



Solvency and Financial Condition Report

31 December 2022

SLF OF CANADA UK LIMITED GROUP OF COMPANIES (THE "SLF UKH
GROUP")

INCORPORATING SUN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA (U.K.)
LIMITED ("SLOC UK" OR "THE COMPANY")

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Directors' statement

The directors of SLOC UK and SLF of Canada UK Holdings Limited are responsible for ensuring that the Solvency and Financial Condition Report has been properly prepared in all material respects in accordance with the Prudential Regulation Authority ("PRA") rules and Solvency II Regulations.

The directors are satisfied that, throughout the year, the SLF UKH Group and SLOC UK have complied in all material respects with the applicable requirements of the PRA rules and Solvency II Regulations, and that it is reasonable to believe that compliance has continued since the reporting date and will continue in the future.

By order of the Board,

Katherine Garner

Chief Executive Officer

28 March 2023

Report of the independent external auditor to the directors of SLF of Canada UK Limited and to the directors of Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada (U.K.) Limited (“the company”) pursuant to Rule 4.1(2) of the External Audit Part of the PRA Rulebook applicable to Solvency II firms

Report on the Audit of the relevant elements of the Group Solvency and Financial Condition Report (“SFCR”)

Opinion

Except as stated below, we have audited the following documents prepared by the SLF of Canada UK Limited Group of Companies (“the SLF UKH Group” or “the Group”), comprising of SLF of Canada UK Limited and all its subsidiaries including the company, the authorised insurance entity, as at 31 December 2022:

- The ‘Valuation for solvency purposes’ and ‘Capital Management’ sections of the Group SFCR as at 31 December 2022, (‘the Narrative Disclosures subject to audit’);
- Group templates S.02.01.02, S.23.01.22, S.25.01.22, S.32.01.22 (‘the Group Templates subject to audit’); and
- Company templates S.02.01.02, S12.01.02, S.23.01.01, S.25.01.21, S.28.01.01 (‘the Company Templates subject to audit’).

The Narrative Disclosures subject to audit and the Group and Company Templates subject to audit are collectively referred to as the ‘relevant elements of the Group SFCR’.

We are not required to audit, nor have we audited, and as a consequence do not express an opinion on the Other Information which comprises:

- The ‘Business and performance’, ‘System of governance’ and ‘Risk profile’ elements of the Group SFCR;
- Group templates S.05.01.02, S.05.02.01;
- Company templates S.05.01.02, S.05.02.01; and
- The written acknowledgement by management of their responsibilities, including for the preparation of the Group SFCR (‘the Responsibility Statement’).

To the extent the information subject to audit in the relevant elements of the Group SFCR includes amounts that are totals, sub-totals or calculations derived from the Other Information, we have relied without verification on the Other Information.

In our opinion, the information subject to audit in the relevant elements of the Group SFCR as at 31 December 2022 is prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the financial reporting provisions of the PRA Rules and Solvency II regulations on which they are based.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (“ISAs (UK)”) including ‘ISA (UK) 800 (Revised) Special Considerations – Audits of Financial Statements Prepared in Accordance with Special Purpose Frameworks’ and ‘ISA (UK) 805(Revised) Special Considerations - Audits of Single Financial Statements and Specific Elements, Accounts or Items of a Financial

Statement', and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the relevant elements of the Group SFCR section of our report. We are independent of the SLF UKH Group in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the Group SFCR in the UK, including the Financial Reporting Council's ("FRC") Ethical Standard as applied to public interest entities, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the relevant elements of the Group SFCR, we have concluded that the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the Group SFCR is appropriate. To evaluate the directors' assessment of the company's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting, we have:

- confirmed our understanding of management's going concern assessment process and obtained management's assessment which covers the period to 28 March 2024;
- inspected and assessed management's Business Plan and profit projections which forms the basis of management's going concern assessment;
- evaluated the liquidity and solvency position of the company by reviewing base case liquidity and solvency projections;
- evaluated management's forecast analysis and stress tests to understand how severe the downside scenarios would have to be to result in the elimination of solvency headroom;
- assessed management's considerations of operational risks, including those related to Outsourced Service Providers ("OSPs") and the planned transition to Phoenix Group Holdings plc ("Phoenix Group") and its impact on the going concern assessment;
- performed enquiries of management and those charged with governance to identify risks or events that may impact the company's ability to continue as a going concern. We also reviewed management's assessment approved by the Board, minutes of meetings of the Board and its committees; and
- assessed the appropriateness of the going concern disclosures by comparing the disclosures with management's assessment and for compliance with the relevant reporting requirements.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period 12 months from when the relevant elements of the Group SFCR are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report. However, because not all future events or conditions can be predicted, this statement is not a guarantee as to the company's ability to continue as a going concern.

Emphasis of matter – basis of accounting and restriction on use

We draw attention to the 'Valuation for solvency purposes', 'Capital Management' sections of the Group SFCR, which describe the basis of accounting. The Group SFCR is prepared in compliance with the financial reporting provisions of the PRA Rules and Solvency II regulations, and therefore in accordance with a special purpose financial reporting framework. The Group SFCR is required to be

published, and intended users include but are not limited to the PRA. As a result, the Group SFCR may not be suitable for another purpose.

This report is made solely to the directors in accordance with Rule 2.1 of the External Audit Part of the PRA Rulebook for Solvency II firms. Our work has been undertaken so that we might report to the directors those matters that we have agreed to state to them in this report and for no other purpose.

Our opinion is not modified in respect of these matters.

Other information

The directors are responsible for the Other Information contained within the Group SFCR.

Our opinion on the relevant elements of the Group SFCR does not cover the Other Information and we do not express an audit opinion or any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the Other Information and, in doing so, consider whether the Other Information is materially inconsistent with the relevant elements of the Group SFCR or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the relevant elements of the Group SFCR themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this Other Information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of directors for the Group SFCR

The directors are responsible for the preparation of the Group SFCR in accordance with the financial reporting provisions of the PRA rules and Solvency II regulations.

The directors are also responsible for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of a Group SFCR that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the Group SFCR, the directors are responsible for assessing the company's ability to continue in operation, disclosing as applicable, matters related to its ability to continue in operation and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to cease to operate the company, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the company's financial reporting process.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the relevant elements of the Group SFCR

It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion as to whether the relevant elements of the Group SFCR are prepared, in all material respects, with the financial reporting provisions of the PRA Rules and Solvency II regulations on which they are based.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the relevant elements of the Group SFCR are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but it is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the decision making or the judgement of the users taken on the basis of the Group SFCR.

Explanation as to what extent the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect irregularities, including fraud. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery or intentional misrepresentations, or through collusion. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below.

However, the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of fraud rests with both those charged with governance of the company and management.

- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the company and determined that the relevant laws and regulations related to elements of company law and tax legislation, and the financial reporting framework. Our considerations of other laws and regulations that may have a material effect on the financial statements included permissions and supervisory requirements of the PRA and the Financial Conduct Authority (“FCA”).
- We understood how the company is complying with those frameworks by making enquiries of management and those responsible for legal and compliance matters. We also reviewed correspondence between the company and UK regulatory bodies; reviewed minutes of the Board and Management Committees; and gained an understanding of the company’s approach to governance, demonstrated by the Board’s approval of the company’s governance framework.
- We assessed the susceptibility of the company’s financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur by considering the controls that the company has established to address risks identified by the entity, or that otherwise seek to prevent, deter or detect fraud. Our procedures over the company’s control environment included assessment of the consistency of operations and controls in place within the company and the OSPs as they continued to operate in a hybrid working environment for a significant proportion of 2022.
- The fraud risk was considered to be higher within the valuation of insurance contract liabilities and manual adjustments to revenue in relation to post-migration activities related to ex-Capita business. We considered management override risk to be higher within the valuation of insurance contract liabilities due to the significant judgments and estimates and risk inherent in manual top side adjustments in general.

Our procedures included:

- Supported by our actuarial team, we assessed if there were any indicators of management bias in the valuation of insurance contract liabilities.
- Understood and tested manual adjustments on revenue and assessed whether there was any evidence of management override.
- Tested the appropriateness of journal entries recorded in the general ledger, with a focus on manual journals and evaluating the business rationale for significant and/or unusual transactions.

- We designed our audit procedures to identify non-compliance with both direct and other laws and regulations. Our procedures involved: making enquiries of those charged with governance and senior management for their awareness of any non-compliance of laws or regulations, enquiring about the policies that have been established to prevent non-compliance with laws and regulations by officers and employees, enquiring about the company's methods of enforcing and monitoring compliance with such policies and inspecting significant correspondence with the FCA and PRA.
- The company operates in the insurance industry which is a highly regulated environment. As such the Senior Statutory Auditor considered the experience and expertise of the engagement team to ensure that the team had the appropriate competence and capabilities, which included the use of specialists where appropriate.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the FRC's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's Report on the Group SFCR.

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

Other information

In accordance with Rule 4.1 (3) of the External Audit Part of the PRA Rulebook for Solvency II firms we are also required to consider whether the Other Information is materially inconsistent with our knowledge obtained in the audit of SLF of Canada UK Limited's and the company's statutory financial statements. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

John Headley (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Ernst & Young LLP
Statutory Auditor
London, UK
28 March 2023

Summary

Sun Life Financial of Canada business in the UK

The SLF UKH Group is a closed book life insurance business that has a portfolio of pension, life and annuity products. It is wholly owned by Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada (“SLACC”) and the ultimate parent is Sun Life Financial Inc., both of which are Canadian companies. SLOC UK is the only regulated company within the SLF UKH Group and is responsible for managing all insurance business. It gives rise to materially all risks and performance of the SLF UKH Group.

SLOC UK loss after tax for 2022, per the financial statements prepared in accordance with UK-adopted International Accounting Standards (“IAS”) and with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 as they apply to companies reporting under those standards: £(17.8) million (2021 profit: £32 million).

The conflict between Russia and Ukraine and the aftermath of the Covid-19 pandemic have created volatility and uncertainty in markets, both in the UK and globally. During the year, the solvency position has remained resilient and in excess of risk appetite. *Section A.1.3 Covid-19 and the conflict between Russia and Ukraine* describes the operational response to the pandemic and the impact on the Risk Management System (“RMS”) is described in Section C.7.4 Covid-19.

The consolidation of life and pension administration to one Life and Pensions Outsource Provider (“L&P OSP”) has resulted in a significant impact to service levels this year. Customers have experienced delays in payments, replies to correspondence and being able to contact the call centre in a timely manner. This has led to enhanced engagement with the L&P OSP.

The company has taken the deterioration in customer service extremely seriously and has therefore implemented a recovery plan which includes conducting more frequent joint governance and oversight meetings with its L&P OSP, enabling parties to collaborate to achieve the best outcomes possible for all stakeholders. The Board is sent regular updates providing oversight of progress against key metrics within the service recovery plans. In addition, via its Risk Committee, the Board has also received regular presentations from our L&P OSP’s senior executives at the quarterly Risk Committee meetings. The company is committed to working with the L&P OSP to return customer service back to its pre-consolidation position.

On 4 August 2022, Sun Life Financial Inc. announced it had entered into an agreement to sell the SLF UKH Group of companies to Phoenix Group, following regulatory approval. It is expected that the sale will complete on 3 April 2023. During 2023, following completion of the intended sale, the company will consider the strategic implications of a change in shareholder.

Solvency and financial condition

The Pillar 1 solvency ratio of SLOC UK as at 31 December 2022 was 179% (2021: 148%), with a Solvency Capital Requirement (“SCR”) of £157.3 million (2021: £197.6 million) and eligible own funds to cover it of £281.9 million (2021: £292.4 million), the majority of which was tier 1 capital, the highest quality of capital in terms of permanence and ability to absorb losses should they arise. The total assets measured on a Solvency II basis were £10.0 billion (2021: £12.9 billion). The dividend of £48.0 million, foreseeable at 31 December 2021, was paid in 2022 to SLF of Canada UK Limited. No dividend payment is planned in 2023.

The SLF UKH Group containing SLOC UK had a solvency ratio of 179% as at 31 December 2022 (2021: 149%) with an SCR of £157.3 million (2021: £197.6 million) and eligible own funds of £282.3 million (2021: £294.7 million) which, as for SLOC UK, was mainly tier 1 capital. The total assets on a

Solvency II basis were £10.0 billion (2021: £12.9 billion). The dividend of £48.0 million, foreseeable at 31 December 2021, was paid in 2022 to SLACC. No dividend payment is planned in 2023.

The capital requirements of SLOC UK and the SLF UKH Group are calculated using the Solvency II standard formula methodology and the own funds are measured using Solvency II valuation principles.

System of governance

A strong system of governance is in place with clear responsibilities, authorities and delegations to operate it and manage the business in a robust manner.

The business operates a 'Three Lines of Defence' governance model, where business functions are responsible for day-to-day operations, Compliance and Risk functions provide oversight and challenge and the Internal Audit function provides independent assurance.

The RMS has been developed in alignment with Solvency II guidelines and is actively used in managing the business. It enables management of the inherent risks in the business, supporting the achievement of business objectives. Therefore, its effective operation has benefits for both internal and external stakeholders.

Own Risk and Solvency Assessment ("ORSA") results

The 2022 ORSA process for the SLF UKH Group and SLOC UK considered all material risks of the business. The 2022 ORSA Report, approved by the Board of Directors ("the Board") of SLOC UK in June 2022, showed that the company is expected to remain above its solvency risk appetite threshold and generate surplus throughout the five-year ORSA projection period. In respect of scenario analysis and stress tests, SLOC UK is well placed to withstand shocks over the five-year ORSA period, remaining above regulatory solvency requirements and the internal risk appetite threshold, albeit with dividend capacity reduced both in duration and amount.

The 2022 ORSA Report also concluded that the material risks arising from the World-Wide Group of Sun Life Financial of Canada companies ("WWG") are mitigated by a combination of treaty, governance, contract or capital where applicable.

A. Business and Performance

A.1 Business

A.1.1 Introduction

The SLOC UK business is a closed book life insurance business consisting of a portfolio of life, pension and annuity products all of which are in the UK, except for a small book of overseas business accounting for less than 1% of regular premiums. The SLF UKH Group most recently closed to new business from 2010, except for issuing annuity contracts arising from the vesting of individual pension plans already within the business, and the majority of this activity ceased in 2013. The strategy of the company is to manage the existing book of business in a controlled and prudent manner focusing on the following:

- Customer outcomes;
- Financial discipline;
- Talent and culture; and
- Digital, data and analytics.

The SLF UKH Group is a group of UK companies as described in *Section A.1.2 Subsidiaries and branches*, which is wholly owned by SLACC, the Canadian immediate parent company. The SLF UKH Group contains one regulated company: SLOC UK, a life insurance company. The performance and risks of the SLF UKH Group are not materially different from those of SLOC UK. All other companies are holding companies or provide services ancillary to SLOC UK.

The SLF UKH Group provides its parent with access to a mature market that generates capital, the surplus of which can be repatriated to SLACC and upwards to the ultimate parent Sun Life Financial Inc., subject to board approval and local regulatory constraints. In return, the business is supported operationally by, and is underpinned by, the solid foundation of the WWG although it is not the SLF UKH Group's intention to rely on capital from its parent company.

The SLF UKH Group operates an outsourced business model having outsourced its investment management and fund administration in 2001, the administration of its business in 2002, actuarial modelling services in 2020, actuarial valuation and capital services in 2021, and compliance monitoring services also in 2021. This is further explained in *Section B.7.1 The outsourcing model*.

A.1.2 Subsidiaries and branches

The SLF UKH Group consists of a number of wholly owned subsidiaries. SLF of Canada UK Limited is the top SLF UKH Group holding company and is a wholly owned subsidiary of SLACC, which, in turn, is a wholly owned subsidiary of Sun Life Financial Inc.

The SLF UKH Group consists of the following subsidiary undertakings:

Name of subsidiary undertaking	Principal activity
SLF of Canada UK Limited	Top holding company of various wholly owned subsidiary undertakings in the SLF UKH Group
Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada (U.K.) Limited	Insurance company which manages individual life, pension and annuity policies
Sun Life of Canada UK Holdings Limited	Intermediate holding company of various wholly owned subsidiary undertakings

Name of subsidiary undertaking	Principal activity
SLFC Services Company (UK) Limited	Provision of management and administrative services to the SLF UKH Group
Laurtrust Limited	Pension Trustee company
Barnwood Properties Limited	Property investment

All companies in the SLF UKH Group are limited by shares.

SLOC UK is authorised by the PRA, Threadneedle Street, London EC2R 8AH and regulated by the FCA, 12 Endeavour Square, London E20 1JN and the PRA. The SLF UKH Group is supervised by the PRA.

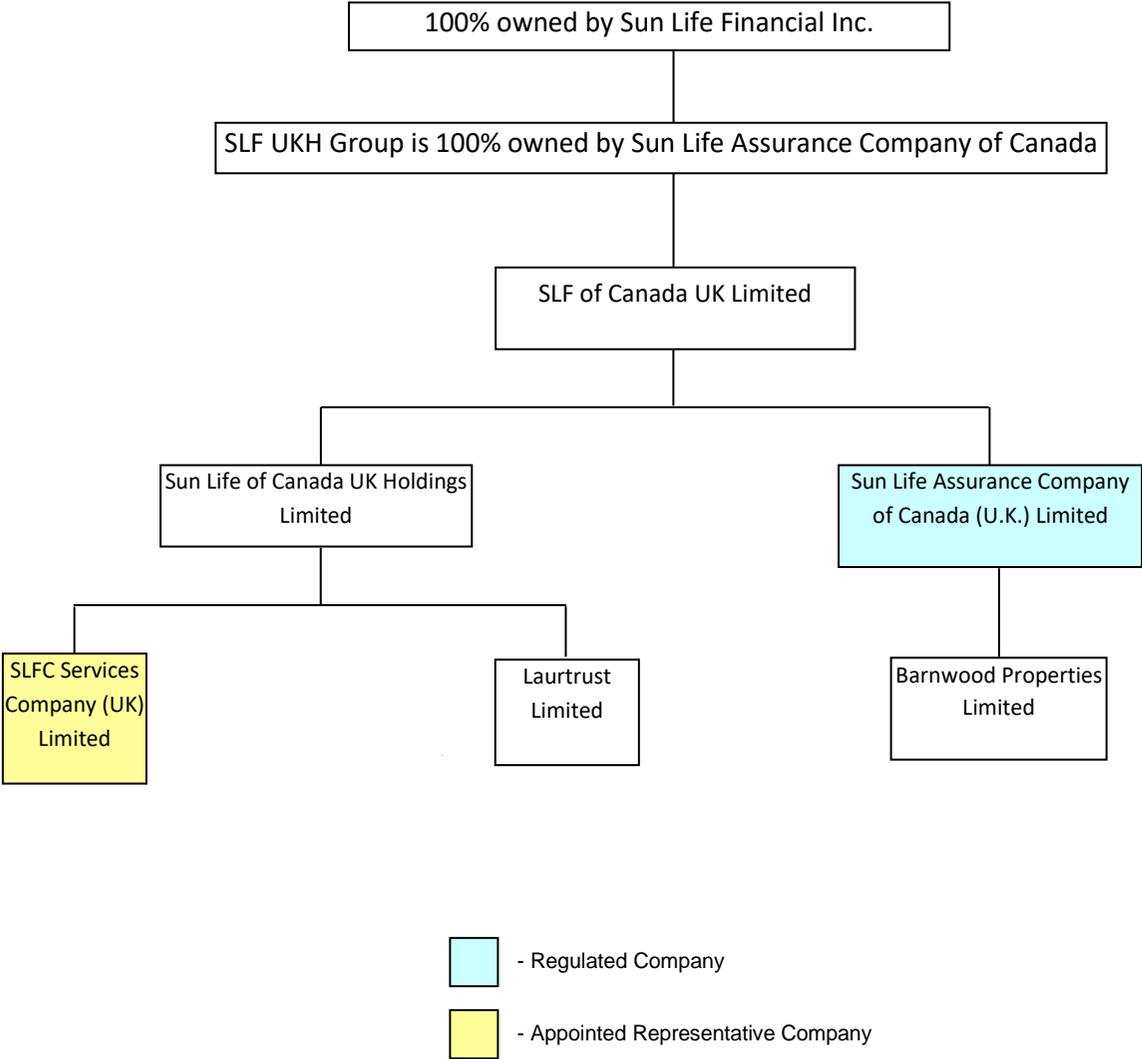
The auditor of all companies in the SLF UKH Group that are subject to audit is Ernst & Young LLP, 25 Churchill Place, Canary Wharf, London, E14 5EY.

SLFC Services Company (UK) Limited is an Appointed Representative of SLOC UK. We have confirmed to the FCA that we intend to maintain this status and ensure compliance with related updated regulations, which became effective 8 December 2022.

No consolidated financial statements for the SLF UKH Group are prepared on the basis of the exemption provided by Section 401 of the Companies Act 2006 and IFRS 10 'Consolidated Financial Statements', paragraph 4(a). The SLF UKH Group accounts are consolidated in the financial statements of SLACC and Sun Life Financial Inc.

Due to the sale of the SLF UKH Group of companies to the Phoenix Group, expected to complete on 3 April 2023, no dividend payment is planned from SLOC UK to SLF of Canada UK Limited, or from SLF of Canada UK Limited to SLACC, in 2023.

SLF UKH GROUP STRUCTURE AND OWNERSHIP
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022



A.1.3 Covid-19 and the conflict between Russia and Ukraine

In 2020, the Covid-19 pandemic created volatility and uncertainty in markets, longevity, morbidity, and the economy, both in the UK and globally. Markets recovered and stabilised to some extent in 2021 as the post-pandemic position normalised, however, the conflict between Russia and Ukraine has led to renewed volatility globally in 2022. The solvency position continues to be monitored regularly and has remained resilient and in excess of risk appetite threshold.

The impacts of Covid-19 were tested as part of the 2020 and 2021 ORSAs. The longer-term impact of Covid-19 on policyholder behaviour and the economy is not expected to adversely affect the solvency position.

