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TOWER Limited - UBS Conference presentation

(Auckland – NZ) TOWER Limited Chief Executive Officer David Hancock and Chief Financial Officer Michael Boggs are presenting at the UBS Australian Financial Services Conference in Sydney, Australia today, 25 June 2014. A copy of the TOWER presentation is attached for release to the market.

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Michael Boggs
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Progress on building shareholder value

"Deliver attractive shareholder returns by growing a general insurance business that is a leading light in New Zealand and the Pacific"

David Hancock

New operating model *implemented*

General insurance first half *net profit* after tax up strongly

First half dividend 6.5 cents, up 30%

Capital returned via buy back and bonds repaid

TOWER has further surplus capital to support shareholder returns and growth





New operating model implemented



Divestments

November 2012

 Sale of TOWER Medical Insurance Limited to nib NZ Limited

April 2013

 Sale of TOWER Managed funds Limited to Fisher Funds Management Limited

August 2013

 Sale of majority of Life business to Fidelity Life Assurance Company Limited

Renewed General Insurance focus

Divestment of Health, Investments and majority of Life insurance businesses

Sell down by major shareholder enhanced presence of major NZ institutions on register

Now a focused New Zealand and Pacific general insurer with *a strong local brand*

Smaller board; new CEO and growth strategy; reduced corporate costs

Significant returns of capital NZ\$171.8m returned and increased dividends in line with policy of 90-100% payout

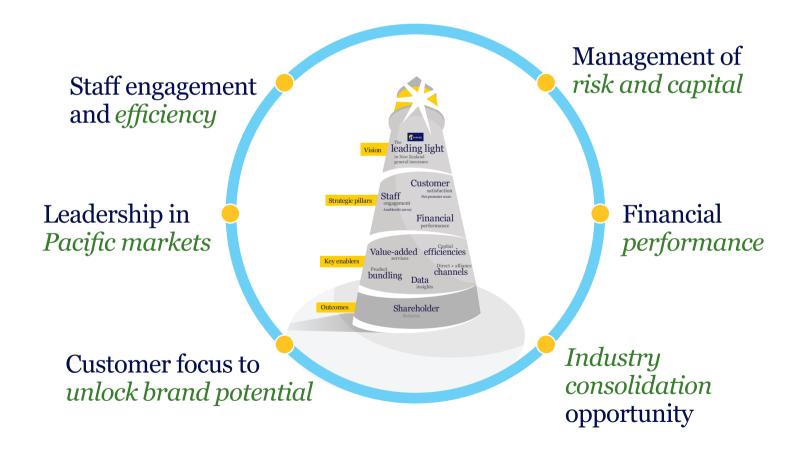
Remaining Life business is held for sale and TOWER retains *ongoing surplus capital*

Small shareholder buy back to enhance register efficiency



TOWER building shareholder value

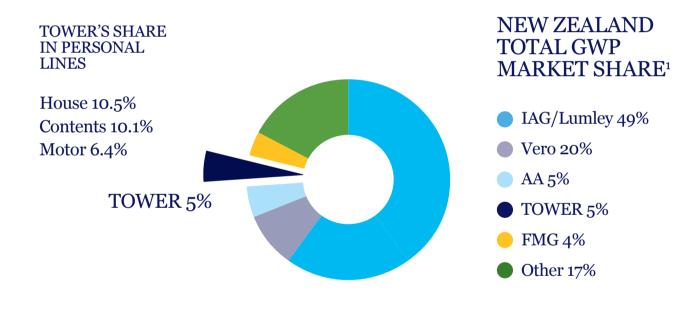






New Zealand insurance back drop





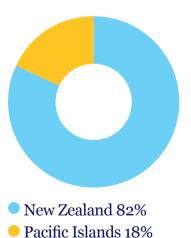
- Premium growth continues
- Reinsurance costs stabilising
- Increasing cost of compliance and regulation
- The technology shift offers opportunities to improve service and risk management
- Customers highly informed and mobile with price and service key drivers of customer choice
- Industry consolidation continues and presents both risks and opportunities for building shareholder value



A New Zealand and Pacific insurer



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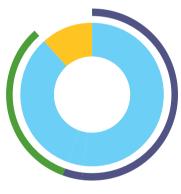


