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**BUILDING THE FOUNDATIONS  
TO GROW SUSTAINABLY**

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**Building the foundations to grow sustainably** is our theme for this year's Annual Report and is representative of the work we have led over the past year to transform our operational infrastructure, and to make our business stronger to enable sustainable, long-term growth.

In the past year, we have reinforced our culture through the launch of our purpose and values. We have strengthened our teams by bringing in diverse talent with strong capabilities, and ensured the activity we do internally to engage our people is as confident as the activity we take with stakeholders in the sector and in our communities. We are continuing to improve our operations by upgrading our technology, claims and finance systems with more modern, automated solutions.

We have been building these foundations while driving our strategic pillars, in order to evolve R&Q into a capital-efficient, fee-oriented, data-driven company. In the following pages, we explore our accomplishments in laying in place the solid foundations to drive growth, and ensure that, in every market we touch, our impact is positive and sustainable.

# BUILDING THE FOUNDATIONS TO GROW SUSTAINABLY



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# The building blocks of our journey

2022 has been about building a strong, confident business while transforming our internal foundations

R&Q is a global non-life specialty insurance company. We operate two core, highly complementary, businesses: Program Management (Accredited) and Legacy Insurance (R&Q Legacy). Both these businesses are leaders in their respective markets.

## Growing and evolving our portfolio

### Accredited firing on all cylinders

- » Established an effective new business while delivering insights and taking risks that help our customers improve their businesses
- » Building an industry best-in-class platform for diligence, onboarding, monitoring and retention

### R&Q Legacy strategy will drive efficiency and operational leverage

- » Fee-oriented transformation underway with formation of Gibson Re and promising pipeline
- » New fee stream being pursued through corporate liability deals

supported by...



## Innovating our operational infrastructure

### More sophisticated technology for efficiency and decision-making

- » SAP implementation
- » Data automations
- » Cloud onboarding
- » Cybersecurity tools

### Better financial management

- » Moved to one general ledger
- » We have begun work to consolidate or remove systems across R&Q
- » Elected to change our accounting regime to US GAAP (starting 1 January 2023)

in order to continue...





## Strengthening our culture, skills and teams

### Onboarded and developed diverse talent with desired capabilities

- » Over 70 new hires across the Group and every team, reinforcing business areas like M&A and driving operational improvements
- » Promoted over 20 high-performing employees

### Rolled out our purpose and values

- » R&Q's guide to achieving our strategic objectives and how we want our culture and mindset to be defined

**ultimately underpinned by...** >

## Investing in a sustainable future

### Important progress being made to embed Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) across the business and its value chain

- » Sustainability is one of our strategic pillars and a core value
- » ESG Working Committee created
- » ESG Framework developed and approved by the Board
- » Signatory of UN Principles for Sustainable Insurance

**...for the benefit of all of our stakeholders.**



# Business highlights from 2022



## Increase Fee Income and Capital Efficiency

### Our strategic pillar

to pivot to a capital-efficient and higher return on equity model

### The progress we have made

- » Grew Accredited GWP by 80% to \$1.8 billion, one year ahead of original guidance
- » Generated a 78% increase of \$80 million of Fee Income in Accredited
- » Grew RUM in R&Q Legacy to \$417 million in less than one year with annual fees of 4.25% on Reserves Under Management (RUM)
- » Transitioning R&Q Legacy to an annual recurring fee business based on RUM through Gibson Re in 2021



## Enhance Transparency

### Our strategic pillar

to make economically-driven decisions and facilitate long-term value creation, efficient allocation of capital, enhanced risk-management and strong governance

### The progress we have made

- » Redefined KPIs to focus on cash economics (e.g. Pre-Tax Operating Profit) rather than accounting profits
- » Developed and articulated a robust capital and liquidity framework
- » Introduced a robust reserving committee
- » Enhanced the risk framework, supported by more sophisticated stochastic modeling of risks and their impact on liquidity and earnings
- » Optimised the investment portfolio with a focus on Asset-Liability Management
- » Created an emerging-issues tracking and monitoring process to identify and better manage risk
- » Created an 'after-action review process' to self-assess and take lessons learned across the organisation



## Automate Processes

### Our strategic pillar

to support growth and create operating leverage

### The progress we have made

- » Invested over \$20 million to upgrade the infrastructure in order to support compliance requirements and business growth objectives
- » Moved to a single group-wide general ledger from multiple regional and disparate financial systems
- » Implemented automation tools including robotics to eliminate extensive manual business processes and reduce over-reliance on end user computing tools
- » Digitised, absorbed and categorised over one million paper documents into a modern document management solution
- » Designed and implemented a robust cloud-based infrastructure enabling financial and actuarial data absorption, validation, pre-processing and automated management information



## Engage Employees

### Our strategic pillar

to foster constructive, transparent and open dialogue to accelerate the execution of our strategy and attract new talent

### The progress we have made

- » Expanded our talent mix across the organisation
- » Established metrics-based expectations in goal-setting process to align to compensation
- » Improved collaboration across lines of business and geographies and encouraged a culture of speaking up
- » Instituted regular town halls and communication to promote transparency and active engagement from all levels



## Act Responsibly

### Our strategic pillar

to respect all stakeholders of the business and embed ESG in our business processes

### The progress we have made

- » Focused on behavioural change tied to long-term value creation and innovation rather than short-term profits
- » Completed an organisational assessment of ESG and gaining greater visibility on our carbon footprint
- » Launched a bottom-up development and roll-out of our purpose and values
- » Enhanced community engagement







# Strategic report

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# Chair's statement

I was pleased to be appointed Independent Non-Executive Chair in March 2023. Since joining I have spent time getting to know our businesses Program Management (Accredited) and Legacy Insurance (R&Q Legacy), our people and our shareholders.



**Jeffrey (Jeff) Hayman**  
Independent Non-Executive Chair

Clearly both of R&Q's two businesses have excellent fundamentals: they are well-established players in attractive non-life insurance niche segments, enjoy high barriers to entry, have high quality management teams and employees with strong technical expertise, and they both have well established reputations in the market.

However, it is also important to acknowledge 2022's challenges. These included continued volatility and adverse development in our older legacy books as well as a number of corporate events that absorbed significant Board and management time. In addition, the company oversaw extensive and ongoing internal transformation to ensure its people, technology, risk management, culture and governance are appropriate to support R&Q's strategic and growth ambitions.

On an underlying basis, I believe the picture is encouraging. Accredited has established itself as a genuine leader with exciting growth. At the same time R&Q Legacy is building momentum in its strategic transformation, albeit at a slower pace than originally envisaged given the need for prudence in a softer legacy market. The joint venture with Obra Capital to acquire MSA Safety, post-period end, is also indicative of a meaningful opportunity to provide solutions for corporate liabilities through partnerships with third-party capital, adding to what is now a sizeable pool of reserves managed by R&Q Legacy.

The focus for R&Q therefore needs to be unlocking the value within both businesses. Doing this will create more opportunity for our people, stronger counterparties for capital and trading partners, and greater returns for our shareholders.

Although transitioning to a fee-oriented business, R&Q Legacy has a more volatile earnings profile than Accredited, which could impact the financial strength rating critical to Accredited.

It is therefore clear to the Board that achieving our objective of unlocking value in each business is best managed through a separation of Accredited and R&Q Legacy. William will discuss this further in his 2022 in review.

My appointment as Independent Non-Executive Chair has also enabled R&Q to move to a corporate governance structure that is better aligned with best market practice. As Executive Chair, the role William was undertaking was far closer to that of Group CEO and it is appropriate that this is now formalised.

Since starting my role, I have been deeply impressed by the calibre of R&Q's Leadership Team, many of whom have joined in the last two to three years. William has assembled a bench with deep experience across insurance, capital markets and financial services. This has been particularly important given the extensive transformation that has taken place within the business to ensure it has the technology, platforms and processes required to support the growth of Accredited and R&Q Legacy. This has included substantial changes to make R&Q a more efficient business, improve its risk management and governance practices and build a stronger culture that can attract and retain the talent we need.

The Board and I are focused on supporting the Leadership Team as they continue to drive these essential changes, while also pursuing the strategic separation of our two businesses. Since coming into the business, my confidence in the inherent value within R&Q has only increased. I firmly believe we have the right team and strategy to realise these objectives.

**Jeffrey Hayman**  
Independent Non-Executive Chair

28 June 2023







# 2022 in review

2022 was, without doubt, an eventful year for R&Q. I would like to start by thanking our shareholders and partners for their support and our employees for their focus and commitment.



**William Spiegel**  
Group Chief Executive Officer

During the year we saw substantial progress with regards to our strategic pillars, most notably the continued evolution and transition of R&Q Legacy and significant investment and change aimed at making R&Q a modern and efficient company with a strong culture. In many ways these changes represent a multi-year operational turnaround at R&Q. Turnarounds are difficult; they take time, focus and resilience in the face of both many obstacles and outside scrutiny.

In 2022, we were also required to navigate a number of events which we had not anticipated at the start of the year and which took up significant management time. In particular, while we were successful in our defense against the shareholder activism, this event, including the public attention drawn to it, took a toll on the mental health of many of our employees who are proud of their work at R&Q. I have been particularly impressed with the way our employees responded, with continued focus and commitment.

Turning to our performance for 2022, we are disappointed with our headline operating result, which is a Pre-Tax Operating Loss of \$33.3 million. This loss is larger than expected, primarily driven by \$32 million of adverse development in R&Q Legacy, mainly from our older legacy transactions. Beyond the adverse development, and at an underlying level, this result reflects two business at different stages of their development. Accredited continued to grow and reported record results and a profit of \$55.7 million while R&Q Legacy reported a loss \$56.6 million. If not for the adverse development, R&Q Legacy would have shown good execution against its transition plan to become a more capital-efficient business. Our overall loss was also impacted by \$32.4 million in Corporate and Other, which is primarily an interest expense. I will discuss Accredited and R&Q Legacy in more detail shortly.

Accredited has seen remarkable growth in the past five years and is now the largest program manager in Europe and one of the largest in the US. It also relies on an 'A' financial strength rating to conduct its business and, although it has historically relied on the strength of the broader Group to obtain its financial strength rating, it now has both the size and scale to achieve a standalone rating. Conversely, R&Q Legacy, which does not require a financial strength rating to conduct business, is at an earlier stage of its strategic journey as it transitions to a fee-oriented and capital-efficient model that will create a more profitable, sustainable and valuable business.

Therefore, we announced in April 2023 that the Board had concluded that it was in shareholders' best interests to evaluate strategic options that allowed for a separation of Accredited and R&Q Legacy. A process is underway for the sale of Accredited with interest expressed from a number of parties. In addition, a variety of strategic actions are being explored in relation to R&Q Legacy.

We have two great businesses, but they operate in different parts of the insurance ecosystem, require different skill sets and expertise and have different rating and regulatory needs. We are now in a position where each has the scale, maturity and brand strength to stand on their own. By separating these businesses, we can ensure both have the right level of management focus and appropriate capital structures to achieve their full potential. Legal separation was successfully completed as planned in Q2 2023 and, with the completion of the reorganisation, AM Best announced the recognition of Accredited as an independent rating unit (separate from R&Q) and has maintained an A- financial strength rating, pending the completion of the sale process.

We also announced in June 2023 that we have raised \$50 million of preferred equity from Scopia Capital, one of our largest shareholders, with the opportunity to raise

an additional \$10 million. This is being used to increase the capital resources of R&Q Legacy, which is providing reinsurance support to Accredited, as well as general corporate purposes given that Accredited will no longer pay intra-group dividends to R&Q as part of a requirement to secure its financial strength rating from A.M. Best.

Turning to corporate governance, I am pleased that we were able to welcome Jeff Hayman as our Independent Non-Executive Chair in March 2023. Jeff's long career in the global insurance sector and board experience made him the outstanding candidate and he is already making a valuable contribution.

### Accredited review

Accredited was launched in 2017 and, when I joined R&Q in early 2020, had circa \$370 million in Gross Written Premium (GWP). Today, that has increased by nearly 550% and, with a GWP of circa \$2.0 billion, Accredited is now one of the most important hybrid carriers globally.

Accredited's results for last year reflect not only outstanding growth, but a robust, operationally-mature and well-diversified business. In 2022, we reported a Pre-Tax Operating Profit of \$55.7 million and Fee Income (excluding minority stakes in Managing General Agents (MGAs)) of \$80 million, increases of 170% and 78% respectively. This Pre-Tax Operating Profit included \$12 million that arose from the Group's minority stake in Tradesman Program Managers (Tradesman). In March we announced that we completed the sale of our 40% minority stake in Tradesman for \$47 million or approximately 10x EBITDA upon adjusting for the maximum contingent commissions that could become payable to reinsurers should the program underperform expectations and \$67 million of net debt on Tradesman's balance sheet as at 31 December 2022. Furthermore, our decision to reduce our exposure to certain Tradesman programs meant the minority investment was no longer strategic to R&Q. We made 3.7x our initial investment in Tradesman of \$25 million, including \$46 million of dividends received to date and have subsequently replaced the GWP from Tradesman's programs with new MGA partnerships.

We are also now seeing Accredited increasingly benefit from operational leverage given its meaningful scale with margin improvement of 21 percentage points over the year, increasing from 36% to 57%. It is not only scale driving this enhanced margin; we are starting to see benefits emerge from our smart investments in data and technology to make Accredited a more efficient business. This has included moving to a cloud-based architecture,

centralising our data, enabling new analytics and reporting, automating a number of processes and optimising resources. This remains a core focus, and we expect to drive further operational improvements in 2023 that will both support growth and enhance our profitability.

Our overall result was driven by a 76% increase in GWP to \$1.8 billion written through our 77 programs and supported by over 250 reinsurance partnerships. As Accredited continues to scale, we believe that this diversification by program, class of business and reinsurer is particularly important. Supporting this growth is the consistently strong feedback we get from MGAs on the value they place in Accredited as a partner.

From an underwriting portfolio perspective, it means we are not over-exposed to either a single program or specific classes of business, giving us protection against headwinds in any part of the market. Furthermore, Accredited employs a rigorous screening process in order to select only high-quality programs out of a large pipeline of opportunities. We couple this with highly active oversight that includes regular audits and reviews and our technology allows underwriting, actuarial and finance to perform ongoing monitoring of each program's performance, giving us early indication of any developing situations, enabling the quality of performance to be maintained.

From a reinsurer perspective, our diversification gives us multiple channels for sourcing capacity. It also supports our focus on managing counterparty credit, something that is critical for any program manager. We have developed a broad panel of highly-rated reinsurers to support Accredited. Our focus on due diligence and active management of our programs is an important differentiator for these reinsurance partners when providing capacity to Accredited.

Looking ahead our strategy for Accredited remains unchanged. We will look to:

- » Partner with high quality MGAs and reinsurers to drive annual, recurring Fee Income.
- » Minimise balance sheet volatility through low retention of underwriting risk and protecting our retentions with excess of loss reinsurance.
- » Continue to invest in data to enable better analytics and automation to support growth and create operating leverage.
- » Make Accredited a destination for talent by empowering our employees.
- » Act responsibly and embrace ESG practices.

To achieve this, we have set out a number of priorities for 2023:

- » Develop more multi-program, 'super MGAs'. These partnerships, which are often multi-year partnerships, enable us to bring in significant new GWP through writing large single programs or multiple programs with a single MGA, with whom we already have a partnership. We already have a number of 'super MGAs' as partners.
- » Upgrade to a smoother speed-to-market process for new business, making it easier and quicker for new MGAs to onboard their programs.
- » Keep driving our innovative and client-centric business model, making Accredited an industry partner of choice. This includes our two conferences in Florida and Zurich which last year were attended by over 350 professionals.

Finally, I believe it worth reiterating the attractive structural tailwinds that give us such confidence in the future for Accredited. Independent MGA written premium is growing at double the rate of the overall P&C market, with MGAs becoming the platforms of choice for more and more entrepreneurial underwriters and insurance talent. Therefore, it is not surprising that in 2022, according to Conning, non-affiliated MGAs became a larger part of the MGA market than affiliated MGAs, a testament to the importance and growing position of hybrid carriers in the P&C market. We also think that hybrid carriers like Accredited will continue to capture an increased proportion of premium (currently the hybrid carriers collectively write c.10% of the c.\$130 billion global MGA premium) as MGAs look to align with conflict free capacity that can not only support their ambitions but offer a best-in-class approach to data and operational excellence. We remain excited about the future.

### R&Q Legacy review

R&Q Legacy is in the process of transitioning to a fee-oriented model. As we knew when we started this journey, the transition will take time and this is reflected in our results for R&Q Legacy. However, we remain firm in our belief that this will result in a less volatile business that generates more sustainable and predictable profit and with greater ability to scale.

R&Q Legacy includes historical transactions which predate the sidecar reinsurance arrangement with Gibson Re and, as discussed below, are therefore subject to increased volatility in earnings over the



## 2022 in review continued



life of the transaction from any adverse development. Disappointingly, in 2022, for the second year in a row, we experienced adverse development of c.3.6% of net reserves in these books. We are currently exploring solutions to reduce the volatility arising from pre-Gibson Re transactions.

The softer conditions impacting the legacy market saw us adopt a more cautious approach to transactions in 2022. While significant opportunities remain, and our deal team sees a high volume of these, we have been highly disciplined in our approach to pricing. In 2022, this saw us complete only four deals with a total of \$68 million in Gross Reserves Acquired.

As a result of these factors, R&Q Legacy reported a Pre-Tax Operating Loss of \$56.6 million, including \$32 million of net adverse development. We earned Fee Income of \$12.1 million on \$395.6 million of Reserves Under Management.

As we have discussed previously, prior to new accounting rules effective from 1 January 2023, our previous IFRS accounting regime allowed 'Day-1 gains.' This meant that a majority of a transaction's profits could be recorded upfront upon closing of the transaction. Any net reserve development after a transaction had closed therefore created heightened volatility in earnings over the course of that transaction's lifetime.

However, it does not mean that the underlying returns of a transaction would not meet expectations when taking into account the Day-1 gain and investment income. Going forward, neither IFRS 17 nor our new US GAAP accounting regime allow for Day-1 gains.

Furthermore, our transition to a fee-oriented model will make Underwriting Income a smaller part of our R&Q Legacy returns, with R&Q now retaining only 20% of a typical transaction and the remaining 80% being ceded to Gibson Re.

From an operational perspective, and aligned to our broader strategy, we are

focused on making R&Q Legacy a more efficient and scalable business. The R&Q Legacy team has identified and taken action on a number of opportunities to reduce expenses, including simplifying our legal entity structure and rationalising our real estate footprint. Work is also underway to automate the input of data we receive from our Third-Party Administrators (TPAs) and move our internal systems to the cloud. Better use of data is enabling us to make smarter decisions, quicker, while more automated processing is reducing duplication and costs. As we have seen with Accredited, we expect this work to create operational leverage benefits as we grow our Reserves Under Management.

In addition, we continue to attract strong talent including senior hires into our Legacy M&A team and our North America Legacy Claims team.

Looking ahead, we are confident of successfully building our Reserves Under Management. Our pipeline is healthy with identified transactions comprising over \$1 billion of reserves and we continue to focus our attention on areas where we have a competitive advantage which is in the small to medium size range where R&Q has historically operated.

In addition, shortly after the year-end, we announced a landmark deal to invest alongside Obra Capital to acquire and professionally manage the non-insurance legacy liabilities of MSA Safety, our first transaction involving non-insurance liabilities. This transaction increased our Reserves Under Management to more than \$1 billion. Our objective is to identify and execute similar deals to create compelling finality solutions for corporates in the US, UK and Europe.

This, alongside Gibson Re, will see R&Q Legacy earn fees from two distinct, but complementary, pools of liabilities – traditional insurance reserves, and corporate non-

insurance liabilities – enabling us to realise our vision for R&Q Legacy as a leading global manager of insurance reserves and non-insurance legacy liabilities.

### Strategic and operational update

A significant focus for the Leadership Team in 2022 was driving forward our strategic pillars, and I am pleased by the progress we have made across each of these:

- » Increase Fee Income And Capital Efficiency: growing annual recurring Fee Income that produces higher returns on equity.
- » Enhance Transparency: putting in place clear metrics to drive economic decision making that facilitates long-term value creation.
- » Automate Processes: investing in automation and data to support growth and create operating leverage.
- » Engage Employees: empowering our employees to execute our strategy and attracting new talent.
- » Act Responsibly: respecting all our stakeholders and embedding ESG in our business processes.

I have already touched on the progress we are making in growing Fee Income and profitability, but less visible is the extensive work we have undertaken to make R&Q a more modern, technology and data-enabled and operationally robust business.

As part of Enhance Transparency we are making R&Q a stronger and more resilient business by improving our reporting, risk management, governance and compliance. This has included developing a more formal reserving committee, an enhanced risk framework supported by more sophisticated stochastic modelling of risks and their impact on liquidity and earnings, optimising our investment portfolio with a focus on asset-liability management and improving our Treasury function.

As part of Automate Processes we are investing \$20-25 million in operational improvements, with c.\$15 million of this

deployed to date. This investment was not optional, but rather it was required in order for the business to scale and meet reporting requirements. The good news is that this investment is expected to generate approximately \$10 million of recurring annual productivity efficiencies by 2024.

This investment includes moving to a single group-wide general ledger, implementing automation tools including robotics to eliminate extensive manual business processes, digitising over one million paper documents into a modern document management solution, implementing a robust cloud-based infrastructure for our financial and actuarial data and migrating data to our enterprise warehouse to reduce reliance on legacy technologies and reduce our application footprint. These tools will triage emails and documents automatically, eliminate paper costs to leverage searchable digital documents, and fully automate processes that took several hours a day of manual processing across multiple departments.

Our pipeline of automation is very strong. With the proficiency that we've built over the past two years, we are working on several new initiatives where we are aiming for another \$1 million of annual run rate savings by further leveraging our cloud automation, document management system and robotics.

In 2022 Engage Employees was an important driver for several actions. We rolled out a much needed brand refresh and, most notably, we launched R&Q's purpose and values. We set out our purpose as: *'We enable the success of our customers by delivering tailored, data-driven and innovative insurance solutions that provide protection and assurance in an uncertain world.'* Supporting this are our four values:

- » **Operate as One** collaborating across teams and geographies to deliver our best, while upholding a shared commitment to integrity.
- » **Invest in People** passionately investing energy, attention and capital into our relationships. This means that we help each other, our customers, and communities succeed today... and tomorrow.
- » **Own the Next Step** encouraging accountability and transparency. We want to benefit from the insights and expertise of everyone at R&Q and we know we see the best results

when we combine our expertise with empowerment, ownership and action.

- » **Create Sustainable Value** committed to delivering value for our customers, partners, investors and each other. To address the needs of the industries we serve, we must be agile and sustainable with our products and solutions setting the standard for quality and innovation.

It has been exciting to see the meaningful engagement and enthusiasm from our employees, and we are committed to embedding these values into our behaviours and actions in 2023 and beyond.

We further engaged both our employees and external audiences via our brand refresh for RQIH, Accredited and R&Q Legacy, which provides a more confident and contemporary image to our clients, customers and partners. This new look and feel of our brand has helped us to better distinguish ourselves at external events and conferences and rejuvenate interest in R&Q from potential new talent.

We introduced changes to make our compensation and goal-setting more metrics-based to help our people better track their progress and help ensure tighter alignment with our strategy across the business. And finally, through a year that had its share of change, we have continued to enhance the variety of our communications and respond to feedback from our people, giving them the information they need to perform and be inspired. We have taken a more proactive approach to engagement including more regular town halls and the provision of dedicated briefings for managers to help them provide context to their teams and answer questions more effectively.

Our sector remains one where the battle for talent is intense, and we are confident in our efforts to provide our people with a dynamic environment where they can contribute and grow their careers in a meaningful way.

#### ESG update

We continue to make positive progress in terms of embedding ESG across our business and this is clearly reflected in our strategic pillars and refreshed purpose and values. We have developed an ESG framework, aligned to the guidance provided by Lloyd's and the UN's Principles for Sustainable Insurance, the latter we are pleased to have joined as a signatory. We continue to assess potential risks and opportunities within our business and across our value chain. As part of these efforts, we have made our initial voluntary TCFD climate change risk disclosure in this Report.

#### Outlook

Our immediate focus remains the separation of Accredited and R&Q Legacy. This process is progressing well, with the legal separation of these entities achieved in Q2 2023, as planned, and the recognition by AM Best of Accredited as an independent rating unit, with an A- financial strength rating.

As we continue to assess the strategic options for both businesses, we expect to provide further updates over the course of 2023.

We believe the outlook is strong for Accredited and R&Q Legacy. Both businesses have excellent pipelines and, while we remain highly disciplined, we are confident of growing GWP and Reserves Under Management in each business respectively.

#### William Spiegel

Group Chief Executive Officer

28 June 2023



# Business model

In 2022, our business model enabled us to evolve into a more capital-efficient, fee-oriented and data-driven company. Our strategic pillars help us achieve our business and operational objectives, and our purpose and values define how we work.



- » Revenue model, driven by annual recurring Fee Income on Accredited Gross Written Premium and R&Q Legacy reserves
- » Predictable and high quality annual recurring Fee Income
- » Balance sheet efficient, with capital required to fund growth provided by third parties



# Purpose and values

Our purpose articulates our contribution to our clients and society. Our values help us align on how we prioritise, make business decisions and articulate the behaviours we expect from each other. These values guide every action we take and are at the heart of R&Q's culture.

## Our purpose

We enable the success of our customers by delivering tailored, data-driven and innovative insurance solutions that provide protection and assurance in an uncertain world.

## Our values

### Operate as One



We want great ideas to flourish. We are committed to collaborating across teams and geographies to deliver our best, while upholding our shared commitment to integrity.

### Invest in People



We are passionate about investing energy, attention and capital into our relationships. This means that we help each other, our customers, and communities succeed today...and tomorrow.

### Own the Next Step



We encourage accountability and transparency. We want to benefit from the insights and expertise of everyone at R&Q. We know we see the best results when we combine our expertise with empowerment, ownership and action.

### Create Sustainable Value



We are committed to delivering value for our customers, partners, investors and each other. To address the needs of the industries we serve, we must be agile and sustainable. Our products and solutions set the standard for quality and innovation.



# Working responsibly

In line with our theme of 'Building the foundations to grow sustainably', we continue to make good progress establishing Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) as a strategic driver across our business.

## Building our foundations

Sustainability is a core component of our strategic pillars and is a dominant theme across the values that we launched in 2022. Through our efforts in the past year, we are confident that sustainability is another 'building block' providing us with a solid platform to grow the business responsibly.

Following a third-party external stakeholder materiality assessment conducted in late 2021, we have developed an ESG Framework which focuses on the material sustainability issues that are most relevant to our stakeholders. Our efforts are two-fold in that we are now seeking to begin addressing and reporting on those topics where we have direct control as well as seeking to engage external parties along our value chain to pursue shared objectives around the ongoing improvements to key ESG metrics.

## Embedding ESG

We are pleased with the progress we have made in developing our ESG framework which incorporates the guidance provided by Lloyd's of London and the UN Principles for Sustainable Insurance (UN PSI). We have recently been confirmed as a signatory to the UN PSI, reaffirming our ambition to act responsibly and collaborate with other players within the industry.

In 2022, we established an ESG Working Committee, incorporating representatives from our Executive Committee, Accredited and R&Q Legacy businesses, Investments, Risk, HR, Compliance and Regulatory, and Company Secretariat. The ESG Working Committee has been meeting on a monthly basis and has been an effective way of ensuring co-operation across the business, sharing of knowledge and maintaining momentum as we look to embed ESG across our business and value chain. There are now numerous working groups who report into the ESG Working Committee and progress and actions are discussed and approved by the Executive Committee and the Board.

## Acting responsibly

We are in the process of identifying and analysing possible environmental and social risks and opportunities across our Accredited and R&Q Legacy businesses. We are also assessing the sustainability approaches adopted by our partners. The findings are beginning to inform our policies and decision-making as regards underwriting new business and renewals. At the same time, we have reviewed the management and reporting of ESG issues by our asset managers and are drafting our own investment policy.

## Prioritising what is important to us

It was clear from our materiality assessment findings (see fig 1 below), that if we are to be successful in embedding ESG across our business we need to focus on our people, our culture and our partners in order to drive change. It is for this reason that we have continued to direct our efforts to ensure we are engaging our people across a variety of different channels and seeking to ensure that we are creating a vibrant, collaborative environment where our people can flourish. A key component of this effort was the approach we took to develop our purpose and values.

## Developing our purpose and values

In 2022, we embarked on a comprehensive organisational-wide journey to define a clear and succinct purpose statement along with a set of values to define our culture, and help guide us in our decision-making and prioritisation.

To ensure that the effort around developing our purpose and values was underpinned by rigour and input from all levels of the workforce, we organised a series of workshops that gathered input with our employees on their views on how R&Q contributes to society as well as their reflections on those traits that best define the culture and ways of working within R&Q.

Fig 1: Materiality Assessment

	Environmental	Social	Governance
<b>Tier 1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» GHG emissions reduction</li> <li>» Net-zero strategy implications</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Employee engagement</li> <li>» Purpose and culture</li> <li>» Employee wellbeing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Business ethics and governance</li> <li>» Transparency and stakeholder engagement</li> </ul>
<b>Tier 2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Physical impacts of climate change</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Diversity and inclusion</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Systemic risk management</li> </ul>



We then convened our Leadership Team to have the same collaborative workshop experience enjoyed by the rest of the staff to give them the opportunity to compare their reflections with the collective feedback from the R&Q workforce. The result of this effort was the creation of six core 'themes' that reflected consistent priorities across all levels of the organisation. From there we crafted a purpose statement and a set of values which were then refined by the Leadership Team and validated with the Board. The final purpose and values were then launched across R&Q via an all-staff employee-townhall where we shared with employees the key themes we heard from them and showed how these fed directly into the final purpose and values.

As our business is growing, and we are on the journey of embedding sustainability practices across the organisation, this initiative is closely aligned to our Act Responsibly strategic pillar. Our culture is and will continue to be the backbone of our success and we are firmly committed to ensuring R&Q is representative of best practices within our industry. Our refreshed purpose and values will play a big part in making that a reality.

**Embedding our purpose and values**

Since the launch of our purpose and values in 2022, we are continuing to integrate them within our teams and across all our operations and processes. From there, we convened manager workshops across the organisation to define the behaviours that align with our values. These workshops will be rolled out more comprehensively in 2023 as part of our efforts to embed the values into the fabric of how we operate. We have also been working to embed the purpose and values into our performance management system. We have recently developed and rolled out corresponding behaviours that sit under each value and help us bring them to life within the business in a credible way. This process reduces the ambiguity in terms of the expectations we



have of each other and means we can hold each other to a high standard of excellence in the delivery of our respective mandates.

**Collaborating across the organisation**

One of our core values is Operate as One, a natural theme that arose in the employee discovery workshops.

We continue to build global roles across the organisation, bringing the best practices of formerly siloed businesses together and placing the work in the right places with talent that has the right skill set. At the same time, we aligned our performance management approach across the company to create a more equitable and streamlined process.

We continue to drive efforts to increase the effectiveness of our manager population. Guidance and support were provided to managers on managing effective remote teams; leading their teams during change, which included recommended activities for fostering inclusivity; helping teams understand the wider business context in the face of operational changes; and support on how best to engage through periods of transition or uncertainty.

**Engaging our employees**

Engage Employees is one of our key strategic pillars and Invest in People is one of our four critical values which will guide the future success of R&Q.

Alongside our engagement on our purpose and values, we also maintained a regular stream of communications on our business performance and operational updates through quarterly townhalls and progress updates led by our Executive Directors and Senior Management Team.

We introduced a new series of curated newsletters to mark cultural observances from geographies around the world, which provided our employees with educational and action-focused resources to explore. We developed these newsletters on a variety of topics such as Pride Month, Black History Month, World Wellbeing Week, Hispanic Heritage Month and World Mental Health Day.

We engaged our employees around important topics throughout the year, including a fundraiser and awareness raising challenge spearheaded by one of our Executive Directors, and joined by other colleagues across R&Q, on the topic of men's



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health. We also organised an interactive activity around wellbeing, with the use of a platform presenting select resources on mental health and tips for managing stress, where we invited our employees to contribute and exchange personal experiences and helpful advice.

### Community partnerships

As part of our partnership with the Bermuda Institute of Ocean Studies (BIOS), we hosted, alongside BIOS, two webinars to educate our employees on the work being undertaken. Board members also had the opportunity to visit the BIOS team in late 2022 and see the Ocean Academy research work in action. This commitment continues into 2023.

In the US, we participated in initiatives to give back across some of our office locations including food and monetary donations to Philabundance in Philadelphia, sandwich-making for The Sandwich Project in Atlanta, and sorting donated groceries to feed over 5,300 people at the Florida Second Harvest Food Bank in Orlando.

In support of the people of Ukraine, we organised a joint fundraiser for Save the Children. In all, a \$35,000 donation was made to Save the Children International, including \$10,000 personally donated by R&Q colleagues, to support their work providing resources to Ukrainians.

In the UK, we have made a donation of £15,000 which will provide meals, housing and essential items for families in difficult situations across four charities: Better Together Norfolk, The Whitechapel Mission, Home Start UK, and the Royal London Hospital Whitechapel Children's Ward.

In support of our ambition around ESG, we introduced a Voluntary Time Off policy, amounting to two paid days each year for all employees to volunteer.

### Climate Action

Although the direct environmental impacts of our business may not be considered significant, we are committed to improving our performance across all areas, be they

within our direct or indirect control. We will also be taking steps to ensure that environmental considerations are taken into account in terms of the products and services we offer.

R&Q's exposure to physical climate change risk in our own operations is modest. However, as a business with a head office in Bermuda, we recognise that this is an area of the world that is vulnerable to catastrophic hurricane events and may be severely affected by any future climate change trends, such as rising sea levels. For this reason, it made sense for us last year to support the BIOS' efforts in tackling important local and international climate change issues. We are pleased to be continuing our partnership in 2023.

As a business which is focused around the assessment of risk, we are gaining greater insight into the potential risks and opportunities of physical climate change on our business. Although not currently mandatory for us, with the support of an industry climate specialist, we are reporting for the first time in line with the Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosure (TCFD) recommended disclosures. We will continue to evolve and develop our understanding and reporting in next year's report. Please see separate section below.

For the second year, we have collected and reported our Scope 1 and 2 emissions. As we continue to get better visibility of our carbon footprint, including Scope 3 emissions, we will be in a better position to make improvements to our reporting, set targets and develop our own emissions reduction strategy.