In response to the Covid-19 pandemic the company maintained the operation of its crisis management plan, first invoked in March 2020, until March 2022. In conjunction with a phased return to work, and a hybrid operating model, the company has continued to work collaboratively with its key outsourcers in respect of residual Covid-19 issues, and to adapt its own practices to ensure the health and wellbeing of employees.

The Risk Function has developed a dashboard which at a summary level explores the possible impacts of the conflict between Russia and Ukraine across short, medium, and long-term horizons, and at varying levels of intensity. This is presented to the Risk Committee, and to date has focussed on the low intensity scenario which assumes a geographically restricted conventional conflict, with no escalation of NATO involvement.

The impact on the RMS is described further in *Section C.7.4 Covid-19*.

A.1.4 Distributions to shareholders

During 2022, SLOC UK paid a £48.0 million dividend to SLF of Canada UK Limited, its parent.

SLF of Canada UK Limited paid a dividend of £48.0 million to SLACC, its parent.

A.2 Underwriting performance as per the financial statements

As a closed book life insurer, the underwriting performance as per the financial statements is described below in terms of premiums, claims and expenses.

Premiums, claims and benefits as per the financial statements, shown in the tables below, exclude premiums, claims and benefits on linked investment contracts. The premiums, claims and benefits shown in the quantitative reporting templates in the appendices include premiums, claims and benefits on linked investment contracts.

Underwriting performance for the year ended 31 December 2022

£ million	SLOC UK TOTAL	Linked	With- profits	Non- linked, non-profit
<i>Earned premiums, net of reinsurance</i>	37	33	3	1
<i>Net claims and benefits paid</i>	(278)	(225)	(43)	(10)
<i>Administrative and other expenses (excluding investment management expenses)</i>	(50)	(44)	(3)	(3)

Underwriting performance for the year ended 31 December 2021

£ million	SLOC UK TOTAL	Linked	With- profits	Non- linked, non-profit
<i>Earned premiums, net of reinsurance</i>	40	36	4	0
<i>Net claims and benefits paid</i>	(308)	(256)	(44)	(8)
<i>Administrative and other expenses (excluding investment management expenses)</i>	(51)	(46)	(2)	(3)

Premiums are lower in 2022 than in 2021, reflecting the reduction in existing business. Claims are lower in 2022 than in 2021, this is predominantly on linked business where market volatility has led to reduced unit values. Expenses are broadly similar between the two years.

The change in insurance and investment contract liabilities in the year was a decrease of £(840) million (2021: increase of £335 million). Their value is sensitive to changes in market factors, policyholder activity and changes in the methodologies and assumptions used in their calculation.

A.3 Investment performance as per the financial statements

Investment return net of reinsurance for the year ended 31 December 2022 by line of business

£ million	SLOC UK TOTAL	Linked	With- profits	Non- linked, non-profit
<i>Investment return, net of reinsurance</i>	(633)	(509)	(67)	(57)
<i>Investment management expenses</i>	(18)	(15)	(1)	(2)

Investment return gross of reinsurance for the year ended 31 December 2022 by asset class

£ million	Income	Gains / (losses)
Asset Class		
<i>Bonds</i>	97	(763)
<i>Equities</i>	138	(499)
<i>Property</i>	14	(16)
<i>Other</i>	16	(212)
TOTAL Investment Performance	265	(1,489)

Investment return net of reinsurance for the year ended 31 December 2021 by line of business

£ million	SLOC UK TOTAL	Linked	With- profits	Non- linked, non-profit
<i>Investment return, net of reinsurance</i>	673	671	8	(6)
<i>Investment management expenses</i>	(20)	(16)	(2)	(2)

Investment return gross of reinsurance for the year ended 31 December 2021 by asset class

£ million	Income	Gains / (losses)
Asset Class		
<i>Bonds</i>	104	(175)
<i>Equities</i>	136	582
<i>Property</i>	14	17
<i>Other</i>	10	(60)
TOTAL Investment Performance	264	364

Rising interest rates and volatile equity markets have led to significant losses on bonds and equities in 2022, this compares to strong equity gains in 2021 as markets returned to pre-pandemic levels. The other losses in both periods primarily relate to the change in value of interest rate swaps.

The investment performance of the SLF UKH Group is materially the same as the investment performance of SLOC UK.

Securitisations

SLOC UK's investment manager guidelines do not allow new purchases of securitisations. However, a small amount of legacy holdings (£55 million as at 31 December 2022) remains (£73 million at 31 December 2021). Trading is monitored for any breach of the guidelines.

A.4 Performance of other activities as per the financial statements

Tax

In 2022 there was a tax credit of £40 million (2021: charge of £12 million). This compares with a planned tax charge of £2 million. This large variance was predominantly due to significant losses incurred on investments during the year compared to investment gains in 2021 with bond markets in particular seeing a steep increase in yields and subsequent fall in market values. These adverse market conditions were not factored into the 2022 business plan.

Lease arrangements

SLOC UK leases its premises from Threadneedle Pensions Limited and up to 23 November 2022 sublet a small part of the premises to a third party.

The rent paid by SLOC UK in 2022 was £0.1 million (2021: £0.1 million) and the rent received was negligible (2021: negligible).

A right of use asset and lease liability were set up in 2019, in accordance with the standard IFRS 16 'Leases'. The depreciation of the asset and reduction in liability broadly offset.

Fees and commission income

Fees from non-profit investment contracts, commissions and other income from arrangements with reinsurers, and introduction fees from a third-party annuity provider were £44 million (2021: £44 million).

A.5 Any other information

Related party transactions

SLOC UK has an agreement with SLFC Services Company (UK) Ltd to pay any management and administration expenses incurred on its behalf on a monthly basis.

In 2022, the value of services provided by SLFC Services Company (UK) Ltd was £24 million (2021: £40 million), the decrease predominantly due to reductions in project costs and outsourcer fees associated with the consolidation of life and pensions administration to a single L&P OSP in 2021, as noted in *Section B.7.3 Life, pension and annuity servicing outsourcing*.

The outstanding balance payable at 31 December 2022 was £2 million (2021: £15 million).

IFRS 17

IFRS 17 'Insurance Contracts' replaces IFRS 4 'Insurance Contracts' from 1 January 2023, and establishes new principles for the recognition, measurement, presentation and disclosure of insurance contracts. The implementation of IFRS 17 is not anticipated to have any impact on solvency.

B. System of governance

B.1 General information on the system of governance

B.1.1 The Board and delegations of authority

The Board has responsibility for oversight of operations to ensure, amongst other matters, competent and prudent management, sound planning, an adequate and effective system of risk management, an adequate and effective system of internal control, adequate accounting and other records and compliance with statutory and regulatory obligations. The system of governance is appropriate to the nature, scale and complexity of the business.

In addition to these ongoing responsibilities, a non-executive director has been appointed as whistleblowers' champion with responsibility for the integrity, independence and effectiveness of SLOC UK's policies and procedures on whistleblowing. A non-executive director has been appointed Consumer Duty champion to support the Board in raising the Duty in all relevant discussions.

The management and governance of SLOC UK is described extensively in the Senior Managers and Certification Regime ("SMCR") Management Responsibilities Map. This includes the attribution of senior management functions, allocation of responsibilities (prescribed, inherent and overall), and SLF UKH Group, Board, Board Committee and Management Committee arrangements.

The Board is authorised, pursuant to its Terms of Reference, to delegate certain of its powers to either the Chief Executive Officer ("CEO"), to a Board Committee or to a specifically authorised individual or group of individuals. The extent of the delegated authority is limited by:

- Matters on which the Board may not delegate authority as stipulated in the Terms of Reference of the Board, including the approval of material transactions; and
- Any policies, standards or operating guidelines approved or adopted by the Board or a Policy Review Committee.

Currently the Board has delegated certain matters to the Risk Committee and the Audit and Compliance Committee ("ACC"). The Board also obtains advice on the with-profits business from its independent With-Profits Committee ("WPC"). These committees perform the following tasks:

- Risk Committee: the primary functions of the Risk Committee are to oversee, monitor and review, and advise the Board on current and potential risk exposures and future risk strategy. In particular, the Risk Committee ensures that major downside risks facing the business are identified, policies and controls are in place for management to ensure that those risks are effectively managed, and oversees compliance with risk management policies and controls.
- ACC: the primary functions of the ACC are to assist the Board with its oversight role in relation to the integrity of the financial statements, financial reporting processes and regulatory filings. There is particular focus on the adequacy and effectiveness of internal controls, Internal Audit plans and actions, compliance with regulatory requirements, and the relationship with, and the performance of, the external auditor.
- WPC: the WPC provides independent advice to the Board in respect of matters that affect the with-profits business.

The Board delegates the day-to-day operational management to the CEO. In turn, the CEO delegates certain functional responsibilities to each direct report and this delegation is set out in each of their respective role profiles and SMCR Statements of Responsibility. Collectively these individuals and

the Head of Legal and Company Secretary form the UK Management Committee, which meets fortnightly. Its main function is to assist the CEO in the development of strategic options, the implementation of key projects and the day-to-day running of the business.

The roles of the CEO and the CEO’s direct reports are summarised below:

Role	Description
CEO	To oversee the day-to-day management and associated risks of the business, lead the development and delivery of strategy and business plans, and provide leadership to employees, ensuring that the desired culture is adopted and embedded throughout the organisation. Day-to-day operations include, but are not limited to, risk management, internal controls, accounting records, and compliance with statutory and regulatory obligations. The role is ultimately accountable for the day-to-day performance of the business.
Head of Operations	To provide leadership and overall direction to employees in the Outsource Management, Information Technology (“IT”) and Communications functions. The role is accountable for the delivery of customer services through the management of third-party service providers, complaints management and IT infrastructure and support services including business continuity.
Chief Financial Officer (“CFO”)	To ensure that requirements set by the business and relevant statutory and regulatory obligations are met, and to ensure sound financial management, the CFO is responsible for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The management of the day-to-day operations within designated areas of functional responsibility including the ownership of their risks and leadership of those functions; • The provision of a financial perspective and reporting to management, the Board and its committees; • Liaison with the WWG corporate finance function and related business groups to integrate UK financial results with WWG financial statements and strategies, and the overall promotion of consistency in the development and use of accounting methods, standards and processes; and • Serving as a director to certain SLF UKH Group legal entities.
Chief Actuary	To ensure requirements set by the business and relevant statutory and regulatory obligations are met, the Chief Actuary is responsible for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The management of the day-to-day operations within designated areas of functional responsibility including the ownership of their risks and leadership of those functions; • The provision of actuarial perspective and reporting to management, the Board and its committees; • Liaison with the WWG actuarial function and related business groups to promote consistency in the developments and use of actuarial methods, standards and processes; and • Serving as a director of certain SLF UKH Group legal entities.

Role	Description
Chief Risk and Compliance Officer (“CRaCO”) and Money Laundering Reporting Officer (“MLRO”)	To ensure requirements set by the business and relevant statutory and regulatory obligations are met, the CRaCO and MLRO is responsible for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The management and leadership the company’s Risk, Compliance, Financial Crime, Data Protection and Records Management functions; • The establishment and operation of an effective RMS that is proportionate to the nature, scale and complexity of the business, and including the provision of timely and insightful risk reporting to management, the Board and its committees, and regulatory authorities; • Assurance to management, the Board and its committees on the effectiveness of the company’s compliance with the requirements of relevant regulatory authorities, including the provision of timely and accurate reporting; • Liaison with the respective WWG risk and compliance functions and related business groups to integrate UK risk and compliance results with WWG risk assessments and strategies, and the overall promotion of consistency in the development and use of risk and compliance methods, standards and processes; and • Establishing and promoting a company culture of risk and compliance, including the operation of a confidential and trusted whistleblowing system.
Head of Legal and Company Secretary	To provide legal, governance and company secretarial services to the SLF UKH Group, and manage the provision of Human Resources and Customer Advocacy services to the SLF UKH Group.

To assist the CEO’s direct reports in discharging their functional and regulatory prescribed responsibilities (pursuant to their Statements of Responsibility) the direct reports may onwards delegate a responsibility either through line management (to their direct reports and detailed in a role profile) or to a group of individuals (a management group and detailed in terms of reference).

The following table describes how individual responsibilities for Key Functions are allocated, demonstrating appropriate segregation and coverage of both regulatory and business requirements:

Key Function *mandatory as a Solvency II firm **regulator recommends for consideration	Responsible Senior Manager	Individuals in support of Key Function who fall within the Certification Regime
Actuarial*	Chief Actuary	Head of Product Management Head of Actuarial Reporting
Risk Management*	CRaCO	None
Compliance*	CRaCO	None
Internal Audit*	Head of Internal Audit (UK)	None
Finance**	CFO	Financial Controller
Tax**	CFO	Head of UK Tax Operations
Capital Management**	CFO	None

Key Function *mandatory as a Solvency II firm **regulator recommends for consideration	Responsible Senior Manager	Individuals in support of Key Function who fall within the Certification Regime
Liquidity Management**	CFO	None
Reinsurance**	Chief Actuary	Head of Product Management
Asset and Liability Management**	Chief Actuary	None
Investment Management**	CFO – Customer Funds Chief Actuary – Shareholder Funds	None
IT**	Head of Operations	IT Manager
Operational Systems and Controls**	Head of Operations	None

In addition to the individuals who fall into the Certified Regime, SLOC UK's Head of Legal and Company Secretary is also approved under this designation by virtue of their membership of the UK Management Committee.

B.1.2 Risk management

The 'Three Lines of Defence' governance model is adopted for risk management and is used to assign specific risk management responsibilities across the business. This is described further in *Section B.4 Internal control system*.

Each year the Board sets risk appetites within which the company is required to manage risk. Collectively the 'Three Lines of Defence' are responsible for identifying, measuring, managing, monitoring and reporting risk to the Risk and Compliance Management Committee ("RCMC"), Risk Committee and the Board so that it remains within these approved appetites.

The RMS is discussed further in *Section B.3 Risk Management System including the Own Risk and Solvency Assessment*.

B.1.3 Internal Audit

The Board delegates authority to the Head of Internal Audit (UK) to carry out the Internal Audit function.

The Board is ultimately responsible for the system of internal controls and reviewing its effectiveness. Acting as the third line of defence, the Internal Audit function provides assurance over the operation of the system of internal controls and that the risk management, governance and internal control processes are operating effectively.

The Internal Audit function provides independent assurance to the ACC, the Board and to Sun Life Financial Inc. as to the effectiveness and adequacy of the internal control system. It is responsible for assessing whether an effective and adequate internal control framework is adopted by management. In carrying out its mandate, the Internal Audit function has the authority to audit and

investigate any activity, with unrestricted access to records, information and personnel throughout the organisation relevant to the performance of the Internal Audit function.

Independence of the Internal Audit function is further assured by features of the role of Head of Internal Audit (UK):

- The Head of Internal Audit (UK) reports directly to the Chair of the ACC and administratively to the Chief Auditor. The Audit Team reports directly to the Head of Internal Audit (UK);
- The Chair of the ACC, working with the Chief Auditor, has a direct role in setting the annual objectives remuneration and performance evaluation of the Head of Internal Audit (UK);
- The Head of Internal Audit (UK) prepares an annual plan of work and budget for approval by the ACC. Changes are communicated to the ACC through a quarterly Head of Internal Audit (UK) Report on Control; and
- The Internal Audit function is independent of management and has no direct operational responsibility or authority over any of the activities being audited.

B.1.4 Compliance

Compliance is a second line of defence function that is responsible for ensuring regulatory requirements are understood and implemented within the business (including where these requirements are fulfilled on behalf of SLOC UK by OSPs), and for conducting a risk-based compliance assurance programme. This includes the management of regulatory relationships, the provision of some regulatory reporting (a responsibility shared with the CFO and Chief Actuary), the provision of compliance advice, and the performance of compliance monitoring to assess and report on the effectiveness of the measures in place to detect and minimise compliance risk. The Compliance function is described in more detail in *Section B.4.2 The Compliance function*.

The CRaCO is a regulatory-approved Senior Manager. The appointment has the following additional features provided within the SLOC UK system of governance:

- The role profile and statement of responsibility for the CRaCO must be approved by the Board; and
- The CRaCO has unrestricted access to the Chair of the Board and the Chair and members of the ACC both with, and without, the presence of executive management.

B.1.5 Governance across the SLF UKH Group

Governance, risk management and internal control is applied to each legal entity in the SLF UKH Group proportionately in accordance with the activities of each entity.

The system of governance is periodically reviewed both internally and externally to ensure that it remains fit for purpose. Such reviews take into account the current strategy to ensure that the governance is proportionate to the strategy and the risks identified with that strategy.

B.1.6 Remuneration

The primary compensation objectives are to align employee interests with the interests of customers and the shareholder while attracting, retaining and rewarding employees. The compensation model rewards employees for achieving business goals and individual performance.

Executive level employees

For Executive level employees, the CEO, CFO and Chief Actuary, remuneration is considered at a total compensation level. Total compensation is benchmarked to market median. Total compensation is split into salary, annual incentive and long-term incentive awards.

Employees below executive level

Each element of compensation is targeted at the median pay level of peer companies, with the variable compensation amount adjusted based on achievement of both business and individual performance goals. This philosophy ensures superior performance drives reward that is above target, while poor performance results in reward that is below target.

Salary ranges for each job band are designed so the middle of the range aligns with median competitive salaries for similar roles at peer companies. Individual salaries are determined by the appropriate manager within these ranges based on an assessment of the scope and mandate of the role and the individual's experience and performance.

Annual incentive and long-term incentive target award levels are based on median competitive practice. Based on plan design, the actual pay-out of incentives varies above and below target based on business results, including an overall measure of risk, and individual performance.

B.1.6.1 Pay mix

The mix of salary, annual incentives and long-term incentives is recommended annually by the WWG Board. This is reviewed, and then approved and adopted by the UK Board, if thought appropriate. This provides executive compensation frameworks for executive level positions. Below executive level, the mix of compensation is based on salary structures, target Annual Incentive Plan ("AIP") levels, Long-term Incentive Plan participation rates and target award levels.

The executive compensation frameworks outline the portion of variable and deferred incentive compensation by position level based on target performance. More senior roles have more compensation that is at-risk, with greater weight placed on long-term incentives which are awarded via a share-based instrument, and promote effective risk management by incentivising sound decision making that is in the interests of the long-term health of the organisation.

B.1.6.2 Pay for performance

Compensation programmes are designed to ensure positive customer outcomes, reflect the financial performance of the SLF UKH Group and WWG, and do not encourage excessive risk taking. All incentive compensation plans are performance based and include appropriate measures of performance over different time horizons for different employee levels.

The AIP measures performance on an annual basis and reflects success in executing against annual financial and non-financial measures aligned to the annual business plan approved by the Board.

Long-term incentives reflect various mid- and long-term performance measures and ensure a substantial portion of compensation is deferred over at least a three-year period. Additional performance vesting criteria are used for more senior executives to align compensation with other measures of long-term value creation and to achieve a wider range of pay outcomes tied to performance.

The proportion of variable pay that is deferred for three years or more is greater for more senior roles.

B.2 Fitness and propriety requirements

B.2.1 Fitness and propriety

Nominated individuals in the business, by virtue of their regulatory designation as a Senior Manager, Certified Function or notified non-executive director (“Notified NED”) are deemed to satisfy fitness and propriety requirements on an ongoing basis through the following processes:

- Prior to the taking up of a new appointment, all Senior Managers, Certified Functions and Notified NEDs are subject to a criminal record check and a regulatory reference check from financial services firms covering the previous six years of employment, including those in overseas jurisdictions;
- Prior to their approval, Senior Managers may be interviewed by one or more of the regulators in order to determine their fitness to perform the role for which they are applying;
- Prior to their appointment, Certified Functions are subject to an appropriate selection process, led by Human Resources (“HR”), which determines their fitness to perform the role for which they are applying;
- Senior Managers, Certified Functions and Notified NEDs are subject to an annual re-assessment of their fitness and propriety. This involves a self-assessment and declaration of their honesty, integrity and financial soundness, followed by a review and sign-off by the CRaCO and Head of HR; and
- Executive Senior Managers and Certified Functions are subject to an ongoing performance assessment by their line managers throughout the year to ensure they remain capable of performing the responsibilities set out in their respective role profiles and performance objectives; unsatisfactory performance serves as a trigger to formally assess their fitness and propriety outside of the annual cycle.

B.2.2 Role requirements

Throughout the organisation, each role has a documented role profile outlining the purpose and key accountabilities of the role and the levels of knowledge, skill and competence required to perform the role, along with any professional examination requirements. Those roles designated as Senior Managers have a Statement of Responsibility that includes their role profile as well as their regulatory designations, their prescribed responsibilities and their delegations.

Any knowledge, skills or examination shortfalls, required to achieve competency for the role must be made clear to the individual at offer and appointment stage. Evidence that this has been actioned is retained in the employee file as appropriate. All offers to Senior Managers are subject to regulatory pre-approval. Development needs may also need to be provided to the regulators as part of the Senior Manager’s approval process.

B.2.3 Performance management

For all employees, on-going competency is evidenced through the annual performance review process and recorded on a performance management system. For each job level, there is a set of competency descriptors.

The Terms of Reference of the Board require that the contributions, effectiveness and performance of each Director, including the Chair of the Board, the Chair of each Board Committee, the Chair of the WPC and the With-Profits Actuary are reviewed annually.

B.2.4 Competencies

During the recruitment process, evidence of the competencies considered critical for the particular role is assessed, in addition to functional knowledge, experience and skill. The robust recruitment process also aims to ensure that there is a good cultural fit between the candidate and the business.

B.3 Risk Management System including the Own Risk and Solvency Assessment

The RMS is an integral element of the system of governance and is consistent with WWG's approach to risk management.

B.3.1 RMS and its components

The Board has defined an RMS to quantify and manage the company's risks and to ensure an appropriate forward-looking focus on emerging risks. The components of the RMS underpinned by our risk culture are:

- Risk strategy;
- Risk universe;
- Risk appetite; and
- Risk management policies and underpinning procedures.

