# Results for the year ended 31 December 2015

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Overview of 2015



# Increased premiums, profits and dividends

- Profit before income tax of \$284.0m (2014: \$261.9m)
- Return on equity of 19% (2014: 17%)
- Gross premiums written increased by 3% to \$2,080.9m (2014: \$2,021.8m)
- Combined ratio of 87% (2014: 89%)
- Rate reduction of 2% on renewal portfolio (2014: reduction of 2%)
- Prior year reserve releases of \$176.3m (2014: \$158.1m)
- Net investment income of \$57.6m (2014: \$83.0m)
- Second interim dividend of 6.6p (2014: 6.2p) taking full year dividend to 9.9p (2014: Full year 9.3p). Special dividend of 18.4p (2014: 11.8p)



# Continued progress with our strategic initiatives

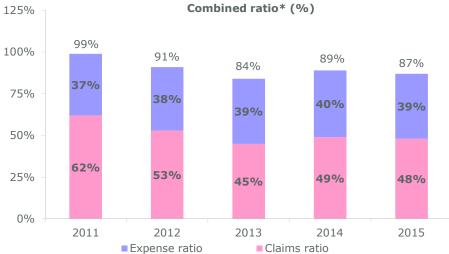
- Investment in our teams:
  - > People ranked in top quartile for employee engagement
  - > We passed the 1,000 employee landmark
  - > We continue to attract talent
- We grew 21% in the US and opened our Los Angeles office
- Started our Korean Re partnership
- Strong balance sheet and active capital management maintained
- Received our Solvency II Internal Model approval from the CBI
- We propose to establish a new UK tax resident group holding company

