

# Invitation to the Annual General Meeting of Zurich Insurance Group Ltd

Wednesday, April 6, 2022

Place: Zurich Insurance Group Ltd, Mythenquai 2, 8002 Zurich, Switzerland (without the physical presence of shareholders)

Start: 2:15 p.m. CEST

Translation of the German original





# Agenda

#### 1. Reporting on the financial year 2021

## 1.1 Approval of the Management Report, the Annual Financial Statements and the Consolidated Financial Statements 2021

The Board of Directors proposes to approve the Management Report as well as the Annual Financial Statements and the Consolidated Financial Statements 2021

#### 1.2 Advisory vote on the Remuneration Report 2021

The Board of Directors proposes to approve the Remuneration Report 2021 in a non-binding advisory vote.

#### Appropriation of the available earnings for 2021 and the capital contribution reserve

The Board of Directors proposes that the Company pays a total dividend of CHF 22.00 per share partially out of the available earnings for 2021 and partially out of the capital contribution reserve. The portion from the capital contribution reserve will be exempt from Swiss withholding tax.

The last trading day with entitlement to receive a dividend is April 7, 2022. The shares will be traded ex-dividend as of April 8, 2022.

#### 2.1 Appropriation of the available earnings for 2021

The Board of Directors proposes to appropriate the available earnings for 2021 as follows:

#### Available earnings and proposed appropriation

Available earnings, as of December 31, 2021	CHF	11,895,259,161
Allocation to reserve for treasury shares (indirectly held via subsidiaries)	CHF	-85,029,632
Net income after taxes	CHF	2,688,898,263
Dividends paid	CHF	-2,983,564,800
As of January 1, 2021 (balance brought forward)	CHF	12,274,955,330

The Board of Directors proposes a dividend of CHF 20.35 per share out of the available earnings for 2021<sup>1</sup>:

Distribution of a dividend out of the available earnings for 2021 before tax of CHF 20.35 per share with a nominal value		
of CHF 0.10 each for 150,460,167¹ shares	CHF	-3,061,864,3981
Balance carried forward	CHF	8,833,394,7631

If this proposal is approved, the dividend out of the available earnings for 2021 of CHF 20.35 per share, less 35 percent Swiss withholding tax, will be paid from April 12, 2022.

#### 2.2 Appropriation of the capital contribution reserve

The Board of Directors proposes to appropriate a part of the capital contribution reserve as follows, provided that proposal 2.1 is approved by the General Meeting:

Distribution of a dividend out of the capital contribution reserve		
of CHF 1.65 per share with a nominal value of CHF 0.10 each		
for 150,460,167¹ shares	CHF	248,259,2761

On December 31, 2021, the balance of the capital contribution reserve (including reserve for treasury shares) amounted to CHF 509,989,722. If this proposal is approved, a dividend out of the capital contribution reserve of CHF 1.65 per share will be paid from April 12, 2022.

<sup>1</sup> These figures are based on the share capital issued on December 31, 2021, and may change depending on the number of shares issued on April 11, 2022. Treasury shares are not entitled to dividends and will not be taken into account.

# 3. Discharge of the members of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee

The Board of Directors proposes that the members of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee be granted discharge for the financial year 2021.

#### 4. Re-elections and election

# 4.1 Re-elections of the Chairman and the members of the Board of Directors and election of a new member of the Board of Directors

The Chairman of the Board of Directors and the other members of the Board of Directors have agreed to accept their re-election as member and Chairman and as members of the Board of Directors, respectively, for a term of office ending with the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting. It is further proposed to newly appoint Peter Maurer to the Board of Directors, whereby Peter Maurer shall assume the director role as of October 1, 2022 only.

The Board of Directors proposes the re-election of the member and Chairman of the Board of Directors and of the other current members of the Board of Directors as well as the election of Peter Maurer as new member of the Board of Directors, whereby Peter Maurer shall assume the director role as of October 1, 2022 only, each for a term of office ending with the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting.

