

FINANCIAL REVIEW

2019 ANNUAL RESULTS

Key performance indicators

Earnings

- Net result from financial services increased by 9%
- Net operational earnings increased by 14%

New business

- Net value of new covered business up 15% to R2,3 billion
- Net new covered business margin of 2,98% (2,67% in 2018)
- New business volumes increased by 12% to R249 billion
- Net fund inflows of R57 billion compared to R42 billion in 2018

Group Equity Value

- Group Equity Value per share of R64,36
- Return on Group Equity Value per share of 6,4% (2018: 11,6%)
- Adjusted Return on Group Equity Value per share of 11,9% (2018: 19,4%)

Capital management

- Net R4,5 billion raised through share issuance
- R593 million surplus unlocked from operations
- R2 billion invested in Group operations
- Discretionary capital of R220 million at 31 December 2019
- Sanlam Group SAM cover ratio of 211% (2018: 215%)

Dividend

- Dividend per share of 334 cents, up 7,1% (3% real growth)

Salient results

for the year ended 31 December 2019

		2019	2018	Δ
SANLAM GROUP				
Earnings				
Net result from financial services	R million	9 674	8 890	9%
Net operational earnings	R million	10 798	9 455	14%
Headline earnings	R million	7 481	9 162	(18%)
Weighted average number of shares ⁽¹⁾	million	2 090,0	2 077,3	1%
Adjusted weighted average number of shares ⁽¹⁾	million	2 208,5	2 098,8	5%
Net result from financial services per share	cents	438,0	423,6	3%
Net operational earnings per share	cents	488,9	450,5	9%
Basic headline earnings per share		361,8	445,6	(19%)
Diluted headline earnings per share	cents	357,9	441,1	(19%)
Basic profit attributable to the shareholders' fund per share		345,8	565,4	(39%)
Business volumes				
New business volumes	R million	249 323	223 029	12%
Net fund inflows	R million	56 766	41 539	37%
Net new covered business				
Value of new covered business	R million	2 280	1 985	15%
Covered business PVNBP ⁽²⁾	R million	76 446	74 378	3%
New covered business margin ⁽³⁾	%	2,98	2,67	
Group Equity Value				
Group Equity Value	R million	143 271	134 052	7%
Group Equity Value per share	cents	6 436	6 341	1%
Return on Group Equity Value per share ⁽⁴⁾	%	6,4	11,6	
Adjusted Return on Group Equity Value per share ⁽⁵⁾	%	11,9	19,4	
Solvency cover				
Sanlam Group	%	211	215	
Sanlam Life Insurance Limited	%	253	264	
Sanlam Life Insurance Limited covered business ⁽⁶⁾	%	206	221	

Notes

- ⁽¹⁾ Weighted average number of shares excludes Sanlam shares held directly or indirectly through consolidated investment funds in policyholder portfolios, as well as Sanlam shares held by the Group's broad-based black economic empowerment special purposes vehicle (B-BBEE SPV) that is consolidated in terms of International Financial Reporting Standards. These shares are treated as shares in issue for purposes of adjusted weighted average number of shares in issue, which is the base to determine net result from financial services per share and net operational earnings per share. Diluted headline earnings per share is based on the weighted average number of shares.
- ⁽²⁾ PVNBP = present value of new business premiums and is equal to the present value of new recurring premiums, at the relevant risk discount rate for each business, plus single premiums.
- ⁽³⁾ New covered business margin = value of new covered business as a percentage of PVNBP.
- ⁽⁴⁾ Growth in Group Equity Value per share (with dividends paid, capital movements and cost of treasury shares acquired reversed) as a percentage of Group Equity Value per share at the beginning of the year.
- ⁽⁵⁾ Adjusted Return on Group Equity Value = Return on Group Equity Value excluding investment market and currency volatility, changes in interest rates and other factors outside of management's control.
- ⁽⁶⁾ Excludes investments in subsidiaries and associated companies, discretionary capital, cash accumulated for dividend payments and the net asset value of non-covered operations.

