |
| Retained earnings   | 8,084 | 7,447 | 6,910 | 6,234 |
| Group profit        | 627   | 645   | 564   | 701   |
| Total               | 9,281 | 8,628 | 7,979 | 7,402 |

#### 2) Solidarity fund

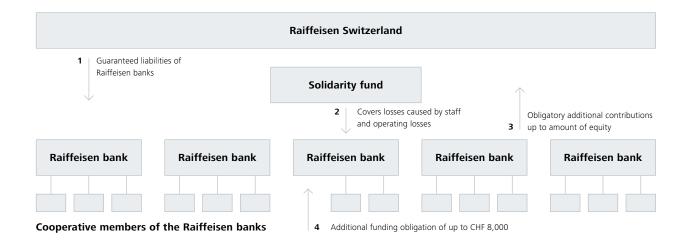
The solidarity fund is an organisation-wide reserve to cover risks, in the classical sense of solidarity as understood by Raiffeisen. The fund mainly covers operating losses of Raiffeisen banks. It is financed by contributions from Raiffeisen banks and branches of Raiffeisen Switzerland. The disposable fund assets amount to CHF 329.9 million.

# 3) Additional funding obligation of Raiffeisen banks towards Raiffeisen Switzerland

Raiffeisen banks are bound by an additional funding obligation under Art. 871 of the Swiss Code of Obligations up to the amount of their own funds, defined as the disclosed equity capital plus hidden reserves, not including the additional funding obligations of their cooperative members. The additional funding obligation of Raiffeisen banks towards Raiffeisen Switzerland is CHF 8.5 billion.

# 4) Additional funding obligation of the cooperative members towards Raiffeisen banks

Should the annual balance sheet of a Raiffeisen bank indicate that cooperative capital is no longer covered, the cooperative members are bound under an additional funding obligation of up to CHF 8,000 each in accordance with Art. 871 of the Swiss Code of Obligations. The additional funding obligation of the cooperative members totals CHF 13.4 billion (see note 10 "Evidence of equity capital", page 124). The additional funding obligation of the cooperative members of Raiffeisen banks has never been enforced in Raiffeisen's long history. It is the last resource to be called on, after all the measures described above or all the funds of the entire Raiffeisen Group have been exhausted.



## Directive authority of Raiffeisen Switzerland vis-à-vis Raiffeisen banks

According to a FINMA ruling of 3 September 2010, the Raiffeisen Group must only comply with the statutory provisions on capital adequacy, risk diversification and liquidity on a consolidated basis. Raiffeisen banks are exempted from compliance with these provisions at the individual bank level. However, to enjoy this dispensation, Raiffeisen banks must have a central organisation that guarantees all Raiffeisen bank obligations and must also maintain the regulation giving Raiffeisen Switzerland power to exercise directive authority vis-à-vis Raiffeisen banks. Raiffeisen Switzerland monitors the Raiffeisen banks' overall position on an ongoing basis, especially as regards capital adequacy, earnings, liquidity and risk diversification. If an unfavourable development occurs or is expected at a Raiffeisen bank,

Raiffeisen Switzerland assists in drawing up and implementing appropriate measures. In serious cases, Raiffeisen Switzerland has a right of application and directive authority in respect of organisational, operational and HR-related steps.

#### **Executive bodies of Raiffeisen Switzerland**

**Raiffeisen Switzerland Delegate Assembly** 

The Delegate Assembly is the supreme executive body of Raiffeisen Switzerland. Each regional union appoints two delegates. In addition, further delegate places are allocated depending on the number of Raiffeisen banks in each regional union and the number of cooperative members and the balance sheet total of all the Raiffeisen banks in each regional union. There are currently 163 members of the Delegate Assembly.

#### Client confidence in Raiffeisen

#### **Business model**

As a cooperative Raiffeisen is committed to its members and only distributes a limited portion of its profits.

Raiffeisen banks are mutually liable for each other's obligations, making it impossible for an individual Raiffeisen bank to collapse.

## **Business policy**

The local presence and proximity to clients mean Raiffeisen is very familiar with the potential risks.

Raiffeisen pursues a very conservative risk policy.

Raiffeisen focuses on sustainable business rather than short-term returns.

#### Capital adequacy

At CHF 13.2 billion, Raiffeisen has more than double the capital required under statutory capital adequacy provisions.

With a debt-to-equity ratio (leverage ratio) of 6.3%, Raiffeisen is very well capitalised.

## Membership

The 1.7 million members help set the course and take responsibility for it.

As a cooperative there is no risk of Raiffeisen being taken over.

The Delegate Assembly is responsible in particular for:

- Change in Raiffeisen Switzerland Articles of Association
- Drawing up model Articles of Association for the Raiffeisen banks
- Defining the Raiffeisen Group's mission statement and long-term policy principles
- Issuing the financing principles and regulations governing the contributions made by Raiffeisen banks to Raiffeisen Switzerland
- Approving the annual report, profit and loss account, balance sheet and the appropriation of net profit of Raiffeisen Switzerland
- Appointing and dismissing the members of the Board of Directors, its chair and the auditor for the purposes of the Swiss Code of Obligations for Raiffeisen Switzerland, and designating the auditor to be elected for the purposes of the Swiss Code of Obligations for Raiffeisen banks.

#### **Board of Directors of Raiffeisen Switzerland**

The Board of Directors is mainly responsible for the Group's strategic development, for financial management and for overseeing Raiffeisen Switzerland and the Executive Board.

The Board of Directors consists currently of twelve members. Some members of the Board of Directors sit on the boards of individual Raiffeisen banks, while others are not the ones active within the Group. This ensures that the widest possible range of main professional qualifications and experience (from politics, business and society) is represented on this executive body.

No members of the Board of Directors have been active employees of Raiffeisen Switzerland in the last three years. Furthermore, no Board of Directors members have had significant business relationships with Raiffeisen Switzerland similar to a hiring relationship.

#### Composition, election and term of office

The Board of Directors consists of nine to twelve members. In filling these positions, attention is paid to ensuring an appropriate representation of the linguistic regions and banking authorities of Raiffeisen banks. Half of the members of the Board of Directors should be representatives of Raiffeisen banks.

Members of the Board of Directors are elected for a term of two years (current term: 2010-2012), and can serve a maximum of twelve years. Members of the Board of Directors must step down at the end of the term of office in which they turn 65.

## Internal organisation

The Board of Directors meets as often as business dictates, but at least four times a year. The Board met six times in 2010. Resolutions are passed on the basis of the absolute majority of members present, or the absolute majority of all members for circular resolutions. In the event of a tie, the chair's vote counts twice. Resolutions are minuted. The Board of Directors meets once a year to review its own activities and positions.

The members of the Executive Board generally attend the meetings of the Board of Directors, those of the Committee

# **Members of the Board of Directors**











| Name                          | Dr h.c. rer. pol., lic. iur.<br>Franz Marty  | Philippe Moeschinger   | Rita Fuhrer   | Anne-Claude Luisier   |
|-------------------------------|--|--|---|---|
| Function                      | Chair of the BoD and BoD<br>Committee  | Vice-Chair of the BoD and BoD<br>Committee   | Member of the BoD   | Member of the BoD   |
| Year of birth                 | 1947   | 1960   | 1953  | 1967  |
| Residence                     | Goldau SZ  | Thônex GE  | Auslikon ZH   | Ayent VS  |
| On the BoD since              | 2002   | 2008   | 2010  | 2010  |
| Elected until                 | 2012   | 2012   | 2012  | 2012  |
| Occupation                    | Former member of cantonal government and financial director  | Manager of the Foundation for<br>Industrial Land in Geneva   | Former cantonal government representative   | Founder and director<br>Senso Creativ Sàrl                      |
| Significant<br>positions held | <ul> <li>Member of the Senate of the<br/>University of Fribourg</li> <li>Chair of the Constitutional<br/>Commission of the Canton<br/>of Schwyz</li> <li>Chair of the Foundation<br/>Board of Schweizer Berghilfe</li> <li>Chair of the Foundation<br/>Board of the Raiffeisen Centenary Foundation</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Chair of the BoD of Banque<br/>Raiffeisen d'Arve et Lac</li> <li>Member of the Management<br/>Board of the Fédération ge-<br/>nevoise des Banques Raif-<br/>feisen</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Board member         Trägerverein Uniklinik Balgrist     </li> <li>Board member Jucker Farmart, Seegräben</li> </ul> | Senso 5 project manager,<br>Canton of Valais Council<br>mandate |

 $<sup>^{\</sup>star}$  dependent in the sense of FINMA Circular 2008/24 paragraphs 20-24

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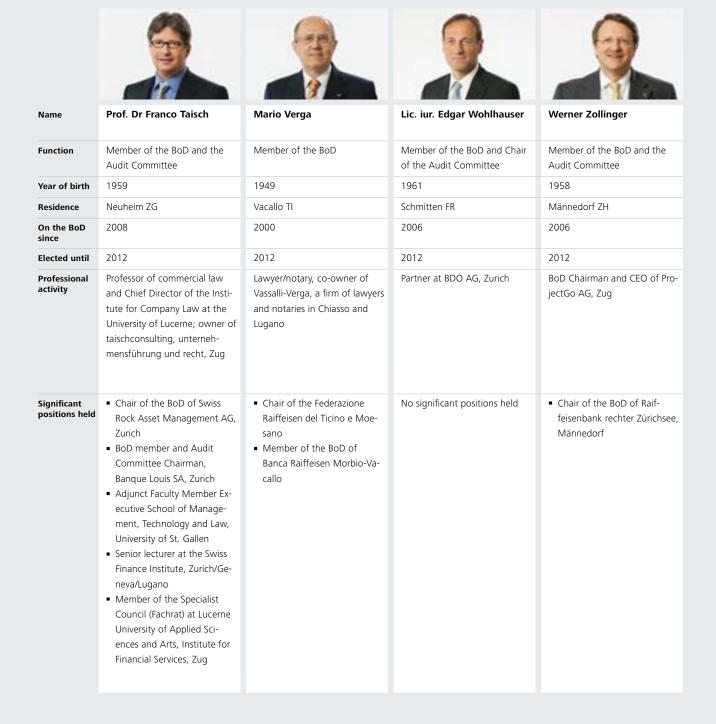






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|----------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| Name                       | Daniel Lüscher*   | Prof. Dr Johannes<br>Rüegg-Stürm  | Urs Schneider   | Christian Spring*   |
| Function                   | Member of the BoD   | Member of the BoD and BoD<br>Committee  | Member of the BoD   | Member of the BoD   |
| Year of birth              | 1961  | 1961  | 1958  | 1960  |
| Residence                  | Herznach AG   | St.Gallen   | Amlikon-Bissegg TG  | Vicques JU  |
| On the BoD since           | 2008  | 2008  | 2008  | 2002  |
| Elected until              | 2012  | 2012  | 2012  | 2012  |
| Occupation                 | Chair of the Executive Board of<br>Raiffeisenbank Kölliken-Ent-<br>felden | Full professor of Organizational<br>Behaviour at the University of<br>St. Gallen (HSG)<br>Director of the Institute for Sys-<br>temic Management and Public<br>Governance (IMP-HSG) | Deputy Director and Member<br>of the Management Board of<br>the Swiss Farmers' Union  | Chair of the Executive Board of<br>Banque Raiffeisen du Val-Terbi     |
| Significant positions held | No significant positions held   | No significant positions held   | <ul> <li>Chair of the Management<br/>Board of Thurgauer Verband<br/>der Raiffeisenbanken</li> <li>Member of the BoD of Raiffeisenbank Regio-Weinfelden</li> <li>Member of the Grand Council of the Canton of Thurgau</li> <li>Secretary of the Agricultural<br/>Club of the Federal Assembly<br/>and the Conference of Agricultural Parliamentary Delegates</li> <li>Member of the BoD of Schweizer Agrarmedien and<br/>"Agri" (an agricultural publication in French-speaking<br/>Switzerland)</li> <li>Chairman, Agromarketing<br/>Suisse</li> <li>Board member, Swiss Farmers' Guarantee Cooperative,<br/>Brugg</li> <li>Board member of the Foundation for Sustainable Nutrition through Swiss Agricultural Products</li> </ul> | Vice-Chair of the Fédération<br>jurassienne des Banques<br>Raiffeisen |

 $<sup>^{\</sup>star}$  dependent in the sense of FINMA Circular 2008/24 paragraphs 20-24



Information on qualifications and occupational background is provided on the Raiffeisen website (www.raiffeisen.ch).

# **Board of Directors committees**

| Committee                       | Members   | Composition, duties and competencies  |
|---------------------------------|---|---|
| Board of Directors<br>committee | <ul> <li>Dr h.c. Franz Marty (Chair)</li> <li>Philippe Moeschinger (Vice-Chair)</li> <li>Prof. Dr Johannes Rüegg-Stürm</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>The Board of Directors appoints the Committee of the Board of Directors, which consists of the chair, vice-chair and at least one other member of the Board of Directors.</li> <li>Preparation of the business of the Board of Directors</li> <li>Establishment of the general conditions of employment, the remuneration and the employee benefits of the members of the Executive Board, the Head of Internal Auditing and staff; preparation of the remuneration report for the Board of Directors</li> <li>Regulating own-account transactions for members of the Executive Board and staff</li> <li>Approval of positions held taken on by members of the Executive Board and the Head of Internal Auditing</li> <li>Passing resolutions on major investments, contractual obligations and expenditure, to the extent that authority over these matters is assigned to the Committee</li> </ul> |
| Audit Committee                 | <ul> <li>Lic. iur. Edgar Wohlhauser<br/>(Chair)</li> <li>Prof. Dr Franco Taisch</li> <li>Werner Zollinger</li> </ul>              | The Audit Committee consists of three members of the Board of Directors who have the necessary experience and expertise in finance and accounting, auditing and compliance.  • Assisting the Board of Directors with monitoring the Executive Board with regard to the effectiveness of the internal control systems and on financial and accounting issues  • Evaluating compliance with statutory, regulatory and internal rules and normal market standards and codes of practice  • Ensuring the quality of internal and external auditing and cooperation between the two  |
|                                 |   |   |

of the Board of Directors and those of the Audit Committee. They can advise and have the right to put forward motions.

### Duties of the Board of Directors

Under the Swiss Code of Obligations, the Articles of Association and the Terms and Conditions of Business of Raiffeisen Switzerland, the main duties of the Board of Directors are as follows:

- To resolve whether to accept or exclude Raiffeisen banks
- To establish the business policy of the Raiffeisen Group, the risk policy, and the regulations and authorities required for running Raiffeisen Switzerland
- To appoint and dismiss members of the Executive Board, the Head of Internal Auditing and their deputies
- To appoint and dismiss the statutory auditor for Raiffeisen Switzerland and Raiffeisen banks
- To pass the regulations necessary for the running of Raiffeisen banks
- To prepare for the Delegate Assembly and execute the resolutions of this body.

The Board of Directors also approves the duties, strategies, budgets and accounting practices of Raiffeisen Switzerland and the Group companies. The Board of Directors can appoint further committees with responsibilities conferred for a fixed period or without limit.

The duties and powers of the permanent committees are laid down in a directive.

### Delimitation of powers

The powers exercised by the Board of Directors, its committees, the Chair of the Executive Board and the Executive Board are laid down in detail in the Articles of Association (which are available on the Internet at www.raiffeisen.ch), the Terms and Conditions of Business and the authority levels of Raiffeisen Switzerland.

# Information and controlling tools

The Board of Directors is kept informed of the activities of the Raiffeisen Switzerland Executive Board in a number of ways. The Chair of the Board of Directors and the Head of Internal Audit may also attend Executive Board meetings in order to share information. The Executive Board is also required to regularly update the Board of Directors on the financial, earnings and risk situation and on the latest developments and any unusual events at the Raiffeisen Group.

### Risk management and compliance

Risk management and compliance are described in detail in the "Risk policy and risk control" section on pages 22-31.

# Internal Auditing

Internal Auditing supports the Board of Directors and the Executive Board in the performance of their tasks by providing objective and independent assessments of the effectiveness of control and risk management processes. It verifies compliance with legal, statutory and regulatory requirements and the proper functioning of the operational structure, the information flow, accounting and IT. Kurt Zobrist has headed up Internal Auditing since 1989. He reports directly to the Audit Committee.

### **Executive Board of Raiffeisen Switzerland**

The Executive Board is responsible for the operational management of the Raiffeisen Group. In particular, this involves identifying influences and changes that have a bearing on the Raiffeisen Group's environment, developing relevant strategies and ensuring that subsequent implementation measures are taken. In accordance with the legal and regulatory framework, the Executive Board is charged with execution of the resolutions passed by higher bodies, with the competent, secure, forward-looking and successful management of the Group, with the financial and human resources organisation and with the implementation of risk policy.

The Executive Board consists of the chair and six other members. Meetings are normally held once a week, led by the chair. The Executive Board has the power to pass resolutions if a majority of its members are present. It generally reaches decisions by consensus, but if no agreement can be reached, resolutions are passed by a simple majority, with the chair having the casting vote. Resolutions are minuted.

The extended Executive Board consists of the Executive Board and the Head of Group Risk Controlling. It meets monthly and is responsible in particular for implementing strategy, acting as a risk committee, budgeting and budget control, defining the application architecture and project management.

The business processes of Raiffeisen Switzerland are spread across six departments (see organisational chart on pages 82-83).

The members of the Executive Board and of the extended Executive Board of Raiffeisen Switzerland are elected by the Board of Directors of Raiffeisen Switzerland.

There were no changes to the Executive Board in the 2010 financial year.

### **Management contracts**

There are no management contracts with third parties at Raiffeisen.

# Auditor for the purposes of the Swiss Code of Obligations

Since the 2007 financial year, PricewaterhouseCoopers AG has been the auditor under the Swiss Code of Obligations for the whole Raiffeisen Group. It is appointed by the delegates for a term of three years. The rights and obligations are governed by the provisions of the Swiss Code of Obligations.

# Remuneration report

# Raiffeisen Group

A clearly formulated HR strategy is a major contributor to the success of the company. Raiffeisen positions itself as an attractive employer for both current and future personnel, attaching great importance to:

- Cultural identity
- Maintaining a unique management culture
- Personal responsibility and entrepreneurship
- Offering attractive employment conditions in line with the market

A competitive remuneration model is a key component for a successful positioning as an attractive employer. The remuneration system is designed to attract qualified recruits and retain valued personnel. Outstanding achievements are acknowledged, and every individual's performance is rewarded. This is essential in order to achieve long-term strategic targets.

Effective remuneration system examined and further developed

Since 1 January 2010, Raiffeisen Switzerland has been subject to the rules outlined in the FINMA 10/1 "Remuneration Systems" circular. In order to implement the provisions of the FINMA 10/1 "Remuneration Systems" circular, the Board of Directors has examined and enhanced the system currently in place, which has been well-received and has functioned well in the past. Specific attention was paid to ensuring that the remuneration scheme does not incentivise taking unnecessary or excessive risks.

Raiffeisen's cooperative model is geared towards long-term enterprise growth. Profits are not distributed as dividends, but rather retained to strengthen the equity capital base. There are therefore no misguided incentives to take excessive risk in pursuit of elevated profits. Raiffeisen's low risk profile is reflected in the risk policy stipulated by the Board of Directors and in its credit limit system, as well as its limited trading activities and extremely modest value adjustments.

In line with its profile of low risk and stable earnings, as well as the cooperative tradition, there is a unique remuneration system in place. This scheme involves remuneration caps for risk-takers, limits on variable remuneration components and all remuneration in cash rather than in the form of deferred benefits. The remuneration policy strives for consistency; stable returns and sustained success are rewarded more under the new remuneration system than has been the case in the past.

In line with the Raiffeisen Group business model, on 1 January 2011 the Board of Directors introduced rules regulating in detail remuneration paid to members of the Board of Directors and the Executive Board, and the principles concerning total remuneration paid to all Raiffeisen Switzerland employees. Raiffeisen Switzerland also issues recommendations to Raiffeisen banks.

Total remuneration and total variable remuneration
In the year under review, total remuneration paid by the
Raiffeisen Group came to CHF 812,775,746. This included
variable remuneration (excluding employer pension contributions and social insurance) totalling CHF 74,393,843.
Remuneration was rendered exclusively in the form of cash, and all variable remuneration was in non-deferred form.

| (in CHF                             | 2010        | Prior year  |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Total Raiffeisen Group remuneration |             |             |
| (cash only)                         | 812,775,746 | 794,343,618 |
| of which total Raiffeisen Group     |             |             |
| variable remuneration pool          |             |             |
| (cash only)                         | 74,393,843  | 73,541,134  |

### **Raiffeisen Switzerland**

Remuneration system features

Composition of employee remuneration

For all employees (incl. members of the Executive Board and the Head of Internal Auditing), remuneration comprises the following components:

- Fixed remuneration in line with the market: every employee has an individual contractual salary. This is based on a clearly defined job function and the employee's skills and knowledge. Salaries also must be competitive with regard to the labour market. All fixed remuneration is paid in cash.
- Moderate variable remuneration: Bonuses are paid based on the sustained success of the Group and performance reviews of individual employees. These may be granted for any, including controlling functions. The Board of Directors does not receive variable remuneration. All variable remuneration is paid in cash and in non-deferred form.
- Fringe benefits: Fringe benefits are granted in the framework of applicable regulations, directives and industry standards.

