

# Agenda



Chairman's update Michael Stiassny, Chairman



Business update
Blair Turnbull, Chief Executive Officer



FY23 financial performance Paul Johnston, Chief Financial Officer



Looking forward
Blair Turnbull, Chief Executive Officer



# Chairman's update

Tower has navigated a challenging year, remains resilient

### 1. Tower demonstrates resilience to challenges

- Risk-based pricing underpins competitive positioning, robust underwriting and continued growth
- Continued support from global reinsurers

### 2. Insurance remains critical

- Strong growth and retention demonstrate people value their insurance
- Tower will continue to develop innovative offers in response to climate change

### 3. Tower is well positioned looking forward

- Continue to deliver targeted and sustainable growth via strong rating and customer experience
- Improving solvency and capital position through efficient resolution of catastrophe event claims





# Results summary

- Proven resilient through record breaking catastrophe events
- Strong premium growth from rate and volume
- Organisational efficiency continues with further reductions in MER
- Comprehensive reinsurance programme renewed for FY24 at competitive rates
- Remediation payments and increased provision impacts reported loss
- Profit and solvency ratio impacted by large events; no dividend in FY23

# Our performance

Business performance impacted by catastrophe events

GWP growth

(Gross written premium)

17% | \$527m vs \$457m in FY22

Customers<sup>1</sup>

**321,000** vs 310,000 in FY22

BAU claims ratio

(Business as usual)

**55.5%** vs 48.9% in FY22

MER

(Management expense ratio)

**32.2%** vs 36% in FY22

Large event costs

(including reinsurance reinstatement)

**\$55.6m** vs \$19m in FY22

Solvency ratio

**159%** vs 205% in FY22

Underlying profit<sup>\*</sup>

**\$7.6m** vs \$27.3m in FY22

Reported loss

**-\$1.2m** vs \$18.9m profit in FY22

Note 1: Adjusted to exclude Papua New Guinea

Note 2: A definition of underlying profit and a reconciliation to reported loss is included in the appendix

# Catastrophic and large weather events

Tower large events



Event description	Current gross estimate	Net cost	Claim numbers Settled % 1
Auckland & upper North Island weather event	\$174m	\$12m	83%
Cyclone Gabrielle	\$52m	\$12m	84%
Vanuatu cyclones	\$11m	\$9m	88%
Auckland rain event (9 <sup>th</sup> May)	\$4m	\$4m	88%
Prior year movements		\$1m	
Total		\$38m	

### Mitigating large event impacts in FY24

- Large event allowance of \$45m included within FY24 guidance
- The \$45m allowance has been calculated with an estimated 90% confidence the outcome will be below or up to this level
- Additional prepaid third event cover up to \$75m
- Catastrophe retention increased to \$16.9m (FY23: \$11.9m) on first two events, \$20m on third event

# Managing impacts of inflation

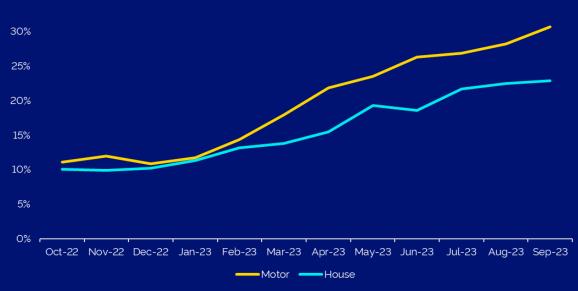
### **Managing macro environment**

- Monthly inflation rate changes
- 77 rate changes during FY23
- Sum insured amounts matched to Cordell or CPI
- Rating for reinsurance and weather-related costs
- High theft vehicle rate & excess changes

### **Underwriting and risk selection improvements**

- Risk based pricing & underwriting enhancements:
  - Manual underwriting on landslides March '23
  - Automated underwriting on sea surge July '23
- House new build rate reduction
- Enhanced motor pricing algorithm with use of additional rating variables

### Tower effective average premium growth (annual increase)



- Effective average premium highlights impact of change in technical premium, excesses, and sum insured on GWP
- House normalised for change in EQC cap which became effective from 1 Oct '22

# Delivering on our strategy



### Our purpose

To inspire, shape and protect the future for the good of our customers and communities.

