

# RVS Monte Carlo 2024

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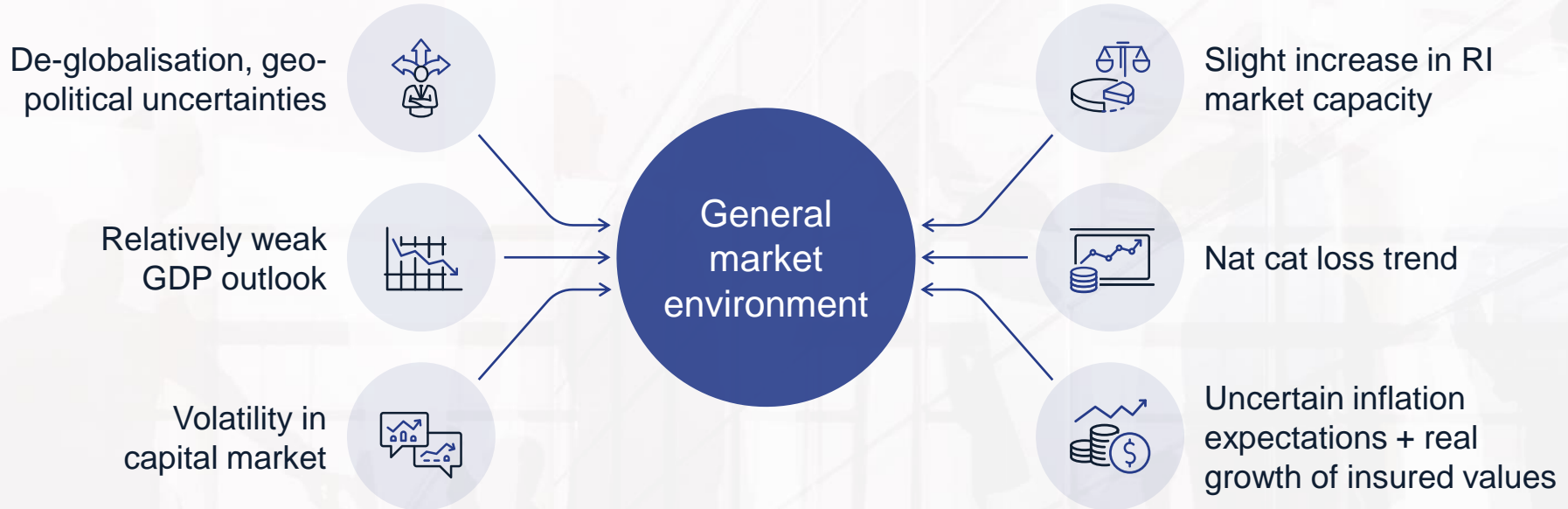
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Reinsurance markets are generally stable,  
with slightly higher capacity



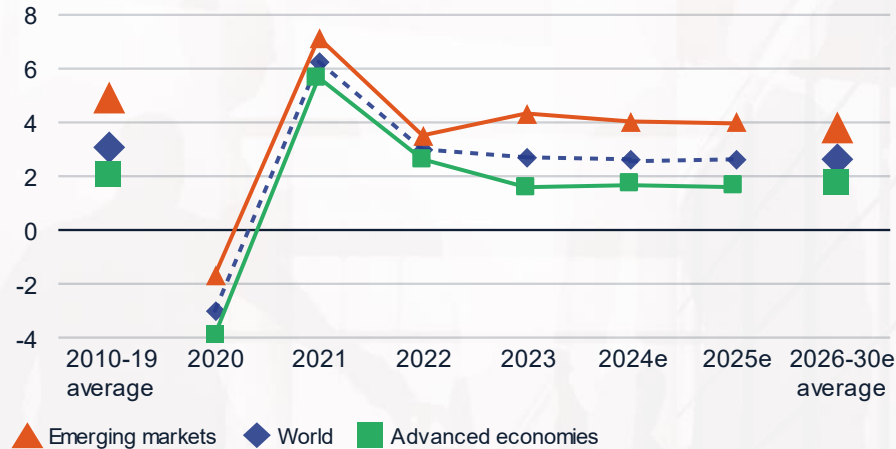
But market generally subject to significant uncertainties

