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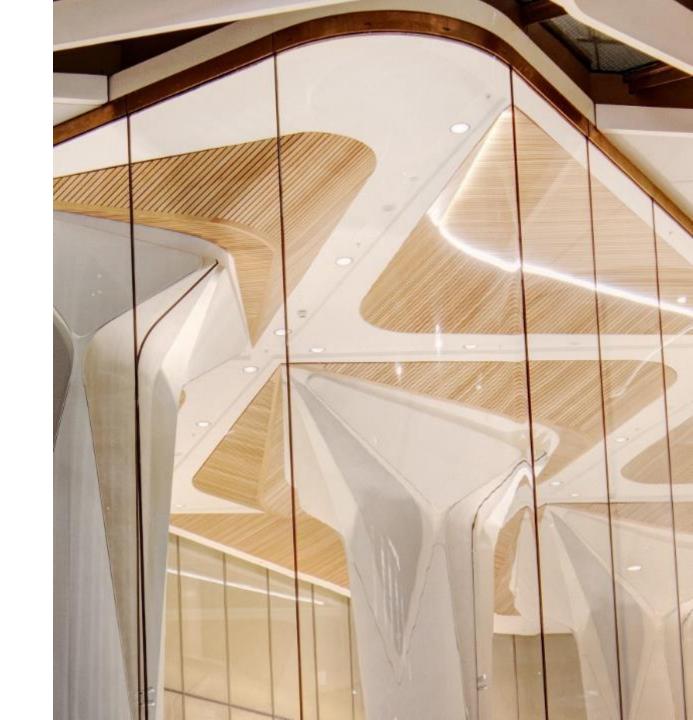
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- QBE adopted AASB 17 Insurance Contracts from 1 January 2023 and has restated the comparative period (excluding premium growth rates and premium rate changes). The impacts of adoption are detailed in note 8.1.1 of the consolidated financial statements in the 2023 Annual Report. Further information was also provided in the AASB 17 transition update released on 30 May 2023 with a subsequent update on 8 August 2023.
- 2. All figures are in US dollars
- 3. Premium growth rates are quoted on a constant currency basis
- Premium rate change excludes North America Crop and/or Australian compulsory third party motor (CTP)
- 5. Adjusted net cash profit after tax adjusts statutory net profit for Additional Tier 1 capital coupon accruals, as well as any gains on disposal, amortisation or restructuring costs
- 6. 2021 and prior periods are presented on an adjusted AASB 1023 basis as presented in prior reports
- 7. APRA PCA calculations at 31 December 2023 are indicative. Prior period calculation has been updated to be consistent with APRA returns finalised subsequent to year end

# Andrew Horton

**Group Chief Executive Officer** 



# **Key messages**

#### Financial performance

Financial performance continues to improve Adjusted cash ROE increased to 16.0%

#### **Growth remains a highlight**

10% GWP growth supported by 9.7% premium rate increase and ex-rate growth of 4%

#### Improved and more resilient underwriting result

COR of 95.2%, or 94.6% excluding reserve transaction announced in February

#### **Strategic progress**

North America strategic execution

Consistent strategy to improve core performance and successfully manage run-off

#### Property catastrophe de-risking

Reduced exposure to key perils whilst driving improved rate and terms

#### **Greater enterprise alignment**

Greater engagement and alignment across the enterprise is driving change and efficiency

# Performance update

Growth

+10%

Gross written premium

Average rate increase +9.7%

Ex-rate growth +4%

**Underwriting result** 

94.6%

Combined operating ratio

Excludes 0.6% impact from reserve transaction

Catastrophe claims below allowance

**Investment result** 

4.7%

Investment return

Total investment income of \$1,374M

4.6% exit running yield

**Balance sheet** 

1.82x

Regulatory capital

Capital above S&P 'AA'

Debt to total capital 21.9%

**Dividend** 

A\$0.62

Full year dividend

45% full year payout ratio

10% franked

# Strategic priorities building momentum

#### What we achieved in 2023



#### **Portfolio optimisation**

Improved property mix through targeted exits, better rate and terms, and ~10% exrate contraction in standalone property



