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## **Swiss Life Investment Foundation achieves very good performance and strong growth**

**The Swiss Life Investment Foundation's gross assets increased by 14% over the previous year and amounted to CHF 6.3 billion by the end of 2016. The foundation's assets have increased tenfold since 2008. Customers benefited from innovative new launches and very strong performance.**

This capital growth places Swiss Life Investment Foundation (SL AST) third among the top ten investment foundations in Switzerland in 2016 according to the KGAST performance comparison by Fundo/Lipper. SL AST has also grown five times faster than the market over the past eight years. "We now have among our clients over 400 pension funds and over 2000 employee benefits units affiliated to the semi-autonomous Swiss Life collective foundations. We have expanded our client base significantly over the past year", enthuses Stephan Thaler, CEO of the Swiss Life Investment Foundation.

### **Innovative new launches and convincing performance**

Customers have benefited from the innovative new launches, consistent expansion of the Equity Protect product family and the outstanding performance of the actively managed bond investment groups. The currency-hedged global corporate bonds and Swiss real estate investment vehicles performed particularly well.

SL AST also posted a convincing performance: in 70% of comparative categories, the SL AST investment groups are in the first or second quartile by KGAST performance comparison over one, three and five years. As a result, they were in the top three in 12 out of 24 comparative categories.

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### Swiss Life Investment Foundation

Founded by Swiss Life Ltd in 2001, the Swiss Life Investment Foundation (SL AST) currently has over CHF 6 billion in total assets under management on behalf of over 400 pension funds and collective foundations. The range of nineteen investment groups comprises six Fixed Income, six Equities and three Real Estate Switzerland products, as well as four Mixed BVG products. SL AST is a member of the Conference of Managers of Investment Foundations (KGAST) and is monitored by the supervisory oversight commission for the occupational pension system (OAK-BV).

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