

# Solvency and Financial Condition Report

## 31 December 2020

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 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** 

29 March 2021

Report of the external independent 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 chapter 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 company as at 31 December 2020:

- The 'Valuation for solvency purposes' and 'Capital Management' sections of the Group SFCR of the company as at 31 December 2020, ('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 Templates subject to audit'); and
- Solo templates S.02.01.02, S.12.01.02, S.23.01.01, S.25.01.21, S.28.01.01 ('the Templates subject to audit') in respect of Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada (U.K.) Limited.

The Narrative Disclosures subject to audit and the Group Templates and Solo 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 'Summary', 'Business and performance', 'System of governance' and 'Risk profile' elements of the Group SFCR;
- Group templates S.05.01.02 and S.05.02.01;
- Solo templates S.05.01.02 and S.05.02.01;
- The written acknowledgement by management of their responsibilities, including for the preparation of the Group SFCR ('the Responsibility Statement'); and
- Information which pertains to an undertaking that is not a Solvency II undertaking and has been prepared in accordance with PRA rules other than those implementing the Solvency II Directive or in accordance with a European Union ("EU") instrument other than the Solvency II regulations ('the sectoral information').

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 of the company as at 31 December 2020 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, as modified by relevant supervisory modifications, and as supplemented by supervisory approvals and determinations.

#### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) ("ISAs (UK)"), including ISA (UK) 800 and ISA (UK) 805, 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 Solvency and Financial Condition Report* section of our report. We are independent of the company 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.

#### Emphasis of Matter - Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to the 'Valuation for solvency purposes' and '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. Our opinion is not modified in respect of these matters.

#### Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing 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.

Our evaluation of the Directors' assessment of the company's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting included the following:

- Inspected and assessed management's formal going concern paper including current and projected financial position of the company, along with possible events or scenarios arising from the Covid-19 pandemic;
- Inspected and assessed management's Long Term Business Plan ("LTBP") including
  evaluating key inputs, assumptions (such as expense forecasts) and historical accuracy of the
  forecasts;
- Assessment of financial solvency under stressed conditions through inspection of management's Own Risk and Solvency Assessment ("ORSA"); and
- Evaluated the appropriateness of the going concern disclosures.

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 of at least twelve months from when the Group SFCR is authorised for issue.

#### **Other Information**

The Directors are responsible for the Other Information.

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 there is 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 Solvency and Financial Condition Report

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.

# Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the relevant elements of the Group Solvency and Financial Condition Report

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 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.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the SFCR is located on the FRC's website at: <a href="https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities">https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities</a>. The same responsibilities apply to the audit of the Group SFCR.

#### Extent to which 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 material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

We considered the nature of the company's industry and its control environment, and reviewed the company's documentation of their policies and procedures relating to fraud and compliance with laws and regulations. We also enquired of management about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities.

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework that the company operates in, and identified the key laws and regulations that:

- Had a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the Group SFCR. These included Solvency II as implemented in the UK; and
- Do not have a direct effect on the Group SFCR but compliance with which may be fundamental to the company's ability to operate or to avoid a material penalty. These included Companies Act 2006 and related Company Law.

We discussed among the audit engagement team, including relevant internal specialists such as tax, pensions, IT and actuarial specialists, regarding the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the organisation for fraud and how and where fraud might occur in the Group SFCR.

In common with all audits under ISAs (UK), we are also required to perform specific procedures to respond to the risk of management override. In addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, testing the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments; assessing whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias; and evaluating the business rationale of any significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business.

In addition to the above, our procedures to respond to the risks identified included the following:

- Reviewing Group SFCR disclosures by testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with provisions of relevant laws and regulations described as having a direct effect on the Group SFCR;
- Performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud;
- Enquiring of management and legal counsel concerning actual and potential litigation and claims, and instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations; and
- Reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance, reviewing internal audit reports and reviewing correspondence with the PRA and FRC.

#### Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

#### **Sectoral Information**

In our opinion, in accordance with Rule 4.2 of the External Audit Chapter of the PRA Rulebook, the sectoral information has been properly compiled in accordance with the PRA rules and EU instruments relating to that undertaking from information provided by members of the group and the relevant insurance group undertaking.

#### Other Information

In accordance with Rule 4.1 (3) of the External Audit Chapter 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 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 relation to this matter.

#### **Use of our Report**

This report is made solely to the Directors of SLF of Canada UK Limited and Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada (U.K.) Limited in accordance with Rule 4.1 (2) of the External Audit Chapter of the PRA Rulebook for Solvency II firms. We acknowledge that our report will be provided to the PRA for the use of the PRA solely for the purposes set down by statute and the PRA's rules. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the insurer's Directors those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report on the relevant elements of the Group SFCR and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the PRA, for our audit work, for this report or for the opinions we have formed.

Paul Stephenson BA FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor) for and on behalf of Deloitte LLP Statutory Auditor London, UK
29 March 2021

#### **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 profit after tax for 2020, per the financial statements prepared in accordance with International Accounting Standards ("IAS") in conformity with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 and International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board: £38 million (2019: £41 million).

The Covid-19 pandemic has had a profound effect on markets and the economy, both in the UK and globally. During the year, the solvency position has remained resilient and in excess of risk appetite. The solvency position continues to be monitored regularly as the impact of the pandemic continues into 2021. *Section A.1.3 Covid-19* describes the operational response to the pandemic and the impact on the Risk Management System ("RMS") is described in *Section C.7.5 Covid-19*.

#### Solvency and financial condition

The Pillar 1 solvency ratio of SLOC UK as at 31 December 2020 was 186% (2019: 186%), with a Solvency Capital Requirement ("SCR") of £199.0 million (2019: £213.7 million) and eligible own funds to cover it of £369.8 million (2019: £397.5 million), all 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 £13.5 billion (2019: £14.0 billion). Dividends paid in 2020 to SLF of Canada UK Limited, its parent, totalled £66.0 million and it is expected that a dividend of £42.5 million will be paid in 2021.

The SLF UKH Group containing SLOC UK had a solvency ratio of 187% as at 31 December 2020 (2019: 187%) with an SCR of £199.0 million (2019: £213.7 million) and eligible own funds of 372.0 million (2019: £399.7 million) which, as for SLOC UK, was all tier 1 capital. The total assets on a Solvency II basis were £13.5 billion (2019: £14.0 billion). In 2020, a dividend of £66.0 million was paid to SLACC. It is expected that a dividend of £42.5 million will be paid in 2021.

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.

#### **ORSA** results

The 2020 ORSA process for the SLF UKH Group and SLOC UK took into account all material risks of the business. The 2020 ORSA, approved by the Board in June 2020, 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 sensitivities and scenario analyses, 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 reduced dividend payments.

The 2020 ORSA showed that regulatory and other externally driven changes are considered to be the most significant risks facing the company. Other key risks, including emerging risks as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, are not deemed to be significantly adverse to solvency, liquidity, reputation or customer outcomes.

The 2020 ORSA concludes that there are no material risks arising from the World-Wide Group of Sun Life Financial of Canada companies ("WWG") that are not mitigated by 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. In addition, 2020 includes a £4.0 million single premium for the transfer of a small number of Irish members out of the staff pension scheme. SLOC UK 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 and actuarial modelling services in 2020. This is further explained in *Section B.7.1 The outsourcing model*. The company has entered into an agreement to transition actuarial valuation and capital services to a specialist external provider, Towers Watson Limited ("WTW"), to complete by the end of Q2 2021.

#### 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.)	Insurance company which manages individual
Limited	life, pension and annuity policies
Sun Life of Canada UK Holdings Limited	Intermediate holding company of various
	wholly owned subsidiary undertakings
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.

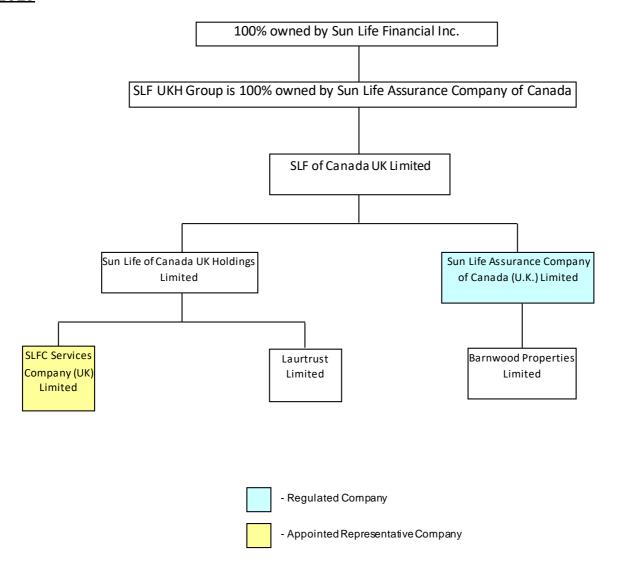
SLOC UK is authorised by the PRA, Threadneedle Street, London EC2R 8AH and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority ("FCA"), 12 Endeavour Square, London E20 1JN and the PRA. The SLF UKH Group is supervised by the PRA.

The auditor of all companies in the SLF UKH Group that are subject to audit is Deloitte LLP, 1 New Street Square, London EC4A 3HQ.

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.

During 2021, it is expected that a dividend of £42.5 million will be paid from SLOC UK to SLF of Canada UK Limited and that SLF of Canada UK Limited will pay a dividend of £42.5 million to SLACC.

#### SLF UKH GROUP STRUCTURE AND OWNERSHIP AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020



#### A.1.3 Covid-19

The Covid-19 pandemic created volatility and uncertainty in markets and the economy, both in the UK and globally. During the year, the solvency position has remained resilient and in excess of risk appetite. The solvency position is being monitored regularly as the impact of the pandemic continues into 2021.

