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Interim results of the Swiss National Bank as at 30 September 2022

The Swiss National Bank reports a loss of CHF 142.4 billion for the first three quarters of 2022.

The loss on foreign currency positions amounted to CHF 141.0 billion. A valuation loss of CHF 1.1 billion was recorded on gold holdings. The loss on Swiss franc positions was CHF 24.1 million.

The SNB's financial result depends largely on developments in the gold, foreign exchange and capital markets. This means that extreme fluctuations cannot be ruled out. Only provisional conclusions are possible as regards the annual result.

Loss on foreign currency positions

The loss on foreign currency positions totalled CHF 141.0 billion.

Interest and dividend income amounted to CHF 5.1 billion and CHF 3.4 billion respectively. Price losses of CHF 70.9 billion were recorded on interest-bearing paper and instruments, and CHF 54.2 billion in price losses were recorded on equity securities and instruments. Exchange rate-related losses totalled CHF 24.4 billion.

Valuation loss on gold holdings

A valuation loss of CHF 1.1 billion was recorded on gold holdings, which remained unchanged in volume terms. Gold was trading at CHF 52,525 per kilogram at the end of September 2022 (end-2021: CHF 53,548).

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Loss on Swiss franc positions

The loss on Swiss franc positions totalled CHF 24.1 million. The negative interest charged on sight deposit account balances until 22 September 2022 was countered in particular by price losses on interest-bearing paper and instruments.

Provisions for currency reserves

As at end-September 2022, the SNB recorded a loss of CHF 142.4 billion, before the allocation to the provisions for currency reserves.

In accordance with art. 30 para. 1 of the National Bank Act (NBA), the SNB is required to set aside provisions permitting it to maintain the currency reserves at the level necessary for monetary policy. The allocation for the current financial year is determined at the end of the year.

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Income statement, 1 January–30 September 2022¹

In CHF millions

	Item in Notes	Q1–Q3 2022	Q1–Q3 2021	Change
Net result from gold		– 1 063.8	– 1 278.9	+ 215.1
Net result from foreign currency positions	1	– 140 990.2	42 170.3	– 183 160.5
Net result from Swiss franc positions	2	– 24.1	801.8	– 825.9
Net result, other		6.4	16.1	– 9.7
Gross income		– 142 071.7	41 709.2	– 183 780.9
Banknote expenses		– 26.3	– 27.8	+ 1.5
Personnel expenses		– 140.4	– 136.3	– 4.1
General overheads		– 102.0	– 92.6	– 9.4
Depreciation on tangible assets		– 28.8	– 27.5	– 1.3
Interim result		– 142 369.1	41 425.1	– 183 794.2

1 Unaudited. The External Auditor only audits the annual financial statements.

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Income statement for the third quarter of 2022¹

In CHF millions

	Q3 2022	Q3 2021	Change
Net result from gold	-3 443.5	109.5	-3 553.0
Net result from foreign currency positions	-43 611.7	-2 353.7	-41 258.0
Net result from Swiss franc positions	-59.2	250.2	-309.4
Net result, other	2.5	14.2	-11.7
Gross income	-47 111.9	-1 979.7	-45 132.2
Banknote expenses	-7.8	-15.0	+7.2
Personnel expenses	-47.4	-45.4	-2.0
General overheads	-28.5	-25.9	-2.6
Depreciation on tangible assets	-9.4	-9.1	-0.3
Interim result	-47 205.0	-2 075.1	-45 129.9

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Balance sheet as at 30 September 2022¹**Assets**

