

# Agenda



Chairman's update Michael Stiassny, Chairman



Business update
Blair Turnbull, Chief Executive Officer



HY24 financial performance
Paul Johnston, Chief Financial Officer



Looking forward
Blair Turnbull, Chief Executive Officer



# Chairman's update

Strong business performance driven by focus on strategy and operational delivery

### 1. Delivering shareholder value

- Improved capital position; interim 3 cent per share dividend declared
- Any unused portion of the large events allowance at year end will increase underlying NPAT, and improve the full year result
- Strategic review remains ongoing with a range of options being considered to maximise shareholder value

### 2. Insurance remains critical

- \$4b claims cost for 2023 catastrophe events reinforces importance of insurance to NZ communities
- Tower will continue to develop innovative offerings in response to climate change and affordability

### 3. Tower is well positioned

- Risk-based pricing underpins competitive positioning and enhanced underwriting capability
- Continued improvement in digital and operational efficiency, and enhanced expense control





# **Results summary**

- Continued targeted premium growth
- Continued improvement in MER, achieved through operational and digital efficiencies
- Claims ratio reduced due to lower claims frequency and operational improvements
- No large events
- Solvency position improved
- 3 cent per share interim dividend



# **Our performance**

Positive operational and business performance

GWP growth

(Gross written premium)

20% | \$291m vs \$245m in HY23

Customers<sup>1</sup>

309,000 vs 312,000 in HY23 BAU claims ratio

(Business as usual)

49.7% vs 51.1% in HY23 MER

(Management expense ratio)

31.3% vs 35.0% in HY23

Large event costs Underlying profit 3

(including reinsurance reinstatement)

-\$1.9m vs \$37.3m in HY23

\$36.6m vs \$3.7m loss in HY23 Reported profit

\$36.0m vs \$5.1m loss in HY23 Dividend

Interim FY24 dividend

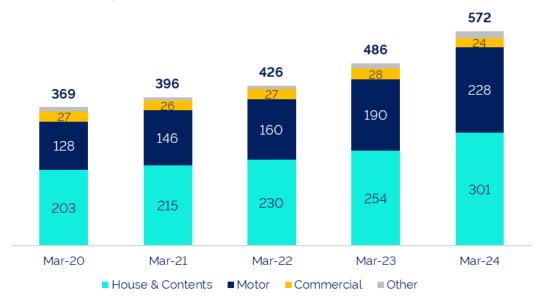
3 cents per share vs no dividend in HY23



# **Continued premium growth**

- 20% GWP growth vs same period prior year<sup>1</sup>
- House and Contents product mix at 50% (HY23: 48%)
- House GWP growth; 83% rate, 17% volume
- 55% of motor cancellations are single policy motor
- NZ retention stable at 77% (78% Mar 2023)<sup>2</sup>
- 50% of customers have multiple policies

# GROSS WRITTEN PREMIUM (\$m) ROLLING 12 MONTHS





### **Business unit distribution**

### **TOWER DIRECT**

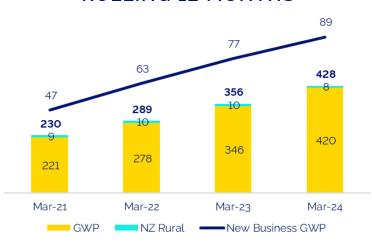
### **PARTNERSHIPS**

### **PACIFIC**

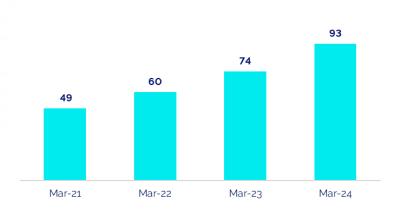
- House new risks sold +14% vs HY23
- 54% of Tower Direct customers hold multiple policies (HY23: 52%)
- Total in force risks increased 6% to 106.000
- Advisor network grew 36% to 3,000

- Solomon Islands business sale completed in HY24, Vanuatu sale expected to complete in FY24
- Parametric insurance live in Fiji, Tonga and Samoa

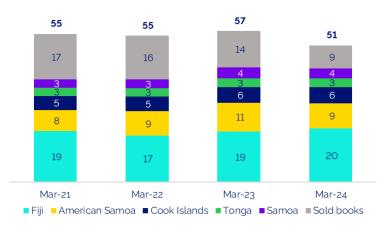
# TOWER DIRECT GWP (\$m) ROLLING 12 MONTHS