Determining fixed remuneration for the Board of Directors and the Executive Board

The twelve members of the Raiffeisen Switzerland Board of Directors receive remuneration commensurate with their respective responsibilities and time commitment. Additionally, members belonging to a committee, heading a committee or presiding over the Board of Directors receive higher pay.

Fixed remuneration for Executive Board members and the Head of Internal Auditing is set in accordance with their labour market value, the requirements of the assigned department, management responsibilities and seniority. Fixed remuneration (excluding employee and employer contributions to pension plans and social insurance) is capped at a maximum CHF 1,200,000.

Determining the total variable remuneration pool
The total variable remuneration pool is determined based
on the following criteria, which apply in equal measure
with regard to long-term developments:

- Relative profitability over time compared to the market
- Change in equity capital
- Performance of strategic initiatives and projects
- Changes in economic capital required relative to core capital

### Allocation of variable remuneration

The Board of Directors does not receive variable remuneration. The Committee of the Board of Directors decides on the allocation of variable remuneration to members of the Executive Board and the Head of Internal Auditing. Variable remuneration paid to Executive Board members and of the Head of Internal Auditing (excluding employee and employer contributions to pension plans and social insurance) may in no case exceed two-thirds of the individual member's fixed remuneration. The following criteria apply to the individual allocation of variable remuneration to Executive Board members and the Head of Internal Auditing:

- Achievement of individual targets
- Relative profitability of the Raiffeisen Group over time compared to the market
- Progress in strategic initiatives and projects
- Changes in risk assumed

The Executive Board or respective supervising managers responsible according to the hierarchy determine the allocation of variable remuneration among other employees. Function and performance reviews by the supervising manager play a major role in determining individual employee bonuses. There are thus no incentives for individuals to strive for short-term success by taking excessive risks. Serious rule violations can lead to a reduction in or loss of variable remuneration. Raiffeisen positions itself as an attractive employer by allowing personnel to accrue pension credits in the Raiffeisen Pension Fund on variable remuneration paid out in excess of CHF 3,000.

### Governance

The Raiffeisen Switzerland Board of Directors is responsible for:

- Outlining remuneration policy in the form of regulations for Raiffeisen Switzerland and recommendations for Raiffeisen banks.
- Approving the annual remuneration report submitted to the Board by the Remuneration Committee.
- Reviewing remuneration policy on a regular basis and whenever there are indications that review or revisions may be necessary.
- Having remuneration policies and their implementation reviewed annually by external or internal auditors.

The Board of Directors Committee is responsible for implementing regulations issued by the Board of Directors. In its role as Remuneration Committee, this body in particular determines the amount of the total variable remuneration pool. Furthermore, it defines the fixed and variable remuneration components for Executive Board members and the Head of Internal Auditing.

# **2010 Remuneration**

### Total remuneration

In the year under review, Raiffeisen Switzerland paid out total remuneration (excluding employer pension plan and social insurance contributions) of CHF 221,048,772. Remuneration expenses accrued (both fixed and variable) for the year under review, have been recorded in full as personnel costs. There are no remuneration expenses from earlier reporting years affecting profit and loss.

| in CHF                                    | 2010        | Prior year  |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| Total Raiffeisen Switzerland remuneration | 221,048,772 | 219,172,989 |
| Charges/credits from earlier reporting    |             |             |
| years affecting current profit and loss   | 0           | 0           |

### Total variable remuneration pool

In the year under review, the Board of Directors Committee approved a total variable remuneration pool (excluding employer pension plan and social insurance contributions) of CHF 31,687,901 for Raiffeisen Switzerland. This amount was paid out in full in cash, in non-deferred form.

| 31,687,901 | 32,029,513 |
|------------|------------|
|            |            |
| 1'692      | 1'759      |
| 3          |            |

# **Board of Directors**

The twelve active members of the Raiffeisen Switzerland Board of Directors received remuneration totalling CHF 1,039,753 for the year under review. This remuneration includes all allowances, attendance fees and expense reimbursements. The largest individual remuneration amount paid was to the Chair of the Board of Directors, Dr h.c. Franz Marty, totalling CHF 273,170. Members of the Board

of Directors receive no variable remuneration in the form of a profit-sharing arrangement. In addition, total social insurance contributions for Board of Directors members totalled CHF 140,977. No joining or severance payments were remitted to members of the Board of Directors.

# Members of the Executive Board (incl. the Head of Internal Auditing)

Total remuneration paid to members of the Raiffeisen Switzerland Executive Board for the reporting year (excluding employee and employer contributions to pension plans and social insurance) came to CHF 7,612,255. Of this amount, CHF 1,840,432 was paid to Dr Pierin Vincenz, CEO of Raiffeisen Switzerland; this was the highest sum paid to an individual Executive Board member. Employee and employer contributions to pension plans and social insurance for Executive Board members totalled an additional CHF 3,005,496, of which CHF 530,110 was paid to Dr Pierin Vincenz, CEO Raiffeisen Switzerland. Fixed remuneration includes business-related board-of-directors fees for Executive Board members.

At the end of the financial year, loans granted to Executive Board members totalled CHF 20,310,817. The Board of Directors Committee is the approving body for company loans to Executive Board members. The bank's Executive Board enjoys preferential terms standard for the industry, as do other personnel. No joining or severance payments were made to Executive Board members in the year under review.

### Raiffeisen banks

Raiffeisen banks are not subject to the stipulations outlined in the FINMA 10/1 "Remuneration Systems" circular. However, the Raiffeisen Switzerland Board of Directors recommends that Raiffeisen banks orient their respective local remuneration systems around the recommendations made by Raiffeisen Switzerland.

Raiffeisen Switzerland advises Raiffeisen banks
Raiffeisen Switzerland supports Raiffeisen banks in structuring and implementing their respective local remuneration systems while retaining their autonomy. The most important features of these recommendations are:

- Remuneration for all employees of Raiffeisen banks may involve fixed and variable elements. Members of the Board of Directors are ineligible to receive variable remuneration.
- Fixed remuneration is paid based on a clearly defined job function and the employee's skills and knowledge, as in the Raiffeisen Switzerland model.
- The risk profile of Raiffeisen banks and their balanced business model permit all remuneration (both fixed and variable) to be rendered in the form of non-deferred cash payments.
- Variable remuneration in excess of CHF 3,000 accrues pension credits in the Raiffeisen Pension Fund.
- The Board of Directors who are typically members of the militia system with roots in local business – determines the amount of total variable remuneration as well

- as individual allocations of variable remuneration to members of bank management, including chairs.
- The recommended allocation mechanism does not give employees an incentive to take excessively high risks, as doing so cannot significantly increase remuneration.

Raiffeisen Switzerland performs a monitoring function within this process by regularly reviewing local remuneration systems in terms of design and implementation and addressing irregularities with Raiffeisen banks in the context of a structured process.

## **Rights of codetermination**

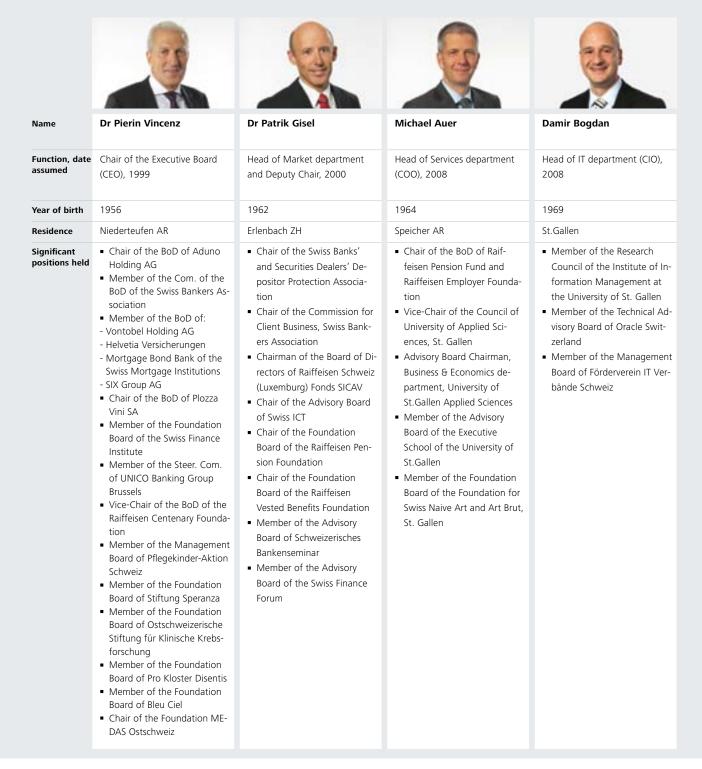
Cooperative members have rights of codetermination at both Raiffeisen bank and Raiffeisen Switzerland level.

# Raiffeisen banks

Article 7 of the Articles of Association of Raiffeisen banks provides that cooperative members may be individuals or legal entities.

Limit on voting rights and powers of representation
Each cooperative member has one vote, irrespective of the
number of share certificates they hold. A member can
nominate another member, their spouse or a descendant
to represent them. No proxy may represent more than
one member, and they require written authorisation. Representatives from limited partnerships, collective associations
or legal entities also require written authorisation.

### Members of the Executive Board









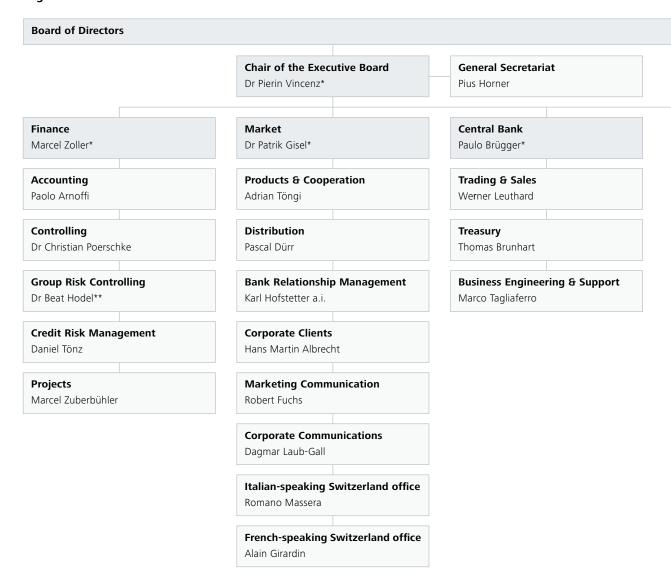


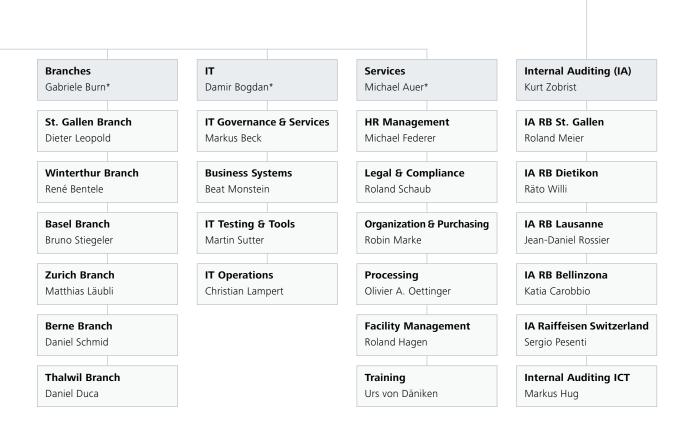
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|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|---|--|
| Name                       | Paulo Brügger                         | Gabriele Burn                             | Marcel Zoller   | Dr Beat Hodel*                             |
| Function, date<br>assumed  | Head of Central Bank department, 2005 | Head of Branches department,<br>2008      | Head of Finance department (CFO), 2008  | Head of Group Risk Controlling (CRO), 2005 |
| Year of birth              | 1966                                  | 1966                                      | 1957  | 1959                                       |
| Residence                  | Zumikon ZH                            | Krattigen BE                              | Goldach SG  | Bäch SZ                                    |
| Significant positions held | No significant positions held         | Chair of the Swiss Climate     Foundation | Member of the Management<br>Board and Finance Commit-<br>tee of the Valida Association,<br>St. Gallen | No significant positions held              |
|                            |                                       |   |   |  |

<sup>\*</sup> Member of the extended Executive Board

 $Information \ on \ qualifications \ and \ occupational \ background \ is \ given \ on \ the \ Raiffeisen \ website \ (www.raiffeisen.ch).$ 

# Organisational chart of Raiffeisen Switzerland





<sup>\*</sup> Member of the Executive Board

<sup>\*\*</sup> Member of the extended Executive Board

### Voting regulations

The General Meetings pass their resolutions and conduct their elections on the basis of the absolute majority of the votes cast, except where the law or Articles of Association provide otherwise. In the event of a tied vote, the matter is debated further and a second vote held. If this is tied as well, the motion is rejected.

# Calls for General Meetings, agenda

The Raiffeisen bank Board of Directors, or if necessary the auditor for the purposes of the Swiss Code of Obligations, calls the General Meeting a minimum of five days in advance. The invitation must be personally addressed in writing to members and include the agenda. The annual accounts and balance sheet must be made available in client areas at the same time.

# Delegate Assembly and secret ballot

If the bank has more than 500 members, the General Meeting may decide by three-quarters majority to transfer its powers to a Delegate Assembly or to move to paper voting (secret ballot).

### **Raiffeisen Switzerland**

The cooperative members of Raiffeisen Switzerland are the legally independent Raiffeisen banks. They choose the delegates who form the supreme executive body of Raiffeisen Switzerland (for its composition, see "Delegate Meeting of Raiffeisen Switzerland" on page 67-68).

Limit on voting rights and powers of representation
Under Article 26 of the Articles of Association of Raiffeisen
Switzerland, each delegate to the Delegate Assembly has
one vote. Delegates may only be represented by an elected
substitute delegate.

# Voting regulations

The Delegate Assembly passes its resolutions and conducts its elections on the basis of the absolute majority of the votes cast, except where the law or Articles of Association provide otherwise. In the event of a tied vote, the matter will be debated further and a second vote held. If not enough candidates gain an absolute majority in an election, posts will be decided in a second round of voting, in which a relative majority will suffice. A resolution to amend the Articles of Association requires a two-thirds majority of the votes cast.

Calls for Delegate Assemblies agenda

The following points must be observed when calling an
Ordinary Delegate Assembly:

- a) five months in advance of the meeting, the date, location and time of the meeting and dates for the entire procedure must be announced;
- b) twelve weeks before the meeting: applications to add items to the agenda must be submitted;
- c) four weeks before the meeting: the agenda agreed by the Board of Directors, the documents supporting resolutions and any nominations must be sent out. Shorter deadlines are permissible when calling an Extraordinary Delegate Assembly.

# Change of control and defensive measures

Through their share certificates, the cooperative members are also the co-owners in equal shares of their Raiffeisen bank. Members can subscribe for more than one share certificate, but only up to a maximum of 10% of cooperative capital or CHF 20,000 per Raiffeisen bank. This limit means that statutory regulations on obligatory offers for sale and change of control clauses are not relevant to the Raiffeisen Group.

### Auditors

#### Raiffeisen banks

PricewaterhouseCoopers AG has been the external auditor of the individual Raiffeisen banks since June 2005. In undertaking audits of the Raiffeisen banks required by FINMA under Swiss banking law it is supported by Raiffeisen Switzerland's Internal Auditing department.

# Raiffeisen Switzerland and Group companies

The external auditor for Raiffeisen Switzerland and KMU Capital AG is PricewaterhouseCoopers AG in St. Gallen.

# Raiffeisen Group

PricewaterhouseCoopers AG, St. Gallen, is also responsible for auditing the consolidated accounts. Bruno Gmür has been the lead auditor since 2010 and is responsible for the mandate.

### **Audit fees**

Raiffeisen banks paid Raiffeisen Switzerland's Internal Auditing department fees totalling CHF 15.5 million for audits under Swiss banking law and internal audits in the year under review. In financial year 2010, PricewaterhouseCoopers

AG charged the Raiffeisen Group a total of CHF 11.6 million for services relating to the full audit of the individual annual accounts, the Group accounts and the audits under Swiss law. PricewaterhouseCoopers AG also invoiced the Raiffeisen Group CHF 0.5 million for other audit and advisory services.

### Information tools available to the external auditor

The auditor's reports, the risk assessment and the audit plan derived from them are examined by the Audit Committee and discussed with the lead auditor.

# Supervision and control of the external auditor

The auditor PricewaterhouseCoopers AG fulfils the requirements of the Swiss Federal Banking Act and is licensed by FINMA to audit banking institutions. Each year, the Audit Committee assesses the performance, remuneration and independence of the external auditor and ensures cooperation with the Internal Auditing department.

# **Information policy**

An open, active and transparent information policy is one of the guiding principles of the Raiffeisen Group's corporate philosophy. Communication with stakeholders – cooperative members, clients, employees and the general public – extends beyond the legal requirements and adheres to the principles of truthfulness, consistency and matching words with deeds. The most important sources of information in this regard are the Internet platform, annual reports, half-yearly reports and press conferences of the Raiffeisen Group. Further sources of information for staff include the intranet and the staff magazine.

The latest changes, developments and special events are published through a range of communication channels, in good time and in a manner that suits the target groups in question. The publications and press releases are available online.

Cooperative members also receive appropriate, direct and comprehensive information from Raiffeisen banks at the General Meeting, at client events and through the client magazine "Panorama", which is published at regular intervals throughout the year.

## Press releases in 2010

All press releases published during the reporting year are archived in the Media corner at www.raiffeisen.ch/medien.

# Capital adequacy disclosure requirements

The Raiffeisen Group, in its capacity as the central organisation, is obliged by the FINMA to comply with capital adequacy rules and, as such, is subject to the disclosure requirements under supervisory law. Information is published in line with the regulations laid down in the Capital Adequacy Ordinance (CAO) of 29 September 2006 and FINMA Circular 2008/22 entitled "Disclosure obligations regarding capital adequacy within the banking sector".

The half-yearly capital adequacy disclosure, containing comprehensive qualitative and quantitative information regarding eligible and required capital as well as credit, market and operational risks, is available on the Raiffeisen website, www.raiffeisen.ch. The year-end publication also appears in the Raiffeisen Group annual report (see page 134 ff.).

As part of its capital adequacy reporting under supervisory law, the Raiffeisen Group submits half-yearly reports on its capital adequacy situation to the Swiss National Bank.

# **Timetable**

| Annual Report 2010 published                             | mid-April 2011 |
|--|----------------|
| Delegate Assembly in Lucerne                             | 18 June 2011   |
| Publication of half-yearly results                       | 17 August 2011 |
| Results for 2011 announced at financial press conference | 2 March 2012   |

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Rajna Gibson-Brandon is a finance professor at the University of Geneva and the head of the Geneva Finance Research Institute (GFRI). The successful academic shares her knowledge and experience with students. For her, the university is a forum for dialogue. She is keen to learn about young people's interests and enjoys nurturing talent and having the vision to aim for new horizons. She knows that she can give young men and women valuable tools for their future.

**Business trend** The Raiffeisen Group maintained its momentum, despite fierce competition. The 2010 financial year saw further volume and income growth. Gross profit rose significantly thanks to strong earnings and nearly flat expenses.

- Lending volume grew at a sustainable rate of CHF 9.6 billion
- Conservative risk policies kept value adjustments for credit risk very low
- Interest, commission and service fee income was strong
- Total operating expenditure was unchanged despite high volume growth
- Gross profit climbed CHF 66 million to CHF 953 million

The Raiffeisen Group's cooperative, sustainability-based business model continues to be successful. The cooperative banks remain strong in financing private residential property and are expanding aggressively and persistently in the investment segment and the corporate clients business. Their investments in new locations are intended to attract additional customers. This fuelled dynamic volume growth in 2010. Loans to clients increased by CHF 9.6 billion or 8.2%, outstripping the previous year's growth of CHF 9.0 billion. Client deposits also grew by a satisfactory CHF 5.7 billion or 5.2%. This put Raiffeisen's performance above the market growth rate.

The operating banking business performed very well. While income had stagnated in the previous year, Raiffeisen raised operating income in the reporting year by CHF 68 million to an all-time record high of CHF 2.4 billion. Encouraging progress was made in all income items except for the trading business. Rigorous cost management kept total operating expenditure steady. The Group's costs remained essentially flat for the first time in over 15 years. The flat costs and healthy income growth drove up gross profit by a considerable 7.4% to CHF 953 million.

Overall, the Group profit of CHF 627 million was 2.8% lower than the previous year's profit of CHF 645 million. This is not due to the operating banking business, but rather due to an exceptional item that increased the previous year's Group profit. An appreciation of strategic participations had added CHF 71.3 million to profit in 2009. After adjusting for this exceptional item, Group profit rose by CHF 53 million or 9.3% from 2009 to 2010. This com-

parison shows that Raiffeisen has been extremely efficient that its initiatives have had an impact. The Group's active cost management programmes in particular have significantly lowered operating expenditure. In addition, successful asset and liability management and greater exposure to the investment business significantly increased operating income.

Costs and income will remain under pressure in 2011, making active cost management a core Group-wide issue. Asset and liability management will become even more important in light of interest rate trends. To safeguard profitability, the Group will further expand its activities in SME financing and the investment business and make additional investments in its branch network in urban areas. Complementary cost management measures will be implemented at the same time to bring about further improvements in the cost/income ratio.