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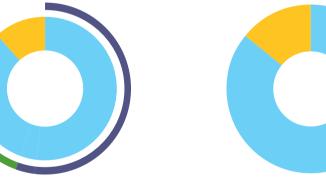
As at 31 March 2014:

Inforce policies



New Zealand 87% Pacific Islands 13% As at 31 March 2014:

Clients²



- New Zealand 86% Pacific Islands 14%
- New Zealand Direct 280k



^{1.} Excludes impact of the Canterbury earthquakes and the discontinuation of the Australian business. Refer page 34 for overview of abnormals

^{2.} One customer can be comprised of multiple clients

^{3.} Movement since September 2013

HY14 performance highlights



General Insurance profit up strongly, supported by rate increases due to rising reinsurance costs

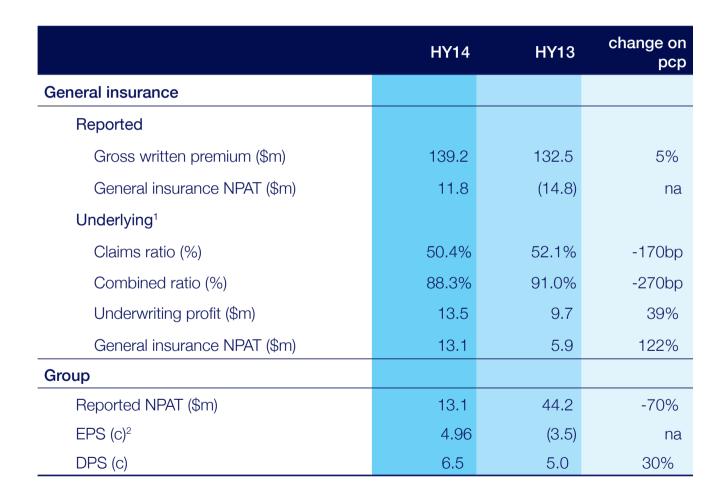
Improved customer satisfaction reflected in rising Net Promoter Score and lower policy lapse rates

Pacific earnings recovery and identified growth path through strong brands and alliances

Capital returned, bonds repaid and strong solvency maintained. Canterbury rebuild supports progress toward capital release



HY14 financial highlights





- Combined ratio improved
- Underlying General Insurance NPAT up 122%
- Adverse weather impacting industry returns
- EPS remains in transition



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Performance indicators



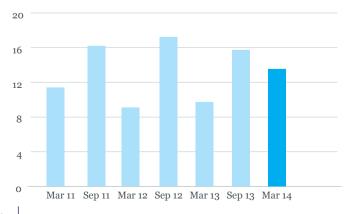
GROSS WRITTEN PREMIUM

- Gross written premium (\$m)
- Underlying combined ratio (%)



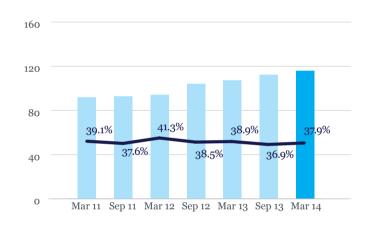
UNDERWRITING PROFIT

 Excluding Canterbury and Australia revaluation and foreign exchange loss (\$m)



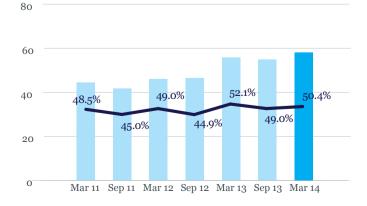
NET EARNED PREMIUM

- Net earned premium (\$m)
- Underlying expense ratio (%)



CLAIMS

- Claims excluding Canterbury (\$m)
- Claims ratio excluding Canterbury and Australia revaluation (%)



- Stable business with a consistent combined ratio over time
- Premium growth has continued to recoup higher reinsurance costs
- Opportunity to improve cost ratio toward industry best practice



Priorities





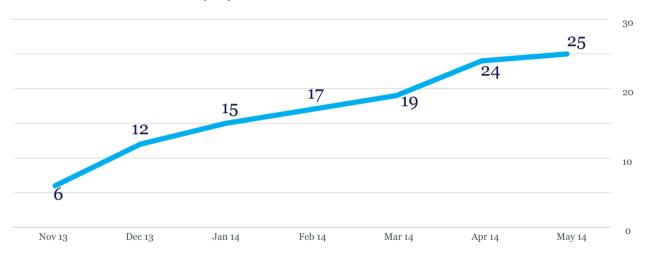
Our key focus is on the strategic pillars of *staff engagement*, customer satisfaction and financial performance