# PARTNERSHIPS GWP (\$m) ROLLING 12 MONTHS



### PACIFIC GWP (\$m) ROLLING 12 MONTHS





# **Customer experience improves**

- NPS improved to 31% (Sep-23: 28%); NZ sales online NPS at 52%
- Sales & service abandonment rate improved to 7% (HY23: 16%)
- Digital service transactions up to 57%
- Active users of My Tower increased by 10% to 156k
- Substantial progress made in multi-policy discount customer remediation. \$8.6m excl GST paid as at 30 April 2024

### NZ SERVICE & CLAIMS TASKS ONLINE















# **Continued improvement in MER**

- MER further improved to 31.3%
- Achieving scale with targeted premium growth and lower than inflation increase in expenses
- Suva hub answering 50% of NZ sales and service calls
- Streamlining the business; sale of Solomon Islands and NZ rural, sale of Vanuatu pending regulatory approval
- Commission ratio at 1.6% down from 2.5%, partly due to legacy portfolio purchases and transition to referral arrangements<sup>2</sup>

### MANAGEMENT EXPENSE RATIO<sup>1</sup>





# BAU claims ratio back within target range

### Key drivers have improved BAU claims from second half 2023 peak

### Effective pricing and underwriting

- Targeted rating reduced claims from high-risk assets
- Rating for inflation and reinsurance earning through

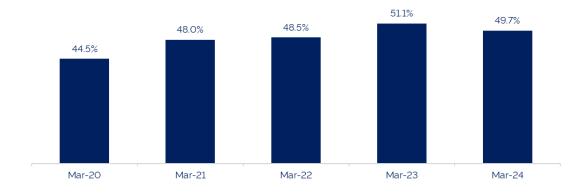
### Faster and more efficient claims management

- Digital journey 50% of motor claims automatically allocated to repair network (H2 23: 10%)
- Increasing internal assessing 80% across motor and house (vs 60% in H2 23)<sup>2</sup>

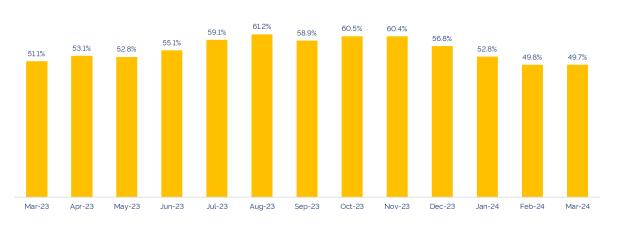
### External factors improved

- Calmer weather reduced house and Pacific claims
- Motor theft frequency reduced

### BAU CLAIMS RATIO<sup>1</sup>



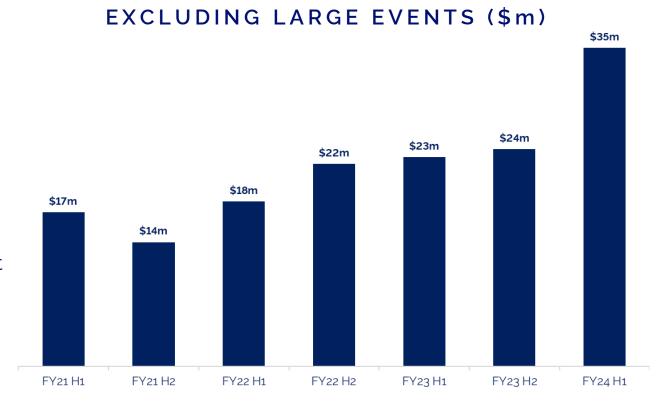
### BAU CLAIMS RATIO<sup>1</sup>





# **Business performance continues to improve**

- Underlying NPAT excluding large events was \$35m for HY24
- Underlying business performing well and improving year on year
- Investment income benefiting from higher interest rates