#### **Modernise**

Commenced review to assess opportunities for efficiency and simplification. Deepened Al across underwriting and operations



#### Sustainable growth

Strong momentum across QBE Re, global specialty & UK. Progressed opportunities in cyber and adjacent specialties in NA



#### Our people

Launched innovative targets focused on equal sense of belonging. Employee share plan launched with 27% take up



#### Bring the enterprise together

Improved enterprise alignment supported property initiatives, reserve transaction and global approach to new growth opportunities

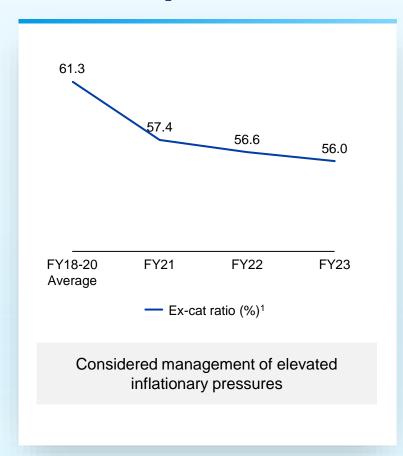


#### **Our culture**

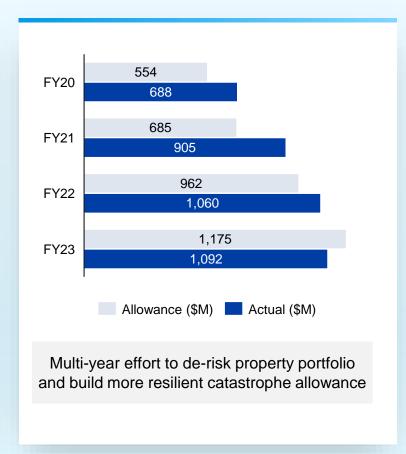
Launch of QGiving, QBE's employee fundraising and volunteering platform. Launched safety to speak up playbook

# Building greater resilience and consistency

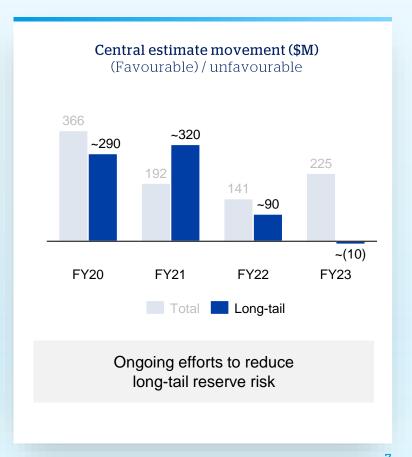
# Consistent ex-cat claims ratio improvement



# Catastrophe claims better than planned in FY23



# Long-tail reserve development

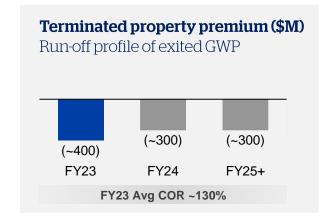


# Improving the quality of our property portfolio

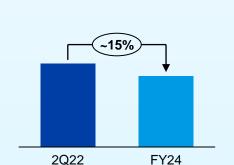
#### Improved mix, alongside better rate and terms

- Major focus on improving the quality of standalone property portfolios
- ~\$400M reduction in premium from terminated property portfolios in FY23, with a further ~\$600M expected in coming periods
- Exposure to peak perils expected to decline meaningfully into 2024
- Significant repositioning of QBE Re property portfolio expected to reduce volatility and better complement insurance business