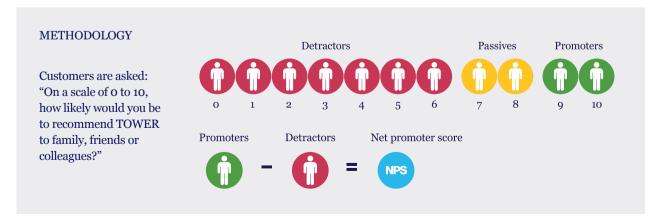


Customer retention and *growth*



NET PROMOTER SCORE (NPS)



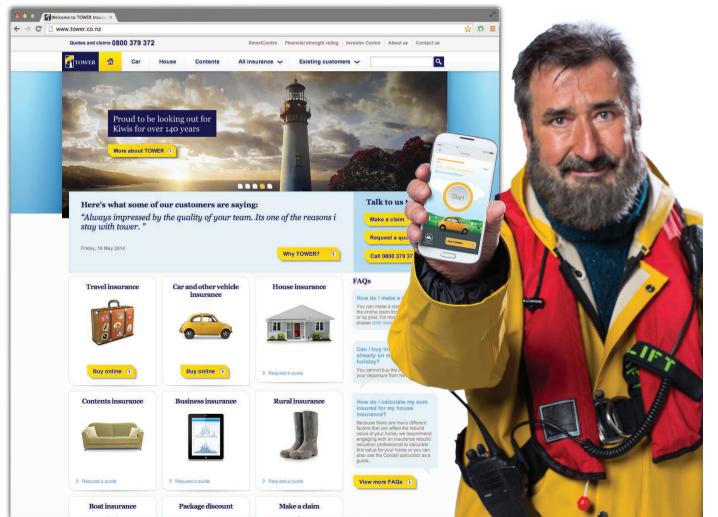


- Net promoter score (NPS) is a benchmark for customer loyalty
- Promoters will
 - hold more policies with us
 - hold higher value policies
 - stay with us longer
- Lower lapse rates supports revenue, with improvement from 13.7% to 13.5% in last half



Customer focus – *brand*





Powerful brand and product initiatives

- Refreshing our brand with multichannel lighthouse campaign, building on TOWER's legacy of more than 140 years of looking out for Kiwis
- Response has been strong with improvement in key brand attributes
- Significant opportunity to further leverage brand to improve share of new business
- Product innovation a key focus introduction of telematics into New Zealand through SmartDriver app



Management of risk and capital

Michael Boggs CFO









	As at March 2014					
\$ millions	GI	TLNZ	Corp	Total Group		
Cash and call deposits	159.0	8.7	118.9	286.6		
Total investment assets	133.4	676.2	-	809.6		
Deferred acquisition costs	18.4	-	-	18.4		
Intangible assets	-	-	32.3	32.3		
Other operational assets/(liabilities)	322.9	43.0	32.5	398.4		
Total assets ¹	633.7	727.9	183.7	1,545.3		
Policy liabilities and insurance provisions	(397.9)	(679.1)	-	(1,077.0)		
External debt	-	-	(83.2)	(83.2)		
Other operational (liabilities)/assets	(43.6)	(9.7)	(4.2)	(57.5)		
Total liabilities ¹	(441.5)	(688.8)	(87.4)	(1,217.7)		
Total equity	192.2	39.1	96.3	327.6		



Capital protection – reinsurance

easing

REINSURANCE EXPENSE¹



- Reinsurance expense (\$m)
- Percent of GWP (%)

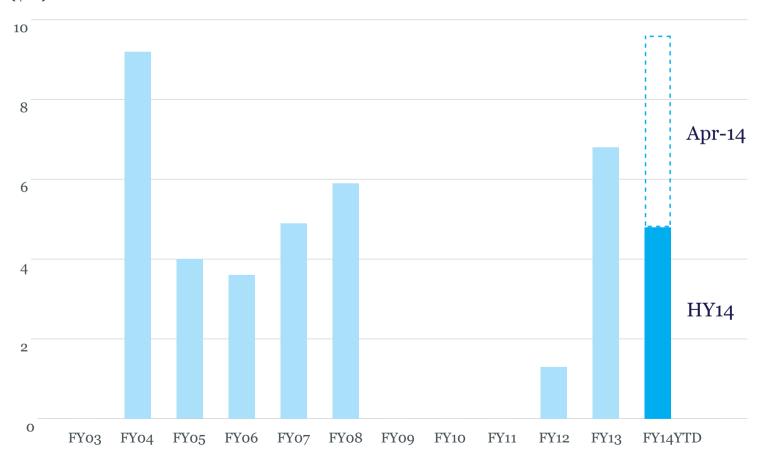
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Adverse weather impacts



