



CONDUIT RE

# Conduit Holdings Limited

Q3 2022 Trading Update

Balance sheet strength and underwriting focus put Conduit Re in an excellent position to take advantage of exceptional market conditions

*9 November 2022*



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"Estimated ultimate premiums written" is the estimated total gross premiums written that is expected to be earned assuming all bound contracts run to the end of the period of cover, after management discount for prudence.

The Conduit Re renewal year on year pricing change measure is an internal methodology that management intends to use to track trends in premium rates of a portfolio of reinsurance contracts. The change measure 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. The calculation involves a degree of judgement in relation to comparability of contracts and the assessment noted above, particularly in Conduit Re'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 Re contracts. The future profitability of the portfolio of contracts within the change measure is dependent upon many factors besides the trends in premium rates.

# The “perfect storm” for the January 2023 renewals

	Impact on Reinsurance industry	Conduit Re’s position
Macro-economic factors	High single to double-digit inflation across most developed countries, with continuing social inflation issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Substantial capital available to be deployed</li> <li>Robust inflation approach in our portfolio pricing</li> <li>No legacy portfolios</li> <li>Lean operations, double-digit \$M/employee</li> </ul>
	Increasing interest rates from historical lows	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Short duration (2.3y) &amp; high-quality portfolio (AA); 1.8% book and 4.8% market yield</li> </ul>
Insurance specific	Retrenchment or withdrawal by some large players due to adverse historical performance. Third-party capital unable to fill the gap	Ample Nat Cat capacity available within ~70/30 Non-Cat/Cat strategy and unbundling of risks
	Stressed balance sheets due to macro-environment and year-to-date losses	Fully operational towards 1/1, ready to grow profitably by taking advantage of increased demand and enhanced conditions

# Conduit Re is ideally built for the current market conditions

**Pure play reinsurer** with substantial capital available to be deployed

**Balanced and diversified approach** with ample Cat capacity available within ~70/30 Non-Cat / Cat portfolio

**Class, geography and client agnostic** - only underwriting risks that we can measure, analyse and price appropriately

**Conservative Asset Management approach** with high (AA) average credit quality and low (2.3 years) duration

**Strong balance sheet with no legacy issues** with a strong level of capital to support our AM Best A- (Excellent) rating

**Data and technology focus** prioritising on U/W technologies to provide the highest levels of service to brokers & clients

**Open, meritocratic culture** with local talent focus & integrated ESG approach supported by diverse workforce and Board<sup>1)</sup>

