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Dear Sir/Madam

#### QBE Presentation on the 2023 half year results

Further to the announcement today of our results for the half year ended 30 June 2023, 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 2023 Half Year Result

QBE INSURANCE GROUP LIMITED

# Enabling a more resilient future

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- 1. All figures are in US dollars
- 2. Premium growth rates are quoted on a constant currency basis
- 3. Premium rate change excludes North America Crop and/or Australian compulsory third party motor (CTP)
- 4. Adjusted net cash profit after tax adjusts statutory net profit for Additional Tier 1 capital coupon accruals, as well as any gains on disposal, amortisation or restructuring costs
- 5. 2021 and prior periods are presented on an adjusted AASB 1023 basis as presented in prior reports
- 6. APRA PCA calculations at 30 June 2023 are indicative. Prior period calculation has been updated to be consistent with APRA returns finalised subsequent to year end

# Andrew Horton

**Group Chief Executive Officer** 





#### **Result overview**

#### Growth remains a highlight

13% GWP growth supported by 10.2% premium rate increase and ex-rate growth of 7%

**Catastrophe costs impact underwriting result** COR of 98.8%, or 97.6% excluding reserve transaction announced in February

FY23 outlook maintained Group COR ~94.5%, GWP growth ~10%.

#### **Strategic progress**

#### **North America strategic execution** Enterprise wide focus on NA strategy and ambition for improved returns

**Completion of major reserve transaction** ~\$1.9B of long tail reserves successfully derisked

#### **People and culture**

More engaged, and building connection to our purpose, enabling a more resilient future





## **Sustainability**



#### Our areas of sustainability focus

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

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Enable a sustainable and resilient workforce



Partner for growth through innovative, sustainable and impactful solutions **1H23 Highlights** Continued progress against our sustainability strategy

- Commenced formal engagement with priority commercial customers and large suppliers
- Green Insurer of the Year, 4th year in a row
- Gender equality: top 100 globally (Equileap) and maintained in Bloomberg's Gender Equality Index
- QShare launch, QBE's new employee share purchase plan, contributing to the financial resilience of our people
- QGiving launched to deepen the engagement of our people with community partners by matching employee donations and reward volunteer hours to eligible causes of their choice



Growth	<b>Underwriting result</b>	<b>Investment result</b>	<b>Balance sheet</b>	Dividend
+13%	98.8%	<b>4.8%</b>	<b>1.80x</b>	<b>14c</b>
Gross written premium	Combined operating ratio	Annualised investment return	Regulatory capital	Interim dividend (AUD)
Average rate increase +10.2%	Cat claims 8.7%	Total investment income of \$662M	Capital above S&P 'AA' level	35% interim payout ratio
Ex-rate growth +7%	Includes 1.2% impact from reserve transaction	4.9% exit running yield	Debt to total capital 24.7%	10% franked

## **Gross written premium**



Organic growth continues across key focus areas, partially offset by exposure reduction in property lines



#### Premium growth metrics

1H23	GWP growth	GWP growth (ex-rate)	Net insurance revenue growth
North America	6%	3%	5%
NA (ex Crop)	(1%)	(7%)	6%
International	18%	10%	16%
Australia Pacific	18%	9%	13%
Group	13%	7%	12%

## **Portfolio evolution**

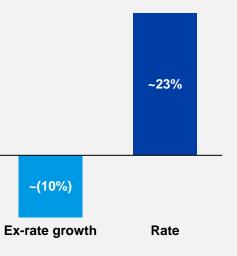


#### Portfolio optimisation

Property exposure remains a key focus

- Catastrophes from secondary perils continue to challenge industry returns
- Focus on challenging return assumptions, enhancing models and tools, and reducing standalone property exposure
- Favourable backdrop to improve property rating, quality and balance.
   Standalone property cells saw average 1H23 rate increase of ~23%, with exrate growth down ~10%