### TCFD disclosure

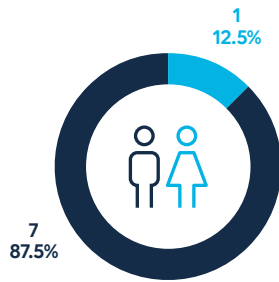
#### Introduction

Through the 2015 Paris Climate Agreement, world governments have committed to keeping the global temperature rise to well below 2 degrees centigrade above pre-industrial levels and are working to limit warming to 1.5 degrees centigrade. The Financial Stability Board created the

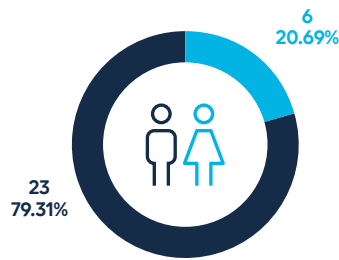


Shoal of fry in Bailey's Bay seagrass bed

## 2022 gender statistics



Board composition



Senior Management (excluding Executive Board Directors)



Global workforce

TCFD to improve and increase climate-related financial information. The TCFD comprises four pillars, under which sit 11 recommendations for disclosure. We recognise that climate change creates both potential risks and opportunities for our business and going forward we intend to be accountable for and transparent about how we assess and manage climate-related risks and opportunities. We also recognise that how we approach climate change is important for maintaining and building our stakeholder relationships and our reputation. We therefore fully support the recommendations of TCFD and are reporting on them for the first time this year. Going forward, we will continue to refine our assessment of climate change risks and opportunities and embed climate change risk management in our day-to-day operations and new business acquisition.

Climate change has featured as an emerging risk within the business for some time and, at the instigation of the Board in 2022, a decision was made to undertake a programme to understand the impact of climate-change and to meet the recommendations of TCFD. During 2022, we set up a TCFD Working Group headed by the Chief Risk Officer (CRO) with representatives from across our business and functions. This working group has started to meet regularly, with the support of external advisors, to:

- » Start to understand the potential consequences of climate change to our business.
- » Review and discuss how to analyse the current status of climate change across our operations and investments.
- » Review and discuss the potential risks and opportunities from climate change to our operations and investments.
- » Start to build a range of climate change scenarios that are tailored to our business that will provide the best basis for discussion and analysis of the risks and opportunities.

We recognise that we are at the beginning of our TCFD journey and the TCFD Working Group will continue to convene during the new financial year and beyond to meet our and our stakeholders' expectations of the TCFD framework, supported by external experts.

### Climate change scenario planning

To improve our understanding of climate change risks and opportunities, we have started to build and consider a range of climate scenarios. While this work remains ongoing, the main reference points for these scenarios include the TCFD Hub, the Climate Financial Risk Forum (CFRF), the Network for Greening the Financial System (NGFS), particularly their Scenarios Portal, and climate risk guidance from the Geneva Association and the Institute of Risk Management (IRM).

The process we are implementing to develop the appropriate scenarios involves distinct steps:

- » **Developing and defining scenarios**  
Selecting the appropriate scenarios and developing narratives according to our business model. These are based on recognised external base scenarios to enable comparability with other organisations, complemented with information relevant to R&Q operations.
- » **Assessing materiality of climate-related risks**  
Drawing on the expertise of internal subject matter experts (SMEs) within R&Q to identify the potentially material climate-related risks and opportunities associated with each scenario, enabling efforts to be focused where it matters. The assessment of material climate risks will consider a range of risk types across each scenario, namely physical, transition and liability (litigation) risks.

We are in the process of developing three representative scenarios chosen from the NGFS set (Net Zero 2050, Divergent Net Zero and Current Policies) one from each of the Orderly, Disorderly and Hothouse world categories.

- » **Orderly scenarios** assume climate policies are introduced early and become gradually more stringent. Both physical and transition risks are relatively subdued. Net Zero 2050 limits global warming to 1.5°C through stringent climate policies and innovation, reaching global net zero CO<sub>2</sub> emissions around 2050. Some jurisdictions such as the US, EU and Japan reach net zero for all GHGs.
- » **Disorderly scenarios** explore higher transition risk due to policies being delayed or divergent across countries and sectors. Divergent Net Zero reaches net zero around 2050 but with higher costs due to divergent policies introduced across sectors leading to a quicker phase out of oil use.
- » **Hothouse world** scenarios assume that some climate policies are implemented in some jurisdictions, but globally efforts are insufficient to halt significant global warming. The scenarios result in severe physical risk including irreversible impacts like sea-level rise. Current policies assume that only currently implemented policies are preserved, leading to high physical risks.

To align with our business strategy and current risk framework, we have defined the short-term time frame as one to three years, the medium-term time frame as five to ten years and the long-term time frame as up to 25 years.





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## Governance

**Disclose the organisation's governance around climate-related risks and opportunities.**

**Describe the Board's oversight of climate-related risks and opportunities.**

The Board assumes overall responsibility and accountability for the management of climate-related risks and opportunities and ensures that the Group has an appropriate and proportional approach to risk management and that this approach is both generic to the Group's activities and aligned with the overall corporate strategy. During the year, the Board received an initial review of climate change within a proposed ESG Framework, which incorporated an Environmental Strategy including the implementation of the TCFD recommendations. The Board is supported by the Group Risk and Compliance Committee which is responsible for the oversight of the Emerging Risks Focus Group, which covers climate change. In addition, a TCFD Working Group has been formed headed by the Chief Risk Officer, who heads the Group Risk function which is responsible for designing, overseeing, implementing and improving the risk management framework. The TCFD Working Group also reports to the Group ESG Working Committee which reports to William Spiegel, the Group Chief Executive Officer, who is the ESG sponsor on the Board.

**Describe management's role in assessing and managing climate-related risks and opportunities.**

The Chief Risk Officer is responsible for the overall management of the risk management framework, which includes facilitating the identification, assessment, evaluation and management and emerging risks. During the year a TCFD Working Group was created, headed by the Chief Risk Officer with representatives from across the Group. To date a series of workshops have been run with these business representatives who have been assigned to identify climate-related risks and opportunities within their respective business areas and to identify any potential mitigating or positive actions, if required, at this stage. These business representatives will report back to the TCFD Working Group during the first half of the financial year 2023.

In addition, an ESG Working Committee has been established to which the TCFD Working Group reports. Representatives from the Accredited and R&Q Legacy businesses, as well as Investments, Risk; Compliance and Regulatory; Company Secretariat; Finance and those people who have responsibility for input into and developing the ESG framework, including climate-change, within their respective operations. The ESG Working Committee is tasked with the creation, co-ordination and implementation of the Group's developing ESG framework and strategy. The ESG Working Committee reports to William Spiegel, the Group Chief Executive Officer, where all material decisions in relation to ESG, including climate change, will be made by the Leadership Team and the Board.

## Strategy

**Disclose the actual and potential impacts of climate-related risks and opportunities on the organisation's businesses, strategy, and financial planning where such information is material.**

**Describe the climate-related risks and opportunities the organisation has identified over the short, medium, and long-term.**

And

**Describe the impact of climate-related risks and opportunities the organisation's businesses, strategy and financial planning.**

R&Q is a global non-life specialty insurance company, operating in two core, highly complementary, businesses: Accredited and R&Q Legacy together with its investment portfolio.

During 2021, the Group undertook an ESG materiality assessment using the Sustainability Accounting Standard's Board (SASB) materiality mapping as a reference point, involving qualitative and quantitative engagement with the Group's key stakeholders. As outcomes of this assessment both the Group's net-zero strategy implications and the physical impacts of climate change were identified. During the same year, the Emerging Risks Focus Group undertook a 'deep dive' into the Group's exposure to climate-change risk over the short-term. Climate change is also taken into consideration within the catastrophic modelling undertaken by the Group, where preliminary work has also been undertaken with external CAT modelling





partners in order to develop quantitative measures of future climate-change related risk. Currently, the direct impact of climate change on the business is not considered to be significant. However, in line with the TCFD recommendations, the TCFD Working Group is taking steps to ensure that climate-change considerations are being taken into account in terms of the products, services and investments based on the scenarios outlined in the introduction of this report over both the medium and long-term. During 2023, this work will continue with a focus on transitional, physical and liability risks.

We also recognise the potential impacts of climate-related risks and opportunities upon the Group's investment portfolio. The Group has started working with its chosen asset managers to better understand the potential impacts of both the transition to a lower carbon-intensive global economy and the potential physical impacts from climate change. Though this work is at its early stages, it is noted that all the Group's asset managers are signatories to the UN Principles for Responsible Investment and have adopted the recommendations of TCFD themselves. Going forward, working with the asset managers, the Group will develop tools to identify, measure and manage the risks and opportunities from climate-change within the investment portfolio and promote any climate-responsible policies developed within the ESG Working Committee and agreed by the Leadership Team and the Board.

As the Group develops its ESG strategy and framework, incorporating an environmental strategy, climate-related risks and opportunities will be further integrated into the business, strategy and financial planning and the Group will report on this in more detail in the future.

**Describe the resilience of the organisation's strategy, taking into consideration different climate-related scenarios, including a two degree centigrade or lower scenario.**

As highlighted, the Group has formed a TCFD Working Group under the leadership of the Chief Risk Officer. This Working Group is in the process of understanding the climate change risks and opportunities under a range of third-party-generated climate scenarios, with the main reference points for these scenarios including the TCFD Hub, the Climate Financial Risk Forum (CFRF), the Network for Greening the Financial System (NGFS), particularly their Scenarios Portal, and climate risk guidance from the Geneva Association and the Institute of Risk Management (IRM).

Three representative scenarios are being developed chosen from the NGFS set (Net Zero 2050, Divergent Net Zero and Current Policies) one from each of the Orderly, Disorderly and Hothouse world categories. The Group expects to report in more detail on likely scenario impacts for the reporting period 2023 and in future years. At the current time, the Group believes that its underwriting and investment strategies are resilient with regard to climate-change risks, judged from the work undertaken by the Emerging Risks Focus Group, including its catastrophic modelling.



**Risk Management**

**Disclose how the organisation identifies, assesses, and manages climate-related risks.**

**Describe the organisation's processes for identifying and assessing climate-related risks.**

The Group has an Emerging Risks Focus Group with the responsibility to identify, assess and prioritise any emerging risks, which currently include those of climate change. The Emerging Risks Focus Group meets biannually and reports to the Group Risk and Compliance Committee.

Climate change is an established emerging risk and in the latter half of 2021, the Emerging Risk Focus Group undertook a 'deep dive' into the risk exposure from climate change. This work was then used to review the Group's assessment of the risks from climate change and was also used to inform a more detailed workshop on the PRA's Supervisory Statement SS3/19.

**Describe the organisation's processes for managing climate-related risks.**

As stated earlier in this TCFD report, currently, the direct risk of climate change on the business is not considered to be significant. However, any potential risk that has been identified by the Emerging Risk Focus Group has been allocated to be the responsibility of a business representative within the Group. These risks are now being discussed as part of the ongoing work both within the TCFD Working Group and also the ESG Working Committee. They are being built into the ESG strategy and framework and are part of the ongoing management process to embed ESG within the Group. Further details will be provided as the Group develops its approach to climate-related risks and covered in future TCFD reports.



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## Describe how processes for identifying, assessing, and managing climate-related risks are integrated into the organisation's overall risk management.

The Board has responsibility for ensuring that the Group has an appropriate and proportional approach to risk management across the Group and that this approach is both generic to the Group's activities and aligned with the overall corporate strategy. The Group has a mature risk management framework and Risk function headed by the Chief Risk Officer. The Group Risk function is responsible for designing, overseeing, implementing and improving the risk management framework and reports on risk to the Board and the Group Risk and Compliance Committee, which is a formally constituted Committee of the Board.

The TCFD Working Group, which is headed by the Chief Risk Officer, is in the process of continuing to identify, assess, and manage climate-related risks. As stated, to date none of these have been identified as being material to the Group at the current time. Going forward as the TCFD Working Group develops its work on climate-related risks and opportunities for the Accredited, R&Q Legacy and Investment areas of the business and considers these against the identified scenarios, the Chief Risk Officer will be in the position to include any identified risks into the Group's risk management framework. Further details of the Group's approach to risk management can be found on page 56 of this Annual Report.

## Metrics and Targets

**Disclose the metrics and targets used to assess and manage relevant climate-related risks and opportunities where such information is material.**

**Disclose the metrics used by the organisation to assess climate-related risks and opportunities in line with its strategy and risk management process.**

As stated, the Group is in the early stages of developing its assessment of climate-related risks and opportunities in line with its strategy. From the work undertaken by the Emerging Risk Focus Group, no climate-related risks have been currently identified that are deemed to be material. To date, no metrics are being used to assess climate-related risks and opportunities. However, as both the Group's approach to ESG and its work on climate change develops it is the intention to identify and report on metrics in the future.

## Disclose Scope 1, Scope 2 and if appropriate Scope 3 greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, and the related risks.

GHG emissions are disclosed in the GHG Emissions table (Fig 2, page 24) of the Annual Report. The table includes a year-on-year comparison of Scope 1 and 2 emissions, which shows a 5% reduction in emissions, despite the fact that the New York office was re-opened. We have reported on one category – business travel – of our Scope 3 emissions for the first time and will look to build on this as we gain greater insight into emissions across our broader value chain.

## Describe the targets used by the organisation to manage climate-related risks and opportunities and performance against targets.

As we develop our ESG programme and strategy, we have the ambition to set a number of climate-related targets. We are in the process of improving our GHG measurement from our own operations and have the intention to produce a roadmap to net-zero for our Scope 1 and Scope 2 in due course. For our Scope 3 emissions, we are working across our Accredited, R&Q Legacy and Investment divisions to understand better our exposure to climate-related risks and opportunities. As this work develops, we will expand our GHG measurement to begin to understand our Scope 3 emissions and the actions we can undertake to decarbonise. We will also continue to monitor developments both in TCFD and related issues such as transition planning and nature-related impacts.

**Fig 2: GHG Emissions**

Scope	Activity type	2022 CO2e (tonnes)	2021 CO2e (tonnes)	Year-on-year change
Scope 2	Purchased electricity – location based	209.00	219.26	-5% (note 1)
Scope 2	Purchased heat and steam	0.00	0.00	
Scope 3 (note 2)	Business travel	344.13	not reported	
<b>Total Emissions</b>		<b>553.13</b>	<b>219.26</b>	

Note:

- 1) 5% reduction in Scopes 1 and 2 year-on-year, despite the re-opening of the New York office
- 2) Scope 3 emissions reported for the first time and currently only account for the business travel (principally UK and Europe) category

# Principal risks and uncertainties

The following highlight the 'top ten' risks and uncertainties facing the Group and receiving Senior Management attention. This list is not exhaustive and comprises a brief description of those risks and uncertainties that the Board considers to be the major risks to the Group's strategy it faces, along with the main mitigating actions in place.

## Management of strategic change/ business development and growth

The Group fails to manage both the focus on its core competencies and simultaneous initiatives as it develops and grows.

The Group fails to progress its pipeline of Accredited and R&Q Legacy deals to the closure and onboarding stage due to slowdown of these processes as well as the risk that the Group fails to identify new business opportunities.

**Risk category:** Strategic

### Mitigating actions

- » Management of relationships with external stakeholders involving the Board and Senior Management team
- » Board review of budgets, and current strategic priorities to ensure that the Group continues to focus on core strengths
- » Management of cash flow
- » Review of each new initiative/proposed investment in accordance with its own individual merits and/or commensurate with overall risk or return objectives, due diligence criteria, strategic objectives, and available sources of capital
- » Local risk appetites and tolerances aligned with the Group's overall risk appetite
- » Regular oversight and review of Accredited and R&Q Legacy pipelines including initial screening processes and relevant Committee and/or Board approval.

## Reputation and stakeholder management

Events within the Group may have an adverse impact (notably, but not restricted to, reputational) on the organisation.

The Group fails to control and monitor internal and external communication to its key stakeholders or one of its business units is associated with, for example, ongoing lawsuits.

**Risk category:** Strategic/Operational

### Mitigating actions

- » Established process for monitoring and managing external communications, including Disclosure Committee for announcements to the London Stock Exchange
- » Regular liaison with the rating agencies
- » Regular communication with regulators
- » Regular communication with employees including townhall meetings etc.

## Exposure management – reserving

The Group adopts a methodology that produces incorrect reserving.

**Risk category:** Insurance

### Mitigating actions

- » Appropriate reserving approach to existing live and run-off portfolios and extensive due diligence on new legacy portfolios prior to acceptance
- » Scheduled and ad hoc reviews and benchmarking provided by external actuarial consultancies
- » Internal use of best estimate for setting reserves, considering internal and external advice, and up-to-date information on actual or anticipated developments.

## Exposure management – reinsurance counterparty and catastrophe risk

The Group fails to assess the quality of its program reinsurers prior to onboarding or the reinsurance arrangements fail to 'follow the fortunes' of the underlying direct insurance contracts.

The Group fails to monitor its growing gross underwriting exposures, reserves and aggregate exposures to reinsurers following the planned onboarding of new business.

**Risk category:** Credit/Insurance

### Mitigating actions

- » Integrated framework to assess potential exposure (gross and net) from new opportunities prior to onboarding
- » Assessment of exposures and concentrations on inuring treaties during due diligence
- » Active commutation strategy or retroactive reinsurance on legacy portfolios
- » Monitoring of credit ratings, concentration, and collateral on live underwriting reinsurance
- » Identification of potentially significant concentrations of individual counterparties
- » Monitoring of gross underwriting exposure of onboarded programs utilising catastrophe modelling capability.



## Principal risks and uncertainties continued

### Exposure management – intermediary counterparty

The Group fails to monitor, assess, and control its exposure to intermediary counterparty default in respect of its live program underwriting activities.

**Risk category:** Credit

#### Mitigating actions

- » Operating entities engaged in live underwriting are expected to develop appropriate and proportionate processes in order to limit and monitor concentrations to individual intermediary counterparties to within acceptable levels.

### Capital and solvency management

The Group and its relevant subsidiary companies are not Solvency II (or equivalent/ other) compliant in accordance with local regulatory requirements and expectations.

**Risk category:** Strategic  
Regulatory and Legal  
Group

#### Mitigating actions

- » Management of relationships with all regulators within whose jurisdictions the Group and its subsidiaries operate
- » Active and ongoing involvement of all relevant control functions
- » Deployment of appropriate sources of capital to underpin strategic objectives, commensurate with capacity to take risk and having regard to prevailing regulatory stipulations in force
- » Maintenance of capital providing an adequate margin over the Group Solvency Capital Requirement while maintaining local capital which meets or exceeds the relevant local statutory minimal.

### Legal and regulatory risk (including tax risk)

The Group fails to implement or adapt to emerging new regulatory or political or legislative changes.

The Group is subject to litigation, mediation and arbitration, and regulatory, governmental and other sectorial inquiries in the normal course of its business, although this is not currently believed to have a material impact on the Group's financial position.

There is, however, an inherent risk that if the outcome of any individual dispute differs substantially from expectation, there could be a material impact on the Group's profit or loss, financial position or cash flows in the year in which that impact is recognised.

The Group fails to identify its tax exposures arising from emerging UK and overseas legislation and fails to implement appropriate controls and processes to ensure compliance with all relevant laws.

**Risk category:** Regulatory and Legal  
Operational

#### Mitigating actions

- » Oversight by the Group Head of Compliance and Regulatory Affairs
- » Deployment of local expertise where needed
- » Management of relationships with all local regulators
- » Internal working and steering groups to analyse, interpret and oversee the implementation of all emerging regulatory changes
- » Maintenance and operation of an effective governance framework leveraging the expertise of the Group and individual entity boards and management
- » Leverage of specific additional local regulatory and legal expertise where appropriate

- » Quarterly review with the Chief Accounting Officer of the Group's current tax position and potential future implications of current and emerging legislation and developments including monitoring changes to the legal landscape. Use of third-party tax experts as required
- » Growth and conduct of the business having regard to the tax implications of doing so
- » Optimisation of the Group's cross-jurisdictional tax position
- » Tax operating guidelines and monitoring thereto.

### Operational risk (including cyber risk)

The Group is reliant upon the knowledge and expertise of its key directors and staff and fails to adequately plan for succession.

The Group also fails to address staff wellbeing and engagement.

The Group suffers a major business discontinuity event.

The Group fails to properly protect its IT systems and infrastructure and its proprietary information compromising the confidentiality, availability, or integrity of its data, or to keep abreast of increasing regulatory scrutiny in this area.

The Group fails to adequately control its third-party service providers.

The Group fails to manage its expense base and/or the Group fails to deploy appropriate financial and management reporting mechanisms to inform key business decisions.

**Risk category:** Operational

#### Mitigating actions

- » Development of succession plans and management training across the Group
- » Performance management process for all staff
- » Staff engagement surveys and policies on retention and wellbeing



- » Robust, regularly tested business continuity and disaster recovery plans
- » Defence in depth approach to security leveraging tools, technology, and training to keep pace with the increasing threat from cybercrime
- » Dedicated Chief Information Security function
- » Fit-for-purpose information security governance structure and compliance, where practical, with relevant International Organisation for Standardisation or International Electrotechnical Commission 27000 series of standards
- » Cyber liability insurance
- » Outsourcing agreements with all material outsourcers (internal and external)
- » Outsourcing Policy
- » Ongoing strategic expense and cost allocation review
- » Robust and reliable financial and management reporting and forecasting framework, with appropriate controls around data, outputs, review, and oversight
- » Appropriately skilled and trained staff
- » Fit-for-purpose reporting mechanisms.

#### Liquidity risk

The Group fails to implement adequate control over cash flow and liquidity leading to financial shortfalls.

**Risk category:** Liquidity

#### Mitigating actions

- » Dedicated Group cash flow, treasury management and invested assets capability, providing focused effort and a tight control regime
- » Assessment and setting of Group and entity liquidity margins at least annually, based on projected payment patterns, reassessed upon the occurrence of a significant event

- » Funding of new deals and transactions having regard to available sources of funding and collateral requirements
- » Detailed cash flow reporting and monitoring of adherence to banking covenants
- » Review of banking covenants for ongoing applicability
- » Monitoring of the Group's cash flow, projecting the likely liquidity position over a twelve-month planning horizon, embedded into the cash flow monitoring mechanism
- » Active and ongoing seeking of alternative financing options for deal funding
- » Ongoing and proactive liaison with the Group's bankers.

#### Market and investment risk

The Group fails to realise an adequate or optimal return on the investment float under its control or experiences a default on investments held.

**Risk category:** Market

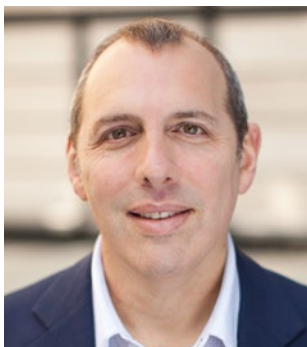
#### Mitigating actions

- » Group Investment Committee and subsidiary level investment guidelines and oversight by the relevant entity board
- » Utilisation of intra-group loans between entities as part of the investment strategy subject to appropriate controls
- » Holding of surplus funds in sterling except for US entities where surplus funds are held in US Dollars
- » Dedicated Group cash flow, treasury management and invested assets function to monitor investment concentration and returns
- » Investments are primarily made in marketable, and investment grade-rated securities
- » Asset, liability, and duration matching.



# Financial review

We are pleased to report our financial results for the year ending 31 December 2022, which is the final year we will do so under IFRS. For future periods, we will report our financial results in accordance with US GAAP.



**Tom Solomon**  
Group Chief Financial Officer

## Group

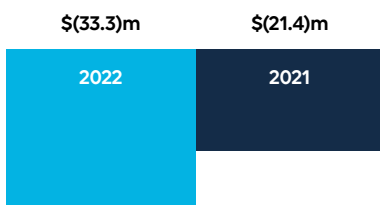
Our Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) measure the economics of the business and adjust IFRS results to include fully written Program Fee Income and exclude non-cash intangibles created from acquisitions at R&Q Legacy, net realised and unrealised investment gains and losses on fixed income assets, foreign currency translation reserves, non-core expenses and exceptional items.

Our Pre-Tax Operating Loss was \$33.3 million, primarily due to adverse reserve development in R&Q Legacy's core reserve portfolios of \$32 million and fewer than expected legacy

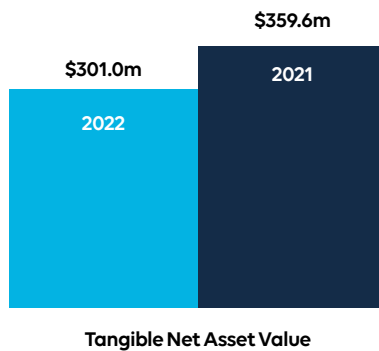
transactions completed. One of our KPIs is to grow our Fee Income which was \$92.0 million (excluding minority stakes in MGAs), a 105% increase compared to 2021.

Tangible Net Asset Value was \$301.0 million, a 16% decrease compared to year-end 2021, primarily as a result of adverse development in R&Q Legacy and c.\$100 million in extraordinary one-time charges, of which \$43 million is associated with a non-cash charge related to adverse reserve development in a non-core subsidiary, which will reverse upon deconsolidation from the Group and movement to discontinued operations in Q1 2023. The remaining extraordinary one-time expenses include reinsurance litigation associated with older legacy transactions and discontinued program businesses (\$28 million), automation process implementation costs (\$14 million), which is expected to yield meaningful productivity savings starting in 2024, advisory costs associated with last year's unsuccessful sale of the Group and subsequent shareholder activism (\$8 million) and other one-off costs (\$3 million). On a fully diluted basis, our Operating Loss Per Share was 9.9 cents and our Tangible Net Asset Value Per Share was 79.7 cents.

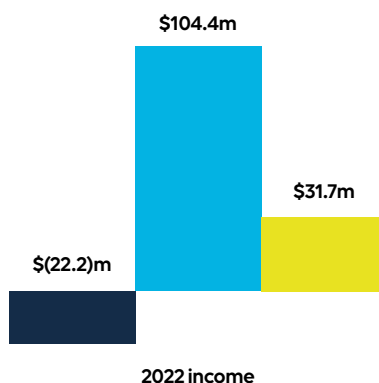
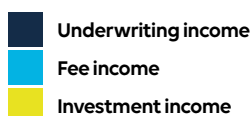
## Group results



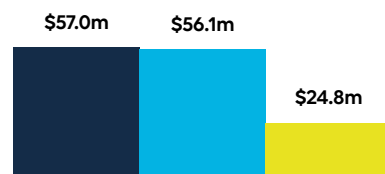
Pre-Tax Operating Loss



Tangible Net Asset Value



2022 income



2021 income





Our IFRS Loss After Tax was \$297.0 million for the year, impacted by c.\$162 million of non-cash items, including net unrealised and realised investment losses on fixed income assets of \$135.8m, unearned program Fee Income of \$17.0 million and amortisation of net intangibles of \$9.6 million. Our IFRS Net Asset Value was \$185.2 million, which is impacted by c.\$218 million of non-cash items, including accumulated net unrealised investment losses on fixed income assets of \$111.6 million, unearned program Fee Income of \$34.9 million and net intangibles of \$71.0 million. On a fully diluted basis, our IFRS Loss Per Share was 91.3 cents and our IFRS Net Asset Value Per Share was 49.1 cents.

In 2023 we are adopting US GAAP as our accounting standard. US GAAP has a number of differences from IFRS, namely fair market value measurement of legacy gross and ceded reserves including a risk margin, as well as the recognition of unallocated loss adjustment expenses and current expected credit losses on reinsurance recoverables. Neither US GAAP nor other accounting standards, such as IFRS 17, recognise Day-1 gains in legacy insurance transactions. As a result of these differences, our unaudited US GAAP Loss After Tax for 2022 was estimated at c.\$90–115 million and our US GAAP Net Asset Value at 31 December 2022 was estimated at c.\$225-250 million, significantly different than IFRS results.

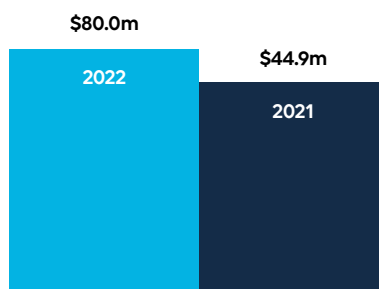
**Accredited**

The Accredited business continued to grow rapidly in 2022. Our Gross Written Premium was \$1.8 billion, a 76% increase compared to 2021. Our results demonstrate the benefits of scale as we earned a Pre-Tax Operating Profit of \$55.7 million, a 170% increase compared to 2021, representing a 56.8% margin on Gross Operating Income, an increase of 21.1 percentage points compared to 2021. This Pre-Tax Operating Profit includes \$12.4 million associated with our minority stakes in MGAs.

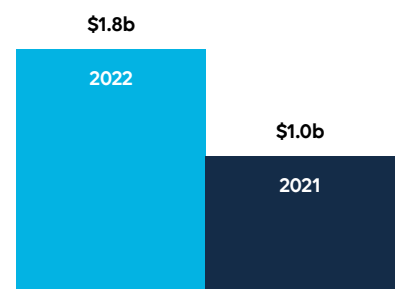
The primary driver of Pre-Tax Operating Profit is our Fee Income. Fee Income excluding minority stakes in MGAs was \$80.0 million, a 78% increase compared to 2021. Program Fees averaged 4.7% of ceded written

premium, which is flat compared to 2021, and we expect Fee Income to generally grow in line with Gross Written Premium. Underwriting Income represents our c.7% retention of Program Insurance risk. Our Underwriting result was breakeven primarily due to the purchase of excess of loss reinsurance above and beyond the underlying combined ratio of 85% in order to minimise any balance sheet volatility. Our Investment Income was \$5.6 million, a 108% increase compared to 2020 associated with higher reinvestment rates. Finally, Fixed Operating Expenses increased 14% compared to 2021 due to the expansion of our staff and a higher allocation of corporate expenses.

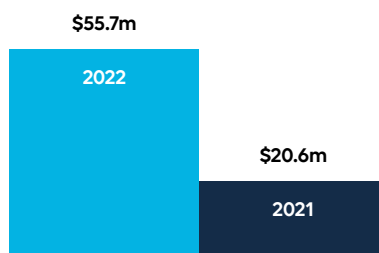
**Accredited results**



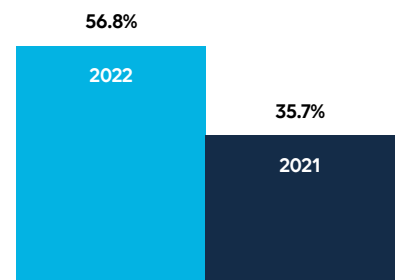
**Fee Income**  
(excluding MGA stakes)



**Gross Written Premium**



**Pre-Tax Operating Profit**



**Pre-Tax Operating Profit Margin**

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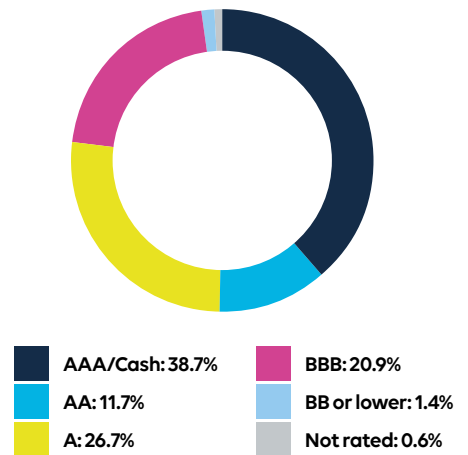


## R&Q Legacy

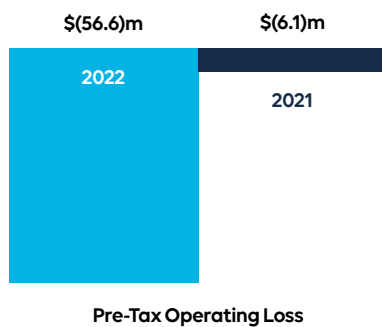
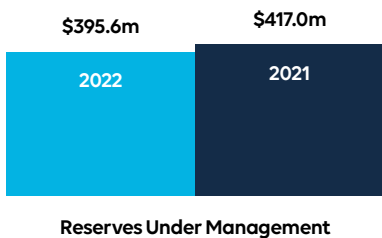
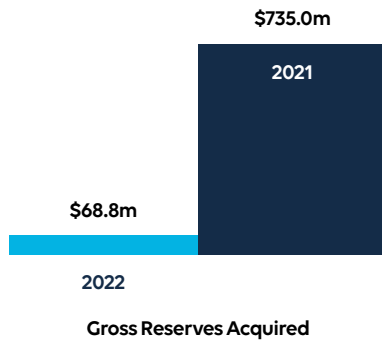
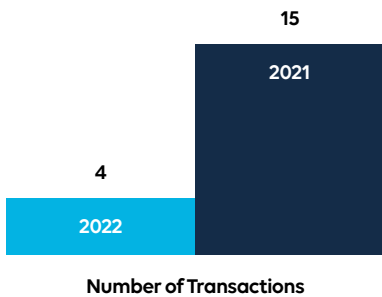
R&Q Legacy concluded four transactions with Gross Reserves Acquired of \$68 million, a decrease of 91% compared to 2021 due to extra prudence in a softer pricing market. At year-end 2022, we had Reserves Under Management of \$396 million and during 2022 we reported Fee Income of \$12.1 million compared with none in 2021. We expect Fee Income to become the predominant driver of Pre-Tax Operating Profit once we fully deploy capital in our sidecar, Gibson Re. Our Pre-Tax Operating Loss was \$56.6 million,

which included \$32 million of adverse reserve development (included in Underwriting Income). Note that Underwriting Income in 2022 is not comparable with 2021, which included Day-1 accounting gains on legacy transactions closed before Q4 that were 100% retained by R&Q. Our Investment Income was \$24.9 million, a 29% increase compared to 2021 driven by higher reinvestment yields. Finally, our Fixed Operating Expenses decreased 15% compared to 2021 due to expense control and foreign exchange rates.

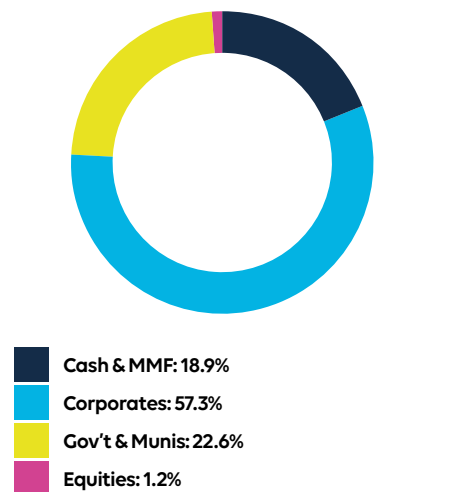
## Investment portfolio by credit rating



## R&Q Legacy results



## Investment portfolio by asset class





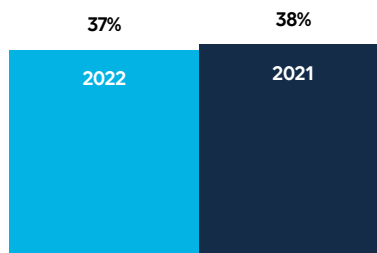
### Corporate and other

Our Corporate and Other segment includes unallocated operating expenses and finance costs. Unallocated operating expenses were \$1.9 million, an 86% decrease compared to 2021 primarily driven by higher allocations to the two business segments. Interest expense was \$30.5 million, a 34% increase compared to 2021 associated with higher interest rates.

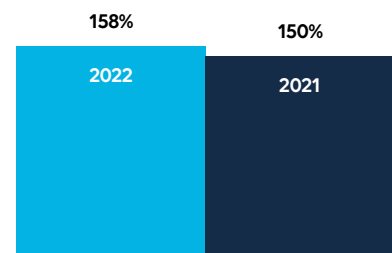
### Cash and investments

Our Cash and Investments at year-end 2022, excluding funds withheld, was \$1.6 billion. We produced a book yield, which excludes net realised and unrealised gains on fixed income assets, of 1.9%, an increase of 50 bps compared to 2021, due to the higher interest rate environment.

