

News release

Swiss Re and PGGM enter into second private sidecar transaction

- **Swiss Re's sidecar vehicle receives second investment from Dutch pension investor PGGM**
- **Swiss Re's fully-capitalised sidecar covers a share of Swiss Re's worldwide treaty reinsurance business**
- **PGGM's total investment in Swiss Re's private sidecars is now in excess of USD 500 million**

Zurich, 16 July 2020 – Swiss Re has successfully closed a second private sidecar transaction with the Dutch pension fund manager PGGM. The transaction increases PGGM's overall investment in Swiss Re's sidecar vehicle, Viaduct Re Ltd., to over USD 500 million.

The transaction is a further milestone for Swiss Re's Alternative Capital Partners team, which was formed in 2019 to manage Swiss Re's third-party capital activities. Alternative Capital Partners enables Swiss Re to grow its natural catastrophe book and proactively manage its risk appetite by making use of a broad range of third-party capital and retrocession instruments.

Philipp Rüede, Head Alternative Capital Partners at Swiss Re, said, "We are very excited to strengthen our relationship with one of the leading and most sophisticated investors in the ILS market. Swiss Re has built a market-leading position as the home for natural catastrophe risks based on our experience in underwriting, our proprietary R&D and our strong client franchise. We are delighted to strengthen our long-term ties with PGGM, a similarly innovative partner."

The transaction allows PGGM to access a portion of Swiss Re's core natural catastrophe property treaty reinsurance portfolio through Viaduct Re Ltd., a special purpose insurer and segregated accounts company. PGGM's investment fully capitalises a new and distinct sidecar covering worldwide treaty reinsurance business focused on natural catastrophe perils. In addition, the transaction increases PGGM's investment into an initial sidecar established in July 2019, which focuses on U.S. property reinsurance risks.

Eveline Takken-Somers, Senior Director at PGGM, said, "We are delighted about deepening and expanding our partnership with Swiss Re and we are impressed by the timeframe in which we managed to achieve this together. Through our investment in Viaduct Re we gain access to Swiss Re's excellent global underwriting, modelling capabilities and claims handling expertise. This transaction allows us to further optimize our client's steadily growing

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About PGGM

PGGM is a cooperative Dutch pension fund service provider. Institutional clients are offered: asset management, pension fund management, policy advice and management support. On December 31, 2019 PGGM had EUR 252 billion in assets under management and was administering pensions of 4.4 million participants. Around 750,000 workers in the Dutch healthcare are connected to PGGM&CO, our members organization. Either alone or together with strategic partners, PGGM develops future solutions by linking together pension, care, housing and work.

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- policy renewal and lapse rates;

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