Stress testing undertaken as part of the 2020 ORSA has evidenced that new risks arising as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic are not significantly adverse to solvency. However, the longer-term impact of Covid-19 on policyholder behaviour and the economy remains uncertain.

The company invoked its crisis management plan in March 2020. Working collaboratively with its key outsourcers, the company has delivered uninterrupted services to its customers, with negligible impact on quality, while maintaining a strong control environment. The health and wellbeing of employees is of critical importance and, to that end, a predominantly working from home model was adopted and has been maintained from March 2020 onwards. This will be re-evaluated when it becomes permissible under government, regulatory and group rules and guidance to reoccupy the office.

The impact on the RMS is described further in Section C.7.5 Covid-19.

#### A.1.4 Distributions to shareholders

During 2020, SLOC UK paid a £66.0 million dividend to SLF of Canada UK Limited, its parent.

SLF of Canada UK Limited paid a dividend of £66.0 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 2020

£ million	SLOC UK	Linked	With-	Non-
	TOTAL		profits	linked,
				non-profit
Earned premiums, net of reinsurance	45	39	5	1
Net claims and benefits paid	(303)	(237)	(57)	(9)
Administrative and other expenses (excluding investment management expenses)	(48)	(42)	(3)	(3)

The change in insurance and investment contract liabilities in the year was a decrease of £60 million (2019: increase of £603 million). Their value is sensitive to changes in market factors, policyholder activity and changes in the methodologies and assumptions used in their calculation.

#### Underwriting performance for the year ended 31 December 2019

£ million	SLOC UK	Linked	With-	Non-
	TOTAL		profits	linked,
				non-profit
Earned premiums, net of reinsurance	50	43	6	1
Net claims and benefits paid	(405)	(323)	(69)	(13)
Administrative and other expenses (excluding investment management expenses)	(73)	(61)	(3)	(9)

Premiums are slightly lower in 2020 than in 2019, consistent with the reduction in existing business. Claims are significantly lower in 2020 than in 2019, predominantly due to the impact of volatile markets and the corresponding reduction in unit values of policies. Expenses are lower in 2020 than in 2019, predominantly due to the upfront charge paid in 2019 for entering into the expense indemnity agreement, as described in *Section C.1.5 Material underwriting risk mitigation techniques*.

## A.3 Investment performance as per the financial statements

#### Investment return net of reinsurance for the year ended 31 December 2020 by line of business

£ million	SLOC UK TOTAL	Linked	With- profits	Non- linked,
			•	non-profit
Investment return, net of reinsurance	267	202	29	37
Investment management expenses	(19)	(17)	(0)	(2)

#### Investment return gross of reinsurance for the year ended 31 December 2020 by asset class

£ million	Income	Gains / (losses)
Asset Class		
Bonds	114	202
Equities	126	24
Property	12	(15)
Other	12	65
TOTAL Investment Performance	264	276

#### Investment return net of reinsurance for the year ended 31 December 2019 by line of business

£ million	SLOC UK TOTAL	Linked	With- profits	Non- linked, non-profit
Investment return, net of reinsurance	1,081	992	55	35
Investment management expenses	(20)	(16)	(1)	(3)

#### Investment return gross of reinsurance for the year ended 31 December 2019 by asset class

£ million	Income Gains / (losse	
Asset Class		
Bonds	133	222
Equities	176	823
Property	13	(6)
Other	13	67
TOTAL Investment Performance	335	1,106

Investment income from equities is lower in 2020 than 2019, reflecting the impact of volatile markets over the year. Gains and losses are driven by markets with large gains on equities in 2019. Although equity markets fell significantly at the start of the Covid-19 pandemic, they had largely recovered by the end of the year, reflected in the smaller equity gain in 2020. Bond yields have continued to fall, resulting in similar gains in 2020 to those observed in 2019.

#### Securitisations

SLOC UK's investment manager guidelines do not allow new purchases in securitisations. However, a small amount of legacy holdings (£81 million as at 31 December 2020) remains (£84 million at 31 December 2019). Trading is monitored for any breach of the guidelines.

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

#### Tax

In 2020 there was a tax charge of £11 million. This compares with a tax charge of £36 million in 2019. The large tax variance was primarily due to lower investment gains in 2020, compared to 2019. This reflects the continued volatility in both UK and overseas investment markets.

#### Lease arrangements

SLOC UK leases its premises from Threadneedle Pensions Limited and sublets part of the premises to a third party. There was a reduction in the space let and sublet in 2020.

The rent paid by SLOC UK in 2020 was £0.2 million (2019: £0.4 million) and the rent received was negligible (2019: £0.2 million).

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 £43 million (2019: £46 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 2020, the value of services provided by SLFC Services Company (UK) Ltd was £29 million (2019: £27 million). The outstanding balance payable at 31 December 2020 was £6 million (2019: £5 million).

## B. System of governance

#### B.1 General information on the system of governance

#### B.1.1 The Board and delegations of authority

The Board of Directors ("the Board") of SLOC UK 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.

The Senior Managers and Certification Regime ("SMCR") was implemented during 2018 and the management and governance of SLOC UK is described extensively in the SMCR Management Responsibilities Map. This includes the attribution of senior management functions, allocation of responsibilities (prescribed, inherent and overall), and 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.				
Chief	To ensure that requirements set by the business and relevant statutory and				
Operating	regulatory obligations are met, the COO is empowered to:				
Officer	Be responsible for the management of the day-to-day operations within				
("COO")	designated areas of functional responsibility, including the ownership of their				
	risks and leadership of those functions;				
	Serve as a director to certain SLF UKH Group legal entities; and				
	Act as the designated locum to the CEO.				
Chief	To ensure that requirements set by the business and relevant statutory and				
Financial	regulatory obligations are met, and to ensure sound financial management, the CFO				
Officer	is responsible for:				
("CFO")	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;				
	<ul> <li>Liaison with the WWG corporate finance function and related business</li> </ul>				
	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				
	<ul> <li>Serving as a director to certain SLF UKH Group legal entities.</li> </ul>				
Chief	To ensure requirements set by the business and relevant statutory and regulatory				
Actuary	obligations are met, the Chief Actuary is responsible for:				
	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;				
	<ul> <li>Liaison with the WWG actuarial function and related business groups to</li> </ul>				
	promote consistency in the developments and use of actuarial methods,				
	standards and processes; and				
	<ul> <li>Serving as a director of certain SLF UKH Group legal entities.</li> </ul>				

Role	Description
Role Chief Risk Officer ("CRO")	To ensure requirements set by the business and relevant statutory and regulatory obligations are met, the CRO is responsible for:  • The management of the day-to-day operations of the Line 2 Risk and Compliance Function, including the ownership of their risks and leadership of those functions;  • The establishment of a RMS and assurance over its effective operation;  • The provision of risk perspectives and reporting to management, the Board
	<ul> <li>and its committees; and</li> <li>Liaison with the WWG risk function and related business groups to integrate         UK risk results with WWG risk assessments and strategies, and the overall         promotion of consistency in the development and use of risk methods,         standards and processes.</li> </ul>

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 ***discretionary inclusion	Responsible Senior Manager	Key Function Holder (if not allocated to a Senior Manager)	Individuals in support of Key Function who fall within the Certification Regime
Actuarial*	Chief Actuary	n/a	Head of Product Management Head of Valuation
			Head of Capital
Risk Management*	CRO	n/a	None
Compliance*	Head of Compliance & Money Laundering Reporting Officer	n/a	None
Internal Audit*	Head of Internal Audit & Controls Assurance	n/a	None
Finance**	CFO	n/a	Financial Controller
Tax**	CFO	n/a	Head of UK Tax Operations
Capital Management**	CFO	n/a	None
Liquidity Management**	CFO	n/a	None
Reinsurance**	Chief Actuary	n/a	Head of Product Management

Key Function *mandatory as a Solvency II firm **regulator recommends for consideration ***discretionary inclusion	Responsible Senior Manager	Key Function Holder (if not allocated to a Senior Manager)	Individuals in support of Key Function who fall within the Certification Regime
Asset and Liability Management**	Chief Actuary	n/a	None
Investment Management**	CFO – Customer Funds  Chief Actuary – Shareholder Funds	n/a	None
Information Technology ("IT")**	COO	n/a	IT Manager
Operational Systems and Controls**	COO	n/a	Head of Operations
Data Protection***	n/a	Data Protection Officer	None

#### **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 and the WWG Chief Auditor delegate authority to the Head of Internal Audit 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 operates under the WWG Chief Internal Auditor's mandate that is reviewed and approved annually and 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 including:

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

#### **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 outsourced service providers), and for conducting a risk-based compliance monitoring programme. This includes the management of regulatory relationships, the provision of some regulatory reporting (a responsibility shared with the CFO), 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 Head of Compliance 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 Head of Compliance must be approved by the Board; and
- The Head of Compliance has unrestricted access to the Chair of the Board, 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.

For employees below CEO level, each element of compensation is generally 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.

For employees below CEO level, 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.

For employees below CEO level, 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.

For the CEO, 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

#### **B.1.6.1** Pay mix

The mix of salary, annual incentives and long-term incentives is set annually for the WWG by the WWG Board, is adopted and approved by the UK Board if thought appropriate and 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 in various share-based instruments, 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 reassessment 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 respective Heads of Compliance and 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 a RMS to quantify and manage the company's risks and to ensure an appropriate forward-looking focus on emerging risks. We have considered the risks to which the company is exposed, and noting that this universe includes, although is not limited to, those items that are assessed for solvency purposes under the standard formula, have concluded our assessment of the company as a standard formula company. The components of the RMS are as follows:

- Risk culture
- Risk strategy;
- A risk universe;
- Risk appetite;
- Risk management policies and underpinning procedures; and
- Governance (see Section B.4 Internal control system).