# Weak global growth, inflation above former averages

Upside risks for inflation and downside risks for growth

## Annual real GDP growth

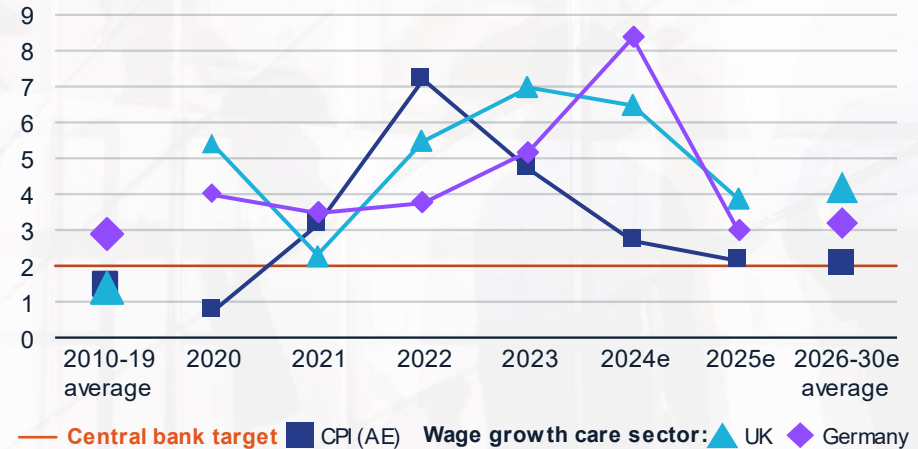
in %



- Relatively weak global growth in 2024 and 2025 does not provide a strong or resilient foundation
- Downside risks comparatively high

## CPI (advanced economies) and wage inflation care sector (UK, Germany)<sup>1</sup>

in %



- CPI inflation in advanced economies to decline on a path toward target of 2% in 2025
- But many (re)insurance segments exposed to different inflationary environment

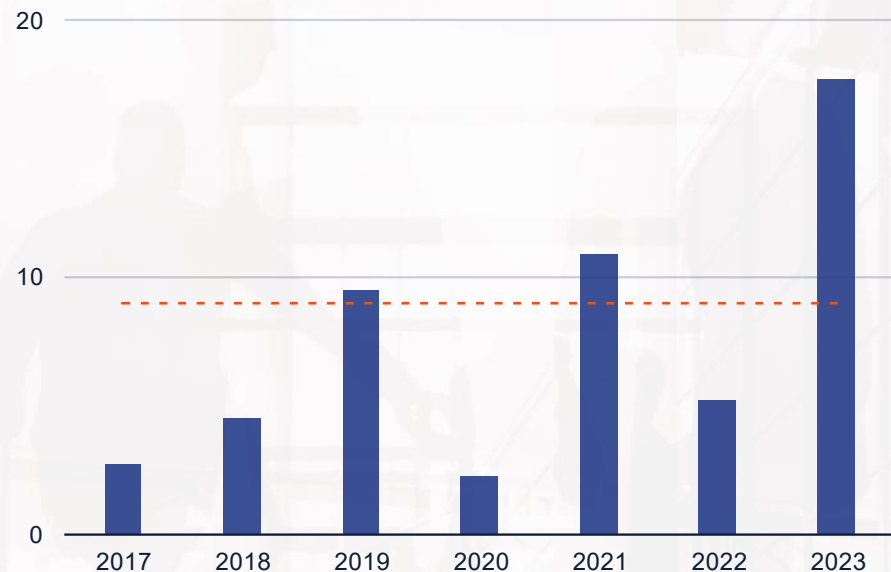
<sup>1</sup> Source: Munich Re Economic Research based on ONS, Destatis

