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## Introduction

#### **About this Document**

This Solvency and Financial Condition Report (SFCR) is intended to provide essential information about the solvency and financial position of FIL Life Insurance (Ireland) DAC (referred to hereafter as "FIL Life Ireland" or "the Company") as at 31 December 2023. The report is produced annually and made publicly available on the Fidelity International website:

https://retirement-international.fidelity.co.uk/fil-life-ireland-solvency-and-financial-condition/

The report has been reviewed and approved by the Directors of the Company prior to publication on 29 March 2024.

## **Regulatory Context**

The requirement for an annual SFCR arises under Solvency II regulation. The Solvency II framework came into effect on 1 January 2016 and established a new set of capital requirements, risk management and disclosure standards across the European Union (EU). The Company is subject to this regime which aims to reduce the likelihood of an insurer failing and seeks to provide policyholders with increased protection.

The Solvency II Directive was transposed into Irish Law as the European Union (Insurance and Reinsurance) Regulations 2015 (S.I. 485 of 2015). This SFCR is prepared in accordance with Article 52 of the Statutory Instrument 485 of 2015, Articles 290 to 303 of the Commission delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/35. It also takes into account the European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority's (EIOPA) Guidelines on reporting and public disclosure and its Supervisory Statement on the Solvency and Financial Condition Report.

## **Report Structure and Content**

The structure and content of this report is prescribed by the Solvency II Regulations.

**Section A** provides details on the Company's business and performance, including details of current year performance.

**Section B** provides a description of the governance structure, policies and procedures.

**Section C** provides an overview of the material risks to which FIL Life Ireland is exposed and how these are monitored and managed.

**Section D** provides information on the valuation of FIL Life Ireland 's assets and liabilities under the Solvency II Regulations.

**Section E** provides details on the capital management of FIL Life Ireland under the Solvency II Regulations, including details of the Solvency Capital Requirement (SCR) and Minimum Capital Requirement (MCR).

**Appendix 1** provides the Quantitative Reporting Templates (QRTs) at 31 December 2023.

**Appendix 2** provides a glossary of terms and abbreviations.

## **Basis of Preparation**

FIL Life Ireland does not use an internal model and therefore, internal model comparisons are not applicable.

FIL Life Ireland does not use the volatility adjustment, matching adjustment or transitional measures.

FIL Life Ireland has not received, nor applied for, any waiver not to disclose any information as required by the regulations.

## **Summary**

#### **Business and Performance**

FIL Life Ireland is a regulated life insurance provider based in Ireland and authorised by the Central Bank of Ireland (CBI). FIL Life Ireland is part of the international FIL Limited group of companies, referred to hereafter as the "FIL Group". FIL Ltd (Bermuda) and MNLC Holdings Limited (Bermuda) as parents, each hold 50% of the voting share capital.

The Company provides unit-linked insurance in the form of an International Retirement Saving Plan (IRSP) to multinational corporations requiring a scheme through which they can provide retirement benefits to their employees. The IRSP is aimed at global employees who, for logistical or commercial reasons, may not have access to a locally approved retirement plan. Regular premiums are paid into FIL Life Ireland's product. Investments are made into life funds, which invest in underlying funds managed by the wider FIL Group and other selected fund managers and insurers. FIL Life Ireland writes business for Trusts which investment multinational facilitates by companies on behalf of their employees who are based in numerous jurisdictions. Policies are generally issued to the Trustees, as policyholders, who are primarily based in the Isle of Man and can also be based in other jurisdictions such as the Channel Islands or Bermuda. Individual scheme members are located throughout the world. There are two levels of service offered: Investment Only -Pension schemes can access FIL Life Ireland's investment platform to offer a range of investment opportunities to their plan members. The platform links to the scheme's chosen plan administrator, usually a specialist third party administrator; and also Full Service - whereby FIL Life Ireland offers a comprehensive administration and record keeping service to pension trustees and employers, in addition to providing its investment platform.

FIL Pensions Management (FPM), another FIL Group company, provides administration services to FIL Life Ireland.

FIL Life Ireland's business does not involve the acceptance of material insurance risk and therefore, underwriting performance information is not available.

Investment performance has no material direct impact on the Company, except for a small amount of seed capital placed into funds. Investment risks on underlying holdings are borne by policyholders. Investment performance only impacts the Company indirectly through management charges on Assets under Administration (AUA). These charges paid to FIL Life Ireland are based on a percentage of the AUA.

The time horizon for business planning is 5 years. The Company's strategy is to continue to grow the business through organic growth.

**Summary Table 1: Year End Results** 

Year End	31 Dec	31 Dec
Results	2022	2023
Profit after	€264k	279
Taxation		
Shares in	€8.7m	€8.7m
Issue		
Dividend	Nil	Nil
Assets under	€1,167	1,324
Administration		
Total Schemes	55	54
New Schemes	2	-
Surrendered	1	1
Schemes		
Total Members	18,404	19,357
Fee Income	€5,242k	4,528
Income from	€0.416m	1,077
FFML		
Administrative	€3.97m	4,34
Expenses		

Other than those items noted under A.1.7, there are no significant matters with a material impact on the solvency and financial condition of the Company.

Further details on the business and performance of FIL Life Ireland can be found in Section A.

#### **System of Governance**

The FIL Life Ireland Board of Directors (the "Board") has ultimate responsibility for the Company's strategy and business activities. It is supported by management groups and

committees to run the business day-to-day and oversee performance.

The Board is responsible for ensuring that an effective governance structure, risk management and general control environment are in place for FIL Life Ireland. It is supported by key control functions such as Risk, Compliance, Internal Audit and the Actuarial function. Matters relating to Audit are overseen by a dedicated Audit Committee.

The Company has a Fit and Proper Policy in place to ensure all senior managers, non-executive directors and key function holders have the necessary authority, resources and operational independence to carry out their tasks

FIL Life Ireland's risk management system encompasses key elements including the Risk Appetite Statement, Risk Taxonomy, Risk and Control Self-Assessment (RCSA), Key Risk Indicators (KRIs), Risk Reporting, Recovery Plan and the Own Risk and Solvency Assessment (ORSA), which is integrated into the Company's structure and decision-making.

The Company uses a "three lines of defence" internal control system which is designed to support the risk management framework.

The Chief Risk Officer is responsible for the performance of the ORSA process. The Board takes an active role in its production, in line with the Company's ORSA Policy and process. ORSA results are used by the Board to inform strategic decisions.

FIL Life Ireland's system of governance is supported by an Outsourcing and Supplier Management Policy. The policy outlines the delegation and outsourcing arrangements within the Company. The Company outsources the Actuarial function to Milliman Limited (Milliman Ireland), and operational activities to other companies within the FIL Group, predominantly to FPM which is regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) in the United Kingdom. Details of these arrangements are provided in B.6.

There have been no material changes to the system of governance during the reporting period.

Further details on the system of governance of the Company can be found in Section B.

#### **Risk Profile**

FIL Life Ireland adopts a low risk strategy. Where a medium or high risk exists or a risk exceeds appetite, the Company will seek to reduce this risk. The Company has a robust process for identifying and managing its risks. Risks are managed and monitored to a risk appetite defined in the Risk Appetite Statement as approved by the Board on an annual basis.

The Company undertakes an ORSA at least annually, with the primary purpose of the ORSA to ensure that the Company engages in the process of assessing all of the material risks inherent in its business and has determined its related capital needs. The ORSA covers all material risks to which the Company is exposed, is forward looking and proportionate to the size and complexity of the business.

The Company has identified its material risks, which largely relate to counterparty exposures and risks to its clients and its reputation from FPM's service provision. There has been no material change to the risk profile during the reporting period. The Board monitors the performance of FPM against agreed service levels.

FIL Life Ireland does not have material exposure to underwriting, operational and market risk as the Company is protected through a Fund Provision Agreement (FPA) with another FIL entity, an Insurance Agency & Services Agreement (IASA) with FPM and due to the majority of policyholder liabilities being unit-linked and not offering life assurance benefits beyond a return on the value of investments.

Further details on the risk profile of the Company can be found in Section C.

## **Valuation for Solvency Purposes**

FIL Life Ireland's assets are primarily those held to back the unit-linked liabilities, with the surplus held as cash or similarly liquid investments. The value of these assets is stated at either market value or the expected realisable value. There are no material differences between the basis, methods and assumptions used for the valuation of assets

for solvency purposes and those used in the Financial Statements.

The Technical Provisions are made up of:

- the Unit Liability
- the Best Estimate Liability (BEL)
- the Risk Margin (RM)

All own funds are considered as Tier 1 capital, in accordance with the guidelines on loss absorption and repayment of capital and dividends. The methodology employed is proportionate to the nature, scale and complexity of the risks accepted by the business. Further details on the valuation for solvency purposes of the Company can be found in Section D.

## **Capital Management**

The Company is regulated by the CBI to carry out contracts of insurance and is required to maintain adequate financial resources. It must be able to demonstrate that its available capital exceeds the capital requirement at all times.

FIL Life Ireland has adequate capital to meet its capital requirements under Solvency II. As at 31 December 2023 there are no plans to issue, repay or otherwise change the Company's capital management position.

The Company's capital position and solvency capital ratio are shown in the following table.

# Summary Table 2: Capital Position and Solvency Ratio

Own Funds, SCR, MCR & Coverage	31 Dec 2022	31 Dec 2023
Ratio	€'000	€'000
Solvency Capital Requirement (SCR)	3,879	2,703
Minimum Capital Requirement (MCR)	4,000	4,000
Eligible Own Funds	9,442	10,093
Ratio of Eligible Own Funds to SCR	243%	373%
Ratio of Eligible Own Funds to MCR	236%	252%

The solvency capital requirement calculated in accordance with regulations exceeds the minimum capital requirement of €4.0m. All Own Funds are considered as Tier 1 capital, in accordance with the guidelines on loss absorption and repayment of capital and dividends. FIL Life Ireland maintains an efficient capital structure from equity shareholders' funds, consistent with the Company's risk profile and the regulatory and market requirements of its business. In line with the Capital Management Policy, the firm seeks to hold a discretionary buffer over the greater of the SCR and the ORSA requirements. The discretionary buffer is subject to ongoing monitoring by management and the Board. The Company's capital exceeded this target throughout the year.

# Integration of Risk and Capital Management

Risk and capital management are embedded within the Company's business and decision-making processes. Strategic business decisions are risk-assessed and evaluated for their capital impact prior to being finalised. The Risk function and the Finance function will evaluate and challenge such assessments.

Further details on the capital management of the Company can be found in Section E.

## A. Business and Performance

#### A.1. Business

#### A.1.1. Information regarding the Company

The legal name of the undertaking is FIL Life Insurance (Ireland) DAC, a Designated Activity Company.

FIL Life Ireland was founded in 2012 to provide an International Retirement Saving Plan product to multinational corporations requiring a scheme through which their employees may save for their retirement.

The Company's business is simple and comprises of the provision of unit-linked long-term insurance.

FIL Life Ireland writes business for Trusts which facilitates investment by multinational companies on behalf of their employees who are based in numerous jurisdictions. Policies are generally issued to the Trustees, as policyholders, who are primarily based in the Isle of Man and can also be based in other jurisdictions such as the Channel Islands or the Cayman Islands. Individual scheme members are located throughout the world.

There are two levels of service offered:

- Investment Only Pension schemes can access FIL Life Ireland's investment platform to offer a range of investment opportunities to their plan members. The platform links to the scheme's chosen plan administrator, usually a specialist third party administrator.
- Full Service FIL Life Ireland offers a comprehensive administration and record keeping service to pension trustees and employers, in addition to providing its investment platform.

FIL Life Ireland operates an open architecture investment platform where its life funds are invested in a range of underlying funds managed by companies within the FIL Group and other fund managers and insurers. This provides pension trustees and employers with the ability to construct an investment solution which meets their needs and the needs of the plan members. Trustees or employers often engage the services of an investment adviser

to help with investment strategy and design of the portfolio or future business plans.

Table A1: Business performance

	31 Dec 2022	31 Dec 2023
Pension solutions for total number of schemes	55	54
Pension solutions for total number of members	18,404	19,357
New schemes	2	-
Surrendered Schemes	1	1
Total AUA	€1,167	1,323
Premium fees on contracts, classified as investment contracts	€125.3m	103.6
Incurred claims	€107.6m	81.1

As at 31 December 2023, the Company provided pension solutions for a total of 54 schemes (31 December 2022: 55) and 19,357 members (31 December 2022: 18,404). There were no new schemes taken on during the year to 31 December 2023 (31 December 2022: 2) and 1 scheme surrendered (31 December 2022: 1).

As at 31 December 2023, the Company has AUA of €1,323m (31 December 2022: €1,167m). The Company has accepted premiums on contracts classified as investment contracts amounting to €103.6m (31 December 2022: €125.3m) and incurred claims of €81.1m (31 December 2022: €107.6m).

The Company made a profit after taxation of €279k (31 December 2022 €264k) for the year ended 31 December 2022. This amount has been transferred to the retained reserves.

The Directors do not propose a dividend for the period ended 31 December 2023 (31 December 2022: Nil).

The Company is expected to remain profitable in line with an FPA in place with FIL Fund Management Limited (FFML), a FIL Group Company, to ensure the Company achieves a

specified level of income, whereby the agreement covers costs relating to operational expenses, including investment gains and losses relating to FIL Life Ireland's activities.

#### A.1.2. Regulatory Supervisor

The Company is authorised and regulated by the CBI, New Wapping Street, North Wall Quay, Dublin 1, Ireland.

#### A.1.3. Auditor

The Company's external auditor is PricewaterhouseCoopers, Chartered Accountants & Statutory Audit Firm, One Spencer Dock, North Wall Quay, Dublin 1, Ireland.

#### A.1.4. Ownership

The holders of qualifying holdings in the Company are as follows:

- FIL Limited (Bermuda), the ultimate holding company in the FIL group.
- MNLC Holdings Limited (Bermuda), which is wholly owned by MNLC Purpose Trust (Bermuda).

FIL Life Ireland has €50m authorised share capital, and €8.7m of ordinary share capital which is fully paid up, as well as distributable reserves.

The proportion of ownership and voting rights are detailed below:

**Chart A.1 Simplified Group Structure Chart** 

Table A.1: €1.00 'A' Ordinary

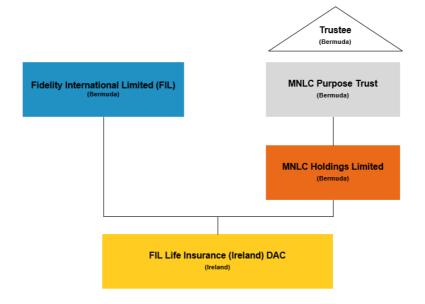
Share-	Shares	% of	Voting	Capital
holder	Held	Class	%	%
FIL	1,240,000	16.1	Non-	14.25
Limited			voting	
MNLC	6,460,000	83.9	Non-	74.25
Holdings Limited			voting	

Table A.2: €1.00 'B' Ordinary

Share-	Shares	% of	Voting	Capital
holder	Held	Class	%	%
FIL	500,000	50.0	50.0	5.75
Limited				
MNLC	500,000	50.0	50.0	5.75
Holdings				
Limited				

#### A.1.5. Group Structure

FIL Life Ireland is not part of an Insurance Group under the definition of Solvency II. The ultimate holding company within the group is FIL Limited (Bermuda). The Company is part of the wider FIL group, with FIL Limited (Bermuda) and MNLC Holdings Limited (Bermuda) being the parents. Each holds 50% of the voting share capital. The positioning of the Company within the Fidelity group is as follows, with FIL Limited (Bermuda) being the ultimate holding company within the group FIL Life Ireland is as shown in Chart A.1.



# A.1.6. Material Lines of Business and Geographical Areas

FIL Life Ireland writes a single line of unit-linked insurance in the form of regular premium retirement business. Policies are generally issued to Trustees, the policyholders located primarily in the Isle of Man and with other policyholders located in other jurisdictions such as the Channel Islands and Cayman Islands. Jersey, Guernsey and the Cayman Islands. During 2023, the Fidelity European Pension Plan based in Luxembourg (the FEPP) made a strategic decision to close the FEPP offering by 2025. In effect, this will result in FIL Life Ireland ceasing to have the FEPP as an Investment Only client. There is only approximately €10m of AUA currently with FIL Life Ireland under the FEPP offering.

## A.1.7. Significant Business or External Events

# A.1.7.1. Geopolitical Risk, Inflation and Market Volatility

Geopolitical risks continue to evolve together with uncertainty in the outlook for inflation and the related path of future interest rate changes, bonds and debt instruments yields, combined with the growing macro drivers of EU, Japan and China economic slowdown/recession, continues to impact volatility in the financial and related commodity and energy price markets.

