## THE PATH ALREADY TRAVELLED IN OTHER COUNTRIES: Solutions adopted in other countries

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## **OVERVIEW OF THE SWEDISH PENSION SYSTEM**

- Old system 1960- 1998
- In 1960 Sweden introduced a *universal defined benefit public pension scheme*, called ATP.
- Full benefit at age 65 = 60 % of the average of the best 15 years of individuals' earnings + a folkpension as a minimum pension guarantee.
- Overview of the new Mandatory UniversalPublic Pension System implementedd in 1999
  - Nonfinancial (NDC) and a financial (FDC) public pension scheme + a tax-financed minimum benefit guarantee (means-tested vis á vis NDC+FDC benefit).
  - NDC accounts indexed yearly to the preceding year's *nominal wage-sum growth*;
    FDC accounts: a) max (5) choice from ca 700 domestic and international market funds registered in Sweden or b) auto-enrollment in the publicly managed "default fund" AP7.
  - Life annuities (can claim 100, 75, 50, 25% of full benefit): Based on: a) the individual's account balance and b) birth cohort's (unisex) life expectancy (LE) at the age of calculation.
  - Ceiling on contribution-based earnings 1.5 x average nominal earnings to be indexed to LE from year 2026.



## **OVERVIEW OF THE SWEDISH PENSION LANDSCAPE**

Individual Ins.

Total contribution rate of 24% for entire system.

NDC demogaphic reserve

"AP" funds –

with investments in

domestic and international

financial market funds.

Ca 200 billion USD 2021.

Occupational Insurance FDC (4.5%)

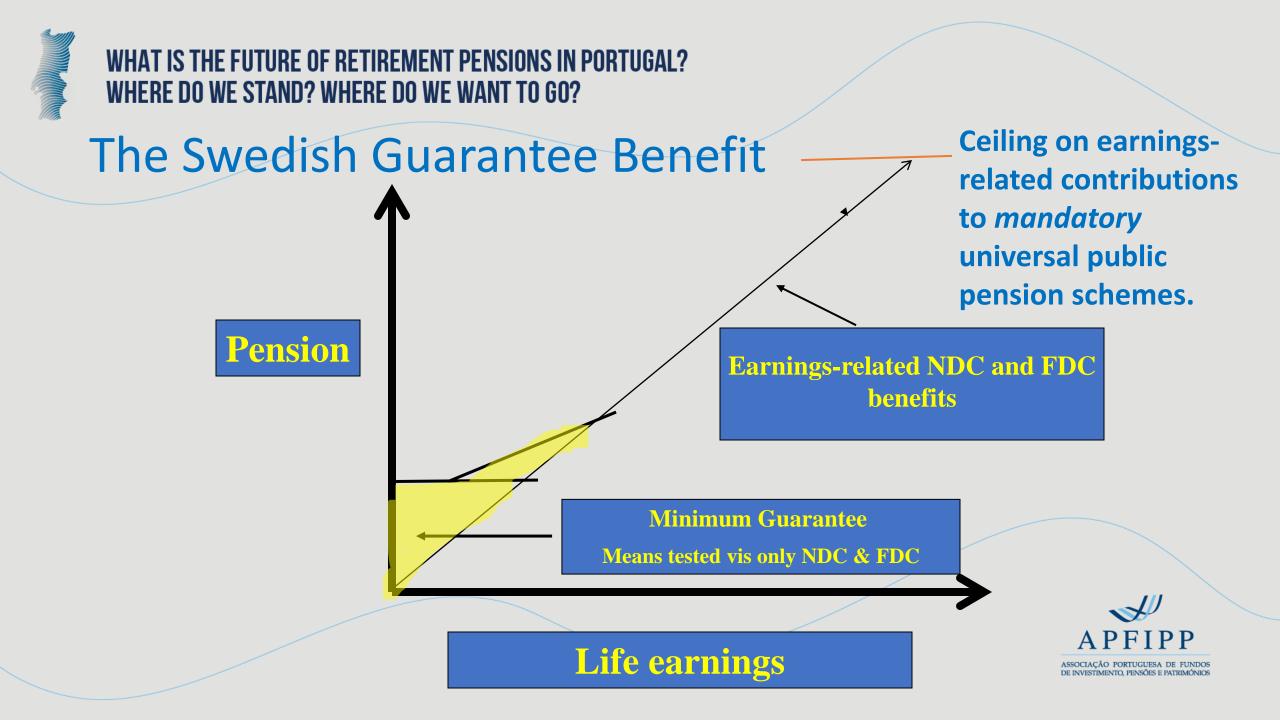
Public FDC (2.5%) Ca 200 billion USD in Funds in 2021

Occupational schemes cover ca 90% of the labor force.

> FDC pension schemes: Investments in domestic and international financial market funds - with participant selection of funds.

Public NDC (16%)

Budget-financed guarantee minimum pension (means-tested vis à vis public pensions) + e.g. childcare rights. Equivalent to ca 1.5 % contribution rate.





