Subordinated liabilities

Liabilities which, in the event of liquidation or bankruptcy, are not settled until after all other liabilities.

Swaps

Agreements between two counterparties to exchange payment streams over a specified period of time. Important examples include currency swaps (in which payment streams and capital in different currencies are exchanged) and interest rate swaps (in which the parties agree to exchange normally fixed interest payments for variable interest payments in the same currency).

Trading assets

Trading assets are debt issues and stocks as other financing instruments (essentially derivatives, note loans und precious metals holding) which have been acquired solely for sale in the near term. They are shown in the balance sheet at fair value.

Trading income

Trading income includes all realized and unrealized profits and losses from trading assets and trading liabilities. In addition, it includes commissions as well as any interest or dividend income from trading activities as well as refinancing costs.

Trading liabilities

Trading liabilities include primarily negative market values from derivatives and short selling of securities. Short sales are made to generate income from short-term price changes. Shorts sales of securities are recorded at market value on the balance sheet date. Derivatives shown as trading liabilities are valued the same way as trading assets.

Underwriting costs

Commissions, salaries, general expenses and other expenses relating to the acquisition and ongoing administration of insurance policies. The net figure is after expenses recovered from reinsurers have been deducted.

Unearned premiums

Premiums written attributable to income of future years. The amount is calculated separately for each policy and for every day that the premium still has to cover.

Unrecognized gains/losses

Amount of actuarial gains or losses, in connection with defined benefit pension plans, which are not yet recognized as income or expenses (see also "corridor approach").

Unrecognized past service cost

Present value of increases in pension benefits relating to previous years' service, not yet recognized in the pension reserve.

U.S. GAAP

U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

Variable annuities

The benefits payable under this type of life insurance depend primarily on the performance of the investments in a mutual fund. The policyholder shares equally in the profits or losses of the underlying investments.