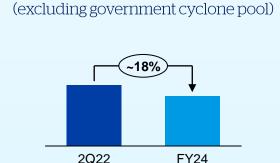




#### Reduced exposure<sup>1</sup> to peak perils



**US** windstorm



**AU** windstorm

#### Repositioning QBE Re's property portfolio

**-1%**FY23
GWP growth

**+22%**FY23
Rate increase

**-24%**FY23
Exposure

# **Sustainability**

#### Our areas of sustainability focus

Foster an orderly and inclusive transition to a net-zero economy

2. Enable a sustainable and resilient workforce

Partner for growth through innovative, sustainable and impactful solutions

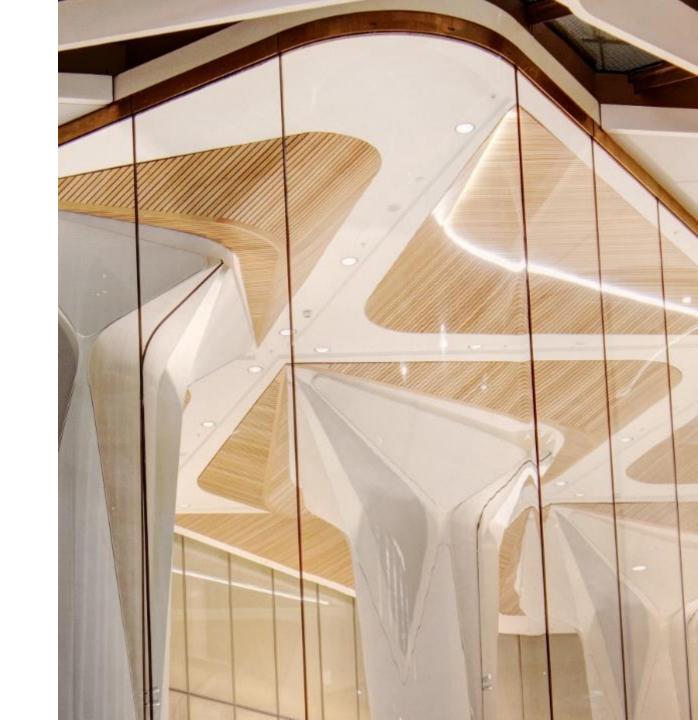
#### **FY23 Highlights**

Continued progress against our sustainability strategy

- In underwriting, set a formal engagement target to engage with over 50 priority customers on a regular basis to refine our net-zero underwriting approach
- Launched 'cradle to grave' insurance for AU renewable energy projects which offers coverage across entire project lifecycle, leveraging our EU expertise
- Achieved 2025 target of 40% women in leadership, as defined as the next three tiers below the Group Executive Committee
- Introduced innovative targets for fostering equal sense of belonging across gender, ethnicity, disability status and LGBTIQ+ identification
- Premiums4Good investments of \$1.6B in 2023 representing 108 securities
- Launched QGiving, which allows employees to give their way, with donations for eligible causes automatically matched by the QBE Foundation

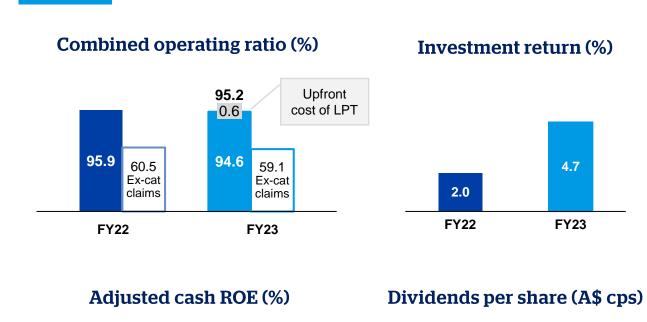
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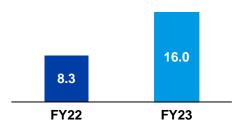
**Group Chief Financial Officer** 



# Result snapshot

Improvement in profitability underscored by more resilient underwriting result and strong investment returns