# Multiyear RoE in reinsurance sector still disappointing

Volatility in the capital market underscores need for risk-adequate UW margins

Sector RoE on average below cost of capital since 2017<sup>1</sup>

in %

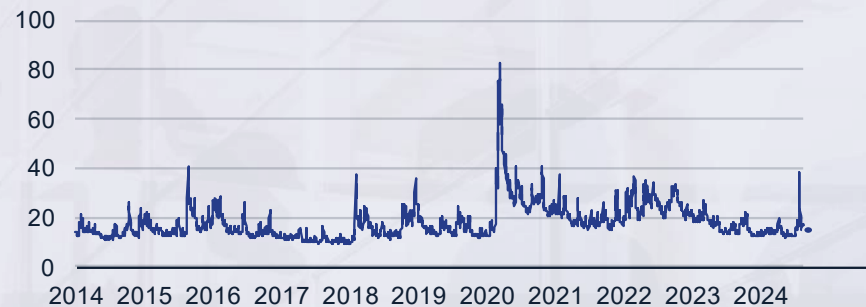


■ RoE reinsurance sector    - - - Average cost of equity

<sup>1</sup> Source: AON, S&P Capital IQ

<sup>2</sup> Source: Bloomberg as of 20 August 2024

Market volatility indices<sup>2</sup> for equities (VIX) ...



... and fixed-income securities (MOVE)<sup>2</sup>





# Reinsurance market stability maintained

Traditional capital recovered as expected, no major new entrants observed

## Dedicated reinsurance capital

(US\$ bn)



<sup>1</sup> Includes fixed-income equity adjustment, capturing anticipated recovered capital as bonds mature over time  
Source: AM Best, Guy Carpenter, Munich Re

## Trends



### Traditional RI market

- Dedicated **capital has recovered as expected**, with **no new material capital** or new class of reinsurance capital entering the market
- Equity levels are stabilising as, due to rising interest rates, unrealised losses will be absorbed over time
- **Increasing demand** driven by inflation, real values, and business growth

### Alternative Risk Transfer

- Total ART market has grown slightly; net inflows marginal, market growth below accrual of interest and risk premiums
- Complementary capacity remains, but no major ART-driven market movements expected

# Following strong years, growth dynamics are likely to normalise

Global premium development 2021–2023/2024e–2026e

## P-C RI: Ceded premiums 2023



Europe	€109bn	29%
North America	€149bn	39%
Asia-Pacific	€79bn	21%
Latin America	€25bn	7%
Africa/Middle East	€16bn	4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>~€378bn</b>	<b>100%</b>

## P-C RI and PI real<sup>1</sup> growth rates (CAGR)

RI		PI	
21–23	24–26	21–23	24–26
3%	1–2%	1%	2%
7%	1–2%	4%	3%
2%	3–4%	2%	4%
6%	3–4%	5%	3%
5%	2–3%	4%	3%
<b>4%</b>	<b>2–3%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>3%</b>

<sup>1</sup> Growth rates are shown in real, i.e. inflation-adjusted terms  
Source: Munich Re Economic Research



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## Diversified business model

RI and PI in the group, reinsurance diversified into P&C, Specialty and L/H and geographically balanced worldwide



## Consistent and reliable partner

Independence from the retro market allows Munich Re to provide capacity even under difficult market conditions



## Strong capital position

Solid balance sheet, prudent reserving approach and Solvency II ratio well above 250%



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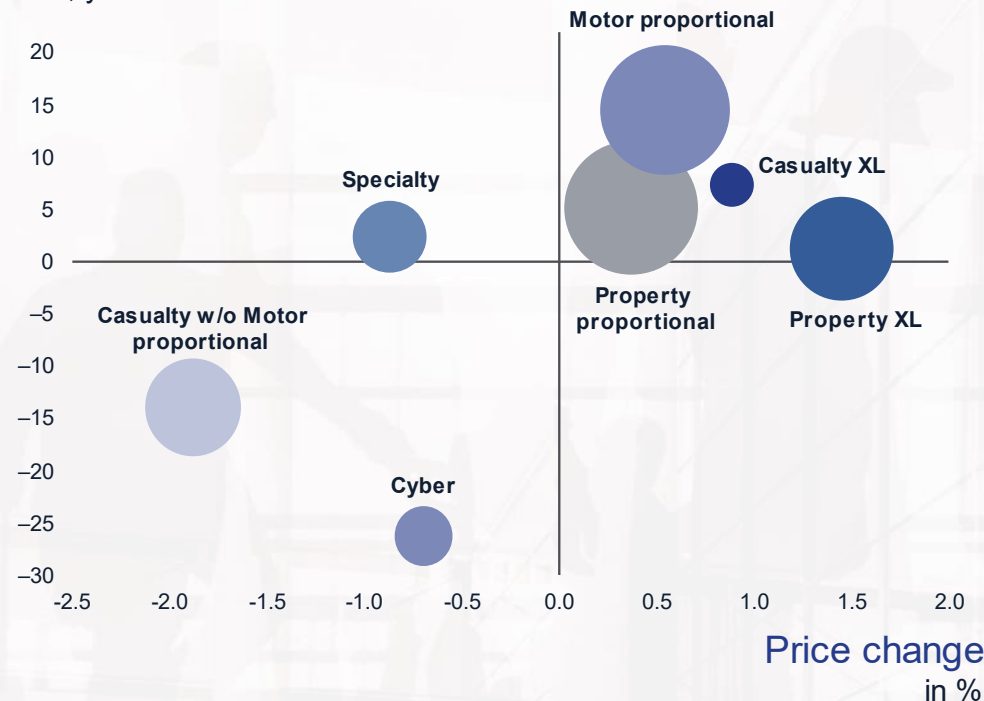
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# Aggregated January – July 2024 treaty renewals