### Our vision

To deliver beautifully simple and rewarding experiences that our people and our customers rave about.

### Our strategy

To be the best direct insurer in our selected markets differentiated through digital and data, fairness and transparency, and by caring for our customers in everything we do.



### Our values



We do what's right



Our people come first



Our customers are our compass



Progress boldly

### Our strategic pillars

LEADING CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE

Simple and rewarding customer experiences across the life cycle. OPERATIONALLY EFFICIENT & EFFECTIVE

Digitise and automate core processes and leverage geographical footprint HIGH PERFORMING CULTURE

An inclusive, diverse and risk aware culture. Empower our people to achieve great things RESILIENT

Manage
volatility and
deliver
sustainable
outcomes for all
stakeholders

### Our focused outcomes

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50% net promoter score



80% digital adoption across customer journeys



8.0 employee engagement



B Corp accreditation

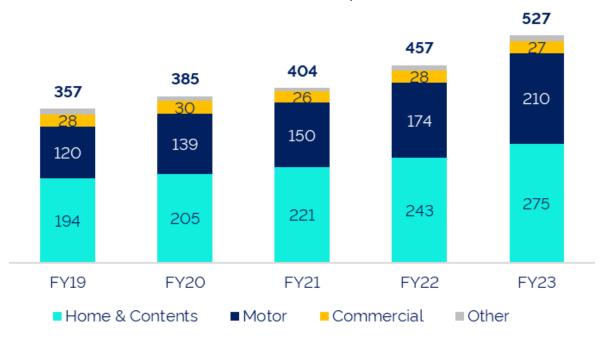
# Our 2 year financial targets

- GWP CAGR 10%-15%
- MER < 28%</p>
- OCOR < 91%
- ROE 12%-15%

# Targeted customer and premium growth

- 17% GWP growth (75% rate: 25% volume)<sup>1</sup>
- 19% GWP growth in NZ; 4% GWP growth in Pacific
- 26% GWP growth in active partnerships to \$82m
- NZ retention stable at 77% (FY22: 78%)
- 50% of customers hold multiple policies and have an average tenure of 8 years

## GROSS WRITTEN PREMIUM BY PRODUCT(\$m)





# Customer experience improves through digital and data

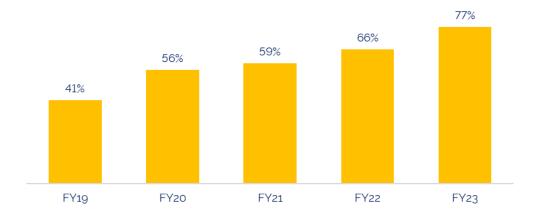
- NPS improved to 28% (FY22: 20%); NZ online NPS at 55%
- Service levels improved, abandonment rate reduced to 12% (FY22: 17%)
- My Tower registrations increase 32% to 264k
- Substantial progress made in multi-policy discount customer remediation. \$6.2m excl GST paid by 31 Oct



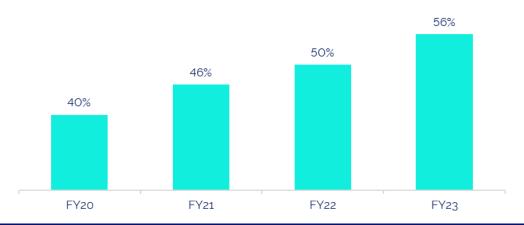




### NZ DIRECT SALES ONLINE



### NZ SERVICE & CLAIMS TASKS ONLINE

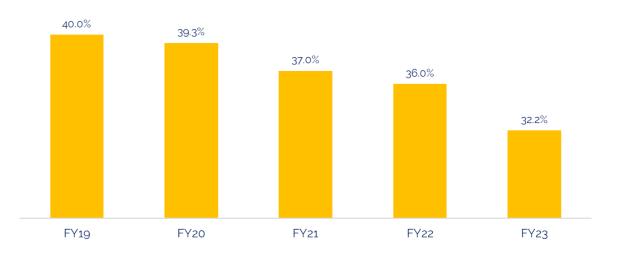




# Reducing MER through simplification and digitisation

- Scale and rating reducing MER
- Increased digitisation lowers cost to acquire and serve
- Operational efficiency: Suva hub answering 16% of inbound calls relating to NZ policies
- Management expense increase below inflation
- Commission ratio at 1.7% from 2.2% reflecting legacy portfolio purchases and referral arrangements

