

1 Business results since 1988

in Sfr millions

	1988	1989
Income from		
gold transactions	-	-
foreign currency investments	1 924.0	2 848.7
reserve position in the IMF ¹	-	-
international payment instruments ¹	-	-
balance of payments aid ¹	-	-
Income from		
securities discounting	3.3	33.9
claims from Swiss franc repo transactions	-	-
domestic money market claims	-	-
Lombard advances	2.8	5.7
claims against domestic correspondents	1.2	7.3
domestic securities	132.9	149.5
Other income	6.7	6.3
Gross income	2 070.9	3 051.3
Interest expense	-43.8	-59.4
Banknote expense	-24.0	-21.3
Personnel expense	-59.0	-61.3
General overheads	-29.5	-72.3
Depreciation of tangible assets	-1.3	-
Net income	1 913.3	2 837.0
Exchange rate-related valuation adjustments	1 970.9	1 089.9
Write-down on securities	-96.4	-35.9
Extraordinary expense	-	-
Extraordinary income	-	-
Taxes	-1.6	-0.3
Aggregate income	3 786.2	3 890.8
Allocation to provisions	-3 778.6	-3 883.2
Release of provisions		
Annual profit	7.6	7.6
Allocation to reserve fund	1.0	1.0
Dividend	1.5	1.5
Payment to the Federal Finance Administration for the account of the Confederation and cantons	5.1	5.1

1 posted to foreign currency investments until 1991

2 due to changes in valuation principles

1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.6	42.6
2 585.1	3 084.7	2 498.8	2 348.4	1 618.4	1 910.7	1 794.8	2 067.5	3 091.3
-	-	3.3	40.3	32.1	45.6	55.1	69.9	123.8
-	-	4.3	11.3	12.9	12.4	13.6	14.0	14.0
-	-	6.1	8.7	8.9	12.1	10.7	12.9	19.5
44.2	37.1	31.6	4.0	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	84.2
-	-	11.2	59.0	57.2	55.5	32.6	22.9	5.9
3.9	2.6	2.5	1.8	2.0	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.7
10.8	12.6	12.2	6.9	7.0	3.8	2.3	1.7	1.4
160.2	176.1	184.3	315.9	228.7	238.1	260.3	262.4	220.0
6.1	6.6	14.1	17.8	15.3	8.9	12.9	13.4	15.1
2 810.3	3 319.6	2 768.3	2 814.2	1 982.5	2 288.0	2 183.2	2 468.4	3 618.4
-107.0	-89.5	-98.8	-296.3	-213.1	-101.6	-49.3	-67.1	-126.1
-20.5	-23.1	-26.4	-54.6	-57.6	-59.3	-15.1	-32.0	-45.5
-69.5	-77.0	-79.8	-79.4	-83.3	-79.8	-82.0	-79.6	-81.1
-59.9	-64.9	-54.2	-55.0	-47.0	-56.6	-54.0	-55.2	-60.3
-	-	-	-	-	-	-10.1	-9.9	-17.0
2 553.4	3 065.1	2 509.1	2 328.9	1 581.5	1 990.7	1 972.7	2 224.5	3 288.5
-3 976.8	1 697.1	692.6	764.1	-2 338.9	-3 531.4	4 412.1	1 765.2	-871.2
-48.3	-37.0	-35.1	-67.7	-45.5	-66.0	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-50.3	-0.9	-	-100.0	-22.9
-	-	-	-	-	-	2 077.1 ²	6.0	0.0
-3.4	-	-8.7	-	-	-	-	-	-
-1 475.0	4 725.2	3 157.9	3 025.3	-853.2	-1 607.6	8 461.9	3 895.7	2 394.5
	-4 117.6	-2 549.5	-2 417.3			-7 396.1	-3 287.7	-886.5
1 482.6				1 461.2	1 757.8			
7.6	607.6	608.4	608.0	608.0	150.2	1 065.8	608.0	1 508.0
1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
5.1	605.1	605.9	605.5	605.5	147.7	1 063.3	605.5	1 505.5

