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AUSTRALIA'S FASTEST-GROWING DIRECT LIFE INSURER

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NobleOak is an independent, Australian APRA-regulated life insurer. NobleOak has been protecting Australians for over 147 years with a core belief of treating others as we would like to be treated.

We genuinely put the customer first and are proud to continue to hold the title of Australia's most awarded Direct Life Insurer.

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A PROUD HISTORY

NobleOak's history dates back to the first benevolent societies in Australia, established with the noble purpose of supporting families during their most difficult times.

Community members each contributed a small weekly sum to a shared 'fund'. When someone in the community fell seriously ill, was injured, or passed away, this fund acted as a crucial safety net for their family. 147 years on, NobleOak continues to be driven by the same mission to protect Australians and their families.

Today, NobleOak is an award-winning, digitally advanced, and rapidly growing life insurer challenging the larger, more traditional incumbents. Our commitment to providing excellent service to our customers remains unchanged.

In an increasingly individualistic world, purchasing Life Insurance to safeguard your loved ones and supporting them when you cannot is a profoundly selfless action.



FY24 PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS

In-force premiums ahead of guidance as NobleOak continues to outperform, while investing for growth and capability.

In-force premium¹
\$387m

+22% Growth vs. FY23

In-force premium
market share²
3.3%

+0.7ppts vs. Dec-22

New business
\$54m

+18% Growth vs. FY23

New Business
market share²
12.8%

2.8% above long-term target

Regulatory
capital multiple
193%

FY23 **191%**

Underlying NPAT³
\$15m

+19% Growth vs. FY23

Note:

1. Excludes the Genus administration business.
2. As at 31 December 2023. Market share calculated by dividing NobleOak's total in-force premiums and new business sales by APRA's half-year life insurance performance statistics (excluding Group, CCI and Funeral insurance premiums).
3. Underlying NPAT is a non-IFRS financial measure, defined as net profit after tax excluding the impact on the valuation of policy liability from changes in economic assumptions and other material one-off items considered by the board to not reflect underlying performance of the business (as is contemplated by ASIC RG 230 Disclosing non-IFRS financial information). Refer reconciliation on page 33.



DRIVING **GROWTH**
AND CUSTOMER
SATISFACTION
FOR LONG-TERM
PERFORMANCE

We are very confident in the long-term prospects of the NobleOak Direct Channel, where our ambition is to be a leading challenger brand in the \$11 billion Australian individual life risk market.



LETTER FROM THE CHAIR & CEO

As Australia's fastest growing and most awarded direct life insurer, we continue to gain market share by delivering high-quality products and service to our customers

Dear Shareholder,

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the management team of NobleOak Life, we are pleased to present the Company's 2024 Annual Report.

It has been another successful year for the Company, as we remained Australia's fastest growing and most awarded Direct life insurer. The NobleOak team delivered strong growth in premiums and profits as we executed our diversified growth strategy while remaining true to our values.

In an improving market, with sales volumes across the industry continuing to rebound from their 2022 lows, NobleOak continues to outperform and gain market share in both the direct and advised markets.

NobleOak has built a trusted brand in the Australian market by offering high value, contemporary life insurance products through a modern digital technology platform and omnichannel customer acquisition strategy backed by our award-winning service.

We are a leading challenger brand in the \$11 billion individual life insurance market, with a growing market share that is now 3.3% as we continue to win business from the incumbents and attract new customers to purchase life insurance directly.

Our Direct distribution model differentiates us from our competitors. It is our long-term growth engine and fundamental to the value of the Company, benefiting from structural tailwinds as customers become more self-directed and increasingly prefer to purchase financial products online.

Strong FY24 performance

In FY24, NobleOak delivered a strong financial performance, with strong in-force premium growth and tight financial disciplines to deliver margin stability and growth in underlying profits. At period end, we managed over 137,000 active policies (excluding Genus), generating more than \$387 million in annual in-force premiums. This premium, which acts as annuity stream revenue, was up 22% year on year, exceeding our market guidance of 15-20% provided at last year's AGM in November.

NobleOak's outperformance continues to be driven by above-market sales as well as lapse rates that remain lower than industry average.¹

In our Direct Channel, effective digital marketing and alliance partnerships with the likes of Budget Direct, RAC WA, Costco, and Singapore Airlines' KrisFlyer program, helped to drive in-force premiums up 14% year on year to \$91.6 million. NobleOak's market share of Direct sales increased to 17%, remaining significantly higher than the market share of Direct in-force premiums of 8.7%.

The Strategic Partner channel continues to deliver strong growth, with NobleOak's contemporary products, high-quality service and partnerships with Neos and PPS driving market share gains. In-force premiums grew by 25% to \$295.2 million, with a 12% share of advised sales in an improving market and lapse outperformance driving NobleOak's advised in-force market share up to 2.7%.

In-force premiums for Genus, our administration business, finished the year at \$24.6 million, driven by favourable lapse experience.

¹ Based on APRA data as at 31 December 2023.

LETTER FROM THE CHAIR & CEO

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Disciplined underwriting and expense management delivered strong growth in underlying net profit after tax (NPAT), up 19% year on year to \$15 million. However, statutory NPAT is down 31% to \$9.3 million, largely due to movement in provisions for onerous contracts and one-off compliance and IT project costs, offset by the impact of interest rates on policy liabilities.

Higher interest rates and growth in NobleOak's investment portfolio drove investment returns up materially to \$11.7 million, with the average return on invested assets improving to 4.4% (FY23: 2.5%).

The company's capital position remains sound, with a regulatory capital multiple of 193% as we have reached a critical inflexion point in our path to generating positive free cash flow.

Achieving this significant milestone in our growth journey marks an exciting phase for NobleOak and supports future strategic options for our business.

Our primary focus remains accelerating our organic growth by investing in product innovation and distribution, as well as exploring potential avenues for inorganic growth subject to our usual disciplined return hurdles. The potential for future dividends will also be a consideration, noting that capital levels in a life insurer naturally vary due to several factors, including claims experience and adjustments in capital assumptions.

The new phase of positive capital generation is undeniably a positive milestone for NobleOak.

Delivering our strategy

As we invest further to build the foundations for long-term growth, we are making good progress on our digital transformation to deliver a scalable technology platform with an enhanced omnichannel customer experience. We continue to build the

NobleOak team, with key investments during FY24 to support capability uplift, particularly in growth, actuarial, data and technology.

NobleOak is committed to continuing investment in innovation and growth, both organically and inorganically. We are currently testing a direct wealth proposition, new marketing strategies and an embedded insurance offering. These opportunities are designed to more smoothly integrate our life insurance products into the customer journeys for our partners and to address the needs of various market segments. These investments are essential to maintaining NobleOak's status as an innovator with a strong pipeline to drive growth.