NZ LARGE CLAIM EVENTS¹ (EXCLUDING EARTHQUAKES) (\$M)



- Weather events have a significant impact
- The last two years has seen a spike in claims for the industry
- Continuous improvement in underwriting
- Pricing for risk



Capital and customer focus – Canterbury rebuild

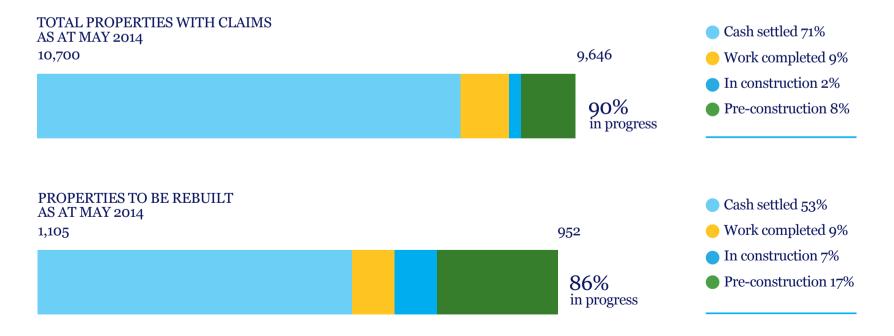
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On
track
for end of
2015

TOWER continues to lead the industry in settling earthquake claims with 82%¹ by number and 74% by value of all claims now settled and closed. TOWER's construction programme for rebuilds and repairs continues to build momentum, with 127 rebuild and major repairs completed over the period.

TOWER is on track to substantially settle and complete all Canterbury earthquake related claims by the end of 2015.



 Progress to date supports review of minimum solvency margin





Capital and *solvency* General Insurance



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Given the miniumum solvency margin (MSM) requirement, while the Canterbury rebuild completes, TOWER has not been able to implement this policy. However, TOWER continues to hold significant capital above the current solvency minimums required by the Reserve Bank of New Zealand and those required under its long term policy.