In CHF millions

	30.09.2022	31.12.2021	Change
Gold holdings	54 626.9	55 690.7	-1 063.8
Foreign currency investments ²	808 353.5	966 202.2	-157 848.7
Reserve position in the IMF	2 139.3	2 000.8	+138.5
International payment instruments	11 488.3	11 912.5	-424.2
Monetary assistance loans	890.7	908.0	-17.3
Claims from US dollar repo transactions	19.6	2 147.2	-2 127.6
Claims from Swiss franc repo transactions	-	3 216.0	-3 216.0
Swiss franc securities	3 584.3	4 031.7	-447.4
Secured loans	5 488.1	9 202.4	-3 714.3
Tangible assets	435.4	437.2	-1.8
Participations	132.3	135.6	-3.3
Other assets	2 308.9	891.9	+1 417.0
Total assets	889 467.4	1 056 776.2	-167 308.8

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2 Includes, as at end-September 2022, cash received from repo transactions relating to the management of foreign currency investments amounting to CHF 2.2 billion (end-2021: CHF 20.9 billion). The associated liabilities are included in the balance sheet under foreign currency liabilities and result in a balance sheet expansion.

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Liabilities

In CHF millions

	30.09.2022	31.12.2021	Change
Banknotes in circulation	82 550.2	90 685.3	-8 135.1
Sight deposits of domestic banks	540 568.8	651 091.0	-110 522.2
Liabilities towards the Confederation	22 407.3	12 617.1	+9 790.2
Sight deposits of foreign banks and institutions	66 303.0	28 156.2	+38 146.8
Other sight liabilities	33 001.0	35 297.9	-2 296.9
Liabilities from Swiss franc repo transactions	55 280.6	-	+55 280.6
SNB debt certificates	17 845.5	-	+17 845.5
Other term liabilities	19.9	2 173.8	-2 153.9
Foreign currency liabilities	2 268.2	20 888.5	-18 620.3
Counterpart of SDRs allocated by the IMF	11 056.3	11 325.1	-268.8
Other liabilities	2 288.0	292.4	+1 995.6
Equity			
Provisions for currency reserves ¹	95 679.1	86 981.0	+8 698.1
Share capital	25.0	25.0	-
Distribution reserve ²	102 543.5	90 943.1	+11 600.4
Annual result 2021	-	26 300.0	-26 300.0
Interim result	-142 369.1	-	-142 369.1
Total equity	55 878.4	204 249.1	-148 370.7
Total liabilities	889 467.4	1 056 776.2	-167 308.8

1 The allocation to the provisions for currency reserves is made as part of the profit appropriation. The increase of around CHF 8.7 billion represents the allocation for the 2021 financial year.

2 The distribution reserve only changes once a year, as part of the profit appropriation.

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Condensed changes in equity

In CHF millions

	Q1–Q3 2022	Q1–Q3 2021
Equity at beginning of period¹	204 249.1	183 950.6
Distribution of dividends to shareholders	– 1.5	– 1.5
Profit distribution to Confederation and cantons	– 6 000.0	– 6 000.0
Interim result	– 142 369.1	41 425.1
Equity at end of period	55 878.4	219 374.2

¹ At the beginning of the period, equity is composed of share capital, provisions for currency reserves, the distribution reserve and the annual result.

Valuation rates

	Year under review			Previous year		
	30.09.2022 CHF	31.12.2021 CHF	Change In percent	30.09.2021 CHF	31.12.2020 CHF	Change In percent
1 EUR	0.9561	1.0366	– 7.8	1.0835	1.0803	+ 0.3
1 USD	0.9783	0.9137	+ 7.1	0.9352	0.8806	+ 6.2
100 JPY	0.6770	0.7939	– 14.7	0.8366	0.8545	– 2.1
1 GBP	1.0885	1.2351	– 11.9	1.2608	1.2027	+ 4.8
1 CAD	0.7139	0.7202	– 0.9	0.7347	0.6921	+ 6.2
1 kilogram of gold	52 525.37	53 548.29	– 1.9	52 372.76	53 602.51	– 2.3

