



19 February 2021

The Manager  
Markets Announcements Office  
ASX Limited  
Level 4  
Exchange Centre  
20 Bridge Street  
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Sir/Madam,

**QBE Presentation on the 2020 results**

Further to the Company's announcement to the market today on its results for the year ended 31 December 2020, please find attached the presentation to be delivered to investors and analysts this morning.

This release has been authorised by the QBE Board of Directors.

Yours faithfully

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Carolyn Scobie  
**Company Secretary**

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QBE INSURANCE GROUP LIMITED

# 2020 **full year results**

**Friday 19 February 2021**

All figures in US\$ unless otherwise stated



# Richard Pryce

Interim Group Chief Executive Officer







## Results

**Combined operating ratio  
104.2%<sup>1</sup>**

COR 98.6%<sup>1</sup> (ex. COVID-19)

Underlying GWP growth +10%<sup>2,3</sup>

Attritional claims ratio down 2.9%<sup>3,4</sup>

Cat claims 1.1%<sup>3</sup> above allowance

Prior accident year claims  
development 3.1%<sup>3</sup>



## Strong pricing momentum<sup>5</sup>

**FY20 average rate increase 9.8%**

Momentum accelerating – 3Q20:  
9.8% and 4Q20: 12.6%

Continued rate increases in all  
regions

AusPac momentum recovering post  
COVID-19 pricing relief initiatives



## Investments

**Net investment return of 0.9%<sup>6</sup>**

Credit spreads narrowed  
significantly in 2H20

1H20 mark-to-market losses on  
core FI more than recovered

Closing funds under management  
\$27.7B

Conservative asset allocation



## Balance sheet

**Strong balance sheet**

Regulatory capital at 1.72x, above  
the mid-point of our range

Capital above S&P 'AA' level

Pro forma gearing 32.4%<sup>7</sup>

Head Office liquidity \$1.2B<sup>7</sup>

1. Excludes impact of changes in risk-free rates used to discount net outstanding claims

2. Constant currency basis and excludes impact of 2019 disposals

3. Excludes impact of COVID-19

4. Excludes Crop and lenders' mortgage insurance (LMI)

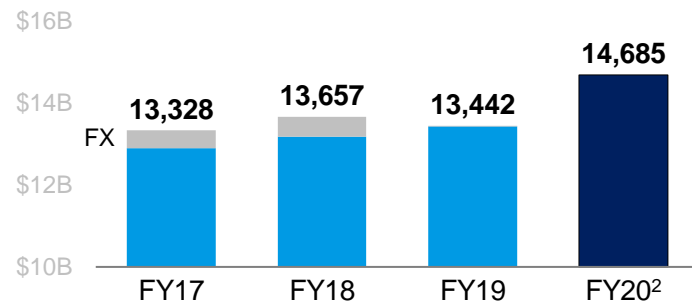
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6. Includes FX gains (losses) and other income (expenses)

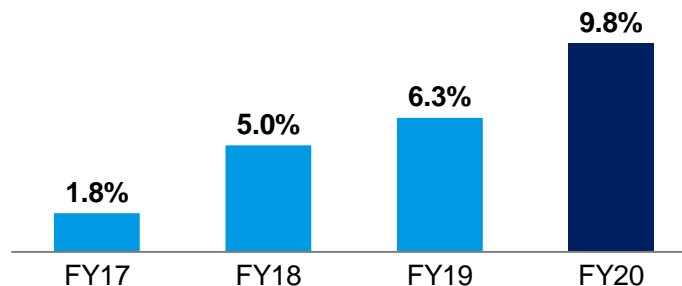
7. Pro forma adjusting for \$200M pre-funded debt repayment to be completed in March 2021

# Results snapshot<sup>1</sup>

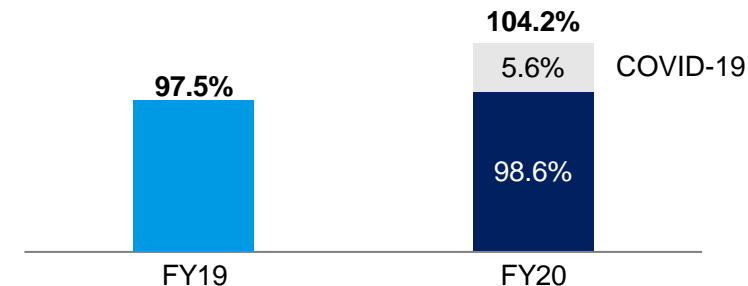
## Gross written premium (\$M)



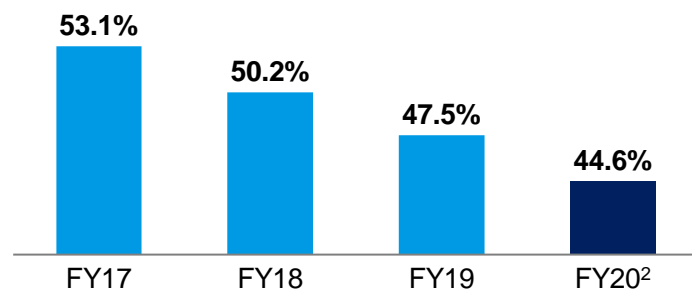
## Premium rate increases<sup>3</sup>



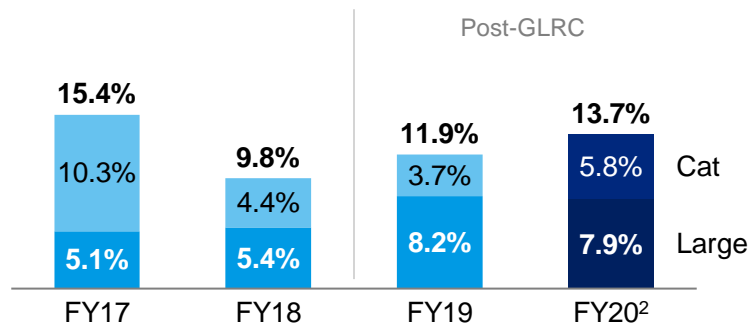
## Combined operating ratio<sup>4</sup>



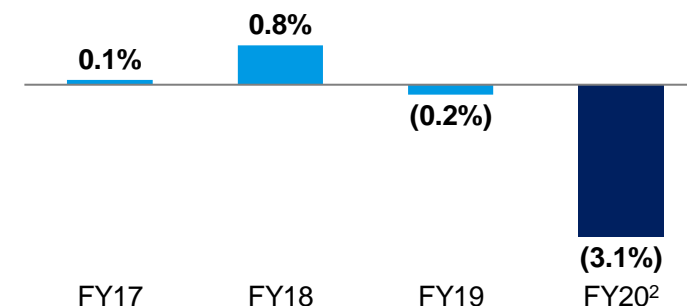
## Attritional claims ratio<sup>5</sup>



## Large risk & catastrophe claims ratio



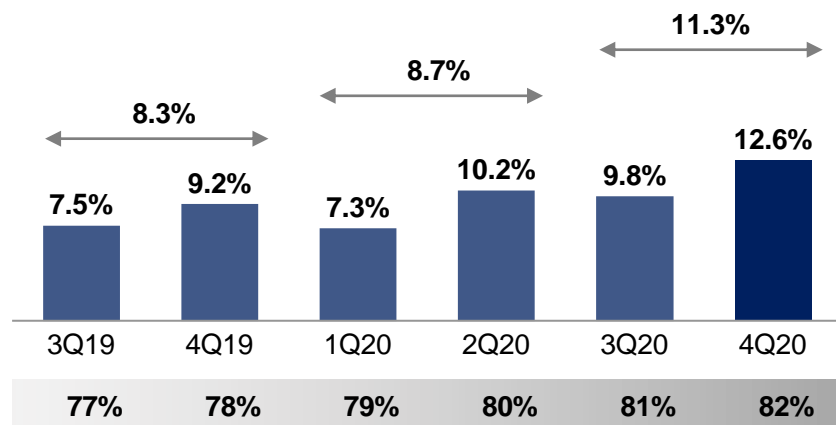
## Prior accident year development



1. Prior periods presented on continuing operations and adjusted basis as presented in annual reports
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3. Excludes premium rate changes relating to North America Crop and Australian CTP
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5. Excludes Crop and LMI

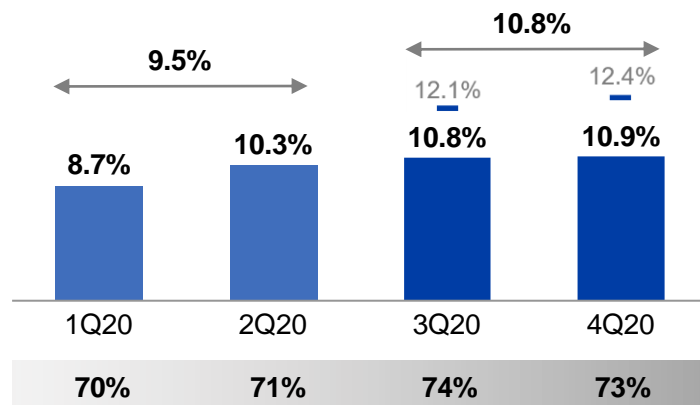
# Pricing momentum

## Continued group-wide premium rate increases<sup>1</sup>

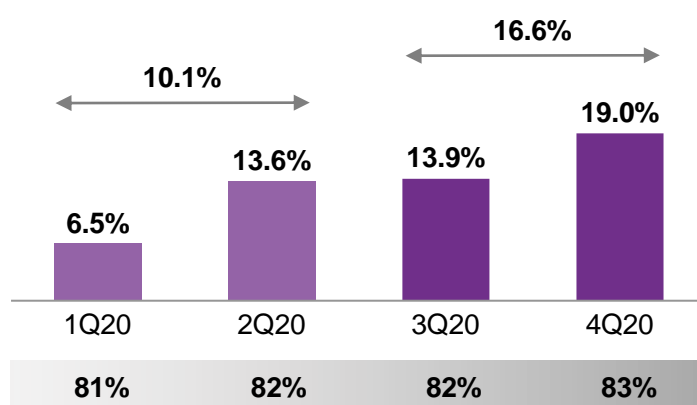


- Strong premium rate increases globally
- Material increase in pricing momentum across 2020, particularly in North America and International
- Australia Pacific pricing momentum impacted by COVID-19 response

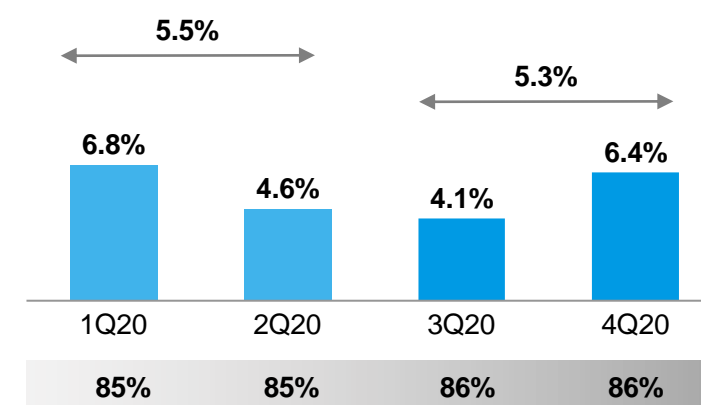
## North America<sup>1,2</sup>



## International<sup>2</sup>



## Australia Pacific<sup>1</sup>



— ex. workers' compensation

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 2. Restated for the transfer of North America's inward reinsurance business to International