UNDERLYING NPAT



# Financial performance

Paul Johnston, Chief Financial Officer



# Group underlying financial performance

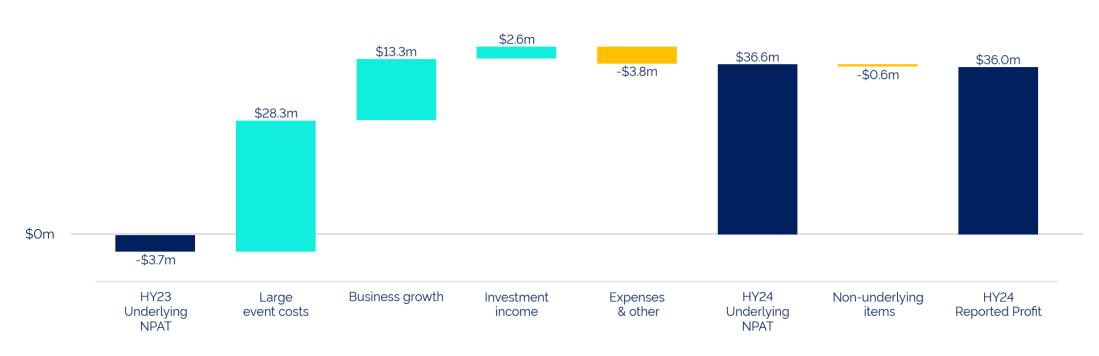
- Premium growth of 20% <sup>1</sup>
- BAU loss ratio of 49.7% reduced due to targeted rate increases and operational improvements
- No FY24 large events in HY24; favourable release of \$1.9m on FY23 Vanuatu Cyclones
- Management expense ratio improved to 31.3% as a result of business growth and expense efficiencies
- Net investment income increased \$3.7m due to higher yields
- HY24 Underlying NPAT including large events of \$36.6m
- Reported profit of \$36.0m

Key ratios (% of NEP)	HY24	HY23	Change
Claims ratio excluding large events	49.7%	51.1%	(1.4)%
Large event costs ratio	(0.8)%	18.5%	(19.3)%
Management expense ratio	31.3%	35.0%	(3.7)%
Combined ratio	80.2%	104.5%	(24.3)%

\$ million	HY24	HY23	Change
Gross written premium	290.6	245.0	45.6
Insurance revenue	274.6	233.8	40.8
Reinsurance	(41.8)	(32.2)	(9.6)
Net insurance revenue	232.8	201.7	31.1
BAU claims expense	(115.8)	(103.0)	(12.8)
Large event claims expense	1.9	(33.9)	35.8
Large event reinsurance reinstatement	0.0	(3.4)	3.4
Management expenses	(68.3)	(64.7)	(3.6)
Net commission expense	(4.5)	(5.8)	1.3
Insurance service expense	(186.7)	(210.8)	24.1
Insurance service result	46.1	(9.1)	55.2
Net investment income	10.0	6.3	3.7
Net insurance finance expense	(1.7)	(0.7)	(1.0)
Other income and expenses	(0.9)	(0.9)	(0.0)
Underlying profit/(loss) before tax	53.5	(4.4)	57.9
Income tax expense	(16.8)	0.8	(17.6)
Underlying profit/(loss) after tax	36.6	(3.7)	40.3
Non-underlying items	(0.6)	(1.4)	0.8
Reported profit/(loss) after tax	36.0	(5.1)	41.1



# **Movement in underlying NPAT**



- Underlying NPAT of \$36.6m, vs loss of \$3.7m HY23
- No large events in HY24 vs \$37.3m in HY23
- Business growth includes higher gross written premium and a lower BAU loss ratio from reduced motor theft frequency, calmer weather, and reduction in open claims
- Increase in expenses driven by inflationary increases partially offset by cost efficiencies
- Reported profit impacted by change in CEQ valuation, increased customer remediation provision, and other nonunderlying costs partially offset by the gain on sale of Solomon Islands business



### **BAU claims ratio reduced**

- High inflation and supply chain capacity constraints continuing to impact cost of claims (severity)
- Motor theft frequency starting to reduce from peak in FY23
- Calmer weather in comparison to HY23 lowered house frequency

# \$2,717 \$2,603 \$2,600 \$2,895 \$3,244 Mar-20 Mar-21 Mar-22 Mar-23 Mar-24 Severity Frequency

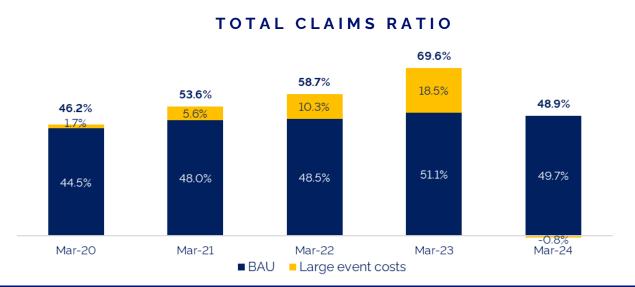
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11.6%

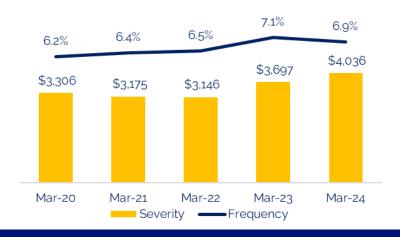
NZ MOTOR SEVERITY & FREQUENCY 2

13.0%

12.7%



### NZ HOUSE SEVERITY & FREQUENCY





# Continued improvement in management expense ratio

- MER reduced 3.7% to 31.3%
- Business growth contributes 4.7% reduction in MER
- Net commission contributed 0.5% decrease in MER due to the purchase of legacy portfolios
- Amortisation increases from investment spend and legacy portfolio purchases
- Inflation impact on staff and other costs are partially offset by cost efficiencies