### MANAGEMENT EXPENSE RATIO (% NEP)

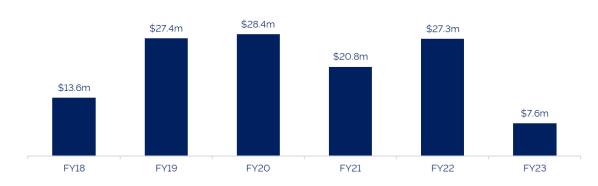




# Profit impacted by record events and claims inflation

- Despite unprecedented weather events, inflation, and crime our core business remains profitable
- Streamlined business, efficiencies, digitisation, and targeted growth
- Underlying NPAT of \$7.6m, reported loss of \$1.2m

# UNDERLYING NPAT (including large events)





# Financial performance

Paul Johnston Chief Financial Officer



# Group underlying financial performance

- Strong premium growth of 17%
- BAU loss ratio of 55.5% as a result of increased motor frequency, high inflation, and higher number of small weather events
- Large event costs of \$55.6m including reinsurance reinstatement
- Management expense ratio improved to 32.2% as a result of expense efficiencies and scale
- Net investment income increased \$13.1m due to higher yields
- Underlying NPAT including large events of \$7.6m
- Reported loss of \$1.2m from non-underlying transactions including CEQ valuation increase, prior period tax adjustments, and an increase to the customer remediation provision partially offset by gain on sale of PNG and Suva building

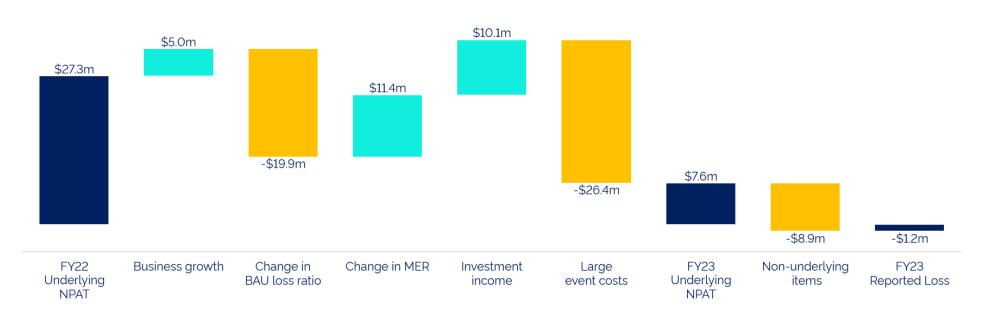
Key ratios (% of NEP)	FY23	FY22	Change
Claims ratio excluding large events	55.5%	48.9%	6.6%
Large event costs ratio	13.4%	5.3%	8.1%
Management expense ratio	32.2%	36.0%	(3.8)%
Combined ratio	101.0%	90.1%	10.9%

\$ million	FY23	FY22	Change
Gross written premium	526.8	457.3	69.5
Unearned premium	(41.0)	(26.6)	(14.4)
Gross earned premium (GEP)	485.8	430.7	55.1
Reinsurance	(69.5)	(69.5)	0.1
Net earned premium (NEP)	416.3	361.1	55.2
BAU claims expense	(231.1)	(176.5)	(54.6)
Large event claims expense	(38.2)	(19.0)	(19.2)
Large event reinsurance reinstatement	(17.4)	0.0	(17.4)
Management expenses	(125.7)	(120.6)	(5.0)
Net commission expense	(8.3)	(9.3)	1.0
Underwriting (loss)/profit	(4.3)	35.7	(40.1)
Net investment income	14.3	1.2	13.1
Other income	2.3	1.3	0.9
Тах	(4.6)	(10.9)	6.3
Underlying net profit after tax (NPAT)	7.6	27.3	(19.7)
Non-underlying transactions (net of tax) 1	(8.9)	(8.5)	(0.4)
Reported (loss)/profit after tax	(1.2)	18.9	(20.1)