The Directors of the Company continue to monitor the situation closely considering the needs and requirements of clients and stakeholders, including ongoing monitoring of market volatility, funds, fund liquidity, business continuity planning, cyber risk assessment, operational resilience, scenario planning together with other operational risks and emerging risks that may arise. The Company has remained well within its capital and liquidity risk appetite levels despite these events during the year and has continued to execute on its core strategy. The Company is fully supported by the FIL Group.

#### A.1.7.2. Other

There were no other significant internal or external events which had a material impact on the solvency or financial condition of the Company.

## A.2. Underwriting Performance

#### A.2.1. Background

FIL Life Ireland's business does not involve accepting any material insurance risk and therefore, no traditional underwriting is required. Accordingly, there is no quantitative information on underwriting performance to report.

The Company has limited exposure to pricing underwriting risk due to the FPA with FFML. FIL Life Ireland's pricing model aims to develop a framework to support flexible pricing options required to meet the needs of the business. Pricing is bespoke to each scheme and is dependent upon the metrics of the plan at take on and projected into the future.

The Underwriting and Pricing Policy sets out the terms on which new business is written.

#### A.2.2. Underwriting Performance

With regards to a unit-linked pension business, the primary costs and rewards of investing are passed on to pension scheme members. The assets and liabilities of the Company are therefore, closely matched. FIL Life Ireland earns a management fee based upon the level of AUA.

Table A.3: Total Premium & Fee Income

Income	31 Dec	31 Dec			
	2022	2023			
	€'000	€'000			
Gross	125,326	103,601			
Premiums					
Total fee	5,242	4,528			
income					

During the period ended 31 December 2023, the Company accepted premiums on contracts classified as investment contracts amounting to €103,601 (31 December 2022: €125,325,834) and surrenders of €81,085 (31 December 2022: €107,556,134). There were no new schemes on-boarded in the year to 31 December 2023 (31 December 2022: 2) and 1 scheme surrendered (31 December 2022: 1).

The decrease in gross premium is due to no new schemes onboarded and lower single premium during the year compared to prior period which had no significant scheme premium top ups.

The decrease in fee income arises from a drop in weighted average fees from AUA, offset by an increase in rebate fee income arising under the fund provision agreement in place with another FIL Group company.

#### A.3. Investment Performance

#### A.3.1. Overview

FIL Life Ireland's funds are fully invested in funds managed by FIL Group companies and other third-party funds. FIL Life Ireland's funds are all unit-linked and so the risks and rewards of investing are directly attributable to the members. The performance of the funds only impacts FIL Life Ireland in so far as the Company earns an annual management charge (AMC) on the AUA.

The investment performance has no direct impact on the Company's performance, other than through the small amount of seed capital that FIL Life Ireland places into new funds. Market risk exists on this capital as the units seeded are owned by the shareholders. The return on the seed capital is considered immaterial to the Company. Investment performance indirectly impacts the business through the effect it has on AMCs. The valuation of the AUA adjusts to market movements and consequently, the fees due to the Company may be impacted.

FIL Life Ireland does not bear significant direct risk related to the unit-linked assets; the risks related to these are borne by the policyholders as the value of their policy is in direct correlation with the value of the unit-linked assets. The Company will hold some assets in a range of mutual funds for the purpose of facilitating business operations (seed capital). The Company does bear secondary market risk which results from fees due to be received by the Company being based on a percentage of assets under management. As markets move, the valuation of the AUM and consequently the fees due to the Company may be impacted.

The Company does not actively invest surplus shareholder funds. Funds are held in cash or cash equivalents i.e. liquidity funds. These cash and cash equivalents generate interest income which is recognised in the profit and loss account as earned and reported in the Statement of Comprehensive Income. Certain performance information in relation to the underlying funds is presented to the Board on a quarterly basis.

#### A.3.2. Investment Performance

**Table A.4: Change in Value of Investments** 

5		
Performance	31 Dec 2022	31 Dec
	€'000	2023
		€'000
Investment	(141,315)	137,855

The increase in the investment performance arises from a positive increase in market value movements combined with foreign exchange movements in unit linked assets. This amount is reported in the Statement of Comprehensive Income in financial assets at fair value through profit and loss and change in investment contract liabilities.

#### Income and Expenses by Asset Class

Income and expenses by asset class are not applicable as the Company is a unit-linked business only.

## Gains/losses recognised directly in Equity

There are no gains/losses recognised directly in equity.

#### **Investments in Securitisation**

There are no investments in securitisation.

#### A.4. Performance of Other Activities

## A.4.1. Material Income

FIL Life Ireland's income is primarily the AMC from Fidelity funds or those managed by fund partners. The Company is also entitled to rebate income from FFML, as part of the FPA.

Table A.5: AMCs and Rebate Income

Income	31 Dec	31 Dec
	2022	2023
	€'000	€'000
AMCs	4,826	4,528
Rebate Fee Income	416	1,077

#### A.4.2. Material Expenses

FIL Life Ireland's material expenses relate to charges for administration services provided by FPM under the IASA. Other significant expenses incurred by FIL Life Ireland include audit fees as shown below.

Table A.6: Expenses

Expenses	31 Dec 2022 €'000	31 Dec 2023 €'000
Administration	3,870	4,263
Audit Fees	78	79

FIL Life Ireland's financial profile is expected to remain the same over the planning period, although income will change in line with the income generated on assets with the expected payments made to FPM under the IASA based mostly on a fixed member level fee basis.

## A.4.3. Leasing

There are no leasing arrangements.

## A.5. Any Other Information

There is no other material information relevant to the Company's business and performance.

## **B. System of Governance**

## B.1.General Information on the System of System of Governance

#### B.1.1. The FIL Life Ireland Board

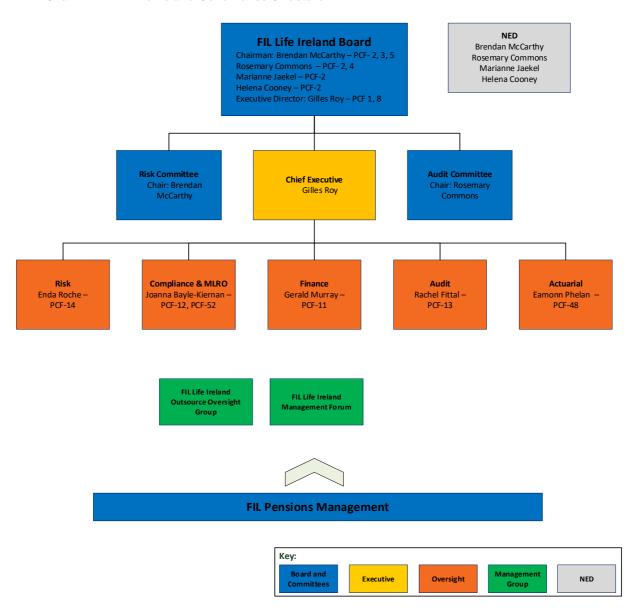
The Board is collectively responsible for the effective stewardship of the Company. The Board has the overall responsibility for business decisions and for compliance with the regulatory system.

The responsibilities of the Board include:

- Setting the Company's strategic aims and objectives
- Ensuring the Company has an effective system of governance
- Establishing the risk appetite of the business and ensuring that there is an appropriate risk management framework and control environment
- Approving the annual Financial Statements and key actuarial assumptions
- Approving changes to the Company's capital structure or regulatory capital
- Providing oversight of the outsourced service providers, including FPM, a FIL Group company, to which the Company outsources administration services, under an Insurance Administration Services Agreement.

The Board considers the Company's system of governance as appropriate and adequate given the business model, which is neither large, nor complex.

Chart B.1 - FIL Life Ireland Governance Structure



The Company's Board is composed of five Directors as at 31 December 2023, two independent non-executive Directors, two non-executive Directors and one executive Director.

FIL Life Ireland has procedures in place to ensure that the Board's management of conflicts of interest and its powers for authorising certain conflicts are operating effectively. Each director is required to notify the Board of any actual or potential situational or transactional conflicts of interest. The directors are also required to update the Board with any changes to the facts and circumstances surrounding such conflicts.

The FIL Life Ireland Governance structure is illustrated in Chart B.1. It shows the Board, its sub-committees and management groups. The Board is also supported by key control functions such as Risk, Internal Audit, Compliance, the Money Laundering Reporting Officer (MLRO) and the Actuarial function.

Although the Board may delegate authority to sub-committees or management to act on its behalf in respect of certain matters, where it does so, it will have mechanisms in place for documenting the delegation and monitoring the exercise of delegated functions. The Board cannot abrogate its responsibility for functions delegated.

The Board will satisfy itself as to the appropriateness of all policies and functions for the Company and in particular that these take full account of Irish laws and regulations and the supervisory requirements of the Central Bank of Ireland where appropriate.

#### **B.1.2. Committees to the Board**

The following committees have delegated authorities from the Board:

The Audit Committee is responsible for monitoring the integrity of FIL Life Ireland's annual Financial Statements. It advises whether the the Board Financial Statements show a fair, balanced and understandable assessment of financial position. The committee is responsible monitoring the independence of the auditors, recommending to the Board the appointment or re-appointment of the auditors and for approval of non-audit services. The committee monitors the effectiveness of the Internal Audit function.

- The Risk Committee is responsible for reviewing the effectiveness of the risk management and internal control framework across the Company. It also ensures that the framework is proportionate to the nature, scale and complexity of the risks inherent in the business. The Committee advises the Board on matters including:
  - The risk exposure and appetite of the Company.
  - The future risk strategy, taking account of the Board's overall risk appetite, the current financial position of the Company.
  - Oversight of the Risk Management Function of the Company. The capacity of the Company to manage and control risks within the agreed strategy. The Committee may also draw on the work of the Audit Committee and the External Auditor in providing such advice.
  - The effectiveness of strategies and policies with respect to maintaining, on an ongoing basis, the amounts, types and distribution of both internal capital and Own Funds, adequate to cover the risks of the Company.

#### **B.1.3. Management Groups**

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) is supported by various management groups in the performance of his duties.

- The FIL Life Ireland Management Forum is responsible for the ongoing oversight and management of the activities of the Company.
- The FIL Life Ireland Oversight Group is responsible for overseeing outsourced activities and monitors outsourced providers.

#### **B.1.4. Oversight Functions**

FIL Life Ireland benefits from the support of certain centralised governance functions within the FIL Group:

- Section B.2 gives an overview of the Risk function
- Section B.3 describes the responsibilities of the Compliance function and MLRO.
- Section B.4 describes the responsibilities of the Internal Audit function.

FIL Life Ireland has outsourced actuarial services and the Head of Actuarial function (HoAF) to Milliman Ireland. The Company's Finance team and other functions have responsibility for the oversight of this outsourced activity. The Actuarial function is described in more detail in B.5. The services provided under this outsource agreement are set out in a statement of work agreed between Milliman Ireland and FIL Life Ireland.

The Finance function and the Risk function ensure that the terms of the written outsourcing agreement are consistent with its obligations under Solvency II. The written agreement also ensures that the supervisory authority will be able to assess how it complies with its obligations.

The oversight of the service provider (Milliman) is subject to ongoing monitoring by the Head of Finance.

Table B.1: Pre-Approved Controlled Functions

Functions		
		Control
Officer Holder	Ref	Function
	PCF-2B	Independent
5		Non-Executive
Rosemary		Director
Commons	PCF-4	Chair of the Audit
		Committee
	PCF-1	Executive
Gilles Roy		Director
Cinco recy	PCF-8	Chief Executive
Farmer Dhalas	PCF-48	Head of Actuarial
Eamonn Phelan		Function
Enda Roche	PCF-14	Chief Risk Officer
Gerald Murray	PCF-11	Head of Finance
Helena Cooney	PCF-2A	Non-Executive
		Director
Joanna	PCF-12	Head of
Bayle-Kiernan		Compliance
	PCF-52	Head of
		AML/CFT
Marianne Jaekel	PCF-2A	Non-Executive
		Director
Rachel Fittall	PCF-13	Head of Internal
		Audit
	PCF-2B	Independent
		Non-Executive
Brendan		Director
McCarthy	PCF-3	Chairman of the
		Board
	PCF-5	Chairman of the
		Risk Committee

# B.1.5. Material Changes to the System of Governance

There have been no material changes to the governance structure during the reporting period.

During the year ended 31 December 2023, while there were no material system of governance changes, the following matters arose during the period: Addressing the requirements of the Central Bank of Ireland's Individual Accountability Framework (IAF) and the new Senior Executive Accountability Regime (SEAR), including, but not limited to, a full gap analysis and implementation of additional processes was undertaken. The Board and Management have received required training. The programme is currently finalising internal requirements, including in respect of conduct standards and management responsibility maps.

#### **B.1.6. Details of Remuneration**

As at 31 December 2023 all employees engaged in the management and administration of the Company are employed by FIL Transaction Services Limited (FTSL),

FIL Investment Management Limited or FIL Pensions Management and their services are provided under a Secondment agreement or Insurance Administration Services Agreement in place between these companies and FIL Life Insurance (Ireland) DAC.

Except for the Non-Executive Directors, the Company does not remunerate any member of the Board for their service. Fees for the Non-Executive Directors are set at an appropriate level to reflect the time commitment required to fulfil the role, the responsibilities and duties of the positions, and typical practice amongst other financial institutions.

The Independent Non-Executive Directors were paid remuneration of €150,000 in the period to 31 December 2023 (31 December 2022: €155,904). Executive salaries for Directors are set outside of the Company. For this reason, the Company does not have a separate Remuneration Committee.

The FIL Group has a Remuneration Policy in place, which includes the relevant principles governing how the FIL Group remunerates its members of staff.

#### **B.1.7. Remuneration Policy – Application**

The FIL Group applies its Remuneration Policy and practices in a way and to the extent that is proportionate to its size, its internal organisation and the nature, scope and complexity of its activities. No individual is incentivised to put the capital of FIL Life Ireland at risk.

#### **B.1.7.1.Remuneration Policy – Approach**

The approach to remuneration has always been designed to support the long-term business interests of shareholders, which in turn, is based on delivering value to customers over the long-term, to reflect the asset management risk model and to deliver long-term sustainability. This model is consistently applied locally to each subsidiary entity in the FIL Group.

The Remuneration Policy is:

 globally consistent, underpinned by a common philosophy and guiding principles which is overseen and supervised by the FIL Remuneration Committee

- consistent with, and promotes, effective risk management
- consistent with the interests of both our clients and our shareholders
- in line with business results

#### **B.1.7.2. Remuneration Governance**

Remuneration Policy is set at Group level, in keeping with FIL Group policies and practices. Subsidiary company Boards have no formal responsibility for setting local remuneration policy, except where explicitly required by local legal or regulatory requirements, or for reviewing the compensation of locally employed staff. The Board has reviewed the FIL Group Remuneration Policy to ensure that it is appropriate and aligned with the Company's regulatory responsibilities.

#### **B.1.7. Material Transactions**

There were no material transactions related to FIL Life Ireland shareholders, persons who exercise a significant influence and with members of the administrative, management and supervisory bodies during the reporting period.

## B.1.8.Integration of Risk Management, Internal Audit, Compliance and Actuarial Function into the Organisational Structure and Decision-Making Process

See B.3 for information about how the Risk Management function is integrated into the organisational structure and decision- making processes of the Company.

See B.4 for information about how the Compliance function is integrated into the organisational structure and decision-making processes of the Company.

See B.5 for information about how the Internal Audit function is integrated into the organisational structure and decision- making processes of the Company.

See B.6 for information about how the Actuarial function is integrated into the organisational structure and decision-making processes of the Company.

#### **B.1.9. Fit and Proper Requirements**

The Company has a policy in place that governs fitness and probity, to ensure that the persons who run the Company collectively possess appropriate qualifications, experience and knowledge, where relevant to the role in question. Fitness means knowledge, professional qualifications and relevant

experience are adequate to enable sound and prudent management, control and oversight of FIL Life Ireland. The concept of fitness also extends to the assessment of collective fitness – the collective diversity of qualifications of the senior managers and the Board. Propriety is defined as the evidence of good reputation and integrity (honesty and individual financial soundness).

#### B.1.10. Process and Monitoring

As a regulated life insurance firm, FIL Life Ireland is required to ensure that all individuals who carry out controlled functions are fit and proper and adhere to regulatory requirements in order to discharge the responsibilities allocated to them.

The implementation of the fitness and probity process is subject to periodic monitoring by the Compliance function and review by Internal Audit. All reasonable steps are undertaken to ensure that sufficient information is obtained to enable the Company to properly make informed decisions as to the fitness and probity of directors and controlled function role holders.

