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Dear Sir/Madam

**1Q24 PERFORMANCE UPDATE**

Please find attached an announcement for release to the market.

This release has been authorised by the QBE Board of Directors.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Carolyn Scobie".

Carolyn Scobie  
**Company Secretary**

Attachment

# 1Q24 Performance update

QBE updates on recent trading performance through 1Q24 and confirms full year outlook. Markets remain supportive, with continued momentum in gross written premium, while underwriting performance is tracking to plan.

## Growth and pricing momentum

Growth in gross written premium continued in 1Q24, up 2% on the prior corresponding period on both a reported and constant currency basis. Group-wide renewal rate increases of 7.3% were in line with expectations, and reflected reduced rate increases across certain property and reinsurance lines compared to the prior corresponding period.

Excluding rate increases, premiums declined by 2% in constant currency due to lower Crop premium, and property portfolio exits in North America and Australia. Excluding Crop, Group gross written premium and ex-rate growth was 9% and 3% respectively.

In Crop, organic growth is expected to partially offset the impact of lower commodity prices, and QBE currently estimates that Crop gross written premium will be ~\$3.9B in FY24.

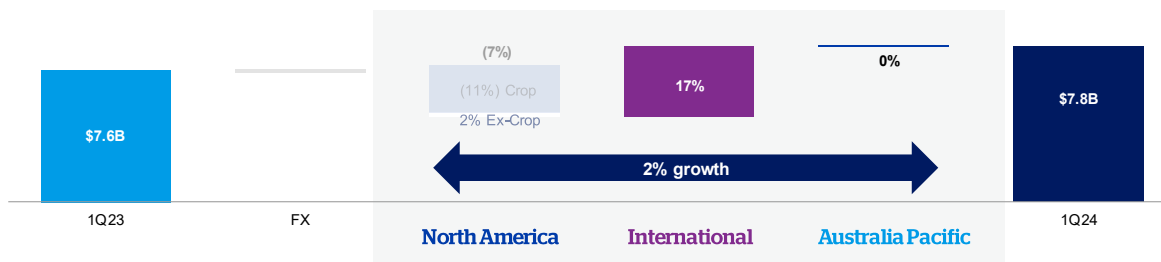
### 1Q24 premium rate increases and retention

	1Q23	2Q23	3Q23	4Q23	1Q24
North America +10.9% YTD	← 10.9%		← 10.0%		
	10.6%	11.5%	12.3%	6.7%	10.9%
	68%	66%	66%	64%	67%
Int'l +5.1% YTD	← 9.4%		← 5.5%		
	9.2%	9.5%	6.0%	5.2%	5.1%
	84%	85%	84%	85%	88%
Aus Pac +11.0% YTD	← 11.8%		← 13.2%		
	11.3%	12.2%	12.5%	13.9%	11.0%
	90%	88%	86%	83%	76%
Group +7.3% YTD	← 10.2%		← 8.9%		
	10.0%	10.5%	9.6%	8.2%	7.3%
	82%	82%	81%	81%	81%

Legend: YTD premium retention

### 1Q24 constant currency GWP growth of 2%

Growth ex rate (2%)



# Underwriting performance

## Claims update

Group claims experience through the year to date is tracking broadly in line with plan assumptions.

In the four months to April 2024, the net cost of catastrophe claims is ~\$300M, which compares to QBE's catastrophe allowance for 1H24 of \$609M. Catastrophe costs were underscored by a number of storm events, predominantly in Australia and North America.

A modest level of catastrophe prior year development was recorded in the first quarter, principally related to European events which occurred in 2023, including the Italian hail event in 3Q23.

	\$M
CAT April YTD	~300
<b>1H24 CAT allowance</b>	<b>609</b>
2H24 allowance	671
<b>FY24 CAT allowance</b>	<b>1,280</b>

# Investment performance

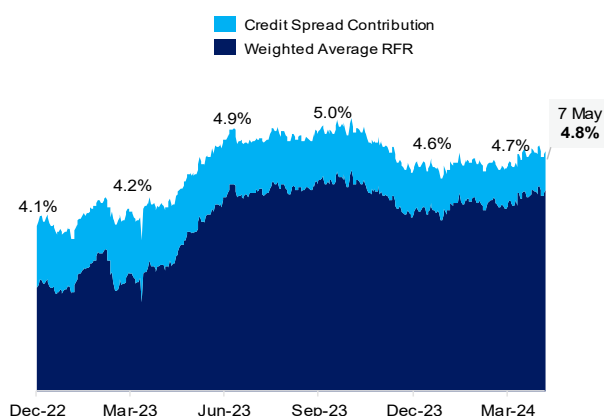
Strong investment returns were achieved for the quarter, underscored by supportive interest rates alongside favourable returns in the risk asset portfolio. The 1Q24 exit core fixed income running yield of 4.7% increased slightly from the FY23 exit running yield of 4.6%.

Total investment FUM for 1Q24 was \$30.3B, increasing from \$30.1B at FY23, with risk assets now accounting for ~15% of the portfolio. Higher risk-free rates resulted in an unrealised loss on core fixed income securities of ~\$130M, which was broadly offset by a claims liability discount benefit, resulting in a neutral impact from asset-liability management activities for the quarter.

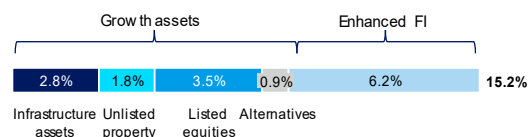
### 1Q24 investment return

	1Q24 \$M	1Q24 YTD %
FI yield (ex risk-free rate)	297	1.0
Credit spreads MTM	48	0.2
Risk assets	78	1.8
Expenses and other	(17)	(0.1)
<b>Net return</b>	<b>406</b>	<b>1.3</b>

### Fixed income running yield



### Risk assets - 15% of total 1Q24 FUM



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# Outlook

QBE confirms full year outlook, and continues to expect:

- FY24 constant currency gross written premium growth in the mid-single digits, with premium rate increases expected to remain supportive.
- FY24 Group combined operating ratio of ~93.5%.

QBE will release its 1H24 result on Friday 9 August 2024.

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## Basis of presentation (unless otherwise stated)

1. All figures are in US\$.
2. Premium growth rates are quoted on a constant currency basis.
3. Premium rate change excludes North America Crop and/or Australian compulsory third party motor (CTP).
4. Core fixed income excludes enhanced fixed income risk assets which comprise emerging market debt, high yield debt and private credit.
5. Funds under management comprise cash and cash equivalents, investments and investment properties.

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The information in this announcement provides an overview of the results for the March 2024 quarter and where relevant with the addition of April 2024.

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