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

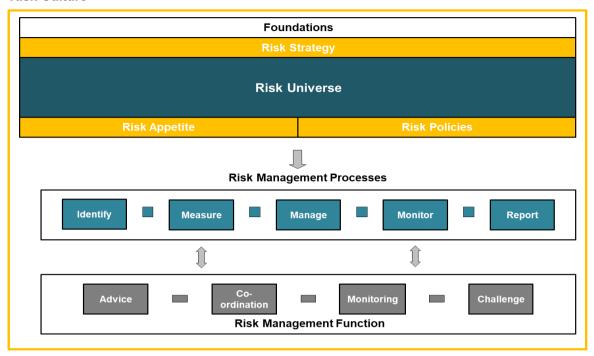
#### **B.3.2** Risk culture

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 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.

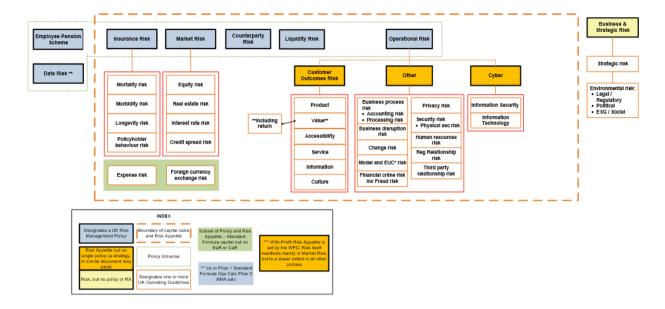
#### B.3.2.2 Risk universe

The diagram of the risk universe 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 IMMMR 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.



#### B.3.2.3 Risk appetite

Risk appetite is defined as the type and level of risk that a firm is willing to accept in pursuit of its business objectives. Risk appetite demonstrates a clear link between risk and our business decisions. It sets out the amount of risk we can accept while still achieving earnings and capital targets, as well as other strategic objectives.

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.

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 LTBP. 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 UK Board approved risk appetite threshold or limit must be notified to the Board. Threshold breaches may be notified in the next reporting cycle, limit breaches require immediate notification.

#### **B.3.2.4** Risk management policies

The RMS defines the required risk universe as described in *Section B.3.2.2 Risk universe*. The risk management policies of the business are aligned to the risk universe and are supported by detailed processes as necessary.

The Risk Committee approves the risk policies required as part of the RMS and assists management in defining the content of these to address the management of material risks. All material policy changes are subject to Board approval and ongoing review by executive management. The requirements and principles of these are set out within the Policy Governance Framework. 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 RMS sets out a risk management cycle that consists of five stages and operates continuously, involving business management and the Risk and Compliance functions:

- *Identify* business management is primarily responsible for identifying current and emerging risks and opportunities that could impact the business.
- **Measure** each identified risk is assessed by business management for its likelihood of occurrence and potential impact on the business measured in financial or non-financial terms. The Risk function reviews and challenges the risk assessment, including the assessment methodologies and tools used, such as models, stress testing and scenario analysis.
- **Manage** There are four options: avoid, transfer, control or accept. The first three require action to be taken, for example to improve a process control that requires improvement so it better mitigates a risk and keeps the business within its risk appetite.
- **Monitor** having assessed and responded to risks, the risk and the actions being taken are monitored, as are possible "key risk indicators" that a risk may crystallise.
- Report reporting is the final step in the risk management process. Accurate, clear and timely reporting of current and emerging risks is presented to those who need to know about them in the organisation. Sufficient detail is provided to allow users to make riskinformed decisions.

Collectively, this is known as the IMMMR process.

#### **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) ranks itself against key risks. This ranking 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 Outsourcing 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 executing.

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 manager 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, and 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 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;
- Managers ensure their employee's interests do not conflict with that of SLOC UK or its customers; and
- The interests of other clients of 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 describes how risks that are identified and assessed within the RMS are considered from the perspective of capital within the context of the relevant balance sheet on a current and 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 continuously operating ORSA process and complies with the latest ORSA Policy.

The ORSA report refers to, and is consistent with, the LTBP and business strategy, the RMS, and risk appetite statements. The ORSA period is five years.

The PRA requires a director or Senior Manager is allocated the prescribed responsibility T-2 (Performance of the ORSA) under the SMCR. The CRO has been allocated this responsibility for 2020, which is documented within the Management Responsibilities Map and Statement of Responsibility.

The Risk Committee is responsible for both reviewing and recommending the ORSA scenarios, assumptions 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.

The extent and sophistication of the ORSA is proportionate to the nature, scale and complexity of the business.

## 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**

A 'Three Lines of Defence' governance model is adopted for risk management, providing a consistent, transparent and clearly documented allocation of accountability and segregation of functional responsibilities. It separates the organisation into three lines of defence against risk:

- Line 1 responsible for managing risk in day-to-day business operations. Line 1 comprises Actuarial, Finance, Tax, HR, Communications, IT, Legal and Outsource Management.
- Line 2 comprises the Compliance and Risk functions. The Compliance function oversees regulatory compliance. A summary of the Risk function's responsibilities are set out in *Section B.4.3 The Risk function*. Line 2 functions are represented on all committees and on all material projects.
- Line 3 independent assurance in respect of risk management controls is provided by Internal Audit. The Internal Audit function is described in Section B.5 Internal Audit function.

#### **B.4.2 The Compliance function**

The Compliance function is responsible for the following:

- Ensuring the company takes reasonable steps to establish and maintain effective systems and controls for compliance with applicable requirements and standards under the UK regulatory system;
- 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;
- Maintain compliance with the WWG Corporate Compliance Risk Management Policy; and
- Maintaining compliance with its 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;
- Maintaining the engagement model to manage the interaction between Lines 1 and 2 and to
  ensure that the Risk and Compliance function remains 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;
- Data protection responsibilities; and
- Fulfilling requirements of the Business Group CRO as outlined in the Corporate Risk Management Framework.

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 Controls Assurance Team ("CAT").

#### **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 investments 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 Outsourcing Policy details the activity to be undertaken prior to entering into an 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 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 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 reports to the Chair of the ACC (functionally) and to the WWG Chief Auditor (administratively).

#### **B.5.3 Controls assurance**

The CAT has been established to work alongside the Internal Audit function, reporting into the Head of Internal Audit acting as the Head of Controls Assurance. The CAT utilises audit methodology, alongside compliance expertise, to undertake independent compliance monitoring reviews based on an annual plan prepared by the Head of Compliance. The CAT also completes the annual ICFR programme based on a plan agreed with Corporate Finance.

#### **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 non-economic assumptions, which are subject to Board approval. The models used for these experience investigations are also subject to the Model and End User Risk Management Policy described above. The Actuarial function has applied appropriate methodologies and assumptions by line of business.
- The Data Governance Policy was followed to ensure the data used to calculate technical provisions and capital requirements is materially appropriate, complete and accurate. For each quarterly Pillar 1 valuation, the policy data used by the actuarial models were reconciled to data extracts from the policy administration systems. Periodic checks of sample data have been carried out to verify the accuracy of data held by the policy administration systems and the policy data used by the actuarial models.
- 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 IFRS, Canadian Life Insurance Capital Adequacy Test and Embedded Value 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 expenses, demographics and operational risk; 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.

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 Outsourcing 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 business, the private funds, is outsourced to Capita Life and Pensions Regulated Services Limited ("Capita") and property fund administration is outsourced to Aberdeen Standard Investments. 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 Diligenta Life and Pensions Limited ("Diligenta") and Capita, with annuity servicing outsourced to Equiniti, Paymaster (1836) Limited. These outsourcers are located in the UK.

## **B.7.4 Actuarial modelling services**

All actuarial modelling and model development services are outsourced to WTW. 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.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 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 2020 was £129 million (2019: £144 million). The most significant underwriting risks contributing to this are lapse risk and expense risk making up £76 million and £36 million respectively (2019: £82 million and £43 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 this 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 National UK and Confederation Life Insurance Company ("CLIC"). These operated in several geographical areas and 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 a total of 55 treaties with other reinsurers.

These treaties cover 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

In 2018, the trustees of the defined benefit staff pension scheme insured the majority of pensions in payment. This was an initial step in reducing risk within the scheme. In 2020 a small tranche of members in the European Economic Area ("EEA") were also insured through a buy-out. A second buy-in exercise was completed in early 2021, insuring the majority of the deferred pensions in payment. Over 90% of the scheme liabilities are now insured.

## **Expense indemnity agreement**

In 2019, the company paid an upfront charge of £23.9 million to enter 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	8	11
Longevity risk	-	5
Disability-morbidity risk	8	8
Life-expense risk	36	42
Lapse risk	76	76
Life catastrophe risk	1	1
Diversification within module	(27)	(32)
Total capital requirement for underwriting risk	102	112

## 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 realise cost savings and access the wider expertise and specialist knowledge of service providers. The asset 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 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 takes into account 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	28	28		
Equity risk				
type 1 equities	62	103		
type 2 equities	12	12		
Property risk	3	12		
Spread risk				
bonds and loans	20	35		
Market risk concentrations	5	5		
Currency risk	27	33		
Diversification within module	(51)	(60)		
Total capital requirement for market risk	106	168		

#### 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 ("ESG") 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.

A simplification is used for collective investment schemes where look-through is not possible. These are treated as a single counterparty in this calculation. The calculation follows the standard formula in summing the value of assets in excess of a threshold multiplied by a risk factor.

## **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

In order to benefit from their experience, resources and knowledge a number of investment managers are employed to invest in fixed income securities. As at 31 December 2020, £3.7 billion of fixed income securities were held in the non-linked business (2019: £3.8 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 the following 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 specific securities that are identified by bond analysts as having a higher risk of default on a credits causing concern list.

