# Solvency and Financial Condition Report

Ecclesiastical Insurance Office plc

For the year ended 31 December 2021



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# **Executive summary**

## Introduction

This Solvency and Financial Condition Report (SFCR) has been prepared in line with the requirements of the Solvency II (SII) Regulations, to assist the customers, business partners and shareholders of Ecclesiastical Insurance Office plc (the Company) and other stakeholders in understanding the nature of the business, how it is managed and its solvency position.

This SFCR is in respect of the solo insurance undertaking of Ecclesiastical Insurance Office plc. The Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Benefact Group plc (BG, the Group), previously known as Ecclesiastical Insurance Group plc (EIG) and a separate SFCR is published covering the SII requirements of the Group.

## Our business

We are a commercial business with a charitable owner and purpose, with a distinctive positioning that sets us apart from other businesses in the financial services sector. Our purpose is to create long-term value for our shareholders, by leveraging our charitable purpose and specialisms to create competitive advantage and to deliver growing financial returns to our shareholder and owner, which are then distributed to charitable causes and communities, contributing to society's greater good.

Our charitable purpose drives our strategic goal of being the most trusted and ethical business in our chosen markets. It also shapes the way we do business, particularly our focus on doing the right thing for our customers and business partners. It creates an environment where sustainable, long-term value generation is prioritised over short-term results.

Within the wider Group that the Company belongs to, we do this by managing a successful, ethically run global portfolio of businesses covering specialist insurance and broking and advisory services. We provide products and services to businesses, organisations and retail customers, both directly and through intermediaries. Worldwide, we insure over £300bn of property and in the UK we are the leading insurer of Grade I listed buildings, insure thousands of charities and churches, and many of the UK's independent schools. We also provide specialist investment management, risk management, broking and advisory services.

The Company currently operates in the United Kingdom, Republic of Ireland and Canada. The material SII lines of business are fire and other damage to property, general liability and miscellaneous financial loss. More information about the Company structure and the business we write can be found in section A of the report.

# **Business performance**

The Company delivered a profit before tax of £87.7m in 2021 (2020 loss of £20.4m) due significantly to excellent investment returns, fuelled by strong performance in equities and investment property classes as markets bounced back after a difficult 2020.

The Company's underwriting businesses reported profit of £22.0m (2020: £12.4m). This represents another strong performance and includes the impact of reserve strengthening in Australia, together with adverse weather events in the UK, and Canada. We continue to be a trusted partner to our customers and brokers, and this is reflected in our strong retention and satisfaction levels, which have supported our growth in gross written premiums (GWP) of 13%. Customer and broker satisfaction levels were recorded in the UK at a remarkable 98% overall satisfaction level with the service they are receiving. The broking & advisory business exceeded their targets for 2021 and delivered higher income and profits than the preceding year. Edentree delivered record inflows in the year and exceeded fund benchmarks, whilst continuing to invest in people, products and systems as a platform for further growth.

Our business is managed with a long-term view of risk and as a result, we have maintained a robust capital position that can withstand short-term volatility. Our strong credit ratings with S&P and AM Best were both reaffirmed in 2021. The Company's SII regulatory capital position is significantly higher in 2021 than the previous year, remaining well above regulatory requirements and risk appetite and further supported with the issuance of €30m subordinated debt in February 2021, as the Group seeks to take advantage of profitable growth opportunities. The Company has continued to give to charity and donated £28.5m during 2021, exceeding the target the Company set itself in 2017 of giving over £100m to charity. We continued to invest in the future of our business, moving into modern new office space in Gloucester in the early part of 2021 and developing new insurance underwriting platforms in the UK and Australia.

## System of Governance

The Governing Body of the Company is the Board of Directors (the Board), whose role is to provide entrepreneurial leadership of the Group within a framework of prudent and effective controls. The Governance Framework documents the main roles and responsibilities of key functions, and is formally reviewed and approved every two years.

An enterprise-wide Risk Management Framework is embedded across the wider Group with the purpose of providing the tools, guidance, policies, standards and defining responsibilities to enable the Company to achieve its strategy and objectives.

The system of governance and risk management framework, including implementation of the Three Lines of Defence Model is covered in more detail in section B.

## **Risk profile of the Company**

The Company is exposed to the following main categories of risk:

- Underwriting
- Market
- Credit
- Liquidity
- Operational

The two most significant risk types are underwriting risk and market risk. Section C covers the Company's risk profile in more detail.

# Solvency and financial condition

A summary of the Company's solvency position at the end of 2021 and the change over the year is shown below:

Summary Solvency position	2021	2020	Change
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Own Funds	616,905	518,562	98,343
Solvency Capital Requirement	236,500	262,723	(26,223)
Coverage ratio	261%	197%	63%

The Company's regulatory solvency position has increased significantly in 2021 and remains considerably above risk appetite. Own funds increased by £98.3m mainly reflecting profits booked in the year and the issuance of €30m tier 2 subordinated debt in February to support future profitable growth opportunities. Own funds are explained in more detail in section E.1. The Company's Solvency Capital Requirement (SCR) decreased in the year by £26.2m, predominantly due to higher Loss Absorbing Capacity of Deferred Taxes (LACDT) resulting from higher taxable profits in 2021 and an increase in the UK tax rate in 2023 from 19% to 25%, increasing both the deferred tax and the associated absorbency. More detail on the changes in SCR and Minimum Capital Requirement (MCR) during the year are given in section E.2.

# Outlook for 2022

The Company continues to take a long-term view to managing and investing in the business aiming to deliver sustainable profitability, to be the most trusted and ethical financial services group, and to evolve our business for the greater good of society and to make a positive impact on people's lives. Since 2014, the Group has given over £150million to good causes. EIO's parent Benefact Group is now aiming to donate a cumulative £250million to good causes by the end of 2025.

Solvency levels are very strong and projected to remain so over the plan period, with no instances of a breach to its MCR, SCR or the Board's risk appetite having occurred up to the date of this report being published.

The draft results for the Company exceeded forecast expectations. As a result, the EIO Board approved a further £5m grant in specie to Benefact Trust Limited at their meeting on 2 February 2022. It will be accounted for in 2022, as this will be the date the grant is made.

The recent devastating events in Ukraine, and the consequences of previously unthinkable international economic sanctions has led to heightened market volatility, an increased risk of inflation and risks to the supply chain. We will continue to manage these risks and remain alert to changes in them across all of our businesses. Despite the increased level of uncertainty, we remain optimistic about the future and are fully committed to our ethical and long-term investment strategy.

The Group continues to take a long-term view of risk, is expected to remain well capitalised and is capable of withstanding potential future volatility. The Group has recently launched an ambitious new strategy that seeks to innovate and accelerate growth so that we can give even more money to good causes. Further investment is planned in new systems and technology, helping our businesses to innovate with purpose. 2022 is expected to see the rollout of a new strategic General Insurance system for the UK and Ireland which, once live, will help us to provide our customers and brokers with an enhanced experience and more efficient processes and capacity.

# Statement of Directors' responsibilities

# **Ecclesiastical Insurance Office Plc**

Financial year ended 31 December 2021

The Directors are responsible for preparing the SFCR in accordance with the Prudential Regulatory Authority (PRA) rules and Solvency II Regulations.

Each of the Directors, whose names and functions are listed in the Board of Directors section of the Company's Annual Report & Accounts, confirm that, to the best of their knowledge:

- a) throughout the financial year in question, the Company has complied in all material respects with the requirements of the PRA Rules and the Solvency II Regulations as applicable to the insurer; and
- b) it is reasonable to believe that, at the date of the publication of the SFCR, the Company continues so to comply, and will continue so to comply in future.

By Order of the Board

Mark Hews Director and Chief Executive Officer Date: 7 April 2022

# **Audit report**

Report of the external independent auditors to the Directors of Ecclesiastical Insurance Office Plc ('the Company') pursuant to Rule 4.1 (2) of the External Audit Part of the PRA Rulebook applicable to Solvency II firms

Report on the Audit of the relevant elements of the Solvency and Financial Condition Report

## Opinion

Except as stated below, we have audited the following documents prepared by the Company as at 31 December 2021:

- The 'Valuation for solvency purposes' and 'Capital Management' sections of the Solvency and Financial Condition Report of the Company as at 31 December 2021, ('the Narrative Disclosures subject to audit'); and
- Company templates S.02.01.02, S.17.01.02, S.23.01.01 and S.28.01.01 ('the Templates subject to audit').

The Narrative Disclosures subject to audit and the Templates subject to audit are collectively referred to as the **'relevant elements of the Solvency and Financial Condition Report'**.

We are not required to audit, nor have we audited, and as a consequence do not express an opinion on the **Other Information** which comprises:

- Information contained within the relevant elements of the Solvency and Financial Condition Report set out above which is, or derives from the Solvency Capital Requirement, as identified in the Appendix to this report;
- The 'Summary', 'Business and performance', 'System of governance' and 'Risk profile' elements of the Solvency and Financial Condition Report;
- Company templates S.05.01.02, S.05.02.01, S.19.01.21 and S.25.03.21;
- The written acknowledgement by management of their responsibilities, including for the preparation of the Solvency and Financial Condition Report ('the Responsibility Statement').

To the extent the information subject to audit in the relevant elements of the Solvency and Financial Condition Report includes amounts that are totals, sub-totals or calculations derived from the Other Information, we have relied without verification on the Other Information.

In our opinion, the information subject to audit in the relevant elements of the Solvency and Financial Condition Report of the Company as at 31 December 2021 is prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the financial reporting provisions of the PRA Rules and Solvency II regulations on which they are based, and as supplemented by supervisory approvals and determinations.

## Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) including ISA (UK) 800 and ISA (UK) 805, and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further

described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the relevant elements of the Solvency and Financial Condition Report section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the Solvency and Financial Condition Report in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard as applied to public interest entities, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

## Conclusions relating to going concern

Our evaluation of the directors' assessment of the Company's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting included:

- Obtained and reviewed management's updated going concern assessment which included the board approved income statement, balance sheet, cash flow and solvency forecasts;
- Considered the forward looking assumptions and assessed the reasonableness of this based on recent historic performance;
- Considered information obtained during the course of the audit and publicly available market information to identify any evidence that would contradict management's assessment; and
- Considered our own independent alternative downside scenarios and whether these could impact the going concern assessment.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from the date on which the Solvency and Financial Condition Report is authorised for issue.

In auditing the Solvency and Financial Condition Report, we have concluded that the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the Solvency and Financial Condition Report is appropriate.

However, because not all future events or conditions can be predicted, this conclusion is not a guarantee as to the Company's ability to continue as a going concern.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

## **Emphasis of Matter - Basis of Accounting**

We draw attention to the 'Valuation for solvency purposes' and 'Capital Management' of the Solvency and Financial Condition Report, which describe the basis of accounting. The Solvency and Financial Condition Report is prepared in compliance with the financial reporting provisions of the PRA Rules and Solvency II regulations, and therefore in accordance with a special purpose financial reporting framework. The Solvency and Financial Condition Report is required to be published, and intended users include but are not limited to the Prudential Regulation Authority. As a result, the Solvency and Financial Condition Report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

## **Other Information**

The Directors are responsible for the Other Information.

Our opinion on the relevant elements of the Solvency and Financial Condition Report does not cover the Other Information and we do not express an audit opinion or any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the Solvency and Financial Condition Report, our responsibility is to read the Other Information and, in doing so, consider whether the Other Information is materially inconsistent with the relevant elements of the Solvency and Financial Condition Report, or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the relevant elements of the Solvency and Financial Condition Report or a material misstatement of the Other Information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this Other Information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

## Responsibilities of Directors for the Solvency and Financial Condition Report

The Directors are responsible for the preparation of the Solvency and Financial Condition Report in accordance with the financial reporting provisions of the PRA rules and Solvency II regulations which have been supplemented by the approvals and determinations made by the PRA under section 138A of FSMA, the PRA Rules and Solvency II regulations on which they are based, as detailed below:

Approvals

• Approval to use a full or partial internal model

The Directors are also responsible for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of a Solvency and Financial Condition Report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

# Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the relevant elements of the Solvency and Financial Condition Report

It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion as to whether the information subject to audit in the relevant elements of the Solvency and Financial Condition Report is prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with financial reporting provisions of the PRA Rules and Solvency II regulations on which they are based.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the relevant elements of the Solvency and Financial Condition Report are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but it is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the decision making or the judgement of the users taken on the basis of the Solvency and Financial Condition Report.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

Based on our understanding of the Company/industry, we identified that the principal risks of noncompliance with laws and regulations related to breaches of UK regulatory principles such as those governed by the Prudential Regulation Authority (UK) and the Financial Conduct Authority (UK), and we considered the extent to which non-compliance might have a material effect on the Solvency and Financial Condition Report. We also considered those laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the Solvency and Financial Condition Report such as Prudential Regulatory Authority (PRA) rules and Solvency II Regulations. We evaluated management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the Solvency and Financial Condition Report (including the risk of override of controls), and determined that the principal risks were related to posting inappropriate journal entries to revenue or expenditure and management bias in accounting estimates specifically the valuation of specific general insurance reserves including asbestos and Physical and Sexual Abuse ("PSA") reserves. Audit procedures performed included:

- Enquiries of compliance, risk, internal audit, and the Group's legal function, including consideration of known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulation and fraud;
- Reading key correspondence with the Prudential Regulation Authority and the Financial Conduct Authority in relation to compliance with laws and regulations;
- Reviewing relevant meeting minutes including those of the Group Board, Group Audit Committee and Group Risk Committee;
- Procedures relating to the valuation of specific general insurance reserves such as asbestos and PSA reserves;
- Identifying and testing journal entries, in particular any journal entries posted with unusual account combinations in revenue or expenditure; and.
- Designing audit procedures to incorporate unpredictability around the nature, timing or extent of our testing.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above. We are less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations that are not closely related to events and transactions reflected in the Solvency and Financial Condition Report. Also, the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery or intentional misrepresentations, or through collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditors' report.

## Use of this report

This report, including the opinion, has been prepared for the Board of Directors of the Company in accordance with External Audit rule 2.1 of the Solvency II firms Sector of the PRA Rulebook and for no other purpose. We do not, in providing this report, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other party save where expressly agreed by our prior consent in writing.

## **Other Matter**

The Company has authority to calculate its Solvency Capital Requirement using an internal model ("the Model") approved by the Prudential Regulation Authority in accordance with the Solvency II Regulations. In forming our opinion (and in accordance with PRA Rules), we are not required to audit the inputs to, design of, operating effectiveness of and outputs from the Model, or whether the Model is being applied in accordance with the Company's application or approval order.

## **Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements**

In accordance with Rule 4.1 (3) of the External Audit Part of the PRA Rulebook for Solvency II firms we are also required to consider whether the Other Information is materially inconsistent with our knowledge obtained in the audit of the Company's statutory financial statements. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

The engagement partner on the audit resulting in this independent auditors' report is Sue Morling.

PricewaterhouseGoposlip

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP Chartered Accountants Bristol 7 April 2022

## Appendix – relevant elements of the Solvency and Financial Condition Report that are not subject to audit

The relevant elements of the Solvency and Financial Condition Report that are not subject to audit comprise:

- The following elements of template S.02.01.02:
  - Row R0550: Technical provisions non-life (excluding health) risk margin
  - Row R0590: Technical provisions health (similar to non-life) risk margin
  - Row R0640: Technical provisions health (similar to life) risk margin
  - Row R0680: Technical provisions life (excluding health and index-linked and unit-linked) risk margin
  - Row R0720: Technical provisions Index-linked and unit-linked risk margin
- The following elements of template S.17.01.02
  - Row R0280: Technical provisions calculated as a sum of BE and RM Risk margin
- The following elements of template S.23.01.01
  - Row R0580: SCR
  - Row R0740: Adjustment for restricted own fund items in respect of matching adjustment portfolios and ring fenced funds
- The following elements of Company template S.28.01.01
  - Row R0310: SCR
- Elements of the Narrative Disclosures subject to audit identified as 'unaudited'.

# A. Business and performance

## A.1 Business details and Group structure

## Name and legal form of the Company

Ecclesiastical Insurance Office plc is a public limited company incorporated and domiciled in England.

The address of the registered office is:

Benefact House 2000 Pioneer Avenue Gloucester Business Park Gloucester GL3 4AW

## Supervisory authority

The supervisory authority for both the Company and the Group is:

Prudential Regulation Authority Bank of England 20 Moorgate London EC2R 6DA

## **External auditor**

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP 2 Glass Wharf Temple Quay Bristol BS2 0FR

## **Qualifying holdings**

Qualifying holdings are a direct or indirect holding in the Company that represents 10% or more of the capital or of the voting rights of the Company, or a holding that makes it possible to exercise a significant influence over the Company.

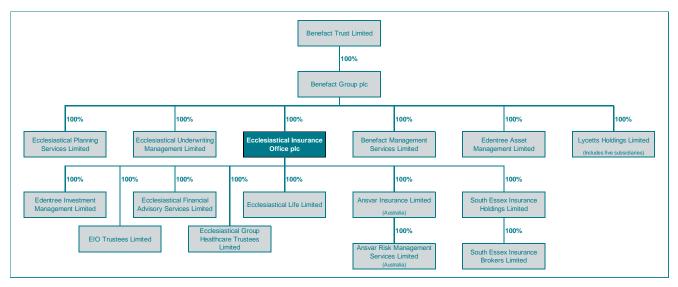
The Company's shares and associated voting rights are held solely by its parent BG, a company incorporated and domiciled in the UK.

BG holds 350,677,850 ordinary £0.04 shares. The only other ordinary shareholder, Mark Hews, who is Group Chief Executive of the Company, holds 125 ordinary £0.04 shares in a non-beneficial capacity, for the benefit of BG.

In addition, there are 106,450,000 £1.00 non-cumulative irredeemable preference shares in issue. There are no qualifying holdings within this class of share capital.

## **Group structure**

The Company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of BG, previously known as Ecclesiastical Insurance Group plc. Its ultimate parent is Benefact Trust Limited (BTL) previously known as Allchurches Trust Limited, which is a mixed activity insurance holding company. Both companies changed their name on 8 March 2022, and are incorporated and operate in the United Kingdom. Below is a simplified representation of the Benefact Group and the position of the Company within that Group:



The following is a list of material subsidiaries, all of which are 100% owned either directly or indirectly by the Company:

#### Incorporated in the United Kingdom:

- Ecclesiastical Financial Advisory Services Limited
- Ecclesiastical Life Limited (insurance undertaking)
- EdenTree Investment Management Limited (investment fund management
- South Essex Insurance Brokers Limited
- South Essex Insurance Holdings Limited

### Incorporated in Australia:

• Ansvar Insurance Limited (third country insurance undertaking)

The Company also has branches in the Republic of Ireland and Canada.

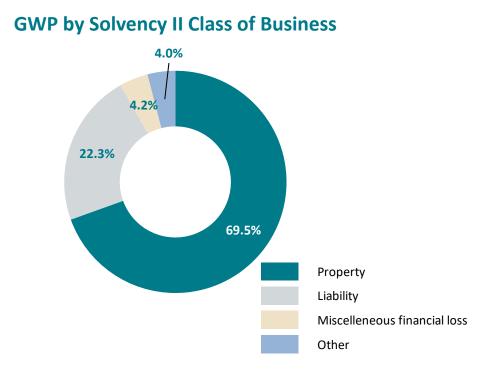
# Lines of business

The Company currently operates in the United Kingdom, Republic of Ireland and Canada.

The material lines of business are:

- Fire and other damage to property
- General liability
- Miscellaneous financial loss

The proportion of each type of business written is shown in the chart below:



# Significant events

Our SII regulatory capital position was supported with the issuance of €30m subordinated debt in February 2021, as the Group seeks to take advantage of profitable growth opportunities.