We maintain a conservative, liquid investment portfolio so that we can produce consistent cash flows to meet our liability obligations, while also earning a reasonable risk-adjusted return. 97% of our portfolio was invested in cash, money market funds, and fixed income investments. Of our fixed income investments, 95% were rated investment-grade. After cash, which comprised 20% of our portfolio, our largest allocations were to corporate bonds (39%), government and municipal securities (20%), asset-backed securities (17%) and equities (3%). We have maintained a duration in our portfolio of 3 years, shorter than that of our liabilities of 6 years.



Adjusted Debt to Capital Ratio



Group Solvency Ratio

During 2022, financial markets witnessed a significant increase in interest rates. As a result, our investment portfolio experienced unrealised net investment losses of \$118 million, which are included in our IFRS results. Given the high credit quality of our investment portfolio and the primarily casualty-focused retained liabilities, we do not expect to realise these mark-to-market losses other than to rebalance the portfolio for more attractive reinvestment opportunities, and hence do not include such movement in our Pre-Tax Operating Profit.

### Capital and liquidity

Last year we raised \$130 million of equity capital (\$121 million net of fees), of which \$60 million was contributed to Funds At Lloyd's and the rest for general corporate purposes. Since then, we experienced unexpected adverse development in R&Q Legacy, primarily in Lloyd's, which requires an even greater amount of collateral to support such adverse development. We also had \$28 million in unexpected one-off historic legal matters associated with older legacy

transaction and discontinued programs. As a result, our preliminary Group Solvency ratio at 31 December 2022 was 158%, which is above our target level of 150%. Nevertheless, this adverse development and one-off historic legal matters used up a material amount of our capital resources, and without the ability to take dividends from Accredited as part of the planned separation, required that we raise \$50-\$60 million of preferred equity this year. Our total debt at year end 2022 was \$344.9 million, which includes a bank facility as well as subordinated notes. In addition, we have \$175.4 million of unsecured letters of credit that provide security on assumed reinsurance of legacy exposures, which are guaranteed by the Group.









# Corporate governance

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# Board of Directors



**Jeffrey (Jeff) Hayman (63)**  
Independent Non-Executive  
Chair

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**William Spiegel (60)**  
Group Chief Executive Officer

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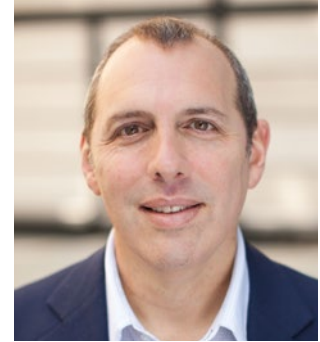
Executive Chair from April 2021 to  
31 March 2023

Deputy Executive Chair from January  
2020 to March 2021



**Alan Quilter (72)**  
Group Head of Accredited

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**Tom Solomon (53)**  
Group Chief Financial Officer

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## Date appointed to Board

Independent Non-Executive  
Chair from 31 March 2023

## Skills and experience:

- » 41 years' insurance experience
- » Extensive Board experience for a range of global insurance companies

Jeffrey (Jeff) serves as R&Q's Independent Non-Executive Chair. He has previously held long tenures at The Travelers and American International Group.

Jeff was recently a Board member and committee chair of Zurich Insurance Group Ltd, has also served on the boards of 21st Century Insurance and Fuji Fire and Marine Insurance and is a past Chair of the Foreign Non-Life Insurance Association in Japan.

## Date appointed to Board

Group Chief Executive Officer from 31 March 2023

## Skills and experience:

- » 30 years' financial services experience, principally insurance and insurance services
- » Growing small to medium-sized insurance companies in the US, UK, and Bermuda
- » Extensive public and private company Board experience

William joined R&Q from the US private equity group, Pine Brook Partners, which he co-founded in 2006 and where he was managing partner. Prior to this William was with the Cypress Group from its inception, managing its financial services and healthcare investing activities. Before joining the Cypress Group, William worked in the Merchant Banking Group at Lehman Brothers.

## Key external appointments:

- » Non-Executive Director of Essent Group, Fidelis Insurance MGU and Ivy Co-Investment Vehicle LLC.

## Date appointed to Board

Group Head of Accredited from 31 March 2023

Chief Executive Officer from January 2020 to 31 March 2023

Joint Chief Executive Officer from June 2007 to January 2020

## Skills and experience:

- » Chartered Accountant
- » Member of the Chartered Insurance Institute (CII) and The Association of Corporate Treasurers
- » Co-founder of the Randall & Quilter Group
- » 50 years' experience in the London insurance market

Alan has been a driving force in the development of R&Q, including its admission to AIM in 2007. Alan has worked in the London insurance market since 1969. Between 1980 and 1987, he headed the Market Financial Services Group at Lloyd's before becoming Managing Director of a specialist investment management company focused on investment markets in the UK. Alan joined Ken Randall as Chief Financial Officer of the Eastgate Group, the predecessor company to the Randall & Quilter Group in 1992.

## Date appointed to Board

Group Chief Financial Officer from 2020

## Skills and experience:

- » A qualified actuary with an MBA from Columbia University
- » Extensive actuarial, investment banking and insurance experience

Tom joined R&Q from Bank of America, where he was Managing Director, Head of Americas Insurance Investment Banking. Prior to this, Tom spent 13 years in the investment banking division and financial institutions group at Citigroup, where he rose to become Managing Director. Tom started his career in 1992 as a Consultant Actuary with PricewaterhouseCoopers.



**A** Audit Committee  
**D** Group Disclosure Committee  
**I** Investment Committee

**R** Remuneration, Nominations and  
Governance Committee  
**RC** Group Risk and Compliance  
Committee

\* Alan Quilter stepped down from the Group Risk and  
Compliance Committee on 2 November 2022

Note: Alastair Campbell was the Senior Independent  
Director and Chair of the Remuneration, Nominations  
and Governance Committee during 2022. Alastair  
retired as a Director on 31 January 2023.



**Jo Fox (59)**  
Independent Non-Executive  
Director  
Audit Committee Chair  
**A R RC**



**Philip Barnes (62)**  
Independent Non-Executive  
Director  
Group Risk and Compliance  
Committee Chair  
**RC A I R**



**Eamonn Flanagan (60)**  
Independent Non-Executive  
Director  
Investment Committee Chair  
Remuneration, Nominations and  
Governance Committee Chair  
**I R A RC**



**Robert Legget (72)**  
Independent Non-Executive  
Director  
Senior Independent Director  
**A I R**

**Date appointed to Board**  
Non-Executive Director from 2019

**Skills and experience:**

- » Chartered Accountant
- » Extensive Board level experience with regulated insurance businesses
- » Corporate Governance, General Insurance and Solvency II

Jo is a seasoned Non-Executive Director within the insurance sector and has sat on the boards of several global risk carriers and intermediaries operating within Lloyd's and the London market. Jo was Chair and Non-Executive Director of R&Q Managing Agency Limited until it was acquired by Coverys in 2017. Prior to this, Jo held senior finance positions with RoyScot Trust, Liberty Risk Services and International Insurance Company of Hannover. She chaired the International Underwriting Association's Solvency Working Group from 2014 to 2016.

**Key external appointments:**

- » Non-Executive Director of Westfield Specialty Managing Agency Limited

**Date appointed to Board**  
Non-Executive Director from 2013

**Skills and experience:**

- » Chartered Accountant
- » Board level experience with several Bermuda insurance and reinsurance companies
- » Extensive finance and insurance experience

Philip is currently President of the representative office of the Jardine Matheson Group of Companies in Bermuda and was previously a Non-Executive Director of Hiscox Insurance Company (Bermuda) Ltd. During his 25-year career with Aon, Philip rose to become Managing Director. He oversaw the growth and development of Aon's Bermuda office into the leading manager of captives and reinsurance companies on the island. Philip's training is in finance, and he has served on various industry and Government advisory committees over the years during his 37-year career.

**Key external appointments:**

- » President of Jardine Matheson International Services Limited

**Date appointed to Board**  
Non-Executive Director from 2020

**Skills and experience:**

- » Qualified actuary
- » FTSE Board experience
- » Analysing the business and financial models of insurance companies

Eamonn is Non-Executive Director of a number of listed financial services companies. He co-founded Shore Capital Markets in 2003, an independent securities business, where he was a Director and top-rated Analyst, receiving a number of awards in the London insurance market and from the fund management industry. Prior to this, Eamonn was a Director and then Head of European Insurance at a leading investment bank. He is a Fellow of the Institute of Actuaries and the Institute of Directors.

**Key external appointments:**

- » Non-Executive Director of AJ Bell PLC and Chesnara PLC

**Date appointed to Board**  
Non-Executive Director and  
Senior Independent Director  
from 26 August 2022

**Skills and experience:**

- » Chartered Accountant
- » Corporate governance experience
- » Background in capital markets

Robert co-founded Progressive Value Management Limited in 2000. This is now trading under the name of Progressive Asset Management Limited, for which he is Chair, and specialises in creating value and liquidity for institutional investors from illiquid holdings in underperforming companies. In this role he has significant engagement with public company boards. Robert was formally a Director of Quayle Munro Holdings PLC and CT Private Equity Trust PLC (formally Foreign & Colonial Private Equity Trust PLC).

**Key external appointments:**

- » Senior Independent Director of Downing Strategic Micro-Cap Investment Trust PLC, and Sureserve Group PLC

# Corporate governance statement

I am pleased to present, on behalf of the Board, our corporate governance statement for 2022.

## Chair's introduction

Dear Shareholder

As the Executive Chair during the 2022 financial year, I am pleased to introduce our Corporate Governance Statement for 2022 and proud the Board continues to be committed to satisfying the high standards of governance expected by our stakeholders and that befits our AIM listed status.

## Board and executive leadership

On 31 March 2023 we announced the appointment of a new Independent Non-Executive Chair, Jeff Hayman. Appointing an Independent Non-Executive Chair has been an important objective to ensure that our governance structure is more aligned with best practice. Jeff has 41 years of highly relevant experience that includes long tenures at The Travelers and American International Group, including as CEO of Global Consumer Insurance and President and CEO of AIU Far East Holdings. Consequently, I transitioned into the role of Group CEO and Alan Quilter assumed the role of Group Head of Accredited. Alan has advised the Board of his intentions to retire in December 2023. As co-founder Alan has been instrumental in the growth, evolution, and success of R&Q over the last 30 years and the Board is delighted he will remain as a director for the remainder of 2023, ensuring a smooth transition.

During the year, Robert Legget joined the Board and was appointed as Senior Independent Director (SID). Robert's appointment will improve the mix of opinion, expertise, and perspective available to the Board. In particular, his corporate governance experience and background in capital markets and advising investors will be of significant value.

## Compliance with the QCA Code

The Board continues to adhere to the Corporate Governance Code for Small and Mid-Size Quoted Companies (QCA Code), as published by the Quoted Companies Alliance (QCA). The Board believes that the QCA Code provides the Company with a practical and rigorous corporate governance framework to support the business and its success in the long term. This Statement sets out our approach to corporate governance and explains how the Board and its Committees operate.

Alastair Campbell retired as planned from the Board on 31 January 2023, after serving nine years. I would like to thank Alastair whose considered and collaborative approach has been critical in helping guide the Board. Philip Barnes, who has surpassed his nine-year tenure will remain on the Board to assist with the separation of Accredited and R&Q Legacy businesses. The Board considers Philip as independent as he continues to make independent contributions and challenges management. The search for a new Non-Executive Director was put on hold to allow our new Independent Non-Executive Chair, Jeff Hayman, to be involved in the recruitment.

The biographies of our current Board of Directors appear on pages 34 and 35 of this Report, as well as on our website: [www.rqih.com](http://www.rqih.com). You can also find the biographies of our Executive Directors and Senior Management Team on our website.

## Workings of the Board

The \$130m capital raise, attempted takeover by Brickell and shareholder activism took a significant amount of the Board's time and involved frequent Board meetings. Nevertheless, there was significant progress against the strategic financial goal to become a capital-efficient, fee-oriented and data-driven specialty insurance company and the implementation of the governance recommendations contained in the independent external evaluation.

The details of our strategic direction are covered in detail in the Strategic Report on pages 12 to 15.

The Board relies on the work of our principal Board Committees to support its decision-making.

## Our culture

In late 2022, R&Q launched its new global purpose statement and set of values which are described in detail on page 17. We are also pleased to announce that we have recently become a signatory on the UN Principles of Sustainable Insurance. You can read more about this and our work on stakeholder engagement and ESG in the Working Responsibly section on pages 18 to 24.

## 2023 Annual general meeting

We look forward to welcoming you to our Annual General Meeting on 28 July 2023.

## William Spiegel

Group Chief Executive Officer

28 June 2023

## How we deliver growth

### 1. Strategy and business model

The Group is a leading non-life global specialty insurance company focusing on the Accredited and R&Q Legacy businesses. We are leaders in our target markets, both of which are experiencing strong secular growth. Our businesses have become key components of the global insurance market and have high barriers to entry which protects our competitive position.

Our Accredited business is a balance sheet light recurring revenue business that charges annual fees for allowing insurance distribution to access its licences to connect with global reinsurers. The Accredited business plays an important role supporting the growth of independent insurance distribution.

The R&Q Legacy business is a balance sheet business that earns high returns on capital deployed by acquiring or reinsuring already expired insurance risk, and managing off the exposure. The R&Q Legacy business provides an important form of capital management for existing insurance carriers. The Group leverages its core strengths in origination, underwriting and claims management to compete in the marketplace.

The Group's strategy is to deliver long-term value for our shareholders by transitioning from a capital-based business model to a fee-oriented one and its key pillars are Increase Fee Income and Capital Efficiency, Enhance Transparency, Automate Processes, Engage Employees, Act Responsibly.

The Board is currently reviewing strategic options to separate Accredited and R&Q Legacy. This will include a legal reorganisation followed by anticipated strategic transactions with third parties. The Board have concluded this will enable both Accredited and R&Q Legacy to have more appropriate capital structures, which will set each on a stronger footing to deliver profitable growth. In less than five years, the Accredited business has grown into one of the world's largest program managers with over 80 different programs and 200 reinsurance partnerships. Given the size of Accredited, the benefits of separating Accredited and R&Q Legacy have become far clearer.

More information can be found in our Strategic Report on page 12.

### 2. Understanding and meeting shareholder expectations

The Board recognises its responsibility to deliver long-term value to shareholders through the execution of the Company's strategy and is accountable to shareholders for the Company's performance over the long-term.

The Board is committed to providing shareholders with clear and transparent information on the Group's strategy and financial performance. Any published announcements, financial reports and key documents are publicly available and are regularly updated on the Group's website.

Members of the Board have engaged with shareholders extensively throughout the year. Our directors met with the top shareholders several times in 2022 to discuss the \$130m capital placing, the Brickell takeover and the requisition notice served by Phoenix (which at the time held over 10% of issued share capital) to remove William Spiegel as a director and appoint Ken Randall as a director. The view of shareholders has been factored in by the Board in its decision-making.

The Executive Directors have a regular dialogue with the Company's joint brokers, Barclays and Numis Securities, also the Group's NOMAD, on the Group's activities, strategies and performance. Other actions to engage with shareholders during the year include investor roadshows and virtual meetings on financial social media networks. These meetings and discussions give the Board an opportunity to gauge shareholder feedback and expectations.

Our primary investors have met with our Independent Non-Executive Chair Jeff Hayman.

Enquiries from individual shareholders are welcomed. The Board makes itself available to all shareholders at the Company's Annual General Meeting each year. The results of the Meeting are published via a regulatory news service and on the Company's website.

### 3. Our wider stakeholder responsibilities

R&Q recognises that delivering long-term value to its shareholders relies on maintaining good relations with its wider stakeholders, both internal and external. Each Board decision has a different impact and relevance to each key stakeholder of the business, so having a good understanding of their priorities is important. We do this by building trust and long-term relations with our employees, debt investors, bankers, regulators and insurance partners.

The Board engages directly with some stakeholders, principally our shareholders and employees. Engagement with stakeholders also takes place at different levels within the business and material issues are reported back to the Board or Board Committees, either informally by the Leadership Team or by regular written reports. The Board currently receives regular stakeholder reports on investor relations from the Chair, our People Strategy from the Chief Human Resources Officer and the Group's regulatory supervision from the Group Head of Compliance and Regulatory Affairs. Employees are invited to attend regular Town Hall events led by the Leadership Team. At the most recent Town Hall event, employees were given an opportunity to ask questions on the separation of the Accredited and R&Q Legacy businesses.

Certain decisions require the Board to balance the different and sometimes competing interests of its key stakeholders in order to promote the long-term success of the Company. Examples include, the proposed separation of the Accredited and R&Q Legacy business which has been initiated to set each on a stronger footing to deliver profitable growth for shareholders and the efficiency and transformation programme.

R&Q is committed to operating responsibly and our stakeholders have told us that they expect this of us. Having listened, the Board adopted Act Responsibly as one of the Company's strategic pillars and has initiated a new Group-wide ESG strategy which seeks to integrate ESG into everything we do. Our ESG journey is described in the Working Responsibly section on pages 18 to 24.

### 4. Our approach to effective risk management

The Board defines the Group's risk appetite and is responsible for determining the nature and extent of both the upside and downside risks that it is willing to take order to deliver the Group's strategy.

The Board, assisted by the Group Risk and Compliance Committee, monitors and reviews the Group's risk management and internal controls framework. It is further assisted by the Audit Committee which reviews the Group's systems of internal financial controls on an annual basis. The Risk Management section on page 56 of this Annual Report explains the three lines of defence model and this material is incorporated into this Corporate Governance Section by reference.



# Corporate governance statement continued

The principal risks and uncertainties affecting the Group and mitigating actions are set out on pages 25 to 27. These and other risk related matters are continually monitored by the Group's Risk function which reports regularly to the Board via the Group Risk and Compliance Committee.

## How we maintain a dynamic management framework

### 5. Maintaining a well-functioning balanced Board team led by an Independent Non-Executive Chair

#### Our Board of Directors

On 31 March 2023, Jeff Hayman was appointed Independent Non-Executive Chair. William Spiegel assumed the role of Group Chief Executive Officer and remains a director. Alan Quilter, previously Group Executive Officer will also remain a director but will work exclusively with the Accredited teams in the US and UK/Europe before retiring at the end of December 2023.

Robert Legget joined the Board on 26 August 2022 and is the Senior Independent Director and a member of the Audit Committee, Investment Committee and Remuneration, Nominations and Governance Committee. Alastair Campbell retired from the Board, after the conclusion of his nine-year term. The appointment of another Non-Executive Director was deferred until the new Chair had been appointed and has a chance to become acquainted with the Board.

Philip Barnes has surpassed his nine-year tenure. However, given the delay in appointing a new Non-Executive Director, the Board has expressed desire to retain Philip Barnes' experience on the Group while the separation of the Accredited and R&Q Legacy businesses is undertaken. Philip Barnes will continue as the Chair of the Group Risk and Compliance Committee. The Board considers Philip Barnes as independent as he continues to make independent contributions and challenges management.

The recruitment process to appoint the new Directors is discussed in the Remuneration, Nominations and Governance Committee Chair Report on pages 46 to 49.

#### Composition of the Board

The Board is led by Jeff Hayman, Independent Non-Executive Chair, whose role is to provide strong and effective leadership of the Board, to ensure that the Board is effective in its task of setting and implementing the Group's direction and strategy and to ensure the Board is structured effectively to observe the highest standards of integrity and corporate governance. Jeff was considered to be independent on his appointment.

The Non-Executive Directors comprise Philip Barnes, Eamonn Flanagan, Jo Fox and Robert Legget, who are all judged to be independent. They provide an external perspective, independent oversight and constructive challenge to the Executive Directors and Senior Management Team by using their broad range of experience and expertise. All the Non-Executive Directors are able to commit the time necessary to fulfil their respective roles, including making themselves available at short notice when required.

Robert Legget replaced Alastair Campbell as the SID. His role is to provide a sounding board for the Chair, to act as an intermediary for other Directors where necessary and to provide an additional channel for shareholder communication.

There are three Executive Directors on the Board: William Spiegel, Group Chief Executive Officer, Alan Quilter, Group Head of Accredited and Tom Solomon, Group Chief Financial Officer. They work full-time for the Company and are responsible for the day-to-day running of the Group's businesses and the development and implementation of strategy and decisions made by the Board, and operational management of the Group.

#### Board balance and independence

The Board considers that the current balance of Executive and Non-Executive Directors is appropriate and predominantly independent, ensuring that no one individual or group of individuals dominate the Board's decision-making, and have the right mix of skills and experience to ensure effective decision-making. The Remuneration, Nominations and Governance Committee reviews the independence of each Non-Executive Director.

To further safeguard its independent judgement and to prevent the undue influence of third parties on the Board's decision making, the Board operates a conflicts-of-interests policy, which restricts a Director from voting on any matter in which they might have a personal interest unless the Board decides otherwise in accordance with its bye-laws.

#### 6. Board skills and experience

Directors who have been appointed to the Board have been chosen because of the skills and experience they offer. The current Directors bring a broad range of commercial and professional capabilities to the Board including financial, insurance, actuarial and governance skills. Their biographies are detailed on pages 34 and 35.

The Board considers its composition regularly as part of the succession planning process and in response to the changing needs of the Group's business. The appointment of Robert Legget has strengthened the Board's corporate governance experience and his background in capital markets and advising investors is of significant value. The Board also reviewed the succession plan for Executive Directors and Senior Management Team positions.

To maintain their skills and knowledge, the Board is updated on legal, regulatory and governance issues by the Company Secretary, internal and external lawyers, the Company's NOMAD and the Group's external auditors, and receives independent advice from other external professionals as required.



In addition, there are deep dives from across the business at Board and Committee level to ensure the Directors' understanding of the Group's business remains current. Reports are received from Accredited and R&Q Legacy at each Board meeting.

### 7. Board evaluation and effectiveness

The Board engaged BP&E Global Ltd to undertake an external Board Effectiveness Review of R&Q Insurance Holdings Ltd, the ultimate holding company of the Group in 2021, with findings presented to the Board in November 2021. During 2022, the Remuneration, Nominations and Governance Committee received updates on the progress of the Executive Directors in implementing these recommendations. Of note, the Board now receives an update on ESG matters at each Board meeting and updates from local CEOs are provided to the Board twice a year. There has also been an improvement in the quality of the papers submitted to the Board for review and the reinstatement of quarterly group meetings with Independent Non-Executive Directors.

A formal training programme and the inclusion of Board strategy away days have been added to the 2023 Board timetable. The Board received training on US GAAP during 2022.

### 8. Our purpose, values and culture

In late 2022, R&Q launched its new global purpose statement and set of values, which are outlined in detail on page 17. A key driver on this journey was to have a clear sense of why we exist as an organisation and a clear sense of what sets of behaviours help support our culture.

The Board was involved in overseeing and approving where the organisation landed in its bottom-up approach. Our purpose reflects the positive impact that we believe we can have on customers and society and our values describe our desired culture and give us all a compass for how we wish to work with each other and those we

serve all over the world. A key role of the Board will be to ensure that the Group's purpose, values, culture, and strategy are coherent and are embedded within the business model.

On the recommendation of the Board, a TCFD Working Group was set up to understand the impact of climate change and to meet the requirements of the TCFD. During the year, the Board received a proposal on how the Group intends to implement the TCFD recommendations. Further information on the function of the TCFD Working Group is included on pages 20 to 24.

Fitness, propriety and entrepreneurialism are key aspects of our prevailing corporate culture and are incorporated into our Group-wide policies including dignity at work, health and well-being, whistleblowing and anti-bribery and corruption. The Board monitors corporate culture through its day-to-day interactions with employees, stakeholder feedback, internal audit reports and notifications of breaches to Group policies.

### 9. The workings of our Board

#### Our Governance Framework

The Board has a clear corporate governance framework, the structure of which is described on page 40.

#### Responsibilities of the Board

The Board maintains a formal schedule of matters which are reserved solely for its approval and is permitted under its by-laws to delegate other responsibilities as appropriate to its Board Committees and Leadership Team. Matters Reserved for the Board include decisions relating to:

- » Strategy and management
- » Structure and capital
- » Financial reporting and controls
- » Contracts
- » Communication
- » Board membership and other appointments

- » Remuneration
- » Delegation of authority
- » Corporate governance
- » Policies and procedures

The complete Schedule of Matters Reserved for the Board is available on the Group's website: [www.rqih.com](http://www.rqih.com)

#### Board Committees

The Board is supported by the work of its four principal Committees, namely the Audit Committee, the Remuneration, Nominations and Governance Committee, the Group Risk and Compliance Committee, and the Investment Committee. Reports from the Chairs of these Committees outlining their respective roles and work can be found on pages 42 to 55. Other supporting Committees include the Disclosure Committee.

The Disclosure Committee comprises the Group Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer and Group Head of Accredited. It meets annually to review the operation, adequacy and effectiveness of the Group's disclosure procedures and as necessary for the purpose of assisting the Board in fulfilling its responsibilities under the Market Abuse Regulation, AIM Rules and the Disclosure and Transparency Rules.

#### Our changing governance framework

During 2022, the Remuneration and Nominations Committee was renamed the Remuneration, Nominations and Governance Committee and the terms of reference of this Committee were amended to include additional items in relation to Governance. The terms of reference for all Board Committees were updated and approved by the Board.

## The Board

The Board is primarily responsible for setting the Group's strategy for delivering long-term value to our shareholders and other stakeholders, providing effective challenge to management concerning the execution of the strategy and ensuring the Group maintains an effective risk management and internal control system.

<p><b>Our strategy</b></p> <p>» Report Pages 6–7</p>	<p><b>Working responsibly</b></p> <p>» Report Pages 18–24</p>	<p><b>Our approach to risk management and key risks</b></p> <p>» Report Pages 25–27</p>	<p><b>Key activities of the Board</b></p> <p>» Report Pages 34–35</p>
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The Schedule of Matters Reserved for the Board is available on the Group's website: [www.rqih.com](http://www.rqih.com), together with the biographies of our Directors, which also appear on pages 34 and 35 of this Report.



## The Board delegates certain matters to its four principal Committees

<p><b>Audit Committee</b></p> <p>Oversees the Group's financial reporting, maintains an appropriate relationship with the external Auditor and monitors internal controls.</p> <p>» Report Page 42</p>	<p><b>Remuneration, Nominations and Governance Committee</b></p> <p>Establishes R&amp;Q's Remuneration Policy and undertakes succession planning for the Board and Leadership Team. Oversees the Corporate Governance Framework.</p> <p>» Report Page 46</p>	<p><b>Investment Committee</b></p> <p>Oversees the investment strategy, management and performance of the Group's investment assets.</p> <p>» Report Page 50</p>	<p><b>Group Risk and Compliance Committee</b></p> <p>Oversees risk management, internal controls and regulatory compliance across the Group.</p> <p>» Report Page 53</p>
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Other supporting Committees include the Disclosure Committee. The terms of reference for the Committees are available on the Group's website: [www.rqih.com](http://www.rqih.com)



## Executive Directors and Senior Management Team

The Executive Directors and the Senior Management Team meet on a monthly basis and are responsible for the day-to-day running of the business. The roles and responsibilities of the Independent Non-Executive Chair and Executive Directors are available on the Group's website: [www.rqih.com](http://www.rqih.com)





### Membership and meetings attendance

#### Chair

William Spiegel 23/24

#### Board members

Philip Barnes 24/24

Alastair Campbell 24/24

Jo Fox 23/24

Eamonn Flanagan 23/24

Robert Legget 1/3\*

Alan Quilter 21/24

Tom Solomon 24/24

#### Attending by invitation

Paper authors and presenters as necessary

\* Robert Legget was appointed to the Board on 26 August 2022

#### How the Board operates

The Board comprises the Independent Non-Executive Chair, three Executive Directors and four Independent Non-Executive Directors. The Board met at five scheduled meetings to consider its main business and on 19 further occasions to consider other specific matters, including the \$130m equity raise, Brickell takeover attempt and shareholder requisition notice.

The Board has a yearly forward planner of meeting dates and agendas, which allow sufficient time for both routine and non-routine matters to be considered throughout the year. The Chair of the Board sets the agendas for upcoming meetings with the Company Secretary. Board and Committee papers and reports are required to be clear and concise, with any feedback on their content provided to authors by the Company Secretary. They are circulated

via a secure Board portal, in advance of meetings to ensure that Directors have time to review them. The authors of Board papers and reports are sometimes invited to join Board discussions, to enable Directors to gain a deeper understanding of the information provided and to hear from those directly responsible. Minutes and matters arising from meetings are produced by the Company Secretary after the meetings.

#### Main activities during 2022

- » Review of Group's strategic projects
- » Approval of 2021 financial results, 2022 interim financial results and dividend payments
- » Reviewing the Group Solvency Report
- » Reviewing the Group's BMA Supervisory College Response
- » Amendment of the Company's Bye-laws
- » Approval of Group Tax Strategy and Tax Operational Guidelines
- » Further implementation of Project Gateway, the Group's transformation, and efficiency programme
- » Launched the Company's purpose, values and culture statements
- » Review of appropriate accounting framework and selection of US GAAP
- » Completed a \$130m equity raise
- » Refinanced \$120m of Letters of Credit
- » Modernised the Risk Appetite Framework
- » Completed planned R&Q Legacy entity consolidations with significant savings
- » Responding to shareholder requisition
- » Responding to attempted Brickell take-over

#### Areas of focus for 2023

- » Separation of the Accredited and R&Q Legacy businesses
- » Embedding ESG across the Group and business
- » Succession planning and remuneration
- » Monitoring climate and cyber risk on the business
- » Embedding US GAAP
- » Working on a standalone credit rating for the Accredited Group
- » Cost rationalisation
- » Becoming a Signatory to the UN Principles of Sustainable Insurance

#### 10. Communicating with our shareholders and stakeholders

The Board is committed to maintaining effective communication and having constructive dialogue with all its stakeholders.

The Board's direct engagement with the Company's stakeholders is principally with its shareholders and employees. Where Directors do not have direct contact with stakeholders, they rely on the Leadership Team and dedicated functions such as compliance and procurement to engage with stakeholders on behalf of the Company and this can take place at both a Group and operational level. Each stakeholder group has a tailored engagement approach and this can range from informal telephone calls, email correspondence, regular meetings, reports and surveys. The aim of all our stakeholder engagement is to build trust and to understand the views, interests and priorities of all stakeholders, which in turn allows us to take stakeholders' interests into account in key decisions.

Further details of how the Company engages with its key stakeholders can be found on page 37. Details of how the Board understands and meets the needs of its shareholders are outlined in paragraph two of this statement.

# Audit Committee report



**Jo Fox**  
Audit Committee Chair

## Role and responsibilities

During the year the Committee continued to assist the Board in its oversight of the Group's financial reporting, internal and external audit arrangements, and systems of internal financial controls. Its principal activities remain to review and monitor:

- » the integrity of the Group's published Annual Report and Financial Statements
- » the performance of the external auditors and to recommend their appointment to the Board
- » the work of the Internal Audit function
- » the Group's systems of internal financial controls
- » the Group's arrangements for whistleblowing, fraud prevention and anti-bribery and corruption.

Dear Shareholder

I am pleased to present my Report as Chair of the Audit Committee for the year ended 31 December 2022.

The Committee amended its terms of reference to clarify that the external auditor evaluation is an annual, rather than a periodic, process. Full terms of reference are available on the Group's website: [www.rqih.com](http://www.rqih.com)

The Committee has a number of standing agenda items it considered at each meeting, including: review of financial reports, updates from management on finance operations, accounting policies, tax matters, and actuarial reserving; reports from the Chairs of the subsidiary audit committees, and reports from internal audit. The Committee also reviewed both the Annual and Interim Financial Statements during the financial year.

## Operation of the Committee

The Audit Committee comprises four independent Non-Executive Directors. Robert Legget was appointed to the Committee in November 2022 and Alastair Campbell stepped down from the Committee in January 2023. Two of the current Committee members are qualified Chartered Accountants and one is a qualified actuary. All Committee members have relevant financial expertise and the majority has extensive insurance sector experience.

## Significant matters

### Financial reporting

One of the Committee's main responsibilities is to review and report to the Board on the integrity of the Group's financial reporting. During the year, the Committee reviewed:

- » the 2022 interim and 2021 annual Financial Statements and determined that they presented a true and fair view of the Group's financial position
- » the appropriateness of accounting policies and practices
- » all material financial judgements and estimates made by management



## Membership and meetings attendance

### Chair

Jo Fox 5/5

### Committee members

Philip Barnes 5/5  
Alastair Campbell 5/5  
Eamonn Flanagan 5/5  
Robert Legget 1/1  
(from 2 November 2022)

### Attending by invitation

Group Chief Financial Officer  
Head of Group Finance  
Group Head of Internal Audit  
Group Chief Actuary  
External Auditors, PKF Littlejohn LLP (PKF)  
Other members of the Board and  
Leadership Team as appropriate.

- » the reconciliation between the Group's alternative performance measures and the Financial Statements
- » the Group's going concern basis of reporting

We continued to hold management to high standards of reporting practice, not only for the published Annual Report and accounts but also for information presented to the Committee and the Board. This ensured that the Directors had appropriate and timely information and explanations to understand and assess the Group's financial reporting.

### Significant accounting judgements

During 2022, the Audit Committee reviewed the following key areas of judgement and estimates applied by management in preparing the Group's Interim and Annual Financial Statements:

- » Carrying values of claim liabilities, including reviewing Group entities carrying significant reserves
- » Carrying values of reinsurance recoverables
- » Fair values of assets and liabilities acquired through reinsurance or acquisitions and any negative goodwill arising

- » Fair values arising from R&Q Legacy contracts
- » Impairments of goodwill and intangibles
- » Provisions and additional disclosures in respect of legal and contractual exposures to warranties, indemnities and guarantees
- » Other judgement areas including the amount of deferred tax asset and the adequacy of anticipated future investment income to offset future run off costs.

Following discussions with our external auditor, PKF Littlejohn (PKF), we were pleased to advise the Board that the above judgements and estimates made by management in relation to the 2021 Annual Report and Financial Statements were appropriate.

### Group tax strategy

The Audit Committee has an oversight role in relation to tax matters across the Group. During the year, the Committee received regular reports on developments in tax law and practice across the Group.

### Accounting frameworks

During 2022, the Committee continued to assess the impact of International Financial Reporting Standard 17 (IFRS 17) on its business. It also evaluated whether adopting US Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (US GAAP) would be more appropriate.

After careful deliberation, the Committee concluded that a change of accounting framework to US GAAP would be more appropriate for the Group's business profile. The data requirements of IFRS 17 for run-off insurance policies and reinsurance contracts are onerous for both existing and future transactions, and the ongoing costs of conforming with IFRS 17 would place R&Q at a significant competitive disadvantage in the legacy insurance market, where most of the market participants report under US GAAP.

As part of its deliberation, the Committee reviewed management's assessment of the impact of US GAAP accounting policies on all aspects of the income statement and statement of financial position. While there are differences of treatment between IFRS and US GAAP, the change in accounting framework will not alter the economic-based alternative performance measures that the Group uses to manage the business.

