

# Conduit Holdings Limited

**1 January 2024 trading update** 25 January 2024





# **Strong 1 January renewals**

# Estimated ultimate premiums written of \$582.4 million, +38% versus 2023, aligned with our 1/1 expectations

- Underlying primary market margins remain attractive and continue to validate our quota share focus
- Very strong levels of renewing business with our key partners complemented by high quality new business opportunities

# Positive risk-adjusted rate change of 3%, net of inflation, across the portfolio

- 5% in property, -2% in casualty, 2% in specialty
- Accordingly, growth focused on property and specialty

# Outwards retrocession programme secured successfully

- No material change in our net PMLs at 1 January, which continues to provide a balanced risk versus reward profile
- Diverse and high-quality panel

# Continuing success in expanding scale of business footprint

- Strong origination platform established from outset enabling continued scalability
- Selective, bespoke risk approach being maintained across all three business segments



# 1 January significant premium growth of 38%

## **Property**

- Primary non-admitted market remains disciplined
- XoL market showing price stabilisation (e.g. US nationwide)

# Casualty

- Portfolio combined ratio stable
- Professional lines under more pressure

## **Specialty**

- Enhanced data analysis supports underwriting decisions
- Niche segments remain under watch (e.g. primary Aviation)

Estimated ultimate premiums written at 1 January 2024 increased by 38% compared to the same period in 2023:

|           | 2024<br>\$m <sup>1</sup> | %    | 2023<br>\$m <sup>2</sup> | %    | Year-on-year<br>change % |
|-----------|--------------------------|------|--------------------------|------|--------------------------|
| Property  | 311.0                    | 54%  | 197.3                    | 47%  | 58%                      |
| Casualty  | 101.4                    | 17%  | 112.2                    | 27%  | -10%                     |
| Specialty | 170.0                    | 29%  | 111.9                    | 26%  | 52%                      |
| Total     | 582.4                    | 100% | 421.4                    | 100% | 38%                      |



<sup>.</sup> These figures represent management's latest estimate as at 17 January 2024 for contracts incepting on 1 January 2024

<sup>2.</sup> Prior year comparative figures reflect those presented in our 1 January 2023 Renewals Trading Update and are not intended to present a current view of underwriting year expectations for prior periods

# Positive risk-adjusted rate change

## **Property**

- More capacity for high excess cat
- Our target classes remain well positioned

# **Casualty**

- Professional lines and D&O<sup>3</sup> softened
- Our combined ratios maintained year-over-year

## **Specialty**

- Varied across sub classes
- Overall portfolio margins remain attractive

Year-on-year renewed business written at 1 January 2024 show an overall risk-adjusted rate change of 3%<sup>1</sup>, net of inflation:

|           | 2024 January renewals | 2023 January renewals <sup>2</sup> |
|-----------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|
| Property  | 5%                    | 39%                                |
| Casualty  | -2%                   | 1%                                 |
| Specialty | 2%                    | 14%                                |
| Weighted  | 3%                    | 19%                                |



<sup>.</sup> These net rate changes reflect management's assessment, as at 17 January 2024 for contracts incepting on 1 January 2024, of rate changes of our renewed business net of the impact of claims inflation, exposure changes and changes in any other terms and conditions

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Directors and Officers

# Ground-up approach to portfolio management

"Focused and diversified" remains the key tenet of the Conduit Re portfolio construction philosophy

# **Property**

- E&S and D&F1 portfolios showed continued momentum and provide attractive growth opportunities
- European XoL business renewed strongly with positive rate and discipline in coverage and separation of perils / exclusions
- US margins remain attractive some increased price competition seen in high excess layers and some requests for coverage broadening

# Casualty

- Generally stable combined ratios achieved, with higher loss ratios broadly offset with reduced acquisition costs
- Continued review of underlying client portfolios enabled informed risk selection
- We reduced capacity in subclasses such as D&O<sup>2</sup> due to weaker primary market

# **Specialty**

- Our exposure trimmed for political risk classes e.g. civil unrest, war & terror - low primary rates relative to global outlook
- Aviation XoL positive rate signs following recent incidents but aviation insurance still weak
- New strategic partner specialty deals added - lower embedded volatility and broad mix of attractive sub classes



# An attractive market environment



The reinsurance market environment remains attractive with reinsurer economics benefiting from year-on-year rate increases, higher attachment points and disciplined client behaviour



1 January 2024 renewal season was characterised by further re-pricing of risk and continued focus on adequacy of reinsurer's margins, driven by:

Limited & targeted new capital inflows, into niche areas such as property cat and retro markets less new capacity for more complex products

Increased attention to coverage in T&Cs Clients seeking inclusion (e.g. Terror, SRCC<sup>1</sup>); reinsurers partially accommodating

E&S<sup>2</sup> market continues to reprice risk with improving margins since 2021 Market still growing whilst delivering rate and improved policy forms

**Natural** catastrophe frequency and severity trends<sup>3</sup> underpinning higher demand for protection

Persistence of high inflation drives continued disciplined client behaviour industry backyear reserving keeping the market alert



Strikes, riots, and civil commotion

Excess and Surplus lines/ non-admitted market

Gallagher Re: Natural catastrophes caused an estimated \$123 billion of insured losses in 2023, including some significant events in France, Italy and Turkey. This total was 11% above the decadal average (\$111 billion), and 36% higher than the 21st century average (\$91 billion). Whilst no major landfall in the US, mainland Severe Convective Storms (SCS) losses exceeded \$59 billion, with an unprecedented 20 individual billion-dollar insured losses from the peril

# Capitalising on our established business model in excellent market conditions

## Strong growth at 1 January was focused

- +38% premium growth is aligned with our 1 January expectations, with continued portfolio optimisation

#### Broad submission flow from established distribution channels

Decision making driven from single underwriting location - enables dynamic decisions and complex risk evaluation

## We have the capital to support our growth and RoE delivery

Organic growth trajectory sustained by robust capital base and expectation of retained earnings

#### **Market environment**

We maintain a positive view on the broader trading environment - continued opportunities to grow

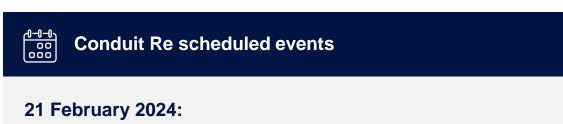


# Any questions?



# Investor relations calendar - 2024

Although we endeavour to adhere to the dates below, all future planned events are provisional and subject to change



2023 Preliminary Results



# **Conduit Re planned attendance at conferences**

### 31 January 2024:

Peel Hunt ESG (virtual)

#### 5 March 2024:

RBCC (New York)

#### 13 March 2024:

Morgan Stanley (London)

#### 20 March 2024:

Berenberg (The Grove, Watford)

### 21 March 2024:

Jefferies (London)



# Forward looking statements

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The Conduit renewal year on year indicative pricing change measure is an internal methodology that management uses to track trends in premium rates of a portfolio of reinsurance contracts. The change measure is specific for our portfolio and reflects management's assessment of relative changes in price, exposure and terms and conditions. It is also net of the estimated impact of claims inflation. It is not intended to be commentary on wider market conditions. The calculation involves a degree of judgement in relation to comparability of contracts and the assessment noted above, particularly in Conduit's initial years of underwriting. To enhance the methodology, management may revise the methodology and assumptions underlying the change measure, so the trends in premium rates reflected in the change measure may not be comparable over time. Consideration is only given to renewals of a comparable nature so it does not reflect every contract in the portfolio of Conduit contracts. The future profitability of the portfolio of contracts within the change measure is dependent upon many factors besides the trends in premium rates.



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