### CORAL GABLES INSURANCE & RISK MANAGEMENT ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of January 18, 2024, 8:00am 2151 Salzedo Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Assistant Chief Conference Room Coral Gables, FL 33134

MEMBERS	J	F	M	Α	M	J	J	Α	S	O	N	D	APPOINTED BY
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Paul SuszPMayor Vince LagoRoberto C. LasaPVice Mayor Rhonda AndersonNicolas CabreraPCommissioner Melissa CastroMarilu MadrigalECommissioner Kirk MenendezChris KellyECommissioner Ariel Fernandez

**STAFF:** A = Absent

Raquel Elejabarrieta, Director Labor Relations & Risk Mgt E = Excused Absence

P = Present
- = No meeting

Maria Perez, Arthur J. Gallagher\*

\* = Appeared Via Zoom

### **PUBLIC GUEST:**

### RECORDING SECRETARY:

Ericka Sanchez, Administrative Assistant

### **OPENING:**

Director Elejabarrieta opened the meeting. Meeting was called to order at 8:05 am. In person Quorum was reached. Board attendance was completed. A brief introduction and welcome to all new board members present. As well as City of Coral Gables Insurance Board Team and Arthur J. Gallagher Team participating via Zoom.

### MINUTES APPROVAL:

No Meeting minutes for reviewed.

Motion: Paul Susz 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion: Roberto C. Lasa

Unanimously approved.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** None

**BOARD MEMBERS REPORTS:** None

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Insurance Renewal – Arthur J. Gallagher

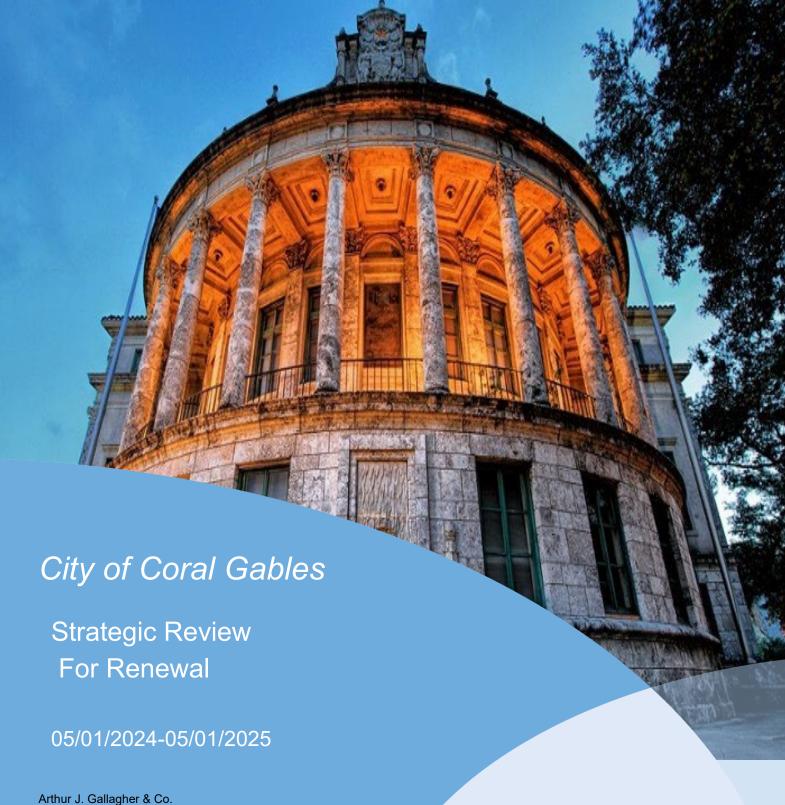
Ms. Perez started the discussion with a general review of the "Strategic Review for Renewal (Exhibit 1)" document. Maria Perez review page 5 (Insurance Premiums/Last Year's Results), Page 13 (City of Coral Gables Core Program / Existing Program Structure), Page 15 (Renewal Time / 2024 City of Coral Gables Property and Casualty Insurance Program Renewal Timeline as of 01/10/2024) in-depth to provide a general overview of the key points that will be discussed this upcoming fiscal year 2023 - 2024. Board chose the new chair for this fiscal year, Paul Susz. The Board suggested a workshop for all members to attend.

**OLD BUSINESS:** NONE

### **MEETING ADJORNED:**

Motion by: Paul Susz / 2nd Motion: Rob Lasa at 9:01 a.m.

# Exhibit 1



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### Overview

Thank you for the opportunity to present this Strategic Review. The purpose of the report and this meeting is to set the stage for your upcoming Property & Casualty renewals. The intent of our **CORE**360® approach is to help you optimize your total cost of risk, thereby improving your profitability, and this discussion is critical to this evaluation.