Living our values

NobleOak has five core values that underpin our business. *Be Noble, Create Value, Adapt and Grow, Deliver on Promises, and Keep it Simple.* In FY24, employee representatives collaborated to refresh our values, ensuring they resonate across our growing business and acknowledge both our history and the diversity of our team into the future. These values inform our strategy and the way we work with our stakeholders, customers and each other, as well as underpinning our recognition and performance frameworks to ensure ongoing reflection and celebration.

Each year, we conduct an employee engagement survey and this year we commenced a partnership with Culture Amp to enhance our measurement approach and benchmark our results against other organisations. This year, 93% of our employees participated in the engagement survey, with a top quartile employee Net Promoter Score of 38 (when compared against other Australian organisations). We were also pleased to be recognised as an Employer of Choice in the 2023 Australian Business Awards.



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IN AN
IMPROVING
MARKET,

NobleOak continues to outperform and gain share in both direct and advised business.

LETTER FROM THE CHAIR & CEO

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We remain committed to listening to our employees and enhancing our culture, leadership and capability to support NobleOak's ongoing growth.

NobleOak remains committed to supporting a sustainable and ethical community, in line with our Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) strategy. Details of this framework are provided later in this report.

We are proud of the efforts of our team that made NobleOak Australia's most awarded Australian direct Life Insurer for the fifth consecutive year, winning awards from Canstar, Plan for Life, Mozo, Money Magazine, Finder, WeMoney, DBM and Feefo for quality, value and customer service. Our market-leading product, value, customer service and digital capabilities continue to resonate strongly.

AASB 17 implementation

As previously announced, from 1 July 2023 NobleOak successfully implemented and adopted AASB 17: *Insurance Contracts*, a new accounting standard for the Australian insurance sector.

A significant upfront investment of human and financial resources has been required to implement the new accounting standard. Our CFO Scott Pearson and his team have done an outstanding job to meet the regulatory deadline. Although AASB 17 does not affect our core business value drivers or strategy, it led to a \$27 million deferred tax asset at the transition. Additionally, it modestly accelerated profit recognition overall.

Board renewal

In June, we were pleased to announce the appointment of Andrew Gale as a non-executive director of NobleOak, effective from 1 September 2024. We are delighted to have Andrew join the Board given his deep actuarial and insurance expertise, and experience in the financial advice sector. He also brings broader financial services governance, strategy and risk management experience.

Board renewal remains a priority for NobleOak as we continue our growth journey.

FY25 priorities and outlook

NobleOak expects to continue to outperform and achieve above-market in-force premium growth. The management team remains focused on the key strategic priorities, including:

- Organic growth: Further strengthen brand and expand partnerships.
- Omnichannel experience: Continue to focus on digital transformation and automation.
- Customer retention: Implement personalised strategies to reduce policy lapses due to affordability.
- Data strategy: Leverage analytics and AI for better customer insights and optimised sales and marketing.
- Compliance and risk management: Further enhance our risk management framework and ensure robust compliance.
- Growth innovation: Continue investing in and testing new product ideas, both directly and with strategic partners.

We will continue to focus on enhancing the customer experience, acquisition cost and expense optimisation, developing new partnerships and distribution arrangements, improving claims management, and pricing and profitability.

Thank you to the NobleOak team for their hard work this year, as well as our customers, partners and shareholders for your continued support.



Stephen Harrison
Chair
NobleOak Life Limited



Anthony R. Brown
Chief Executive Officer
NobleOak Life Limited



FY24 OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

Continued excellence in performance and execution.



Australia's Most Awarded Direct Life Insurer 5 Years Running (2019-2023)



Maintained High Customer Satisfaction¹

Customer Portal Launched



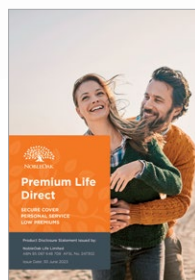
Capability Uplifts



Technology Upgrades

Note:

1. Feefo rating based on 93 service ratings over the past year (as at 15 August 2024).



Continued Product Disclosure Statement refinements to help provide our customers with the value they deserve.



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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

NobleOak Life Limited

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DIRECTORS' REPORT

The Directors of NobleOak Life Limited (ASX: NOL, NobleOak or the Company) submit their report, together with the financial report of the consolidated entity (the Group) for the year ended 30 June 2024 (the financial year).

Directors

The following persons were Directors of NobleOak during the financial year and since the end of the financial year, unless otherwise noted:

- Stephen Harrison (Chair)
- Anthony Brown (CEO)
- Andrew Boldeman
- Sarah Brennan
- Kevin Hamman
- Inese Kingsmill

As announced on 26 June 2024, Mr Andrew Gale has been appointed as an independent non-executive director of NobleOak, effective 1 September 2024.

Current Directors

The biographies for the current Directors of NobleOak are detailed below:

Stephen J Harrison – Independent Non-Executive Director

Stephen Harrison was appointed as a Director of the Company in January 2011 and as Chair of the Company in November 2018. Mr Harrison has over 35 years of experience in financial services, funds management, private equity and accounting.

Mr Harrison is currently the Chair of ASX listed companies Aumake Limited and Omega Oil & Gas. Mr Harrison is also the Chair and Co-Founder of fund manager Conscious Capital Limited. Mr Harrison has previously served as a Director of ASX-listed companies The Gruden Group/Sinetech Limited, Exoma Energy Limited and Blue Energy Limited and as Chair and Director of IncentiaPay Limited. He previously held Director positions with Investec Funds Management and the Australian subsidiary of US-based fund manager Sanford C Bernstein.

Mr Harrison holds a Bachelor of Economics from Adelaide University, and is a Certified Practising Accountant.

Other ASX listed company directorships held in the past three years:

- IncentiaPay Limited (ASX: INP): 15 February 2019-31 May 2023
- Omega Oil & Gas Limited (ASX: OMA) 3 June 2021-current
- Aumake Limited (ASX: AUK): 1 March 2022-current

Chair of the Board of Directors

Member of the Risk Committee

Member of the Audit Committee

Member of the Product & Insurance Committee

DIRECTORS' REPORT

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Anthony R Brown – Executive Director

Anthony Brown was appointed Chief Executive Officer of the Company in July 2012, and a Director of the Company in July 2013. Mr Brown has over 30 years of experience in general management, finance, strategy, operations, marketing and distribution.

Mr Brown was previously Chief Operating Officer at AMP Capital, Head of Commercial Insurance Marketing at Promina/Suncorp, Publisher at CCH Australia and Manager at KPMG.

Mr Brown has completed the General Management Program at Harvard Business School, Boston, has an MBA from the Australian Graduate School of Management, and is a Chartered Accountant. Mr Brown also holds a Bachelor of Economics degree from the University of Sydney and a Master of Commerce degree from the University of NSW. He is also a member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Other ASX listed company directorships held in the past three years:

- N/A

Chief Executive Officer of the Company

Member of the Product & Insurance Committee

Member of the Finance & Investment Committee

Andrew J Boldeman – Non-Executive Director

Andrew Boldeman was appointed as a Director of the Company in June 2020.