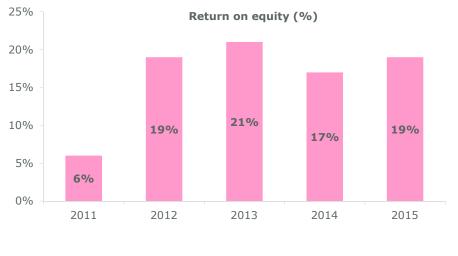


# Sustained high performance

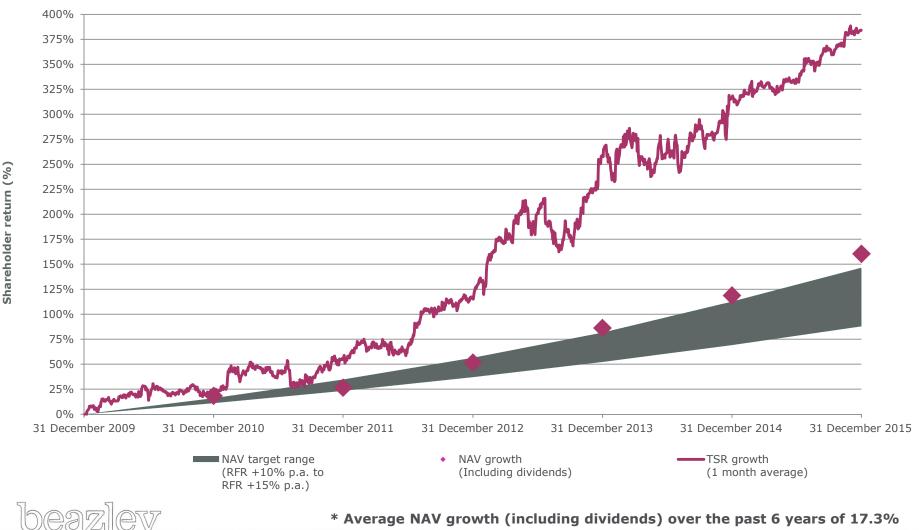








#### Excellent total shareholder return - TSR 33.5% per annum since 31.12.09



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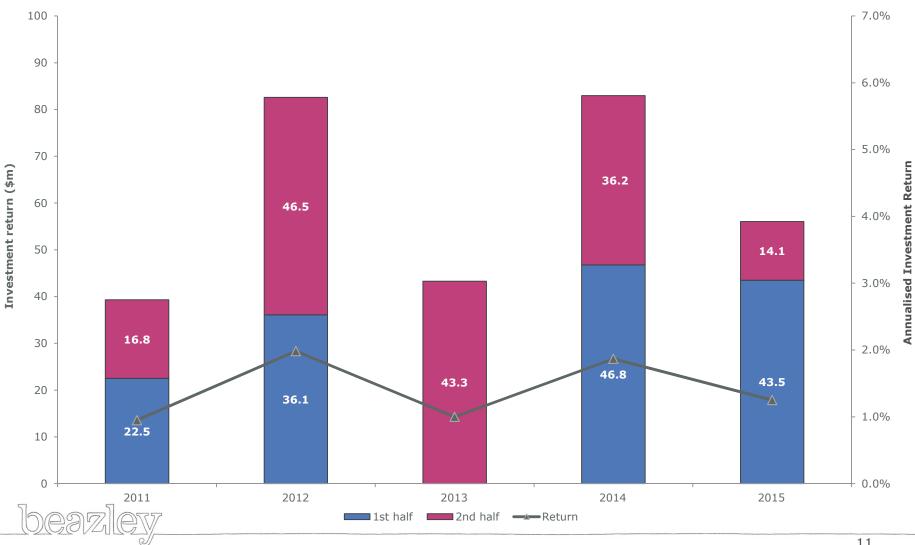
# Financials



# Strong performance across all metrics

	Year ended 31 December 2015	Year ended 31 December 2014	% Increase / (Decrease)
Gross premiums written (\$m)	2,080.9	2,021.8	3%
Net premiums written (\$m)	1,713.1	1,732.7	(1%)
Net earned premiums (\$m)	1,698.7	1,658.9	2%
Profit before income tax (\$m)	284.0	261.9	8%
Earnings per share (pence)	31.9	26.1	
Dividend per share (pence)	9.9	9.3	
Special dividend (pence)	18.4	11.8	
Net assets per share (pence)	186.5	170.3	
Net tangible assets per share (pence)	174.8	158.3	
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### Portfolio delivered 1.3% annualised return



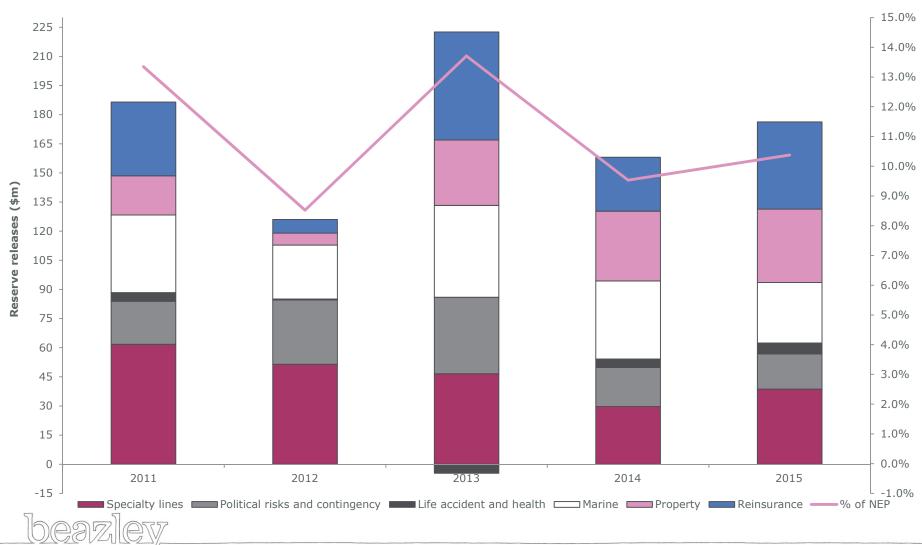
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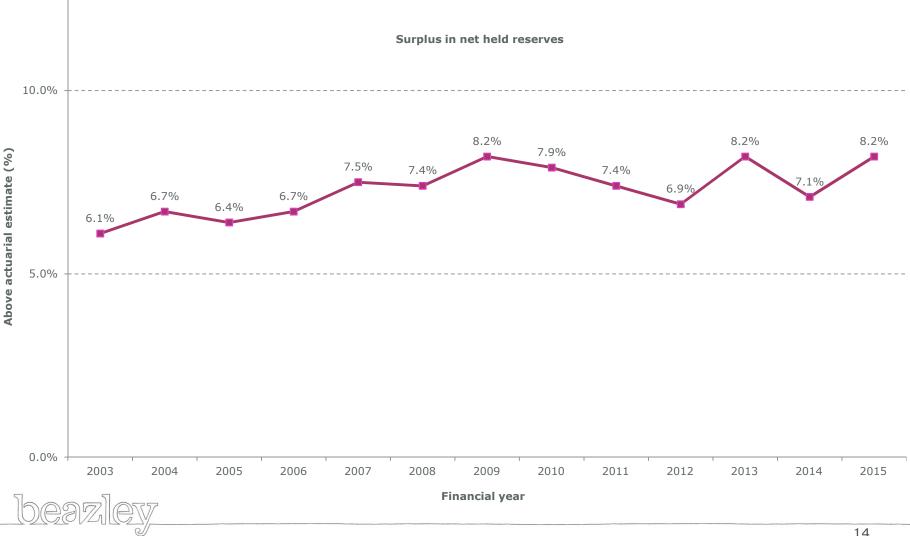
31 December 2015 Illiquid Credit Assets, Cash and Cash 1.0% Illiquid Credit Assets 2.0% Equivalents, 8.2% Hedge Funds Hedge Funds (Uncorrelated Strategies) (Uncorrelated Strategies) 8.3% 7.3% Equity Linked funds, 3.3% Equity Linked funds 3.3% Senior Secured Loans Senior Secured Loans 2.3% 2.5% Other Credit, 1.8% Other Credit 1.6% Government Quasi Government Government Quasi Supranational Investment Government & 41.6% Grade Investment Supranational Credit Grade Credit 41.1% 27.2% 33.5% Core Portfolio Core Portfolio