Resumes of the Chairman and current members of the Board of Directors can be found in the Corporate Governance Report in the Annual Report 2021. Peter Maurer's resume is published on www.zurich.com/agm.

- 4.1.1 Re-election of Michel M. Liès as member and Chairman
- 4.1.2 Re-election of Joan Amble
- 4.1.3 Re-election of Catherine Bessant
- 4.1.4 Re-election of Dame Alison Carnwath
- 4.1.5 Re-election of Christoph Franz
- 4.1.6 Re-election of Michael Halbherr
- 4.1.7 Re-election of Sabine Keller-Busse
- 4.1.8 Re-election of Monica Mächler
- 4.1.9 Re-election of Kishore Mahbubani
- 4.1.10 Re-election of Jasmin Staiblin
- 4.1.11 Re-election of Barry Stowe
- 4.1.12 Election of Peter Maurer

#### 4.2 Re-elections of the members of the Remuneration Committee

Subject to their re-election as members of the Board of Directors, the Board of Directors proposes the re-election of Michel M. Liès, Catherine Bessant, Christoph Franz, Sabine Keller-Busse, Kishore Mahbubani and Jasmin Staiblin as members of the Remuneration Committee for a term of office ending with the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting.

- 4.2.1 Re-election of Michel M. Liès
- 4.2.2 Re-election of Catherine Bessant
- 4.2.3 Re-election of Christoph Franz
- 4.2.4 Re-election of Sabine Keller-Busse
- 4.2.5 Re-election of Kishore Mahbubani
- 4.2.6 Re-election of Jasmin Staiblin

#### 4.3 Re-election of the Independent Voting Rights Representative

The Board of Directors proposes to re-elect the Law Office Keller Partnership, Zurich, as Independent Voting Rights Representative for a term of office ending with the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting.

#### 4.4 Re-election of the Auditors

The Board of Directors proposes to re-elect Ernst & Young Ltd, Zurich, as Auditors for the financial year 2022.

#### 5. Approval of the remuneration

The Remuneration Report 2021 (<a href="www.zurich.com/en/investor-relations/results-and-reports">www.zurich.com/en/investor-relations/results-and-reports</a>) provides detailed information on the remuneration system of Zurich Insurance Group Ltd and its affiliates, and in particular includes details on the fee structure of the Board of Directors and the remuneration framework for the Executive Committee. The following sets out explanations and proposals of the Board of Directors on agenda item 5.

#### 5.1 Approval of the remuneration for the Board of Directors

#### Explanation

The proposed maximum total remuneration for the Board of Directors for the period from the Annual General Meeting 2022 to the Annual General Meeting 2023 is CHF 6,000,000. The amount is CHF 90,000 higher compared with the previous year. The amount proposed follows the same methodology adopted in previous years and is based on the premise that the number of members of the Board of Directors and the designated responsibilities remain unchanged from what is anticipated. There is no change to the Board fee structure from the prior period.

# Anticipated fees for twelve members of the Board of Directors for the period Annual General Meeting 2022–Annual General Meeting 2023

Fees		
in cash	in shares²	Total
2,425	2,425	4,850
800	_	800
180	_	180
3,405	2,425	5,830
170	_	170
3,575	2,425	6,000
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The proposed maximum amount does not include the company-related portion of contributions to social security and pension systems in line with applicable laws. All members of the Board of Directors of Zurich Insurance Group Ltd are also members of the Board of Directors of Zurich Insurance Company Ltd and the fees cover the duties and responsibilities under both Boards of Directors. All fees are paid exclusively as a fixed amount and are not subject to the achievement of any specific performance conditions.

Further information on the remuneration of the Board of Directors, including the fees paid for the prior period compared to the amount approved for that period, can be found in the "Remuneration and shareholdings 2021 – Board of Directors" section of the Remuneration Report (<a href="www.zurich.com/en/"www.zurich.co

#### Proposal

The Board of Directors proposes to approve a maximum total amount of remuneration for the Board of Directors of CHF 6,000,000 for the period from the Annual General Meeting 2022 to the Annual General Meeting 2023.