Mr Boldeman has spent his career in the life insurance and broader financial services industries in Australia, Asia and the UK. From 2013 to 2020, Mr Boldeman was the Managing Director of Avant Mutual, Australia's largest doctor's organisation which includes Avant Insurance, Avant Law, Doctors Health Fund as well as several technology and financial services businesses. From 2007 to 2013, Mr Boldeman was CEO Group Life at TAL. Mr Boldeman has also previously spent time as an Appointed Actuary and as a management consultant.

Mr Boldeman is currently a Non-Executive Director of Pracway Pty Ltd.

Mr Boldeman is qualified as an actuary and holds a Bachelor of Economics from Macquarie University.

Other ASX listed company directorships held in the past three years:

- N/A

Chair of the Product & Insurance Committee

Member of the Audit Committee

Member of the Nomination & Remuneration Committee

Member of the Finance & Investment Committee

DIRECTORS' REPORT

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Sarah J Brennan – Independent Non-Executive Director

Sarah Brennan was appointed as a Director of the Company in December 2021.

Ms Brennan has over 30 years' experience in financial services, encompassing life insurance, financial planning, superannuation, private client advisory, broking and banking.

Ms Brennan is currently Managing Director of BMFS Consulting. She held previous senior roles with Deutsche Bank including as Principal Officer of Deutsche Life, MLC Limited and Citigroup Life. She was also the Founder and Managing Partner of Comparator Business Benchmarking, a leading provider of benchmarking to Australian financial services markets.

Ms Brennan is currently a Non-Executive Director of ASX Listed company Netwealth Group Limited (ASX: NWL), Argo Global Listed Infrastructure Ltd (ASX: ALI), and the Non-Executive Chair of the Advisory Board for Investment Trends. Ms Brennan has previously served as a Non-Executive Director of ASX-listed Mortgage Choice Limited. Ms Brennan is a former Non-Executive Director and Founder of The Private Collection Australia and a past Deputy Chair and Non-Executive Director of the Financial Planning Association of Australia.

Ms Brennan holds a Bachelor of Arts from Macquarie University, a Graduate Management Diploma from the Australian Graduate School of Management and is a graduate member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Other ASX listed company directorships held in the past three years:

- Mortgage Choice (ASX: MOC): March 2018 – July 2021
- Netwealth Group Limited (ASX: NWL): 28 February 2024 – Present
- Argo Global Listed Infrastructure Ltd (ASX: ALI): 1 July 2024 – Present

Chair of the Audit Committee

Chair of the Risk Committee

Member of the Product & Insurance Committee

Member of the Finance & Investment Committee

Kevin Hamman – Independent Non-Executive Director

Kevin Hamman was appointed as a Director of the Company in January 2011 and Deputy Chair of the Board of Directors effective 2 December 2021.

Mr Hamman has over 35 years' experience in the financial services industry and has held various senior management and Director roles in investment and private banking.

Mr Hamman currently holds and previously held several executive directorships and senior management positions in private and public companies in the financial services, property development and investment industries including within the Private Client Division of Investec Bank Ltd, Cape of Good Hope Bank Ltd, First National Bank Ltd and Barclays Bank Ltd.

Mr Hamman holds a Bachelor of Commerce from The University of South Africa, a Diploma in Financial Services and Finance from The Institute of Bankers in South Africa and an Associate Diploma from The Institute of Bankers. Mr Hamman is also a member and graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Other ASX listed company directorships held in the past three years:

- N/A

Deputy Chair of the Board of Directors

Chair of the Finance & Investment Committee

Member of the Risk Committee

Member of the Audit Committee

Member of the Nomination & Remuneration Committee

DIRECTORS' REPORT

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Inese Kingsmill – Independent Non-Executive Director

Inese Kingsmill was appointed as a Director of the Company in December 2019.

Prior to joining the Company, Ms Kingsmill gained extensive senior experience across marketing, digital, e-commerce, sales and customer-facing functions at a range of companies. Previous positions include Chief Marketing Officer at Virgin Australia, Director of Consumer Marketing and Director of Corporate Marketing at Telstra, and Director Partner Strategy at Microsoft.

Ms Kingsmill is currently the Chair of ASX listed company hipages Group Holdings and also holds the position of Non-Executive Director of ASX-listed company Bigtincan Holdings. Ms Kingsmill is also Chair and Non-Executive Director of Sonder Holdings Pty Ltd and was formerly a Non-Executive Director of WorkVentures, Rhipe Limited, Spirit Technology Solutions and Chair of the Australian Association of National Advertisers.

Ms Kingsmill holds a Bachelor of Business (Marketing) from Western Sydney University and is a member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Chair of the
Nomination &
Remuneration
Committee

Member of the
Product & Insurance
Committee

Member of the
Finance &
Investment
Committee

Member of the
Risk Committee

Other ASX listed company directorships held in the past three years:

- Rhipe Limited (ASX: RHP): 15 April 2019 – November 2021.
- Spirit Technology Solutions (ASX: ST1): 1 July 2020 – 30 September 2021.
- hipages Group Holdings Limited (ASX: HPG): 1 October 2020 – current.
- Bigtincan Holdings Limited (ASX: BTH): 6 October 2021 – current.

Executives

The biographies for NobleOak's Chief Financial Officer and Company Secretary are detailed below:

Scott Pearson – Chief Financial Officer

Scott Pearson has held the position of Chief Financial Officer of the Company since January 2019. Mr Pearson has over 35 years' experience in the financial services industry covering health insurance, general insurance, life insurance and reinsurance.

Mr Pearson was previously Head of Finance at RGA Australia, Chief Financial Officer at Avant Mutual Group, Deputy Chief Financial Officer/Head of Group Finance & Reporting at MBF Australia Limited and has held other roles within Calliden Group Limited (formerly Reinsurance Australia Corporation) and CIC Insurance Limited.

Mr Pearson is a Certified Practising Accountant and holds a Bachelor of Business (Accounting) from Charles Sturt University.

Suzanne Barron – GM Strategic Governance & Company Secretary

Suzanne Barron was appointed as Company Secretary in June 2022. Ms Barron is also General Manager, Strategic Governance.

Ms Barron is an experienced corporate and commercial lawyer and company secretary with a wealth of experience in-house across a range of industries, including financial services, insurance, wealth management, media and FMCG. She has over 25 years' experience as a lawyer, and over 15 years' experience as a company secretary.

