

# News release

## Swiss Re announces suspension of ReAssure's IPO due to market conditions

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**Zurich, 11 July 2019 – Swiss Re announced today the suspension of its previously communicated plans for an initial public offering (IPO) of ReAssure. This action is in response to the heightened caution and weaker underlying demand in the UK primary market from large institutional investors.**

Swiss Re's Group Chief Financial Officer John Dacey said: "While we firmly believe that the long-term interests of ReAssure are best served by a more diversified shareholder base, there has been no pressing need for Swiss Re to divest shares at a price that we consider to be unrepresentative of ReAssure's value and future prospects. We retain our objective to reduce Swiss Re's ownership in order to de-consolidate ReAssure. In the meantime, Swiss Re and MS&AD remain fully committed and supportive of ReAssure and its management team, and will participate in future acquisitions in line with their respective shareholdings."

Further public statements will be made if and when appropriate.

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- the frequency, severity and development of insured claim events, particularly natural catastrophes, man-made disasters, pandemics, acts of terrorism and acts of war;
- mortality, morbidity and longevity experience;
- the cyclical nature of the insurance and reinsurance sectors;
- instability affecting the global financial system;
- deterioration in global economic conditions;
- the effect of market conditions, including the global equity and credit markets, and the level and volatility of equity prices, interest rates, credit spreads, currency values and other market indices, on the Group's investment assets;
- changes in the Group's investment result as a result of changes in the Group's investment policy or the changed composition of the Group's investment assets, and the impact of the timing of any such changes relative to changes in market conditions;
- the Group's ability to maintain sufficient liquidity and access to capital markets, including sufficient liquidity to cover potential recapture of reinsurance agreements,

- early calls of debt or debt-like arrangements and collateral calls due to actual or perceived deterioration of the Group's financial strength or otherwise;
- any inability to realise amounts on sales of securities on the Group's balance sheet equivalent to their values recorded for accounting purposes;
  - changes in legislation and regulation, and the interpretations thereof by regulators and courts, affecting us or the Group's ceding companies, including as a result of shifts away from multilateral approaches to regulation of global operations;
  - the outcome of tax audits, the ability to realise tax loss carryforwards, the ability to realise deferred tax assets (including by reason of the mix of earnings in a jurisdiction or deemed change of control), which could negatively impact future earnings, and the overall impact of changes in tax regimes on business models;
  - failure of the Group's hedging arrangements to be effective;
  - the lowering or loss of one of the financial strength or other ratings of one or more Swiss Re companies, and developments adversely affecting the Group's ability to achieve improved ratings;
  - uncertainties in estimating reserves;
  - policy renewal and lapse rates;
  - uncertainties in estimating future claims for purposes of financial reporting, particularly with respect to large natural catastrophes and certain large man-made losses, as significant uncertainties may be involved in estimating losses from such events and preliminary estimates may be subject to change as new information becomes available;
  - extraordinary events affecting the Group's clients and other counterparties, such as bankruptcies, liquidations and other credit-related events;
  - legal actions or regulatory investigations or actions, including those in respect of industry requirements or business conduct rules of general applicability;
  - changes in accounting standards;
  - significant investments, acquisitions or dispositions, and any delays, unexpected costs, lower-than expected benefits, or other issues experienced in connection with any such transactions;
  - changing levels of competition, including from new entrants into the market; and
  - operational factors, including the efficacy of risk management and other internal procedures in managing the foregoing risks and the ability to manage cybersecurity risks.

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