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. £2.8 billion, or 75% (2019: £2.9 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 2020, the derivatives in SLOC UK's non-linked business had a total market value of £1.7 million (2019: £122.1 million) and a total notional value of £1.3 billion (2019: £1.6 billion).

£(12.6) million (2019: £121.8 million) of the total market value is for derivatives cleared through a central clearing counterparty ("cleared derivatives"). As at 31 December 2020, SLOC UK's non-linked business posted initial margin of £42.1 million (2019: £25.6 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 ("CSA") 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 2020, SLOC UK's non-linked business received an aggregate collateral balance of £(11.6) million, all of which was cash, (2019: pledged £0.7 million) in respect of uncleared derivatives with £14.3 million total market value (2019: £0.3 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'. This amounted to £3,082 million as at 31 December 2020 (2019 £3,161 million).

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 2020 (2019: 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 an action 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, Sun Life Capital Management (Canada) Inc. which manages the majority of corporate bonds held in the non-linked business include 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 in order to mitigate credit risk in the non-linked business. As at 31 December 2020, the credit default swaps had a total market value of £2.8 million (2019: £3.0 million) and a total notional value of £32.5 million (2019: £36.4 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 £20 million net of the loss absorbing capacity of the technical provisions (2019: £20 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 2020:

	Threshold	Limit	2020
Liquidity ratios (non-profit business)			
- one month	575%	325%	1407%
- three month	875%	N/A	1323%
- twelve month	200%	175%	489%
- one month run-on-the-bank ratio	125%	100%	323%
Liquidity ratios (with-profits business)			
- one month	425%	175%	629%
- twelve month	150%	125%	173%
- one month run-on-the-bank ratio	125%	100%	228%

## 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 in order 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 2020 was £58 million (2019: £63 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, or from personnel and systems, or from external events. SLOC UK has identified material operational risk exposures in the following areas:

- Customer outcomes risk
- Outsourcing risk life and pensions;
- Outsourcing risks fund administration, fund managers, unit pricing, custody services, actuarial services;
- Product design and pricing risk;
- Model risk;
- Taxation risk;
- Key people risk; and
- Cyber risk.

The only significant area of risk concentration is in respect of outsourcing risk (as described in *Section B. 7 Outsourcing*, SLOC UK relies on material outsourcing arrangements with a small number of outsource providers). In line with the LTBP, whilst maintaining an outsourced business model, SLOC UK will continue to consider actions to reduce exposure to outsourcing risk where possible.

Those risks considered to have a sufficiently high score (top risks or in some cases key risks) 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 £31 million (2019: £30 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 emerging in the same business categories as anticipated. Any changes to these profits, 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 Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs.

#### Reputationaltaxrisk

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

Climate change risk continues to increase in profile. Management responsibility for related activity has formally been allocated to the CRO for 2020, documented within the related SMCR Statement of Responsibilities, and is under the oversight of the Risk Committee. Climate change risk has been assessed on a stand-alone basis whilst noting that the impacts can manifest themselves in ways similar to existing principal risks. An initial assessment of climate change risk, shared with the Board, suggests that the main impact for the company will be within market risk where an asset is repriced according to the perceived future impact of climate change on the asset.

The company continues to monitor the recommendations made by the Taskforce on Climate-related Financial Disclosures ("TCFD") and specific guidance on how this will be adopted by the UK regulators. The FCA has indicated that they will issue proposed TCFD implementation measures for life insurers in the first half of 2021, with an expectation that rules will be in place for the largest firms by 2022. This is expected to deliver additional disclosures as the regulatory requirements

become clearer and the company's exposure to climate change both as an asset owner and as an insurer matures.

## C.7.3 UK departure from the EU

The UK legally withdrew from the EU on 31 January 2020 at 23:00 GMT, ending 47 years of membership. However, the business operating environment for the company has not changed because of the transitional period provided for in the UK-EU Withdrawal Agreement, which came to an end on 31 December 2020 at 23:00 GMT. Although the company's permissions to write new business in the EU expired at the end of the transitional period, it was well prepared for this deadline and remains confident it will maintain continuity of service to its policyholders and withstand any market turbulence that may arise in 2021 under new trading arrangements.

## C.7.4 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 severe economic scenario;
- A negative interest rate scenario;
- A climate change scenario; and
- A business model resilience scenario.

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 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.

## C.7.5 Covid-19

In respect of the Covid-19 pandemic, the RMS remains an appropriate tool to frame the related exposures. Both the financial and non-financial existing risk appetite statements measures continue to appropriately define the triggers under which action may be required. Actions continue to prioritise employee wellbeing and customer outcomes, as well as considering financial impacts as described in Section A.1.3 Covid-19. The stress testing undertaken as part of the LTBP and the ORSA has demonstrated that the business remains financially solvent even under highly stressed adverse circumstances. The business continues to engage with the regulators and to respond to enquiries as they arise. During 2020, the UK Risk Function has developed a Covid-19 dashboard, considering 24 measures in total. This has been reported to the Risk Committee throughout 2020 and the measures have shown that the company has not breached any of the thresholds set.

## D. Valuation for solvency purposes

## 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. The valuation methods for assets held by the SLF UKH Group are not materially different from those for assets held by SLOC UK.

## 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 SLOC UK 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	(155)	(9)
Accounting differences	(109)	(21)
Actuarial differences – pension business reserves	26	5
Actuarial differences – life business reserves	(14)	0
New life tax regime transitional adjustments	(36)	(1)
Onerous contracts provision	(4)	(1)
Pension business losses carried forward	110	21
SLOC UK Total	(182)	(6)

In accordance with IAS 12, deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that it is probable that future profits will be available, against which carried forward trade 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 £21 million (2019: £20 million) relating to unused tax losses are based on management projections of future profits disclosed in the LTBP, which indicates that losses are able to be fully recovered.

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.

## 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 liability
	£ million
Net deferred tax liability per Solvency II balance sheet	(6)
Net deferred tax liability per IFRS balance sheet	(31)
Less deferred tax liability in the linked funds*	21
	(10)
Difference	(4)

<sup>\*</sup>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 liability 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 of £280 million (£264 million capital losses and £16 million trading losses) 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.

	Gross (taxable)	Associated
	/ deductible	deferred tax
	difference	asset / (liability)
	£ million	£ million
Non-Life subsidiaries		
Capital losses	264	-
Trading losses	16	-
Excess capital allowances	9	2
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 2020 (2019: nil).

The surplus in the scheme valued on an IAS 19 basis at 31 December 2020 was £96.8 million (2019: £102.5 million).

## 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 2020. The scheme has no assets and the value of the liabilities at the valuation date was £2.7 million (2019: £2.6 million).

#### **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 Alternative methods for valuation*.

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. Accordingly prices provided to SLOC UK are tested and any apparent anomalies are investigated.

## 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 Alternative methods for valuation - 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 leasing arrangements with the owner of the building it occupies and has non-cancellable future minimum lease payments each year until 2022. The right of use asset is included in property, plant and equipment with a value of £0.3 million as at 31 December 2020 (2019: £1.1 million). The surrender of a lease in 2020 has resulted in a reduction in the right of use asset.

# 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 appended shows the value of technical provisions 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.

## 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;
- A single 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
- A UK 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.

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 usually 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 administered by Diligenta 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 administered by Diligenta 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 administered by Capita are valued using a net premium method.

## Conventional non-profit products

- Policies administered by Diligenta and by Capita which were converted from with-profits policies are modelled using a cash flow based gross premium method.
- Policies administered by Capita 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 in order 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)	2020	2019
BEL at 31 December (non-unit liabilities, net of reinsurance)	628	643
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)	76	82
Equity market levels Instantaneous decrease of 38.5% (2019: 38.9%) for type 1 equities (listed in markets in EEA or OECD countries) and 48.5% (2019: 48.9) for type 2 equities (other equities)	72	75
Expenses One-off increase of 10% in current expense levels and an addition of 1% to future expense inflation	36	43

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	2020	2019
Risk Margin at 31 December	79	74
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%)	8	7
Change in discount rate (decrease of 0.5%)	5	5

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. GAO take-up rate investigations are currently also being carried out annually following the introduction of pensions freedom legislation in April 2015. On a two-year rolling basis, investigations are conducted on 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.

## **Economic**

The risk-free base curve published by the PRA is used. This curve is based on swaps less an adjustment for credit risk.

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 so as 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 ESG**

SLOC UK uses risk-neutral ESG 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 Rho London Inter-bank
	Offered Rate ("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	Arvantis, Gregory and Laurent Model

## 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 provisions in the calculation of 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 IFRS reserves are different from Solvency II technical provisions, however for 2020 these differences offset with Solvency II being just £0.1 million lower (2019: £24 million lower). The 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 £79 million higher for this reason (2019: £74 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 £51 million lower for this
  reason (2019: £52 million lower).
- Under Solvency II the insurance and investments contract definitions and valuation restrictions do not apply. The Solvency II technical provisions are £28 million lower for this reason (2019: £35 million lower).
- IFRS best estimate expense assumptions include additional expenses not permitted under Solvency II. The Solvency II technical provisions are £11 million lower for this reason (2019: £8 million lower).
- Other smaller differences amount to Solvency II technical provisions being £11 million higher (£3 million lower).

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*.

#### 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.

#### 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 leasing arrangements with the owner of the building it occupies and has non-cancellable future minimum lease payments each year until 2022. The lease liability is included in payables, this is consistent with treatment under IFRS 16, with a value of  $\pounds(0.3)$  million as at 31 December 2020 (2019:  $\pounds(1.1)$  million). The surrender of a lease in 2020 has resulted in a reduction in the lease liability.