WHAT IS THE FUTURE OF RETIREMENT PENSIONS IN PORTUGAL? Where do we stand? Where do we want to go?

- Swedish NDC indexation is based on the development of the average real wage and the consumer price index\*
- In addition, a Solvency Ratio is computed annually:

Solvency Ratio = 
$$\frac{(A)ssets}{(L)iabilities}$$

If A/L < 1 individual accounts and pensions are indexed downwards to achieve A/L=1 - and then up again with economic recovery to the original "growth path".

- Assets are defined as the future flow of contributions on earnings + the reserve fund
- Liabilities are future pension commitments

\*Other NDC countries have also included the rate of change in the labor force in their indexation, but have no balancing mechanism.

#### WHAT IS THE FUTURE OF RETIREMENT PENSIONS IN PORTUGAL? 7 0 0 0 **FOTAL FUND WEALTH IN SWEDEN 2021, BILLIONS OF SEK** 6 0 0 0 **EQUITY FUNDS ARE IN DARK BLUE** 5 0 0 0 **SOURCE: STATISTICS SWEDEN** 4 0 0 0 3 0 0 0 2 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 2016Q2 2018Q2 202102 202002 201402 201502 201702 201902 Other funds

Funds of funds



### **RATIO OF FUNDED FINANCIAL PENSION ASSETS TO GDP 2019**

Country	Pension fund assets, % of GDP	Global rank	Country	Pension fund assets, % of GDP	Global rank	
	404.05					
Netherlands	191.85	1	Israel	63.78	11	
Iceland	175.00	2	<u>Malaysia</u>	61.21	12	
Switzerland	152.50	3	<b>Finland</b>	59.52	13	
USA	150.35	4	<u>Malta</u>	48.25	14	
Australia	134.31	5	<u>Bolivia</u>	46.92	15	
UK	123.31	6	Hong Kong	45.41	16	
Sweden	99.83	7	El Salvador	44.61	17	
Canada	95.71	8	<u>Denmark</u>	37.81	18	
Namibia	89.93	9	<u>Ireland</u>	37.23	19	
Chile	80.82	10	<u>Singapore</u>	35.12	20	
Source: Worl	d Bank		Portugal	10.2	50	





Development of AP7 Såfa – Swedish Public Fund's Default Alternativ

Comparison with the Average of Registered Funds in the Swedish Fund Market

	Overall Public FDC Pension and Default AP7 Såfa	Private Funds, % Average of individuals' fund choices from funds offered by AP7
AP7 Såfa		
Jan. 1 - Sept. 30, 2022	-12,30%	-19,40%
Recent 5 years	65,90%	39,40%
Recent 10 years	284,80%	142,80%
From start 2002	346,50%	160,60%
Overall Public Premium Pension (contribution rate 2.5%)	362,90%	165,80%
		ASSOCIAÇÃO PORTUGUESA DE FUNDOS DE INVESTIMENTO, PENSÕES E PATRIMÓNIOS

Sources: The Swedish Pensions Agency and AP7 Såfa



Swedish fund market January 1 - September 22, 2022

	Number of	Total value of assets	Change in Fund Value
Fund	Participants	September 22, 2022	Jan. 1 - Sept. 22, 2022
AMF Aktiefond Sverige	191 270	20 801 045 241	-36
Didner & Gerge Aktiefond	180 013	22 324 425 781	-32
Swedbank Robur Access Sverige A	146 081	12 960 645 083	-32
AMF Aktiefond Världen	177 094	20 921 538 133	-24
Swedbank Robur Technology A	321 606	54 016 370 832	-23
AP7 Aktiefond - Public Fund choice alternativ	148 509	30 453 708 132	-13
Swedbank Robur Aktiefond Pension	164 313	24 678 299 842	-13
AP7 Såfa – Public Fund's default alternativ	5 070 497	802 299 504 610	-12
Swedbank Robur Transfer 80	123 542	33 004 017 819	-12
Swedbank Robur Access Global A	120 525	15 294 936 451	-10

#### Swedish Stock Market





## **OTHER FACTS ON SWEDEN'S ECONOMY**

- Population 10.5 million persons
- Public Debt 19.2% of GDP
- Tax Burden 42.7%
- GDP per capita 9th ranking (OECD 2021)
- Gini coefficient 0.276 (Portugal= 0.31; UK=0.37; USA=0.38)





# THE PUBLIC PREMIUM RESERVE SCHEME .... LOOKING FORWARD

- Until 2019 there were about 700 funds in the system
- From 2019 the number has been continuously reduced with the processing of applications for new contracts with the PPM .... to 475 in Nov 2022.
- From June 20 2022 the legislation changed ... and with this a new contract model was introduced.
- From June 2022 funds can reach new fund agreements only by participating in upcoming procurements, administered by the new Fund Selection Agency.
- The operations of the public funded pension scheme (PPM) will continue to be managed by the Swedish Pensions Agency.



# **THANK YOU!**