# Underlying NPAT impacted by large events

### MOVEMENT IN UNDERLYING NPAT<sup>1</sup>



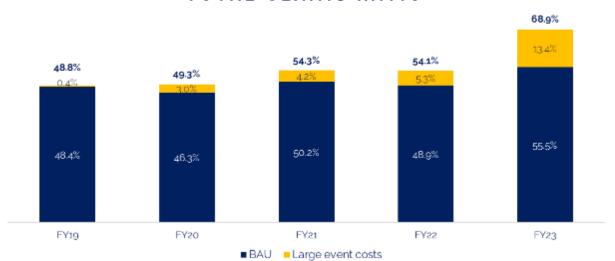
- Underlying NPAT of \$7.6m, \$19.7m below FY22
- Business growth at a BAU COR of 90%
- Higher BAU loss ratio from elevated motor frequency, higher cost of claims from inflation, and supply chain constraints
- Reduction in MER contributes \$11.4m post tax to underlying NPAT
- Additional large events impact of \$26.4m post tax including reinsurance back-up costs (\$55.6m pre-tax FY23 vs \$19m FY22)
- Reported loss impacted by remediation provision increase



# BAU claims challenged by motor frequency and inflation

- High inflation period and supply chain capacity constraints impacting cost of claims (severity)
- NZ motor claims frequency above historical norms
- Covid lockdowns lowered motor frequency in previous periods
- Motor theft contributing to higher frequency and severity
- Higher number of small weather events

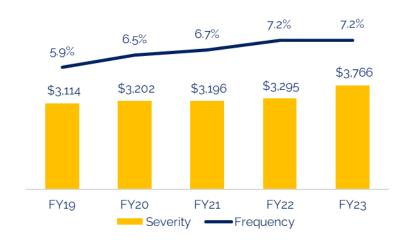
### TOTAL CLAIMS RATIO



### NZ MOTOR FREQUENCY & SEVERITY 1

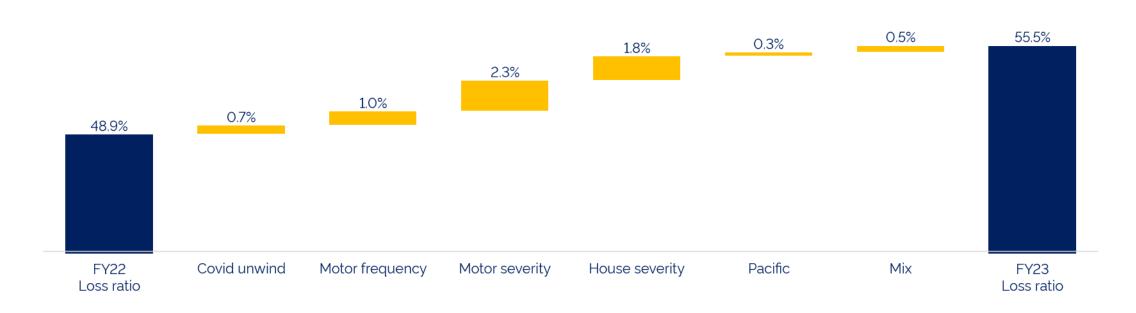


### NZ HOUSE FREQUENCY & SEVERITY





# BAU claims challenged by motor frequency and inflation



- BAU loss ratio increased by 6.6% to 55.5% in FY23
- FY22 benefited from a lower frequency as a result of Covid lockdown in late 2021
- Motor frequency is elevated above historical norms predominately due to increased motor theft

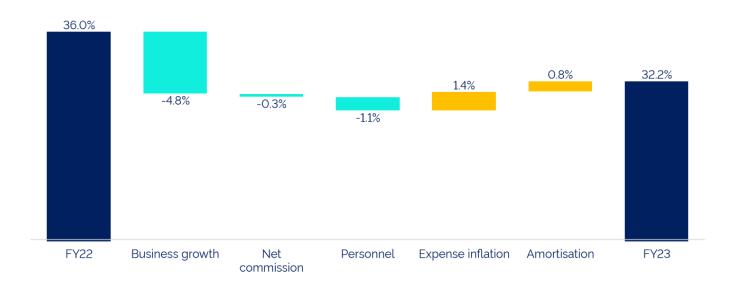
- Motor severity impacted by high inflation and supply chain disruptions. Loss ratio increasing due to inflation running ahead of rating changes to earned premium
- House loss ratio impacted by higher number of small weather events in FY23 and inflation



