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Macro environment

The current uncertain environment increases the need for dependable risk assessment, effective volatility management and risk protection



Geopolitical risks

Geopolitical risks have increased in the past two years with the war in Ukraine and the Middle East conflict



Technology

Technology presents significant opportunities but also challenges such as cyber risks, data privacy concerns and the potential for technological disruptions



Economic environment

The economic recovery in Europe remains fragile as consumer confidence/demand is still weak



Natural catastrophes

Europe experienced the largest total economic losses from natural catastrophes and man-made disasters of any continent in 2023 (USD 109 billion), according to Swiss Re Institute's *sigma* 1/2024



Societal risks

Political fragmentation in Europe is on the rise, with civil unrest seen in major economies

Macro environment

In the current multi-crisis environment, the re/insurance industry plays a key role in mitigating shocks and enhancing societal resilience

USD 27bn

insured losses in Europe from natural catastrophes and man-made disasters in 2023

~ 1 800

clients supported by Swiss Re P&C Re in EMEA in 2023

> USD 500m

claims paid by Swiss Re to clients in Turkey for recovery and rebuilding after earthquake in 2023

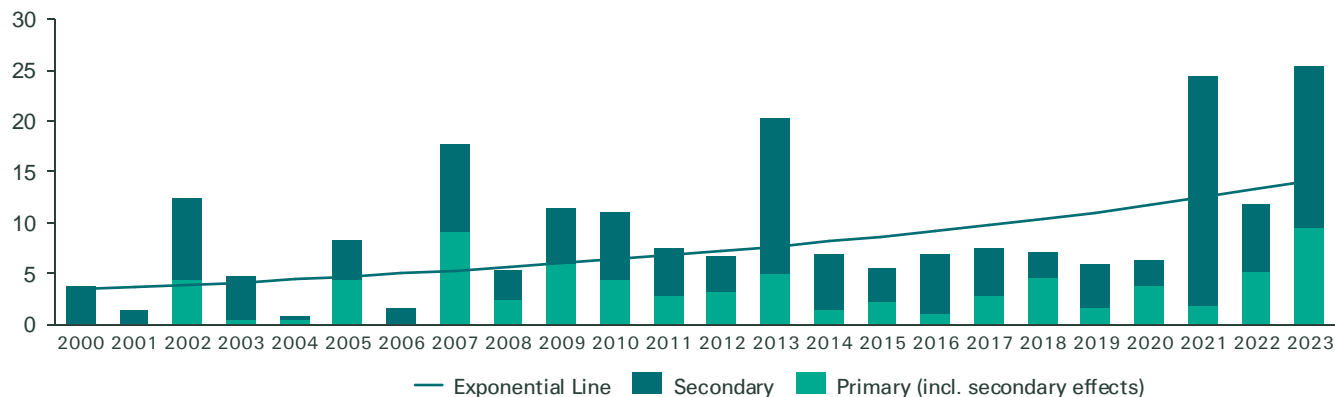
>26 000

policies in force for Swiss Re P&C Re in EMEA in 2023

Secondary perils

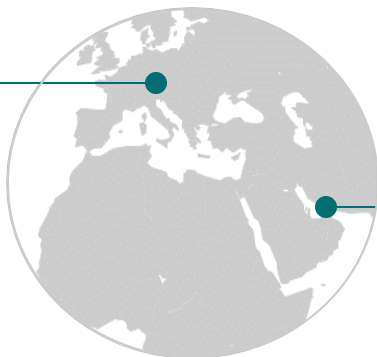
Rising losses from floods and severe convective storms necessitate holistic risk management and investments into protective measures

European insured losses from primary and secondary perils (in USD billions, at 2024 prices)



Examples of major secondary peril events in 2024

Floods in Central Europe,
Storm Boris
(September 2024)



Floods in the Gulf region
(April 2024)



Secondary perils dominated insured losses in EMEA in the recent past and accounted for 64% of the protection gap over the last 10 years



Socio-economic factors, such as economic and population growth and urbanisation, as well as rising property and repair values can explain the heightened secondary peril losses



Adaptation and mitigation measures are crucial to help lower loss potential from secondary perils



Need for a concerted effort by the private sector, the public sector and broader society to address these risks effectively

Source: Swiss Re Institute, unless stated

Note: Primary perils: earthquake, tropical cyclone, winter storm Europe | Secondary perils: flood, severe convective storm, wildfire

