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High returns on listed shares in 2019

2019 has yielded strong returns for the insurance and pension sector. This is especially true for investments in listed equities, which have yielded a return of 30 per cent. Half of the holdings in foreign equities are located in the United States, and the return therefore follows developments in the US stock market, summarized in e.g. the S&P 500 index.

The sector purchases shares both directly on its own balance sheet and indirectly through alternative investment funds. About 59 per cent of the sector's investments in listed equities are through alternative investment funds. Investments through alternative investment funds achieved a return of 33 per cent, which was higher than the return of 28 per cent on listed shares held by the sector directly. In compari-

son, the return on the S&P 500 index was 29 per cent, and on the Danish C25 index 26 per cent.

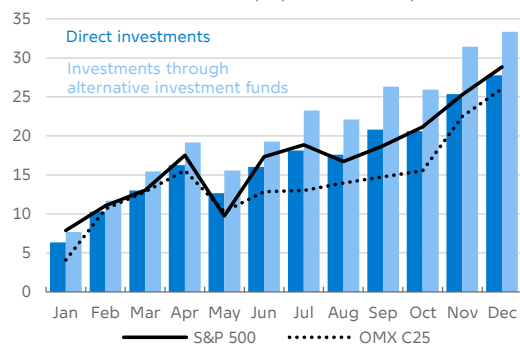
Investments for kr. 806 billion in listed shares

Overall, the insurance and pension sector has invested kr. 688 billion in foreign listed shares and kr. 118 billion in Danish listed shares. The sector's investments in Danish listed shares have achieved a return of 27 per cent in 2019. This corresponds roughly to the C25 index.

The sector mainly holds Danish equities on its own balance sheet, while foreign equities are held indirectly through alternative investment funds. The sector's largest direct investments are thus in Danish shares, with the top five being Novo Nordisk, Danske Bank, Ørsted, DSV Panalpina and Vestas. Top five investments through alternative investment funds are Microsoft followed by Apple, Alphabet, Amazon and Facebook.

Good year for listed shares

Accumulated return on listed equity investments in per cent



Note: The return includes value adjustments due to price adjustments and exchange rate fluctuation. Please see the 'insurance and pension statistics' sources and method for further information.

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