FIL Life Ireland operates a process for assessing the fitness and probity of its controlled function role holders via background screening and pre-employment or preappointment checking, carried out internally and through an external screening partner. To ensure that these individuals remain fit and proper to discharge their roles the company undertakes the required due diligence to satisfy itself, based on the assessment carried out that all such employees remain fit and proper to discharge their role. The only exception to the above is for the Head of Actuarial Function (HoAF) which is outsourced to Milliman Ireland. FIL Life Ireland agrees that Milliman Ireland's own internal procedures meet the necessary requirements and Milliman Ireland provide FIL Life Ireland with a letter outlining their annual review process and outcome of their internal review.

# B.2. Risk Management System, including the ORSA

## B.2.1. Enterprise Risk Management Framework

The robust management of risk plays a central role in the execution of FIL Life Ireland's strategy and is a key focus area for the Board, its directors and business areas. Risk management activities are designed to protect FIL Life Ireland's clients, policyholders and assets. FIL Life Ireland aims to identify and manage its risks in line with an agreed risk management framework derived from industry practice.

FIL Life Ireland is part of the FIL Group and has therefore, adopted the group-wide risk management and policy framework, supported by individual policies specific to FIL Life Ireland. The holistic management of risk is defined by the Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) framework, which is designed to support the effective identification of risks, events and trends that may significantly affect FIL Life Ireland's ability to achieve its strategic goals or maintain its operations. The ERM framework includes the following core foundations:

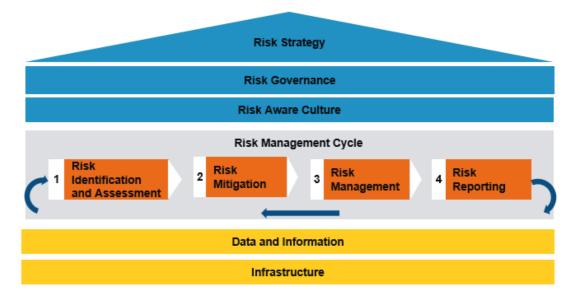
- application of a common enterprise-wide risk management framework, activities and processes across the organisation
- clear assignment of roles, responsibilities and accountabilities for risk management
- the effective use of appropriate risk identification, mitigating and management strategies
- the integration of relevant, reliable and timely risk management information into reporting and decision-making processes
- the identification and assessment of existing and uncertain future events that may influence the achievement of business plans and strategic objectives.

Chart B.2 reflects how core elements of the ERM Framework applied across Operational, Strategic, Financial and Investment risks-types align to support FIL Life Ireland's Risk Strategy.

FIL Life Ireland carries out an ORSA to determine its overall solvency and risk needs

and to ensure that it maintains sufficient financial resources at all times. This is performed in line with the Company's approved ORSA Policy and Process.

**Chart B.2 Risk Management Framework** 



## **B.2.2. Risk Management Strategy & Appetite**

#### **Risk Strategy**

FIL Life Ireland's risk strategy is to ensure that effective risk management is embedded in all core operating and decision-making processes across the Company. It aims to ensure that existing and emerging risks are identified and managed within acceptable risk limits for financial risk and within agreed risk tolerances for non-financial risks.

In December 2023, the Board approved an updated version of the existing pre-emptive recovery plan for the Company, in line with regulatory requirements.

FIL Life Ireland's overall approach recognises that risk-taking is an essential part of doing business and, therefore, cannot always be eliminated. FIL Life Ireland's risk management strategy aims to achieve the following:

 Operate in a legal and ethical manner to safeguard clients, members and assets, whilst allowing sufficient operating freedom to secure a satisfactory return.

- Risks must be fully understood and adequately measured to ensure that the risk exposure is appropriate for the returns anticipated.
- Operate a governance structure that ensures that risk-taking is controlled in an appropriate manner.
- Take proactive actions to address issues, negative risk trends or control weaknesses, or changes in the external or internal business environment.

#### **Risk Appetite**

The Risk Strategy is supplemented by a risk appetite framework which includes Risk Appetite Statements and related metrics. These reflect the aggregated level of risk that the Company is willing to assume or tolerate to achieve its business objectives. This is an essential part of the framework which ensures that the business is carried out safely and within pre-defined boundaries.

The Board reviews and approves the Risk Appetite Statement annually.

#### **B.2.3. Risk Governance**

The FIL Life Ireland Board has ultimate responsibility for risk management within the organisation. Its risk responsibilities include:

- promoting an effective risk culture within the organisation by setting the tone from the top
- adopting group-wide Risk Management policies, and approving the FIL Life Ireland Risk Appetite Statements and Policies
- ensuring clear accountability for risk management
- seeking regular assurance that the risk management system is functioning effectively and that significant risks are being managed in line with policy

The Risk function is an independent function which assists FIL Life Ireland in the identification, evaluation and management of risks. It provides oversight and challenge of FIL Life Ireland's risk profile and produces independent risk reports for the FIL Life Ireland Board.

#### Three Lines of Defence

FIL Life Ireland operates a 'three lines of defence' model, as summarised in the below table. The Company employs a 'three lines of defence' approach to the risk management governance of the Company. The three lines or levels are Risk Management, Risk Oversight and Independent Assurance.

The 1st Line of Defence is risk owners, owning the risks emerging from their respective business and/or processes and being accountable for managing, monitoring and mitigating these risks on an ongoing basis in line with established policies, tools and procedures.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Line of Defence includes the Risk Function and risk-type controllers, comprises an independent risk and control layer responsible for the design of core enterprise and specific risk-type frameworks, methodologies and tools, and provides risk oversight.

The 3rd Line of Defence is Internal Audit, which provides independent assurance on the adequacy of the design and effectiveness of the 1st and 2nd lines of defence.

**Chart B3: The Three Lines of Defence Structure** 

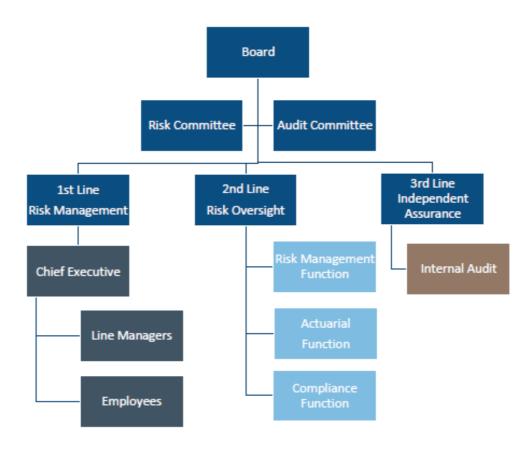


Table B.2: The Three Lines of Defence

	1 <sup>st</sup> Line of Defence	2 <sup>nd</sup> Line of Defence	3 <sup>rd</sup> Line of Defence
Functions	Business Line Management and Employees Management Groups	Oversight and specialist functions such as Legal, Compliance and Risk	Internal Audit
Role	Responsible for day-to-day operations, for adhering to relevant policies and maintaining an effective and efficient system of risk management and internal control	Provides policies, standards and objectives, and independent oversight of performance and risk management within FIL Life Ireland	Provides independent assurance on the effectiveness of the systems and controls in FIL Life Ireland, including financial, operational, compliance and risk management

## **B.2.4. Risk Culture**

A strong risk aware culture is critical to reinforce and support FIL Life Ireland's ERM framework and processes. A risk aware culture is defined as the aspect of the organisation's culture and behaviour which determines its ability and willingness to identify, understand and action risk in a timely and effective manner.

The FIL Group and the Company have adopted an approach to promote, embed and measure a strong risk aware culture across the organisation, including reinforcing individual behaviours and capabilities that are aligned to FIL Life Ireland's core values and beliefs. This approach also includes the consideration of risk accountability and the right risk behaviours in the compensation and performance management decisions.

The risk-led framework aims to establish oversight, provide thematic analysis and indicate where conduct issues require escalation. 'Good conduct' is defined primarily in terms of customer treatment by the firm, which in turn is supported by the integrity and risk-awareness of business areas and staff including demonstrating proactive identification and timely escalation of risks and issues, and proper ownership in remediation.

The Company has a codified Risk Culture & Risk Management Principles Statement in its Risk Management Policy. This includes detailed risk culture statements under the following areas:

- We understand our customers
- We understand our products
- We understand our markets and geographies
- We understand our processes
- Our people understand their roles
- We protect and enhance the business

#### **B.2.5. Risk Identification and Assessment**

The Risk Taxonomy, reviewed and updated at least annually, provides a consistent approach for the classification, identification and definition of risk and covers all relevant risks across the organisation. Risk owners are responsible for the ongoing and timely risk identification, in alignment with the Risk Taxonomy, considering multiple sources of internal and external emerging risk.

All staff are responsible for identifying and escalating risk events. Each risk event is assessed for its severity according to a predefined impact matrix. Significant events are required to be escalated and notified to senior stakeholders within 24 hours of becoming apparent. Internal and external risk events are used to inform risk assessment and scenario analysis activities.

As part of the risk management cycle, risk self-assessments are conducted regularly by 1st line teams to confirm risk levels and impacts. Defined processes and principles are followed to establish risk materiality, identify root causes, drivers, themes and impacts of individual and aggregated risks. Mitigation actions are determined for risks outside of appetite. The Chief Risk Officer and the risk function, reviews and challenges the aggregated risks identified and assessed by the risk owners.

To gain a complete view of the risk profile and a view of idiosyncratic risks, risk assessments are supplemented by scenario analysis activity. Scenario analysis is used to assess the impact of extreme but plausible risks. The scenarios assess the exposures that could significantly affect FIL Life Ireland's financial performance or reputation. They are an important component of the risk framework. Scenario analysis and stress testing are carried out annually as part of the ORSA process or on an ad-hoc basis if triggered by a significant change in risk profile.

#### **B.2.6. Risk Mitigation**

Risk mitigation strategies at FIL Life Ireland are key to ensuring levels of residual risk are managed within risk appetite. They include a defined control environment, action management processes (remediation), strategic de-risking processes, risk transfer (insurance) or reduction of exposure.

A risk profile view is currently obtained on a quarterly basis and reporting considerations on a monthly basis through assessing all available information for each material risk. Risks are compared against risk appetite thresholds and mitigation actions are recommended to the Board, where appropriate.

Fidelity International and the Company have established Risk and Control Self-Assessments (RCSAs) which include the identification and documentation of key risks and controls.

## **B.2.7. Risk Management**

Risk exposures are aggregated and reported, where appropriate. Key risk concentrations are identified and analysed. Root cause themes are assessed across the population of risk events to drive prioritisation and management action. Aggregated risks are identified and

assessed against risk appetite prior to evaluation by the Board. The risks are also benchmarked against the Risk Taxonomy and internal and external information.

Actions are identified from various risk management activities, for example risk assessments, risk events, thematic reviews and scenario stress analysis activity. These are prioritised by management on a regular basis and monitored to completion. The FIL Life Ireland Risk Committee and the Board receive regular updates on the status of material risks and related risk management actions.

#### **B.2.8. Risk Monitoring and Reporting**

The Company's risk profile is monitored by the FIL Life Ireland Risk Committee, which escalates matters as appropriate, including assessment of changes in the internal and external risk environments and consideration of risk events, including near misses. Monthly risk reports are produced in the 1st line of defence and discussed with accountable business heads. These detail the relevant risk profile and activity; material operational losses and other key risk matters to enable Management of the business to form an ongoing view on the overall effectiveness of the internal control environment and risk management framework.

FIL Life Ireland has adopted the FIL Group's centralised risk and data repository system, Bwise, which is used to capture, aggregate and report risk data including risk events, risk assessments, controls and evidence of escalation, review and challenge.

# B.2.9. Integration of Risk and Capital Management

Capital provides the ultimate buffer for a firm to withstand financial shocks arising from severe risk events. As such, the assessment of an appropriate level of capital to hold is both an essential element of the Company's risk management framework and a mandatory requirement of the CBI.

The Company is required to meet minimum regulatory capital standards at all times. These capital reserves are monitored by the Finance and Risk functions and form the basis of financial reporting to the CBI.

Risk and capital management are embedded within FIL Life Ireland's business and decision-making process as follows:

- Strategic business decisions are riskassessed by the business and evaluated for their capital impact prior to being finalised. The Risk team evaluates and challenges the assessment.
- The business submits its plan based on the evaluation of macroeconomic scenarios, internal risk assessments, and in consideration of stress conditions and capital implications.
- The Board reviews risk appetite thresholds and limits for appropriateness.
- Consideration of risk and capital implications of the FIL Life Ireland strategy, new products and other material business initiatives is undertaken prior to launch.
- The Company's Underwriting & Pricing Policy seeks to ensure that minimum payback periods and profitability are achieved.
- Proactive liaison to ensure FIL Life Ireland's capital implications and ORSA requirements are considered for any developments.

#### B.2.10. Completion of the ORSA

FIL Life Ireland normally undertakes a full Own Risk Solvency Assessment or ORSA annually, with the aim of it being normally completed within six months of the accounting year end. An ORSA may be completed more frequently if significant changes to the risk profile of the business occur. FIL Life Ireland's Board is ultimately responsible for the ORSA and reviews and approves the ORSA report.

The overall ORSA process requires risks to be identified that FIL Life Ireland is considered to face during its strategic planning period. These risks are assessed to derive an overall picture of the risks in quantitative (capital figures) and qualitative (management actions) terms. Stress tests are performed to simulate severe circumstances which might impact FIL Life Ireland's current and future capital requirements. Reverse stress tests included and assess potential scenarios that would result in the failure of the Company's business model.

The ORSA process includes scenario stress testing for each capital bearing risk. The Standard Formula is a series of calculations prescribed by EIOPA in order to calculate on a consistent basis between firms, the assets and liabilities or Technical Provisions. FIL Life Ireland currently deems the Standard Formula appropriate for the calculation of the Company's SCR. The Company considers and undertakes analysis of the appropriateness of the assumptions underlying the Standard Formula relative to its own risk profile and currently deems the standard formula appropriate for the calculation of the Company's Solvency Capital Requirement, with the Company having determined the risks to which the Company is exposed are in line with those captured by the standard formula, and considers the risk profile related to the standard formula assumptions and any risk profile assessment that deviates from the standard formula profile are considered and documented. The Company does not use an internal model. In line with this approach, the ORSA forms a key input into the strategic planning process of FIL Life Ireland. Material risks and risk limits are considered in relation to business planning, decision-making and capital management.

#### **B.2.11.** Prudent Person Principle

FIL Life Ireland fulfils the obligations of the prudent person principle as set out in Article 132 of the Solvency II Directive. The business is long-term and unit-linked. The Company holds the underlying assets for policyholders' unit-linked investments.

To ensure that FIL Life Ireland retains a capital surplus, the Company's Capital Management Policy and the Risk Appetite sets out the maintenance of a buffer over and above the Solvency Capital Requirement.

FIL Life Ireland invests its surplus assets in low risk investments, typically cash and liquidity funds.

Neither policyholders nor FIL Life Ireland hold complex instruments such as securitisations. There are no plans for any future change.

## **B.3.Internal Control System**

#### B.3.1. Framework

The FIL Life Ireland Board has ultimate responsibility for FIL Life Ireland's system of internal control. It has responsibility for compliance with applicable laws, regulations, business standards, rules of conduct and established industry practices.

A key part of the Internal control environment is the three lines of defence model as described above. Primary responsibility for identifying the full range of risks faced in their areas of responsibility rests with the first line of defence business management. Business management are responsible for ensuring that those risks are appropriately managed by designing and operating effective controls.

Internal Audit, Compliance, Risk Management, Actuarial function, Oversight Groups and Board of Directors oversee the Company's Internal Control framework as outlined in B.1. Material outsourcing agreements and the role of the FIL Life Ireland Oversight Group are described in B.6.

#### **B.3.2. Compliance Function**

The Compliance function forms part of the <sup>2n</sup>d line of defence. It provides oversight and challenge over the business in performing their responsibilities with respect to compliance with regulatory requirements.

The Compliance function assists FIL Life Ireland in the identification, evaluation and management of compliance risks. It produces independent compliance reports for the FIL Life Ireland Board. The Compliance function will manage any interaction with the Company's regulators.

Compliance is composed of Advisory and Monitoring.

Compliance Advisory provides advice and consultancy to support the business on compliance matters ensuring the business meets its regulatory obligations. Compliance Advisory manages day to day queries from the business on regulatory requirements, regulatory change and the implementation of new rules, and being the main point of contact for regulatory authorities and dealing with their

communications and requests as well as managing inspection visits.