### Internal controls

While internal controls are reviewed by the Group's Risk and Compliance Committee, the Audit Committee has a key role in the oversight of the Group's systems of internal financial controls. In 2022, the Committee received a report from the Chief Risk Officer in relation to internal financial controls as well as an Annual Statement from the Head of Internal Audit, which confirmed that there were no issues or areas with significant shortcomings which would impact the Financial Statements.



# Audit Committee report continued

During the year, the Board began a Group-wide finance and operations transformation programme. This included the introduction of a new accounting system from 1 January 2023 and a reorganisation of the Finance function. The finance team was rearranged to align skills and resources into three main teams reporting to the Group Chief Financial Officer: Treasury, Financial Planning and Analysis, and Accounting. As a result, a Chief Accounting Officer was recruited with strong technical, leadership and governance skills as well as extensive industry knowledge.

The Audit Committee considered the efficiency programme's impact on the Group's internal financial controls and processes and will continue to review and monitor its implementation.

### Whistleblowing, fraud prevention, anti-bribery and corruption policies

The Committee has oversight responsibilities for the Group's arrangements relating to whistleblowing, and other systems and controls related to fraud prevention and anti-bribery and corruption. The Committee Chair is the whistleblowing champion and all regulated entities within the Group have appointed an Independent Non Executive Director as a whistleblowing champion. The Committee is satisfied that the Group's policies, procedures and controls in this regard are adequate.

### Internal Audit

The Company's internal audit work is undertaken by an in-house team led by the Group Head of Internal Audit and supported by co-source arrangements where specialist skills and experience are required. The Group Head of Internal Audit reports to, and regularly meets with, the Chair of the Audit Committee.

The Internal Audit function is a key element of the Group's corporate governance framework and operates in accordance with a written Charter. It provides independent and objective assurance, advice and insight on governance, risk management and internal controls across the Group.

At each quarterly meeting in 2022 the Group Head of Internal Audit provided an overview of the work Internal Audit had undertaken, actions arising from audits conducted, the tracking of remedial actions and progress against the annual Internal Audit plan.

At the request of the Committee, the Group Head of Internal Audit began preparing a governance and assurance map in conjunction with the Chief Risk Officer and Group Head of Compliance and Regulatory Affairs so that the Committee could assess the breadth and depth of assurance across all business functions. This work will be completed in 2023 and will inform future monitoring plans across Risk, Compliance and Internal Audit.

During the year, the Committee approved the Internal Audit three-year rolling plan for 2023-25 together with the 2023 Internal Audit budget. The Group Head of Internal Audit consulted with the Leadership Team, the Group Independent Non-Executive Directors, the subsidiary Audit Committee Chairs, and the external auditors to assess the key risk areas of the business and to determine prioritisation of the three-year plan.

### Independence assessment – Group Head of Internal Audit

The Chartered Institute of Internal Auditors (CIIA) code of best practice advises audit committees to consider the tenure of the Chief Internal Auditor and where tenure exceeds seven years to assess the Chief Internal Auditor's independence and objectivity.

The Group Head of Internal Audit has been in the role for eight years, so an assessment of his independence was conducted during the year.

The Committee members unanimously agreed that there were no concerns with the independence, objectivity, or integrity of the Group Head of Internal Audit.

### Oversight of the external audit

The Committee reviewed and approved the 2022 external audit plan. The audit approach and risks were similar to the 2021 financial year and reflected the implementation of ISA 315 which requires audit documentation to be more detailed, as well as the introduction of ISA 240 covering fraud, which requires that discussion with management include a review of management's processes and procedures for identifying and responding to the risks of fraud within the entity.

### External auditor evaluation

An important part of the Committee's work is to review and monitor the effectiveness of the external audit process. The Group has carried out a performance evaluation of the auditors in each of the last three years and although there is no formal requirement to carry out an evaluation annually, the Committee recommended that an evaluation be carried out and that the Committee's terms of reference be amended to state that the evaluation is to be carried out annually henceforth.

During 2022, on completion of the 2021 year end audit, Committee members and key members of the management team completed a feedback questionnaire seeking their views on the external auditor's performance. The external auditor, PKF Littlejohn, also provided the Committee with assurance on the operation of their own audit quality process. Overall, the survey showed that the Committee (and other respondents) were satisfied with the performance of PKF Littlejohn.



### Non-audit service fees

The Group has guidelines for the provision of non-audit services by the external auditor, which are overseen by the Committee. No revisions were made to the Group Non-Audit Services Policy during the year.

All non-audit services provided by the external auditor are confined to assurance work and require pre-approval by the Committee, subject to the fee for any single engagement being deemed by the Committee to be small relative to the overall audit fees. This approach allows the Group to benefit from the cumulative knowledge and experience of its auditor while ensuring that the external auditor remains independent.

Non-audit services fees for 2022 amounted to \$0.1 million and related to the review of the Employers' Liability Register for certain of the Group's insurance company subsidiaries and the review of the 2022 interim financial statements. This compared to total audit and audit-related assurance services fees of \$1.0 million for 2022, details of which appear in note 9 to the Financial statements.

### External auditor tenure

PKF Littlejohn has audited the Group for over 25 years and the lead audit partner, Carmine Papa, has been in post as the Group's lead partner since 2020. As previously reported, the Committee expected to put the external audit contract out to tender in 2020, however, this was postponed because of difficulties presented by COVID-19. During 2022, the Committee agreed to defer the process by a further 12 months due to the planned change of accounting framework in 2023 which would require continuity of external auditor during 2022 and 2023. The audit tender will take place in 2023 for the 2024 financial year.

Two of the 'Big Four' auditing firms are not eligible to tender as they have provided services to the Group and its material entities recently. Mid-tier firms will be included in the short list, subject to independence requirements. The Committee considers global reach of any potential appointee to be an important requirement in the selection process given that the Group operates in many jurisdictions including the UK, Europe, United States and Bermuda.

### Committee Effectiveness Review

The Board and its Committees will carry out an internal effectiveness review in 2023.

### 2023 focus areas

The main areas of focus are expected to be:

- » Oversight of the external audit tender process and recommendation of selection of external audit firm
- » Challenging appropriateness and level of reserving across the Group
- » Overseeing implementation of US GAAP reporting
- » Overseeing ongoing finance transformation project
- » Monitoring the integrity of the Group's published financial statements, the financial reporting systems and internal financial controls
- » Monitoring climate-related disclosure requirements.

### Jo Fox

Chair of the Audit Committee

28 June 2023



# Remuneration, Nominations and Governance Committee report



**Eamonn Flanagan**  
Remuneration, Nominations and  
Governance Committee Chair

## Role and responsibilities

The role of the Committee is to support the Board in ensuring that R&Q's leadership is suitably qualified, experienced, and incentivised to deliver against its strategy, now and in the future. It does this by:

- » reviewing and monitoring the structure, size and composition of the Board and its Committees
- » undertaking succession planning for the Board, Executive Directors and Senior Management
- » setting the remuneration policy for the Leadership Team comprised of Executive Directors and Senior Management Team

- » setting the remuneration framework for the year to come, including bonus plans
- » approving the reward outcomes for the individuals in the Leadership Team.

Revisions have been proposed and approved to the Terms of Reference of the Committee in respect of Governance, ESG and Diversity and Inclusion. Other minor matters were approved and recommended to the Board for adoption. The full, revised terms of reference are available on the Group's website: [www.rqih.com](http://www.rqih.com).

Dear Shareholder,

As Chair of the Remuneration, Nominations and Governance Committee, I am pleased to present its report for the year ended 2022. During the year the role of the Committee was expanded to include the specific oversight of governance, in line with the recommendations of the 2021 Board Evaluation.

After the year-end we announced the appointment of Jeff Hayman as our Independent Non-Executive Chair.

Robert Legget was appointed as an independent Non-Executive Director and Senior Independent Director on 26 August 2022 as part of R&Q's ongoing, and previously announced, plan. The Board intends to proceed with the appointment of a further independent NED in due course.

I should like to take this opportunity to extend my thanks and that of the Committee to Alastair Campbell for his chairing of the Committee for the past three years during a time of considerable challenges. We all benefited from his wise counsel and wealth of experience.

## Operation of the Committee

The Committee is comprised solely of independent NEDs and is supported by the Chief Human Resources Officer, Michele Briggs.

The Committee met at six scheduled meetings during 2022 to consider the main business outlined in its terms of reference, and on two further occasions to consider specific additional matters.

## Committee effectiveness review

We agreed to hold external effectiveness reviews of the Committee every three years.





## Membership and meetings attendance

### Chair

Alastair Campbell (to 31 January 2023)	6/6
Eamonn Flanagan (from 31 January 2023)	6/6

### Committee members

Philip Barnes	6/6
Jo Fox	6/6
Eamonn Flanagan	6/6
Robert Legget (from 2 November 2022)	1/1

### Attending by invitation

William Spiegel, Group Chief Executive Officer (from 31 March 2023)
Alan Quilter, Group Head of Accredited (from 31 March 2023)
David Gormley, Group Company Secretary
Michele Briggs, Chief Human Resources Officer

- » have regard to the views of shareholders and other stakeholders
- » be aligned to the risk appetite of the Company and its long-term strategic goals
- » structure remuneration such that a significant proportion should be linked to corporate and individual performance, both financial and non-financial, with stretch targets for individuals
- » promote the long-term success of the Company
- » be clear, simple, proportionate, and aligned to the Company's culture
- » be in line with legal and regulatory guidelines and requirements of the QCA Code.

## Main activities during 2022

- » Conducted an in-depth review of the Board's composition
- » Oversaw the recruitment of the Independent Non-Executive Chair
- » Undertook a search for new NEDs
- » Oversaw the Group's executive succession plans and the appointment of external key hires
- » Approved the bonus payments of the Leadership Team
- » Approved the 2023 Leadership Team remuneration framework
- » Commenced a review of the Group's Executive Remuneration policy
- » Reviewed NEDs' fees
- » Reviewed the Committee's Terms of Reference.

## Remuneration

### Remuneration policy

Last year, the Committee undertook to reshape and enhance the overall compensation philosophy of the business and appointed Korn Ferry to advise on developing a more structured Remuneration Policy that would reward Executive Directors and the Senior Management Team in a manner that ensures that they are properly incentivised and motivated to perform in the best interests of the Company, its shareholders, and wider stakeholders. The Committee determined that the objectives of the new policy would be to:

- » attract, retain and motivate Executives and Senior Management of the quality and experience required to run the Company successfully
- » have regard to the international nature of the business and to local practices and conditions
- » maintain gender parity in pay and to target any gender pay gaps with the aim of improving recruitment and progression in a diverse workforce

A key focus of the Committee in 2022 has been to agree the details of the new Remuneration Policy and other specific plans for its operation.

### Non-Executive Directors fees

The NEDs each receive a fee for their services as Directors, which is approved by the Board, mindful of the time commitment and responsibilities of their roles and of current market rates for comparable organisations and appointments. It has been agreed that NED fees will be reviewed every two years.

### Executive remuneration in 2022

The Committee approved the 2022 remuneration arrangements for the Leadership Team on the recommendation of the Executive Chair (now the Chief Executive Officer) as appropriate. No individual was involved in any decisions as to their own remuneration.

The Committee resolved that executive remuneration arrangements for 2022 would be in line with the broad approach taken in previous years, with a discretionary bonus scheme based on the achievement of profitability targets and agreed personal performance targets. Bonus payments are subject to clawback arrangements.

# Remuneration, Nominations and Governance Committee report continued

We considered the 2022 compensation plan scorecard, which remains based on a 60% financial metrics and 40% non-financial metrics split, with individuals evaluated on a five-point scale across both sets of metrics.

The Committee discussed that the plan was clear in justifying how bonus payments were awarded. We also wanted to be sure that we had discretion in the amounts paid, as this is a sensitive issue for investors across the UK and they are keen for companies to show restraint.

Despite all the issues in 2022, the Group achieved a significant number of accomplishments during the year. A new platform was rolled out to Finance together with a new organisational structure that is expected to deliver significant savings in 2024. A new modern Risk Appetite Framework was introduced across the Group. Accredited continued to grow Gross Written Premiums and the development of R&Q Legacy's capital-efficient model progressed well. The results on R&Q Legacy were disappointing as the business suffered from adverse developments on old legacy deals.

## Remuneration outcomes

The remuneration detail is set out in the Employees and Directors Note 26 to the Accounts on page 106.

## Cost of living payments

The Committee approved proposals for making one-off ex-gratia cost of living payments directed towards the lower-paid staff to ease their financial position in the light of current inflation across the Group's locations. This took the form of a one-time payment of £1,000 (US \$1,200 / Euros €1,150) to be paid in the December payroll to all employees earning up to £60,000 (US\$72,000/ Euros €69,000). This would result in one off aggregate cost to the Group of £89,000.

## Composition, succession and evaluation

### Board composition

The Board of R&Q remains keenly aware of shareholder views around its composition and elements of the Company's corporate governance structure. Following an extensive review in the second half of 2021, the Board had intended to introduce certain changes, including new Board members, to address these views and bring its structure in line with best practice. These changes were put on hold due to corporate activities in early and mid 2022. Once these were concluded, the Board recommenced the implementation of its planned changes.

### Board appointments

The initial focus area for the Committee in 2022 was NED recruitment, as Alastair Campbell and Philip Barnes reached the ninth anniversaries of their appointments. The Committee led the selection and appointment process for their successors, with the support of an external global search agency, Russell Reynolds. This was a continuation of the role for which a competitive selection process was run in 2021. Russell Reynolds have no other connection to the company or individual directors.

Following a skills and experience assessment of the Board, it was determined that the requirements for the new independent NEDs should cover an understanding of non-life insurance, experience of business in the UK and US, and the associated legal and regulatory frameworks. A diverse longlist of potential candidates was considered by the Committee and a shortlist of two candidates was selected for final stage interviews with each member of the Board and the Chief Human Resources Officer.

While both candidates satisfactorily completed a thorough due diligence and referencing process, their appointments were put on hold by the Committee until mid-2022, due to the corporate activities in 2022.

The Board and Committee re-started the process, and Robert Legget, was duly appointed as NED and SID, with effect from 26 August 2022.

Robert comes well regarded as a businessman who has significant experience of governance issues including acting as a Senior Independent Director and chairing board committees of PLC companies. Robert's board and governance experience was of prime importance for fulfilling the role of SID. The Committee also considered it advantageous from a diversity perspective that Robert had experience of being an Independent Non-Executive Director of companies which operate in different industries to R&Q.

The Board and Committee then decided that the recruitment of any further NEDs be deferred until the new independent non-executive Chair had been appointed. As a consequence, Philip Barnes was asked to continue as a director and chair of the Group Risk and Compliance Committee for another year, until the new chair had time to become familiar with the Company and with the matters addressed by that Committee. The Board and the Committee have reviewed Philip's independence and have concluded that he remains of independent mind and approach. We acknowledge his willingness to continue with this role.

### Independent Non-Executive Chair recruitment

A sub-committee of the Remuneration Committee was set up for the recruitment of a new Chair led by Robert Legget as SID and comprising Alastair Campbell (until his retirement, replaced by Eamonn Flanagan) and William Spiegel; assistance was provided by the Chief Human Resources Officer and Russell Reynolds was retained to resource suitable candidates as part of the search for NEDs, as set out above.



The working party held its first meeting in October 2022, with Russell Reynolds in attendance. At that meeting the working party worked through the definition for an Independent Non-Executive Chair, where Russell Reynolds had done some of the work previously. A job specification was agreed, from which the sub-committee would look to produce a list and ranking of potential candidates. The working party also reviewed the number of days that the candidate would be required to work on the Company.

Russell Reynolds produced a final list of candidates with a view to starting discussions in 2023.

The sub-committee met with a number of top-class candidates to fill the role of non-executive Chair and, with the assistance of Russell Reynolds, narrowed the field down to two candidates. Both candidates subsequently met with all members of the Board and the Board concurred that Jeff Hayman was the preferred candidate.

In terms of remuneration for the role, the sub-committee settled on an annual fee of \$300,000 noting that the Chair would be based in the US, recognising the size and complexity of the business and the strong reputation that the proposed Chair had within the insurance industry.

#### Board Committee membership

The Committee reviewed the composition of the Committees of the Board, following Robert's appointment and recommended some changes that have been approved by the Board. These were that Robert Leggett be a member of the Committee and of both the Audit and Investment Committees, and the appointment of Eamonn Flanagan to the Group Risk and Compliance Committee. Upon his appointment, the Chair has been appointed to all Committees of the Board, except the Audit Committee.

#### Executive succession planning

As the Group began its strategic transformation under the leadership of William Spiegel, the need to strengthen the Group's Executive and Senior Management talent pool was identified. The Committee received updates on the Group's succession plans below Board level, which identified potential leaders, current and future skills gaps and risks to the business including upcoming retirements. The Committee also oversaw a number of internal promotions, as well as the recruitment and appointment of new senior executives in the US and UK and approved their respective remuneration packages. Plans were put in place across the business and succession priorities have been identified, with some employees retiring from the business within the next year.

#### Governance

The Committee noted the Governance update as presented by the Company Secretary was almost complete for 2022 and that some items still needed to be addressed and closed off in 2023. The following items were presented to the Committee for approval.

#### Terms of reference

The 2021 Board Effectiveness review had recommended that the Committee take on the Governance oversight role on behalf of the Board, with updated terms of reference. This is to be reviewed after six months.

#### Governance framework

The Committee noted the Governance Framework (see page 40) and suggested some enhancements to improve the two-way flow of information between the Board and Management.

#### ESG

The Committee has been kept up to date on progress relating to ESG and related matters, such as those related to Organisation Change and Succession. In addition, particular attention is being paid to the embedding of ESG across the organisation, with an ESG Framework and Strategy being finalised to support the R&Q Corporate Strategy. Each member of the Leadership Team has ESG criteria written into their personal objectives.

#### 2023 focus

- » Monitor the Board's succession plans in light of upcoming retirements
- » Agree and implement the Group's new Remuneration Policy for the Leadership Team, including a long-term share-based incentive plan
- » Executive Retention Plan for the Leadership Team
- » Further embed ESG in the Group's recruitment and remuneration practices, with each of the Executives and Senior Management having an ESG-based objective
- » Ensure the Terms of Reference are complied with in the context of the ongoing strategic review

#### Eamonn Flanagan

Chair of the Remuneration, Nominations and Governance Committee

28 June 2023



# Investment Committee report

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**Eamonn Flanagan**  
Investment Committee Chair

## Role and responsibilities

Our role is to provide mitigation to the Principal Risk and Uncertainty of 'Market and Investment Risk' through the establishment of investment risk appetite principles and related key risk indicators, and consistent monitoring and reviewing of the Group's investment strategy, its execution, and performance.

We also assist the Board in its oversight of the investment assets of the Group by:

- » agreeing and implementing an investment strategy to deliver the Group's investment objectives
- » monitoring investment performance
- » recommending the appointment of suitably qualified external investment managers to manage the Group's investments and overseeing their performance
- » aligning the Group and its subsidiary companies on investment matters
- » reviewing investment exposures.

Dear Shareholder,

As Chair of the Investment Committee, I am pleased to present our report for 2022 which describes our activities and areas of focus during 2022.

During the year, Robert Legget was welcomed on to the Committee.

Markets experienced an historic number of interest rate increases in 2022 as central banks raised rates to curb inflation. Macro and market environments became more complex, leading to heightened volatility, although emerging signs of disinflation calmed markets in the second half of the year. Overall, the yield curve increased, and we witnessed a severely inverted yield curve, which has been a historical indicator of recessions.

Investment Income on a Pre-Tax Operating Profit basis, which excludes realised and unrealised gains and losses on fixed income investments, increased relative to 2021. The increase in investment income was driven by higher returns on floating rate

investments and cash, and reinvesting new and maturing assets into the higher interest rate environment. There was a material increase in the unrealised loss position driven by higher interest rates and credit spreads, with the majority of unrealised losses arising from fixed rate corporate and government bonds. On a total return basis, our investment performance was consistent with fixed income benchmarks, and benefited from our allocation to floating rate assets. Asset-liability management (ALM) is core to the management of the company's investments, driven by our desire to reduce the likelihood of realising losses arising from the mismatch in the timing of cash outflows relative to investment cash inflows. Nevertheless, we may buy and sell assets for a variety of reasons, including when there are compelling relative value or credit-related considerations that may allow us to improve our long term investment-related economics relative to the risk we are taking. For 2022, realised losses amounted to \$18 million reflecting opportunistic transactions to enhance long-term returns as well as the need to make claim payments.



## Membership and meetings attendance

### Chair

Eamonn Flanagan 4/ 4

### Committee members

Philip Barnes 4/ 4

William Spiegel 4/ 4

Robert Legget 1/1  
(from 2 November 2022)

### Attending by invitation

Other members of the Board

Chief Risk Officer

Head of Corporate Development

### Operation of the Committee

The Committee comprises two independent NEDs, the Executive Chair (Group Chief Executive Officer from 31 March 2023) and the Independent Non-Executive Chair (from 31 March 2023). Between us, we have extensive financial experience, knowledge of capital markets and an understanding of market, investment, and insurance risk management. The balance of skills between Committee members makes us well qualified to address the full scope of the Committee's responsibilities.

The main business of each meeting was to oversee the Group's investment strategy and investment performance, and a summary was presented to the Board on a regular basis.

The standing agenda items include a review of market conditions, portfolio performance and benchmarking, investment activity and key initiatives, a review of realised and unrealised gains/(losses) and other topics of high relevance based upon macro and risk conditions at that time.

Investment presentations and reports by our investment managers are standardised to focus on key issues relevant to our investment mandates. The resulting consistency of reporting allows the Committee to better monitor investment performance across managers.

### Main activities during 2022

- » Review of the investment strategy and guidelines to ensure they remain appropriate and applicable to the requirements of our liability needs and risk profile, meet regulatory requirements, and optimise returns for our investors
- » Continue to enhance asset liability management targets and capabilities. This focuses on optimising the matching of assets and liability cash flows, within the context of regulatory constraints, and enhancing risk-adjusted returns on the portfolios and reducing reinvestment and liquidity risks
- » Evaluate the Group's ESG priorities across the Group's investment portfolios as appropriate
- » Undertake an internal review of the performance of the Committee and report on its conclusions.

### Areas of focus in 2022

#### Group Investment Strategy and Guidelines

The Committee considered the amended Group Investment Strategy and Guidelines and noted that the changes were to processes and that there had been no change to investment risk appetite or strategy. We consider the Group Investment Strategy and Guidelines to provide the appropriate level of flexibility and to be in line with the industry standards. After careful

deliberation, the Committee recommended that the Board approve the Group Investment Strategy and Guidelines.

The Group employs an investment strategy focused on fixed income investments, utilising three external investment managers.

Our investment philosophy is to structure investment portfolios and liquidity to match our liability profile and limit the need to be 'forced sellers,' while focusing on high quality fixed income assets that produce stable, predictable cash flows.

The Committee considered the Risk Management Update and noted that two investment risk KRIs were proposed – Investment Performance and Investment Manager Performance and that each risk had an appropriate owner.

#### Investment risk appetite

The Group invests primarily in marketable, investment grade-rated, fixed income securities and has KRIs related to the amount of net realised loss on investments that can be incurred in any one quarter, measured relative to invested assets, and the performance of its investment managers. During the year, the Committee continued to monitor the performance of the Group's investment strategy within its established risk framework. The Committee also worked with the Group Risk function to update its key risk indicators for investment performance and to develop risk appetite statements and key risk indicators for investment.

#### Investment updates

The Committee received regular reports from its investment managers on the performance of the Group's investment portfolio allowing it to monitor execution of the Group's investment strategy. It reviewed investment performance against agreed benchmarks, market performance and compliance with agreed mandates. The Committee also considered the views of its investment managers on market risk and recommendations for the positioning of the invested portfolio.

# Investment Committee report continued

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Various specific matters were raised by the Committee during the course of the year, driven by topical risk matters. For example, the Committee reviewed how the Group's investments had been impacted by the conflict in Ukraine and what actions had been taken, including:

- » The sale of a security which had minority Russian ownership and may have been impacted by sanctions.
- » An exposure to aircraft leasing investments, where planes had been leased to Russian airlines.

### Management of cash balances

The Committee focused on improving cash management across the Group in accordance with its liquidity requirements and regulatory obligations. Cash balances during the year were impacted by one-time items; and duration continues to shorten as risk-reward and realised loss minimisation favours shorter-dated assets.

### Environmental, social and governance

The Group's ESG strategy continued to evolve in 2022 and the Committee has been evaluating responsible investment and climate change matters. The Committee has been working with its investment managers to determine current best practices and is focusing on incorporating these into the Group's investment strategy as appropriate in the coming year.

### 2023 focus

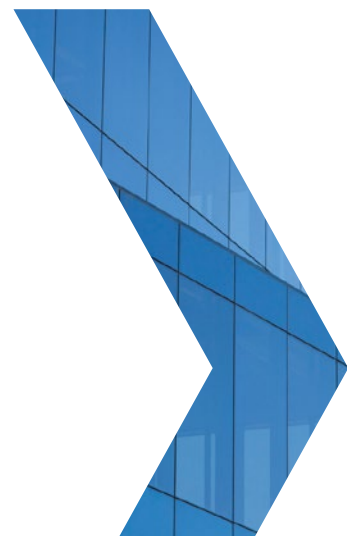
Overseeing:

- » Realised loss mitigation
- » Further ALM work, including the finalisation of the ALM tool (Group, entity and portfolio-level ALM analytics and charts) and the use of output to collaborate with investment managers and increase the alignment of ALM goals
- » The exploration of new investment manager opportunities that expand the Group's investment capabilities and assets
- » The adoption and incorporation of Group-level Risk Appetite Principles and investment-related limits and thresholds
- » Management of cash
- » Positioning of the ESG portfolio and the reporting and disclosure of ESG metrics and targets

### Eamonn Flanagan

Chair of the Investment Committee

28 June 2023





# Group Risk and Compliance Committee report



**Philip Barnes**  
Group Risk and Compliance  
Committee Chair

## Role and responsibilities

During the year, the Committee continued, under its widened remit (incorporating Compliance from Q4 2021) to support the Board in its oversight responsibilities for risk management, internal controls and regulatory compliance across the Group. Our key role is to ensure that risks to our business which impact the delivery of our strategy are identified, understood and effectively managed within our risk appetite, and that appropriate internal controls are in place.

We also assist the Board in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities by reviewing and monitoring:

- » the Group's risk management and internal control framework
- » the Group's risk appetite and alignment with its risk strategy
- » the principal and emerging risks inherent within the business
- » regulatory compliance by the Group

Full terms of reference are available on the Group's website: [www.rqih.com](http://www.rqih.com).

Dear Shareholder,

As Chair of the Group Risk and Compliance Committee, I am pleased to present our Committee Report for 2022 which describes our activities and areas of focus during the year.

During the year the Chief Executive Officer, Alan Quilter, stood down from the Committee and was replaced by Eamonn Flanagan. I should like to thank Alan for his wise contributions to the workings of the Committee and to welcome Eamonn.

I should also like to welcome our new Independent Non-Executive Chair, Jeff Hayman, to the Committee for 2023.

### Operation of the Committee

The Committee comprised three Independent Non-Executive Directors. Collectively, our skills and experience cover the full range of business, finance, risk, audit, and governance expertise required to run a specialty insurance company with an international presence. The Committee met at scheduled quarterly meetings during 2022.

As Committee Chair, I liaised closely with the Chair of the Audit Committee to ensure a clear allocation of responsibilities between the Committees and complete governance across the Group's risk landscape.

The Committee had a number of standing agenda items including the report from the Chief Risk Officer, Group Regulatory interface and horizon scanning from the Group Head of Compliance and Regulatory Affairs, and an update on strategic priorities from a representative from Executive Management.

### Risk Management

#### Risk reporting and risk appetite framework

Effective risk reporting was fundamental to the Committee's management and oversight of key risks during 2022. As part of the report from the Chief Risk Officer, the Committee received a forward-looking risk heatmap at each meeting showing how the principal risks were faring relative to each other in terms of priority and potential impact.

The Committee also considered, as part of the report from the Chief Risk Officer, a more detailed risk dashboard at each meeting,

# Group Risk and Compliance Committee report continued

## Membership and meetings attendance

### Chair

Philip Barnes

6/6

### Committee members

Jo Fox

6/6

Eamonn Flanagan

2/2

Alan Quilter

2/4

(from 2 November 2022)

### Attending by invitation

Chief Risk Officer, Susan Young

Group Head of Compliance and Regulatory Affairs, Angele St. John

Group Head of Internal Audit, Ashwani Malik

Other members of the Executive and Senior Management Team as appropriate.

which demonstrated the Group's adherence to its predetermined risk appetite/ tolerance for taking risk in respect of its key risks. The Committee ensured continued alignment of the framework with the Group's principal risks to the delivery of the Group's strategy and monitored its continued appropriateness.

At the request of Executive Management, during 2022, the Group Risk function has worked with colleagues in the Data, Investments and Capital functions to develop the current risk appetite framework to include a suite of quantitative, analytical metrics, for implementation during 2023.

The Group's principal risks and uncertainties appear on pages 25 to 27.

### Emerging risks

The Group's Risk function operates an Emerging Risks Focus Group (ERFG) which identifies developing risks that cannot yet be fully assessed but which could, in the future, impact our ability to deliver on our long-term business strategy. The focus group now meets three times annually. During 2022, it met three times and provided a report to the Committee each time.

The risks considered included, but were not restricted to, climate change, macroeconomic and geopolitical volatility,

changing expectations of the workforce, developing cyber risk and increase in regulatory scrutiny.

The focus group has continued to consider the specific risks and issues related to the requirements of the Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) and the UK Financial Conduct Authority Supervisory Statement SS3/19, under the auspices of the Group-wide ESG working group.

### Operational resilience

Operational resilience has continued to be an ongoing area of scrutiny. The primary areas under review during 2022 included the external cyber threatscape and associated risks, including a presentation from the Group Head of Data and Technology, and the operational risks arising from the Group's transformation project. Business continuity management forms part of the Group Risk function and any issues arising are reported to the Committee by exception. The Committee also considered outsourcing risk and the development of monitoring capabilities within the Group to oversee its material outsourcing arrangements, both external and within the Group.

### Other risk matters

The Committee also considered the following risk matters during 2022:

- » Reserving risk – the development of enhanced metrics for reserving risk to be considered as part of the wider review of the Group risk appetite framework
- » Inflationary pressures as a driver of a number of the Group's key risks, particularly within the consideration of reserving risk and market risk
- » Reputation and stakeholder management and the impact of the shareholder activism during 2022
- » Intermediary counterparty risk and the mechanics of negotiating and paying up front commissions and accounting for commission clawbacks
- » Reinsurance counterparty risk – the tools, mechanism and underlying assumptions for monitoring reinsurance counterparty risk were reviewed as they relate to the new capital light structure underlying the Group's new fee-oriented model
- » Stress and scenario testing – a Group-wide stress and scenario testing policy was reviewed and approved by the Committee
- » Tax risk – the Committee considered the potential implications of the global minimum tax initiatives on the Group

### Compliance

#### Compliance Charter

The nature of our business means that regulatory and compliance risk is always on the radar. At each meeting in 2022, the Committee received a report on the Group's supervision and related regulatory matters from the Group Head of Compliance and Regulatory Affairs. These reports outlined the Group's ongoing engagement with its main regulators during 2022 and also 'horizon scans' to be aware of incoming issues. Ongoing updates are provided to all regulators.



### Annual return to the Bermuda Monetary Authority (BMA)

The Company is required to submit its annual regulatory return to the Bermuda Monetary Authority (BMA). The key documentation comprises the Group Solvency Self-Assessment (GSSA) and the Group Bermuda Solvency Capital Requirement (BSCR) 2021 Regulatory Filings. The Committee reviewed the documentation and recommended they be submitted to the full Board for approval, following which they be filed with the BMA subject to some minor changes. The Committee now requires that the Group Capital function should prepare a forward looking projection of the Group BSCR as part of the standard agenda for future meetings.

### Horizon scans

The Committee heard updates on key regulatory initiatives including various consultation papers from the BMA, including a revised insurance Code of Conduct, outsourcing and third party risk management from the UK PRA, and Consumer Duty from the UK FCA, pronouncements from the US NAIC on Insurance Business Transfers and the new Malta Financial Services Authority (MFSA) Code of Corporate Governance.

The Committee was also advised that, following the PRA's recent policy statement, large transactions (greater than £100m) would necessitate a Section 166 skilled person review under the Financial Services and Markets Act (FSMA). The Committee discussed the proposal that the Group conduct an analysis of its processes in order to be proactive and understand any weaknesses.

### Subsidiary Risk and Compliance – Oversight and Reporting

As part of the oversight responsibilities for risk management, internal control and regulatory compliance across the Group, the Committee receives a report from the Chair of each regulated subsidiary Risk and Compliance Committee. In November 2022, we held the third annual meeting of the subsidiary Risk and Compliance Committee Chairs. This serves as an opportunity for all attendees to share subsidiary level risk and regulatory compliance concerns and to understand the Group approach to monitoring and managing these concerns, thereby ensuring a consistent approach to risk management, regulatory compliance and governance across the business.

### Committee effectiveness review

The Committee has traditionally benchmarked its effectiveness against emerging best practice. We do this by comparing our composition, structure, and operation, along with that of the Group's Risk function, against the risk coalition principles-based guidance and other corporate governance standards and guidelines, including the QCA Governance Code.

The Group's Risk Governance arrangements (covering both the operation of this Committee and that of the Group Risk function) were subject to an internal audit review, using the Risk Coalition guidance as a benchmark. The internal audit report was finalised in the second half of 2022 and the findings will be addressed during the course of 2023.

The Committee will then conduct its own annual effectiveness review in 2023 and beyond.

### Focus areas for 2023

- » Ongoing monitoring of the Group's principal and emerging risks
- » Ongoing monitoring of the Group's regulatory footprint, horizon scanning for regulatory pipeline initiatives and reporting on regulatory interface
- » Implementation of the Group's new risk appetite framework enhancements incorporating statistical and stochastic analysis, and ongoing review of the Group's risk appetite framework and internal controls
- » Deep dives into climate change and the requirements of the TCFD, Execution risk surrounding the Group's ongoing strategic initiatives, Consumer Duty, the Group's evolving fee-oriented model and underwriting retention strategy, as well as reserving and liquidity risk
- » Oversight of the implementation of recommendations from internal audit reviews into risk governance arrangements and compliance

### Philip Barnes

Chair of the Group Risk and Compliance Committee

28 June 2023

# Risk management

The Board and Leadership Team continue to appreciate that the Group's ongoing success depends on its collective understanding and management of known risks and exposures.

## Overall responsibility for risk management

The Board has responsibility for ensuring that the Group has an appropriate and proportional approach to risk management across the Group, and that this approach is both generic to the Group's activities and aligned with the overall corporate strategy. The risks facing the Group continue to evolve and increase or decrease in potential impact and probability of crystallisation over time. The Group continues to be entrepreneurial and innovative in spite of, and in many respects because of, the challenges of the recent years.

## Risk management framework and Risk function

The Group has a mature risk management framework and Risk function headed by the Chief Risk Officer. The Group Risk Function is responsible for designing, overseeing, implementing, and improving the risk management framework. It works closely with the Board and Leadership Team, meeting regularly with them to monitor existing identified risks and uncertainties, identify new and emerging risks and to ensure that there are appropriate processes and procedures in place to monitor these risks. It is also responsible for monitoring that the business meets regulatory expectations around enterprise risk management and reporting in risk to the Board and the Group Risk and Compliance Committee.