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Constant currency information

The constant currency information included in this review has been presented to illustrate the impact of changes in the South African rand exchange rates and is the responsibility of the Group's Board of directors. It is presented for illustrative purposes only and because of its nature may not fairly present the Group's financial position, changes in equity, result of operations or cash flows. All references to constant currency information are based on the translation of foreign currency results for the year to 31 December 2019 at the weighted average exchange rate for the year to 31 December 2018, which is also applied for the translation of comparative information. The major currencies contributing to the exchange rate movements are the British pound, United States dollar, Indian rupee, Angolan kwanza, Nigerian naira and the Moroccan dirham (negative movements in the table below indicate a strengthening in the rand exchange rate):

Currency	Average rand exchange rate –2019	Average rand exchange rate –2018	Change in average exchange rate
British pound	18,42	17,60	4,6%
United States dollar	14,43	13,17	9,6%
Indian rupee	0,206	0,194	6,1%
Angola kwanza	0,041	0,053	(23,6%)
Nigerian naira	0,040	0,037	9,1%
Moroccan dirham	1,52	1,42	7,0%

In respect of the Group's investment in the Saham Group, the constant currency information only allows for the impact of the change in exchange rate between the South African rand and the Moroccan dirham on the consolidated Saham Group results. No adjustment is made for exchange rate movements between the Moroccan dirham and the reporting currencies of the Saham subsidiaries.

Sanlam's external auditor, Ernst & Young Inc., issued an independent reporting accountants' assurance report in terms of ISAE 3420 (Assurance Report on the Process to Compile Pro Forma Financial Information Included in a Prospectus) in respect of the constant currency information in terms of section 8 of the JSE Listings Requirements. The independent reporting accountants' assurance report is available for inspection at Sanlam Limited's registered address.

Structural information

The Group acquired the remaining 53,4% interest in Saham Finances with an effective date of 1 October 2018, with the results of the Saham Finances Group consolidated from this date compared to an equity-accounting basis up to 30 September 2018. This impacts on the comparable growth rates for the 2019 financial year. Where relevant, structural information is provided to quantify the impact of the change in accounting treatment of Saham Finances on growth in the Group's key performance indicators. The structural information included in this results announcement is the responsibility of the Group's Board of directors. It is presented for illustrative purposes only and because of its nature may not fairly present the Group's financial position, changes in equity, result of operations or cash flows.

Comments on the results

Introduction

The Sanlam Group's International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2019 are presented based on and in compliance with IFRS. The basis of presentation and accounting policies for the IFRS financial statements and shareholders' information are in all material respects consistent with those applied in the 2018 Integrated Report and Annual Financial Statements, apart from the following:

- First-time adoption of the new leases standard (IFRS 16). The standard requires lessees to capitalise all significant lease arrangements at recognition of the lease as a right-of-use asset with a corresponding finance lease liability. The Group applied the standard using the modified retrospective approach with effect from 1 January 2019. Right-of-use assets and corresponding finance lease liabilities of R2 billion were recognised on this date. The adoption of IFRS 16 did not have a significant impact on the Group's earnings for the 2019 financial year.
- The introduction of "Net operational earnings" as earnings metric in the shareholders' fund income statement. Net operational earnings is the aggregate of net result from financial services, net investment income, net investment surpluses and net project expenses. It incorporates the two key areas of strategic focus from an earnings perspective, namely operating profit and investment return earned on the Group's capital base (including discretionary capital), in driving our objective to optimise Return on Group Equity Value (RoGEV). Normalised headline earnings is discontinued as an earnings measure with effect from the 2019 financial year as it does not represent a key performance indicator from a strategic perspective.

The Group achieved a solid operational performance in 2019, with growth of 14% and 15% respectively in net operational earnings and the net value of new covered business (VNB) written. The 37% increase in net fund inflows is a particular highlight. RoGEV, however, did not meet our expectations for the year, impacted by currency movements, pressure on the share prices of Santam, AfroCentric and our listed businesses in India and Namibia, lower net fund inflow assumptions at the South African wealth and investment management businesses, as well as a decline in the Saham valuation to allow for the current weak claims experience in Africa and the deterioration in the Lebanese economy. A prudent approach was followed for the valuation of the Angolan and Lebanese businesses through the application of the parallel exchange rates in these countries instead of the official rates. Adjusted RoGEV, which excludes volatility in investment and currency markets, as well as other factors not under management's control, of 11,9% also lagged the target of 13,5% for the year. The integration of Saham is progressing well, with specific focus on continuously improving the financial control environment in the smaller businesses, in line with the approach elsewhere in the group.