**Compliance Monitoring** performs ongoing monitoring of compliance with rules and any other relevant regulations. The team works with other oversight functions and the business to establish and maintain a focused, risk-based and comprehensive monitoring programme.

#### The Money Laundering Reporting Officer

The FIL Group MLRO is responsible for maintaining a governance framework of policies and assurance for the FIL Group. The Group MLRO provides interpretation of the policy across the Group and offers support and guidance to local MLROs, including the FIL Life Ireland MLRO. The FIL Life Ireland MLRO is responsible for overseeing the establishment, maintenance and effectiveness of the relevant financial crime policies, and ensures appropriate oversight of procedures and controls and monitoring compliance with the relevant Acts, Regulations and guidance.

#### **B.4.Internal Audit Function**

#### **B.4.1. Overview**

The Internal Audit function is performed by Group Audit, responsible for the evaluation of the adequacy and effectiveness of the internal control system and all other elements of the system of governance.

The Internal Audit function is objective, independent and not subject to influence from any operating function of the Company that could impair its independence and impartiality. To ensure appropriate independence Internal Audit has a functional reporting line directly to the Board Audit Committee. In performing its functions, Internal Audit has no direct responsibility or authority over any other function across the business. It is completely independent and as a result, may perform its functions and report its findings to the Audit Committee without impairment.

The Group's Internal Audit function acts as the Third Line of Defence. It is responsible for the independent assessment of the Company's system of governance and internal control framework to the nature, scale and complexity of the risks inherent in its business. This is achieved through delivery of a risk-based audit plan which is updated quarterly on a rolling

basis to provide committed and proposed coverage for the following twelve months, as approved by the FIL Life Ireland Audit Committee on behalf of the Board.

Any relevant findings and recommendations are reported to the FIL Life Ireland Audit Committee and escalated to the Board as appropriate. Management actions are tracked to resolution by Internal Audit and status updates are reported quarterly to the FIL Life Ireland Audit Committee.

## **B.5.** Actuarial Function

The Actuarial function, along with the role of HoAF, is currently outsourced to Milliman Ireland, part of the global insurance consultancy firm, under a formal Statement of Work agreed with FIL Life Ireland. The HoAF is a PCF role as prescribed by the CBI. The HoAF signs off on all of the relevant key tasks and deliverables as listed in the terms of reference for the Actuarial function, agreed between the Company and Milliman, and which is in accordance with Solvency II requirements and Central Bank of Ireland requirements.

The Head of Finance provides the internal oversight of the Actuarial function.

At a high-level, the regulatory role of the Actuarial function is to provide FIL Life Ireland's Board with a measure of quality assurance through technical actuarial advice. The regulatory responsibilities of the Actuarial function in FIL Life Ireland includes:

- Coordination of the technical provisions
- Assessment of the sufficiency and quality of the data used in the valuation
- Monitoring of experience
- The reliability and adequacy of the technical provisions
- Underwriting Policy and reinsurance arrangements

For FIL Life Ireland, the Actuarial function also provides advice on the following items:

- The current and prospective solvency position
- Stress and scenario testing of Technical Provisions
- ORSA processes, implementation and reporting

- Internal and external regulatory reporting
- Any other matters of an actuarial nature requested by FIL Life Ireland

The HoAF reports to the FIL Life Ireland Board at least annually on the prescribed and additional responsibilities of the Actuarial function. The Actuarial function is further required to promptly report to FIL Life Ireland management any issues arising, either from the information provided or through the work undertaken, that may have a material impact on the financial position of FIL Life Ireland. The Actuarial function also provides input to FIL Life's Risk Management function on risks to the business, in so far as they may impact on FIL Life Ireland's ability to meet policyholder obligations and on the capital needed to support the business.

## **B.6. Outsourcing**

The Fidelity (FIL) Group has in force the Global Procurement, Outsourcing and Supplier Management Policy and Framework and an Internal Material Outsourcing Agreement Policy which applies to material suppliers covering both internal and external arrangements. FIL Life Ireland also has a Delegation and Outsourcing policy.

The Company is aware of the requirements of the CBI, prior to delegation to third parties, with compliance with these requirements addressed in the policy, which outlines the delegation and outsourcing arrangements and provides a rationale for the arrangement and whether each outsourced function is a critical or important function for the purposes of Solvency II.

The Company recognises that delegation arrangements do not alter its relationship and obligations to its policyholders. It also does not affect the Company's legal or regulatory responsibilities for its authorised activities.

The Company notes that delegations or outsourcing arrangements must not impair the ability of the CBI to supervise the Company.

The Board seeks to ensure that the contractual arrangements in place to affect the delegation or outsourcing are consistent with this obligation.

FIL Life Ireland has a number of outsourced relationships for critical or important operational functions or activities, with 'FIL' being Fidelity International Group entities.

The FIL Life Ireland Outsource Oversight Group monitors activities outsourced to other entities to ensure oversight over those outsourced functions and supports the Chief Executive Officer. The Company's Outsource Oversight Group normally meets on a monthly basis.

**Table B.9: Key Outsource Relationships** 

Agreement / Company and Delegation or	Delegation/
Outsource Party	Outsourced Function
Insurance Administration Services Agreement with FIL	Provider of insurance agency and
Pensions Management (FPM), a Fidelity International Group	service activities including
entity (UK based jurisdiction).	administration, promotion, distribution
	and investment management services.
FIL India Business and Research Services Private limited (FIL	Per above agreement
India) (India based jurisdiction).	
Internal Audit Agreement. With FII, a Fidelity International	Internal Audit services
Group entity. (UK based jurisdiction).	
Terms of Reference for the Head of Actuarial Function under	Actuarial services
Solvency II. With Milliman Ireland. (Ireland based jurisdiction).	

## **B.7.Any Other Information**

#### **B.7.1.** Responsible Investment

Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) refers to the three central factors in measuring the sustainability and societal impact of an investment, company or business.

The FIL Group's Responsible Investment Policy details its approach towards the stewardship of investments made for clients. Information is provided on the FIL Group's approach to engagement and integration of environmental, social and governance (ESG) issues into the investment process, as well as its approach to remuneration policy, voting, take-over bids and returns to investors.

The Directors continue to review and consider ongoing industry and regulatory developments and expectations in relation to Climate risk and Environmental, Social and Governance requirements. This includes for Climate risk, both physical and transition risk and for ESG potential future investment reallocation decisioning impacts on the Company and on FIL Life Ireland's clients, together with the availability and suitability of funds offered for investment.

Reflecting the Central Bank of Ireland Guidance for (Re)Insurance Undertakings on Climate Change Risk, during 2023 the Company undertook a Climate Risk materiality assessment, concluding that climate risk is not material for the Company, and has a Company Sustainable Investing policy, which addresses FIL Life Ireland's principles relating to ESG factors and how they are considered in its investment solutions and fund range.

#### B.7.2. Other Information

There is no other material information relevant to the Company's system of governance.

## C. Risk Profile

## Overview

FIL Life Ireland employs a robust process for identifying and managing its key risks. Risks are managed and monitored to a risk appetite defined in the Risk Appetite Statement and approved by the Board on an annual basis. There has been no material change to the Company's risk profile during the period, but please also refer to section A1.7, Significant Business or External Events.

The range of material risks to which the Company is exposed is curtailed due to the existence of an intercompany agreement. Due to the existence of this intercompany agreement, the Company's risk exposure is effectively concentrated with the contracting company (in the form of counterparty risk, including the risk that the counterparty will decide to terminate the agreement). \*Note that the amounts shown below for solvency capital requirement are gross of diversification benefit of €(444k).

Table C.1: Key Risk Profile at 31 December 2023

Risk Type	Description	Solvency Capital Requirement*
Counterparty Credit Risk	Counterparty/credit risk is the risk of loss due to counterparties failing to meet all or part of their obligations.	€1.09m
Concentration Risk  (including Concentration Risk & Group Risk)	Risk concentration refers to an exposure with the potential to produce losses large enough to threaten FIL Life Ireland's health or ability to maintain its core operations.	
	Risk concentrations arise from the size of exposures to counterparties, in particular banking and fund providers. These are kept under review, to enable the Company to take action should the risk approach tolerance limits.	
	The material residual credit risk is counterparty exposure within the Fidelity (FIL) Group, particularly in the event of a loss arising such that there is a material recovery amount due from the Group.	
	The material risk concentration to which the Company is exposed is within the FIL Group through the intercompany agreement where the Company places reliance on this agreement to provide support in running the business.	
	The Company also has counterparty default risk exposures arising from any amounts due from the settlement agent and the placement of its funds and working capital with bank counterparties and in the Fidelity Institutional Liquidity Fund plc (the ILF), a UCITS money market fund.	
	It should be noted that being a unit-linked company counterparty risk is only relevant to those assets which are not matching the policyholder unit liabilities.	
	FFML	
	As noted above, this module is appropriate due its significant counterparty exposure to FFML due to the existence of the fund provision agreement.	

#### Banks & ILF Fund Counterparties

requirements.

The other counterparty risk exposure relates to the default of banks where there are cash balances held with those banks, and to the default of the managers of the Institutional Liquidity Fund plc.

fulfil its liability to policyholders and continue to meet its solvency

The Company primarily holds it cash balances (own funds) capital in the Fidelity Institutional Liquidity Fund (ILF), an AAA rated money market fund. The Company holds other cash on deposit with investment grade rated banks (such as Barclays Bank plc or Bank of America Merrill Lynch).

Accounts receivable balances are held predominantly with other FIL Group companies, which are considered low risk.

Due to the rebate agreement the impact of these banks to FLIIL if they were to default is considered relatively minimal as it would be recovered under the fund provision agreement.

#### Operational Risk

Operational risk is the risk of direct or indirect loss resulting from inadequate or failed internal processes, people and systems or from external events. It includes legal risk but excludes strategic and reputational risk. It includes conduct risk, the risk that actions (or failures to act) by FIL Life Ireland or FPM and its employees have a detrimental impact on customer outcomes or undermine the integrity of (and public confidence in) financial markets or the financial services industry.

The Company does not face material operational risk exposure due to the existence of an intercompany agreement, but the Company does consider the possibility of operational risk exposure events elsewhere in the Fidelity Group, leading to a possible impact on the support agreement for the Company from the other FIL Group entity.

The Company outsources administration operations to a FIL Group company and this arrangement is covered under the IASA. The operations undertaken include carrying out the insurance administration services and investment management services such as devising and implementing investment policy and managing allocation of investments of the Company's funds where those funds comprise more than one underlying collective investment scheme.

The primary operational risks which the Company is exposed to which are not covered by the IASA, are considered to be in respect of Fund Accounting, Corporate Governance failures, and Cyber IT risk fraud at the Head Office level. Costs arising in respect of such an operational risk event are mitigated through the existence of an intercompany agreement with FIL Fund Management Limited (FFML), a Fidelity group company, to ensure the Company achieves

€1.11m

Risk Type	Description	Solvency Capital Requirement*
	a specified level of income.	
	Plausible significant events have been considered and concluded that a 1 in 200 year operational event would not lead to a loss equal to 25% of the Company's expenses and therefore although not appropriate, applying the Standard formula sum of 25% of expenses is deemed prudent.	
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#### Market Risk

Market risk is the potential for adverse changes in the value of FIL Life's assets and liabilities resulting from changes in market variables such as interest rates, foreign exchange rates, and equity, and commodity prices and their implied volatilities, correlations and credit spreads.

€0.89m

The Company is not directly exposed to material market risk. FIL Life Ireland writes a single line of long-term unit-linked business where any changes in values are to the benefit of policyholders. There is no direct investment, other than the Company having a limited amount of seed capital investment for new fund launches. Market risk can arise on the seed capital investment and any exposure is managed within limits agreed by the Board.

Neither policy holders nor the Company directly hold complex instruments such as derivatives or securitisations and there are currently no plans to do so.

#### Market Risk

Market risk to the Company is limited as, through a 100% matching of policyholder assets and liabilities, the risks on the valuation of assets is borne by the policyholders.

The Company's market risks relate to the impact of market shocks on the present value of the Company's current rebates under the Fund Provision agreement with FFML, i.e. if markets fall so too will revenues resulting in an increase to the rebate payment.

Standard Formula is based on a 39% shock for some types of equity ("Type 1") and 49% shock for other types of equity ("Type 2") where a company's portfolio is well diversified. The Company's equity is global and well diversified and therefore the Standard Formula is deemed appropriate. The symmetric adjustment is also taken into account.

The Company may hold investments in money markets funds, which may be exposed as markets move and the assets may be impacted.

The level of seed capital investments is relatively low and diversified and monitored on an ongoing basis.

Risk Type	Description	Solvency
Mak Type	Description	Capital
		Requirement*
	Interest Rate Risk	
	Interest rate risk relates to interest bearing assets in the form of deposits and cash held with the Company's banks or other approved institutions. With the current low interest rate environment, the current calibration of the interest rate shocks in the Standard Formula is inappropriate but this applies to all firms and interest rates over time can change.	
	Currency Risk	
	The currency risk module is applicable to the Company, as its underlying funds are in a mix of currencies, and it chooses to hold part of its capital in non-Euro currencies to facilitate operational flow and it has an exposure to income predominantly received in USD but its expenses are predominantly charged in Euro.	
	The Standard Formula assumptions used refer to a 25% increase and a 25% decrease currency shock which is deemed appropriate as it is assumed the rates against the Euro will fluctuate within a limited band and therefore exposure should be limited.	
	As the Standard Formula market risk module assumption is that the sensitivity of assets and liabilities to changes in the volatility of the market parameters (equity prices, interest rates, yield spreads and exchange rates) are not material, this assumption is appropriate given the above market risk exposure.	
Insurance / Underwriting Risk	Insurance Risk is the risk to the Company posed by total potential exposure to insurance contract commitments. Potential for deviations stem from the frequency of losses, severity of losses and the correlation of losses between contracts.	€0.05m
	The Company engages in unit-linked business and as the Company neither currently offers guarantees, nor writes annuities, Insurance risk is not deemed to be a major risk facing the business.	
	Lapse Risk	
Life Underwriting Risk	Due to the nature of the Company's life insurance business its insurance obligations are limited and therefore the sub risk modules of Longevity, Revision or Disability Morbidity components do not apply.	
	The Company pays out the value of a policyholder's units on death but as the value is unit-linked there is limited insurance obligations for the Company.	
	The Company does not offer any other additional form of insurance risk, optional or otherwise, to policyholders (plan trustees) or beneficiaries (individual plan members) and therefore does not undertake any form of traditional underwriting.	
	The most significant life underwriting Sub module risk is Lapse Risk.	

The Company is susceptible to lapse shocks where unexpected lapses arise from policy terminations and surrenders. The Company's

Risk Type	Description	Solvency Capital
	This risk is managed through the Company's Capital Management Policy and the maintenance of a discretionary buffer over and above the minimum capital requirements.	Requirement*
Strategic Risk	Strategic risk is the risk associated with an inappropriate or non-performing strategy.	-
	The Board approves the strategy and oversees its execution.	

## C.1. Underwriting Risk

#### C.1.1. Definition

Solvency II defines underwriting risk as 'the risk of loss or of adverse change in the value of insurance liabilities, due to inadequate pricing and provisioning assumptions'.

# C.1.2. Risk Exposure, Concentration and Mitigation

Due to the existence of the intercompany agreement, the Company's risk exposure is effectively concentrated with the contracting company (in the form of counterparty risk, including the risk that the counterparty will decide to terminate the agreement). It does not have any material underwriting risk concentrations.

FIL Life Ireland is only exposed to life underwriting risks. This exposure is not material.

For the unit-linked liabilities, risks associated with the volatility of future charges and expenses are mitigated by both the IASA and by FIL Life Ireland's ability to unilaterally terminate policies subject to a short notice period.

Beyond this, FIL Life Ireland does not have any exposure to underwriting risk in the traditional sense. Consequently, FIL Life Ireland has no Chief Underwriting Officer.

FIL Life Ireland's pricing framework and model is based upon the strategic plan and takes a cost-plus approach to pricing. Pricing is bespoke to each client and is dependent upon the profile of the plan at take on and projected into the future.

The Underwriting & Pricing Policy includes the terms on which new business is written. The Actuarial Function advises on the impact on the Technical Provisions and the SCR of any material changes in the terms on which FIL Life Ireland writes new business, including the introduction of any new products.

## C.1.3. Risk Sensitivity

As FIL Life Ireland's exposure to this risk is limited, there is no material sensitivity to changes in this risk.

The Company does not face any material underwriting risk exposure due to the existence of an intercompany agreement.

These exposures are examined on an annual basis through the ORSA process and quarterly through the calculation of the SCR on a Standard Formula basis. In relation to the sensitivity to expenses, the Company undertakes an expense shock stress test. In relation to the sensitivity to an increase in surrender rates, the Company undertakes a lapse stress test.

