

## C&A Group Pension Fund - **Information at the beginning of the year**

We look back on a memorable year. A virus has caused a great deal of upheaval everywhere. It has dominated the daily news for more than nine months. A large part of the world is still in a state of emergency. During this time, we have to deal with great uncertainties, risks and incalculable follow-up costs. The clothing retail trade is suffering, in particular. There is hope that the pandemic can be somewhat controlled in 2021 and that we can all return to a more normal life.

### **Investments**

Markets have already anticipated this hope. After a disastrous slump in March 2020, stock markets recovered surprisingly quickly, closing the year at a profit in many countries and sectors. However, the recovery varied widely by region and sector. Markets with a large technology sector or defensive sectors, such as health and consumer goods, have proven to be particularly robust. Our diversified investment strategy has proven itself in these turbulent times. We have achieved a return on investments in 2020 of 4.2%.

Around 34% of our assets are invested in equities. Real estate and bonds account for around 34% and 28% of our investments.

### **Cover ratio**

2019 was already a good investment year. Paradoxically, 2020 has also been good. The cover ratio (assets in relation to liabilities) of our pension fund has increased to 115%. After many years, the reserve to compensate for short-term fluctuations in market value has almost been filled again.

### **Interest rate**

The cover ratio and the pleasing investment result allow the Board of Trustees to grant an interest rate above the BVG minimum interest rate for the first time in years. At its meeting on 16 December 2020, it decided to pay interest at **2.5%** for all insured persons for 2020.

### **Changes in the regulations**

From 1 January 2021, insured persons can voluntarily remain insured in the fund after the age of 58 if their membership has been terminated and they are unable to enter a new pension fund. The cover can be continued as risk insurance (invalidity and death) or as full insurance (retirement, disability and death). In the case of risk and full insurance, the insured persons must pay both their own contributions and the employer's contributions.

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Best wishes

For the Foundation Board

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