Ms Barron holds a Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Laws and is admitted as a solicitor of the Supreme Court of NSW. Ms Barron is a Fellow of the Governance Institute of Australia, and a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

DIRECTORS' REPORT

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Meetings of Directors

The number of meetings of the Company's Board of Directors and of each Board Committee held during the year ended 30 June 2024, and the number of meetings attended by each Director are as follows:

	Board		Risk Committee		Audit Committee		Finance & Investment Committee		Nomination & Remuneration Committee		Product & Insurance Committee	
	Eligible to attend	Attended	Eligible to attend	Attended	Eligible to attend	Attended	Eligible to attend	Attended	Eligible to attend	Attended	Eligible to attend	Attended
Mr S J Harrison ⁴	11	11	5	5	12	12					5	5
Mr A R Brown	11	11					5	5			6	6
Mr A J Boldeman ¹	11	10	2	2	9	9	5	5	5	5	6	6
Ms S Brennan ²	11	11	5	5	12	12	4	4			6	6
Mr K Hamman ³	11	11	5	3	12	12	5	5	5	5		
Ms I I Kingsmill ⁵	11	11	3	3			5	5	5	5	6	6

Notes:

- On 1 October 2023, Mr Boldeman was appointed as a Member of the Audit Committee and ceased as a Member of the Risk Committee.
- On 1 October 2023, Ms Brennan was appointed as Chair of the Risk Committee (formerly a Member) and as a Member of the Finance & Investment Committee.
- On 1 October 2023, Mr Hamman ceased as Chair of the Risk Committee but remains a Member of the Risk Committee.
- On 1 October 2023, Mr Harrison was appointed as a Member of the Product & Insurance Committee.
- On 1 October 2023, Ms Kingsmill was appointed as a Member of the Risk Committee.

DIRECTORS' REPORT

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Directors' shareholdings

The following table sets out each Director's or related entity of the Director's relevant interest in shares and rights or options in shares of the Company or a related body corporate as at the date of this report.

Name	Number of ordinary shares	Performance rights	Options	Related entity holding the security (Where applicable)
Mr A Boldeman	51,282	Nil	Nil	
Ms S Brennan	Nil	Nil	Nil	
Mr K Hamman	437,002	Nil	Nil	TK Consulting (Aust) Pty Ltd ATF The Hamman Family Trust
	88,617	Nil	Nil	KH Investments Pty Ltd ATF KH Development Trust
	227,273	Nil	Nil	Future Super KH Custodian Pty Ltd ATF Future Super Fund
	172,727	Nil	Nil	Future Super KH Pty Ltd ATF Future Super Fund
	153,000	Nil	Nil	
Mr S J Harrison	150,454	Nil	Nil	
	38,000	Nil	Nil	MSJ Capital Pty Ltd ATF Harrison Superannuation Fund
Ms I I Kingsmill	Nil	Nil	Nil	
Mr A R Brown ¹	1,875,000	772,954	Nil	
	3,980,769	Nil	Nil	Brohok Investment Co Pty Ltd

Notes:

1. Mr Anthony Brown is a participant in the Performance Rights Plan (refer note 8.3c), from the 2021 plan that matures in 2024, 66,464 shares have accrued, of the 231,795 total share entitlements available. For the 2022 plan that matures in 2025, 34,231 shares have accrued, of the 253,456 total share entitlements available. For the 2023 plan that matures in 2026, 22,974 shares have accrued, of the 287,703 total share entitlements available.

During the financial year, the following Directors had in the normal course of business, an additional interest in the Company as set out below:

- Mr A J Boldeman, formerly Board representative of Avant. Avant is a Partner of NobleOak and all transactions have been carried out under normal commercial terms. Due to Mr Boldeman being a representative of Avant prior to NobleOak's listing on the ASX, Mr Boldeman was not considered by the Board to be independent until NobleOak's listing on the ASX. Mr Boldeman ceased being a representative of Avant at the date of listing of NobleOak on the ASX.

Company Secretary

Ms Suzanne Barron was appointed as Company Secretary on 7 June 2022.

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Principal activities

The principal activities of the Group during the period were the manufacture and distribution of Life Insurance products (including death, total and permanent disability, trauma, income protection and business expenses insurance) through both its Direct and Strategic Partner (Advised) channels.

NobleOak also provides administration services for run-off Life Insurance portfolios through its subsidiary Genus Life Insurance Services Pty Ltd.

Financial review

In FY24, in-force premium increased 22% year on year to \$386.7 million (FY23: \$315.9 million). The growth in in-force premium came from both the Direct Channel and Strategic Partner Channel as follows:

- **Direct Channel:** in-force premium grew by 14% to \$91.6 million (FY23: \$80.3 million), driven by new business sales of \$10.4 million (FY23: \$10.4 million) during the year and average lapse rates that remained below the industry² at 13.2% (FY23: 10.6%); and
- **Strategic Partner Channel:** in-force premium grew by 25% to \$295.2 million (FY23: \$235.6 million). This was primarily driven by new business sales during the year of \$43.9 million (FY23: \$35.8 million) and average lapse rates that remained below the industry at 10.2% (FY23: 7.2%).

NobleOak's Underlying NPAT for FY24 was \$15.0 million, up 19% from FY23 (\$12.6 million). On a statutory basis, NPAT reduced by 31.0% to \$9.3 million (FY23: \$13.5 million), after including the impact of changes in economic assumptions on the valuation of policy liabilities, the movement in provisions for onerous contracts and non-recurring costs such as those relating to the implementation of the new accounting standard AASB 17 *Insurance Contracts*.

NobleOak is well capitalised with a regulatory solvency ratio of approximately 193% at 30 June 2024. NobleOak continues to prudently monitor its capital position to ensure the business remains well capitalised to support its existing customers and invest in the business to drive further growth.

People

NobleOak conducts an annual employee engagement survey, comprising questions across areas such as purpose and values, risk culture, career and development, leadership, enablement and collaboration, company confidence and alignment, feedback and recognition and work and life blend. Our most recent employee engagement survey was conducted in December 2023, using our new Culture Amp platform. 93% of our employees participated in the survey, with an excellent employee Net Promoter Score (NPS) of 38, exceeding the average Australian top quartile NPS of 36, and 87% of employees stating that they would recommend NobleOak as a great place to work. We were also pleased to be recognised as an Employer of Choice in the 2023 Australian Business Awards.

We remain committed to listening to our employees and continuously enhancing our culture, leadership and capability to support NobleOak's ongoing growth.

Annual Corporate Governance Statement

NobleOak is committed to achieving high corporate governance standards. In accordance with the 4th edition ASX Corporate Governance Council's Principles and Recommendations, the Company's annual Corporate Governance Statement, as approved by the Board, is published and available on the Company's website at: <https://www.nobleoak.com.au/corporate-governance/>.

2. Based on APRA Data dated 31 December 2023.

DIRECTORS' REPORT

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Changes in state of affairs

Other than the matters disclosed above, there were no significant changes in the state of affairs of the Consolidated Group during the financial year.

Subsequent events

No matters or circumstances, other than that referred to in the financial statements or notes thereto, have arisen subsequent to the end of the financial year that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect, the operations of the Consolidated Group, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the Consolidated Group in future financial years.

Future developments

For information regarding the likely developments in the operations of the Company in future financial years, please refer to the Outlook within the Operating Review on page 36.