We recognised from the outset that we will face a number of headwinds in 2019. Low economic growth in some of our key markets, heightened global geopolitical risks as well as volatility in investment and currency markets did not bode well for growth in our key performance indicators. The South African economic environment in particular disappointed. A lack of progress in addressing critical structural reforms and the sustainability of key state-owned enterprises, contributed to depressed business and investor confidence, low economic growth and increased levels of unemployment in this, our largest market. Persistently high claims experience across the SEM African general insurance businesses also impacted on our overall performance.

Our diversification across geographies, market segments and lines of business, supported by a highly motivated and skilled human capital base, allowed us to navigate these challenges to continue to deliver strategic value to Sanlam shareholders.

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Highlights and lowlights for the year include the following:

Highlights	Lowlights
Strong growth in key earnings and new business performance indicators	Adjusted RoGEV per share of 11,9% did not meet the target of 13,5%
Record net fund inflows into SIG third party asset manager	Adverse claims experience across SEM general insurance portfolio in Africa
Value through partnerships: Capitec Bank funeral business policies sold since launch in May 2018 reached 1,4 million	Deterioration in Lebanon economic environment; currency depreciation in Angola and Zimbabwe
Turnaround in Sanlam Corporate underwriting profit and Glacier new business performance since 1H19	Weak SA operating environment: - Increased credit-related provisioning in Sanfin - Pressure on Glacier and middle-income market sales
Santam underwriting margin of 7,7% at the upper end of its target range	Operational underperformance at Sanlam UK's wealth planning and advice businesses
Quality of earnings: Continued positive experience variances and resilient persistency despite difficult operating conditions	Decline in Côte d'Ivoire value of in-force covered business
7.1% increase in Sanlam dividend (real growth of 3%)	

The acquisition of the remaining interest in Saham Finances in the latter half of 2018 is the only structural activity that had a significant impact on the results for the year ended 31 December 2019.

All references to 2018 relates to the 2018 financial year, unless otherwise stated.

Operating environment

Economic conditions

Economic conditions in a number of the markets where we operate were not conducive to growth, as elaborated above.

Equity markets

The South African equity market delivered a relatively stronger performance with the FTSE/JSE Swix Index (inclusive of dividends) recording a return of 9,3% for the year to 31 December 2019, compared to a negative return of 11,7% in the comparable period in 2018. On average, the Swix was still 3% lower in 2019. The MSCI World Index total return in rand of 24,1% was well in excess of the 6,1% return in 2018. Absolute investment return earned on capital portfolios benefited from the relatively stronger performance. The lower average market levels in South Africa during 2019, however, continued to place pressure on growth in fund-based fee income. Negative equity market returns in some other key markets such as Côte d'Ivoire, also detracted from operational earnings.

Interest rates

The South African nine- and five-year interest rates decreased by 20 and 50 basis points respectively since the end of 2018. The South African All Bond Index return of 10,3% in 2019 compares to a return of 7,7% in 2018. Long-term interest rates also declined in a number of the SEM markets as well as the UK. Movements in interest rates commensurately had an overall positive impact on growth in VNB and RoGEV for the 2019 financial year.

Foreign currency exchange rates

The South African rand experienced significant volatility throughout 2018 and 2019. On an average basis, it weakened against most of the currencies where the Group operates in 2019, despite being marginally stronger at 31 December 2019 compared to 31 December 2018. The Group's translated rand operating earnings and new business metrics benefited from the weaker average exchange rates. RoGEV was, however, negatively affected by the absolute appreciation year-on-year.

Foreign currency/ZAR	United Kingdom	USA	Botswana	India	Morocco	Angola	Rest of Africa (weighted)
	GBP	USD	BWP	INR	MAD	AOA	
31/12/2018	18,32	14,38	1,37	0,21	1,51	0,05	
31/12/2019	18,52	13,98	1,34	0,20	1,47	0,03	
(Appreciation)/depreciation	1,1%	(2,8%)	(2,2%)	(4,9%)	(2,6%)	(37,3%)	(15,3%)
Average 2018	17,60	13,17	1,32	0,19	1,42	0,05	
Average 2019	18,42	14,43	1,36	0,21	1,52	0,04	
(Appreciation)/depreciation	4,6%	9,6%	3,3%	6,1%	7,0%	(23,6%)	(5,2%)

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Group Equity Value

GEV amounted to R143,3 billion or 6 436 cents per share at 31 December 2019. Including the dividend of 312 cents per share paid during the year, a RoGEV per share of 6,4% was achieved in 2019. Group operations yielded an overall return of 6%, the combination of 16,6% return on covered business and -1,8% on other Group operations.