# MOVEMENT IN MANAGEMENT EXPENSE RATIO (MER)



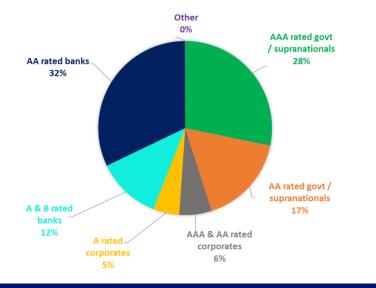


# Higher investment returns as yields have increased

- Net investment income (NII) \$10.0m in HY24, \$3.7m higher than same period last year
- Running yield on the core investment portfolio is 5.67% as at 31 March 2024
- Conservative investment strategy with low duration (target of 0.5 years)
- Outlook for investment income is to remain stable across second half



### INVESTMENT ASSET PROFILE





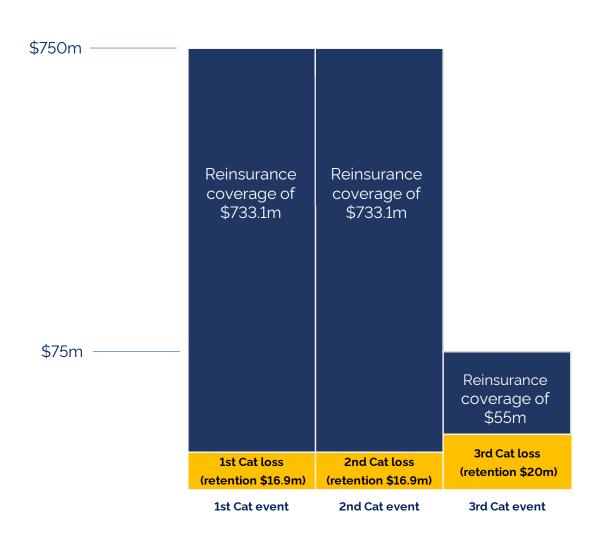
# Reinsurance programme supports resilience

### HY24

No large events recorded in HY24

### **FY24**

- Catastrophe reinsurance of up to \$750m for two events. Reinsurance cover was reduced from \$889m in FY23 following EQC cap change
- Additional prepaid third event catastrophe cover up to \$75m with \$20m retention
- FY24 retention limits and programme premium increases mitigated due to 3 year rolling contracts
- Full utilisation of \$45m large event allowance for FY24 events assumed in guidance

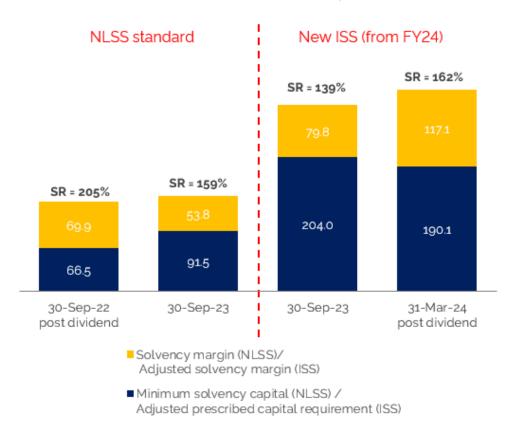




# Capital and solvency position

- Solvency ratio of 162% (139% as at 30 Sep 23)
- Adjusted solvency margin is \$117.1m, an increase from \$79.8m as at 30 Sep 2023
- Tower's regulatory solvency position is now calculated under the new Interim Solvency Standard (ISS) effective 1 Oct 2023
- The RBNZ is consulting on a proposed second amendment to the ISS, which is not expected to be issued and effective until Tower's 2025 financial year
- The proposed changes to the ISS are likely have a material impact on Tower's regulatory solvency position, and will reduce the solvency margin
- A- credit rating reaffirmed in April 2024 by AM Best
- 3 cents per share interim dividend declared

# TOWER SOLVENCY 1 NZ PARENT (\$m)







# Second half priorities

- Continue to invest in customer experience and initiatives to support affordability
- Expanding risk-based pricing to include landslips and sea surge
- Multi-policy discount remediation and FMA proceedings, and other customer remediations
- Continue to drive efficiency, digitisation, and process improvements
- Invest in products and initiatives that foster future climate change resilience and sustainability