No post-balance sheet date events occurred that would have had a significant impact on the operating result. Information on the principles of consolidation and the consolidated companies can be found in the notes to the consolidated annual accounts.

### **Income statement**

# Income from ordinary banking activities

Pressure on interest margins remained high due to competition and low market rates. Raiffeisen saw a year-on-year drop of four basis points, but stopped the downward trend in the second half of the year. Successful asset and liability

management, particularly in the Central Bank department, enabled the Group to position itself favourably in a challenging interest rate environment. High mortgage volume growth had a positive impact and prevented interest income from declining more dramatically. Net interest income barely exceeded the CHF 2 billion threshold after increasing by 2.6% or CHF 51.4 million.

After declining in the last two previous years, net income from commission business and service transactions (note 19) rose by CHF 14.3 million to CHF 241.6 million. The main growth driver was the securities and investment business (CHF +12.9 million). The larger number of stock market orders (slightly over +10%) and higher volume of third-party funds had a positive impact. Optimised service procurement and fewer custody accounts drove down commission expenditure to CHF 101.7 million.

In the trading business (note 20), the Raiffeisen Group came very close to the previous year's result, earning CHF 116.1 million (-0.1%). Foreign exchange and precious metals trading performed strongly, but income from equities and fixed income trading dropped due to the challenging conditions. In addition, the declining exchange rates of key foreign currencies produced book losses for Raiffeisen banks' foreign exchange cash holdings.

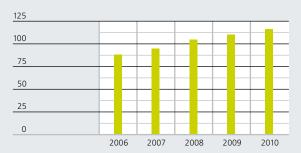
Increases in participating interests and in the equity interest in the Mortgage Bond Bank of the Swiss Mortgage Institutions increased other ordinary income (note 21) by 4.3% to CHF 58.3 million.

# Performance of income items



### Client monies

(in CHF billion)

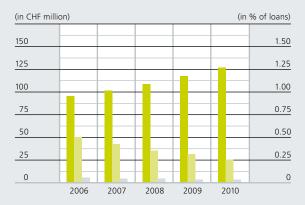


### Loans to clients / Provisions for default risks

Loans to clients in CHF billions

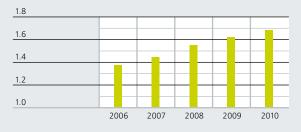
Provisions for default risks in % of loans

Actual losses in % of loans



# **Cooperative members**

(in million)



# **Total operating expenditure**

Total operating expenditure remained essentially unchanged year-to-year at CHF 1,465 million (+0.2 %). While personnel expenditure rose by a marginal 1.5%, the Group trimmed operating expenditure by 2.8% through rigorous cost management. This improved the cost/income ratio (ratio of total operating expenditure to operating income) from 62.3% to 60.6%.

# Personnel expenditure

The increase in personnel expenditure (note 22) was far more moderate than in previous years: CHF +15 million to CHF 1,031 million. Slow growth in staff numbers had a particularly positive effect (+0.9 % versus +4.4 % in the previous year). Together with the reduction in temporary contracts in the project business, this meant that wage costs rose by only 1.6 % or CHF 13 million to CHF 825 million. Following the introduction of the new pension solution, employer contributions to staff pension funds increased by CHF 7 million to CHF 86 million.

# Operating expenditure

As in the previous year, Raiffeisen trimmed operating expenditure (note 23) (-2.8% or CHF -13 million). By completing projects, it cut the cost of computer equipment, machinery, furniture and equipment by 5.8%. The only area to experience higher costs was security installations, due to Raiffeisen's increased efforts to block illegal attacks

(reviewing security plans, anti-skimming modules on ATMs). Other operating expenditure fell (-2.8%) as a result of various initiatives, especially with respect to the procurement of third-party services. Occupancy costs, by contrast, rose by a slight 1.5%, mainly due to higher energy and maintenance costs.

### Depreciation on fixed assets

Depreciation on fixed assets (note 4) increased 12.0%, or CHF 21.4 million, to CHF 200.1 million. Most of the increase (CHF 16.1 million) can be attributed to a higher investment volume. Raiffeisen banks pushed aggressively ahead with the branch network expansion (bank buildings, alterations and fixtures in third-party plant and property). The remainder of the increase was caused by writing down a participation as of 30 June. The complete appreciation as at year-end was reported under extraordinary income.

### Value adjustments, provisions and losses

Despite high volume growth in loans to clients, value adjustments, provisions and losses stayed low at CHF 4.0 million. Losses on lending business recognised in income amount to only CHF 1.2 million of this total (previous year: CHF 1.6 million).

### Extraordinary income

This item included CHF 71.3 million for appreciation on participations in the previous year. This caused extraordi-

nary income (note 24) to fall by a steep 67.1% to CHF 31.6 million in 2010. This total includes CHF 18.7 million from reversals of value adjustments and releases of provisions for default risks and other business risks, CHF 6.5 million from appreciation on participations and CHF 3.2 million from the sale of tangible assets and participations. The extraordinary expenditure of CHF 7.3 million includes CHF 5.2 million in losses from the sale of tangible assets.

### Taxe:

Tax expenditure is virtually unchanged at CHF 145.2 million (note 25). There have been no relevant changes to expenditure for current income tax or the recognition of deferred tax.

# **Balance sheet**

Total assets rose by CHF 7.7 billion to CHF 147.2 billion, largely due to strong growth in loans to clients. Total assets did not, however, increase as much as loans to clients because Raiffeisen simultaneously reduced receivables from banks.

# Receivables/liabilities vis-à-vis banks

The volume of interbank business was further reduced in 2010, with net receivables 24.8% lower. Net liabilities, by contrast, rose to around CHF 2 billion. This is a reflection of the growing need for funding in the Raiffeisen Group's retail business. The Interbank loans without collateral,

are all short-term; at the end of 2010, only 2% of the outstanding volume had maturities of over one month. The CHF repo market picked up slightly in the second half of the year as the Swiss National Bank rolled out liquidity absorption measures. In response, Raiffeisen shifted a large portion of the receivables from banks to reverse repo transactions. By the end of 2010, two-thirds of all receivables from banks fell under the reverse repo category.

### **Loans to clients**

Loans to clients rose even more steeply in absolute terms (CHF +9.6 billion to CHF 127.3 billion) than in the previous year (CHF +9 billion). Raiffeisen significantly expanded its share of the domestic mortgage lending market to 15.7%. The proportion of fixed-rate mortgages increased further from 73% to 80% in anticipation of higher interest rates. 91.5% of the loans (previous year: 94.1%) are funded by client deposits.

### Trading portfolios in securities and precious metals

Trading portfolios (note 2) climbed sharply by CHF 799.1 million to CHF 1.3 billion in 2010. The rise is largely due to larger precious metals portfolios, which were driven by stronger market demand and price increases. Most of the portfolios are hedged against market risks.

### **Financial assets**

Securities holdings in financial assets (note 2) consist primarily of first-class bonds. They are managed in accordance with internal liquidity targets and the statutory liquidity requirements for the Group. As bonds matured, the book value fell by CHF 923.9 million to CHF 5.7 billion. Real estate from non-performing positions designated for resale was reduced from CHF 30.3 million to CHF 21.7 million.

# **Non-consolidated participations**

Major participations as per notes 3.2 and 3.3 are reported on the balance sheet under non-consolidated participations. The book value of these participations rose by 22.2% or CHF 101.1 million to CHF 557.3 million in the reporting year. Raiffeisen increased its stake in Aduno Holding Ltd from 19% to 24.7%. As a result, Raiffeisen began measuring its participation using the equity method, which added CHF 24.3 million to its value. The increase was directly booked to retained earnings after deducting deferred tax. The value of the participation in the Mortgage Bond Bank of the Swiss Mortgage Institutions was increased by CHF 8.2 million in line with the equity method. In percentage terms, however, the participation in the Mortgage Bond Bank fell from 22.1% to 21.6% due to a sale of stock to

a new direct member of the Mortgage Bond Bank. The holding in SIX Group AG was increased from 2% to 3.2%, while the holding in Olma Messen St. Gallen, a cooperative, was increased from 11.6% to 14.3%. For operational and business policy reasons, the Raiffeisen Group owns additional holdings with a small share of equity capital and voting rights.

# **Tangible assets**

The ongoing expansion of the branch infrastructure (new branches, modernisation of client areas) drove up investment in tangible assets (note 4) to CHF 380.3 million (previous year: CHF 346.9 million). The book value at the end of the financial year was CHF 2.2 billion (+5.8%).

# **Client deposits**

Client deposits rose by 5.2% or CHF 5.7 billion to CHF 116.4 billion in the reporting year, which is excellent given the overall market trend. Raiffeisen captured an even larger share of the market, especially in savings funds. In anticipation of rising interest rates, clients continued to move funds out of fixed-rate investments (medium-term notes and fixed-term deposits) and into variable-rate investments (especially savings and investment funds). As a result, holdings of medium-term notes dropped CHF 2.8 billion, while savings and investment funds and demand deposits reported under "other liabilities to clients" rose by CHF 8.5 billion in total.

### **Bonds and mortgage loans**

In 2010, Raiffeisen issued three bonds worth a total of CHF 950 million. A CHF 70 million bond matured in October. Net liabilities to the Mortgage Bond Bank went up by more than CHF 1.4 billion. Due to the growing need for funds to finance the retail business, bonds and mortgage loans (note 8) rose by CHF 2.3 billion to CHF 9.7 billion.

### Value adjustments and provisions

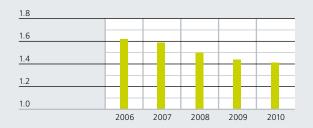
Value adjustments for default risks (note 9) shrank by CHF 33.6 million to CHF 322.2 million in the reporting year (equal to 0.25% of loans to clients; previous year: 0.30%). CHF 18.6 million were written off as confirmed losses, while net reversals amounted to CHF 20.4 million. In order to determine the value adjustments for default risks, the expected risks were identified based on internal ratings and by calculating the value of collateral. While provisions for other business risks remain unchanged at CHF 11.1 million, provisions for deferred taxes rose by CHF 32.6 million to CHF 642.9 million.

# **Equity capital**

Equity capital (note 10) rose by CHF 653 million to CHF 9.3 billion. The equity ratio went up to 6.3%.

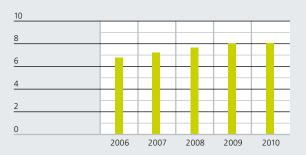
# Interest margin

(in %)



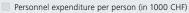
# **Full-time positions**

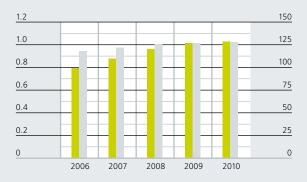
(in 1000)



# Change in personnel expenditure and personnel expenditure per FTE

Personnel expenditure (in CHF billion)





### **Off-balance-sheet business**

Contingent liabilities (note 16) increased by a minimal CHF 9.7 million to CHF 422.0 million. Most of the increase can be attributed to new guarantees for syndicated loans to corporate clients, while the amount of loan security guarantees has remained virtually unchanged.

Irrevocable commitments rose by 15.8% to CHF 5.3 billion. The increase resulted mainly from the rise in mortgages and other loans already agreed. CHF 1.1 billion of this total represents the Raiffeisen Group's payment obligations for the client deposit protection scheme under the Swiss Banking Act.

Call-in obligations fell CHF 1.5 million, mainly due to the sale of stock in the Mortgage Bond Bank.

The contract volume for derivative financial instruments (note 17) increased from CHF 75.3 billion to CHF 77.9 billion. While hedging transactions for the bank book shrank from CHF 43.4 billion to CHF 28.4 billion, there was an increase in fixed income trading positions. The positive replacement values amounted to CHF 700.6 million (previous year: CHF 632.2 million), while the negative replacement values amounted to CHF 1.4 billion (previous year: CHF 1.1 billion).

The decline in fiduciary transactions (note 18) of CHF 13.0 million to CHF 13.9 million was primarily due to the low level of interest rates.

# **Custody account volumes**

Custody account assets under management dropped CHF 2.5 billion to CHF 31.1 billion in the reporting year. The main reason for this sharp decline is that clients decided not to roll over CHF 2.7 billion in maturing medium-term notes, but instead transferred the funds to other account-based investment vehicles. While account volumes were buoyed by strong market performance (slightly more than CHF 600 million), they also lost over CHF 700 million due to the softness of key foreign currencies. Net new money was slightly more than CHF 300 million.

# **Cooperative members**

Raiffeisen Group's strong performance is owed to the clients, especially its cooperative members. By subscribing for stock, they have become owners of their local Raiffeisen banks. This membership is what makes Raiffeisen unique. In 2010, over 1.1 million people took advantage of membership benefits such as museum passes, travel specials, the annual general meeting and many other exclusive perks. Last year, just over 60,000 new people subscribed for Raiffeisen stock. The number of cooperative members rose by 3.7% to slightly more than 1.7 million.

# **Consolidated Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2010**

|   | Current year<br>in 1000 CHF   | Prior year<br>in 1000 CHF                   | Change<br>in 1000 CHF                | Change<br>in %                        | Note         |
|---|---|---|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| Assets  |   |   |                                      |                                       |              |
| Liquid funds  | 1,463,188   | 1,338,136                                   | 125,052                              | 9.3 %                                 | 11           |
| Receivables from money market securities  | 101,493   | 3,722                                       | 97,771                               | 2,626.8%                              | 11           |
| Receivables from banks  | 6,618,710   | 8,800,273                                   | -2,181,563                           | -24.8%                                | 6, 11        |
| Receivables from clients  | 7,666,359   | 6,957,547                                   | 708,812                              | 10.2 %                                | 1, 11        |
| Mortgage receivables  | 119,595,076   | 110,678,088                                 | 8,916,988                            | 8.1%                                  | 1, 6, 11     |
| Loans to clients  | 127,261,435   | 117,635,635                                 | 9,625,800                            | 8.2 %                                 |              |
| Trading portfolios in securities and precious metals  | 1,299,489   | 500,361                                     | 799,128                              | 159.7%                                | 2, 11        |
| Financial assets  | 5,703,389   | 6,627,316                                   | -923,927                             | -13.9%                                | 2, 6, 11     |
| Non-consolidated participations   | 557,264   | 456,192                                     | 101,072                              | 22.2%                                 | 2, 3, 4      |
| Tangible fixed assets   | 2,219,392   | 2,098,000                                   | 121,392                              | 5.8%                                  | 4, 6         |
| Accrued income and prepaid expenses   | 231,948   | 227,066                                     | 4,882                                | 2.2%                                  |              |
| Other assets  | 1,782,721   | 1,833,263                                   | -50,542                              | -2.8%                                 | 5            |
| Total assets  | 147,239,029   | 139,519,964                                 | 7,719,065                            | 5.5 %                                 | 13, 14, 15   |
| Total subordinated receivables  | -   | 3,279                                       | -3,279                               | -100.0%                               |              |
| Total receivables from non-consolidated   |   | ·   |                                      |                                       |              |
| participations  | 3,126,277   | 2,899,221                                   | 227,056                              | 7.8%                                  |              |
| Liabilities   |   |   |                                      |                                       |              |
| Liabilities to banks  | 8,581,521   | 9,823,298                                   | -1,241,777                           | -12.6%                                | 6, 11        |
| Liabilities to clients in the form of   |   |   |                                      |                                       |              |
| savings and investment deposits   | 86,590,755  | 79,687,912                                  | 6,902,843                            | 8.7 %                                 | 7, 11        |
| Other liabilities to clients  | 16,183,559  | 14,579,278                                  | 1,604,281                            | 11.0%                                 | 7, 11        |
| Medium-term notes   | 13,668,407  | 16,471,837                                  | -2,803,430                           | -17.0%                                | 11           |
| Client monies   | 116,442,721   | 110,739,027                                 | 5,703,694                            | 5.2 %                                 |              |
| Bonds and mortgage bond loans   | 9,747,490   | 7,416,640                                   | 2,330,850                            | 31.4%                                 | 8, 11        |
| Accrued expenses and deferred income  | 550,098   | 546,054                                     | 4,044                                | 0.7 %                                 |              |
| Other liabilities   | 1,659,678   | 1,389,344                                   | 270,334                              | 19.5 %                                | 5            |
| Value adjustments and provisions  | 976,218   | 977,245                                     | -1,027                               | -0.1 %                                | 9            |
| Cooperative capital   | 570,042   | 536,028                                     | 34,014                               | 6.3 %                                 |              |
| Retained earnings   | 8,084,026   | 7,446,916                                   | 637,110                              | 8.6%                                  |              |
| Group profit  | 627,235   | 645,412                                     | -18,177                              | -2.8%                                 |              |
| Total equity capital  | 9,281,303   | 8,628,356                                   | 652,947                              | 7.6 %                                 | 10           |
| Total liabilities   | 147,239,029   | 139,519,964                                 | 7,719,065                            | 5.5 %                                 | 13, 15       |
| Total subordinated commitments  | _   | -   | _                                    | _                                     |              |
|   |   |   |                                      |                                       |              |
| Total commitments towards non-consolidated participa-   |   |   |                                      |                                       |              |
| Total commitments towards non-consolidated participa-<br>tions  | 9,115,647   | 7,330,700                                   | 1,784,947                            | 24.3%                                 |              |
| ·   | 9,115,647<br>7,021,900  | 7,330,700<br>5,618,800                      | 1,784,947<br>1,403,100               | 24.3 %<br>25.0 %                      |              |
| tions – of which mortgage bond loans  Off-balance-sheet business  | 7,021,900   | 5,618,800                                   | 1,403,100                            | 25.0%                                 |              |
| tions – of which mortgage bond loans  Off-balance-sheet business Contingent liabilities   | 7,021,900   | 5,618,800                                   | 1,403,100<br>9,679                   | 25.0%                                 | 1, 16        |
| tions – of which mortgage bond loans  Off-balance-sheet business  Contingent liabilities  Irrevocable undertakings  | 7,021,900   | 5,618,800                                   | 1,403,100                            | 25.0%                                 | 1, 16<br>1   |
| tions - of which mortgage bond loans  Off-balance-sheet business  Contingent liabilities Irrevocable undertakings  Call commitments and additional funding  | 7,021,900<br>422,009<br>5,272,279                                   | 5,618,800<br>412,330<br>4,554,834           | 9,679<br>717,445                     | 25.0 %<br>2.3 %<br>15.8 %             | 1            |
| tions — of which mortgage bond loans  Off-balance-sheet business  Contingent liabilities  Irrevocable undertakings  Call commitments and additional funding obligations   | 7,021,900   | 5,618,800                                   | 1,403,100<br>9,679                   | 25.0%                                 |              |
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| tions  of which mortgage bond loans  Off-balance-sheet business  Contingent liabilities Irrevocable undertakings  Call commitments and additional funding obligations  Derivative financial instruments  Positive replacement values  Negative replacement values | 7,021,900<br>422,009<br>5,272,279<br>60,444<br>700,590<br>1,432,270 | 5,618,800<br>412,330<br>4,554,834<br>61,967 | 9,679<br>717,445<br>-1,523           | 25.0 %<br>2.3 %<br>15.8 %<br>-2.5 %   | 1            |
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# **Consolidated Profit and Loss Account 2010**

|  | Current year<br>in 1000 CHF | Prior year<br>in 1000 CHF | Change<br>in 1000 CHF | Change<br>in % | Note |
|--|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|------|
| Interest and discount income                       | 3,382,763                   | 3,456,988                 | -74,225               | -2.1%          |      |
| Interest and dividend income from financial assets | 91,392                      | 97.688                    | -6.296                | -6.4%          |      |
| Interest expenditure                               | -1,472,241                  | -1,604,186                | 131,945               | -8.2 %         |      |
| Net interest income                                | 2,001,914                   | 1,950,490                 | 51,424                | 2.6%           |      |
| Commission income lending business                 | 9,113                       | 7,339                     | 1,774                 | 24.2 %         |      |
| Commission income securities and                   | · ·                         | ,                         |                       |                |      |
| investment business                                | 195,444                     | 182,552                   | 12,892                | 7.1%           |      |
| Commission income other service transactions       | 138,692                     | 143,189                   | -4,497                | -3.1%          |      |
| Commission expenditure                             | -101,683                    | -105,800                  | 4,117                 | -3.9%          |      |
| Net income from commission business and            | , -                         | ,                         |                       |                |      |
| service transactions                               | 241,566                     | 227,280                   | 14,286                | 6.3%           | 19   |
| Net trading income                                 | 116,070                     | 116,210                   | -140                  | -0.1%          | 20   |
| Income from sale of financial assets               | 954                         | 972                       | -18                   | -1.9%          |      |
| Income from participating interests                | 32,427                      | 29,589                    | 2,838                 | 9.6%           | 21   |
| Income from real estate                            | 18,453                      | 17,052                    | 1,401                 | 8.2 %          |      |
| Other ordinary income                              | 8,319                       | 8,774                     | -455                  | -5.2 %         |      |
| Other ordinary expenditure                         | -1,897                      | -515                      | -1,382                | 268.3%         |      |
| Other ordinary result                              | 58,256                      | 55,872                    | 2,384                 | 4.3 %          |      |
| Operating income                                   | 2,417,806                   | 2,349,852                 | 67,954                | 2.9%           |      |
| Personnel expenditure                              | -1,031,407                  | -1,016,427                | -14,980               | 1.5%           | 22   |
| Operating expenditure                              | -433,879                    | -446,436                  | 12,557                | -2.8%          | 23   |
| Total operating expenditure                        | -1,465,286                  | -1,462,863                | -2,423                | 0.2 %          |      |
| Gross profit                                       | 952,520                     | 886,989                   | 65,531                | 7.4%           |      |
| Depreciation on fixed assets                       | -200,064                    | -178,634                  | -21,430               | 12.0%          | 4    |
| Value adjustments, provisions and losses           | -4,018                      | -8,259                    | 4,241                 | -51.4%         |      |
| Operating profit (interim result)                  | 748,438                     | 700,096                   | 48,342                | 6.9 %          |      |
| Extraordinary income                               | 31,578                      | 95,976                    | -64,398               | -67.1%         | 24   |
| Extraordinary expenditure                          | -7,642                      | -4,940                    | -2,702                | 54.7 %         | 24   |
| Taxes  | -145,139                    | -145,720                  | 581                   | -0.4 %         | 25   |
| Group profit                                       | 627,235                     | 645,412                   | -18,177               | -2.8%          |      |