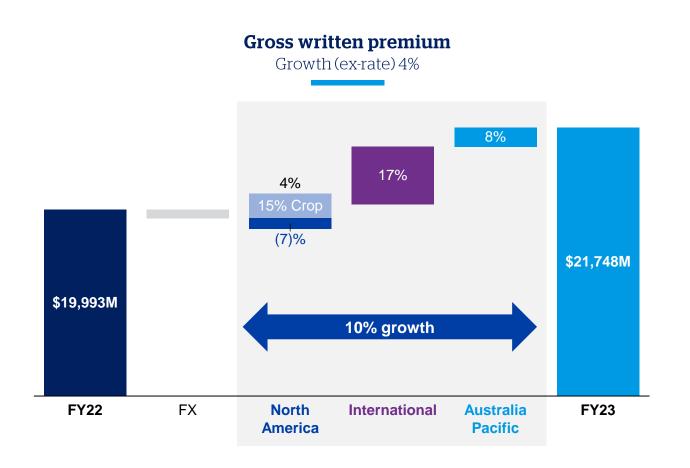




		FY22	FY23
Gross written premium	\$M	19,993	21,748
Net insurance revenue	\$M	15,088	16,599
Net claims ratio	%	66.0	65.1
Net commission ratio	%	18.2	18.3
Expense ratio	%	11.7	11.8
Combined operating ratio	%	95.9	95.2
Insurance operating result	\$M	614	796
Net insurance finance income (loss)	\$M	1,242	(60)
Investment losses from risk-free rate movements	\$M	(1,343)	(5)
Net investment income	\$M	570	1,374
Net profit after income tax	\$M	587	1,355
Adjusted cash profit after income tax	\$M	664	1,362
Adjusted cash return on equity	%	8.3	16.0

# **Gross written premium**

Organic growth continues across key areas, partially offset by exited property lines



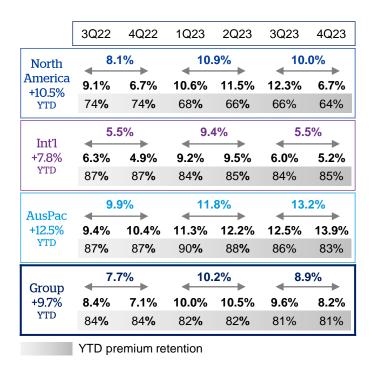
#### **Premium growth metrics (%)**

FY23	GWP growth	GWP growth (ex-rate)	Net insurance revenue growth
North America	4	1	3
NA (ex Crop)	(7)	(12)	1
International	17	10	17
Australia Pacific	8	(1)	11
Group	10	4	11

# **Group underwriting performance**

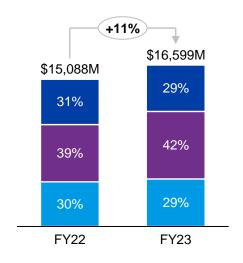
#### **Group-wide premium rate increases**

Improvement to +9.7%



#### Net insurance revenue

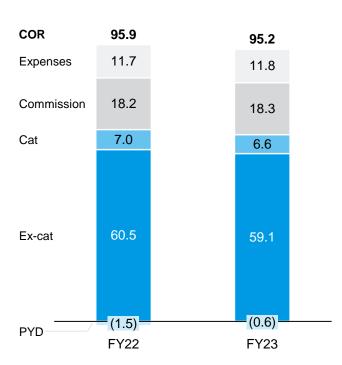
Strong growth led by International



FY23	Growth
North America	3%
International	17%
Australia Pacific	11%

#### Combined operating ratio (%)

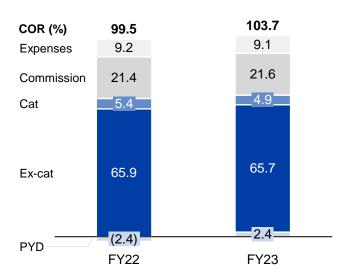
Impacted by prior year catastrophes



## Divisional underwriting highlights

#### **North America**

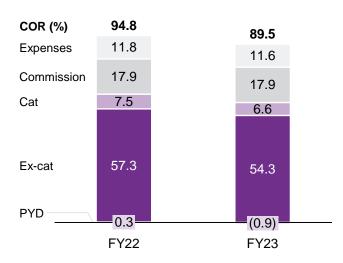
Impacted by prior year catastrophe costs and non-core drag



- Prior year strengthening from winter storm Elliott, Crop and non-core segment
- Crop current year COR 96.6% impacted by drought and commodity prices

