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PartnerRe and AXIS:

A Global Leader in Specialty Insurance and Reinsurance

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Amalgamation Overview

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| Structure | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 100% stock Merger of Equals structured as an amalgamation * Shares in PartnerRe and AXIS to convert to new shares in exchange ratio * Preferred shares to remain outstanding as preferred share |
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| Deal Value | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * \$11 billion pro forma market capitalization * AXIS shareholders will receive 1 common share and PartnerRe common shares in the amalgamated company for each share t |
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| Pro Forma Ownership | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * PartnerRe will own approximately 51.6 percent of the amal * AXIS will own approximately 48.4 percent of the amalgamat |
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| Corporate Governance of Combined Company | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Board of Directors to comprise 14 members, consisting of PartnerRe appointees * Management teams to reflect balance, leveraging talent fr |
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| Approvals | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Customary regulatory approvals * PartnerRe and AXIS shareholder approvals * Expected close in the second half of 2015 |

World-Class Management Team

Jean-Paul L. Montupet, Non-executive Chairman

Michael A. Butt, Chairman Emeritus

Albert A. Benchimol, President and CEO

Joseph Henry, CFO

Bill Babcock, Deputy CFO and Lead
Integration Officer*

Emmanuel Clarke, CEO, Reinsurance

Peter Wilson, CEO, Insurance

John "Jay" Nichols, Head of Strategic
Chris DiSipio, CEO, Life, Accident and Health Business Development and Capital Solutions

Eric Gesick, Chief Risk and Actuarial Officer

Rick Gieryn, General Counsel

Noreen McMullen, Chief Human Resources

Officer

David Phillips, Chief Investment Officer

Richard Strachan, Chief Operations Officer

* Assuming the role of CFO no later than July, 2016

Compelling Amalgamation Benefits

* Strategic Rationale

Sustainable, long-term commercial growth prospects through combined scale, efficiencies and expanded product capability

Meaningful capital synergies generating further flexibility to support growth and capital management initiatives

* Financial Strength

Combination of two high-quality and conservative balance sheets

No external equity or debt financing required in Merger of Equals \$14.7 billion of combined capital with low leverage

* ERM

Integrated Enterprise Risk Management practices in each organization to be strengthened by best practices of each company

* Limited Execution Risk of Integration

Shared philosophy of underwriting conservatism

Familiarity between the companies' management teams

True merger of equals led by CEO with deep knowledge of both organizations. Other key executives have also held senior roles at both companies: AXIS Chief Risk and Actuarial Officer AXIS Chief Investment Officer

Moody's Inves
Services
Fitch



PartnerRe/AXIS Capital

High-Level Amalgamation Process

Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4

Announcement

S4 filing and SEC review

Shareholder vote

Antitrust approvals

Regulatory approvals

Integration Readiness

Finalize Integration Structure

Integration Planning

Estimated Transaction Close

Integration Execution

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A Global Leader in Specialty Insurance and Reinsurance

* Combination will be a (re)insurance powerhouse with approximately \$13bn combined shareholders equity(1)

[] Brings together two strong, world-class, successful companies building on existing strengths

[] Transaction creates a top 5 global reinsurance franchise with leading position in the broker channel

[] Primary specialty platform with \$2.5bn+ in premiums across a diversified array of product lines

[] Top 10 Life, Accident and Health reinsurer

* Value creation through combined franchise strengths including significant capital efficiencies and meaningful synergies

[] Expanded ability to invest in growing specialty franchises

[] Enhanced ability to partner with other capital providers to deliver value to all stakeholders

[] Over \$200 million in identifiable, actionable and concrete expense savings

[] Transaction expected to be meaningfully accretive to earnings and return on equity

* Clear common vision accelerates strategies for both companies

[] Growth accompanied by excellence in risk management

[] Best-in-class talent across all aspects of business

[] Compatible cultures facilitate integration

(1) Financial data as of 12/31/14

Strong Position in Three Attractive Businesses

2014 GPW

BUSINESS OVERVIEW

PartnerRe

AXIS

Pro Forma Combined

\$5.9B \$4.7B

Global Reach with Opportunities for Consolidating Locations

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AXIS Office Locations PartnerRe Office Locations

Transformative Combination Creating a Leading Global Reinsurance Platform

Market position

* Top 5 global reinsurer with approximately \$7 billion in GPW

* Leading position among broker-based reinsurers

* Strong positions in specialty reinsurance lines

* Combination of two additive platforms with highly regarded UW and service capabilities

* Limited overlap in current portfolios suggesting manageable attrition

* Ability to leverage third-party capital to deliver expanded client solutions

Top Global PandC Reinsurers by PandC Reinsurance GPW(1)

(\$ in billions)

Munich Re

Swiss Re

Hannover Re

Berkshire Re

PartnerRe + AXIS

SCOR

China Re

PartnerRe

Everest Re

XL / Catlin

Korean Re

Alleghany

Allianz

Mapfre

General Insurance Co. of India

Sompo Japan

Fairfax Financial

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Mitsui Sumitomo

AXIS

RenRe / Platinum

Generali

Note: Chart excludes life and health reinsurance GPW if publicly disclosed.