Group Equity Value at 31 December 2019

R million	GEV		RoGEV	
	2019	2018		%
Group operations	133 517	132 658	7 970	6,0
Sanlam Personal Finance	47 141	43 185	8 640	20,0
Sanlam Emerging Markets	40 731	44 659	(3 186)	(7,1)
Sanlam Investment Group	20 050	18 703	1 452	7,6
Sanlam	19 675	20 102	290	1,4
Sanlam Corporate	5 920	6 009	774	13,4
Covered business	60 156	56 234	9 351	16,6
Value of in-force business	45 179	41 456	9 021	21,8
Adjusted net worth	14 977	14 778	330	2,2
Other operations	73 361	76 424	(1 381)	(1,8)
Group operations	133 517	132 658	7 970	6,0
Discretionary capital and other	9 754	1 394	521	65,4
Group Equity Value	143 271	134 052	8 491	6,3
<i>Per share (cents)</i>	6 436	6 341	407	6,4

The underperformance against a target of 13,5% for 2019 is largely attributable to the following:

- The appreciation in the rand exchange rate against most currencies where the Group operates during 2019 impacted negatively on the valuations and RoGEV of the non-South African operations in rand terms. Angola and Zimbabwe detracted most on a relative basis given the significant weakening in these currencies. In addition, the Group also applied the parallel market exchange rates of 2 200 and 620 to the US\$ respectively for the valuation of the Lebanese and Angolan operations. The difference between actual and expected exchange rate movements across the Group detracted 3% from RoGEV (SEM: 10%).
- Pressure on the listed share prices of AfroCentric in South Africa, CIH in Namibia and the credit businesses in India placed a cap on the valuation of these businesses in terms of the Group's valuation methodology, resulting in some R3 billion lower valuations compared to the internal models. This had a 2% negative impact on RoGEV (SEM: 6%; Sanlam Corporate: 3%). These businesses are all included in GEV at price/earnings ratios below 10 times.
- The SEM result includes an update to modelling for Côte d'Ivoire life business. The original acquisition models have

now been updated to reflect the current profitability of the in-force books, which is lower than estimated at the time of the acquisition, partly due to a reduction in future investment return assumptions following recent market performance. The weak economic environment in Lebanon and a write-down of the Zimbabwe operations to zero also impacted results. This is reflected in negative modelling and other assumption changes of R546 million being recognised in RoGEV from SEM covered business, after a partial offset of R283 million relating to overhead expenses that are now allocated to non-covered business. The current weak claims experience across the Saham general insurance portfolio was allowed for in the medium-term cash flow projections of the non-life operations, suppressing the returns from these operations. The weak economic environment in Lebanon also resulted in a sovereign credit downgrade, which required IFRS 9 credit provisioning of some R340 million after tax.

- A low return of 1,4% was earned on Santam, which is valued at its listed share price. This return is in line with the general weak performance of South African financial shares in 2019.

Adjusted RoGEV per share, which excludes the impact of variances between actual and long term assumed investment return, interest rate changes and other one-off effects not under management control, and assuming normalised exchange rate movements, amounted to 11,9%. Adjusted RoGEV also includes the valuation of AfroCentric, CIH and the Indian businesses based on the internal models before application of the cap based on the listed share prices. The underperformance against target was largely due to the following:

- Despite the Santam share price delivering a return in line with the financial services index, it substantially underperformed the Group's JSE/FTSE Swix/Capped Swix benchmark, which benefited in 2019 from strong returns on commodity shares.
- The lower net fund inflow assumptions applied in the valuation of the SIG wealth and investment management businesses in South Africa given the current challenging economic environment, as referred to above.
- Allowance for the current operational experience in the Saham portfolio in the medium-term cash flow projections used for the GEV valuations.