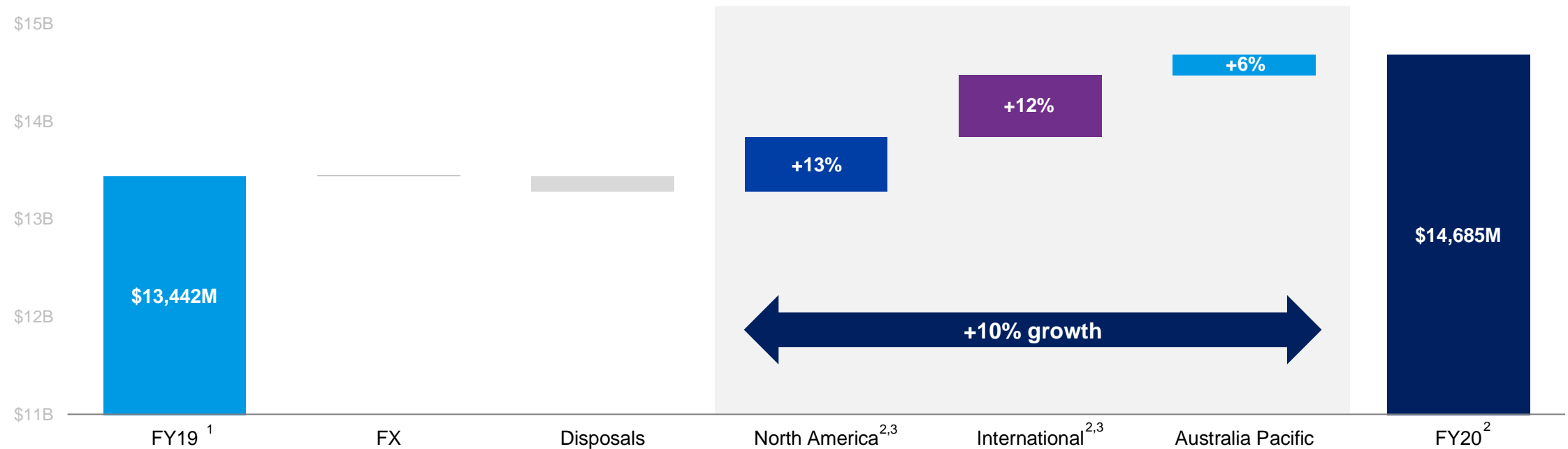
12mth premium rate change

12mth premium retention

# Gross written premium

## Underlying growth of +10%

4% 'real' (volume) growth



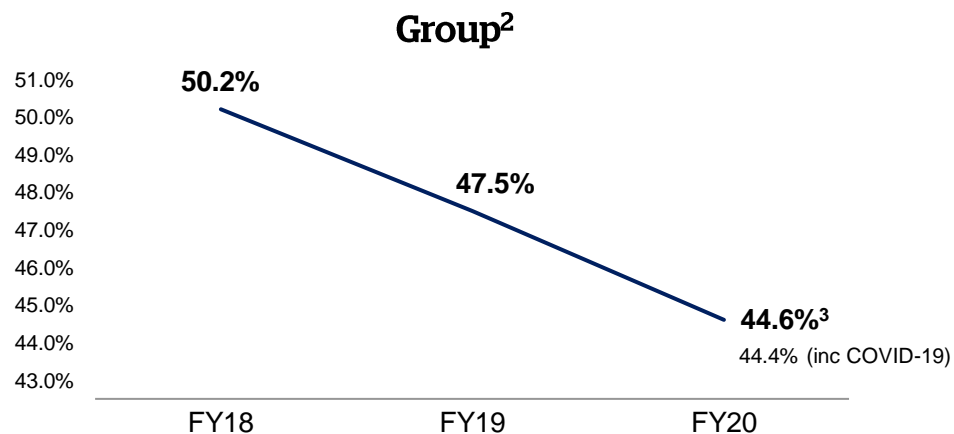
1. Continuing operations basis

2. Excludes impact of COVID-19

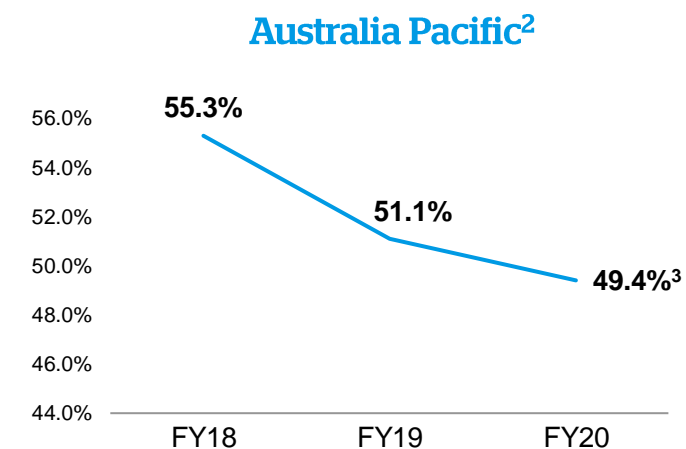
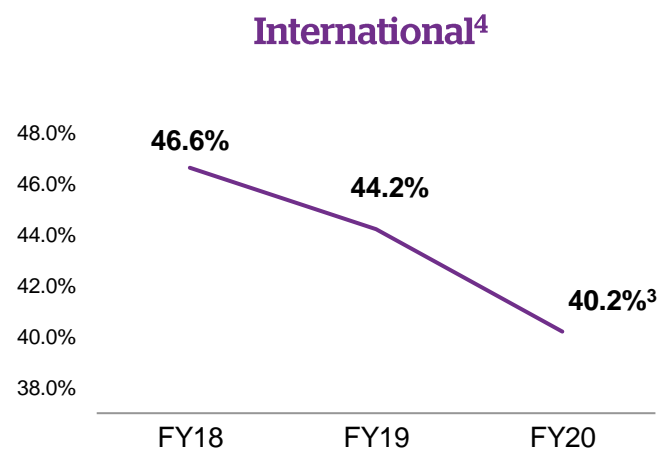
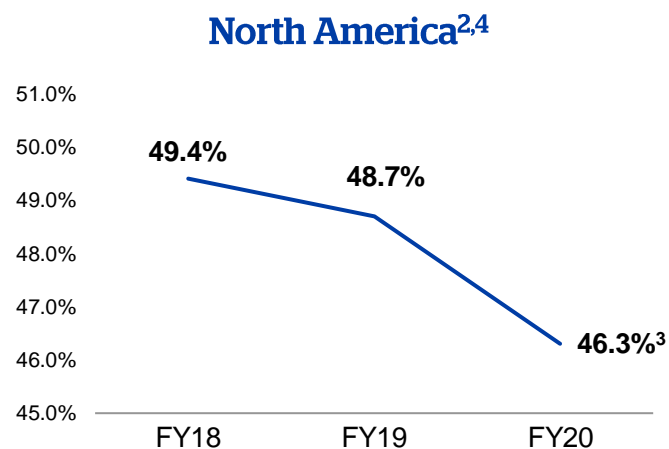
3. Restated for the transfer of North America's inward reinsurance business to International



# Attritional claims ratio<sup>1</sup>



- 9.7%<sup>3</sup> improvement from 54.3% peak in 2H17
- Continued improvement across all divisions
  - › Significant improvement in International reflects strong pricing momentum
  - › Slightly positive impact from COVID-19 net of frequency benefits
  - › North America FY20 improvement despite mix and higher CAY loss picks

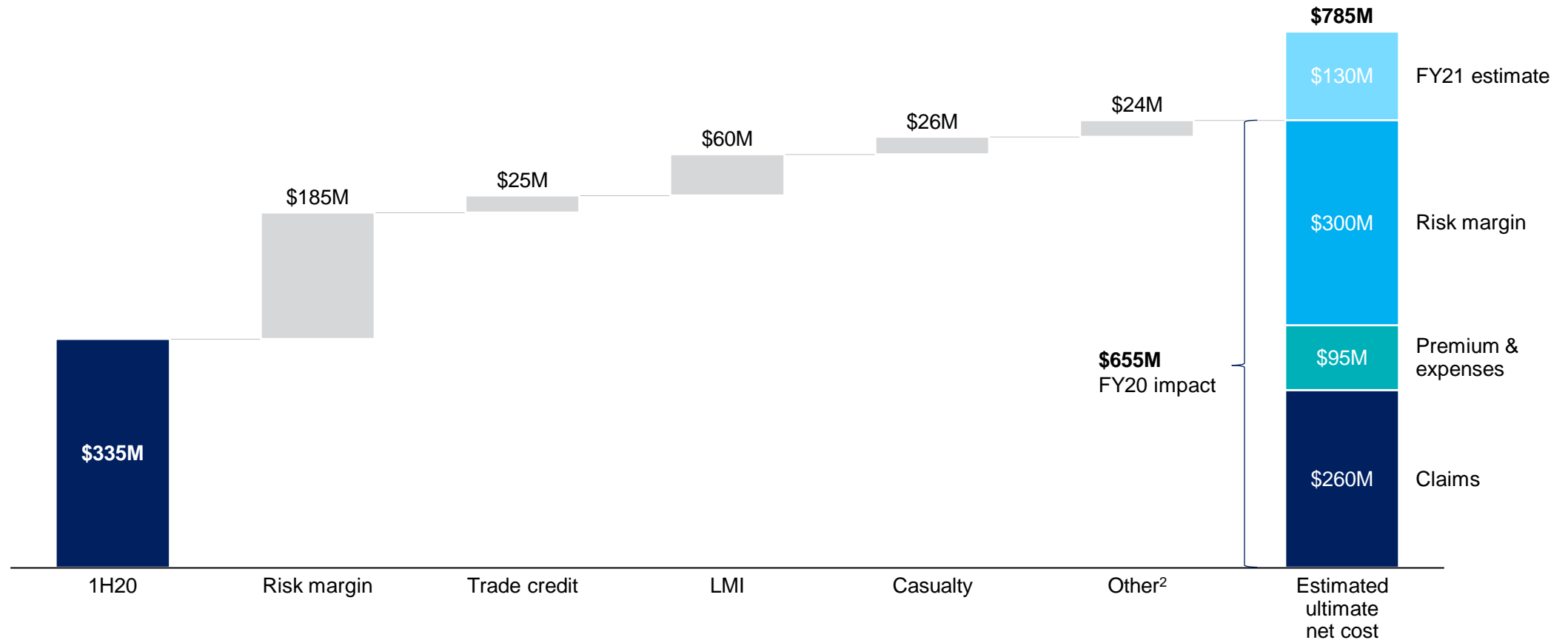


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2. Excludes Crop and/or LMI  
3. Excludes impact of COVID-19  
4. Restated for the transfer of North America's inward reinsurance business to International



# COVID-19 estimated ultimate cost<sup>1</sup>

## Breakdown of \$785M COVID-19 estimated ultimate net cost



1. Net of COVID-19 frequency benefits and reinsurance

2. Includes premium, expenses, Australian business interruption and other net claims

# COVID-19 impact: business interruption



## Business Interruption (BI)

### North America

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Exposure minimal

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- Requires physical damage AND all policies have explicit virus exclusions
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- Protected by quota share and peak cat XOL reinsurance

### International

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Exposure understood and protected

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- UK insurance BI claims capped at \$70M net
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- Protected by quota share, non-peak cat XOL and cat aggregate reinsurance
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- No event cancellation insurance

### Australia Pacific

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Exposure uncertain - downside protected

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- Special leave sought to appeal Quarantine Act ruling, additional test cases on policy wordings to be heard in 2021
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- Protected by quota share, non-peak cat XOL, cat aggregate reinsurance and substantial risk margins