**Standalone property cells** Average growth and rate change



**Sustainable growth** Broad pipeline of multi-year growth opportunities

Deepen core franchises Further organic growth across AUS/UK SME and Middle market, Lloyd's, Crop, NA accident & health

Expand footprint in focus areas

Favourable markets for QBE Re, steady build across Continental Europe

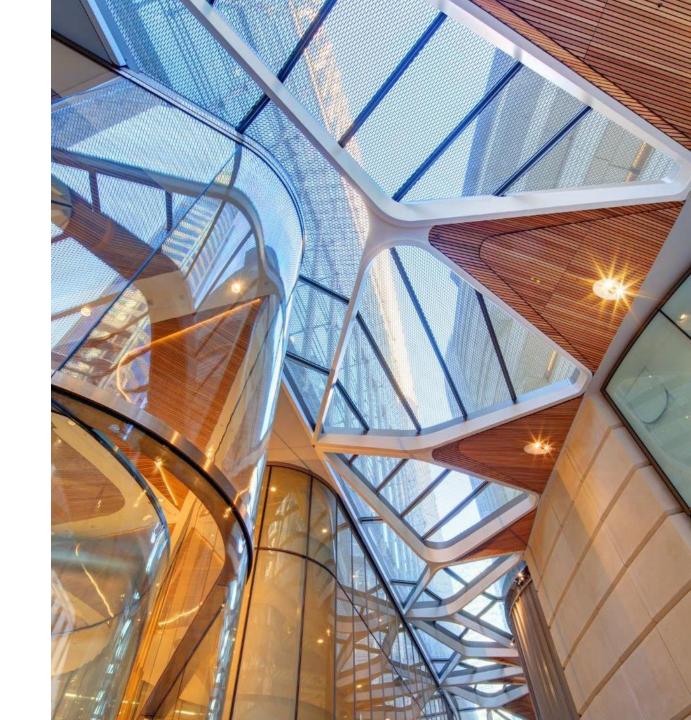
Explore and innovate across new opportunities

Cyber, Lloyd's facilities and renewable energies

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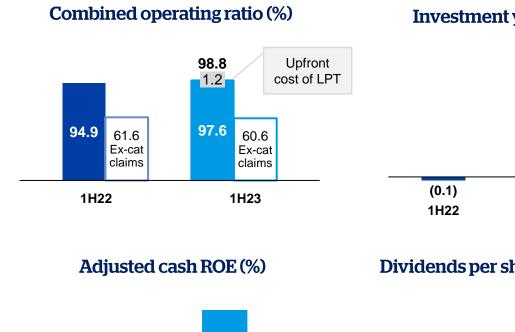
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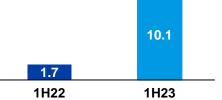
**Group Chief Financial Officer** 



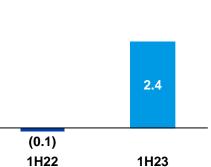


#### Strong investment returns served to mitigate the headwind from current and prior year catastrophes

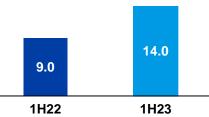








Dividends per share (A\$ cps)



		Restated 1H22	1H23
Gross written premium	\$M	11,576	12,803
Net insurance revenue	\$M	7,328	7,977
Net claims ratio	%	65.5	69.0
Net commission ratio	%	17.7	18.1
Expense ratio	%	11.7	11.7
Combined operating ratio	%	94.9	98.8
Insurance operating result	\$M	375	95
Net insurance finance income	\$M	784	149
Investment losses from risk-free rate movements	\$M	(854)	(201)
Net investment (loss) income	\$M	(20)	662
Net profit after income tax	\$M	48	400
Adjusted cash profit after income tax	\$M	66	405
Adjusted cash return on equity	%	1.7	10.1