# **Cash Flow Statement 2010**

|   | Current year<br>origin of funds<br>in 1000 CHF | Current year<br>use of funds<br>in 1000 CHF | Prior year<br>origin of funds<br>in 1000 CHF | Prior year<br>use of funds<br>in 1000 CHF |
|---|--|---|--|---|
| Cash flow from operating results (internal financing)                 |  |   |  |   |
| Group profit  | 627,235  | _   | 645,412                                      | _   |
| Depreciation on fixed assets  | 200,064  | _   | 178,634                                      | _   |
| Appreciation on participations  | _  | 6,512                                       | -  | 71,301                                    |
| Value adjustments and provisions                                      | 119,645  | 120,672                                     | 141,742                                      | 143,773                                   |
| Prepaid expenses  | _  | 4,882                                       | _  | 7,585                                     |
| Deferred income   | 4,044  | _   | _  | 148,752                                   |
| Interest paid on share certificates for prior year                    | _  | 28,522                                      | _  | 27,275                                    |
| Balance   | 790,400  | -   | 567,102                                      |   |
| Cash flow from equity capital transactions                            |  |   | -  |   |
| Net change in cooperative capital                                     | 34,014   | -   | 31,453                                       | _   |
| Participations valued by the equity method                            | 20,220   | _   | _  | _   |
| Balance   | 54,234   | -   | 31,453                                       | _   |
| Cash flow from investment activities                                  |  |   |  |   |
| Participations  | 2,354  | 102,863                                     | 506  | 46,650                                    |
| Real estate   | 59,147   | 244,950                                     | 34,704                                       | 202,014                                   |
| Other tangible fixed assets/objects in finance leasing/other          | 5,674  | 135,378                                     | 12,263                                       | 144,857                                   |
| Balance   | -  | 416,016                                     | _  | 346,048                                   |
| Cash flow from banking activities                                     |  |   |  |   |
| Liabilities to banks  | _  | 1,241,777                                   | 1,327,746                                    | _   |
| Liabilities to clients in the form of savings and investment deposits | 6,902,843                                      | -   | 12,195,429                                   | _   |
| Other liabilities to clients  | 1,604,281                                      | _   | -  | 3,746,390                                 |
| Medium-term notes   | _  | 2,803,430                                   | _  | 1,807,810                                 |
| Bonds   | 934,500  | 6,750                                       | 23,600                                       | 320,590                                   |
| Mortgage bond loans   | 2,194,200                                      | 791,100                                     | 263,000                                      | 495,850                                   |
| Other liabilities   | 270,334  | _   | 7,158  | _   |
| Receivables from money market securities                              | _  | 97,771                                      | 831  | _   |
| Receivables from banks  | 2,181,563                                      | _   | 3,804,856                                    | _   |
| Receivables from clients  | _  | 708,812                                     | 202,140                                      | _   |
| Mortgage receivables  | _  | 8,916,988                                   | _  | 9,243,096                                 |
| Trading portfolios in securities and precious metals                  | _  | 799,128                                     | _  | 159,715                                   |
| Financial assets  | 923,927  | _   | _  | 3,236,293                                 |
| Other receivables   | 50,542   | -   | 441,603                                      | _   |
| iquid funds   | _  | 125,052                                     | 490,874                                      | _   |
| Balance   | -  | 428,618                                     | _  | 252,507                                   |
| Total origin of funds   | 844,634  |   | 598,555                                      |   |
| Total use of funds  | _  | 844,634                                     | _  | 598,555                                   |

# **Notes to the Consolidated Annual Accounts**

### **Operating activity**

The 339 Raiffeisen banks in Switzerland, organised as cooperatives, are mainly active in the retail business. The services provided to private and commercial clients encompass the traditional savings and mortgage business. In addition, the product range includes comprehensive payment services, investment funds and securities trading, and consumer goods leasing. The corporate clients business is becoming increasingly important. These services are provided by Raiffeisen Switzerland, specialised companies within the Raiffeisen Group or cooperation partners.

Raiffeisen banks are active in precisely defined, manageable business areas. Loans are predominantly made to cooperative members against collateral and to public bodies. The majority of loans are invested in residential properties. Raiffeisen banks are prohibited by their Articles of Association from operating abroad.

Raiffeisen banks are amalgamated into Raiffeisen Switzerland, which has its head office in St. Gallen. Raiffeisen Switzerland is responsible for strategic management and risk controlling for the entire Raiffeisen Group, as well as ensuring monetary settlement and liquidity maintenance. It also coordinates the activities

of the entire Group and creates the framework conditions for the operating activity of local Raiffeisen banks (e.g. IT, infrastructure, refinancing), giving them advice and support in all issues so that they can focus on their core competence – providing advice and selling banking services. Raiffeisen Switzerland can enter into commitments abroad up to a risk-weighted maximum of 5% of the Raiffeisen

Group's consolidated net assets under the risk-weighting factors stipulated by banking law.

Raiffeisen Switzerland also has six branches, with operating activities and services in line with those of Raiffeisen banks.

As of 31 December 2010, the number of people employed by the Raiffeisen Group – on a full-time equivalent basis – was 8,063 (previous year: 7,999).

### Risk assessment

The Board of Directors assumes overall responsibility for risk management and risk control within the Raiffeisen Group. It defines risk policy and reviews it on an annual basis. It also defines the level of risk tolerance and overall limits on an annual basis.

The Board of Directors monitors both the risk situation and changes in risk-bearing capital on a quarterly basis based on the Board of Directors risk report. This provides comprehensive information on the risk situation, capital adequacy, compliance with overall limits and any measures required. Monitoring focuses on credit and market risks in the bank and trading books, liquidity risks, operational risks, solidarity risks within the Raiffeisen Group (i.e. the risk of problems at individual Raiffeisen banks) and reputational risks.

The Board of Directors risk report is examined in depth by the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors reviews the findings of the Board of Directors risk report and its implications for risk strategy on a quarterly basis based on this preparatory work. The Board of Directors carries out an annual assessment of the appropriateness and effectiveness of the internal control system (ICS) based on Group Risk Controlling's ICS appropriateness and effectiveness report and the reports produced by Internal Auditing.

The risk reports for the Board of Directors are prepared by Group Risk Controlling as an independent entity. The risk reports and possible measures are discussed in detail in the preparatory meetings of the Extended Executive Board, which acts as the risk committee.

Assessment of the risks in the Raiffeisen Group is based on a combination of quantitative and qualitative factors. The key risks are thoroughly assessed both in terms of regulatory requirements and using economic models. Raiffeisen's risk models are based on cautious assumptions about distribution, confidence intervals, holding intervals and risk diversification. Its risk capital budgeting is in line with stress scenarios.

Credit risks are also considered at nominal values. Operational risks are assessed in terms of the probability of occurrence and loss potential. The appropriateness and effectiveness of control measures are incorporated into the assessment. The analysis of the operational risks is supplemented by an assessment of the qualitative impact of a risk event.

The Raiffeisen Group places particular emphasis on supplementing its model-based assessments with forward-looking practical analyses and estimates. Scenario-based analy-

ses based on macro-economically plausible scenarios, together with assessments drawing on specialist areas and front office units, therefore play an important role in overall risk comprehension. The results of these analyses appear as commentary in the risk report, and in certain cases are also presented in a special report.

### Risk management

The risks of the Raiffeisen Group as to Raiffeisen banks, Raiffeisen Switzerland and the Group companies are tied closely together.

## **Risk policy**

The risk management systems are based on statutory provisions and the regulations governing risk policy for the Raiffeisen Group ("risk policy" for short). The risk policy is reviewed and updated annually. The Raiffeisen Group views entering into risks as one of its core competences, but only with full knowledge of their extent and dynamics and only when the requirements in terms of systems, staff resources and expertise are met. The aim of the risk policy is to limit the negative impact of risks on earnings and protect the Raiffeisen Group from high exceptional losses while preserving and strengthening its good reputation. Group Risk Controlling is responsible for ensuring that the risk policy is observed and enforced. The Compliance unit ensures that regulatory provisions are adhered to.

### **Risk control**

The Raiffeisen Group controls the key risk categories using special processes and overall limits. Risks that cannot be reliably quantified are limited by qualitative stipulations.

Risk control is completed by independent monitoring of the risk profile.

Group Risk Controlling, which reports to the Head of the Finance department, is responsible for the independent monitoring of risks. This primarily involves monitoring compliance with the limits stipulated by the Board of Directors and the Executive Board. Group Risk Controlling also evaluates the risk situation on a regular basis as part of the reporting process.

### **Risk management process**

The risk management process is valid for all risk categories, in other words for credit risks, market risks and operational risks. It incorporates the following components:

- Risk identification
- Risk measurement and assessment
- Risk management, for which the designated risk managers are themselves responsible within the defined limits
- Risk limitation, through the setting of appropriate limits
- Risk monitoring

The goal of the Raiffeisen Group's risk management systems is to

- ensure that effective controls are in place at all levels;
- ensure that any risks entered into are in line with accepted levels of risk tolerance;
- create the conditions for entering into and systematically managing risks in an active, targeted and controlled manner:

 make the best possible use of risk tolerance, in other words to ensure that risks are only entered into if they offer suitable return potential.

### Credit risks

The business units of the Raiffeisen Group – Raiffeisen banks and Raiffeisen Switzerland - manage their credit risk autonomously, though still in accordance with Group-wide standards.

The risk policy defines credit risks as the risk that the Group will incur losses when clients or other counterparties fail to make contractual payments as expected. Credit risks are inherent in loans, irrevocable credit commitments, contingent liabilities and trading products such as OTC derivatives. Risks are also inherent in bonds, equity securities and other securities since the Group may sustain a loss in the event of issuer default.

The Raiffeisen Group identifies, assesses, manages and monitors the following risks in its lending business:

- Counterparty risks
- Collateral risks
- Concentration risks
- Country risks

Counterparty risk is the risk that the borrower or counterparty will default. A borrower or counterparty is deemed to be in default if his debt is more than 90 days past due.

Collateral risk is the risk that the value of collateral will decline.

Concentration risk is the risk that loans in a credit portfolio are unequally distributed among individual borrowers, collateral classes, industries or geographical regions.

Country risk is the risk of loss resulting from events specific to certain countries.

Raiffeisen banks are chiefly exposed to counterparty and collateral risks. The majority of these risks result from loans granted to one or more individuals or corporate clients. Corporate clients are mainly small companies that operate within the business areas of Raiffeisen banks. Credit risks are limited primarily by securing the underlying claims. This notwithstanding, creditworthiness and solvency are key prerequisites for the granting of loans. The Raiffeisen banks' Articles of Association stipulate limits for the acceptance of credit risks arising from uncovered transactions; loans over CHF 250,000 must be hedged with Raiffeisen Switzerland.

Like the Raiffeisen banks, the Branches department of Raiffeisen Switzerland is mainly exposed to counterparty and collateral risks. The branches grant loans to private and corporate clients; the latter group largely consists of SMEs.

The Market department manages most of the larger loans to corporate clients. If a new loan has a risk-weighted value in excess of CHF 40 million, the Chief Risk Officer (CRO) issues a recommendation regarding the acceptability of the associated concentration risk.

The Central Bank department assumes counterparty risks with foreign and domestic counterparties in the course of its Group-wide duties, including wholesale financing, hedging currency risks and risks associated with fluctuating interest rates, or hedging in proprietary trading. As a rule, the Central Bank department may only enter into commitments abroad if a country limit has been authorised in accordance with stipulations. In proprietary trading, however, it may enter into commitments in positions in countries previously approved by the Finance department under certain circumstances.

As stipulated in the Articles of Association, commitments abroad are limited to a risk-weighted 5% of the Raiffeisen Group's consolidated net assets. Country risks are managed actively and dynamically, and are mainly concentrated in Europe.

Credit risks arise at the Central Bank and Branches departments of Raiffeisen Switzerland in the form of counterparty risks from dealings with commercial banks, as well as institutional, corporate and private clients. External ratings are used as a basis for approving and monitoring business with other commercial banks. Off-balance-sheet transactions such as derivative financial instruments are converted to their respective credit equivalent. The Raiffeisen Group has concluded a netting agreement with various counterparties for off-balance-sheet receivables (for OTC transactions) and monitors exposure on a net basis.

Raiffeisen Switzerland holds equity interests in other entities under strategic partnerships. Note 3 on page 118 provides detailed disclosures.

Creditworthiness and solvency are assessed on the basis of compulsory Group-wide standards. Sufficient creditworthiness and the ability to keep up payments must be proven before approval for any loan is granted. Loans to private individuals and legal entities are classified according to internal rating procedures and, on the basis of this classification, monitored from a risk-oriented perspective. Creditworthiness is defined according to a range of risk categories – four for private clients and thirteen for corporate clients. There is a proven system for dealing with the key elements of credit risk management, i.e. risk-adjusted pricing, portfolio management, identification and provisions.

Collateral is valued according to uniform criteria. In the case of mortgages and building loans in particular, a comprehensive set of guidelines specifies how collateral is to be calculated, depending on the type of property in question. For owner-occupied residential property, rented single-family homes and owner-occupied apartments, Raiffeisen uses a carefully determined replacement cost, while calculations for multi-family units are based on the capitalised value and, where applicable, on the weighted market value. The capitalised value is used as the benchmark for commercial property. Different repayment obligations apply to second mortgages. Specialist teams at Raiffeisen Switzerland are also on hand to provide assistance to all

business units with questions related to complex financing arrangements and the management of recovery positions.

The decentralised credit decision-making process and the extensive real estate expertise of the Raiffeisen banks in the context of their specific localities permit a short approval procedure based on risk-oriented authority levels. Additional features of our credit risk management process are a prudent lending limit policy and an approval procedure geared to levels of responsibility.

Throughout the entire duration of the credit facility, receivables are monitored continuously and ratings updated on a periodic basis in line with the relevant client type and collateral type. The value of the collateral is reviewed at varying intervals according to its volatility on the market and the overall facility reapproved.

The standardised, Group-wide guidelines concerning the recognition and release of provisions for default risks are set out in an internal directive. This stipulates how the liquidation value and provisions for any collateral that may exist should be calculated if there are indications that certain positions are impaired, non-performing or display a higher number of rating points. Value adjustments and provisions are reviewed on a quarterly basis. Thanks to these measures, the average actual losses on lending business (appropriate application of value adjustments and direct losses) last year were CHF 19.8 million or 168% of the average lending volume, which equates to 0.22% of average core capital.

# Capital adequacy requirements for market risks relating to the trading book

| in 1000 CHF            | 31.12.2010 | Ø 2010 | 31.12.2009 | Ø 2009 |  |
|------------------------|------------|--------|------------|--------|--|
| Foreign exchange/      |            |        |            |        |  |
| precious metals        | 16,114     | 12,920 | 8,753      | 8,532  |  |
| Interest rate instrum. | 50,553     | 47,390 | 47,858     | 52,577 |  |
| Equities/indices       | 3,753      | 4,375  | 1,966      | 2,038  |  |
| Total                  | 70,420     | 64,685 | 58,577     | 63,146 |  |
|                        |            |        |            |        |  |

Raiffeisen Switzerland monitors, controls and manages concentration risks within the Group, especially for individual counterparties, groups of affiliated counterparties and sectors. The process for identifying and consolidating affiliated counterparties is automated across the entire Raiffeisen Group.

Raiffeisen Switzerland monitors the credit portfolio across the Group, evaluating the portfolio structure and ensuring credit portfolio reporting. Monitoring the portfolio structure involves analysing the distribution of the portfolio according to a range of structural characteristics including category of borrower, type of loan, size of loan, counterparty rating, sector, collateral, geographical features and value adjustments. This analysis forms the basis for portfolio controlling measures, with the main focus being on controlling new business via the lending policy.

Effective tools have been implemented to proactively avoid concentrations within the entire Raiffeisen Group. Sector-specific threshold limits have been put in place. Should one of these threshold values be reached, part of the decentralised credit authority is transferred to the Credit Office of Raiffeisen Switzerland. This process guarantees a well-diversified local credit portfolio even in a decentralised organisation.

Concentration risks are monitored centrally by Credit Risk Controlling. As at 31 December 2010 the Raiffeisen Group had no reportable concentration risks. The credit volume of the Raiffeisen Group's ten largest borrowers (excluding interbank business and public bodies) as at 31 December 2010 was CHF 814 million or 0.66% of loans to clients (previous year: CHF 658 million or 0.57%).

### Market risks

As the Raiffeisen Group is heavily involved in balance sheet business, interest rate fluctuations can have significant influence on interest income. Up-to-date procedures are in place to measure the risk in the bank book associated with fluctuating interest rates. These display variable positions based on a model that replicates historical interest rate fluctuations with money and capital market rates. These positions are managed on a decentralised basis in the responsible units. The Treasury of Raiffeisen Switzerland's Central Bank department is the Group-wide binding counterparty for hedging transactions and transactions to finance bank operations. The relevant members of staff are required to adhere strictly to the sensitivity limits set by the Board of Directors, which relate to the change in the present value of the equity capital. Group Risk Controlling monitors compliance with limits and prepares associated reports, while also assessing the risk situation. The potential impact of the assumed interest rate risk on the market value of the equity capital and on profitability is also measured with the aid of scenario analyses and stress tests and included in risk reporting.

Since assets in a foreign currency are generally refinanced in the same currency, foreign currency risks can be largely avoided.

Trading & Sales, part of the Central Bank department, is responsible for managing the Central Bank trading book. Neither the Raiffeisen banks nor the branches of Raiffeisen Switzerland keep a trading book. The Central Bank trades in interest rates, currencies, equities and banknotes/precious metals. It must adhere strictly to the sensitivity and loss limits set by the Board of Directors; these are monitored by Group Risk Controlling on a daily basis. In addition, Group Risk Controlling conducts daily plausibility checks on the profits achieved in trading and regularly reviews the valuation parameters used to produce profit and loss figures for trading. Trading in derivative financial instruments is carried out exclusively by experienced dealers. They work with both standardised and over-the-counter (OTC) derivatives for Central Bank's own account and for clients.

Liquidity risks are controlled using commercial criteria and monitored by Treasury and Group Risk Controlling in accordance with banking law. Risk controlling involves, among other things, simulating liquidity inflows and outflows over different time horizons using various scenarios. These scenarios include the impact of bank funding crises and general liquidity crises.

Monitoring is based on statutory limits as well as additional limits that are set by the Board of Directors of Raiffeisen Switzerland and based on the above scenario analyses.

Reporting on compliance with sensitivity and position limits and the assessment of the risk situation by Group Risk Controlling is primarily conducted via three media:

- Weekly interest rate risk report to the CEO in line with FINMA Circular 2008/6
- Monthly risk report to the Executive Board
- Quarterly risk report to the Board of Directors

### Operational risks

At Raiffeisen, operational risk means the danger of losses arising due to the unsuitability or failure of internal processes, employees, IT systems, buildings and equipment or as a result of external events or the actions of third parties. In addition to the financial impact, the Raiffeisen Group also takes into account the consequences of operational risks for reputation and compliance.

The Raiffeisen Group strives to avoid or reduce operational risks at the point where they arise. In the case of business-critical processes, emergency and catastrophe planning measures are in place to manage operational risks.

Each function within Raiffeisen is responsible for identifying and managing the operational risk arising as a result of its own activities. Group Risk Controlling is responsible for maintaining the Group-wide inventory of operational risks and for analysing and evaluating operational risk data. It is also in charge of the concepts, methods and instruments used to manage operational risks and monitors the risk situation and the implementation of risk reduction measures.

As part of the risk assessment, operational risks are categorised by cause and impact and evaluated according to the frequency or probability of occurrence and the extent of damage. Risk management measures are defined, with the

implementation of these measures monitored periodically by Group Risk Controlling.

The results of the risk assessment are reported to the Executive Board and the Board of Directors of Raiffeisen Switzerland via an aggregated risk profile. The Executive Board and the Board of Directors of Raiffeisen Switzerland also receive quarterly updates on the extent to which measures have been implemented.

In addition to the standard risk management process, Group Risk Controlling also conducts ad hoc risk analyses where required, analyses any loss events arising and maintains close links with other organisational units which, as a result of their function, come into contact with information on operational risks within the Raiffeisen Group.

### Outsourcing

The operation of the data communication network has been outsourced to Swisscom (Switzerland) Ltd. Furthermore, all of the Raiffeisen Group's securities administration activities, as well as support services for asset management mandates are conducted by the Vontobel Group. All outsourcing services are provided in accordance with the provisions of FINMA Circular 2008/7.