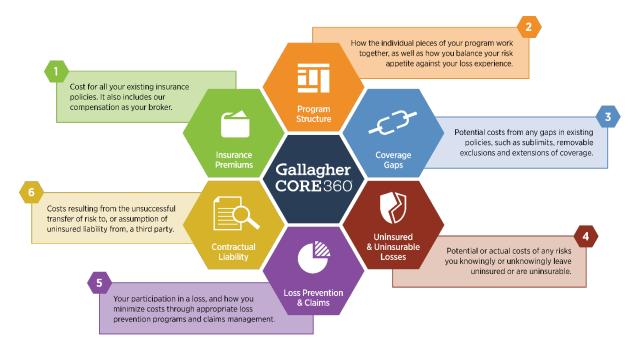
The report summarizes the key accomplishments from your last renewal (current program) and it examines the current marketplace, our past results and any changes to your organization or risk appetite. It also challenges our past work and suggests future improvements.

We highlight each **CORE**360 cost driver, beginning with Insurance Premiums and ending with Contractual Liability. This will not only organize the document, but also ensure we are deliberate in driving value to each of your six cost drivers which represent your total cost of risk.

This is an interactive process and we look forward to your strategic input to ensure a successful renewal. The results of this strategy will then be summarized in the Executive Summary, which will accompany your renewal proposal. We know that you have a choice and we appreciate your business.

Based on our past risk strategies (Stewardship Scorecard) and results, the current State of the Market and any changes of risk or risk appetite, the overriding goal of this meeting is to answer the following questions:

- What is our go-to-market strategy by line of coverage?
- Do we approach additional markets, and if so, which ones?
- What are our renewal expectations or goals by cost driver?
- What additional tools or resources do we need to implement?





### CORE360® Stewardship Scorecard

Your **CORE**360 Stewardship Scorecard has been developed for you to get a quick snapshot of how we've impacted your total cost of risk over time, by monetizing the cost of risk changes by cost driver.



- The overall premium increase was 26% compared to 2022 Policy Year
- Package Premium decreased by 38%. New carrier Berkley

Communicable Disease exclusion remains in effect

- Property Premium increase by 57% of which 18% is attributed to the property values
- Cyber Liability Premium decreased by 25%



- Workers Compensation and Employers Liability SIR went up from \$500K to \$1M
- Property:
  - City quota shared 19% of \$25M xs \$25M Layer
    - Property- All Other Perils deductible increased from \$50K to \$100K
    - All Other Perils Limit decreased from full TIV to \$75M
    - Maximum Cap Deductible of \$75M was removed
- Cyber Deductible decreased from \$150K to \$50K with new carrier Crum & Forster



• Liability of watercrafts over 50 ft. are excluded arising out of the ownership, maintenance or use, including loading or unloading

Workers Compensation Coverage for these states must be purchased directly from the State Fund

Monopolistic States (Ohio, Wyoming, Washington and North Dakota) are excluded from coverage.



- Trees and landscaping on city roads are not covered under the property program
- AJG Loss Control will continue to provide Safety and Loss control support per our contract.



- AJG Loss Control services provide 12 days in person loss control/safety training per year at no additional charge. Each day of training may include more than one topic and session.
- AJG Gallagher Safety Training Education Platform (STEP) is available. 10 Modules are included every year at no additional charge.
- Excess Workers Compensation safety and risk management programs available through Arch partner J. J. Keller & Associates



We issued 153 Certificates on your behalf between 5/1/2023 to present













### LAST YEAR'S RESULTS

**Insurance Premiums** 

Policy Type	Carrier	2022-2023	2023-2024	Change %	Notes
Package	Berkley	\$804,000	\$500,000	-38%	New carrier Berkley. No WC/EL
Excess WC	Arch	\$172,305	\$154,821	-10%	New carrier Arch
Property Primary \$50M Named	Various	\$1,690,242	\$2,779,657	64%	Includes \$50M AOP and Named Windstorm.
Windstorm an AOP					City quota share - 19% of \$25M xs \$25 Layer
Excess AOP only 25M xs \$50M	Intact	\$30,000	\$25,000	-17%	2023 City purchased up to \$50M xs \$75M AOP only
Excess AOP only Full TIV xs	Landmark	\$65,000	Not		
\$75M			Purchased		
Property Subtotal		\$1,785,242	\$2,804,657	57%	
Boiler and Machinery	Travelers	\$10,800	\$11,277	4%	
Business Travel	Hartford	\$750	\$750	0%	2 Year annual installment
ADD Police and Fire	Hartford	\$12,864	\$12,053	-6%	2 Year annual installment
Bond - Finance Director	Hartford	\$1,138	\$1,138	0%	
Bond - Golf and Country Club	Hartford	\$250	\$250	0%	
Health Studio					
Bond - War Memorial Youth	Hartford	\$250	\$250	0%	
Center Health Studio					
Pollution Liability *	Ascot	\$23,900	\$34,500	44%	New carrier Ascot. 2 Year Pre paid Policy
Crime	Hanover	\$11,637	\$9,561	6%	
Sports Liability	HDI	Included in	Included in		
		Package	Package		
ADD Sports	Zurich	\$11,662	\$9,410	-19%	
Cyber Liability	Crum &	\$79,569	\$59,614	-25%	New carrier C&F. Revenue decreased by 16%.
	Forster				Same limits and lower retention (\$2M/\$2M/\$50K
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Terrorism Property & Liability	AJG UK	\$20,000	\$26,000	30%	TIV is increased by 18%, rate increase is 12%
Deadly Weapon Protection	AJG UK	\$5,900	\$10,903	85%	5 1/1 1 1 186 11 6 1 1 1
Flood **	Voyager	\$9,720	\$97,751		Bound/ Includes additional locations. Includes
E: A 1					coverage for 23 Locations
Fine Art		Included in	Included in		TIV is increased by 6%, rate increase 10%
EMDA FEEC 8 TOLA		Property	Property	270/	Fautisment Prockdows Crime Pollution TDIA
EMPA, FEES & TRIA		\$4,500	\$2,818	-37%	Equipment Breakdown, Crime. Pollution TRIA, Property
Broker Fee		\$90,000	\$90,000	0%	Property
Total Cost of Program		\$3,044,487	\$3,825,753	26%	