# Inder Singh

Group Chief Financial Officer



# Financial results summary<sup>1</sup>



## Operating results

|   |            | FY19 <sup>1</sup> | FY20         | FY20<br>(ex. COVID-19) |
|---|------------|-------------------|--------------|------------------------|
| Gross written premium   | \$M        | 13,442            | 14,643       | 14,685                 |
| Net earned premium  | \$M        | 11,609            | 11,708       | 11,785                 |
| Net claims ratio (ex discount rate)                             | %          | 67.3              | 73.1         | 67.8                   |
| Net commission ratio  | %          | 15.6              | 16.1         | 16.1                   |
| Expense ratio   | %          | 14.6              | 15.0         | 14.6                   |
| <b>COR (ex discount rate)</b>                                   | <b>%</b>   | <b>97.5</b>       | <b>104.2</b> | <b>98.6</b>            |
| Net investment yield <sup>2</sup>                               | %          | 4.4               | 0.9          |                        |
| Net profit (loss) after income tax                              | \$M        | 622               | (1,517)      |                        |
| <b>Adjusted cash profit (loss) after income tax<sup>3</sup></b> | <b>\$M</b> | <b>733</b>        | <b>(863)</b> |                        |

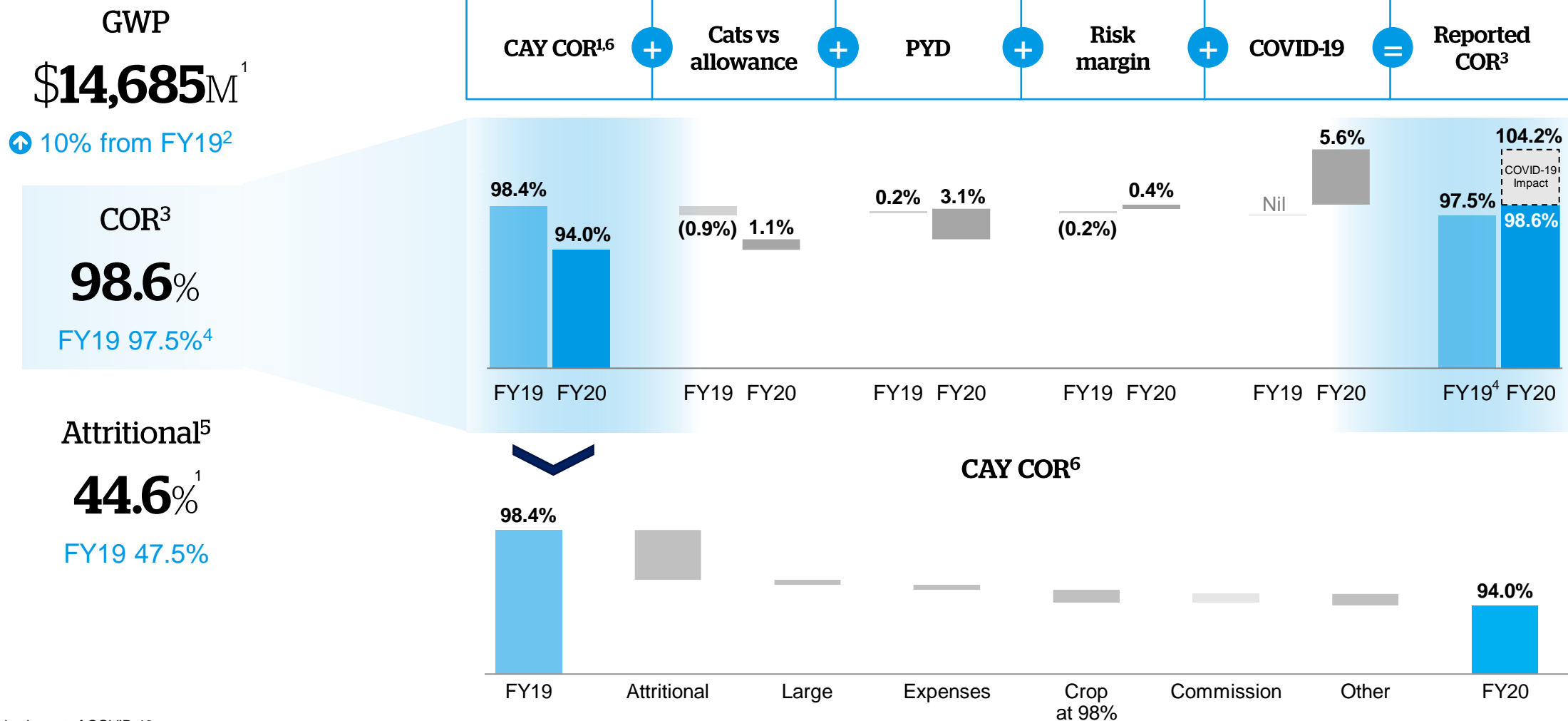
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2. Includes FX gains (losses) and other income (expenses)

3. FY20 adjusted for Additional Tier 1 capital (AT1) coupons and excludes material non-recurring items such as restructuring costs and losses on disposals



# Group combined ratio impacted by COVID-19



1. Excludes impact of COVID-19
2. Constant currency basis and excludes impact of 2019 disposals
3. Excludes impact of changes in risk-free rates used to discount net outstanding claims
4. Excludes one-off impact of the Ogden decision in the UK
5. Excludes Crop and LMI
6. Current accident year COR adjusted to reflect catastrophe claims at allowance and excludes changes in risk margin

GWP

**\$4,775M<sup>2</sup>**

⬆️ 13% from FY19<sup>3</sup>

COR<sup>4</sup>

**115.7%**

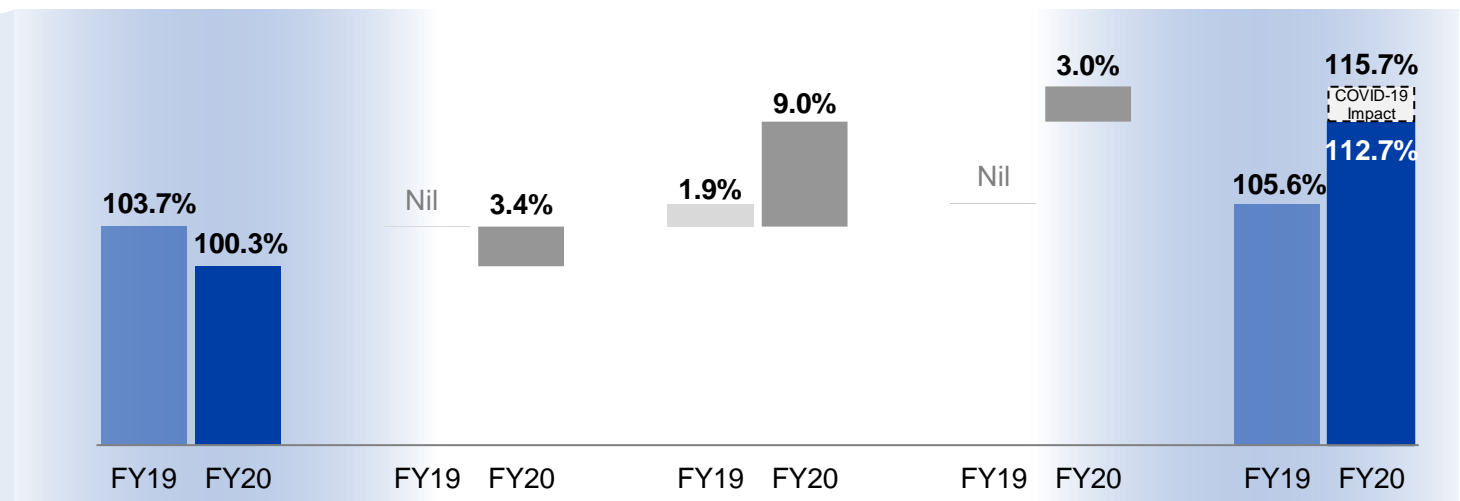
FY19 105.6%

Attritional<sup>5</sup>

**46.3%<sup>2</sup>**

FY19 48.7%

|                        |   |                   |   |     |   |          |   |                           |
|------------------------|---|-------------------|---|-----|---|----------|---|---------------------------|
| CAY COR <sup>2,6</sup> | + | Cats vs allowance | + | PYD | + | COVID-19 | = | Reported COR <sup>4</sup> |
|------------------------|---|-------------------|---|-----|---|----------|---|---------------------------|



- Attritional claims ratio improved by 2.4%<sup>5</sup>
- Large individual risk claims ratio increased by 2.3%<sup>2</sup>
- \$305M PYD from E&S, cat claims, aviation and allowance for broader systemic risk factors
- Crop COR of 98%<sup>2</sup> impacted by Californian wildfires and Iowa derecho

1. FY19 restated for the transfer of North America's inward reinsurance business to International  
 2. Excludes impact of COVID-19  
 3. Excludes personal lines disposal  
 4. Excludes impact of changes in risk-free rates used to discount net outstanding claims  
 5. Excludes Crop  
 6. Current accident year COR adjusted to reflect catastrophe claims at allowance

GWP

**\$5,856M<sup>2</sup>**

↑ 12% from FY19<sup>3</sup>

COR<sup>4</sup>

**94.5%**

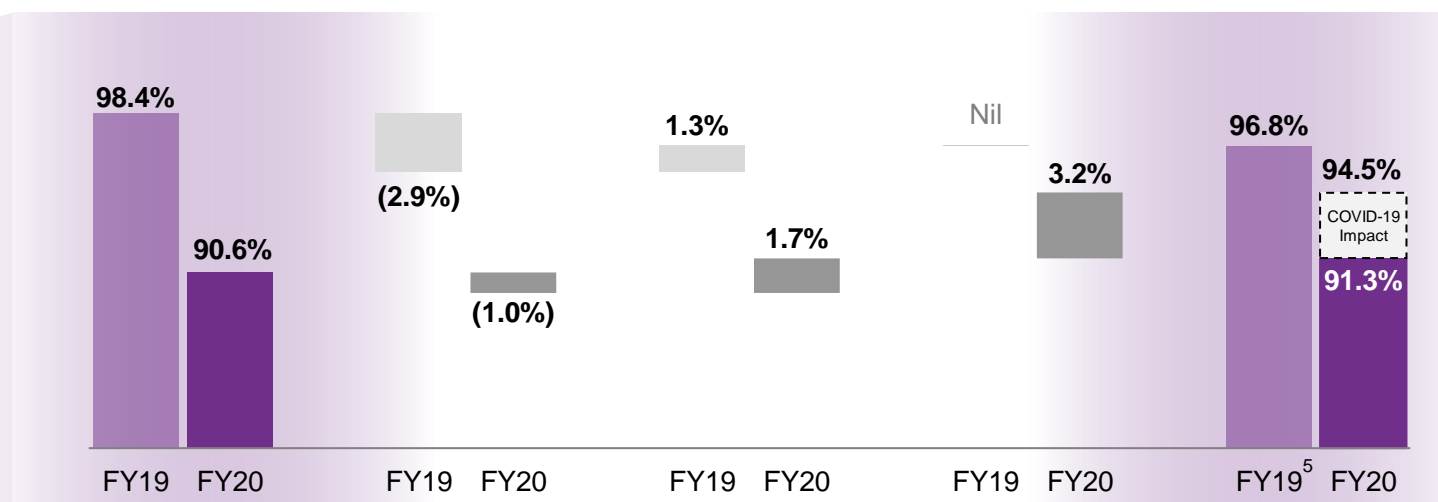
FY19 96.8%<sup>5</sup>

Attritional

**40.2%<sup>2</sup>**

FY19 44.2%

|                        |   |                   |   |     |   |          |   |                           |
|------------------------|---|-------------------|---|-----|---|----------|---|---------------------------|
| CAY COR <sup>2,6</sup> | + | Cats vs allowance | + | PYD | + | COVID-19 | = | Reported COR <sup>4</sup> |
|------------------------|---|-------------------|---|-----|---|----------|---|---------------------------|