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GENERAL INSURANCE

Currently holds

\$43m

Current solvency position above regulatory minimum

Or

\$74m

Surplus above target based on long term policy

Plus Corporate currently holds

\$35m

Cash held at Corporate ¹ level after repaying bonds



Capital management



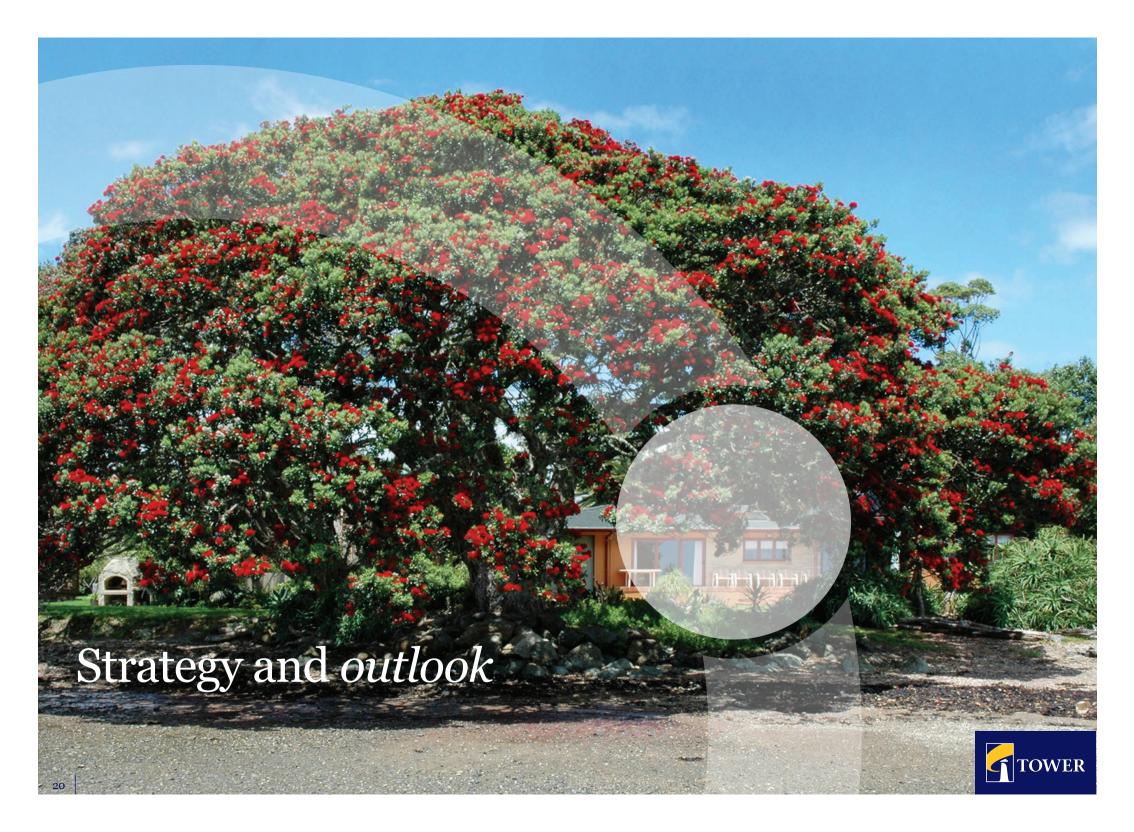
Achievements to date

- Buy back offers completed with \$171.8m returned to investors recently
 - April 2013 \$119.2m
 - January 2014 \$ 52.6m
- Dividend policy implemented with payout ratio of 90-100% of NPAT
- Australian business closed and capital repatriated
- Bond redemption of \$81.8m completed in April 2014

Moving forward

- Ongoing capital management remains a priority
- Options with regard to small parcel shareholders in progress
- The remaining Life business is for sale with a book value of NZ\$39.1m
- Canterbury completion a catalyst for further capital release
- Small parcel shareholder buy back in progress to improve efficiency of the register





Strategic growth initiatives



- Continue to drive staff engagement and efficiency
- Utilisation of technology to lower costs and support service and better value proposition
 - SmartDriver
 - growing online sales
 - new computer system step-change in cost ratios in medium-term

- Building a customer focused culture and delivering on claims and risk management
- Grow share of motor
- Growing distribution capability via new alliances
- Pursuing growth opportunities in the Pacific
- Examine further capital release for shareholders where possible







Industry consolidation to remain a key driver of industry shareholder returns. TOWER to manage risks and take advantage of the opportunities.

Risks

- Increased systemic risk from industry concentration
- Larger competitors with economies of scale and market power
- Possible reinsurance cost disadvantage
- May accelerate further consolidation moves in response

Opportunities

- Industry concentration presents opportunities for new alliances
- Concentration may support rational pricing behaviour
- Acquirers may lose focus in some lines through transition
- Customers may seek trusted New Zealand alternative
- Highlights value in New Zealand insurance businesses
- Supports asset values and possible opportunities for growth in General Insurance



Outlook



Industry recap

- Reinsurance costs and premiums easing post Canterbury
- Increasing cost of compliance and regulation
- Technology shift improving service and risk management
- Customers highly informed and mobile
- Industry consolidation
- New entrant risk

TOWER

- Revenue growth and cost containment focus continues in second half
- New product development
- On track to go live with new core system
- Weather events remain a concern, with April 2014 claims unfavourable
- Pacific marketing reinvigoration paying off
- Progress towards 2015 completion in Canterbury
- Capital management a key driver of shareholder returns