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Appendix

Accounting and valuation principles

The SNB is a special-statute joint-stock company with head offices in Berne and Zurich. These interim results have been drawn up in accordance with the provisions of the NBA and the Swiss Code of Obligations (CO) as well as the accounting principles detailed in the notes to the annual financial statements as at 31 December 2021. These results present a true and fair view of the financial position and the results of operations of the SNB. Unless otherwise stated, the accounting principles are based on the Swiss GAAP FER standards (Accounting and Reporting Recommendations). Departures from Swiss GAAP FER occur only if an accounting principle runs counter to the provisions of the NBA or if the special nature of the SNB needs to be taken into account. In a departure from Swiss GAAP FER, no cash flow statement has been prepared. The structure and designation of the items in the balance sheet and the income statement take into consideration the special character of the business conducted at a central bank.

There were no changes to the accounting and valuation principles compared with the annual financial statements as at 31 December 2021.

The SNB interim results as at 30 September 2022 constitute an interim report in accordance with Swiss GAAP FER 31, with condensations in presentation and disclosures.

Swiss GAAP FER 31 requires the presentation of earnings per share. This has no informative value in view of the special statutory provisions for the SNB. Shareholders' rights are determined by the NBA. Their dividends, in particular, may not exceed 6% of share capital (with a nominal value of CHF 250 per share, a maximum of CHF 15); the Confederation is entitled to one-third and the cantons to two-thirds of the remaining distributable profit. Therefore, no presentation of earnings per share is made.

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Notes to the balance sheet and income statement

Item no. 1: Net result from foreign currency positions

Breakdown by origin in CHF millions

	Q1–Q3 2022	Q1–Q3 2021	Change
Foreign currency investments	– 140 930.7	42 079.7	– 183 010.4
Reserve position in the IMF	– 40.4	53.6	– 94.0
International payment instruments	– 3.1	5.0	– 8.1
Monetary assistance loans	– 16.0	32.0	– 48.0
Total	– 140 990.2	42 170.3	– 183 160.5

Breakdown by type in CHF millions

	Q1–Q3 2022	Q1–Q3 2021	Change
Interest income	5 113.8	5 500.2	– 386.4
Price gain/loss on interest-bearing paper and instruments	– 70 866.9	– 13 725.7	– 57 141.2
Interest expenses	– 1.3	21.3	– 22.6
Dividend income	3 418.5	2 933.9	+ 484.6
Price gain/loss on equity securities and instruments	– 54 180.3	22 206.9	– 76 387.2
Exchange rate gain/loss	– 24 447.2	25 262.2	– 49 709.4
Asset management, safe custody and other fees	– 26.7	– 28.6	+ 1.9
Total	– 140 990.2	42 170.3	– 183 160.5

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Item no. 2: Net result from Swiss franc positions**Breakdown by origin** in CHF millions

	Q1–Q3 2022	Q1–Q3 2021	Change
Negative interest on sight deposit account balances	609.6	968.0	–358.4
Positive interest on sight deposit account balances	–57.1	–	–57.1
Swiss franc securities	–494.9	–103.0	–391.9
Liquidity-providing Swiss franc repo transactions	–38.5	–0.7	–37.8
Liquidity-absorbing Swiss franc repo transactions	–3.0	–	–3.0
Secured loans	–34.7	–61.4	+26.7
Liabilities towards the Confederation	–1.2	–	–1.2
SNB debt certificates	–0.8	–	–0.8
Other Swiss franc positions	–3.4	–1.1	–2.3
Total	–24.1	801.8	–825.9

Breakdown by type in CHF millions

	Q1–Q3 2022	Q1–Q3 2021	Change
Negative interest on sight deposit account balances	609.6	968.0	–358.4
Positive interest on sight deposit account balances	–57.1	–	–57.1
Interest income	–48.2	–35.2	–13.0
Price gain/loss on interest-bearing paper and instruments	–512.6	–123.1	–389.5
Interest expenses	–8.4	–1.1	–7.3
Trading, safe custody and other fees	–7.4	–6.8	–0.6
Total	–24.1	801.8	–825.9