Note: TRIA Purchased on Pollution Policy.

<sup>\*</sup>Pollution – Prepaid for 2 Years

<sup>\*\*</sup> Flood – 18 Locations – Maximum Building Coverage \$1M (not to exceed Stated value on the SOV); 5 Locations- Pump Stations Maximum Coverage \$500K (not to exceed Stated value on the SOV). Content Coverage Max for all locations is \$500K







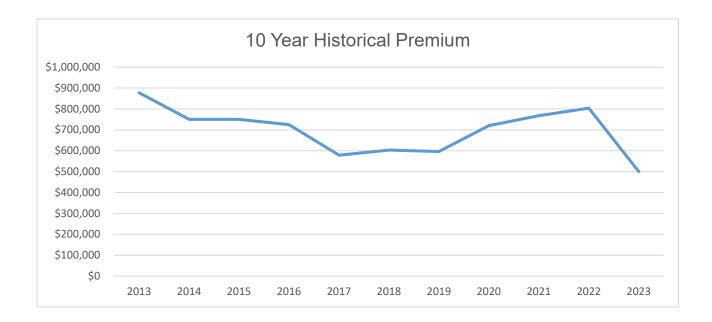






### **Insurance Premiums**

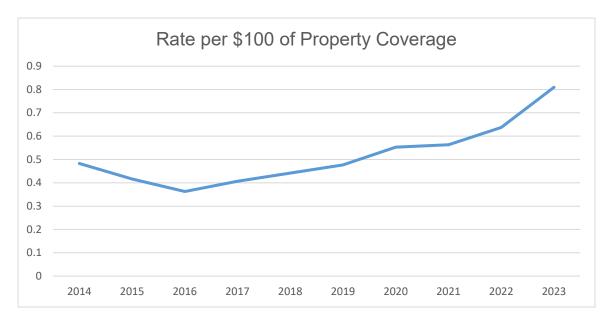
### 10 YEAR PACKAGE PREMIUM COMPARISON



Policy Year	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Premium	\$877,495	\$750,000	\$750,000	\$725,000	\$579,000	\$603,000	\$596,000	\$720,000	\$767,500	\$804,000	\$500,000



### HISTORICAL PROPERTY RATE



Policy Year	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Property Rate	0.4828	0.416	0.3627	0.4065	0.4419	0.4768	0.5527	0.563	0.637	0.809













### **Program Structure**

### MAY 1<sup>ST</sup> 2023 MARKETING RESULTS

Line of Coverage	Carrier	Response
Public Entity Package	Garrier	Response
Fublic Ellity Fackage	Ambridge (London)	Quoted
	Genesis	Declined
	Old Republic	Declined
	FMIT	Declined
	Munich Re	Quoted
	Euclid	Declined
	Berkley	Quoted
	Travelers	Declined
	Safety National	Declined
	Egis	Declined
Excess Workers Compensation		
	Safety National	Quoted
	Zurich	Declined
	AXA XL	Declined
	Chubb	Indicated
	US Specialty	Declined
	Midwest	Quoted
	Arch	Quoted
Equipment Breakdown		
	Travelers	Quoted
	Liberty	Not Competitive
	AXA XL	Pending
	HSB	Not Competitive
	C.N.A	Declined
ADD Business Travel		
	Hartford	Quoted
	Hartford	Quoted
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Bond	I I a wife and	Outed
Finance Director	Hartford Hartford	Quoted
Golf and Country Club Health Studio		Quoted
War Memorial Youth	Hartford	Quoted
Center Health Studio		
Pollution Liability		
	AXA XL (Indian Harbor)	Quoted
	Ascot	Quoted
	Beazley	Declined
Crime	, Journey	
	Travelers	Quoted
	Beazley	Declined
	Chubb	Declined
	Hanover	Quoted
ADD Sports	1	
	Zurich	Quoted
	Hartford	Declined
Cyber Liability	1	
	Corvus	Quoted
	XL	Indicated
	ΛL	mulcated