2 Summary of balance sheets since 1988

Year-end values in Sfr millions

	1988	1989
Assets		
Gold holdings and claims from gold transactions		
gold holdings	11 903.9	11 903.9
claims from gold transactions	–	–
Foreign currency investments		
not exchange rate-hedged	22 327.3	21 760.4
exchange rate-hedged (swaps)	13 619.4	17 859.8
Reserve position in the IMF	–	–
International payment instruments ¹	30.5	123.6
Balance of payments aid	–	87.1
Claims from Swiss franc repo transactions	–	–
Domestic money market claims	–	–
Swiss bills of exchange	2 133.8	542.7
Confederation treasury notes	–	–
Lombard advances	795.9	704.1
Claims against domestic correspondents	416.0	458.3
Domestic securities	2 421.4	2 574.0
Participations ²		
Tangible assets ²		
Sundry assets	257.2	251.7
Non paid-up share capital	25.0	25.0
Balance sheet total	53 930.4	56 290.6
Liabilities		
Banknote circulation	28 979.2	29 168.4
Sight deposits of domestic banks ³	6 691.6	4 948.4
Liabilities towards the Confederation ⁴	2 530.1	2 571.9
sight	–	–
time	–	–
Sight deposits of foreign banks and institutions	167.6	119.0
Other sight liabilities	86.3	85.4
Liabilities from Swiss franc repo transactions	–	–
Foreign currency liabilities	–	–
Sundry liabilities	22.5	60.2
Provisions		
for market, credit and liquidity risks ⁵	14 712.5	18 595.7
for operating risks ⁶	630.0	630.0
Share capital	50.0	50.0
Reserve fund	53.0	54.0
Net disposable income – annual profit	7.6	7.6
Balance sheet total	53 930.4	56 290.6

The accounting and valuation principles applied since 1996 are explained on pages 76 ff.

1 From 1980: Special Drawing Rights (XDR) and – in addition, from 1989 until 1997 – ECU (XEU)

2 Participations and tangible assets were stated on a pro memoria basis until 1995.

3 Up to 1994: sight deposit accounts of domestic banks and finance companies

1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
11 903.9	11 903.9	11 903.9	11 903.9	11 903.9	11 903.9	11 903.9	11 448.2	11 045.5
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	458.3	884.6
22 480.5	25 710.4	26 204.8	29 042.8	28 626.0	27 767.8	36 462.9	40 780.2	45 005.7
14 729.3	14 521.7	19 653.0	17 988.3	17 284.4	14 044.8	12 865.5	12 490.3	7 800.1
-	-	1 144.4	1 221.6	1 241.5	1 687.7	2 067.8	2 765.0	3 070.6
112.9	117.3	134.9	332.7	414.8	408.2	290.0	452.4	390.8
-	97.1	156.4	218.4	198.3	173.7	204.3	315.4	768.3
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17 348.3
-	-	467.7	752.5	720.5	1 436.2	1 581.7	673.5	-
711.1	522.1	353.4	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
165.7	107.0	26.9	13.5	14.9	4.7	764.2	0.4	0.3
567.0	552.8	493.0	595.8	565.8	429.2	514.5	415.4	378.8
2 814.0	2 886.1	2 975.7	2 973.2	3 027.1	3 063.9	4 821.5	4 941.0	5 010.0
						51.0	89.6	89.4
						532.4	567.4	563.0
221.3	313.2	261.0	707.0	778.0	1 064.3	452.1	482.2	480.4
25.0	25.0	25.0	25.0	25.0	25.0	25.0	25.0	25.0
53 730.7	56 756.6	63 800.1	65 774.7	64 800.2	62 009.4	72 537.0	75 904.5	92 860.7
29 640.5	29 217.1	29 353.5	29 335.6	30 545.1	30 892.2	32 447.6	32 141.8	33 218.8
4 595.3	4 275.6	4 785.5	4 776.7	3 837.2	4 035.0	4 927.4	5 100.8	6 860.1
621.7	3.4	245.1	192.3	595.2	917.4	839.5	155.6	147.6
785.0	400.0	3 450.0	2 940.0	2 850.0	1 350.0	815.3	2 301.7	14 972.0
59.8	114.9	54.7	188.8	46.7	43.3	32.7	47.3	163.5
95.0	104.7	115.1	105.8	108.0	156.3	204.2	230.3	236.1
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	175.9
77.7	66.5	670.5	692.0	734.7	746.5	1 089.0	914.7	265.3
17 113.1	21 230.8	23 770.3	26 187.5	24 726.3	22 958.4	30 554.5	33 842.2	34 728.6
630.0	630.0	640.0	640.0	640.0	650.0	450.0	450.0	471.7
50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0
55.0	56.0	57.0	58.0	59.0	60.0	61.0	62.0	63.0
7.6	607.6	608.4	608.0	608.0	150.2	1 065.8	608.0	1 508.0
53 730.7	56 756.6	63 800.1	65 774.7	64 800.2	62 009.4	72 537.0	75 904.5	92 860.7

4 Prior to 1990, time deposits of the Confederation not placed elsewhere were not stated separately as time liabilities.

5 Prior to 1996: provisions for currency risks and valuation adjustment on foreign currencies

6 Prior to 1996: other provisions

3 Supervisory and executive bodies

(on 1 January 1999)

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(Term of office 1995–1999)

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4 Publications

In its Annual Report, published in April, the Swiss National Bank renders an account of its activity. The report contains a concise description of international economic developments and current economic activity in Switzerland, comments on the National Bank's monetary policy and other activities and presents the financial statements. The Annual Report appears in April in German, French, Italian and English.

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