### Regulatory provisions

According to a ruling by the FINMA on 3 September 2010, Raiffeisen banks are excused from complying with the rules regarding capital adequacy, risk diversification and liquidity on an individual basis. The relevant legal provisions must be complied with on a consolidated basis.

The Raiffeisen Group has opted for the following approaches for calculating capital adequacy requirements:

Credit risks: Swiss standard approach using the following external ratings:

| Client category             | ERG | Issuer/iss<br>S&P | sue rating<br>Fitch | Moody's |
|-----------------------------|-----|-------------------|---------------------|---------|
| Central governments/central |     |                   |                     |         |
| banks                       | Χ   | X                 | X                   | X       |
| Public bodies               | _   | Х                 | Х                   | Х       |
| Banks/securities dealers    | _   | X                 | Х                   | Χ       |

Positions for which external ratings are used are found chiefly under the following balance sheet items:

- Receivables from banks
- Receivables from clients and mortgage receivables
- Financial assets
- Other assets

Market risks: Standard approach

The capital adequacy requirements for market risks are calculated using the standard approach under supervisory law. Within this framework, the duration method is applied for general market risk with regard to interest rate instruments and the delta-plus approach in respect of capital adequacy requirements for options. An overview is provided in the table on page 106.

Operational risks: Basic indicator approach

As the capital adequacy requirements for operational risks exceed CHF 100 million, the same qualitative requirements applicable to banks that have opted for the standard ap-

proach also apply to the Raiffeisen Group with regard to operational risks.

## Consolidation, accounting and valuation principles

**General principles** 

Accounting, valuation and reporting conform to the requirements of the Swiss Code of Obligations, the Swiss Federal Act on Banks and Savings Banks (plus related ordinance) and the quidelines and directives of the FINMA.

The detailed positions shown for a balance sheet item are valued individually. The consolidated annual accounts represent a true and fair view of the Raiffeisen Group's assets, finances and earnings.

## **Principles of consolidation**

General

The consolidation of the banking institutions that make up the Raiffeisen Group, Raiffeisen Switzerland and the Group companies associated with it differs fundamentally from normal consolidation based on a holding company structure. The individual Raiffeisen banks, as owners of Raiffeisen Switzerland, function as parent companies. Despite its function as a Group-wide coordinating and controlling unit, liquidity pool and safety net, Raiffeisen Switzerland is simply a subsidiary from a legal point of view. The management and regulatory powers of Raiffeisen Switzerland are governed by its Articles of Association and the regulations based on them. Consolidation is not based on Raiffeisen Switzerland as a parent company, but represents an aggregation of the annual accounts of the 339 Raiffeisen banks and the participations held in the Raiffeisen Group. The equity capital in the consolidated

annual accounts is thus the total of the cooperative capital of the individual Raiffeisen banks.

Consolidated companies and consolidation method The consolidated accounts of the Raiffeisen Group comprise the annual accounts of all the individual Raiffeisen banks, Raiffeisen Switzerland and KMU Capital Ltd.

Under the full consolidation method, assets and liabilities, off-balance-sheet transactions, and income and expenses are all recorded in full. Capital is consolidated according to the purchase method using the purchase method. All material amounts receivable and payable, off-balance-sheet transactions, and income and expenses between consolidated companies are offset. Material intercompany profits are not made and are therefore ignored in the consolidation.

Minority interests of between 20 % and 50 % are consolidated according to the equity method. Holdings of less than 20 %, those with little materiality in terms of capital or income and those of a non-strategic nature are not consolidated but are instead accounted for at acquisition cost, less any operationally required depreciation.

### Consolidation date

All fully consolidated companies close their annual accounts as of 31 December.

### **Accounting and valuation principles**

### Recording of business events

All business events that have been concluded by the balance sheet date are recorded on a same-day basis in the

balance sheet and the income statement in accordance with the relevant valuation principles. Spot transactions that have been concluded but not yet settled are posted to the balance sheet on the trade date.

### Foreign currencies

Assets, liabilities and cash positions in foreign currencies are converted at the exchange rate prevailing on the balance sheet date. Exchange rate gains and losses arising from this valuation are reported under "Net trading income". Foreign currency transactions during the course of the year are converted at the rate prevailing at the time the transaction was carried out.

Liquid funds, amounts due from money market securities and borrowed funds

These are reported at the nominal value or initial value. Discounts not yet earned on money market securities and discounts and premiums on the Group's own bonds and mortgage loans are accrued over the period to maturity.

Receivables from banks and clients, mortgage receivables
These are reported at the nominal value. Interest income
is reported on an accruals basis. Receivables are deemed to
be impaired where the Group believes it improbable that
the borrower will be able to completely fulfil his/her contractual obligations. Impaired receivables – and any collateral
that may exist – are valued on the basis of the liquidation
value. Impaired receivables are subject to provisions based
on regular analyses of individual loan commitments, while
taking the creditworthiness of the borrower, the counterparty risk and the estimated net realizable sale value of the

collateral into account. If recovery of the amount receivable depends solely on the collateral being realised, full provision is made for the unsecured portion.

Interest and related commission that have been due for more than 90 days are deemed to be non-performing. In the case of current account overdrafts, interest and commission are deemed to be non-performing if the specified overdraft limit is exceeded for more than 90 days. Non-performing and impaired interest (including accrued interest) and commission are no longer recognised as income but reported directly under "Value adjustments and provisions". A receivable is written off at the latest when completion of the realisation process has been confirmed by legal title. However, impaired receivables are reinstated as fully-performing (i.e. the value adjustment is reversed) if the outstanding principal amounts and interest are paid in time in accordance with the contractual obligations and if additional creditworthiness criteria are fulfilled.

All value adjustments are reported under "Value adjustments and provisions".

All leased objects are reported in the balance sheet as "Receivables from clients" in line with the present value method.

## Securities lending and borrowing

Securities lending transactions are reported at the value of the cash collateral received or issued, including accrued interest. Securities which are borrowed or received as collateral are only reported in the balance sheet if the Raiffeisen Group takes control of the contractual rights associated with them. Securities which are loaned or provided as collateral are only removed from the balance sheet if the Raiffeisen Group forfeits the contractual rights associated with them. The market values of the borrowed and loaned securities are monitored daily so that any additional collateral can be provided or requested as necessary.

Fees received or paid under securities lending and repurchase transactions are booked to commission income or commission expenditure on an accrual basis.

Repurchase and reverse repurchase transactions
Securities purchased with an agreement to resell (reverse repurchase transactions) and securities sold with an agreement to buy back (repurchase transactions) are regarded as secured financing transactions. They are recorded at the value of the cash collateral received or provided, including accrued interest. Securities received and delivered are only recorded in/removed from the balance sheet if control of the contractual rights associated with them is transferred. The market values of the received or delivered securities are monitored daily so that any additional collateral can be provided or requested as necessary. Interest income from reverse repurchase transactions and interest expenditure from repurchase transactions are accrued over the term of the underlying transaction.

Trading portfolios in securities and precious metals

Trading portfolios are valued on a fair value basis. Positions for which there is no representative market are valued at the lower of cost or market. Both the gains and losses arising from this valuation and the gains and losses realised during the period in question are reported under "Net trading income". This also applies to interest and dividends on trading portfolios. The funding costs for holding trading positions are charged to trading profits and credited to interest income.

### Financial assets

Fixed-income debt securities and warrant bonds are valued at the lower of cost or market if there is no intention to hold them to maturity. Debt instruments acquired with the intention of holding them to maturity are valued according to the accrual method, with the discount or premium accrued over the remaining life. Equity is valued at the lower of cost or market.

Real estate and holdings acquired through the loans business that are intended for disposal are reported under "Financial assets" and valued at the lower of cost or market.

The "lower of cost or market" refers to the lower of the initial value or the liquidation value.

Precious metal portfolios held to cover liabilities under precious metals accounts are valued at their market value on the balance sheet date. If a fair value is unavailable, they are valued at the lower of cost or market.

### Non-consolidated participations

Non-consolidated participations include minority holdings of between 20 % and 50 %, which are valued according to the equity method. The balance sheet item also includes holdings of less than 20 % and all holdings of an infrastructural nature. These are valued in accordance with the principle of acquisition cost, i.e. acquisition cost less operationally required depreciation.

### Tangible assets

Tangible assets are reported at acquisition cost plus valueenhancing investments and depreciated on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful life, as follows:

| Real estate                                 | maximum | 66 years |
|---|---------|----------|
| Alterations and fixtures in rented premises | maximum | 15 years |
| IT equipment, software                      | maximum | 3 years  |
| Furniture and fixtures                      | maximum | 8 years  |
| Other tangible assets                       | maximum | 5 years  |

Immaterial investments are booked directly to operating expenditure. Large-scale, value-enhancing renovations are capitalised, while repairs and maintenance are booked directly in the income statement.

Buildings under construction are not depreciated until they come into use. Undeveloped building land is not depreciated.

The value of tangible assets is reviewed whenever events or circumstances give reason to suspect that the book value is

impaired. Any impairment is booked under "Depreciation on fixed assets". If the useful life of a tangible asset changes as a result of the review, the residual book value is depreciated over the new duration.

### Intangible assets

Goodwill: If the cost of acquiring a company is higher than the value of the net assets acquired based on standard Group accounting guidelines, the difference is reported as goodwill. Goodwill is amortised on a straight-line basis over its estimated useful life. The amortisation period is usually five years. In justifiable cases, it may be as high as 20 years.

Other intangible assets: Acquired intangible assets are reported where they provide the Group with a measurable benefit over several years. Intangible assets created by the Group itself are not capitalised. Intangible assets are reported at acquisition cost and amortisation on a straightline basis over their estimated useful life within a maximum of three years.

The value of intangible assets is reviewed whenever events or circumstances give reason to suspect that the book value is impaired. Any impairment is booked under "Depreciation on fixed assets". If the useful life of an intangible asset changes as a result of the review, the residual book value is amortised over the new duration.

## Value adjustments and provisions

Value adjustments and provisions are created on a prudential basis for all risks identified at the balance sheet date.

#### Taxes

Taxes are calculated and booked on the basis of the profit for the financial year. Deferred tax of 19.4% (previous year: 19.7%) was calculated on untaxed reserves and reported as a provision for deferred taxation.

Contingent liabilities, irrevocable commitments, calls on shares and other equities

These are reported at their nominal value under "Off-balance-sheet business". Provisions are created for foreseeable risks.

## Derivative financial instruments

The replacement values of individual contracts for derivative financial instruments are reported gross, together with the contract volume, under "Off-balance-sheet business" and in the notes.

Reporting: The replacement values of all contracts concluded for the Group's own account are reported, regardless of their income statement treatment. The replacement values of exchange-traded contracts concluded on a commission basis are reported only to the extent that they are not covered by margin deposits. The replacement values of over-the-counter contracts concluded on a commission basis are always reported.

All Treasury hedging transactions are concluded via the trading book; Treasury does not itself participate in the market. Only the replacement values of contracts with external counterparties are reported (see "Derivative finan-

cial instruments by external counterparty" table in the notes under "Open derivative financial instruments" on pages 128/129).

Treatment in the income statement: The derivative financial instruments recorded in the trading book are valued on a fair value basis if they are traded on an exchange or if a representative market exists. If this requirement is not met, the lowest value principle is applied.

Derivative financial instruments used for balance sheet structural management to hedge against interest rate risk are valued in accordance with the accrual method. Interest-related gains and losses arising from early realisation of contracts are accrued over their remaining lives.

### Changes from prior year

There have been no material changes to the accounting and valuation principles.

### Events after the balance sheet date

No material events occurred between the balance sheet date (31 December 2010) and the drawing up of the consolidated annual accounts of the Raiffeisen Group that would have required disclosure in the balance sheet and/or in the notes.

## Information on the balance sheet

### 1 Overview of collateral for loans and off-balance-sheet business

|   | Mortgage cover<br>in 1000 CHF | Other cover in 1000 CHF | Without cover*<br>in 1000 CHF | Total<br>in 1000 CHF |
|---|-------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| Loans   |                               |                         |                               |                      |
| Loans to clients                                    | 2,629,400                     | 913,690                 | 4,123,269                     | 7,666,359            |
| Mortgage loans                                      |                               |                         |                               |                      |
| Residential property                                | 110,231,107                   | _                       | 103,290                       | 110,334,397          |
| Office and business premises                        | 2,375,211                     | _                       | 17,193                        | 2,392,404            |
| Trade and industry                                  | 2,865,172                     | -                       | 14,937                        | 2,880,109            |
| Other   | 3,899,903                     | _                       | 88,263                        | 3,988,166            |
| Total loans   |                               |                         |                               |                      |
| Current year  | 122,000,793                   | 913,690                 | 4,346,952                     | 127,261,435          |
| Prior year  | 112,781,044                   | 654,590                 | 4,200,001                     | 117,635,635          |
| Off-balance-sheet business                          |                               |                         |                               |                      |
| Contingent liabilities                              | 57,539                        | 78,177                  | 286,293                       | 422,009              |
| Irrevocable commitments                             | 3,878,965                     | 131,499                 | 1,261,815                     | 5,272,279            |
| Call commitments and additional funding obligations | _                             | _                       | 60,444                        | 60,444               |
| Total off-balance-sheet business                    |                               |                         |                               |                      |
| Current year  | 3,936,504                     | 209,676                 | 1,608,552                     | 5,754,732            |
| Prior year  | 3,267,670                     | 195,747                 | 1,565,714                     | 5,029,131            |

<sup>\*</sup> incl. value-adjusted loans

|                | Gross amount<br>borrowed<br>in 1000 CHF | Estimated proceeds<br>from realisation<br>of collateral<br>in 1000 CHF | Net amount<br>borrowed<br>in 1000 CHF | Specific<br>value adjustments<br>in 1000 CHF |
|----------------|---|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| Impaired loans |   |  |                                       |  |
| Current year   | 1,111,722                               | 778,340  | 333,382                               | 322,185                                      |
| Prior year     | 1,249,864                               | 882,779  | 367,085                               | 355,785                                      |
|                |   |  |                                       |  |

The difference between the net amount borrowed and the specific value adjustments is attributable to the fact that prudent estimates have been made of the amounts Raiffeisen expects to receive based on the creditworthiness of individual borrowers.

# 2 Breakdown of trading portfolios in securities and precious metals, financial assets and non-consolidated participations

|   | Current year<br>in 1000 CHF | Prior year<br>in 1000 CHF |
|---|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Trading portfolios in securities and precious metals                          |                             |                           |
| Debt instruments  |                             |                           |
| stock exchange listed*  | 423,019                     | 221,377                   |
| non-stock exchange listed   | _                           | _                         |
| Shares  | 31,592                      | 3,272                     |
| Precious metals   | 844,878                     | 275,712                   |
| Total trading portfolios in securities and precious metals                    | 1,299,489                   | 500,361                   |
| of which securities for repo transactions in line with liquidity requirements | 254,255                     | 149,245                   |
|   |                             |                           |

<sup>\*</sup> stock exchange listed = traded on a recognised stock exchange

|  | Book value<br>current year<br>in 1000 CHF | Book value<br>prior year<br>in 1000 CHF | Fair value<br>current year<br>in 1000 CHF | Fair value<br>prior year<br>in 1000 CHF |
|--|---|---|---|---|
| Financial assets                                       |   |   |   |   |
| Debt instruments                                       | 5,654,321                                 | 6,569,122                               | 5,705,091                                 | 6,640,371                               |
| of which intended to be held until maturity            | 5,654,321                                 | 6,569,122                               | 5,705,091                                 | 6,640,371                               |
| of which valued at the lower of cost or market         | _   | _                                       | -   | -                                       |
| Shares   | 27,336                                    | 27,847                                  | 27,336                                    | 27,847                                  |
| Precious metals  | _   | _                                       | -   | -                                       |
| Real estate  | 21,732                                    | 30,347                                  | 26,687                                    | 34,076                                  |
| Total financial assets                                 | 5,703,389                                 | 6,627,316                               | 5,759,114                                 | 6,702,294                               |
| of which securities for repo transactions in line with |   |   |   |   |
| liquidity requirements                                 | 4,328,837                                 | 4,943,727                               | -   | _                                       |
|  |   |   |   |   |

|                                       | Current year<br>in 1000 CHF | Prior year<br>in 1000 CHF |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Non-consolidated participations       |                             |                           |
| with a market value                   | 329,416                     | 329,284                   |
| without a market value                | 227,848                     | 126,908                   |
| Total non-consolidated participations | 557,264                     | 456,192                   |

## 3 Details of major participations

| Company name/holding                     | Registered<br>office | Business activity     | Capital in<br>1000 CHF | Current year<br>voting share<br>and equity<br>interest in % | Prior year<br>voting share<br>and equity<br>interest in % |
|--|----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|---|---|
| 3.1 Group companies                      |                      |                       |                        |   |   |
|  |                      | Central bank,         |                        |   |   |
| Raiffeisen Switzerland Cooperative       | St. Gallen           | association services  | 360,000                | 100.0   | 100.0   |
| Raiffeisen Leasing Ltd*                  | St. Gallen           | Leasing company       | _                      | _   | 100.0   |
| KMU Capital Ltd*                         | St. Gallen           | Financial services    | 2,566                  | 100.0   | _   |
| 3.2 Holdings valued according to the e   | auity method         |                       |                        |   |   |
| Mortgage Bond Bank of the Swiss Mortgage |                      |                       |                        |   |   |
| Institutions Ltd                         | Zurich               | Mortgage bond bank    | 500,000                | 21.6  | 22.1  |
| of which not paid up                     |                      |                       | 280,000                |   |   |
| Aduno Holding Ltd                        | Zurich               | Financial services    | 25,000                 | 24.7  | 19.0  |
| 3.3 Other non-consolidated participation | ons                  |                       |                        |   |   |
|  | Grosshöch-           |                       |                        |   |   |
| Swiss Bankers Prepaid Services Ltd       | stetten              | Financial services    | 10,000                 | 16.5  | 16.5  |
| Cooperative Olma Messen St. Gallen       | St. Gallen           | Organisation of fairs | 17,517                 | 14.3  | 11.6  |
| Vontobel Holding Ltd                     | Zurich               | Financial services    | 65,000                 | 12.5  | 12.5  |
| Helvetia Holding Ltd                     | St. Gallen           | Financial services    | 865                    | 4.0   | 4.0   |
| SIX Group Ltd                            | Zurich               | Financial services    | 19,522                 | 3.2   | 2.0   |

<sup>\*</sup> Raiffeisen Leasing Ltd was integrated into Raiffeisen Switzerland as of 1 January 2010. The former company was renamed KMU Capital Ltd.