Regulatory change impacts

During the year, NobleOak has completed its transition project to implement the new accounting standard AASB 17 *Insurance Contracts*. This is a comprehensive new accounting standard for insurance and reinsurance contracts that replaces AASB 1038 within the Australian Life Insurance industry. It applies to all insurers and reinsurers, including NobleOak.

This financial report has been prepared in compliance with AASB 17 and introduces significant change in the recognition, measurement, presentation, and disclosure of insurance contracts.

The company provided an information session in February 2024 on the key impacts of the transition to AASB 17. The accounting standard does not impact the underlying business value drivers and strategy for NobleOak, but will see some changes in the timing of recognition of profits across NobleOak's business segments.

A significant investment was required to implement AASB 17 to ensure that NobleOak's accounting policies and financial reporting were compliant by the regulatory deadline.

Further details on AASB 17 are outlined in note 1 of the Financial Statements.

Dividend Payments

In FY24 NobleOak's capital position relative to regulatory and target capital has improved. This represents a significant milestone in NobleOak's successful growth journey, with capital generated from the in-force portfolio, adequate to cover the capital consumed to support both growth of the business and regulatory capital requirements.

Achieving this significant milestone in our growth journey marks an exciting phase for NobleOak and opens up future strategic options for our business.

In this financial period the NobleOak Board believes the best returns on capital in the near term will be achieved by reinvesting operating cash flows into the business to support its ongoing growth. Accordingly, no dividend has been declared in FY24.

DIRECTORS' REPORT

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Indemnification of Officers and Auditors

During the financial year, the Company paid insurance premiums to insure the Directors and Officers of the Company, and its related entities against any liability which may be incurred by the Directors or Officers in carrying out their duties in good faith, to the extent permitted by the *Corporations Act 2001* (Corporations Act).

The Company has not otherwise, during or since the end of the financial year, except to the extent permitted by law, indemnified or agreed to indemnify an officer or auditor of the Company or of any related entities against a liability incurred as such an officer or auditor.

Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Framework

NobleOak continues to be a strong supporter of a sustainable and ethical community and continues to invest towards ensuring the sustainability of its growth in line with its ESG strategy and framework.

The NobleOak Board and management recognise the importance of sound environmental, social and governance frameworks.

Environmental

NobleOak seeks to manage its environmental footprint in its daily operations and has established a series of metrics against which to continuously measure and monitor impacts. NobleOak is headquartered at 44 Market Street, Sydney, which has a 5-star NABERS Energy Rating and a 4.5 Star NABERS Water Rating.

NobleOak continually explores opportunities to evolve the management of its environmental footprint and reduce carbon emissions. NobleOak regularly educates employees with respect to environmental matters, and the overall commitment to social responsibility, including the actions employees can take to support waste reduction and recycling.

NobleOak's technology transformation program and launch of a new client portal in FY24 will move many customer interactions online, reducing the reliance on physical documents. In FY24 NobleOak offset its remaining carbon emissions by purchasing a mixture of Australian Carbon Credit Units and international Carbon offsets also known as VERs – Verified Emission Reductions.

Social

NobleOak is committed to supporting, and actively promoting human rights and equity, with a focus on NobleOak's employees, our customers and our community. For employees we seek to foster an inclusive culture that empowers all employees to be their authentic self at work. Survey results indicate that this is working well.

NobleOak has a customer-focused culture and service-led value proposition, genuinely putting the customer first. We are proud to continue to hold the title of Australia's most awarded Direct Life Insurer.

At a community level, a key initiative in FY24 was the launch of a community giving program encouraging all employees to lead fundraising initiatives within their communities with NobleOak to match donations.

NobleOak strongly advocates for workplace diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging and in FY24, we have focused on storytelling and bringing different perspectives to life, including through company-wide events to increase awareness.

Leadership diversity is a key focus of talent and succession processes and although 40% female representation was maintained in NobleOak's Senior Leadership Team, NobleOak continues to seek diverse candidates in talent processes and has built a strong leadership pipeline, with females representing 55% of all people leaders.

NobleOak continues its journey to close the gender pay gap, strengthening remuneration policies, methodology and processes to reduce the total remuneration and base salary pay gaps year on year. Analysis has shown that the remaining pay gap reflects the gender representation across role types and seniority and the associated differences in market remuneration, rather than reflecting a pay differential for employees performing the same roles.

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Governance

NobleOak is committed to good corporate governance and risk management practices and to promoting investor confidence through transparency and appropriate and timely disclosure. NobleOak's Corporate Governance Statement, as approved by the Board, is published and available on the Company's website at: <https://www.nobleoak.com.au/corporate-governance/>.

NobleOak's corporate governance practices are aligned to the ASX Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations and are brought to life through the NobleOak purpose and values. NobleOak consistently reviews the sustainability of its growth and performance while continuing to uplift governance and risk management frameworks.

	ESG Measure	Key Metrics & Target/s	By When	Relevant UN SDG	Comments
Environment	Climate change	Carbon emissions - Net zero by 2030	30 Jun 2030	13, 15	Purchased 1263 ACCUs for 2022/2023 and 1280 VERs to be certified as Carbon Neutral (for business operations) by Climate Active
Social	Workplace multicultural diversity	Team members from diverse cultural backgrounds outside of Australia	Ongoing	3, 5	73% of employees identify with an ethnicity from outside Australia
	Workplace gender diversity	40/40/20 gender mix	Ongoing	5, 10	59% of employees currently identify as female
	Leadership gender diversity	Senior Leadership Team 40/40/20 gender mix ³	Ongoing	5, 10	40% of SLT members currently identify as female
	Human rights & Modern Slavery	Commitment to Human Rights	Ongoing	1, 3, 10	Modern Slavery Statement and screening of suppliers in place. NobleOak is developing an appropriate human rights policy.
Governance	Board diversity	Board 40/20/20 gender mix	Ongoing	5, 10	Currently 33.3% female: 66.7% male ⁴
	Ethical standards	Score all employees on cultural adherence, including nobility/integrity	Ongoing	9, 12	Employee survey includes culture, leadership and values questions. Our performance and recognition processes also incorporate values.
	Linking E&S with Executive remuneration	Incorporate culture/values measures in each manager's STI	Ongoing	8, 17	Shared Culture KPI is held by the senior leadership team and includes purpose, leadership, values, ESG and employee retention. All other leaders have a team specific culture leadership KPI.

3. 40% female-identifying; 40% male-identifying; 20% of any gender.

4. NobleOak has announced the appointment of a new director from 1 September 2024 which will result in a gender mix outside the target range, being 28.6% female:71.4% male. NobleOak ensured that the selection process considered diversity and inclusion as part of the criteria, and ultimately selected the best candidate for NobleOak at this time. NobleOak acknowledges this is a move away from the gender mix targets but also notes that board renewal is a long-term activity and is ongoing.