Although the risk universe is broader in scope than that required by the standard formula, the company has considered the impact of the differences in detail and has concluded that it remains appropriate to be regulated as a standard formula company.

The RMS is reviewed annually by the Board and material changes are approved by the Board.

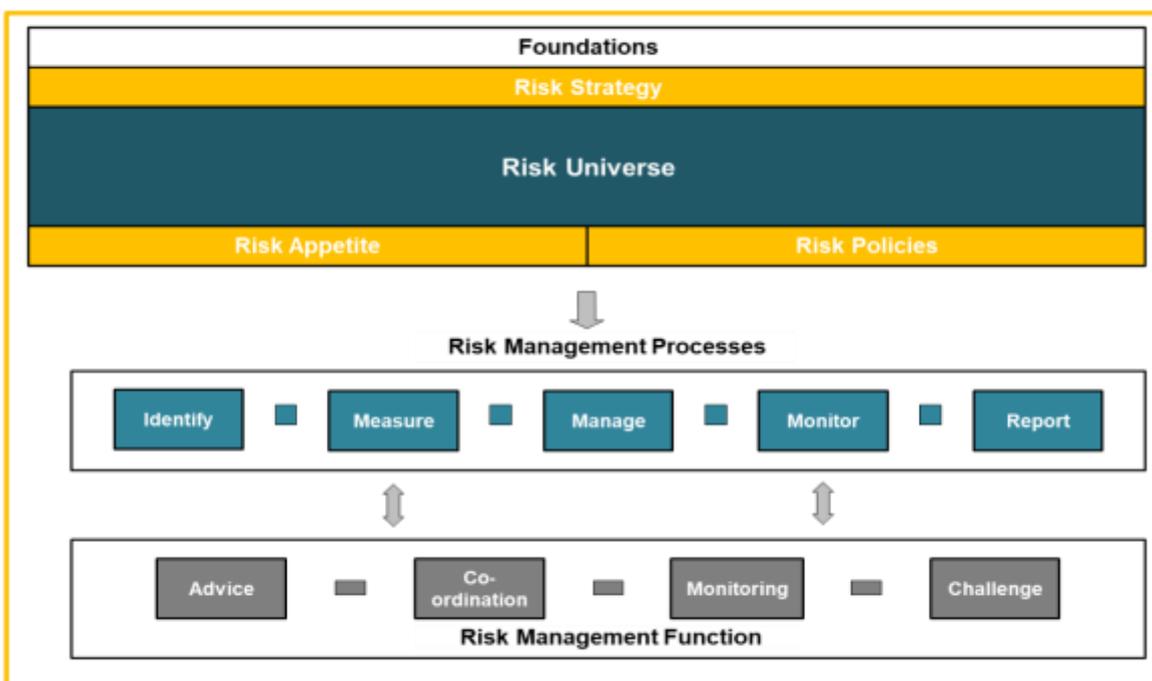
B.3.2 Risk culture

The risk management processes of Identify, Measure, Manage, Monitor and Report ("IMMMR") define the "what" we do to manage risk. For these processes to operate effectively, how they are to be undertaken must also be defined. This is the purpose of the risk culture statement, to create the appropriate atmosphere within which the process can operate effectively. The company's risk culture statement is:

"We speak up, learn from mistakes and manage risks"

In the above, "manage risks" is to be interpreted in the broadest sense, covering both the known and unknown.

Risk Culture



B.3.2.1 Risk strategy

The description of risk strategy below applies from the perspective of the shareholder. The customer lens is addressed within the Board approved customer strategy, which includes consideration of value, and the impact of market movements.

The company risk strategy is to:

- take selected risks to meet customer and business objectives whilst limiting the downside threats;
- protect regulatory capital;
- pay our customer and other commitments on time; and
- maintain our reputation with customers, regulators, shareholder, and employees.

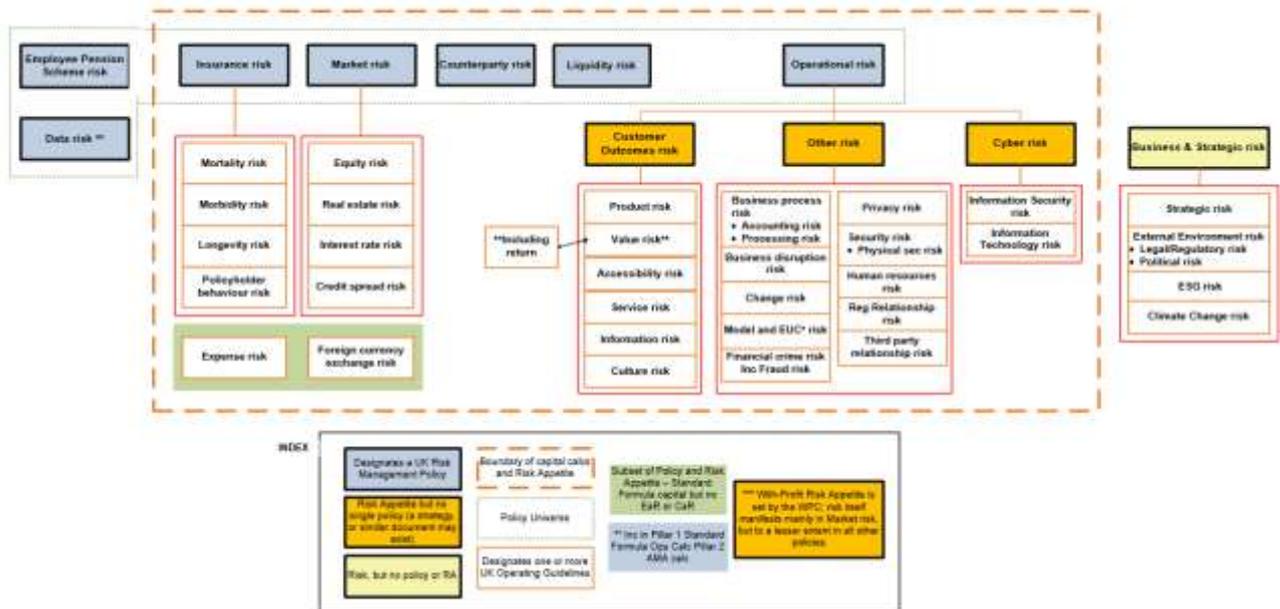
B.3.2.2 Risk universe

The diagram of the risk universe for the company is set out below. The risk universe defines the risks to which the company can be exposed, including customer outcomes risk, from the perspective of the consequent impacts on the company.

Customer outcomes risk, and the effectiveness of the customer strategy, are both measured across six sub-categories.

These risks are discussed further in *Section C. Risk profile*. The IMMRR concepts, as defined in *Section B.3.3 Risk management procedures*, are applied to this risk universe.

The management of the risks within the risk universe is defined by the application of a suite of risk management policies.



ESG risk is Environmental, Social and Governance risk.

B.3.2.3 Risk appetite

On an annual basis, the Risk Committee reviews and approves for onward recommendation to the Board, both the risk appetite statements as set out in this section, and the underpinning thresholds and limits. The Risk function maintains the underpinning methodology from which the risk appetites are derived.

The company seeks to maintain a sufficient capital buffer in excess of the Solvency II 1 in 200 requirement to withstand adverse events and continue to meet its SCR. The buffer capital to withstand the adverse event is calibrated to an annual likelihood of approximately 1 in 20.

The company retains access to sufficient liquid assets to enable it to meet all obligations.

The company understands customer outcomes risk is a consequence of business activities but has a low appetite for it. This is achieved primarily by setting low tolerances for failures arising from all direct and indirect actions of the firm and its employees against six customer outcome principles. These are:

- Product - Our products remain fit for purpose and continue to perform as customers have been led to expect;
- Value - Our products provide customers with value for money. Value includes investment performance and with-profits performance;
- Accessibility - Our customers are able to move from products in a fair and reasonable manner;
- Service - Our service meets customer needs and is of the standard they have been led to expect;
- Information - Our customers are provided with clear and timely information so that they can make informed decisions; and
- Culture - Our strategy, governance and culture requires us to focus on achieving good outcomes for customers.

Operational risk is accepted as a consequence of business activities and is managed to limit the possible exposure to losses from a single event and mitigated as far as possible subject to cost benefit considerations.

Risk appetites for cyber risk are defined across two subcategories:

- Information Security risk – we are willing to assume the risks inherent to Information Security. SLOC UK seeks to minimise the possibility of a material breach of our customers' personally identifiable information or SLOC UK confidential information; and
- IT – we are willing to assume the risk of availability, stability and currency of critical applications. SLOC UK seeks to minimise the possibility of a material disruption to processing and the resultant impact on customers and the business.

Risks, and their position against risk appetite, are reviewed regularly by the directors on both a current and a projected basis. The risk appetite statements are consistent with the definition of business viability and prioritisation set out in the latest business plan. In the event of a conflict between different risk appetite statements, those relating to regulatory solvency and capital ratios will take precedence over those in respect of earnings and dividends.

Any breach of a Board-approved risk appetite threshold or limit must be notified to the Board. Threshold breaches may be notified in the next reporting cycle, whilst limit breaches require immediate notification.

B.3.2.4 Risk management policies

The Risk Function defines the risk policies required as part of the RMS. The Risk Management Policies of the business are aligned to the risk universe, which is maintained by the Risk Function, and are supported by the Business Group Operating Guidelines ("BGOG") and detailed processes as necessary. The Product Governance Framework provides more details on the structure and governance processes for policies and BGOGs.

All material policies are subject to Board approval and regular review by senior management and the Legal, Risk and Internal Audit functions. Compliance with regulation, legal and ethical standards is a high priority for the company.

Risks are assessed on both a gross (inherent) and net (residual) basis. The residual risk position is established by identifying mitigating controls and action plans and assessing their operational effectiveness. Assessments are performed quarterly for primary risks. The Risk Committee reviews the assessments and considers proposals that may adjust the risk profile.

B.3.3 Risk management procedures

The company has developed processes and procedures to identify, measure, manage, monitor and report on all material risks to which it is exposed. The detail of these is contained within a document maintained by the Risk Function.

B.3.4 Prudent Person Principle in relation to investments

The investment strategy is approved by the Board. The risk management aspect of the strategy is operationalised through the application of the Prudent Person Principle. The Principle requires, among other things, SLOC UK to demonstrate that it identifies, measures, monitors, manages, controls and reports on the risks arising from investments, as well as ensuring that assets are invested in a manner that is appropriate given the nature and duration of the liabilities.

SLOC UK has a number of investment policies in place, which contain details of the risk appetite requirements relevant to the investment portfolios. Measurement against key risks is undertaken quarterly as part of the risk control self-assessment process. Using this process, the business (Line 1 functions) assesses itself against key risks. This assessment is then challenged by Line 2 functions. See *Section B.4.1 'Three Lines of Defence'* for descriptions of Line 1 and Line 2.

To ensure the appropriate skill is used to manage the investments, day-to-day management is performed by specialist fund managers. Fund managers are appointed following a rigorous selection process, which is detailed in the Third Party Risk Management Policy, see *Section B.4.6 Operational control*. This includes establishing the regulatory compliance regime that the fund manager has put in place, their "Senior Managers" structure, and their competencies framework that ensures employees are fully qualified for the roles they are performing.

An Investment Management Agreement ("IMA") is in place with each fund manager and these agreements reflect SLOC UK's strategy and risk appetite requirements.

Formal operational meetings take place with the fund managers at regular intervals as part of a rolling, continuous, programme of oversight. The oversight framework includes criteria to define and remediate issues with investment managers, including contract termination, if necessary.

All investments must meet the requirements of the investment guidelines contained within the IMA. These guidelines include a range of investment restrictions covering all aspects of investment including permitted asset classes, single name, industry and rating band limits, designed to ensure diversification, as well as benchmarks and performance targets.

Where the use of derivatives is permitted, it is restricted to efficient portfolio management and risk management.

Any investments that result in one or more of the investment guidelines not being met are reported as a breach.

The Investment Management Committee ("IMC") and the Asset Liability Management Committee ("ALMC"), which form part of the SLOC UK governance framework, are responsible for reporting and remediating any breach relating to their respective areas of responsibility.

All investment managers are required to maintain a policy on conflicts of interest to ensure the following:

- The interests of SLOC UK will not take precedence over the interests of SLOC UK customers in making decisions;
- Investment managers ensure their employee's interests do not conflict with that of SLOC UK or its customers; and
- The interests of other clients of investment managers do not take precedence over the interests of SLOC UK.

B.3.5 ORSA

The term ORSA is generally understood to refer to the entirety of activities, processes and outputs relating to the ORSA.

The ORSA Report is prepared annually and describes how risks that are identified and assessed within the RMS are considered from the perspective of capital on a current and five year forward-looking basis.

The ORSA Report considers the risks arising in the SLF UKH Group. As the regulated entity of the SLF UKH Group, SLOC UK is where all material risk exposure exists.

The ORSA Report reflects the ORSA process and complies with the latest ORSA Policy.

The ORSA Report refers to, and is consistent with, the latest business plan and business strategy, the RMS, and risk appetite statements.

The PRA requires that a director or Senior Manager is allocated the prescribed responsibility T-2 (Performance of the ORSA) under the SMCR. The CRaCO has been allocated this responsibility, which is documented within the company's Management Responsibilities Map and the CRaCO's Statement of Responsibility.

The Risk Committee is responsible for reviewing and recommending the ORSA scenarios and stresses, and the ORSA Report to the Board for approval.

The Board is responsible for oversight and approval of the ORSA Report and material changes to the ORSA Policy. The Board also approves the scenarios and stress tests that will be considered within each regular ORSA.

The operation of the ORSA process provides the Board with an important tool for monitoring and ensuring the business operates within risk appetite, through the operation of robust and transparent risk and capital management practices.

B.4 Internal control system

It is the responsibility of every employee to identify and manage risk. Our governance arrangements strengthen this principle by adding challenge, oversight and independent assurance of risk management in all our business operations. In addition to local regulatory obligations, employees must comply with the WWG corporate governance requirements.

The internal control requirements are set out in the Internal Controls Policy. The functions in scope for this policy are as follows:

- Risk and Compliance;
- Actuarial;
- Finance;
- Operations; and
- Internal Audit.

The Internal Audit function is also governed by the Internal Audit Policy.

B.4.1 Three Lines of Defence

The company has adopted the 'Three Lines of Defence' model of risk management:

- Line 1 - performs day-to-day risk management in business operations.
- Line 2 - proposes the RMS to the Board for approval and monitors compliance with the RMS, undertakes coordination, oversight, monitoring, challenge and advice.
- Line 3 - provides independent assurance.

The model operates within a formalised governance framework in which the Board, assisted by the Risk Committee and ACC, has ultimate accountability for the performance of the business. The

Board and its committees act in good faith to promote the success of the company by having regard to the following where relevant:

- The likely consequences of any decision in the long term.
- The interests of the company's employees.
- The need to foster the company's business relationship with suppliers, customers and others.
- The impact of the company's operations on the community and the environment.
- The desirability of the company maintaining a reputation for high standards of business conduct.

B.4.2 The Compliance function

The Compliance function is responsible for the following:

- Ensuring the company establishes and maintains effective systems and controls for compliance with applicable requirements under the relevant regulatory frameworks;
- Operating a system that is adequately resourced and has unrestricted access to the company's and SLF UKH Group's relevant records, as well as ultimate recourse to the company's Board;
- Maintaining compliance with the WWG Corporate Compliance Risk Management Policy; and
- Maintaining compliance with the company's Fraud Risk Management Operating Guideline.

B.4.3 The Risk function

The Risk function sets the system within which risks are identified and reported.

The Risk function is responsible for the following:

- Establishing the RMS, which includes an internal controls framework for use in the assessment, measurement and reporting of risk;
- Reviewing the RMS annually to ensure that the design remains effective and compliant with all relevant internal and external requirements;
- Providing assurance on the effectiveness of the RMS as utilised by Line 1 in the ownership, management and reporting of risk within the SLF UKH Group;
- Maintaining the engagement model to manage the interaction between Lines 1 and 2 and to ensure that the Risk and Compliance functions remain appropriate to the changing size of the business;
- Ensuring that an appropriate challenge process is in place over the Risk and Controls Self-Assessment process;

The Risk function will provide detailed reporting on risk exposures and advice on risk management matters including strategy, mergers and acquisitions, major projects and investments.

B.4.4 Internal Controls over Financial Reporting ("ICFR")

The ICFR programme is a fully developed set of procedures for identifying, monitoring and reporting internal controls within the financial reporting process. It supports the attestations that the UK CEO and UK CFO must provide for reporting to the WWG. This work is undertaken by the Internal Audit team.

B.4.5 Ownership of processes

SLOC UK has processes and procedures for undertaking the required prudential solvency assessment (including regulatory reporting) and for financial reporting purposes. This includes a description and definition of roles and responsibilities of the people involved and the relevant models.

The Finance function, with support from the Actuarial and Tax functions, takes ownership of the processes and procedures needed to undertake financial reporting. The valuation of assets and liabilities for solvency reporting purposes is owned by the Actuarial function, supported by the Finance and Tax functions.

B.4.6 Operational control

Operational controls cover a number of areas including Investments, Outsource Management, IT, HR and Legal.

The controls around the investment processes are documented in the investment-related policies covering credit risk management, liquidity risk management, asset liability management and market risk management. The management of operational risk is governed by the Operational Risk Management Policy.

The SLOC UK business model places significant reliance on outsourcing and therefore the outsourcing processes and the governance and control of outsourcing risks are key components of the internal control system.

The Third Party Risk Management Policy details the activity to be undertaken prior to entering into an outsourcing agreement, and the oversight and control activities required during the lifetime of an outsourcing arrangement. This dictates that SLOC UK must establish a contractual right to information about the outsourced activities and a contractual right to issue instructions concerning the outsourced activities.

Key outsourcing arrangements are described in *Section B.7 Outsourcing*.

B.4.7 System and data control

SLOC UK's systems take account of applicable data requirements, provide for appropriate security controls and define requirements in respect of access to hardware, systems and data, so as to maintain the integrity of records and information and thereby protect the interests of all stakeholders. This includes planning and controls designed to maintain business continuity.

System and data controls are addressed in the Data Governance Policy and the Operational Risk Policy.

B.4.8 Control activities

Control activities are the policies and procedures that set out the rules, principles and requirements of the organisation. Control activities occur throughout the organisation, at all levels and in all functions.

The control activities in SLOC UK include approvals, authorisations, verifications, reconciliations, management reviews, appropriate measurements applicable to each business area, physical controls, checking for compliance with agreed exposure limits and operating guidelines and follow-ups on identified areas of non-compliance. The control activities are proportionate to the risks identified from the controlled activities and processes. Different levels of approval or authorisation

are required for various business activities; these are documented in the procedures and guidelines covering each function or activity.

The internal control system ensures that any areas of potential conflicts of interest are identified and managed appropriately.

B.5 Internal Audit function

B.5.1 Internal Audit implementation

The UK Internal Audit annual plan is approved by the ACC and the Board each year and subject to progress reporting at each ACC meeting. The UK Internal Audit team is part of the WWG Internal Audit function and operates in accordance with the overall WWG Statement of Mandate, Responsibility and Authority, which ensures consistency of approach and working practices.

An Internal Audit Policy is established for the UK, annually reviewed, and material changes are approved by the Board. This incorporates the WWG mandate and specifically references the role and responsibilities, independence and scope of work of the UK Internal Audit function.

The Internal Audit function operates in accordance with the Institute of Internal Audit's internationally recognised professional standards. The UK Internal Audit function also observes the Chartered Institute of Internal Audit (UK)'s code of practice for internal audit in financial services.

A WWG audit manual governs the day-to-day working practices and methodology applied within Internal Audit supported by a centralised professional practices group.

B.5.2 Internal Audit independence

The independence of the UK Internal Audit function is achieved through organisational structure and reporting lines. The Head of Internal Audit (UK) reports to the Chair of the ACC (functionally) and to the Chief Auditor (administratively).

B.6 Actuarial function

During the reporting period, the Actuarial function coordinated the calculation of technical provisions and capital requirements on both Pillar 1 and Pillar 2 bases. Various mechanisms were employed to ensure these were determined appropriately:

- A Model and End User Computing Risk Management Policy was followed under which material models are independently reviewed periodically to ensure both the appropriateness of the methodologies and assumptions used and the accuracy of the calculations. More frequent reviews are carried out for models of greater materiality. Additionally, the material methodologies used in the determination of technical provisions by the Actuarial function are reviewed by a cross-functional technical management group prior to their use. The Actuarial function conducted appropriate experience investigations to develop proposals for assumptions, which are subject to Board approval.
- The Data Governance Policy was followed to ensure the data used to calculate technical provisions and capital requirements is materially appropriate, complete and accurate.
- Assumptions used in each quarterly Pillar 1 valuation and each Pillar 2 valuation were documented and appropriate checks were carried out to ensure these assumptions were correctly entered into the actuarial models.

- An analysis of change exercise was carried out at each quarterly Pillar 1 valuation and each Pillar 2 valuation to identify the sources of movements. Additionally, this exercise provided a further check on the accuracy of the calculations and the appropriateness of the assumptions and methodology used.

The Actuarial function has monitoring systems in place to estimate the Pillar 1 and Pillar 2 coverage in the intermediate period between full valuations. Various reporting and stress-testing exercises were also carried out on Solvency II and IFRS bases.

The Actuarial function is responsible for the measurement and monitoring of insurance and market risks. Data is captured at least quarterly as part of the risk measurement process and draws upon the valuation and capital assessments described above. Additionally, the operational risks inherent within the Actuarial function are assessed on a quarterly basis as part of the same process.

To support the Actuarial function's responsibility to contribute to effective risk management, the function also carried out the following activities over the reporting period:

- Developing recommendations for bonus rates on the with-profits business, as well as other aspects of with-profits management;
- Investigations into the asset and liability matching position and other areas of investment risk such as credit exposure and concentration risk to help ensure investment risk exposures remained within defined risk appetite limits;
- Investigations into expense and demographic experience; and
- Investigations into the reinsurance exposures to assess the adequacy of the reinsurance arrangements.

