



**OVERVIEW OF STRATEGIC DELIVERY** 

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**FINANCIAL OUTCOMES** 

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AREAS OF FOCUS, OUTLOOK AND SUMMARY

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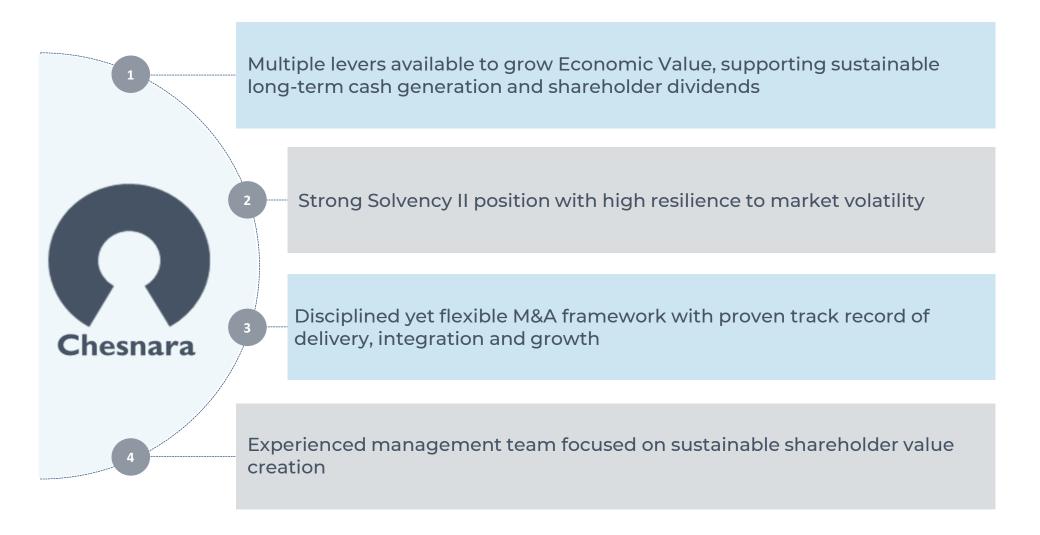




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COMPLETION OF THE ACQUISITION AND INTEGRATION OF CONSERVATRIX IN THE NETHERLANDS

ACQUISITION OF A PROTECTION PORTFOLIO FROM CANADA LIFE IN THE UK WITH INTEGRATION PROGRESSING WELL

#### COMMERCIAL CASH GENERATION OF £53M

## **ESULTS**

ECV GROWTH WITH CLOSING ECV PER SHARE OF 348p (FY 2022: 340p)

STRONG SOLVENCY AT 205%, WELL ABOVE NORMAL OPERATING RANGE OF 140 – 160%

COMMERCIAL NEW BUSINESS PROFITS OF £10M

3% INCREASE IN TOTAL 2023 DIVIDEND TO 23.97p, OUR 19TH YEAR OF CONSECUTIVE RISES

# & SUSTAINABILITY **OPERATIONAL**

PART VII TRANSFER OF SANLAM BOOK COMPLETED IN DECEMBER

WORK PROGRESSING WELL ON THE MIGRATION OF POLICY ADMINISTRATION TO SS&C TECHNOLOGIES IN THE UK

MOVE TO IFRS 17 REPORTING SUCCESSFULLY DELIVERED

ON TRACK FOR JULY 2024 CONSUMER DUTY DEADLINE – NO MATERIAL COMMERCIAL IMPACT EXPECTED

REINSURANCE IN THE UK TO PROTECT AGAINST MASS LAPSE RISK AND BROADENING OF THE GROUP FX HEDGE, BOTH DELIVERED IN THE YEAR

NEW CEOS IN PLACE FOR CA, SCILDON AND MOVESTIC NEW GROUP CFO JOINING IN APRIL

SETTING OF OUR INITIAL INTERIM TARGETS FOR EMISSIONS REDUCTION FROM OUR INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO





#### MARKET CONTEXT & FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

**CASH GENERATION** 

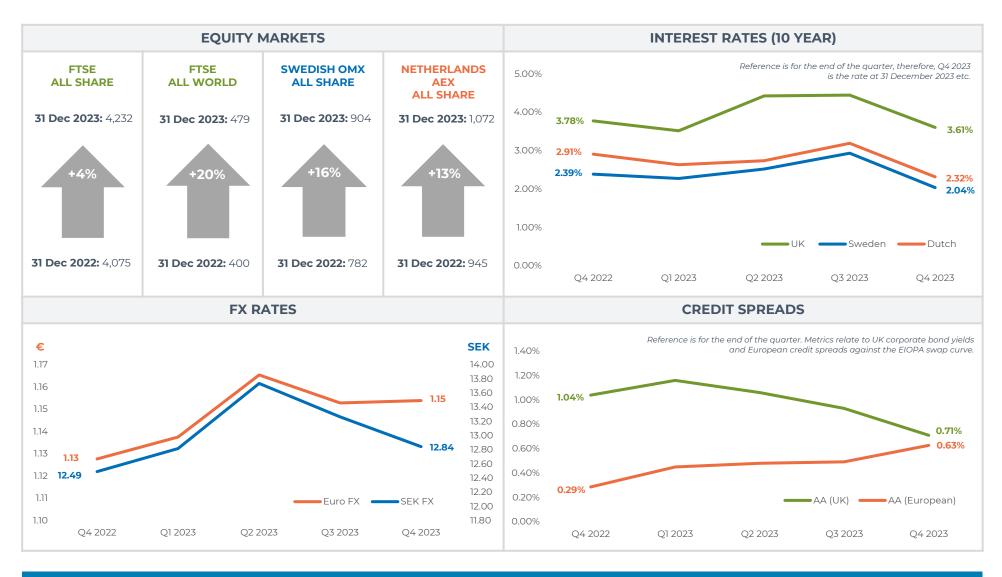
SOLVENCY

**GROWTH** 

**IFRS** 

#### MACRO SLOWLY RETURNING TO NORMAL BUT REMAINS VOLATILE





The macro environment recovered over the year, though not yet fully from the effects of an extraordinary market environment in 2022

#### H2 2023 SAW LIMITED RECOVERY FOLLOWING A MORE POSITIVE FIRST HALF



2023 has been a tale of two halves, with initial reasonable market recovery from the losses seen in 2022 slowing in the second half of the year.