## Group Risk Committee

The Group Risk and Compliance Committee is a formally constituted Committee of the Board. A report from the Group Risk and Compliance Committee Chair on its role, responsibilities, operation, areas of focus during 2022, discharging of responsibilities, self-evaluation and plans for 2022 appears on pages 53 to 55.

## Risk appetite

The risk appetite framework sets the boundaries within which risk taking should remain in order to meet the expectations of the capital providers and other stakeholders. For the Group, it is articulated via a series of quantitative and qualitative statements covering all defined categories of risk.

Risk appetite reflects the amount of risk taking which is acceptable to the Group. Accordingly, risk appetite refers to the Group's attitude to risk taking and whether it is willing or able to tolerate a high or low level of exposure to specific risk or risk categories.

Risk tolerance represents the Group's ability and willingness to bear risk. When considering this, factors such as the availability of capital, ability to raise capital, strength of underlying operational processes and procedures and strength of the organisation's culture are all relevant.

The risk appetite framework, which is set at both the Group level and for each of the key business units, is reviewed annually and/or when there are material changes to the overall risk profile of the Group and or its business units.

## Principal risks and uncertainties

The principal risks and uncertainties can be found within the Strategic Report on pages 25 to 27. For each principal risk, the title and a brief description of the risks and key mitigating actions are described.

## Internal control system

The Group's internal control system comprises the following key elements:

- » Documented governance arrangements continue to evolve along with the overall business strategy
- » Strategic planning process setting priorities for the forthcoming planning horizon, reviewed by the Board periodically to ensure the Group is focusing on its core strengths

- » Detailed planning/budgeting process subject to detailed and ongoing oversight and scrutiny delivering forecasts/targets for Board review and approval
- » Management information systems, including corporate reporting on financial/operating performance
- » A defined risk appetite framework governing management, control and oversight of key risks and issues
- » Overall Group capital adequacy planning conducted biannually
- » Compliance arrangements throughout the Group
- » Internal Audit function providing third line assurance to the Board via the Audit Committee following a risk-based, approved annual Audit Plan, on the effectiveness of the Group's internal controls in respect of key risks identified
- » Risk function as described above

The Board considers that the controls in place during 2022 were and continue to be broadly relevant, proportional, and appropriate for the needs of the Group, and in addition are sufficiently flexible to evolve with the changing needs of the business.

A number of the Group's subsidiaries are regulated and accordingly are subject to the relevant degree of local regulatory oversight. Members of the Board and Leadership Team regularly meet with the Group's various regulatory supervisors, conducting the relationship in an open and constructive manner.

The scope of the Group Risk Committee in late 2021 was widened, to encompass compliance recognised heightened regulatory scrutiny and the requirement for the appropriate level of governance and oversight in this regard. 2022 was the first full year that the Committee operated in its new guise.





**The management of risk and uncertainty is ongoing and iterative and the following overarching process is adopted.**

The Group's risk management framework and reporting mechanisms have adapted and will continue to adapt to address the Group's evolving strategic objectives. This is described in more detail in the Strategic Report.



**Risk governance**

Risk governance within the Group continues to adopt a three lines of defence model at both Group and business unit/entity level.



**Own Risk and Solvency Assessments and equivalents**

The own risk and solvency assessment (ORSA) or equivalent is defined as; 'The entirety of the processes and procedures employed to identify, assess, monitor, manage, and report the short- and long-term risks a firm faces or may face and to determine the own funds necessary to ensure that overall solvency needs are met at all times.' The report produced as part of this process can be described as the 'shop window' of the business planning, capital setting and risk assessment process.

# Statement of Directors' responsibilities

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The Directors are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations. AIM rules require the Directors to prepare consolidated Financial Statements for each financial year. Under those rules they have elected to prepare the Financial Statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the EU.

The Financial Statements are required to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Group and of the profit or loss of the Group for the year. In preparing these Financial Statements, the Directors are required to:

- » select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- » make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- » state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the Financial Statements
- » prepare the Financial Statements on the going-concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Group will continue in business

The Directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Group and to enable them to ensure that the Financial Statements comply with the AIM rules. They have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the Group and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities. The Directors are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the Group's website.



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# Independent auditor's report to the members of R&Q Insurance Holdings Ltd

## Opinion

We have audited the group financial statements of R&Q Insurance Holdings Ltd (the 'group') for the year ended 31 December 2022 which comprise the consolidated income statement, the consolidated statement of comprehensive income, the consolidated statement of changes in equity, consolidated statement of financial position and the consolidated cash flow statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs).

In our opinion, the group financial statements:

- » give a true and fair view of the state of the group's affairs as at 31 December 2022 and its loss for the year then ended; and
- » have been properly prepared in accordance with IFRSs.

## Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the group in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard as applied to listed 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.

## Material uncertainty related to going concern

We draw attention to note 2.d in the financial statements, which indicates that the going concern basis is conditional on the successful sale of the Accredited Group which should give rise to substantial cash proceeds. At the date of signing of these financial statements the group has not yet completed this sale but has received interest from a number of bidders which indicate that it is probable that the sale process would be successful. As stated in note 2.d, these events or conditions, along with the other matters as set forth in note 2.d, indicate that a material uncertainty exists that may cast significant doubt on the group's ability to continue as a going concern. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the director's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate. Our evaluation of the directors' assessment of the group's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting included:

- » We confirmed our understanding of management's going concern assessment process and also engaged with management to ensure all key factors were considered in their assessment.
- » We obtained management's going concern assessment, including the cash forecast for the going concern period, the effects of the sale of the Accredited Group by the end of 2023, and the raising of up to \$60m of non-voting preferred equity. The group has modelled various scenarios in their cash forecasts in order to incorporate unexpected changes to the forecasted liquidity of the group.
- » We have reviewed the bids received from the process established by the group for the disposal of the Accredited Group.
- » We have reviewed the factors and assumptions included in the cash forecast. We considered the appropriateness of the methods used to calculate the cash forecasts and determined that the methods utilised were appropriate to be able to make an assessment for the group. We have also carried out a sensitivity analysis of the group's cash flow forecast to factor in different scenarios.
- » We reviewed the group's going concern disclosures included in the Annual Report in order to assess that the disclosures were appropriate and in conformity with the reporting standards.

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



### Our application of materiality

We apply the concept of materiality both in planning and performing our audit, and in evaluating the effect of misstatements. For planning, we consider materiality to be the magnitude by which misstatements, including omissions, either individually or in aggregate, could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users that are taken on the basis of the financial statements. Importantly, misstatements below this level will not necessarily be evaluated as immaterial as we also take account of the nature of identified misstatements, and the particular circumstances of their occurrence, when evaluating their effect on the financial statements. The application of these key considerations gives rise to the following level of materiality, the quantum and purpose of which is tabulated below.

Materiality measure	How we determined it	Key considerations and benchmarks	Quantum \$
Financial statement materiality	5% of the loss before tax.	In determining our materiality, we have considered financial benchmarks which we believe to be relevant to the primary users of the group's financial statements. We concluded the loss before tax was the most relevant benchmark to these users.	13,800,000 (2021: 8,300,000)

We use a different level of materiality ('performance materiality') to determine the extent of our testing for the audit of the financial statements. Performance materiality is based on the audit materiality as adjusted for the judgements made as to the entity risk and our evaluation of the specific risk of each audit area having regard to the internal control environment. This was set at \$10,950,000 (2021: \$6,300,000).

We agreed with the Audit Committee that we would report to the Committee all audit differences in excess of \$730,000 (2021: \$420,000) as well as differences below that threshold that, in our view, warranted reporting on qualitative grounds.

We reassessed materiality at the end of the audit and did not find it necessary to revise our planning materiality.

### Our approach to the audit

Our audit approach was developed by obtaining an understanding of the group's activities, taking into account the geographic structure of the group, the key subjective judgements made by the directors, for example in respect of significant accounting estimates that involved making assumptions and considering future events that are inherently uncertain, and the overall control environment.

Based on this understanding we assessed those aspects of the group's transactions and balances which were most likely to give rise to a material misstatement and were most susceptible to irregularities including fraud or error. Specifically, we identified what we considered to be key audit matters and planned our audit approach accordingly.

The group operates in a number of overseas locations. In establishing the overall approach to the group audit, we determined the type of work that needed to be performed by us, as the group auditors, and the component auditors of the overseas subsidiaries.

Where the work was performed by component auditors of the overseas subsidiaries, we determined the level of involvement we needed as the group auditors to have in the audit work to be able to conclude whether sufficient and appropriate audit evidence had been obtained as a basis for our group opinion on the financial statements as a whole. We carried out detailed reviews of the audit work of the material components in Bermuda, Malta and the United States of America. We also kept in regular communication with those overseas auditors, through discussions and written instructions.

### Key audit matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the financial statements of the current period and include the most significant assessed risks of material misstatement (whether or not due to fraud) we identified, including those which had the greatest effect on: the overall audit strategy, the allocation of resources in the audit; and directing the efforts of the engagement team. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

In addition to the matter described in the material uncertainty related to going concern section, we have determined the matters described below to be the key audit matters to be communicated in our report.

## Independent auditor's report to the members of R&Q Insurance Holdings Ltd continued

Area	Reason	Audit response
Recognition of program income  Refer to Notes 2 f) and 5 to the group financial statements for disclosures of related accounting policies and balances.	<p>The group has entered into a number of new programs in the year.</p> <p>In accordance with IFRS, the income arising from these programs should only be recognised as income within the income statement when the performance conditions associated with it have been met.</p> <p>The determination of the performance conditions associated with such income gives rise to significant judgements to be exercised by management.</p> <p>There is a risk that such judgements are not made in accordance with IFRS and thus the accounting for such income is materially misstated in the financial statements.</p>	<p>We obtained an understanding and evaluated the design and implementation of controls that the group has established in relation to the recognition of the new program income.</p> <p>We also performed the following procedures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reviewed the underlying program agreements; and</li> <li>Tested, on a sample basis, whether amounts recognised were reasonable and appropriately recorded in the correct accounting period based on the contractual obligations of the insurance agreements.</li> </ul> <p>Based on the procedures we performed, we observed that the recognition of the new program income was reasonable and appropriate based on the requirements of IFRS and the nature of the underlying agreements.</p>
Valuation of insurance contract provisions  Refer to Notes 2 h) and 23 to the group financial statements for disclosures of related accounting policies and balances.	<p>Total net insurance contract provisions for the year end 31 December 2022 are \$1,118 million.</p> <p>The methodologies and assumptions utilised to develop insurance contract provisions involve a significant degree of judgement. The liabilities are based on the estimated ultimate cost of all claims incurred but not settled at a given date, whether reported or not. In addition, classes of business where there is a greater length of time between initial claim event and settlement (such as historic asbestosis and environmental pollution classes) also tend to display greater variability between initial estimates and final settlements. A range of methods may be used to determine these provisions.</p> <p>We focused on this area as the underlying methods include a number of explicit and implicit assumptions relating to the expected settlement amounts and settlement patterns of claims and are subject to complex calculations including application of management's judgement which can give rise to materially different values.</p>	<p>We evaluated whether the group's actuarial methodologies were consistent with those used generally in the industry and with prior periods.</p> <p>We also evaluated the governance around the overall group reserving process, including the scrutiny applied by the group audit and risk committee, as well as group level actuarial reviews.</p> <p>Additionally, we performed the following procedures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tested, on a sample basis, the underlying data to source documentation to assess the completeness and accuracy;</li> <li>Reviewed any significant prior year reserve movements by reference to any significant adverse market development;</li> <li>Performed independent re-projections and sensitivity analyses on selected classes of business and compared our re-projected claims reserves to those booked by management, and challenged management to understand any significant differences.</li> <li>Tested the calculations used in identifying reinsurers' share of any claims.</li> </ul> <p>Based on the procedures we performed, we observed that the value of the insurance contract provisions was reasonable and appropriate.</p>

### Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The directors are responsible for the other information contained within the Annual Report. Our opinion on the group financial statements does not cover the other information, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements 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 this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of the other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

### Responsibilities of Directors

As explained more fully in the directors' responsibilities statement, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the group financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the group financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the group's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the group or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

### Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but 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 economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

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:

- » We obtained an understanding of the group and the insurance sector in which it operates to identify laws and regulations that could reasonably be expected to have a direct effect on the financial statements. We obtained our understanding in this regard through discussions with management, industry research and the application of our cumulative audit knowledge and experience of the insurance sector.
- » We determined the principal laws and regulations relevant to the group in this regard to be those that relate to the financial reporting framework. Our considerations of other laws and regulations that may have a material effect on the financial statements included the prudential and supervisory requirements of the regulatory bodies across the group.
- » We designed our audit procedures to ensure the audit team considered whether there were any indications of non-compliance by the group with those laws and regulations. These procedures included, but were not limited to, making enquiries of management and those responsible for legal and compliance matters. We also reviewed the correspondence between the group and regulatory bodies and reviewed the minutes of the Board to identify any indications of non-compliance.
- » Any instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations were communicated by/to components and considered in our audit approach, if applicable.
- » We also identified possible risks of material misstatement of the financial statements due to fraud. We considered in addition to the non-rebuttable presumption of a risk of fraud arising from management override of controls, that there was potential for management bias in the reporting of events and transactions in the financial statements relating to the valuation of the insurance contract provisions. To address this, we challenged the assumptions and judgements made by management when auditing this significant accounting estimate.
- » As in all of our audits, we addressed the risk of fraud arising from management override of controls by performing audit procedures which included, but were not limited to, the testing of journals and reviewing accounting estimates for evidence of bias and evaluating the business rationale of any significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

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

### Use of our report

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with our engagement letter. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the parent company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

The engagement partner on the audit resulting in this independent auditor's report is Carmine Papa.



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28 June 2023

## Consolidated income statement

For the year ended 31 December 2022

	Note	2022		2021	
		\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m restated*
Gross Written Premiums		1,908.7		1,539.7	
Written premiums ceded to reinsurers		(1,764.9)		(1,463.5)	
<b>Net written premiums</b>			<b>143.8</b>		<b>76.2</b>
Net change in provision for unearned premiums			(42.5)		(12.2)
<b>Earned premium, net of reinsurance</b>			<b>101.3</b>		<b>64.0</b>
Earned Fee Income	6	75.0		31.8	
Gross investment income	7	(97.4)		6.4	
Other income	8	2.9		6.6	
Total fee, investment and other income			(19.5)		44.8
<b>Total income</b>			<b>81.8</b>		<b>108.8</b>
Gross claims paid		(651.9)		(485.9)	
Proceeds from commutations and reinsurers' share of gross claims paid		484.5		154.2	
<b>Claims paid, net of reinsurance</b>			<b>(167.4)</b>		<b>(331.7)</b>
Net change in provisions for claims			0.3		205.4
<b>Net claims provision increase</b>			<b>(167.1)</b>		<b>(126.3)</b>
Operating expenses	9		(178.9)		(166.0)
<b>Result of operating activities before goodwill on bargain purchase</b>			<b>(264.2)</b>		<b>(183.5)</b>
Goodwill on bargain purchase	29		0.6		49.7
Amortisation and impairment of intangible assets	15		(9.7)		(12.8)
Share of profit of associates			12.4		11.2
<b>Result of operating activities</b>			<b>(260.9)</b>		<b>(135.4)</b>
Finance costs	10		(31.7)		(26.5)
<b>Loss before income taxes</b>	11		<b>(292.6)</b>		<b>(161.9)</b>
Income tax (charge)/credit	12		(4.4)		34.8
<b>Loss for the year</b>			<b>(297.0)</b>		<b>(127.1)</b>
<b>Attributable to:</b>					
Shareholders of the parent			(297.0)		(127.1)
Non-controlling interests	30		-		-
			<b>(297.0)</b>		<b>(127.1)</b>

The accounting policies and accompanying notes are an integral part of the Consolidated Financial Statements.

	Note	2022	2021
Earnings per share:			
Basic	13	(91.3)c	(46.8)c
Diluted	13	(91.3)c	(46.8)c

\*All restatements in the financial statements relate to the change in discounting as noted in 2.a.



## Consolidated statement of comprehensive income

For the year ended 31 December 2022

	2022	2021
	\$m	\$m restated
<b>Other comprehensive income:</b>		
Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss:		
Pension scheme actuarial (losses)/gains	(4.5)	3.1
Deferred tax on pension scheme actuarial losses/(gains)	1.1	(0.2)
	(3.4)	2.9
Items that may be subsequently reclassified to profit or loss:		
Exchange losses on consolidation	(35.7)	(3.3)
Other comprehensive income	(39.1)	(0.4)
Loss for the year	(297.0)	(127.1)
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>	<b>(336.1)</b>	<b>(127.5)</b>
<b>Attributable to:</b>		
Shareholders of the parent	(336.1)	(127.5)
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>	<b>(336.1)</b>	<b>(127.5)</b>

The accounting policies and accompanying notes are an integral part of the Consolidated Financial Statements.

## Consolidated statement of changes in equity

For the year ended 31 December 2022

	Notes	Share capital \$m	Share premium \$m	Foreign currency translation reserve \$m	Retained earnings \$m	Total \$m
<b>Year ended 31 December 2022</b>						
At beginning of year		7.5	288.3	(15.7)	117.2	397.3
<b>Loss for the year</b>		-	-	-	(297.0)	(297.0)
<b>Other comprehensive income</b>						
Exchange losses on consolidation		-	-	(35.7)	-	(35.7)
Pension scheme actuarial losses		-	-	-	(4.5)	(4.5)
Deferred tax on pension scheme actuarial losses		-	-	-	1.1	1.1
<b>Total other comprehensive income for the year</b>		-	-	(35.7)	(3.4)	(39.1)
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>		-	-	(35.7)	(300.4)	(336.1)
<b>Transactions with owners</b>						
Issue of shares	25	2.5	121.5	-	-	124.0
<b>At end of year</b>		<b>10.0</b>	<b>409.8</b>	<b>(51.4)</b>	<b>(183.2)</b>	<b>185.2</b>

	Notes	Share capital \$m	Share premium \$m	Treasury shares \$m	Convertible debt \$m	Foreign currency translation reserve \$m	Retained earnings \$m	Sub-total \$m	Non- controlling interests \$m	Total \$m restated
<b>Year ended 31 December 2021</b>										
At beginning of year		6.2	200.9	(0.2)	80.0	(24.7)	267.5	529.7	(0.5)	529.2
Restated	2a	-	-	-	-	-	0.5	0.5	-	0.5
Functional currency revaluation		(0.2)	7.2	-	7.2	12.3	(26.6)	(0.1)	-	(0.1)
<b>Loss for the year (restated)</b>		-	-	-	-	-	(127.4)	(127.4)	-	(127.4)
<b>Other comprehensive income</b>										
Exchange losses on consolidation		-	-	-	-	(3.3)	-	(3.3)	-	(3.3)
Pension scheme actuarial gains		-	-	-	-	-	3.1	3.1	-	3.1
Deferred tax on pension scheme actuarial gains		-	-	-	-	-	(0.2)	(0.2)	-	(0.2)
<b>Total other comprehensive income for the year</b>		-	-	-	-	(3.3)	2.9	(0.4)	-	(0.4)
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>		-	-	-	-	(3.3)	(124.2)	(127.5)	-	(127.3)
<b>Transactions with owners</b>										
Share based payments		0.1	2.6	0.2	-	-	-	2.9	-	2.9
Issue of convertible debt		1.4	85.9	-	(87.2)	-	-	0.1	-	0.1
Purchase of shares		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dividend	14	-	(8.3)	-	-	-	-	(8.3)	-	(8.3)
Non-controlling interest in disposed subsidiary		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.5	0.5
<b>At end of year (restated)</b>		<b>7.5</b>	<b>288.3</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(15.7)</b>	<b>117.2</b>	<b>397.3</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>397.5</b>

The accounting policies and accompanying notes are an integral part of the Consolidated Financial Statements.

# Consolidated statement of financial position

For the year ended 31 December 2022

		2022	2021
Company Number 47341	Notes	\$m	\$m restated
<b>Assets</b>			
Intangible assets	15	71.0	81.8
Investments in associates		22.4	46.2
Property, plant and equipment	16	1.8	2.1
Right of use assets	17	4.1	6.1
Investment properties	18a	–	1.8
Financial instruments			
– Investments (fair value through profit and loss)	18b	1,580.9	1,511.3
– Deposits with ceding undertakings	4b	49.6	21.8
Reinsurers' share of insurance liabilities	23	2,693.2	2,003.1
Deferred tax assets	24	42.2	20.4
Current tax assets	24	7.4	3.6
Insurance and other receivables	19	1,125.4	1,096.3
Cash and cash equivalents	20	316.9	266.3
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>5,914.9</b>	<b>5,060.8</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Insurance contract provisions	23	3,811.1	3,100.9
Financial liabilities			
– Amounts owed to credit institutions	22	344.9	395.9
– Lease liabilities	22	5.4	7.6
– Deposits received from reinsurers	22	38.2	3.0
Deferred tax liabilities	24	16.6	7.9
Insurance and other payables	21	1,498.3	1,140.1
Current tax liabilities	24	7.3	2.4
Pension scheme obligations	27	7.9	5.7
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>5,729.7</b>	<b>4,663.5</b>
<b>Equity</b>			
Share capital	25	10.0	7.5
Share premium	25	409.8	288.3
Foreign currency translation reserve		(51.4)	(15.7)
Retained earnings		(183.2)	117.2
<b>Attributable to equity holders of the parent</b>		<b>185.2</b>	<b>397.3</b>
Non-controlling interests in subsidiary undertakings	30	–	–
<b>Total equity</b>		<b>185.2</b>	<b>397.3</b>
<b>Total liabilities and equity</b>		<b>5,914.9</b>	<b>5,060.8</b>

The Consolidated Financial Statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 28 June 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:



W L Spiegel



T S Solomon

The accounting policies and accompanying notes are an integral part of the Consolidated Financial Statements.

## Consolidated cash flow statement

For the year ended 31 December 2022

		2022	2021
	Notes	\$m	\$m restated
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Loss for the year		(297.0)	(127.1)
Tax included in consolidated income statement		4.4	(34.4)
Finance costs	10	31.7	26.5
Depreciation and impairment	16 & 17	2.4	2.9
Share based payments	25	–	2.8
Share of profits of associates		(12.4)	(11.2)
Profit on divestment		–	(2.6)
Goodwill on bargain purchase	29	(0.5)	(49.7)
Amortisation and impairment of intangible assets	15	9.7	12.8
Fair value loss on financial assets		135.8	17.7
Contributions to pension plan		(2.1)	(1.1)
Loss on net assets of pension schemes		0.3	0.1
Increase in receivables		(26.7)	(409.5)
(Increase)/decrease in deposits with ceding undertakings		(27.8)	158.7
Increase in payables		373.4	705.7
Increase/(decrease) in net insurance technical provisions		42.2	(193.5)
<b>Net cash from operating activities</b>		<b>233.4</b>	<b>98.1</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	16	(0.3)	(0.7)
Proceeds from sale of financial assets		269.9	100.8
Purchase of financial assets		(531.1)	(397.6)
Acquisition of subsidiary undertakings (offset by cash acquired)		0.6	46.7
Divestment (offset by cash disposed of)		1.7	3.5
Distributions from associate		36.2	10.3
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>		<b>(223.0)</b>	<b>(237.0)</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
Repayment of borrowings		(84.5)	(42.0)
Proceeds from new borrowing arrangements		44.8	121.7
Dividends paid		–	(8.3)
Interest and other finance costs paid	10	(31.7)	(26.5)
Receipts from issue of shares		124.0	–
<b>Net cash from financing activities</b>		<b>52.6</b>	<b>44.9</b>
<b>Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		266.3	363.5
Exchange (losses)/gains on cash and cash equivalents		(10.5)	(3.2)
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year</b>	20	<b>316.9</b>	<b>266.3</b>
Share of Syndicates' cash restricted funds		50.7	50.7
Other funds		266.2	215.6
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year</b>		<b>316.9</b>	<b>266.3</b>

The accounting policies and accompanying notes are an integral part of the Consolidated Financial Statements.



# Notes to the consolidated financial statements

For the year ended 31 December 2022

## 1. Corporate information

R&Q Insurance Holdings Ltd (the 'Company') is a company incorporated in Bermuda and listed on AIM, a submarket of the London Stock Exchange. The Company and its subsidiaries (together forming the 'Group') carry on business worldwide as owners and managers of insurance companies, providing program capacity to managing general agents ('MGAs') and run-off solutions to the non-life insurance market. The Consolidated Financial Statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 28 June 2023.

## 2. Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these Consolidated Financial Statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the periods presented, unless otherwise stated.

### a. Basis of preparation

The Consolidated Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ('IFRS'), endorsed by the European Union, International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee interpretations and with the Bermuda Companies Act 1981 (as amended). The Consolidated Financial Statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except that financial assets (including investment property), financial liabilities (including derivative instruments) and purchased reinsurance receivables are recorded at fair value through profit and loss account. All amounts are stated in US dollars and millions, unless otherwise stated.

The preparation of the Consolidated Financial Statements in conformity with IFRS requires the use of estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the Consolidated Financial Statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the year (Note 3). Although these estimates are based on management's best knowledge of the amount, event or actions, actual results may differ from these estimates. The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to estimates are recognised in the year when the revised estimate is made.

### Policy change

The Group has opted to apply discounting to portfolios that would be better represented on a true economic basis by discounting the claims and IBNR provisions where the liability cash flows are 'fixed and determinable' by nature. For example, where contractual terms result in no claim payments for several years and with a known maximum quantum thereafter and Periodic Payment Orders (PPOs) as they are based on the defined pay out structure of the PPO court orders. The presented financial statements include the discounting and restatement of the prior year comparatives accordingly.

The above change results in the following amendments to the 2021 comparatives:

	As reported	Effect of change in accounting policy	As restated
	\$m	\$m	\$m
<b>Consolidated statement of financial position</b>			
Intangible assets	86.2	(4.4)	81.8
Reinsurers' share of insurance liabilities	2,105.6	(102.5)	2,003.1
Insurance contract provisions	(3,207.5)	106.6	(3,100.9)
Deferred tax liabilities	(9.0)	1.1	(7.9)
Retained earnings brought forward 1 January 2021	267.5	0.5	268.0
Loss for the year	(127.4)	0.3	(127.1)
<b>Consolidated income statement</b>			
Net claims provision increase	205.8	(0.4)	205.4
Amortisation and impairment of intangible assets	(13.3)	0.5	(12.8)
Income tax	34.6	0.2	34.8
Basic and diluted earnings per share for the prior year have also been restated:			
Basic	(46.9)c		(46.8)c
Diluted	(46.9)c		(46.8)c

# Notes to the consolidated financial statements continued

For the year ended 31 December 2022

## 2. Accounting policies continued

### a. Basis of preparation continued

#### New and amended Standards adopted by the Group

The group is adopting US GAAP for the reporting of financial statements beginning on 1 January 2023. The US GAAP basis of preparation will result in changes to Consolidated Financial Statements:

- i. **Gross and ceded technical provisions** – There are significant differences in the measurement of gross and ceded reserves under US GAAP and IFRS as follows:
  1. Under US GAAP, a provision for unallocated loss adjustment expenses ('ULAE') is required. This is not required under IFRS provided the estimated future investment income is sufficient to cover ULAE.
  2. Under US GAAP, Program Management reserves are carried at best estimate on an undiscounted basis with an allowance for expected credit losses ('CECL') against the reinsurance recoverable. This allowance is established based on impairment factors provided by AM Best that take into account the duration and credit rating of the reinsurance recoverables at a confidence level of 95%.
  3. Under US GAAP, Legacy Insurance reserves are measured at fair value. R&Q is adopting this methodology in order to recognise reinsurance credit for Legacy Insurance reserves ceded to Gibson Re, which is not recognised under traditional GAAP accounting for retroactive policies. The Legacy Insurance reserves are carried at fair value based on a building block model that factors in discounted cash flows, risk margin and ULAE. On a transaction close, the fair value of the liabilities are set to the fair value of the investment assets transferred. Hence, there is no Day 1 gain recognised under US GAAP and as a result, a higher level of reserves are created at transaction close due to greater claim uncertainty compared to a portfolio which has been owned and managed by the Group for a period of time. Over time, as the portfolio matures and claim uncertainty reduces, reserves are adjusted to the best-estimate but no earlier than twelve months after transaction close.
- ii. **Deferred acquisition costs** – US GAAP does not allow for the capitalisation and deferral of internal costs unless they can be directly attributable to successful acquisition of the policies.
- iii. **Goodwill / intangible assets** – Under IFRS, Legacy Insurance acquisitions include the creation of intangible assets associated with the discounting of technical provisions. Under US GAAP, Legacy Insurance reserves are already discounted at fair value and thus intangible assets are not created.
- iv. **Deferred taxation** – Deferred taxes are temporary differences between tax and accounting bases. As the accounting bases of certain assets and liabilities (mainly reserves and intangibles) will change, with no change in the tax bases, the temporary differences will also change.
- v. **Bonus accrual** – IFRS does not require accrual of discretionary bonuses. Under US GAAP, bonuses need to be accrued when they are probable and can be reasonably estimated.

### b. Selection of accounting policies

Judgement, estimates and assumptions are made by the Directors in selecting each of the Group's accounting policies. The accounting policies are selected by the Directors to present Consolidated Financial Statements based on the most relevant information. In the case of certain accounting policies, there are different accounting treatments that could be adopted, each of which would be in compliance with IFRS and would have a significant influence upon the basis on which the Consolidated Financial Statements are presented.

In respect of financial instruments, the Group accounting policy is to designate all financial assets as fair value through profit or loss, including purchased reinsurance receivables.

### c. Consolidation

The Consolidated Financial Statements incorporate the Financial Statements of the Company, and entities controlled by the Company (its subsidiaries), for the years ended 31 December 2022 and 2021. Control exists when the Group is exposed to, or has the right to, variable returns from its involvement with the entity and has the ability to affect those returns through its power over the entity. In assessing control, the Group takes into consideration potential voting rights that are currently exercisable. The acquisition date is the date on which control is transferred to the acquirer. The financial results of subsidiaries are included in the Consolidated Financial Statements from the date that control commences until the date that control ceases. Losses applicable to the non-controlling interests in a subsidiary are allocated to the non-controlling interests even if doing so causes non-controlling interests to have a deficit balance.

The Group uses the acquisition method of accounting to account for business combinations. The cost of an acquisition is measured as the fair value of the assets acquired, equity instruments issued and liabilities incurred or assumed at the date of acquisition. Acquisition-related costs are charged to the Consolidated Income Statement in the year in which they are incurred.

Certain Group subsidiaries underwrite as corporate members of Lloyd's on Syndicates managed by Coverys Managing Agency Limited, Asta Managing Agency Limited and Capita Managing Agency Limited. In view of the several and direct liability of underwriting members at Lloyd's for the transactions of Syndicates in which they participate, only attributable shares of transactions, assets and liabilities of those Syndicates are included in the Consolidated Financial Statements. The Group continues to conclude that it remains appropriate to consolidate only its share of the result of these Syndicates. The Group is the sole provider of capacity on Syndicate 1110, and these Consolidated Financial Statements include 100% of the economic interest in this Syndicate. For Syndicate 1991, the Group provides 0.04% of the capacity on the 2018, 2019 and 2020 years of account. For Syndicate 2689, the Group provides 0.09% on 2023 and 0.07% of the capacity on the 2022 and 2021 year of account. These Consolidated Financial Statements include the Group's relevant share of the result for those years and attributable assets and liabilities.

Associates are those entities in which the Group has power to exert influence but which it does not control. Investments in associates are accounted for using the equity method of accounting. Under this method the investments are initially measured at cost. Thereafter the Group's share of post-acquisition profits or losses are recognised in the Consolidated Income Statement and adjusted against the cost of the investment included in the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position.

When the Group's share of losses equals or exceeds the carrying amount of the investment in the associate, the carrying amount is reduced to nil and recognition for the losses is discontinued except to the extent that the Group has incurred obligations in respect of the associate. Equity accounting is discontinued when the Group no longer has significant influence over the investment. Inter-company transactions, balances and unrealised gains on transactions between Group companies are eliminated in preparing the Consolidated Financial Statements. Unrealised losses are also eliminated unless the transaction provides evidence of impairment of the asset transferred. Where necessary, amounts reported by subsidiaries have been adjusted to conform to the Group's accounting policies. Non-controlling interests represent the portion of profit or loss and net assets not held by the Group and are presented separately in the Consolidated Income Statement and Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income and within equity in the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position, separately from the equity attributable to the shareholders of the parent.

Insurance broking cash, receivables and payables held by subsidiary companies which act as intermediaries, other than any receivable for fees, commissions and interest earned on a transaction, are not included in the Group's Consolidated Statement of Financial Position as the subsidiaries act as agents for the client in placing the insurable risks of their clients with insurers and as such are not liable as principals for amounts arising from such transactions.

#### d. Going concern

The Consolidated Financial Statements have been prepared on a going concern basis, which is conditional on the completion of the Group strategic review, and this includes the raising of up to \$60m through the issuance of preference shares and the separation and sale of the Accredited Group from R&Q Legacy. At the date of signing these Consolidated Financial Statements, the Group has completed the issuance of the preference shares and has received interest from a number of bidders and is in the process of selecting the preferred bidder for the Accredited Group. There is uncertainty about the timing and completion of the sale of the Accredited Group however assuming the sale is completed the Group's financial position and forecasts for 2023 and 2024 demonstrate that it has adequate cash resources to meet its liabilities as they fall due.

Given these factors, the Directors have a reasonable expectation that the Group will be able to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For the purposes of these Consolidated Financial Statements, this is considered to be a minimum of 12 months from the date on which these financial statements are signed.

#### e. Foreign currency translation

##### Functional and presentational currency

Items included in the Financial Statements of each of the Group's entities are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates (the 'functional currency'). The Consolidated Financial Statements are presented in US dollars, which is the Group's presentational currency.

##### Transactions and balances

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the functional currency rate ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the functional currency rate of exchange ruling at the end of the reporting period; the resulting exchange gain or loss is recognised in the Consolidated Income Statement. Non-monetary items recorded at historical cost in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rate as at the date of the initial transaction and are not subsequently restated.

##### Group translation

The assets and liabilities of overseas subsidiaries, including associated goodwill, held in functional currencies other than the Group's presentational currency are translated at the exchange rate as at the period end date. Income and expenses are translated at average rates for the period. All resulting exchange differences are recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated in the foreign currency translation reserve in the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position.

On the disposal of foreign operations, cumulative exchange differences previously recognised in other comprehensive income are recognised in the Consolidated Income Statement as part of the gain or loss on disposal.

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## 2. Accounting policies continued

### f. Premiums

Gross Written Premiums represent premiums on business commencing in the financial year together with adjustments to premiums written in previous accounting periods and estimates for premiums from contracts entered into during the course of the year. Gross Written Premiums are stated before deduction of brokerage and commission but net of taxes and duties levied on premiums.

#### Unearned premiums

A provision for unearned premiums represents that part of the Gross Written Premiums that is estimated will be earned in the following financial periods. It is calculated on a time apportionment basis having regard, where appropriate, to the incidence of risk. For After the Event policies written by the Group, premiums remain unearned until the point at which the claims exposures relating to these policies become crystallised.