## D.4 Alternative methods for valuation

## D.4.1 Illiquid bonds

At 31 December 2020, SLOC UK held £270 million of bonds where the fund administrator had been unable to source an updated market price for more than five continuous business days (2019: £215 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, Aberdeen Standard Investments, who employs 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 Aberdeen Standard Investments.

Property is valued by Savills in accordance with the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors' ("RICS") Valuation – Global Standards 2020, incorporating the International Valuation Standards issued in January 2020 and effective from 31 January 2020 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 at the end of the year and at the end of the previous year, for SLOC UK and for the SLF UKH Group, is given in the quantitative reporting templates in *Appendices 1 and 2*.

## E.1.1 SLOC UK

#### **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 available own funds for the year:

Available own funds at 1 January	2020 £ million 397.5	2019 £ million 424.3
Impact of operating assumption changes	(7.7)	(7.6)
Foreseeable dividend	(42.5)	(66.0)
Other movements in own funds	24.5	46.8
Available own funds at 31 December	371.8	397.5

The structure of own funds at 31 December 2020 was identical to that at 1 January 2020. The value of ordinary share capital did not change in the year. The net deferred tax liability is  $\pounds(6)$  million (2019: liability of  $\pounds(9)$  million). The reconciliation reserve decreased from £375 million to £349 million.

## 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
405	0	(2)	4	4	0	4	415

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 received from reinsurers.

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.

## **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 structure of own funds at 31 December 2020 was identical to that at 1 January 2020. The value of ordinary share capital did not change in the year. The net deferred tax liability is £(4) million (2019: liability of £(7) million). The reconciliation reserve decreased from £150 million to £124 million.

## Movement of SLF UKH Group own funds in the year

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

Available own funds at 1 January	2020 £ million 399.7	2019 £ million 426.5
Impact of operating assumption changes	(7.7)	(7.6)
Foreseeable dividend	(42.5)	(66.0)
Other movements in own funds	24.5	46.8
Available own funds at 31 December	374.0	399.7

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

The items causing differences between net assets calculated for solvency purposes and financial statements' equity are identical to those for SLOC UK.

## E.1.3 Deferred tax assets

The net deferred tax liability for SLOC UK includes a deferred tax asset of £21 million (2019: £20 million) as disclosed in *Section D.1.1 SLOC UK deferred tax asset calculation*. This tax asset relates to unused pension business losses, which have been fully valued. It is anticipated that this deferred tax asset is likely to be utilised by both probable future taxable profit and the reversion of deferred tax liabilities relating to income taxes levied by the same taxation authority.

The SLF UKH Group has an additional £280 million (£264 million capital losses and £16 million trading losses). 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.

Net deferred tax assets are classified as tier 3 capital, as required by the classification rules.

#### E.1.4 Reconciliation reserve

The reconciliation reserve represents retained earnings 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.

#### 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 reduced accordingly. The total amount of excess surplus is equal to the value of the restriction which reduces the available own funds to zero. The amount is given in the quantitative reporting templates in *Appendices 1 and 2*.

The prescribed limits on restricted tier 1 capital, eligible tier 2 capital and eligible tier 3 capital have no impact.

There are no 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 Business Planning 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 defines 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. It is reviewed and approved by the Board at least annually and 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 in order 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. In order 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 cases to support initiatives include 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.

# 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*.

## E.2.1 Minimum capital requirement

As at end 2020 the Linear Minimum Capital Requirement ("MCR $_{\rm L}$ ") is calculated using the prescribed formula and is biting over the Minimum Capital Requirement ("MCR") floor of 25% of the SCR. Changes in the MCR are therefore driven 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	2020		2019		Change	
	Gross	Net	Gross	Net	Gross	Net
Before Diversification						
Market	168	106	181	114	(13)	(8)
Default	9	9	8	8	1	1
Life	112	102	124	114	(12)	(12)
Health	2	2	3	3	(1)	(1)
Diversification	(58)	(51)	(62)	(55)	4	4
Basic SCR	233	168	254	184	(21)	(16)
Operational Risk	31	31	30	30	1	1
Adjustment included for loss absorbing capacity of technical provisions	-	(65)	-	(70)	-	5
SCR – Modular	264	199	284	214	(20)	(15)

The SCR has decreased over the year as a result of lower life underwriting risk and market risk. Life underwriting risk has decreased due to a declining book and an increase in the value of the expense indemnity agreement (described in section Section C.1.5 Material underwriting risk mitigation techniques) under the expense risk module. Market risk has decreased due to a reduction in interest rate risk on the staff pension scheme as a result of de-risking activities.

### 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 technical provisions and SCR. The overall impact of reinsurance is to reduce BEL by £3.0 billion (2019: £2.9 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 £3,082 million at 31 December 2020 (2019: £3,161 million). A 10% reduction in the value of that collateral would increase the undiversified counterparty default risk by £5 million (2019: £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 2020 (2019: 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*. There are also currency forwards which aim to reduce currency exposure. £6 million of credit is taken for the forward in the currency risk calculation within the gross SCR (2019: £6 million).
- An interest rate hedge is in place to help protect the overall solvency position of SLOC UK against falls 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

2020

(Monetary amounts in GBP thousands)

### General information

Undertaking name
Undertaking identification code
Type of code of undertaking
Type of undertaking
Country of authorisation
Language of reporting
Reporting reference date
Currency used for reporting
Accounting standards
Method of Calculation of the SCR
Matching adjustment
Volatility adjustment

Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada (U.K.) Limited
549300NZ227BVL5W4E72
LEI
Life undertakings
GB
en
31 December 2020
GBP
IFRS
Standard formula
No use of matching adjustment
No use of volatility adjustment
No use of transitional measure on the risk-free interest rate
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

 $\mathsf{S.05.02.01}$  - Premiums, claims and expenses by country

S.12.01.02 - Life and Health SLT Technical Provisions

Transitional measure on the risk-free interest rate Transitional measure on technical provisions

S.23.01.01 - Own Funds

 ${\it S.25.01.21-Solvency\ Capital\ Requirement-for\ undertakings\ on\ Standard\ Formula}$ 

5.28.01.01 - Minimum Capital Requirement - Only life or only non-life insurance or reinsurance activity

# S.02.01.02

# **Balance sheet**

		Solvency II value
	Assets	C0010
R0030 I	ntangible assets	0
R0040 [	Deferred tax assets	17,499
R0050 F	Pension benefit surplus	99,876
R0060 F	Property, plant & equipment held for own use	287
R0070 I	nvestments (other than assets held for index-linked and unit-linked contracts)	3,886,328
R0080	Property (other than for own use)	37,163
R0090	Holdings in related undertakings, including participations	542
R0100	Equities	105,428
R0110	Equities - listed	105,428
R0120	Equities - unlisted	0
R0130	Bonds	3,662,728
R0140	Government Bonds	866,347
R0150	Corporate Bonds	2,715,300
R0160	Structured notes	0
R0170	Collateralised securities	81,082
R0180	Collective Investments Undertakings	46,176
R0190	Derivatives	34,290
R0200	Deposits other than cash equivalents	0
R0210	Other investments	0
R0220 A	Assets held for index-linked and unit-linked contracts	6,448,174
R0230 L	Loans and mortgages	15,911
R0240	Loans on policies	15,911
R0250	Loans and mortgages to individuals	0
R0260	Other loans and mortgages	0
R0270 F	Reinsurance recoverables from:	2,977,342
R0280	Non-life and health similar to non-life	0
R0290	Non-life excluding health	0
R0300	Health similar to non-life	0
R0310	Life and health similar to life, excluding index-linked and unit-linked	2,969,454
R0320	Health similar to life	0
R0330	Life excluding health and index-linked and unit-linked	2,969,454
R0340	Life index-linked and unit-linked	7,887
R0350	Deposits to cedants	0
R0360 I	nsurance and intermediaries receivables	59
R0370 F	Reinsurance receivables	4,764
R0380 F	Receivables (trade, not insurance)	30,428
R0390 (	Own shares (held directly)	0
R0400 A	Amounts due in respect of own fund items or initial fund called up but not yet paid in	0
R0410 (	Cash and cash equivalents	27,520
R0420 A	Any other assets, not elsewhere shown	0
	Total assets	13,508,188

# S.02.01.02

# **Balance sheet**

		Solvency II value
	Liabilities	C0010
R0510	Technical provisions - non-life	0
R0520	Technical provisions - non-life (excluding health)	0
R0530	TP calculated as a whole	0
R0540	Best Estimate	0
R0550	Risk margin	0
R0560	Technical provisions - health (similar to non-life)	0
R0570	TP calculated as a whole	0
R0580	Best Estimate	0
R0590	Risk margin	0
R0600	Technical provisions - life (excluding index-linked and unit-linked)	3,580,047
R0610	Technical provisions - health (similar to life)	0
R0620	TP calculated as a whole	0
R0630	Best Estimate	0
R0640	Risk margin	0
R0650	Technical provisions - life (excluding health and index-linked and unit-linked)	3,580,047
R0660	TP calculated as a whole	0
R0670	Best Estimate	3,552,720
R0680	Risk margin	27,327
R0690	Technical provisions - index-linked and unit-linked	6,237,899
R0700	TP calculated as a whole	0
R0710	Best Estimate	6,185,979
R0720	Risk margin	51,920
R0740	Contingent liabilities	0
R0750	Provisions other than technical provisions	5,668
R0760	Pension benefit obligations	2,679
R0770	Deposits from reinsurers	3,081,929
R0780	Deferred tax liabilities	23,115
	Derivatives	32,544
R0800	Debts owed to credit institutions	0
R0810	Financial liabilities other than debts owed to credit institutions	0
R0820	Insurance & intermediaries payables	95,375
R0830	Reinsurance payables	0
R0840	Payables (trade, not insurance)	33,668
R0850	Subordinated liabilities	0
R0860	Subordinated liabilities not in BOF	0
R0870	Subordinated liabilities in BOF	0
R0880		0
R0900	Any other liabilities, not elsewhere shown	
KU900	Total liabilities	13,092,925
R1000	Excess of assets over liabilities	415,263

