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The just ended year was marked by a weak macro-economic situation, although there were some positive sign
In the Euro Zone, BCE measures were determinant, which were proven to be efficient in significantly reducing t
At the same time, in this political contest, the framework for a European banking union was developed, which w
Despite reducing financial turbulence, the economy of the European Union is struggling to grow, given the parti
In the European Union, Italy is among the countries where economic activity slowed down significant (the GDP
Encouraging signs of recovery came from the United States in the third quarter, where the GDP increased by +

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In 2012, financial markets showed signs of recovery, especially benefiting from the intervention by the Europea
Bond markets reacted positively including with respect to government bonds. The strong recovery, which had c
Corporate bonds also reacted positively to such measures: the spread on the bonds of European investment gr

The yield on ten-year German government bonds dropped from 1.83% of 31 December 2011 to 1.32% at 31 D

The yield on ten-year U.S. government bonds dropped from 1.88% to 1.76%, partly due to monetary policy mea

The Bund two-year rate dropped, becoming negative from 0.14% at the end of 2011 to -0.01% at 31 December
The US two-year rate remained substantially stable at 0.25% (0.24% at the end of 2011).

Equity markets mainly showed positive performances, although characterized by high levels of volatility; after th
Eurostoxx recovered significantly (up +15.53%). In particular, the segments with the best performances were th
The main European stock exchanges recorded generally positive performances: Frankfurt?s DAX (up +29.06%
In the US, the stock markets showed a similar positive yield thanks to the economic recovery. The S&P 500 wa

Insurance markets
The main European insurance markets on which the Generali Group operates showed performances that differ
The segment
continued to show the downtrend that had characterized the previous year; however, there was a dichotomy be
As regards Italy, the trend in premiums written for direct labour for the first nine months of the year decreased b
In Germany, premiums written have recovered from the decline during the previous year, thanks to the increase
France continued to show the decline in premiums written observed in the previous year. Despite a deceleratio
In the main Central and Eastern European countries, life insurance markets have generally shown a positive tre
Also in Spain, the first estimates for 2012 show that the life segment market suffered a sharp decline (-9%), ma
In the segment
property & casualty premiums written showed differentiated performances in the Group?s main markets of ope
In Italy, the weakness of domestic demand had a negative influence on overall premiums written in the property
In Germany, there is a significant increase in premiums written in the Motor segment (+5.1%) and a positive res
In France, the property & casualty segment showed an increase in premiums of 4%, in large part due to rate in
Concerning the other main European operating Countries for the Group, there was a significant decline in Moto

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