The return on covered business was well in excess of the hurdle rate, reflecting strong returns at SPF and Sanlam Corporate of more than 20%. The return from these clusters benefited from their new business performance (refer business volumes section below), positive operating experience variances and assumption changes as well as, for SPF, positive economic assumption changes emanating from the lower long-term interest rates. SEM's return was negatively impacted by the factors highlighted above. The return on SIG covered business was also affected by the stronger rand, aggravated by lower than expected credit spread experience variances at Sanfin due to the strengthening in credit provisions.

The main components contributing to the return on covered business at a consolidated Group level are summarised in the table below:

Return on covered business for the year ended 31 December 2019

%	2019	2018
Expected return – unwinding of the RDR	9,4	9,2
Value of new covered business	4,1	3,7
Operating experience variances	2,4	3,9
Operating assumption changes	(0,4)	0,6
Economic assumption changes	0,5	(1,4)
Expected investment return on capital portfolio	1,8	1,7
Investment variances	(0,6)	(5,1)
Value of in-force	0,6	(4,9)
Capital portfolio	(1,2)	(0,2)
Foreign currency translation differences and other	(0,6)	(1,6)
Return on covered business	16,6	11,0

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- Expected return on covered business was in line with the comparable period in 2018 given comparable risk discount rates at the start of the periods.
 - Return from value of new covered business increased in 2019 following strong growth at SPF and Sanlam Corporate (refer business volumes section below).
 - Operating experience variances declined in 2019, attributable to the following:
 - The comparative base in 2018 included a one-off decline in cost of capital of R292 million following a reduction in the capital allocated to the Sanlam Life covered business operations.
 - Slightly lower risk claims experience variances from a high base in 2018, in particular at SPF, in line with the phasing in of best estimate risk assumptions over the past four years.
 - Weaker persistency experience at Sanlam Sky and SEM, partly offset by improved experience at Sanlam Corporate.
 - Lower credit spread experience variances in Sanfin as referred to above.
 - The deterioration in operating assumption changes is largely due to the negative modelling changes in the Saham portfolio, as elaborated on above.
 - The decrease in the risk discount rate in 2019 due to lower long-term interest rates in a number of markets had an overall positive impact on economic assumption changes.
 - Actual investment return earned on policyholder portfolios exceeded actuarial assumptions in 2019, resulting in positive investment variances on the in-force book of covered business. The South African capital portfolio, however, marginally underperformed long-term assumptions, aggravated by the IFRS 9 charges recognised in Lebanon. This contributed to negative investment variances on adjusted net worth. The overall improvement compared to 2018 reflects the relatively stronger investment market performance in 2019.
 - Foreign currency translation differences and other largely reflects the impact of movements in exchange rates on the rand-based valuations of non-South African covered business.
- Other Group operations delivered a negative return of 1,8%.
- The 16% return from SPF's non-life operations reflect the combination of an overall solid underlying operational performance as well as lower risk discount rates.
 - The SEM non-life operations recorded negative RoGEV of 8.7%. The largest contributors to the negative return are Saham and the credit businesses in India. The stronger rand exchange rate against the basket of Saham currencies had a significant negative impact, which included the official Angola kwanza devaluation as well as moving to the parallel exchange rates for Angola and Lebanon. The valuation of the Saham portfolio also allows for the current weak general insurance claims experience across the portfolio. The return on the Shriram Capital investment was negative 7,9% in rand terms. This is essentially due to currency translation losses and the impact of pressure on the share prices of the listed Indian credit businesses, as highlighted above. Good claims experience at Shriram General Insurance contributed positively to operational results.
 - SIG achieved an overall RoGEV of 6,8% from its non-life operations. Future growth assumptions for its South African investment and wealth management operations were reduced in the current challenging operating environment, which more than offset the benefit of lower risk discount rates. Similar to SEM, the returns from non-South African operations were depressed by the stronger rand exchange rate.
 - The cap applied to the AfroCentric valuation contributed to a 31% negative return for Sanlam Corporate's non-life operations. Based on the internal valuation, Sanlam Corporate's return on other operations was negative 11%, which allows for lower future cash flow assumptions in the context of the persisting difficult economic environment.
 - The Santam RoGEV reflects the investment return of the listed share price.