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Cyber security

Cyber security remains one of our highest priorities as we continue to strengthen our commitment to protecting our customer data. Our dedication to safeguarding sensitive information is reflected in our substantial investments in our security posture. By constantly enhancing and increasing our resilience, we ensure that our defences are robust and capable of addressing the evolving landscape of cyber threats. We emphasise prevention and stay up-to-date with latest advancements in cyber security to proactively mitigate potential risks.

We adhere to APRA CPS234 standards and the guidelines set by the Australian Cyber Security Centre and the NIST Cyber security Framework, conducting more frequent internal and external audits to assess and maintain our cyber health. Regular employee education programs further reinforce our commitment to cyber awareness, ensuring that our staff are well-informed and vigilant. Our comprehensive approach to cyber security underscores our commitment to protecting our customers and maintaining their trust in our services.

Proceedings on behalf of company

No person has applied for leave of Court to bring proceedings on behalf of the Company or to intervene in any proceedings to which the Company is a party for the purpose of taking responsibility on behalf of the Company for all or any part of those proceedings. The Company was not a party to any such proceedings during the year.

Auditor's independence declaration and non-audit services

The auditor's independence declaration is included on page 62 of the financial report.

Details of amounts paid or payable to the auditor for non-audit services provided during the year by the auditor are outlined in 8.1 to the financial statements.

The Directors are satisfied that the provision of non-audit services, during the year, by the auditor (or by another person or firm on the auditor's behalf) is compatible with the general standard of independence for auditors imposed by the Corporations Act.

The Directors are of the opinion that the services as disclosed in 8.1 to the financial statements do not compromise the external auditor's independence, based on advice received from the Audit Committee, for the following reasons:

- all non-audit services comply with the NobleOak audit independence policy and have been reviewed and approved to ensure that they do not impact the integrity and objectivity of the auditor; and
- none of the services undermine the general principles relating to auditor independence as set out in Code of Conduct APES 110 '*Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants*' issued by the Accounting Professional & Ethical Standards Board, including reviewing or auditing the auditor's own work, acting in a management or decision-making capacity for the Company, acting as advocate for the Company or jointly sharing economic risks and reward.

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Rounding of amounts

The Company is of a kind referred to in ASIC Corporations (Rounding in Financial/Directors' Reports) Instrument 2016/191, dated 24 March 2016 and in accordance with that Corporations Instrument amounts in this report, and the financial report, have been rounded off to the nearest thousand dollars.

This report is made in accordance with the resolution of the Board of Directors.

On behalf of the Directors



Anthony R Brown
Director



Stephen Harrison
Chair

Sydney, 29 August 2024

OPERATING AND FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Board presents its FY24 operating and financial review to provide shareholders with an overview of the Company’s operations, business strategy, financial position, and prospects for the future. This review complements the financial report and has been prepared to provide useful and meaningful information.

As an APRA-regulated friendly society, NobleOak manufactures and distributes life risk insurance products (including death, total and permanent disability, trauma, income protection and business expenses insurance) through both its Direct and Strategic Partner (Advised) channels. NobleOak also provides administration services for run-off Life Insurance portfolios through its subsidiary Genus Life Insurance Services Pty Ltd.

NobleOak’s core values

NobleOak has five core values which help to link its 147-year-old heritage with its relatively new existence as a demutualised friendly society. These values underpin NobleOak’s business model and are summarised as follows:

Be Noble

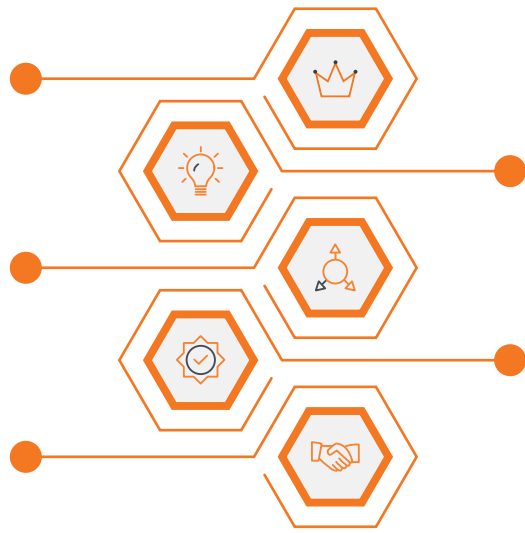
- I contribute with integrity and honesty
- We trust each other, show compassion, and role model our values
- Our customers are supported with genuine and compassionate care

Adapt and Grow

- I am flexible, embracing change and growth
- We learn together and harness diverse opinions to find the best outcome
- Our customer offerings are evolved to anticipate their changing needs

Deliver on Promises

- I take initiative and deliver on promises
- We work together to achieve our goals, overcome challenges and celebrate success
- Our customers receive exceptional service whenever they need it



Create Value

- I explore new ideas to challenge the status quo
- We are open minded and inspire innovation by testing and learning from one another
- Our customers gain from our innovations

Keep it Simple

- I communicate clearly and keep things simple
- We streamline processes and simplify information
- Our customer’s journey is transparent and personalised

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Overview of NobleOak's operations

NobleOak is a challenger brand to the more traditional life risk insurance market incumbents and operates across the life insurance value chain, including product design and manufacturing, marketing, distribution, administration, underwriting and claims.

NobleOak operates across three business lines:

- **Direct Channel:** more affordable and accessible Life Insurance products delivered through an omnichannel customer acquisition strategy. These products are mostly NobleOak branded policies marketed and distributed by NobleOak, direct-to-market and through Alliance Partners;
- **Strategic Partner Channel:** white-labelled tailored Life Insurance products designed and delivered in partnership with developers and distributors of intermediated life risk insurance policies ("Strategic Partners") on an advised basis; and
- **Genus:** administration business, managing insurance portfolios which are no longer issuing new policies (entirely reinsured).



Direct business

NobleOak-branded policies marketed and distributed by NobleOak, including through Alliance Partners and without personal financial advice

Direct Channel

Financially protect Australian lives and wealth – with integrity
Delivering a full suite of life insurance products and services:
including term life, TPD, income protection, trauma, business expenses

Strategic Partner Channel

Tailored advised products

NobleOak-issued white labelled policies marketed and administered by Strategic Partners' adviser/member networks



Genus

Administration business

Administration of legacy life insurance portfolios



By operating across three business lines, NobleOak is able to generate diversified revenue streams with varying exposures to different customer demographics and parts of the life risk insurance value chain which are exposed to structural growth trends.

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Strategy & focus during the year

NobleOak continues to focus on disciplined growth and sustainability, operating within a well-defined culture and risk framework. Keys to long term sustainability are:

- a service focused business model;
- disciplined underwriting;
- strong claims management and reinsurer relationships; and
- prudent capital management.

NobleOak's purpose is to financially protect Australian lives and wealth with integrity.