1) *Respectively 51% and 33% female*

# First nine months of 2022 highlights

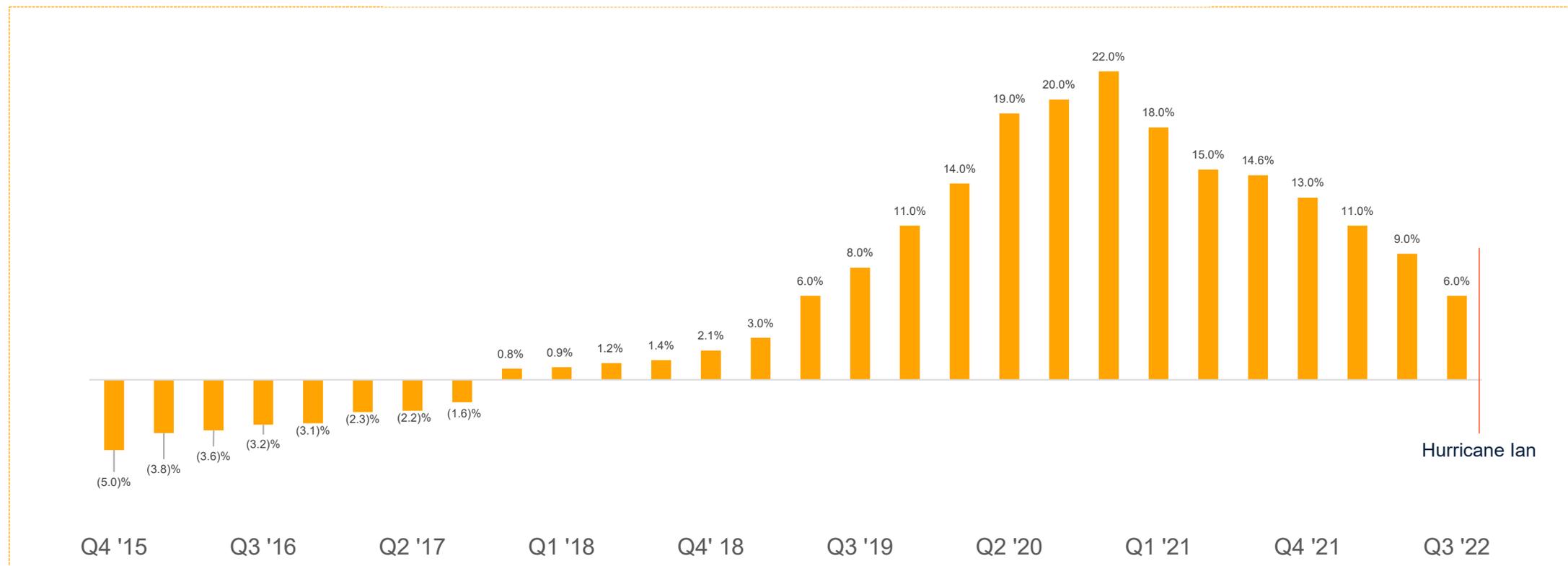
- ❑ Continued growth of a high-quality reinsurance franchise focused on selective underwriting, with excellent support from clients and brokers:
  - Estimated ultimate premiums written of \$600.9 million, an increase of 55.0% on the first nine months of 2021 estimated ultimate premiums written of \$387.7 million
  - Gross premiums written of \$528.1 million, an increase of 81.4% over the same period of 2021
- ❑ Net incurred losses in the third quarter related to Hurricane Ian of approximately \$40 million (4.5% of H1 2022 Shareholders' Equity, compared to Reinsurance-focused peers average of 7%<sup>1)</sup>); unchanged net incurred losses in the first half of 2022 related to the Ukraine War: \$24.6 million<sup>2)</sup> net impact
- ❑ The underlying business remains on track to deliver a mid-80's combined ratio in the medium term
- ❑ Market conditions remain strong, with continuing rate increases and improvements in T&Cs, promoting a diversified and balanced portfolio growth, with a 4% renewal price change net of estimated claims inflation

1) Source: Dowling & Partners, 3 November 2022

2) After reinsurance and reinstatement premiums

# Robust global pricing environment expected to harden

Marsh Global Insurance Pricing Change (gross of claims inflation)



- Pre-Hurricane Ian, global commercial insurance prices rose 6% in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, the 20<sup>th</sup> consecutive quarter of rising prices
- Global Property insurance pricing rose as much as the previous quarter, with the overall slower pace of growth driven by the first decrease in certain financial and professional lines seen since Q3 2017, most notably in D&O insurance

# Conduit Re pricing experience outpaces inflation

- Year-to-date renewals:
  - Cat pricing significantly increased
  - Fundamental supply and demand imbalance already in place pre-Hurricane Ian
  - Conduit has taken advantage of capacity constraints in the property market
- On a year-to-date basis (pre-Hurricane Ian) our overall risk-adjusted rate change is 4% net of estimated claims inflation, with high single-digit overall risk-adjusted rate change, gross of claims inflation:

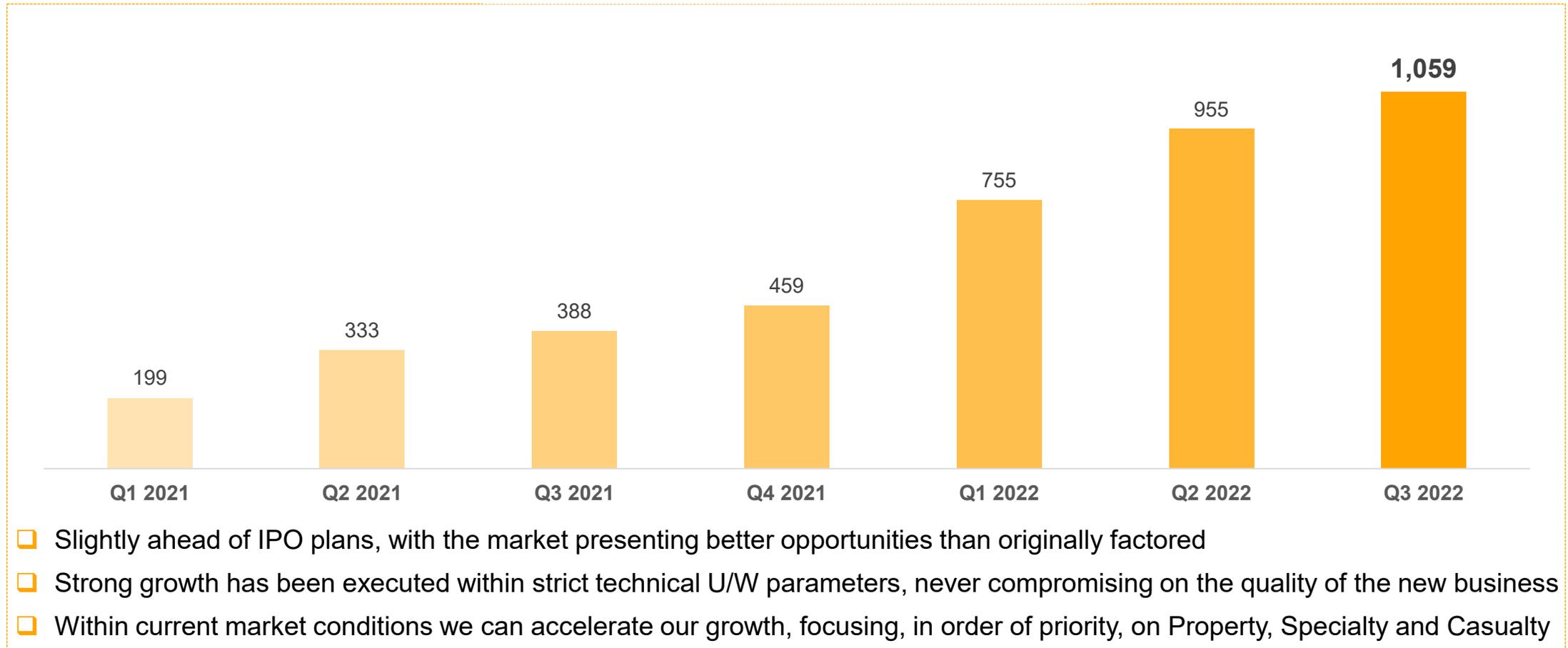
Division	1/1 Renewals	Q1 to date	H1 to date	Q3 to date
Property	8%	8%	8%	7%
Casualty	4%	3%	1%	1%
Specialty	2%	2%	2%	2%
<b>Overall<sup>1)</sup></b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>4%</b>

- Early January 1 2023 renewals indications point to further significant risk-adjusted increases and continuation of Terms & Conditions discipline

1) On a weighted basis

# Strong growth trajectory: \$1.1bn written in 21 months

Cumulative Ultimate Premiums Written (\$M)



# First nine months of 2022, financial highlights

\$M, Year-to-date	Q3 2022	Q3 2021
Est. Ultimate Premiums Written	600.9	387.7
Gross Premiums Written	528.1	291.2

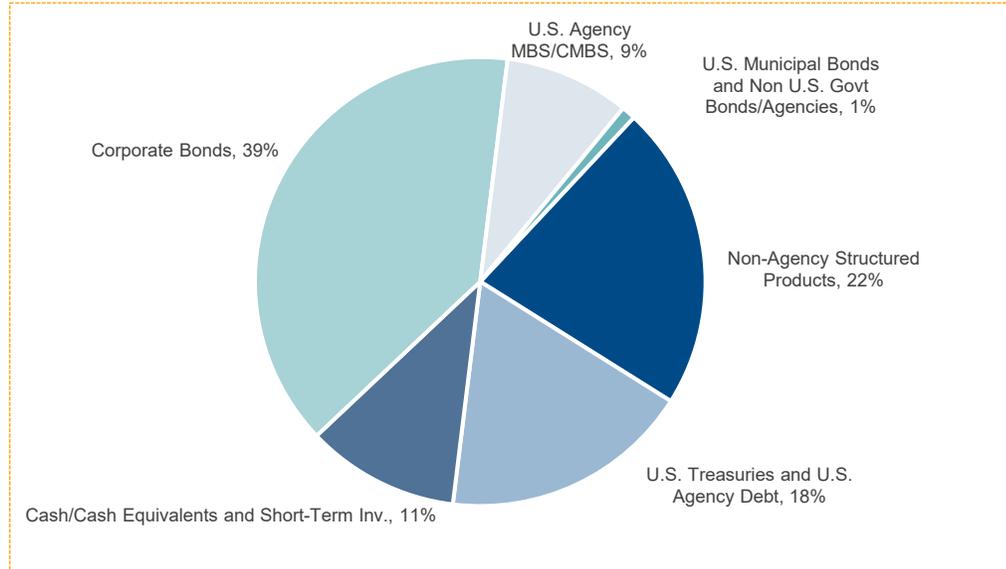
Est. Ultimate Premiums Written, Year-to-date	Q3 2022		Q3 2021	
	\$M	%	\$M	%
Quota Share (QS)	426.4	71.0%	269.0	69.4%
Excess of Loss	108.1	18.0%	46.9	12.1%
QS of Excess of Loss	66.4	11.0%	71.8	18.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>600.9</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>387.7</b>	<b>100%</b>