Notable changes to key metrics under AASB 17 management reporting framework





#### Group-wide premium rate increases

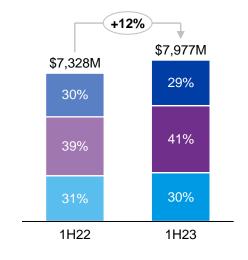
Improvement to +10.2%

	1Q22	2Q22	3Q22	4Q22	1Q23	2Q23		
North	10.	4%	8.	1%	10.9%			
America	9.9%	11.0%	9.1%	6.7%	10.6%	11.5%		
+10.9%	73%	73%	74%	74 <b>%</b>	68 <b>%</b>	66 <b>%</b>		
	7.	)%	5.	5%	9.4%			
Int'l +9.4%	7.1%	6.9%	6.3%	4.9%	9.2%	9.5%		
+9.4%	85 <b>%</b>	88%	87 <b>%</b>	87 <b>%</b>	84 <b>%</b>	85 <b>%</b>		
	9.	1%	9.9	9%	11.8%			
AusPac +11.8%	8.6%	9.4%	9.4%	10.4%	11.3%	12.2%		
+11.8%	87%	86 <b>%</b>	87%	87 <b>%</b>	90%	88%		
	8.	1%	7.3	7%	10.	2%		
Group +10.2%	7.9%	8.2%	8.4%	7.1%	10.0%	10.5%		
.10.270	83%	85 <b>%</b>	84 <b>%</b>	84 <b>%</b>	82%	82%		

YTD premium retention

#### Net insurance revenue

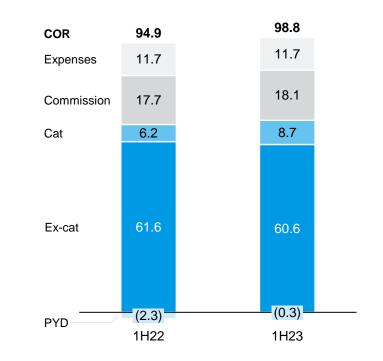
Strong growth led by International



1H23	Growth
North America	5%
International	16%
Australia Pacific	13%

#### Combined operating ratio (%)

Impacted by current and prior year catastrophes

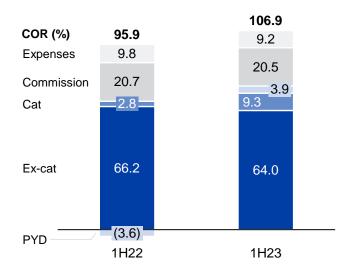


# **Divisional underwriting highlights**



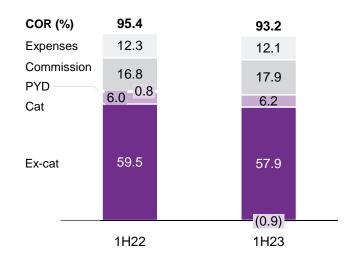
#### North America

# Impacted by catastrophe costs in both the current and prior year

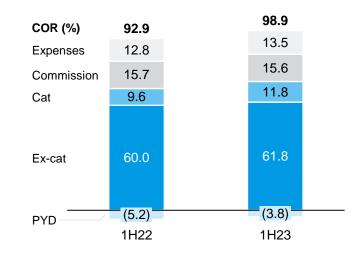


**International** Improvement in underwriting result

alongside targeted growth



#### **Australia Pacific** Elevated inflation in property and motor combined with NZ cat events



- Catastrophes materially above allowance and prior period
- Prior year strengthening for winter storm Elliott and Crop

- Favourable prior year development and supportive ex-cat trends
- Continued benefit from operating leverage and expense management

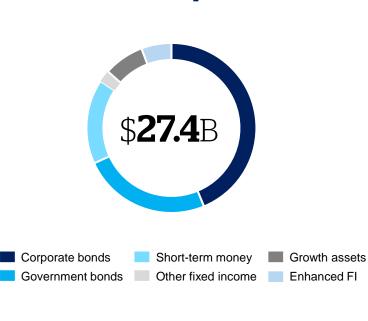
- Catastrophes underscored by NZ
   events in February
- Improvement in short tail rate increases to support outlook