#### **International**

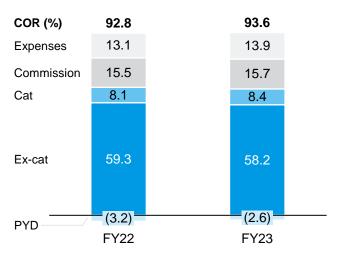
Strong improvement in underwriting result alongside targeted growth



- Improved ex-cat claims supported by rate increases above inflation
- Better than expected cat claims despite elevated global cat activity in 2023

#### **Australia Pacific**

Persistent short-tail inflation and elevated catastrophe costs



- Catastrophes underscored by NZ flood events and late-year east coast storms
- Short-tail rate increases now above claims inflation to support outlook

## North America business update

Drag from non-core lines expected to more than halve into FY24

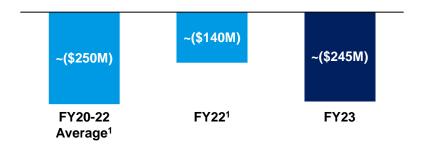
#### Key segment underwriting performance

COR	<b>FY18-22 Avg</b> AASB 1023	<b>FY22</b> AASB 1023	<b>FY22</b> AASB 17	FY23 AASB 17
Crop	96%	96%	96%	98%
Specialty	98%	96%	96%	95%
Commercial	106%	94%	96%	95%
Go-forward cor	~96%			
Non-core	~140%			
Division-wide im	~2%			
North America				103.7%

- Specialty segment continues to demonstrate improvement despite inflation challenges in Accident & Health
- Commercial segment performance recovered in 2H23 given lighter catastrophe experience

#### Non-core underwriting result

FY23 impacted by elevated catastrophe costs and PYD



- Unprofitable non-core lines accounted for over half of North America's catastrophe costs, and a significant component of the adverse prior year claims development for the division
- Drag from non-core lines expected to more than halve into FY24

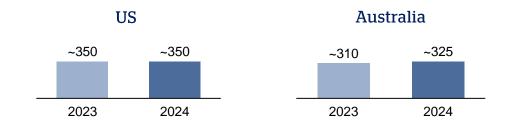
## Reinsurance update

2024 reinsurance renewal completed largely as expected, with broadly stable retention

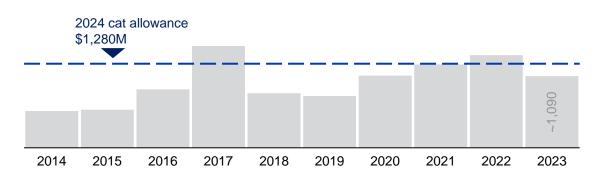
- 2024 program remains largely consistent. Retentions broadly stable year over year resulting in negligible APRA prescribed capital impact
- 2024 catastrophe allowance set at \$1,280M, which will drive a further increase in sufficiency compared to 2023
- "As if" analysis highlights the 2024 allowance would have been sufficient in 8 out of the last 10 years (vs 7 out of 10 in 2023)
- This analysis overlays the 2024 reinsurance program against QBE's historic catastrophe claims experience (adjusted for inflation and business exits)

#### Likely Group-wide maximum event retention (\$M)

Assumes single-occurrence multi-divisional major event for peak perils, noting International writes policies globally



#### 2024 catastrophe allowance "as if" analysis (\$M)



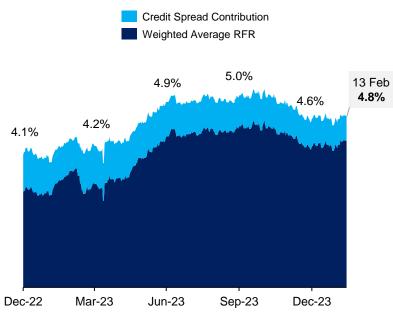
# **Investment portfolio performance**

FY23 investment return	\$M	%
FI yield (ex risk-free rate)	1,131	4.4
Credit spreads MTM	116	0.4
Risk assets	190	5.7
Expenses and other	(63)	(0.2)
Net return	1,374	4.7