The Company's value proposition is to provide:

- secure cover;
- best personal service; and
- value for money,

from a provider customers can trust.

NobleOak's strategy continues to focus on achieving organic growth in the Direct Channel, complemented by growth in its Strategic Partner Channel and Genus administration business.

In FY24, the NobleOak management team focused on three main strategic priorities.

- Firstly, to build on the Company's position as Australia's fastest-growing Direct life insurer. The Direct Channel is NobleOak's key long-term growth engine, and the Company remains committed to continuing to invest in its strong brand, technology and diversified network of distribution partners;
- Secondly, to build and support NobleOak's network of adviser partners in the Strategic Partner Channel. The advised market remains an important growth opportunity, and the Company is committed to working closely with its partners to continue to grow market share; and
- Thirdly, focusing on optimising the business to achieve economies of scale. This will be driven by growth and further assisted by our ongoing investment in technology.

These strategic priorities are underpinned by ongoing investment in NobleOak's people, who are the heart of the business.

We remain well capitalised to continue our growth trajectory. In FY24, NobleOak has also been considering opportunities for moving into adjacent areas such as direct wealth.

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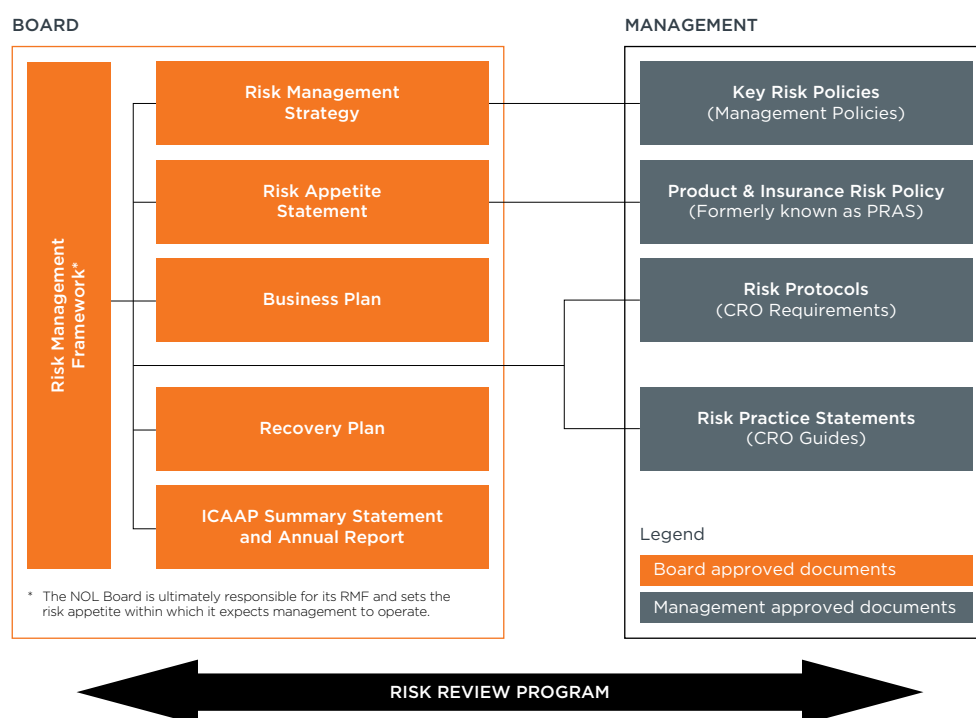
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Risk management

Risk Management Framework

NobleOak has systems, structures and processes in place for identifying, assessing, mitigating and monitoring internal and external sources of risks that could have a material impact on its operations. This comprises NobleOak's Risk Management Framework.

Outlined below are the components of NobleOak's Risk Management structure and Internal Capital Adequacy Assessment Process (ICAAP).



NobleOak's risk management and appetite objectives are to:

- provide a framework to enable the identification and management of risk at all levels of the organisation as set out in its Risk Management Framework (RMF);
- align the risk management effort to the objectives and goals of the organisation to ensure that key risks are addressed, including new and emerging risks;
- manage identified risks within the risk appetite of the organisation and specifically within risk tolerances as set out in its Risk Appetite Statement (RAS); and
- manage its capital in accordance with its Internal Capital Adequacy Assessment Process.

These objectives are to be met by:

- enabling a consistent and enterprise-wide risk process for adoption;
- defining risk roles and responsibilities across different levels of the organisation;
- helping embed risk management as part of the way business is undertaken;
- encouraging a culture of disclosure; and
- requiring a regular re-assessment and reporting of risk to management, the Risk Committee and the NobleOak Board.

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Principal Risks

NobleOak's Risk Management Framework sets out the approach to the management of risk at NobleOak with a focus on empowering employees to identify, promptly report and manage risk in consultation with specialist risk resources. NobleOak's senior leadership team is responsible for managing key material risks in the business under the guidance of a Chief Risk Officer.

NobleOak's Risk Committee ultimately considers key material risks and refers risks under the RMF and the RAS to the Board for decision-making on risk taking or recommendation on risk management actions.

Key material risks to NobleOak have been segregated into eight categories in the NobleOak RAS:

- **Capital Risk:** refers to the risk that Target Capital levels are not adequately maintained, there is an insufficient supply of capital to execute the NobleOak Business Plan, and/or capital cannot be accessed when required.

NobleOak closely monitors capital requirements for each benefit fund to ensure a prudent level of capital adequacy at all times, and transfers capital from the management fund to the benefit fund where required to support growth activities and increasing capital requirement as the business grows. Profits accumulated in the benefit funds in excess of projected capital requirements are transferred (centralised) to the management fund with Board approval and supporting advice from the Appointed Actuary.

- **Life Insurance Risk:** refers to the potential for loss or adverse impacts resulting from activities involved in manufacturing and distributing life insurance products as well as operating a life insurance business. This risk category includes:

- premium and reserving risks;
- underwriting risk, including mortality, morbidity and longevity risks;
- adverse movements in claims liabilities;
- reinsurance risk including reinsurer terms and reinsurance asset concentration capital charges;
- discontinuance (lapse) risk;
- concentration of insurance risk in relation to higher risk income protection products; and
- life insurance market disruption risk including new entrants.

As a result of NobleOak's strong growth, the company's reinsurance asset concentration exposures continue to increase. This growth requires ongoing assessment of measures required to mitigate asset concentration risk. Current mitigation arrangements include:

- *Claims Settlement Terms* – this represents changes to reinsurance arrangements so that funds from reinsurers are provided to the Company on a 'claims reserved' basis for certain claims categories, rather than on a 'claims paid' basis;
- *Deposit Back Arrangement* – this represents changes to reinsurance arrangements so that the reinsurer provides assets to the Company in support of and as security over estimated reinsurance exposures; and
- *Letters of Credit (LOC)* – this represents guarantees from banks with suitable credit ratings, that provide security to NobleOak against the default risk of its reinsurance asset exposure.