S.05.01.02
Premiums, claims and expenses by line of business

# Life

		Line of Business for: life insurance obligations					Life reinsuran			
		Health insurance	Insurance with profit participation	Index-linked and unit-linked insurance	Other life insurance	Annuities stemming from non-life insurance contracts and relating to health insurance obligations	Annuities stemming from non-life insurance contracts and relating to insurance obligations other than health insurance obligations	Health reinsurance	Life reinsurance	Total
		C0210	C0220	C0230	C0240	C0250	C0260	C0270	C0280	C0300
	Premiums written									
R1410	Gross	0	4,847	64,393	11,816					81,057
R1420	Reinsurers' share	0	12	7,924	6,924					14,860
R1500	Net	0	4,835	56,469	4,893			0	0	66,196
	Premiums earned									
R1510	Gross	0	4,847	64,393	11,816					81,057
R1520	Reinsurers' share	0	12	7,924	6,924					14,860
R1600	Net	0	4,835	56,469	4,893			0	0	66,196
	Claims incurred									
R1610	Gross	0	57,085	492,990	173,236					723,311
R1620	Reinsurers' share	0	0	23,557	164,530					188,087
R1700	Net	0	57,085	469,433	8,706			0	0	535,224
	Changes in other technical provisions									
R1710	Gross	0	0	0	0					0
R1720	Reinsurers' share	0	0	0	0					0
R1800	Net	0	0	0	0			0	0	0
R1900	Expenses incurred	0	3,692	57,757	5,630			0	0	67,079
R2500	Other expenses									
R2600	Total expenses									67,079

S.05.02.01
Premiums, claims and expenses by country

# Life

		C0150	C0160	C0170	C0180	C0190	C0200	C0210
			Top 5 countries (by	amount of gross prei	miums written) - life		by amount of gross n) - life obligations	Total Top 5 and
R1400		Home Country						home country
		C0220	C0230	C0240	C0250	C0260	C0270	C0280
	Premiums written							
R1410	Gross	81,057						81,057
R1420	Reinsurers' share	14,860						14,860
R1500	Net	66,196						66,196
	Premiums earned							
R1510	Gross	81,057						81,057
R1520	Reinsurers' share	14,860						14,860
R1600	Net	66,196						66,196
	Claims incurred							
R1610		723,311						723,311
	Reinsurers' share	188,087						188,087
R1700	I	535,224						535,224
	Changes in other technical provisions							
R1710		0						0
	Reinsurers' share	0						0
R1800	Net	0						0
R1900	Expenses incurred	67,079						67,079
R2500	Other expenses							
R2600	Total expenses							67,079

S.12.01.02

## Life and Health SLT Technical Provisions

			Index-linked	I and unit-linke	d insurance	Ot	her life insuran	ce	Annuities stemming from			Health ins	urance (direc	t business)	Annuities		
		Insurance with profit participation		Contracts without options and guarantees	Contracts with options or guarantees		Contracts without options and guarantees	Contracts with options or guarantees	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)		Contracts without options and guarantees	Contracts with options or guarantees	stemming from non-life insurance contracts and relating to health insurance obligations	Health reinsurance (reinsurance accepted)	Total (Health similar to life insurance)
		C0020	C0030	C0040	C0050	C0060	C0070	C0080	C0090	C0100	C0150	C0160	C0170	C0180	C0190	C0200	C0210
	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
	Technical provisions calculated as a sum of BE and RM																
	Best estimate																
R0030	Gross Best Estimate	479,603		5,028,730	1,157,249		2,570,518	499,069		3,530	9,738,699		0	0	0	0	0
	Total Recoverables from reinsurance/SPV and Finite Re after the adjustment for expected losses due to counterparty default			7,079	808		2,588,568	380,887		0	2,977,342		0	0	0	0	0
	Best estimate minus recoverables from reinsurance/SPV and Finite Re	479,603		5,021,651	1,156,441		-18,050	118,182		3,530	6,761,358		0	0	0	0	0
R0100	Risk margin	1,534	51,920			25,764				30	79,247	0			0	0	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	481,137	6,237,899			3,095,350				3,560	9,817,946	0			0	0	0

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#### Own Funds

R0780 Expected profits included in future premiums (EPIFP) - Non- life business

R0790 Total Expected profits included in future premiums (EPIFP)

	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
	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
	Unpaid and uncalled ordinary share capital callable on demand
	Unpaid and uncalled initial funds, members' contributions or the equivalent basic own fund item for mutual and mutual - type undertakings, callable on demand
	Unpaid and uncalled preference shares callable on demand
	A legally binding commitment to subscribe and pay for subordinated liabilities on demand
	Letters of credit and guarantees under Article 96(2) of the Directive 2009/138/EC
	Letters of credit and guarantees other than under Article 96(2) of the Directive 2009/138/EC
	Supplementary members calls under first subparagraph of Article 96(3) of the Directive 2009/138/EC
R0370 R0390	
	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
	Reconcilliation reserve
	Excess of assets over liabilities
	Own shares (held directly and indirectly)  Foreseable dividends, distributions and charges
	Foreseeable dividends, distributions and charges Other basic own fund items
	Adjustment for restricted own fund items in respect of matching adjustment portfolios and ring fenced funds
	Reconciliation reserve
	Expected profits
R0770	Expected profits included in future premiums (EPIFP) - Life business
D0790	For a total confidence of the included in factors are confidence (FDIFD). New Life business

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	-1		
0		0	0	0
349,269	349,269	0	0	0
349,269	349,209	0	0	0
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0	0	0	0	0
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371,769	371,769	0	0	0
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0				
0				
0				
0			0	0
371,769	371,769	0	0	0
371,769	371,769	0	0	
371,769	371,769	0	0	0
371,769	371,769	0	0	
198,953				
50,135				
186.86%				
741.53%				
C0060				
415,263				
0				
42,500				
22,500				
002				

993

349,269

58,052

58,052

## Solvency Capital Requirement - for undertakings on Standard Formula

		Gross solvency capital requirement	USP	Simplifications
		C0110	C0090	C0120
	Market risk	167,705		9
R0020	Counterparty default risk	9,437		
R0030	Life underwriting risk	111,520	,	9
R0040	Health underwriting risk	2,450	9	9
R0050	Non-life underwriting risk	0	9	9
R0060	Diversification	-57,864		
			USP Key	
R0070	Intangible asset risk	0	For life underw	riting risk:
				ne amount of annuity
R0100	Basic Solvency Capital Requirement	233,249	benefits 9 - None	
			For health unde	armeiting risks
	Calculation of Solvency Capital Requirement	C0100		ne amount of annuity
R0130	Operational risk	30,782	benefits	riation for NSLT health
R0140	Loss-absorbing capacity of technical provisions	-65,079	premium risk	k
R0150	Loss-absorbing capacity of deferred taxes	0	3 - Standard dev premium risl	riation for NSLT health gross
R0160	Capital requirement for business operated in accordance with Art. 4 of Directive 2003/41/EC	0	4 - Adjustment f	actor for non-proportional
R0200	Solvency Capital Requirement excluding capital add-on	198,953	reinsurance	riation for NSLT health
R0210	Capital add-ons already set	0	reserve risk	actor for NSET ficater
R0220	Solvency capital requirement	198,953	9 - None	
	Other information on SCR		For non-life und 4 - Adjustment f	derwriting risk: actor for non-proportional
R0400	Capital requirement for duration-based equity risk sub-module	0	reinsurance 6 - Standard dev	riation for non-life
R0410	Total amount of Notional Solvency Capital Requirements for remaining part	196,794	premium risk	k
R0420	Total amount of Notional Solvency Capital Requirements for ring fenced funds	2,158	7 Standard dev	riation for non-life gross k
R0430	Total amount of Notional Solvency Capital Requirements for matching adjustment portfolios	2,130	8 - Standard dev	riation for non-life
R0440	Diversification effects due to RFF nSCR aggregation for article 304	0	T CSCI VC TISK	
110-1-10	Diversification effects due to the libert aggregation for article 304	0		
	Approach to tax rate	C0109	4	
R0590	Approach based on average tax rate	0		
			1	
	Calculation of loss absorbing capacity of deferred taxes	LAC DT		
		C0130	1	
R0640	LAC DT			
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		

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## Minimum Capital Requirement - Only life or only non-life insurance or reinsurance activity