Line of Coverage	Carrier	Response
<u> </u>	Crum & Forster	Quoted
	Westchester	Declined
	Arch	Declined
	Zurich	Declined
	AIG	Declined
	Starr	Declined
	Coalition	Quoted
	TMHCC	Declined
	Resilience	Declined
	Beazley	Declined
	Aspen	Declined
	Amtrust	Declined
	At Bay	Declined
Terrorism Property & Liability		
	AXA XL	Declined
	Beazley	Quoted
	Hiscox USA	Declined
	Munich Re	Declined
	Ironshore	Declined
	Sompo International	Declined
Flood		
	Voyager	Quoted
Property		
	Aspen	Quoted
	Axis	Declined
	Berkshire	Declined
	CNA	Declined
	C&F	Declined
	Canopius	Declined
	Chronos Core	Declined
	Everest	Quoted Quoted
	FMIT	Declined
	Ironshore / First	Quoted
	Specialty Kemah	Declined
	Lexington	Quoted
	Lloyds of London	Quoted
	Lioyad of Loridoll	Quotou
	Rivington	Declined
	Sompo	Quoted
	SRU	Quoted
	Swiss Re	Declined
	Velocity	Quoted
	Waypoint	Declined
	Westchester	Declined
	Arch	Quoted
	Arrowhead	Declined
	AWAC	Declined
	AXA XL	Quoted
	Beazley	Declined
	Crum & Forster	Declined
	Great American (x-wind)	Declined
	Hallmark	Quoted
	Hudson (x-wind)	Declined



Line of Coverage	Carrier	Response
- J	Intact	Quoted
	James River	Declined
	Kinsale	Declined
	Markel	Quoted
	Munich Re	Declined
	Navigators	Declined
	Paragon	Declined
	RSUI	Declined
	Starr	Declined
	Westfield	Quoted
	Zurich	Declined
Fine Arts (Standalone)		
	Allianz	Declined
	Chubb	Declined
	StarNet Insurance	Quoted
Electronic Data Processing	(Standalone)	
	Chubb	Declined
	CNA	Declined



### **Program Structure**

### RENEWAL STRATEGY

Every year we should consider three "go to market" strategies by line of coverage, based on this strategy discussion. These are the three strategies along with possible considerations of each:

- 1. Negotiate and renew with the incumbent carrier(s). This is preferred if we:
  - Believe we can achieve the renewal goals without additional competition
  - Tested this carrier with competitors in the last few years
  - Recently paid a large claim or had a bad loss year and are willing to be fair and competitive at renewal
  - Are happy with the carrier's service
- 2. Negotiate with a few carriers, including the incumbent. This is preferred if:
  - We are trying to consolidate the number of carriers on all your policies
  - We are ready to test the market for a variety of reasons, but keep the competition contained and are confident this short list will be competitive
  - There are not many markets as options, due to the risk
- 3. Negotiate with, as many markets as we think are viable. This is preferred if:
  - The incumbent market is non-renewing or is driving you to move
  - The incumbent has had no competition for more than 10 years
  - There have been significant changes of risk, risk appetite or personnel from Client or carrier

Coverage	Go to Market	Coverage	Go to Market
	("Yes/No")		("Yes/No")
Commercial Package (No Property)	Yes	Bond - Golf and Country Club Health Studio	No
Property	Yes	Bond - War Memorial Youth Center Health Studio	No
Excess Workers Compensation	No	Bond - Finance Director	No
Deadly Weapon Protection	Yes	Accidental Death & Dismemberment – Sports	Yes
Equipment Breakdown Yes		Crime	Yes
Flood	No		



### **Exposure Summary**

Exposures	2022-2023	2023-2024	% Change
Gross Operating Expenditures	\$294,212,528	\$246,087,023	-16%
Number of Employees (FT & PT & Seasonal)	1072	1134	6%
Number of Autos	610	577	-5%
Payroll	\$78,502,660	\$83,013,742	6%
EMTs	Included below	Included below	
Paramedics	139	145	4%
Armed Officers	198	213	8%
Population	50,999	48,375	-5%
TIV	\$294,212,528	\$346,507,215	18%
Rate per \$100	\$0.61	\$0.81	33%
Drones	5	5	0%
Sports Program number of participants	12,547	13,209	5%

Schedule of Values	2022-2023	2023-2024	% Change
Building	\$235,701,640	\$287,307,493	24%
Contents	\$13,203,706	\$14,298,322	8%
Vehicles	\$18,842,749	\$18,436,967	-2%
Golf Carts	\$179,433	\$179,433	0%
ВІ	\$5,285,000	\$5,285,000	0%
EDP	\$14,000,000	\$14,000,000	0%
EDP EE	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	0%
Account Receivable	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	0%
Fine Arts	\$3,500,000	\$3,500,000	0%
Valuable Papers	\$500,000	\$500,000	0%
Pump Stations	Included	Included	
Fountains	Included	Included	
Seawalls & Docks	\$3,395,000 ( included above)	\$3,904,250 (included above)	15%
Total	\$294,212,528	\$346,507,215	18%



### **Existing Program Structure**

### \$50MM Named Windstorm Limit \$25MM xs \$50MM All Other Perils Limit

Carrier: Homeland Insurance Company of New York

\$25M xs \$50M per Occurrence

\$25M xs \$50M per Occurrence

Perils: All Risk of Direct Physical Loss or Damage Excluding Flood,

Earth Movement, and Windstorm or Hail associated with Named Storm

120% Margin Clause

Carriers: Hallmark Specialty Insurance Company; Lloyd's of London;