The invasion of Ukraine in late February 2022 is a cause for concern around the world. Large oil and natural gas stocks are found in the region, leading to fears of supply shortages due to the imposition of sanctions and surging energy prices. Countries across Europe (including the UK) are seeking to lessen their reliance on Ukraine and Russia for oil and natural gas supplies. Disruption fears now encompass a wide range of other products that will affect both businesses and consumers.

Uncertainty has spread, with volatility seen in global financial markets and adverse impacts beginning to flow through for economic growth and inflation. Cyber risk remains a constantly evolving threat due to the threat of zero day attack and with the unfolding conflict in Ukraine.

Although the easing of most pandemic-related restrictions means we entered 2022 in a very different place to the start of last year, we are still living with Covid-19, and some remaining level of uncertainty from the pandemic will likely persist.

These risks are being continually monitored and the Company is managing the ongoing impact of the Ukraine conflict and associated risks, utilising business continuity and risk management processes where appropriate.

The Company has a robust and regular solvency monitoring process in place together with a strong risk management framework. Whilst 2021 solvency surplus is extremely strong, the Company and the wider group continues to monitor the impact of the Ukraine conflict and other key risks. Up to the date of this report being published no instances of a breach of its MCR, SCR or the Board's risk appetite have been identified.

The significant risks to which the Company is exposed and how these are managed are discussed in more detail in section C.

## A.2 Performance from underwriting activities

## **Overall underwriting performance**

The Company's underwriting performance for the year was a profit of £22.0m (2020: £12.4m profit). This represents another strong performance and includes the impact of reserve strengthening in Australia and more weather and large claim experience in the UK. 2020 was negatively impacted by the incidence of Covid-19 related business interruption claims.

### Performance by material class of business

Underwriting performance by line of business	General Liability		Fire and Other Damage to Property		Misc. Financial Loss		Other	
	2021 £'000	2020 £'000	2021 £'000	2020 £'000	2021 £'000	2020 £'000	2021 £'000	2020 £'000
Net Earned Premium	80,621	73,891	146,092	135,172	9,300	8,946	13,582	1,382
Net Claims Incurred	(18,177)	(20,347)	(67,212)	(57,460)	(3,938)	(14,512)	(22,358)	(5,974)
Operating Expenses	(40,833)	(37,346)	(69,739)	(66,011)	(4,297)	(4,517)	(974)	(814)
Underwriting Performance	21,611	16,198	9,141	11,701	1,065	(10,083)	(9,750)	(5,406)

## **General Liability**

The underwriting result from the liability account continued to perform favourably. Current year claims performance was again better than expected and benefited from reserve releases in the UK and Ireland as historical claims were settled at lower amounts than expected. The overall liability result includes the adverse impact of reserves strengthening in the liability account for historic physical and sexual abuse (PSA) claims

## Fire and other damage to property

The property account performed well, but behind last year's level due to a higher incidence of weather and large claims in 2021 compared to the prior year.

## **Miscellaneous Financial Loss**

The underwriting result in 2020 for miscellaneous financial loss account was impacted by the Covid-19 related business interruption claims where cover was confirmed, resulting in a loss of c£10m. These reserves have run-off favourably in 2021.

### Other

For 2021, the other segment includes the impact of internal reinsurance accepted by Ecclesiastical covering development on historic liabilities of the Australia subsidiary. Increased PSA claims volume, consistent with trends for the wider Australian market have resulted in a loss for the year.

## Performance by geographical region

Underwriting performance by Geographical Region	UK & Ireland		Canada		Australia	
	2021 £'000	2020 £'000	2021 £'000	2020 £'000	2021 £'000	2020 £'000
Net Earned Premium	174,589	167,488	61,974	51,225	13,031	677
Net Claims Incurred	(62,786)	(72,930)	(25,886)	(19,887)	(23,019)	(5,645)
Operating Expenses	(86,920)	(82,096)	(29,023)	(26,817)	-	-
Underwriting Performance	24,883	12,462	7,065	4,521	(9,988)	(4,968)

## UK & Ireland<sup>1</sup>

In the UK and Ireland, financial year underwriting profits increased to £24.9m (2020: £12.5m).

Current year underwriting performance was strong with prior year claim releases contributing to a more modest proportion of the result compared with previous financial years. Despite a series of weather events and large claims, current year loss ratios were slightly ahead of expectations as a result of rate changes and portfolio management. Both property and casualty accounts generated underwriting profits.

GWP grew by 7.5% to £297.2m (2020: £276.6m).

## Canada

Canada reported an underwriting profit of £7.1m (2020: £4.5m profit). Despite an increase in the number of large losses, the property book performed well due to benign weather, lighter than expected attritional losses, and favourable development on prior year net losses. The performance of the liability book was impacted by some adverse development on prior year claims and the strengthening of the reserves provision. Premium growth of 20.1% was supported by strong retention and rate increases as well as new business.

## Australia

EIO made a further underwriting loss of £10.0m (2020: £4.7m) within its internal reinsurance portfolio as a result of reserves strengthening in respect of historic PSA claims in Ansvar Australia.

<sup>1</sup> Underwriting performance for the UK & Ireland differs from that disclosed in note 5 to the Ecclesiastical Insurance Office Plc IFRS financial statements as it includes other UK insurance operations that are in run-off or not reportable as segments under IFRS due to their immateriality.

# A.3 Performance from investment activities

	Investment income			Fair value gains/(losses)			Total return		
	2021 £'000	2020 £'000	Change £'000	2021 £'000	2020 £'000	Change £'000	2021 £'000	2020 £'000	Change £'000
Debt	7,874	8,321	(447)	(8,440)	788	(9,228)	(566)	9,109	(9,675)
Equities	9,551	6,766	2,785	40,593	(15,180)	55,773	50,144	(8,414)	58,558
Property	8,648	8,786	(138)	20,102	(4,975)	25,077	28,750	3,811	24,939
Cash	(55)	83	(138)	-	-	-	(55)	83	(138)
Derivatives	-	-	-	6,128	(5,013)	11,141	6,128	(5,013)	11,141
Exchange	293	697	(404)	-	-	-	293	697	(404)
Discount rate	-	-	-	9,098	(9,331)	18,429	9,098	(9,331)	18,429
Other	1,260	1,115	145	-	-	-	1,260	1,115	145
Total investments	27,571	25,768	1,803	67,481	(33,711)	101,192	95,052	(7,943)	102,995

## Investment performance by asset class

Total investment return was a profit of £95.1m as global market recovery was punctuated by gains on investment property and the Company's holding in Mapfre Re. This compares to a loss of £7.9m in 2020.

The result is driven by fair value gains, reflecting growth in the world markets (for example the FTSE 100 Allshare index rose 14.3% in the year). Within the Company's UK equity portfolio, small-cap exposure proved beneficial as the FTSE Small-Cap outperformed the FTSE All-Share by a significant margin over the course of the year. Equity fair value gains exceeded £50m in the year. Annual revaluation of investment property gave rise to a £28.8m gain. Investment income, included within the numbers above, recovered from 2020 levels and recorded £29.8m in the year, ahead of budget and due to increased dividends from equities and rental income.

The past two years highlights the impact economic and political uncertainty can have on the performance of investments, with the current conflict in Ukraine leading to an increased level of market volatility. Notwithstanding this, the Company remains confident in its long-term investment philosophy, and is well diversified and relatively defensively positioned.

## Gains and losses recognised directly in equity

During the year, the Company designated certain derivatives as a hedge of its net investments in foreign subsidiaries and branches. These were recognised directly in equity and included in 'Gains/losses on currency translation difference' within section A.4.

## Investments in securitisation

The company held no material holdings in securitisations in the current or prior period.

# A.4 Performance from other activities

Other activities	2021 £'000	2020 £'000	Movement £'000
Corporate costs	(24,134)	(21,591)	(2,543)
Actuarial gains / (losses) on retirement plans	30,580	(13,846)	44,425
Gains / (losses) on currency translation differences	(31)	(496)	465

Corporate costs are costs incurred in managing the Company and its subsidiaries and certain company-wide strategic investments. The increase in the year is due to a number of factors, primarily - interest costs for the €30m sub-ordinated debt issue in February; an increase in the bonus accrual following achievement of the wider Group's strategic targets; an increase in levies outside of the Company's control and higher strategic development costs as the Company continues to invest for the future.

Actuarial gains or losses on retirement plans primarily relate to the Company's valuation of retirement benefits which includes the defined benefit pension scheme and post-retirement medical benefit scheme. The £30.6m gain on retirement plans is mainly driven by the investment gains experienced in the year as the markets rebounded from the Covid-19 pandemic and Brexit.

# A.5 Other information

There is no other material information to disclose regarding the business and its performance during the reporting period.

# **B.** System of governance

## **B.1** General information on the system of governance

## Governing Body – Roles and segregation of responsibilities

The Governing Body of the Company is the Board of Directors (the Board). The Board's role is to provide entrepreneurial leadership of the Group within a framework of prudent and effective controls which enables the risks which the Group faces to be assessed and managed.

The Board is responsible for culture and values, strategy and direction, leadership and organisation, governance, risk management and controls, financial expectations and performance and communication.

A formal schedule of matters reserved for the Board's decision is in place and includes strategy and management, structure and capital, financial reporting and controls, risk management and internal controls, contracts, communication, board membership and other appointments, remuneration, delegation of authority, corporate governance, and policies.

## Chairman

The Chairman's responsibilities include the active leadership of the Board, ensuring its effectiveness in all aspects of its role.

## Group Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

The Group CEO is responsible for ensuring delivery of the strategy determined by the Board. The Group CEO may delegate any of the limits or authorities, but not responsibility, to any other executive director, function holder or Committee.

## Non-Executive Directors (NEDs)

The NEDs have a responsibility to uphold high standards of integrity and probity, including acting as both internal and external ambassadors of the Company. As part of their role, the NEDs should constructively challenge and help develop proposals on strategy.

## Senior Independent Director (SID)

In addition to their other duties as a Non-Executive Director, the SID is responsible for leading the evaluation of the Chairman, meeting with the non-executives at least once a year without the Chairman present and being available to shareholders if they have concerns about the running of the Group which have not been resolved.

## **Delegation to committees**

The Board has established five committees which support the discharge of its duties:



Each Committee has agreed Terms of Reference which set out requirements for membership, meeting administration, Committee responsibilities and reporting.

A high-level overview of each Committee's delegated responsibilities is summarised below:

## Group Audit Committee (GAC)

Comprising four independent NEDs, its responsibilities include:

- overseeing the Company's financial, climate and non-financial and regulatory reporting processes;
- overseeing the Company's risk management systems and internal controls;
- reviewing the Company's whistleblowing arrangements;
- reviewing tax strategy and policies;
- overseeing the internal audit function;
- managing the relationship with the external auditor, including in relation to the auditor's appointment, reappointment and resignation, terms and remuneration, independence and expertise, non-audit services and the audit cycle; and
- reporting to the Board on how it has discharged its responsibilities.

### Group Finance and Investment Committee

Comprising three independent NEDs and the Chairman, its main purpose is to ensure that the management of certain of the Company's financial assets (including its investment portfolio), is properly governed, controlled and performing as expected within agreed risk parameters. The Committee reviews and advises on any major financial decisions on behalf of the Board and reports to the Board on how it has discharged its responsibilities.

### Group Risk Committee (GRC)

Comprising five independent NEDs, its responsibilities include:

- overseeing the Company's Risk Management Framework including risk appetite and tolerance;
- overseeing the Company's risk and compliance functions;
- reviewing prudential risk (including overseeing the capital model), conduct risk and climate change risk; and
- reporting to the Board on how it has discharged its responsibilities.

## Group Remuneration Committee

Comprising three independent NEDs and the Chairman, the Committee assists the Board in ensuring that:

- remuneration policy and practices of the Company are designed to support strategy and promote long-term sustainable success, reward fairly and responsibly, with a clear link to corporate and individual performance, having regard to statutory and regulatory requirements; and
- executive remuneration is aligned to company purpose and values and linked to delivery of the Company's long-term strategy.

This includes considering:

- remuneration policies, including base pay, long and short-term incentives and the use of the Committee's discretion;
- remuneration practice and its cost to the Company;
- recruitment, service contracts and severance policies;
- pension arrangements and other benefits;
- the engagement and independence of external remuneration advisers;
- a review of workforce remuneration and related policies and the alignment of incentives and rewards with culture.

## Group Nominations Committee

Comprising the Chairman and two independent NEDs its role is to ensure that there is an appropriate balance of skills, knowledge and experience on the Board, its committees and within the Company's subsidiary companies.

# Roles and responsibilities of key functions

The Governance Framework documents the main roles and responsibilities of key functions as set out below:

## Group Internal Audit (GIA)

Group Internal Audit derives its authority from the GAC and provides independent assurance to the Board that the governance processes, management of risk and systems of internal control are adequate and effective to mitigate the most significant risks to the Company. The Group Chief Internal Auditor is accountable to the Chair of the GAC.

## Group Risk and Compliance

Group Risk and Compliance derives its authority from the CEO and provides Group level oversight of the prudent management of risk including but not limited to conduct risk, in relation to each entity within the Group and, on an aggregated basis, of risk across the Group. This includes designing and recommending policies for the risk appetite and tolerances to the Group CEO for agreement by the Board and ensuring that these are appropriately monitored. The Group Chief Risk and Compliance Officer reports to the Group Chief Financial Officer (CFO) who is accountable to the CEO.

In addition, Group Compliance provides assurance to the Board that the Group has adequate systems and controls sufficient to ensure compliance with its obligations under the regulatory system, associated risks, and for countering the risk that the Group might be used to further financial crime. It ensures that appropriate mechanisms exist to identify, assess and act upon new and emerging regulatory obligations and compliance risks that may impact on the Group.

## Actuarial

Actuarial is accountable for all aspects of capital modelling, pricing and reserving across the Group and the independent Actuarial Function is responsible for providing opinions on the effectiveness of technical provision calculations, underwriting and pricing, and reinsurance purchase. Actuarial reports to the Group Chief Actuary who is accountable to the CEO.

# Material changes in the system of governance

There were no material changes to the system of governance during the year.

## Assessment of the adequacy of the system of governance

The Board, through the GAC and GRC, annually reviews the adequacy of the system of governance on a holistic basis and has concluded that it is appropriate and effective based on the nature, scale and complexity of the risks inherent in the business.

In reviewing the effectiveness, the following was considered:

- outcomes from the Control Risk and Self-Assessment process (CRSA);
- outcomes from the Own Risk and Solvency Assessment (ORSA) process;
- findings from relevant internal audits;
- reports from management;
- attestations from Strategic Business Units (SBUs) that they are materially compliant with the Governance Framework; and
- changes in regulation and legislation.

The Governance Framework is formally reviewed and approved by the Board through the GRC every two years, and was last approved in November 2020.

In addition, all directors receive an annual appraisal from the Chair. The Chair is appraised by the Board, in his absence, led by the Senior Independent Director. It is the Board's policy for its evaluations to be facilitated typically every two years. The last external Board evaluation was carried out in 2019.

During 2021, the Board focused its attention on a Board and Committee Reporting Review, which was an action arising from the previous Board evaluation. This review was externally facilitated and will further strengthen the Board's oversight and decision making of the Company and its SBUs. The review process included interviews with the Group Chief Executive, Non-Executive Directors, Chair and other Senior Managers and culminated with a Workshop where the external facilitator presented the key observations

and proposals, which will be embedded during the course of 2022. The Company Secretariat also facilitated an evaluation based on bespoke questionnaires with outcomes considered by the Board and Committees.

The Company believes the size and composition of the Board gives it sufficient independence, balance and wider experience to consider the issues of strategy, performance, resources and standards of conduct. The strong representation of NEDs on the Board demonstrates its independence.

## **Remuneration policy**

The Company's remuneration policy is aligned to delivery of the Group's strategic objectives and establishes a set of principles which underpin the Group's reward structures for all Group employees as follows:

- reward structures will promote the delivery of long-term sustainable returns, reflect and support the Company's underlying strategic goals and risk appetite, and are comprised of both financial and non-financial targets;
- reward will be performance-related, reflecting individual and business performance, including both what is delivered and the way in which results are achieved. However, the Company will adopt a prudent and considered approach when determining what portion of an employee's package should be performance-linked and/or variable;
- reward structures will be straightforward and simple for everyone to understand;
- remuneration packages will be set by reference to levels for comparable roles in comparable organisations. However, benchmark data will be only one of a number of factors that will determine remuneration packages;
- reward structures will deliver an appropriate balance of fixed to variable pay in order to foster a
  performance culture, with the proportion of 'at risk' pay typically increasing with seniority.
  However, high levels of leverage are not appropriate for the Company;
- reward structures will achieve a balance between short and long-term incentives. The balance between short and long-term incentive pay is largely driven by role and seniority, with generally a greater contribution to reward provided by long-term incentives for more senior employees; and
- the Company is committed to ensuring that all employees have a fair and equal pay opportunity appropriate to their role.
- The Company will strive to adhere to the highest standards of remuneration-related regulatory compliance and best practice guidelines, while ensuring that the Company's remuneration policies are appropriately tailored to its circumstances, challenges and strategic goals.

## Entitlement to share options, shares or variable components of remuneration

The elements of variable remuneration are delivered in the following ways:

## Cash annual bonus

A proportion of variable remuneration is delivered in the form of a cash annual bonus which is paid to participants following the end of the financial year. Annual bonuses are subject to a range of challenging financial and non-financial performance conditions linked to key strategic priorities.

Awards for senior management roles and employees within the investment management function are subject to deferral, providing alignment with shareholder interests and promoting retention.

## Cash Long-Term Incentive Plans (LTIP)

For some senior management roles, a proportion of variable remuneration is delivered in the form of an LTIP. LTIPs are designed to incentivise the achievement of the Company's long-term objectives.

Cash awards under the relevant LTIP vest dependent on the Group Remuneration Committee's assessment of performance against the scheme's performance conditions over the relevant three-year performance period.

More details on performance criteria and amounts awarded to senior executives under these schemes can be found in the Remuneration Report in the Company's 2021 Annual Report & Accounts (financial statements).

# Supplementary pension or early retirement schemes for the members of the Board and other key function holders

UK-based executive directors and key function holders are eligible to participate in the Group Personal Pension (GPP) plan. Contributions are made by the employee and employer. Any contributions to the UK Defined Contribution Scheme that are above the annual or lifetime earnings limit are paid in cash, net of National Insurance contributions charge.

Early retirement is permitted within the UK Defined Contribution scheme based on the employee's GPP fund value at the date of early retirement.

Where an employee has accrued benefits in the legacy defined benefit pension scheme and is eligible to retire early, the pension entitlement will be calculated subject to the scheme rules and no enhanced early retirement terms other than those applicable in general under the scheme rules will apply.

Non-Executive Directors are not eligible to participate in pension plans.

# Material transactions during the reporting period with shareholders, persons who exercise a significant influence, and with members of the Board

There were no such material transactions during the reporting period. No contract of significance existed during or at the end of the financial year in which a director was or is materially interested.

# **B.2** Fit and proper requirements

The company is committed to ensuring that all fit and proper regulatory requirements are met for its senior leaders within the Senior Managers and Certification Regime (SM&CR).

The PRA and FCA consider that the most important factors in assessing an individual's fitness and propriety are:

- Honesty, integrity and reputation
- Competence and capability
- Financial soundness

In order to initially determine fitness and propriety all prospective senior role holders take part in a multi stage interview process, supported by psychometric testing, involving relevant stakeholders. The candidates' knowledge, experience and qualifications in such areas as market knowledge, business strategy, financial analysis, working within regulated frameworks and governance/ risk management are fully explored. Due diligence is fulfilled through pre-employment checks and referencing that are carried out upon an offer being accepted.