- Further improvement in fixed income running yield, exiting FY23 at 4.6%
- Duration 'economically' matched at 1.7 years



#### Fixed income running yield



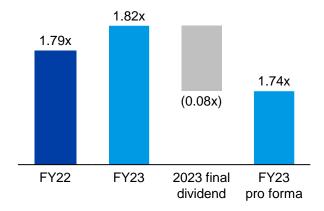
#### Fixed income assets - S&P security grading

Fixed income and enhanced fixed income



# **Balance sheet and capital management**

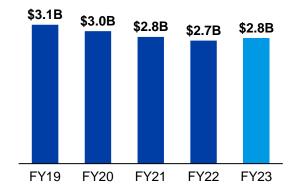
# **APRA capital**PCA multiple



- Regulatory capital at the top end of our 1.6x-1.8x target range
- Includes ~6pt benefit from \$1.9B reserve transaction announced earlier in the year
- Final dividend to impact capital by ~8pt
- Capital above S&P 'AA' level

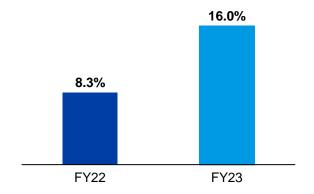
#### Borrowings

Debt to total capital target range: 15-30%



Debt to total capital	27.5	25.8	24.1	23.7	21.9
Debt to equity	38.0	34.8	31.8	31.0	28.1

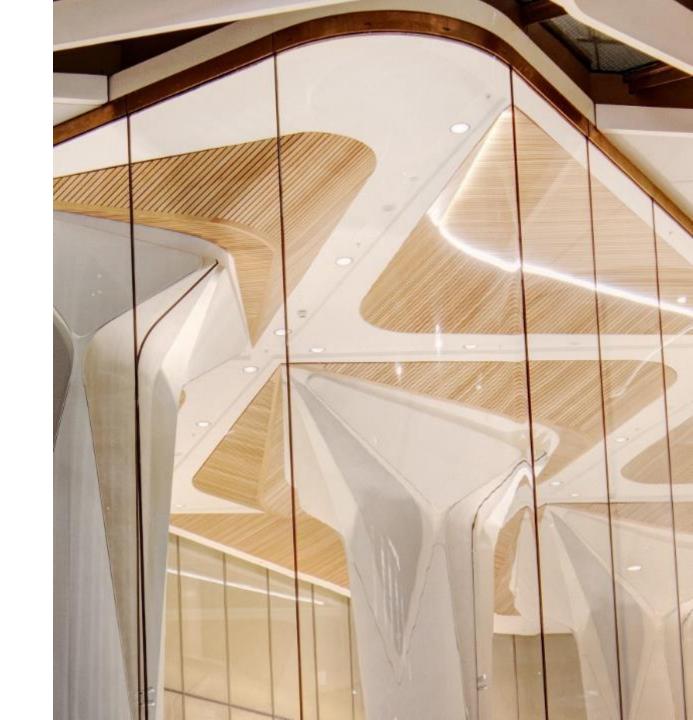
#### Adjusted cash return on equity



- Encouraging resilience and improvement
- Almost two-fold increase in ROE versus prior period

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### **Outlook**

Underlying settings behind 2024 business plan are more robust, with lower expected earnings volatility

#### Gross written premium

- Expect 2024 constant currency GWP growth in the mid-single digits
- Premium rate increases expected to remain supportive
- Markets to remain conducive for further targeted organic growth

# Combined operating ratio

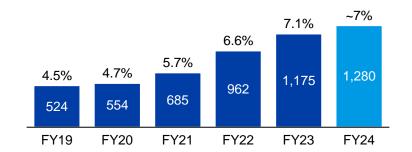
- Consistent low-to-mid 90s COR through-cycle
- 2024 COR of ~93.5%
- Underlying business settings continue to improve
- QBE to provide 1Q24 update on 10 May 2024

# Investment returns

- FY23 exit running yield of 4.6%
- Continue to rebalance the portfolio toward our 15% target risk asset allocation