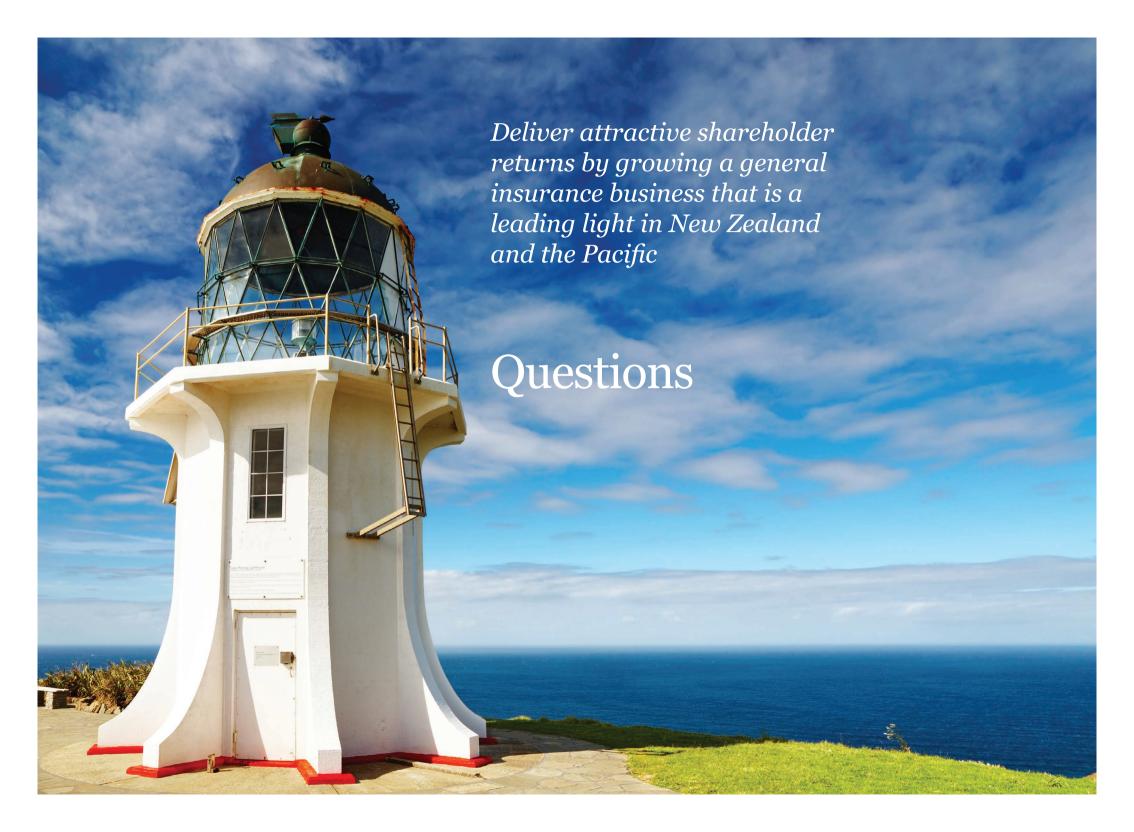


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TOWER Group Profit summary



	Half year ended			
\$ millions	Mar 2014	Mar 2013	Sep 2013	
General Insurance	13.1	5.9	13.1	
Life ¹	3.7	9.0	3.0	
Health	-	0.9	-	
Investments	-	4.0	-	
Business unit net profit after tax	16.8	19.8	16.1	
Corporate financing costs and investment income	(1.6)	(2.0)	(1.8)	
Corporate expenses	(1.4)	(1.4)	(2.0)	
Profit excluding the impact of discount rate and abnormal items	13.8	16.4	12.3	
Discount rate effect	-	(2.9)	(6.1)	
Net impact of abnormal items ²	(0.7)	30.7	(16.0)	
Reported net profit after tax ³	13.1	44.2	(9.8)	

- Health, Investment and majority of Life business sold in prior financial year
- Corporate expenses reduced, with first half reflecting higher costs associated with shareholder meetings and communications
- Financing costs to decline with repayment of bonds of NZ\$81.8m
- Abnormals in previous periods relate to gains on asset sales and the Canterbury earthquakes
- The remaining Life business is for sale with a book value of NZ\$39.1m