Earnings

Shareholders' fund income statement for the year ended 31 December 2019

R million	2019	2018	Δ
Net result from financial services	9 674	8 890	9%
Sanlam Personal Finance	4 265	4 033	6%
Sanlam Emerging Markets	2 632	2 038	29%
Sanlam Investment Group	1 070	1 152	(7%)
Santam	1 217	1 196	2%
Sanlam Corporate	590	580	2%
Group office and other	(100)	(109)	8%
Net investment return	1 254	701	79%
Project expenses	(130)	(136)	4%
Net operational earnings	10 798	9 455	14%
Amortisation of intangible assets	(766)	(400)	
Equity participation costs	(596)	(5)	
(Loss)/profit on disposal of subsidiaries and associates	(6)	2 773	
Impairments	(339)	(305)	
Net non-operational equity-accounted earnings	19	3	
Normalised attributable earnings	9 110	11 521	(21%)

Net result from financial services (net operating profit) of R9,7 billion increased by 9% (up 7% in constant currency), with solid contributions from all major businesses, apart from Sanlam Investment Group's (SIG) wealth and advice businesses in the United Kingdom (UK), AfroCentric within the Sanlam Corporate portfolio and Saham.

SPF grew its net result from financial services by 6%. A prior year tax adjustment of R70 million at Sanlam Personal Loans (SPL) had a positive impact on the after-tax results, with gross result from financial services increasing by 3%. Excluding higher new business strain emanating from the strong new business growth at Sanlam Sky, BrightRock, Sanlam Indie and MiWayLife, net result from financial services increased by 10%. This is a particularly pleasing performance from a mature business operating under challenging conditions in South Africa.

SPF net result from financial services for the year ended 31 December 2019

R million	2019	2018	Δ
Sanlam Sky	1 339	1 268	6%
Recurring premium sub cluster	2 511	2 780	(10%)
Glacier	1 566	1 190	32%
LISP	513	539	(5%)
Life investments	1 053	651	62%
Strategic business development	387	374	3%
Sanlam Personal Loans	388	422	(8%)
Other	(1)	(48)	98%
Gross result from financial services	5 803	5 612	3%
Tax on gross result from financial services	(1 570)	(1 636)	4%
Non-controlling interest	32	57	(44%)
Net result from financial services	4 265	4 033	6%

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Value of new covered business

The discount rate used to determine VNB is directly linked to long-term interest rates. The 20bps and 50bps decrease in the South African nine- and five-year benchmark rates respectively in 2019 compared to the end of 2018 resulted in a commensurate decrease in the risk discount rate, with a 4.,6% positive impact on VNB growth. Changes in mix of business, good cost control and pricing initiatives supported an overall increase in VNB margins.

Net VNB increased by 15% at actual interest rates and by 10% on a comparable economic basis (CEB).

SPF achieved overall growth of 17% (12% on a comparable economic basis). Sanlam Sky VNB grew by 24% (17% on a comparable economic basis), supported by the exceptional Capitec Bank funeral business performance as well as the strong growth in individual life new business written through the traditional intermediated channel. The comparative base includes Capitec Bank credit life VNB of R36 million that did not repeat in 2019. Recurring premium cluster VNB rose by 34% (26% on a comparable economic basis), benefiting from repricing implemented in 2018, a favourable change in mix of business, a solid increase in BrightRock, MiWayLife and Sanlam Indie's contribution and some actuarial basis changes. Glacier's VNB declined by 8%, reflective of its new business performance.

Net VNB at **SEM** increased by 1% (down 2% in constant currency). Namibia, Botswana and Malaysia achieved credible growth of 9%, 20% and 64% respectively. Namibia and Malaysia's performance is largely in line with the growth in new life business volumes. Botswana's VNB growth benefited from the weaker average rand exchange rate as well as the good Group funeral business sales. Despite good growth in Kenya's life business, it still lagged expectations with a reduction in policy count placing pressure on acquisition and maintenance unit costs. Nigeria's VNB contribution was impacted by negative economic assumption changes and declined by 28%. India's 20% decline in VNB is attributable to the lower new business volumes and the inclusion of distribution expansion costs. Margins in Morocco and Côte d'Ivoire declined due to a change in mix to less profitable group business in Morocco and negative modelling changes in Côte d'Ivoire. Lebanon VNB also declined, reflective of the weak life new business performance.