Ongoing adherence to these standards is assessed through performance review cycles and is subject to further confirmation through an annual fit and proper process, carried out for all individuals caught within the SM&CR, covering:

- competence and performance in carrying out the documented responsibilities of the role
- CPD and training to maintain knowledge and skills
- completion of regular mandatory company training
- disclosure and barring criminal records and credit checks
- self-assessment against fitness and proprietary questions

Where the company becomes aware of concerns regarding the fitness and propriety of a person in a relevant role it will investigate and take appropriate action without delay in line with the Fitness and Propriety policy. The regulator will be notified of any action where necessary.

# **B.3** Risk management system including the ORSA

## Overview of the risk management system

An enterprise-wide Risk Management Framework is embedded across the wider Group with the purpose of providing the tools, guidance, policies, standards and defining responsibilities to enable the Group to achieve its strategy and objectives.

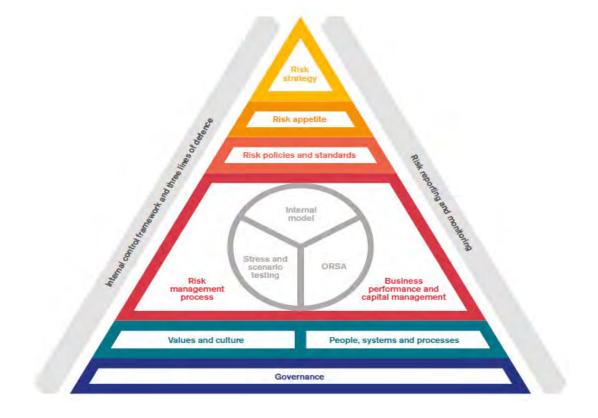
The Risk Management Framework is owned by the Board with day to day responsibility for its implementation and oversight delegated to the Group Risk Function, led by the Group Chief Risk Officer (CRO).

Regulatory requirements for risk management are complied with at all times and are regarded as the minimum standards for the Company's Enterprise Risk Management system. The Company recognises that there are a number of risks that it faces which could impact on the achievement of its strategy and is therefore committed to the effective identification, assessment and, where appropriate, mitigation of those risks.

The risk management process is integrated into the culture of the Company and is led by the Group Chief Executive and the Group Management Board (GMB), with support from three executive committees, an Insurance Risk Committee, a Market and Investment Risk Committee and a Group Operational, Regulatory and Conduct Risk Committee.

On an annual basis the GRC carries out a formal review of the key strategic risks with input from the GMB and SBUs and allocates responsibility for each one to an individual member of the Company's executive management.

Monitoring of the key strategic risks is undertaken quarterly including a review of the progress of risk management actions and challenge of any gaps in risk mitigants. This quarterly review includes consideration of emerging risks. There is a continuous and evolving approach to enterprise risk management and emerging experience is used to refine this. Pictorially, the risk framework is presented as follows:



## Effectiveness of identifying and managing risks

The Group's Risk Management Framework is designed to help ensure that the significant risk exposures of all business units, individually and in aggregate, can be effectively identified, measured, monitored, managed and reported upon.

The primary tools and processes for achieving this are outlined below:

## Group Risk Appetite

The Board has established a risk appetite for the Company. This focuses on the material risk areas and establishes the risk-taking capacity of the Company. Business Units develop and maintain their own risk appetite limits, which are aligned to the overall Group risk appetite. Quarterly monitoring of compliance with the Group Risk Appetite is prepared by the Group Risk Function and the outputs reported to the GRC.

## Structured Business Risk Reviews

The management of each business unit carries out a regular business risk review. They use Group-defined risk management processes to formally identify, assess and record the most significant risks to their objectives. Management record details of these risks within a risk register and also note the mitigations or other responses agreed to appropriately manage these exposures and report to relevant stakeholders across the organisation. The risk register is a living document which is updated on an ongoing basis to reflect changes. The Group Risk Function facilitates this process and provides the methodology and tools to ensure consistency in approach across all business units.

### Loss and Near Miss Process

An operational risk loss and near miss process is in place across the Company to facilitate the identification, recording and analysis of instances where costs (both financial and non-financial) have been incurred, or could have been incurred, or reputational damage suffered, due to the realisation of an operational loss event or process or control failure. The outputs from this analysis are regularly reviewed and used to drive improvements in the internal controls. Reporting of such items is provided to the Group Operational, Regulatory and Conduct Risk Committee and escalated further as appropriate.

## Risk Reporting to Group Executive Risk Committees and Board Risk Committees

A business unit reports to the relevant Group Executive Risk Committee where a current risk exposure has the potential to affect its ability to achieve its objectives. The Group Executive Risk Committee reports to the GRC where they believe that a current risk exposure has the potential to destabilise the business unit or to harm the Company's ability to achieve its objectives. The Group Risk function assesses common risks across different business units and report to the GRC where it is believed that any of those risks in aggregate, could have an adverse impact on the Company's ability to achieve its objectives.

### Emerging Risk Process

Emerging risk identification is undertaken at all levels of the organisation. This is considered as part of all business unit risk reviews and by all risk oversight committees. The assessment made at risk review meetings helps to determine the nature of any actions resulting, which may include, for example, continued

monitoring, a deep dive analysis of the risk, or stress and scenario testing of the risk to better understand the range of potential impacts. Those emerging risks with the potential to have a material impact on the Company are highlighted to the GRC as part of the regular reports.

## Risk Framework Reviews

The adequacy and effectiveness of the operation of the Risk Management Framework is reviewed on an annual basis at a Group level. The main vehicle for this is the CRSA process, supported by the Group Internal Audit Function's risk-based audit programme. This may be supplemented by focused reviews by the Group Risk function or by external parties when deemed appropriate by management or the Board.

The Board also uses the ORSA process as a tool to assess the effectiveness of the system of governance and risk management, and whether revisions are required to cover any changes to the undertaking's current and future business strategy and operations.

## Implementation of the risk management function

The key to the success of the risk management process is the deployment of a strong Three Lines of Defence Model whereby:

- 1st Line (Business Management) is responsible for strategy execution, performance, identification and management of risks and the application of appropriate controls;
- 2nd Line (Reporting, Oversight and Guidance) led by the CRO, is responsible for assisting the Board in formulation of risk appetite, establishment of minimum standards, developing appropriate risk management tools, providing oversight and challenge of risk profiles and risk management activities within each of the business units and providing risk reporting to executive management and the Board.; and the
- *3rd Line (Assurance)* provides independent and objective assurance of the effectiveness of the Company's systems of internal control. This activity principally comprises the internal audit function which is subject to oversight and challenge by the GAC.

There are a number of key roles and responsibilities with regards to the effective operation and integration of the Group Risk Management Framework:

Role	Responsibilities
The Board	Own the Risk Management Framework and are responsible for its implementation, ensuring that they are aware of the Company's risk profile, the most significant risks and that adequate and appropriate actions are in place in response.
Group Risk Committee	Responsible for making recommendations to the Board on risk management strategy, risk appetite and other key risk management elements. They review the effectiveness of the Company's Risk Management Framework on behalf of the Board.

Executive Risk Committees (First Line of Defence)	Responsible for the oversight of the most significant risks, including overseeing cross-functional risks and ensuring that coordinated organisation-wide responses are in place.
SBU Management and Risk committees (First Line of Defence)	Responsible for ensuring that they are aware of the key risks relating to their SBU and are satisfied with the way in which they are being assessed and managed. They are responsible for ensuring that appropriate actions are in place and risks with an organisation-level impact are escalated to the appropriate executive risk committees.
Business Units and Functions (First Line of Defence)	Responsible for the local management of risks which is evidenced by maintaining their own risk registers, which detail the most significant risks faced by the business unit or function. This is part of the process whereby management ensure that there is an ongoing process for the identification, assessment, management and reporting of the risks identified to their business objectives.
Group Risk Function (Second Line of Defence)	Provide oversight, challenge, expert advice and standards and guidance to ensure a consistent, robust and effective approach to risk management across the organisation. Facilitate the consistent implementation and application of the Risk Management Framework by providing the tools, training and support to all levels of the business so stakeholders can effectively discharge their responsibilities.
Internal Audit (3rd Line of Defence)	Provide independent assurance over the design and operational effectiveness of the Risk Management Framework.

# **Own risk and solvency assessment process**

The objective of the ORSA process is to demonstrate that the Company (including all subsidiaries) has, or can access, the necessary resources to carry out its corporate strategy and business plan in the context of risk policy, risk appetite, a forward-looking assessment of risks, the potential for stress and the quality of its risk management environment.

In accordance with SII Regulations, the Company maintains an ORSA policy framework to regulate and manage the ORSA process. The ORSA combines the Company's underlying risk and capital management processes, looking forward over the period of the business plan in order to:

- assess the liquidity, funding, capital and other critical resources required to execute the business plan;
- assess the adequacy of the risk management environment to support the business plan in the context of a forward-looking assessment of risks, the potential for stress and risk management policy; and

• demonstrate that the Company has, or the extent to which it is likely to have access to the financial, capital and other critical resources required to deliver the business plan.

Preparation of the ORSA report is co-ordinated by the Group Risk function in accordance with ORSA Policy, Process and Standards & Guidance.

## Frequency of review

The Company performs a full ORSA at least annually, covering the solvency position at the reference date 31st December. The annual frequency is deemed sufficient for carrying out a full ORSA due to the stable nature of the business model, maturity of the risk framework and surplus capital held. However, the ORSA is re-run, either in full or partially, in accordance with several pre-defined ORSA triggers that are defined and monitored to identify events that could significantly impact business decision making.

Each ORSA report is reviewed and approved by the GMB and GRC, who make a recommendation for final approval by the Board. The Board take an active role in the ORSA, primarily through the actions of the GRC, particularly in the forward-looking assessment of risk. The most recent ORSA Report was approved by the Board in November 2021.

Key ORSA metrics are updated quarterly on an approximate basis and an update provided to the Board and Board Risk Committee within the CRO Report.

## **Determination of own solvency needs**

The ORSA process integrates the Company's risk management, business planning and capital management activities. Key steps in the process are:

- maintaining the Risk Management Framework, including policies and risk appetite;
- assessment of the current risk profile of the business and ensuring adherence to risk appetite. This provides a context for business planning;
- a forward-looking risk assessment, including analysis of emerging risks;
- a business plan for the chosen time horizon that has been derived with reference to the risk appetite, the risk profile of the business and optimal use of capital;
- identification of the impact of the proposed business plan on the risk profile of the business;
- a stress testing and scenario analysis framework, including reverse stress testing, with assessment in context of the proposed business plan;
- assessment of the capital required to carry out the business plan, particularly the own funds necessary to meet regulatory and internally assessed capital requirements;
- assessment of the risk profile in comparison to the assumptions underlying the calculation of the regulatory capital requirements;
- consideration of how capital shortfall might be addressed and the likelihood of success; and
- assessment of the adequacy and quality of the risk management environment.

# **B.4** Internal control system

## Internal control system

The system of Internal control is implemented by the Board and GMB and ensures that the organisation is managed efficiently and effectively, with appropriate policies and business processes designed and implemented to help ensure that the business objectives are achieved, and that risks are managed in line with the Risk Appetite and Risk Framework.

The Control Framework requires the establishment of controls to meet the following key objectives:

- delivery of business strategy and objectives: supporting the effectiveness and efficiency of operations and core processes;
- reliability of financial reporting: to ensure the reliability, accuracy and quality of financial information, and to mitigate the risk that inaccurate management information is used to make business decisions or is reported externally;
- internal model: to ensure the overall accuracy of the SCR calculation, and to ensure the quality of model outputs used for decision making;
- compliance with applicable laws and regulations: to ensure that there is compliance with all relevant regulatory and legal requirements, and to external standards which the Company complies with;
- reputation: to ensure that the whole system of control is designed in such a way as to ensure the Company operates to the ethical standards established by the Board, thereby protecting the Company's reputation with customers, regulators, investors and other external parties; and
- customer: to ensure that the Company provides products and services that customers value and trust while delivering fair customer outcomes.

The Control Framework comprises the following elements:

- *Control Environment:* a business culture that recognises the importance of systems of control whereby senior management establish the operational environment to maintain effective controls, ensuring there are adequate resources to operate the control framework to required standards;
- *Objective Setting:* management has in place a process to set objectives and the chosen objectives support and align with the Group's mission and are consistent with risk appetite;
- *Risk Assessment:* Internal and external events that affect the achievement of business objectives are identified, distinguishing between risks and opportunities. Risks are analysed, with appropriate risk responses selected by the Board and GMB. Where appropriate, actions are developed to align risks with the Company's risk tolerance and appetite;
- *Control Standards:* a policy framework that establishes the Board and GMB's minimum standards for the mitigation of risk within the stated appetite;
- *Control Activities:* business processes that include control activities designed to mitigate risks to the level required to meet the control objectives;

- Monitoring Activities: establish and maintain periodic and regular monitoring of controls aligned to their materiality, to ensure that they are fit for purpose both in design and in operation. This includes monitoring of individual controls by business owners and oversight and assurance activities undertaken by second and third line functions (Risk, Compliance and Internal Audit);
- *Training and Communication:* effective communication of required control standards and adequate training to ensure those operating or monitoring controls can do so effectively;
- *Recording:* certain controls are documented to ensure the process could be replicated if required, and a person undertaking monitoring or oversight could understand the design and intended operation of the control;
- *Reporting:* open and complete reporting of material control effectiveness to allow appropriate decision-makers to understand whether control objectives are being met and whether actions need to be taken to strengthen the control environment, which could include removing ineffective or inefficient controls as well as adding new ones.

## **Compliance function**

The Group Compliance function sits in the second line of the three lines of defence governance system and is responsible for:

- identifying, assessing, monitoring and reporting on the Company's compliance risk exposures;
- assessing possible impacts of regulatory change and monitoring the appropriateness of compliance procedures; and
- assisting, challenging and advising the Company in fulfilling its responsibilities to manage compliance risks.

The activities and responsibilities undertaken by Group Compliance are set out in the Group Compliance Charter and those policies where it has delegated responsibilities. These set out how the roles and responsibilities interact with the operational and support functions of the Company as well as with the GMB and GRC.

The objectives of the Group Regulatory Risk function are specified within the charter, including:

- regulatory compliance;
- risk assessment;
- control framework;
- monitoring;
- training, advice and support;
- policies;
- event reporting and investigation;
- Board reporting;
- regulator and market engagement;
- financial crime and data protection;

- sanctions; and
- security & data governance.

The charter also sets out key performance measures to assess the effectiveness of Group Compliance. These include, but are not limited to:

- production and performance of an annual compliance monitoring plan;
- production and review of compliance-related policies and standards;
- delivery of compliance training, completion of compliance themed e-learning modules, and thematic training for all levels of staff including the Board;
- identifying emerging regulatory obligations and keeping up to date the legal & regulatory library;
- production and performance of thematic reviews;
- delivery of periodic reporting and MI to the Board including an annual Money Laundering Reporting Officer (MLRO) report; and
- performance of regular sanctions screening and reporting of sanctions breaches and suspicious transactions.

Group Compliance gains its authority from the Group Risk Committee which is a committee of the Board and the Group Head of Compliance is accountable to the Chair of that Committee.

# **B.5** Internal Audit Function

# Implementation of the internal audit function

Group Internal Audit receives its authority from the GAC, which is a Committee established to review the work of the internal audit functions of the Company and the wider Group and to evaluate the adequacy and effectiveness of all controls operating in the Group, including financial, operating, compliance, and risk management controls.

Adequate and effective risk management, internal control, and governance processes reduce but cannot eliminate the possibility of poor judgement in decision-making, human error, control processes being deliberately circumvented or overridden, and the occurrence of unforeseeable circumstances. Adequate and effective risk management, internal control, and governance processes therefore provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that the Group will not be hindered in achieving its business objectives, or in the orderly and legitimate conduct of its business.

GIA maintains a professional audit team with sufficient knowledge, skills, experience and professional qualifications. Where specialist, technical support is necessary to supplement GIA resource, this is available through a co-sourcing contract with an external specialist company, ensuring that GIA has immediate access to specialist skills where required. GIA confirms to the GAC that the International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing of the Chartered Institute of Internal Audits are complied with.

GIA operates within the Company's three lines model. In order to operate an effective framework GIA maintains regular and ongoing dialogue with the first and second line functions to maintain a current and timely perspective of business direction and issues.

Demarcation between the third line and the first two lines must be preserved to enable GIA to provide an independent overview to GAC and the Board on the effectiveness of all risk management and assurance processes within the organisation. Any blurring of the roles of the three lines should be exceptional and any such blurring must be approved by the GAC.

The GIA methodology provides a series of different assurance responses to a variety of scenarios to give the stakeholders the best assurance as follows:

- *Risk-based internal audits* GIA's standard audit response, this methodology will also be used to respond to most management requests for assurance and focuses on assessing the adequacy and effectiveness of key controls mitigating High and Very High risks;
- *Programme & Project Assurance* A series of risk-based assurance responses to programmes and projects. This differs from standard risk-based audits in that it focuses on key controls as well as the commercial aspects of the programme, such as benefits realisation;
- *Close and Continuous* This will involve GIA having regular meetings with key stakeholders and attending decision-making forums as appropriate. It will also include ongoing assessment of key documents as they are produced. Any concerns will be raised with management at an early stage to allow the programme to address them in a timely manner; and
- *Consultancy* Completing a piece of ad-hoc work for management, usually around the development of controls in a specialised area. Such work may be characterised by the need to formally contract with the business to assist in control development. GIA will rarely perform these pieces of work as they potentially compromise their independence.

The above are communicated through the following methods:

- reporting to the GAC, including thematic reporting. Quarterly reporting is provided to the GAC, where the Group Chief Internal Auditor attends GAC meetings to summarise the output within the reporting period and provide an opinion on a number of key risk themes; and
- internal audit reports. In addition to the audit client, internal audit reports are issued to all executive management and members of the GMB and the external auditor. Reporting of issues focuses on describing the control breakdown or failure, who was responsible, and the risk that has materialised or could potentially materialise.

In response to the issues raised by GIA, management is required to document the steps they are taking to address the issue, provide a realistic timescale and, importantly, the action is assigned a single owner to enhance accountability.

# Independence of the internal audit function

To ensure the independence of GIA, the Group Chief Internal Auditor is accountable to the GAC Chairman, and has access to the Chairman of the Board.

Financial independence, essential to the effectiveness of internal auditing, is provided by the GAC approving a budget to allow GIA to meet the requirements stated above.

GIA is functionally independent from the activities audited and the day to day internal control processes of the organisation and is therefore able to conduct assignments on its own initiative, with free and unfettered access to people and information, in respect of any relevant department, establishment or function of the organisation, including the activities of branches and subsidiaries and outsourced activities.

Where it is identified by data owners that information should be redacted before being provided to members of the GIA team, the redacted information will be reviewed by the Group Chief Internal Auditor to ensure that the redaction is appropriate and does not constitute a restriction of scope. In the event that the redacted data relates directly to the Group Chief Internal Auditor, or the GIA team, the Chair of the Group Audit Committee will review the redactions and confirm (or otherwise) to the Group Chief Internal Auditor whether the redactions are appropriate.

The Group Chief Internal Auditor and staff of GIA are not authorised to perform any operational duties for the Company or wider Group or direct the activities of any employee not employed by GIA.

# **B.6** Actuarial Function

# **Implementation of Actuarial Function**

The delivery of the operations of the Actuarial Function, incorporating pricing, reserving and capital management are the responsibility of the Group Chief Actuary, who is an experienced qualified actuary, holding an Institute of Actuaries Chief Actuary certificate. The responsibility of the Group Chief Actuary includes, but is not limited to:

- the deliveries of the Group Reserving team including the co-ordination and production of technical provisions (TPs) and IFRS reserves;
- the development, maintenance and use of the Group Capital Model to manage the overall internal capital requirements of the business and to assist senior management in key business decisions across the Group, including the business planning process, optimisation of reinsurance strategy and optimising the use of capital; and
- the deliveries of the Pricing team, ensuring the development of appropriate pricing models exist within the Group.