## **Investment portfolio performance**



1H23 investment return	<b>\$M</b>	%
FI yield (ex risk-free rate)	531	2.1
Credit spreads MTM	52	0.2
Risk assets	87	2.7
Expenses and other	(8)	(0.0)
Net return	662	2.4

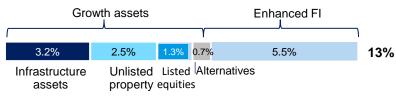
- Further improvement in fixed income running yield, exiting 1H23 at 4.9%
- Duration 'economically' matched at 1.8 years



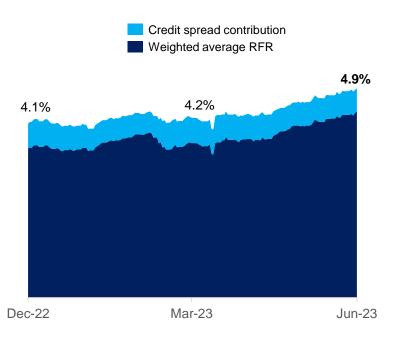
**Investment portfolio** 

#### Risk assets

13% of total FUM



#### Fixed income running yield



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

Fixed income and enhanced fixed income

17%	38%	34%	11%
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## **Balance sheet and capital management**

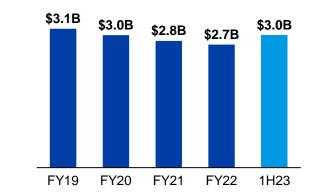


1.80x 1.79x **FY22** 1H23

**APRA** capital

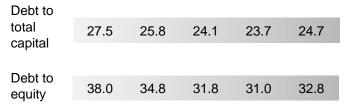
PCA multiple

- Regulatory capital at the top end of our • 1.6x-1.8x target range
- Includes ~3pt impact from June debt issue and ~6pt impact from reserve transaction
- 1H23 dividend expected to be ~2pt impact
- Capital above S&P 'AA' level



**Borrowings** 

Debt to total capital target range: 15-30%



Encouraging resilience and improvement in • ROE despite challenging period for underwriting profitability



1.7%

1H22

Adjusted cash return on equity

16

1H23

# Andrew Horton

**Group Chief Executive Officer** 





#### Progress on portfolio balance and profitability

**Net earned premium** (AASB 1023) Mix increasingly shifting toward target state

FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23E	_
32%	28%	24%	21%	14%	Non-core
1070	19%	19%	23%	29%	Commercial
18%	100/				0000000
20%	27%	26%	26%	26%	Specialty
30%	26%	31%	30%	32%	Crop

- Run-off of non-core lines will continue over the next two years, and largely represents homeowners and commercial programs
- 'Go-forward' business mix continues to evolve toward more balanced target profile

#### Key segment underwriting performance

'Go-forward' core segment underwriting results

	FY18-22 Avg AASB 1023	<b>FY22</b> AASB 1023	<b>FY22</b> AASB 17	<b>1H23</b> AASB 17
Crop	96%	96%	96%	99%
Specialty	98%	96%	96%	94%
Commercial	106%	94%	96%	109%

• Specialty segment continues to demonstrate improvement, underpinned by A&H and Financial Lines

• Commercial segment performance remains challenging, and impacted by current and prior year catastrophes in 1H23

## North America business update



Drag from non-core lines to moderate meaningfully into FY24

 Non-core underwriting result<sup>1</sup>

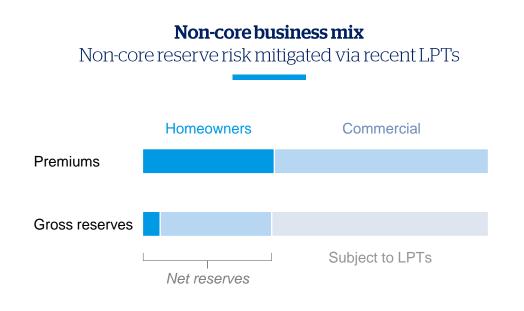
 IH23 impacted by elevated Cat and PYD

 ~(\$140M)
 ~(\$150M)