31 December 2014

# Continued prior year reserve releases



### Whole account reserve strength within our target range

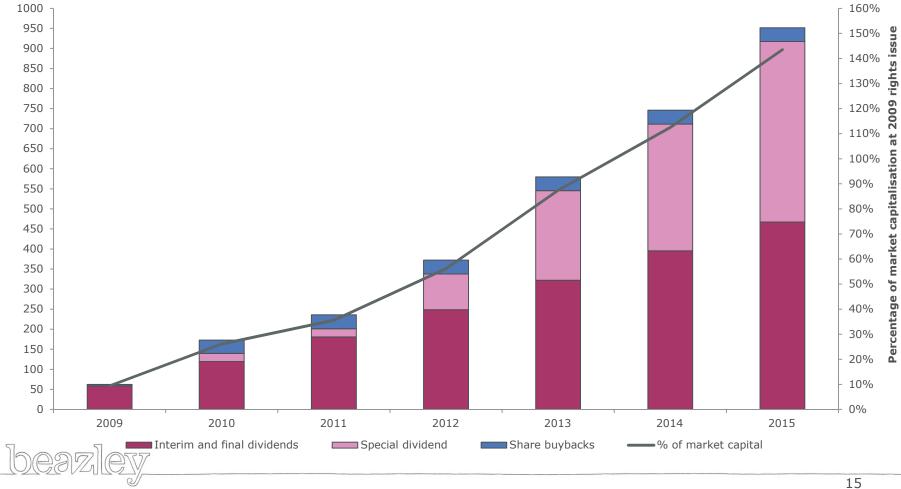


# Capital management discipline continues

We have returned capital of \$952m in the past 7 years 

Funds returned to shareholders (\$m)

This represents 144% of our 2009 post rights-issue market capitalisation 



# Updated capital position remains strong

• Group capital requirement:

	Year ended 31 December 2015 \$m	Year ended 31 December 2014 \$m
Lloyd's economic capital requirement (ECR)	1,326.9	1,359.0
Capital for US insurance company	107.7	107.7
	1,434.6	1,466.7

- Our funding is made up of our own equity (on a Solvency II basis) plus \$247.2m of debt and an undrawn banking facility of \$225.0m
- At 31 December 2015 we have surplus capital of 49% of ECR, including Solvency II adjustments
- We will be paying a special dividend of 18.4p, reducing the surplus to 35%, above our target 15-25% range



# Proposed new holding company

- Change will allow group management to be from the UK from the end of April
- Timetable is for a shareholder vote in March
- No change to the operating structure, expected profits or tax rates of the group
- Beazley plc will be retained as the name for our top company