Active portfolio management is key even in a good overall market environment

## Volume change<sup>1</sup>

in %, ytd



### Property XL

When **terms & conditions are met** and **retentions are reasonable, we have no capacity restrictions** – Our robust UW capabilities, global diversification and independence from retro capacity ensure this

### Motor proportional

Our expansion will be facilitated by **participating in original rate increases** and meeting the **demand for capital relief**

### Cyber

After successful introduction of the **cyber war exclusion** over the last 12 months, we anticipate a **return to growth in line with the underlying market**

### Casualty proportional

**Volume is secondary to profitability** – If rate hikes or commission cuts fail to cover claims inflation adequately, we won't hesitate to give up volume

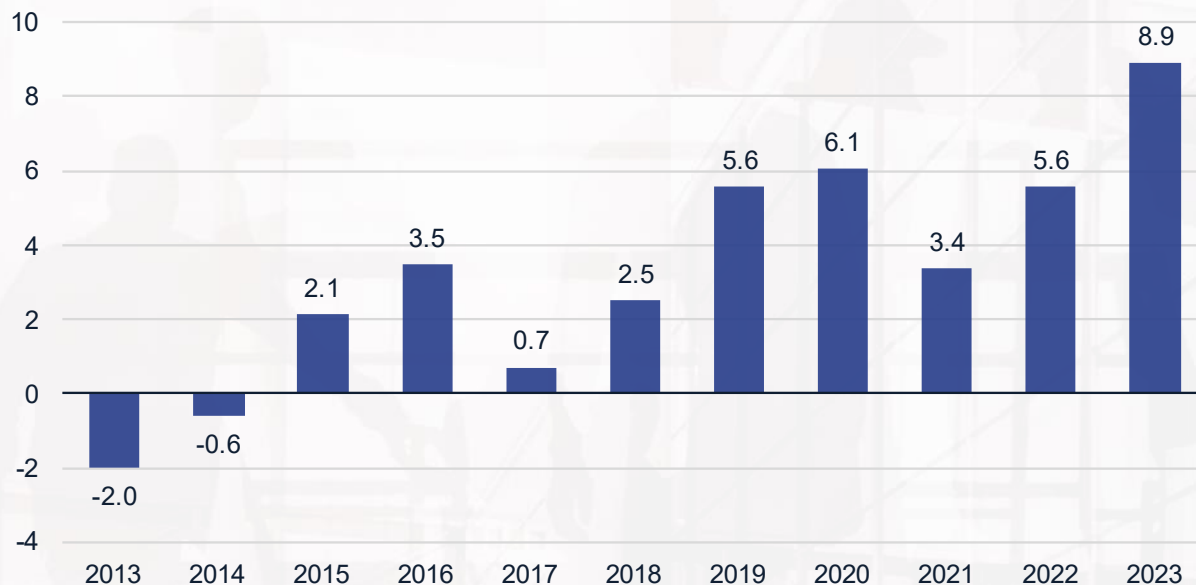
<sup>1</sup> Bubble size reflects relative volume up for renewal