Endurance American Insurance Company; Westfield Specialty Insurance Co; Lexington Insurance Co; Kinsale Insurance Company 2nd Excess Property

\$25MM XS \$25MM per Occurrence Perils:

Peril Risk of Direct Physical Loss or Damage Excluding Flood, Earthquake and Equipment Breakdown

19% Quote Share by City of Coral Gables

Blanket, except 106% Margin Clause - Westfield Specialty Ins Co (5% participation)

Carriers: Evanston insurance Company; Arch Specialty insurance Company; Ironehore Specialty Insurance Company; Westfield Specialty Insurance Company; Lloyds of London; Lexington Insurance Co; Endurance American Insurance Co First Excess Layer

\$15MM XS of \$10MM Per Occurrence
Peril Risk of Direct Physical Loss or Damage Excluding Flood,
Earthquake and Equipment Breakdown

Carrier: Endurance American Specialty Insurance Company Lioyd's of London; StarStone Specialty Insurance Company; Lexington Insurance Co.

\$10MM in any Occurrence
Primary Property XS Deductible
Perils: All risks of Direct Physical Loss or Damage including Flood and
Earth Movement, excluding Boiler and Machinery

Deductibles:

-\$100,000 per Occurrence All Other Perils
-72 -Hour waiting for Time Element
-\$100,000 Earthquake
-Flood \$100,000 Excess Maximum NFIP Limit available for Special
Flood Hazard Areas for Special Flood Hazard Areas (Prefix A or V)
-5% of Total Insured Values affected at per unit subject to \$250,000
per occurrence minimum Flood as a result of Named Windstorm
-5% of the replacement cost value of each unit of insurance as per

schedule on file subject to a min deductible of \$250,000 per occurrence in respect to Named Windstorm and Hail -\$100,000 per occurrence All Other Windstorm of Hail Property Including Pumps & Fountains

## City of Coral Gables Core Program

<u>Carrier: C</u> ertain Underwriters at Lloyd's	<u>Carrier</u> Travelers Property Casualty Company	Carrier: Gemini Insurance Company  • General Liability \$4,650,000 per occurrence \$9,000,000 Annual Aggregate Includes: Law Enforcement Activities \$4,650,000 Each Wrongful Act and \$4,650,000 Annual Aggregate	<u>Carrier: Arch Insurance Group</u>
Property Limit \$100,000,000 Liability Limit \$25,000,000 Deadly Weapon Protection Limit \$1,000,000	Total Limit \$250,000,000	Automobile Liability \$4,850,000 per occurrence     Public Officials, Employment Practices & Employee Benefits Liability * \$4,850,000 per Claim \$5,300,000 Annual Aggregate, Includes: Limited Sexual Misconduct Incident Liability* \$4,850,000 Each Claim and Annual Aggregate      Crisis Management Expense \$35,000 Each Crisis Event and \$35,000 Annual Aggregate  * Claims Made Coverage applies. Refer to policy for applicable Retroactive Date and Limits	Excess Workers Compensation: Statutory Employers Liability: \$1,000,000 Each Accident / Each Employee for disease or cumulative injury Retention: \$1,000,000
Property Deductible \$10,000	Deductible \$1,000 4 Hours Waiting Period	SIR Per Occurrence \$350,000	SIR Per Occurrence \$1,000,000
Property & Liability Terrorism	Boller & Machinery	Public Entity Liability	Workers' Compensation

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Please note that coverages are not drawn to scale and actual policy verbiage should be consulted for coverage terms and conditions

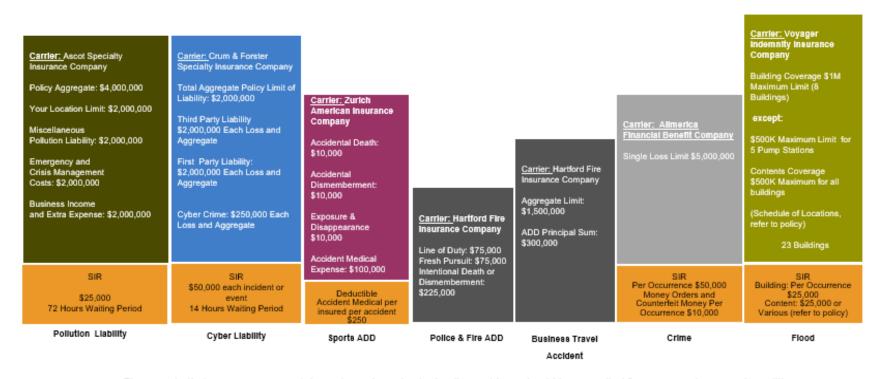
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# City of Coral Gables Ancillary Lines



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### **Renewal Timeline**

### 2024 City of Coral Gables Property and Casualty **Insurance Program Renewal Timeline as of** 1/10/2024



11/20/2023 Strategic Review Meeting

12/15/2024 Insurance Advisory Board Meeting

1/17/2024

Submissions sent to carriers Update 03/07/2024

Insurance Market Insurance Advisory **Board Meeting** 

03/22/2024

Proposal Meeting with City Manager, Employee Relations Director and Risk Manager



02/19/2024

12/01/2023

Renewal Applications to be sent to client 01/05/2024

Insurance Applications due from client

1/18/2024 Insurance Advisory Board Meeting

02/21/2024 Markets Meeting 03/21/2024

Insurance Advisory Board Meeting

03/26/2024

City Commission Meeting Approval



### Your Team

Your Gallagher team is a true partner. We have the expertise to understand your business and we're here to service and stay alongside you, every step of the way.