MACRO	CASH GENERATION		ECV	IN LINE WITH SENSITIVITIES?(1)	
Equities	With SA <sup>(2)</sup> : <b>-£7m</b>	Without SA <sup>(2)</sup> : <b>+£7m</b>	+£21m	<b>✓</b>	
Bond yields	+£	llm	+£10m	<b>✓</b>	
Credit spreads	+£1m		+£3m	<b>✓</b>	
FX	With FX hedge <sup>(3)</sup> : <b>-£2m</b>	Without FX hedge <sup>(3)</sup> : <b>-£4m</b>	-£11m	<b>✓</b>	
Inflation	- <b>£</b> :	3m	-£3m	<b>✓</b>	

#### Notes:

(I) The determination of whether the impact is in line with sensitivities assumes a level of tolerance.

(2) SA refers to the symmetric adjustment. The Solvency II capital requirement calculation includes an adjusting factor that reduces or increases the level of the equity capital required depending on historical market conditions. Following periods of market growth, the factor tends to increase the level of capital required and conversely, in falling markets the capital requirement becomes less onerous.

3) Results shown both including and excluding the impact of the movement in fair value of the derivatives used to hedge FX retranslation.

Rising equities has been one of the key components in the real-world growth seen over 2023



CASH GENERATION	ECV	SOLVENCY II		
Group base <b>£32.5m</b> FY 2022: £82.7m  Group commercial <b>£53.0m</b> FY 2022: £46.6m	Closing EcV <b>£524.7m</b> FY 2022: £511.7m  EcV earnings(1) <b>£59.1m</b> FY 2022: £(84.7)m	Group SII ratio  205% FY 2022: 197%  Absolute surplus  4351.0m FY 2022: £298.4m		
GROWTH	IFRS <sup>(2)</sup>	BALANCE SHEET		
Commercial VNB <b>£10.1m</b> <i>FY 2022: £9.5m</i>	Profit before tax <b>£1.8m FY 2022:</b> £(62.1)m	IFRS capital base <sup>(4)</sup> <b>£487.4m</b> FY 2022: £469.2m		
Commercial VNB	Profit before tax	irks capital base(*)		

#### Notes:

- 1) EcV earnings quoted include day 1 acquisition gains but exclude FX impacts and dividend payments
- (2) The IFRS results have been restated from IFRS 4 to IFRS 17, noting that only 42% of liabilities were in scope of IFRS 17 as at 31 December 2023
- The contractual service margin (CSM) represents the future unearned profits of the insurance contracts
- (4) IFRS capital base is defined as 'IFRS net equity + CSM (net of tax and reinsurance)'
- (5) Leverage ratio is defined as 'debt' divided by 'net equity + debt + net of tax CSM', with the FY 2022 ratio being restated on an IFRS 17 basis in line with Fitch's updated methodology.

We have increased our proposed full year dividend by 3% to 23.97p which represents our 19<sup>th</sup> year of consecutive rises



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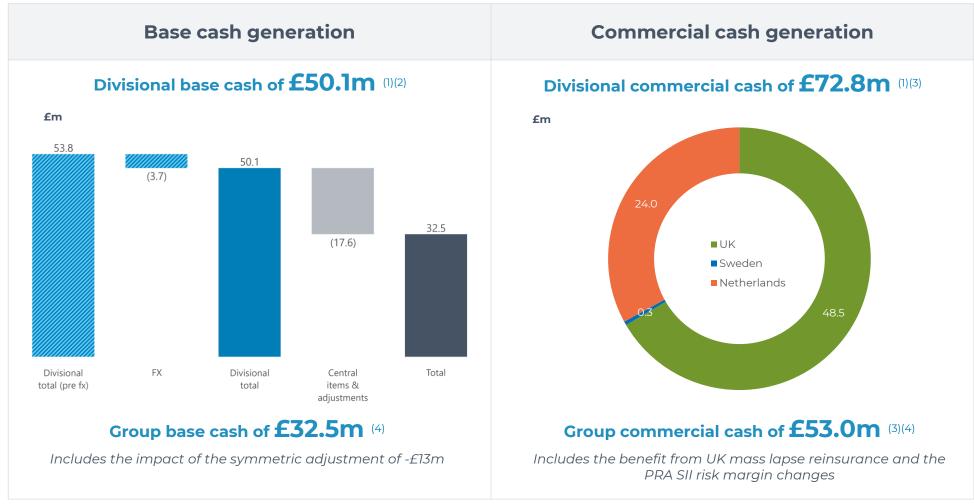
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#### CONTINUED STRONG COMMERCIAL CASH GENERATION OVER 2023





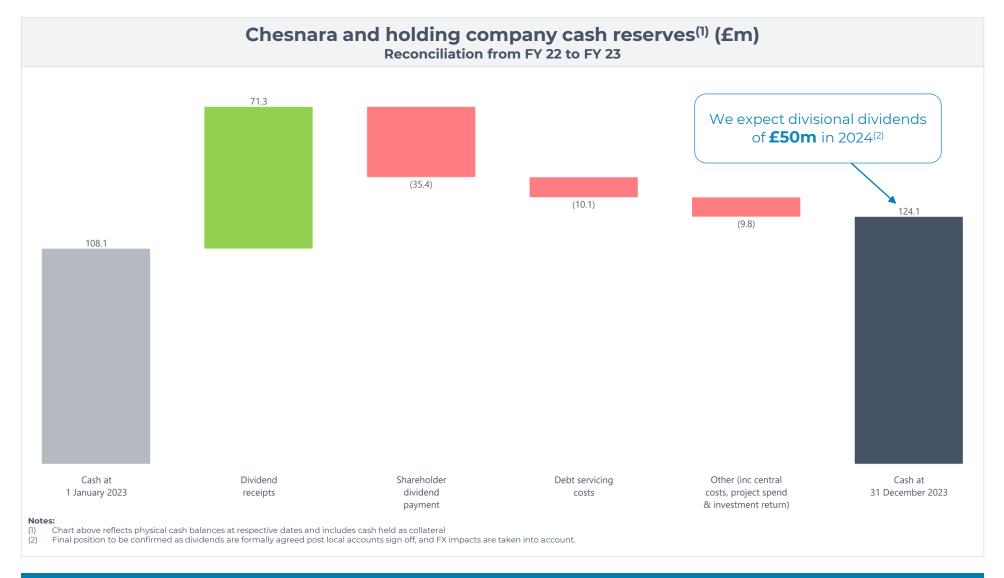
#### Notes:

- Divisional cash and commercial cash generation excludes: 'central items and adjustments'
- (2) Base divisional results best illustrate the level of dividend paying potential that has emerged in the period
- 3) Commercial divisional total better reflects how effective the businesses have been at generating surplus from operations
- Group totals are more relevant if we are focusing on the headline solvency movements

#### Commercial cash generation more than covers the dividend

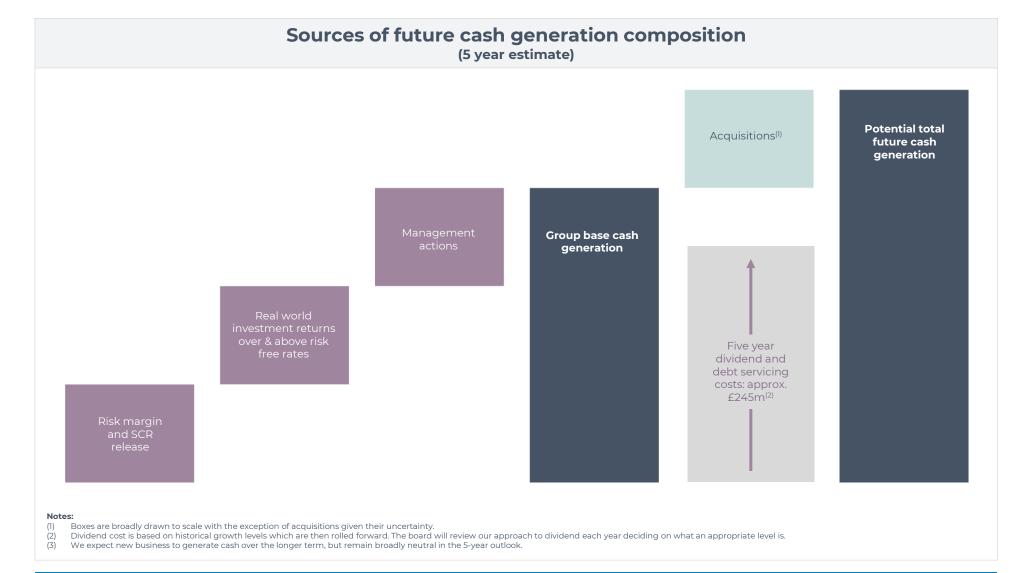
#### SIGNIFICANT CASH RESERVES TO FUND FUTURE M&A





Cash balances at group holding companies increased over the period providing substantial resources to fund future acquisitions





We have strong line of sight to sources of cash generation that more than cover our estimated cumulative dividend and debt servicing costs



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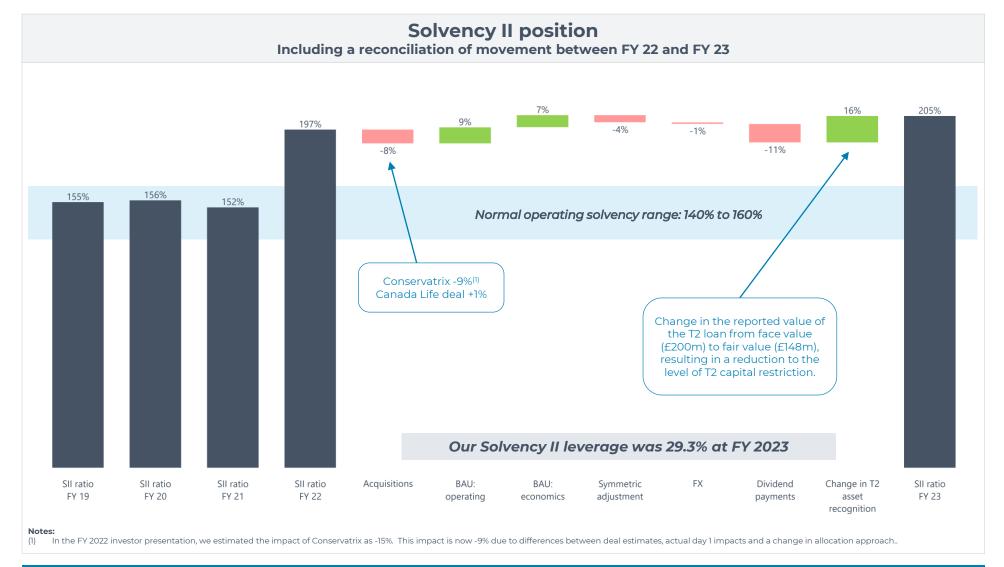
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We expect our group solvency ratio to move towards our normal operating range of 140 - 160% as we do further M&A



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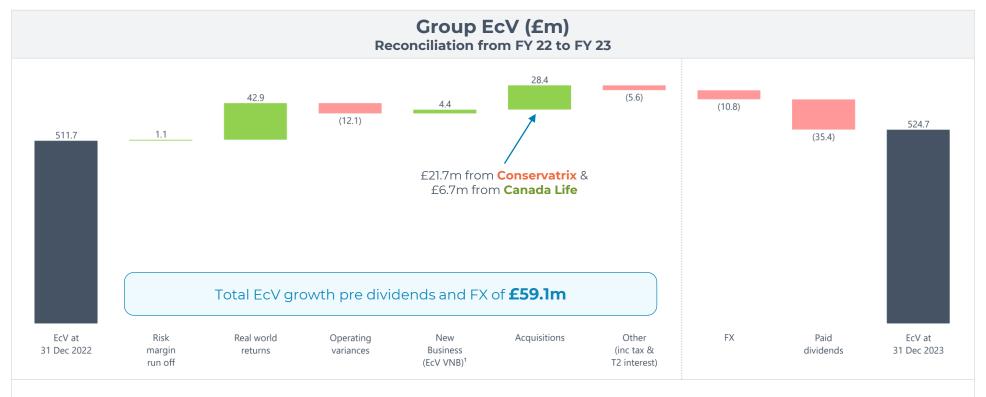
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#### ECV HAS GROWN EVEN AFTER FX IMPACTS AND PAYMENT OF THE DIVIDEND