Excludes Lloyd's. (1) Rankings are by 2013 GPW.

(2) Berkshire Hathaway Reinsurance includes General Re. Corp.

(3) GPW not disclosed. Indicated values are on a NPW basis.

Diversified Global Specialty Insurance Business

Pro Forma Combined Insurance Breakdown 2014 GPW

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[] Balanced portfolio mix between segments

[] Almost no business overlap in existing books*

[] Optionality to further accelerate growth in desirable segments

[] Growing visibility among clients / distribution partners / talent

[] PartnerRe's DandF business complementary to insurance

* With exception of Energy although not material to overall portfolio

Leadership in Life and AandH with High Growth Potential

* A leading Life, Accident and Health franchise with limited product overlap with truly global reach

* \$1.5 billion in combined premium

* Top 10 Life and Health reinsurer (7th or 8th)

* #1 health reinsurer in US

* One of industry's broadest product portfolios

* Immediate and complementary global footprint

* Minimal overlap in customers, distribution and risk tolerance

* Each company fills the gaps of the other -- highly complementary organizations

* Accelerates achievement of original strategies

| | Strategy Remains Appropriate |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| * Customer-centric service model | * Insurance and reinsurance capabilities (hybrid model) |
| * Broad set of products and services | * Entrepreneurship |
| * Diverse distribution | * Scale provides operational efficiency |
| * Global reach/local service | |

Global Reinsurance

Success in a very competitive market

* Key factors in Reinsurance:

Broad access to business

Preferred market, positioned to see all business -- geographies and products

Ability to generate new business -- providing client solutions

Underwriting outperformance

Ability to outperform market by disciplined underwriting (price), cycle management execution, large mistakes avoidance, portfolio optimization and macro positions

Capital efficiency / flexibility

Ability to reduce cost of capital to sell competitive solutions to our clients and optimize ROE

Ability to leverage all sources of capital to respond to opportunities, optimize gross to net.

Cost efficiency

Ability to operate with lean resources in order to remain competitive

A PartnerRe/ AXIS combination enhances our ability to succeed in the current environment

Merger strengthens relationships with brokers and cedants

* Creation of a credible and sizeable broker-committed underwriter aligns us with reinsurance brokers in competition with top-four reinsurers

Both organizations have a commitment to a broker based distribution

Combined company will be leading broker-based reinsurer by GPW

Putting together sizeable capacity is a challenge in the highly fragmented state of broker market reinsurers. A PartnerRe/ AXIS combination will ensure:
 Larger capital base to take sizeable participations for its own account A larger available selection of 3(rd) party capital providers The underwriting reputation that will allow brokers to easily fill in following shares

* Cedants and reinsurance buyer trends include 1) panel consolidation and 2) expectation of value added service from reinsurance partners

In both cases size, financial strength and expertise clearly matter

Combined company provides similar culture, brand values as well as continuity and longevity in the market

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Capital Manag

- * High-quality, (permanent) Senior Debt
- * Low financial (leverage) Senior Debt

Senior Debt12/31/2014 Capital Efficient Cumulative Common Equity* Total

- * Management is committed to retaining robust capital in excess of our three principle thresholds
 - Regulatory capital requirements
 - Internal economic capital model
 - Rating agency targets
 - * Exceptional capital position provides strategic flexibility to fund growth and return capital t
 - Current capital positions strong at both companies
 - Share repurchases for both companies have been suspended until transaction close
 - Capital synergies created through combination enhance capital margins
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Conservative, Diversified Investment Portfolio

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12/31/2014

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| Investment Grade Fixed Income | \$24,202 |
| Cash and ST Investments | \$2,467 |
| Non-Investment Grade Fixed Income | \$2,164 |
| Equities | \$1,514 |
| Other | \$1,266 |

\$ in millions

Total: \$31.6 billion Duration: ~3.3 years
Average credit quality [A+

* Strong risk cultures and conservative approach to investments reflect primary objective of the investment function as a support to the companies' core (re)insurance activities

[] Both companies invest substantially more than the value of their (re)insurance reserves in high quality, standard Fixed Income instruments, making sure to match currency and duration exposures of their liabilities

[] The combined entity is likely to maintain a credit quality of A+ or above and will continue to have its allowable duration range centered at the duration of its liabilities * Both companies emphasize internal management to construct and shape the overall portfolio. Activities such as asset allocation, benchmark construction, risk and compliance monitoring and performance attribution / monitoring are performed internally * The majority of security selection in PartnerRe is done internally. AXIS Capital uses third party managers for security selection in all of its strategies

[] The combined entity will follow a similar approach. The enhanced scale will allow the combined entity to take greater advantage of the control benefits of internal management and to supplement its capabilities (and gain attendant diversification) through the use of specialist external managers

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* Strength of Ratings

The clients of AXIS and PartnerRe value the high quality ratings of the stand-alone companies

The combined entity will be in an improved position to compete and management expects this increased strength to support positive rating developments over the coming years

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