In order to provide the Board with an independent opinion over the deliverables of the actuarial function, the Group has an Actuarial Function Director, who is an experienced qualified actuary, holding an Institute of Actuaries Chief Actuary certificate. The Actuarial Function Director uses other actuarial and appropriately

experienced resources to discharge his responsibilities, ensuring an appropriate level of independence between those carrying out activities and those reviewing work.

The Actuarial Function Director's key areas of responsibility are;

- the provision of oversight of the calculation of the TPs, ensuring appropriateness of data, assumptions, methodologies and underlying models used;
- to give an opinion on the TPs to the Board, including assessing the sufficiency and quality of the data used, informing the Board of the reliability and adequacy of the calculation and comparing best estimates to experience;
- to give an opinion on the adequacy of pricing and underwriting to the Board;
- to give an opinion on the adequacy of reinsurance arrangements to the Board as an efficient means to manage risk;
- to contribute to the technical framework, governance and use of the internal capital model; and
- to contribute to the effective implementation of the risk management system.

# **B.7** Outsourcing

## **Outsourcing policy**

The Company's procurement and outsourcing policy is to only outsource services on an exceptional basis. Outsourcing is considered as an option when reviewing the operational effectiveness and business requirements of meeting the needs of our customers and whether these can be better delivered from outside the organisation using specialist providers. Outsourcing will always be subject to the services maintaining the integrity of the Company's compliance with regulatory obligations and not increasing the Company's exposure to operational risk.

The Company remains responsible and accountable for any activities it has outsourced and operates a defined framework for supplier selection and management that includes risk assessing the services, conducting regular and appropriate due diligence and managing the supplier relationship and performance.

Comprehensive written contracts are entered into with accountability for managing the delivery of the services assigned to an individual manager within the Company along with a Senior Executive as ultimate owner. Exit and contingency plans are documented and are reviewed on a frequent basis to ensure they remain appropriate.

## Outsourcing of critical or important functions or activities

The Company has outsourced services in respect of the provision of legal expense handling, off-site document and media storage, IT data lines provision, and management and IT infrastructure support.

The Company's investment management activity is outsourced to a subsidiary company, EdenTree Investment Management Limited, with a comprehensive investment management agreement in place. The Company and EdenTree outsource Trustee services and Custodian and Dealing services.

All outsource providers operate from within the United Kingdom.

## **B.8** Any other information

There is no other material information to report regarding the system of governance of the Company.

# C. Risk profile

## C.1 Underwriting risk

The following table provides a quantitative overview of the Company's level of exposure to non-life underwriting risk:

Non life underwriting risk	2021 £'000	2020 £'000
Reserving Risk	68,149	79,862
Premium risk	93,712	100,932
Diversification	(46,073)	(47,020)
	115,788	133,774

#### **Underwriting risk exposure**

The elements of the Group's non-life underwriting risk are:

- Premium risk the risk that premiums relating to future accident years will be insufficient to cover all liabilities arising from that business as a result of fluctuations in frequency and severity of claims, timing of claim settlements or adverse levels of expenses. This includes catastrophe risk which is the risk of financial loss relating to future accident years, arising from net of reinsurance claims generated by catastrophic events; and
- *Reserving risk* the risk of adverse change in the value of underwriting liabilities relating to outstanding claims from prior accident years, arising from differences in the timing and amount of claims settlements and related expenses from those assumed in the best estimate reserves.

#### Premium risk

The underwriting risk for the Group related to future accident years is most heavily influenced by property exposure, including catastrophe risk. Despite catastrophe risk being mitigated by a robust and effective reinsurance programme, the Group remains exposed to significant residual risk including the potential risk of aggregation (a number of small events), spanning several perils or territories, and the potential costs of reinstating cover.

The main peril to which the Group is exposed for catastrophe underwriting risk is UK windstorm and storm surge. A significant proportion of the property portfolio is in the faith and education niches, where the traditional nature of construction for most of the buildings insured is such that they are built to withstand the normal type of storm activity seen in the UK. Many have undergone a significant amount of renovation and repair work following the material weather events of 1987 and 1990. In other territories, earthquake is the main peril for catastrophe underwriting risk (as detailed below for Canada and Australia).

Aside from non-catastrophe events, the potential for an underwriting risk scenario is relatively low, particularly taking into account the Group's reinsurance structure. Nevertheless, the non-catastrophe underwriting result can cause significant volatility arising from substantial levels of attritional or large claims. This can materially worsen the Group's result in less extreme outcomes, particularly due to the effect of certain risks that benefit less from reinsurance cover. Other key underwriting risks include poor premium rates, poor weather experience and the occurrence of multiple large property losses.

The Group uses various measures to assess its exposure to underwriting risks, in particular regular and adhoc MI, and modelling including scenarios and reverse stress testing.

There have been no material changes to the risk exposures over the reporting period.

#### Reserving risk

Reserving risk is the risk of future claims payments exceeding the amounts held in claims reserves and may emerge at any time until final claim settlement, so can be long-term in nature, particularly for liability business. The Group's ORSA is carried out on an ultimate basis, including allowance for all future deterioration of experience.

Latent reserving risk (such as PSA and asbestosis claims) has a high level of uncertainty, particularly relating to volumes of future claims arising from historic periods of exposure, giving potential to affect the future profits and capital position, though conversely it might give releases to enhance profits. Exposure to PSA liability claims is a distinctive feature of the Group's risk profile, which arises primarily from historic coverage of the core church book.

Non-latent reserves represent a relatively lower risk due to the nature of the claims and the mix of business, which helps diversify the risk of deterioration in its run-off. Long-tail liability covers present a higher reserving risk than shorter-tail property classes.

The Group has regular monitoring and review processes in place to assess reserving risks, such as actual versus projected claims analyses and assessment of PSA incurred claim volumes.

Volumes of PSA claims continued to increase in the Australian subsidiary and also such claim numbers were above expectations in the Canadian Branch, leading to reserve strengthening and heightened risk in both of these operations.

Whilst the volume of our policies that have given rise to Covid-19 related claims is not high, we have made appropriate provision where cover is in place.

## Underwriting risk concentration

The Company's business model gives rise to a number of risk concentrations. As a specialist, expert insurer the Company writes predominantly property and casualty business concentrated in a small number of clearly

defined niches. The focus on certain niches, specifically faith and education, gives rise to a concentration in respect of PSA risks.

Geographical concentrations arise through operations focused in the territories in which insurance operations are based. The majority of the risks insured by the Company are located in the UK.

Concentrations arising in high-risk natural hazard zones can arise overseas although these are carefully monitored. For example, specific attention is given to exposure in British Columbia and Quebec West/Eastern Ontario in view of the earthquake risk associated with these locations.

## **Underwriting risk mitigation**

Reinsurance is a key tool for the Company in mitigating underwriting risk. Risk measurement and sophisticated modelling and analysis are used to establish the impact and value of reinsurance. Reinsurance programmes are then arranged at both local and Group levels. Global reinsurance relationships are developed strategically and transparently, and are overseen by the Group Reinsurance Board which approves all strategic reinsurance decisions.

Accumulation of property underwriting risk in a single area is tracked using mapping software supplied by our reinsurance brokers. Referral to senior management is necessary to increase exposure in defined areas where the largest concentrations of risk have been identified.

Underwriting and reserving policies and procedures, and risk appetite statements are in place at Group and SBU level to limit underwriting risk concentrations. There are also Centres of Excellence which aim to disseminate best practice and ensure a consistency of approach across the Group where appropriate.

The Company has an Insurance Risk Committee, chaired by the Group Underwriting Director, which is responsible for the oversight of the non-life insurance risks of the Company. The Insurance Risk Committee provides regular reports to the GRC which provides challenge on the management of insurance risks and monitors overall risk exposure. There are also additional bodies such as the Catastrophe Risk Management Group which carries out close oversight of the catastrophe model outputs; the PSA Governance Committee which oversees PSA claims and the PSA reserving model; and the Group Reserving Committee which oversees the setting of reserves prior to Board approval.

## Underwriting risk sensitivity

Various stresses and scenarios are considered. These are detailed in Section C.7.

## C.2 Market risk

The following table provides a quantitative overview of the Company's level of exposure to market risk:

Market risk	2021 £'000	2020 £'000
Market risk - excluding Pension risk	176,227	168,865
Market risk - Pension risk	76,285	68,630
Market Diversification	(13,872)	(10,602)
	238,640	226,892

#### Market risk exposure

Market risk is the risk that the Company is adversely affected by movements in the value of its financial assets arising from a change in interest rates, equity and property prices, credit spreads or foreign exchange rates.

The most material market risks that the Company is exposed to are:

- *equity risk* with a significant proportion of funds being invested in such stocks;
- *property risk* arising primarily from direct investment in a portfolio of commercial property in the United Kingdom, the risks are a fall in market value of the property and voids in rental income;
- *spread risk* arising from the possibility of changes in market spreads of corporate bond yields over risk-free rates and also default risks for such stocks;
- *credit risk (bond default)* arising from the possibility of default of corporate bonds;
- *interest rate risk* while liabilities are generally well matched by duration with fixed-interest stocks, there is a risk of falls in value of stocks held in surplus funds in the event of rises in interest rates; and
- *currency risk* arising from investment in overseas equities in order to provide diversification and gain from opportunities in different economies and from the value of surplus assets held in overseas operations.

In addition to exposure to market risks from its own assets, the Company is also exposed to market risk through its sponsorship of a defined benefit pension scheme. Within the pension scheme the main risk exposures are equity risk, currency risk, inflation risk, spread risk, interest rate risk and property risk.

There has been no material change in the Company's overall exposure to market risk during the year due to the relative stability of asset mix. Company stand-alone market risk capital has increased by £12m, following asset growth over the year

## Compliance with prudent person principle

The Company sets out a mandate to its investment managers specifying the types of assets that it wishes to invest in. This only permits acquiring assets where the risks are well understood and does not allow complex asset structures. Regular investment risk reports are provided from the asset managers that enable the Company to fully understand the risks in the assets.

The Investment Strategy aligns to the Board Group Risk Appetite and the Group's investment risk and return objectives. Limits are placed on the proportions of assets that can be invested in the various asset classes, countries and industry sectors, exposure to single counterparties and quality of issuers. These limits are tracked regularly. No investments in non-standard assets are permitted without approval by the Finance & Investment Committee of the Board. The level of such investments is currently 8% of overall assets.

Assets to cover all liabilities and any local capital requirements are held in the relevant matching currencies and held in those countries. The assets are managed so that a notional portfolio backing technical provisions is held which has appropriate cash flows to match those of the liabilities.

Derivatives held over the reporting period have been used only for the purpose of management of risk exposures for both equity risk and currency risk.

All investment risk exposures are monitored regularly, and are overseen by the Group Market and Investment Risk Committee, which provides reports to the Group Risk Committee, and the Finance & Investment Committee, which are both committees of the Board.

## Market risk concentration

The largest single investment is a holding in shares of Fundacion Mapfre, representing 6% of total investments. The majority of remaining market risk exposure is located in the UK. The largest exposure is to the UK government, with 5% of total investments being in UK gilts. There are no other material concentrations of market risk as the portfolio is well diversified.

## **Market risk mitigation**

The Company uses derivatives to mitigate equity risk by reducing the effective exposure to equity markets when the assessment of market conditions has resulted in a reduced appetite for bearing this risk. Throughout 2021, the Company held put options in order to mitigate equity risk. Regular investment performance and risk reports provide information that allows assessment of the effectiveness of derivative holdings.

Interest rate risk is partially mitigated by holding assets of appropriate duration to back some of the technical provisions so that in the event of changes in market yields, resultant movements in liability discount rates will ensure that relevant asset values and liability values move in the same direction, so mitigating the net overall impact. The matching cash flow position is monitored as part of the investment strategy review each year and adjusted as determined to be appropriate.

Interest rate and inflation risks are material risks arising in the pension fund. These are largely mitigated by the fund's investment in a Liability Driven Investments portfolio that sought to hedge approximately 60% of these risks during the year.

All liabilities are matched with assets in the same currency, so mitigating currency risk. Throughout 2021, forward currency contracts have been held to mitigate the risk from exposures to foreign currency arising from investments in overseas equities and the value of surplus assets held in overseas operations.

## Market risk sensitivity

Various stresses and scenarios are considered. These are detailed in Section C.7.

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# C.3 Credit risk

## Credit risk exposure

The most material credit risk that the Company is exposed to is reinsurer default risk arising from default of one or more reinsurance counterparties. This risk is modelled stochastically with assumed default risk parameters based on exposure to individual reinsurers, credit ratings of those reinsurers, and assumed default rates and subsequent recoveries calibrated using historic data.

The Company is also exposed to premium debtor default risk and cash at bank default risk, and although these risks are not considered material they are also quantified within the capital model.

The likelihood of this risk has increased over the reporting period due to the economic impact of Covid-19 on both reinsurers and policyholders. However, we have not seen evidence of this crystallising.

## **Credit risk concentration**

The Company has risk appetite limits in place which limit exposure to any single reinsurer group. The largest individual reinsurance balance owed at 31 December 2021 was approximately £1.5m.

## **Credit risk mitigation**

The Company has a wide, well-diversified panel of reinsurers, thereby diversifying the risk exposure. The Company only uses reinsurers with strong credit ratings and all those participating are approved and monitored regularly by the Group's Reinsurance Security Committee. There are risk appetite limits in place for reinsurer groups based on credit ratings.

The Company has strong credit control processes in place to manage broker and policyholder exposures including due diligence assessments for brokers that have credit facilities, with ongoing monitoring of the credit status and experience of making timely payments.

## Credit risk sensitivity

Various stresses and scenarios are considered. These are detailed in Section C.7.

## C.4 Liquidity risk

## Liquidity risk exposure

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company, although solvent, either does not have sufficient financial resources available to enable it to meet its obligations as they fall due, or can secure them only at excessive cost.

Assessment of this risk is primarily carried out by scenario analysis considering cash flows that would emerge in stressed circumstances. The scenario that is most likely to cause such issues would be a need to make substantial claims payments after an extreme catastrophe event, though this is mitigated by agreements for reinsurers to pay their recoveries prior to the Company paying claimants. The risk is further mitigated by holding most assets in highly liquid investments. Further detail is provided below.

There have been no significant changes to liquidity risk exposure over the reporting period.

## Liquidity risk concentration

The Company holds a wide range of liquid investments, the largest counterparty being the UK Government. The overall assessment is that no liquidity risk concentrations are considered to be material.

## Liquidity risk mitigation

The Company carries out regular forecasts of future expected cash flow requirements and maintains cash balances that are sufficient to cover these for several months in normal conditions in local currencies for all territories in which it has material business operations. Over 70% of the Company's investments are held in highly liquid assets so should be readily accessible in stressed circumstances.

In the event of a natural catastrophe resulting in a large number of claims, which is the most likely situation causing higher than normal liquidity needs, the Company's arrangements with reinsurers are made such that reinsurers will make payment of their proportion of the claim in advance of or simultaneously with payment to policyholders.

The Company also maintains a well-diversified panel of strongly rated reinsurers to minimise the potential for over-reliance on any one reinsurer.

The Group regularly monitors liquidity risk and manages the risk on an ongoing basis with oversight provided by the Group Chief Financial Officer. Examples of processes for managing liquidity risk are monitoring of risk limits and tolerances, monitoring of the investment strategy, and structuring of reinsurance contracts.

## Liquidity risk sensitivity

The nature of the Company's liquidity risk means that it will not be a concern in any other than the most severe circumstances. Scenario analysis is undertaken examining resilience against extreme catastrophe losses combined with recoveries from our largest reinsurer being disputed. The outcome is that, despite damage to profitability and solvency coverage, all expected payments could be made from cash and short-term bonds. A more extreme stress is also modelled whereby quicker claims payments are required and multiple reinsurers fail, but sales of collective funds, equities or property are still not required under this scenario.

The scenario analysis confirms that there is sufficient liquidity in the Company's portfolio of assets to have confidence that all payments would continue to be met even in the most extreme outcomes. However, liquidity remains a key consideration when setting investment policy.

## **Expected profit in future premiums**

Expected profits in future premiums are calculated using the expected combined operating measure derived from realistic business plans and applied to the future bound premium, including current premium debtors. The result is apportioned to the line of business using the profile of premium written.

The total amount of the expected profit included in future premiums is £8,999k.

## C.5 Operational risk

## **Operational risk exposure**

The Company defines operational risk as "the risk of loss arising from inadequate or failed internal processes, people and systems, or from external events". The definition includes conduct of business, other aspects of compliance and legal risk but excludes strategic and reputational risks which are considered separately in section C.6.

Given the nature of the Company's business it is exposed to a number of different types of operational risk which at a high level can be categorised as:

- people risk;
- systems risk;
- process risk;
- regulatory risk;
- legal risk; and
- external environmental factors.

Legal risk includes, but is not limited to, exposure to fines, penalties or punitive damages resulting from supervisory actions, as well as private settlements.

These risks have not changed significantly during the year although the level of external threat from cyber risk is elevated across the industry.

Our current approach to the quantification of operational risk involves the analysis of a range of scenarios through workshops held with subject matter experts and senior management, as detailed below.

## **Operational risk concentration**

With respect to operational risk concentration, there are a number of key systems that support business operations including underwriting and claims management. This naturally creates an operational risk concentration. Given the efficiencies to be gained from shared systems, this concentration will remain over the short to medium-term and has been accepted, although it is regularly monitored.

## **Operational risk mitigation**

The Company accepts operational risk as a natural consequence of doing business. Mitigation techniques with respect to operational risk focus on the use of preventative and detective controls. Preventative controls are sought to either avoid a particular risk materialising or to lessen its impact if it does. Detective controls also provide value in helping to flag that a risk exposure is changing or is impacting business activities in a particular way. This allows corrective actions to be taken or planned to ensure that the risk exposure will not threaten the achievement of the strategic objectives of the Company.

During the year the Group Risk Committee provided oversight of the relevant risks across the Group.

The Company is currently undertaking a long-term transformation programme to ensure ongoing adequacy and effectiveness of material systems' infrastructure and will include the implementation of a new core operating system. This will help to improve processes for front-line employees, provide a platform for business growth and better serve customers and partners.

In respect of regulatory and legal risk, this is managed by maintaining a strong ethical culture, an effective governance infrastructure and a proactive compliance function.

Conduct risk has long been considered an important risk, and part of the wider regulatory and legal risk universe. "Customer Promises" have been developed by all SBUs and a robust proposition review process ensures that the customer is at the heart of all activities and that products and services are developed, distributed and maintained ethically, transparently and offering value for money.

Information security, and specifically cyber, are also key operational risks for the Company. Cyber risk is critical due to the ever changing threats and increased volumes of malicious attacks seen across all types of businesses. This risk is managed by a wide-ranging set of preventative and detective controls which are under constant review and the Company has a dedicated Group Cyber Security and Business Continuity team.

## **Operational risk sensitivity**

Stress and scenario analysis is used to identify the qualitative and quantitative impact of various operational risks crystallising that could have an adverse impact on the achievement of divisional or corporate objectives.

Each scenario is designed to be as realistic as possible and may examine individual or multiple stresses occurring simultaneously. Each scenario examined is extreme but also plausible in the context of the current business model and forward planning period, within the 1 in 200-year range of probability.

These scenarios have a modest impact on the Company's short to medium-term solvency. The conclusion is that the Company's solvency coverage is resilient to extreme adverse operational risk scenarios.