## 4 Fixed assets register

|                                 | price     | Cumulative<br>deprec./<br>amort.<br>& value<br>adjust-<br>ments (equi-<br>ty method)<br>in 1000 CHF | Book value<br>at end of<br>prior year<br>in 1000 CHF | reclassi-<br>fications | Current year<br>invest-<br>ment<br>in 1000 CHF | ment    | ation/amor-<br>tisation | holdings val.<br>acc. to equi- | Book value<br>at end<br>of current<br>year in<br>1000 CHF |
|---------------------------------|-----------|---|--|------------------------|--|---------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| Non-consolidated participations |           |   |  |                        |  |         |                         |                                |   |
| Holdings valued according       |           |   |  |                        |  |         |                         |                                |   |
| to the equity method            | 48,531    | 46,911  | 95,442   | 3,800                  | 48,541   | -2,043  | _                       | 32,485                         | 178,225   |
| Other holdings                  | 370,709   | -9,959  | 360,750  | -3,800                 | 28,349 *                                       | -311    | -5,949                  | -                              | 379,039   |
| Total non-consolidated          |           |   |  |                        |  |         |                         |                                |   |
| participations                  | 419,240   | 36,952  | 456,192  | _                      | 76,890   | -2,354  | -5,949                  | 32,485                         | 557,264   |
| Tangible fixed assets           |           |   |  |                        |  |         |                         |                                |   |
| Real estate                     |           |   |  |                        |  |         |                         |                                |   |
| Bank buildings                  | 1,800,254 | -364,055  | 1,436,199  | -51,458                | 207,459  | -46,318 | -35,880                 | -                              | 1,510,002   |
| Other real estate               | 344,145   | -81,645   | 262,500  | 27,772                 | 37,491   | -12,829 | -5,879                  | _                              | 309,055   |
| Other tangible fixed assets     | 1,039,677 | -677,159  | 362,518  | 23,863                 | 116,797  | -5,638  | -127,057                | _                              | 370,483   |
| Objects in finance leasing      | 329       | -94   | 235  | -184                   | 129  | -36     | -29                     | -                              | 115   |
| Other                           | 136,324   | -99,776   | 36,548   | 7                      | 18,452   | -       | -25,270                 | -                              | 29,737  |
| Total tangibles                 | 3,320,729 | -1,222,729  | 2,098,000  | -                      | 380,328  | -64,821 | -194,115                | -                              | 2,219,392   |
|                                 |           |   |  |                        |  |         |                         |                                |   |

<sup>\*</sup> Investment includes gains of CHF 6.5 million from appreciation on participations; these were booked under extraordinary income.

|  | in 1000 CHF |
|--|-------------|
| Value of real estate for fire insurance purposes                 | 2,094,138   |
| Value of other tangible fixed assets for fire insurance purposes | 962,877     |
| Liabilities: future leasing instalments from operational leasing | 76          |
|  |             |
|  |             |

### 5 Other assets and liabilities

|   | Current year<br>in 1000 CHF | Prior year<br>in 1000 CHF |
|---|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Other assets  |                             |                           |
| Total replacement value   | 700,590                     | 632,200                   |
| Equalisation account  | 347,564                     | 312,113                   |
| Clearing accounts for social insurance and staff pension fund contributions | 59                          | 80                        |
| Clearing accounts for indirect taxes  | 605,834                     | 775,177                   |
| Other clearing accounts   | 8,132                       | 3,395                     |
| Employer contribution reserves with pension schemes                         | 108,693                     | 101,036                   |
| Miscellaneous other assets  | 11,849                      | 9,262                     |
| Total other assets  | 1,782,721                   | 1,833,263                 |
| Other liabilities   |                             |                           |
| Total replacement value   | 1,432,270                   | 1,107,937                 |
| Due, unredeemed coupons and debt instruments                                | 36,215                      | 39,434                    |
| Levies, indirect taxes  | 148,286                     | 195,303                   |
| Clearing accounts for social insurance and staff pension fund contributions | 9,230                       | 15,511                    |
| Other clearing accounts   | 27,885                      | 25,400                    |
| Miscellaneous other liabilities   | 5,792                       | 5,759                     |
| Total other liabilities   | 1,659,678                   | 1,389,344                 |

## 6.1 Assets pledged or assigned as security for own commitments and assets subject to reservation of title

|                       | Current year<br>amount due<br>or book value<br>in 1000 CHF | Current year<br>of which<br>made use of<br>in 1000 CHF | Prior year<br>amount due<br>or book value<br>in 1000 CHF | Prior year<br>of which<br>made use of<br>in 1000 CHF |
|-----------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Mortgage receivables  | 10,368,914   | 7,232,557  | 8,478,690  | 5,787,364  |
| Financial assets      | 1,962,367  | 1,931,852  | 1,703,805  | 1,624,001  |
| Tangible fixed assets | 3,405  | 3,390  | 3,500  | 3,500  |
| Total pledged assets  | 12,334,686   | 9,167,799  | 10,185,995   | 7,414,865  |
|                       |  |  |  |  |

## **6.2 Securities lending and repurchase operations**

| 4,428,047 | 3,608,275  |
|-----------|--|
| 2,821,856 | 4,360,403  |
|           |  |
| 1,931,852 | 1,649,786  |
| 1,931,852 | 1,649,786  |
|           |  |
|           |  |
| 4,550,111 | 3,640,437  |
| 1,178,566 | 2,818,028  |
|           |  |
|           | 2,821,856<br>1,931,852<br>1,931,852<br>4,550,111 |

### 7 Social insurance institutions

Most employees of the Raiffeisen Group are covered by the Raiffeisen Pension Fund Cooperative. The normal retirement age is set at 65. Members have the option of taking early retirement from the age of 58 with a corresponding reduction in benefits. The Raiffeisen Pension Fund Cooperative covers at least the mandatory benefits under Swiss occupational pension law.

The Raiffeisen Employer Foundation manages the individual employer contribution reserves of the Raiffeisen banks and the companies of the Raiffeisen Group.

9 Raiffeisen banks (prior year: 10) are insured outside the retirement benefit schemes of the Raiffeisen Group (other collective foundations, collective insurance contracts, etc.).

### 7.1 Liabilities to own social insurance institutions

|   | Current year<br>in 1000 CHF | Prior year<br>in 1000 CHF |
|---|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Liabilities to clients in the form of savings and investment deposits | 107,494                     | 100,177                   |
| Other liabilities to clients  | 42,095                      | 37,466                    |
| Other liabilities (negative replacement values)                       | 1,570                       | 289                       |
| Total liabilities to own social insurance institutions                | 151,159                     | 137,932                   |
|   |                             |                           |

## 7.2 Employer contribution reserves

Employer contribution reserves arise for the Raiffeisen Employer Foundation (Raiffeisen) and for retirement benefit schemes outside the Raiffeisen Group (Others).

|                   | Current year<br>Raiffeisen<br>in 1000 CHF | Others<br>in 1000 CHF | Total<br>in 1000 CHF | Prior year<br>Raiffeisen<br>in 1000 CHF | Others<br>in 1000 CHF | Total<br>in 1000 CHF |
|-------------------|---|-----------------------|----------------------|---|-----------------------|----------------------|
| As at 1 January   | 100,177                                   | 859                   | 101,036              | 98,307                                  | 675                   | 98,982               |
| + Deposits        | 11,540                                    | 467                   | 12,007               | 11,688                                  | 171                   | 11,859               |
| – Withdrawals     | -5,966                                    | _                     | -5,966               | -11,539                                 | _                     | -11,539              |
| + Interest paid*  | 1,610                                     | 6                     | 1,616                | 1,721                                   | 13                    | 1,734                |
| As at 31 December | 107,361                                   | 1,332                 | 108,693              | 100,177                                 | 859                   | 101,036              |
|                   |   |                       |                      |   |                       |                      |

<sup>\*</sup> Interest paid on the employer contribution reserves is recorded as interest income.

The employer contribution reserves correspond to the nominal value as calculated by the pension scheme. The individual employer contribution reserves of the affiliated companies cannot be offset against each other.

The balance of the employer contribution reserves is recorded in the balance sheet under "Other assets". The employer contribution reserves are subject neither to waiver of use (conditional or unconditional) nor to other necessary value adjustments. Any discounting effect is not considered.

## 7.3 Economic benefit/obligation and retirement benefit expenditure

According to the latest audited annual accounts (in accordance with Swiss GAAP FER 26) of the pension schemes of the Raiffeisen Group, the coverage ratio is:

|                                     | on 31.12.2010<br>in % | on 31.12.2009<br>in % |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Raiffeisen Pension Fund Cooperative | 97.1                  | 93.0                  |
| Raiffeisen Pension Plan             | _                     | 109.5                 |
|                                     |                       |                       |

Although still insufficient, the cover level of the Raiffeisen Pension Fund Cooperative improved in 2010. The Board of Directors anticipates that, even with insufficient cover as defined under Swiss GAAP FER 16, there is currently no economic obligation for the affiliated employers for which allowance would have to be made in the balance sheet and the profit and loss account.

All assets and liabilities of the Raiffeisen Pension Plan were transferred to the Raiffeisen Pension Fund Cooperative as of 1 January 2010.

### Pension expenditure with significant influencing factors

|  | Current year<br>in 1000 CHF | Prior year<br>in 1000 CHF |
|--|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Pension expenditure according to separate financial statements   | 92,104                      | 79,348                    |
| Deposits/withdrawals employer contribution reserves (excl. interest paid)                              | -6,041                      | -320                      |
| Employer contributions reported on an accruals basis   | 86,063                      | 79,028                    |
| Change in economic benefit/obligation as a result of surplus/insufficient cover in the pension schemes | -                           | -                         |
| Pension expenditure of the Raiffeisen Group (see note 22 "Personnel expenditure")                      | 86,063                      | 79,028                    |
|  |                             |                           |

The employer contributions do not include any exceptional contributions to the pension schemes.

## 8 Outstanding bonds and mortgage bond loans

|  | Year of issue | Interest<br>rate | Maturity   | Early<br>redemption<br>possibility | Bond<br>principal in<br>1000 CHF |
|--|---------------|------------------|------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Bonds of Raiffeisen Switzerland                              |               |                  |            |                                    |                                  |
|  | 2001/02       | 4.000            | 02.02.2011 |                                    | 599,815                          |
|  | 2004          | 3.000            | 05.05.2014 |                                    | 397,645                          |
|  | 2006          | 3.125            | 30.05.2016 |                                    | 549,705                          |
|  | 2007          | 3.125            | 25.10.2012 |                                    | 245,280                          |
|  | 2010          | 1.625            | 31.03.2015 |                                    | 500,000                          |
|  | 2010          | 1.375            | 21.09.2017 |                                    | 184,745                          |
|  | 2010          | 2.000            | 21.09.2023 |                                    | 248,400                          |
| Total bonds of Raiffeisen Switzerland                        |               |                  |            |                                    | 2,725,590                        |
| Mortgage Bond Bank of the Swiss Mortgage<br>Institutions Ltd |               |                  |            |                                    |                                  |
|  | var.          | 2.437            | var.       |                                    | 7,021,900                        |
| Total mortgage bond loans                                    |               |                  |            |                                    | 7,021,900                        |
| Total outstanding bonds and mortgage bond loans              |               |                  |            |                                    | 9,747,490                        |

## 9 Value adjustments and provisions

|   | End of<br>prior year<br>in 1000 CHF | Appropriate application in 1000 CHF | Write-backs,<br>overdue<br>interest<br>in 1000 CHF | New provisions<br>against P & L<br>in 1000 CHF | Reversal<br>of provisions<br>against P & L<br>in 1000 CHF | End of<br>current year<br>in 1000 CHF |
|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|--|---|---------------------------------------|
| Provision for deferred taxes  | 610,331                             | _                                   | _  | 43,401 *                                       | -10,784   | 642,948                               |
| Value adjustments and provisions for default risks (del credere and country risk) | 355.785                             | -18,606                             | 5.432  | 66.851   | -87.277   | 322,185                               |
| Value adjustments and provisions for  | 333,703                             | 10,000                              | 3, 132   | 00,031   | 07,277  | 322,103                               |
| other business risks  | 11,129                              | -1,815                              | _  | 3,961  | -2,190  | 11,085                                |
| Total value adjustments and   |                                     |                                     |  |  |   |                                       |
| provisions  | 977,245                             | -20,421                             | 5,432  | 114,213  | -100,251  | 976,218                               |
|   |                                     |                                     |  |  |   |                                       |

<sup>\*</sup> Of which CHF 4.1 million from the initial measurement of the stake in Aduno Holding Ltd using the equity method and its recognition in retained earnings.

## 10 Evidence of equity capital

|  | Number of<br>members | Nom.<br>amount/share | in 1000 CHF |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|-------------|
| Equity capital at the beginning of the current year                                  |                      |                      |             |
| Cooperative capital with additional funding obligation                               | 1,618,941            | _                    | 336,061     |
| Cooperative capital without additional funding obligation*                           | , , .                |                      | 199,967     |
| Total equity capital   | 1,618,941            | -                    | 536,028     |
| Retained earnings  |                      |                      | 8,092,328   |
| Total equity capital at the beginning of the year (before approp. of profits)        | 1,618,941            | _                    | 8,628,356   |
| + Payments from new cooperative members (with additional funding obligation)         | 105,123              | 200                  | 21,024      |
|  | 306                  | 300                  | 92          |
|  | 222                  | 400                  | 89          |
|  | 2,807                | 500                  | 1,404       |
| FPayment of cooperative shares without additional funding obligation                 |                      |                      | 25,655      |
| Payments through increase in nominal capital   |                      |                      | 2,041       |
| Total payments from new cooperative members  | 108,458              | _                    | 50,305      |
| - Repayments to departing cooperative members  | -47,353              | 200                  | -9,471      |
| with additional funding obligation)  | -144                 | 300                  | -43         |
|  | -105                 | 400                  | -42         |
|  | -1,005               | 500                  | -503        |
| - Repayment of cooperative shares without additional funding obligation              |                      |                      | -6,232      |
| Total repayments to departing cooperative members                                    | -48,607              | -                    | -16,291     |
| - Revaluation of a participation according to the equity method                      |                      |                      | 20,220      |
| - Interest paid on the cooperative capital of the Raiffeisen banks in the prior year |                      |                      | -28,522     |
| F Group profit in the current year   |                      |                      | 627,235     |
| Total equity capital at the end of the current year (before approp. of profits)      | 1,678,792            | -                    | 9,281,303   |
| of which cooperative capital with additional funding obligation                      | 1,623,662            | 200                  | 324,732     |
|  | 5,655                | 300                  | 1,697       |
|  | 5,150                | 400                  | 2,060       |
|  | 44,325               | 500                  | 22,163      |
| of which cooperative capital without additional funding obligation                   |                      |                      | 219,390     |
| Total cooperative capital at the end of the current year                             | 1,678,792            | -                    | 570,042     |
| of which retained earnings   |                      |                      | 8,084,026   |
| of which Group profit  |                      |                      | 627,235     |
| Additional funding obligation of the cooperative members                             |                      |                      | 13,430,336  |

<sup>\*</sup> Only those cooperative members who have a share certificate with additional funding obligation may subscribe to cooperative capital without additional funding obligation. To avoid double counting, the number of members is shown only under the position "Cooperative capital with additional funding obligation".

Non-distributable statutory or legal reserves based on individual financial statements as at 31 December 2010: CHF 2,616,366,000 (prior year: CHF 2,462,302,000).

No cooperative member holds more than 5 % of voting rights.

## 11 Maturity structure of current assets and outside debt

|                                       | On demand<br>in 1000 CHF | Redeemable<br>by notice<br>in 1000 CHF | Due within<br>3 months<br>in 1000 CHF | Due<br>within 3 to<br>12 months<br>in 1000 CHF | Due<br>within 1 to<br>5 years<br>in 1000 CHF | Due after<br>5 years<br>in 1000 CHF | Total<br>in 1000 CHF |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|--|--|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Current assets                        |                          |  |                                       |  |  |                                     |                      |
| Liquid funds                          | 1,463,188                | -                                      | _                                     | -  | _  | _                                   | 1,463,188            |
| Receivables from money market sec.    | 1,663                    | -                                      | -                                     | 99,830   | -  | _                                   | 101,493              |
| Receivables from banks                | 1,885,690                | -                                      | 4,435,020                             | 298,000  | _  | _                                   | 6,618,710            |
| Receivables from clients              | 133,306                  | 3,421,188                              | 832,992                               | 675,752  | 1,889,712                                    | 713,409                             | 7,666,359            |
| Mortgage receivables                  | 44,365                   | 23,598,302                             | 5,271,523                             | 11,240,825                                     | 62,156,490                                   | 17,283,571                          | 119,595,076          |
| Trading portfolios in securities and  |                          |  |                                       |  |  |                                     |                      |
| precious metals                       | 1,299,489                | -                                      | _                                     | -  | _  | _                                   | 1,299,489            |
| Financial assets*                     | 27,337                   | _                                      | 625,082                               | 1,616,784                                      | 3,107,210                                    | 326,976                             | 5,703,389            |
| Total current assets                  |                          |  |                                       |  |  |                                     |                      |
| Current year                          | 4,855,038                | 27,019,490                             | 11,164,617                            | 13,931,191                                     | 67,153,412                                   | 18,323,956                          | 142,447,704          |
| Prior year                            | 5,052,333                | 33,259,198                             | 8,180,344                             | 10,850,916                                     | 63,933,329                                   | 13,629,323                          | 134,905,443          |
| Outside debt                          |                          |  |                                       |  |  |                                     |                      |
| Liabilities to banks                  | 545,696                  | _                                      | 6,177,255                             | 1,500,729                                      | 282,841                                      | 75,000                              | 8,581,521            |
| Liabilities to clients in the form of |                          |  |                                       |  |  |                                     |                      |
| savings and investment deposits       | _                        | 86,590,755                             | -                                     | _  | -  | _                                   | 86,590,755           |
| Other liabilities to clients          | 10,582,656               | 34,895                                 | 2,601,995                             | 2,116,437                                      | 595,263                                      | 252,313                             | 16,183,559           |
| Medium-term notes                     | _                        | -                                      | 1,321,132                             | 3,057,044                                      | 8,451,265                                    | 838,966                             | 13,668,407           |
| Bonds and mortgage bond loans         | _                        | _                                      | 905,415                               | 382,200  | 4,103,525                                    | 4,356,350                           | 9,747,490            |
| Total outside debt                    |                          |  |                                       |  |  |                                     |                      |
| Current year                          | 11,128,352               | 86,625,650                             | 11,005,797                            | 7,056,410                                      | 13,432,894                                   | 5,522,629                           | 134,771,732          |
|                                       | 11,644,293               | 79,736,657                             | 11,116,159                            | 7,060,346                                      | 14,737,159                                   | 3,684,351                           | 127,978,965          |

<sup>\*</sup> Financial assets include CHF 21,732,000 of real estate (prior year: CHF 30,347,000).

### 12 Loans to executive bodies and transactions with associated persons

|   | Current year<br>in 1000 CHF | Prior year<br>in 1000 CHF |
|---|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 12.1 Loans to executive bodies and employees                |                             |                           |
| Members of the Board of Directors of Raiffeisen Switzerland | 8,856                       | 8,475                     |
| Members of the Executive Board of Raiffeisen Switzerland    | 20,311                      | 20,073                    |
| Total loans to executive bodies and employees               | 29,167                      | 28,548                    |
|   |                             |                           |

## 12.2 Transactions with associated persons

Special provisions apply to the processing and monitoring of loans to executive bodies to ensure that staff remain independent at all times.

The same conditions apply to members of the Board of Directors as to clients.

The Executive Board enjoys the same industry-standard preferential terms as other staff.

## 13 Breakdown of foreign and domestic assets and liabilities

|  | Current year<br>domestic<br>in 1000 CHF | Current year<br>foreign<br>in 1000 CHF | Prior year<br>domestic<br>in 1000 CHF | Prior year<br>foreign<br>in 1000 CHF |
|--|---|--|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Assets   |   |  |                                       |                                      |
| Liquid funds   | 1,459,426                               | 3,762                                  | 1,331,924                             | 6,212                                |
| Receivables from money market securities                     | 101,493                                 | -                                      | 3,722                                 | _                                    |
| Receivables from banks                                       | 1,908,900                               | 4,709,810                              | 2,935,507                             | 5,864,766                            |
| Receivables from clients                                     | 7,627,603                               | 38,756                                 | 6,910,811                             | 46,736                               |
| Mortgage receivables   | 119,595,076                             | -                                      | 110,678,088                           | _                                    |
| Trading portfolios in securities and precious metals         | 1,167,828                               | 131,661                                | 406,949                               | 93,412                               |
| Financial assets   | 4,865,364                               | 838,025                                | 5,631,681                             | 995,635                              |
| Non-consolidated participations                              | 553,363                                 | 3,901                                  | 452,071                               | 4,121                                |
| Tangible fixed assets  | 2,219,392                               | -                                      | 2,098,000                             | _                                    |
| Accrued income and prepaid expenses                          | 215,336                                 | 16,612                                 | 214,282                               | 12,784                               |
| Other assets   | 1,316,564                               | 466,157                                | 1,418,225                             | 415,038                              |
| Total assets   | 141,030,345                             | 6,208,684                              | 132,081,260                           | 7,438,704                            |
| Liabilities  |   |  |                                       |                                      |
| Liabilities to banks   | 5,341,669                               | 3,239,852                              | 6,118,322                             | 3,704,976                            |
| Liabilities to clients in the form of savings and investment |   |  |                                       |                                      |
| deposits   | 84,538,438                              | 2,052,317                              | 77,849,669                            | 1,838,243                            |
| Other liabilities to clients                                 | 15,750,360                              | 433,199                                | 14,157,832                            | 421,446                              |
| Medium-term notes  | 13,609,902                              | 58,505                                 | 16,419,757                            | 52,080                               |
| Bonds and mortgage bond loans                                | 9,747,490                               | -                                      | 7,416,640                             | _                                    |
| Accrued expenses and deferred income                         | 539,608                                 | 10,490                                 | 542,618                               | 3,436                                |
| Other liabilities  | 685,065                                 | 974,613                                | 520,781                               | 868,563                              |
| Value adjustments and provisions                             | 974,727                                 | 1,491                                  | 975,484                               | 1,761                                |
| Cooperative capital  | 570,042                                 | -                                      | 536,028                               | _                                    |
| Retained earnings  | 8,084,026                               | -                                      | 7,446,916                             | _                                    |
| Group profit   | 627,235                                 | -                                      | 645,412                               | -                                    |
| Total liabilities  | 140,468,562                             | 6,770,467                              | 132,629,459                           | 6,890,505                            |
|  |   |  |                                       |                                      |

## 14 Total assets by country or country group

|  | Current year<br>in 1000 CHF | Current year<br>in % | Prior year<br>in 1000 CHF | Prior year<br>in % |
|--|-----------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Assets   |                             |                      |                           |                    |
| Switzerland                                    | 141,030,345                 | 95.78                | 132,081,260               | 94.67              |
| Rest of Europe                                 | 6,008,346                   | 4.08                 | 7,287,432                 | 5.22               |
| Rest of world (America, Asia, Oceania, Africa) | 200,338                     | 0.14                 | 151,272                   | 0.11               |
| Total assets                                   | 147,239,029                 | 100.00               | 139,519,964               | 100.00             |
|  |                             |                      |                           |                    |