# Underwriting review



### Underwriting review – 2015 achievements

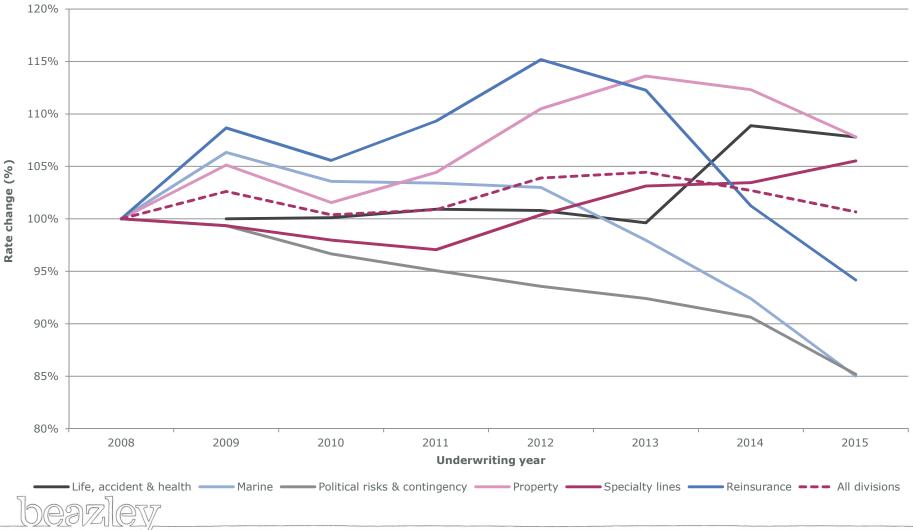
- Combined ratio of 87%, with improved combined ratio achieved by all divisions
- Growth in gross premiums written of 3% to \$2,080.9m
  - > Specialty lines, our largest division, achieved growth of 13%
  - > 21% growth in locally underwritten US premium
- Rate reductions of 2% across portfolio as a whole
- Favourable claims experience including lower than average catastrophe activity
- We continue to reserve consistently, maintaining our surplus over actuarial estimate between 5-10%

# Underwriting review

	Year Ended 31 December 2015	Year Ended 31 December 2014	% Increase/ (Decrease)
Gross premiums written (\$m)	2,080.9	2,021.8	3%
Net premiums written (\$m)	1,713.1	1,732.7	(1%)
Net earned premiums (\$m)	1,698.7	1,658.9	2%
Expense ratio	39%	40%	
Claims ratio	48%	49%	
Combined ratio	87%	89%	
Rate change on renewals	(2%)	(2%)	



### Cumulative rate changes since 2008



# 2016 underwriting outlook

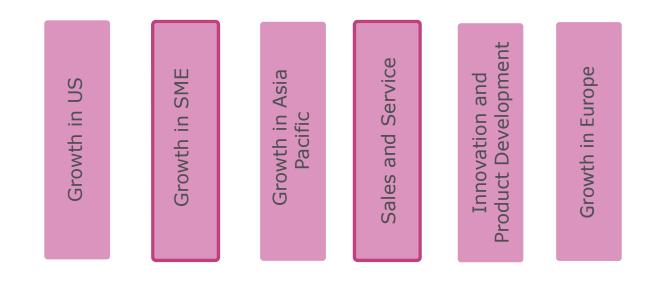
- Competitive market conditions expected to continue
- Well diversified portfolio will allow efficient cycle management
- Disciplined underwriting in areas where competition is greatest
- We see opportunities for moderate growth in 2016
  - > US underwritten premium
  - > US 'gap protection' medical cover
  - Cyber demand continues to increase
  - Improved distribution channels for SME business



Our vision and strategic priorities

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To become, and be recognised as, the highest performing specialist insurer



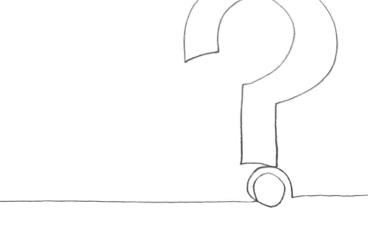
New in 2015

# Outlook for 2016 – our 30<sup>th</sup> year

- Continue our organic growth strategy
- Premium rates expected to decline across portfolio as a whole
- Continued growth opportunities in US
- Market consolidation offers opportunities to attract talent
- Pursue our refreshed strategic initiatives
- New corporate structure to enable us to run the group from the UK



Any questions?