## C.6 Other material risks

## **Other Material risk exposure**

Climate Change risk relates to the financial risks arising through climate change. The key impacts for the Company are physical risks (event driven or longer term shifts), the transition risks of moving towards a lower carbon economy and liability risks associated with the potential for litigation arising from an inadequate response. The Company considers flood risk and other weather-related risk factors in the underwriting risk selection and catastrophe risk is managed through reinsurance models. The Company also operates an ESG overlay on the Investment Strategy.

The other material risks that the Company is exposed to are strategic, group and reputational.

Strategic risk relates to risks associated with the effective development and ongoing implementation of the Company's strategy. It also covers wider risks relating to the competitive and macro environment. These risks are not explicitly covered in the capital requirements which are all based on more extreme, lower likelihood, higher impact events. The Company is naturally exposed to the risk of failing to develop or implement an appropriate strategy for the business. This could arise from a failure to adequately identify or assess the threat presented by competitors, failure to fully understand our markets or setting a strategy without due regard to the capability within the Company.

Group risk relates to exposures resulting from having a group of operating companies. Particular risks that are relevant are contagion and contamination. These involve the risk that financial problems in one member of a group can cause deterioration in other group members or the risk of financial distress or other adverse events in one Group company causing damage to the reputation of other firms within the Group.

Reputational risk relates to exposures that would result in negative reputational impacts upon the Company were they to occur. Reputational risks are often associated with other risk types. For example, a regulatory breach (operational risk) will have reputational risks associated with it.

Maintaining a positive reputation is critical to the Group's vision of being the most trusted and ethical specialist financial services group. Risks to our brand and reputation are inherently high in an increasingly interconnected environment, with the risks of external threats such as cyber security attacks, and viral campaigns through social media always present. We operate strong and proactive controls in order to monitor media activity generally, with additional PSA focussed activity overseen by a PSA Governance Committee. The probability of issues peaked during 2020 with perceived risks around Business Interruption Coverage and IICSA. There have been no other changes to these risks over the reporting period.

All of these risks have been considered when developing the business plans and actions have been derived to address the risks identified. All key risks are also explored within the stress testing and scenario analysis framework in order to ensure that the business has a good understanding of their potential impacts.

The Company's system of governance covered in section B helps to mitigate these risks.

There are no material risk concentrations from these risks.

# C.7 Any other information

## Stress & scenario testing

The business plan is subject to a wide range of single and combination scenarios that explore the impact that risk events can have on the business. Each scenario represents an extreme yet plausible event that could impact the business plan, operations and financial health of the Company. Whilst extreme, each event is also reasonably foreseeable as part of future developments, e.g. within a 1 in 200 year range of probability.

The approach involves identification of events and independent derivation of losses and return periods associated with these events. These are compared against a distribution of model outputs using pre-defined pass/fail criteria in order to draw conclusions on model accuracy and risk coverage.

Some examples of the scenarios considered are:

- higher than planned attritional claims;
- deterioration in PSA reserves;
- reduction in GWP year on year;
- windstorm catastrophe event combined with reinsurer default;
- increase in operating expenses and broker commissions; and
- market fall combined with a windstorm catastrophe event and a reinsurer default.

The impact of the single scenarios is in line with Company expectations. The capital position is strong and remains resilient in highly stressed circumstances. Combining the more extreme market stresses with the most extreme underwriting scenario puts the greatest strain on the business.

## **Reverse stress testing (RST)**

Reverse stress testing is an important risk management tool and provides the Board with further insight into the ability of the Company to withstand extremely severe adverse scenarios. It is also a key validation component for the internal model. Various RSTs are performed by starting from the point of business model failure and working backwards to identify plausible root causes which would result in the business model becoming unviable.

Consideration is given to both single risk event scenarios, such as individual large catastrophe events, extreme economic shocks and reinsurer defaults, as well as combination risk event scenarios, such as an economic shock combined with a material insurance risk event. The exercise shows key risks and scenarios that may materially impact the Company and confirms the business model is sufficiently resilient.

# **D.** Valuation for solvency purposes

Following the UK's exit from the EU, the PRA rulebook continues to refer to the EU SII articles in force at 31 December 2021 for the purpose of valuing SII assets and liabilities. Reference to EU directives therefore remain valid.

All material asset and liability classes other than technical provisions have been valued in accordance with Article 75 of Directive 2009/138/EC ('the Directive') and Articles 7 to 16 of the Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/35 ('the Delegated Act'), taking into account the European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority ('EIOPA') publication 'EIOPA-BoS-15/113 – Guidelines on recognition and valuation of assets and liabilities other than technical provisions'.

Technical provisions have been valued in accordance with Articles 76 to 86 of the Directive.

Material assets and liabilities are defined as assets and liabilities that are valued in excess of £5.5m (equivalent to 1% of IFRS net assets).

As permitted by Article 9 of the Delegated Act, the valuation of assets and liabilities are based, where appropriate, on the valuation method used in the preparation of the annual report and accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with international financial reporting standards (IFRS) and audited by external auditors.

International Accounting Standard (IAS) 39, Financial Instruments: Measurement and Recognition, requires the classification of certain financial assets and liabilities into separate categories for which the accounting requirement is different.

The classification depends on the nature and purpose of the financial assets and liabilities, and is determined at the time of initial recognition. Financial instruments are initially measured at fair value. Their subsequent measurement depends on their classification.

Financial instruments designated as at fair value through profit or loss and hedge accounted derivatives under International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee (IFRIC) 16 are subsequently carried at fair value.

All other financial assets and liabilities are held at amortised cost using the effective interest method, except for short-term receivables and payables where the recognition of interest would be immaterial.

The Directors consider that the carrying value of those financial assets and liabilities not carried at fair value approximates to their fair value.

The Company has adopted IFRS 16 using the modified retrospective approach, as permitted by the standard. On adoption of IFRS 16, the Company recognised right-of-use assets and associated lease liabilities in relation to leases which had previously been classified as 'operating leases' under the principles of IAS 17, Leases.

Right-of-use assets have been measured at an amount equal to the lease liability adjusted by the amount of any prepaid or accrued lease payments relating to that lease recognised in the balance sheet at initial recognition. Lease liabilities have been measured at the present value of the remaining lease payments, discounted using the lessee's incremental borrowing rate.

Subordinated liabilities are recognised initially at fair value, being the issue proceeds net of premiums, discounts and transaction costs incurred. All borrowings are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method. The amortisation is recognised as an interest expense using the effective interest rate method.

## D.1 Assets

#### Solvency II valuation of assets

A copy of the quantitative reporting template (QRT) 'S.02.01.02 – Balance sheet' is included in Appendix 1 and shows a list of assets by class as reported in the annual QRT of the Company.

The table below summarises the SII Valuation and the differences that arise in comparison with the financial statements' net asset value prepared in accordance with IFRS, together with an analysis of assets:

Solvency II Valuation	2021 As reported IFRS Basis	Reclassify to aid comparison	2021 Reclassified IFRS	Valuation difference	2021 Solvency II Valuation
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Total Assets	1,410,417	(118,596)	1,291,821	(71,777)	1,220,044
Total liabilities	860,515	(118,596)	741,919	(119,419)	622,500
Net assets	549,902	-	549,902	47,642	597,544
Breakdown of asset valuation					
Deferred acquisition costs	36,740	-	36,740	(36,740)	-
Intangible assets	27,501	-	27,501	(27,501)	-
Tangible fixed assets	32,771	-	32,771	-	32,771
Pension benefit surplus	28,304	-	28,304	-	28,304
Investments: Participations	66,163	-	66,163	60,612	126,775
Other	803,095	4,897	807,992	(18)	807,974
Loans & mortgages	670	78,260	78,930	(926)	78,004
Technical provisions - Reinsurance recoverables	171,922	(15,761)	156,161	(62,875)	93,286
Insurance & intermediaries receivables	96,341	(94,882)	1,459	-	1,459
Reinsurance receivables	8,001	(7,953)	48	-	48
Receivables (trade, not insurance)	9,784	(2,386)	7,398	(4,329)	3,069
Cash and cash equivalents	48,437	(2,511)	45,926	-	45,926
Any other assets	80,688	(78,260)	2,428	-	2,428
Total assets	1,410,417	(118,596)	1,291,821	(71,777)	1,220,044

The table includes reclassification of certain IFRS assets and liabilities to aid comparability. This has been done as items such as creditors arising from reinsurance contracts, which are included within other liabilities in the financial statements, are included within the valuation of reinsurance recoverables for SII provided they are not past their due date. Moving this balance from liabilities to assets removes the need to disclose the same difference in both assets and liabilities.

A description of how the assets have been valued, and any differences from the IFRS valuation, are explained below.

## Deferred acquisition costs

In the financial statements a proportion of commission and other acquisition costs relating to unearned premiums is deferred and amortised over the period in which the related revenues are earned. For SII, deferred acquisition costs have a nil value as they have no future cash flow and therefore have no fair value.

#### Intangible assets

Intangible fixed assets are valued at amortised cost in the financial statements. For SII these assets have been valued at nil as amortised cost is not a permitted method of valuation and it is not practicable to obtain an independent valuation of these assets.

#### Tangible fixed assets - property plant and equipment held for own use

This category can be further analysed into the following classifications:

Analysis of property, plant & equipment held for own use	2021	2020
	£'000	£'000
Property improvements, fixtures, fittings & computer equipment	10,525	9,811
Owner occupied property	1,465	2,040
Motor vehicles	-	13
Right of use assets - property	19,794	21,870
Right of use assets - motor vehicles	987	992
	32,771	34,726

Property improvements, fixtures, fittings and computer equipment are valued in the financial statements on an amortised cost basis. As these assets pass impairment reviews and continue to deliver an economic benefit to the Company, which is reflected in their IFRS carrying value, this is assumed to be an acceptable approximation of fair value. A proportional approach has been taken as any discrepancy between their SII economic value and their IFRS value would not be material.

Valuations of owner-occupied property are carried out at least every three years by external qualified surveyors for the financial statements. As any change in value through using a more frequent annual valuation would not be material, no adjustment to this value is made for the SII valuation.

Right-of-use assets have been valued at the present value of the remaining lease payments, discounted using the lessee's incremental borrowing rate.

This is assumed to be an acceptable approximation of fair value. A proportional approach has been taken as any discrepancy between their SII economic value and their IFRS value would not be material.

Motor vehicles are valued on an amortised cost basis in the financial statements. Their IFRS carrying value is assumed to be an acceptable approximation of fair value.

#### Pension benefit surplus

The Company operates a number of defined benefit and defined contribution plans, the assets of which are held in separate trustee-administered funds.

In accordance with IAS 19, Employee Benefits, for defined benefit plans, the pension costs are assessed using the projected unit credit method. Under this method, the cost of providing pensions is charged to profit or loss so as to spread the regular cost over the service lives of employees, in accordance with the advice of qualified actuaries.

The pension obligation is measured as the present value of the estimated future cash outflows using a discount rate based on market yields for high-quality corporate bonds. The resulting pension plan surplus or deficit appears as an asset or obligation in the statement of financial position. Any asset resulting from this calculation is limited to the present value of economic benefits available in the form of refunds from the plan or reductions in future employer contributions to the plan.

Plan Assets	2021 £'000	2020 £'000
Government bonds	1,764	1,805
Corporate Bonds	86,905	77,575
Listed Equity	167,263	148,313
Unlisted Equity	711	1,333
Investment funds	79,761	86,791
Collateralised securities	464	520
Cash and cash equivalents	37,046	34,416
Investment Property	47,665	41,873
Derivatives	851	885
Other	455	845
	422,885	394,356

Below is an analysis of the assets of the defined benefit pension plan:

#### Investments – participations (subsidiary undertakings)

The financial statements of the Company value shares in subsidiary undertakings at cost net of any impairment. For SII subsidiary undertakings must be recognised at fair value.

As all subsidiary undertakings are unlisted companies, the preferred SII valuation method of using quoted market prices as required by Article 13(1)(a) of the Delegated Regulation is not possible.

The alternative method has therefore been adopted whereby each subsidiary undertaking's assets and liabilities are valued on a SII basis and the resulting value recognised using the adjusted equity method in accordance with Article 13(1)(b).

Key drivers for the differences in valuation are goodwill, which is included within the cost used in the financial statements but not recognised in SII, and the impact of accumulated undistributed post-acquisition profits included within the SII valuation.

#### Investments other than participations

The fair value measurement basis used to value investments held at fair value is categorised into a fair value hierarchy as follows:

Level 1: fair values measured using quoted bid prices in active markets for identical assets. This category includes listed equities in active markets, listed debt securities in active markets and exchange-traded derivatives.

Level 2: fair values measured using inputs other than quoted prices included within level 1 that are observable for the asset, either directly (i.e. as prices) or indirectly (i.e. derived from prices). This category includes listed debt or equity securities in a market that is not active and derivatives that are not exchange-traded.

These financial assets are valued using third-party pricing information that is regularly reviewed and internally calibrated based on management's knowledge of the markets. Where material, these valuations are reviewed by the GAC.

Level 3: fair values measured using inputs for the asset that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs). This category includes unlisted debt and equities, including investments in venture capital, and suspended securities. Where a look-through valuation approach is applied, underlying net asset values are sourced from the investee, translated into the Company's functional currency and adjusted to reflect illiquidity where appropriate, with the fair values disclosed being directly sensitive to this input.

Accrued interest of £2,386k included within 'receivables (trade, not insurance)' in the financial statements has been moved to investments as investment valuations are valued inclusive of accrued interest for SII.

Investments – property - Investment property comprises land and buildings which are held for long-term rental yields and is carried at fair value. Investment property is valued annually by external qualified surveyors at open market value.

Investments – derivatives - All derivatives are initially recognised at their fair value, which usually represents their cost, including any premium paid. They are subsequently re-measured at their fair value, with the method for recognising changes in the fair value depending on whether they are designated as hedges of net investments in foreign operations. All derivatives are carried as assets when the fair values are positive and as liabilities when the fair values are negative.

The Company's derivative contracts are not traded in active markets. Foreign currency forward contracts are valued using observable forward exchange rates corresponding to the maturity of the contract and the contract forward rate. Over-the-counter equity or index options and futures are valued by reference to observable index prices.

Investments – deposits other than cash equivalents - This comprises highly liquid investments with original maturities of more than three months. These balances are typically deposit balances with banks. As cash balances are not subject to a significant risk of change in value, they are considered to be held at fair value.

#### Loans and mortgages (including intra-group loans)

Non-current intra-group balances have been valued in the financial statements at £78,260k, their initial value net of any subsequent repayment or impairment, and included within other assets.

For SII these balances are reclassified as loans and valued at the present value of their expected future cash flows. The key assumptions used in the valuation are loan duration, interest rate and discount rate. As the loans do not have specified maturity dates they are assumed to have a duration of 10 years from the reporting date to enable a valuation to be calculated. This duration has been chosen in light of the length of time some of the loans have been in force to date. The interest rate is as defined in the loan agreement, and is typically based on a fixed margin above the Bank of England Base Rate. The discount rate used is taken from the risk-free curves published by the PRA.

#### Reinsurance recoverables

The valuation of reinsurers' share of technical provisions and the differences in valuation methodology compared with the IFRS financial statements is covered in section D.2.

#### Insurance & intermediaries receivables and reinsurance receivables

For SII this only comprises debtor balances past due. Due to the short-term nature of the outstanding balances, their amortised cost is assumed to approximate to their fair value. Debtor balances that are not past due are future cash flows that form part of technical provisions as covered in section D.2.

## Receivables (trade, not insurance)

This comprises trade debtor balances. Due to the short-term nature of the outstanding balances, their amortised cost is assumed to approximate to their fair value. The valuation of non-insurance receivables for SII is the same as in the financial statements except for £4,330k of prepayments which have no economic value.

#### Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less and bank overdrafts. As cash balances are not subject to a significant risk of change in value, they are considered to be held at fair value.

#### Any other assets

Intercompany debtor balances with the Company's subsidiaries and other entities within the wider Group are shown as any other assets. The balances are repayable on demand, and the amortised cost is assumed to approximate to fair value.

There have been no changes in the valuation or recognition bases adopted compared to the prior year.

# **D.2** Technical provisions

## Solvency II valuation of technical provisions and assumptions used

Under SII the technical provisions are made up of:

- Discounted best estimate claims provisions;
- Discounted best estimate premium provisions; and
- Risk margins.

The non-life technical provisions (TPs) are calculated as a sum of best estimate and risk margin using a threestage process of grouping data for homogeneous risks, selecting methodologies, and setting assumptions which take into account the economic, underwriting and reserving cycles.

The reserving process captures material factors via engagement and interaction across relevant business areas, particularly the claims and underwriting functions. These factors may not be inherent in the historical data, for example a change introduced to the claims management philosophy may impact the incurred development pattern going forward.

The reserving framework is structured such that sufficient oversight exists within the reserve setting process through reviews by key stakeholders within management, by the Actuarial Function Director and ultimately by the Board via the GAC. This ensures there is an independent challenge to the process and results, and that future developments within the business are incorporated into the projections where appropriate.

#### Modelling methodologies and assumptions

The nature of input assumptions for the reserving models used in projecting ultimate claims costs varies based on the class of business modelled, the levels of historical data available and the nature and complexity of the underlying risk. The final choice of model and assumptions involves professional actuarial judgement and a technical review within the reserving Governance Framework.

The following methods are used accordingly:

- Incurred Development Factor Method (DFM) used either in isolation for 'Fire and other property damage' classes or in combination with other methods for liability and latent classes;
- Bornhuetter Ferguson Method (BF) used primarily for more recent development years for the liability classes;
- Frequency-Severity Approach, either deterministic for liability classes or stochastic for latent claims;
- Scenarios framework for Events Not In Data (ENID), which generally would not have been foreseen at the time of writing the policies;
- Exposure based methods are used to assess Covid-19 loss of profits reserves, based on policy terms and limits and propensity to claim assumptions.
- Simplified methods like scaling based on exposure measures for smaller territories; and

• Discontinued and inwards reinsurance businesses are either a fixed percentage of case outstanding or a fixed amount.

Once the best estimates are calculated, all future years' cash flows are discounted to present value using the prescribed risk-free discount curve for the relevant currency interest rate-term structure.

The reinsurer's share of IBNR calculations are varied depending on the type of treaty. Proportional arrangements use assumptions on net to gross ratios and excess of loss arrangements incorporate stochastic modelling of net average costs where applicable.

Expected defaults are calculated by reference to reinsurer credit ratings and the expected term of the recoverable.

## Valuation

Claims provisions, premium provisions and risk margin by class are reported on 'QRT S.17.01.02 – Non-life technical provisions'.

The two major contributors to the TPs are the 'general liability' (62% of TPs) and 'fire and other property damage' (31% of TPs) classes of business.

The distribution of reserves by line of business reflects differences in risk and claim behavioural experiences. Comments on material lines are given individually below.

## Fire & Other Property Damage

The TPs for this class are weighted between both premium and claims provisions due to the short-tail nature of these risks and potential for unusually large or catastrophe event claims to occur during the future exposure period.

#### **General Liability**

The TPs for this class are heavily weighted towards the claim provision due to the longer-tail nature of these risks, which may be complex and take many years to settle, and with potential for late reported or latent claims to emerge.

Latent classes are particularly sensitive to changes in the discount rate. The prescribed UK risk free rate increased over 2021, which resulted in a decrease in the discounted latent provisions.

#### Motor vehicle classes

The majority of motor business has been in run-off since 2013. The motor TPs are calculated at an aggregated level for 'motor third party liability' and 'other motor', with substantially all of the remaining reserve relating to liability claims.

The line of business will reduce in significance over time, but remains subject to risk of late developments on open cases.