Sanlam Corporate's VNB increased by 22%, the combination of strong new business growth and product mix.

Value of new covered business for the year ended 31 December 2019

R million	2019	2018	Δ	CEB
Net value of new covered business	2 280	1 985	15%	10%
Sanlam Personal Finance	1 763	1 504	17%	12%
Sanlam Emerging Markets	343	338	1%	(3%)
Sanlam Investment Group	–	–	–	–
Sanlam Corporate	174	143	22%	23%
Gross of non-controlling interest	2 542	2 187	16%	12%
Net present value of new business premiums	76 446	74 378	3%	3%
Sanlam Personal Finance	49 269	48 790	1%	–
Sanlam Emerging Markets	10 242	8 366	22%	21%
Sanlam Investment Group	3 410	3 334	2%	2%
Sanlam Corporate	13 525	13 888	(3%)	(3%)
Gross of non-controlling interest	81 540	78 085	4%	4%
Net new covered business margin	2,98%	2,67%		2,88%
Sanlam Personal Finance	3,58%	3,08%		3,44%
Sanlam Emerging Markets	3,35%	4,04%		3,24%
Sanlam Investment Group	–	–		–
Sanlam Corporate	1,29%	1,03%		1,30%
Gross of non-controlling interest	3,12%	2,80%		3,00%

Capital management

Discretionary capital

The Group started the year with negative discretionary capital of R3,7 billion, after payment for the Saham acquisition. A number of transactions during 2019 affected the balance of available discretionary capital, which amounted to R220 million at 31 December 2019.

Discretionary capital at 31 December 2019

R million	2019
Discretionary capital at 31 December 2018	(3 678)
Excess dividend cover	380
Excess investment return - Sanlam Life	391
Release of surplus capital	593
Sanlam Personal Finance	211
Sanlam Emerging Markets	382
Capital raised – cash component	4 450
Total capital raised	7 794
Net vendor funding	(2 997)
Dividends paid in respect of new shares	(347)
Investment return and other	51
Corporate activity	(1 967)
South Africa	(331)
Other emerging markets	(1 022)
Developed markets	(614)
Discretionary capital at 31 December 2019	220

Analysis of Group Equity Value per line of business

at 31 December 2019

R million	Total		Life business		General insurance		Investment management		Credit and structuring		Administration, health and other	
	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018
Southern Africa	99 365	88 377	54 028	49 843	20 218	20 694	8 544	8 862	4 302	3 801	12 273	5 177
South Africa	91 654	80 193	49 988	45 815	19 675	20 102	7 874	8 255	2 354	1 860	11 763	4 161
Other	7 711	8 184	4 040	4 028	543	592	670	607	1 948	1 941	510	1 016
North and West Africa	21 536	22 554	2 017	2 003	19 519	20 379	-	-	-	-	-	172
East Africa	1 039	1 012	583	507	412	342	207	283	-	-	(163)	(120)
Other international	21 331	22 109	3 528	3 881	2 230	1 986	8 086	7 015	7 382	9 079	105	148
Total	143 271	134 052	60 156	56 234	42 379	43 401	16 837	16 160	11 684	12 880	12 215	5 377

RETURN ON GROUP EQUITY VALUE

for the year ended 31 December 2019

%	2019	2018
Sanlam Personal Finance	20,0	11,4
Covered business	20,4	11,3
Sanlam Sky	25,8	20,3
Other	18,9	9,0
Other operations	15,8	11,9
Glacier	14,4	10,6
Sanlam Personal Loans	23,8	32,5
Other operations	(0,8)	(26,3)
Sanlam Emerging Markets	(7,1)	14,8
Covered business	(0,9)	5,7
Saham	(40,2)	(39,5)
Namibia	19,9	12,8
Botswana	23,4	27,2
Other African operations	11,5	33,1
Other International operations	15,1	20,0
Other operations	(8,7)	17,7
Saham	(7,7)	32,3
Shriram Capital	(7,9)	13,2
Other operations	(14,6)	(7,4)
Sanlam Investment Group	7,6	3,7
Covered business	11,8	11,0
Sanlam UK	10,9	7,4
Central Credit Manager	12,5	13,8
Other operations	6,8	2,3
Investment Management SA ⁽¹⁾	13,7	(16,8)
Wealth Management ⁽¹⁾	(10,6)	21,0
International ⁽¹⁾	7,5	9,6
Sanlam Specialised Finance	11,7	(12,5)
Santam	1,4	14,7
Sanlam Corporate	13,4	12,8
Covered business	21,9	16,8
Other operations	(30,9)	(6,0)
AfroCentric	(31,3)	(8,4)
Other	(22,5)	22,6
Discretionary and other capital	65,4	(12,3)
Group Equity Value	6,3	10,6
Covered business	16,6	11,0
Other operations	(1,8)	12,2
Group operations	6,0	11,6
Discretionary and other capital	12,4	(12,3)
Group Equity Value	6,3	10,6
RoGEV per share	6,4	11,6
<i>Sanlam Group hurdle rate</i>	<i>13,5</i>	<i>13,0</i>