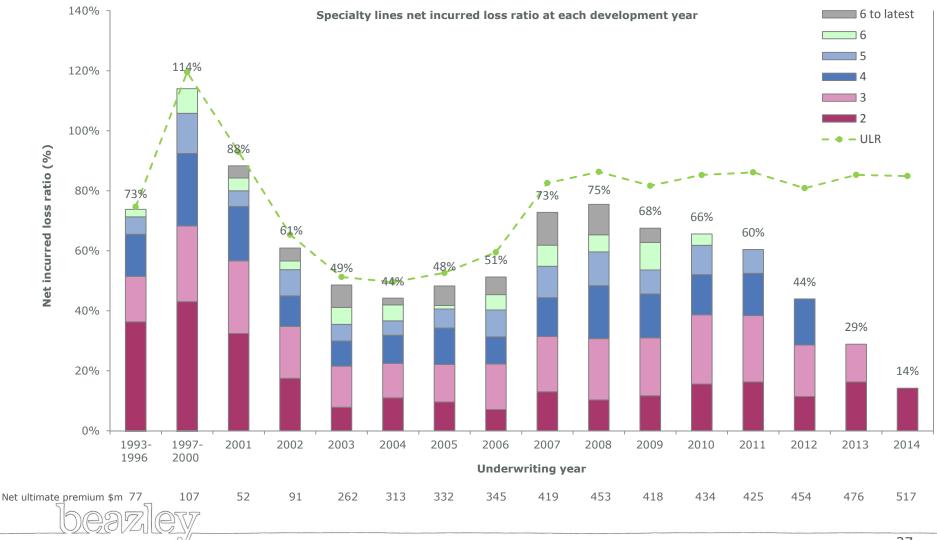






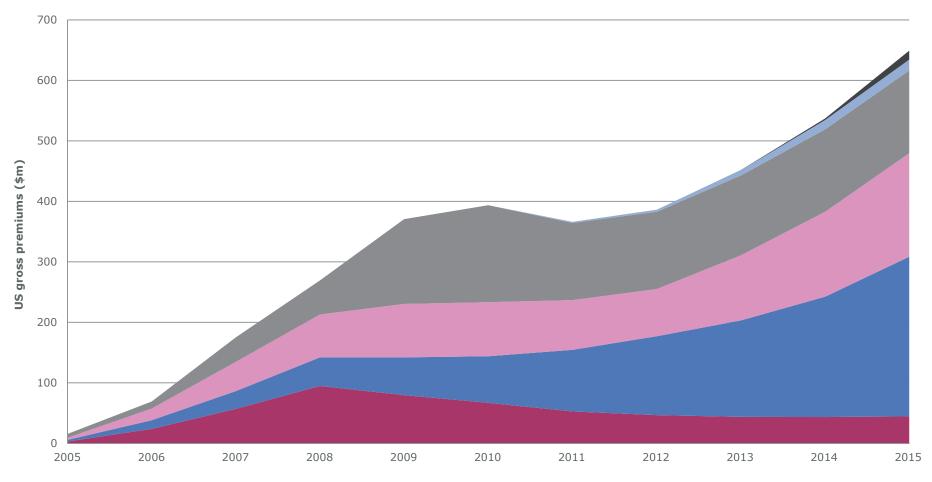


# Specialty lines incurred claims remain in line with expectations



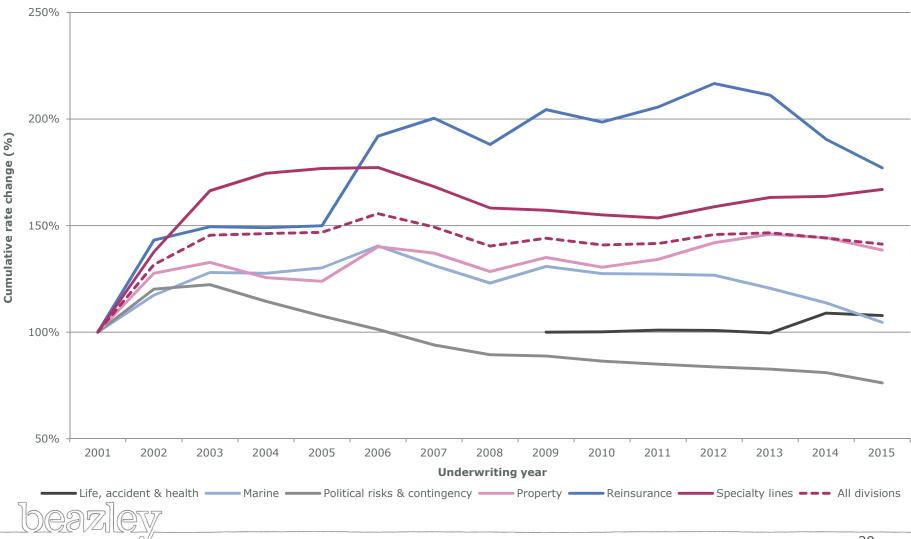
# US gross premium over 11 years

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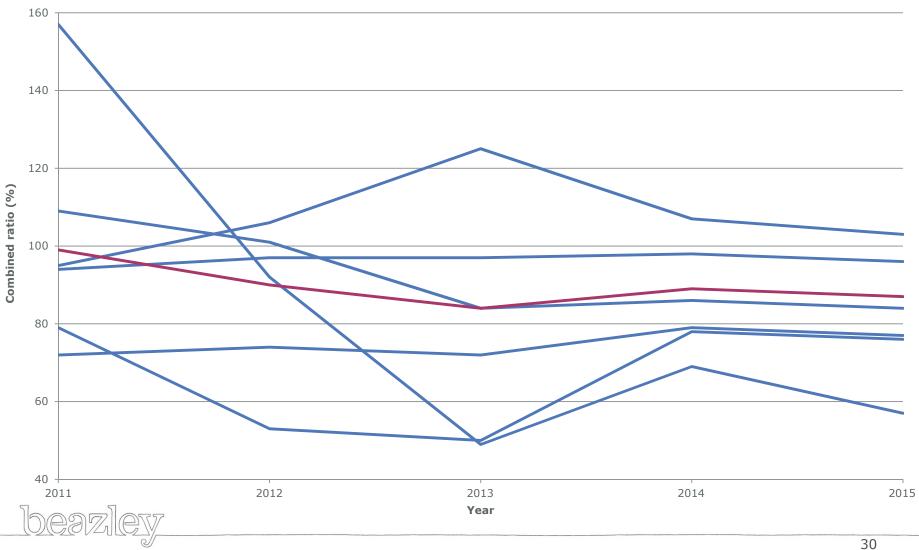


Architects and engineers professional indemnity Technology, media and business services Other specialty lines Property PCG & Marine Accident and health

### Cumulative rate changes since 2001



#### Portfolio management achieves consistent combined ratio through market cycles



# Life accident & health

	2015	2014	
Gross premiums written (\$m)	119.8	132.2	<ul><li>Profit of \$0.4m</li><li>Combined ratio improved to 103%</li></ul>
Net premiums written (\$m)	106.6	113.7	
Net earned premiums (\$m)	110.8	103.0	
Claims ratio	58%	60%	(2014: 107%)
Rate change on renewals	(1%)	9%	
Percentage of business led	68%	68%	



# Marine

#### Year ended 31 December

	2015	2014	
Gross premiums written (\$m)	269.3	325.2	
Net premiums written (\$m)	239.5	289.9	<ul> <li>Improved combined ratio of 77%</li> </ul>
Net earned premiums (\$m)	258.2	282.6	(2014: 78%)
			Second largest divisional contribution
Claims ratio	38%	38%	to group's profitability in 2015
Rate change on renewals	(8%)	(6%)	
Percentage of business led	46%	43%	



# Political risks and contingency

	2015	2014	
Gross premiums written (\$m)	123.6	123.2	