<sup>2</sup> Half of the basic fee is provided in five-year sales-restricted shares.

<sup>3</sup> The Chairman and Vice-Chairman do not receive any additional fees for their committee work on the Board of Directors of Zurich Insurance Group Ltd and Zurich Insurance Company Ltd.

#### 5.2 Approval of the remuneration for the Executive Committee

#### Explanation

The proposed maximum total amount of remuneration for the Executive Committee for the financial year 2023 is CHF 79,000,000. This includes assumptions regarding the number of members of the Executive Committee and the remuneration structure. The amount proposed has decreased by CHF 800,000 compared with the previous year.

### Anticipated maximum amount of total remuneration for the Executive Committee for 2023

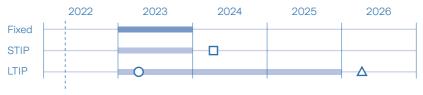
(in CHF millions)	Anticipated maximum amounts for 2023
Fixed remuneration <sup>4</sup>	17.0
Short-term incentive plan (STIP) <sup>5</sup>	23.3
Long-term incentive plan (LTIP) <sup>5</sup>	38.7
Total	79.0

Shareholder returns including dividend equivalent target shares from the date of the target share allocation until the date of vesting, the impact of share price and foreign exchange rate fluctuations, as well as the company-related portion of contributions to social security systems in line with applicable laws, are not included in the maximum total amount of remuneration.

<sup>4</sup> Fixed remuneration considers base salaries, pensions and benefits, and other remuneration.

<sup>5</sup> The variable remuneration provided under STIP and LTIP considers maximum awards of 200 percent of the estimated target amounts.

## Timing of the various remuneration elements that make up the total remuneration for 2023



Vote at AGM 2022

- Fixed remuneration includes base pay, pensions and benefits, and other remuneration during 2023.
- Payment of STIP for performance year 2023 made in March 2024 and disclosed in the Remuneration Report 2023.
- Allocation of LTIP target shares in 2023, disclosed in the Remuneration Report 2023.
- △ Assessment of the vesting level for the performance period 2023 to 2025.6
- Duration of the performance period relevant for the performance criteria of STIP (one year) and of LTIP (three years).

Further information on the remuneration of the Executive Committee, as well as the remuneration paid and allocated in 2021 compared to the amount approved for that year, can be found in the "Remuneration and share-holdings 2021 – Executive Committee" section of the Remuneration Report (www.zurich.com/en/investor-relations/results-and-reports).

#### Proposal

The Board of Directors proposes to approve a maximum total amount of remuneration for the Executive Committee of CHF 79,000,000 for the financial year 2023.

<sup>6</sup> Half of the vested performance shares are sales-restricted for a further three years such that all restrictions are lifted in 2029.

# 6. Extension of authorized share capital and respective changes to the Articles of Association (Art. 5<sup>bis</sup> and Art. 5<sup>ter</sup>)

#### Explanation

The authorized share capital approved by the General Meeting on April 7, 2021 will expire on April 7, 2023. Under Swiss law, the maximum duration of authorized share capital is two years. The Board of Directors believes it is in the best interest of the Company and its shareholders to maintain financial flexibility and extend the authorized share capital for two further years until April 6, 2024. The extension of the authorized share capital requires the corresponding extension of the validity of the combined dilution limitations for authorized and contingent share capital.

#### Proposal

The Board of Directors proposes to amend Art. 5<sup>bis</sup> and Art. 5<sup>ter</sup> of the Articles of Association as follows:

#### **Current version**

# Article 5<sup>bis</sup> Authorized Share Capital

1 The Board of Directors is authorized to increase the share capital, at the latest on April 7, 2023, by an amount not exceeding CHF 4,488,240 by issuing up to 44,882,400 fully paid registered shares with a nominal value of CHF 0.10 each. An increase in partial amounts is permitted.