- Attritional claims ratio improved 4.0%<sup>2</sup>
- Large individual risk and catastrophe claims below allowance
- COVID-19 impact primarily driven by business interruption
- Expense ratio improved by 1.4%

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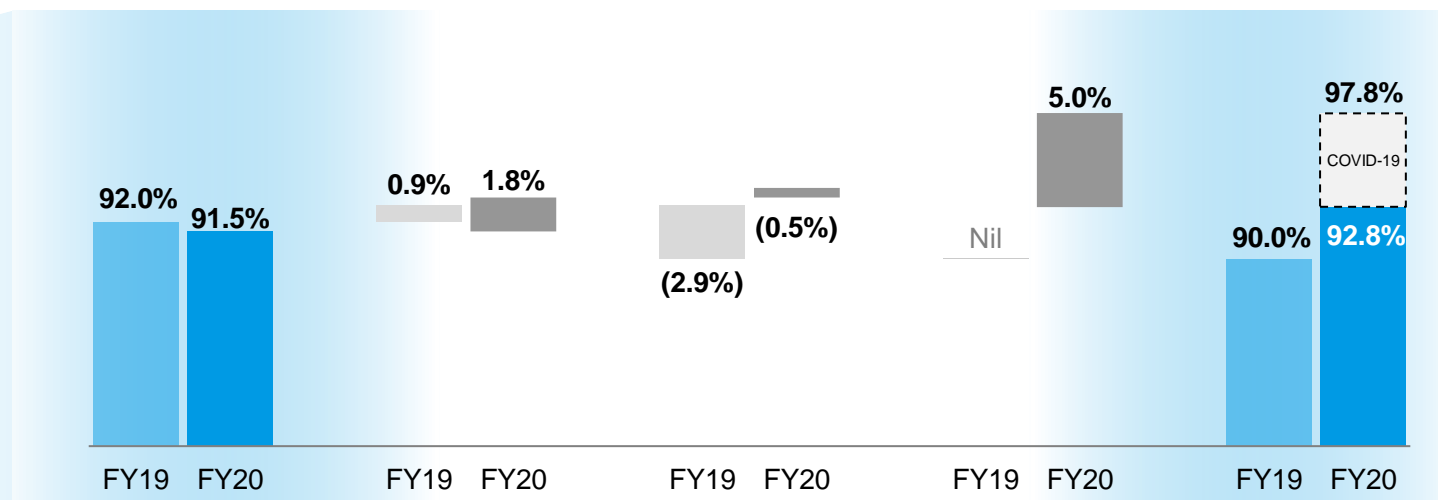
GWP  
**\$4,079M**

↑ 6% from FY19<sup>1</sup>

COR<sup>2</sup>  
**97.8%**  
 FY19 90.0%

Attritional<sup>3</sup>  
**49.4%**<sup>4</sup>  
 FY19 51.1%

|                        |   |                   |   |     |   |          |   |                           |
|------------------------|---|-------------------|---|-----|---|----------|---|---------------------------|
| CAY COR <sup>4,5</sup> | + | Cats vs allowance | + | PYD | + | COVID-19 | = | Reported COR <sup>2</sup> |
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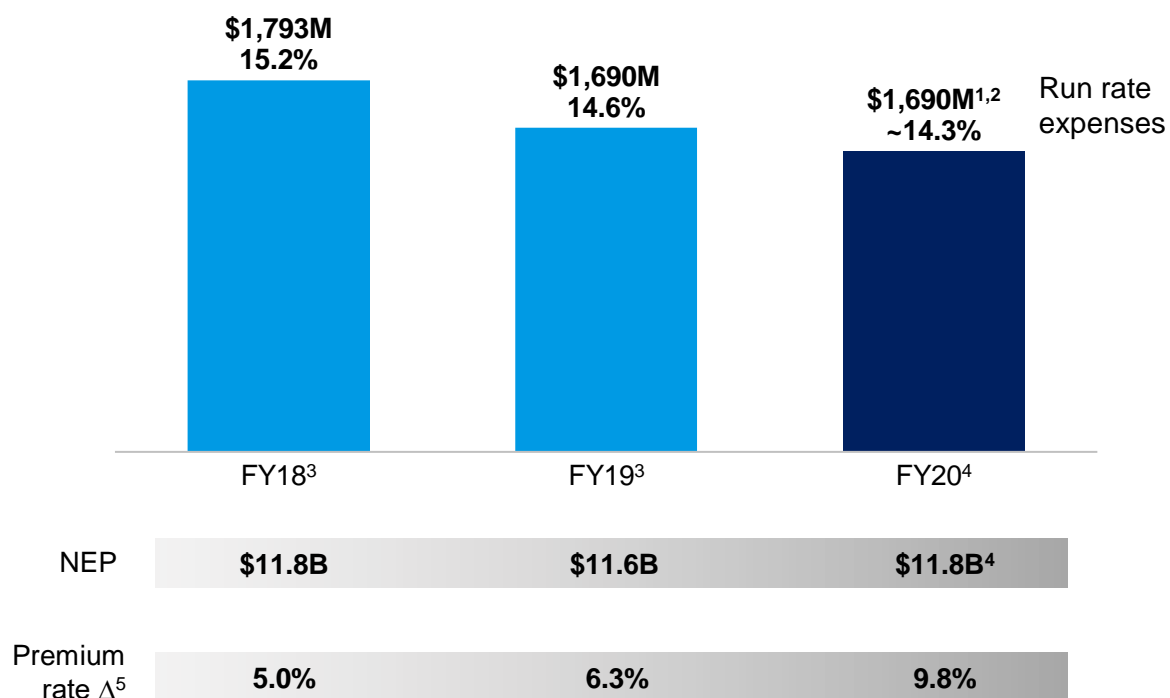
- Attritional claims ratio improved 1.7%<sup>3,4</sup> (~14.3% since 1H16)
- Catastrophe costs up 1.3%<sup>4</sup> vs FY19 driven by summer bushfires and storm activity
- LMI COR of 62.3%<sup>2,4</sup> or 102.6%<sup>2</sup> including a \$60M provision for COVID-19 impact

1. Constant currency basis and excludes impact of 2019 disposals  
 2. Excludes impact of changes in risk-free rates used to discount net outstanding claims  
 3. Excludes LMI  
 4. Excludes impact of COVID-19  
 5. Current accident year COR adjusted to reflect catastrophe claims at allowance



## Accelerating delivery against targets

Net underwriting expenses (\$M) / ratio (%)



1. Adjusted for below-plan variable compensation
2. Excludes heightened risk and regulatory costs, TEPL and other one-off items
3. Continuing operations and adjusted basis as presented in annual reports
4. Excludes impact of COVID-19
5. Excludes premium rate changes relating to North America Crop and Australian CTP

## Operational efficiency target

- **~\$125M** net cost savings achieved since 2018, (one year ahead of three year FY21 target of \$130M):



Operating model



Streamlining  
North America



Tactical savings

- **Next phase** of cost savings driven by IT modernisation:



Cloud First



Legacy  
consolidation



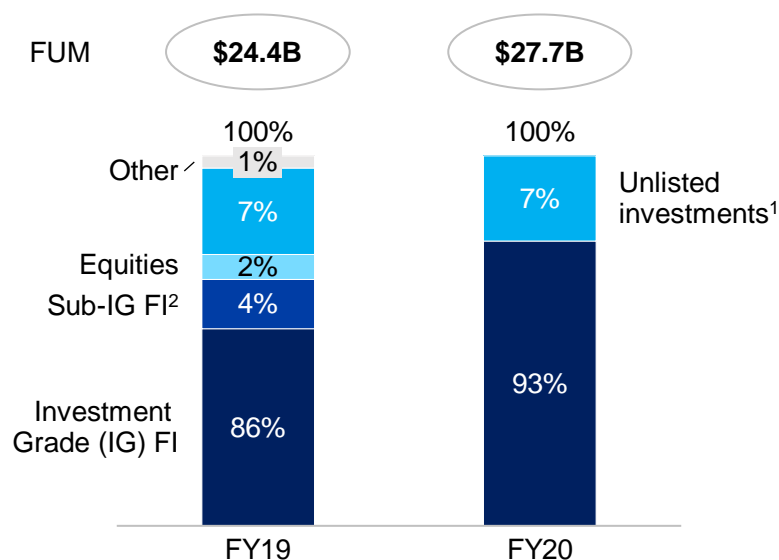
Process  
automation

- **Three year restructuring charge of \$150M to support an expense ratio of 13% by FY23**

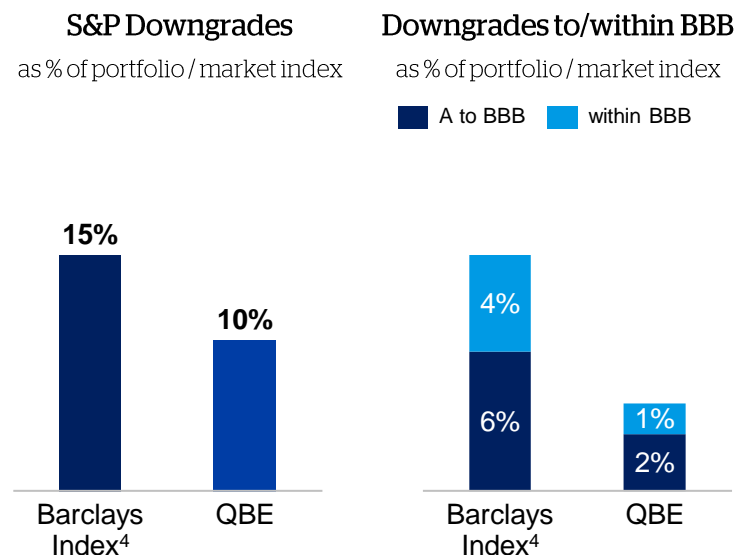
# Investment portfolio and performance outlook



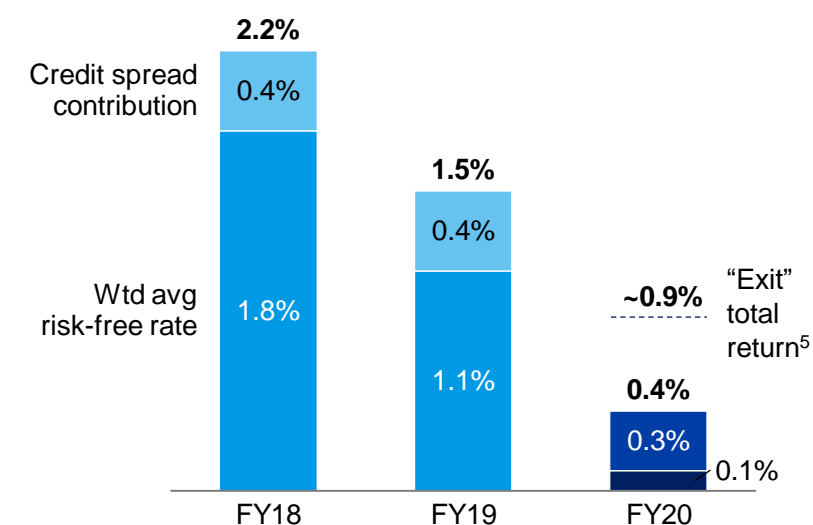
## De-risked investment portfolio



## High quality, resilient investment grade FI portfolio



## Lower FI running yield



- Zero listed equities exposure<sup>3</sup>
- Unrealised gains from credit spread movements \$151M (2H20)