# High reserve pressure remains a sector-wide concern in 2024

Current trend indicates worsening of reserve risk in the sector

## Selected US Liability Segments – market-wide reserve development<sup>1</sup>

in US\$ bn, based on AM Best



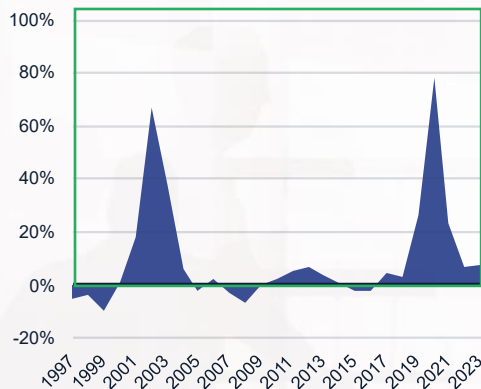
- **H1 2024 earnings calls:** continued reserve strengthening reported
- **Social inflation/legal system abuse** remains a key driver
- **“Normal” claims inflation** appears to be also widely underestimated
- **Soft market period 2014–2019** exaggerates impact on overall profitability

<sup>1</sup> Calendar years. Source: AM Best, reserve development Product Liability, Other Liability, Med Mal and Commercial Auto Liability

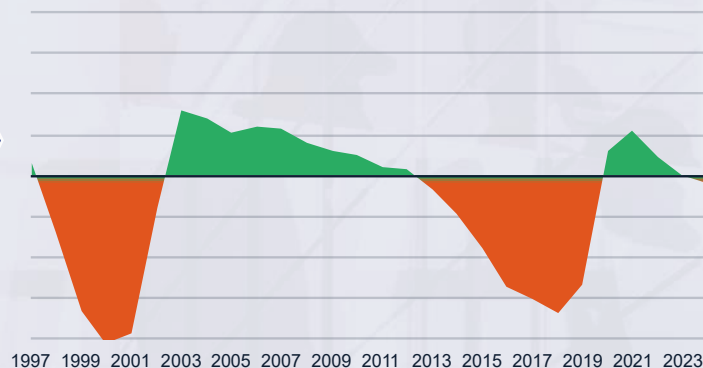
# Claims inflation eating into results in most UW years

Deep dive into US Excess Casualty as an indicator<sup>1</sup>

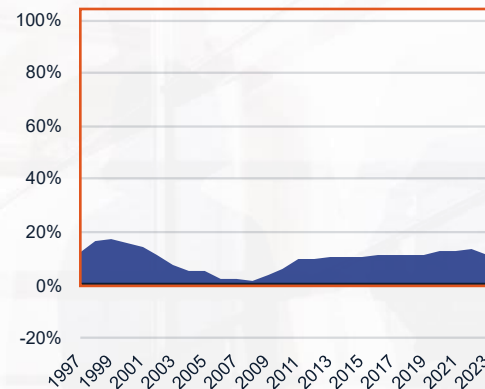
Reported rate change  
per UW year in primary market



Net rate adequacy



Estimated claims inflation  
per underwriting year



## Overall casualty market characteristics

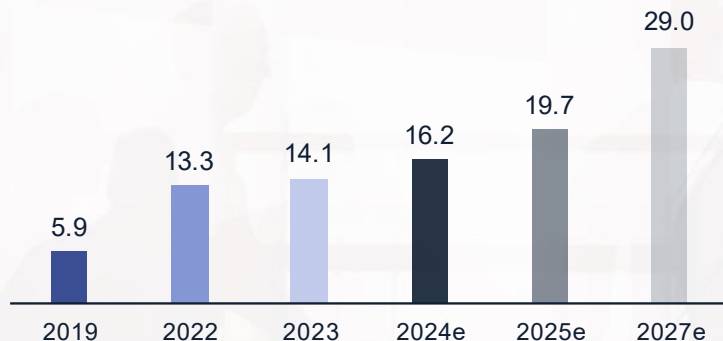
- **Substantial market corrections** after major sector crises with sharp rate increases and a focus on limit management
- Longer periods of **claims inflation unawareness**, which again quickly lead to insufficient rate adequacy
- Munich Re continues to back up **the best underwriting companies**, which actively **address legal system abuse**, adequately **estimate claims inflation** and **transparently report rate adequacy**

<sup>1</sup> Source: Munich Re extrapolation based on received submissions independent of participation, high Xs >US\$ 100m