- Operating variances in the period relate to strengthening of assumptions, including inflation, and investment in strategic projects including M&A. Cost efficiency and cost control activity has partly mitigated the impact of this investment.
- £43m of real-world returns, with the vast majority in H1.
- Appreciation of SEK and Euro over H2 has offset some of the FX adverse impact seen at the end of H1 2023.

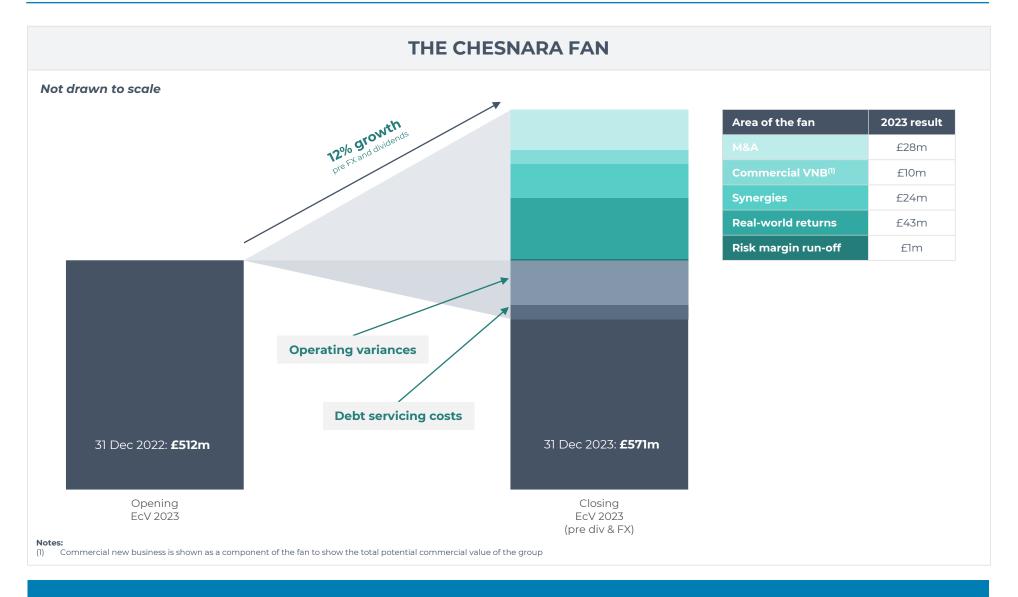
#### Notes:

(1) EcV VNB of £4.4m is on a different calculation basis to Commercial VNB, which totals £10.1m for the year

EcV growth in the period primarily generated from acquisitions and real-world returns

#### PRE FX & DIVIDENDS, WE GENERATED 12% ECV GROWTH OVER THE COURSE OF 2023

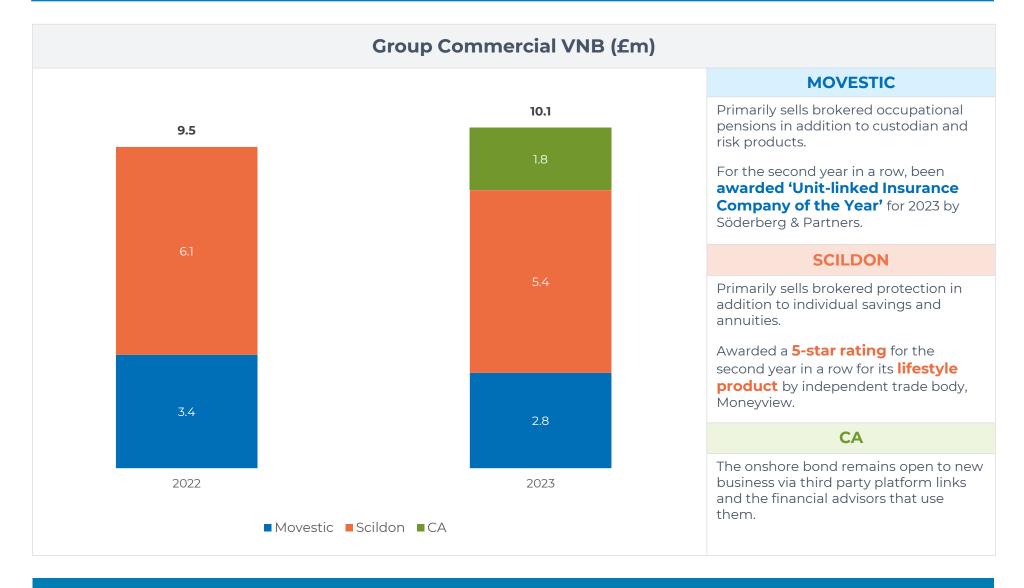




Over the course of the year, all components of the Chesnara fan delivered positively