Gross Premiums Written, Year-to-date	Q3 2022		Q3 2021	
	\$M	%	\$M	%
Quota Share (QS)	360.5	68.3%	182.4	62.6%
Excess of Loss	108.1	20.5%	46.9	16.1%
QS of Excess of Loss	59.5	11.2%	61.9	21.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>528.1</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>291.2</b>	<b>100%</b>

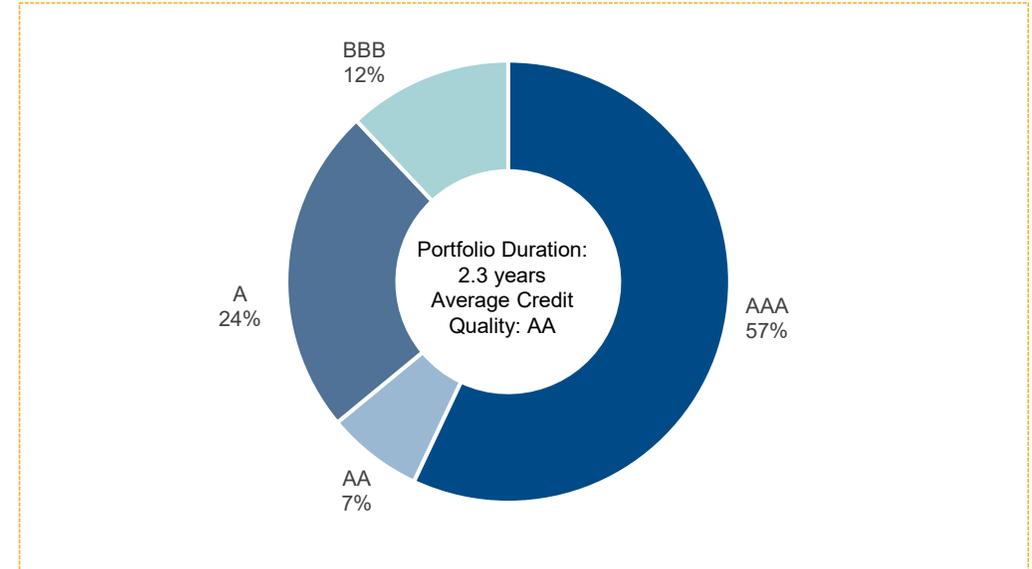
- Strong growth driven by continued positive rate increases and franchise momentum
- Total capital and tangible capital of the Group on 30 September 2022 was \$0.8 billion
- During the third quarter of 2022, the Group's Board of Directors declared an interim dividend of \$0.18 (approximately £0.15) per common share (in respect of the first half of 2022) which was paid in pounds sterling on 9 September 2022 to shareholders of record on 19 August 2022, resulting in an aggregate payment of \$29.6 million

# High quality investment portfolio

Asset Allocation as of 30 September 2022



Credit Quality as of 30 September 2022



- ❑ Capital preservation and liquidity to support our underwriting teams remain of paramount importance and determine our low-risk strategic portfolio allocation
- ❑ High quality investment portfolio, USD focused, with no equities, derivatives or alternatives
- ❑ Short duration portfolio allows Conduit Re to mitigate the impact of actual and expected interest rate hikes
- ❑ (6.2)% net investment return driven by expected rate hikes; \$74.8 million unrealised loss
- ❑ Book yield of 1.8%; Market yield of 4.8%
- ❑ Continued consideration of ESG factors on management of investments

# We are ready to accelerate our profitable growth

- ❑ The (re)insurance industry will be one of the few industries to grow in a world which “may be edging toward a global recession in 2023”<sup>1)</sup>
- ❑ The existing capacity crunch has led to a hard pricing environment, particularly for property cat
- ❑ Reinsurers with immediately available capital and cat capacity will benefit
- ❑ Conduit Re is forward-looking and does not have to manage back years reserving challenges
- ❑ Conduit Re has a strong, legacy-free balance sheet, ready to be deployed into exciting market conditions