- ~85% of fixed income rated A- or better
- BBB average maturity of 3.5 years
- No downgrades from investment grade to sub-investment grade
- No credit trading distressed

- Maintaining conservative asset allocation
- FY20 “exit” total investment return ~0.9%

1. Inclusive of private equity, unlisted property and unlisted infrastructure investments

2. Inclusive of high yield debt, emerging market debt and other sub investment grade investments

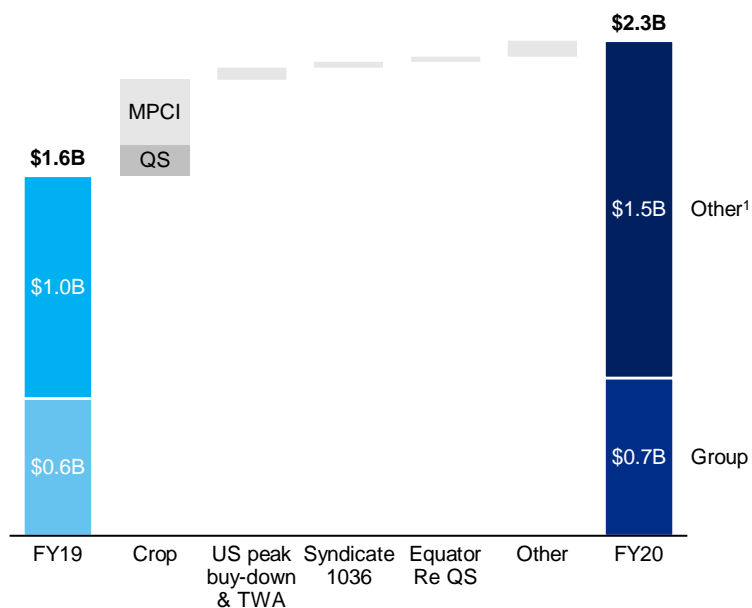
3. QBE retains a small investment in an ASX listed investment company (FGG) which includes a social objective in its investment charter

4. Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Corporate Bond Index

5. “Exit” total return represents closing running yield on fixed income and expected return on current risk asset allocation

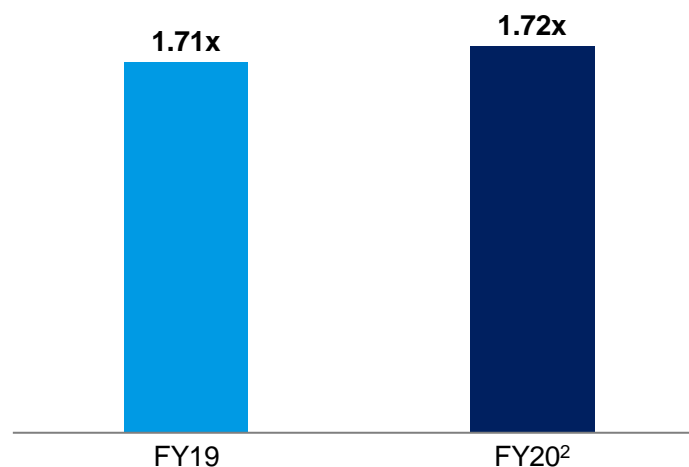
# Balance sheet and capital management

## Reinsurance



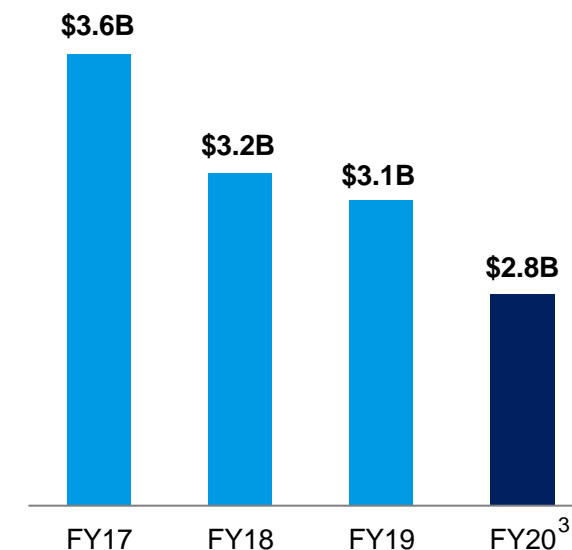
- Crop hail 90% quota share renewed to reduce earnings volatility
- Cost of Group XOL covers expected to increase ~\$34M in FY21

## APRA capital



- Regulatory capital remains above the mid point of our 1.6x-1.8x target range
- ~\$100M prospective COVID-19 claims allowed for in premium liabilities
- Capital above S&P 'AA' level
- Head Office liquidity \$1.2B<sup>3</sup>

## Borrowings



|                       |      |      |      |      |
|-----------------------|------|------|------|------|
| Debt to equity        | 40.8 | 38.0 | 38.0 | 32.4 |
| Debt to total capital | 29.0 | 27.6 | 27.5 | 24.5 |

1. Other reinsurance treaties that do not form part of the main Group-wide reinsurance covers  
 2. Indicative APRA PCA calculation at 31 December 2020  
 3. Pro forma adjusting for \$200M pre-funded debt repayment to be completed in March 2021



# Richard Pryce

Interim Group Chief Executive Officer





## Driving performance agenda

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Maximise rate opportunity

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Targeted and disciplined growth

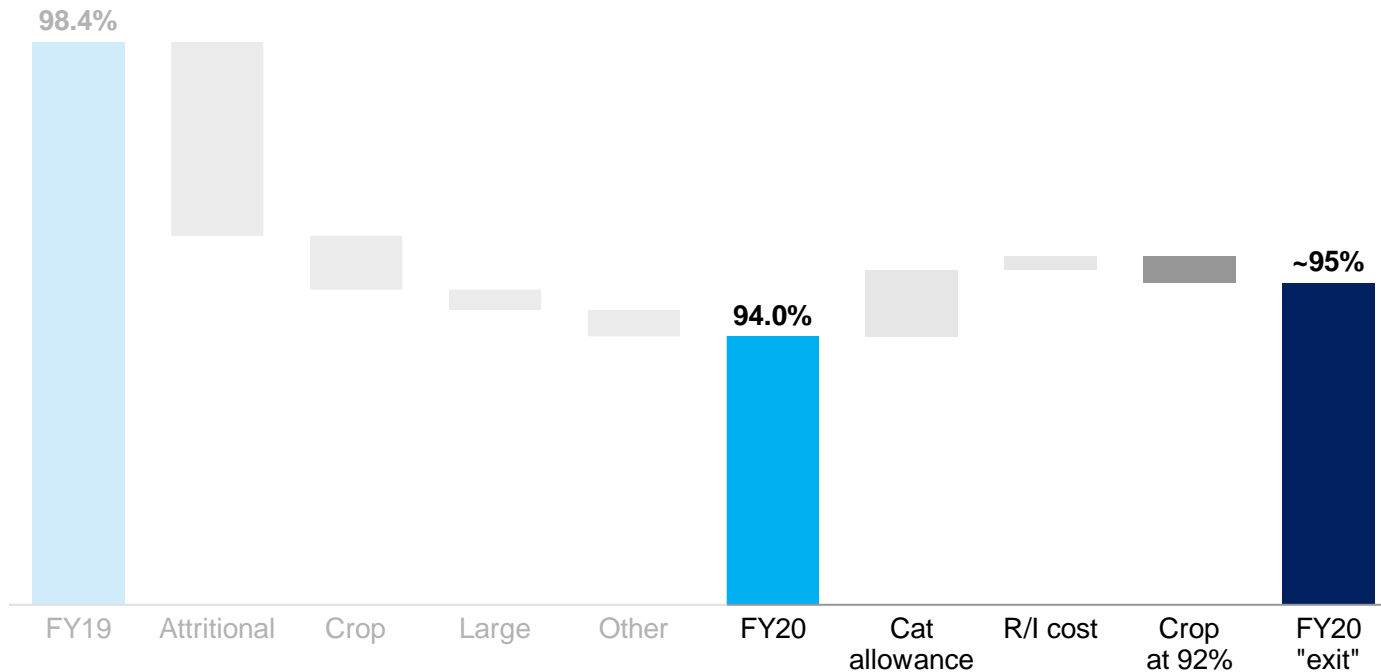
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Sharpen portfolio optimisation



## FY20 “exit” CAY COR<sup>1</sup>



## 2021 margin outlook

- COVID-19 related economic uncertainty
- Premium rate in excess of claims inflation
- PYD – reserves strengthened but lingering inflation uncertainty
- Risk margins – recent strain exacerbated by lower risk-free rates

1. Refer to slide 12

# Questions & Answers





The information in this presentation provides an overview of the results for the full year ended 31 December 2020.

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# Appendices



# Currency mix of investments and cash, and GWP<sup>1</sup>



| Total investments and cash | FY19          |             | FY20          |             |
|----------------------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
|                            | \$M           | %           | \$M           | %           |
| US dollar                  | 8,292         | 34%         | 9,128         | 33%         |
| Australian dollar          | 6,502         | 27%         | 7,420         | 27%         |
| Sterling                   | 4,029         | 17%         | 4,738         | 17%         |
| Euro                       | 3,054         | 12%         | 3,751         | 13%         |
| Canadian dollar            | 1,180         | 5%          | 1,335         | 5%          |
| New Zealand dollar         | 409           | 1%          | 460           | 2%          |
| Hong Kong dollar           | 366           | 1%          | 372           | 1%          |
| Singapore dollar           | 195           | 1%          | 192           | 1%          |
| Other                      | 347           | 2%          | 339           | 1%          |
| <b>Total</b>               | <b>24,374</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>27,735</b> | <b>100%</b> |

| Gross written premium | FY19          |             | FY20          |             |
|-----------------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
|                       | \$M           | %           | \$M           | %           |
| US dollar             | 6,289         | 47%         | 6,977         | 48%         |
| Australian dollar     | 3,653         | 27%         | 3,825         | 26%         |
| Sterling              | 1,284         | 10%         | 1,532         | 10%         |
| Euro                  | 991           | 7%          | 1,058         | 7%          |
| New Zealand dollar    | 294           | 2%          | 324           | 2%          |
| Canadian dollar       | 271           | 2%          | 285           | 2%          |
| Hong Kong dollar      | 240           | 2%          | 222           | 2%          |
| Singapore dollar      | 160           | 1%          | 175           | 1%          |
| Other                 | 260           | 2%          | 245           | 2%          |
| <b>Total</b>          | <b>13,442</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>14,643</b> | <b>100%</b> |

1. Continuing operations basis

|  |          | FY19         | FY20 <sup>2</sup> |
|--|----------|--------------|-------------------|
| Gross written premium                                | \$M      | 4,361        | 4,775             |
| Gross earned premium                                 | \$M      | 4,375        | 4,551             |
| Net earned premium                                   | \$M      | 3,692        | 3,351             |
| Net incurred claims                                  | \$M      | 2,929        | 2,917             |
| Net commission                                       | \$M      | 536          | 486               |
| Expenses   | \$M      | 488          | 469               |
| Underwriting result                                  | \$M      | (261)        | (521)             |
| Net claims ratio                                     | %        | 79.3         | 87.0              |
| Net commission ratio                                 | %        | 14.5         | 14.5              |
| Expense ratio  | %        | 13.2         | 14.0              |
| Combined operating ratio                             | %        | 107.0        | 115.5             |
| <b>Adjusted combined operating ratio<sup>3</sup></b> | <b>%</b> | <b>105.6</b> | <b>112.7</b>      |
| Insurance loss margin                                | %        | (3.7)        | (14.6)            |