# Continued improvement in management expenses

- MER reduced 3.8% to 32.2%
- Scale contributes a 4.8% reduction in MER
- Commission expenses decreased due to the purchase of legacy portfolios
- Inflationary impacts offset by cost containment and efficiencies particularly in personnel
- Amortisation increases from investment spend and legacy portfolio purchases

### MOVEMENT IN MANAGEMENT EXPENSE RATIO (MER)





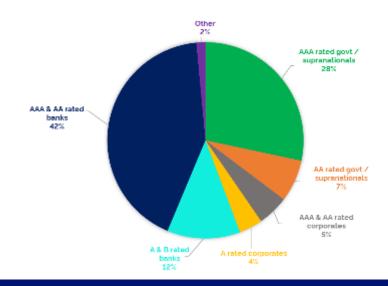
# Higher investment returns as yields increase

- Net investment income (NII) \$14.3m for FY23, \$13.1m higher than FY22
- Running yield on the core investment portfolio has increased to 6.07% at 30 September 2023
- Benefit from low duration strategy (target of 0.5 years) minimised mark to market losses (included in NII)
- Tower maintains a conservative investment strategy
- Outlook for investment income is to remain near current levels.

### CORE INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO YIELD 1



### ASSET PROFILE - ALL CASH & INVESTMENTS





# Reinsurance programme supports resilience

### **FY23**

- Reinsurance expected to cover \$204m of large events costs in FY23
- Catastrophe cover was reinstated following the two catastrophic events at a cost of \$17.4m

### **FY24**

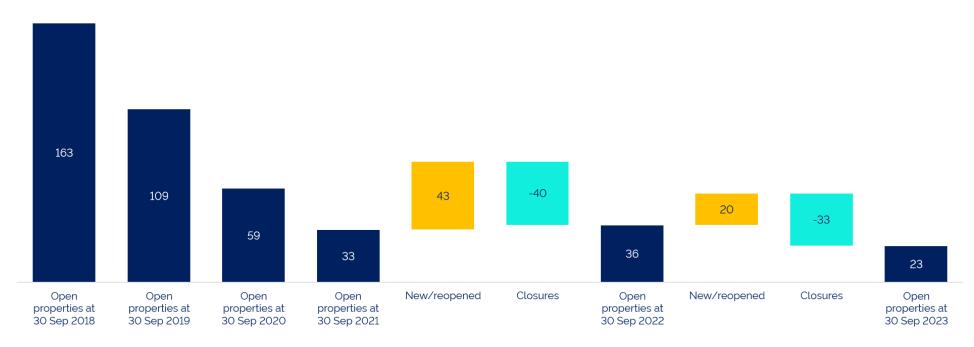
- Catastrophe reinsurance of up to \$750m for two events (FY23: \$889m) reduced following EQC cap change
- Additional prepaid third event catastrophe cover up to \$75m with \$20m retention
- FY24 retention limits and programme premium increases mitigated due to 3 year rolling contracts





# Canterbury earthquake claims reducing

### OPEN CEQ CLAIMS



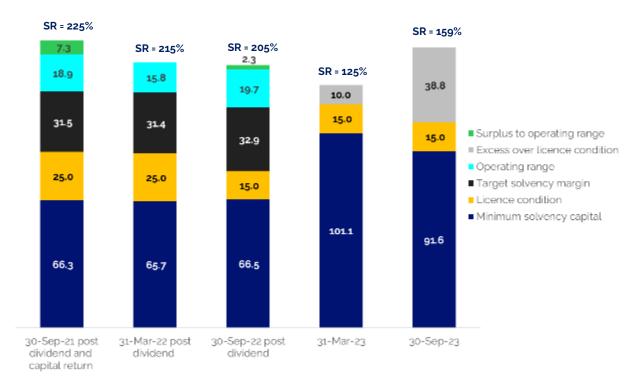
- Full year charge of \$1.2m after tax as a non-underlying item
- 23 properties open as at 30 September 2023 with numbers of new claims reducing
- Remaining gross outstanding claims provision is \$19.1m down from \$24.5m at September 2022