B.7 Outsourcing

B.7.1 The outsourcing model

Certain activities are outsourced where customer or business needs can be better met, or provide improved financial results, without exposure to unnecessary risk or detrimental impact to the customer.

With this primary objective in mind, outsourcing will be considered for reasons such as these listed below:

- To realise cost savings and allow better control of costs by converting fixed costs into variable costs;
- To enable management to concentrate on core activities;
- To allow management to concentrate on service (quality and cost) rather than the management of resources delivering the service;
- To provide access to the wider expertise and / or specialist knowledge of a service provider;
- To increase flexibility where there are fluctuations in demand, or the service is required on an irregular basis; and
- To enable better access to technology without capital investment.

The Third Party Risk Management Policy is described in *Section B.4.6 Operational control*.

B.7.2 Fund administration and global custody

Fund administration and global custody are primarily outsourced to State Street Bank & Trust Company (“State Street”). The fund administration for a small block of private funds business is outsourced to Diligenta Limited (“Diligenta”), having transferred from Capita Life and Pensions Regulated Services Limited (“Capita”) on 22 November 2021. Property fund administration is outsourced to abrdn Investments Limited. These outsourcers are located in the UK.

B.7.3 Life, pension and annuity servicing outsourcing

All life and pensions servicing, plus the support services and facilities required to perform the services are outsourced to a single L&P OSP, Diligenta. The policies previously serviced by Capita were transferred to Diligenta on 22 November 2021. Annuity servicing is outsourced to EQ, Paymaster (1836) Limited. These outsourcers are located in the UK.

B.7.4 Actuarial services

Actuarial activity relating to financial reporting and capital assessment is outsourced to Towers Watson Limited. This encompasses model development, modelling, analysis and reporting of results. This outsourcer is located in the UK.

B.7.5 Asset liability management services provided by the WWG

Asset liability management services are categorised as outsourcing arrangements as these services are sourced under a formal contract with SLACC, Canada. This includes service requirements, reporting requirements, and oversight and exit provisions. The service is provided partially by UK based personnel who report to the WWG Asset Liability Management function and are supported by additional WWG personnel within the WWG Asset Liability Management function. The agreement stipulates compliance with the UK regulatory regime. The ultimate responsibility for asset liability management is retained by the Chief Actuary of SLOC UK.

B.7.6 Investment operational services provided by the International Investment Centre (“IIC”), part of Sun Life Capital Management (Canada) Inc. (“SLC”)

Investment operational services are categorised as outsourcing arrangements as these services are sourced under a formal contract with SLC. This includes service requirements, reporting requirements, and oversight and exit provisions. The service is provided by Canada-based personnel. The ultimate responsibility for the services provided by the IIC is retained by the CFO of SLOC UK.

B.7.7 Compliance monitoring

In 2021, the company engaged the services of Bovill Limited, a specialist financial services regulatory consultancy, to deliver the compliance assurance (Line 2 monitoring reviews) plan, previously executed internally by the Controls Assurance Team. This outsourcer is located in the UK. Ultimate responsibility for compliance activities is retained by the CRaCO.

B.8 Any other information

In addition to our principal outsourcing arrangements discussed above, and in common with other WWG business groups, the SLF UKH Group receives some centralised services from its corporate parent, defined as 'intra-group service provisions'. These arrangements are typically central IT services supplied consistently across the WWG, creating economies of scale, and are subject to corporate-wide risk management procedures that may not always be achievable through outsourced arrangements with other providers. A charge back for each itemised intra-group service provision is made to the SLF UKH Group, and the service standards are set according to WWG policy that is appropriately modified to meet the local requirements of the SLF UKH Group where necessary.

Under this arrangement, the WWG IT team standardises all IT global infrastructure for all businesses within the WWG in line with WWG IT policies and standards. On a simplified basis, the model works, from the centre out, as follows:

- The WWG contracts with various third-party suppliers for provision of core IT services being distributed to the UK office. The WWG centrally owns, manages and maintains these contracts. As an example, the WWG IT team has contracted with Microsoft for the management, support and maintenance of the Global email platform, which is a core service.
- Distribution to the UK of applications and software is undertaken by centrally managed distribution software and technology. Licensing to the UK is undertaken by a WWG centralised licensing team.
- Charges for the provision of IT services are charged to the UK based on volume, utilisation and licensing requirements.

These centrally distributed IT services are significant and therefore SLOC UK also retains a UK based IT team. This team is led by an IT manager of senior grade and is responsible for:

- all UK based services;
- the business continuity programme, including disaster recovery arrangements;
- oversight of WWG centralised services and third-party outsourced IT arrangements; and
- ensuring the cyber-resilience of the business and reporting to the IT and Cyber Resilience Management Committee.

C. Risk profile

The risk profile of the SLF UKH Group is not materially different from that of SLOC UK.

C.1 Underwriting risk

For Solvency II Pillar 1, the undiversified capital requirement for life underwriting risk as at 31 December 2022 was £110 million (2021: £118 million). The most significant underwriting risks contributing to this are lapse risk and expense risk making up £66 million and £30 million respectively (2021: £77 million and £25 million).

C.1.1 Lapse risk

Lapse risk arises for profitable contracts because higher than anticipated lapses will result in reduced future expected profit. Lapse risk also arises on non-profitable contracts, e.g. contracts with options and guarantees where lower than anticipated lapses lead to a higher take up rate resulting in reduced profit. Expense diseconomies of scale arising from the risk of increased lapses has been largely mitigated by an expense indemnity agreement as described in *Section C.1.5 Material underwriting risk mitigation techniques*.

Control and monitoring of lapse risk

Lapse experience is monitored regularly across the business, as are other metrics that could be considered early warning signals for a potential change in lapse rates, e.g. customer service metrics.

C.1.2 Expense risk

Expense risk arises because any future increased costs of policy administration (either outsourcer costs or internal governance expenses) or investment management expenses immediately increases technical provisions. Internal governance expense risk has been partially mitigated by an expense indemnity agreement as described in *Section C.1.5 Material underwriting risk mitigation techniques*.

Control and monitoring of expense risk

Internal governance expenses are carefully managed and expenses relating to outsourcing arrangements are set under the contractual arrangements in place. Expense variances against plan are monitored on a monthly basis.

Management and the Board are cognisant of the potential for increases in unit expenses over time when measured on a per in-force policy basis, particularly given the decision to exit new business and the resulting reduction of in-force policy count that will occur over time. The outsourcing contracts provide protection against this risk as they are variable in line with policy count, with an allowance for inflation, or assets under management as appropriate. Expense management is a key area of management attention.

C.1.3 Longevity risk

Longevity risk on the annuity and Guaranteed Annuity Option (“GAO”) business is reinsured as described in *Section C.1.5 Material underwriting risk mitigation techniques*. Longevity risk is retained in relation to the staff pension scheme and pension policies with GAOs that are not covered by a reinsurance treaty.

Control and monitoring of longevity risk

Following the reinsurance of the annuity and GAO business, longevity risk is much reduced. However, trends in longevity are regularly monitored in order to understand the ceded risk before reinsurance and the value of the reinsurance.

C.1.4 Concentrations of underwriting risk

Underwriting risk comes from a wide variety of industry standard product types, which originated from several different insurance companies acquired in the past e.g. Lincoln Assurance Limited and Confederation Life Insurance Company (“CLIC”). These operated in several geographical areas and were sold through different sales channels leading to a diverse underwriting risk portfolio.

Therefore, the populations covered are relatively diverse and there is little concentration of underwriting risk.

C.1.5 Material underwriting risk mitigation techniques

Material reinsurance treaties

There is an annuity treaty with the Bermuda Branch of SLACC (“Sun Life Bermuda”), which transfers all risks other than expense risk. The SLOC UK business incepted prior to 31 December 2008 is subject to a cap on payments, which is covered by a stop loss treaty with SLACC.

A third treaty covers the GAOs of SLOC UK arising from unit-linked pensions policies originally written by CLIC and is with Sun Life Bermuda.

Other reinsurance treaties

There are various treaties with other reinsurers covering mortality, longevity, income protection, critical illness and various other smaller benefits.

The continued effectiveness of the reinsurance programme is ensured through the risk management activities described in *Section B.3.3 Risk management procedures*, whereby retained risks (i.e. those not reinsured) are identified, measured, managed, monitored and reported.

Staff pension scheme insurance buy-in

The trustees of the defined benefit staff pension scheme have implemented two buy-in insurance contracts. The first, in 2018, insured the majority of pensions in payment. The second, in 2021, insured newly retired members and the majority of deferred members. A small group of members in other European Economic Area (“EEA”) countries were insured through a buy-out in 2020. Over 90% of the scheme liabilities are insured.

Expense indemnity agreement

The company entered into an expense indemnity agreement with SLACC, effective for 30 years from 1 January 2019. The indemnity agreement sets a cap on the level of governance expenses per policy, increasing with inflation. Under the agreement, governance expenses above the cap are reimbursed to the company by SLACC. The indemnity agreement provides protection against expense shocks and diseconomies of scale.

C.1.6 Underwriting risk stresses

The standard formula approach is used for assessing all underwriting risks. The risks are quantified by stressing the liabilities for each stress. Lapse risk is assessed as the most onerous of (i) allowing for lapses and surrenders to be 50% higher or 50% lower than the best estimate assumptions, and (ii) allowing for a mass lapse event. The mass lapse result is currently the most onerous.

For with-profits business, provided there are sufficiently large future discretionary benefits, it is assumed reductions in surplus from stresses will be offset by reductions in future discretionary bonuses (with no allowance for any timing effects from the delay in acting to reduce bonuses). This means that the stress net of management actions for with-profits business has minimal impact on the company.

The underwriting risk stresses are as follows:

£ million	Net SCR (including the loss-absorbing capacity of technical provisions)	Gross SCR (excluding the loss-absorbing capacity of technical provisions)
Mortality risk	7	11
Longevity risk	-	2
Disability-morbidity risk	6	6
Life-expense risk	30	34
Lapse risk	66	66
Life catastrophe risk	1	1
Diversification within module	(22)	(26)
Total capital requirement for underwriting risk	88	94

C.2 Market risk

C.2.1 Background

Market risk arises from fluctuations in values of, or income from, assets, interest rates and exchange rates. The investment strategy, covered in *Sections C.2.2 Equity risk to C.2.6 Concentration risk*, mitigates this risk and is approved by the Board and implemented by the IMC and ALMC.

Investment mandates are outsourced to third parties in order to access the wider expertise and specialist knowledge of service providers and realise cost savings. The investment managers are required to comply with the detailed investment guidelines and policies as defined in their respective IMAs. See *Section B.4.3 Prudent Person Principle in relation to investments* for more details of the outsourcing arrangements.

C.2.2 Equity risk

A material proportion of income is derived from fee income from unit-linked funds (primarily invested in equities). Although risks and rewards of equity performance in unit-linked funds are passed through to the customer, a change in value of equity markets will cause proportionate changes in fee income because it is linked to the value of assets under management, which also affects the cost of providing GAO guarantees and loyalty bonus units.

The SLOC With-Profits Fund holds equities in order to increase policyholder returns.

C.2.3 Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk arises mainly from mismatches between the non-linked liabilities and the assets used to match those liabilities. Where possible, attempts are made to minimise this risk by matching the duration of liabilities as closely as possible across the interest rate curve. A range of matching approaches is used depending on the product and the size of liabilities. Interest rate risk is further mitigated by the Solvency II hedge as described in *Section C.6 Other material risks*.

The IMA's investment guidelines detail tolerances across the term structure of the liability profile that the manager is required to match. The investment guidelines comply with internal policies and operating guidelines and are reviewed annually.

GAO liabilities are a significant source of interest rate risk; however, the majority of this has been reinsured to Sun Life Bermuda as described in *Section C.1.5 Material underwriting risk mitigation techniques*. The derivatives strategy is managed on behalf of the reinsurers.

C.2.4 Currency risk

Where non-sterling assets are bought, their cash flows are hedged back into sterling within the non-linked business but not necessarily within the with-profits or unit-linked funds. Currency movements will cause proportionate changes in fee income because it is linked to the value of assets under management, which also affect the cost of providing GAO guarantees and loyalty bonus units. Currency risk is not considered a material risk component of the SCR and no risk appetite is set.

C.2.5 Property risk

A small proportion of the unit-linked funds invest in property, so fee income is exposed to fluctuations in the valuation of underlying properties. This is not material.

A proportion of the assets backing with-profits business is invested in property.

C.2.6 Concentration of risks

The largest market risks arise from risks to fee income from unit-linked funds. Unit-linked products are invested in a variety of funds within different sectors, geographical areas and managers. This diversification means it is believed there are no material concentrations of equity risk, apart from having exposure to the overall asset class.

Suitable diversification limits are maintained in investment guidelines and operating guidelines to ensure minimal concentration risk arising from single name, sector, issue proportion and / or rating exposure. A market risk concentration stress is performed and the low value for this confirms that there is no material concentration to particular counterparties.

C.2.7 Market risk stress tests and scenario analysis

The standard formula approach is used for assessing market risk.

For with-profits business, provided there are sufficiently large future discretionary benefits to cover this, it is assumed reductions in surplus from stresses will be offset by reductions in future discretionary bonuses (with no allowance for any timing effects from the delay in acting to reduce bonuses). This means that the stress net of management actions for with-profits business has minimal impact on the company.

The projection of liabilities considers the change in asset values relevant to the scenario or stress being tested.

The market risk stresses are as follows:

£ million	Net SCR (including the loss-absorbing capacity of technical provisions)	Gross SCR (excluding the loss-absorbing capacity of technical provisions)
Interest rate risk		
interest rate up shock	13	17
Equity risk		
type 1 equities	47	77
type 2 equities	7	7
Property risk	3	10
Spread risk		
bonds and loans	18	29
Market risk concentrations	7	9
Currency risk	22	35
Diversification within module	(36)	(53)
Total capital requirement for market risk	81	131

Interest rate risk

Interest rate shocks are specified by the standard formula.

Analytic data from each bond (such as duration and convexity) is used to capture the response of the market value of the security to the underlying market variable of the stress.

The stressed yield / discount rate curves and, where relevant, post-shock unit prices are used to calculate the stressed value of assets.

Products modelled stochastically are revalued using an Economic Scenario Generator recalibrated to the stressed conditions.

For non-linked business modelled using the conventional models, flat yields are used for valuation. The stressed liabilities for these products are calculated by increasing (or decreasing) the base flat rate.

The interest rate stresses are calculated as the change in own funds.

Equity risk

Equity stresses are specified by the standard formula. The equity stress is calculated by aggregating together stresses on two types of equities.

Type 1 equities are equities listed in regulated markets in the countries which are members of the EEA or the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development ("OECD").

Type 2 equities are equities listed in stock exchanges in countries which are not members of the EEA or the OECD, equities which are not listed, private equities, hedge funds, commodities and other alternative investments.

As a simplification, the type 2 equity stress is also applied to all investments where a look-through approach is not possible and information is not available as to what stress should apply to the asset. For significant holdings in external collective investment funds, the investment mandates are used to derive the asset stresses.

Shocks are applied separately for the two types of equity. The value is calculated for the assets in both the non-linked and the unit-linked funds in the event of each shock.

The type 1 and type 2 equity stresses are calculated as the change in own funds. They are aggregated together using the standard formula's equity correlation matrix.

Property risk

A 25% shock is applied to the value of all property investments in both the non-linked and the unit-linked funds.

The property stress is calculated as the change in own funds.

Concentration risk

Concentration risk stress amounts are calculated using asset data only and, to avoid double counting, excludes assets covered by the counterparty default risk calculation.

Currency risk

Currency stresses are specified by the standard formula.

The currency risk stress applied depends on the exposure to the foreign currency. The exposure of a foreign currency is equal to the market value of the assets denominated in the foreign currency less the best estimate of the liabilities denominated in the same foreign currency.

The main risk is due to the capitalised effect of lost management fees on policyholder unit funds invested in overseas currency. The business also has euro-denominated liabilities and it has been calculated that overall solvency would be more adversely affected by a rise than a fall in the value of the euro.

A 25% decrease in the value of assets is applied to the value of all investments in currencies other than sterling.

Stresses to be applied to unit prices for the unit-linked funds (applying look-through as far as possible) are calculated and are used with the standard assumptions in order to calculate stressed values for the liabilities.

The currency stress is calculated as the change in own funds.

C.3 Credit risk

Credit risk profile

Credit risk includes the risk of losses arising from credit migrations, changes in credit spreads or default of counterparties. The key credit risk exposures are as follows:

- Fixed income securities - exposure to losses from credit migrations, changes in credit spreads or defaults;
- Derivative trades - default of trade counterparties partially mitigated through collateral and margin arrangements; and
- Reinsurance arrangements - default of reinsurance counterparties.

The management of credit risk is governed by internal policies such as the Asset Liability Management and Market Risk Management Policy and the Credit Risk Management Policy. The ALMC is responsible for overseeing and managing credit risk and credit exposures facing the company and ensuring that credit risk management policies and controls are in place. The ALMC meets at least four times a year.

Management of credit risk – fixed income securities

SLC manages the investments in fixed income securities for the non-linked business. As at 31 December 2022, £2.4 billion of fixed income securities were held in the non-linked business (2021: £3.3 billion).

The appetite for credit risk and how it will be managed is articulated to the investment manager via the contractually binding investment guidelines attached to the IMAs. Investment guidelines are reviewed annually before being approved by the IMC for unit-linked business or the ALMC for non-linked business and, if appropriate, the reinsurer. The appropriate level of credit risk for each type of product will vary depending upon the risk appetite and the nature of the product (e.g. with-profits, annuities).

The investment guidelines include restrictions relating to the following:

- The average credit rating of the portfolios;
- Exposures to lower rated credit exposures;
- Exposures to single counterparties, associated counterparty groupings and sectors;
- The proportion of an issue that can be bought; and
- The origin of issuers.

Investment managers are required to provide detailed reports and attestations at least quarterly to demonstrate compliance with the investment guidelines. These detailed reports are reviewed at regular operational governance meetings with the investment managers.

In order to identify and mitigate potential credit losses, the ALMC also records and reviews, on a list of credits causing concern, specific securities that are identified by bond analysts as having a higher risk of default.

As described in *Section C.1.5 Material underwriting risk mitigation techniques*, the reinsurance treaties with SLACC cover all risks other than expense risk. As described below in the *Section Management of reinsurance counterparty default risk*, the reinsurer is required to deposit back assets in respect of these treaties. £1.8 billion, or 75% (2021: £2.4 billion, or 75%), of the total fixed income securities relate to assets deposited back and therefore, for these securities, the only exposure is to default by the reinsurance counterparty.

Management of credit risk – derivative trades

SLOC UK has a derivative portfolio to hedge material economic risks, such as those relating to GAOs. Where business is reinsured with other companies in the WWG, the derivative performance is passed on to the reinsurer. As at 31 December 2022, the derivatives in SLOC UK's non-linked business had a total market value of £(32.1) million (2021: £(46.2) million) and a total notional value of £0.8 billion (2021: £1.1 billion).

£(27.8) million (2021: £(49.8) million) of the total market value is for derivatives cleared through a central clearing counterparty ("cleared derivatives"). As at 31 December 2022, SLOC UK's non-linked

business pledged initial margin of £45.1 million (2021: £42.8 million) in respect of these cleared derivatives, all of which was gilts.

For uncleared derivatives, SLOC UK is exposed to losses from the default of the derivative counterparty if the derivative is in the money. In order to mitigate this risk, SLOC UK exchanges collateral on a daily basis. The exchange of collateral is governed by market standard International Swaps and Derivatives Association and Credit Support Annex agreements with each counterparty. SLOC UK also complies with the requirements of the European Market Infrastructure Regulation. The market value of derivatives and collateral is monitored regularly by the ALMC. As at 31 December 2022, SLOC UK's non-reinsured, non-linked business received an aggregate collateral balance of £(0.4) million (2021: nil) in respect of uncleared derivatives with £0.1 million total market value (2021: £0.03 million).

The reinsured business covers its own collateral requirements for uncleared derivatives, which are not supported by SLOC UK. As at 31 December 2022, SLOC UK's reinsured business pledged an aggregate collateral balance of £16.5 million, all of which was gilts (2021: received £(5.2) million, all of which was cash), in respect of uncleared derivatives with £(4.4) million total market value (2021: £3.6 million).

Derivatives where other WWG companies act as counterparty are not required to be collateralised.

Management of reinsurance counterparty default risk

As described in *Section C.1.5 Material underwriting risk mitigation techniques*, SLOC UK has entered into reinsurance agreements with other entities in the WWG. In order to limit counterparty credit exposure, the reinsurer is required to deposit back investments approximating to the value of the reserves of the reinsured business.

The deposit back funds hold investments approximating to the IFRS reserves requirement, and the amount is recognised on the SLOC UK balance sheet and is presented as 'deposits received from reinsurers'. The Solvency II value was £1,865 million as at 31 December 2022 (2021: £2,756 million), this is different to the value under IFRS due to a difference in valuation of private debt securities held, as noted in *Section D.3.1 Deposits from reinsurers*.

In addition to the deposit back funds, SLOC UK can make use of a Secured Custody Account ("SCA"). Where further deposits are required to meet thresholds with respect to Solvency II reserves, the reinsurer deposits additional funds into the SCA. The SCA is not recognised on the SLOC UK balance sheet. Use of the SCA isolates the deposit back fund from potentially significant fluctuations arising from changes in Solvency II reserves, resulting in efficient and flexible use of WWG capital. No funds were held in the SCA at 31 December 2022 (2021: nil).

Each quarter the reserves and the funds held in the arrangements are reviewed and the reinsurer is obliged to top up the deposit back fund and / or the SCA to the required level if necessary.

Should the credit rating of the reinsurer fall below a certain limit, the treaties have provisions for automatic recaptures.

Management information, including commentary on all reinsurance arrangements entered into, is produced annually for submission and discussion at the Risk Committee.