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### Thank You for Your Business

We have enjoyed our partnership and appreciate the continued time, support and confidence you have placed in us as your risk management team. This past year has been successful as evidenced by your scorecard. Your total cost of risk is being impacted favorably and our strategy for this upcoming renewal continues to focus on ways to improve this positive impact on your profitability. Thank you.



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### **Appendix**

From: Maria Perez

To: "Ruiz, David"; Elejabarrieta, Raquel
Cc: Ampy Jimenez; Diana Gogoshvili; Nery Sosa
Subject: Appraisals and Trending for 2024
Date: Thursday, October 12, 2023 1:12:12 PM

Attachments: <u>image001.png</u>

Good afternoon Raquel and David,

I just returned from a property market meeting where the US Construction Cost Indices were discussed. Below please find the history of the trends by year.

US Construction Cost Indices 2016 to 2023										
Index	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023		
FM Global (S)	1.60%	1.20%	5.20%	0.60%	1.40%	5.00%	22.00%	5.40%		
Marshal Swift (SE)	0.50%	3.20%	4.60%	0%	0.70%	11.70%	19.90%	-1.00%		
RS Means	0.80%	4%	5.50%	2.20%	2.10%	9.20%	20.70%	-0.90%		
SE Avg.	0.97%	2.80%	5.10%	0.93%	1.40%	8.63%	20.87%	1.17%		

Based on the above and the fact that underwriters rely mostly on the FM Global statistics I am suggesting that the City consider increasing the values by 4% for only those locations that have not been appraised in the past 12 months. It seems that spikes in construction costs are leveling off which is a good thing for all. The decision to increase your values will help us maintain your replacement cost coverage for the next renewal season.

Should you have any additional questions on this matter, please give me a call to discuss.

Sincerely,

GLOBAL PROPERTY INSURANCE MARKET UPDATE

Q4 2023



# ABOUT GALLAGHER SPECIALTY

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# INTRODUCTION AND MARKET OVERVIEW

The Property insurance market in 2023 has been very challenging for clients, with many receiving their sixth consecutive renewal rate increases and probably their most punitive renewal terms of any of those over the prior five years.

The 1.1.23 and subsequent month's treaty reinsurance renewals significantly impacted all insurers who operate across all territories globally, with those insurers having to endure significant rate increases, and their premiums compounded further with exposures increasing due to valuation/inflation challenges. Notwithstanding this, they have also had to absorb increased retention and more limited overall coverage. This was all as a consequence of many years of unprofitable returns. In basic terms, the costs of capital has increased throughout the chain, and the insurers have had to pass on those costs to their clients in order to be able to continue providing the level of coverage that our mutual client(s) require.

Climate change and more frequent and severe weather events continue to be a discussion point, and during H1, global insured cat half-year losses passed USD50 billion for the first time. However, despite this, we saw Lloyd's posting a positive H1 result, the magnitude of which we have not seen since 2007. All eyes will be on both Lloyd's and other major insurers as to where the full-year results end up at. The major question that we are being asked for 2024 is not surprisingly, what should clients be expecting in 2024?

To provide some early perspective, it is felt that it will require a relatively benign second half of 2023 in terms of property CAT losses in order to produce a very positive underwriting result and thereby demonstrate to capital that the market does know how to underwrite property profitably during this prolonged period of increased weather activity and also taking into account the impact of inflationary pressures being prevalent, whether that is in terms of higher replacement cost valuations, and therefore passing on these

increased exposures to reinsurers when purchasing treaty covers' with further upward pressures on both retention and pricing. If we see capital have the confidence in returning to the property marketplace, will there be significant amounts available to positively impact pricing the marketplace? Will insurers be further impacted by treaty reinsurance renewal increases at 1.1.24 in the individual marketplaces (and in those subsequent months)?

These questions will be very much dependent on how the balance of the year performs from both a North Atlantic hurricane and a wildfire perspective and furthermore where looking outside of the US, how individual marketplaces have performed. Not all is clear at this stage, but there is a recognition that client affordability, as always, is a factor at the present time and clients will want to take a look at how we can assist in providing them with creative renewal solutions whether that is in the traditional sense or by way of introducing alternative risk transfer mechanisms such as

parametrics and retention risk financing products.

The early indicators in respect of 2024 is that London insurers will be looking to expand their property appetite in terms of capacity and aggregate deployed which is welcome news in this current climate.

We will look to bring some further updates in our next Gallagher Specialty update and we hope that you find this property update to be of interest and would welcome any feedback or questions that you would like to raise.

We look forward to continuing to work with you all in expanding our current trading levels and thank you again for your continued support.