Net premiums written (\$m)	105.0	101.2	• Combined ratio of 76% (2014: 78%)
Net earned premiums (\$m)	106.4	96.9	<ul> <li>Net earned premiums increased by 10%</li> </ul>
Claims ratio	29%	27%	
Rate change on renewals	(6%)	(2%)	
Percentage of business led	68%	<b>70</b> %	



# Property

	2015	2014	
Gross premiums written (\$m)	353.1	344.7	
Net premiums written (\$m)	304.8	297.6	<ul> <li>Improved combined ratio of 84% (2014: 86%)</li> </ul>
Net earned premiums (\$m)	297.8	287.9	(2014.0070)
			Strong performance across all teams
Claims ratio	39%	42%	
Rate change on renewals	(4%)	(1%)	<ul> <li>Net earned premiums increased by 3%</li> </ul>
Percentage of business led	75%	75%	



# Reinsurance

	2015	2014	
Gross premiums written (\$m) Net premiums written (\$m)	199.9 132.0	200.8 153.8	<ul> <li>Combined ratio of 57% (2014: 69%)</li> </ul>
Net earned premiums (\$m)	133.8	160.1	<ul> <li>Market over supplied with capacity</li> </ul>
Claims ratio Rate change on renewals	22% (7%)	37% (10%)	
Percentage of business led	40%	39%	



# Specialty lines

	2015	2014	
Gross premiums written (\$m)	1,015.2	895.7	
Net premiums written (\$m)	825.2	776.5	<ul> <li>Highest divisional contribution to group's profitability with \$77.0m</li> </ul>
Net earned premiums (\$m)	791.7	728.5	
			<ul> <li>Combined ratio of 96% (2014: 98%)</li> </ul>
Claims ratio	60%	61%	
Rate change on renewals	2%	-	<ul> <li>Growth for a third consecutive year</li> </ul>
Percentage of business led	97%	96%	