SLOC UK has significant counterparty exposure to SLACC, particularly in respect of the deterioration of SLOC UK's capital position that would occur should SLACC become financially impaired, necessitating recapture of these agreements. Whilst substantial diminution of the financial capacity of SLACC appears to be a remote possibility at present, the risk is managed through collateralisation

of the arrangements and a contingency plan that aims to remove or reduce the unwanted risks on recapture.

The optimal strategy depends on the market and regulatory environment as well as SLOC UK's longer-term strategic objectives at the time such options are considered.

Material credit risk concentrations within SLOC UK and how they are managed

SLOC UK has no material credit risk concentrations.

Credit risk concentrations are assessed by allocating sector and single issuer names to fixed interest securities. This enables credit risk exposures to be aggregated across the lines of business.

Restrictions are then placed on the exposures to a single issue, single issuers and single sectors to ensure appropriate diversification. For example, SLC manages the corporate bonds held in the non-linked business, with the following restrictions in the investment guidelines:

- A maximum investment of 30% in any one sector;
- A requirement to ensure exposure to five distinct sectors to ensure diversification;
- A maximum investment in any one issuer name (varies between 3% - 5% across the business);
- A maximum investment of 10% in a single bond at purchase date. For public issues, no new purchases unless the available issue size is at least £100m; and
- A maximum exposure of 5% to sub investment grade debt (below BBB-). No new purchases permitted.

The largest single issuer exposures and all sector exposures are reported in the quarterly investment reports which are reviewed by the ALMC.

SLOC UK executes derivative trades with a number of high quality derivative counterparties to ensure diversification and reduce credit risk concentration.

Credit risk mitigation techniques

SLOC UK invests in credit default swaps to mitigate credit risk in the non-linked business. As at 31 December 2022, the credit default swaps had a total market value of £1.3 million (2021: £2.0 million) and a total notional value of £74.0 million (2021: £16.8 million). The credit default swaps are held for the purposes of hedging and efficient portfolio management only, as required by the IMA, and the positions are monitored for compliance with the IMA on a monthly basis.

Credit risk stress tests and scenario analysis

Spread risk

Under the Pillar 1 standard formula, the capital requirement for spread risk is the sum of three capital requirements: the capital requirement for the spread risk of bonds and loans other than mortgage loans, the capital requirement for the spread risk on securitisations and the capital requirement for credit derivatives.

The spread risk sub-module covers credit derivatives that are not held as part of a recognised risk mitigation policy.

The stresses applied to each security are dependent on the asset's credit rating.

The spread stress figures are calculated from the change in own funds.

The impact of this stress was £18 million net of the loss absorbing capacity of the technical provisions (2021: £17 million). Under Pillar 1 standard formula, spread risk is included with the market risks not within counterparty default risk.

Counterparty risk

Reinsurance, derivative and deposit counterparty risk is stressed in this module. Other counterparties are stressed with the market concentration calculation. It is calculated using the standard formula.

For with-profits business, provided there are sufficiently large future discretionary benefits to absorb the risk, it is assumed reductions in surplus from stresses will be offset by reductions in bonuses (with no allowance for any timing effects from the delay in acting to reduce bonuses). This means that the stress net of management actions will be zero on with-profits business.

No unrated exposures or type 2 exposures due for more than three months currently appear in the counterparty default risk calculation for SLOC UK.

C.4 Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that a given security or asset cannot be traded quickly without incurring a loss.

C.4.1 Liquidity profile

SLOC UK is shown to have sufficient liquidity to be able to meet all of its obligations under reasonably foreseeable conditions, and in modelled extreme adverse circumstances.

C.4.2 Objectives of liquidity management

Liquidity is managed to achieve the following goals:

- All cash outflow commitments should be honoured as they fall due; and
- The forced sale of assets, the need to borrow funds at high rates, and excess liquidity should be avoided.

C.4.3 Liquidity / cash management at the fund level

In normal circumstances, the basic measure of liquidity risk - the 'liquidity ratio' - is the value of available liquid assets divided by the expected liquidity requirements cash outflows arising from liabilities and other commitments.

Under these circumstances, we would expect to have extremely secure cover for cash flow commitments. This is because expected outflows are matched to a large extent by expected income. Additionally, it should be possible to sell a reasonable proportion of the investments at market value (or close to) to raise additional cash at any time.

In addition, a run-on-the-bank liquidity ratio ensures that sufficient liquidity is available in unforeseen stress to pay a large amount of immediate policyholder withdrawals as a result of loss of consumer confidence.

Safeguards are in place to ensure that the liquidity position under normal conditions remains satisfactory. These include regular monitoring of the cash positions and cash flow requirements.

The level of liquid assets required for each fund is set by reference to a liquidity ratio, which is monitored on an on-going basis by the ALMC.

C.4.4 Liquidity risk appetite

SLOC UK liquidity risk appetite thresholds and limits are designed to support the liquidity needs of the SLOC UK business and ensure that it can withstand the worst-case liquidity scenario for the period in question.

Cash, cash equivalents and some short-term securities are classified as liquid assets for the one-month and three-month liquidity ratios. Additionally, other short-term securities and UK government bonds are classified as liquid assets for the twelve-month ratio.

The run-on-the-bank ratio incorporates all assets but allows for a liquidity adjustment to recognise a loss in value in the stressed scenario.

The table includes the liquidity ratios calculated at 31 December 2022:

	Threshold	Limit	2022
Liquidity ratios (non-profit business)			
- one-month	375%	125%	2,074%
- three-month	675%	N/A	1,866%
- twelve-month	150%	125%	351%
- one-month run-on-the-bank ratio	125%	100%	287%
Liquidity ratios (with-profits business)			
- one-month	425%	175%	740%
- twelve-month	155%	125%	166%
- one-month run-on-the-bank ratio	125%	100%	217%

C.4.5 Unit-linked funds

Cash balances are maintained and monitored to meet policyholder flows as they arise. This is overseen by the IMC.

C.4.6 Liquidity Contingency Plan (“LCP”)

SLOC UK has formulated an LCP to assist it in managing a liquidity crisis event should one occur. The assessment of a liquidity crisis would consider both quantitative and qualitative factors, both internally to the company and external. The LCP covers customer services, public relations, investment and liquidation of assets, and is reviewed regularly by the ALMC.

Currently there are no areas of material liquidity risk concentration within SLOC UK. Sufficiently high liquidity ratios are maintained to ensure SLOC UK has sufficient assets available to pay claims as and when they fall due.

Solvency II Pillar 1 results confirm liquidity risk is very low within SLOC UK and no capital is required to meet this risk.

C.4.7 Controlling and monitoring liquidity risk

The nature of the business and the assets being held means liquidity risk has not been a major concern for SLOC UK. Nonetheless, SLOC UK monitors one-month, run-on-the-bank, three-month and twelve-month liquidity ratios quarterly against risk appetite.

C.4.8 Expected profit included in future premiums

As the business is substantially single premium business (recurrent single premium pensions business) and business that has already become paid up, the expected profit included in future premiums is not significant as a proportion of the total reserves.

The figure for 31 December 2022, gross of reinsurance, was £38 million (2021: £48 million).

C.4.9 Pillar 2 liquidity risk

Sufficiently high liquidity ratios are maintained to ensure that there are sufficient assets available to pay claims as and when they fall due. An extreme adverse scenario test is undertaken being an instantaneous 'point-in-time' test of an immediate run-on-the-bank scenario at the valuation date. Results confirm that liquidity risk is very low within the company and that no capital is required to meet this risk.

C.4.10 Liquidity risk stresses

The liquidity risk appetites specified above allow for liquidity requirements in stressed conditions. In all but the run-on-the-bank scenario, this avoids reliance on selling potentially illiquid assets in the event of a liquidity crisis.

C.5 Operational risk

Operational risk is the risk of loss arising from inadequate or failed internal processes, from personnel and systems, or from external events. SLOC UK has identified material operational risk exposures in the three key areas (customer outcomes, cyber and 'other'), each of which has a range of sub-risks as set out in *B.3.2.2 Risk universe*.

Those risks considered to have a sufficiently high score are reported to the Risk Committee as part of the key risk reporting pack.

C.5.1 Operational risk calculations

C.5.1.1 Pillar 1 operational risk

Pillar 1 operational risk is calculated as per the standard formula and is based on gross non-linked liabilities and net administration expenses for unit-linked business. The immaterial technical provisions and earned premiums on health business are combined with those for life business.

The Pillar 1 capital requirement for operational risk is £21 million (2021: £31 million).

C.5.1.2 Pillar 2 operational risk

Pillar 2 operational risk is based on an internal risk assessment of the risks and is diversified in the same way as other risks. The calculation at the valuation date uses a stochastic process to determine the number of risk events crystallising and another to determine the financial impact of each risk event. Inputs are derived from both scenario analysis, and the risk control self-assessment process embedded within the RMS.

The capital requirement for each of the risk events is calculated by allowing for diversification benefits between the individual risks within each event. The overall capital requirement for operational risk is then calculated by aggregating the capital requirements under Solvency II operational risk taxonomy using a further correlation matrix.

Management of operational risk

The company accepts that operational risks are inherent to its business model. It seeks to reduce these for the benefit of all stakeholders subject to cost benefit considerations. The company accepts that in some instances, operational risk drivers are outside of its control, and seeks to mitigate these where possible.

All operational risks have in place mitigating controls that reduce the level of residual risk. In the case of those operational risks that are regarded as outside of risk appetite (where the level of residual risk is regarded as too high as currently measured), additional actions have been identified to further reduce the level of residual operational risk.

C.5.2 Pillar 2 operational risk stress testing

Operational risk capital calculations are supplemented by stress testing scenarios to examine possible causes of business model failure. The purpose of these is to examine scenarios, other than solvency challenges, that could cause the business to fail.

The process concluded that it is unlikely that any single operational risk would fulfil the business model failure criteria. Whilst some combinations of scenarios were sufficiently extreme to warrant significant management actions, the probability of their occurrence is remote.

C.6 Other material risks

The use of derivatives

The investment authorisations granted by the Board allow derivative instruments to be used for hedging purposes or for efficient portfolio management only, and their use is subject to the same standards of prudence, due diligence, management supervision, controls and reporting as apply to other investments. Derivative risk management guidelines are also incorporated in the policies covering asset liability and market risk management and credit risk, which are reviewed annually.

Examples of the major hedges used by SLOC UK are as follows:

GAO hedge

The longevity and investment risk relating to GAO liabilities are reinsured to Sun Life Bermuda. SLOC UK manages the derivative strategy related to the GAO on behalf of Sun Life Bermuda. To hedge the interest rate risk of the GAO liabilities, the company holds a portfolio of interest rate derivatives to mitigate increases in cost due to interest rates.

Solvency II hedge

The objective of this hedge is to manage the sensitivity of the Solvency II position against movements in interest rates and swap spreads within Board approved thresholds. This is achieved through the use of derivatives.

With-profits hedge

The objective of this hedge is to manage the sensitivity of the Solvency II position of the with-profits pensions business against movements in interest rates and swap spreads within limits set in the investment guidelines. Fixed income assets are used to match liability cash flows whilst interest rate derivatives are applied to manage any residual interest rate risk and manage the swap spread sensitivity arising on a Solvency II basis.

Other

Some with-profits and unit-linked fund managers also use derivatives for the purpose of hedging and efficient portfolio management, as outlined in the respective IMAs.

SLOC UK does not perform any securitised lending.

C.7 Any other information

C.7.1 Tax and risk profile

Financial tax risk

The valuation of deferred tax assets in the balance sheet is dependent on future taxable profits and gains emerging in the same business categories as anticipated. Any changes to these profits and gains, for example because of worsening market conditions, adverse experience against valuation assumptions, or a change in strategy may affect the valuation of these tax assets and have adverse tax and capital effects. *Section D.1 Valuation for solvency purposes – Assets* gives consideration of this risk in the recognition and valuation of these assets.

Legislative tax risk

All possible legislative changes are considered, and the likelihood of any adverse tax risk is assessed.

There is the generic risk that any transaction carried out may be subject to uncertainty regarding the interpretation of legislation by the tax authorities, or that there is uncertainty over tax issues currently under dispute with the tax authorities.

Transactional tax risk

This covers process management risks and includes examples where transactions are incorrectly undertaken leading to unintended adverse tax consequences. This also covers transactions which are not identified by the Tax function, not given tax consideration, and also not notified to His Majesty's Revenue and Customs.

Reputational tax risk

It is important to maintain good relations with the tax authorities by completing tax returns and paying tax due in an accurate and timely fashion. Failure to do this could result in additional scrutiny over the tax affairs of the company, a higher overall risk rating and a higher risk that, in advance of transactions, tax authority clearance may not be received.

It is also important to maintain a good reputation with customers by not making errors with regards to policyholder taxes.

C.7.2 Climate change

The company continues to evolve its approach to the management of risks arising from climate change. We have now formulated and embedded the foundational components in the management of this key risk and will continue to develop this year-on-year as our understanding of the risks improves. We have adopted an approach to our disclosures that aligns with the framework established by the Financial Stability Board's Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures, with its four pillars of strategy, governance, risk management, and metrics and targets.

An external review validated our initial analysis that the principal risk, albeit not significant, to the company arises from asset transition risk that could reduce the value of equity and fixed interest investments and related fee income. In contrast, we have not identified a material level of impact from physical risk or from the impact on insurance liabilities.

Strategy

The strategy is to address only the material risks to the company, which at this stage relate solely to asset transition risk. Our strategy in this respect is included in a Board-approved set of responsible investing principles, which at a high level support a move to a low-carbon economy in line with the expectations of the UK government to achieve net-zero emissions by 2050.

Governance

The Board is ultimately accountable for the management of climate change risk. It is informed by a range of inputs from the chairs of its committees as set out below:

- The Risk Committee oversees the RMS, of which climate change is now a separately identifiable risk, and recommends risk disclosures in respect of climate change.
- The Audit and Compliance Committee oversees internal controls and financial reporting procedures, including recommendations to the Board relating to climate change within the approval of the Annual Report and Financial Statements and SFCR.

Day to day responsibility for the management of climate change risk has been delegated to the Chief Actuary, with the Chief Financial Officer being separately responsible for climate-related disclosures. These responsibilities are formally documented in their respective SMCR Statements of Responsibility.

The Chief Executive Officer has convened a Sustainability Steering Group to assist in the development of sustainable investments and operations, which supports the Chief Actuary and Chief Financial Officer with their designated climate change responsibilities.

Risk Management

Climate change risk has been incorporated into the company's RMS, which aims to identify, measure, manage, monitor, and report risks in a timely and accurate manner. These elements are now in place and will become more embedded year-on-year as data, knowledge and analysis improves.

Scenario and stress tests are also an essential component of the RMS. Output from an external analysis has supported Management's view that climate change risk does not post a material risk to the company. The company recognises this analysis does not constitute a definitive view, and forms part of a broader information set that will continue to develop over time to inform our understanding of transition-related risks and enhance our climate scenario analysis capabilities.

Metrics and Targets

The Directors' report includes energy consumption and GHG emissions as required by the Streamlined Energy and Carbon Reporting regulations. The company achieved carbon-neutral operating status in 2020 and aims to sustain that position going forward.

Our responsible investing principles state an objective to achieve net-zero emissions by 2050 across our investment portfolio, in line with the UK government's commitment. We are working with our appointed investment managers to consider interim targets. These investment managers use third-

party data vendors and tools that provide valuable insights related to the various climate risks and greenhouse gas exposures for their underlying investment portfolios, and are beginning to conduct carbon intensity analyses that should inform how we set our interim targets to achieve the net-zero objective.

C.7.3 Scenario analyses

Scenario testing has been carried out using the scenarios listed below, adding to the extensive list of scenarios investigated over recent years:

- A stagflation scenario;
- An adverse policyholder behaviour scenario; and
- Outsourcer cyber attack and subsequent business failure of the outsourcer.

These scenarios are judged to be reasonable situations that test the robustness of the business. SLOC UK was able to meet the necessary solvency requirements with the impact of the scenarios being absorbed by reducing future dividends. The forced recapture of the reinsurance arrangements with SLACC has been assessed, and recapture without compensation would require management actions to cover the SCR. These management actions are defined in a recapture contingency plan that is updated annually.

Scenario stress testing against risk appetite

Scenarios are compared against risk appetite at a point in time and also over a five-year projection period as part of the ORSA process. Management actions are considered for those scenarios where risk appetite thresholds or limits are potentially breached.

D. Valuation for solvency purposes

The SLOC UK Balance Sheet valuation as at 31 December 2022 is presented below. The excess of assets over liabilities for IFRS agrees to the net assets shown in the financial statements. The total assets and total liabilities do not agree to the financial statements due to presentational differences between IFRS and Solvency II. These differences mainly occur on linked business where for Solvency II the linked fund net asset is shown as assets held for linked contracts, but any liabilities in the linked funds are shown within liabilities in the financial statements.

£ million	Valuation under IFRS	Valuation under Solvency II	Valuation difference
Deferred acquisition costs	1	-	(1)
Deferred tax assets	44	40	(4)
Pension benefit surplus	18	18	-
Investments	2,674	2,616	(58)
Assets held for linked contracts	5,400	5,400	-
Reinsurance recoverables	1,757	1,801	44
Other assets	103	103	-
Total assets	9,997	9,978	(19)
Technical provisions – life	2,220	2,208	(12)
Technical provisions – linked	5,339	5,333	(6)
Provisions other than technical provisions	7	4	(3)
Pension benefit obligations	2	2	-
Deposits from reinsurers	1,923	1,865	(58)
Deferred tax liabilities	-	-	-
Other liabilities	283	281	(2)
Total liabilities	9,774	9,693	(81)
Excess of assets over liabilities	223	285	62

The valuation differences for the assets and liabilities of the SLF UKH Group are the same as for the assets and liabilities of SLOC UK.

As described in *Section A.1.2 Subsidiaries and branches*, no consolidated IFRS financial statements are prepared for the SLF UKH Group, on the basis of the exemption provided by Section 401 of the Companies Act 2006.

D.1 Assets

The value of each class of asset for SLOC UK and for the SLF UKH Group is shown in the balance sheets included in the appended quantitative reporting templates. Where the valuation of assets is materially different between Solvency II and IFRS, further information on the difference is included within the narrative of this section.

There were no changes to recognition and valuation bases used or to estimates during the reporting period.

D.1.1 SLOC UK deferred tax asset calculation

Deferred tax assets are recognised for Solvency II purposes using IAS 12 Income Taxes principles, where either SLOC UK or the SLF UKH Group has deductible temporary differences or accumulated losses for tax purposes. With respect to tax losses, the balances recognised represent the estimated future loss utilisation. The following table shows the drivers of the deferred tax calculation for SLOC UK.

Valuation differences between Solvency II and IFRS and other deferred tax items	Gross (taxable) / deductible difference £ million	Associated deferred tax asset (liability) £ million
Investment differences	(32)	(6)
Accounting differences	20	5
Actuarial differences	(41)	(3)
Onerous contracts provision	(3)	(1)
Loan relationship deficit	105	21
Life business (BLAGAB) losses carried forward	9	-
Pension business losses carried forward	96	24
SLOC UK Total	154	40

In accordance with IAS 12, deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that it is probable that future profits and gains will be available, against which carried forward trade, loan relationship deficits and excess management expense losses can be offset. If deferred tax assets are not expected to be recovered, they are not recognised, or a valuation allowance is recorded.

Recognition and measurement on the Solvency II balance sheet of the deferred tax asset of £45 million (2021: £24 million) relating to unused tax losses (loan relationship deficit and pension business losses carried forward) are based on management projections of future IFRS 17 profits and gains as disclosed in the latest business plan. This plan indicates that there will be insufficient life and pension business profit capacity for full loss recovery in the foreseeable future, and as such does not support full recognition of the deferred tax assets of both life and pension business losses.

As a consequence of the above SLOC UK has unrecognised deferred tax assets in relation to life business losses of £1.8 million and pension business losses of £3.6 million.

Deferred tax assets have been set off against deferred tax liabilities to the extent allowable.

Deferred tax liabilities relate mainly to unrealised gains on investments that have not yet been included in the computation of taxable profit.

The net deferred tax asset is classified as tier 3 capital as required by the classification rules, and as such has been limited to 15% of the SCR for the purpose of calculating own funds eligible to cover the SCR. This has resulted in a tier 3 restriction of £2 million (2021: £nil).

Reconciliation of deferred tax calculated on Solvency II and IFRS basis

Under IFRS, deferred tax is determined based on temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets or liabilities on the IFRS balance sheet and the corresponding tax bases used in the computation of taxable profit. The tax rates used are those that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

Deferred tax for Solvency II valuation purposes is determined on temporary differences between the economic value of assets or liabilities on the Solvency II balance sheet and their tax base.

This gives rise to the following differences:

	Deferred tax £ million
Net deferred tax asset per Solvency II balance sheet	40
Net deferred tax asset per IFRS balance sheet	30
Less deferred tax liability in the linked funds*	14
	44
Difference	4

*For Solvency II balance sheet purposes, the deferred tax liability in linked funds is within the line Assets held for index-linked and unit-linked contracts and does not form part of the net deferred tax asset shown explicitly in the balance sheet. Under IFRS, the whole company deferred tax position is disclosed including the deferred tax liability relating to linked funds. To make a valid comparison, the deferred tax liability for linked funds is removed from the IFRS balance sheet figure.

The above difference is attributable to the different valuation methods applied to deferred income liability, deferred acquisition costs, onerous contract provision, mathematical reserves, and asset valuation differences.

Assessment of any additional deferred tax assets within the SLF UKH Group

As detailed in the table below, there remain unrecognised deferred tax assets in relation to £264 million (2021: £264 million) capital losses and £16 million (2021: £16 million) non-trading loan relationship deficit and excess management expenses, within SLF UKH Group companies other than SLOC UK. These predominantly relate to capital losses in SLF of Canada UK Limited, resulting from a corporate restructuring. A valuation allowance has been recorded against these losses as it is not anticipated that there will be any capacity for recovery in the foreseeable future.