#### More resilient catastrophe allowance (\$M)

Significant increase in the sufficiency of the allowance over recent years

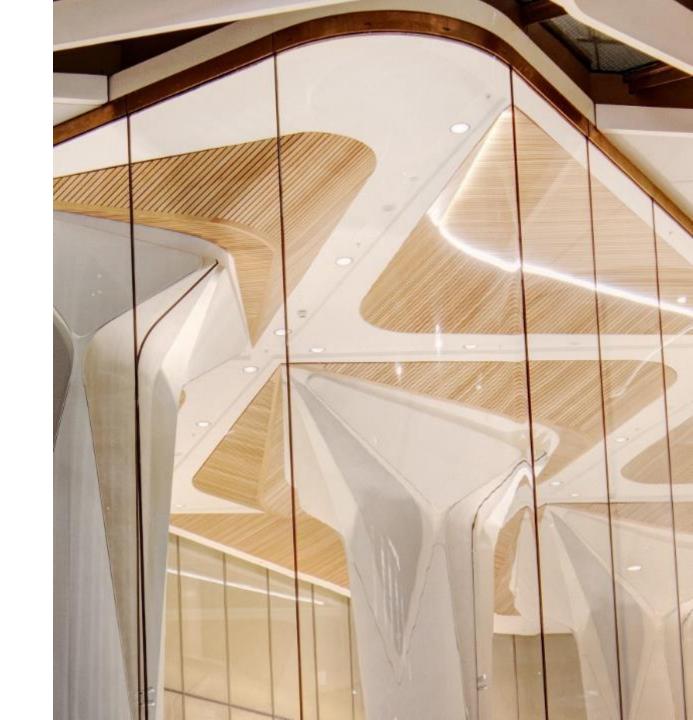


#### **Group claims inflation assumptions**

Limited moderation expected



# Questions and answers

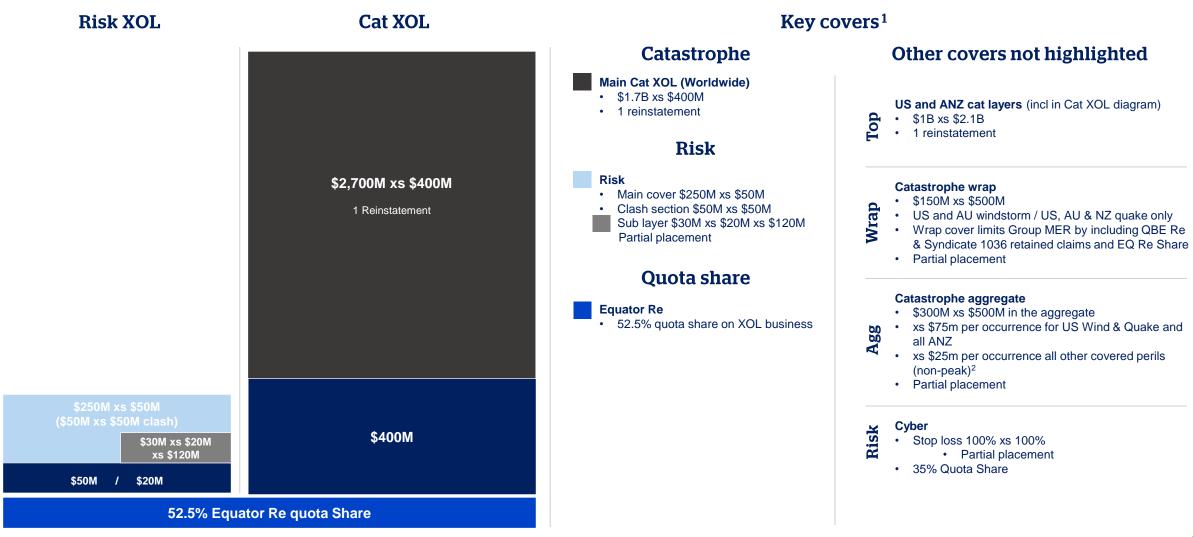


# **Key metrics summary**

		Gro	up	North America		International		Australia Pacific	
		FY22	FY23	FY22	FY23	FY22	FY23	FY22	FY23
Gross written premium	\$M	19,993	21,748	7,280	7,555	7,502	8,802	5,219	5,392
Insurance revenue	\$M	18,834	20,825	7,170	7,529	6,701	8,000	4,965	5,294
Net insurance revenue	\$M	15,088	16,599	4,641	4,790	5,871	6,921	4,585	4,881
NIR (ex Crop and LMI)	\$M	13,367	14,784	3,102	3,136	5,871	6,921	4,403	4,720
Net claims expense	\$M	(9,964)	(10,805)	(3,196)	(3,497)	(3,822)	(4,151)	(2,943)	(3,126)
Net commission	\$M	(2,741)	(3,044)	(995)	(1,037)	(1,053)	(1,241)	(714)	(761)
Expenses and other income	\$M	(1,769)	(1,954)	(428)	(436)	(690)	(803)	(599)	(679)
Insurance operating result	\$M	614	796	22	(180)	306	726	329	315
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Ex-cat (ex Crop, LMI, RA)	%	54.9	54.2	56.8	57.1	52.5	50.9	56.8	56.0
Ex-cat (ex RA)	%	56.6	56.0	63.1	63.3	52.5	50.9	55.4	55.0
Ex-cat claims ratio	%	60.5	59.1	65.9	65.7	57.3	54.3	59.3	58.2
Catastrophe claims	%	7.0	6.6	5.4	4.9	7.5	6.6	8.1	8.4
Prior year development	%	(1.5)	(0.6)	(2.4)	2.4	0.3	(0.9)	(3.2)	(2.6)
Net claims ratio	%	66.0	65.1	68.9	73.0	65.1	60.0	64.2	64.0
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Net commission ratio	%	18.2	18.3	21.4	21.6	17.9	17.9	15.5	15.7