## 15 Balance sheet by currency

|   | CHF<br>in 1000 CHF | EUR<br>in 1000 CHF | USD<br>in 1000 CHF | Other<br>in 1000 CHF | Total<br>in 1000 CHF |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Assets  |                    |                    |                    |                      |                      |
| Liquid funds                                      | 1,203,338          | 165,970            | 26,729             | 67,151               | 1,463,188            |
| Receivables from money market securities          | 101,163            | 22                 | 293                | 15                   | 101,493              |
| Receivables from banks                            | 5,479,403          | 505,054            | 365,288            | 268,965              | 6,618,710            |
| Receivables from clients                          | 7,628,049          | 16,452             | 21,798             | 60                   | 7,666,359            |
| Mortgage receivables                              | 119,595,076        | _                  | _                  | _                    | 119,595,076          |
| Trading portfolios in securities and precious     |                    |                    |                    |                      |                      |
| metals  | 439,244            | 12,019             | 3,025              | 845,201              | 1,299,489            |
| Financial assets                                  | 5,102,717          | 599,734            | 938                | _                    | 5,703,389            |
| Participations                                    | 553,363            | 3,901              | _                  | _                    | 557,264              |
| Tangible fixed assets                             | 2,219,392          | _                  | _                  | _                    | 2,219,392            |
| Accrued income and prepaid expenses               | 219,857            | 12,047             | 21                 | 23                   | 231,948              |
| Other assets                                      | 1,782,719          | 2                  | _                  | _                    | 1,782,721            |
| Total assets reflected in the balance sheet       | 144,324,321        | 1,315,201          | 418,092            | 1,181,415            | 147,239,029          |
| Delivery claims under spot exchange,              |                    |                    |                    |                      |                      |
| forward exchange and currency option contracts    | 3,417,032          | 3,056,345          | 3,654,370          | 500,637              | 10,628,384           |
| Total assets                                      | 147,741,353        | 4,371,546          | 4,072,462          | 1,682,052            | 157,867,413          |
| Liabilities                                       |                    |                    |                    |                      |                      |
| Liabilities to banks                              | 5,628,033          | 1,549,453          | 1,152,042          | 251,993              | 8,581,521            |
| Liabilities to clients in the form of savings and |                    |                    |                    |                      |                      |
| investment deposits                               | 85,627,554         | 963,201            | _                  | _                    | 86,590,755           |
| Other liabilities to clients                      | 14,982,026         | 635,217            | 229,638            | 336,678              | 16,183,559           |
| Medium-term notes                                 | 13,668,407         | _                  | _                  | _                    | 13,668,407           |
| Bonds and mortgage bond loans                     | 9,747,490          | _                  | _                  | _                    | 9,747,490            |
| Accrued expenses and deferred income              | 541,459            | 7,485              | 1,002              | 152                  | 550,098              |
| Other liabilities                                 | 1,659,678          | _                  | _                  | _                    | 1,659,678            |
| Value adjustments and provisions                  | 976,218            | _                  | _                  | _                    | 976,218              |
| Cooperative capital                               | 570,042            | _                  | _                  | _                    | 570,042              |
| Retained earnings                                 | 8,084,026          | _                  | _                  | _                    | 8,084,026            |
| Group profit                                      | 627,235            | _                  | _                  | _                    | 627,235              |
| Total liabilities reflected in the                |                    |                    |                    |                      |                      |
| balance sheet                                     | 142,112,168        | 3,155,356          | 1,382,682          | 588,823              | 147,239,029          |
| Delivery obligations under spot exchange,         |                    |                    |                    |                      |                      |
| forward exchange and currency option contracts    | 5,982,493          | 1,157,778          | 2,642,196          | 1,093,481            | 10,875,948           |
| Total liabilities                                 | 148,094,661        | 4,313,134          | 4,024,878          | 1,682,304            | 158,114,977          |
| Net position per currency                         | -353,308           | 58,412             | 47,584             | -252                 | -247,564             |

|                                   | 31.12.2010 | 31.12.2009 |
|-----------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Foreign currency conversion rates |            |            |
| EUR                               | 1.253      | 1.486      |
| USD                               | 0.938      | 1.031      |
|                                   |            |            |

## Information on off-balance-sheet business

## 16. Contingent liabilities

|                              | Current year<br>in 1000 CHF | Prior year<br>in 1000 CHF |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Loan security guarantees     | 175,047                     | 174,711                   |
| Warranty bonds               | 66,389                      | 63,529                    |
| Other contingent liabilities | 180,573                     | 174,090                   |
| Total contingent liabilities | 422,009                     | 412,330                   |
|                              |                             |                           |

## 17 Open derivative financial instruments

## 17.1 Trading instruments with internal and external counterparties

|                                    | Positive<br>contract<br>replacement<br>value<br>in 1000 CHF | Negative<br>contract<br>replacement<br>value<br>in 1000 CHF | Contract<br>volume<br>up to 1 year<br>in 1000 CHF | Contract<br>volume<br>1 to 5 years<br>in 1000 CHF | Contract<br>volume<br>over 5 years<br>in 1000 CHF | Contract<br>volume total<br>in 1000 CHF |
|------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Interest rate instruments          |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Forward contracts incl. FRAs       | 1,241   | 1,537   | 11,050,000  | _   | _   | 11,050,000                              |
| Swaps                              | 1,169,330   | 1,183,733   | 30,546,620  | 30,819,600  | 15,592,150  | 76,958,370                              |
| Futures contracts                  | _   | _   | 3,129,994   | 1,845,243   | _   | 4,975,238                               |
| Options (OTC)                      | _   | 66  | 20,455  | 12,713  | 2,404   | 35,572                                  |
| Foreign currencies                 |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Forward contracts                  | 373,172   | 364,561   | 11,570,805  | 9,395   | _   | 11,580,199                              |
| Comb. interest rate/currency swaps | 66,621  | 66,603  | 229,604   | 317,855   | _   | 547,458                                 |
| Precious metals                    |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Forward contracts                  | 19,894  | 23,170  | 1,249,509   | _   | _   | 1,249,509                               |
| Equity securities and indices      |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Futures contracts                  | _   | _   | 13,831  | _   | _   | 13,831                                  |
| Options (traded)                   | 3,490   | 876   | 110,514   | 127   | _   | 110,640                                 |
| Other                              |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Options (OTC)                      | 2,000   | _   | _   | _   | 23,700  | 23,700                                  |
| Total                              |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Current year                       | 1,635,747   | 1,640,546   | 57,921,331  | 33,004,932  | 15,618,254  | 106,544,518                             |
| Prior year                         | 1,297,634   | 1,302,761   | 81,138,007  | 25,030,443  | 12,542,222  | 118,710,672                             |
|                                    |   |   |   |   |   |   |

## 17.2 Hedging instruments with internal counterparties

|                                    | Positive<br>contract<br>replacement<br>value<br>in 1000 CHF | Negative<br>contract<br>replacement<br>value<br>in 1000 CHF | Contract<br>volume<br>up to 1 year<br>in 1000 CHF | Contract<br>volume<br>1 to 5 years<br>in 1000 CHF | Contract<br>volume<br>over 5 years<br>in 1000 CHF | Contract<br>volume total<br>in 1000 CHF |
|------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Interest rate instruments          |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Swaps                              | 208,275   | 681,649   | 8,530,000   | 11,335,000  | 6,040,000   | 25,905,000                              |
| Foreign currencies                 |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Forward contracts                  | _   | 186,887   | 2,249,301   | _   | _   | 2,249,301                               |
| Comb. interest rate/currency swaps | _   | 66,621  | 101,169   | 137,841   | _   | 239,010                                 |
| Total                              |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Current year                       | 208,275   | 935,157   | 10,880,470  | 11,472,841  | 6,040,000   | 28,393,311                              |
| Prior year                         | 194,824   | 665,434   | 29,490,000  | 9,008,375   | 4,875,000   | 43,373,375                              |
|                                    |   |   |   |   |   |   |

### 17.3 Derivative financial instruments with external counterparties

|                 | Positive<br>contract<br>replacement<br>value<br>in 1000 CHF | Negative<br>contract<br>replacement<br>value<br>in 1000 CHF | Contract<br>volume<br>up to 1 year<br>in 1000 CHF | Contract<br>volume<br>1 to 5 years<br>in 1000 CHF | Contract<br>volume<br>over 5 years<br>in 1000 CHF | Contract<br>volume total<br>in 1000 CHF |
|-----------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Banks           | 691,763   | 1,427,927   | 43,327,230  | 19,631,691  | 9,552,150   | 72,511,071                              |
| Clients         | 5,337   | 3,467   | 240,992   | 12,858  | 26,104  | 279,954                                 |
| Stock exchanges | 3,490   | 876   | 3,254,339   | 1,845,370   | -   | 5,099,709                               |
| Total           |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Current year    | 700,590   | 1,432,270   | 46,822,561  | 21,489,919  | 9,578,254   | 77,890,734                              |
| Prior year      | 632,200   | 1,107,937   | 51,648,005  | 15,996,995  | 7,667,222   | 75,312,222                              |
|                 |   |   |   |   |   |   |

No netting contracts are used to report the replacement values.

## **Quality of counterparties**

Banks: Derivative transactions were conducted with counterparties with a good to very good credit rating. 92.4% of the positive replacement values are open with counterparties with a rating of A or better (Standard & Poor's) or with a comparable rating.

Clients: In transactions with clients the required margins were secured by assets or free credit lines.

## 18 Fiduciary transactions

|  | CHF<br>in 1000 CHF | EUR<br>in 1000 CHF | USD<br>in 1000 CHF | Other<br>in 1000 CHF | Total<br>in 1000 CHF |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Fiduciary investments with third-party banks | _                  | 6,576              | 2,346              | 4,930                | 13,852               |
| Total fiduciary transactions                 | -                  | 6,576              | 2,346              | 4,930                | 13,852               |
| Prior year                                   | 240                | 19,434             | 3,272              | 3,947                | 26,893               |
|  |                    |                    |                    |                      |                      |

## Information on the income statement

### 19 Net income from commission business and service transactions

|  | Current year<br>in 1000 CHF | Prior year<br>in 1000 CHF |
|--|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Commission income  |                             |                           |
| Commission income from lending business                            | 9,113                       | 7,339                     |
| Commission income from securities and investment business          |                             |                           |
| Fund business  | 69,070                      | 64,986                    |
| Custody account business   | 43,834                      | 42,921                    |
| Brokerage  | 65,942                      | 61,563                    |
| Other securities and investment business                           | 16,598                      | 13,082                    |
| Commission income from other service transactions                  |                             |                           |
| Payments*  | 100,458                     | 96,723                    |
| Account maintenance  | 25,884                      | 26,480                    |
| Other service transactions*  | 12,350                      | 19,986                    |
| Total commission income  | 343,249                     | 333,080                   |
| Commission expenditure   |                             |                           |
| Securities business  | -44,228                     | -46,795                   |
| Payments   | -51,678                     | -53,109                   |
| Other commission expenditure                                       | -5,777                      | -5,896                    |
| Total commission expenditure                                       | -101,683                    | -105,800                  |
| Total net income from commission business and service transactions | 241,566                     | 227,280                   |

<sup>\*</sup> Commission income from international card transactions is now reported under payments.

## 20 Net trading income

| Current year<br>in 1000 CHF | Prior year<br>in 1000 CHF                        |
|-----------------------------|--|
| 76,449                      | 52,976   |
| 36,071                      | 53,103   |
| -601                        | 5,099  |
| 4,151                       | 5,032  |
| 116,070                     | 116,210  |
|                             |  |
|                             | in 1000 CHF<br>76,449<br>36,071<br>-601<br>4,151 |

## 21 Income from participating interests

|  | Current year<br>in 1000 CHF | Prior year<br>in 1000 CHF |
|--|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Holdings valued according to the equity method | 12,487                      | 10,343                    |
| Other non-consolidated holdings                | 19,940                      | 19,246                    |
| Total income from participating interests      | 32,427                      | 29,589                    |
|  |                             |                           |

### 22 Personnel expenditure

|  | Current year<br>in 1000 CHF | Prior year<br>in 1000 CHF |
|--|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Corporate bodies, attendance fees and fixed emoluments | 23,708                      | 23,479                    |
| Salaries and bonuses for staff                         | 825,397                     | 812,782                   |
| AHV, IV, ALV and other statutory contributions         | 72,524                      | 75,563                    |
| Contributions to staff pension funds                   | 86,063                      | 79,028                    |
| Ancillary staff expenses                               | 23,715                      | 25,575                    |
| Total personnel expenditure                            | 1,031,407                   | 1,016,427                 |
|  |                             |                           |

## 23 Operating expenditure

|  | Current year<br>in 1000 CHF | Prior year<br>in 1000 CHF |
|--|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Occupancy costs  | 74,413                      | 73,296                    |
| Cost of computer equipment, machinery, furniture, vehicles and other equipment | 103,411                     | 109,729                   |
| Other operating expenditure  | 256,055                     | 263,411                   |
| Total operating expenditure  | 433,879                     | 446,436                   |
|  |                             |                           |

## 24. Extraordinary income and expenditure

## **Current year**

The extraordinary income of CHF 31.6 million includes CHF 18.7 million from reversals of value adjustments and releases of provisions for default risks and other business risks as well as income of CHF 3.2 million from the sale of tangible fixed assets and participations and CHF 6.5 million from appreciation on participations.

The extraordinary expenditure of CHF 7.6 million includes losses of CHF 5.2 million from the sale of tangible fixed assets.

### **Prior year**

The extraordinary income of CHF 96 million includes CHF 15.2 million from reversals of value adjustments and releases of provisions for default risks and other business risks as well as income of CHF 4.4 million from the sale of tangible fixed assets and participations and CHF 71.3 million from appreciation on participations.

The extraordinary expenditure of CHF 4.9 million includes losses of CHF 3.6 million from the sale of tangible fixed assets.

### 25 Tax expenditure

|   | Current year<br>in 1000 CHF | Prior year<br>in 1000 CHF |
|---|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Creation of provisions for deferred taxes | 28,511                      | 28,015                    |
| Expenditure for current income tax        | 116,628                     | 117,705                   |
| Total tax expenditure                     | 145,139                     | 145,720                   |
|   |                             |                           |

## Report of the statutory auditor

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Report of the statutory auditor for the Raiffeisen Group's consolidated annual accounts to the Board of Directors of the Raiffeisen Switzerland Cooperative, St. Gallen PricewaterhouseCoopers Ltd Neumarkt 4/Kornhausstrasse 26 Postfach 1644 9001 St. Gallen Phone +41 58 792 72 00 Fax +41 58 792 72 10 www.pwc.ch

### Report of the statutory auditor on the consolidated financial statements

As statutory auditor, we have audited the consolidated financial statements of the Raiffeisen Group, which comprise the balance sheet, income statement, statement of cash flows and notes (pages 98 to 131), for the year ending 31 December 2010.

### Board of Directors' Responsibility

The Board of Directors is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements in accordance with accounting rules for banks and the requirements of Swiss law. This responsibility includes designing, implementing and maintaining an internal control system relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. The Board of Directors is further responsible for selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Swiss law and Swiss Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the consolidated financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers the internal control system relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control system. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of the accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

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### Opinion

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements for the year ending 31 December 2010 give a true and fair view of the financial position, the results of operations and the cash flows in accordance with accounting rules for banks and comply with Swiss law.

### Report on other legal requirements

We confirm that we meet the legal requirements on licensing according to the Auditor Oversight Act (AOA) and independence (article 906 CO in connection with article 728 CO and article 11 AOA) and that there are no circumstances incompatible with our independence.

In accordance with article 906 CO in connection with article 728a paragraph 1 item 3 CO and Swiss Auditing Standard 890, we confirm that an internal control system exists which has been designed for the preparation of consolidated financial statements according to the instructions of the Board of Directors.

We recommend that the consolidated financial statements submitted to you be approved.

PricewaterhouseCoopers Ltd

Bruno Gmür Stefan Keller Wyss Audit expert Audit expert Auditor in charge

St. Gallen, 1 April 2011

## Information on capital adequacy situation

Quantitative information has been disclosed in accordance with the requirements laid down in the Capital Adequacy and Risk Diversification Ordinance. Some of this information cannot be directly compared with that provided in the consolidated accounts, which is reported in line with the accounting requirements for banks laid down in FINMA Circular 2008/2. Capital adequacy calculations are based on the same group of consolidated companies as the consolidated accounts (see chart on page 60).

### Mandatory and eligible capital

|  | Current year<br>Risk-weighted<br>positions<br>in 1000 CHF | Current year<br>Required<br>capital<br>in 1000 CHF | Prior year<br>Risk-weighted<br>positions<br>in 1000 CHF | Prior year<br>Required<br>capital<br>in 1000 CHF |
|--|---|--|---|--|
| Mandatory capital                                    |   |  |   |  |
| Credit risk (Swiss standard approach)                |   |  |   |  |
| Receivables from banks                               | 365,800   | 29,264   | 784,678   | 62,774   |
| Receivables from clients                             | 4,092,302   | 327,384  | 3,691,526   | 295,322  |
| Mortgage receivables                                 | 49,168,255  | 3,933,460  | 45,631,646  | 3,650,532  |
| Accrued income and prepaid expenses                  | 135,448   | 10,836   | 134,072   | 10,726   |
| Other assets, total replacement value of derivatives | 266,968   | 21,357   | 237,526   | 19,002   |
| Other assets, miscellaneous                          | 117,858   | 9,429  | 37,037  | 2,963  |
| Net interest positions outside trading book          | 806,661   | 64,533   | 830,747   | 66,460   |
| Net equity positions outside trading book            | 82,458  | 6,597  | 82,100  | 6,568  |
| Contingent liabilities                               | 269,931   | 21,594   | 266,467   | 21,317   |
| Irrevocable commitments                              | 1,761,814   | 140,945  | 1,516,376   | 121,310  |
| Call commitments and additional funding obligations  | 377,708   | 30,217   | 386,458   | 30,917   |
| Add-ons for forward contracts and options purchased  | 56,412  | 4,513  | 46,367  | 3,709  |
| Unsettled transactions                               | -   | - 1  | _   | _  |
| Mandatory capital for credit risks                   |   | 4,600,129  |   | 4,291,600  |
| Non-counterparty-related risks                       |   |  |   |  |
| Tangible fixed assets and software                   | 7,436,056   | 594,884  | 7,070,501   | 565,640  |
| Real estate in financial assets                      | 81,496  | 6,520  | 113,803   | 9,104  |
| Mandatory capital for non-counterparty-related risks |   | 601,404  |   | 574,744  |
| Market risks (standard approach)                     |   |  |   |  |
| Interest rate instruments – general market risk      |   | 45,074   |   | 45,283   |
| Interest rate instruments – specific risk            |   | 5,477  |   | 2,575  |
| Equity instruments                                   |   | 3,751  |   | 1,965  |
| Foreign currencies and gold                          |   | 13,025   |   | 12,666   |
| Other precious metals                                |   | 8,768  |   | 3,800  |
| Options  |   | 4  |   | 1  |
| Mandatory capital for market risks                   |   | 76,099   |   | 66,290   |
| Mandatory capital for operational risks              |   |  |   |  |
| (basic indicator approach)                           |   | 353,465  |   | 347,431  |
| Value adjustments recorded under liabilities         |   |  |   |  |
| (Art. 62 Capital Adequacy Ordinance)                 |   |  |   | -115   |
| Total mandatory capital                              |   | 5,631,097  |   | 5,279,950  |

|  | Current year<br>Risk-weighted<br>positions<br>in 1000 CHF | Current year<br>Required<br>capital<br>in 1000 CHF | Prior year<br>Risk-weighted<br>positions<br>in 1000 CHF | Prior year<br>Required<br>capital<br>in 1000 CHF |
|--|---|--|---|--|
| Available capital  |   |  |   |  |
| Total core capital   |   | 9,251,358  |   | 8,599,799  |
| of which innovative core capital instruments                       |   | -  |   | _  |
| – proportional deduction for participations in the financial area* |   | -277,220   |   | -227,831   |
| Eligible adjusted core capital                                     |   | 8,974,138  |   | 8,371,968  |
| Eligible upper supplementary capital                               |   | -  |   | -  |
| Eligible lower supplementary capital                               |   | 4,485,732  |   | 4,299,899  |
| – proportional deduction for participations in the financial area* |   | -277,220   |   | -227,831   |
| Eligible supplementary capital                                     |   | 4,208,512  |   | 4,072,068  |
| Total eligible capital   |   | 13,182,650   |   | 12,444,036                                       |
| Equity surplus   |   | 7,551,553  |   | 7,164,086  |
| Equity cover   |   | 234.1 %  |   | 235.7%   |
| Core capital ratio   |   | 12.7%  |   | 12.7%  |
| Total capital ratio  |   | 18.7 %   |   | 18.9%  |
|  |   |  |   |  |

<sup>\*</sup> The major participations pursuant to note 3.2 "Holdings valued according to the equity method" and note 3.3 "Other non-consolidated participations" of the Raiffeisen Group's annual report (with the exception of participation in the Olma Messen St.Gallen cooperative) are deducted fifty-fifty from the adjusted core capital and supplementary capital in order to calculate the mandatory capital.