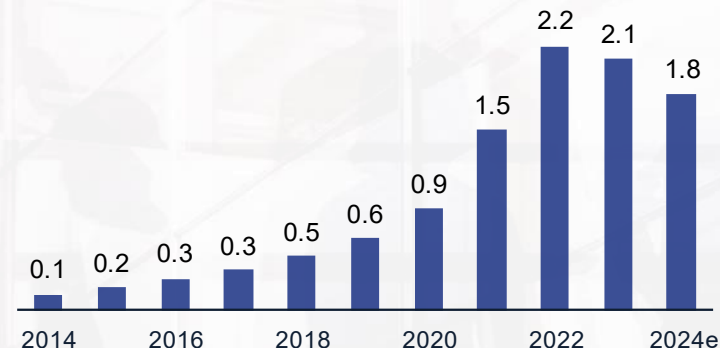
# Cyber: Risk expertise and UW discipline

## Cyber insurance becoming sustainable

Worldwide cyber premium<sup>1</sup>  
in US\$ bn



Munich Re GWP  
in US\$ bn



### Overall cyber market set to grow further

- Reinsurers consistently offer meaningful capacity
- Ongoing refinement of modelling in cyber
- Still concerning low cyber insurance penetration
- Geopolitical stress and dynamic threat landscape (ransomware, business e-mail compromise)

### Munich Re focuses on disciplined underwriting within clearly defined risk appetite

- Improves risk transparency
  - Cyber war consistently excluded, wordings clarified
- Fosters sustainability and resilience of the market
  - Invests in accumulation modelling and related collaborations
  - Advocates governmental Cyber Catastrophic Response Plan

<sup>1</sup> Source: Munich Re estimates

# Fit-for-purpose cyber accumulation risk management is key

Clearly defined risks and limits of insurability

## Accumulation Risk

The **core challenge** with respect to (systemic) accumulation risk is the potential for a **cyber event to have severe effects on the entire cyber portfolio** affecting more than one insured

## Objectives of Accumulation Control

- Identification of worst-case scenarios and cascading effects, PML quantification and accumulation management
- Modelling of accumulation loss distributions
- Recent events highlight the importance of clear and transparent coverage, effective contingency plans and cyber accumulation risk management