Expense ratio	%	11.7	11.8	9.2	9.1	11.8	11.6	13.1	13.9
Combined operating ratio	%	95.9	95.2	99.5	103.7	94.8	89.5	92.8	93.6

		Group North America II		Intern	International		Australia Pacific		
	-	FY22	FY23	FY22	FY23	FY22	FY23	FY22	FY23
Ex-cat claims	\$M	(9,132)	(9,808)	(3,056)	(3,150)	(3,368)	(3,761)	(2,721)	(2,843)
- CAY risk adjustment	\$M	(591)	(518)	(128)	(113)	(284)	(233)	(180)	(157)
Catastrophe claims	\$M	(1,060)	(1,092)	(251)	(234)	(438)	(449)	(371)	(409)
Prior year development	\$M	228	95	111	(113)	(16)	59	149	126
- PYD (Central estimate)	\$M	(141)	(225)	(42)	(200)	(142)	(57)	44	20
- PYD (Risk adjustment)	\$M	369	320	153	87	126	116	105	106
Net claims incurred	\$M	(9,964)	(10,805)	(3,196)	(3,497)	(3,822)	(4,151)	(2,943)	(3,126)
Ex-cat claims	%	60.5	59.1	65.9	65.7	57.3	54.3	59.3	58.2
- CAY risk adjustment	%	3.9	3.1	2.8	2.4	4.8	3.4	3.9	3.2
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- PYD (Central estimate)	%	0.9	1.3	0.9	4.2	2.4	0.8	(0.9)	(0.4)
- PYD (Risk adjustment)	%	(2.4)	(1.9)	(3.3)	(1.8)	(2.1)	(1.7)	(2.3)	(2.2)
Net claims ratio	%	66.0	65.1	68.9	73.0	65.1	60.0	64.2	64.0

# 2024 Simplified reinsurance program<sup>1</sup>



<sup>1.</sup> Program schematic and cover summary does not show all contracts, sub-layers, placement % or regional covers.

<sup>2.</sup> Peak perils defined as cyclone, hurricane & typhoon, and earthquake (and fire following) as respects Australia, New Zealand (quake only) and US (excluding Puerto Rico).

All other perils are non-peak.

# Enabling a more resilient future

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