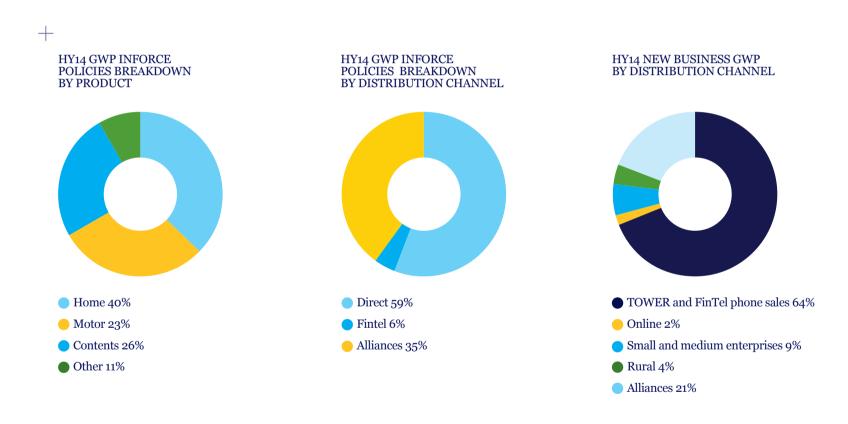


^{2.} Abnormal items for HY14 include net sale related gains \$0.6m, Canterbury earthquakes (\$0.1m) and foreign exchange impact of Australian revaluation (\$1.2m)



^{3.} A number of items are classified as discontinued operations in the Group financial statements

General Insurance New Zealand overview





Leadership in Pacific markets



HY14 GWP BREAKDOWN
BY DISTRIBUTION

HY14 GWP BREAKDOWN
BY CHANNEL

PNG 35%

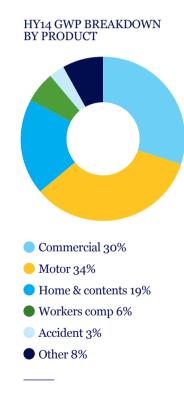
Fiji 27%

Samoa¹ 16%

Cook Islands 9%

Solomon Islands 8%

Tonga 5%



- Pacific NPAT \$2.7m
- Long-term businesses: more than 100 years history in some markets
- Multi-country alliances with high quality banking partners
- Net promoter score of +42 for Pacific showing strong customer loyalty
- Rejuvenated online presence driving up to 20% of direct lead generation in Fiji
- Consistent and careful underwriting attractive margins
- Significant growth potential in the region from our strong brand and expertise



Underlying performance General Insurance

\$ millions	Mar-14	Sep-13	Mar-13	Sep-12	Mar-12	Sep-11	Mar-11
Gross earned premiums	139.1	136.4	130.8	125.0	113.9	106.2	102.1
Reinsurance	(23.5)	(24.4)	(23.5)	(21.2)	(20.0)	(13.3)	(10.2)
Net premiums	115.6	112.0	107.3	103.8	93.9	92.9	91.9
Net incurred claims ¹	(53.4)	(48.7)	(52.6)	(46.4)	(44.9)	(41.7)	(44.6)
Large claim events ²	(4.8)	(6.2)	(3.3)	(0.2)	(1.1)	-	-
Management and sales expenses	(43.9)	(41.3)	(41.7)	(40.0)	(38.8)	(35.0)	(35.9)
Underwriting profit	13.5	15.7	9.7	17.2	9.1	16.2	11.4
Investment income	5.7	3.9	4.2	7.9	4.5	7.5	4.0
Profit before tax – normal trading	19.2	19.6	13.9	25.1	13.6	23.7	15.4
Income tax expense	(6.1)	(6.5)	(8.0)	(6.9)	(5.0)	(9.0)	(5.4)
Profit (loss) after tax before impact of Canterbury earthquakes and revaluation of Australian liabilities	13.1	13.1	5.9	18.3	8.6	14.7	10.0
Impact of Canterbury earthquakes	(0.1)	(0.5)	(14.7)	(10.4)	(3.2)	(16.8)	(5.4)
Revaluation of Australian liabilities and foreign exchange loss	(1.2)	(1.1)	(6.0)	-	-	-	-
Profit (loss) after tax ³	11.8	11.5	(14.8)	7.8	5.4	(2.1)	4.6

Underlying ratios	Mar-14	Sep-13	Mar-13	Sep-12	Mar-12	Sep-11	Mar-11
Combined ratio	88.3%	85.9%	91.0%	83.4%	90.3%	82.6%	87.6%
Claims ratio	50.4%	49.0%	52.1%	44.9%	49.0%	45.0%	48.5%
Expense ratio	37.9%	36.9%	38.9%	38.5%	41.3%	37.6%	39.1%



Claim events >\$1m



^{3.} The impacts of the Canterbury earthquakes and the discontinuation of the Australian business are classified differently in the Group financial statements