### Virus/Malware

Global outbreak of widespread, untargeted and self-reproducing malware



### Data Breach

Multiple insureds are affected by a large-scale data breach attack



### IT Service Provider Outage

Large-scale outage of services such as cloud causing widespread business impacts



### Unmanageable risk

- ⊗ Failure of (critical) infrastructure
- ⊗ War

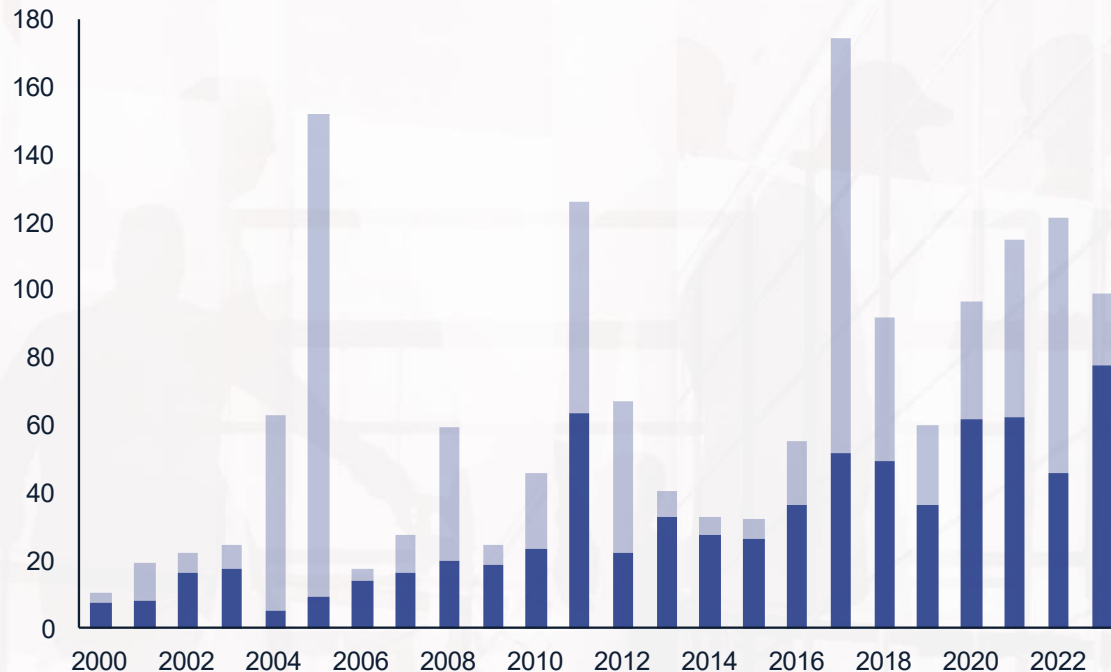




# Number of years with US\$ 100bn insured losses on the rise

Peak perils cause the volatility, while non-peak perils fuel the trend

in US\$ bn



■ Peak insured losses ■ Non-peak insured losses

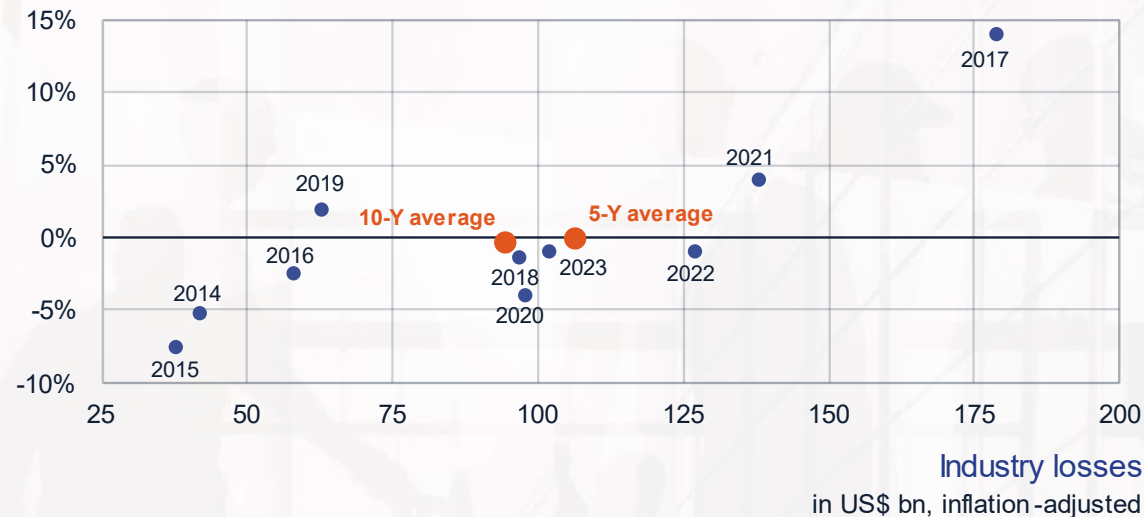
## Development and loss trends

- “Peak” or “primary” perils like earthquakes, tropical cyclones and European winter storms that can impact the solvency of an insurer have traditionally been a focus area of modelling in the industry
- But rising insured losses for non-peak perils (thunderstorms, floods, wildfires) are observable over the past few decades and underline the importance of adequately capturing them in models
- Reinsurance has proved to be an effective tool for managing solvency capital requirements and earnings volatility driven by extreme (and unforeseen) events
- Obvious underlying trends like climate change, rising insured values and social inflation to be managed via original rate adequacy, exposure management and risk prevention measures

# Natural catastrophes – growing exposures, but manageable

Munich Re nat cat loss ratio vs budget

in % points



- Nat cat risks captured well in our risk models, which are continuously updated to reflect impact of climate change and other claims drivers
- Real-time accumulation management platform to steer portfolio composition and risk appetite
- Gross-net risk appetite, not depending on retrocession/third-party capital
- Well defined risk appetite ensuring alignment of interest with our clients
- Best geographical diversification in the industry

## Our promise

Remain the strong, preferred partner for absorbing our clients' volatility with predictable capacity and risk appetite in a sustainable manner

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# Striving to be the quality leader and strategic partner

No major change in our strategy

Very strong diversification and financial strength afford us high and reliable capacities

We provide long-term consistency and prefer strategic partnerships

**Quality leader  
with superior  
client orientation**

Our broad and in-depth risk expertise in most categories is our foundation

We offer client-centric and tailor-made solutions

# Q&A

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