# Proposed new version (changes in *bold italics*)

# Article 5<sup>bis</sup> Authorized Share Capital

1 The Board of Directors is authorized to increase the share capital, at the latest on *April 6*, *2024*, by an amount not exceeding CHF 4,488,240 by issuing up to 44,882,400 fully paid registered shares with a nominal value of CHF 0.10 each. An increase in partial amounts is permitted.

[paras. 2-4 remain unchanged]

5 Up to April 7, 2023, the total of new shares issued from (i) authorized share capital according to this art. 5<sup>bis</sup> para. 4 where the subscription rights were restricted or excluded, and (ii) contingent share capital according to art. 5<sup>ter</sup> para. 1 of these articles of association where the advance subscription rights were restricted or excluded, may not exceed 14,960,800 new shares.

# Article 5<sup>ter</sup> Contingent Share Capital

d Up to April 7, 2023, the total of new shares issued from (i) authorized share capital according to art. 5<sup>bis</sup> para. 4 of these articles of association where the subscription rights were restricted or excluded, and (ii) contingent share capital according to this art. 5<sup>ter</sup> para. 1 where the advance subscription rights were restricted or excluded, may not exceed 14,960,800 new shares.

5 Up to *April 6, 2024*, the total of new shares issued from (i) authorized share capital according to this art. 5<sup>bis</sup> para. 4 where the subscription rights were restricted or excluded, and (ii) contingent share capital according to art. 5<sup>ter</sup> para. 1 of these articles of association where the advance subscription rights were restricted or excluded, may not exceed 14,960,800 new shares.

# Article 5<sup>ter</sup> Contingent Share Capital

[para. 1 lit. a-c remain unchanged]

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All other provisions of the Articles of Association remain unchanged.

# Organizational notes

The German invitation published in the Swiss Official Gazette of Commerce (www.sogc.ch) on March 11, 2022, is the original version. In case of inconsistencies between the German version and the English or French version, the German version prevails.

#### Voting rights, proxies and authorization

Shareholders entered in the share register on March 22, 2022, 5:00 p.m. CET, as shareholders with voting rights are entitled to vote at the General Meeting. The registration in the share register does not affect the trading of shares held by registered shareholders before, during, or after the General Meeting.

In accordance with Swiss legislation on the measures to combat the Coronavirus (COVID-19), the Board of Directors has decided to hold also this year's General Meeting without the physical presence of shareholders. Shareholders may exercise their shareholder rights (incl. asking questions to the Board of Directors) at this General Meeting via the Independent Voting Rights Representative, Law Office Keller Partnership, P.O. Box, 8027 Zurich, Switzerland. The authorization and instruction of the Independent Voting Rights Representative has to be made by means of the reply card (received by March 31, 2022) or the shareholder portal of Computershare Switzerland Ltd (until April 4, 2022, 23:59 p.m. CEST).

By signing the reply card in blank or in the absence of any specific instructions in the reply card, general authorization is granted to the Independent Voting Rights Representative to vote in favor of motions or voting recommendations made by the Board of Directors.

#### General information

The Annual Report, which includes the Remuneration Report and the reports of the Auditors, is available on <a href="www.zurich.com/agm">www.zurich.com/agm</a> as from March 11, 2022. It will be available for inspection at the registered office of the Company (at the reception at Alfred-Escher-Strasse 45, 8002 Zurich, Switzerland), as from March 11, 2022 and shareholders may further request that a copy of the Annual Report be sent to them.

General questions related to the General Meeting may be submitted to the share register of the Company via email to shareholder.services@zurich.com.

The General Meeting can be watched as webcast with simultaneous translations into German and English on <a href="www.zurich.com/agm">www.zurich.com/agm</a> from 2:15 p.m. CEST on April 6, 2022. The webcast will then be available for three months on <a href="www.zurich.com/agm">www.zurich.com/agm</a>.

Zurich, March 10, 2022

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