## Non-proportional reinsurances

These classes relate to casualty and property reinsurance arrangements entered into with external companies and businesses in run-off, and run-off London Market business.

## Risk margin

The SII risk margin is the present value cost of capital for a reference undertaking subject to a Solvency Capital Requirement ('SCR') over the period of fulfilling the obligated business cash flows. The SCR for each year of run-off reflects a 1-year view of risk for the relevant Insurance, Counterparty, Operational and Unavoidable Market risks in that period. The risk margin has adopted the internal model calculation, at individual model class level, using the modelled SCR for each class and the diversification available between these classes. The internal model class diversified risk margin outputs are then aggregated to the SII reporting classes.

The level of risk margin held is driven by the primary risks for the non-life insurance business, being General Liability reserve risk and catastrophe risk for Fire and Other Property Damage and the term over which these risks run off. Under SII principles this margin is not allocated as gross and ceded, but is a single value based on the risk net of reinsurance.

## Level of uncertainty

The estimation of the ultimate liability arising from claims made under non-life insurance contracts is subject to uncertainty as to the total number of claims made on each class of business, the amounts that such claims will be settled for and the timings of any payments. Examples of uncertainty include:

- whether a claims event has occurred or not and how much it will ultimately settle for;
- variability in the speed with which claims are notified and in the time taken to settle them, especially complex cases resolved through the courts;
- changes in the business portfolio affecting factors such as the number of claims and their typical settlement costs, which may differ significantly from past patterns;
- new types of claim, including latent claims, which arise from time to time;
- changes in legislation and court attitudes to compensation, which may apply retrospectively;
- the potential for periodic payment awards, and uncertainty over the discount rate to be applied when assessing lump sum awards;
- the way in which certain reinsurance contracts, principally liability, will be interpreted in relation to unusual or latent claims where aggregation of claimants and exposure over time are issues; and
- whether all such reinsurances will remain in force over the long term.

While the best estimate TPs calculation targets reserving for the average or expected future cost within a range of possible outcomes, due to the uncertainties it is likely that the actual costs will differ from the reserved amount.

In order to better understand the underlying uncertainty, a range of possible outcomes are tested and analysed by running a series of sensitivities.

## Sensitivity Results for Net TPs

Sensitivity Analysis is a technique used to understand the variability of possible outcomes. This is done by analysing the change in TPs as a result of adjusting a single input parameter.

The sensitivity analysis of TPs is a useful risk management tool that helps the business identify which internal factors are key drivers of the total provision. The ability to identify the key risk drivers of the TPs allows management to identify lead indicators to monitor these drivers, so as to better predict their effect and manage the risks associated with uncertainty.

The effectiveness of a sensitivity testing process depends on being able to identify and isolate the full effects attributable to each material input factor affecting the final TPs. Following the 'impact-value chain' creates more realistic and accurate sensitivity scenarios.

The table below shows the results of several sensitivity tests, which have been selected to provide coverage of a broad range of risks, which it is foreseeable could materialise within the next 12 months. This is for illustrative purposes and does not represent an exhaustive list of possible events.

SII net best estimate sensitivities to future scenarios		EIO Solo
Risk	Sensitivity applied	£m
Bound business seasonality profile	Adjust Q4 bound business to Q3 profile	3.2
Discount rate shift (all currencies)	+/- 0.5% to spot rate at all durations	-/+ 12.8
Reinsurance default	All reinsurer ratings downgraded to BBB	0.3

The choice of yield curve shock is based on the assumption that if there are upward or downward rate cycles, the central bank in each territory will change the interest rates by 25 basis points (bps) at a time, with an assumption of two base rate changes per year translating to an equivalent up or down shift at all durations.

## Comparison of Solvency II technical provisions with valuation in annual financial statements

The building blocks making up the TPs can be split between those for which the valuation methodology is compatible between SII and current IFRS, and those which by requirements of the SII technical specifications will necessarily be different.

The claims provision calculation (liability on earned business) may follow similar bases, methods and assumptions as IFRS, with the exception that the SII discount rate is prescribed by the PRA and applied to total reserves. In contrast, the discount rate used in the IFRS accounts currently includes an input for liquidity premium based on actual assets held and discounts only the latent classes of claims.

The adjustment for Risk Margin reflects the difference between the Board's appetite of holding reserves that are sufficient at least 3 out of 4 years and the requirement under SII of holding an amount over and above the best estimate reserves reflective of the cost of capital required to run off the best estimates to settlement.

Other adjustments relate to the consideration of future premium cash inflows in the premium provision for SII and inclusion of ENID in the best estimate under SII.

Net technical provisions	2021	2020	
	£'000	£'000	
IFRS Technical Provisions net of deferred acquisition costs,			
debtors and creditors	409,321	403,182	
Adjustment for risk margin (unaudited)	(10,887)	(8,351)	
Adjustment for discounting	17,113	22,296	
Adjustment for premium provision	(21,308)	(14,603)	
SII Net technical provisions	394,239	402,523	

#### Use of the matching adjustment

The matching adjustment has not been applied to the non-life insurance TPs.

## Use of the volatility adjustment

The volatility adjustment has not been applied to the non-life insurance TPs.

#### Use of the transitional risk-free interest rate-term structure

The transitional risk-free interest rate-term structure has not been applied to the non-life insurance TPs.

## Use of the Directive's Article 308[d] transitional deduction

The transitional deduction is not applied to the non-life insurance TPs.

#### **Recoverables from reinsurance contracts and special purpose vehicles**

The recoverables are calculated separately by territory and by class of business taking into account the arrangements that are in place for each year of loss. Various arrangements apply to the fire and other property damage classes. These include surplus proportional reinsurance treaties and facultative

arrangements for risks larger than those covered by the treaties. Quota share arrangements are also in use. Excess of loss cover applies for single events or aggregation of losses, and to the general liability and motor classes. Special purpose vehicles are not used.

The relative size of reinsurance recoverables included in the TPs from period to period is closely linked to the relative size of reserves by class, subject to occurrence or otherwise of unusually large losses for the excess of loss accounts.

For the premium provision, the amounts also reflect the nature of the reinsurance contracts due to the inclusion of future premiums payable in the reinsurance TP.

Where coverage is purchased on a risks-attaching basis, the premium is either pre-paid or effectively held as a short-term creditor on the balance sheet. Where coverage is purchased on a losses occurring basis, the TP includes any future cost not yet recorded elsewhere on the balance sheet in respect of obligated business.

# Material changes in the assumptions made in the calculation of technical provisions compared to the previous reporting period

There have been no significant changes to previously used assumptions for the premium provision, which remain aligned to business plans.

## **D.3** Other liabilities

## Solvency II valuation of other liabilities

A copy of the QRT 'S.02.01.02 – Balance sheet' is included in Appendix 1 and shows a list of liabilities by class as reported in the annual QRT of the Company.

The table below summarises the SII Valuation and the differences that arise in comparison with the financial statements' net asset value prepared in accordance with IFRS, together with an analysis of liabilities:

Solvency II Valuation	2021 As reported IFRS Basis	Reclassify to aid comparison	2021 Reclassified IFRS	Valuation difference	2021 Solvency II Valuation
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Total liabilities	860,515	(118,596)	741,919	(119,419)	622,500
Net assets	549,902	-	549,902	47,642	597,544
Breakdown of liability valuation					
Technical provisions - non-life	673,598	(93,303)	580,295	(92,770)	487,525
Deferred commission income	21,951	-	21,951	(21,951)	-
Deferred tax liabilities	46,123	-	46,123	(4,145)	41,978
Insurance & intermediaries payables	1,579	(1,579)	-	-	-
Reinsurance payables	23,714	(23,714)	-	-	-
Payables (trade, not insurance)	34,485	-	34,485	(72)	34,413
Pension benefit obligations	7,058	-	7,058	-	7,058
Derivatives	331	-	331	-	331
Other provisions	6,068	-	6,068	-	6,068
Debts owed to credit institutions	20,806	-	20,806	-	20,806
Subordinated liabilities in BOF	24,433	-	24,433	(481)	23,952
Any other liabilities	369	-	369	-	369
Total liabilities	860,515	(118,596)	741,919	(119,419)	622,500

The table includes reclassification of certain IFRS assets and liabilities to aid comparability, as explained in section D.1. A description of how the liabilities have been valued, and any differences from the IFRS valuation, are explained below.

#### Technical provisions – non-life

The valuation of TPs and the differences in valuation methodology compared with the IFRS financial statements are covered in section D.2.

#### Deferred commission income

As with deferred acquisition costs, covered in section D.1, deferred commission income has not been recognised in the SII valuation as there is no fair value.

## Deferred tax liabilities

The calculation of deferred tax is based on temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for tax purposes. Deferred tax is

measured using tax rates expected to apply when the related deferred tax asset is realised or the deferred tax liability is settled based on tax rates and laws which have been enacted or substantively enacted at the year-end date. The liabilities are mainly in relation to unrealised gains on financial investments.

For SII, the deferred tax liability has been recalculated to take into account the valuation differences between the financial statements and the SII valuation of assets and liabilities. As this timing difference is not expected to reverse in the foreseeable future, the tax rate used is 25%, being the future rate used in the annual report and accounts for balances reversing after April 2023.

## Insurance & intermediaries payables and reinsurance payables

Only amounts past their due date are included in insurance & intermediaries receivables and reinsurance receivables under SII as amounts not past their due date form part of TPs which is covered in Section D.2.

## Payables (trade, not insurance)

All balances recognised are short-term in nature and so their carrying value in the financial statements is deemed to be an appropriate approximation of fair value.

Included within Payables (trade, not insurance) are unpresented cheques which are removed in the SII valuation as they have no economic value.

#### Pension benefit obligations

The Company operates a number of defined benefit and defined contribution plans, the assets of which are held in separate trustee-administered funds, as noted in section D1. Any plan in deficit would be included here.

The Company also provides post-employment medical benefits to some retirees. The expected costs of these benefits are accrued using an accounting methodology similar to that for defined benefit pension plans. Independent qualified actuaries value these obligations annually.

## Provisions other than technical provisions

Provisions are recognised when the Company has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of past events and it is probable that an outflow of resources, embodying economic benefits, will be required to settle the obligation, and a reliable estimate of the amount of the obligation can be made. Where the Company expects a provision to be reimbursed, the reimbursement is recognised as a separate asset, but only when it is virtually certain that the reimbursement will be received.

## Debts owed to credit institutions

This comprises amounts due in respect of finance leases. Finance leases are leases where a significant portion of the risks and rewards of ownership is transferred to the Company. Assets obtained under finance lease contracts are capitalised as right-of-use assets. Obligations under such agreements are recognised at the present value of the remaining lease payments, discounted using the lessee's incremental borrowing rate.

#### Subordinated debt

Subordinated debt consists of a privately placed issue of 20-year subordinated bonds, maturing in February 2041 and callable after February 2031. The Group's subordinated debt ranks below its senior debt and ahead of its preference shares and ordinary share capital.

#### Any other liabilities

Intercompany creditor balances with the Company's subsidiaries and other entities within the wider Group are shown as any other liabilities. The balances are repayable on demand, and the amortised cost is assumed to approximate to fair value.

## D.4 Alternative methods for valuation

No assets or liabilities have been valued using alternative valuation methods.

## **D.5** Any other information

There is no further material information regarding the valuation of assets and liabilities for solvency purposes.

# E. Capital management

## E.1 Own funds

Under SII, capital that the Company can use to meet its regulatory SCR and MCR is called own funds. Offbalance sheet items that can be called upon to absorb losses are called ancillary own funds. The Company does not hold any such items.

The excess of assets (section D.1) over liabilities (section D.3) plus qualifying subordinated debt less any foreseeable distributions constitutes basic own funds:

Basic Own Funds	2021 £'000	2020 £'000
Solvency II valuation of assets	1,220,044	1,092,149
Solvency II valuation of liabilities	(622,500)	(568,996)
Excess of assets over liabilities	597,544	523,153
Subordinated liabilities	23,952	-
Foreseeable distributions	(4,591)	(4,591)
Basic Own Funds	616,905	518,562

## **Own funds - objectives, policies and processes**

The overall responsibility for reviewing and approving the Capital Management Policy lies with the Board. The responsibility for the policy implementation resides with all management and employees involved in managing capital and solvency across the Company.

The policy provides a robust framework for the management and control of capital that underpins business performance and supports the strategic development across the Company. The policy can be summarised as follows:

#### Regulatory, legislative and rating agency

• ensure current and future rules are monitored and understood, particularly regarding the definition of capital (quality and fungibility) and various capital requirements.

#### Definition and monitoring of capital available

- ensure capital is maintained at a sufficient quality in order to meet current and future capital requirements, in accordance with regulatory and rating agency restrictions;
- ensure the Company has a defined risk appetite regarding the quality and tiering of capital required to meet its own internal appetite for solvency;
- ensure there is sufficient capital held within all local subsidiaries and branches in order to satisfy local capital requirements (regulatory or otherwise);

- ensure that fungibility restrictions are carefully monitored and controlled to avoid having a detrimental impact on the Company's solvency position, regulatory or otherwise;
- ensure that the level of capital available in the Company, regulatory or otherwise, is monitored on a regular basis in accordance with an agreed process; and
- ensure there is regular monitoring and review of the quality, tiering and fungibility of capital, in order to assess whether the above targets are met on an ongoing basis.

## Definition and monitoring of capital requirements

- ensure all current and future capital requirements, regulatory or otherwise, are understood at all times;
- ensure the Company has an agreed definition of an 'Economic Capital Requirement', reflecting its own view of risk;
- ensure the Company has an agreed risk appetite to ensure a satisfactory level of capital coverage on all relevant bases, including a statement of coverage for its economic capital, regulatory capital and rating agency capital;
- ensure the Company has at least enough capital to meet its regulatory and rating agency requirements at all times, and for all relevant subsidiaries and branches;
- ensure all Company capital requirements covered by the risk appetite are calculated and the relevant solvency position reviewed on a regular basis in accordance with an agreed process;
- ensure that relevant stakeholders (i.e. regulators, rating agencies) are informed of any changes to solvency positions in excess of agreed reporting levels; and
- ensure that future capital requirements and projected solvency positions throughout the period of the business plan are assessed in the ORSA process.

## Principles around the distribution and raising of capital

- ensure there is a clearly defined process for assessing the level of dividends and grants prior to any payment being made;
- ensure there is a clearly defined process for monitoring market conditions and future capital needs in order to assess the requirement and benefit of capital raising or redemptions; and
- ensure the appropriateness for raising or redeeming capital is assessed against all other principles outlined in this policy (e.g. solvency coverage, capital quality).

## Principles around the allocation and use of capital

- ensure there is an agreed approach for allocating Economic Capital to different business units and risks;
- ensure the Company has an agreed return on capital target which is aligned to the expectations of all key stakeholders (i.e. Board, Benefact Trust);
- ensure there is an agreed approach to setting and monitoring the return on capital of the Company and each business unit or risk;
- ensure that there is a clear process for determining when a strategic decision should take into account a capital perspective; this must cover all decisions that materially change the use of capital or solvency position; and

• ensure that each such decision considers the impact on solvency, capital allocation, return on capital and any other principles included in this policy.

## Reporting

The Board will continue to monitor and maintain the integrity of the Capital Management Policy, Standards and Guidance to ensure they reflect the culture of the business and the regulatory environment in which it operates.

Reports detailing performance against this policy or any business critical changes are reviewed periodically, but at least annually, by the Group Risk Committee.

#### Business planning

Corporate planning and budgeting is undertaken on an annual basis, covering a three year planning horizon.

## Movement in own funds compared to prior period

A copy of the QRT 'S.23.01.01 – Own Funds' is included in Appendix 6. The table below is a summary of own funds by tier, with comparison to the prior year:

Analysis of Own Funds	Total	Tie	r 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
		Unrestricted	Restricted		
2021	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Ordinary share capital	14,027	14,027	-	-	-
Preference share capital	106,450	-	106,450	-	-
Preference share premium	4,632	-	4,632	-	-
Subordinated Liabilities	23,952			23,952	
Reconciliation reserve	467,844	467,844	-	-	-
	616,905	481,871	111,082	23,952	-
2020					
Ordinary share capital	14,027	14,027	-	-	-
Preference share capital	106,450	-	106,450	-	-
Preference share premium	4,632	-	4,632	-	-
Subordinated Liabilities	-	-	-	-	-
Reconciliation reserve	393,453	393,453	-	-	-
	518,562	407,480	111,082	-	-
Movement in own funds					
Ordinary share capital	-	-	-	-	-
Preference share capital	-	-	-	-	-
Preference share premium	-	-	-	-	-
Subordinated Liabilities	23,952	-	-	23,952	-
Reconciliation reserve	74,391	74,391	-	-	-
	98,343	74,391	-	23,952	-

The ordinary share capital is called up, issued and fully paid, and is classified as unrestricted tier 1 capital as it meets the relevant requirements of Article 71 of the Delegated Act. The preference share capital is also

called up, issued and fully paid, and is classified as restricted tier 1 capital in accordance with Articles 71 and 82 of the Delegated Act.

As noted in section D.3 the subordinated liability consists of a privately placed issue of 20-year subordinated bonds, maturing in February 2041 and callable after February 2031. The Group's subordinated debt ranks below its senior debt and ahead of its preference shares and ordinary share capital, and meets the requirements of Article 73 of the Delegated Act to be classified as tier 2 capital.

The reconciliation reserve is primarily retained earnings from the financial statements adjusted for differences in valuation between the financial statements and SII, as covered in section D. A high-level analysis of the reconciliation reserve is included in Appendix 6.

The table below summarises the key movements in the reconciliation reserve between the current and prior year:

Movement in reconciliation reserve	£'000
Prior year balance	393,453
IFRS total comprehensive income / (expense)	94,760
Group tax relief in excess of standard rate	(86)
Preference dividends paid	(9,181)
Charitable grant paid net of tax relief	(17,010)
Movement in SII revaluation of:	
Participations	(1,207)
Goodwill and intangible assets	(3,236)
Technical provisions	14,621
Deferred commission income and acquisition costs	(174)
Subordinated debt	481
Other SII deductions & revaluations	(4,027)
Deferred tax	(550)
Total movement for year	74,391
Current year balance	467,844

The £94,760k IFRS total comprehensive income is reported in the Company's financial statements and includes profit after tax of £64,229k, actuarial gains of £30,580k in respect of the Company's retirement benefit obligations and other costs including currency translation amounting to a loss of £48k.

Two key components of loss after tax are underwriting performance, covered in section A.2, and Investment performance, covered in section A.3. Actuarial gains and currency translation are covered in section A.4.

# Eligible amount of own funds available to cover the Solvency Capital Requirement

Analysis of eligible own funds available to cover SCR	2021 £'000	2020 £'000
Unrestricted tier 1 capital	481,871	407,480
Restricted tier 1 capital	111,082	101,870
Total eligible tier 1 capital	592,953	509,350
Restricted tier 1 relegated to tier 2	-	9,212
Other tier 2 capital	23,952	-
Total eligible tier 2 capital	23,952	9,212
Eligible tier 3 capital		
Total eligible capital	616,905	518,562
Ineligible capital	-	-
Total own funds available	616,905	518,562

The table below summarises the own funds eligible to cover the SCR:

The restricted tier 1 own funds cannot amount to more than 20% of total tier 1 own funds, which equates to 25% of unrestricted tier 1 own funds. The remainder is classified as tier 2 own funds.