1. 2019 results restated to reflect the transfer of North America's inward reinsurance business to International

2. Excludes impact of COVID-19

3. Excludes impact of changes in risk-free rates used to discount net outstanding claims

4. Excludes impact of 2019 disposals

5. Excludes premium rate changes relating to Crop

6. Excludes Crop development that is matched by premium cessions under the MPC1 scheme (resulting in a nil profit impact)

- GWP growth 13%<sup>2,4</sup>, reflecting strong growth in Crop, property programs and Accident & Health (A&H)
  - average renewal premium rate increase 10.2%<sup>5</sup> (FY19 5.7%<sup>5</sup>)
  - premium retention 73% (FY19 68%)
- NEP was down 9%<sup>2</sup>, impacted by the sale of retail personal lines and the purchase of additional catastrophe and Crop hail reinsurance; excluding these items growth was around 4%
- Net claims ratio increased to 84.1%<sup>2,3</sup> (FY19 77.8%<sup>3</sup>) due to:
  - a 2.4%<sup>2,3</sup> improvement in the attritional claims ratio (ex Crop) and improvement in the Crop performance (albeit still well below average); offset by
  - adverse prior accident year claims development of 9.0%<sup>6</sup> compared with 1.9%<sup>6</sup> in FY19. This was primarily in E&S, aviation, industry-wide development on Hurricane Irma, and a \$100M charge to address systemic risks including social inflation and higher severity trends in casualty lines; and
  - catastrophe and large individual risk claims of 15.4%<sup>2</sup> compared with 8.7% in FY19 mainly due to the record number of Atlantic hurricanes.
- Although underwriting expenses reduced 4%, the expense ratio increased 0.8%<sup>2</sup> due mainly to the impact of 2019 disposals and the impact of additional reinsurance spend on net earned premium
- COR<sup>2,3</sup> deteriorated 7.1% mainly due to adverse prior accident year claims development and increased large individual risk and catastrophe claims which more than offset improvement in the attritional claims ratio and Crop



|  |          | FY19        | FY20 <sup>2</sup> |
|--|----------|-------------|-------------------|
| Gross written premium                                | \$M      | 5,200       | 5,856             |
| Gross earned premium                                 | \$M      | 5,010       | 5,542             |
| Net earned premium                                   | \$M      | 4,339       | 4,812             |
| Net incurred claims                                  | \$M      | 2,918       | 3,106             |
| Net commission                                       | \$M      | 752         | 877               |
| Expenses   | \$M      | 652         | 655               |
| Underwriting result                                  | \$M      | 17          | 174               |
| Net claims ratio                                     | %        | 67.3        | 64.5              |
| Net commission ratio                                 | %        | 17.3        | 18.3              |
| Expense ratio  | %        | 15.0        | 13.6              |
| Combined operating ratio                             | %        | 99.6        | 96.4              |
| <b>Adjusted combined operating ratio<sup>3</sup></b> | <b>%</b> | <b>96.8</b> | <b>91.3</b>       |
| Insurance profit margin                              | %        | 7.9         | 5.5               |

- GWP was up 12%<sup>2,4</sup> reflecting accelerating pricing momentum and emerging new business opportunities
  - average renewal premium rate increase 12.8% (FY19 6.0%)
  - premium retention 83% (FY19 80%)
- NEP increased 10%<sup>2,4</sup>, reflecting strong pricing momentum through 2019 and 2020, as well as targeted new business growth
- Net claims ratio improved to 59.4%<sup>2,3</sup> (FY19 64.5%<sup>2,3</sup>) due to:
  - a 4.0% improvement in the attritional claims ratio reflecting targeted underwriting actions and the strong premium rate environment;
  - a decrease in the net cost of large individual risk claims to 10.9% (FY19 13.9%) following ongoing de-risking and a continued focus on underwriting discipline; partly offset by,
  - an increase in catastrophe claims to 4.3% (FY19 3.1%) reflecting a record Atlantic hurricane season and the Iowa derecho
- Expense ratio improved 1.4% due to improved operating leverage and disciplined cost management
- COR improved 5.5%<sup>2,3</sup> mainly due to significant premium rate increases and an improved attritional claims ratio, partly offset by adverse prior accident year claims development and increased catastrophe claims

1. 2019 results restated to reflect the transfer of North America's inward reinsurance business to International; Excludes the one-off impact of the Ogden decision in the UK  
 2. Excludes impact of COVID-19  
 3. Excludes impact of changes in risk-free rates used to discount net outstanding claims  
 4. Constant currency basis and excludes impact of 2019 disposals



|  |          | FY19        | FY20 <sup>1</sup> |
|--|----------|-------------|-------------------|
| Gross written premium                                | \$M      | 3,920       | 4,079             |
| Gross earned premium                                 | \$M      | 3,885       | 3,985             |
| Net earned premium                                   | \$M      | 3,568       | 3,626             |
| Net incurred claims                                  | \$M      | 2,223       | 2,316             |
| Net commission                                       | \$M      | 526         | 534               |
| Expenses   | \$M      | 519         | 555               |
| Underwriting result                                  | \$M      | 300         | 221               |
| Net claims ratio                                     | %        | 62.3        | 63.9              |
| Net commission ratio                                 | %        | 14.8        | 14.7              |
| Expense ratio  | %        | 14.5        | 15.3              |
| Combined operating ratio                             | %        | 91.6        | 93.9              |
| <b>Adjusted combined operating ratio<sup>2</sup></b> | <b>%</b> | <b>90.0</b> | <b>92.8</b>       |
| Insurance profit margin                              | %        | 13.6        | 6.9               |

- GWP was up 6%<sup>3</sup> reflecting a moderation in pricing, and a deterioration in economic conditions which impacted income in product lines where premiums adjust to turnover and/or payroll
  - average renewal premium rate increase 5.4%<sup>4</sup> (FY19 7.3%<sup>4</sup>)
  - premium retention 86% (FY19 84%)
- NEP increased 3%<sup>1,3</sup>, reflecting strong pricing momentum through 2019
- Net claims ratio increased to 62.8%<sup>1,2</sup> (FY19 60.7%<sup>2</sup>) due to:
  - reduced positive prior accident year claims development of 0.5% (FY19 2.9%). Favourable development, primarily in NSW CTP, commercial property and workers' compensation was largely offset by modest strengthening in liability lines and minor adverse development in short-tail classes and New Zealand
  - an increase in catastrophe claims to 6.7% (FY19 5.4%), reflecting bushfire, storm and cyclone activity in Australia and flooding in New Zealand; partly offset by
  - a 1.7%<sup>5</sup> improvement in the attritional claims ratio, reflecting targeted pricing increases, coupled with enhanced risk selection
- Expense ratio increased 0.8% due to elevated risk and regulatory costs and a \$61 million NSW CTP TEPL charge which offset disciplined cost management
- COR deteriorated 2.8%<sup>1,2</sup> mainly due to increased catastrophe costs coupled with a reduced level of positive prior accident year claims development, partly offset by a further improvement in the attritional claims ratio

1. Excludes impact of COVID-19  
 2. Excludes impact of changes in risk-free rates used to discount net outstanding claims  
 3. Constant currency basis and excludes impact of 2019 disposals  
 4. Excludes premium rate changes relating to CTP  
 5. Excludes LMI

# Financial strength and flexibility

| Summary balance sheet            | 31 DEC 2019   | 31 DEC 2020   |
|----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
|                                  | \$M           | \$M           |
| Investments and cash             | 24,374        | 27,735        |
| Trade and other receivables      | 4,621         | 5,760         |
| Intangibles                      | 2,791         | 2,534         |
| Other assets                     | 1,238         | 1,786         |
| <b>Assets</b>                    | <b>33,024</b> | <b>37,815</b> |
| Insurance liabilities, net       | 19,364        | 22,518        |
| Borrowings                       | 3,095         | 2,955         |
| Other liabilities                | 2,412         | 3,850         |
| <b>Liabilities</b>               | <b>24,871</b> | <b>29,323</b> |
| <b>Net assets</b>                | <b>8,153</b>  | <b>8,492</b>  |
| Shareholders' funds <sup>1</sup> | 8,153         | 7,605         |
| Capital notes                    | -             | 886           |
| Non-controlling interests        | -             | 1             |
| <b>Total equity</b>              | <b>8,153</b>  | <b>8,492</b>  |

## Reserving

- ~\$100M allowance for potential future COVID-19 related claims within premium liabilities
- \$344M risk margin strengthening (FY19 \$23M release)
  - including \$300M COVID-19 related risk margin
- PYD adverse \$366M<sup>2</sup> (FY19 \$22M adverse)
- \$381M adverse risk-free rate impact (FY19 \$231M adverse)
- PoA strengthened to 92.5% (FY19 90.0%)

## Capital & Borrowings

- Issued \$500 million of AT1 qualifying perpetual fixed rate resetting capital notes
- Reclassified \$400 million of perpetual fixed rate capital notes out of borrowings into equity
- Issued net A\$300 million of Tier 2 subordinated debt
- Debt to equity ratio 32.4%<sup>3</sup> (FY19 38.0%)

1. Shareholders' funds attributable to ordinary equity holders

2. Excludes impact of COVID-19

3. Pro forma adjusting for \$200M pre-funded debt repayment to be completed in March 2021

# APRA Prescribed Capital Amount

| <b>APRA PCA calculation</b>                              | <b>31 DEC 2019<sup>1</sup><br/>\$M</b> | <b>31 DEC 2020<sup>2</sup><br/>\$M</b> |
|--|--|--|
| Ordinary share capital and reserves                      | 8,153                                  | 7,606                                  |
| Net surplus relating to insurance liabilities            | 718                                    | 1,194                                  |
| Regulatory adjustments to Common Equity Tier 1 Capital   | (3,326)                                | (3,125)                                |
| <b>Common Equity Tier 1 Capital</b>                      | <b>5,545</b>                           | <b>5,675</b>                           |
| Additional Tier 1 Capital – Capital securities           | 399                                    | 886                                    |
| <b>Total Tier 1 Capital</b>                              | <b>5,944</b>                           | <b>6,561</b>                           |
| Tier 2 Capital – Subordinated debt and hybrid securities | 2,558                                  | 2,787                                  |
| <b>Total capital base</b>                                | <b>8,502</b>                           | <b>9,348</b>                           |
| Insurance risk charge                                    | 2,903                                  | 3,304                                  |
| Insurance concentration risk charge                      | 608                                    | 561                                    |
| Asset risk charge  | 2,139                                  | 2,267                                  |
| Operational risk charge                                  | 497                                    | 571                                    |
| Less: Aggregation benefit                                | (1,181)                                | (1,268)                                |
| <b>APRA Prescribed Capital Amount (PCA)</b>              | <b>4,966</b>                           | <b>5,435</b>                           |
| <b>PCA multiple</b>                                      | <b>1.71x</b>                           | <b>1.72x</b>                           |
| <b>CET1 ratio (APRA requirement &gt;60%)</b>             | <b>112%</b>                            | <b>104%</b>                            |

1. Prior year calculation has been restated to be consistent with APRA returns finalised subsequent to year end  
2. Indicative APRA PCA calculation at 31 December 2020