#### DESPITE MARKET PRESSURES OVER 2023, NEW BUSINESS HAS REMAINED RESILIENT





New business continues to provide incremental profitable value growth



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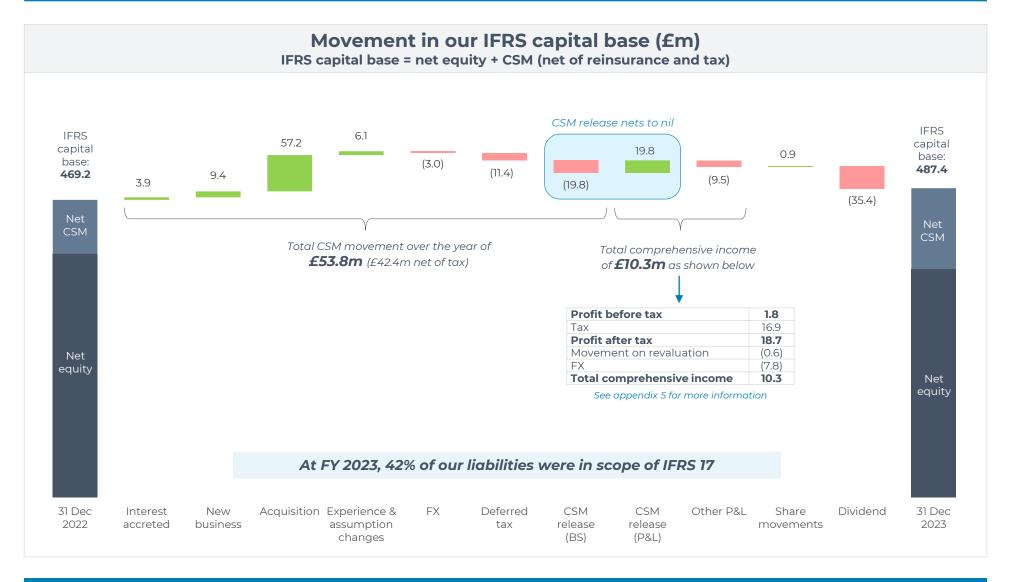
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Transition to IFRS 17 results in no change to the group's growth ambition, value or cash generation







#### MAXIMISE THE VALUE FROM EXISTING **BUSINESS**

- c1 million policies post completion of Conservatrix and addition of Canada Life UK portfolio
- Continued focus on positive customer outcomes
- Reinsurance to protect against mass lapse risk in the UK and extended the group FX hedge
- · New strategic partnership with SS&C in the UK will deliver efficiencies
- Ongoing opportunities to drive further cost synergies and accelerate cash generation

#### **ACQUIRE LIFE AND PENSION** BUSINESSES

- Two transactions delivered in the past year
- Solvency of 205% provides material headroom for strategic activity
- New SS&C partnership enables scalable platform for M&A
- · Strong governance track record with regulators
- Positive M&A pipeline across a range of transaction sizes

#### **ENHANCE VALUE** THROUGH PROFITABLE **NEW BUSINESS**

- Continued strong market share in the Swedish custodian business and Dutch term assurance market
- A contribution in the UK adds a new dynamic to the result
- · Recent awards won show the strength of broker relationships

#### **SUSTAINABILITY:**

We are committed to becoming a sustainable group and being net zero by 2050. We have agreed initial interim targets to reduce the scope 1 and 2 emissions of our listed equity and corporate fixed income investments, which we can control or influence, by 50% by 2030.

We have the skills and the capability to run insurance books of business at scale for the benefit of customers, shareholders and our other stakeholders



#### **KEY DRIVERS**

**Operational simplicity** 

Disposals of non-core products to release capital

Focus on specific geographies

Regulatory change

Persistent cost inflation

De-risking of portfolio to macroeconomic shifts

#### EXAMPLES OF SIGNIFICANT RECENT M&A ACTIVITY IN THE UK AND EUROPE



Sale of Scottish Widows bulk annuity portfolio to Rothesay

> £6bn of assets (Mar-24)



Sale of AIG's UK protection business to Aviva

> £460m (Sep-23)



Sale of portfolio from Federale Verzekering to Monument Re

> **Undisclosed** (Aug-23)





Sale of Canada Life's individual onshore protection business to Chesnara

£9m

(May-23)



Sale of Integrale Luxembourg's portfolio to Monument Re

**Undisclosed** 

(May-23)





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Sale of Aegon UK's protection book to Royal London

**Undisclosed** 

(Apr-23)

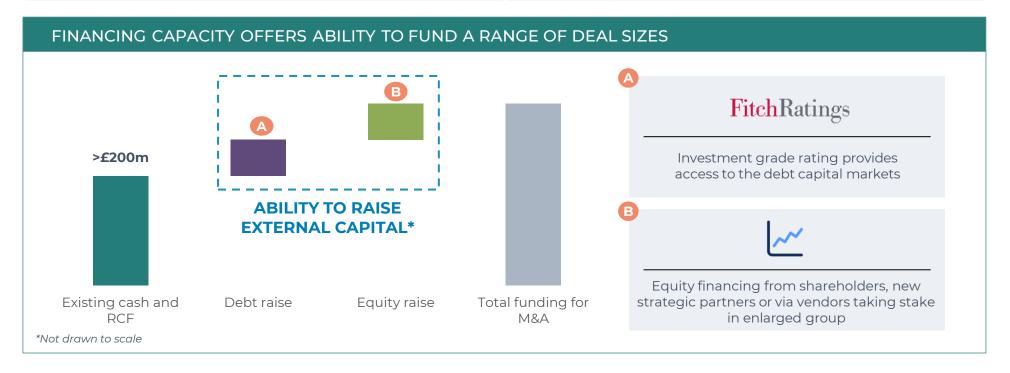


We start 2024 with a positive acquisition pipeline covering a range of potential deal sizes

#### CHESNARA IS WELL POSITIONED TO EXECUTE FURTHER M&A



	CHESNARA'S KEY STRENGTHS		FINANCING CONSIDERATIONS
✓	Strong record of customer service and governance	SOLVENCY	Normal operating range of 140% to 160%
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	insurance, with profit and individual annuities	LEVERAGE	Maintain our investment grade rating
<b>√</b>	Positive and long-standing relationships with multiple regulators		
✓	Less likely to be a material competitor on new business than some other consolidators	CASH RESERVES	Retain liquid resources to cover the dividend, coupon and working capital for approximately one year
<b>√</b>	Flexibility on approach to managing assets / investment management	ACQUISITION CAPACITY	Capacity to finance smaller transactions without external fundraising





#### Our sustainability commitments:

To support a sustainable future, including our net zero transition plans

To make a positive impact, including our plans to invest in positive solutions

To create a fairer world and ensure our group is an inclusive place for all employees, customers and stakeholders

#### **Our targets:**



#### Our 2023 activity:

#### Baselining our financed emissions and creating our net zero transition plan

- ✓ Baselined our financed emissions
- ✓ Set our initial interim targets to reduce the scope 1 and 2 emissions of our listed equity and corporate fixed income investments, which we can control or influence, by 50% by 2030

We'll progress our work on our transition plans during 2024.