Reinsurance premium costs are allocated to financial periods to reflect the protection arranged in respect of the business written and earned.

#### Acquisition costs

Acquisition costs, which represent commission and other related direct underwriting expenses, are deferred over the period in which the related premiums are earned. Acquisition costs recognised during the period are recorded in operating expenses in the Consolidated Income Statement.

### g. Claims

These include the cost of claims and related expenses paid in the year, together with changes in the provisions for outstanding claims, including provisions for claims incurred but not reported and related expenses, together with any other adjustments to claims from previous years. Where applicable, deductions are made for salvage and other recoveries. These are shown as net claims provisions (increase)/release in the Consolidated Income Statement.

### h. Insurance contract provisions and reinsurers' share of insurance liabilities

Provisions are made in the insurance company subsidiaries and in the Lloyd's Syndicates on which the Group participates for the full estimated costs of claims notified but not settled, including claims handling costs, on the basis of the best information available, taking account of inflation and latest trends in court awards. The Directors of the subsidiaries, with the assistance of run-off managers, independent actuaries and internal actuaries, have established such provisions on the basis of their own investigations and their best estimates of insurance payables, in accordance with accounting standards. Legal advice is taken where appropriate. Deductions are made for salvage and other recoveries as appropriate.

The provisions for claims incurred but not reported ('IBNR') have been based on a number of factors including previous experience in claims and settlement patterns, the nature and amount of business written, inflation and the latest available information as regards specific and general industry experience and trends.

A reinsurance asset (reinsurers' share of technical provisions) is recognised to reflect the amount estimated to be recoverable under the reinsurance contracts in respect of the outstanding claims reported and IBNR. The amount recoverable from reinsurers is initially valued on the same basis as the underlying claims provision. The amount recoverable is reduced when there is an event arising after the initial recognition that provides objective evidence that the Group may not receive all amounts due under the contract.

Neither the claims provisions nor the IBNR provisions have been discounted, other than for long term liabilities with predictable cash flows.

The uncertainties which are inherent in the process of estimating are such that, in the normal course of events, unforeseen or unexpected future developments may cause the ultimate cost of settling the outstanding liabilities to differ materially from that estimated. Any differences between provisions and subsequent settlements are recorded in the Consolidated Income Statement in the year which they arise.

Having regard to the significant uncertainty inherent in the business of insurance as explained in Note 3, and in light of the information available, in the opinion of the Directors the provisions for outstanding claims and IBNR in the Consolidated Financial Statements are fairly stated.

#### Provision for future claims handling costs

Provision for future run-off costs relating to the Group's run-off businesses is made to the extent that the estimate of such costs exceeds the estimated future investment income expected to be earned by those businesses.

Estimates are made for the anticipated costs of running off the business of those insurance subsidiaries and the Group's participation in Syndicates which have insurance businesses in run-off. Where insurance company subsidiaries have businesses in run-off and underwrite new business, management estimates the run-off costs and the future investment income relating to the run-off business. Syndicates are treated as being in run-off for the Consolidated Financial Statements where they have ceased writing new business and, in the opinion of management, there is no current probable reinsurer available to close the relevant syndicate year of account.

Changes in the estimates of such costs and future investment income are reflected in the year in which the changes in estimates are made.

When assessing the amount of any provision to be made, the future investment income and claims handling and all other costs of all the insurance company subsidiaries' and syndicates' businesses in run-off are considered in aggregate.

The uncertainty inherent in the process of estimating the period of run-off and the pay-out pattern over that period, the anticipated run-off administration costs to be incurred over that period and the level of investment income to be received is such that in the normal course of events unforeseen or unexpected future developments may cause the ultimate costs of settling the outstanding liabilities to differ from that previously estimated.



### Unexpired risks provision

Provisions for unexpired risks are made where the costs of outstanding claims, related expense and deferred acquisition costs are expected to exceed the unearned premium reserve carried forward at the end of the reporting period. The provision for unexpired risks is calculated separately by reference to classes of business which are managed together, after taking into account relevant investment return.

#### i. Provisions

Provisions, other than insurance provisions, are recognised when the Group has a present obligation (legal or constructive) as a result of a past event, it is probable that the Group will be required to settle the obligation, and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

Provisions are measured at the present value of the expected expenditure to settle the obligation, using a pre-tax rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the obligation. The increase in the provision due to the passage of time is recognised as an interest expense.

#### j. Structured settlements

Certain of the US insurance company subsidiaries have entered into structured settlements whereby their liability has been settled by the purchase of annuities from third party life insurance companies in favour of the claimants. The subsidiary retains the credit risk in the unlikely event that the life insurance company defaults on its obligations to pay the annuity amounts. Provided that the life insurance company continues to meet the annuity obligations, no further liability will fall on the insurance company subsidiary. The amounts payable to claimants are recognised in liabilities. The amount payable to claimants by the third party life insurance companies are also shown in liabilities as reducing the Group's liability to nil.

In the opinion of the Directors, this treatment reflects the substance of the transaction on the basis that any remaining liability of Group companies under structured settlements will only arise upon the failure of the relevant third party life insurance companies and will be reduced by any available reinsurance cover.

Should the Directors become aware of a claim arising from a policy holder that a third party life insurance company responsible for the payment of an annuity under a structured settlement may not be in a position to meet its annuity obligations in full, appropriate provision will be made for any such failure.

Disclosure of the position in relation to structured settlements is shown in Note 21.

#### k. Segmental reporting

The Group's business segments are based on the Group's management and internal reporting structures and represent the level at which financial information is reported to the Board, being the chief operating decision maker as defined in IFRS 8.

#### l. Financial instruments

Financial instruments are recognised in the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position at such time that the Group becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the financial instrument. A financial asset is derecognised when the contractual rights to receive cash flows from the financial assets expire, or where the financial assets have been transferred, together with substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership. Financial liabilities are derecognised if the Group's obligations specified in the contract expire, are discharged or cancelled.

#### Financial assets

##### i) Acquisition

On acquisition of a financial asset, the Group is required under IFRS to classify the asset into one of the following categories: 'financial assets at fair value through profit or loss', 'loans and receivables held to maturity' and 'available for sale'. The Group does not currently hold assets classified as 'held to maturity' and 'available for sale'.

##### ii) Financial assets at fair value through profit and loss

All financial assets, other than cash, loans and receivables, are currently designated as fair value through profit and loss upon initial recognition because they are managed and their performance is evaluated on a fair value basis. Information about these financial assets is provided internally on a fair value basis to the Group's key management. The Group's investment strategy is to invest and evaluate their performance with reference to their fair values.

##### iii) Fair value measurement

When available, the Group measures the fair value of an instrument using quoted prices in an active market for that instrument.

If a market for a financial instrument is not active, the Group establishes fair value using a valuation technique. Valuation techniques include using recent arm's length transactions between knowledgeable, willing parties (if available) and reference to the current fair value of other instruments that are substantially the same or discounted cash flow analyses.

Assets and long positions are measured at a bid price; liabilities and short positions are measured at an asking price. Where the Group has positions with offsetting risks, mid-market prices are used to measure the offsetting risk positions and a bid or asking price adjustment is applied only to the net open position as appropriate. Fair values reflect the credit risk of the instrument and include adjustments to take account of the credit risk of the Group entity and counterparty where appropriate. Fair value estimates obtained from models are adjusted for any other factors, such as liquidity risk or model uncertainties, to the extent that the Group believes a third party market participant would take them into account in pricing a transaction.

# Notes to the consolidated financial statements continued

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## 2. Accounting policies continued

### i. Financial instruments continued

Upon initial recognition, attributable transaction costs relating to financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss are recognised when incurred in other operating expenses in the Consolidated Income Statement. Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss are measured at fair value, and changes therein are recognised in the Consolidated Income Statement. Net changes in the fair value of financial assets at fair value through profit and loss exclude interest and dividend income, as these items are accounted for separately as set out in the investment income section below.

#### iv) Insurance receivables and payables

Insurance receivables and payables are recognised when due. These include amounts due to and from agents, brokers and insurance contract holders. Insurance receivables are classified as 'loans and receivables' as they are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted on an active market. Insurance receivables are measured at amortised cost less any provision for impairment. Insurance payables are stated at amortised cost. Insurance receivables and payables are not discounted.

#### v) Investment income

Investment income consists of dividends, interest, realised and unrealised gains and losses and exchange gains and losses on financial assets at fair value through profit and loss. The realised gains or losses on disposal of an investment are the difference between the proceeds and the original cost of the investment. Unrealised investment gains and losses represent the difference between the carrying amount at the reporting date, and the carrying amount at the previous period end or the purchase value during the period.

### Financial liabilities

#### Borrowings

Borrowings are initially recorded at fair value less transaction costs incurred. Subsequently borrowings are stated at amortised cost and interest is recognised in the Consolidated Income Statement over the period of the borrowings.

#### Senior and subordinated debt

R&Q Insurance Holdings Ltd and Group subsidiaries have issued senior and subordinated debt. At Group level this is treated as a financial liability and interest charges are recognised in the Consolidated Income Statement.

#### Derivative financial instruments

Derivatives are initially recognised at fair value on the date on which a derivative contract is entered into and are subsequently re-measured at their fair value. The best evidence of fair value of a derivative at initial recognition is the transaction price. The method of recognising the resulting fair value gains or losses depends on whether the derivative is designated as a hedging instrument and, if so, the nature of the item being hedged. Fair values are obtained from quoted market prices in active markets, recent market transactions, and valuation techniques which include discounted cash flow models. All derivatives are carried as assets when fair value is positive and as liabilities when fair value is negative.

The Group has not designated any derivatives as fair value hedges, cash flow hedges or net investment hedges.

### m. Property, plant and equipment

All assets included within property, plant and equipment ('PPE') are carried at historical cost less depreciation and assessed for impairment. Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost less estimated residual value of motor vehicles, office equipment, IT equipment, freehold property and leasehold improvements by the straight-line method over their expected useful lives.

The principal rates per annum used for this purpose are:

	%
Motor vehicles	25
Office equipment	8–50
IT equipment	20–25
Freehold property	2
Leasehold improvements	Term of lease

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an item of PPE is determined as the difference between the sales proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset and is recognised in the Consolidated Income Statement.

**n. Leases**

The Group recognises a right-of-use asset and a lease liability at the lease commencement date. The right-of-use asset is initially measured at cost, which comprises the initial amount of the lease liability adjusted for any lease payments made at or before the commencement date, plus any initial direct costs incurred and an estimate of costs to refurbish the underlying asset, less any lease incentives received.

The right-of-use asset is subsequently depreciated using the straight-line method from the commencement date to the earlier of the end of the useful life of the right-of-use asset or the end of the lease term. The estimated useful lives of right-of-use assets are determined on the same basis as those of Property, plant and equipment. In addition, the right-of-use asset is reviewed for impairment losses, if any, and adjusted for certain re-measurements of the lease liability.

The Group has elected not to recognise right-of-use assets and lease liabilities for short-term leases that have a lease term of 12 months or less and leases of low-value assets, including IT equipment. The Group recognises the lease payments associated with these leases as an expense to the Consolidated Income Statement on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

Right-of-use assets are disclosed under note 17.

**o. Goodwill**

The Group uses the acquisition method in accounting for acquisitions. The difference between the cost of acquisition and the fair value of the Group's share of the identifiable net assets acquired is capitalised and recorded as goodwill. If the cost of an acquisition is less than the fair value of the net assets of the subsidiary acquired the difference is recognised directly in the Consolidated Income Statement as goodwill on bargain purchase.

Goodwill acquired in a business combination is initially measured at cost, being the excess of the fair value of the consideration paid for the business combination over the Group's interest in the net fair value of the identifiable assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities. Following initial recognition, goodwill is measured at cost less any accumulated impairment losses. Goodwill is tested for impairment at the cash generating unit level, as shown in Note 15, on a biannual basis or if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may be impaired.

**p. Other intangible assets**

Intangible assets, other than goodwill, that are acquired separately are stated at cost less accumulated amortisation and impairment.

Intangible assets acquired in a business combination, and recognised separately from goodwill, are recognised initially at fair value at the acquisition date. This includes intangible assets calculated by measuring the difference between the discounted and undiscounted fair value of net technical provisions acquired.

Amortisation is charged to operating expenses in the Consolidated Income Statement as follows:

Purchased IT software	3–5 years, on a straight-line basis
On acquisition of insurance companies in run-off	Estimated pattern of run-off
On acquisitions – other	Useful life, which may be indefinite

Assets that are subject to amortisation are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognised in the Consolidated Income Statement to reduce the carrying amount to the recoverable amount.

**US insurance authorisation licences**

US state insurance authorisation licences acquired in business combinations are recognised initially at their fair value. The asset is not amortised, as the Directors consider that economic benefits will accrue to the Group over an indefinite period due to the long-term stability of the US insurance market. The licences are tested annually for impairment. This assumption is reviewed annually to determine whether the asset continues to have an indefinite life. Costs of acquiring new licences are recognised in the year of acquisition.

**Rights to customer contractual relationships**

Costs directly attributable to securing the intangible rights to customer contractual relationships are recognised as an intangible asset where they can be identified separately and measured reliably, and it is probable that they will be recovered by directly related future profits. These costs are amortised on a straight-line basis over the useful economic life which is deemed to be 15 years and are carried at cost less accumulated amortisation and impairment losses.

# Notes to the consolidated financial statements continued

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## 2. Accounting policies continued

### q. Employee benefits

The Group makes contributions to defined contribution schemes and a defined benefit scheme.

The pension cost in respect of the defined contribution schemes represents the amounts payable by the Group for the year. The funds of the schemes are administered by trustees and are separate from the Group. The Group's liability is limited to the amount of the contributions.

The defined benefit scheme is funded by contributions from a subsidiary company and its assets are held in a separate Trustee administered fund. Pension scheme assets are measured at market value, and liabilities are measured using the projected unit method and discounted at the current rate of return on high quality corporate bonds of equivalent term and currency to the liability.

Current service cost, net interest income or cost and any curtailments/settlements are charged to the Consolidated Income Statement. The present value of the defined benefit obligation at the end of the reporting period less the fair value of plan assets is recognised and disclosed separately as a net pension liability in the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position. Surpluses are only recognised up to the aggregate of any cumulative unrecognised net actuarial gains and past service costs, and the present value of any economic benefits available in the form of any refunds or reductions in future contributions.

Subject to the restrictions relating to the recognition of a pension surplus, all actuarial gains and losses are recognised in full in other comprehensive income in the period in which they occur.

### r. Cash and cash equivalents

For the purposes of the Consolidated Cash Flow Statement, cash and cash equivalents comprise cash at bank and other short-term highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition, and bank overdrafts which are repayable on demand.

### s. Finance costs

Finance costs comprise interest payable and are recognised in the Consolidated Income Statement in line with the effective interest rate on liabilities.

### t. Operating expenses

Operating expenses are accounted for in the Consolidated Income Statement in the period to which they relate.

#### Pre-contract costs

Directly attributable pre-contract costs are recognised as an asset when it is virtually certain that a contract will be obtained and the contract is expected to result in future net cash inflows in excess of any amounts recognised as an asset.

Pre-contract costs are charged to the Consolidated Income Statement over the shorter of the life of the contract or five years.

#### Onerous contracts

Onerous contract provisions are provided for in circumstances where the Group has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of past events to provide services, the costs of which exceed future income. The costs of providing the services are projected based on management's assessment of the contract.

#### Arrangement fees

Arrangement fees in relation to loan facilities are deducted from the relevant financial liability and amortised over the period of the facility.

### u. Other income

Other income is stated excluding any applicable value added tax and includes the following items:

#### Management fees

Management fees are from non-Group customers and are recognised when the right to such fees is established through a contract and to the extent that the services concerned have been performed. Billing follows the supply of service and the consideration is unconditional because only the passage of time is required before the payment is due.

#### Purchased reinsurance receivables

The Group accounts for purchased reinsurance receivables at fair value through profit and loss. Fair value is defined as the price at which an orderly transaction would take place between market participants at the reporting date and is therefore an estimate which requires the use of judgement.

#### Earned Fee Income

Earned Fee Income comprises brokerage and profit commission arising from the placement of insurance contracts. Brokerage is recognised at the inception date of the policy, or the date of contractual entitlement, if later. Alterations in brokerage arising from premium adjustments are taken into account as and when such adjustments are notified. To the extent that the Group is contractually obliged to provide services after this date, a suitable proportion of income is deferred and recognised over the life of the relevant contracts to ensure that revenue appropriately reflects the cost of fulfilling those obligations. Profit commission is recognised when the right to such profit commission is established through a contract but only to the extent that a reliable estimate of the amount due can be made. Such estimates are made on a prudent basis that reflects the level of uncertainty involved.



#### v. Share based payments

The Group issues equity settled payments to certain of its employees.

#### w. Current and deferred income tax

Tax on the profit or loss for the year comprises current and deferred tax.

Tax is recognised in the Consolidated Income Statement except to the extent that it relates to items recognised in other comprehensive income, in which case it is recognised in the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income.

The current income tax charge is calculated on the basis of the tax laws enacted or substantively enacted at the end of the reporting period in the countries where the Company's subsidiaries and associates operate and generate taxable income.

Deferred tax liabilities are provided in full, using the liability method, on temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the Consolidated Financial Statements. However, if the deferred tax arises from initial recognition of an asset or liability in a transaction other than a business combination and which, at the time of the transaction, affects neither accounting, nor taxable profit or loss, it is not provided for.

Deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which these temporary differences can be utilised.

Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are offset when there is a legally enforceable right to offset current tax assets against current tax liabilities and when the deferred income tax assets and liabilities relate to income taxes levied by the same taxation authority on either the taxable entity or different taxable entities where there is an intention to settle the balances on a net basis. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are determined using tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the period end date and are expected to apply when the related deferred tax asset is realised, or the deferred tax liability is settled.

#### x. Share capital

Ordinary shares and Preference A and B shares are classified as equity. Incremental costs directly attributable to the issue of new shares or options are shown in equity as a deduction, net of tax, from the proceeds.

#### y. Distributions

Distributions payable to the Company's shareholders are recognised as a liability in the Consolidated Financial Statements in the period in which the distributions are declared and approved.

### 3. Estimation techniques, uncertainties and contingencies

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated, and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

#### Significant uncertainty in technical provisions

Significant uncertainty exists as to the accuracy of the insurance contract provisions and the reinsurers' share of insurance liabilities established in the insurance company subsidiaries and the Lloyd's Syndicates on which the Group participates as shown in the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position. The ultimate costs of claims and the amounts ultimately recovered from reinsurers could vary materially from the amounts established at the year end.

In the event that further information were to become available to the Directors of an insurance company subsidiary which gave rise to material additional liabilities, the going concern basis might no longer be appropriate for that company and adjustments would have to be made to reduce the value of its assets to their realisable amount, and to provide for any further liabilities which might arise in that subsidiary. The Group bears no financial responsibility for any liabilities or obligations of any insurance company subsidiary in run-off, except as disclosed. Should any insurance company subsidiary cease to be able to continue as a going concern in the light of further information becoming available, any loss to the Group would thus be restricted to the book value of their investment in and amounts due from that subsidiary and any guarantee liability that may arise.

#### Claims provisions

The Consolidated Financial Statements include provisions for all outstanding claims and IBNR, for related reinsurance recoveries and for all costs expected to be incurred to run-off its liabilities.

The insurance contract provisions including IBNR are based upon actuarial and other studies of the ultimate cost of liabilities including exposure based and statistical estimation techniques. There are significant uncertainties inherent in the estimation of each insurance company subsidiary's and Lloyd's Syndicate's insurance liabilities and reinsurance recoveries. There are many assumptions and estimation techniques that may be applied in assessing the amount of those provisions which individually could have a material impact on the amounts of liabilities, related reinsurance assets and reported shareholders' equity funds. Actual experience will often vary from these assumptions, and any consequential adjustments to amounts previously reported will be reflected in the results of the year in which they are identified. Potential adjustments arising in the future could, if adverse in the aggregate, exceed the amount of shareholders' equity funds of an insurance company subsidiary.

Independent external actuaries are contracted to provide a Statement of Actuarial Opinion for the Lloyd's Syndicates on which Group participates. This statement confirms that, in the opinion of the actuary, the booked reserves are greater than or equal to their view of best estimate.

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### 3. Estimation techniques, uncertainties and contingencies continued

#### Claims provisions continued

In the case of the Group's larger insurance companies, independent external actuaries provide a view of best estimate reserves and confirm that the held reserves are within their range of reasonable estimates.

The business written by the insurance company subsidiaries consists in part of long-tail liabilities, including asbestos, pollution, health hazard and other US liability insurance. The claims for this type of business are typically not settled until many years after policies have been written. Furthermore, much of the business written by these companies is reinsurance and retrocession of other insurance companies' business, which lengthens the settlement period.

Significant delays occur in the notification and settlement of certain claims and a substantial measure of experience and judgement is involved in making the assumptions necessary for assessing outstanding liabilities, the ultimate cost of which cannot be known with certainty at the period end date. The gross insurance contract provisions and related reinsurers' share of insurance liabilities are estimated on the basis of information currently available. Provisions are calculated gross of any reinsurance recoveries. A separate estimate is made of the amounts that will be recoverable from reinsurers based upon the gross provisions and having due regard to collectability.

The insurance contract provisions include significant amounts in respect of notified and potential IBNR claims for long-tail liabilities. The settlement of most of these claims is not expected to occur for many years, and there is significant uncertainty as to the timing of such settlements and the amounts at which they will be settled.

While many claims are clearly covered under policy wordings and are paid quickly, many other claims are subject to significant disputes, for example over the terms of a policy and the amount of the claim. The provisions for disputed claims are based on the view of the Directors of each insurance company subsidiary as to the expected outcomes of such disputes. Claim types impacted by such disputes include asbestos, pollution and certain health hazards and retrocessional reinsurance claims.

Uncertainty is further increased because of the potential for unforeseen changes in the legal, judicial, technological or social environments, which may increase or decrease the cost, frequency or reporting of claims, and because of the potential for new sources or types of claim to emerge.

#### Asbestos, pollution and health hazard claims

The estimation of the provisions for the ultimate cost of claims for asbestos, pollution, health hazard and other US liability insurance is subject to a range of uncertainties that is generally greater than those encountered for other classes of insurance business. As a result it is not possible to determine the future development of asbestos, pollution, health hazard and other US liability insurance with the same degree of reliability as with other types of claims. Consequently, traditional techniques for estimating claims provisions cannot wholly be relied upon. The Group employs further techniques which utilise, where practical, the exposure to these losses by contract to determine the claims provisions.

#### Insurance claims handling expenses

The provision for the cost of handling and settling outstanding claims to extinction and all other costs of managing the run-off is based on an analysis of the expected costs to be incurred in run-off activities, incorporating expected savings from the reduction of transaction volumes over time.

The period of the run-off may be between 5 and 50 years depending upon the nature of the liabilities within each insurance company subsidiary. Ultimately, the period of run-off is dependent on the timing and settlement of claims and the collection of reinsurance recoveries; consequently similar uncertainties apply to the assessment of the provision for such costs.

#### Reinsurance recoveries

Reinsurance recoveries are included in respect of claims outstanding (including IBNR claims) and claims paid after making provision for irrecoverable amounts. The reinsurance recoveries on IBNR claims are estimated based on the recovery rate experienced on notified and paid claims for each class of business.

The insurance company subsidiaries are exposed to disputes on contracts with their reinsurers and the possibility of default by reinsurers. In establishing the provision for non-recovery of reinsurance balances, the Directors of each insurance company subsidiary consider the financial strength of each reinsurer, its ability to settle their liabilities as they fall due, the history of past settlements with the reinsurer, and the Group's own reserving standards and have regard to legal advice regarding the merits of any dispute.

#### Recognition and de-recognition of assets and liabilities in run-off

In the course of the Group's business of managing the run-off of insurers and brokers, accounting records are initially recognised in the form provided by previous management. As part of managing run-off the Group carries out extensive enquiries to clarify the assets and liabilities of the run-off and to obtain all available and relevant information. Those enquiries may lead the Group to identify and record additional assets and liabilities relating to that run-off, or to conclude that previously recognised assets and liabilities should be increased or no longer exist and should be de-recognised. Where decisions to de-recognise liabilities are supported by an absence of relevant information there may remain a remote possibility that a third party may subsequently provide evidence of its entitlement to such de-recognised liabilities which may lead to a transfer of economic benefit to settle such entitlement. The right of a third party to such a settlement will be recognised in the accounting period in which the position is clarified.

### Defined benefit pension scheme

The pension assets and post retirement liabilities are calculated in accordance with IAS 19. The assets, liabilities and Consolidated Income Statement charge or credit, calculated in accordance with IAS 19, are sensitive to the assumptions made, including inflation, interest rate, investment return and mortality. IAS 19 compares, at a given date, the current market value of a pension fund's assets with its long term liabilities, which are calculated using a discount rate in line with yields on high quality bonds of suitable duration and currency. As such, the financial position of a pension fund on this basis is highly sensitive to changes in bond rates and equity markets.

### Litigation, mediation and arbitration

The Group in common with the insurance industry in general, is subject to litigation, mediation and arbitration, and regulatory, governmental and other sectorial inquiries in the normal course of its business. The Directors do not believe that, in the aggregate, current litigation, governmental or sectorial inquiries and pending or threatened litigation or dispute is likely to have a material impact on the Group's financial position. However, if the outcome of any individual dispute differs substantially from expectation, there could be a material impact on the Group's profit or loss, financial position or cash flows in the year in which that impact is recognised.

### Changes in foreign exchange rates

The Group's Consolidated Financial Statements are prepared in US dollars. Therefore, fluctuations in exchange rates used to translate other currencies, particularly the Euro and sterling, into US dollars will impact the reported Consolidated Statement of Financial Position, results of operations and cash flows from year to year. These fluctuations in exchange rates will also impact the US dollar value of the Group's investments and the return on its investments. Income and expenses are translated into US dollars at average exchange rates. Monetary assets and liabilities are translated at the closing exchange rates at the period end date.

### Assessment of impairment of intangible assets

Goodwill and US insurance authorisation licences are deemed to have an indefinite life as they are expected to have a value in use that does not erode or become obsolete over the course of time. Consequently, they are not amortised but tested for impairment on a biannual basis or if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may be impaired.

The impairment tests involve evaluating the recoverable amount of the Group's cash generating units and comparing them to the relevant carrying amounts. The recoverable amount of each cash generating unit is determined based on cash flow projections. These cash flow projections are based on the financial budgets approved by management covering a five year period. Management also consider the current net asset value and earnings of each cash generating unit for impairment.

### Provisions

Estimates are based on reports provided by recognised specialists as well as the Group's own internal review. Liabilities may not be settled for many years and significant judgement is involved in making an assessment of these liabilities, the period over which they will be settled and, where appropriate, the discount rate to be applied to assess the present value of the amounts to be settled.

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### 4. Management of insurance and financial risks

The Group's activities expose it to a variety of insurance and financial risks. The Board is responsible for managing the Group's exposure to these risks and, where possible, for introducing controls and procedures that mitigate the effects of the exposure to risk.

The Group has a Risk and Compliance Committee which is a formal Committee of the Board. The Committee has responsibility for maintaining the effectiveness of the Group's Risk Management Framework, systems of internal control, risk policies and procedures and adherence to risk appetite.

The following describes the Group's exposure to the more significant risks and the steps management have taken to mitigate their impact from a quantitative and qualitative perspective.

#### a. Investment risks (including market risk and interest rate risk)

The Group has established a dedicated Investment Committee which has taken over responsibility from the former Group Capital and Investment Committee for setting and recommending to the Board a strategy for the management of the Group's investment assets owned or managed by companies within the Group within an acceptable level of risk as set out in the Group's Risk Management Framework. The investment of the Group's financial assets, except certain deposits with ceding undertakings, is managed by external investment managers, appointed by the Investment Committee. The Investment Committee is responsible for setting the policy to be followed by the investment managers. The investment strategy strives to mitigate the impact of interest rate fluctuation and credit risks and to provide appropriate liquidity, in addition to monitoring and managing foreign exchange exposures.

The Investment Committee is also responsible for keeping under review the investment control procedures, monitoring and amending (where appropriate) the investment policies and oversight of loans and guarantees between Group companies.

The main objective of the investment policy is to maximise risk adjusted returns whilst adhering to regulatory and group investment guidelines together with seeking to optimise the matching of asset and liability cash flows.

The investment allocation (including surplus cash) at 31 December 2022 and 2021 is shown below:

	2022	2021
	\$m	\$m
Government and government agencies	395.3	330.9
Corporate bonds	1,079.2	1,055.9
Equities	22.0	11.9
Cash-based investment funds	84.4	112.6
Cash and cash equivalents	316.9	266.3
	<b>1,897.8</b>	<b>1,777.6</b>
	%	%
Government and government agencies	20.8	18.6
Corporate bonds	56.9	59.4
Equities	1.2	0.7
Cash-based investment funds	4.4	2.4
Cash and cash equivalents	16.7	18.9
	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Corporate bonds include asset backed mortgage obligations totalling \$28.8m (2021: \$45.1m).

Based on invested assets at external managers of \$1,580.9m as at 31 December 2022 (2021: \$1,511.3m), a 1 percentage increase/decrease in market values would result in an increase/decrease in the profit before income taxes for the year to 31 December 2022 of \$15.8m (2021: \$15.1m).



**(i) Pricing risk**

The following table shows the fair values of financial assets using a valuation hierarchy; the fair value hierarchy has the following levels:

Level 1 – Valuations based on quoted prices in active markets for identical instruments. An active market is a market in which transactions for the instrument occur with sufficient frequency and volume on an ongoing basis such that quoted prices reflect prices at which an orderly transaction would take place between market participants at the measurement date.

Level 2 – Valuations based on quoted prices in markets that are not active or based on pricing models for which significant inputs can be corroborated by observable market data.

Level 3 – Valuations based on inputs that are unobservable or for which there is limited activity against which to measure fair value.

2022	Level 1 \$m	Level 2 \$m	Level 3 \$m	Total \$m
Government and government agencies	395.3	–	–	395.3
Corporate bonds	1,062.4	16.8	–	1,079.2
Equities	21.3	0.7	–	22.0
Cash-based investment funds	–	84.4	–	84.4
Purchased reinsurance receivables (Note 19)	–	–	6.6	6.6
<b>Total financial assets measured at fair value</b>	<b>1,479.0</b>	<b>101.9</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>1,587.5</b>
2021	Level 1 \$m	Level 2 \$m	Level 3 \$m	Total \$m
Government and government agencies	330.9	–	–	330.9
Corporate bonds	999.0	56.9	–	1,055.9
Equities	11.6	0.3	–	11.9
Cash-based investment funds	–	112.6	–	112.6
Purchased reinsurance receivables (Note 19)	–	–	6.6	6.6
<b>Total financial assets measured at fair value</b>	<b>1,341.5</b>	<b>169.8</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>1,517.9</b>

The following table shows the movement on Level 3 assets measured at fair value:

	2022 \$m	2021 \$m
Opening balance	6.6	6.4
Total net gains recognised in the Consolidated Income Statement	–	0.2
<b>Closing balance</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>6.6</b>

Level 3 investments (purchased reinsurance receivables) have been valued using detailed models outlining the anticipated timing and amounts of future receipts. The net gains recognised in the Consolidated Income Statement in other income for the year amounted to nil (2021: \$0.2m). The Group purchased no further reinsurance receivables in 2022 (2021: nil). Short term delays in the anticipated receipt of these investments will not have a material impact on their valuation.

There were no transfers between Level 1 and Level 2 investments during the year under review.

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### 4. Management of insurance and financial risks continued

#### a. Investment risks (including market risk and interest rate risk) continued

The following shows the maturity dates and interest rate ranges of the Group's debt securities:

##### (ii) Liquidity risk

As at 31 December 2022

##### Maturity date or contractual re-pricing date

	Total \$m	Less than one year \$m	After one year but less than two years \$m	After two years but less than three years \$m	After three years but less than five years \$m	More than five years \$m
Debt securities	1,506.9	224.2	264.8	153.0	275.8	589.1

##### Interest rate ranges (coupon-rates)

	Less than one year %	After one year but less than two years %	After two years but less than three years %	After three years but less than five years %	More than five years %
Debt securities	0.10–8.25	0.13–9.75	0.05–8.88	0.01–9.25	0.01–9.36

As at 31 December 2021

##### Maturity date or contractual re-pricing date

	Total \$m	Less than one year \$m	After one year but less than two years \$m	After two years but less than three years \$m	After three years but less than five years \$m	More than five years \$m
Debt securities	1,499.4	258.0	176.2	172.6	235.4	657.2

##### Interest rate ranges (coupon-rates)

	Less than one year %	After one year but less than two years %	After two years but less than three years %	After three years but less than five years %	More than five years %
Debt securities	0.13–8.025	0–8.25	0.10–7.38	0.13–9.75	0.01–9.25

The Investment Committee determines, implements and reviews investment strategies for each entity and for the Group as a whole, having appropriate regard for the duration characteristics of the liabilities supported by the investments and the specific liquidity requirements for each entity. Liquidity risk is also monitored by the Group's financial planning and treasury functions' established cash flow and liquidity management processes.

##### (iii) Interest rate risk

Fixed income investments represent a significant proportion of the Group's assets and the Investment Committee continually monitors investment strategy to minimise the risk of a fall in the portfolio's market value.

The fair value of the Group's investment portfolio of debt and fixed income securities is normally inversely correlated to movements in market interest rates. If market interest rates rise, the fair value of the Group's debt and fixed income investments would tend to fall and vice versa.

Debt and fixed income assets are predominantly invested in high-quality corporate, government and asset-backed bonds. The investments typically have relatively short durations and terms to maturity.

The Group is exposed to interest rate risk within the Group's financial liabilities. This exposure lies predominately with amounts owed to credit institutions and debentures secured over the assets of the Company and its subsidiaries.

**b. Credit risk**

Credit risk arises where counterparties fail to meet their financial obligations as they fall due. The most significant area where it arises for the Group is where reinsurers fail to meet their obligations in full as they fall due. In addition, the Group is exposed to the risk of disputes on individual claims presented to its reinsurers or in relation to the contracts entered into with its reinsurers.

The Group guideline is for the reinsurers of program management to meet a minimum of the AM Best's A credit rating or otherwise fully collateralise the obligation, in order to mitigate counterparty credit risk.

The ratings used in the analysis below are based upon the published rating of Standard & Poor's or other recognised ratings agency.

As at 31 December 2022	A rated \$m	B rated \$m	Less than B \$m	Other* \$m	Exposures of less than \$200k \$m	Total \$m
Deposits with ceding undertakings	38.3	1.5	–	9.1	0.7	49.6
Reinsurers' share of insurance liabilities	2,077.1	80.3	–	496.0	39.8	2,693.2
Receivables arising out of reinsurance contracts	202.0	7.8	–	48.3	3.9	262.0

As at 31 December 2021 restated	A rated \$m	B rated \$m	Less than B \$m	Other* \$m	Exposures of less than \$200k \$m	Total \$m
Deposits with ceding undertakings	16.8	0.6	–	4.0	0.4	21.8
Reinsurers' share of insurance liabilities	1,198.8	50.3	–	729.1	24.9	2,003.1
Receivables arising out of reinsurance contracts	367.5	14.2	–	87.8	7.0	476.5

\*Other includes reinsurers who currently have no credit rating, but for which the Group endeavors to obtain collateral.