## Eligible amount of own funds available to cover the Minimum Capital Requirement

The table below summarises the own funds eligible to cover the MCR:

Analysis of eligible own funds available to cover MCR	2021 £'000	2020 £'000
Unrestricted tier 1 capital	481,871	407,480
Restricted tier 1 capital	111,082	101,870
Total eligible tier 1 capital	592,953	509,350
Restricted tier 1 relegated to tier 2	-	9,212
Other tier 2 capital	12,642	-
Total eligible tier 2 capital	12,642	9,212
Total eligible capital	605,595	518,562
Ineligible capital	11,310	-
Total own funds available	616,905	518,562

The restricted tier 1 own funds cannot amount to more than 20% of total tier 1 own funds, which equates to 25% of unrestricted tier 1 own funds. The remainder can be treated as tier 2 own funds.

£11,310k is ineligible as tier 2 capital cannot amount to more than 20% of the MCR.

## Comparison between Solvency II own funds and equity reported in the financial statements

Reconciliation from IFRS net assets to Solvency II own funds	2021 £'000	2020 £'000
Equity as reported in IFRS Financial Statements	549,902	481,419
Revalue participations	60,612	61,819
Revalue technical provisions	29,895	15,274
Remove deferred commission income and deferred acquisition costs	(14,789)	(14,615)
Revalue intra-group loans	(926)	2,630
Remove goodwill and intangible assets	(27,501)	(24,265)
Remove prepayments and other items with no fair value	(4,257)	(3,802)
Impact on deferred tax of revaluation	4,145	4,695
Revalue subordinated debt	481	-
Other	(18)	(2)
Solvency II valuation of excess of assets over liabilities	597,544	523,153
Subordinated debt recognised as tier 2 capital	23,952	-
Foreseeable dividends & distributions	(4,591)	(4,591)
Solvency II Valuation of own funds	616,905	518,562

Under IFRS, participations are valued at cost, whereas for SII participations are included on a SII net asset valuation basis.

Technical provisions are valued on a SII basis as described in section D.2.

Deferred commission income, deferred acquisition costs, goodwill and intangible assets are removed from the SII valuation as they are inadmissible for solvency purposes.

Intra-group loans are valued at principal amount in the IFRS financial statements, but under SII are valued at the present value of the estimated future cash flows. This is covered in section D.1.

Prepayments and deferred income are removed from the SII valuation as they are inadmissible or deemed to have no measurable fair value.

The difference between the SII value of net assets and the value used for the calculation of tax gives rise to an adjustment to the deferred tax liability. This is covered in section D.3.

Foreseeable dividends and distributions refers to the preference share dividend payable on 30 June 2022 which was approved by the Board on 17 March 2022.

The draft results for the Company exceeded forecast expectations. As a result, the EIO Board approved a further £5m grant in specie to Benefact Trust Limited at their meeting on 2 February 2022. It will be accounted for in 2022, as this will be the date the grant is made.

#### **Transitional arrangements**

There are no own fund items that are subject to transitional arrangements. An internal assessment of the existing irredeemable, non-cumulative preference shares has been undertaken and it was concluded that they satisfied the requirements set out in Article 71 of the delegated act to qualify as restricted tier 1 capital.

#### Ancillary own funds

Approval has not been sought for any form of ancillary own funds.

There is no unpaid share capital in issue and no material letters of credit, guarantees or any other legally binding commitments have been identified or recognised.

## Items deducted from own funds and restrictions affecting the availability and transferability of own funds

No items have been deducted from basic own funds.

As at 31 December 2021, £48,437k of cash balances and deposits and £572,873k of highly liquid listed investments were held by the Company. Of these investments, £123,568k (C\$211,412k) were vested with the Canadian Council of Insurance Regulators in respect of the Company's Canadian branch. As these assets are held to cover equivalent Canadian TPs, there is not considered to be any significant restriction limiting the availability and transferability of own funds.

# E.2 Solvency Capital Requirement (SCR) (unaudited) & Minimum Capital Requirement (MCR)

The SCR is the amount of capital that the Company is required to hold as required by the SII Directive. The Company uses an Internal Model, which has been approved for use by the PRA, to calculate the SCR.

The Internal Model is described in section E.4. A breakdown of the SCR elements applicable to the Company is given in the following section.

The MCR is the higher of the absolute floor (£3,126k) and the combined MCR.

The combined MCR is based on the linear MCR, subject to a cap (45% of the SCR) and floor (25% of the SCR). The Linear MCR is a simplistic calculation based on factors applied to net written premiums and net best estimate of TPs, analysed by class of business.

A copy of the QRTs 'S.25.01 – Solvency Capital Requirement' and 'S.28.01 – Minimum Capital Requirement' are reproduced in Appendices 8 and 9 respectively.

As at 31 December 2021 the SCR for the Company was £236,500k, and the MCR was £63,211k. Both amounts are still subject to supervisory assessment.

#### Use of simplified calculations and Undertaking-specific parameters

The Company uses an Internal Model rather than the Standard Formula, therefore simplified calculations, undertaking-specific parameters and the duration-based equity sub-module are not applicable.

#### Inputs used in the calculation of the MCR

A copy of the QRT 'S.28.01.01 - Minimum Capital Requirement' showing the inputs used for the calculation of the MCR is included in Appendix 8.

#### Use of the option provided for in the third subparagraph of Article 51(2) of Directive 2009/138/EC

As no capital add-on has been applied, and no undertaking specific parameters have been utilised, use of the option provided for in the third subparagraph of Article 51(2) of Directive 2009/138/EC has not been made.

#### Changes to the SCR and MCR compared to the prior period

The table below summarises the movement in the SCR and MCR between the prior year and the current year:

Internal Model SCR (unaudited) and MCR	2021	2020	Movement
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Market risk	238,640	226,892	11,748
Counterparty default risk	11,941	9,015	2,926
Non-life underwriting risk	115,788	133,774	(17,986)
Operational risk	27,801	31,638	(3 <i>,</i> 837)
Other risks	27,210	29,176	(1,966)
Diversification	(156,828)	(153,138)	(3,690)
SCR before adjustments	264,552	277,357	(12,805)
Other adjustments	19,448	10,866	8,582
Loss absorbing capacity of deferred tax	(47,500)	(25,500)	(22,000)
SCR	236,500	262,723	(26,223)
MCR	63,211	65,681	(2,470)

Market risk has increased over the year, predominantly driven by an increase in property exposure and additional investment EIO has made within the infrastructure sector. Total year-on-year equity exposure has remained relatively constant.

Counterparty default risk has increased over the year. Increases in underwriting exposure have led to higher exposure to premium debtor and reinsurer default risks.

Within Non-life underwriting risk, there has been a reduction in both reserving risk and premium risk. There has been an increase in discount rates, which reduces exposure to non-life underwriting risk. Premium risk also benefited from expected improvements in the underwriting result. However, this was mostly offset by increases in natural catastrophe risk due to exposure growth across multiple territories.

The 2021 Operational risk figure has decreased over the year due to a reduction in the tail losses of two scenarios. These scenarios were updated to reflect the latest expert's views of there being slightly reduced risk from these scenarios.

Other risks mostly relates to the Pension Fund longevity risk, which has decreased during the year, largely due to a decrease in the liabilities as a result of discount rates rising.

The 2021 LACDT adjustment has increased significantly as a result of growth in investments, which give rise to greater absorbency from opening deferred tax liabilities. An increase in the UK tax rate in 2023 from 19% to 25% has also increased both the deferred tax and the associated absorbency. In addition, increased taxable profits for 2021 give rise to increased absorbency through carrying losses back.

Diversification has increased as the Internal Model is now reflecting the loss absorbing effect of a restriction placed on the Ecclesiastical Staff Retirement Benefit Fund (SRBF) assets recognised on the balance sheet. The restriction is calculated based on the surplus position of the fund, meaning that the balance sheet position will not move until losses are sufficiently large. The Market Risk figures reflect risk on the full, unrestricted, asset values, such that this benefit is shown in the diversification line.

Without the impact of the SRBF asset restriction, diversification has actually decreased, due to the increased dominance of Market Risk and reduced value of other risk types.

The Company's MCR is the linear MCR for 2021, whereas it was the MCR floor in the prior year (25% of the SCR). As the SCR has decreased, the MCR floor, is now less than the linear MCR, which is based on premiums.

## E.3 Use of the duration-based equity risk sub-module in the calculation of the SCR (unaudited)

The duration-based equity risk sub-module has not been used.

#### E.4 Differences between the standard formula and the internal model (unaudited)

For the purposes of calculating its SCR, the Company uses an Internal Model, as approved by the PRA. The following sections describe various aspects of the Internal Model.

#### **Use of the Internal Model**

The Internal Model is a key tool within the risk management system. It plays a central role in the management of risks. In addition to its primary role of calculating the regulatory and internal capital requirements, the Internal Model is also widely used and fully integrated into decision making processes.

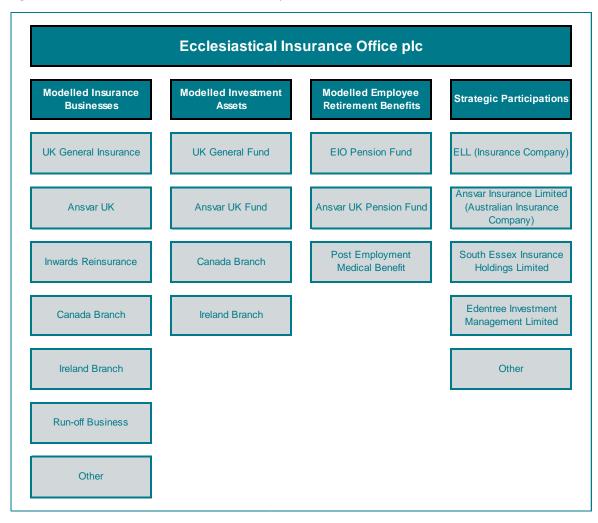
The Internal Model provides support and justification for a variety of key business processes. These include, but are not limited to:

- The setting and monitoring of the Risk Appetite;
- Informing decisions relating to business strategy;
- Producing output for the ORSA and other risk management analysis;
- The setting of annual business plan assumptions;

- The setting of investment strategy; and
- Reinsurance programme design and strategy.

#### Scope of the Internal Model

For the purposes of calculating the SCR, the Internal Model is defined as a "Full Internal Model" under SII. This is because the model includes all relevant business units and all underlying risk types within its scope.

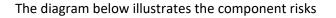


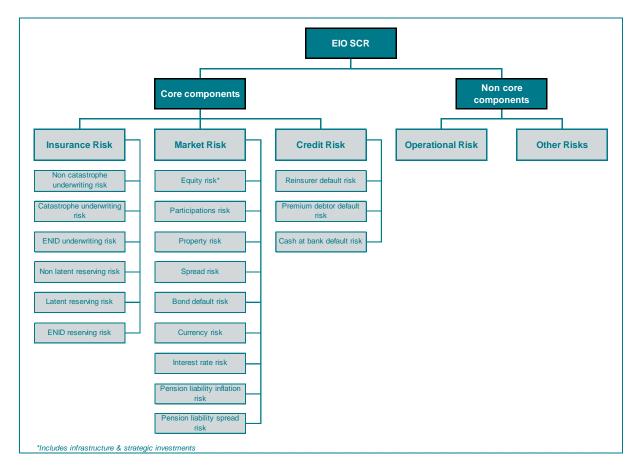
The diagram below illustrates the business unit scope of the Internal Model:

The Internal Model is intended to capture all the material financial risks within the Company. The most material risks relating to the General Insurance business and Market Risk are captured within a *Core Stochastic Model*.

A number of additional '*Non-Core*' risks are then aggregated with the stochastically modelled requirement at the final stage. These risks use a combination of stochastic and scenario based approaches.

Finally, *Model Adjustments* are applied in order to derive the final capital requirement.





#### Calculation of the probability distribution forecast and the SCR

Within the core stochastic model the quantitative impact of key drivers of risk are allowed to vary (e.g. gross claims and investment returns) according to a set of calibrated input parameters. Correlations are applied so that the relationships between inputs are captured (e.g. claims in one insurance niche are likely to occur at the same time as claims in a related niche). The model then randomly varies all of these drivers of risk to produce a probability distribution forecast for the Company's profit or loss over a one year period.

The model is run a large number of times (100,000 simulations) in order to determine many potential outcomes.

Operational Risk and Other Risks are modelled independently then aggregated with the core only capital requirement to produce the total SCR. This method is valid due to these risks being largely independent of the other high-level risk types.

#### Differences in methodologies between the Internal Model and Standard Formula

This section compares the methodologies and assumptions underlying each of the risk modules within the Internal Model and the Standard Formula. The key difference is that the Internal Model methodology and parameterisation is more tailored to EIO's own risk profile than the Standard Formula.

Internal Model Risk Category	Standard Formula Sub- component(s)	Standard Formula approach	Internal Model
Non-Life Underwriting Risk	Premium & Reserve, Catastrophe and Lapse	<ul> <li>For premium &amp; reserve risk, market average volatility factors are applied to a relevant volume metric, by line of business.</li> <li>Net earned premiums provide the volume metric for premium risk, with net best estimate claims reserves providing the volume metric for reserve risk.</li> <li>No account is taken of the relative scale or nature of business within each line, but geographical diversification is included.</li> <li>Catastrophe losses are largely based on shocks applied to Sums Insured and Gross Premiums within different geographical zones. The reinsurance mitigation effect is calculated based on consideration of single events.</li> <li>Lapse risk is modelled based on lapsing a proportion of business where this is contributing profit to the opening reserves.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Model classes are split to a lower level of granularity than the SII lines of business (e.g. to insurance niche), to better reflect the risk profile of particular territories, and where relevant, customer groupings.</li> <li>For premium risk, for each class the model simulates uncertainty in premium rates, gross claims and expenses. Reinsurance contracts are applied to generate reinsurance recoveries in relation to the simulated claims.</li> <li>Reserve risk is calibrated separately for non-latent and latent reserve risk within a class, where relevant. Non latent reserve risk calibrates future modelled claims in respect of exposure before the base date using past claims experience. Latent reserve risk uses frequency and severity modelling for abuse and asbestos related claims.</li> <li>Gross catastrophe underwriting loss experience is calculated by applying simulated events from external vendor models to the Company's own exposure, taking into account the range of specific events and both single or accumulating losses. Reinsurance recoveries are calculated and the impact of reinstatement premiums included.</li> <li>Additional scenarios relating to potential events not in data (ENID) are modelled, for example terrorism events and new latent claims.</li> <li>Claims inflation is projected using relevant Economic Scenario Generator (ESG) market indices together with a superimposed inflationary factors, and step changes.</li> </ul>

All risks are modelled to ultimate, with an adjustment applied to reflect the amount of risk that would emerge over the one year period. The expected profitability of the business explicitly impacts the level of capital requirement.
The model captures the change in technical provisions on the closing balance sheet, including the assumed profitability of unearned and bound business following a shock underwriting event, and movements in risk margin. Due to low materiality, lapse risk is not included within the model scope. Market returns on equity indices for relevant global economies over a one year time horizon are simulated using the externally provided ESG (this enables correlations between economies to be explicitly captured and between each different market risk type) The Company's equity holdings are each mapped to a relevant economy and the ESG parameters applied, together with Capital Asset Pricing Model (CAPM) assumptions, to project returns for the portfolio. Volatility adjustments are applied, where relevant, to infrastructure and strategic investments. No symmetric adjustment is applied however the ESG is updated at least annually and is designed to reflect current market conditions Derivatives held to mitigate this risk are modelled based on assumed levels of

Internal Model Risk Category	Standard Formula Sub- component(s)	Standard Formula approach	Internal Model
	Participations	Strategic Participations are modelled similarly to equities, with a lower shock.	<ul> <li>A beta parameter is calibrated and applied to the relevant economy's equity index to reflect relatively low volatility of participation returns.</li> <li>In both the Internal Model and Standard Formula, the following business units are modelled as strategic participations: ELL (Life Insurance company), Ansvar Australia (General insurance company), South Essex Insurance Holdings and EdenTree (Investment company).</li> </ul>
	Property	• A single instantaneous shock factor is applied to the value of all properties at the balance Sheet date.	• The ESG simulates property returns for each economy. A beta parameter is calibrated and applied to adjust the level of risk, which broadly aligns to the resulting charge to the Standard Formula.
	Spread	<ul> <li>A stress is applied based upon both the bond credit quality and duration to maturity. This stress accounts for both the bond spread risk and the bond default risk.</li> <li>The stress for this risk is not applied to government bonds.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Corporate bond returns are based on a discounted cashflow model, using market risk-free rates with an additional credit spread to account for risk, by term. The ESG simulates the credit spread applicable to corporate bonds, distinguishing by economy, credit rating and duration.</li> <li>The model distinguishes bond default risk separately from spread risk by simulating losses from defaults which occur during the year, allowing for recoveries. The ESG provides a transition matrix which is applied to determine how bonds change credit rating and/or default during the year, with migration risk being captured within spread risk.</li> </ul>
	Currency	<ul> <li>A single instantaneous shock is applied to the currency rates used to value the opening net asset value position for each foreign currency exposure (net of derivative protection at the opening date)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>This risk is quantified by applying the ESG's simulated exchange rate movements to opening net assets by currency, and therefore includes diversification between currencies.</li> <li>Profits and/or losses from currency hedging contracts are also included</li> </ul>

Internal Model Risk Category	Standard Formula Sub- component(s)	Standard Formula approach	Internal Model
	Interest Rate	<ul> <li>A prescribed upward and downward stress, by duration of cashflow, is applied to the EIOPA risk free yield curve. These stressed yield curves are then applied to aggregate net fixed interest opening cashflows with the Interest Rate risk defined as the larger decrease in net asset value resulting from the two calculations.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>The ESG simulates risk-free yield curves for each relevant economy. The opening and closing fixed interest asset and liability cashflows are valued by applying the appropriate yield curves to determine a change in net asset value. For insurance liabilities, the yield curve is aligned to the EIOPA curve.</li> <li>The use of the closing cashflows therefore takes into account change in liabilities profile from insurance risk over the year, which is not captured by the Standard Formula module.</li> </ul>
	Concentrations	<ul> <li>A formula based charge is derived from exposures, rating and total assets held.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>No separate risk type is required as the risks within each individual asset holding are captured via Counterparty risk and the diversification available between asset risks.</li> </ul>
Market Risk: (Pension Risk)	N/A (combined with market risks above)	The assets and liabilities relating to retirement benefit schemes are included in the relevant market risk modules.	<ul> <li>In addition to including Pension Fund assets and liabilities in the market risk modelling, Pension liabilities inflation risk is explicitly modelled using ESG inflation curves over the 1 year horizon</li> <li>Risks associated with the allowable spread within pension liabilities discount rate are captured via an explicit adjustment to the ESG simulated spreads where appropriate.</li> <li>The level of pension surplus recognised is restricted in line with current accounting.</li> </ul>
Counterparty Default Risk	Type 1 and Type 2 exposures	<ul> <li>Type 1 (rated) exposures are calculated from probability of default and loss given default</li> <li>Type 2 (unrated) exposures are given a % charge, distinguishing an increased charge for those which relate to balances &gt; 3 months overdue.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>restricted in line with current accounting principles</li> <li>Three modules are used to capture different default risk characteristics relating to reinsurers, intermediaries and banks.</li> <li>Reinsurer defaults consider the term to payment in addition to the simulated reinsurer balances, credit rating and loss given default. As a simplification, this risk is all assumed to emerge in the first year.</li> <li>Premium Debtor Default Risk is aligned with the Standard Formula Type 2 calculation, given the small magnitude of the underlying exposure and the low materiality of this risk.</li> <li>Bank default is modelled similarly to</li> </ul>
			<ul> <li>Bank default is modelled similarly to reinsurers, but calibrated to the risk of default occurring within the first year.</li> </ul>

Internal Model Risk Category	Standard Formula Sub- component(s)	Standard Formula approach	Internal Model
Operational Risk	N/A	<ul> <li>The higher of the charge derived from factors applied to premiums and reserves is added to the base SCR.</li> <li>This represents the diversified Operational risk charge, with no separate quantification of an undiversified charge.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Bespoke scenarios, covering the key Operational risk exposures of the Company, such as data loss or systems failure, are constructed and quantified in consultation with business risk experts.</li> <li>These are combined using correlations between the scenarios to produce on overall Operational risk distribution.</li> </ul>
Other Risks	N/A	• N/A	<ul> <li>This category typically relates to smaller risks which are not integrated into the stochastic modelling or attributable to other categories.</li> <li>This includes a deterministic scenario for longevity risk in the pension scheme, applied as a stress to current and future mortality rates.</li> </ul>
Loss Absorbing Capacity of Deferred Tax	LACDT	<ul> <li>The tax adjustment is calculated based on an instantaneous loss represented by the diversified components making up the standard formula SCR.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>The movement in tax balances is calculated across the distribution to identify the aftertax SCR.</li> <li>The LACDT is capped within each entity at the level of available net deferred tax liabilities and loss carryback.</li> </ul>
Other Adjustments	N/A	• N/A	<ul> <li>This category relates to income and expenses that are not within the other risk components. These are calibrated based on the business plan, adjusted where appropriate to reflect the values that would be expected to occur during the disaster year, where supported by management actions.</li> <li>The result is adjusted directly against the</li> </ul>
Aggregation	N/A	A linear correlation matrix is applied between the risk modules.	<ul> <li>Sub-risks within the core risks (Insurance Risk, Market Risk and Credit Risk) are aggregated to form a multivariate distribution. This uses a sophisticated copula based correlation approach to produce an aggregate distribution from which the SCR is calculated.</li> <li>Operational risk, Other risks and Other adjustments are aggregated with the core model using linear correlation approaches.</li> </ul>

#### Risk measure and time period

The SCR is defined to be the 99.5th value at risk of own funds over a one year time period. This is commonly referred to as the "1 in 200 Value at Risk (VaR)" and effectively represents the '1 in 200' worst loss generated from the simulated results, which would be expected to be exceeded only once in 200 years. The risk measure (1 in 200 or 99.5th VaR) and one year time period used within the Internal Model have been selected to agree to that set out in Article 101(3) of the Directive.