## Credit risk by counterparty

| Loan commitments<br>(in 1000 CHF)¹   | Central gov-<br>ernments/<br>central banks | Banks and<br>securities<br>dealers | Other institutions | Corporates | Retail      | Equity | Other commit-<br>ments | Total       |
|--------------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|--------------------|------------|-------------|--------|------------------------|-------------|
| Balance sheet items                  |  |                                    |                    |            |             |        |                        |             |
| Receivables from banks               | 800,225                                    | 5,818,485                          | -                  | _          | _           | _      | _                      | 6,618,710   |
| Receivables from clients             | 6,571                                      | 143,359                            | 3,065,284          | 1,021,709  | 3,429,436   | _      | _                      | 7,666,359   |
| Mortgage receivables                 | 70,113                                     | 94,875                             | 24,895             | 709,316    | 118,695,877 | _      | _                      | 119,595,076 |
| Interest and equity positions        |  |                                    |                    |            |             |        |                        |             |
| outside trading book                 | 2,875,464                                  | 366,181                            | 101,770            | 2,410,736  | _           | 30,160 | 1,663                  | 5,785,974   |
| Replacement values of                |  |                                    |                    |            |             |        |                        |             |
| derivatives <sup>2</sup>             | _  | 695,253                            | _                  | 2,094      | 3,243       | -      | -                      | 700,590     |
| Other assets                         | 665,023                                    | 54,808                             | 1,453              | 108,704    | 130,323     | -      | -                      | 960,311     |
| Total current year                   | 4,417,396                                  | 7,172,961                          | 3,193,402          | 4,252,559  | 122,258,879 | 30,160 | 1,663                  | 141,327,020 |
| Total prior year                     | 5,159,272                                  | 9,535,085                          | 3,279,399          | 3,422,700  | 113,352,213 | 28,377 | 9,650                  | 134,786,696 |
| Off-balance-sheet items <sup>3</sup> |  |                                    |                    |            |             |        |                        |             |
| Contingent liabilities               | 643  | 9,793                              | 2,641              | 207,395    | 151,745     | -      | -                      | 372,217     |
| Irrevocable commitments              | 84   | 15,965                             | 562,530            | 25,022     | 1,785,787   | -      | _                      | 2,389,388   |
| Call commitments and additional      |  |                                    |                    |            |             |        |                        |             |
| funding obligations                  | -  | _                                  | -                  | 377,708    | _           | _      | _                      | 377,708     |
| Add-ons for forward contracts        |  |                                    |                    |            |             |        |                        |             |
| and options purchased <sup>2</sup>   | -  | 146,528                            | -                  | 251        | 601         | _      | _                      | 147,380     |
| Total current year                   | 727  | 172,286                            | 565,171            | 610,376    | 1,938,133   | -      | -                      | 3,286,693   |
| Total prior year                     | 666  | 141,894                            | 556,185            | 587,729    | 1,665,368   | -      | -                      | 2,951,842   |
|                                      |  |                                    |                    |            |             |        |                        |             |

## Credit risk/minimisation of credit risk

| Loan commitments<br>(in 1000 CHF)¹                               | Covered by<br>recognised<br>financial<br>securities <sup>4</sup> | Covered by guarantees and credit derivatives | Other loan commitments | Total       |
|--|--|--|------------------------|-------------|
| Balance sheet items  |  |  |                        |             |
| Receivables from banks   | 4,256,868  | _  | 2,361,842              | 6,618,710   |
| Receivables from clients   | 514,753  | 168,158                                      | 6,983,448              | 7,666,359   |
| Mortgage receivables   | 245,997  | 99,307                                       | 119,249,772            | 119,595,076 |
| Interest and equity positions outside trading book               | _  | _  | 5,785,974              | 5,785,974   |
| Replacement values of derivatives <sup>2</sup>                   | _  | _  | 700,590                | 700,590     |
| Other assets   | _  | _  | 960,311                | 960,311     |
| Total current year   | 5,017,618  | 267,465                                      | 136,041,937            | 141,327,020 |
| Total prior year   | 4,073,008  | 226,931                                      | 130,486,757            | 134,786,696 |
| Off-balance-sheet items <sup>3</sup>                             |  |  |                        |             |
| Contingent liabilities   | 67,433   | 3,516  | 301,268                | 372,217     |
| Irrevocable commitments  | 50,131   | 14,070                                       | 2,325,187              | 2,389,388   |
| Call commitments and additional funding obligations              | -  | _  | 377,708                | 377,708     |
| Add-ons for forward contracts and options purchased <sup>2</sup> | -  | _  | 147,380                | 147,380     |
| Total current year   | 117,564  | 17,586                                       | 3,151,543              | 3,286,693   |
| Total prior year   | 95,317   | 2,067  | 2,854,458              | 2,951,842   |

## Segmentation of credit risks

| Loan commitments                                    | Risk weightings under supervisory law |       |         |       |             |       |       |      |       |      |         |
|---|---------------------------------------|-------|---------|-------|-------------|-------|-------|------|-------|------|---------|
| (in CHF million) <sup>1</sup>                       | 0%                                    | 25 %  | 35 %    | 50 %  | <b>75</b> % | 100%  | 125 % | 150% | 250 % | 500% | Total   |
| Balance sheet items                                 |                                       |       |         |       |             |       |       |      |       |      |         |
| Receivables from banks                              | 5,156                                 | 1,463 | -       | -     | -           | _     | -     | -    | _     | -    | 6,619   |
| Receivables from clients                            | 480                                   | 112   | 1,888   | 2,954 | 1,028       | 1,149 | 0     | 55   | _     | _    | 7,666   |
| Mortgage receivables                                | 193                                   | 90    | 99,986  | 4,539 | 11,486      | 2,801 | 0     | 500  | _     | _    | 119,595 |
| Interest and equity positions outside               |                                       |       |         |       |             |       |       |      |       |      |         |
| trading book  | 2,875                                 | 2,577 | -       | 273   | 19          | 12    | _     | -    | 27    | 3    | 5,786   |
| Replacement values of derivatives <sup>2</sup>      | _                                     | 375   | -       | 290   | 31          | 5     | _     | -    | _     | _    | 701     |
| Other assets  | 665                                   | 55    | _       | 1     | _           | 239   | _     | _    | _     | _    | 960     |
| Total current year                                  | 9,369                                 | 4,672 | 101,874 | 8,057 | 12,564      | 4,206 | 0     | 555  | 27    | 3    | 141,327 |
| Total prior year                                    | 10,666                                | 6,202 | 93,947  | 8,082 | 11,593      | 3,644 | 0     | 624  | 24    | 4    | 134,786 |
| Off-balance-sheet items <sup>3</sup>                |                                       |       |         |       |             |       |       |      |       |      |         |
| Contingent liabilities                              | 56                                    | 12    | 30      | 6     | 57          | 211   | -     | 0    | _     | -    | 372     |
| Irrevocable commitments                             | 48                                    | 578   | 218     | 3     | 12          | 1,531 | _     | -    | _     | -    | 2,390   |
| Call commitments and additional funding obligations | _                                     | _     | _       | _     | _           | 378   | _     | _    | _     | _    | 378     |
| Add-ons for forward contracts and                   |                                       |       |         |       |             |       |       |      |       |      |         |
| options purchased <sup>2</sup>                      | _                                     | 77    | _       | 62    | 7           | 1     | _     | _    | _     | _    | 147     |
| Total current year                                  | 104                                   | 667   | 248     | 71    | 76          | 2,121 | _     | 0    | _     | _    | 3,287   |
| Total prior year                                    | 87                                    | 643   | 189     | 51    | 71          | 1,911 | _     | 0    | _     | _    | 2,952   |

<sup>1)</sup> Before deduction of individual value adjustments.

<sup>2)</sup> Derivative counterparty risk is calculated using the mark-to-market method.

<sup>3)</sup> Non-derivative off-balance-sheet items are shown after conversion into credit equivalents.

<sup>4)</sup> Securities are recognised using the simple method.

# Group companies compared

|                                   | Raiffeise       | n banks       |                 | Raiffeisen<br>Switzerland |                 |               |                 |               |                 | solidation<br>effects Raif |  | Raiffeisen Group |  |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|----------------------------|--|------------------|--|
| (in CHF million)                  | Current<br>year | Prior<br>year | Current<br>year | Prior<br>year             | Current<br>year | Prior<br>year | Current<br>year | Prior<br>year | Current<br>year | Prior<br>year              |  |                  |  |
| Profit and loss account           |                 |               |                 |                           |                 |               |                 |               |                 |                            |  |                  |  |
| Net interest income               | 1,867           | 1,839         | 125             | 97                        | _               | 5             | 10              | 10            | 2,002           | 1,951                      |  |                  |  |
| Net income from commission busi-  |                 |               |                 |                           |                 |               |                 |               |                 |                            |  |                  |  |
| ness and service transactions     | 184             | 179           | 72              | 63                        | _               | _             | -14             | -15           | 242             | 227                        |  |                  |  |
| Net trading income                | 74              | 66            | 42              | 50                        | _               | _             | _               | -             | 116             | 116                        |  |                  |  |
| Other ordinary result             | 36              | 34            | 300             | 296                       | _               | _             | -278            | -274          | 58              | 56                         |  |                  |  |
| Operating income                  | 2,161           | 2,118         | 539             | 506                       | -               | 5             | -282            | -279          | 2,418           | 2,350                      |  |                  |  |
| Personnel expenditure             | -755            | -732          | -288            | -293                      | _               | _             | 12              | 9             | -1,031          | -1,016                     |  |                  |  |
| Operating expenditure             | -567            | -562          | -149            | -155                      | _               | -3            | 282             | 273           | -434            | -447                       |  |                  |  |
| Total operating expenditure       | -1,322          | -1,294        | -437            | -448                      | -               | -3            | 294             | 282           | -1,465          | -1,463                     |  |                  |  |
| Gross profit                      | 839             | 824           | 102             | 58                        | -               | 2             | 12              | 3             | 953             | 887                        |  |                  |  |
| Depreciation on fixed assets      | -138            | -127          | -70             | -92                       | _               | _             | 8               | 40            | -200            | -179                       |  |                  |  |
| Value adjustments, provisions     |                 |               |                 |                           |                 |               |                 |               |                 |                            |  |                  |  |
| and losses                        | -450            | -454          | -4              | -2                        | _               | -1            | 450             | 449           | -4              | -8                         |  |                  |  |
| Operating profit (interim result) | 251             | 243           | 28              | -36                       | _               | 1             | 470             | 492           | 749             | 700                        |  |                  |  |
| Key balance sheet figures         |                 |               |                 |                           |                 |               |                 |               |                 |                            |  |                  |  |
| Total assets                      | 136,469         | 128,472       | 30,929          | 30,505                    | 12              | 195           | -20,171         | -19,652       | 147,239         | 139,520                    |  |                  |  |
| Loans to clients                  | 120,876         | 112,572       | 6,390           | 5,038                     | 1               | 188           | -6              | -162          | 127,261         | 117,636                    |  |                  |  |
| Client monies                     | 107,734         | 102 884       | 8,731           | 7,875                     | _               | 13            | -22             | -33           | 116 //3         | 110,739                    |  |                  |  |

# Balance Sheet – five-year overview

| (in CHF million)  | 2010    | 2009    | 2008    | 2007    | 2006    |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Assets  |         |         |         |         |         |
| Liquid funds  | 1,463   | 1,338   | 1,829   | 1,203   | 1,138   |
| Receivables from money market securities                              | 102     | 4       | 5       | 10      | 11      |
| Receivables from banks  | 6,619   | 8,800   | 12,605  | 12,340  | 11,372  |
| Receivables from clients  | 7,666   | 6,958   | 7,160   | 7,228   | 6,957   |
| Mortgage receivables  | 119,595 | 110,678 | 101,435 | 94,299  | 88,153  |
| Loans to clients  | 127,261 | 117,636 | 108,595 | 101,527 | 95,110  |
| Trading portfolios in securities and precious metals                  | 1,300   | 500     | 341     | 690     | 140     |
| Financial assets  | 5,703   | 6,627   | 3,391   | 2,204   | 2,547   |
| Non-consolidated participations                                       | 557     | 456     | 339     | 406     | 400     |
| Tangible fixed assets   | 2,219   | 2,098   | 1,976   | 1,791   | 1,688   |
| Accrued income and prepaid expenses                                   | 232     | 227     | 219     | 260     | 242     |
| Other assets  | 1,783   | 1,833   | 2,275   | 2,644   | 1,350   |
| Total assets  | 147,239 | 139,520 | 131,575 | 123,076 | 113,998 |
| Liabilities   |         |         |         |         |         |
| Liabilities to banks  | 8,582   | 9,823   | 8,496   | 11,431  | 9,786   |
| Liabilities to clients in the form of savings and investment deposits | 86,591  | 79,688  | 67,492  | 60,880  | 62,304  |
| Other liabilities to clients  | 16,184  | 14,579  | 18,326  | 17,765  | 12,884  |
| Medium-term notes   | 13,668  | 16,472  | 18,280  | 15,510  | 12,837  |
| Client monies   | 116,443 | 110,739 | 104,098 | 94,155  | 88,025  |
| Bonds and mortgage bond loans   | 9,747   | 7,417   | 7,946   | 7,757   | 7,316   |
| Accrued expenses and deferred income                                  | 550     | 546     | 695     | 696     | 557     |
| Other liabilities   | 1,660   | 1,389   | 1,382   | 597     | 519     |
| Value adjustments and provisions                                      | 976     | 977     | 979     | 1,038   | 1,109   |
| Cooperative capital   | 570     | 536     | 505     | 467     | 428     |
| Retained earnings   | 8,084   | 7,447   | 6,910   | 6,234   | 5,603   |
| Group profit  | 627     | 645     | 564     | 701     | 655     |
| Total equity capital  | 9,281   | 8,628   | 7,979   | 7,402   | 6,686   |
| Total liabilities   | 147,239 | 139,520 | 131,575 | 123,076 | 113,998 |

# Profit and Loss Account – five-year overview

| (in CHF million)                                     | 2010   | 2009   | 2008   | 2007   | 2006   |
|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Interest and discount income                         | 3,383  | 3,457  | 3,945  | 3,611  | 3,118  |
| Interest and dividend income from financial assets   | 91     | 98     | 52     | 60     | 69     |
| Interest expenditure                                 | -1,472 | -1,604 | -2,071 | -1,790 | -1,385 |
| Net interest income                                  | 2,002  | 1,951  | 1,926  | 1,881  | 1,802  |
| Commission income lending business                   | 9      | 7      | 7      | 5      | 5      |
| Commission income securities and investment business | 195    | 183    | 186    | 215    | 187    |
| Commission income other service transactions         | 139    | 143    | 138    | 131    | 129    |
| Commission expenditure                               | -102   | -106   | -101   | -108   | -71    |
| Net income from commission business and              |        |        |        |        |        |
| service transactions                                 | 242    | 227    | 230    | 243    | 250    |
| Net trading income                                   | 116    | 116    | 108    | 112    | 84     |
| Income from sale of financial assets                 | 1      | 1      | 1      | 1      | 1      |
| Income from participating interests                  | 32     | 30     | 36     | 34     | 24     |
| Income from real estate                              | 19     | 17     | 18     | 18     | 16     |
| Other ordinary income                                | 8      | 9      | 14     | 9      | 7      |
| Other ordinary expenditure                           | -2     | -1     | -7     | -1     | -1     |
| Other ordinary result                                | 58     | 56     | 62     | 61     | 47     |
| Operating income                                     | 2,418  | 2,350  | 2,326  | 2,297  | 2,183  |
| Personnel expenditure                                | -1,031 | -1,016 | -962   | -880   | -796   |
| Operating expenditure                                | -434   | -447   | -481   | -452   | -406   |
| Total operating expenditure                          | -1,465 | -1,463 | -1,443 | -1,332 | -1,202 |
| Gross profit   | 953    | 887    | 883    | 965    | 981    |
| Depreciation on fixed assets                         | -200   | -179   | -231   | -140   | -147   |
| Value adjustments, provisions and losses             | -4     | -8     | -11    | -3     | -11    |
| Operating profit (interim result)                    | 749    | 700    | 641    | 822    | 823    |
| Extraordinary income                                 | 31     | 96     | 43     | 22     | 7      |
| Extraordinary expenditure                            | -8     | -5     | -3     | -4     | -6     |
| Taxes  | -145   | -146   | -117   | -138   | -169   |
| Group profit   | 627    | 645    | 564    | 701    | 655    |

# Cash Flow Statement – five-year overview

| (in CHF million)  | 2010   | 2009   | 2008   | 2007   | 2006   |
|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Group profit  | 627    | 645    | 564    | 700    | 655    |
| + Depreciation on fixed assets  | 200    | 179    | 231    | 140    | 147    |
| – Appreciation on participations                                      | -7     | -71    | _      | _      | -2     |
| + Value adjustments and provisions                                    | -1     | -2     | -59    | -71    | 12     |
| - Increase / + decrease in money market securities                    | -98    | 1      | 6      | _      | _      |
| ± Net change in receivables from/liabilities to banks                 | 940    | 5,132  | -3,200 | 676    | -1,197 |
| <ul> <li>Increase / + decrease in receivables from clients</li> </ul> | -708   | 202    | 68     | -271   | -69    |
| <ul> <li>Increase / + decrease in mortgage receivables</li> </ul>     | -8,917 | -9,243 | -7,136 | -6,146 | -4,260 |
| + Increase / – decrease in liabilities to clients in the form of      |        |        |        |        |        |
| savings and investment deposits                                       | 6,903  | 12,196 | 6,613  | -1,424 | 320    |
| + Increase / – decrease in other liabilities to clients               | 1,604  | -3,747 | 560    | 4,881  | 2,323  |
| + Increase / – decrease in medium-term notes                          | -2,803 | -1,808 | 2,770  | 2,673  | 2,015  |
| ± Net change in receivables from/liabilities to clients               | -3,921 | -2,400 | 2,875  | -287   | 330    |
| – Increase / + decrease in trading portfolios in securities and       |        |        |        |        |        |
| precious metals   | -799   | -159   | 350    | -550   | -84    |
| - Increase / + decrease in financial assets (debt securities, etc.)   | 924    | -3,236 | -1,187 | 343    | 308    |
| ± Net change in accruals and deferrals as well as other assets        |        |        |        |        |        |
| and liabilities   | 320    | 292    | 1,194  | -1,095 | -234   |
| Net cash flow from operating activities                               | -1,815 | 381    | 774    | -144   | -66    |
| - Increase in participations  | -83    | -47    | -9     | -6     | -40    |
| + Decrease in participations  | 2      | _      | 4      | _      | _      |
| - Increase in real estate   | -245   | -202   | -185   | -126   | -104   |
| + Decrease in real estate   | 59     | 35     | 28     | 26     | 22     |
| - Increase in other tangible fixed assets/objects in                  |        |        |        |        |        |
| finance leasing   | -135   | -145   | -192   | -155   | -115   |
| + Decrease in other tangible fixed assets/objects in                  |        |        |        |        |        |
| finance leasing   | 6      | 12     | 5      | 13     | 5      |
| Net cash flow from investment activities                              | -396   | -347   | -350   | -248   | -232   |
| + Increase in bonds and mortgage bond loans                           | 3,129  | 287    | 891    | 1,420  | 1,750  |
| - Decrease in bonds and mortgage bond loans                           | -798   | -816   | -701   | -979   | -1,509 |
| + Increase in cooperative capital                                     | 50     | 45     | 51     | 50     | 45     |
| – Decrease in cooperative capital                                     | -16    | -14    | -13    | -12    | -13    |
| - Interest paid on share certificates for prior year                  | -28    | -27    | -26    | -23    | -21    |
| + Increase in capitalisation of employer contribution                 |        |        |        |        |        |
| reserves  | _      | _      | _      | _      | 44     |
| Net cash flow from financing activities                               | 2,337  | -525   | 202    | 456    | 296    |
| Total cash flow (net change in liquid funds)                          | 125    | -491   | 626    | 64     | -2     |
| Liguid funds at start of year   | 1,338  | 1,829  | 1,203  | 1,138  | 1,140  |
| Liquid funds at end of year   | 1,463  | 1,338  | 1,829  | 1,203  | 1,138  |





### Jessica Schmitz, nurse

Jessica Schmitz is happy in her dream job. A qualified nurse, she works in the newborn unit of Hirslanden Hospital in Aarau. It is deeply fulfilling for her to welcome babies into this world. Providing loving care also means making fast and correct decisions. Schmitz has to be attentive, sensitive and calm under stress. Infants who begin their lives under her care are truly lucky.

Raiffeisen's unique strength is its local presence. The 339 Raiffeisen banks are structured as cooperatives, and their 1,122 branches give Raiffeisen the densest branch network in Switzerland. The Swiss population feels the direct benefits of this proximity. Raiffeisen banks operate within a clearly defined and comprehensible business area and thus support the local economy. Savings emanating from the region are invested back into the region in the form of mortgages and other lending. Raiffeisen banks are also attractive employers. Through their tax contributions, they allow the region to participate in their economic success. Furthermore, as sponsors, they pave the way for various cultural and sporting activities in the regions.

The strong Swiss bank As Switzerland's third-largest banking group, Raiffeisen is a national brand of major importance in the domestic banking market. Over 3.4 million people use a Raiffeisen bank for their financial affairs. These include 1.7 million cooperative members, who are co-owners of their Raiffeisen bank.

The legally autonomous Raiffeisen banks are amalgamated into Raiffeisen Switzerland, which has its head office in St.Gallen. Raiffeisen Switzerland is responsible for the entire Raiffeisen Group strategy as well as for Group-wide risk management, liquidity and capital ratios, and refinancing. It also coordinates the Group's operations, creates the conditions for business activities of local Raiffeisen banks (such as IT, infrastructure and refinancing) and advises and supports them in all issues. In addition, Raiffeisen Switzerland is responsible for treasury, trading and transaction activities. The Raiffeisen Group puts the utmost emphasis on security. The Group incorporates a balanced security system based on mutual liability which guarantees a high standard of security for clients and investors. The cooperative union of Raiffeisen banks is a community in which risks are borne on a joint and several basis and in which all members are there for one another.

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