The remaining net deferred tax asset is classified as tier 3 capital as required by the classification rules, and as such has been limited to 15% of the SCR for the purpose of calculating own funds eligible to cover the SCR. This has resulted in an additional tier 3 restriction of £2 million at Group level.

	Gross (taxable) / deductible difference £ million	Associated deferred tax asset / (liability) £ million
Non-Life subsidiaries		
Capital losses	264	-
Non-trading loan relationship deficit and excess management expenses	16	-
Excess capital allowances	8	2
Provisions	1	-
Non-Life subsidiaries Total	289	2

D.1.2 Pensions benefit surplus and obligations

SLOC UK operates two pension schemes.

Main scheme (approved)

The company operates a funded defined benefit plan, which closed to new entrants in March 2002 and closed to future accrual from 31 December 2011.

The most recent full actuarial valuation for funding purposes was carried out by Hymans Robertson LLP, independent actuarial advisers to the scheme, as at 31 December 2019 using the projected unit method.

The company paid no contributions to the scheme in 2022 (2021: nil).

The surplus in the scheme valued on an IAS 19 basis at 31 December 2022 was £15.7 million (2021: £16.8 million).

The main scheme surplus is shown as pension benefit surplus on the Balance Sheet.

For further information see note 10(b) of the SLOC UK financial statements.

Unfunded scheme (unapproved)

The company operates an unfunded plan to provide defined benefits to certain former employees.

Full actuarial valuations for funding purposes are not required for the unfunded plan. The most recent actuarial valuation for accounting purposes was carried out by Hymans Robertson LLP as at 31 December 2022. The scheme has no assets and the value of the liabilities at the valuation date was £1.8 million (2021: £2.6 million).

The unfunded scheme liability is shown as pension benefit obligations on the Balance Sheet.

D.1.3 Investments

For Solvency II and IFRS, the fair market values for liquid bonds, listed equities, exchange traded funds, unit trusts and derivatives are sourced on a daily basis from leading financial information services companies (e.g. IBOXX, Bloomberg etc.) according to a waterfall approach that is detailed in a price source agreement with State Street, the fund administrator.

For bonds, if there is not enough current pricing information for State Street to supply a current price then a stale price is supplied and the fact that it is stale is highlighted. If the situation persists then the asset is valued using the illiquid bonds method described in *Section D.4.1 Illiquid bonds*.

Analysis of the invested assets by hierarchy level is presented in note 17 of the SLOC UK Annual Report and Financial Statements, along with an explanation of the criteria used to assess whether or not markets are active.

Derivatives are priced daily by the counterparty, an independent financial information services company and Bloomberg. SLOC UK can close out a derivative at any time with the counterparty or a third party, and the quoted price provides a good indication of the close-out price that would be received. As such, this is used for valuation purposes.

SLOC UK retains overall responsibility for the prices provided to it and has oversight of them. Prices provided to SLOC UK are tested and any apparent anomalies are investigated.

Private debt securities are valued differently between Solvency II and IFRS. These securities are held at amortised cost under IFRS and at fair value under Solvency II. For this reason, the value under Solvency II was £58 million higher as at 31 December 2022 (2021: £14 million higher). The majority of this amount, £58 million (2021: £14 million), is part of the reinsured business and therefore has an offset in deposits from reinsurers.

D.1.4 Investment property

The valuation of properties held as investments is described in *Section D.4.2 Alternative methods for valuation - Property*.

D.1.5 Participations

SLOC UK holds one participation which is valued identically under IFRS and under Solvency II principles at fair value, which is its net asset value.

The SLF UKH Group does not hold participations in companies outside of the SLF UKH Group.

D.1.6 Cash, cash equivalents and deposits other than cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are measured at market value in the Solvency II balance sheet and under IFRS.

Cash is held in various currencies and is converted to pounds sterling in the balance sheet at the foreign exchange rate as at the balance sheet date.

Cash equivalents and deposits other than cash equivalents are measured at market value using quoted prices in active markets for identical assets. The prices are provided by State Street and the price includes an allowance for the risk of future default on deposits other than cash equivalents.

D.1.7 Loans on policies

The valuation of policy loans is covered in *Section D.4.3 Policy facilities*.

D.1.8 Reinsurance recoverables

The valuation of reinsurance recoverables is described in *Section D.2 Technical provisions*.

D.1.9 Reinsurance and trade receivables

The reinsurance and trade receivables are valued under Solvency II and IFRS at amortised cost, with the carrying amount approximating to fair value.

D.1.10 Property, plant and equipment

SLOC UK has a leasing arrangement with the owner of the building it occupies and has non-cancellable future minimum lease payments each year until the end of 2025, with a break clause in December 2022 which was not exercised. The right of use asset is included in property, plant and equipment and was previously valued to the date of the break clause, with a value of £nil as at 31 December 2022 (2021: £0.1 million). The asset will be revalued at 1 January 2023 to the lease end date of June 2025.

D.2 Technical provisions

The choice of method used to calculate technical provisions for each product group is proportionate to the nature, scale and complexity of the risks underlying the insurance obligations.

Stochastic models are used for products that offer material guarantees or options, such as GAOs. Deterministic models are used for other product groups.

The technical provisions quantitative reporting template in Appendix 1 shows the value of technical provisions by line of business, comprising best estimate liabilities (“BEL”) and risk margins, as well as reinsurance recoverables.

The amounts recoverable from reinsurance contracts are calculated separately from technical provisions. The calculations are based on projected cash flows relating to the reinsurer, using the same boundaries as the relevant insurance contracts, with an adjustment to allow for expected losses due to default of a reinsurer.

The technical provisions and reinsurance recoverables for the Group are the same as the technical provisions and reinsurance recoverables for SLOC UK.

D.2.1 Methods and simplifications

Unit-linked

Unit-linked products are modelled in a deterministic cash flow model with reinsurance assets modelled explicitly. Assumptions are best-estimate, and market-consistent term-dependent yields and inflation are used.

Calculations are performed at a policy level.

All expected cash flows are modelled for products within this model except for the immaterial simplifications noted below:

- The model does not allow for indexation of premiums and benefits;
- The PRA yield curve is used for all business including non-UK policies;
- Incurred but not reported claims, claims in payment and certain rider benefits are calculated within other reserves; and
- Some smaller reinsurance treaties are not modelled.

Annuities

Annuities are modelled using a deterministic cash flow model. The model uses market-consistent term-dependent assumptions for yields and inflation. Reinsurance assets are calculated separately.

Calculations are performed at a policy level and cash flows are monthly.

All expected cash flows are modelled for products within this model except for the immaterial simplifications noted below:

- No allowance is made for the possibility that the second life of a joint-life annuity may have died prior to the valuation date; and
- The PRA yield curve is used for all business including non-UK policies.

SLOC With-Profits Fund

The SLOC With-Profits Fund policies are modelled using a best estimate deterministic cash flow model. The PRA yield curve is used to discount these products.

Future fund values, policy guarantees and cash flows are projected using best estimate assumptions. They are then used in the calculation of the liabilities.

GAO

GAO is an annuity option for some pension policyholders. The impact on technical provisions is mitigated using reinsurance. The policies with GAO are modelled using a stochastic cash flow model.

The projections allow for cash flows such as premiums and expenses, the impact of investment and inflation and the assumptions for decrements such as death, surrender and retirement. At the assumed retirement age, the value of the option is calculated.

The following immaterial simplifications are made:

- Policies are grouped in order to reduce the run-time of the model using the categories nearest age, gender, value of units in force and annual premium;
- Indexation is not modelled for the small number of plans that have indexation; and
- The model has an annual time-step.

Health products

- Conventional health policies, with the exception of the business transferred in under the Part VII business transfer on 30 December 2011, are modelled using a cash flow based multi-state model with explicit inception and recovery rates. This allows for lapsing plans (these products cannot be made paid-up).
- Reinsurance is not allowed for explicitly within the model. The reinsurance asset is calculated as the gross reserve multiplied by the proportion reinsured.

Term products

- Term policies, with the exception of the business transferred in under the Part VII business transfer on 30 December 2011, are modelled using a cash flow based gross premium method. This allows for lapses.
- Reinsurance assets and gross liabilities are calculated explicitly.

- Conversion options on the policies are not modelled.
- Policies transferred in under the Part VII business transfer on 30 December 2011 are valued using a net premium method.

Conventional non-profit products

- Policies which were converted from with-profits policies are modelled using a cash flow based gross premium method.
- Policies transferred in under the Part VII business transfer on 30 December 2011 which were not converted from with-profits policies are valued using a net premium method.

Group pension products

- Group pension products are modelled using a cash flow based gross premium method. This allows for lapses.

D.2.2 Level of uncertainty in value of technical provisions

The BEL is recalculated under significant stresses to calculate the SCR. These stresses provide information on the sensitivity of technical provisions to various risk factors.

The impact of stressing each of the major risk factors is shown in the table below. This allows for the loss absorbing effect of future discretionary benefits on with-profits business:

Solvency II Pillar 1 (£ million)	2022	2021
BEL at 31 December (non-unit liabilities, net of reinsurance)	388	536
Sensitivity of BEL to a change in the following risk factors (each change is shown in isolation), net of loss absorbency of technical provisions:		
Lapses One-off discontinuance of 40% of policies (for policies where this increases the BEL)	66	77
Equity market levels Instantaneous decrease of 36.1% (2021: 46.1%) for type 1 equities (listed in markets in EEA or OECD countries) and 46.1% (2021: 56.1%) for type 2 equities (other equities)	53	83
Expenses One-off increase of 10% in current expense levels and an addition of 1% to future expense inflation	30	25

The risk margin is the present value of the cost of maintaining the non-hedgeable capital over the lifetime of the business. It is therefore sensitive to the level of non-hedgeable risk, the reduction over time of that risk and changes in the discount rate. The cost of capital rate is fixed at 6.0% per annum.

The sensitivity of risk margin to these factors is shown in the table below:

£ million	2022	2021
Risk Margin at 31 December	44	71
Sensitivity of risk margin to a change in the following factors (each change is shown in isolation):		
Level of non-hedgeable risk (increase of 10%)	4	7
Change in discount rate (decrease of 0.5%)	2	4

The risk margin is sensitive to changes in the discount rate. This is because changes in the discount rate result in both changes to the capital requirements for non-hedgeable risks and changes to the discounted value of these capital requirements over the lifetime of the obligations.

D.2.3 Assumptions

Changes in assumptions

Each year, investigations into expenses and annuitant mortality are carried out. On a two-year rolling basis, investigations are conducted on GAO take-up rates, longevity improvement factors and underlying experience, assured lives mortality, surrender, paid-up and retirement experience. The investigations are used to set the assumptions used in valuation and these are approved by the Board. Economic assumptions are based on observed market rates at the valuation date.

The non-economic assumption changes made during 2022 had an immaterial impact on BEL after allowing for reinsurance.

Economic

The risk-free base curve published by the PRA is used. This curve is based on swap rates.

No credit is taken for a volatility or matching adjustment.

For business using term-dependent yields, a term-dependent inflation rate is also used.

Flat yields and inflation rates are used for less material business.

Base expenses

The liability models project outsourced and governance expenses separately. The base levels for these are taken from contractual agreements with outsourcers and expense analyses respectively.

Investment expenses are also taken from expense analyses.

Policyholder options

Decrement assumptions and GAO take-up rates are set at grouped product level at best estimate rates following an experience investigation. The following assumptions are set separately:

- Lapse / transfer from premium paying;
- Lapse / transfer from paid-up;
- Paid-up policy from premium paying;
- Retirement rates; and

- Take-up rate assumption for plans with GAOs.

Mortality / morbidity

Mortality rates are generally set at best-estimate following a mortality investigation. The base table and proportion used are set to reflect best estimate assumptions.

For certain products where experience data is limited, mortality / morbidity rates are set equal to the rates underlying policy deductions, using reinsurers’ rates or original product pricing rates.

D.2.4 Economic Scenario Generator

SLOC UK uses risk-neutral Economic Scenario Generator scenarios to value its major stochastically modelled line of business (GAO) as well as less significant pension and investment guarantees.

SLOC UK’s choices of sub-models can be summarised as follows:

Category	Model
Nominal interest rates	Stochastic Alpha Beta LIBOR Market Model*
Real interest rates	Single-factor Gaussian LIBOR Market Model*
Equity returns	Heston Stochastic Volatility Model
Property returns	Heston Stochastic Volatility Model
Credit spreads	Multi-factor Cox-Ingersol-Ross Jarrow-Lando-Turnbull Model

*LIBOR (London Inter-bank Offered Rate) Market Model calibrated to SONIA (Sterling Overnight Interest Average) market data.

D.2.5 Risk margin

The risk margin forms a part of the technical provisions under Solvency II, and is a cost of capital calculation.

The individual undiversified risk components contributing to the risk margin in any future year are approximated. The degree of approximation in the projection of each stress amount depends on the nature, scale and complexity of both the risk and of the business being modelled. The significant non-hedgeable risks are lapse risk, expense risk and operational risk. These are calculated in line with the exposure to mass lapse, total expenses and reserves respectively. The projected risk capital amounts are then aggregated at each future time period to derive the projected SCRs.

D.2.6 Solvency II requirements inapplicable to SLOC UK

BEL and risk margin are calculated separately for all business and so there is no section on technical provisions calculated as a whole.

SLOC UK is not using transitional measures on technical provisions.

SLOC UK is not allowing for any volatility or matching adjustment in the calculation of technical provisions. The transitional risk-free interest rate-term structure is not applied and the transitional deduction to technical provisions is not applied.

D.2.7 Differences between valuation for solvency purposes and valuation under IFRS

The Solvency II technical provisions are different from IFRS reserves, being £62 million lower in 2022 (2021: 24 million lower). The main differences (net of reinsurance) are as follows:

- Solvency II uses a risk margin which is an addition to the BEL, the Solvency II technical provisions are £43 million higher for this reason (2021: £71 million higher).
- IFRS does not use a risk margin but does have margins for adverse deviation applied to the best estimate assumptions. Solvency II technical provisions are £21 million lower for this reason (2021: £35 million lower).
- Under Solvency II the insurance and investments contract definitions and valuation restrictions do not apply. The Solvency II technical provisions are £42 million lower for this reason (2021: £53 million lower).
- IFRS best estimate expense assumptions include additional expenses not permitted under Solvency II. The Solvency II technical provisions are £10 million lower for this reason (2021: £9 million lower).
- Other differences amount to Solvency II technical provisions being £32 million lower (2021: £2 million higher). The most material items are due to the with-profits deferred tax asset being restricted to 15% of SCR under Solvency II and discount rates including an allowance for credit risk under IFRS.

The IFRS reinsurance recoverables are different from Solvency II reinsurance recoverables for the same reasons.

D.3 Other liabilities

The value of each class of other liability, for SLOC UK and for the SLF UKH Group, is given in the quantitative reporting templates in *Appendices 1 and 2*. There were no changes to recognition and valuation bases used or estimates during the reporting period.

Further analysis for SLOC UK can be found in section D.1.1.

D.3.1 Deposits from reinsurers

The deposits from reinsurers are detailed in *Section C.3 Credit risk*. The deposits from reinsurers are valued for Solvency II and IFRS at fair value through profit or loss, with the exception of private debt securities held, which are valued at amortised cost for IFRS as noted in *Section D.1.3 Investments*.

D.3.2 Insurance and intermediaries payables

The amounts due to policyholders and other policy benefits payable are held at amortised cost, with the carrying amount approximating to fair value, which is consistent with the valuation under IFRS.

D.3.3 Payables (trade, not Insurance)

Other liabilities are measured at amortised cost, which is consistent with the valuation under IFRS.

SLOC UK has a leasing arrangement with the owner of the building it occupies and has non-cancellable future minimum lease payments each year until the end of 2025, with a break clause in December 2022 which was not exercised. The lease liability is included in payables, this is consistent with treatment under IFRS 16, and was previously valued to the date of the break clause, with a value of £nil as at 31 December 2022 (2021: £0.1 million). The liability will be revalued at 1 January 2023 to the lease end date of June 2025.

D.4 Alternative methods for valuation

D.4.1 Illiquid bonds

At 31 December 2022 SLOC UK held £280 million of bonds where the fund administrator had been unable to source an updated market price for more than five continuous business days (2021: £323 million).

Where market prices have not been sourced for five continuous business days, a discounted cash flow approach is used to place a mark-to-model value on bonds.

The significant assumptions in the model are as follows:

- The risk-free rates of interest;
- The credit spreads; and
- An illiquidity / modelling parameter to reflect the fact that the bonds are illiquid.

D.4.2 Property

The property portfolio is managed by a specialist fund manager, abrdn Investments Limited, who employ an independent third-party specialist valuation agent, Savills UK Limited (“Savills”). Regular meetings with the fund manager keep SLOC UK informed of the level of market activity. Valuations are undertaken monthly by Savills and reported to SLOC UK by abrdn Investments Limited.

Property is valued by Savills in accordance with the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors’ (“RICS”) Valuation – Global Standards, incorporating the International Valuation Standards effective from 31 January 2022 and, where applicable, with the UK National Supplement effective 14 January 2019 (together the RICS Red Book).

The unique nature of properties and infrequent sales make property valuations subjective. Independent property valuations are specific to a property and take account of the circumstances of the property e.g. location, sector, state of repair, quality of tenants, length of outstanding leases. Property valuations also take account of regional factors, such as a scarcity of certain types of properties, and national trends, such as an increase in demand for industrial properties. Experienced valuation agents can accurately value properties allowing for these factors.

The value of a property is the price the property would be expected to sell at in the open market at the date of valuation given the assumptions and guidelines set out in the ‘RICS Red Book’. The rental income stream is capitalised at a discount rate that reflects the qualities and risks of the income. The discount rate will be in line with comparable sales and expected market trends.

The monthly valuation takes into account all significant events that occur e.g. the amendment of a lease, change of tenants or the refurbishment of a property. The value of a property would also be reviewed in the light of other similar sales in the region. Each property is visited in-person once a year by Savills.

D.4.3 Policy facilities

SLOC UK has a small amount of policy facilities which are mainly in the SLOC With-Profits Fund.

Policy facilities are advances that policyholders have taken against the value of their policies. They are valued at the face value of the amounts that were borrowed plus any accumulated interest, since this reflects the amount that customers will repay, or the reduction applied on redemption.

No valuation assumptions are required.

D.5 Any other information

None

E. Capital management

E.1 Own funds

Information on the structure, amount, quality and eligibility of own funds for SLOC UK and for the SLF UKH Group is presented below, and also in the quantitative reporting templates in *Appendices 1 and 2*.

E.1.1 SLOC UK

The structure of eligible own funds for SLOC UK was as follows:

	2022 £ million			2021 £ million		
	Tier 1 unrestricted	Tier 3	Total	Tier 1 unrestricted	Tier 3	Total
Ordinary share capital	22.5	-	22.5	22.5	-	22.5
Reconciliation reserve	235.8	-	235.8	260.8	-	260.8
Deferred tax	-	23.6	23.6	-	9.1	9.1
Eligible own funds	258.3	23.6	281.9	283.3	9.1	292.4

A further £2m of tier 3 capital was not eligible to cover the SCR (2021: £nil), as noted in *Section D.1.1 SLOC UK deferred tax asset calculation*.

Capital instruments

The ordinary share capital is fully paid up and is fully available for the absorption of losses. It is the most deeply subordinated in the event of a winding up and is free from all requirements or incentives to redeem, mandatory fixed charges and encumbrances.

All paid up ordinary share capital is classified as tier 1 capital.

Movement of own funds in the year

The following movements have occurred in eligible own funds for the year:

	2022 £ million	2021 £ million
Eligible own funds at 1 January	292.4	371.8
Impact of operating assumption changes	(0.5)	4.5
Foreseeable dividend	-	(48.0)
Other movements in own funds	(10.0)	(35.9)
Eligible own funds at 31 December	281.9	292.4

The structure of own funds at 31 December 2022 was identical to that at 1 January 2022. The value of ordinary share capital did not change in the year. The net deferred tax asset included in tier 3

capital is £24 million (2021: asset of £9 million). This includes £(14) million of deferred tax liability included within the line Assets held for index-linked and unit-linked contracts on the Balance Sheet, and is after allowing for the tier 3 capital restriction of £2 million. The reconciliation reserve decreased from £261 million to £236 million.

The other movements in own funds reflects the expected profit from the business, as well as the impacts of market movements and policyholder behaviour. The other movements in own funds in 2022 is largely market-driven, with volatile equity markets and rising interest rates. The 2021 reduction also includes £(65.1)m net of tax reduction in the surplus of the staff pension scheme, primarily due to the buy-in transaction described in *Section C.1.5 Material underwriting risk mitigation techniques*.

Reconciliation of net assets calculated for solvency purposes and financial statements' equity

£ million							
Financial Statements Equity	Reserves Difference	Deferred Acquisition Costs	Deferred Income Liability	Onerous Contracts Provision	Valuation Adjustment for Private Debt Securities	Deferred Tax Difference	Solvency II Net Assets
223	62	(1)	2	3	0	(4)	285

The valuation of reserves and reinsurance recoverables for solvency purposes uses different methods, bases and assumptions from the valuation for the financial statements, as discussed in *Section D.2 Technical provisions*.

Deferred acquisition costs, deferred income liability and onerous contracts provisions are all excluded for solvency purposes.

Private debt securities are measured at amortised cost in the financial statements, but are measured at fair value for solvency purposes. An equivalent adjustment is made to the deposits from reinsurers, as noted in *Section D.1.3 Investments*.

A deferred tax difference arises due to the differences in valuation of assets and liabilities between the bases.