#### C.1.4. Any Other Disclosure

The Company does not have any further disclosure to make in relation to its underwriting risk profile.

#### C.2. Market Risk

#### C.2.1. Definition

Solvency II defines Market risk as 'the risk of loss or of adverse change in the financial situation resulting, directly or indirectly, from fluctuations in the level and in the volatility of market prices of assets, liabilities and financial instruments.'

# C.2.2. Risk Exposure, Concentration and Mitigation

Due to the existence of the intercompany agreement, the Company's risk exposure is effectively concentrated with the contracting company (in the form of counterparty risk, including the risk that the counterparty will decide to terminate the agreement). It does not have material market risk concentrations. The Company writes a single line of business in Linked Long Term Business with policy holders selecting their own investments, the unit-linked funds are invested in funds managed by third party fund providers as well as funds managed by other FIL group companies. All of the benefits from policyholder investments for the Company are directly linked to the value of units in funds subject to the provisions of the EU Directive relating to the undertakings for collective investment in transferable securities (UCITS). The Company will have seed capital investment into new funds and certain existing funds. Neither policy holders nor the Company directly hold complex instruments such as derivatives, securitisations, and "non-routine" investments and there are no plans to do so.

FIL Life Ireland has some exposure to market risk from the provision of seed capital and the investment of shareholders' funds in a liquidity fund

FIL Life Ireland also has indirect market risk exposure through the annual management charge (AMC) on unit-linked funds. FIL Life Ireland has an indirect exposure to market risk on linked assets through the credit taken for future administration fees. FIL Life Ireland earns AMCs based on a fixed percentage of AUA, and movements in the value of these assets will affect the AMCs. As future profits are only projected up to the point when FIL Life Ireland is able to unilaterally terminate the liabilities, which is within twelve months, the exposure is not significant.

## **Seed Capital Management**

FIL Life Ireland places seed capital into new funds. Market risk exists on this capital as the units seeded are owned by the shareholders and the risk is not passed over to the policyholders. The market risk appetite is linked to the seed capital, where all seed capital exposures must consider the impact on capital and thresholds trigger remedial action. The Board has set a limit for the total value of seed capital, which constitutes the aggregate risk appetite against which total seeding will be monitored. This limit is reviewed on an annual basis by the Board.

There are no material residual market-related risks. The Company writes a single line of business in Linked Long Term Business with policy holders selecting their own investments, the unit-linked funds are invested in funds managed by third party fund providers as well as funds managed by other Fidelity group companies. All of the benefits from policyholder investments for the Company are directly linked to the value of units in funds subject to the provisions of the EU Directive relating to the undertakings for collective investment in transferable securities, UCITS. There is no direct investment. The Company has seed capital in new funds. Neither policy holders nor the Company directly hold complex derivatives instruments such as securitisations and there are no plans to do so. Market risks arises from seed capital investment, used to support new fund set-ups, although this exposure is limited with this exposure managed within a Board agreed limit, which is monitored regularly and discussed at Board meetings.

Under Solvency II's Standard Formula, market risk can be divided between the following subrisks. Due to the existence of the intercompany agreement with another FIL Company, foe market risk SCR, interest rate risk is the only market risk SCR element that is calculated:

Interest rate risk – market risk from changes in the term structure of interest rates, or in the volatility of interest rates. FIL Life Ireland's main exposure to interest rate risk relates to interest bearing assets in the form of deposits and cash held with FIL Life Ireland's banks or other approved institutions. The interest rate risk is not actively managed by FIL Life Ireland. An amount of €0.898m (before diversification

benefit) has been included within the SCR for interest rate risk.

- Equity risk market risk from changes in the level or in the volatility of market prices of equities. There are no guarantees of investment performance. FIL Life Ireland holds no derivatives. The effect of market movements on the value of the AUA is monitored and reported to senior management. The management group reviews the risk and determine if additional monitoring or escalation to the Board is required.
- Spread risk market risk from changes in the level or in the volatility of credit spreads over the risk-free interest rate term structure. FIL Life Ireland has limited exposure to spread risk from investments.
- Currency risk market risk from changes in the level or in the volatility of currency exchange rates. FIL Life Ireland is not directly exposed to material currency rate risk.
- Concentration risk market risk from either the lack of diversification in the asset portfolio or from large exposure to default risk by a single issuer of securities or a group of related issuers. FIL Life Ireland is not exposed to high degrees of concentration.

All policyholder assets and liabilities are linked. Shareholder assets are invested mainly in a liquidity fund but may also provide seed capital for new funds.

## C.2.3. Risk Sensitivity

Although the risk is affected by the impact of changes in investment markets on the value of seed capital, the impact is not material to the Company. However, in the absence of the intercompany agreement, the Company is exposed to a shock reduction in underlying policyholder fund values, as margins are largely determined as a percentage of underlying fund values. This exposure is examined on an annual basis through the ORSA process, and quarterly through the calculation of the SCR on a Standard Formula basis.

#### C.2.4. Any Other Disclosure

The Company does not have any further disclosure to make in relation to its market risk profile.

#### C.3. Credit Risk

#### C.3.1. Definition

Solvency II defines credit risk as 'the risk of loss or of adverse change in the financial situation, resulting from fluctuations in the credit standing of issuers of securities, counterparties and any debtors to which insurance and reinsurance undertakings are exposed, in the form of counterparty default risk, or spread risk, or market risk concentrations.'

# C.3.2. Risk Exposure, Concentration and Mitigation

Due to the existence of the intercompany agreement, the Company's risk exposure is effectively concentrated with the contracting company (in the form of counterparty risk, including the risk that the counterparty will decide to terminate the agreement). The only material residual credit risk is counterparty exposure to the Fidelity Group, particularly in the event of a loss arising such that there is a material recovery amount due from the Fidelity Group. There was no material change to the credit risk exposure of the Company over the year.

Credit risk is assumed whenever FIL Life Ireland is exposed to loss from another party failing to honour its financial obligations to the Company, including failing to perform them in a timely manner. A Credit Risk Policy and related controls are in place to manage this risk.

FIL Life Ireland is exposed to counterparty risk through its cash holdings, its receivable balances and its investments in the Fidelity Money Market Liquidity Fund.

The two principal counterparties to which the Company is exposed are:

#### **Banks and Liquidity Funds**

The Company may be exposed to the default of FIL Life Ireland's banking and liquidity fund counterparties where there are corporate cash balances held.

#### **FIL Group Companies**

FIL Life Ireland is reliant upon a FIL Group Company, FPM, for the provision of services

and the management of credit risks in respect of management fee collection.

Counterparty and credit risk are managed against agreed financial limits in accordance with the FIL Life Ireland Credit Risk Policy and are monitored and reported to senior management and the Board of Directors on a quarterly basis.

FIL Life Ireland performs an assessment of the risk profile of a counterparty prior to taking on a credit exposure. The factors to be considered will vary according to both the type of credit and the counterparty being considered. Only approved counterparties may be dealt with.

External credit ratings are monitored. An approved counterparty is one that is assigned an external rating of BBB+ or higher or a Dun & Bradstreet risk indicator of 3 or better. Cash balances or deposits are only placed with approved relationship banks or liquidity funds. FIL Life Ireland undertakes ongoing monitoring of the credit quality of the counterparty.

In the event of any counterparty achieving a credit rating below investment grade or a banking partner no longer being on the FIL approved list, the FIL Life Ireland business will convene a meeting with representatives from Risk, Business Finance, Corporate Treasury and Legal. The attendees will assess an exception to policy, or, in the event of a banking partner, Treasury will suspend deposit placements immediately pending further analysis and guidance from senior management. Decisions are subject to approval by the FIL Life Ireland CEO, who will notify the Board.

Counterparty creditworthiness is monitored on a regular basis and, where appropriate, additional mitigants, such as charges over assets and assurance of segregation of funds, are applied.

A credit risk exposure report is produced monthly for the FIL Life Ireland Oversight Group with relevant reporting to the FIL Life Ireland Board quarterly to provides information regarding the Company's counterparties, their credit ratings, size of the exposures, limit values and any changes to counterparty credit ratings during the period under review.

There was no material change to the credit risk exposure of the Company over the year.

In line with Solvency II regulations, an amount of €m (before diversification benefit) has been included within the SCR counterparty risk for type 1 exposures (banks and counterparties). The full SCR is set out in E.2, together with the prior year's requirement.

#### C.3.3. Risk Sensitivity

The Company does not face any material counterparty risk exposure due to the FPA, except for its exposure to the FIL Group, particularly in the event of a loss which requires a material recovery amount. Credit counterparty risk is assessed in the Company's ORSA, through analysis of a scenario in which the intercompany agreement is terminated, and another in which there is a capital loss due to the failure of a counterparty bank.

#### C.3.4. Any Other Disclosure

The Company does not have any further disclosure to make in relation to its credit risk profile.

## C.4. Liquidity Risk

#### C.4.1. Definition

Solvency II defines liquidity risk as 'the risk that insurance and reinsurance undertakings are unable to realise investments and other assets in order to settle their financial obligations when they fall due.'

# C.4.2. Risk Exposure, Concentration and Mitigation

The range of material risks to which the Company is exposed is curtailed due to the existence of an intercompany agreement, however, this agreement does not explicitly address liquidity risk.

The Company faces liquidity risk, which is managed ongoing cashflow management and forecasting, together with maintaining appropriate working capital balances and the availability of a contingency funding line with a FIL Group entity. Liquidity risk for FIL Life Ireland is that it will encounter difficulties obtaining funds to meet commitments associated with financial and other liabilities.

All policyholder assets can be readily liquidated. The liquidity risk relating to the redemption of policyholder assets is considered minimal, as the proceeds will be

provided by sale of the underlying assets. Any deferment of sale proceeds can be matched by deferring payment to policyholders as per the policy contracts. The Company can mitigate liquidity settlement risk on fund switches, whereby in extreme circumstances, it can delay settlement on a buy trade where a sale settles later than a buy and incur the late payment fees. Further, in the most extreme circumstances policy conditions place the counterparty risk exposure on the policyholder should a trade not settle due to a default of the fund provider. Detailed investment and disinvestment policies and guidelines are in place and updated periodically. Liquidity requirements arising from significant client transitions are carefully monitored against risk appetite.

The Company has a committed €5m loan facility in place with FIL Limited to manage liquidity risk to the amount of the agreed facility. Liquidity risk is continually monitored and is reported to senior management by Finance, and to the Board of Directors on a quarterly basis.

The majority of FIL Life Ireland's capital is held within a Fidelity Money Market Liquidity Fund. This UCITS fund investment has a rating of Aaa-mf (Moody's) and AAAm (S&P), and is liquid and readily realisable, with same day settlement offered.

#### C.4.3. Risk Sensitivity

The Company faces liquidity risk, which is managed through ongoing cashflow management and forecasting, undertaking internal stress-testing for liquidity sensitivity analysis via liquidity scenario stress testing, together with maintaining appropriate working capital balances and the availability of a contingency funding line with a Fidelity Group entity.

#### C.4.4. Any Other Disclosure

The Company does not have any further disclosure to make in relation to its liquidity risk profile.

# C.5. Operational Risk

### C.5.1. Definition

Solvency II defines operational risk as 'the risk of loss arising from inadequate or failed internal processes, personnel or systems, or from external events.' These risks take into account the potential for climate change related risk drivers to impact them.

# C.5.2. Risk Exposure, Concentration and Mitigation

The range of operational material risks to which the Company is exposed is curtailed due to the existence of an intercompany agreement, but the Company does consider the possibility of operational risk exposure events elsewhere in the Fidelity Group, leading to a possible impact on the support agreement for the Company from the other FIL Group entity. There was no material change to the operational risk exposure of the Company over the year.

The Company's operations are primarily carried out by one provider, a FIL Group company, and this arrangement is covered under the IASA. The operations undertaken include carrying out the insurance administration services such as processing and updating details of policyholders' details and investment management services such as devising and implementing investment policy and managing allocation of investments of the Company's funds where those funds comprise more than one underlying collective investment scheme.

Operational risk includes risks related to operational delivery, business process disruption, information security and cyberresilience, legal risk, regulatory compliance, financial crime, record and data management and financial reporting.

## C.5.3. Operational Resilience

Operational Resilience is the embedding of capabilities, processes, behaviours and systems which allows an organisation to prevent or respond to, recover and learn from major operational disruptions. Together with its material outsourced administration service provider, FIL Pensions Management, the Company has identified, through completion of the Operational Resilience implementation project, important business services and sets specific impact tolerances for operational

disruption scenarios as part of an Operational Resilience Framework. This enables FIL Life Ireland to monitor the embedding of Operational Resilience in business-as-usual operations, its inclusion in the Enterprise Risk Management framework and the annual ORSA process.

# C.5.4. Information Security & Cyber Resilience

The Fidelity Group is committed to the protection of its client and customer details, along with its own information and data. There is a comprehensive framework of protection in place with security policies, standards and procedures which are executed to protect customers from threats and frauds. A dedicated Information Security and Technology Risk team assesses security risks and address threats on a continuous basis to ensure the confidentiality, integrity and availability of our information systems and data. FIL Group has a dedicated Cyber Defence Operations (CDO) team, whose core focus is early Cyber breach prevention, detection and response. The mission of the CDO is to develop intelligence led, proactive cybersecurity response to defend the FIL Group and its assets from known and unknown cyber threats and to reduce risk and impact to the business.

Both the FIL Life Ireland Board and the Risk Committee assesses and monitors risks, including operational risks arising from service provisions. A holistic view of FIL Life Ireland's financial and non-financial risks, including operational risks, is considered and discussed by the Risk Committee on a quarterly basis. In addition, risk tolerances are set for operational risk based on a residual impact level.

### C.5.5. Duties to Customers

Operational risk also includes Duties to Customer risks. These relate to a wide range of risks, including pricing and costs, disclosures, complaint handling, marketing, and product design and management. They are underpinned by good conduct which, when embedded throughout the business, results in a number of benefits, including:

 Strengthening of customer trust and loyalty through decision-making that has customer interests at heart

- Products that meet customers' needs and provide simple and transparent pricing structures
- Good behaviour and integrity in market conduct reinforces confidence in the financial system
- Fewer issues, events and complaints, leading to improved customer experience and operational efficiencies.

Positive impact on shareholder value and effectiveness of the organisation

#### C.5.6. Conduct Risk

Conduct touches every aspect of the FIL Life Ireland business and all other FIL Group companies. By its nature, it is behavioural and therefore relies on a culture that ensures that everyone does the right thing at all times.

FIL Group, including FIL Life Ireland, continually looks for opportunities to strengthen its culture and focus on client outcomes and has always managed conduct risk as an integral part of the business. Conduct risk forms an important element of any assessment of new products and initiatives. The Board receives regular risk updates on the topic and monitors the performance of FIL Life Ireland and its service providers. Risk appetite metrics have been developed as part of the group-wide Risk Management Framework.

## C.5.7. Mitigation

The IASA indemnifies FIL Life Ireland against operational risks except for fraudulent activity or breach of duty of care/negligence by FIL Life Ireland Directors and/or FIL Life Ireland Approved persons, or due to those with delegated authority. These risks are managed by the Board on an ongoing basis.

The primary operational risks which the Company is exposed to which are not covered by the IASA, are considered to be in respect of Fund Accounting, Corporate Governance failures, and Cyber IT risk fraud at the Head Office level.

In addition, risk tolerances are set for operational risk based on a residual financial impact level. Prior to breaching any of the levels defined, remedial actions will be triggered.

An amount of €m has been included within the SCR for operational risk.

### C.5.8. Risk Sensitivity

Whilst the IASA agreement in place with the FIL Group entity means FIL Life Ireland operational risk exposure is reduced, this risk exposure is considered in stress testing and through consideration of possible operational risk exposure events elsewhere in the Fidelity Group, leading to an impact on the support agreement for the Company from the other FIL Group entity. The Solvency II standard formula is based on, and accordingly changes with, annual expenditure.

## C.5.9. Any Other Disclosure

The Company does not have any further disclosure to make in relation to its operational risk profile.

## C.6. Other Material Risks

## C.6.1. Capital and Funding Risk

Capital and Funding risk is defined as the risk of FIL Life Ireland not having sufficient regulatory capital to meet relevant regulatory requirements, with a reasonable margin of safety.

The Company has adopted a Capital Management Policy, which includes a discretionary buffer above the greater of the SCR and ORSA requirements. The Board is responsible for determining the size of the buffer as appropriate to the circumstances of the Company at the time, and any changes anticipated in the future. The discretionary buffer is subject to by the Finance function and by the Board.