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### NORTH AMERICA REGIONAL UPDATE

### So far for 2023, we have seen the following

- Critical CAT capacity remains constrained throughout the Insurance/Reinsurance/Retro marketplace.
- Direct and Facultative insurers have maintained strong discipline around pricing and terms and conditions, with demand outstripping supply, particularly on CAT-exposed accounts.
- Rate increases accelerated throughout H1, with many carriers significantly ahead of budget early in the year.
   Carriers attempted to price themselves out of firm orders to manage catastrophe exposures, often being unsuccessful due to demand/supply imbalance.
- Many carriers significantly reduced average line sizes, particularly on CAT-exposed accounts, resulting in less total CAT limit available for clients.
- Insureds' often took larger retentions in order to attract additional capacity and offset rate increases.
- Business continues to flow from admitted markets to the E&S space, with GWP of circa GBP120 Bn predicted for 2023. E&S GWP makes up 20% of all commercial lines for the first time, according to AM best.
- H1 global losses from natural disasters are estimated at USD53 Bn, with US severe convective storm contributing USD34 Bn to this total. Global catastrophe losses in excess of USD100 Bn per year appear to be the "new normal."
- So-called secondary perils such as winter storm, severe convective storm/hail and wildfires are an increasing challenge for the industry.
- US D&F property carriers generally reported strong H1 results. Lloyd's of London reported H1 combined ratio of 85% with 22% increase in revenue (all classes), with property reporting a combined ratio of 82%.

• Full-year results will be heavily impacted by the US hurricane season, which at the time of writing has been relatively quiet contrasted with recent years.

### Looking ahead to 2024

- End-of-year treaty renewals will impact D&F business plans for 2024, with direct writers looking to pass on potential increased reinsurance costs to insureds.
- Rhetoric emanating from the reinsurance markets is that they will continue to push for additional rates to account for current trend of extreme catastrophe losses and strong demand and potentially to increase retentions to match the current rates of inflation.
- Reinsurers are likely to maintain high attachment points, which have supported a return to profitability.
- Significant influxes of catastrophe reinsurance capacity (Traditional/ILS) are not anticipated supporting continued pricing discipline.
- Expectation that D&F carriers will attempt to achieve single-digit to low-double-digit rate increases at a portfolio level. There will be loss-effected accounts that will help push this average up, with clean accounts expected to be at the lower end of the spectrum.
- Industry adoption of RMS V23, with increased modelled output for named Hurricane in Florida and the Gulf coast. Average uplifts of 5%-10%, with certain portfolios subject to 20%-30% uplifts, depending on regions and building characteristics.
- RMS V23 could provide a tailwind for primary insurers/ reinsurers trying to push rates further in named Windstorm-exposed regions.



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# SOUTH & CENTRAL AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN ISLANDS REGIONAL UPDATE

A month into Q4, it is clear that catastrophe-exposed Latin American and Caribbean (LAC) cedants have continued to experience significant rate increases (of circa 25%) at their treaty renewals, with concerns that the completion of some of those in critical zones within the region was going to be a challenge. Those fears have gradually receded, with renewals having generally been more orderly than those earlier in the year, nonetheless a focus is still on higher retentions, rate adequacy, and more restrictive wordings. The D&F market has largely mirrored these trends.

Furthermore, a combination of inflation, reassessment of risk, and a capacity shortage in some countries have all contributed to rate rises, not to mention the exit of a few Lloyd's insurers from the property cat space and reduced appetite from others. That said, reinsurers appear generally

more satisfied with ratings across the region, with the exception perhaps of Mexico and Colombia, where increased appetite from some carriers has limited higher increases. That said, there is little doubt that rates will continue to rise during Q4, albeit at a much steadier pace and depending on account performance. It remains the case that longstanding clients are generally prioritised over new ones, both in terms of capacity deployment and more favourable pricing.