E.1.2 The SLF UKH Group

The SLF UKH Group own funds have been calculated on an accounting consolidation basis, net of all intra-group transactions. The structure of eligible own funds for the SLF UKH Group was as follows:

	2022 £ million			2021 £ million		
	Tier 1 unrestricted	Tier 3	Total	Tier 1 unrestricted	Tier 3	Total
Ordinary share capital	22.5	-	22.5	250.1	-	250.1
Reconciliation reserve	236.2	-	236.2	34.0	-	34.0
Deferred tax	-	23.6	23.6	-	10.6	10.6
Eligible own funds	258.7	23.6	282.3	284.1	10.6	294.7

£4.0m of tier 3 capital was not eligible to cover the SLF UKH Group SCR (2021: £nil), as noted in *Section D.1.1 SLOC UK deferred tax asset calculation*

On 23 December 2022, the issued and paid-up share capital of SLF UKH was reduced from £250.1 million to £22.5 million, creating distributable reserves of £227.6 million, utilising the solvency statement procedure set out in sections 642 to 644 of the Companies Act 2006. The reduction in share capital was effected by reducing the nominal value per share from £1.00 to £0.09.

Capital instruments

The ordinary share capital included as own funds is fully paid up and is fully available for the absorption of losses. It is the most deeply subordinated in the event of a winding up and is free from all requirements or incentives to redeem, mandatory fixed charges and encumbrances.

£999 of unpaid ordinary share capital has not been included in the own funds of the SLF UKH Group because, in light of its immateriality, approval to do so has not been sought from the regulator.

All paid up ordinary share capital is classified as tier 1 capital.

The net deferred tax asset included in tier 3 capital is £24 million (2021: asset of £11 million). This includes £(14) million of deferred tax liability included within the line Assets held for index-linked and unit-linked contracts on the Balance Sheet, and is after allowing for the tier 3 capital restriction of £4 million. The reconciliation reserve increased from £34 million to £236 million, which includes the impact of the distributable reserves created following the reduction in share capital noted above.

Movement of SLF UKH Group own funds in the year

The following movements have occurred in eligible own funds for the year:

	2022 £ million	2021 £ million
Eligible own funds at 1 January	294.7	374.0
Impact of operating assumption changes	(0.5)	4.5
Foreseeable dividend	-	(48.0)
Other movements in own funds	(11.9)	(35.8)
Eligible own funds at 31 December	282.3	294.7

Reconciliation of net assets calculated for solvency purposes and financial statements' equity

The valuation differences between net assets calculated for solvency purposes and financial statements' equity for the SLF UKH Group are identical to those for SLOC UK.

E.1.3 Deferred tax assets

The net deferred tax asset for SLOC UK includes a deferred tax asset of £45 million (2021: £24 million) as disclosed in *Section D.1.1 SLOC UK deferred tax asset calculation*, relating to a combination of unused life business losses, pension business losses, loan relationship deficits and excess management expenses. A valuation allowance has been recorded against both the life and pension business losses, as the latest IFRS 17 profit projections do not demonstrate that these

deferred tax assets are likely to be fully utilised by both probable future taxable profit and investment gains, as well as the reversion of deferred tax liabilities relating to income taxes levied by the same taxation authority. The loan relationship deficit utilisation is fully supported by probable future taxable investment gains and has been fully valued

The SLF UKH Group has an additional £280 million (2021: £280 million), (£264 million capital losses (2021: £264 million) and £16 million (2021: £16 million) non-trading loan relationship deficit and excess management expenses). These predominantly relate to capital losses in SLF of Canada UK Limited, resulting from a corporate restructuring. As it is not anticipated that there will be any capacity for recovery in the foreseeable future these losses have been valued at zero.

The deferred tax position of SLOC UK and SLF UKH Group was a net deferred tax asset of £40 million (2021: £9 million) and £42 million (2021: £11 million) respectively. This, along with a £(14) million deferred tax liability within the line Assets held for index-linked and unit-linked contracts on the Balance Sheet, is classified as tier 3 capital as required by the classification rules, and as such has been limited to 15% of the SCR to £24 million, as demonstrated in the tables below. Tier 3 capital cannot be used to cover the MCR.

SLOC UK Deferred Tax Asset – Tier 3 Capital Restriction as at 31/12/22					
Eligibility limit Maximum % of SCR	Total Company SCR	Maximum eligible deferred tax asset	Deferred tax asset	Restriction required	Admissible deferred tax asset
15%	157	24	26	(2)	24

SLF UKH Group Deferred Tax Asset – Tier 3 Capital Restriction as at 31/12/22					
Eligibility limit Maximum % of SCR	Total Company SCR	Maximum eligible deferred tax asset	Deferred tax asset	Restriction required	Admissible deferred tax asset
15%	157	24	28	(4)	24

E.1.4 Reconciliation reserve

The reconciliation reserve represents the excess of assets over liabilities net of adjustments for restrictions to excess surplus in with-profits business and foreseeable dividends and distributions. The reconciliation reserve is classified as tier 1 capital.

The reconciliation reserve can be volatile as it is dependent on a number of factors such as market movements and demographic experience.

E.1.5 Restrictions to own funds

Excess surplus in with-profits business is not available to meet the capital requirements of SLOC UK or the SLF UKH Group, and own funds are restricted accordingly. The value of the restriction is equal to the amount by which the excess of assets over liabilities exceeds the SCR in the SLOC With-Profits Fund. The amount is given in the quantitative reporting templates in *Appendices 1 and 2*.

The prescribed limits on restricted tier 1 capital and eligible tier 2 capital have no impact. Tier 3 capital has been restricted to 15% of the SCR, which has resulted in a £2m restriction (2021: £nil) for SLOC UK and a £4m restriction (2021: £nil) for the SLF UKH Group.

There are no other restrictions affecting transferability, fungibility or availability of own funds items.

E.1.6 Objectives, policies and processes for capital management

Capital management, maintenance of a suitable capital structure and capital monitoring work is undertaken by the Capital Management Group (“CMG”), working closely with the RCMC, in accordance with the Capital Management Policy. On a day to day basis, the Head of IFRS 17 Business Implications and Capital Management is responsible for ensuring that matters affecting capital are identified and addressed on a timely basis and that capital is considered in all significant business decisions.

The Capital Management Policy describes the approach to management of capital adequacy risk, which is defined as the risk that capital is not or will not be sufficient to withstand adverse conditions and to meet regulatory requirements at both SLOC UK and SLF UKH Group level. The policy is reviewed annually and material changes are approved by the Board. It also sets out the capital management principles including those listed below:

- Setting the level of capital adequacy risk to be prudent and consistent with the principles outlined in the WWG and UK risk management framework documents and risk appetite policies and processes;
- A commitment to maintaining financial strength in order for the organisation to meet its obligations to policyholders and investors as they fall due;
- Maintenance of preferential access to the capital markets for the WWG by maintaining appropriate financial ratings, reflecting strong financial strength and quality;
- Maintenance of a high-quality capital structure to ensure compliance with capital adequacy and tiering requirements;
- Aim to, within the level of risk it deems appropriate, maximise the rate of return on its capital; and
- The need to return excess capital to the parent to ensure an appropriate return on capital.

The Capital Management Policy also sets out other requirements:

- Reporting and monitoring to be undertaken in respect of UK regulations, Canadian regulations and should be prudent as determined and consistent with the principles outlined in the WWG and UK risk management framework documents and risk appetite statements and processes in relation to capital;
- Capital planning requirements and consideration of capital impacts in all significant business decisions;
- The governance approach and the responsibilities in respect of capital management; and
- Details of initiatives available to management to manage capital effectively and mitigate capital risks.

Capital planning and the overall strategy

Capital management is a core driver for strategic considerations. To properly assess any strategic change, the capital implications are considered, documented and challenged. The requirement for an understanding of capital implications is embedded throughout the business, and particularly in all change initiatives and projects. Any business case to support initiatives includes commentary on capital and evaluation of capital implications. The CMG reviews the projected capital impacts of business initiatives that would materially affect the capital position.

The planning process includes production of the capital plan for the next five years and includes sensitivity testing and additional scenarios. There were no material changes to the planning process

during the reporting period. All scenarios tested during the reporting period demonstrated that the Company would be able to continue to maintain capital adequacy, with the impact of the scenarios being absorbed by reducing future dividends.

E.2 Solvency Capital Requirement and Minimum Capital Requirement

Information on the amount of the capital requirements at the end of the year for SLOC UK and for the SLF UKH Group, both in total and by risk module, is given in the quantitative reporting templates in *Appendices 1 and 2*. The SCR is the same for both SLOC UK and for the SLF UKH Group.

E.2.1 Minimum Capital Requirement

The Linear Minimum Capital Requirement (“MCR_L”) is calculated using the prescribed formula and is a product of technical provisions and capital at risk.

The Minimum Capital Requirement (“MCR”) is capped at 45% and has a floor of 25% of the SCR, with an absolute floor of €4.0m.

The Linear result is biting at the year-end, and changes in the MCR are therefore driven mainly by changes in the BEL.

E.2.2 Solvency Capital Requirement

SLOC UK uses the standard formula approach to calculate capital requirements, so the inputs used to calculate the SCR are provided by the standard formula. The table below shows how the SCR has changed over the period by risk module, before and after consideration of future discretionary benefits (gross and net, respectively):

£ million	2022		2021		Change	
	Gross	Net	Gross	Net	Gross	Net
Before Diversification						
Market	131	81	189	111	(58)	(30)
Default	4	4	8	8	(4)	(4)
Life	94	88	103	95	(9)	(7)
Health	2	2	2	2	(0)	(0)
Diversification	(44)	(39)	(55)	(49)	11	10
Basic SCR	187	136	247	167	(60)	(31)
Operational Risk	21	21	31	31	(10)	(10)
Adjustment included for loss absorbing capacity of technical provisions	-	(51)	-	(80)	-	29
SCR – Modular	208	157	278	198	(70)	(41)
SLOC UK Eligible own funds		282		292		(10)
SLOC UK Solvency ratio		179%		148%		31%

The net SCR has reduced over the year mainly due to a decrease in market risk and to a lesser extent a decrease in Operational risk and Life underwriting risk. The increase in yields over the year is a

key driver of these reductions. In addition, Equity risk has also decreased due to the reduction in the Symmetric Adjustment.

The final amount of the SCR is still subject to supervisory assessment.

E.2.3 Undertaking specific parameters, transitional measures and capital add-ons

Undertaking-specific parameters are not used in the SLOC UK standard formula calculation.

No transitional measures have been used.

The supervisor has not specified a capital add-on.

E.2.4 Simplifications used in calculation of the SCR

No material simplifications are used in the calculation of the SCR.

E.2.5 Allowance for reinsurance

Reinsurance arrangements are allowed for within the own funds and SCR. The overall impact of reinsurance is to improve the own funds by £1.8 billion (2021: £2.7 billion). It also significantly reduces the impact of some of the SCR stresses.

The nature of the reinsurance treaties with Sun Life Bermuda are such that:

Reinsurance cash flows = (gross cash flows excluding expense cash flows) + (fixed allowance from reinsurer for expenses).

These are allowed for within the SCR calculation by calculating a reinsurance asset using the same modelling (including stresses applied) as for the gross reserve but with expenses appropriate to the reinsurer and allowing for this reinsurance asset within the SCR calculation.

E.2.6 Allowance for future management actions in SCR calculation

Future management actions are allowed for in calculating the technical provisions (these are covered in *Section D.2 Technical provisions*). The same approach is followed in the SCR calculation with the following additional features:

E.2.6.1 Varying of future bonus payments for with-profits policies

Within the SCR calculation, aside from operational risk, it is assumed that in the event of a stressed scenario, bonuses can be adjusted to fully offset the cost of the stress, with no allowance made of the time taken to implement such a change.

E.2.6.2 Reducing overhead expenses in a mass lapse event

In an event that results in a large number of policyholders lapsing their policies, management would take action to reduce SLOC UK's overhead expenses in response to the smaller customer base.

E.2.6.3 Adjustable policy charges

Allowance, up or down, is made for policy charges that are contractually variable, allowing for a short time delay in implementation.

E.2.7 Allowance for financial risk mitigation techniques in SCR calculation

Significant financial risk mitigation techniques currently used by SLOC UK are shown below:

- The holding of collateral in respect of annuities and GAOs reinsured with Sun Life Bermuda and SLACC – credit is taken for this collateral in the counterparty default risk calculation. The deposit back fund for the reinsurance collateral held assets of £1,865 million at 31 December 2022 (2021: £2,756 million). A 10% reduction in the value of that collateral would increase the undiversified counterparty default risk by £3 million (2021: £4 million). Derivative hedges for the SLOC UK GAO and annuity risk exist within the deposit back fund. The SCA for the reinsurance collateral held no funds as at 31 December 2022 (2021: nil). Although the deposit back fund and SCA are financial risk mitigation techniques used by SLOC UK, the hedges are not since the risks relating to the hedges are reinsured to Sun Life Bermuda and SLACC. The investment management of the deposit back fund, of which derivatives form a part, is carried out by SLOC UK on behalf of the reinsurers and therefore the specifics relating to the hedges are included in management information and documentation.
- The use of derivatives – in the SLOC With-Profits Fund there is an interest rate hedge as described in C.6 Other material risks.
- An interest rate hedge is in place to help protect the overall solvency position of SLOC UK against movements in interest rates.

E.3 Use of the duration-based equity risk sub-module in the calculation of the Solvency Capital Requirement

The duration-based equity risk sub-module is not used in the calculation of the SCR.

E.4 Differences between the standard formula and any internal model used

An internal model is not used.

E.5 Non-compliance with the Minimum Capital Requirement and non-compliance with the Solvency Capital Requirement

During the period, the SCR and the MCR were complied with at all times. There is no expectation of future non-compliance with SCR or MCR.

Should the SCR or MCR become under pressure, then management actions would be taken to maintain the solvency position.

E.6 Any other information

There is no other material information relevant to the capital management of the company or of the SLF UKH Group that has not been disclosed above.

Appendices

Appendix 1 SLOC UK quantitative reporting templates (£ thousands)

Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada (U.K.) Limited

Solvency and Financial Condition Report

Disclosures

31 December

2022

(Monetary amounts in GBP thousands)

General information

Undertaking name	Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada (U.K.) Limited
Undertaking identification code	549300NZ227BVL5W4E72
Type of code of undertaking	LEI
Type of undertaking	Life undertakings
Country of authorisation	GB
Language of reporting	en
Reporting reference date	31 December 2022
Currency used for reporting	GBP
Accounting standards	IFRS
Method of Calculation of the SCR	Standard formula
Matching adjustment	No use of matching adjustment
Volatility adjustment	No use of volatility adjustment
Transitional measure on the risk-free interest rate	No use of transitional measure on the risk-free interest rate
Transitional measure on technical provisions	No use of transitional measure on technical provisions

List of reported templates

- S.02.01.02 - Balance sheet
- S.05.01.02 - Premiums, claims and expenses by line of business
- S.05.02.01 - Premiums, claims and expenses by country
- S.12.01.02 - Life and Health SLT Technical Provisions
- S.23.01.01 - Own Funds
- S.25.01.21 - Solvency Capital Requirement - for undertakings on Standard Formula
- S.28.01.01 - Minimum Capital Requirement - Only life or only non-life insurance or reinsurance activity

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Balance sheet

Solvency II value	
C0010	
	0
	40,097
	17,575
	0
	2,616,345
	27,782
	469
	83,164
	83,164
	0
	2,381,765
	508,929
	1,811,229
	7,037
	54,570
	26,300
	96,864
	0
	0
	5,400,133
	14,405
	14,405
	0
	0
	1,801,101
	0
	0
	0
	1,795,131
	0
	1,795,131
	5,970
	0
	134
	7,602
	45,491
	0
	0
	34,802
	0
	9,977,686

Assets

R0030	Intangible assets
R0040	Deferred tax assets
R0050	Pension benefit surplus
R0060	Property, plant & equipment held for own use
R0070	Investments (other than assets held for index-linked and unit-linked contracts)
R0080	<i>Property (other than for own use)</i>
R0090	<i>Holdings in related undertakings, including participations</i>
R0100	<i>Equities</i>
R0110	<i>Equities - listed</i>
R0120	<i>Equities - unlisted</i>
R0130	<i>Bonds</i>
R0140	<i>Government Bonds</i>
R0150	<i>Corporate Bonds</i>
R0160	<i>Structured notes</i>
R0170	<i>Collateralised securities</i>
R0180	<i>Collective Investments Undertakings</i>
R0190	<i>Derivatives</i>
R0200	<i>Deposits other than cash equivalents</i>
R0210	<i>Other investments</i>
R0220	Assets held for index-linked and unit-linked contracts
R0230	Loans and mortgages
R0240	<i>Loans on policies</i>
R0250	<i>Loans and mortgages to individuals</i>
R0260	<i>Other loans and mortgages</i>
R0270	Reinsurance recoverables from:
R0280	<i>Non-life and health similar to non-life</i>
R0290	<i>Non-life excluding health</i>
R0300	<i>Health similar to non-life</i>
R0310	<i>Life and health similar to life, excluding index-linked and unit-linked</i>
R0320	<i>Health similar to life</i>
R0330	<i>Life excluding health and index-linked and unit-linked</i>
R0340	<i>Life index-linked and unit-linked</i>
R0350	Deposits to cedants
R0360	Insurance and intermediaries receivables
R0370	Reinsurance receivables
R0380	Receivables (trade, not insurance)
R0390	Own shares (held directly)
R0400	Amounts due in respect of own fund items or initial fund called up but not yet paid in
R0410	Cash and cash equivalents
R0420	Any other assets, not elsewhere shown
R0500	Total assets

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Balance sheet

		Solvency II value
		C0010
Liabilities		
R0510	Technical provisions - non-life	0
R0520	<i>Technical provisions - non-life (excluding health)</i>	0
R0530	<i>TP calculated as a whole</i>	0
R0540	<i>Best Estimate</i>	0
R0550	<i>Risk margin</i>	0
R0560	<i>Technical provisions - health (similar to non-life)</i>	0
R0570	<i>TP calculated as a whole</i>	0
R0580	<i>Best Estimate</i>	0
R0590	<i>Risk margin</i>	0
R0600	Technical provisions - life (excluding index-linked and unit-linked)	2,208,131
R0610	<i>Technical provisions - health (similar to life)</i>	0
R0620	<i>TP calculated as a whole</i>	0
R0630	<i>Best Estimate</i>	0
R0640	<i>Risk margin</i>	0
R0650	<i>Technical provisions - life (excluding health and index-linked and unit-linked)</i>	2,208,131
R0660	<i>TP calculated as a whole</i>	0
R0670	<i>Best Estimate</i>	2,196,101
R0680	<i>Risk margin</i>	12,030
R0690	Technical provisions - index-linked and unit-linked	5,333,435
R0700	<i>TP calculated as a whole</i>	0
R0710	<i>Best Estimate</i>	5,301,609
R0720	<i>Risk margin</i>	31,826
R0740	Contingent liabilities	0
R0750	Provisions other than technical provisions	3,871
R0760	Pension benefit obligations	1,805
R0770	Deposits from reinsurers	1,865,321
R0780	Deferred tax liabilities	0
R0790	Derivatives	128,949
R0800	Debts owed to credit institutions	0
R0810	Financial liabilities other than debts owed to credit institutions	0
R0820	Insurance & intermediaries payables	118,158
R0830	Reinsurance payables	0
R0840	Payables (trade, not insurance)	33,061
R0850	Subordinated liabilities	0
R0860	<i>Subordinated liabilities not in BOF</i>	0
R0870	<i>Subordinated liabilities in BOF</i>	0
R0880	Any other liabilities, not elsewhere shown	0
R0900	Total liabilities	9,692,731
R1000	Excess of assets over liabilities	284,954

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Life and Health SLT Technical Provisions

	Index-linked and unit-linked insurance			Other life insurance			Annuities stemming from non-life insurance contracts and relating to insurance obligation other than health insurance obligations	Accepted reinsurance	Total (Life other than health insurance, including Unit-Linked)	Health insurance (direct business)			Annuities stemming from non-life insurance contracts and relating to health insurance obligations	Health reinsurance (reinsurance accepted)	Total (Health similar to life insurance)	
	Insurance with profit participation	Contracts without options and guarantees	Contracts with options or guarantees	Contracts without options and guarantees	Contracts with options or guarantees	Contracts without options and guarantees				Contracts with options or guarantees	Contracts without options and guarantees	Contracts with options or guarantees				
	C0020	C0030	C0040	C0050	C0060	C0070	C0080	C0090	C0100	C0150	C0160	C0170	C0180	C0190	C0200	C0210
R0010 Technical provisions calculated as a whole									0	0						0
Total Recoverables from reinsurance/SPV and Finite Re after the adjustment for expected losses due to counterparty default associated to TP calculated as a whole									0	0						0
R0020									0	0						0
Technical provisions calculated as a sum of BE and RM																
Best estimate																
R0030 Gross Best Estimate	328,738		4,313,723	987,886		1,633,618	231,785		1,961	7,497,710						0
R0080 Total Recoverables from reinsurance/SPV and Finite Re after the adjustment for expected losses due to counterparty default			5,284	686		1,644,951	150,180		0	1,801,101						0
R0090 Best estimate minus recoverables from reinsurance/SPV and Finite Re	328,738		4,308,439	987,200		-11,334	81,605		1,961	5,696,609		0	0		0	0
R0100 Risk margin	821	31,826			11,198				12	43,856						0
Amount of the transitional on Technical Provisions																
R0110 Technical Provisions calculated as a whole										0						0
R0120 Best estimate										0						0
R0130 Risk margin										0						0
R0200 Technical provisions - total	329,558	5,333,435			1,876,601				1,972	7,541,566	0				0	0

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Own Funds

Basic own funds before deduction for participations in other financial sector as foreseen in article 68 of Delegated Regulation 2015/35

R0010	Ordinary share capital (gross of own shares)
R0030	Share premium account related to ordinary share capital
R0040	Initial funds, members' contributions or the equivalent basic own-fund item for mutual and mutual-type undertakings
R0050	Subordinated mutual member accounts
R0070	Surplus funds
R0090	Preference shares
R0110	Share premium account related to preference shares
R0130	Reconciliation reserve
R0140	Subordinated liabilities
R0160	An amount equal to the value of net deferred tax assets
R0180	Other own fund items approved by the supervisory authority as basic own funds not specified above
R0220	Own funds from the financial statements that should not be represented by the reconciliation reserve and do not meet the criteria to be classified as Solvency II own funds
R0230	Deductions for participations in financial and credit institutions
R0290	Total basic own funds after deductions