 FY20-22
 FY22
 1H23

 Average
 FY22
 1H23

- Unprofitable non-core lines further impacted by current and prior year catastrophes in 1H23
- Expect drag from non-core lines to moderate meaningfully into FY24



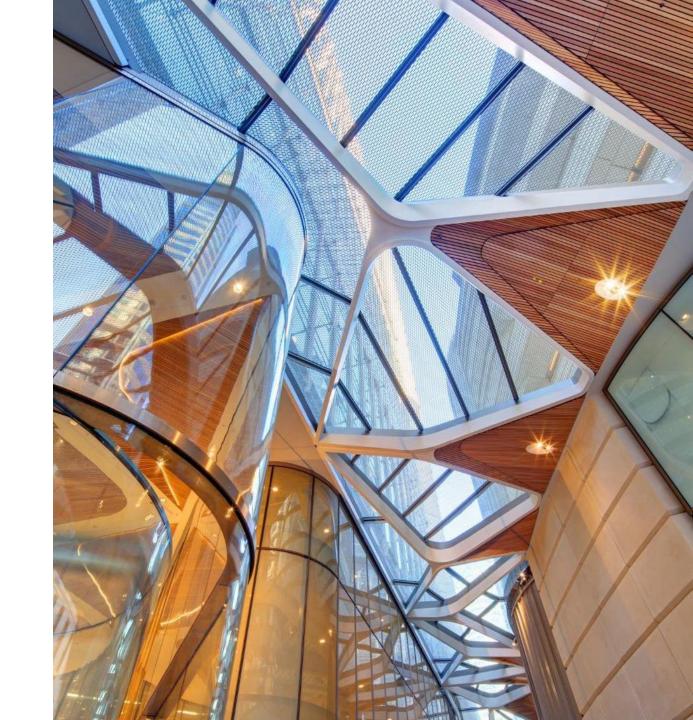
- Approximately half of the net reserves reflect short tail
   property classes
- Majority of legacy long tail reserves have been reinsured across several loss portfolio transfers

## **Outlook**



Gross written premium	<ul> <li>Expected 2023 constant currency GWP growth of ~10%</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Premium rate increases expected to remain supportive</li> <li>Market conditions to remain conducive for further targeted organic growth</li> </ul>
Combined operating ratio	<ul> <li>Consistent low-to-mid 90s COR through-cycle</li> <li>2023 COR of ~94.5%</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>COR outlook continues to exclude upfront impact of reserve transaction announced in February</li> <li>COR outlook includes a revised catastrophe budget of ~\$1.3B</li> </ul>
<b>Investment returns</b>	• 1H23 exit running yield of 4.9%	<ul> <li>Continue to rebalance the portfolio toward our 15% target risk asset allocation</li> <li>QBE to provide 3Q23 performance update on 27 November</li> </ul>