#### Establishing our framework for investing in positive solutions

- ✓ Established our positive solutions framework
- ✓ Identified c£80m of existing investments in green and social bonds

#### Planning and implementing changes to reduce our operational carbon footprint

- ✓ Baselined our operational emissions, including scope 3
- Made small, pragmatic steps to decarbonise alongside making plans for longer term change

#### Embedding sustainability into decisionmaking at all levels across the group

- ✓ Held our first Group Sustainability Summit
- ✓ Delivered training to senior management across the group
- ✓ Commenced work to embed sustainability into our suite of policies

During 2024, we will continue the development of our transition plans, setting the roadmap to achieve our decarbonisation targets



Strong commercial cash generation of £53m

Strengthened senior leadership team and new strategic partnership with SS&C

EcV growth of £59m<sup>(1)</sup>



Two deals in the period and positive acquisition pipeline

Strong and resilient solvency at 205% with clear line of sight to future sources of cash generation Progress on sustainability, with initial interim targets now set and continued focus on positive customer outcomes

#### Notes:

(1) Figure show is pre FX and dividend

In May we will be celebrating our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a listed company





#### APPENDIX 1: AN INTRODUCTION TO CHESNARA (1 OF 4) - BACKGROUND



#### WHO WE ARE

- Chesnara plc was formed in 2004 and is listed on the London Stock Exchange.
- The group is a European life and pensions consolidator, having successfully completed thirteen acquisitions to date.
- We are focused on three key markets: UK, Sweden and the Netherlands.
- Our new business franchises in Sweden and the Netherlands complement the group's long-term cash flow generation.
- Chesnara has committed to becoming a sustainable group and being net zero by 2050.



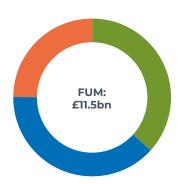
#### FINANCIAL KEY METRICS

31 December 2023

Group Solvency II Ratio: 205%



UK NETHERLANDS SWEDEN



#### THREE CORE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

MAXIMISE THE VALUE FROM EXISTING BUSINESS

- Efficient management of existing customers and financial resources to optimise long-term cash flow
- Key strategy across all three geographies – UK, Netherlands and Sweden

ACQUIRE LIFE AND PENSION BUSINESSES

 Disciplined M&A framework identifies opportunities that enhance value over the long-term

ENHANCE VALUE THROUGH PROFITABLE NEW BUSINESS

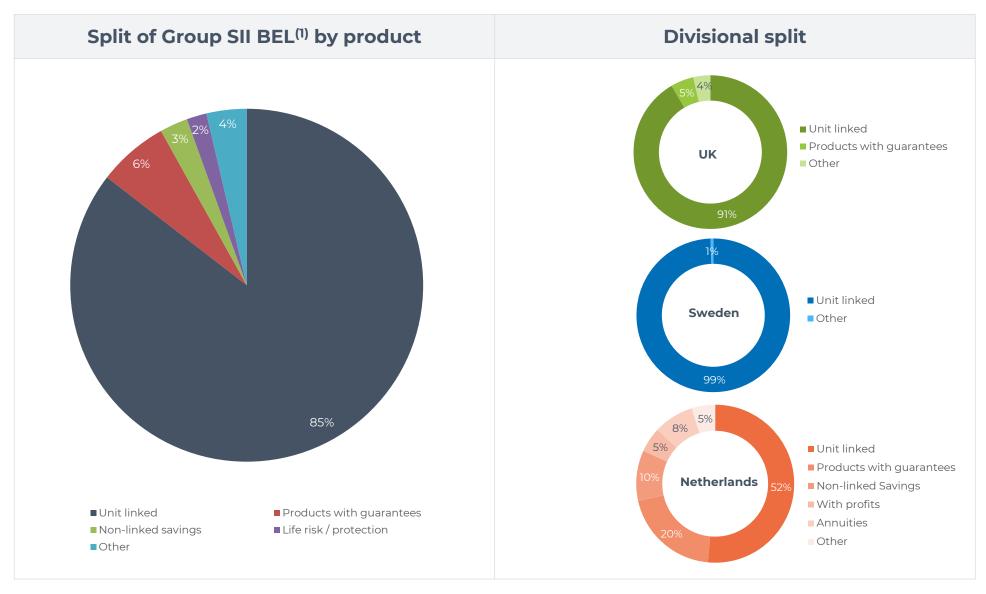
- New business franchises in Sweden and the Netherlands (including a small number of open product lines in the UK)
- Focused on delivering long-term cash flow accretion for the group

#### Notes:

1. Geographical split for UK includes other group activities





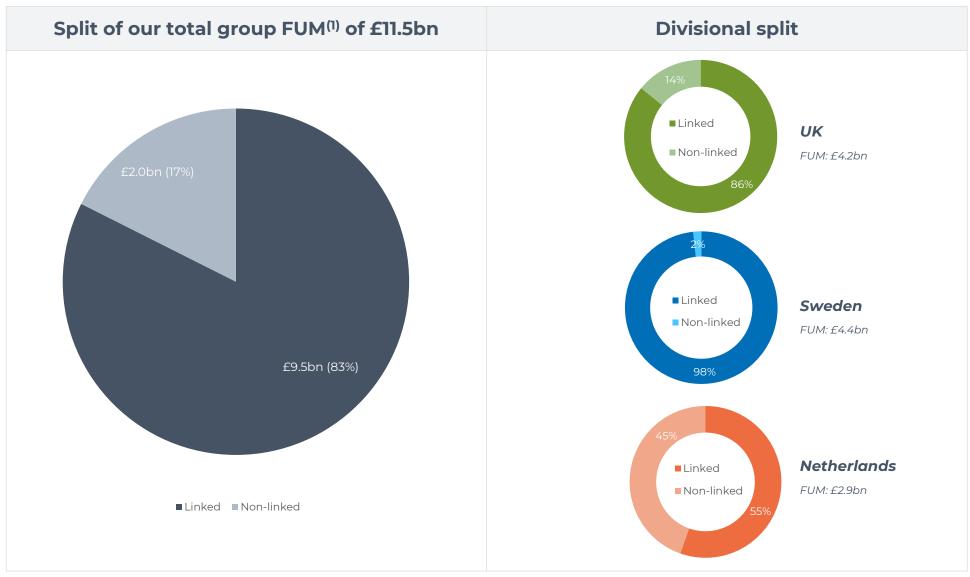


Notes:

<sup>(1)</sup> The analysis above is based on our group Solvency II Best estimate of Liabilities (BEL) as at 31 December 2023.

#### APPENDIX 1: AN INTRODUCTION TO CHESNARA (3 OF 4) – FUM SPLIT





#### Notes:

<sup>1)</sup> FUM at 31 December 2023, see accounts for a definition

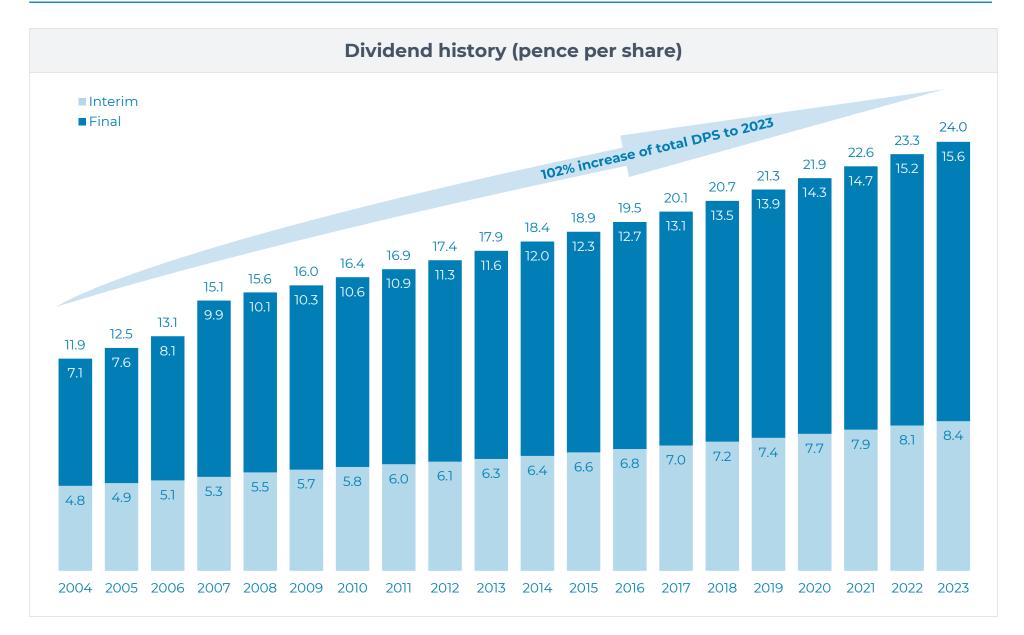
<sup>(2)</sup> UK FUM excludes £0.1bn of assets held in Chesnara













BASE CASH
GENERATION: £32.5m

DIVISIONAL BASE CASH GENERATION: £50.1m

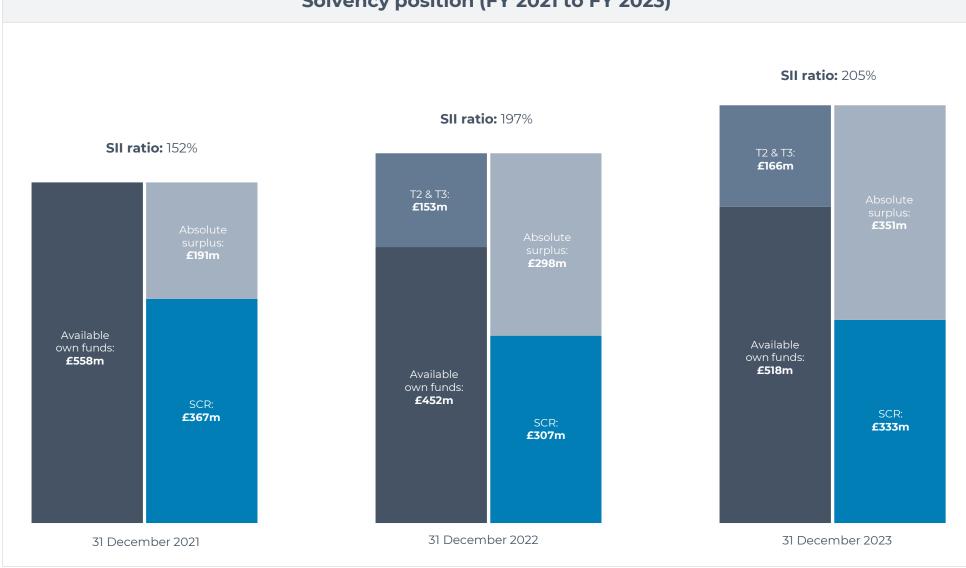
COMMERCIAL CASH GENERATION: £53.0m

DIVISIONAL COMMERCIAL CASH GENERATION: £72.8m

£m	UK	SWEDEN	NETHERLANDS	DIVISIONAL TOTAL	CENTRAL ITEMS & ADJUSTMENTS	TOTAL
Base cash generation	45.0	(7.0)	12.1	50.1	(17.6)	32.5
Symmetric adjustment	3.0	7.3	1.8	12.2	0.9	13.1
WP restriction look through	0.5	-	-	0.5	-	0.5
Temporary tax impacts on the SCR	-	-	10.0	10.0	(3.2)	6.8
Commercial cash generation	48.5	0.3	24.0	72.8	(19.8)	53.0



#### Solvency position (FY 2021 to FY 2023)





#### Summary group consolidated income statement

£m	FY 2023	FY 2022
Net insurance service result	(5.1)	13.3
Net investment result	71.7	(39.0)
Fee, commission and other income	89.4	59.6
Other operating expenses	(149.9)	(100.8)
Financing costs	(11.0)	(10.5)
Profit arising on acquisitions	6.7	15.4
Profit/(loss) before income taxes	1.8	(62.1)
Income tax	16.9	28.4
Profit/(loss) for the period after taxes	18.7	(33.7)
Foreign exchange (loss)/gain	(7.8)	6.9
Other comprehensive income	(0.6)	0.7
Total comprehensive income	10.3	(26.1)

Net insurance result is a small loss underpinned by gains from the release of the CSM and Risk Adjustment offset by losses from a combination of experience and loss component impacts. This loss should not be considered in isolation as there are some corresponding partial offsets in the net investment result.