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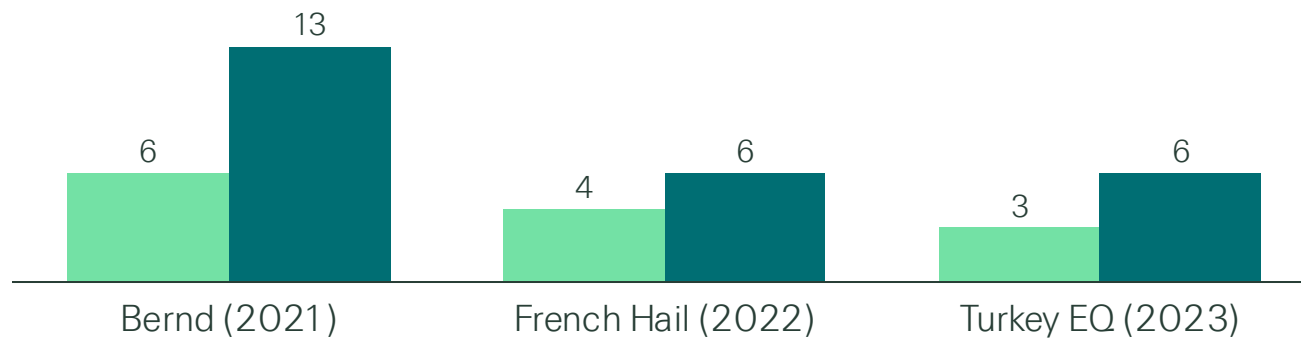
Example of protective measures: mobile flood barriers in Hungary and Slovakia



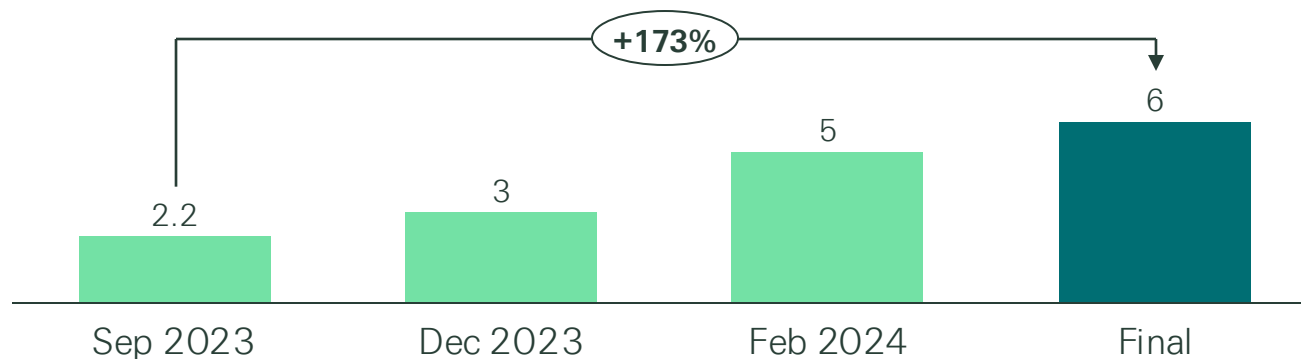
Loss creep

As extreme weather events become more frequent, we need accurate and timely data to reduce pricing volatility and maintain trust in the re/insurance value proposition

Initial estimates and reported insured losses for EMEA events (in USD bn)



Severe convective storms in Italy in July 2023 (market loss development in EUR bn)



Magnitude of hail events is increasing with the first pan-European hail event in 2023



Drivers of loss creep include underestimation of loss exposure, risk values and inflationary impact



Loss estimates for the severe convective storms in Italy in 2023 increased by 100–200%, with the average increase at +170%



Industry-wide efforts ongoing to make better use of data, review claims processes and incorporate learnings into underwriting policies

Strikes, riots and civil commotion

Geopolitical risk is rising and can have significant effects on the re/insurance industry that can be indirect, connected and simultaneous

USD 1bn

Insured losses from New Caledonia riots (2024)

+3 000%

Increase in claims from SRCC worldwide in 20 years¹

EUR 730m

Insured losses from riots in France (2023)

>700

significant antigovernment protests worldwide since 2017



Increased political polarisation observed in a record voting year that includes elections in major European economies



Europe and Middle East heavily impacted by the world's current state of political unrest



Socio-economic factors increase the magnitude of loss and the unpredictability of the risk



Preventive measures are key to help mitigate the impact of civil unrest on society

Partnering for progress

Strong partnerships and listening to our clients are key to respond to their needs and enable them to increase resilience in the current uncertain environment

Risk awareness and management

Achieve greater precision to assess, mitigate and transfer risks

Risk transfer

Obtain optimal re/insurance structures

Capital management

Flexibility to invest in strategic priorities and growth areas in a rapidly changing environment



Improve data quality and transparency



Alignment of interests across stakeholders



Proximity to partners and clients



Public-private partnerships



Q&A

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