# Capital and solvency position

- Solvency ratio of 159% (FY22: 205%)
- Solvency margin is \$53.8m above RBNZ minimum solvency capital although below new internal target<sup>2</sup> of \$67.4m
- Minimum solvency capital has increased from historical levels due to underlying business and claims growth, higher catastrophe risk retention, and capital required for open catastrophe claims
- Solvency position is expected to improve further in FY24 due to business profit and as catastrophe claims continue to be settled
- FY24 solvency will be reported under the new Interim Solvency standards released by RBNZ with no material change in excess solvency expected
- A- credit rating reaffirmed in April 2023 by AM Best

### TOWER SOLVENCY1- NZ PARENT (\$m)





# FY24 guidance

	FY23 Actual	FY24 Guidance	FY25 Target
GWP growth (excluding operations sold)	17%	10% - 15%	10% - 15%
Large events allowance	\$38m	\$45m	
Underlying NPAT (assuming full utilisation of large events allowance)	\$7.6m	\$22m - \$27m	
Management expense ratio	32.2%	30% - 32%	<28%
Combined operating ratio	101%	95% - 97%	<91%
Return on equity <sup>1</sup>			12% - 15%



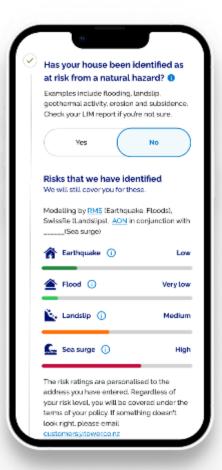


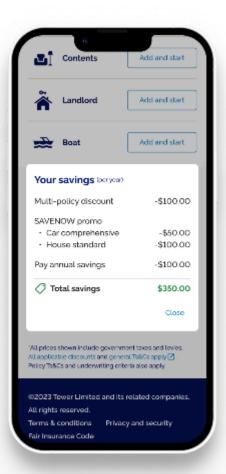
# FY24 priorities

- Continuing to invest in customer experience and targeting profitable growth
- Completing remediation and further improving transparency of discounts
- Settling FY23 catastrophe event claims
- Continuous efficiency, digitisation, and process improvements
- Investing in future resilience and sustainability

# Leading customer experience and targeted growth

- Enhanced risk-based pricing landslide, sea surge automated through quote to buy in FY24
- New business product mix shift towards house
- Leverage existing partnerships to grow organically
- Rating changes made in FY23 will continue to flow through as policies renew
- Targeting underlying GWP CAGR of 10%-15% to FY25



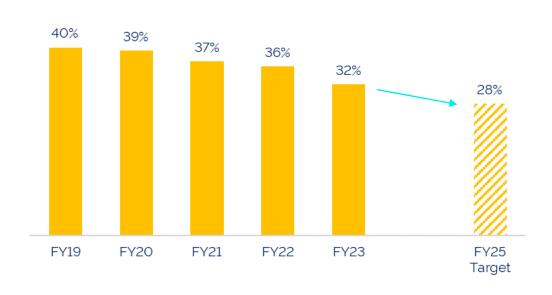




# Continuous improvement on efficiency & processes

- Targeting 80% digital transactions of all NZ service tasks by end FY25 (FY23: 55%)
- New house and motor assessing systems to be launched in FY24 reducing assessment time and repair costs
- Expecting Suva hub to answer more than half of Tower's call volume
- Streamlining the business through sale of Solomon Islands subsidiary and NZ rural commercial portfolio
- Intention to sell Vanuatu subsidiary
- Targeting MER of 28% in FY25

### MANAGEMENT EXPENSE RATIO (% NEP)





# Investing in future resilience and sustainability









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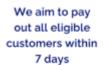




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- Large event response embedded within operations and conservative financial allowance within guidance
- Parametric partnership with CelsiusPro, global insurtech
- Targeting to sell 10K+ parametric policies across five countries by FY25
- Emissions now 13% below baseline year. Planning to expand Scope 3 measurement in FY24.
- Climate-related financial disclosure in 2024
- Aiming to achieve B Corp accreditation in the coming year