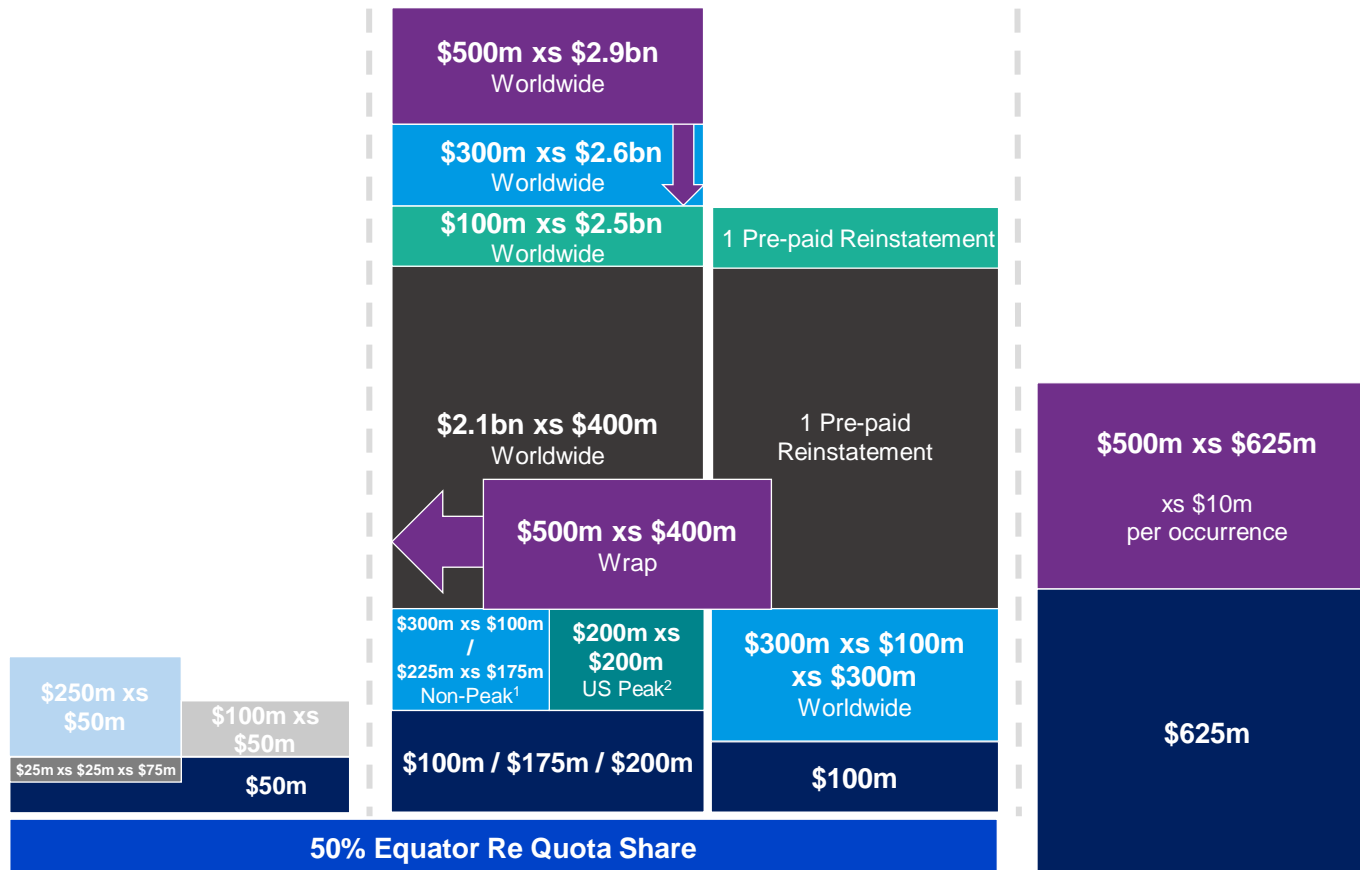
# 2021 global reinsurance program



## Risk XOL

## Cat XOL

## Cat Agg



## Key program changes

- **Cat Top or Drop or Non-Peak<sup>1</sup>**  
US and Australia Non-Peak<sup>1</sup> attachment increased to \$175m
- **US Peak Buy-Down**  
Attachment increased from \$150m to \$200m
- **Cat Top Layer**  
New purchase for 2021
- **Cat Top or Wrap or Agg**  
Aggregate attachment increased from \$545m to \$625m  
Per event deductible increased from \$5m to \$10m

### Cat

#### Main Cat XOL

- \$2.1bn xs \$400m

#### Cat Top Layer

- \$100m xs \$2.5bn

#### Cat Top or Drop or Non-Peak<sup>1</sup>

- Top \$300m xs \$2.6bn for Peak *and/or*
- Drop \$300m xs \$100m xs \$300m for Peak *and/or*
- Drop \$225m xs \$175m US & Aust Non Peak *and/or*
- Drop \$300m xs \$100m for All Other Non-Peak

#### US Peak Buy-Down

- \$200m xs \$200m 50% order due to Equator Re QS

#### Cat Top or Wrap or Agg

- Top \$500m xs \$2.9bn (or \$2.6bn) *and/or*
- Wrap \$500m xs \$400m including QBE Re & Syndicate 1036 retained claims and EQ Re Share *and/or*
- Aggregate \$500m xs \$625m xs \$10m

### Risk

- Main cover \$250m xs \$50m
- Clash and Cyber Aggregate Section \$100m xs \$50m
- Sub layer \$25m xs \$25m xs \$75m

1. Peak perils defined as cyclone, hurricane & typhoon, and earthquake (and fire following) with respect to Australia, New Zealand (quake only) and US (excluding Puerto Rico). All other perils are non-peak.
2. US Peak perils defined as hurricane and earthquake (and fire following)



# Fixed income investor update

FY20 results



- ✓ QBE is **one of Australia's largest** general insurance and reinsurance groups
- ✓ Diversified insurance operations across **27 countries**
- ✓ ASX-listed and lead regulated by the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA)
- ✓ Robust capital with a **PCA multiple of 1.72x<sup>1</sup>**
- ✓ QBE took **decisive action to fortify its balance sheet** in FY20 in response to COVID-19 and market disruption
- ✓ Executed a **comprehensive capital plan**; de-risking the investment portfolio, securing additional reinsurance, raising \$813M Core Equity Tier 1 (CET1), issuing \$500M<sup>2</sup> in AT1 and A\$500M Tier 2 notes to finance the redemption of A\$200M Tier 2 notes in September 2020 and \$200M of Tier 2 notes in March 2021
- ✓ Pro forma gearing at 32.4%<sup>3</sup> as at 31 December 2020
- ✓ Funds under management of **\$27.7 billion** as at 31 December 2020, of which 93% investment portfolio is in investment-grade fixed income

1. Indicative APRA PCA calculation as at 31 December 2020

2. \$493M net of transaction costs

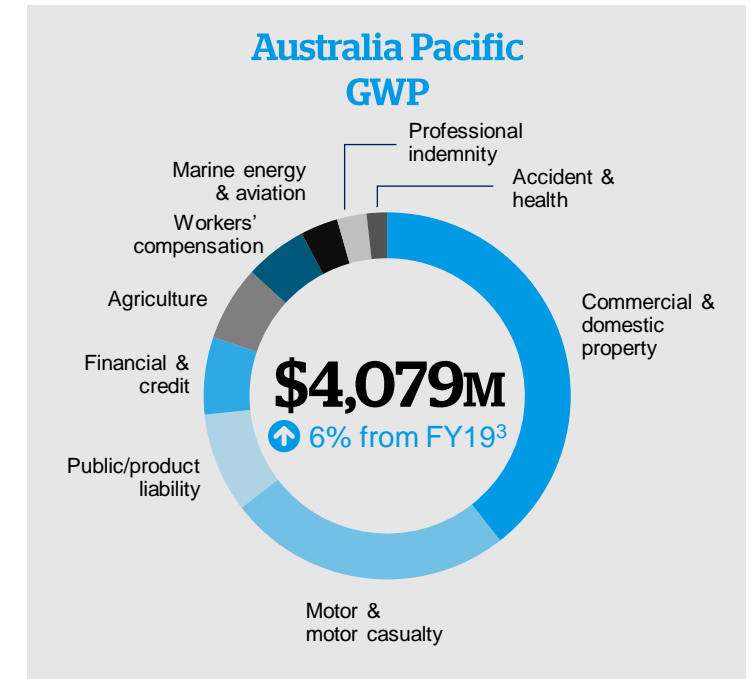
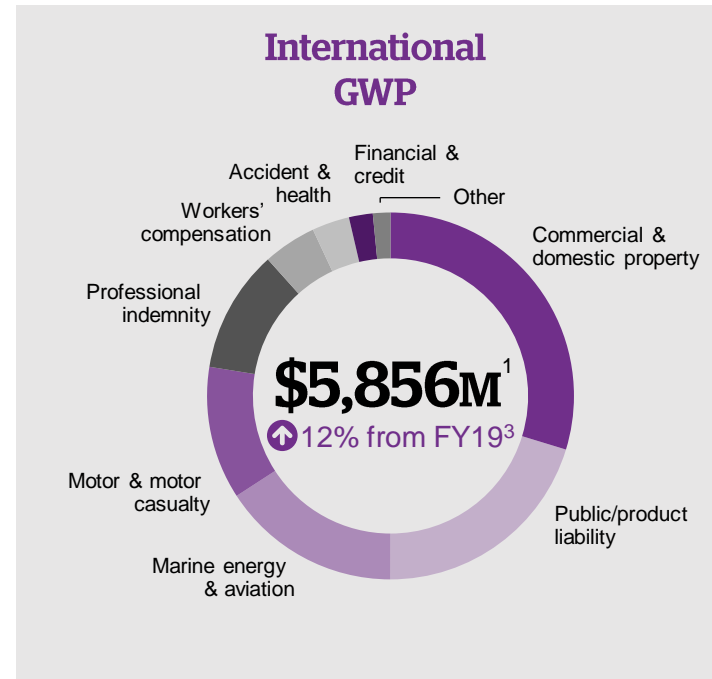
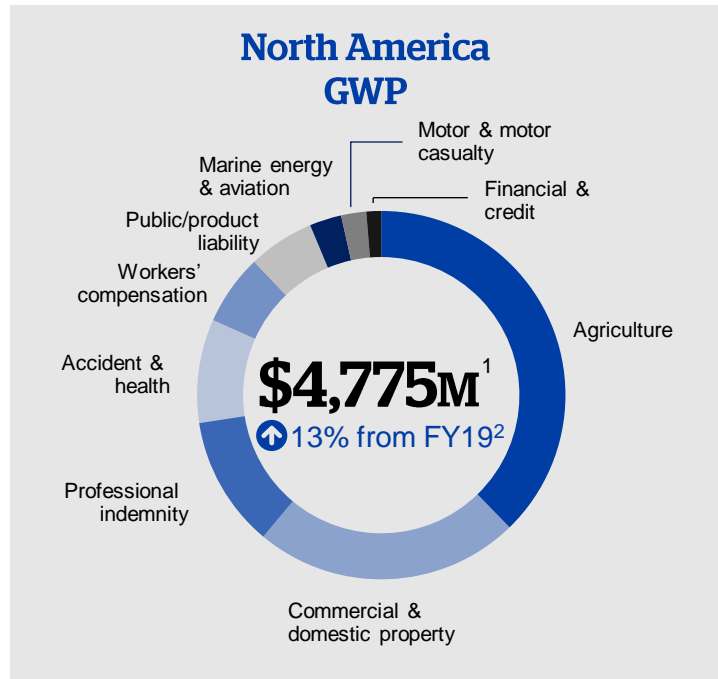
3. Pro forma adjusting for \$200M pre-funded debt repayment to be completed in March 2021