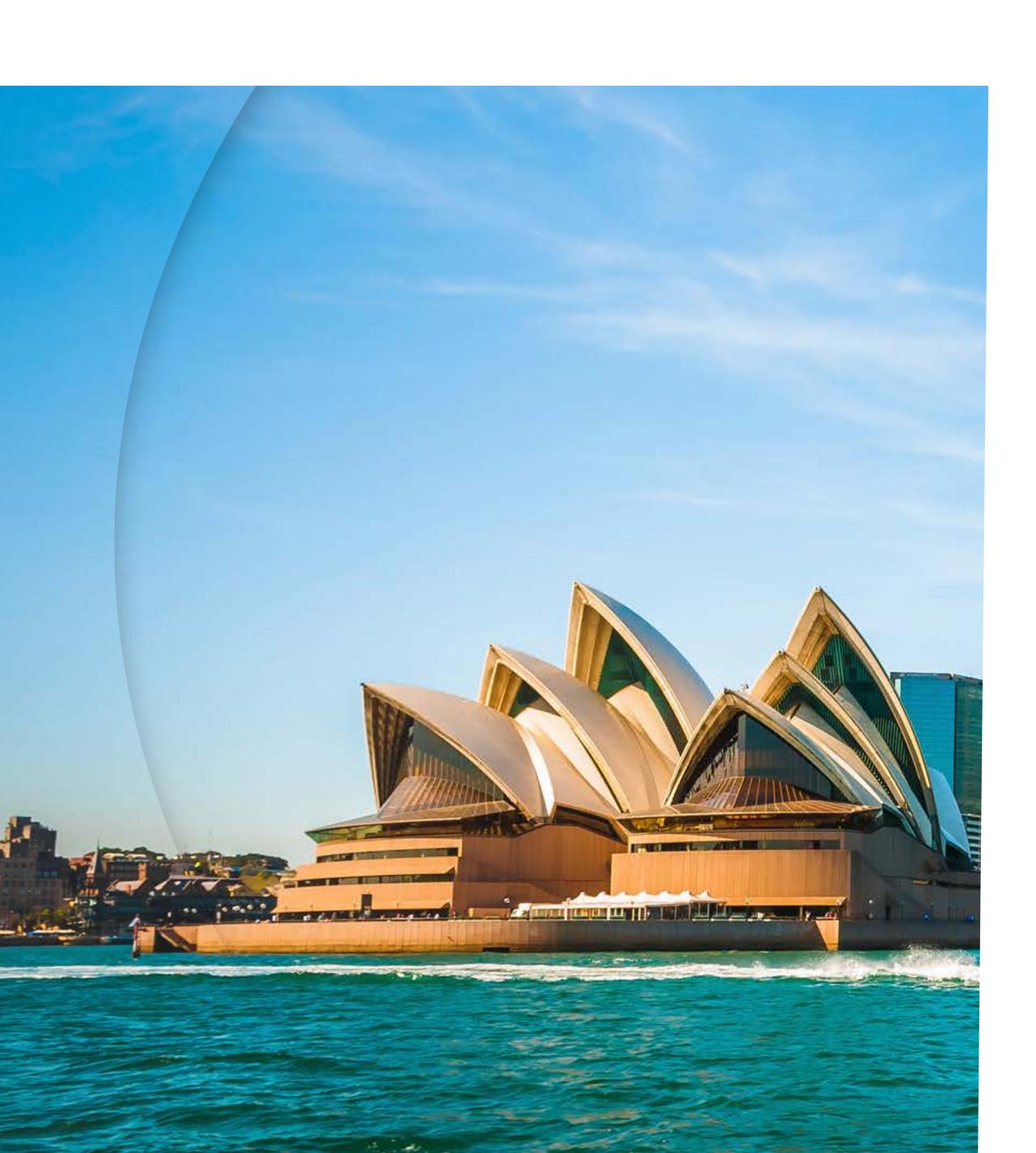
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## AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND REGIONAL UPDATE

With eyes on Australian floods and a focus on earthquake aggregation in Wellington insurers did not expect New Zealand's largest NatCat loss to come from a cyclone (Gabrielle) in the North Island in February, whilst their backs were turned. Estimated at an economic loss of NZD15 Bn and an insured loss of NZD3.5 Bn it was the biggest wind event in a generation.

Add to this the broadening of the definition of an Australian flood, cover for the peril has come into even sharper focus as we progress through 2023.

London has been able to provide viable flood solutions as an alternative to domestic insurers that have either reduced sub-limits, or excluded it.

There have been examples of large clients entering the London market for the first time this year, driven by NatCat needs.

Wellington earthquake capacity is readily available in the London market where we have seen an increase in new client orders' this year.

Our portfolio and expertise in food sector business continues to expand with London's appetite for EPS exposed risks remaining consistent and we are able to achieve obtaining significant limits.

We are continuing to see an influx of new clients being underwritten in the London market through our office as clients look for alternative long-term partnerships.



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# ASIA REGIONAL UPDATE

The region has slowed down on the hardening trend of pricing in general and markets' appetite and capacity deployments are "two-tiered" for clean, well managed, and loss-affected, less-risked managed accounts. Catastrophe exposure continues to be a key factor in pricing and capacity, particularly when significant limits are required.

- Despite more orderly reinsurance renewals in mid-year compared to January renewals, markets continue to look for an upward trend in pricing, with catastrophe costs still rising but at a more moderate pace.
- The polarisation for targeted and non-targeted risks deepened as markets competed for well-performing and lower hazardous occupancies, whilst less well-managed and/or natural catastrophe-exposed risks continued to experience a more volatile market environment.
- The gap in premium requirements between local/domestic and international markets also expanded. Time is required to seek alternative solutions and structures, utilising a mixture of local/ domestic capacity and international carriers to achieve the best outcome, and deliver the ultimate goals for the assured where a degree of rate cut is often expected.
- Additional factors leading to cost increases are the ongoing concerns related to high interest rates and inflation, which have led to continued scrutiny on the insured values.

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## MIDDLE EAST REGIONAL UPDATE

Competition remains prevalent on all major accounts and capacity remains stable. Rate pressure has reduced, but there remains a difference between regional and international markets in this respect.

# EUROPE REGIONAL UPDATE

Whilst treaty reinsurance pricing has increased the pressure on renewal pricing during 2023, capacity remains competitive and stable in the region.

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