

# AN INTERNATIONAL REINSURER IN PARIS



#### **KEY FACTS**

### **Experienced team**

















#### History

Development of the open market reinsurance activities abroad, alongside the State-guaranted operations in some specialty lines (war risks, nuclear risks, and terrorism).

Structuring of CCR Company: incorporation as a limited company licenced as a plain reinsurer; implementation of solvency 2 framework.



Creation of the Caisse Centrale de Réassurance, a State-owned institution with commercial operations. Establishment by law of the natural disasters scheme in which CCR plays a central role as unlimited reinsurance with the state guarantee.

Creation of CCR Re, a wholly-owned subsidiary of CCR, dedicated to open market reinsurance activities.

#### CORPORATE PROJECT



Following the spin-off of CCR's market reinsurance activities late 2016, CCR Re has since affirmed its footprint in the international reinsurance landscape. The sustained portfolio development, the continuous profitability improvement and the significant strengthening of its financial soundness confirm the relevance of the underwriting and investment policies in line with our business plan. Our ambition is to develop a second international reinsurance platform in Paris as an alternative to market leaders, to offer our clients first-class services within a long-term and personalised relationship, thus, to be a leading player in risk analysis and process digitalization.

Today, CCR Re undergoes a full transformation. All processes have been rethought with the introduction of artificial intelligence in underwriting analysis, allowing our experts to focus on value-added tasks and customer relationship management. Our teams, extensively redesigned and expanded, have been rejuvenated, feminized and diversified. Underwriting is being extended to new markets, notably in Latin America, sub-Saharan Africa and the Indian Ocean ring. At the same time, **new high value-added services** complete our coverage offers. Lastly, innovative risk management tools are being introduced, in particular with the implementation of the first sidecar under French law.







#### COMPANY PROFILE

CCR Re is a medium-size reinsurer with a longstanding franchise in traditional property & casualty and life & health reinsurance, as well as in some selected specialty lines (credit, marine, aviation & space, terrorism), in France and abroad. Its mother company, CCR, is a state-owned reinsurer that provides unlimited covers against natural disasters, terrorist attacks and other extreme risks in France, with the guarantee of the French State (S&P AA rating). CCR Re is a strategic component of CCR Group which is reflected in its identity, organizat ion and business model. CCR Re enjoys an A- rating from S&P with positive outlook.

CCR Re is robust and conservative by culture, but also risk friendly and client centric with a long term commitment view. The company's very strong risk management framework is reflected by the diversification of the business mix and the investment portfolio, the prudent reserving policy, the wide range of mitigation tools that protect the balance sheet and the P&L against peak risks, as well as by the group's board governance and the company's organization, controls and processes.

The primary focus of CCR Re is to provide clients with high quality and cost effective service and to propose solutions in line with its risk appetite framework. CCR Re is committed to work very closely with you through a service-oriented partnership, to listen to you, to understand your constraints, to give firm answers to your requests and to do it in a timely manner.

You may count on the commitment, experience and expertise of CCR Re's professionals. They stay at your disposal and can interact with you in







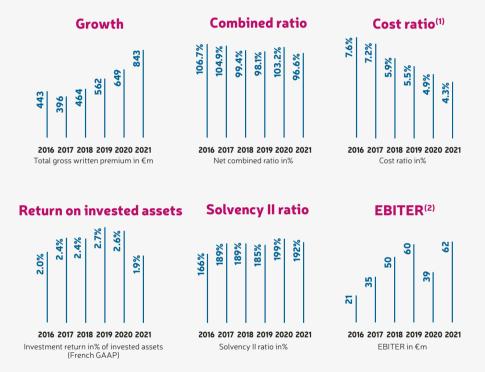




#### TRACK 2016 / 2021

The business plan that underpinned the creation of CCR Re in 2016 having been successfully executed one year ahead of plan, the Board of Directors assigned new objectives to the company for the period 2020-2021, in line with the path followed up the date. Change in continuity!

#### Successful growth combined with operational excellence



(1) Cost ratio is calculated by CCR Re as management expenses (excluding financial management expenses but including claims handling expenses) net of CVAE/C3S tax out of gross written premiums, for Life & Non Life activities; (2) EBITER: Earnings Before Interests, Taxes, and Equalization Reserve. EBITER also excludes non-recurring items.







#### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Non-GAAP, non audited figures - 30/06/2022 (In EUR millions)

764

Gross written premiums (+15% vs 30/06/2021)

98.2%

Net combined ratio

3.0%

Life technical margin

#### Rating

AM BEST A

stable outlook

**S&P A**-outlook positive



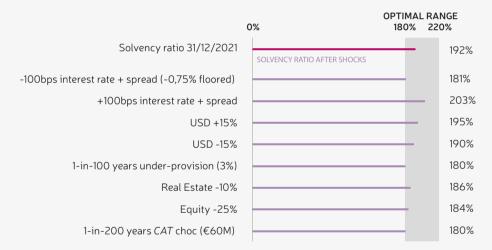


#### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Audited figures - 31/12/2021

## 192% Solvency ratio

#### Solvency 2 ratio sensitivities



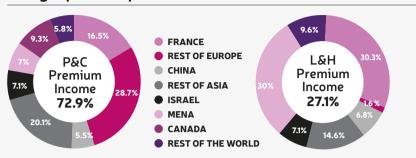




#### **BUSINESS MIX**

Non audited estimated figures - 30/06/2022 (In EUR millions)

#### Geographical spread



#### **Business lines**



#### Relationship seniority



The figures and information presented are derived from management systems and have not been reviewed by the auditors. The premium and claims estimates have been obtained on the basis of information available to establish the financial position as at 30th June 2022. This document contain historical information and, as the case may be, forward-looking statements regarding CCR Re based on data and assumptions made in a given economic, financial, competitive and regulatory environment. Although CCR Re considers these statements to be based on reasonable assumptions, they are not a guarantee for the future performance of CCR Re. They involve risks and uncertainties and, as such, actual results may differ significantly from those anticipated in the statements. CCR Re does not commit to releasing any updates or revisions of the statements. This press release and the 2021 annual results are available at www.ccr-re.com







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#### Research Update:

# Reinsurer CCR RE Downgraded To 'A-' On Moderately Strategic Group Status; Outlook Positive

October 5, 2022

#### Overview

- State-owned Caisse Centrale de Réassurance (CCR) stated its willingness to open the capital of its private subsidiary CCR RE to external shareholders.
- We now view CCR RE as moderately strategic to the CCR group instead of core.
- We therefore lowered our ratings on CCR RE to 'A-' from 'A' and our ratings on its subordinated notes to 'BBB' from 'BBB+'.
- The positive outlook incorporates the possibility for CCR RE to benefit from a potential stronger financial support or credit enhancements from the future ownership structure.

#### **Rating Action**

On Oct. 5, 2022, S&P Global Ratings lowered its long-term issuer credit and financial strength ratings on CCR RE to 'A-' from 'A'. The outlook is positive.

We also lowered the issue rating on the company's hybrid subordinated debt to 'BBB' from 'BBB+'.

#### Rationale

We believe that with the sale of a majority stake of its private subsidiary CCR RE, the CCR group is demonstrating its willingness to refocus on its public-sector activities, leading us to revise our view of the subsidiary to moderately strategic to the group's overall strategy, from core previously. On Sept. 20, 2022, CCR announced that it will seek to cede a majority stake in CCR RE by July 2023. We nevertheless believe that CCR group is committed to supporting CCR RE until the majority-ownership sale is finalized and approved by regulators. As such, the rating on CCR RE still reflects one notch of parental support above its 'bbb+' stand-alone credit profile.

We believe CCR RE's capital and earnings will be maintained at very strong levels. Our assessment rests on the view that CCR RE is committed to maintaining a level of capital adequacy above the 'AAA' level under our methodology, supported by CCR group's Sept. 20, 2022, announcement that CCR RE will receive a €200 million capital increase as part of a future change in ownership and to

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alphee.roumens @spglobal.com finance its growth plan. We moderate our overall view of capital and earnings to take into account the volatile financial environment, CCR RE's capacity to generate retained earnings, and the execution risk associated with the capital increase. We also consider the group's exposure to losses from extreme weather to be a source of potentially material capital and earnings volatility. Furthermore, we take into account the group's capacity to reprice its catastrophe contracts annually, which should partly mitigate the potential increase in natural catastrophe claims due to climate change.