The reinsurers' share of insurance liabilities is based upon a best estimate given the profile of the insurance provisions outstanding and the related IBNR. Receivables arising out of reinsurance contracts are included in insurance and other receivables in the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position.

The average credit period of receivables arising out of reinsurance contracts is as follows:

As at 31 December 2022	0–6 months %	6–12 months %	12–24 months %	>24 months %
Percentage of receivables	39.5	11.3	11.8	37.4

As at 31 December 2021	0–6 months %	6–12 months %	12–24 months %	>24 months %
Percentage of receivables	93.2	1.2	1.6	4.0

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### 4. Management of insurance and financial risks continued

#### b. Credit risk continued

Part of the Group's business consists of acquiring debts or companies with debts, which are normally past due. Any further analysis of these debts is not meaningful. The Directors monitor these debts closely and make appropriate provision for impairment.

	Neither past due nor impaired \$m	Financial assets past due but not impaired		Assets that have been impaired \$m	Carrying value in the balance sheet \$m
		Past due 1-90 days \$m	Past due more than 90 days \$m		
<b>As at 31 December 2022</b>					
Deposits with ceding undertakings	47.0	–	–	2.6	49.6
Reinsurers' share of insurance liabilities	2,613.4			79.9	2,693.2
Receivables arising out of reinsurance contracts	220.7	–	–	41.3	262.0
	Neither past due nor impaired \$m	Financial assets past due but not impaired		Assets that have been impaired \$m	Carrying value in the balance sheet \$m
		Past due 1-90 days \$m	Past due more than 90 days \$m		
<b>As at 31 December 2021 restated</b>					
Deposits with ceding undertakings	19.0	–	–	2.8	21.8
Reinsurers' share of insurance liabilities	1,908.7			94.4	2,003.1
Receivables arising out of reinsurance contracts	419.5	–	–	57.0	476.5

The Directors believe the amounts past due but not impaired, or with no provisions provided, are recoverable in full. Where no provisions have been made, the Directors believe that there are no merits for a provision to be made and amounts are recoverable in full. Where there are merits for a provision then such provisions are made.

Credit risk is managed by committees established by the Group, R&Q Syndicate Management Limited ('RQSML'), Asta Managing Agency Limited ('Asta') and Coverys Managing Agency Limited ('Coverys'). RQSML, Asta and Coverys are the Lloyd's Managing Agents which manage the Syndicates on which the Group participates. RQSML, Asta and Coverys have established Syndicate Management Committees in relation to each managed syndicate and the Group has representation on each of these committees with the exception of the S1991 and S2689 Committees on which the Group only has a nominal participation. The committees are responsible for establishing minimum security levels for all reinsurance purchases by the managed Syndicates by reference to appropriate rating agencies, for agreeing maximum concentration levels for individual reinsurers and intermediaries, and for dealing with any other issue relating to reinsurance assets.

Reinsurance assets will be overseen by the Group Risk and Compliance and Audit committees, with some responsibilities now residing with management.

There are also a number of Key Risk Indicators pertaining to reinsurance security and concentration which have been developed under the auspices of the Group Risk and Compliance Committee and the RQSML, Asta and Coverys Risk and Capital Committees, which monitor adherence to predefined risk appetite and tolerance levels.

#### c. Currency risk

Currency risk is the risk that the fair value of future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in foreign exchange rates.

The Group's principal transactions are carried out in US dollars and its exposure to foreign exchange risk arises primarily with respect to Sterling and Euros.

The Group's main objective in managing currency risk is to mitigate exposure to fluctuations in foreign exchange rates. There have been no material changes in trading currencies during the year under review. The Group manages this risk by way of matching assets and liabilities by individual entity. Asset and liability matching is monitored by the Group's financial planning and treasury functions' established cash flow and liquidity management processes.

The Group's financial assets are primarily denominated in the same currencies as its insurance and investment contract liabilities. This mitigates the foreign currency exchange rate risk for the overseas operations. Thus, the main foreign exchange risk arises from assets and liabilities denominated in currencies other than those in which insurance and investment contract liabilities are expected to be settled. The currency risk is effectively managed by the Group through derivative financial instruments. Forward currency contracts are used to eliminate the currency exposure on individual foreign transactions. The Group will not enter into these forward contracts until a firm commitment is in place.



The table below summarises the Group's principal assets and liabilities by major currencies:

31 December 2022	Sterling \$m	US Dollar \$m	Euro \$m	Total \$m
Intangible assets	35.6	35.3	0.1	71.0
Reinsurers' share of insurance liabilities	1,229.2	1,452.6	11.4	2,693.2
Financial instruments	706.5	925.4	21.0	1,652.9
Insurance receivables	563.2	66.7	1.5	631.4
Cash and cash equivalents	176.5	139.4	1.1	317.0
Insurance liabilities and insurance payables	(2,416.2)	(2,524.4)	(35.7)	(4,976.3)
Deferred tax and pension scheme obligations	(18.3)	(6.1)	(0.2)	(24.6)
Trade and other (payables)/receivables	(119.0)	(58.0)	(2.4)	(179.4)
<b>Total</b>	<b>157.5</b>	<b>30.9</b>	<b>(3.2)</b>	<b>185.2</b>

31 December 2021 restated	Sterling \$m	US Dollar \$m	Euro \$m	Total \$m
Intangible assets	8.1	73.7	–	81.8
Reinsurers' share of insurance liabilities	1,054.0	895.3	53.8	2,003.1
Financial instruments	811.9	697.3	71.8	1,581.0
Insurance receivables	301.4	476.0	1.7	779.1
Cash and cash equivalents	132.9	124.6	8.8	266.3
Insurance liabilities and insurance payables	(1,823.3)	(2,071.4)	(70.1)	(3,964.8)
Deferred tax and pension scheme obligations	3.9	(6.0)	(0.2)	(2.3)
Trade and other (payables)/receivables	(453.0)	151.4	(46.4)	(348.0)
<b>Total</b>	<b>35.9</b>	<b>340.9</b>	<b>19.4</b>	<b>396.5</b>

The analysis that follows is performed for reasonably possible movements in key variables with all other variables held constant, showing the impact on profit before tax and equity due to changes in the fair value of currency sensitive monetary assets and liabilities including insurance contract claim liabilities. The correlation of variables will have a significant effect in determining the ultimate impact on market risk, but to demonstrate the impact due to changes in variables, variables had to be changed on an individual basis. It should be noted that movements in these variables are non-linear.

	Changes in variables	31 December 2022		31 December 2021	
		Impact on profit \$m	Impact on equity* \$m	Impact on profit \$m	Impact on equity* \$m
Euro weakening	10%	2.2	0.1	(3.1)	(5.9)
Sterling weakening	10%	(3.8)	(17.8)	(4.8)	(27.4)
Euro strengthening	10%	(2.4)	–	3.8	7.3
Sterling strengthening	10%	4.9	22.1	3.8	33.5

\*Impact on equity reflects adjustments for tax, where applicable.

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### 4. Management of insurance and financial risks continued

#### d. Capital management

The Group's objectives with respect to capital sufficiency are to maintain capital at a level that provides a suitable margin over that deemed by the Group's regulators and supervisors as providing an acceptable level of policyholder protection, whilst remaining economically viable. The Group is regulated in Bermuda by the Bermuda Monetary Authority ('BMA'). The BMA assesses the capital and solvency adequacy of the Group and requires that sufficient capital is in place to meet the Bermuda Solvency Capital Requirement ('BSCR'). The BSCR generates a risk-based capital measure by applying capital factors to capital and solvency return elements, including investments and other assets, premiums and reserves, operational risk, and insurer-specific catastrophe exposure measures, in order to establish an overall measure of capital and surplus for statutory solvency purposes.

The Group maintains a capital level that provides an adequate margin over the Group's solvency capital requirements whilst maintaining local capital which meets or exceeds the relevant local minima including, where appropriate, those relating to maintenance of external credit ratings. This is monitored by way of a capital sufficiency assessment by the Group Risk and Compliance Committee.

#### e. Insurance risk

##### (i) Program management business

The Group underwrites live business (which is largely reinsured) through a network of MGAs. This program management business is underwritten in the US by Accredited Surety and Casualty Inc. ('ASC') and Accredited Speciality Insurance Company ('ASI'), and in Europe by Accredited Insurance (Europe) Limited ('AIEL'). Each of these insurance companies is rated A- by AM Best. The Group is exposed to the risk of its net retention increasing due to fluctuations in the timing, frequency and severity of insured events.

##### (ii) Syndicate participations

The Group participates on Syndicates shown below:

Syndicate	Year of account	Syndicate Capacity £m	Group participation £m	Open/closed
2689	2023	52.0	0.1	Open
2689	2022	71.6	0.1	Open
2689	2021	0.1	—	Open
1991	2020	110.0	—	Open
1991	2019	126.8	0.1	Open
1991	2018	126.8	0.1	Open
1110	2022	3.0	3.0	Open
1110	2020	3.0	3.0	Open
1110	2019	3.0	3.0	Open
1110*	2017	280.0	280.0	Open

\*Syndicate 1110 2017 year of account benefits from reinsurance arrangements in place with New York Marine and General Insurance Company which protects the Group from and adverse net claims development.

Syndicates 1110, 1991 and 2689 are classified by Lloyd's as run-off Syndicates and their capacity shown above is reflective of this status. Syndicate 1110 is the Group's platform for consolidating legacy transactions at Lloyd's. The capacity of run-off Syndicates does not represent the level of risk they are able to take on, but is a nominal level set by Lloyd's; they are able to receive portfolios of risk greater than this nominal capacity.

The Group is exposed to the risk of its Syndicate participation exposures increasing due to fluctuations in the timing, frequency and severity of insured events.

**(iii) Underwriting risk**

Underwriting risk is the primary source of risk in the Group's program management operations and is reflected in the scope and depth of the risk appetite and monitoring frameworks implemented in those entities. Individual operating entities are responsible for establishing a framework for the acceptance and monitoring of underwriting risk including appropriate consideration of potential individual and aggregate occurrence exposures, adequacy of reinsurance coverage and potential geographical and demographic concentrations of risk exposure.

In the event that potential risk concentrations are identified across operating entities, appropriate monitoring is developed to manage the overall Group exposure.

**(iv) Reserving risk**

Reserving risk represents a significant risk to the Group in terms of both driving required capital levels and the threat to volatility of earnings.

Reserving risk is managed through the application of an appropriate reserving approach to both live and run-off portfolios and the performance of extensive due diligence on new run-off portfolios and acquisitions prior to acceptance. Reserving exercises undertaken by the in-house actuarial team are supplemented with both scheduled and ad hoc reviews conducted by external actuaries.

Reserving risk is also mitigated through the use of reinsurance on live underwriting portfolios and through assuming the inuring reinsurance treaties in place in respect of acquired run-off acquisitions/portfolios.

Claims development information is disclosed below in order to illustrate the effect of the uncertainty in the estimation of future claims settlements by the Group. The tables compare the ultimate claims estimates with the payments made to date. Details are presented on an aggregate basis and show the movements on a gross and net basis, and separately identify the effect of the various acquisitions made by the Group since 1 January 2019.

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### 4. Management of insurance and financial risks continued

#### e. Insurance risk continued

##### (iv) Reserving risk continued

The analysis of claims development in the Group's run-off insurance entities is as follows:

Gross	Group entities at 1 January 2019 \$m	Entities acquired by the Group during 2019 \$m	Entities acquired by the Group during 2020 \$m	Entities acquired by the Group during 2021 \$m	Entities acquired by the Group during 2022 \$m
Gross claims at:					
1 January/acquisition	467.6	374.6	938.0	521.5	68.0
First year movement	(77.3)	(173.1)	9.2	(10.8)	-
Second year movement	150.7	30.5	(134.4)	-	-
Third year movement	(115.4)	13.0	-	-	-
Fourth year movement	(112.5)	(2.9)	-	-	-
<b>Gross provision at 31 December 2022</b>	<b>313.1</b>	<b>242.1</b>	<b>815.8</b>	<b>510.7</b>	<b>68.0</b>
Gross claims at:					
1 January/acquisition	467.6	374.6	938.0	521.5	68.0
Exchange adjustments	31.3	(8.2)	(13.4)	9.3	(0.6)
Payments	(196.3)	(8.6)	(185.3)	(135.1)	(10.3)
Gross provision at 31 December 2022	(313.1)	(242.1)	(815.8)	(510.7)	(68.0)
<b>Deficit to date</b>	<b>(10.5)</b>	<b>115.7</b>	<b>(76.5)</b>	<b>(115.0)</b>	<b>(10.9)</b>

Net	Group entities at 1 January 2019 \$m	Entities acquired by the Group during 2019 \$m	Entities acquired by the Group during 2020 \$m	Entities acquired by the Group during 2021 \$m	Entities acquired by the Group during 2022 \$m
Net claims at:					
1 January/acquisition	310.8	351.6	642.1	109.8	13.6
First year movement	(50.4)	(159.9)	(6.6)	(10.8)	-
Second year movement	87.5	18.4	(106.7)	-	-
Third year movement	(157.8)	15.0	-	-	-
Fourth year movement	(155.7)	(2.1)	-	-	-
<b>Net provision at 31 December 2022</b>	<b>34.4</b>	<b>223.0</b>	<b>528.8</b>	<b>99.0</b>	<b>13.6</b>
Net claims at:					
1 January/acquisition	310.8	351.6	642.1	109.8	13.6
Exchange adjustments	(5.5)	(8.8)	(18.6)	16.1	(0.6)
Payments	(186.7)	(7.7)	(177.7)	(119.9)	(10.3)
Net position at 31 December 2022	(34.4)	(223.0)	(528.8)	(99.0)	(13.6)
<b>(Deficit)/surplus to date</b>	<b>84.2</b>	<b>112.1</b>	<b>(83.0)</b>	<b>(93.0)</b>	<b>(10.9)</b>

The above figures include the Group's participation on Lloyd's Syndicates treated as being in run-off.

Foreign exchange movements shown above are offset by comparable foreign exchange movements in cash and investments held to meet insurance liabilities.

Additional information regarding movements in claims reserves is disclosed in note 23.

## 5. Segmental information

The Group's segments represent the level at which financial information is reported to the Board, being the chief operating decision maker as defined in IFRS 8. The reportable segments have been identified as follows:

- » Program Management – delegates underwriting authority to MGAs to provide program capacity through its licensed platforms in the US and Europe
- » Legacy Insurance – acquires legacy portfolios and manages the run-off of claims reserves
- » Corporate/Other – primarily includes the holding company costs and interest expense on debt

### Segmental results for the year ended 31 December 2022

	Note	Program Management \$m	Legacy Insurance \$m	Corporate/ Other \$m	Total \$m
Underwriting income	(i)	0.1	(22.3)	–	(22.2)
Fee Income	(ii)	92.3	12.1	–	104.4
Investment income	(iii)	5.6	24.9	1.2	31.7
<b>Gross operating income</b>	(iv)	<b>98.0</b>	<b>14.7</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>113.9</b>
Fixed operating expenses	(v)	(42.3)	(71.3)	(3.1)	(116.7)
Interest expense		–	–	(30.5)	(30.5)
<b>Pre-Tax Operating Profit/(loss)</b>	(vi)	<b>55.7</b>	<b>(56.6)</b>	<b>(32.4)</b>	<b>(33.3)</b>
Unearned program Fee Income	(vii)				(17.0)
Net intangibles	(viii)				(9.6)
Net unrealised and realised gains/(losses)					(135.8)
Non-core and exceptional items					(96.9)
<b>Loss before tax</b>					<b>(292.6)</b>
<b>Segment assets</b>		<b>2,197.0</b>	<b>3,220.6</b>	<b>497.3</b>	<b>5,914.9</b>
<b>Segment liabilities</b>		<b>2,121.0</b>	<b>2,988.6</b>	<b>620.1</b>	<b>5,729.7</b>

### Segmental results for the year ended 31 December 2021 restated

	Note	Program Management \$m	Legacy Insurance \$m	Corporate/ Other \$m	Total \$m
Underwriting income	(i)	(1.1)	58.1	–	57.0
Fee Income	(ii)	56.1	–	–	56.1
Investment income	(iii)	2.7	19.3	2.8	24.8
<b>Gross operating income</b>	(iv)	<b>57.7</b>	<b>77.4</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>137.9</b>
Fixed operating expenses	(v)	(37.1)	(83.5)	(16.0)	(136.6)
Interest expense		–	–	(22.7)	(22.7)
<b>Pre-Tax Operating Profit/(loss)</b>	(vi)	<b>20.6</b>	<b>(6.1)</b>	<b>(35.9)</b>	<b>(21.4)</b>
Unearned program Fee Income	(vii)				(13.2)
Net intangibles	(viii)				2.8
Net unrealised and realised gains/(losses)					(18.4)
Non-core and exceptional items					(111.7)
<b>Loss before tax</b>					<b>(161.9)</b>
<b>Segment assets</b>		<b>1,039.6</b>	<b>4,006.4</b>	<b>14.8</b>	<b>5,060.8</b>
<b>Segment liabilities</b>		<b>864.1</b>	<b>3,184.5</b>	<b>614.9</b>	<b>4,663.5</b>

The above key performance indicators used by management measure the economics of the business and adjust IFRS results to include fully written Program Fee Income and exclude non-cash intangible assets created from acquisitions in Legacy Insurance, net realised and unrealised investment gains on fixed income and lease-based assets, foreign currency translation reserves, non-core expenses and exceptional items.



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### 5. Segmental information continued

Notes:

- (i) Underwriting income represents Legacy Insurance tangible day one gains and reserve development/savings, net of claims costs and brokerage commissions. Underwriting income also includes Program Management retained earned premiums, net of claims costs, acquisition costs, claims handling expenses and premium taxes/levies.
- (ii) Fee Income comprises program Fee Income from insurance policies already bound (written), regardless of the amount of premium earned in the financial period, and earnings from minority stakes in MGAs.
- (iii) Investment income represents income arising on the investment portfolio excluding net realised and unrealised investment gains or losses on fixed income and lease-based assets.
- (iv) Gross operating income represents Pre-Tax Operating Profit before fixed operating expenses (v) and interest expense.
- (v) Fixed operating expenses include employment, legal, accommodation, information technology, Lloyd's Syndicate and other fixed expenses of ongoing operations, excluding non-core and exceptional items.
- (vi) Pre-Tax Operating Profit is a measure of how the Group's core businesses performed adjusted for unearned program Fee Income (vii), intangible assets created in Legacy acquisitions and net realised and unrealised investment gains on fixed income and lease-based assets.
- (vii) Unearned program Fee Income represents the portion of program Fee Income (ii) which has not yet been earned on an IFRS basis.
- (viii) Movement on net intangibles comprises the aggregate of intangible assets arising on acquisitions in the period less amortisation on existing intangible assets charged in the period.
- (ix) Non-core and exceptional items comprises the results of entities which are considered non-core and one-off or exceptional income and expenditure.

No income from any one client included within the Fee Income generated more than 10% of the total external income.

#### Geographical analysis

	UK \$m	North America \$m	Europe \$m	Total \$m
<b>As at 31 December 2022</b>				
Gross assets	1,539.8	3,031.8	1,767.2	6,338.8
Intercompany eliminations	(132.3)	(229.2)	(62.4)	(423.9)
<b>Segment assets</b>	<b>1,407.5</b>	<b>2,802.6</b>	<b>1,704.8</b>	<b>5,914.9</b>
Gross liabilities	1,524.9	2,967.1	1,661.6	6,153.6
Intercompany eliminations	(274.6)	(82.6)	(66.7)	(423.9)
<b>Segment liabilities</b>	<b>1,250.3</b>	<b>2,884.5</b>	<b>1,594.9</b>	<b>5,729.7</b>
<b>Revenue from external customers</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>17.9</b>	<b>61.8</b>	<b>81.8</b>

Revenue from external customers represents the Group's total consolidated income, after elimination of internal revenue.

	UK \$m	North America \$m	Europe \$m	Total \$m
<b>As at 31 December 2021 restated</b>				
Gross assets	1,609.8	2,418.6	1,331.9	5,360.3
Intercompany eliminations	(137.4)	(103.5)	(58.6)	(299.5)
<b>Segment assets</b>	<b>1,472.4</b>	<b>2,315.1</b>	<b>1,273.3</b>	<b>5,060.8</b>
Gross liabilities	1,199.6	2,566.5	1,196.9	4,963.0
Intercompany eliminations	(238.3)	(12.2)	(49.0)	(299.5)
<b>Segment liabilities</b>	<b>961.3</b>	<b>2,554.3</b>	<b>1,147.9</b>	<b>4,663.5</b>
<b>Revenue from external customers</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>59.6</b>	<b>41.3</b>	<b>108.8</b>

**6. Earned Fee Income**

Written Fee Income for Program Management represents the Fee Income from insurance policies written in the period. Earned Fee Income adjusts written Fee Income to reflect the portion of written free income to be earned in the following financial periods and to recognise the written Fee Income written in prior financial periods earned in this financial period.

	2022	2021
	\$m	\$m
Written Fee Income	92.0	45.0
Unearned Fee Income	(17.0)	(13.2)
<b>Earned Fee Income</b>	<b>75.0</b>	<b>31.8</b>

**7. Gross investment income**

	2022	2021
	\$m	\$m
Investment income (excluding realised and unrealised gains and losses)	38.4	24.1
Realised net (losses)/gains on financial assets	(18.8)	3.8
Unrealised losses on financial assets	(117.0)	(21.5)
<b>Investment income</b>	<b>(97.4)</b>	<b>6.4</b>

**8. Other income**

	2022	2021
	\$m	\$m
<b>Income from contracts with customers</b>		
Management fees	1.6	3.0
<b>Income from other sources</b>		
Insurance commissions	–	0.7
Gain on sale of subsidiary	1.1	2.6
Interest expense on pension scheme deficit	(0.1)	(0.1)
Rental income from investment properties	0.2	0.2
Purchased reinsurance receivables	0.1	0.2
	<b>2.9</b>	<b>6.6</b>

Income from contracts with customers is derived from the supply of insurance and administration related management services to third parties. The Group derives this income from the transfer of services over time.

**9. Operating expenses**

	2022	2021
	\$m	\$m
Expenses of insurance company subsidiaries	59.8	58.6
Expenses of syndicate participations	20.6	24.8
Employee benefits	62.4	59.3
Other operating expenses	36.1	23.3
	<b>178.9</b>	<b>166.0</b>

The expenses of insurance company subsidiaries represent external expenses borne by subsidiaries of the Group; intragroup charges are removed on consolidation.

Operating expenses have increased as a result of the organic and acquisitive growth of the Group's Program Management and Legacy Insurance (including Syndicate participations) segments.

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### 9. Operating expenses continued

	2022	2021
	\$m	\$m
<b>Auditor remuneration</b>		
Fees payable to the Group's auditors for the audit of the parent company and its Consolidated Financial Statements	0.3	0.3
Fees payable for the audit of the Group's subsidiaries by:		
– Group auditors	1.0	0.9
– Other auditors	0.9	0.8
Other services under legislative requirements	0.1	0.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>2.2</b>

Included within fees payable to audit the Group's subsidiaries is an amount for Group's share of the audit fee payable for Syndicate audits.

### 10. Finance costs

	2022	2021
	\$m	\$m
Bank loan and overdraft interest	12.1	11.1
Interest on lease liabilities	0.3	0.3
Subordinated debt interest	19.3	15.1
	<b>31.7</b>	<b>26.5</b>

### 11. (Loss)/profit before income taxes

(Loss)/profit before income taxes is stated after charging:

	2022	2021
	\$m	\$m restated
Employee benefits (Note 26)	62.4	59.3
Legacy acquisition costs (including aborted transactions)	0.9	4.3
Depreciation and impairment of fixed assets and right-of-use assets (Note 16 & 17)	2.4	2.9
Short-term and low value lease rental expenditure	0.1	0.1
Amortisation of pre contract costs	1.2	1.6
Amortisation and impairment of intangibles (Note 15)	9.7	12.8

### 12. Income tax charge

#### a. Analysis of charge in the year

	2022	2021
	\$m	\$m restated
<b>Current tax</b>		
Current year	–	–
Adjustments in respect of prior periods	(0.1)	0.3
Foreign tax	0.8	(7.7)
	<b>0.7</b>	<b>(7.4)</b>
<b>Deferred tax</b>		
Current year	(8.5)	(27.4)
Adjustments in respect of prior periods	12.2	–
<b>Income tax charge/(credit) for the year</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>(34.8)</b>

**b. Factors affecting tax charge for the year**

The tax assessed differs from the standard rate of corporation tax in the United Kingdom of 19%. The differences are explained below:

	2022	2021
	\$m	\$m restated
<b>Loss before income taxes</b>	<b>(292.6)</b>	<b>(161.9)</b>
Loss on ordinary activities at the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19.00% (2021: 19.00%)	(55.6)	(30.8)
Income not taxable for tax purposes	(1.8)	(24.1)
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	20.6	6.3
Differences in taxation treatment	2.4	(2.0)
Unrelieved tax losses carried forward	18.8	20.0
Utilisation of brought forward losses	(2.2)	(0.7)
Foreign tax	0.8	(7.7)
Tax rate differential	9.3	3.9
Adjustments in respect of previous years	12.1	0.3
<b>Income tax charge/(credit) for the year</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>(34.8)</b>

**c. Factors that may affect future tax charges**

In addition to the recognised deferred tax asset, the Group has other trading losses of approximately \$322.8m (2021: \$366.4m) in various Group companies available to be carried forward against future trading profits of those companies. The recovery of these losses is uncertain and no deferred tax asset has been provided in respect of these losses. Should it become possible to offset these losses against taxable profits in future years, the Group tax charge in those years will be reduced accordingly.

The Group has available capital losses of \$34.2m (2021: \$37.9m).

In the Finance Bill 2021, it was announced that the main rate of UK corporation tax would increase to 25% from 1 April 2023.

**13. Earnings and net assets per share****a. Basic earnings per share**

Basic earnings per share is calculated by dividing the earnings attributable to ordinary shareholders by the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the year.

Reconciliations of the earnings and weighted average number of shares used in the calculations are set out below:

	2022	2021
	\$m	\$m restated
<b>Loss for the year attributable to ordinary shareholders</b>	<b>(297.0)</b>	<b>(127.1)</b>
	<b>No.</b>	<b>No.</b>
	<b>000's</b>	<b>000's</b>
Shares in issue throughout the year	275,211	224,284
Weighted average number of ordinary shares issued in year	50,031	47,327
<b>Weighted average number of ordinary shares</b>	<b>325,242</b>	<b>271,611</b>
<b>Basic earnings per ordinary share</b>	<b>(91.3)c</b>	<b>(46.8)c</b>

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### 13. Earnings and net assets per share continued

#### b. Diluted earnings per share

Diluted earnings per share is calculated by adjusting the weighted average number of ordinary shares for conversion of all potentially dilutive ordinary shares. The Group's earnings per share is diluted by the effects of outstanding share options.

Reconciliations of the earnings and weighted average number of shares used in the calculations are set out below:

	2022	2021
	\$m	\$m restated
<b>Loss for the year attributable to ordinary shareholders</b>	<b>(297.0)</b>	<b>(127.1)</b>
	No. 000's	No. 000's
Weighted average number of ordinary shares issued in year	325,242	217,611
<b>Diluted earnings per ordinary share</b>	<b>(91.3)c</b>	<b>(46.8)c</b>

#### c. Net asset value per share

	2022	2021
	\$m	\$m restated
Net assets attributable to equity shareholders as at 31 December	185.2	396.3
	No. 000's	No. 000's
Ordinary shares in issue as at 31 December	377,395	275,211
<b>Net asset value per ordinary share</b>	<b>49.1c</b>	<b>144.4c</b>

#### d. Diluted net asset value per share

	2022	2021
	\$m	\$m restated
Net assets attributable to equity shareholders as at 31 December	185.2	397.3
	No. 000's	No. 000's
Ordinary shares in issue as at 31 December	377,395	275,211
<b>Diluted net asset value per ordinary share</b>	<b>49.1c</b>	<b>144.4c</b>

### 14. Distributions

The amounts recognised as distributions to equity holders in the year are:

	2022	2021
	\$m	\$m
Dividend	–	8.3
<b>Total distributions to shareholders</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>8.3</b>



**15. Intangible assets**

	US state licences & customer contracts \$m	Arising on acquisition \$m	Goodwill \$m	Other \$m	Total \$m
<b>Cost</b>					
As at 1 January 2021	5.0	82.8	25.1	0.9	113.8
Exchange adjustments	–	(1.1)	(0.2)	–	(1.3)
Acquisition of subsidiaries	–	14.6	3.4	–	18.0
Disposals	–	–	–	(0.7)	(0.7)
<b>As at 31 December 2021</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>96.7</b>	<b>28.3</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>130.2</b>
Exchange adjustments	–	(3.7)	(0.4)	–	(4.1)
Additions	–	–	–	1.9	1.9
<b>As at 31 December 2022</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>93.0</b>	<b>27.9</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>128.0</b>
<b>Amortisation/impairment</b>					
As at 1 January 2021	–	12.0	23.9	0.7	36.6
Exchange adjustments	–	(0.5)	–	–	(0.5)
Charge for the year	–	12.3	0.5	–	12.8
Disposals	–	–	–	(0.5)	(0.5)
<b>As at 31 December 2021</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>23.8</b>	<b>24.4</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>48.4</b>
Exchange adjustments	–	(0.9)	(0.2)	–	(1.1)
Charge for the year	–	9.7	–	–	9.7
<b>As at 31 December 2022</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>32.6</b>	<b>24.2</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>57.0</b>
<b>Carrying amount</b>					
<b>As at 31 December 2022</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>60.4</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>71.0</b>
<b>As at 31 December 2021</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>72.9</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>81.8</b>

Goodwill acquired through business combinations has been allocated to the Legacy insurance business segment, which is also an operating and reportable segment, for impairment testing.

Intangible assets arising on acquisition are calculated by measuring the difference between the discounted and undiscounted fair value of net technical provisions acquired. These intangible assets are amortised over the estimated pattern of run-off of the net technical provisions.

The recoverable amount is determined based on a value in use calculation using cash flow projections from financial budgets approved by senior management.

**Key assumptions used in value in use calculations**

The calculation of value in use is most sensitive to the following assumptions:

- » Discount rates, which represent the current market assessment of the risks specific to each cash generating unit, regarding the time value of money and individual risks of the underlying assets which have not been incorporated in the cash flow estimates. The pre-tax discount rate applied to the cash flow projections is 13.4% (2021: 10.0%). The discount rate calculation is based on the specific circumstances of the Group and its operating segments and derived from its weighted average cost of capital ('WACC') with uplift for expected increases in interest rates. The WACC takes into account both debt and equity. The cost of equity is derived from the expected investment return.
- » Growth rate used to extrapolate cash flows beyond the budget period is based on published industry standards. Cash flows beyond the four-year period are extrapolated using a 10% growth rate (2021: 10.0%).

The Directors believe that no reasonably foreseeable change in any of the above key assumptions would require an impairment of the carrying amount of goodwill.

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### 16. Property, plant and equipment

	Computer equipment \$m	Office equipment \$m	Leasehold improvements \$m	Total \$m
<b>Cost</b>				
As at 1 January 2021	1.3	2.3	1.6	5.2
Exchange adjustments	–	–	–	–
Additions	0.1	–	0.6	0.7
Disposals	(0.1)	(0.4)	–	(0.5)
<b>As at 31 December 2021</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>5.4</b>
Exchange adjustments	–	(0.2)	–	(0.2)
Additions	0.1	–	0.3	0.4
Disposals	–	(0.2)	–	(0.2)
<b>As at 31 December 2022</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>5.4</b>
<b>Depreciation</b>				
As at 1 January 2021	1.2	1.0	0.9	3.1
Exchange adjustments	(0.1)	–	–	(0.1)
Charge for the year	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.7
Disposals	–	(0.4)	–	(0.4)
<b>As at 31 December 2021</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>3.3</b>
Exchange adjustments	–	(0.1)	–	(0.1)
Charge for the year	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.6
Disposals	–	(0.2)	–	(0.2)
<b>As at 31 December 2022</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>3.6</b>
<b>Carrying amount</b>				
<b>As at 31 December 2022</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>1.8</b>
<b>As at 31 December 2021</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>2.1</b>

As at 31 December 2022, the Group had no significant capital commitments (2021: none). The depreciation charge for the year is included in operating expenses.

**17. Right-of-use assets**

	Property \$m	Office equipment \$m	Total \$m
Position recognised at 1 January 2021	5.5	0.1	5.6
Depreciation charge for the year	(2.1)	(0.1)	(2.2)
Additions in the year	2.7	-	2.7
<b>As at 31 December 2021</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6.1</b>
Depreciation charge for the year	(1.8)	-	(1.8)
<b>As at 31 December 2022</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4.1</b>

The cost of leases with a rental period of less than 12 months or with a contract value of less than £4,000 was \$0.1m for the year (2021: \$0.1m) and is reflected within expenses in the Consolidated Income Statement.

**18. Investment properties and financial assets****a. Investment properties**

	2022	2021
	\$m	\$m
As at 1 January	1.8	1.8
Disposal	(1.8)	-
<b>As at 31 December</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1.8</b>

Rental income from the investment properties for the year was \$0.1m (2021: \$0.2m) and is included in Other Income within the Consolidated Income Statement.

**b. Financial Instruments****Financial investment assets at fair value through profit or loss (designated at initial recognition)**

	2022	2021
	\$m	\$m
Equities	22.0	11.9
Debt and fixed interest securities	1,474.5	1,386.8
Cash-based investment funds	84.4	112.6
	<b>1,580.9</b>	<b>1,511.3</b>

Included in the above amounts are \$104.1m (2021: \$126.6m) pledged as part of the Funds at Lloyd's in support of the Group's underwriting activities. Lloyd's has the right to apply these monies in the event the corporate member fails to meet its obligations. These monies are not available to meet the Group's own working capital requirements and can only be released with Lloyd's permission. Also included in the above amounts are \$50.5m (2021: \$95.6m) of funds withheld as collateral for certain of the Group's reinsurance contracts.