Reported profit General Insurance

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Reinsurance	(23.5)	(24.4)	(23.5)	(21.2)	(20.0)	(13.3)	(10.2)
Catastrophe reinsurance reinstatement	-	(0.7)	-	-	-	(14.9)	(2.7)
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Impact of Canterbury Earthquakes	(0.1)	0.0	(20.4)	(14.5)	(4.4)	(9.1)	(5.0)
Management and sales expenses ³	(45.8)	(41.3)	(41.7)	(40.0)	(38.8)	(35.0)	(35.9)
Underwriting profit	11.5	13.9	(16.6)	2.7	4.7	(7.8)	3.7
Investment Income	5.7	3.9	4.2	7.9	4.5	7.5	4.0
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^{1.} Net incurred claims includes \$1.8m of suspected arson fires in Cook Islands

^{2.} Claim events > \$1m

^{3.} Management and sales expenses includes \$1.9m of foreign exchange losses relating to release of Australian liabilities





	Balance as at				
\$ millions	Mar 2014	Mar 2013	Sep 2013		
Cash & call deposits	286.6	255.2	350.0		
Total investment assets	809.6	936.4	821.3		
Deferred acquisition costs	18.4	17.6	18.2		
Intangible assets	32.3	36.9	30.2		
Other operational assets (liabilities)	398.4	656.8	476.9		
Total assets ¹	1,545.3	1,902.9	1,696.6		
Policy liabilities and insurance provisions	(1,077.0)	(1,181.7)	(1,161.1)		
External debt	(83.2)	(82.4)	(82.8)		
Other operational (liabilities) assets	(57.5)	(114.6)	(71.6)		
Total liabilities ¹	(1,217.7)	(1,378.7)	(1,315.5)		
Total equity	327.6	524.3	381.1		

- Drivers of equity change to pcp:
 - Capital repayments of \$171.8m
 - Dividend payments of \$22.8m
- Significant changes in operational assets as a result of divesture of Investments and majority of Life business



Abnormal items

\$ millions (net of tax) Half year ended March 2014			
Net sale related gains ¹	0.6		
Australian revaluation and foreign exchange loss ^{2,3}	(1.2)		
Impact of Canterbury earthquakes ²	(0.1)		
Net impact of one off items	(0.7)		





^{3.} Reflects foreign exchange loss on release of capital following sale of Australian liabilities



Capital protection – reinsurance

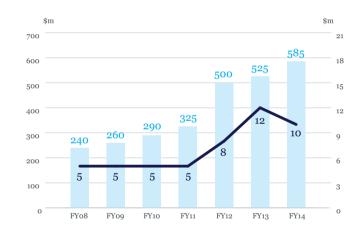


REINSURANCE EXPENSE¹



- Reinsurance expense (\$m)
- Percent of GWP (%)

REINSURANCE CATASTROPHE COVER



- Total cover (\$m)
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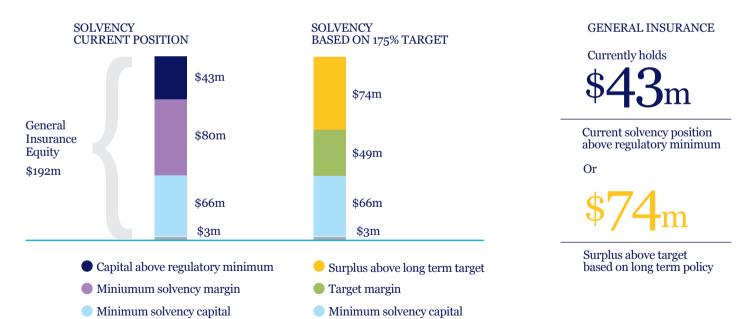


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Plus Corporate currently holds
\$35m

Cash held at Corporate level after repaying bonds ¹

In addition, at 31 March 2014 there was \$118.9m of cash held at Corporate level of which \$83.5m has been used to repay bonds and interest in April 2014, leaving a balance of \$35.4m.1

Deductions



Deductions

TOWER Life (N.Z.) Retained life business



NPAT of \$3.7m, well above full year plan expectations of \$2.8m due to one-off earning improvements

Stable business with a focus on customer service (NPS introduced) and productivity

Closed book in run off with no new business being written

Moved to new Wellington premises with centralised support

Book value of \$39.1m at 31 March 2014 (including \$15m minimum solvency margin)





Leading light

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