We view CCR RE as a relatively small reinsurer, limiting its pricing power compared with its bigger competitors, but with wide geographical diversification in Europe, Asia, Canada, the Middle East, and North Africa. It also benefits from good diversification among life and non-life reinsurance products. CCR RE's relatively weak and volatile track record of technical performance limits our view of its competitive strength; the five-year average combined ratio (loss and expense; the lower the better) was just above 100% in 2017-2021. In 2021, it reported a strong improvement in its technical results while continuing to expand with a combined ratio of 96.6% (103.2% in 2020). Although the combined ratio deteriorated slightly versus first-half 2021 to 98.2% in first-half 2022, we expect CCR RE to post combined ratios of about 96% on average over the next few years.

#### Outlook

The positive outlook reflects the possibility that CCR RE will benefit from additional financial support via its future owner's creditworthiness. We also factor in our view that CCR group is extremely unlikely to sell a majority stake in CCR RE to a buyer that would not support CCR RE's commitment to maintain capital adequacy above the 'AAA' level under our methodology. We factor in the outlook our view that CCR RE will remain moderately strategic to CCR group until the majority ownership and related capital increase have been finalized.

#### Upside scenario

We could raise the rating over the next 12-24 months if CCR RE:

- Benefits from additional financial support or credit enhancements from a new owner with stronger creditworthiness than that of CCR RE; and
- Displays operating performance comparable to 'A' rated peers and maintains a level of capital above our 'AAA' benchmark.

#### Downside scenario

We could revise the outlook to stable over the next 12-24 months if a new owner brings the same level of financial support or credit enhancements to CCR RE as currently provided by CCR group, and the company performs in line with our expectations.

#### **Environmental, Social, And Governance**

#### ESG credit indicators: E-3; S-2; G-2

CCR RE's exposure to governance and social risk factors is in line with that of global and regional reinsurance peers. Standards for corporate governance are typically high in France.

However, we consider that CCR RE is more exposed to environmental risk factors than the insurance industry average because of its exposure to natural catastrophe events, which makes the reinsurer more vulnerable to capital and earnings volatility.

#### **Ratings Score Snapshot**

A-/Positive
bbb+
Satisfactory
Intermediate
Satisfactory
Strong
Very Strong
Moderately High
Neutral
0
Neutral (no impact)
Adequate (no impact)
Neutral (no impact)
+1
Moderately strategic (+1)
0

<sup>\*</sup>Relatively weak and volatile track record of technical performance limits our view of CCR RE's competitive strength. IICRA--Insurance Industry And Country Risk Assessment.

#### **Related Criteria**

- General Criteria: Hybrid Capital: Methodology And Assumptions, March 2, 2022
- General Criteria: Environmental, Social, And Governance Principles In Credit Ratings, Oct. 10, 2021
- General Criteria: Group Rating Methodology, July 1, 2019
- Criteria | Insurance | General: Insurers Rating Methodology, July 1, 2019
- General Criteria: Principles Of Credit Ratings, Feb. 16, 2011
- Criteria | Insurance | General: Refined Methodology And Assumptions For Analyzing Insurer Capital Adequacy Using The Risk-Based Insurance Capital Model, June 7, 2010

#### Related Research

- Caisse Centrale de Reassurance, June 29, 2022

#### **Ratings List**

#### Downgraded

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	То	From
CCR RE		
Subordinated	BBB	BBB+
Downgraded; Outlook Action		
	То	From
CCR RE		
Issuer Credit Rating		
Local Currency	A-/Positive/	A/Stable/
Financial Strength Rating		
Local Currency	A-/Positive/	A/Stable/

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#### AM Best Comments on Credit Ratings of CCR RE Following Announced Plans to Seek New Majority Shareholder

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**AM Best** has commented that the Financial Strength Rating of A (Excellent) and the Long-Term Issuer Credit Rating of "a" (Excellent) of CCR RE (France) remain unchanged following the announcement by its parent, Caisse Centrale de Réassurance (CCR) (France) that it is plans to sell a majority stake in CCR RE. The outlook of these Credit Ratings (ratings) is stable.

On Sept. 21, 2022, CCR's board announced its intention to seek a new shareholder (or group of shareholders) to acquire a stake in its wholly owned subsidiary, CCR RE. The new investor is expected to become the majority shareholder of CCR RE, with CCR moving from the position of sole owner to a minority shareholder. The board's expectation is that this transaction would occur before July 2023. Concurrently, the board announced that it expects that the new investor would strengthen CCR RE's paid in capital base by EUR 200 million.

AM Best will continue to monitor the situation as new developments emerge and review any impact to CCR RE's credit rating fundamentals, including the rating lift afforded to CCR RE to reflect its strategic importance to CCR.

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