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### 18. Investment properties and financial assets continued

#### c. Shares in subsidiary and associate undertakings

The Company had interests in the following subsidiaries and associates at 31 December 2022:

Name of subsidiaries/associate	Country of incorporation/registration	% of ordinary shares held via:		
		The Company	Subsidiary and associate undertakings	Overall effective % of share capital held
Distinguished Re Ltd	Barbados	–	100	100
R&Q Services Bermuda Limited	Bermuda	–	100	100
R&Q Re (Bermuda) Ltd.	Bermuda	–	100	100
RQLM Limited	Bermuda	100	–	100
Sandell Holdings Ltd.	Bermuda	–	100	100
Tradesman Program Managers, LLC	USA	–	40	40
R&Q Re (Cayman) Ltd.	Cayman Island	–	100	100
R&Q Capital No. 1 Limited	England and Wales	–	100	100
R&Q Capital No. 6 Limited	England and Wales	–	100	100
R&Q Capital No. 7 Limited	England and Wales	–	100	100
R&Q Capital No. 8 Limited	England and Wales	–	100	100
R&Q Central Services Limited	England and Wales	–	100	100
R&Q Delta Company Limited	England and Wales	–	100	100
R&Q Eta Company Limited	England and Wales	–	100	100
R&Q Gamma Company Limited	England and Wales	–	100	100
Inceptum Insurance Company Limited	England and Wales	–	100	100
R&Q Insurance Services Limited	England and Wales	–	100	100
R&Q Munro MA Limited	England and Wales	–	100	100
R&Q Munro Services Company Limited	England and Wales	–	100	100
R&Q Oast Limited	England and Wales	–	100	100
R&Q Overseas Holdings Limited	England and Wales	–	100	100
R&Q Reinsurance Company (UK) Limited	England and Wales	–	100	100
R&Quiem Financial Services Limited	England and Wales	–	100	100
Randall & Quilter II Holdings Limited	England and Wales	–	100	100
Randall & Quilter IS Holdings Limited	England and Wales	–	100	100
Randall & Quilter Underwriting Management Holdings Limited	England and Wales	–	100	100
R&Q UK Holdings Limited	England and Wales	100	100	100
The World Marine & General Insurance Company PLC	England and Wales	–	100	100
Vibe Services Management Limited	England and Wales	–	100	100
R&Q Syndicate Management Limited	England and Wales	–	100	100
La Licorne Compagnie de Reassurances SA	France	–	100	100
Capstan Insurance Company Limited	Guernsey	–	100	100
R&Q Ireland Claims Services Limited #	Ireland	–	100	100
R&Q Ireland Company Limited by Guarantee #	Ireland	–	100	100
Hickson Insurance Limited	Isle of Man	–	–	100
Pender Mutual Insurance Company Limited	Isle of Man	–	100	100
R&Q Insurance Management (IOM) Limited	Isle of Man	–	100	100
R&Q Insurance (IOM) Limited	Isle of Man	–	100	100
Accredited Insurance (Europe) Limited {	Malta	–	100	100
R&Q Malta Holdings Limited	Malta	–	100	100
Accredited Bond Agencies Inc.	USA	–	100	100
Accredited America Insurance Holding Corporation	USA	–	100	100
Accredited Specialty Insurance Company	USA	–	100	100
Accredited Surety and Casualty Company, Inc.	USA	–	100	100
CMAL LLC }	USA	–	–	–
Excess and Treaty Management Corporation	USA	–	100	100
GLOBAL Reinsurance Corporation of America	USA	–	100	100
GLOBAL U.S. Holdings Incorporated	USA	–	100	100
Grafton US Holdings Inc.	USA	–	100	100
ICDC Ltd	USA	–	100	100
National Legacy Insurance Company	USA	–	100	100
R&Q Healthcare Interests LLC	USA	–	100	100
R&Q Reinsurance Company	USA	–	100	100
R&Q Solutions LLC	USA	–	100	100
Randall & Quilter America Holdings Inc	USA	–	100	100
Randall & Quilter PS Holdings Inc	USA	–	100	100
Risk Transfer Underwriting Inc.	USA	–	100	100
Transport Insurance Company	USA	–	100	100

# has a November year end due to Irish Law Society connection.

{ Has a UK and an Italian Branch

} Membership interest held by R&Q Capital No.1 Limited

**19. Insurance and other receivables**

	2022	2021
	\$m	\$m restated
Receivables arising from direct insurance operations	369.4	302.6
Receivables arising from reinsurance operations	262.0	476.5
<b>Insurance receivables</b>	<b>631.4</b>	<b>779.1</b>
Trade receivables/Receivables arising from contracts with customers	8.5	3.2
Other receivables	218.5	134.3
Purchased reinsurance receivables	6.6	6.6
Prepayments and accrued income	260.4	173.1
	<b>494.0</b>	<b>317.2</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,125.4</b>	<b>1,096.3</b>

Of the purchased reinsurance receivables balance \$3.6m is expected to be received after 12 months (2021: After 12 months \$6.6m).

Included in receivables arising from contracts with customers are amounts due from customers in relation to the supply of management services which are now unconditionally due. There are no amounts due from contracts with customers which are subject to further performance or conditions before settlement.

Prepayments and accrued income includes gross deferred acquisition costs which have increased in accordance with the growth of Program Management.

**20. Cash and cash equivalents**

	2022	2021
	\$m	\$m
Cash at bank and in hand	316.9	266.3

Included in cash and cash equivalents is \$0.8m (2021: \$0.8m) being funds held in escrow accounts in respect of guarantees provided to the Institute of London Underwriters.

In the normal course of business, insurance company subsidiaries will have deposited funds in respect of certain contracts which can only be released with the approval of the appropriate regulatory authority.

The carrying amounts disclosed above reasonably approximate their fair values at the period end date.

**21. Insurance and other payables**

	2022	2021
	\$m	\$m
Structured liabilities	504.4	506.2
Structured settlements	(504.4)	(506.2)
	-	-
Payables arising from reinsurance operations	721.8	751.3
Payables arising from direct insurance operations	405.2	109.7
<b>Insurance payables</b>	<b>1,127.0</b>	<b>861.0</b>
Trade payables	6.2	4.9
Other taxation and social security	43.5	23.4
Other payables	171.5	135.4
Accruals and deferred income	150.1	115.4
	<b>371.3</b>	<b>279.1</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,498.3</b>	<b>1,140.1</b>

The carrying amounts disclosed above reasonably approximate their fair values at the period end date.



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### 21. Insurance and other payables continued

#### Structured Settlements

No new structured settlement arrangements have been entered into during the year. Some group subsidiaries have paid for annuities from third party life insurance companies for the benefit of certain claimants. The subsidiary company retains the credit risk in the unlikely event that the life insurance company defaults on its obligations to pay the annuity amounts. In the event that any of these life insurance companies was unable to meet its obligations to these annuitants, any remaining liability may fall upon the respective insurance company subsidiaries. The Directors believe that, having regard to the quality of the security of the life insurance companies together with the reinsurance available to the relevant Group insurance companies, the possibility of a material liability arising in this way is very unlikely. The life companies will settle the liability directly with the claimants and no cash will flow through the Group. These annuities have been shown as reducing the insurance companies' liabilities to reflect the substance of the transactions and to ensure that the disclosure of the balances does not detract from the users' ability to understand the Group's future cash flows.

### 22. Financial liabilities

	2022	2021
	\$m	\$m
Amounts owed to credit institutions	344.9	395.9
Lease liabilities	5.4	7.6
Deposits received from insurers	38.2	3.0
	<b>388.5</b>	<b>406.5</b>

#### Amounts due to credit institutions are payable as follows:

	2022	2021
	\$m	\$m
Less than one year	26.5	8.0
Between one to five years	123.3	188.1
Over five years	195.1	199.8
	<b>344.9</b>	<b>395.9</b>

As outlined in Note 31, \$103.0m (2021: \$153.6m) owed to credit institutions is secured by debentures over the assets of the Company and several of its subsidiaries.

The Group has issued the following debt:

Issuer	Principal	Rate	Maturity
Randall & Quilter Insurance Holdings Ltd.	\$70,000k	6.35% above USD LIBOR	2028
Randall & Quilter Insurance Holdings Ltd.	\$125,000k	6.75% above USD LIBOR	2033
Accredited Insurance (Europe) Limited	€20,000k	6.7% above EURIBOR	2025
Accredited Insurance (Europe) Limited	€5,000k	6.7% above EURIBOR	2027
R&Q Re (Bermuda) Limited	\$20,000k	7.75% above USD LIBOR	2023

The Group's subsidiary, Randall & Quilter America Holdings Corporation (reassigned from Accredited Holding Corporation) provides a full and unconditional guarantee for the payment of principal, interest and any other amounts due in respect of the \$70.0m Notes issued by R&Q Insurance Holdings Ltd.

The Group also has \$175.4 million of unsecured letters of credit which are guaranteed by the Group.

#### Lease liabilities maturity analysis – contractual undiscounted cash flows

	2022	2021
	\$m	\$m
Less than one year	2.2	2.2
Between one to five years	3.4	5.5
Over five years	–	0.2
<b>Total undiscounted lease liabilities at 31 December</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>7.9</b>

**Reconciliation of liabilities arising from financing activities**

The table below details changes in the Group's liabilities arising from financing activities, including both cash and non-cash changes. Liabilities arising from the financing activities are those for which cash flows were, or future cash flows will be, classified in the Group Consolidated Cash Flow Statement as cash flows from financing activities.

	2022	2021
	\$m	\$m
Balance at 1 January	395.9	330.2
Financing cash flows*	(39.7)	70.5
Non-cash exchange adjustment	(11.3)	(4.8)
<b>Balance at 31 December</b>	<b>344.9</b>	<b>395.9</b>

\*Represents the net cash flows from the repayment of borrowings and the proceeds from new borrowing arrangements.

**23. Insurance contract provisions and reinsurance balances**

	2022			2021		
	Program Management \$m	Legacy Insurance \$m	Total \$m	Program Management \$m	Legacy Insurance \$m	Total \$m
<b>Gross</b>						
Insurance contract provisions at 1 January	1,210.4	1,890.5	3,100.9	682.6	1,613.2	2,295.8
Claims paid	(325.2)	(326.7)	(651.9)	(197.1)	(288.8)	(485.9)
Increases in provisions arising from the acquisition of subsidiary undertakings and Syndicate participations	–	0.5	0.5	–	91.1	91.1
Increases in provisions arising from acquisition of reinsurance portfolios	–	67.5	67.5	–	430.4	430.4
Increase in claims provisions	831.9	129.3	961.2	459.3	65.1	524.4
Increase/(decrease) in unearned premium reserve	453.4	–	453.4	287.9	(8.6)	279.3
Net exchange differences	(49.6)	(70.9)	(120.5)	(22.3)	(11.9)	(34.2)
<b>As at 31 December</b>	<b>2,120.9</b>	<b>1,690.2</b>	<b>3,811.1</b>	<b>1,210.4</b>	<b>1,890.5</b>	<b>3,100.9</b>
<b>Reinsurance</b>						
Reinsurers' share of insurance contract provisions at 1 January	1,151.4	851.7	2,003.1	653.7	424.4	1,078.1
Proceeds from commutations and reinsurers' share of gross claims paid	(284.1)	(200.4)	(484.5)	(182.9)	28.7	(154.2)
Increases in provisions arising from the acquisition of subsidiary undertakings and Syndicate participations	–	0.4	0.4	–	164.2	164.2
Increases in provisions arising from acquisition of reinsurance portfolios	–	54.0	54.0	–	247.5	247.5
Increase/(decrease) in claims provisions	755.1	52.1	807.2	430.5	(13.6)	416.9
Increase/(decrease) in unearned premium reserve	410.9	–	410.9	270.7	(3.7)	267.0
Net exchange differences	(21.3)	(76.6)	(97.9)	(20.6)	4.2	(16.4)
<b>As at 31 December</b>	<b>2,012.0</b>	<b>681.2</b>	<b>2,693.2</b>	<b>1,151.4</b>	<b>851.7</b>	<b>2,003.1</b>
<b>Net</b>						
Net insurance contract provisions at 1 January	59.0	1,038.8	1,097.8	28.9	1,188.8	1,217.7
Net claims paid	(41.1)	(126.3)	(167.4)	(14.2)	(317.5)	(331.7)
Increases/(decreases) in provisions arising from the acquisition of subsidiary undertakings and Syndicate participations	–	0.1	0.1	–	(73.1)	(73.1)
Increases in provisions arising from acquisition of reinsurance portfolios	–	13.5	13.5	–	182.9	182.9
Increase/(decrease) in claims provisions	76.8	77.2	154.0	28.8	78.3	107.1
Increase/(decrease) in unearned premium reserve	42.5	–	42.5	17.2	(4.9)	12.3
Net exchange differences	(28.3)	5.7	(22.6)	(1.7)	(16.1)	(17.8)
<b>As at 31 December</b>	<b>108.9</b>	<b>1,009.0</b>	<b>1,117.9</b>	<b>59.0</b>	<b>1,038.8</b>	<b>1,097.8</b>

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### 23. Insurance contract provisions and reinsurance balances continued

	2022			2021		
	Program Management \$m	Legacy Insurance \$m	Total \$m	Program Management \$m	Legacy Insurance \$m	Total \$m
<b>Gross</b>						
Claims reserves	1,084.1	1,689.6	2,773.7	600.0	1,889.9	2,489.9
Unearned premiums reserves	1,036.8	0.6	1,037.4	610.4	0.6	611.0
<b>As at 31 December</b>	<b>2,120.9</b>	<b>1,690.2</b>	<b>3,811.1</b>	<b>1,210.4</b>	<b>1,890.5</b>	<b>3,100.9</b>
<b>Reinsurance</b>						
Claims reserves	1,019.5	681.1	1,700.6	572.4	851.6	1,424.0
Unearned premiums reserves	992.5	0.1	992.6	579.0	0.1	579.1
<b>As at 31 December</b>	<b>2,012.0</b>	<b>681.2</b>	<b>2,693.2</b>	<b>1,151.4</b>	<b>851.7</b>	<b>2,003.1</b>
<b>Net</b>						
Claims reserves	64.6	1,008.5	1,073.1	27.6	1,038.3	1,065.9
Unearned premiums reserves	44.3	0.5	44.8	31.4	0.5	31.9
<b>As at 31 December</b>	<b>108.9</b>	<b>1,009.0</b>	<b>1,117.9</b>	<b>59.0</b>	<b>1,038.8</b>	<b>1,097.8</b>

The carrying amounts disclosed above reasonably approximate their fair values at the period end date.

#### Assumptions, changes in assumptions and sensitivity

The assumptions used in the estimation of provisions relating to insurance contracts are intended to result in provisions which are sufficient to settle the net liabilities from insurance contracts. The amounts presented above include estimates of future reinsurance recoveries expected to arise on the settlement of the gross insurance liabilities.

Provision is made at the period end date for the estimated ultimate cost of settling all claims incurred in respect of events and developments up to that date, whether reported or not.

As detailed in Note 3, significant uncertainty exists as to the likely outcome of any individual claim and the ultimate costs of completing the run-off of the Group's insurance operations.

The provisions carried by the Group for its insurance liabilities are calculated using a variety of actuarial techniques. The provisions are calculated and reviewed by the Group's internal actuarial team; in addition the Group periodically commissions independent reviews by external actuaries. The use of external actuaries provides management with additional comfort that the Group's internally produced statistics and trends are consistent with observable market information and other published data. Provisions for outstanding claims and IBNR are initially estimated at a gross level and a separate calculation is carried out to estimate the size of reinsurance recoveries. Insurance companies and Syndicates within the Group are covered by a variety of treaty, excess of loss and stop loss reinsurance programs.

As detailed in Note 2 (h), when preparing these Consolidated Financial Statements, provision is made for all costs of running off the business of the insurance company subsidiaries to the extent that these costs exceed the estimated future investment return expected to be earned by those subsidiaries. Provision is also made for all costs of running off the underwriting years for those Syndicates treated as being in run-off on which the Group participates. The quantum of the costs of running off the business and the future investment income has been determined through the preparation of cash flow forecasts over the anticipated period of the run-off, using internally prepared budgets and forecasts of expenditure, investment income and actuarially assessed settlement patterns for the gross provisions. The gross costs of running off the business are estimated to be fully covered by the estimated future investment income.

As stated in Note 2 the Group has opted to discount reserves on long term liabilities with predictable cash flows.

Other than as described above, insurance liabilities are not discounted.

The provisions disclosed in the Consolidated Financial Statements are sensitive to a variety of factors including:

- » Settlement and commutation activity of third party lead reinsurers
- » Development in the status of settlement and commutation negotiations being entered into by the Group
- » The financial strength of the Group's reinsurers and the risk that these entities could, in time, become insolvent or could otherwise default on payments
- » Future cost inflation of legal and other advisors who assist the Group with the settlement of claims
- » Changes in statute and legal precedent which could particularly impact provisions for asbestos, pollution and other latent exposures
- » Arbitration awards and other legal precedents which could particularly impact upon the presentation of both inwards and outwards claims on the Group's exposure to major catastrophe losses

A one percent reduction in the net technical provisions would increase net assets by \$11.2m (2021: \$11.0m).

**24. Current and deferred tax****Current tax**

	2022	2021
	\$m	\$m
Current tax assets	7.4	3.6
Current tax liabilities	(7.3)	(2.4)
<b>Net current tax assets</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>1.2</b>

**Deferred tax**

Deferred tax is calculated in full on temporary differences under the liability method using tax rates of 25% for the UK (2021: 25%) and 21% for the US (2021: 21%).

Deferred tax assets have been recognised in respect of all tax losses and other temporary differences giving rise to deferred tax assets where it is probable that these assets will be recovered.

The movements in deferred tax assets and liabilities during the year are shown below. The movement in deferred tax is recorded in the income tax charge in the Consolidated Income Statement.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are only offset where there is a legally enforceable right of offset and there is an intention to settle the balances on a net basis.

	Deferred tax assets \$m	Deferred tax liabilities \$m	Total restated \$m
As at 1 January 2021	5.7	(17.1)	(11.4)
Movement in year	14.7	9.2	23.9
<b>As at 31 December 2021</b>	<b>20.4</b>	<b>(7.9)</b>	<b>12.5</b>
Movement in year	21.8	(8.7)	13.1
<b>As at 31 December 2022</b>	<b>42.2</b>	<b>(16.6)</b>	<b>25.6</b>

The movement on the deferred tax account is shown below:

	Accelerated capital allowances \$m	Trading losses \$m	Pension scheme deficit \$m	Other temporary differences \$m	Total restated \$m
As at 1 January 2021	(0.1)	18.2	1.9	(31.4)	(11.4)
Movement in year	–	4.4	(0.5)	(20.0)	23.9
<b>As at 31 December 2021</b>	<b>(0.1)</b>	<b>22.6</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>(11.4)</b>	<b>12.5</b>
Movement in year	–	7.9	0.5	4.7	13.1
<b>As at 31 December 2022</b>	<b>(0.1)</b>	<b>30.5</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>(6.7)</b>	<b>25.6</b>

Movements in the provisions for deferred taxation are disclosed in the Consolidated Financial Statements as follows:

	Exchange adjustment \$m	Deferred tax in Consolidated Income Statement \$m	Deferred tax in Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income \$m	Total restated \$m
Movement in 2021	1.3	22.8	(0.2)	23.9
Movement in 2022	8.3	3.7	1.1	13.1

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### 24. Current and deferred tax continued

#### Deferred tax continued

The analysis of the deferred tax assets relating to tax losses is as follows:

	2022	2021
	\$m	\$m
<b>Deferred tax assets – relating to trading losses</b>		
Deferred tax assets to be recovered after more than 12 months	15.9	5.6
Deferred tax assets to be recovered within 12 months	14.6	17.0
<b>Deferred tax assets</b>	<b>30.5</b>	<b>22.6</b>

Deferred tax assets are recognised for tax losses carried forward to the extent that the realisation of the related tax benefit through future taxable profits is probable.

The Directors have prepared forecasts which indicate that, excluding the deferred tax asset on the pension scheme deficit, the deferred tax assets will substantially reverse over the next six years.

The above deferred tax assets arise mainly from temporary differences and losses arising on the Group's US insurance companies. Under local tax regulations these losses and other temporary differences are available to offset against the US subsidiaries' future taxable profits in the Group's US Insurance Services Division as well as any future taxable results that may arise in the US insurance companies.

The Group's total deferred tax asset includes \$30.5m (2021: \$22.6m) in respect of trading losses carried forward. The tax losses have arisen in individual legal entities and will be used as future taxable profits arise in those legal entities. Substantially all of the unused tax losses for which a deferred tax asset has been recognised arises in the US subgroup.

### 25. Share capital

	Number of shares	Ordinary shares \$m	Share premium \$m	Treasury share reserve \$m	Total \$m
At 1 January 2021	224,283,759	6.2	200.9	0.2	207.3
Functional currency revaluation		(0.2)	7.2	–	7.0
Issue of ordinary shares	49,772,168	1.4	85.9	–	87.3
Share based payments	1,043,816	0.1	2.6	–	2.7
Treasury	111,525	–	–	(0.2)	(0.2)
Distribution	–	–	(8.3)	–	(8.3)
<b>At 31 December 2021</b>	<b>275,211,268</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>288.3</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>295.8</b>
Issue of ordinary shares	102,183,967	2.5	121.5	–	124.0
<b>At 31 December 2022</b>	<b>377,395,235</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>409.8</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>419.8</b>



	2022	2021
	\$m	\$m
<b>Allotted, called up and fully paid</b>		
377,395,235 ordinary shares of 2p each (2021: 275,211,268 ordinary shares of 2p each)	10.0	7.4
1 Preference A Share of £1	-	-
1 Preference B Share of £1	-	-
	<b>10.0</b>	<b>7.4</b>

	2022	2021
	\$m	\$m
<b>Included in equity</b>		
377,395,235 ordinary shares of 2p each (2021: 275,211,268 ordinary shares of 2p each)	10.0	7.4
1 Preference A Share of £1	-	-
1 Preference B Share of £1	-	-
	<b>10.0</b>	<b>7.4</b>

#### Cumulative Redeemable Preference Shares

Preference A and B Shares have rights, inter alia, to receive distributions in priority to ordinary shares of distributable profits of the Company derived from certain subsidiaries:

- » Preference A Share: one half of all distributions arising from the Company's investment in R&Q Reinsurance Company up to a maximum of \$5.0m.
- » Preference B Share: one half of all distributions arising from the Company's investment in R&Q Reinsurance Company (UK) Limited up to a maximum of \$10.0m.

The Preference A and Preference B Shares have been classified as equity on the basis that redemption dates are not prescribed in the Memorandum and Articles of Association and as such there is no contractual obligation to deliver cash. No distributions have been made since acquisition by either R&Q Reinsurance Company or R&Q Reinsurance Company (UK) Limited.

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### 26. Employees and Directors

#### Employee benefit expense for the Group during the year

	2022	2021
	\$m	\$m
Wages and salaries	50.9	46.8
Social security costs	4.4	5.4
Pension costs	1.8	1.8
Share-based payment charge	5.3	5.3
	<b>62.4</b>	<b>59.3</b>

Pension costs are recognised in operating expenses in the Consolidated Income Statement and include \$1.9m (2021: \$1.8m) in respect of payments to defined contribution schemes.

#### Average number of employees

	2022	2021
	Number	Number
Program Management	168	125
Legacy Insurance	144	154
Other	18	16
	<b>330</b>	<b>295</b>

#### Remuneration of the Directors and key management

	2022	2021
	\$m	\$m
Aggregate Director emoluments	7.3	11.1
Aggregate key management emoluments	3.5	3.5
Share-based payments – Directors	4.7	4.8
Share-based payments – Key management	0.5	0.5
	<b>16.0</b>	<b>19.9</b>
<b>Highest paid Director</b>		
Aggregate emoluments	7.7	6.9

Key management refers to employees who are Directors of subsidiaries within the Group but not members of the Group's Board of Directors.

## Directors' emoluments

	Salary \$m	Directors' Fees \$m	Bonus paid \$m	Movement in bonus accrued \$m	Share award cost \$m	Total \$m
A K Quilter	0.7	–	0.9	(0.2)	–	1.4
W L Spiegel*	1.5	–	1.5	0.8	3.9	7.7
T S Solomon	0.5	–	1.0	–	0.8	2.3
A H F Campbell	–	0.1	–	–	–	0.1
P A Barnes	–	0.2	–	–	–	0.2
J P Fox	–	0.2	–	–	–	0.2
E M Flanagan	–	0.1	–	–	–	0.1
R Legget	–	–	–	–	–	–

\*Out of \$7.7m of total compensation, \$3.9m represents the vesting of the stock award of \$12m granted in 2020 at 177.5p, which vested after three years at 67.8p. To satisfy tax liabilities arising from the vesting William Spiegel sold 2.8m Ordinary Shares which, in accordance with the share award agreement, have been purchased by the Group to be held in Treasury.

Bonus payments relating to the reporting year are paid in the following 3 years being 50%, 25% and 25% annually, and reflect the performance of the Group and the individuals. The costs in the 2022 financial year represent the amounts paid in 2022 and provision for costs relating to the 2020, 2021 and 2022 reporting years' performance, which will be paid in 2022, 2023 and 2024. The provisions are established on the likelihood of the performance (financial and personal) and service period criteria being met based on a board approved scorecard. Where contractual arrangements supersede the above policy, the contractual arrangements are included.

## 27. Pension scheme obligations

The Group operates one defined benefit scheme in the UK. The defined benefit scheme's assets are held in separate trustee administered funds. The pension cost is assessed by an independent qualified actuary. In the valuation, the actuary used the projected unit method as the scheme is closed to new employees. A full actuarial valuation of the scheme is carried out every three years, with the last valuation completed as at 1 January 2021.

On 2 December 2003, the scheme was closed to future accrual although the scheme continues to remain in full force and effect for members at that date.

The position and assumptions under IAS 19 as at the reporting period are as follows.

## a. Employee benefit obligations – amount disclosed in the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

	2022 \$m	2021 \$m
Fair value of plan assets	20.0	36.6
Present value of funded obligations	(27.9)	(42.3)
Net defined benefit liability	(7.9)	(5.7)
Related deferred tax asset	2.0	1.4
<b>Net position in the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position</b>	<b>(5.9)</b>	<b>(4.3)</b>

All actuarial losses are recognised in full in the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income in the period in which they occur.

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### 27. Pension scheme obligations continued

#### b. Movement in the net defined benefit obligation and fair value of plan assets over the year

	Present value of obligation \$m	Fair value of plan assets \$m	Deficit of funded plan \$m
As at 31 December 2021	(42.3)	36.6	(5.7)
Interest (expense)/income	(0.7)	0.6	(0.1)
	<b>(43.0)</b>	<b>37.2</b>	<b>(5.8)</b>
Remeasurements:			
Return on plan assets, excluding amounts included in interest expense	–	(14.4)	(14.4)
Loss from changes in financial assumptions	11.9	–	11.9
Experience gain	(2.0)	–	(2.0)
Loss on curtailments	(0.2)	–	(0.2)
	<b>(33.3)</b>	<b>22.8</b>	<b>(10.5)</b>
Employer's contributions	–	2.1	2.1
Benefit payments from the plan	2.5	(2.5)	–
Currency revaluation	0.6	(0.8)	(0.2)
<b>As at 31 December 2022</b>	<b>(30.2)</b>	<b>21.6</b>	<b>(8.6)</b>
	Present value of obligation \$m	Fair value of plan assets \$m	Deficit of funded plan \$m
As at 31 December 2020	(47.6)	37.7	(9.9)
Interest (expense)/income	(0.6)	0.5	(0.1)
	<b>(48.2)</b>	<b>38.2</b>	<b>(10.0)</b>
Remeasurements:			
Loss from changes in financial assumptions	2.7	–	2.7
Loss from changes in demographic assumptions	(0.1)	–	(0.1)
Experience gain	0.5	–	0.5
	<b>(45.1)</b>	<b>38.2</b>	<b>(6.9)</b>
Employer's contributions	–	1.1	1.1
Benefit payments from the plan	2.0	(2.0)	–
Currency revaluation	0.8	(0.7)	0.1
<b>As at 31 December 2021</b>	<b>(42.3)</b>	<b>36.6</b>	<b>(5.7)</b>

**c. Significant actuarial assumptions****i) Financial assumptions**

	2022	2021
Discount rate	4.75 %	1.90%
RPI inflation assumption	Pre 2030: 3.20%/Post 2030: 2.95%	3.50%
CPI inflation assumption	Pre 2030: 2.40%/Post 2030: 2.85%	3.20%
Pension revaluation in deferment: – CPI, maximum 5%	Pre 2030: 2.40%/Post 2030: 2.85%	2.70%
Pension increases in payment: – RPI, maximum 5%	Pre 2030: 3.20%/Post 2030: 2.95%	3.50%

**ii) Demographic assumptions**

Assumed life expectancy in years, on retirement at 60

Assumed life expectancy in years, on retirement at 60	2022	2021
Retiring today		
– Males	21.7	21.6
– Females	24.2	24.1
Retiring in 20 years		
– Males	23.0	22.9
– Females	25.6	25.5

**d. Sensitivity to assumptions**

The results of the IAS 19 valuation at 31 December 2022 are sensitive to the assumptions adopted.

The sensitivities regarding the principal assumptions used to measure the Scheme liabilities are set out below:

Assumption	Change in assumption	Change in liabilities
Discount rate	Increase by 0.1%/Decrease by 0.1%	Decrease by £238k/Increase by £242k
Rate of inflation	Increase by 0.1%/Decrease by 0.1%	Increase by £56k/Decrease by £55k
Life expectancy	Increase by 1 year/Decrease by 1 year	Increase by £621k/Decrease by £646k

The above sensitivity analyses are based on a change in assumption while holding all other assumptions constant. In practice, this is unlikely to occur, and changes in some of the assumptions may be correlated. The sensitivity of the defined benefit obligation to significant actuarial assumptions has been estimated, based on the average age and the normal retirement age of members and the duration of the Scheme.

**e. The major categories of plan assets are as follows**

	2022			2021		
	Level 1	Level 2	\$m Total	Level 1	Level 2	\$m Total
Cash and cash equivalents	–	2.6	2.6	–	1.6	1.6
Investment funds:						
– equities	–	5.1	5.1	–	22.7	22.7
– bonds	–	2.0	2.0	–	4.0	4.0
– property	–	–	–	–	–	–
– liability driven	–	10.3	10.3	–	8.3	8.3
	–	<b>20.0</b>	<b>20.0</b>	–	<b>36.6</b>	<b>36.6</b>

Definitions of Level 1 and Level 2 investments can be found in note 4(a)(i).

**f. Contributions and present value of defined benefit obligation**

Funding levels are monitored on an annual basis. \$2.1m of contributions were made directly into the scheme during 2022 (2021: \$1.1m). In March 2022, a recovery plan was renegotiated and agreed with the Trustees to eliminate the plan deficit by 31 December 2025. From July 2022, monthly payments increased to provide annualised payments of \$1.9m, and further single annual payments of \$0.8m will be made, finalising in December 2025.



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### 28. Related party transactions

#### Transactions with subsidiaries

Transactions between the Group's wholly owned subsidiary undertakings, which are related parties, have been eliminated on consolidation and accordingly not disclosed.

#### Transactions with Directors

The following Directors and connected parties were entitled to the following distributions during the year:

	2022	2021
	\$m	\$m
A K Quilter and family	–	0.1
W L Spiegel	–	0.2

#### Transactions with associate

On 10 September 2020 the Group invested in Tradesman Program Managers, LLC which is treated as an investment in associate. The Group receives income through its Program operations as detailed below.

	2022	2021
	\$m	\$m
Written premium	303.3	245.2
Written Commissions	30.6	12.2
Funds due at year end	5.5	5.4

The summarised financial information of the amounts presented in the financial statements of the associate for the full year of the associate is as follows:

	2022	2021
	\$m	\$m
Assets	29.7	29.0
Liabilities	(97.1)	(33.2)
Net assets/(liabilities)	(67.4)	(4.2)
Income for the year	67.9	63.5
Profit for the year	31.1	29.4

### 29. Business combinations

#### Business combinations

During the year, the Group made two business combinations of run-off portfolios. All of the Group's business combinations involved Legacy Insurance transactions and have been accounted for using the acquisition method of accounting.

#### Legacy entities and businesses

The following table shows the fair value of assets and liabilities (and consideration where paid) included in the Consolidated Financial Statements at the date of acquisition of the legacy businesses:

	Intangible assets \$m	Other receivables \$m	Cash and investments \$m	Other payables \$m	Technical provisions \$m	Tax and deferred tax \$m	Net assets acquired \$m	Consideration \$m	Gross deal contribution \$m
La Vittoria	0.1	–	0.6	–	(0.5)	(0.1)	0.1	–	0.1
Energia	–	–	1.4	–	–	–	1.4	0.9	0.5
	<b>0.1</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>(0.5)</b>	<b>(0.1)</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>0.6</b>

Gross deal contribution represents the net asset value acquired in excess of any consideration paid, gross of any transaction expenses or commissions.

Goodwill on bargain purchase arises when the consideration is less than the fair value of the net assets acquired. It is calculated after the alignment of accounting policies and other adjustments to the valuation of assets and liabilities to reflect their fair value at acquisition. The long-tail nature of the liabilities causes significant problems for former owners such as absorbing capital and requiring recruitment of specialist staff. As a specialist service provider and manager, the Group is more efficient at managing such entities and former owners are prepared to sell at a discount on the fair value of the net assets.

In order to disclose the impact on the Group as though the legacy entities had been owned the whole year, assumptions would have to be made about the Group's ability to manage efficiently the run-off of the legacy liabilities prior to the acquisition. As a result, and in accordance with IAS 8, the Directors believe it is not practicable to disclose revenue and profit before tax as if the entities had been owned for the whole year.

Where significant uncertainties arise in the quantification of the liabilities, the Directors have estimated the fair value based on the currently available information and on assumptions which they believe to be reasonable.

### 30. Non-controlling interests

The following table shows the Group's non-controlling interests and movements in the year:

	2022	2021
	\$m	\$m
<b>Non-controlling interests</b>		
Balance at 1 January	–	(0.5)
Changes in non-controlling interest in subsidiaries	–	0.5
Balance at 31 December	–	–

### 31. Guarantees and indemnities in ordinary course of business

The Group has entered into a guarantee agreement and a debenture arrangement with its bankers, along with several of its subsidiaries, in respect of the Group term loan facilities. The total liability to the bank at 31 December 2022 was \$103.0m (2021: \$153.6m).

The Group also gives various other guarantees in the ordinary course of business.

### 32. Foreign exchange rates

The Group used the following exchange rates to translate foreign currency assets, liabilities, income and expenses into US dollars, being the Group's presentational currency:

	2022		2021	
	Average	Year end	Average	Year end
UK Sterling	0.80	0.81	0.73	0.75
Euro	0.95	0.94	0.84	0.88

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### 33. Events after the reporting date

On 6 January 2023, the Group announced that it had acquired a non-controlling interest in a corporate vehicle which owns corporate liability exposures (formerly MSI Safety). The Group will manage the exposures for an annual management fee.

On 17 March 2023, the Group sold its 40% non-controlling interest in TPM Holdings (Tradesman) for a total consideration of \$47m.

In March 2023, the Group and the Pennsylvania Insurance Department agreed to proceed with a liquidation of R&Q Reinsurance Company. As a result of provisions made in the past this liquidation will not negatively impact the Group's net assets.

On 4 April 2023, the Group announced the intention to separate its Program Management business, Accredited, from Legacy Insurance and in June 2023 received all regulatory consents required.

On 12 June 2023, the Group announced a \$50m issuance of preferred stock to a current shareholder, with the potential to upsize the transaction to \$60m.

On 12 June 2023, the Group announced it was exploring a potential sale of the Accredited Group. To date the Group has received a number of bids for this sale.

### 34. Ultimate controlling party

The Directors consider that the Group has no ultimate controlling party.

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## Trading Platforms

The Company is listed on the Alternative Investment Market (AIM) 100 Index of the London Stock Exchange and the OTCQX Best Market, a US trading platform that is operated by OTC Markets Group. The Company also has debt securities which are traded on the Global Exchange Market of Euronext Dublin.

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