Ancillary own funds

R0300	Unpaid and uncalled ordinary share capital callable on demand
R0310	Unpaid and uncalled initial funds, members' contributions or the equivalent basic own fund item for mutual and mutual - type undertakings, callable on demand
R0320	Unpaid and uncalled preference shares callable on demand
R0330	A legally binding commitment to subscribe and pay for subordinated liabilities on demand
R0340	Letters of credit and guarantees under Article 96(2) of the Directive 2009/138/EC
R0350	Letters of credit and guarantees other than under Article 96(2) of the Directive 2009/138/EC
R0360	Supplementary members calls under first subparagraph of Article 96(3) of the Directive 2009/138/EC
R0370	Supplementary members calls - other than under first subparagraph of Article 96(3) of the Directive 2009/138/EC
R0390	Other ancillary own funds
R0400	Total ancillary own funds

Available and eligible own funds

R0500	Total available own funds to meet the SCR
R0510	Total available own funds to meet the MCR
R0540	Total eligible own funds to meet the SCR
R0550	Total eligible own funds to meet the MCR

R0580	SCR
R0600	MCR
R0620	Ratio of Eligible own funds to SCR
R0640	Ratio of Eligible own funds to MCR

Reconciliation reserve

R0700	Excess of assets over liabilities
R0710	Own shares (held directly and indirectly)
R0720	Foreseeable dividends, distributions and charges
R0730	Other basic own fund items
R0740	Adjustment for restricted own fund items in respect of matching adjustment portfolios and ring fenced funds
R0760	Reconciliation reserve

Expected profits

R0770	Expected profits included in future premiums (EPIFP) - Life business
R0780	Expected profits included in future premiums (EPIFP) - Non- life business
R0790	Total Expected profits included in future premiums (EPIFP)

Total	Tier 1 unrestricted	Tier 1 restricted	Tier 2	Tier 3
C0010	C0020	C0030	C0040	C0050
22,500	22,500		0	
0	0		0	
0	0		0	
0		0	0	0
0	0			
0		0	0	0
0		0	0	0
235,777	235,777			
0		0	0	0
25,749				25,749
0	0	0	0	0
0				
0	0	0	0	
284,027	258,277	0	0	25,749

0				
0				
0				
0				
0				
0				
0				
0				
0				
0			0	0

284,027	258,277	0	0	25,749
258,277	258,277	0	0	
281,874	258,277	0	0	23,597
258,277	258,277	0	0	

157,314
40,110
179.18%
643.93%

C0060
284,954
0
0
48,249
928
235,777

37,689
0
37,689

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Solvency Capital Requirement - for undertakings on Standard Formula

	Gross solvency capital requirement	USP	Simplifications
	C0110	C0090	C0120
R0010 Market risk	130,580		
R0020 Counterparty default risk	4,295		
R0030 Life underwriting risk	94,086		
R0040 Health underwriting risk	2,438		
R0050 Non-life underwriting risk	0		
R0060 Diversification	-44,314		
R0070 Intangible asset risk	0		
R0100 Basic Solvency Capital Requirement	187,085		
Calculation of Solvency Capital Requirement			
R0130 Operational risk	21,386		
R0140 Loss-absorbing capacity of technical provisions	-51,157		
R0150 Loss-absorbing capacity of deferred taxes	0		
R0160 Capital requirement for business operated in accordance with Art. 4 of Directive 2003/41/EC	157,314		
R0200 Solvency Capital Requirement excluding capital add-on	0		
R0210 Capital add-ons already set	0		
R0220 Solvency capital requirement	157,314		
Other information on SCR			
R0400 Capital requirement for duration-based equity risk sub-module	0		
R0410 Total amount of Notional Solvency Capital Requirements for remaining part	155,835		
R0420 Total amount of Notional Solvency Capital Requirements for ring fenced funds	1,479		
R0430 Total amount of Notional Solvency Capital Requirements for matching adjustment portfolios	0		
R0440 Diversification effects due to RFF nSCR aggregation for article 304	0		
Approach to tax rate			
R0590 Approach based on average tax rate	0		
Calculation of loss absorbing capacity of deferred taxes			
	LAC DT		
	C0130		
R0640 LAC DT	0		
R0650 LAC DT justified by reversion of deferred tax liabilities	0		
R0660 LAC DT justified by reference to probable future taxable economic profit	0		
R0670 LAC DT justified by carry back, current year	0		
R0680 LAC DT justified by carry back, future years	0		
R0690 Maximum LAC DT	0		

USP Key

For life underwriting risk:

- 1 - Increase in the amount of annuity benefits
- 9 - None

For health underwriting risk:

- 1 - Increase in the amount of annuity benefits
- 2 - Standard deviation for NSLT health premium risk
- 3 - Standard deviation for NSLT health gross premium risk
- 4 - Adjustment factor for non-proportional reinsurance
- 5 - Standard deviation for NSLT health reserve risk
- 9 - None

For non-life underwriting risk:

- 4 - Adjustment factor for non-proportional reinsurance
- 6 - Standard deviation for non-life premium risk
- 7 - Standard deviation for non-life gross premium risk
- 8 - Standard deviation for non-life reserve risk
- 9 - None

*Appendix 2 SLF UKH Group quantitative reporting templates
(£ thousands)*

SLF of Canada UK Limited

Solvency and Financial Condition Report

Disclosures

31 December

2022

(Monetary amounts in GBP thousands)

General information

Participating undertaking name	SLF of Canada UK Limited
Group identification code	213800LBGGLJPIBQ4P08
Type of code of group	LEI
Country of the group supervisor	GB
Language of reporting	en
Reporting reference date	31 December 2022
Currency used for reporting	GBP
Accounting standards	IFRS
Method of Calculation of the group SCR	Standard formula
Method of group solvency calculation	Method 1 is used exclusively
Matching adjustment	No use of matching adjustment
Volatility adjustment	No use of volatility adjustment
Transitional measure on the risk-free interest rate	No use of transitional measure on the risk-free interest rate
Transitional measure on technical provisions	No use of transitional measure on technical provisions

List of reported templates

- S.02.01.02 - Balance sheet
- S.05.01.02 - Premiums, claims and expenses by line of business
- S.05.02.01 - Premiums, claims and expenses by country
- S.23.01.22 - Own Funds
- S.25.01.22 - Solvency Capital Requirement - for groups on Standard Formula
- S.32.01.22 - Undertakings in the scope of the group

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Balance sheet

Solvency II value	
C0010	
	0
R0030 Intangible assets	41,957
R0040 Deferred tax assets	17,575
R0050 Pension benefit surplus	169
R0060 Property, plant & equipment held for own use	2,616,116
R0070 Investments (other than assets held for index-linked and unit-linked contracts)	28,022
R0080 <i>Property (other than for own use)</i>	0
R0090 <i>Holdings in related undertakings, including participations</i>	83,164
R0100 <i>Equities</i>	83,164
R0110 <i>Equities - listed</i>	0
R0120 <i>Equities - unlisted</i>	2,381,765
R0130 <i>Bonds</i>	508,929
R0140 <i>Government Bonds</i>	1,811,229
R0150 <i>Corporate Bonds</i>	7,037
R0160 <i>Structured notes</i>	54,570
R0170 <i>Collateralised securities</i>	26,300
R0180 <i>Collective Investments Undertakings</i>	96,864
R0190 <i>Derivatives</i>	0
R0200 <i>Deposits other than cash equivalents</i>	0
R0210 <i>Other investments</i>	0
R0220 Assets held for index-linked and unit-linked contracts	5,400,133
R0230 Loans and mortgages	14,405
R0240 <i>Loans on policies</i>	14,405
R0250 <i>Loans and mortgages to individuals</i>	0
R0260 <i>Other loans and mortgages</i>	0
R0270 Reinsurance recoverables from:	1,801,101
R0280 <i>Non-life and health similar to non-life</i>	0
R0290 <i>Non-life excluding health</i>	0
R0300 <i>Health similar to non-life</i>	0
R0310 <i>Life and health similar to life, excluding index-linked and unit-linked</i>	1,795,131
R0320 <i>Health similar to life</i>	0
R0330 <i>Life excluding health and index-linked and unit-linked</i>	1,795,131
R0340 <i>Life index-linked and unit-linked</i>	5,970
R0350 Deposits to cedants	0
R0360 Insurance and intermediaries receivables	134
R0370 Reinsurance receivables	7,602
R0380 Receivables (trade, not insurance)	45,775
R0390 Own shares (held directly)	0
R0400 Amounts due in respect of own fund items or initial fund called up but not yet paid in	0
R0410 Cash and cash equivalents	40,599
R0420 Any other assets, not elsewhere shown	0
R0500 Total assets	9,985,566

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Balance sheet

		Solvency II value
		C0010
Liabilities		
R0510	Technical provisions - non-life	0
R0520	<i>Technical provisions - non-life (excluding health)</i>	0
R0530	<i>TP calculated as a whole</i>	0
R0540	<i>Best Estimate</i>	0
R0550	<i>Risk margin</i>	0
R0560	<i>Technical provisions - health (similar to non-life)</i>	0
R0570	<i>TP calculated as a whole</i>	0
R0580	<i>Best Estimate</i>	0
R0590	<i>Risk margin</i>	0
R0600	Technical provisions - life (excluding index-linked and unit-linked)	2,208,131
R0610	<i>Technical provisions - health (similar to life)</i>	0
R0620	<i>TP calculated as a whole</i>	0
R0630	<i>Best Estimate</i>	0
R0640	<i>Risk margin</i>	0
R0650	<i>Technical provisions - life (excluding health and index-linked and unit-linked)</i>	2,208,131
R0660	<i>TP calculated as a whole</i>	0
R0670	<i>Best Estimate</i>	2,196,101
R0680	<i>Risk margin</i>	12,030
R0690	Technical provisions - index-linked and unit-linked	5,333,435
R0700	<i>TP calculated as a whole</i>	0
R0710	<i>Best Estimate</i>	5,301,609
R0720	<i>Risk margin</i>	31,826
R0740	Contingent liabilities	0
R0750	Provisions other than technical provisions	4,412
R0760	Pension benefit obligations	1,805
R0770	Deposits from reinsurers	1,865,321
R0780	Deferred tax liabilities	0
R0790	Derivatives	128,949
R0800	Debts owed to credit institutions	0
R0810	Financial liabilities other than debts owed to credit institutions	0
R0820	Insurance & intermediaries payables	118,158
R0830	Reinsurance payables	0
R0840	Payables (trade, not insurance)	38,128
R0850	Subordinated liabilities	0
R0860	<i>Subordinated liabilities not in BOF</i>	0
R0870	<i>Subordinated liabilities in BOF</i>	0
R0880	Any other liabilities, not elsewhere shown	0
R0900	Total liabilities	9,698,339
R1000	Excess of assets over liabilities	287,227

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Own Funds

Basic own funds before deduction for participations in other financial sector

R0010	Ordinary share capital (gross of own shares)
R0020	<i>Non-available called but not paid in ordinary share capital at group level</i>
R0030	Share premium account related to ordinary share capital
R0040	Initial funds, members' contributions or the equivalent basic own-fund item for mutual and mutual-type undertakings
R0050	Subordinated mutual member accounts
R0060	<i>Non-available subordinated mutual member accounts at group level</i>
R0070	Surplus funds
R0080	<i>Non-available surplus funds at group level</i>
R0090	Preference shares
R0100	<i>Non-available preference shares at group level</i>
R0110	Share premium account related to preference shares
R0120	<i>Non-available share premium account related to preference shares at group level</i>
R0130	Reconciliation reserve
R0140	Subordinated liabilities
R0150	<i>Non-available subordinated liabilities at group level</i>
R0160	An amount equal to the value of net deferred tax assets
R0170	<i>The amount equal to the value of net deferred tax assets not available at the group level</i>
R0180	Other items approved by supervisory authority as basic own funds not specified above
R0190	<i>Non available own funds related to other own funds items approved by supervisory authority</i>
R0200	Minority interests (if not reported as part of a specific own fund item)
R0210	<i>Non-available minority interests at group level</i>
R0220	Own funds from the financial statements that should not be represented by the reconciliation reserve and do not meet the criteria to be classified as Solvency II own funds
R0230	Deductions for participations in other financial undertakings, including non-regulated undertakings carrying out financial activities
R0240	<i>whereof deducted according to art 228 of the Directive 2009/138/EC</i>
R0250	Deductions for participations where there is non-availability of information (Article 229)
R0260	Deduction for participations included by using D&A when a combination of methods is used
R0270	Total of non-available own fund items
R0280	Total deductions
R0290	Total basic own funds after deductions

Ancillary own funds

R0300	Unpaid and uncalled ordinary share capital callable on demand
R0310	Unpaid and uncalled initial funds, members' contributions or the equivalent basic own fund item for mutual and mutual - type undertakings, callable on demand
R0320	Unpaid and uncalled preference shares callable on demand
R0330	A legally binding commitment to subscribe and pay for subordinated liabilities on demand
R0340	Letters of credit and guarantees under Article 96(2) of the Directive 2009/138/EC
R0350	Letters of credit and guarantees other than under Article 96(2) of the Directive 2009/138/EC
R0360	Supplementary members calls under first subparagraph of Article 96(3) of the Directive 2009/138/EC
R0370	Supplementary members calls - other than under first subparagraph of Article 96(3) of the Directive 2009/138/EC
R0380	Non available ancillary own funds at group level
R0390	Other ancillary own funds
R0400	Total ancillary own funds

Own funds of other financial sectors

R0410	Credit Institutions, investment firms, financial institutions, alternative investment fund managers, UCITS management companies
R0420	Institutions for occupational retirement provision
R0430	Non regulated entities carrying out financial activities
R0440	Total own funds of other financial sectors

Total	Tier 1 unrestricted	Tier 1 restricted	Tier 2	Tier 3
C0010	C0020	C0030	C0040	C0050
22,505	22,505		0	
0				
0	0		0	
0	0		0	
0		0	0	0
0				
0	0			
0	0			
0		0	0	0
0				
0		0	0	0
0				
236,185	236,185			
0		0	0	0
0				
27,610				27,610
0				0
0	0	0	0	0
0				
0				
0				
286,299	258,689	0	0	27,610
0				
0				
0				
0				
0				
0				
0				
0				
0				
0			0	0
0				
0				
0				
0	0	0	0	0

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Own Funds

Basic own funds before deduction for participations in other financial sector

Own funds when using the D&A, exclusively or in combination of method 1

R0450	Own funds aggregated when using the D&A and combination of method
R0460	Own funds aggregated when using the D&A and combination of method net of IGT
R0520	Total available own funds to meet the consolidated group SCR (excluding own funds from other financial sector and from the undertakings included via D&A)
R0530	Total available own funds to meet the minimum consolidated group SCR
R0560	Total eligible own funds to meet the consolidated group SCR (excluding own funds from other financial sector and from the undertakings included via D&A)
R0570	Total eligible own funds to meet the minimum consolidated group SCR (group)
R0610	Minimum consolidated Group SCR
R0650	Ratio of Eligible own funds to Minimum Consolidated Group SCR
R0660	Total eligible own funds to meet the group SCR (including own funds from other financial sector and from the undertakings included via D&A)
R0680	Group SCR
R0690	Ratio of Eligible own funds to group SCR including other financial sectors and the undertakings included via D&A

Reconciliation reserve

R0700	Excess of assets over liabilities
R0710	Own shares (held directly and indirectly)
R0720	Forseeable dividends, distributions and charges
R0730	Other basic own fund items
R0740	Adjustment for restricted own fund items in respect of matching adjustment portfolios and ring fenced funds
R0750	Other non available own funds
R0760	Reconciliation reserve

Expected profits

R0770	Expected profits included in future premiums (EPIFP) - Life business
R0780	Expected profits included in future premiums (EPIFP) - Non- life business
R0790	Total Expected profits included in future premiums (EPIFP)

Total	Tier 1 unrestricted	Tier 1 restricted	Tier 2	Tier 3
C0010	C0020	C0030	C0040	C0050
0				
0				
286,299	258,689	0	0	27,610
258,689	258,689	0	0	
282,286	258,689	0	0	23,597
258,689	258,689	0	0	
40,110				
644.95%				
282,286	258,689	0	0	23,597
157,314				
179.44%				
C0060				
287,227				
0				
50,114				
928				
236,185				
37,689				
37,689				

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Solvency Capital Requirement - for groups on Standard Formula

	Gross solvency capital requirement	USP	Simplifications
		C0090	C0120
R0010 Market risk	130,580		
R0020 Counterparty default risk	4,295		
R0030 Life underwriting risk	94,086		
R0040 Health underwriting risk	2,438		
R0050 Non-life underwriting risk	0		
R0060 Diversification	-44,314		
R0070 Intangible asset risk	0		
R0100 Basic Solvency Capital Requirement	187,085		
Calculation of Solvency Capital Requirement			
R0130 Operational risk	21,386		
R0140 Loss-absorbing capacity of technical provisions	-51,157		
R0150 Loss-absorbing capacity of deferred taxes			
R0160 Capital requirement for business operated in accordance with Art. 4 of Directive 2003/41/EC	0		
R0200 Solvency Capital Requirement excluding capital add-on	157,314		
R0210 Capital add-ons already set	0		
R0220 Solvency capital requirement for undertakings under consolidated method	157,314		
Other information on SCR			
R0400 Capital requirement for duration-based equity risk sub-module	0		
R0410 Total amount of Notional Solvency Capital Requirements for remaining part	155,835		
R0420 Total amount of Notional Solvency Capital Requirements for ring fenced funds	1,479		
R0430 Total amount of Notional Solvency Capital Requirements for matching adjustment portfolios	0		
R0440 Diversification effects due to RFF nSCR aggregation for article 304	0		
R0470 Minimum consolidated group solvency capital requirement	40,110		
Information on other entities			
R0500 Capital requirement for other financial sectors (Non-insurance capital requirements)	0		
R0510 <i>Credit institutions, investment firms and financial institutions, alternative investment funds managers, UCITS management companies</i>	0		
R0520 <i>Institutions for occupational retirement provisions</i>	0		
R0530 <i>Capital requirement for non-regulated entities carrying out financial activities</i>	0		
R0540 Capital requirement for non-controlled participation requirements	0		
R0550 Capital requirement for residual undertakings	0		
Overall SCR			
R0560 SCR for undertakings included via D&A	0		
R0570 Solvency capital requirement	157,314		

USP Key

For life underwriting risk:

- 1 - Increase in the amount of annuity benefits
- 9 - None

For health underwriting risk:

- 1 - Increase in the amount of annuity benefits
- 2 - Standard deviation for NSLT health premium risk
- 3 - Standard deviation for NSLT health gross premium risk
- 4 - Adjustment factor for non-proportional reinsurance
- 5 - Standard deviation for NSLT health reserve risk
- 9 - None

For non-life underwriting risk:

- 4 - Adjustment factor for non-proportional reinsurance
- 6 - Standard deviation for non-life premium risk
- 7 - Standard deviation for non-life gross premium risk
- 8 - Standard deviation for non-life reserve risk
- 9 - None

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Undertakings in the scope of the group

Country	Identification code of the undertaking	Type of code of the ID of the undertaking	Legal Name of the undertaking	Type of undertaking	Legal form	Category (mutual/non mutual)	Supervisory Authority	
Row	C0010	C0020	C0030	C0040	C0050	C0060	C0070	C0080
1	GB	213800LBGGLJPBQ4P08	LEI	SLF of Canada UK Limited	Insurance holding company as defined in Article 212(1) (f) of Directive 2009/138/EC	Company limited by shares or by guarantee or unlimited	Non-mutual	
2	GB	549300NZ227BVL5W4E72	LEI	Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada (U.K.) Limited	Life insurance undertaking	Company limited by shares or by guarantee or unlimited	Non-mutual	Prudential Regulation Authority
3	GB	2939726	Specific code	Sun Life of Canada UK Holdings Limited	Insurance holding company as defined in Article 212(1) (f) of Directive 2009/138/EC	Company limited by shares or by guarantee or unlimited	Non-mutual	
4	GB	6997417	Specific code	SLFC Services Company (UK) Limited	Ancillary services undertaking as defined in Article 1 (53) of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/35	Company limited by shares or by guarantee or unlimited	Non-mutual	
5	GB	600319	Specific code	Barnwood Properties Limited	Ancillary services undertaking as defined in Article 1 (53) of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/35	Company limited by shares or by guarantee or unlimited	Non-mutual	
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Undertakings in the scope of the group

Country	Identification code of the undertaking	Type of code of the ID of the undertaking	Legal Name of the undertaking	Criteria of influence						Inclusion in the scope of Group supervision		Group solvency calculation	
				% capital share	% used for the establishment of consolidated accounts	% voting rights	Other criteria	Level of influence	Proportional share used for group solvency calculation	YES/NO	Date of decision if art. 214 is applied	Method used and under method 1, treatment of the undertaking	
Row	C0010	C0020	C0030	C0040	C0180	C0190	C0200	C0210	C0220	C0230	C0240	C0250	C0260
1	GB	213800LBGGLJPBQ4P08	LEI	SLF of Canada UK Limited							Included in the scope		Method 1: Full consolidation
2	GB	549300NZ227BVL5W4E72	LEI	Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada (U.K.) Limited	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	Centralised management and governance	Dominant	100.00%	Included in the scope		Method 1: Full consolidation
3	GB	2939726	Specific code	Sun Life of Canada UK Holdings Limited	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	Centralised management and governance	Dominant	100.00%	Included in the scope		Method 1: Full consolidation
4	GB	6997417	Specific code	SLFC Services Company (UK) Limited	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	Centralised management and governance	Dominant	100.00%	Included in the scope		Method 1: Full consolidation
5	GB	600319	Specific code	Barnwood Properties Limited	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	Centralised management and governance	Dominant	100.00%	Included in the scope		Method 1: Full consolidation
6	GB	2306074	Specific code	Laurtrust Limited	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	Centralised management and governance	Dominant	100.00%	Included in the scope		Method 1: Full consolidation

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