### C.6.2. Risk Concentrations

Concentration risk can be defined as the overall spread of a company's assets and outstanding accounts over the number or variety of debtors. The financial and counterparty risks are largely mitigated through legal agreements and are considered above.

Management actions have been modelled in respect of counterparty risk, with the Loss-Given-Default (LGD) associated with the FPA limited to the expenses that would be incurred by the Company upon invoking its unilateral

right to terminate all contracts with a specified time period.

No derivatives are used as risk mitigation techniques.

# C.6.3. Strategic Risk

Strategic Risk is defined as the risk of the Company not meeting its strategic business objectives which could affect its long-term positioning and performance.

FIL Life Ireland manages a range of strategic risks, including risks relating to clients, pricing, distribution, competition, regulation and infrastructure. It uses risk management tools such as scenario analysis, stress testing and wind-down analysis to understand the scale and impact of each risk and to test implementation plans in place.

The strategy for FIL Life Ireland is defined based on a 5-year time horizon, supported by the annual, 3 and 5-year business plan. It is underpinned by clearly articulated objectives and supported by qualitative and quantitative measures. Strategic Risk is directly managed by the Board and the CEO of FIL Life Ireland. The Board has overall responsibility for issues of strategy and business risk management pertaining to the business activities of FIL Life Ireland. The Board approves the strategy and/or material changes in the same and will receive such information performance against the strategic goals of the business. A strategy day is held annually with the Board and relevant business stakeholders to assess client needs and experience, the competitive environment as well as threats from internal and external market events and how these may impact the current strategy and financial position as assessed through the ORSA process.

# C.7. Any Other Information

### C.7.1. Stress and Scenario Testing

The outcome of stress testing and sensitivity analysis for material events is completed as part of the ORSA and business planning process as described in B.2.10.

Stress tests - Stress tests are concluded separately to explore potential threats to the business over the 5-year planning period, incorporating both plausible, single factor stresses and more severe multi-factor scenarios. They are determined by senior stakeholders and subject matter experts, with Board review and consideration. Loss scenarios are developed on the possible outcomes of those risks with a financial impact after controls and mitigations have been considered. Stress testing assesses the impact on the net revenue and capital surplus. It compares the expected net revenue forecast for the next financial year against a revised forecast based on the various stresses. It calculates a full SCR and risk margin using the stress test assumptions and related outcomes, which are compared to the expected capital position for the following year.

Scenario analysis - The ORSA capital requirement is derived through prescribing shocks to capital bearing risks and aggregating the resulting own funds impacts. The capital requirement is aggregated assuming no diversification and compared to capital resources. Individual stress tests are combined to create extreme scenario stressed results and compared to the internal and regulatory capital requirements.

# C.7.2. Geopolitical Risk, Inflation and Market Volatility

As outlined in section A 1.7, c

There is no other material information relevant to the Company's risk profile.

# D. Valuation for Solvency Purposes

## D.1. Assets

# D.1.1. Valuation, Methodology and Assumptions

FIL Life Ireland's assets are primarily those held to back the unit-linked liabilities, with the surplus held as cash or similarly liquid investments.

Table D.1: Breakdown of Material Assets by Solvency II Value with December 2022 Comparison

Classes of Material Assets	31 Dec 2022 €'000	31 Dec 2023 €'000
Investments (other than assets held for index/unit-linked funds)	5,954	6,570
Assets held for index-linked and unit-linked contracts including shareholder	1,167,317	1,324,294
Receivables (trade, not insurance)	197	4
Cash and cash equivalents	9,998	11,666
Any other assets, not elsewhere shown	22,625	5,157
Total Assets	1,206,091	1,347,691

# Assets held for index-linked and unit-linked contracts

Assets held for unit-linked funds are all forms of available collective investment schemes, primarily UCITS and are stated at the market value provided by the fund managers, with policyholder investments in such regulated collective investment schemes, which are normally priced on a daily basis.

The assets are stated at either market value, in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards, or nominal value, in the

case of cash deposits. The methodology for valuing and recognising these assets is therefore, not expected to change in the foreseeable future. The valuation methodology and assumptions for these assets, including reasons for aggregation, are summarised below.

# D.1.1.1.Investments: Other than Assets Held for Unit-linked Funds

These represent listed investments in quoted liquidity funds. The assets are stated at market value using quoted market prices in active markets or expected realisable value, in the case of cash deposits.

# D.1.1.2.Assets Held for Index-linked and Unit-linked Contracts

Assets held for unit-linked funds are all forms of publicly available collective investment schemes, primarily UCITS (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) and are stated at the market value provided by the fund managers. In response to adverse events, FIL Life Ireland may take a number of actions to protect the interests of policyholders in a fund, for example, suspend trading or pricing, defer dealing or diverge from the stated investment policy. These practices would only be used to the minimum extent possible. FIL Life Ireland retains the discretion as to whether or not, and if so how, to implement these measures.

# D.1.1.3.Receivables (Trade not Insurance) and any Other Assets, not Elsewhere Shown

Receivables and other assets, such as debtors are included at the expected realisable value.

### D.1.1.4. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents represent cash at bank and are valued at expected realisable value.

## D.1.1.5. Other Assets

There are no intangible assets or deferred tax assets in the balance sheet.

# D.1.2. Reconciliation to Financial Statements

Other than the rebate asset calculation, as outlined in D2.2.1, there are no material differences between the basis, methods and assumptions used for the valuation of assets for solvency purposes and those used in the Financial Statements.

Table D.2: Reconciliation to Financial Statements

	31 Dec 2023
	€'000
Net Assets	11,169
Best Estimate Liabilities	2,203
Rebate Asset	(1,544)
Risk Margin	(1,735)
Net Assets per SII	10,093

The methodologies used in these valuations are consistent with those used in previous reports.

### D.2. Technical Provisions

# D.2.1. Valuation, Methodology and Assumptions

There are three components of the Technical Provisions for FIL Life Ireland. These are:

- the Unit Liability
- the BEL
- the Risk Margin

Table D.3: Technical Provisions as per QRT S.02.01 & S.12.01 with December 2022 Comparison

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Technical	31 Dec	31 Dec
Provisions	2022	2023
	€'000	€'000
Unit Liability	1,166,394	1,323,347
Best Estimate	14,247	(2,203)
Liabilities		
Risk Margin	2,145	1,735
Gross	1,182,786	1,322,879
Technical		
<b>Provisions</b>		

Where a liability can be replicated using financial instruments, for which a reliable market value is available, the value of the Technical Provisions for that liability is determined as the market value. An example of this is the unit liability, where the value is set equal to the value of the units deemed allocated to policyholders.

Otherwise, where a market value is not observable for a liability, the value of Technical Provisions equals the sum of the BEL and the Risk Margin.

The BEL is the expected present value of the probability-weighted average of future cash-flows, using a relevant risk-free interest rate term structure.

The Risk Margin is the cost of holding the risk capital over the lifetime of the business. The cost of capital rate is set in the Solvency II Delegated Regulation to be 6% p.a.

Under Solvency II, the Technical Provisions only reflect insurance liabilities for business inforce at the valuation date, and not any future insurance business. Since future contributions on pensions policies are discretionary, these are treated as future new insurance business and are excluded when valuing the liabilities.

## D.2.1.1. Methodology

There are no differences between the basis, methods and assumptions used for the valuation of liabilities for solvency purposes and those used in the Financial Statements, with the exception of:

- The establishment of a rebate asset within the solvency valuation
- The establishment of a BEL plus a Risk Margin within the solvency valuation of the Technical Provisions, in addition to the unit liability. The Technical Provisions in the Financial Statements are set equal to the unit liability.

The rebate asset is similar in nature to a reinsurance asset and captures the benefit of the intercompany agreement. The value of the rebate asset for year-end reporting was €(1.5)m (31 December 2022: €14.9m).

For Financial Statements reporting, Company classifies all contracts "Investment Contracts" for the purpose of calculating the Life Assurance Provision under the International Financial Reporting Standard (IFRS). Therefore, the total liability held in respect of the book of business for Financial Statement is the unit linked liability. As per Solvency II methodology, the unit liabilities under IFRS are equal to the value of units allocated to members and are matched by corresponding unit-linked assets held on behalf of members. The value of units is calculated as the price per unit multiplied by the number of units. There is no BEL or RM in the Financial Statements therefore, these items are zero.

The matching adjustment is not used within the Technical Provisions.

The volatility adjustment is not used within the Company's Technical Provisions.

No transitional measure has been applied to the Company's Technical Provisions.

Transitional deduction is not applied to the Company's Technical Provisions.

The Company currently does not have any reinsurance arrangements in place. It does, however, have an alternative risk transfer arrangement in place, this agreement acts in a similar fashion to reinsurance.

Comparisons of results and assumptions against last year are documented above.

### D.2.2. Unit-linked Liabilities

All policies written by FIL Life Ireland are unitlinked and can be cancelled in accordance the policy conditions.

The unit liability amounted to €1,323m at 31 December 2023 (31 December 2022: €1,167m). The decrease is the net effect of new premiums received, investment returns, charges and claims, together with exchange rate movements.

The unit liabilities are equal to the value of units allocated to policyholders and are matched by corresponding unit-linked assets held on behalf of policyholders. The value of units is calculated as the price per unit, multiplied by the number of units. These are calculated by the policyholder administration system.

### D.2.3. Best Estimate Liability

The BEL amounted to €(2.2m) (31 December 2022: €14.2m) at the period end of 31 December 2023. The interoperation of the FFML agreement was clarified in 2023 with the Solvency II cashflows aligned with the International Financial Reporting Standards cashflows. Also, the decrease arises following a review of the expense assumptions and an increase in administration fees on third party funds. The TPA maintenance expense assumption has increased due to review of the allocation basis of maintenance costs. This is offset of surrender assumptions been updated with partial surrender rates decreasing.

The BEL represents the present value of the expected future cash flows arising from the inforce book of business, discounted using risk-free interest rates. It does not include the unit liability as this has been unbundled and classified as Technical Provisions calculated, as outlined above. As the projected future outgoings are expected to exceed the expected future income from the in-force business, the BEL for this business is positive.

The cash flows projected include the following, where relevant:

- Fund management charges
- Member record keeping fees
- Maintenance Expenses
- Third-party administration fees, including investment management fees

For the Company, the definition of contract boundaries determines what premiums and associated cash flows should be included in the calculation of the BEL. Any premiums and associated cash flows that lie beyond the contract boundary are excluded from the calculation of the Technical Provisions. For the IRSP, the contract boundary occurs immediately, since the product charges are fully reviewable, and hence no new premiums are included in the calculation of the BEL.

Each of the demographic assumptions is derived at a homogeneous risk group level.

### D.2.4. Surrender Rates

The best estimate lapse rate assumption allows separately for both full and partial surrenders in respect of scheme members and allows for the surrender rate of schemes/policyholders (as opposed to just members of schemes). The actuarial function has carried out an experience investigation on the book of business. The full and partial lapse rate assumptions are set in line with the results from this investigation.

# D.2.5. Maintenance and Third-Party Administrator (TPA) Expense

The expense assumptions are based on current expense levels and on the annual assumptions & judgements paper as approved by the Board in December 2023.

# D.2.6. Expense and TPA Fee Inflation

Expense Inflation is modelled separately in respect of EUR and GBP denominated expenses.

The EUR denominated expense inflation is determined based on the European Central Bank target inflation rate. A margin for wage inflation has been added to this rate to allow for the proportion of the underlying cost base which is salary-related. The margin was derived using relevant data from the Economic and Social Research Institute (ESRI).

The GBP expense inflation rate is set using Bank of England inflation targets. TPA fee inflation is based on the GBP expense inflation rate.

# D.2.7. Discount Rate and Investment Growth

In calculating the Technical Provisions, the yield curve is based on the prescribed Solvency II methodology.

## D.2.8. Risk Margin

The risk margin is €1.735m as at 31 December 2023. The risk margin has decreased from €2.15m at 31 December 2022. The decrease was driven primarily by a combination of a fall in counterparty risk (due to a reduction in the assumed cost of closure over a 12 month period) as well as revisions to the risk drivers used in the calculation of the risk margins.

The risk margin is calculated as the cost of holding the risk capital over the lifetime of the obligations. The risk margin is calculated at a total portfolio level rather than at an individual policy level. The risk margin component of the liabilities reflects the cost of holding capital against current and future non-market risk capital requirements. The projection of the SCR for in-force contracts is the key input to this calculation. The risk margin is calculated using the cost of capital approach set out in the Solvency II Directive.

The Company uses a simplified approach in calculating the SCR for each future year, whereby the future SCR is projected based on the projected future BEL of the in-force business. This approach is unchanged from last year and is consistent with Method 2 in the hierarchy of methods for the calculation of the risk margin as described in the EIOPA "Guidelines on the Valuation of Technical Provisions". The SCR that is projected into the future to calculate the risk margin reflects the existence of the intercompany agreement. The inclusion of this agreement results in a reduction in the projected SCR of the

Company, as it acts to mitigate some of the Company's risk exposure under the various stresses of the SCR. This in turn results in a reduction in the risk margin.

As the Company only writes one line of business, it does not need to allocate the risk margin by line of business.

# D.2.9. Reinsurance Recoverables and Special Purpose Vehicles

There are no Special Purpose Vehicles.

The Company currently does not have any reinsurance arrangements in place. It does, however, have an alternative risk transfer arrangement in place, namely the fund provision agreement, with this agreement acting in a similar manner to reinsurance.

# D.2.10. Alternative Methods for Valuation

There is no alternative valuation method or alternative valuation techniques used.

#### D.2.11. Material Uncertainties

There are no material uncertainties relating to FIL Life Ireland's valuation.

# D.2.12. Uncertainty associated with the Value of the Technical Provisions

The methodology employed is proportionate to the nature, scale and complexity of the risks accepted by the business.

The sensitivity of the BEL to changes in the assumptions used in calculating the Technical Provisions is shown in table D.4.

Table D.4: Sensitivity Analysis

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Sensitivity Analysis	31 Dec 2022 €'000	31 Dec 2023 €'000
Change due to 50.46% (2022: 46%) decrease in unit prices (per SCR equity shock)	11,484	18,246
Change due to 10% increase in expenses and 1% increase in expense inflation	8,479	7,680
Change due to 50% decrease in surrender rates	13,767	9,062
Change due to 15% increase in mortality rates	(14)	16
Change due to decrease in interest rates (per the SCR interest rate shock)	3,487	2,600
Change due to increase in interest rates (per the SCR interest rate shock)	(3,690)	(2,875)
Change due to decease in margin from annual management charges (-10bps)	3,570	4,482
Change due to 1% decrease to inflation	(2,687)	(2,405)
Change due to 1% increase to inflation	3,024	2,711

The sensitivity analysis above shows that the BEL is reasonably sensitive to an adverse movement in equity values, with the BEL increasing by €18.25m in response to the Standard Formula equity shock (which reduces unit values by 50.46% based on current asset splits). The increase in BEL is the result of lower margins arising from the AUA (due to the drop in the value), partially offset by a reduction in fund related expenses.

The BEL is also quite sensitive to the expense assumptions used. A 10% increase in expense assumptions, combined with a 1% increase in expense inflation rates results in an increase in BEL of €7.7m. The expense assumptions referred to in this scenario include maintenance expenses and TPA expenses.

The BEL is very sensitive to changes in surrender rates. Since the projected future level of expenses is greater than the projected future income from the in-force business, a decrease in surrender rates results in an increase to the BEL. The 50% decrease in surrender rates has the effect of increasing the liability on the business by €9.1m.

The BEL is not particularly sensitive to changes in mortality rates. The Company is not exposed to significant mortality risk due to the absence of any death benefits in excess of the unit fund on contracts. A decrease in mortality rates has practically no impact on the BEL, and so this is not considered a material risk for the Company.

The BEL is sensitive to a fall in interest rates. A decrease in the yield curve (as per the SCR shock) results in an increase in BEL of €2.6m, whereas in prior years the impact of this shock was low as the down-shock was floored at 0 under the standard formula (when interest rates were negative). The impact of an increase in interest rates in accordance with the up-shock specified under the Standard Formula (which is a minimum upwards movement of 1 percentage point) is significant. This up-shock would result in a reduction in BEL of approx. €2.9m.

The BEL is sensitive to changes in the margin the Company receives from fund management charges.