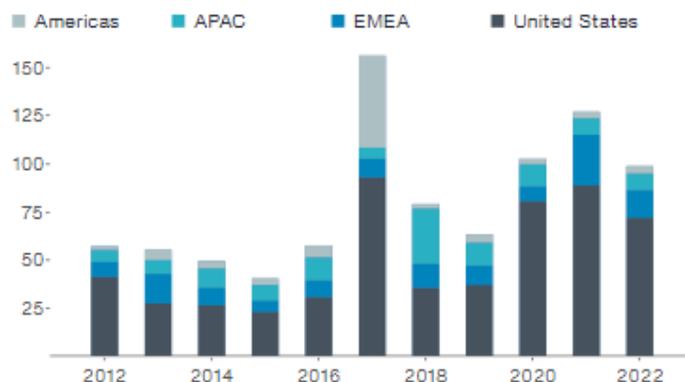
**Conduit Re is ready to accelerate its growth trajectory within its profitability requirements**

1) Source: The World Bank, September 2022

# APPENDIX

# Industry large losses for the first nine months of 2022

Global Q1-Q3 Insured losses (2022 \$ billion)



Data: Aon (Catastrophe Insight)

- ❑ Losses from perils accelerated in the third quarter and Hurricane Ian is anticipated to be the costliest singular weather event for the year, and potentially one of the costliest insured loss events on record globally<sup>1)</sup>
- ❑ Hurricane Ian made landfall in the US state of Florida as a strong category 4 hurricane on 28 September 2022. It continued its path north-east across Florida before making a second landfall in South Carolina
- ❑ Our ultimate loss estimate, net of reinsurance and reinstatement premiums, for this event is approximately \$40 million. While reserves have been recorded for this event, significant uncertainty exists in relation to the ultimate losses

As regards the crisis in Ukraine and the Russian invasion on 24 February, Conduit confirms its initial estimates communicated to the markets with the Q1 2022 Trading Update of 11 May 2022, with a net impact for the first quarter of \$24.6 million<sup>2)</sup> including aviation, war on land and marine war:

- ❑ Net incurred losses estimated between \$15 million and \$30 million, net of reinsurance and reinstatement premiums
- ❑ No losses have been reported to date; Conduit Re's reserve estimates continue to be derived from a combination of market data and ground-up assumptions, modelled loss projections, reports from cedants and market determination of loss events
- ❑ Conduit Re does not underwrite trade credit or political risk, nor active in cyber
- ❑ Typical Conduit Re treaties' structures have provisions for event limits and aggregate caps

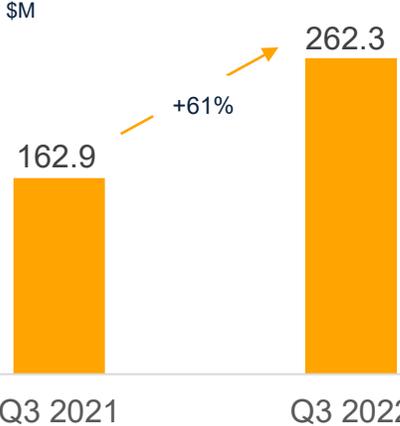
1) Source: AON October 2022 Global Catastrophe Recap

2) After reinsurance and reinstatement premiums

# First nine months of 2022, segment update

## Gross Premiums Written

### Property



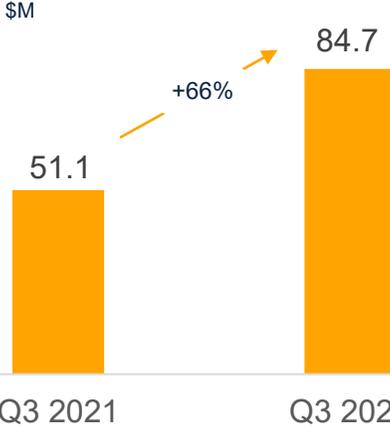
- Shortage of capacity in the market
- Significant growth achieved with quality of underwriting portfolio maintained
- Target line size maintained thus achieving growth without altering risk profile of the underwriting portfolio

### Casualty



- Rates continue to move ahead of inflation due to historical underpriced business and reserve stresses
- Selected business available at commercially attractive rates

### Specialty



- Growth driven by improving underlying underwriting market discipline, evidenced by underwriters identifying and pricing specifically for risks which were historically bundled together and not charged for

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