	Linear formula component for non-life insurance and reinsurance obligations	C0010		
R0010	MCR <sub>NL</sub> Result			
			Net (of	
			reinsurance/SPV) best	Net (of reinsurance)
			estimate and TP	written premiums in the last 12 months
			calculated as a whole	the last 12 months
			C0020	C0030
R0020	Medical expense insurance and proportional reinsurance			
R0030	Income protection insurance and proportional reinsurance			
R0040	Workers' compensation insurance and proportional reinsurance			
R0050	Motor vehicle liability insurance and proportional reinsurance			
R0060	Other motor insurance and proportional reinsurance			
R0070	Marine, aviation and transport insurance and proportional reinsurance			
R0080	Fire and other damage to property insurance and proportional reinsurance			
R0090	General liability insurance and proportional reinsurance			
R0100	Credit and suretyship insurance and proportional reinsurance			
R0110	Legal expenses insurance and proportional reinsurance			
R0120	Assistance and proportional reinsurance			
R0130	Miscellaneous financial loss insurance and proportional reinsurance			
R0140	Non-proportional health reinsurance			
R0150	Non-proportional casualty reinsurance			
R0160	Non-proportional marine, aviation and transport reinsurance			
R0170	Non-proportional property reinsurance			
	Linear formula component for life insurance and reinsurance obligations	C0040		
R0200	MCR <sub>L</sub> Result	50,135		
ROZOO	mong nesare	30,133		
			Not (of	
			Net (of	Net (of
			reinsurance/SPV) best	reinsurance/SPV) total
			,	
			reinsurance/SPV) best estimate and TP	reinsurance/SPV) total
			reinsurance/SPV) best estimate and TP	reinsurance/SPV) total
R0210	Obligations with profit participation - guaranteed benefits		reinsurance/SPV) best estimate and TP calculated as a whole	reinsurance/SPV) total capital at risk
R0210 R0220	Obligations with profit participation - guaranteed benefits Obligations with profit participation - future discretionary benefits		reinsurance/SPV) best estimate and TP calculated as a whole	reinsurance/SPV) total capital at risk
			reinsurance/SPV) best estimate and TP calculated as a whole	reinsurance/SPV) total capital at risk
R0220	Obligations with profit participation - future discretionary benefits		reinsurance/SPV) best estimate and TP calculated as a whole  C0050  325,703 153,900	reinsurance/SPV) total capital at risk
R0220 R0230	Obligations with profit participation - future discretionary benefits Index-linked and unit-linked insurance obligations		reinsurance/SPV) best estimate and TP calculated as a whole   C0050  325,703  153,900  6,178,092	reinsurance/SPV) total capital at risk
R0220 R0230 R0240	Obligations with profit participation - future discretionary benefits Index-linked and unit-linked insurance obligations Other life (re)insurance and health (re)insurance obligations Total capital at risk for all life (re)insurance obligations	C0070	reinsurance/SPV) best estimate and TP calculated as a whole   C0050  325,703  153,900  6,178,092	reinsurance/SPV) total capital at risk C0060
R0220 R0230 R0240 R0250	Obligations with profit participation - future discretionary benefits Index-linked and unit-linked insurance obligations Other life (re)insurance and health (re)insurance obligations Total capital at risk for all life (re)insurance obligations Overall MCR calculation	C0070	reinsurance/SPV) best estimate and TP calculated as a whole   C0050  325,703  153,900  6,178,092	reinsurance/SPV) total capital at risk C0060
R0220 R0230 R0240 R0250	Obligations with profit participation - future discretionary benefits Index-linked and unit-linked insurance obligations Other life (re)insurance and health (re)insurance obligations Total capital at risk for all life (re)insurance obligations  Overall MCR calculation Linear MCR	50,135	reinsurance/SPV) best estimate and TP calculated as a whole   C0050  325,703  153,900  6,178,092	reinsurance/SPV) total capital at risk C0060
R0220 R0230 R0240 R0250 R0300 R0310	Obligations with profit participation - future discretionary benefits Index-linked and unit-linked insurance obligations Other life (re)insurance and health (re)insurance obligations Total capital at risk for all life (re)insurance obligations  Overall MCR calculation Linear MCR SCR	50,135 198,953	reinsurance/SPV) best estimate and TP calculated as a whole   C0050  325,703  153,900  6,178,092	reinsurance/SPV) total capital at risk C0060
R0220 R0230 R0240 R0250 R0300 R0310 R0320	Obligations with profit participation - future discretionary benefits Index-linked and unit-linked insurance obligations Other life (re)insurance and health (re)insurance obligations Total capital at risk for all life (re)insurance obligations  Overall MCR calculation Linear MCR SCR MCR cap	50,135 198,953 89,529	reinsurance/SPV) best estimate and TP calculated as a whole   C0050  325,703  153,900  6,178,092	reinsurance/SPV) total capital at risk C0060
R0220 R0230 R0240 R0250 R0300 R0310 R0320 R0330	Obligations with profit participation - future discretionary benefits Index-linked and unit-linked insurance obligations Other life (re)insurance and health (re)insurance obligations Total capital at risk for all life (re)insurance obligations  Overall MCR calculation Linear MCR SCR MCR cap MCR floor	50,135 198,953 89,529 49,738	reinsurance/SPV) best estimate and TP calculated as a whole   C0050  325,703  153,900  6,178,092	reinsurance/SPV) total capital at risk C0060
R0220 R0230 R0240 R0250 R0300 R0310 R0320 R0330 R0340	Obligations with profit participation - future discretionary benefits Index-linked and unit-linked insurance obligations Other life (re)insurance and health (re)insurance obligations Total capital at risk for all life (re)insurance obligations  Overall MCR calculation Linear MCR SCR MCR cap MCR floor Combined MCR	50,135 198,953 89,529 49,738 50,135	reinsurance/SPV) best estimate and TP calculated as a whole   C0050  325,703  153,900  6,178,092	reinsurance/SPV) total capital at risk C0060
R0220 R0230 R0240 R0250 R0300 R0310 R0320 R0330 R0340 R0350	Obligations with profit participation - future discretionary benefits Index-linked and unit-linked insurance obligations Other life (re)insurance and health (re)insurance obligations Total capital at risk for all life (re)insurance obligations  Overall MCR calculation Linear MCR SCR MCR cap MCR floor Combined MCR Absolute floor of the MCR	50,135 198,953 89,529 49,738 50,135 3,338	reinsurance/SPV) best estimate and TP calculated as a whole   C0050  325,703  153,900  6,178,092	reinsurance/SPV) total capital at risk C0060
R0220 R0230 R0240 R0250 R0300 R0310 R0320 R0330 R0340 R0350	Obligations with profit participation - future discretionary benefits Index-linked and unit-linked insurance obligations Other life (re)insurance and health (re)insurance obligations Total capital at risk for all life (re)insurance obligations  Overall MCR calculation Linear MCR SCR MCR cap MCR floor Combined MCR	50,135 198,953 89,529 49,738 50,135	reinsurance/SPV) best estimate and TP calculated as a whole   C0050  325,703  153,900  6,178,092	reinsurance/SPV) total capital at risk

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

# SLF of Canada UK Limited

Solvency and Financial Condition Report

**Disclosures** 

31 December

2020

(Monetary amounts in GBP thousands)

## General information

Participating undertaking name
Group identification code
Type of code of group
Country of the group supervisor
Language of reporting
Reporting reference date
Currency used for reporting
Accounting standards
Method of Calculation of the group SCR
Method of group solvency calculation
Matching adjustment

Volatility adjustment Transitional measure on the risk-free interest rate Transitional measure on technical provisions

	SLF of Canada UK Limited
	213800LBGGLJPIBQ4P08
	LEI
	GB
	en
	31 December 2020
	GBP
	IFRS
	Standard formula
	Method 1 is used exclusively
	No use of matching adjustment
	No use of volatility adjustment
١	No use of transitional measure on the risk-free interest rate
	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

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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

# S.02.01.02

# **Balance sheet**

		Solvency II value
Δ	assets	C0010
R0030 II	ntangible assets	0
R0040 D	Deferred tax assets	19,192
R0050 P	Pension benefit surplus	99,876
R0060 P	Property, plant & equipment held for own use	749
R0070 II	nvestments (other than assets held for index-linked and unit-linked contracts)	3,886,026
R0080	Property (other than for own use)	37,403
R0090	Holdings in related undertakings, including participations	0
R0100	Equities	105,428
R0110	Equities - listed	105,428
R0120	Equities - unlisted	0
R0130	Bonds	3,662,728
R0140	Government Bonds	866,347
R0150	Corporate Bonds	2,715,300
R0160	Structured notes	0
R0170	Collateralised securities	81,082
R0180	Collective Investments Undertakings	46,176
R0190	Derivatives	34,290
R0200	Deposits other than cash equivalents	0
R0210	Other investments	0
R0220 A	ssets held for index-linked and unit-linked contracts	6,448,174
R0230 L	oans and mortgages	15,911
R0240	Loans on policies	15,911
R0250	Loans and mortgages to individuals	0
R0260	Other loans and mortgages	0
R0270 R	Reinsurance recoverables from:	2,977,342
R0280	Non-life and health similar to non-life	0
R0290	Non-life excluding health	0
R0300	Health similar to non-life	0
R0310	Life and health similar to life, excluding index-linked and unit-linked	2,969,454
R0320	Health similar to life	0
R0330	Life excluding health and index-linked and unit-linked	2,969,454
R0340	Life index-linked and unit-linked	7,887
R0350 D	Deposits to cedants	0
R0360 li	nsurance and intermediaries receivables	59
R0370 R	Reinsurance receivables	4,764
R0380 R	Receivables (trade, not insurance)	30,578
R0390 C	Own shares (held directly)	0
R0400 A	amounts due in respect of own fund items or initial fund called up but not yet paid in	0
R0410 C	Cash and cash equivalents	31,900
R0420 A	any other assets, not elsewhere shown	0
	otal assets	13,514,571

# S.02.01.02

# **Balance sheet**

		Solvency II value
	Liabilities	C0010
R0510	Technical provisions - non-life	0
R0520	Technical provisions - non-life (excluding health)	0
R0530	TP calculated as a whole	0
R0540	Best Estimate	0
R0550	Risk margin	0
R0560	Technical provisions - health (similar to non-life)	0
R0570	TP calculated as a whole	0
R0580	Best Estimate	0
R0590	Risk margin	0
R0600	Technical provisions - life (excluding index-linked and unit-linked)	3,580,047
R0610	Technical provisions - health (similar to life)	0
R0620	TP calculated as a whole	0
R0630	Best Estimate	0
R0640	Risk margin	0
R0650	Technical provisions - life (excluding health and index-linked and unit-linked)	3,580,047
R0660	TP calculated as a whole	0
R0670	Best Estimate	3,552,720
R0680	Risk margin	27,327
R0690	Technical provisions - index-linked and unit-linked	6,237,899
R0700	TP calculated as a whole	0
R0710	Best Estimate	6,185,979
R0720	Risk margin	51,920
R0740	Contingent liabilities	0
R0750	Provisions other than technical provisions	7,114
R0760	Pension benefit obligations	2,679
R0770	Deposits from reinsurers	3,081,929
R0780	Deferred tax liabilities	23,115
R0790	Derivatives	32,544
R0800	Debts owed to credit institutions	0
R0810	Financial liabilities other than debts owed to credit institutions	0
R0820	Insurance & intermediaries payables	95,375
R0830	Reinsurance payables	0
R0840	Payables (trade, not insurance)	36,381
R0850	Subordinated liabilities	0
R0860	Subordinated liabilities not in BOF	0
R0870	Subordinated liabilities in BOF	0
R0880	Any other liabilities, not elsewhere shown	0
R0900	Total liabilities	13,097,084
R1000	Excess of assets over liabilities	417,487