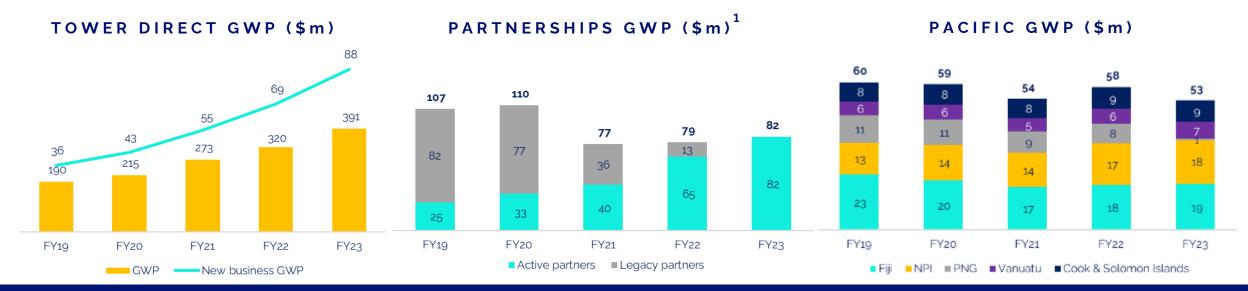
# **Questions?**





# Channel and efficiency improvements







### Reconciliation between underlying profit after tax and reported loss after tax

\$ million	FY23 underlying profit	Non- underlying items (1)	Reclasses	Discontinued operations (3)	FY23 reported loss
Gross written premium	526.8	(5.0)		(10.3)	511.5
Gross earned premium	485.8	(5.0)		(10.0)	470.8
Reinsurance expense	(69.5)		(17.4)	4.5	(82.4)
Net earned premium	416.3	(5.0)	(17.4)	(5.5)	388.4
BAU claims expense	(231.1)	(1.7)	(25.5)	9.5	(248.8)
Large events	(38.2)				(38.2)
Large event reinsurance reinstatement	(17.4)		17.4		
Management and sales expenses	(125.7)	(6.5)	24.3	2.6	(105.4)
Net commission expense	(8.3)			0.6	(7.7)
Underwriting (loss)/profit	(4.3)	(13.3)	(1.2)	7.2	(11.7)
Net investment income	14.3			(0.0)	14.3
Other income	2.3	1.3	1.2	(0.1)	4.8
Underlying profit before tax	12.3				
Income tax expense	(4.6)	1.5		(1.9)	(5.1)
Profit after tax from discontinued operations	0.0	1.6		(5.2)	(3.6)
Underlying (loss)/profit after tax	7.6				
Canterbury impact	(1.2)	1.2			
Gain on sale of operations and building	2.7	(2.7)			
Customer remediation provision	(6.6)	6.6			
Other non-underlying costs	(3.7)	3.7			
Reported (loss)/profit after tax	(1.2)	0.0	0.0	0.0	(1.2)

### Underlying and reported (loss)/profit:

- "Underlying (loss)/ profit" does not have a standardised meaning under Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (GAAP). Consequently it may not be comparable to similar measures presented by other reporting entities and is not subject to audit or independent review
- Tower uses underlying (loss)/profit as an internal reporting measure as management believes it provides a better measure of Tower's underlying performance than reported (loss)/profit, as it excludes large or nonrecurring items that may obscure trends in Tower's underlying performance, and is useful to investors as it makes it easier to compare Tower's financial performance between periods
- Tower has applied a consistent approach to measuring underlying profit in the current and comparative periods
- "Reported (loss)/profit after tax" is calculated and presented in accordance with GAAP and is taken from Tower Limited's financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2023

- (1) Non-underlying items include net impact of Canterbury earthquake valuation update, customer remediation provision update, regulatory and compliance projects (such as the adoption of IFRS-17), gain on sale of operations and building and a prior period tax adjustment
- (2) Reclassification of claims handling expenses from management expenses to net claims expense, FX gains/losses from other income to management expenses, and reinsurance reinstatement costs as reinsurance expenses
- (3) Operations sold during FY23 and those held for sale as at 30 September 2023 are treated as discontinued operations for statutory purposes



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