Inflation is currently an area of uncertainty, particularly the deviation between actual inflationary readings and Central Bank expectations. There is further uncertainty as to how long the spike in short term inflation rates seen throughout 2023 will persist into the future, or whether Central Banks will be able to bring inflation back down to their target levels in the near term. The BEL is sensitive to both shortterm and long-term inflation assumptions. A 1percentage-point increase in all three long inflation assumptions at all durations would result in a €2.7m increase in the BEL. Increases in inflation rates might be expected to be accompanied by increasing interest rates, which would act to mitigate the impact on the BEL of

the increase in inflation. The choice of the shortterm inflation assumptions is an area of judgement which can have a material impact on the BEL. A decrease in inflation of 1% would result in a decrease in the BEL of €2.4m

Sensitivity of the BEL to other potential factors, such as policyholder fund switch activity is also considered. Policyholder fund switching activity could, for example, lead to lower margins being collected if policyholders were to migrate towards lower margin funds.

There are no material deficiencies in the data used for the Technical Provisions.

# D.2.13. Reconciliation to Financial Statements

The accounting policies are consistent between the Financial Statements under IFRS (International Financial Reporting Standard) and the Company's Solvency II reporting. Assets and liability values are the same in both.

# **D.3.Other Liabilities**

# D.3.1. Valuation, Methodology and Assumptions

Other financial liabilities and payables are €14.7m at 31 December 2023.

Components of other liabilities are shown in table D.4. These amounts are based on a market consistent valuation and consistent with values included in the Financial Statements.

The same valuation basis, methods and assumptions, where relevant, are used for the Company's Financial Statements, as are used for Solvency II reporting purposes.

Aggregation is not used in the calculation of other liabilities.

Other financial liabilities and payables, such as premiums received in advance and general creditors are included at expected settlement value.

Table D.5: Other Liabilities with 31
December 2022 Comparison as per QRT
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Other Liabilities	31 Dec	31 Dec
	2022	2023
	€'000	€'000
Insurance &	12,993	12,331
intermediaries		
payables		
Payables (trade	870	844
not insurance)		
Any other	-	1,544
liabilities not		
elsewhere shown		
Total Other	13,863	14,719
Liabilities		

There are no contingent liabilities or material provisions in the Financial Statements.

FIL Life Ireland has no lease arrangements.

As outlined in B.1.6, staff are employed by other FIL Group companies. The expenses in relation to these employees are recharged on a cost plus 5% basis and are included in Administrative expenses. There is no defined benefit plan.

As at 31 December, 2023 all staff engaged in the management and administration of the Company are employed by other Fidelity Group Companies. Their services are provided under a secondment agreement or Insurance Administration Services Agreement in place between these companies and FIL Life Insurance (Ireland) DAC. The expenses in relation to these employees are recharged under these agreements on the basis of cost plus 5% basis and are included in Administrative expenses.

Per note B1.6. .with the exception of Independent Non-Executive Directors, the Company does not remunerate any member of the Board for their service.

The Company has no defined benefit pension plan.

## **D.4. Other Information**

## **D.4.1. Any Other Information**

The Solvency position has remained stable for FIL Life Ireland.

The range of material risks to which the Company is exposed is curtailed due to the existence of the intercompany fund provision agreement. Due to the existence of this intercompany agreement, the Company's risk exposure is effectively concentrated with the contracting company (in the form of counterparty risk, including the risk that the counterparty will decide to terminate the agreement). FIL Ltd, the ultimate parent company of this counterparty, is sufficiently capitalised and has a significant capital buffer. There are no current concerns of the counterparty failing to meet its commitments under the fund provision agreement.

The Directors have considered the principal risks faced by the Company, its existing financial and operational resources and its overall solvency position and have concluded that the use of the going concern basis of accounting for the Company is appropriate for a period of at least twelve months from the 19<sup>th</sup> March 2024 (the date of approval of the Company's financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023).

In making the going concern assessment, the Directors considered the principal risks faced by the Company, its existing financial and operational resources and its overall solvency position.

There is no other material information relevant to the Company's valuation for solvency purposes.

# **E. Capital Management**

## E.1. Own Funds

### E.1.1. Capital Management Policy

The objectives of the Company's capital management policy is to ensure that capital continues to be adequate to maintain the safety and stability of FIL Life Ireland thus assuring a high level of confidence in the Company. Under normal circumstances, the Company will maintain a capital buffer in excess of its calculated SCR, the amount of which is determined in accordance with the Company's Risk Appetite. Current levels of solvency coverage are monitored closely against set limits with trigger levels as set by the Board.

# E.1.2. Management of Own Funds

The Own Funds are managed to be in a "risk free" environment, such that they have low liquidity and market risk. FIL Life Ireland manages this objective by keeping the Own Funds that are not used on a day to day basis in a Fidelity Money Market Liquidity Fund, which is AAA rated, with funds maintained outside of this fund placed with approved investment grade bank counterparties.

The capital policy goal is to hold a Board approved capital amount above the solvency capital requirement together with an appropriately prudent buffer that supports the business plan, set by reference to an amount being the greater of the SCR and ORSA requirements. The discretionary buffer is subject to ongoing monitoring by management and the Board. The Company monitors this position on an ongoing basis, taking into consideration the business plan time horizon of 1, 3 and 5 years.

The quality of Own Funds is continuously monitored to ensure that sufficient eligible Own Funds are maintained at all times. The Company has determined a list of actions which it could undertake in order to address any concerns which may arise in respect of the quantity or quality of Own Funds.

### E.1.3. Components of Own Funds

The Company's Own Funds are all Tier 1 capital in accordance with the guidelines on loss absorption and repayment of capital and dividends. These are materially free from any liens and encumbrances. They have no terms and conditions attached to them.

Table E.1: Breakdown of Solvency II Own Funds as per QRT S.23.01 with 31 December 2022 Comparison

Own Funds	31 Dec 2022 €'000	31 Dec 2023 €'000
Ordinary Share of €1 each, issued and fully paid up	8,700	8,700
Other Reserves	742	1,393
Total Own Funds	9,442	10,093

# E.1.4. Reconciliation to Financial Statements

The Financial Statements are prepared under IFRS accounting standards, whilst the Solvency II balance sheet is prepared in accordance with the Solvency II directive and associated regulations and guidance.

There are no material differences between the basis, methods and assumptions regarding the valuation of Own Funds used for the valuation for solvency purposes and those used in the Financial Statements.

There are no basic Own Fund items subject to transitional arrangements.

There are no ancillary Own Funds items.

There are currently no deductions from Own Funds.

There is no subordinate debt included in the Company's Own Funds.

There are no restrictions to the available Own Funds or ring-fenced funds.

There is no loss absorbency mechanism in relation to Own Funds.

Table E.2: Assets over Liabilities - Reconciliation of Own Funds as per QRT S.02.01, S.12.01 and S.23.01 with 31 December 2022 Comparison

Reconciliation of Own Funds	31 Dec 2022 €'000	31 Dec 2023 €'000
Total of Reserves and Retained Earnings from Financial Statements	10,870	11,169
Less: Best Estimate Liability	(14,246)	2,203
Less: Risk Margin	(2,145)	(1,735)
Add: Rebate Asset	14,943	(1,544)
Excess of Assets over Liabilities (Solvency II Own Funds)	9,422	10,093

There were no significant changes to Own Funds during the year.

# E.1.5. Expected Developments in Own Funds

As at 31 December 2023 there are no plans to issue, repay or otherwise change the Company's Own Funds position. Under both the current solvency position and forward-looking projection, FIL Life Ireland has sufficient capital to cover the identified material risks.

Under the ORSA process, projections take into account the ways in which Own Funds may develop and change over time under stress tests and severe scenarios. The primary purpose of the ORSA is to ensure that the Company engages in the process of assessing all of the material risks inherent in its business and has determined its related capital needs.

The Board does not consider the reconciliation reserve (total Own Funds, less the issued and paid up ordinary share capital) to be significantly volatile. For the unit-linked policies the asset and liabilities are matched and all movements in values are for the benefit of the policyholders. In addition, the FPA with FFML ensures that fluctuation in operating costs are

linked to the income generated by the Company.

The components of the reconciliation reserve are shown in table E.3.

Table E.3: Reconciliation Reserve as per QRT S.02.01, S.12.01 and S.23.01 with 31 December 2022 Comparison

Reconciliation Reserve	31 Dec 2022	31 Dec 2023
11000110	€'000	€'000
Total retained	2,190	2,469
earnings from the		
Financial		
Statements		
Less: Best Estimate	(14,246)	2,203
Liability		
Less: Risk Margin	(2,145)	(1,735)
Add: Rebate Asset	14,943	(1,544)
Reconciliation	742	1,393
Reserve		

# E.2. Solvency Capital Requirement and Minimum Capital Requirement

## E.2.1. Solvency Capital Requirement

The SCR has been calculated in accordance with the methodology specified under the Standard Formula, which involves applying a series of prescribed stress tests.

Table E.4: Solvency Capital Requirement as per QRT S.25.01 with 31 December 2022 Comparison

SCR Module	31 Dec 2022 €'000	31 Dec 2023 €'000
Counterparty	2,099	1,089
Default Risk		
Market Risk	1,430	898
Life Underwriting	56	47
Risk		
Diversification	(747)	(444)
Benefit		
Total BSCR	2,838	1,590
Operational Risk	1,041	1,113
Total SCR	3,879	2,703

FIL Life Ireland applies a proportionate approach for the market risk scenario by applying the prescribed 49% stress for the equity type 2 scenario, pre symmetrical

adjustment, applying this pre look-through on the underlying assets.

## E.2.1.1. Material Changes

There were no material changes during the year in terms of capital, with the change in SCR reflecting normal changes in business assets (premiums received less claims paid) and market movements where any gains and losses are matched to the unit-linked policyholders' assets and liabilities.

There are no undertaking-specific parameters for the SCR components. There are no regulatory capital add-ons applied.

## E.2.2. Minimum Capital Requirement

The Minimum Capital Requirement (MCR) is €4.0m (31 December 2022: €4.0m), with the SCR below the AMCR at end 31 December 2023.

## 31 December 2021 Comparison

MCR Module	31 Dec 2022 €'000	31 Dec 2023 €'000
SCR	3,879	2,703
MCR Cap (45% of	1,746	1,216
SCR)		
MCR Floor (25% of	970	676
SCR)		
Combined MCR	1,746	1,216
Absolute Floor of	4,000	4,000
MCR (AMCR)		
MCR	4,000	4,000

The calculation of the MCR is purely formula based, as dictated by the EIOPA Solvency II requirements. It is subject to a floor of the higher between 25% of the SCR or €4.0m (or equivalent) and a cap of 45% of the SCR.

# E.3. Use of the Duration-Based Equity Risk Sub-Module in the Calculation of the SCR

The Company does not use the duration-based equity sub-module.

# E.4. Differences between the Standard Formula and any Internal Model used

The Board has taken the view that the Standard Formula is appropriate for the Company to use in assessing its Pillar 1 capital requirement and that it does not therefore, need to develop its own internal model.

# E.5. Non-Compliance with the MCR and SCR

The Company monitors the compliance with the MCR and SCR on a regular basis. This monitoring consists of a daily calculation on movements in cash and a recalculation of significant debtors' positions on a quarterly basis.

Table E.6: Ratio of Eligible Own Funds to SCR/MCR as per QRT S.23.01 with 31 December 2022 Comparison

Own Funds, SCR, MCR & Coverage Ratio	31 Dec 2022 €'000	31 Dec 2023 €'000
SCR	3,879	2,703
MCR	4,000	4,000
Eligible Own Funds	9,423	10,093
Ratio of Eligible Own Funds to SCR	243%	373%
Ratio of Eligible Own Funds to MCR	236%	252%

There have been no periods of non-compliance with either the MCR or SCR and there is no reasonable, foreseeable risk of non-compliance with the MCR or SCR in the future.

# E.6. Any Other Information

# E.6.1. Geopolitical Risk, Inflation and Market Volatility impact on Capital Management

FIL Life's Own Funds continued to be managed such that they have low liquidity and market risk. There were no strains on liquidity due to policyholder switching or surrenders. Daily monitoring of liquidity requirements proceeded as usual.

As outlined in section A 1.7 and C 7.2, during the year, Geopolitical risks continue to evolve

together with uncertainty in the outlook for inflation and the related path of future interest rate changes, bonds and debt instruments yields and other macro drivers.

The Company has remained well within its capital and liquidity risk appetite levels despite these events during the year and has continued to execute on its core strategy. The Company is fully supported by the FIL Group.

### E.6.2. Other information

There is no other material information relevant to the capital management of the Company.

# Appendix 1 - Quantitative Reporting Templates (all figures in €'000)

Solvency II value

# Annex I S.02.01.02: Balance Sheet

## **Balance sheet**

		Solvency II va
Assets		C0010
Intangible assets	R0030	
Deferred tax assets	R0040	
Pension benefit surplus	R0050	
Property, plant & equipment held for own use	R0060	
Investments (other than assets held for index-linked and unit-linked contracts)	R0070	6,570
Property (other than for own use)	R0080	
Holdings in related undertakings, including participations	R0090	
Equities	R0100	
Equities - listed	R0110	
Equities - unlisted	R0120	
Bonds	R0130	
Government Bonds	R0140	
Corporate Bonds	R0150	
Structured notes	R0160	
Collateralised securities	R0170	
Collective Investments Undertakings	R0180	6,570
Derivatives	R0190	
Deposits other than cash equivalents	R0200	
Other investments	R0210	
Assets held for index-linked and unit-linked contracts	R0220	1,324,294
Loans and mortgages	R0230	
Loans on policies	R0240	
Loans and mortgages to individuals	R0250	
Other loans and mortgages	R0260	
Reinsurance recoverables from:	R0270	
Non-life and health similar to non-life	R0280	
Non-life excluding health	R0290	
Health similar to non-life	R0300	
Life and health similar to life, excluding health and index-linked and unit-		
linked	R0310	
Health similar to life	R0320	
Life excluding health and index-linked and unit-linked	R0330	
Life index-linked and unit-linked	R0340	
Deposits to cedants	R0350	
Insurance and intermediaries receivables	R0360	5,157
Reinsurance receivables	R0370	
Receivables (trade, not insurance)	R0380	4
Own shares (held directly)	R0390	
Amounts due in respect of own fund items or initial fund called up but not yet paid in	R0400	
Cash and cash equivalents	R0410	11,666
Any other assets, not elsewhere shown	R0420	
Total assets	R0500	1,347,691

# Annex I S.02.01.02: Balance Sheet

		Solvency II value
Liabilities		C0010
Technical provisions – non-life	R0510	
Technical provisions – non-life (excluding health)	R0520	
TP calculated as a whole	R0530	
Best Estimate	R0540	
Risk margin	R0550	
Technical provisions - health (similar to non-life)	R0560	
TP calculated as a whole	R0570	
Best Estimate	R0580	
Risk margin	R0590	
Technical provisions - life (excluding index-linked and unit-linked)	R0600	
Technical provisions - health (similar to life)	R0610	
TP calculated as a whole	R0620	
Best Estimate	R0630	
Risk margin	R0640	
Technical provisions – life (excluding health and index-linked and unit-linked)	R0650	
TP calculated as a whole	R0660	
Best Estimate	R0670	
Risk margin	R0680	
Technical provisions – index-linked and unit-linked	R0690	1,322,879
TP calculated as a whole	R0700	1,323,347
Best Estimate	R0710	-2,203
Risk margin	R0720	1,735
Contingent liabilities	R0740	
Provisions other than technical provisions	R0750	
Pension benefit obligations	R0760	
Deposits from reinsurers	R0770	
Deferred tax liabilities	R0780	
Derivatives	R0790	
Debts owed to credit institutions	R0800	
Financial liabilities other than debts owed to credit institutions	R0810	
Insurance & intermediaries payables	R0820	12,331
Reinsurance payables	R0830	
Payables (trade, not insurance)	R0840	844
Subordinated liabilities	R0850	
Subordinated liabilities not in BOF	R0860	
Subordinated liabilities in BOF	R0870	
Any other liabilities, not elsewhere shown	R0880	1,544
Total liabilities	R0900	1,337,598
Excess of assets over liabilities	R1000	10,093

# Annex I S.04.05.21

# Premiums, claims and expenses by country

Home country: Non-life insurance and reinsurance obligations

### Premiums written (gross)

Gross Written Premium (direct)

Gross Written Premium (proportional reinsurance)

Gross Written Premium (non-proportional reinsurance)

## Premiums earned (gross)

Gross Earned Premium (direct)

Gross Earned Premium (proportional reinsurance)

Gross Earned Premium (non-proportional reinsurance)

## Claims incurred (gross)

Claims incurred (direct)

Claims incurred (proportional reinsurance)

Claims incurred (non-proportional reinsurance)

## Expenses incurred (gross)

Gross Expenses Incurred (direct)

Gross Expenses Incurred (proportional reinsurance)