# Global coverage: diversified

## QBE operates in 3 segments with insurance operations in 27 countries globally

QBE is an international general insurance and reinsurance company, with substantial operations in North America, Europe and Australia. QBE also operates its captive reinsurer in Bermuda. QBE is listed on the Australian Securities Exchange, headquartered in Sydney, Australia and lead regulated by APRA

QBE had Gross Written Premium (GWP) of \$14.7<sup>1</sup> billion for the full year ended 31 December 2020



1. Excludes impact of COVID-19  
2. Excludes personal lines disposal  
3. Constant currency basis and excludes impact of 2019 disposals





**Strong capital**



**Ratings strength**



**Globally regulated**



**Lower gearing**

## Maintaining strong capital position

- PCA multiple at 1.72x<sup>1</sup> (1.6x-1.8x target range)
- Remains above S&P 'AA' minimum levels

## Ratings

- S&P, Moody's, Fitch and AM Best affirmed QBE Group's credit ratings. Refer overleaf for updates on ratings
- Ratings are supported by the Group's globally diversified multiline business, strong market positions and robust balance sheet

## Regulatory

- QBE is lead regulated by APRA in Australia. QBE also has substantial operations regulated in UK, Europe, USA, Asia and Bermuda

## Reducing debt





- Pro forma debt to equity ratio 32.4%<sup>2</sup> at 31 December 2020 down from 38.0% at December 2019

1. Indicative APRA PCA calculation as at 31 December 2020

2. Pro forma adjusting for \$200M pre-funded debt repayment to be completed in March 2021



## QBE is rated by four major rating agencies

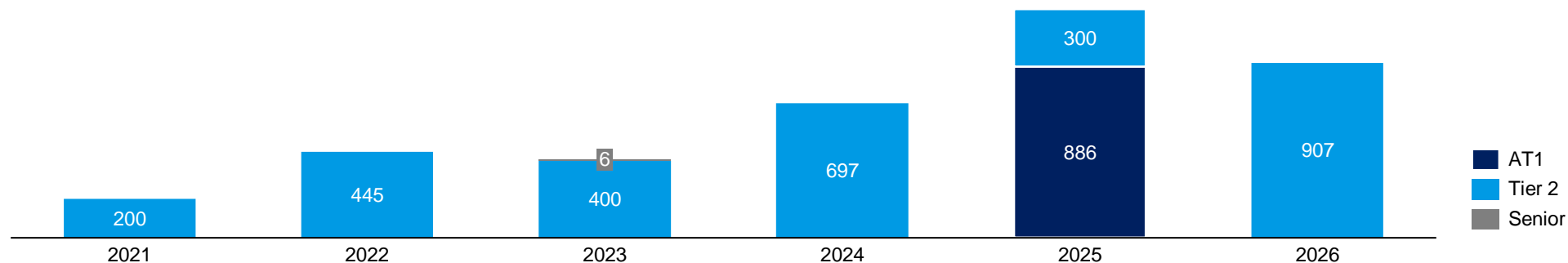
|   | Long term<br>FSR <sup>1</sup> | Debt issue<br>ICR <sup>2</sup> | Outlook  | Effective date |
|---|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------|----------------|
|    | A+                            | A-                             | Stable   | July 2020      |
|    | A1                            | A3                             | Negative | December 2020  |
|    | A+                            | A-                             | Negative | December 2020  |
|  | A                             | bbb+                           | Stable   | August 2020    |

1. Insurance Financial Strength ratings (FSR) : reflects ability of an insurer to meet its obligations and claims. FSR is applicable to operating insurance entities.  
 2. Issuer Credit Rating (ICR): reflects ability of the company to pay the security holder's interest in addition to principal repayment

# Capital markets issuance profile

## Date to first call (\$M)<sup>1</sup>

Weighted average maturity: 3.7yrs  
Pro forma weighted average maturity: 3.9yrs<sup>2</sup>

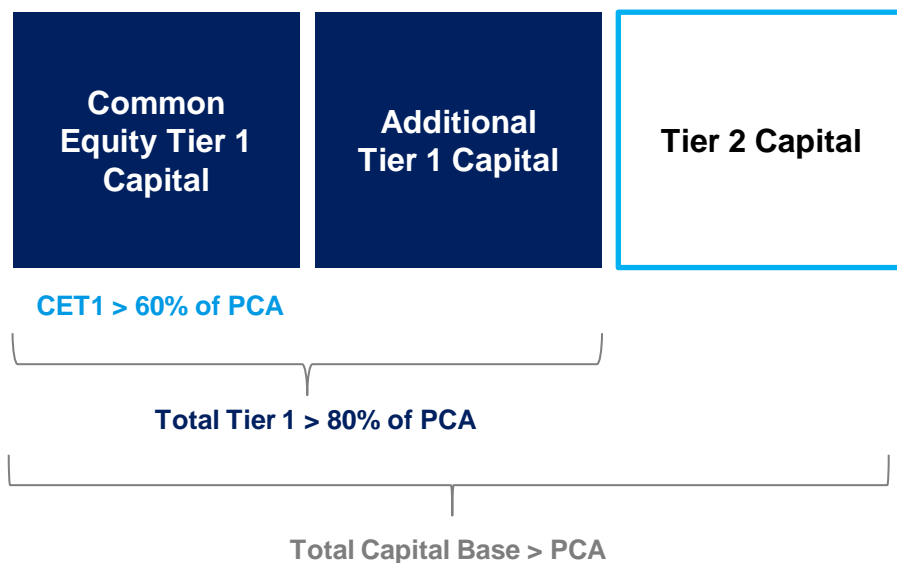


|                   |                         | Issued instruments      | Issue date | First call date | Coupon          | Maturity date | Balance sheet value <sup>3</sup> (\$M) |
|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|--|
| Equity Accounted  | Additional Tier 1 (AT1) | Capital Notes           | Nov-17     | May-25          | 5.250%          | Perp          | 393                                    |
|                   |                         | Capital Notes           | May-20     | May-25          | 5.875%          | Perp          | 493                                    |
|                   | AT1 Subtotal            |                         |            |                 |                 |               | 886                                    |
| Debt Accounted    | Tier 2                  | AUD 16NC6               | Aug-20     | Aug-26          | 3M BBSW + 2.75% | Aug-36        | 385                                    |
|                   |                         | USD 30NC10 <sup>2</sup> | May-11     | May-21          | 7.250%          | May-41        | 167                                    |
|                   |                         | GBP 30NC10 <sup>2</sup> | May-11     | May-21          | 7.500%          | May-41        | 33                                     |
|                   |                         | GBP 26NC6               | May-16     | May-22          | 6.115%          | May-42        | 445                                    |
|                   |                         | USD 27NC7               | Oct-16     | Nov-23          | 7.500%          | Nov-43        | 400                                    |
|                   |                         | USD 30NC10              | Nov-14     | Dec-24          | 6.750%          | Dec-44        | 697                                    |
|                   |                         | USD 30NC10              | Nov-15     | Nov-25          | 6.100%          | Nov-45        | 300                                    |
|                   |                         | USD 30NC10              | Jun-16     | Jun-26          | 5.875%          | Jun-46        | 522                                    |
|                   | Tier 2 Subtotal         |                         |            |                 |                 |               | 2,949                                  |
|                   | Senior                  | USD 2023 Senior         | Sep-17     | -               | 3.000%          | May-23        | 6                                      |
| Total instruments |                         |                         |            |                 |                 |               | 3,841                                  |

1. Subject to APRA approval
2. Exercised early call. Redemption to be completed in March 2021
3. Balance sheet value as at 31 December 2020

# APRA regulatory capital requirements

## Capital base / Tiers of capital



Source: Prudential Standard GPS 112, "Capital Adequacy: Measurement of Capital", July 2019

| \$M          | 31 December 2020   |
|--------------|--------------------|
| Capital base | 9,348              |
| PCA          | 5,435              |
| PCA multiple | 1.72x <sup>1</sup> |

## Point of non-viability loss absorption

- All Additional Tier 1 Capital and Tier 2 Capital must include loss absorption provisions (via conversion or write-down) upon a non-viability trigger event
- Both sequential (loss absorption hierarchy) and partial loss absorption amongst parity securities are permitted by APRA, unless a public sector injection of capital or equivalent support is required:

*"A regulated institution may provide for Additional Tier 1 Capital instruments to be converted or written off prior to any conversion or write-off of Tier 2 Capital instruments. In these circumstances, conversion or write-off of Tier 2 Capital instruments will only be necessary to the extent that conversion of Additional Tier 1 Capital instruments has not resulted in APRA withdrawing the notice issued to the regulated institution" - Prudential Standard GPS 112, "Capital Adequacy: Measurement of Capital", July 2019*

## Classification of QBE as an IAIG

- In 2020, APRA announced that it will align its prudential standards and practices with the International Association of Insurance Supervisors' (IAIS) Common Framework for the Supervision of Internationally Active Insurance Group (ComFrame) and classified QBE as an Internationally Active Insurance Group (IAIG).
- It is expected that this classification will enhance APRA's group-wide supervision of QBE and promote the coordination of supervisory activities efficiently and effectively between APRA and other international supervisors.

1. Indicative APRA PCA calculation



# Our approach to sustainability



**We have a focus on sustainability and the identification of current and emerging environmental, social and governance (ESG) trends is an integral part of achieving our purpose, understanding the needs of our customers and ensuring the sustainability of our own business**

Our Sustainability Framework helps us drive performance, manage risks and identify opportunities across the areas of sustainability that are most important to our business, customers and stakeholders



See [the Sustainability section](#) of our website for more information.

# Our approach to sustainability



## 2020: Key achievements thus far

### CDP Climate Disclosure Score

Received A- in CDP disclosure, up from a B in 2019.

### UN-convened Net-Zero Asset Owner Alliance

Joined the alliance committing to transition our investment portfolio to net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050.

### 2021 Bloomberg Gender-Equality Index

Included in Bloomberg Gender-Equality Index for the 4<sup>th</sup> year in a row. QBE is one of only 10 ASX listed companies in the index this year.

### Joined UN Global Compact

Joined the UN Global Compact, committing to the Ten Principles on human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption.

### QBE Foundation

Contribution of over \$4.9M in social and community investment programs, of which \$1.5M was directed to addressing COVID-19 crisis.

### Recognition

Recognised in the Australian HR Awards for our Wellbeing program “At My Best”, and won the *JobAccess Best Workplace Diversity & Inclusion program*, for our work in gender-equal paid parental leave.

Won the Business Intelligence Group Sustainability Leadership Award and the Inaugural Environmental Impact Award for Re/insurer of the year for our Premiums4Good initiative.

Awarded the Insurance Business Asia Top insurance workplace.



## 2021: Forward focus

### Premiums4Good

Achieve our ambition to grow our impact investments to \$2 billion by 2025. Refer to the [Premiums4Good](#) section of our website for more information.

### Managing Climate Risk

Continue to manage climate risk in line with the recommendations of the Financial Stability Board’s Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures.

Continue to integrate ESG considerations into our Group Underwriting Standards with reference to our new Environmental & Social Risk Framework.

Transition our investment portfolio to net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050, according to our commitment to UN-convened Net-Zero Asset Owner Alliance. Refer to our [2020 Annual Report](#) for more information.

### Human Rights

Publish a Group Human Rights Policy and continue to integrate human rights considerations across the business.

### Sustainability Scorecard

Deliver commitments outlined in our Sustainability Scorecard which are aligned to our priority United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):



Refer to our [2020 Sustainability Report](#) for more information