S.05.01.02
Premiums, claims and expenses by line of business

# Life

			Line of Business for: life insurance obligations					Life reinsurance obligations		
		Health insurance	Insurance with profit participation	Index-linked and unit-linked insurance	Other life insurance	Annuities stemming from non-life insurance contracts and relating to health insurance obligations	Annuities stemming from non-life insurance contracts and relating to insurance obligations other than health insurance obligations	Health reinsurance	Life reinsurance	Total
		C0210	C0220	C0230	C0240	C0250	C0260	C0270	C0280	C0300
	Premiums written									
R1410	Gross	0			11,816					81,057
R1420	Reinsurers' share	0	12	7,924	6,924					14,860
R1500	Net	0	4,835	56,469	4,893					66,196
	Premiums earned									
R1510	Gross	0	4,847	64,393	11,816					81,057
R1520	Reinsurers' share	0	12	7,924	6,924					14,860
R1600	Net	0	4,835	56,469	4,893					66,196
	Claims incurred									
R1610	Gross	0	57,085	492,990	173,236					723,311
R1620	Reinsurers' share	0	0	23,557	164,530					188,087
R1700	Net	0	57,085	469,433	8,706					535,224
	Changes in other technical provisions									
R1710	Gross	0	0	0	0					0
R1720	Reinsurers' share	0	0	0	0					0
R1800	Net	0	0	0	0					0
R1900	Expenses incurred	0	3,692	57,757	5,682					67,131
R2500	Other expenses									0
R2600	Total expenses									67,131

S.05.02.01
Premiums, claims and expenses by country

# Life

		C0150	C0160	C0170	C0180	C0190	C0200	C0210
		Home Country	Top 5 countries (by	amount of gross prer obligations	miums written) - life		y amount of gross ) - life obligations	Total Top 5 and
R1400		rionie Country						home country
		C0220	C0230	C0240	C0250	C0260	C0270	C0280
	Premiums written							
R1410	Gross	81,057						81,057
R1420	Reinsurers' share	14,860						14,860
R1500	Net	66,196						66,196
	Premiums earned							
R1510	Gross	81,057						81,057
R1520	Reinsurers' share	14,860						14,860
R1600	Net	66,196						66,196
	Claims incurred							
R1610	Gross	723,311						723,311
R1620	Reinsurers' share	188,087						188,087
R1700	Net	535,224						535,224
	Changes in other technical provisions							
R1710	Gross	0						0
R1720	Reinsurers' share	0						0
R1800	Net	0						0
R1900	Expenses incurred	67,131						67,131
R2500	Other expenses							
R2600	Total expenses							67,131

#### S.23.01.22

#### Own Funds

R0440 Total own funds of other financial sectors

	Basic own funds before deduction for participations in other financial sector
R0010	Ordinary share capital (gross of own shares)
R0020	Non-available called but not paid in ordinary share capital at group level
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	Non-available subordinated mutual member accounts at group level
R0070	Surplus funds
R0080	Non-available surplus funds at group level
R0090	Preference shares
R0100	Non-available preference shares at group level
R0110	Share premium account related to preference shares
R0120	Non-available share premium account related to preference shares at group level
R0130	Reconciliation reserve
R0140	Subordinated liabilities
R0150	Non-available subordinated liabilities at group level
R0160	An amount equal to the value of net deferred tax assets
R0170	The amount equal to the value of net deferred tax assets not available at the group level
R0180	Other items approved by supervisory authority as basic own funds not specified above
R0190	Non available own funds related to other own funds items approved by supervisory authority
R0200	Minority interests (if not reported as part of a specific own fund item)
R0210	Non-available minority interests at group level
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	whereof deducted according to art 228 of the Directive 2009/138/EC
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
	Unpaid and uncalled initial funds, members' contributions or the equivalent basic own fund item for mutual and mutual - type undertakings, callable on demand
	Unpaid and uncalled preference shares callable on demand
	A legally binding commitment to subscribe and pay for subordinated liabilities on demand
	Letters of credit and guarantees under Article 96(2) of the Directive 2009/138/EC
	Letters of credit and guarantees other than under Article 96(2) of the Directive 2009/138/EC
R0360	
	Supplementary members calls - other than under first subparagraph of Article 96(3) of the Directive 2009/138/EC
	Non available ancillary own funds at group level
	Other ancillary own funds
	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
DO 440	Table our frieds of about financial cockers

Total	Tier 1	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
C0010	unrestricted C0020	restricted C0030	C0040	C0050
		C0030		C0030
250,050	250,050		0	
0	0			
0	0		0	
0	0		0	
0		0	0	0
0				
0	0			
0	U	0	0	0
0		0	0	0
0		0	0	0
0		0	0	U
123,944	123,944			
	123,944	0		0
0		0	0	0
0				0
0	0	0		0
0	U	0	0	U
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0				
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0				
0				
0				
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0
373,994	373,994	0	0	0
373,774	373,774	0	0	0
0				
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0				
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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

- 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

#### Reconcilliation 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
- $\ensuremath{\mathsf{R0780}}$  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
0

#### C0060

417,487
42,500
250,050
993
123,944

58,052
C
58,052

#### S.25.01.22

### Solvency Capital Requirement - for groups on Standard Formula

		requirement		
		C0110	C0090	C0120
R0010	Market risk	167,705		
R0020	Counterparty default risk	9,437		
R0030	Life underwriting risk	111,520		
R0040	Health underwriting risk	2,450		
R0050	Non-life underwriting risk	0		
R0060	Diversification	-63,782		
			USP Key	
R0070	Intangible asset risk	0	For life underw	
			1 - Increase in t benefits	he amount of annuity
R0100	Basic Solvency Capital Requirement	227,331	9 - None	
			For health und	
	Calculation of Solvency Capital Requirement	C0100	1 - Increase in t benefits	he amount of annuity
R0130	Operational risk	30,782		viation for NSLT health
R0140	Loss-absorbing capacity of technical provisions	-65,079	premium ris 3 - Standard de	к viation for NSLT health
R0150	Loss-absorbing capacity of deferred taxes	0	gross premium ris	·b
R0160	Capital requirement for business operated in accordance with Art. 4 of Directive 2003/41/EC	0	4 - Adjustment	
R0200	Solvency Capital Requirement excluding capital add-on	193,035	proportional reinsurance	
R0210	Capital add-ons already set	0	5 - Standard de	viation for NSLT health
R0220	Solvency capital requirement for undertakings under consolidated method	193,035	reserve risk 9 - None	
	Other information on SCD		For non-life un	derwriting risk:
DO 400	Other information on SCR	0	4 - Adjustment	
R0400 R0410	Capital requirement for duration-based equity risk sub-module  Total amount of National Solvency Capital Requirements for remaining part	196,794	proportional reinsurance	
R0420	Total amount of Notional Solvency Capital Requirements for remaining part  Total amount of Notional Solvency Capital Requirements for ring fenced funds	2,158	6 - Standard de premium ris	viation for non-life
R0430		2,136		viation for non-life gross
R0440	Total amount of Notional Solvency Capital Requirements for matching adjustment portfolios  Diversification effects due to RFF nSCR aggregation for article 304	0	premium ris 8 - Standard des	k viation for non-life
R0470	Minimum consolidated group solvency capital requirement	50,135	reserve risk	
K0470	millimum consocidated group solvency capital requirement	30,133	9 - None	
	Information on other entities			
R0500	Capital requirement for other financial sectors (Non-insurance capital requirements)	0		
B0E40	Credit institutions, investment firms and financial institutions, alternative investment funds			
R0510	managers, UCITS management companies	0		
R0520	Institutions for occupational retirement provisions	0		
R0530	Capital requirement for non- regulated entities carrying out financial activities	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	198,953		

Gross solvency

capital

USP

Simplifications

S.32.01.22
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	213800LBGGLJPIBQ4P08	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.) Lim	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	
6	GB	2306074	Specific code	Laurtrust 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

				Criteria of influence						Inclusion in the scope of Group supervision		Group solvency calculation
	Country	Identification code of the undertaking	Type of code of the ID of the undertaking	% 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	C0180	C0190	C0200	C0210	C0220	C0230	C0240	C0250	C0260
1	GB	213800LBGGLJPIBQ4P08	LEI							Included in the scope		Method 1: Full consolidation
2	GB	549300NZ227BVL5W4E72	LEI	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	Centralised managen	Dominant	100.00%	Included in the scope		Method 1: Full consolidation
3	GB	2939726	Specific code	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	Centralised managen	Dominant	100.00%	Included in the scope		Method 1: Full consolidation
4	GB	6997417	Specific code	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	Centralised managen	Dominant	100.00%	Included in the scope		Method 1: Full consolidation
5	GB	600319	Specific code	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	Centralised managen	Dominant	100.00%	Included in the scope		Method 1: Full consolidation
6	GB	2306074	Specific code	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	Centralised managen	Dominant	100.00%	Included in the scope		Method 1: Full consolidation