⁽¹⁾ Comparative information has been adjusted for the reallocation of businesses from Investment Management SA and Wealth Management to International.

Cumulative average RoGEV

for the year ended 31 December 2019

%	Cumulative average RoGEV up to 31 December 2019		
	3 years	4 years	5 years
Sanlam Personal Finance	16,2	17,8	16,7
Sanlam Emerging Markets	6,0	3,8	8,6
Sanlam Investment Group	8,4	5,7	9,2
Santam	11,1	16,0	10,7
Sanlam Corporate	15,6	14,1	14,3
Sanlam Group	10,5	10,9	11,1

NET OPERATING PROFIT

for the year ended 31 December 2019

Analysis per line of business

	Life business		General insurance		Investment management		Credit and structuring		Administration, health and other		Total	
R million	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018
Southern Africa	4 981	4 765	1 162	1 216	683	613	447	338	84	19	7 357	6 951
South Africa	4 517	4 352	1 035	1 088	648	565	205	156	74	46	6 479	6 207
Other	464	413	127	128	35	48	242	182	10	(27)	878	744
North and West Africa	112	124	586	400	-	-	(26)	-	(107)	-	565	524
East Africa	59	35	18	(14)	4	-	-	-	22	(20)	103	1
Other International	149	193	585	300	153	305	753	592	9	24	1 649	1 414
Emerging markets	74	94	585	300	(1)	(1)	753	592	9	24	1 420	1 009
Developed markets	75	99	-	-	154	306	-	-	-	-	229	405
Total	5 301	5 117	2 351	1 902	840	918	1 174	930	8	23	9 674	8 890

NOTES TO THE SHAREHOLDERS' FUND INFORMATION

for the year ended 31 December 2019

1. Value of new covered business

R million	Note	Total		Sanlam Personal Finance		Sanlam Emerging Markets		Sanlam Investment Group		Sanlam Corporate	
		2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018
Value of new covered business (at point of sale)											
Gross value of new covered business		2 807	2 426	1 899	1 630	670	592	7	7	231	197
Cost of capital		(262)	(239)	(89)	(95)	(109)	(83)	(7)	(7)	(57)	(54)
Value of new covered business		2 545	2 187	1 810	1 535	561	509	-	-	174	143
Value of new business attributable to:											
Shareholders' fund	3	2 280	1 985	1 763	1 504	343	338	-	-	174	143
Non-controlling interest		265	202	47	31	218	171	-	-	-	-
Value of new covered business		2 545	2 187	1 810	1 535	561	509	-	-	174	143
Analysis of new business profitability											
<i>Before non-controlling interest</i>											
Present value of new business premiums		81 540	78 085	50 144	49 764	14 461	11 099	3 410	3 334	13 525	13 888
New business margin		3,12%	2,80%	3,61%	3,08%	3,88%	4,59%	0,00%	0,00%	1,29%	1,03%
<i>After non-controlling interest:</i>											
Present value of new business premiums		76 446	74 378	49 269	48 790	10 242	8 366	3 410	3 334	13 525	13 888
New business margin		2,98%	2,67%	3,58%	3,08%	3,35%	4,04%	0,00%	0,00%	1,29%	1,03%
Capitalisation factor – recurring premiums		4,1	4,1	4,4	4,2	3,0	3,2	4,2	4,1	5,5	5,3