Rising equities and falling yields are the primary contributors to the investment result gain.

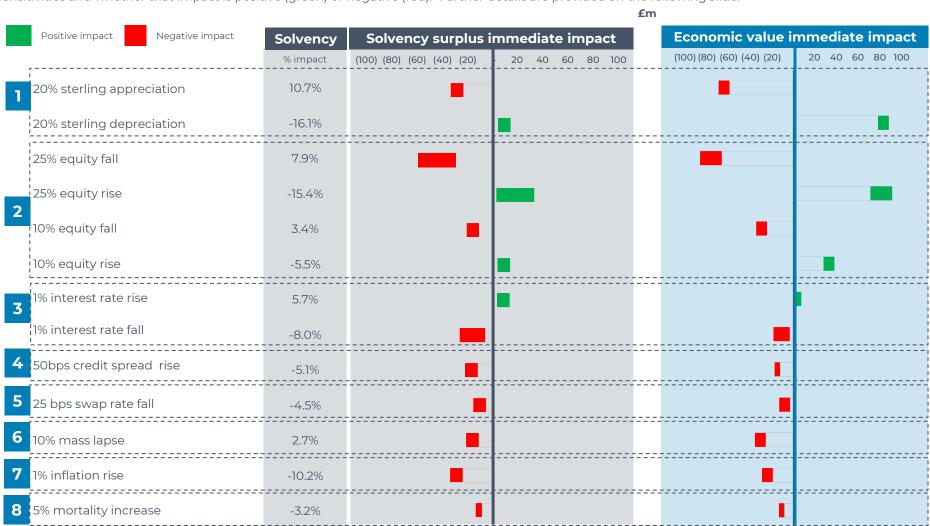
Increase primarily driven by the acquisitions in the year in addition to some one-off items: an impairment charge in the UK (that nets off with tax to £6.1m) and an increase in respect of yield tax on policyholder funds in Movestic which is largely offset in fee, commission and other operating income.

More information can be found in the financial statements.



### The charts below provide some insight into the potential range of impacts of certain sensitivities that the group is exposed to, covering surplus and economic value

Whilst cash generation has not been shown in the diagrams below, the impact of these sensitivities on the group's solvency surplus has a direct read across to the immediate impact on cash generation. Each individual bar in the diagram illustrates the estimated impact range (£m) of the respective sensitivities and whether that impact is positive (green) or negative (red). Further details are provided on the following slide.



#### APPENDIX 6: SENSITIVITIES (2 of 2)



#### Explanatory notes on the sensitivities on the previous slide are provided below:

- 20% sterling appreciation/depreciation: A material sterling appreciation reduces the value of surplus in our overseas divisions and any overseas investments in our UK entities, however this is partially mitigated by the group currency hedge so the overall impact on solvency is reduced.
- Equity sensitivities: The equity rise sensitivities cause both Own Funds and SCR to rise, as the value of the funds exposed to risk is higher. The increase in SCR can be larger than Own Funds, resulting in an immediate reduction in surplus, depending on the starting point of the symmetric adjustment. The converse applies to an equity fall sensitivity, although the impacts are not fully symmetrical due to management actions and tax. The Tier 2 debt value also changes materially in these sensitivities. The change in symmetric adjustment can have a significant impact (25% equity fall: -£20.1m to the SCR, 25% equity rise: +£30.2m to SCR). The EcV impacts are more intuitive as they are more directly linked to Own Funds impact. CA and Movestic contribute the most due to their large amounts of unit-linked business, much of which is invested in equities.
- Interest rate sensitivities: An interest rate fall has a more adverse effect on group economic value than an interest rate rise. Group solvency is less exposed to rising interest rates as a rise in rates causes capital requirements to fall, increasing solvency.
- 50bps credit spread rise: A credit spread rise has an adverse impact on surplus and future cash generation, particularly in Scildon due to corporate and non-local government bond holdings that form part of the asset portfolios backing non-linked insurance liabilities. The impact on the other divisions is less severe.
- 25bps swap rate fall: This sensitivity measures the impact of a fall in the swap discount curve with no change in the value of assets. The result is that liability values increase in isolation. The most material impacts are on CA and Scildon due to the size of the non-linked book.
- 10% mass lapse: In this sensitivity Own Funds fall as there are fewer policies on the books, thus less potential for future profits. This is largely offset by a fall in SCR, although the amount of eligible Tier 2 capital also falls. The division most affected is Movestic as it has the largest concentration of unit-linked business.
- 1% inflation rise: This sensitivity measures a permanent increase in inflation in every future year (above existing valuation assumptions). Such a rise in inflation increases the amount of expected future expenses. This is capitalised into the balance sheet and hits the solvency position immediately.
- 8 5% mortality increase: This sensitivity has an adverse impact on surplus and cash generation, particularly for Scildon due to their term products.

BASIS OF PREPARATION ON REPORTING: Although it is not a precise exercise, the general aim is that the sensitivities modelled are deemed to be broadly similar (with the exception that the 10% equity movements are naturally more likely to arise) in terms of likelihood. Whilst sensitivities provide a useful guide, in practice, how our results react to changing conditions is complex and the exact level of impact can vary due to the interactions of events and starting position.

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