# Questions and answers



# Key metrics summary<sup>1</sup>

		Gro	up	Nor Ame		Interna	ational	Aust Pac				Gro	up	North A	merica	Intern	ational	Aust Pac	
		1H22	1H23	1H22	1H23	1H22	1H23	1H22	1H23			1H22	1H23	1H22	1H23	1H22	1H23	1H22	1H23
Gross written premium	\$M	11,576	12,803	4,708	4,967	4,367	5,072	2,503	2,771	Ex-cat claims	\$M	(4,514)	(4,836)	(1,436)	(1,463)	(1,719)	(1,897)	(1,353)	(1,479)
Insurance revenue	\$M	8,942	9,911	3,208	3,508	3,281	3,793	2,448	2,600	CAV rick adjustment	¢лл	(240)	(246)	(05)	(04)	(151)	(100)	(112)	(110)
Net insurance revenue	\$M	7,328	7,977	2,170	2,285	2,890	3,278	2,255	2,393	- CAY risk adjustment	\$M	(348)	(316)	(85)	(84)	(151)	(123)	(112)	(110)
NIR (ex Crop and LMI)	\$M	6,544	7,211	1,487	1,599	2,890	3,278	2,155	2,314	Catastrophe claims	\$M	(454)	(699)	(61)	(213)	(175)	(204)	(218)	(282)
Net claims expense	\$M	(4,799)	(5,505)	(1,420)	(1,763)	(1,916)	(2,072)	(1,453)	(1,671)	Prior year development	\$M	169	30	77	(87)	(22)	29	118	90
Net commission	\$M	(1,296)	(1,442)	(450)	(469)	(487)	(588)	(355)	(374)	DVD (Original and instal)	<u>фъ</u> а	(50)	(4 77)	(00)	(4.00)		(00)	50	4.0
Expenses and other income	\$M	(858)	(935)	(212)	(211)	(355)	(395)	(288)	(322)	- PYD (Central estimate)	\$M	(52)	(177)	(28)	(169)	(75)	(33)	52	19
Insurance operating result	\$M	375	95	88	(158)	132	223	159	26	- PYD (Risk adjustment)	\$M	221	207	105	82	53	62	66	71
										Net claims incurred	\$M	(4,799)	(5,505)	(1,420)	(1,763)	(1,916)	(2,072)	(1,453)	(1,671)
Ex-cat (ex Crop, LMI, RA)	%	55.2	55.2	55.7	54.1	54.3	54.2	56.3	58.0										
Ex-cat (ex RA)	%	56.9	56.6	62.3	60.3	54.3	54.2	55.0	57.2										
Ex-cat claims ratio	%	61.6	60.6	66.2	64.0	59.5	57.9	60.0	61.8	Ex-cat claims	%	61.6	60.6	66.2	64.0	59.5	57.9	60.0	61.8
Catastrophe claims	%	6.2	8.7	2.8	9.3	6.0	6.2	9.6	11.8	- CAY risk adjustment	%	4.7	4.0	3.9	3.7	5.2	3.7	5.0	4.6
Prior year development	%	(2.3)	(0.3)	(3.6)	3.9	0.8	(0.9)	(5.2)	(3.8)	Catastrophe claims	%	6.2	8.7	2.8	9.3	6.0	6.2	9.6	11.8
Net claims ratio	%	65.5	69.0	65.4	77.2	66.3	63.2	64.4	69.8		70	0.2		2.0	0.0	0.0	-		-
										Prior year development	%	(2.3)	(0.3)	(3.6)	3.9	0.8	(0.9)	(5.2)	(3.8)
Net claims ratio	%	65.5	69.0	65.4	77.2	66.3	63.2	64.4	69.8	- PYD (Central estimate)	%	0.7	2.3	1.2	7.5	2.6	1.0	(2.3)	(0.8)
Net commission ratio	%	17.7	18.1	20.7	20.5	16.8	17.9	15.7	15.6	- PYD (Risk adjustment)	%	(3.0)	(2.6)	(4.8)	(3.6)	(1.8)	(1.9)	(2.9)	(3.0)
Expense ratio	%	11.7	11.7	9.8	9.2	12.3	12.1	12.8	13.5		/0	(3.0)	(2.0)	(4.0)	(3.0)	(1.0)	(1.9)	(2.9)	(3.0)
Combined operating ratio	%	94.9	98.8	95.9	106.9	95.4	93.2	92.9	98.9	Net claims ratio	%	65.5	69.0	65.4	77.2	66.3	63.2	64.4	69.8

Note:

1. 2022 has been restated to reflect the application of AASB 17 Insurance Contracts

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