# FY24 guidance and future targets

- Combined operating ratio updated to be less than 93%, down from previous guidance of between 95% and 97%
- FY24 assumes full utilisation of \$45m large event allowance. Any unused portion of the large events allowance at year end will increase underlying NPAT, and improve the full year result
- The benefit to underlying NPAT from no large events in FY24 would be an additional \$32m (\$45m less tax)
- HY24 release of \$1.9m for prior year event reduces FY24 large events expense guidance from \$45m to \$43m

	FY23 Actual	FY24 Guidance	
<b>GWP growth</b> (excluding operations sold)	17%	10% - 15%	
Large events allowance	\$56m	\$43m	
Management expense ratio	32%	30% - 32%	
Combined operating ratio	100%	< 93%	
Underlying NPAT (assuming full utilisation of large events allowance)	\$7.1m	>\$35m	
Return on equity <sup>1</sup>			

FY25 Target	FY26 Target			
10% - 15%	10% - 15%			
\$50m	\$55m			
< 28%	< 26%			
< 91%	< 87%			
\$40m - \$60m	\$60m - \$80m			
12% - 15%	> 15%			







# Historical large events



- 5 year average of 3.8 events per annum and 10 year average of 3.6 events per annum
- No large events incurred in HY24; \$45m large event allowance still conservatively included within FY24 guidance



# Canterbury earthquake claims reducing

### OPEN CEQ CLAIMS



- Half year charge of \$0.8m after tax as a non-underlying item
- 21 properties open as at 31 March 2024
- Remaining gross outstanding claims provision is \$21.4m down from \$23.4m at 30 September 2023
- Due to the low level of open properties and outstanding provision, this will be the last period CEQ is reported in detail



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

\$ million	FY24 underlying profit	Non- underlying items (1)	Management expense reclasses (2)	Discontinued operations (3)	Reclass of reinsurance expenses (4)	Reclass of reinsurance & other recovery revenues (5)	FY24 reported profit
Gross written premium	290.6						
Insurance revenue	274.6	(1.0)		(4.1)			269.4
Reinsurance expense	(41.8)				41.8		
Net insurance revenue	232.8	(1.0)	0.0	(4.1)	41.8	0.0	
BAU claims expense	(115.8)	(1.1)	(12.1)	(0.9)		9.1	
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Net commission expense	(4.5)					(2.4)	
Insurance service expense	(186.7)	(3.3)	(0.2)	(0.9)	0.0	6.7	(184.3)
Net expense from reinsurance contracts held				3.6	(41.8)	(6.7)	(44.8)
Insurance service result	46.1	(4.3)	(0.2)	(1.4)	0.0	0.0	40.3
Net investment income	10.0						10.0
Net insurance finance expense	(1.7)						(1.7)
Other income and expenses	(0.9)	0.3	0.2	(0.3)			(0.7)
Underlying profit before tax	53.5						
Income tax expense	(16.8)	1.2		0.3			(15.4)
Profit after tax from discontinued operations	0.0	2.2		1.4			3.6
Underlying profit after tax	36.6						
Canterbury impact	(0.8)	0.8					
Other non-underlying costs	0.2	(0.2)					
Reported profit after tax	36.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	36.0

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

- "Net insurance revenue", "net insurance service expense" and "underlying profit" do not have a standardised meaning under Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (GAAP). Consequently, they may not be comparable to similar measures presented by other reporting entities and are not subject to audit or independent review.
- Tower uses underlying profit as an internal reporting measure as management believes it provides a better measure of Tower's underlying performance than reported profit/(loss), as it excludes large or non-recurring items that may obscure trends in Tower's underlying performance, and is useful to investors as it makes it easier to compare Tower's financial performance between periods.
- Tower has applied a consistent approach to measuring which items are excluded from underlying profit in the current and comparative periods.
- "Reported profit/(loss) after tax" is calculated and presented in accordance with GAAP
- (1) Non-underlying items include net impact of Canterbury earthquake valuation update, regulatory and compliance projects (such as the adoption of IFRS-17), and gain on sale of operations
- (2) Reclassification of claims handling expenses from management expenses to claims expense; and FX gains/losses from other income to management expenses
- (3) Operations sold during HY24 and held for sale at 31 March 2024 are treated as discontinued operations for statutory purposes
- (4) Reclassification of reinsurance expenses to present as net income from reinsurance contracts held for statutory purposes
- (5) Reclassification of reinsurance and other recoveries to present as net income from reinsurance contracts held for statutory purposes



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