Gross Expenses Incurred (non-proportional reinsurance)

# Home country: Life insurance and reinsurance obligations

Gross Written Premium Gross Earned Premium Claims incurred Gross Expenses Incurred

OHS	Home Country		Тор	5 countries: non-lif	e	
		C0011	C0012	C0013	C0014	C0015
R0010	><					
	C0010	C0020	C0021	C0022	C0023	C0024
	$\nearrow$	$\left\langle \right\rangle$				
R0020						
R0021						
R0022						
	$\geq$		$\geq$			
R0030						
R0031						
R0032						
	>					
R0040						
R0041						
R0042						
	$\rightarrow$	$\mathbf{A}$		$\mathcal{N}$		
R0050						
R0051						
R0052						

	Home Country		Top 5 countries: life									
		C0031	C0032	C0033	C0034	C0035						
	$\searrow$	IM	GG	JE	KY	LU						
	C0030	C0040	C0041	C0042	C0043	C0044						
R1020		85,707,859	8,671,416	6,602,247	1,184,562	729,075						
R1030		85,707,859	8,671,416	6,602,247	1,184,562	729,075						
R1040		60,212,024	6,102,327	9,792,268	1,077,903	25,673						
R1050	5,383,094											

# Annex I S.05.01.02: Premiums, Claims and Expenses by Line of Business

			I	ine of Business for	: non-life insur	rance and rein	surance obliga	tions (direct bus	iness and acce	pted proporti	onal reinsuran	ce)		ассер	Line of bus		rance	
		Medical expense insurance	Income protection insurance	Workers' compensation insurance	Motor vehicle liability insurance	Other motor insurance	Marine, aviation and transport insurance	Fire and other damage to property insurance	General liability insurance	Credit and surety ship insurance	Legal expenses insurance	Assistance	Miscellan eous financial loss	Health	Casualty	Marine, aviation, transport	Property	Total
·		C0010	C0020	C0030	C0040	C0050	C0060	C0070	C0080	C0090	C0100	C0110	C0120	C0130	C0140	C0150	C0160	C0200
Premiums written									1		1							
Gross - Direct Business	R0110													> <	> <	> <	> <	
Gross - Proportional reinsurance accepted	R0120													> <	> <	> <	> <	
Gross - Non-proportional reinsurance accepted	R0130	$>\!\!<$	$>\!\!<$	$>\!\!<$	> <	$>\!\!<$	$>\!\!<$	$\times$	$>\!\!<$	$>\!\!<$	> <	$>\!\!<$	$>\!\!<$					
Reinsurers' share	R0140																	
Net	R0200																	
Premiums earned																		
Gross - Direct Business	R0210													><	><	><	><	
Gross - Proportional reinsurance accepted	R0220													><	><	$>\!\!<$	$>\!\!<$	
Gross - Non-proportional reinsurance accepted	R0230	>>	>>	$>\!\!<$	$>\!\!<$	><	$>\!\!<$	$\times$	$>\!\!<$	$>\!\!<$	><	$>\!\!<$	$>\!\!<$					
Reinsurers' share	R0240																	
Net	R0300																	
Claims incurred																		
Gross - Direct Business	R0310													$>\!\!<$	><	><	$>\!\!<$	
Gross - Proportional reinsurance accepted	R0320													><	><	>>	$>\!\!<$	
Gross - Non-proportional reinsurance accepted	R0330	$\times$	$\times$	$\times$	$\times$	><	$\times$	$\times$	$\times$	$\times$	> <	$\times$	$\times$					
Reinsurers' share	R0340																	
Net	R0400																	
Expenses incurred	R0550																	
Balance - other technical expenses/income	R1200	> <	$> \overline{}$	$> \overline{}$	$> \overline{}$	$> \overline{}$	> <	$> \overline{}$	$> \overline{}$	$> \overline{}$	$> \overline{}$	$> \overline{}$	$> \overline{}$	$> \overline{}$		$\nearrow$	>	
Total expenses	R1300	><	><	><	><	><	><	><	><	><	><	><	><	><	$\geq$	> <	> <	

# Annex I S.05.01.02: Premiums, Claims and Expenses by Line of Business

		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		
		Т	1		ı	1	Г	1			
R1410			103,601						103,601		
R1420											
R1500			103,601						103,601		
R1510			103,601						103,601		
R1520											
R1600			103,601						103,601		
		1	T		1	T	T	1			
R1610			81,085						81,085		
R1620											
R1700			81,085						81,085		
R1900			5,383						5,383		
R2500	<i>&gt;</i>										
R2600	$\nearrow$								5,383		
R2700			81,085						81,085		

Premiums written

Gross

Reinsurers' share

Net

Premiums earned

Gross

Reinsurers' share

Net

Claims incurred

Gross

Reinsurers' share

Net

Expenses incurred

Balance - other technical expenses/income

Total expenses

Total amount of surrenders

# Annex I S.12.01.02: Life and Health SLT Technical Provisions

			Index-linked a	nd unit-linked i	insurance	(	Other life insura	ince	Annuities			Health i	nsurance (direc	t business)			
		Insurance with profit participation		Contracts without options and guarantees	Contracts with options or guarantees		Contracts without options and guarantees	Contracts with options or guarantees	stemming from non- life insurance contracts and relating to insurance obligation other than health insurance obligations	Accepted reinsurance	Total (Life other than health insurance, incl. Unit-Linked)		Contracts without options and guarantees	Contracts with options or guarantees	Annuities 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	R0010		1,323,347	$\geq$	$\leq$			$\leq$			1,323,347			$\leq$			
Total Recoverables from reinsurance/SPV and Finite Re after the adjustment for expected losses due to counterparty default associated to TP as a whole	R0020			$\rightarrow$													
Technical provisions calculated as a sum of BE and RM		><	><	><	><	> <	><	><	><	><	><	> <	><	><		><	><
Best Estimate		><	><	><	$>\!\!<$	><	$>\!\!<$	$>\!\!<$	$>\!\!<$	$>\!<$	$>\!\!<$	><	$>\!\!<$	$>\!\!<$		><	$>\!\!<$
Gross Best Estimate	R0030		$\geq \leq$	-2,203		$\geq \leq$					-2,203	$\geq \leq$					
Total Recoverables from reinsurance/SPV and Finite Re after the adjustment for expected losses due to counterparty default	R0080					$\times$						$\times$					
Best estimate minus recoverables from reinsurance/SPV and Finite Re - total	R0090			-2,203		$\times$					-2,203	$\times$					
Risk Margin	R0100		1,735	$\geq$							1,735						
Technical provisions - total	R0200		1,322,879								1,322,879						

# Annex I S.23.01.01: Own Funds

Basic own funds before deduction for participations in other financial sector as foreseen in article 68 of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/35  Ordinary share capital (gross of own shares) Share premium account related to ordinary share capital Initial funds, member's contributions or the equivalent basic own - fund item for mutual and mutual-type undertakings Sub-ordinated mutual member accounts Surplus funds Preference shares Surplus funds Reconciliation reserve Routh An amount equal to the value of net deferred tax assets Other 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  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  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  Deductions for participations in financial and credit institutions  Routh R			Total	Tier 1 - unrestricted	Tier 1 - restricted	Tier 2	Tier 3
Regulation (EU) 2015/35  Ordinary share capital (gross of own shares)  Share premium account related to ordinary share capital  Initial funds, members' contributions or the equivalent basic own - fund item for mutual and mutual-type undertakings  Subordinated mutual member accounts  Subpributinds  Preference shares  Supplis funds  Reconciliation reserve  Reconciliation reserve  Subordinated liabilities  An amount equal to the value of net deferred tax assets  Other 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  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  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  Deductions  Deductions  Deductions  Total basic own funds after deductions  Ancillary own funds  Unpaid and uncalled initial funds, members' contributions or the equivalent basic own fund item for mutual and mutual  - type undertakings, callable on demand  Rogato  Lipaid and uncalled on dimarks, members' contributions or the equivalent basic own fund item for mutual and mutual  - type undertakings, callable on demand			C0010	C0020	C0030	C0040	C0050
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Subordinated mutual member accounts  Surplus funds  Round	Share premium account related to ordinary share capital	R0030	,	,	>		
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Unpaid and uncalled initial funds, members' contributions or the equivalent basic own fund item for mutual and mutual - type undertakings, callable on demand  R0310	·		<i></i>		>	$>\!\!<$	
- type undertakings, callable on demand		R0300		$\longrightarrow$			
Unpaid and uncalled preference shares callable on demand  R0320		R0310					
	Unpaid and uncalled preference shares callable on demand	R0320					
A legally binding commitment to subscribe and pay for subordinated liabilities on demand  R0330	A legally binding commitment to subscribe and pay for subordinated liabilities on demand	R0330					
Letters of credit and guarantees under Article 96(2) of the Directive 2009/138/EC  R0340	Letters of credit and guarantees under Article 96(2) of the Directive 2009/138/EC	R0340			><		> <
Letters of credit and guarantees other than under Article 96(2) of the Directive 2009/138/EC  R0350	Letters of credit and guarantees other than under Article 96(2) of the Directive 2009/138/EC	R0350		$\nearrow$	$>\!\!<$		
Supplementary members calls under first subparagraph of Article 96(3) of the Directive 2009/138/EC  R0360	Supplementary members calls under first subparagraph of Article 96(3) 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 Other ancillary own funds

# Total ancillary own funds

# Available and eligible own funds

Total available own funds to meet the SCR

Total available own funds to meet the MCR

Total eligible own funds to meet the SCR

Total eligible own funds to meet the MCR

### SCR

MCR

Ratio of Eligible own funds to SCR

Ratio of Eligible own funds to MCR

### **Reconciliation reserve**

Excess of assets over liabilities

Own shares (held directly and indirectly)

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**

Expected profits included in future premiums (EPIFP) - Life business

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

Total Expected profits included in future premiums (EPIFP)

R0370			><		
R0390		$ \nearrow \! \! \! \! \! \! \! \! \! \! \! \! \! \! \! \! \! \! $	$\nearrow$		
R0400		$\mathbf{M}$	$\searrow$		
	$\searrow$	$\bigg\rangle \bigg\rangle$	$\searrow$	$>\!\!<$	$>\!\!<$
R0500	10,093	10,093			
R0510	10,093	10,093			> <
R0540	10,093	10,093			
R0550	10,093	10,093			$>\!\!<$
R0580	2,703	M	$\searrow$	$>\!\!<$	$>\!\!<$
R0600	4,000	$\mathbf{x}$	$\mathbf{x}$	$>\!\!<$	> <
R0620	373.37%	$\overline{}$		$>\!\!<$	$>\!\!<$
R0640	252.32%			>	

	C0060
	$\searrow$
R0700	10,093
R0710	
R0720	
R0730	8,700
R0740	
R0760	1,393
	$\sim$
R0770	
R0780	
R0790	

## Annex I S25.01.21 - Solvency Capital Requirement for Undertakings on Standard Formula

Market risk

Counterparty default risk

Life underwriting risk

Health underwriting risk

Non-life underwriting risk

Diversification

Intangible asset risk

# **Basic Solvency Capital Requirement**

# **Calculation of Solvency Capital Requirement**

Operational risk

Loss-absorbing capacity of technical provisions

Loss-absorbing capacity of deferred taxes

Capital requirement for business operated in accordance with Art. 4 of Directive 2003/41/EC

### Solvency capital requirement excluding capital add-on

Capital add-on already set

of which, capital add-ons already set - Article 37 (1) Type a

of which, capital add-ons already set - Article 37 (1) Type b

of which, capital add-ons already set - Article 37 (1) Type c

of which, capital add-ons already set - Article 37 (1) Type d

### Solvency capital requirement

#### Other information on SCR

Capital requirement for duration-based equity risk sub-module

Total amount of Notional Solvency Capital Requirement for remaining part

Total amount of Notional Solvency Capital Requirements for ring fenced funds

Total amount of Notional Solvency Capital Requirement for matching adjustment portfolios

Diversification effects due to RFF nSCR aggregation for article 304

	Gross solvency capital requirement	USP	Simplifications
	C0110	C0090	C0120
R0010	898		
R0020	1,088	<u> </u>	
R0030	47		
R0040			
R0050			
R0060	-444	<u></u>	<u></u>
R0070			
R0100	1,590		

	C0100
R0130	1,113
R0140	
R0150	
R0160	
R0200	2,703
R0210	
R0211	
R0212	
R0213	
R0214	
R0220	2,703
	<u>.</u>
R0400	
R0410	
R0420	
R0430	
R0440	

# Approach to tax rate

Approach based on average tax rate

# Calculation of loss absorbing capacity of deferred taxes

LAC DT

LAC DT justified by reversion of deferred tax liabilities

LAC DT justified by reference to probable future taxable economic profit

LAC DT justified by carry back, current year

LAC DT justified by carry back, future years

Maximum LAC DT

	Yes/No
	C0109
R0590	2 - No

	LAC DT
	C0130
R0640	
R0650	
R0660	
R0670	
R0680	
R0690	

# Annex I - S28.01.01 - Minimum Capital Requirement - Only Life or Non-Life Insurance or Reinsurance Activity

# Linear formula component for non-life insurance and reinsurance obligations

			_		
	_	C0010			
MCR <sub>NL</sub> Result	R0010				
	<u> </u>			Net (of	Net (of reinsurance)
				reinsurance/SPV) best	written premiums in
				estimate and TP	the last 12 months
				calculated as a whole	
				C0020	C0030
Medical expense insurance and proportional reins	urance		R0020		
Income protection insurance and proportional rein	surance		R0030		
Workers' compensation insurance and proportional	ıl				
reinsurance			R0040		
Motor vehicle liability insurance and proportional	reinsurance		R0050		
Other motor insurance and proportional reinsurance	ce		R0060		
Marine, aviation and transport insurance and prop	ortional reinst	ırance	R0070		
Fire and other damage to property insurance and p	proportional re	einsurance	R0080		
General liability insurance and proportional reinsu	irance		R0090		
Credit and suretyship insurance and proportional i	reinsurance		R0100		
Legal expenses insurance and proportional					
reinsurance			R0110		
Assistance and proportional reinsurance			R0120		
Miscellaneous financial loss insurance and propor	tional reinsura	ance	R0130		
Non-proportional health reinsurance			R0140		
Non-proportional casualty reinsurance			R0150		
Non-proportional marine, aviation and transport re	einsurance		R0160		

R0170

Non-proportional property reinsurance

Linear formula component for life insurance and reinsurance obligations

		C0040
MCR <sub>L</sub> Result	R0200	9,248

Obligations with profit participation - guaranteed benefits
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

	Net (of reinsurance/SPV) best estimate and TP calculated as a whole	Net (of reinsurance/SPV) total capital at risk
	C0050	C0060
R0210		
R0220		
R0230	1,321,144	
R0240		
R0250		

# **Overall MCR calculation**

		C0070
Linear MCR	R0300	9,248
SCR	R0310	2,703
MCR cap	R0320	1,216
MCR floor	R0330	676
Combined MCR	R0340	1,216
Absolute floor of the MCR	R0350	4,000
Minimum Capital Requirement	R0400	4,000

# **Appendix 2 - Glossary of Abbreviations**

Term	Meaning
AMC	Annual Management Charge
AUA	Assets under Administration
BEL	Best Estimate Liabilities
The Board	The FIL Life Insurance (Ireland) DAC Board of Directors
CBI	Central Bank of Ireland
CDO	Cyber Defense Operations
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
The Company	FIL Life Insurance (Ireland) DAC
Delegated Acts	Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/35
EIOPA	European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority
ERM	Enterprise Risk Management
ESG	Environmental, Social and Governance
EU	European Union
EUR	Euro
FCA	Financial Conduct Authority
FFML	FIL Fund Management Limited
FIL Group	The international group of companies with FIL Limited as the ultimate parent company
FIL Life Ireland	FIL Life Insurance (Ireland) DAC
FIL Ltd	FIL Limited
FPA	Fund Provision Agreement
FPM	FIL Pensions Management
GBP	Pounds Sterling
IASA	Insurance Agency & Services Agreement
ICAAP	Internal Capital Adequacy Assessment Process
ILF	Fidelity Institutional Liquidity Fund plc
IORP	Institution for Occupational Retirement Provisions
KRI	Key Risk Indicator
MCR	Minimum Capital Requirement
MLRO	Money Laundering Reporting Officer
ORSA	Own Risk & Solvency Assessment
QRT	Quantitative Reporting Template
RCSA	Risk and Control Self-Assessment
RM	Risk Margin
SCR	Solvency Capital Requirement
SFCR	Solvency & Financial Condition Report
TPA	Third-Party Administrator
UK	United Kingdom