#### Nature and appropriateness of the data used in the Internal Model

Calibration of the Internal Model relies on a wide range of data sources, both internal and external, including:

- Historic claims data;
- Current and historic policy data;
- Exposure information;
- Financial market data; and
- Asset valuation data.

In most cases historical data is used in the calibration of risk distributions. However, where necessary, historic data is supplemented with expert judgement to ensure data limitations are appropriately allowed for. In calculating both Market Risk and Catastrophe Risk the Company relies on the appropriateness of market-standard external models.

The Company has implemented a data governance framework to ensure that robust and consistent controls of the quality and reliability of both internal and external data used for reporting, capital management, risk management and other decision making exist and meet the requirements of the regulators and the Company's stated risk appetite.

#### E.5 Non-compliance with the MCR and non-compliance with the SCR (unaudited)

#### MCR non-compliance

There has been no breach of the MCR during the reporting period.

#### SCR non-compliance

There has been no breach of the SCR during the reporting period.

#### E.6 Any other information (unaudited)

No further information regarding the capital management of the Company is required.

## Appendix 1 – QRT S.02.01.02 Balance Sheet

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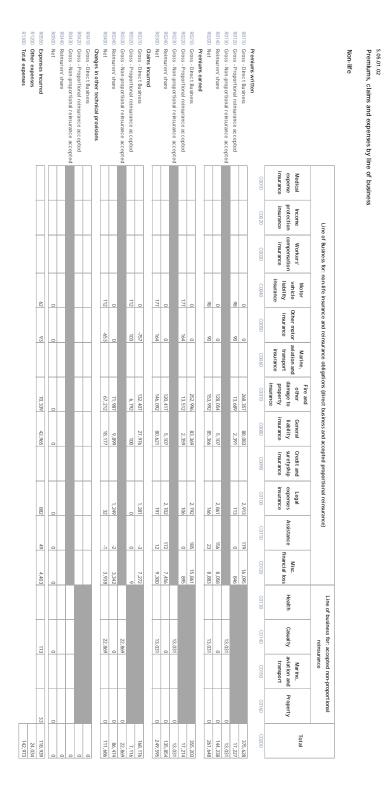
Balance sheet

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	Assets	C0010
R0030	Intangible assets	0
	Deferred tax assets	0
	Pension benefit surplus	28,304
	Property, plant & equipment held for own use	32,771
R0000		934,748
R0070		
	Property (other than for own use)	162,822
R0090	Holdings in related undertakings, including participations	126,775
R0100	Equities	94,180
R0110	Equities - listed	25,062
R0120	Equities - unlisted	69,119
R0130	Bonds	315,741
R0140	Government Bonds	125,584
R0150	Corporate Bonds	189,693
R0160	Structured notes	0
R0170	Collateralised securities	464
R0180	Collective Investments Undertakings	232,071
R0190	Derivatives	650
R0200	Deposits other than cash equivalents	2,511
R0210	Other investments	0
R0220	Assets held for index-linked and unit-linked contracts	
R0230	Loans and mortgages	78,004
R0240	Loans on policies	0
R0250	Loans and mortgages to individuals	
R0260	Other loans and mortgages	78,004
R0270	Reinsurance recoverables from:	93,286
R0280	Non-life and health similar to non-life	93,286
R0290	Non-life excluding health	93,286
R0300	Health similar to non-life	0
R0310	Life and health similar to life, excluding index-linked and unit-linked	0
R0320	Health similar to life	
R0330	Life excluding health and index-linked and unit-linked	
R0340	Life index-linked and unit-linked	
R0350	Deposits to cedants	0
R0360	Insurance and intermediaries receivables	1,459
R0370	Reinsurance receivables	48
R0380	Receivables (trade, not insurance)	3,069
R0390	Own shares (held directly)	· · · · ·
	Amounts due in respect of own fund items or initial fund called up but not yet	
R0400	paid in	0
R0410	Cash and cash equivalents	45,926
	Any other assets, not elsewhere shown	2,428
	Total assets	1,220,044
10000		1,220,044

Solvency II

		Solvency II value
	Liabilities	C0010
R0510	Technical provisions - non-life	487,525
R0520	Technical provisions - non-life (excluding health)	487,525
R0530	TP calculated as a whole	0
R0540	Best Estimate	442,397
R0550	Risk margin	45,128
R0560	Technical provisions - health (similar to non-life)	0
R0570	TP calculated as a whole	0
R0580	Best Estimate	0
R0590	Risk margin	0
R0600	Technical provisions - life (excluding index-linked and unit-linked)	0
R0610	Technical provisions - health (similar to life)	0
R0620	TP calculated as a whole	
R0630	Best Estimate	
R0640	Risk margin	
R0650	Technical provisions - life (excluding health and index-linked and unit-linked)	0
R0660	TP calculated as a whole	
R0670	Best Estimate	
R0680	Risk margin	
R0690	Technical provisions - index-linked and unit-linked	0
R0700	TP calculated as a whole	
R0710	Best Estimate	
R0720	Risk margin	
R0740	Contingent liabilities	0
R0750	Provisions other than technical provisions	6,068
R0760	Pension benefit obligations	7,058
R0770	Deposits from reinsurers	
R0780	Deferred tax liabilities	41,977
R0790	Derivatives	331
R0800	Debts owed to credit institutions	20,806
R0810	Financial liabilities other than debts owed to credit institutions	
R0820	Insurance & intermediaries payables	
R0830	Reinsurance payables	
R0840	Payables (trade, not insurance)	34,413
R0850	Subordinated liabilities	23,952
R0860	Subordinated liabilities not in BOF	
R0870	Subordinated liabilities in BOF	23,952
R0880	Any other liabilities, not elsewhere shown	369
R0900	Total liabilities	622,500
R1000	Excess of assets over liabilities	597,544

# Appendix 2 – QRT S.05.01.02 Non-life premiums, claims and expenses by line of business (unaudited)



# Appendix 3 – QRT S.05.02.01 Non-life premiums, claims and expenses by country (unaudited)

	Home Country	Top 5 countries writter	Top 5 countries (by amount of gross premiums written) - non-life obligations	oss premiums tions	Top 5 countries (b premiums writ	Top 5 countries (by amount of gross premiums written) - non-life	Total Top 5 and
R0010		CA	F				home country
	C0080	C0090	C0100	C0110	C0120	C0130	L C0140
Premiums written							
R0110 Gross - Direct Business	265,145	91,610	18,873				375,628
R0120 Gross - Proportional reinsurance accepted	17,227	0	0				17,227
R0130 Gross - Non-proportional reinsurance accepted	13,031						13,031
R0140 Reinsurers' share	117,596	21,554	5,088				144,238
R0200 Net	177,807	70,056	13,785				261,648
Premiums earned							
R0210 Gross - Direct Business	255,732	82,606	16,866				355,203
R0220 Gross - Proportional reinsurance accepted	17,212	0	2				17,214
R0230 Gross - Non-proportional reinsurance accepted	13,031						13,031
R0240 Reinsurers' share	110,528	20,632	4,694				135,854
R0300 Net	175,447	61,974	12,174				249,595
Claims incurred							
R0310 Gross - Direct Business	101,437	59,889	6,850				168,176
R0320 Gross - Proportional reinsurance accepted	7,208	0	-92				7,116
R0330 Gross - Non-proportional reinsurance accepted	22,869						22,869
R0340 Reinsurers' share	50,127	34,003	2,340				86,470
R0400 Net	81,387	25,886	4,418				111,690
Changes in other technical provisions							
R0410 Gross - Direct Business							0
R0420 Gross - Proportional reinsurance accepted							0
R0430 Gross - Non-proportional reinsurance accepted							0
R0440 Reinsurers' share							0
R0500 Net	0	0	0				0
			V74 L				118,939
R0550 Expenses incurred	82,719	29,056	/,104			-	

## Appendix 4 – QRT S.17.01.02 Non-life technical provisions

R0340 Technical provisions minus recoverables from	R0330 Finite Re after the adjustment for expected losses due to counternarty default - total	R0320 Technical provisions - total	R0310 Risk margin	R0300 Best estimate	R0290 Technical Provisions calculated as a whole	Amount of the transitional on Technical Provisions	R0280 Risk margin	R0270 Total best estimate - net	R0260 Total best estimate - gross	R0250 Net Best Estimate of Claims Provisions	R0240 Re after the adjustment for expected losses due to counterparty default	R0160 Gross I total recoverable from reinsurance /SPV and Finite	Claims provisions	R0150 Net Best Estimate of Premium Provisions	R0140 Re after the adjustment for expected losses due to counterparty default	R0060 Gross Total recoverable from reinsurance /SPV and Finite	Premium provisions	Technical provisions calculated as a sum of BE and RM	after the adjustment for expected bases due to counterparty default associated to TP calculated as a whole	R0010 Technical provisions calculated as a whole Lotal Recoverables from reinsurance/SPV and Finite Re					
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																					C0040	insurance	Workers'		
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118		118						115	115	3 110		3 110									00060	insurance	Other motor	Direct busi	
	0						3	5		0	0			-	0						C0070	transport insurance	Marine, aviation and	ness and accept	
95.322	63,021	158,344					4,576	90,747	153,768	65,405	54,501	119,907		25,341	8,520	33,862				0	C0080	property insurance	Fire and other damage to	Direct business and accepted proportional reinsurance	
270.066	17,120	287,185					39,177		248,008	224,691	19,756	244,446		6,198	-2,636	3,562					00090	insurance	General	reinsurance	
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8 394,239	93,286	3 487,525					9 45,128		4 442,397	9 318,246	5 87,340	4 405,586		30,865	5,947	36,811					C0180		Total Non-Life obligation		

## Appendix 5 – QRT S.19.01.21 Non-life insurance claims (unaudited)

R0260		-	R0230 2019	R0220 2018	R0210 2017	R0200 2016	R0190 2015	R0180 2014	R0170 2013	R0160 2012	R0100 Prior		Year		(absol	Gross		R0260	R0250 2021	R0240 2020	R0230 2019	R0220 2018	R0210 2017	R0200 2016	R0190 2015	R0180 2014	R0170 2013	R0160 2012	R0100 Prior		Year		(absol	Gross	Z0020	
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		68,796	42,677	43,813	41,007	39,826	0	0	0	0		_		C0210		Estimate C	Fatimata 0			48,610	36,172	39,321	38,266	38,171	52,004	35,644	58,137	60,722		_		C0020		Gross Claims Paid (non-cumulative)	- / underwi	
			29,992	29,464	28,998	24,625	32,535	0	0	0		2		C0220		Gross Undiscounted Best Estimate Claims Provisions					9,329	9,805	9,220	8,909	13,594	8,426	15,920	20,369		2		C0030			riting year	
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							10,757	7,838	7,863	11,191		6		C0260											5,152	2,415	1,128	2,888		6		C0070				
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## Appendix 6 – QRT S.23.01.01 Own funds

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## Appendix 7 – QRT S.25.03.21 Solvency Capital Requirement (unaudited)

#### S.25.03.21

Solvency Capital Requirement - for undertakings on Full Internal Models

	Unique number of component	Component description	Calculation of the Solvency Capital Requirement	
Row	C0010	C0020	C0030	
1	501001	Non-life underwriting risk: Premium risk	93,712	
2	502001	Non-life underwriting risk: Reserving risk	68,149	
3	599001	Diversification within non-life underwriting risk	-46,073	
4	100001	Market risk: excluding Pension risk	176,227	
5	10000P	Market risk: Pension risk	76,285	
6	19900	Diversification within market risk	-13,872	
7	300001	Life underwriting risk	0	
8	200001	Counterparty default risk	11,941	
9	70100	Operational risk	27,801	
10	80100	Other risks and adjustments: Other risks	27,210	
11	80300	Other risks and adjustments: Loss-absorbing capacity of deferred tax	-47,500	
12	80400	Other risks and adjustments: Other adjustments	19,448	

#### Solvency Capital Requirement - for undertakings on Full Internal Models

	Calculation of Solvency Capital Requirement	C0100
R0110	Total undiversified components	393,328
R0060	Diversification	-156,828
R0160	Capital requirement for business operated in accordance with Art. 4 of Directive 2003/41/EC	
R0200	Solvency capital requirement excluding capital add-on	236,500
R0210	Capital add-ons already set	
R0220	Solvency capital requirement	236,500
	Other information on SCR	
R0300	Amount/estimate of the overall loss-absorbing capacity of technical provisions	
R0310	Amount/estimate of the overall loss-absorbing capacity ot deferred taxes	-47,500
R0410	Total amount of Notional Solvency Capital Requirements for remaining part	
R0420	Total amount of Notional Solvency Capital Requirement for ring fenced funds	
R0430	Total amount of Notional Solvency Capital Requirement for matching adjustment portfolios	
R0440	Diversification effects due to RFF nSCR aggregation for article 304	
	Approach to tax rate	C0109
R0590	Approach based on average tax rate	Yes
	Calculation of loss absorbing capacity of deferred taxes	LAC DT
		C0130
R0640	Amount/estimate of LAC DT	-47,500
R0650	Amount/estimate of LAC DT justified by reversion of deferred tax liabilities	-39,115
R0660	Amount/estimate of LAC DT justified by reference to probable future taxable economic profit	0
R0670	Amount/estimate of AC DT justified by carry back, current year	-8,385
R0680	Amount/estimate of LAC DT justified by carry back, future years	
R0690	Amount/estimate of Maximum LAC DT	

## Appendix 8 – QRT S.28.01.01 Minimum Capital Requirement

#### S.28.01.01

Minimum Capital Requirement - Only life or only non-life insurance or reinsurance activity

	$\label{eq:linear} \mbox{ Linear formula component for non-life insurance and reinsurance obligations}$	C0010		
R0010	MCR <sub>NL</sub> Result	63,211		
			Net (of reinsurance/SPV) best estimate and TP calculated as a whole	Net (of reinsurance) written premiums in the last 12 months
			C0020	C0030
R0020	Medical expense insurance and proportional reinsurance		0	
R0030	Income protection insurance and proportional reinsurance		0	
R0040	Workers' compensation insurance and proportional reinsurance		0	
R0050	Motor vehicle liability insurance and proportional reinsurance		1,101	ç
R0060	Other motor insurance and proportional reinsurance		115	ç
R0070	Marine, aviation and transport insurance and proportional reinsurance		0	
R0080	Fire and other damage to property insurance and proportional reinsurance		90,747	153,99
R0090	General liability insurance and proportional reinsurance		230,889	85,36
R0100	Credit and suretyship insurance and proportional reinsurance		0	
R0110	Legal expenses insurance and proportional reinsurance		48	16
R0120	Assistance and proportional reinsurance		31	:
R0130	Miscellaneous financial loss insurance and proportional reinsurance		13,688	8,8
R0140	Non-proportional health reinsurance		0	
R0150	Non-proportional casualty reinsurance		8,733	13,03
R0160	Non-proportional marine, aviation and transport reinsurance		0	
R0170	Non-proportional property reinsurance		3,759	
	Linear formula component for life insurance and reinsurance obligations	C0040		
R0200	MCR <sub>L</sub> Result	0		
			Net (of reinsurance/SPV) best estimate and TP calculated as a whole	Net (of reinsurance/SPV) total capital at risk
			C0050	C0060
R0210	Obligations with profit participation - guaranteed benefits			
R0220	Obligations with profit participation - future discretionary benefits			
R0230	Index-linked and unit-linked insurance obligations			
R0240	Other life (re)insurance and health (re)insurance obligations			
R0250	Total capital at risk for all life (re)insurance obligations			
	Overall MCR calculation	C0070		
R0300	Linear MCR	63,211		
R0310	SCR	236,500		
R0320	MCR cap	106,425		
R0330	MCR floor	59,125		

- R0330 MCR floor
- R0340 Combined MCR
- R0350 Absolute floor of the MCR
- R0400 Minimum Capital Requirement

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## Appendix 9 – Glossary of abbreviations

The Board	The Board of Directors of the Company
The Chairman	The Chairman of the Board
The Company	Ecclesiastical Insurance Office PLC
The Group	Benefact Group PLC
The Group CEO	The Group Chief Executive Officer
The Directive	Solvency II Directive 2009/138/EC
The Delegated Act	Solvency II Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/35
BG	Benefact Group (formerly Ecclesiastical Insurance Group PLC)
BTL	Benefact Trust Limited (formerly Allchurches Trust Limited)
CFO	Group Chief Financial Officer
CRO	Group Chief Risk Officer
CRSA	Control Risk and Self-Assessment process
EIOPA	European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority
ENID	Events Not in Data
ESG	Economic Scenario Generator
EU	European Union
FCA	Financial Conduct Authority
GAC	Group Audit Committee
GIA	Group Internal Audit
GMB	Group Management Board
GPP	Group Personal Pension
GRC IAS IBNR IFRIC IFRS LTIP	Group Risk Committee International Accounting Standards Incurred But Not Reported International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee International Financial Reporting Standards
MCR MLRO NEDs ORSA IICSA RST	Long-Term Incentive Plan Minimum Capital Requirement Money Laundering Reporting Officer Non-Executive Directors Own Risk and Solvency Assessment Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse Revorce Stroce Tecting
PRA PSA QRT SBU SCR	Reverse Stress Testing Prudential Regulation Authority Physical and Sexual Abuse Quantitative Reporting Template Strategic Business Unit Solvency Capital Requirement
SM&CR	Senior Managers & Certification Regime
SFCR	Solvency and Financial Condition Report
SID	Senior Independent Director
SII	Solvency II
TPs	Technical Provisions
LACDT	Loss Absorbing Capacity of Deferred Tax
EEA	European Economic Area
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development