These arrangements, whilst effective, have varying levels of efficiency and cost, therefore NobleOak is continually considering alternative mitigants and structures that may be more efficient and cost effective over the longer term.

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NobleOak also mitigates these risks by applying its underwriting strategy to diversify the type of insurance risks accepted and the level of insured benefits.

- **Asset Risk:** refers to the potential for financial loss or adverse impacts arising from NobleOak's assets. This risk category includes:
 - asset-liability mismatch risk;
 - market and investment risk (volatility of investments);
 - macro economic risks impacting insurance liability management including rising inflation and interest rates;
 - liquidity risk;
 - credit risk (changing credit spreads and actual defaults); and
 - reinsurance asset concentration risk.

NobleOak mitigates asset and investment risks by applying its investment strategy and policy, which are aligned to the NobleOak RAS.

- **Operational Risk:** refers to the potential losses or adverse impacts resulting from inadequate or failed internal processes, people, systems, projects or from external events. This risk category includes:
 - cyber risk;
 - compliance and outsourcing risk;
 - risks associated with the retention, capability and capacity of people;
 - risks associated with the performance of service providers and partners; and
 - failure to comply with, and adverse changes to, applicable laws and regulations.

NobleOak mitigates operational risk through the implementation of controls to monitor compliance with policies and procedures, such as quality assurance, staff training, and resource planning to manage staff capacity.

- **Regulatory Risk:** refers to the adverse impacts arising from a change in laws and regulations. A regulatory change may have an increase on the costs of operating, change the competitive landscape and impact business objectives.

NobleOak mitigates regulatory risk by monitoring upcoming regulatory change and adequately planning for the implementation and impacts of regulatory change.

- **Strategic, Reputational and Contagion Risk:** refers to the potential for loss or adverse impacts arising from poorly designed and implemented strategies or significant unforeseen business events.

NobleOak mitigates these risks by monitoring its carbon footprint, establishing governance frameworks for partners and annual review of the business plan.

- **Culture and Conduct Risk:** refers to the potential for loss or adverse impacts associated with poor behaviours or decisions, including those that give rise to outcomes that do not demonstrate good value, sound customer service and fairness and transparency in decision making, particularly in the management of claims.

NobleOak mitigates these risks by implementing quality assurance and peer reviews in claims management, as well as having a consequence management framework and an incident and breach management process for escalation of issues.

- **Market Risk:** refers to the risk associated with being an entity listed on the ASX and includes compliance and market transparency risk and the potential contagion risk on NobleOak's purpose, operations, values and culture.

NobleOak mitigates these risks by regular monitoring of compliance requirements, staff training to ensure awareness of requirements, and appropriate approvals prior to the disclosure of market information.

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- **Life Insurance Market Disruption Risk:** Not responding to changes in the competitive landscape in the life insurance industry such as new competitors offering superior product propositions and service resulting in loss of market share through increased lapses or requiring a reduction in pricing to maintain product competitiveness.

NobleOak is committed to ensuring it is compliant with its regulatory obligations as well as maintaining strong governance across all areas of the business.

Life insurance and regulatory environment

As discussed further in the Financial Statements, NobleOak has now fully transitioned to the AASB 17 *Insurance Contracts* accounting standard effective 1 July 2023. AASB 17 is the Australian equivalent of the International Accounting Standard IFRS 17 *Insurance Contracts*, and represents a material change in the accounting of life insurance contracts, previously dealt with under a margin on services approach, in accordance with AASB 1038 *Life Insurance Contracts*.

The regulatory landscape in 2024/2025 otherwise continues to pose significant challenges for life insurers in Australia, as the industry grapples with a wave of reforms and heightened scrutiny by regulators.

NobleOak's key regulators, ASIC and APRA, have prioritised a number of issues which are fundamental to life insurers such as NobleOak, including (as articulated by APRA) operational and cyber resilience and the need to balance financial sustainability with affordability and availability. All APRA-regulated entities are required to ensure they take steps to be resilient against the threat of cyber-attacks and meet the standards expected of them under *Prudential Standard CPS 234 Information Security*.

A new prudential standard, *Prudential Standard CPS 230 Operational Risk Management*, will come into effect from 1 July 2025. This will require life insurers to identify critical operations and material service providers in order to ensure they operate with strong control frameworks and effective business continuity plans.

There will also be a significant shift in March 2025 when the Financial Accountability Regime (FAR) comes into effect for life insurers. FAR will impose a strengthened responsibility and accountability framework for APRA-regulated entities (including life insurance companies) as well as for directors and senior executives.

We otherwise anticipate an increased focus on product sustainability, with potential penalties for unsustainable products or practices.

ASIC's focus is also on consumer protection, including enforcement action targeting poor distribution of financial products, insurance claims handling, compliance with the reportable situation regime and compliance with financial hardship obligations. The Design and Distribution Obligations regime is another area of focus, with ASIC demonstrating a willingness to pursue litigation for non-compliance, emphasising the need for insurers to have robust compliance frameworks and internal review processes. Significant changes to Australia's privacy laws are also expected to increase organisational exposure for data governance failures.

NobleOak welcomes reforms and industry efforts which are designed to deliver better outcomes for customers and establish an atmosphere of increased transparency and trust. NobleOak is confident that the regulatory focuses align with NobleOak's values and strong customer focus.

As in previous years, NobleOak believes it is well positioned to take advantage of industry disruption to drive further sustainable growth in the business. Nevertheless, NobleOak continues to prudently monitor and manage the risks posed by regulatory changes and ensures that it remains in compliance with its regulatory obligations.

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FY24 results overview

In the year to 30 June 2024, NobleOak continued to deliver strong in-force premium growth across the Direct (digital and alliance partners) and Strategic Partner segments while continuing to grow its market share. Disciplined underwriting and expense management continues to contribute to sustainable profit growth.

At period end, NobleOak had more than 137,000 active policies (excluding Genus), up 14% from 30 June 2023. These policies represented over \$387 million of annual in-force premiums (30 June 2023: \$316 million), which grew by 22%, significantly outperforming the industry which grew by 2% over the 12-month period.⁵

We are pleased to report that NobleOak's in-force premium growth of 22% exceeded its guidance provided at the November 2023 AGM for in-force premium growth of between 15% to 20%.

As a result NobleOak's market share of in-force premium grew from 2.6% to 3.3%.⁵

NobleOak delivered the following financial results for the year ended 30 June 2024.

After Tax Result by Segment \$'000	FY24	Restated FY23	Variance
Direct Channel	5,882	3,967	48%
Strategic Partner	8,284	7,798	6%
Genus	842	799	5%
Group Underlying NPAT¹	15,008	12,564	19%
<i>Recurring Adjustments</i>			
Impact of policy liability economic assumption changes (post tax)	873	3,308	
Impact of changes in loss recognition reserves (post tax)	(1,465)	(494)	
<i>Non-Recurring Adjustments</i>			
Impact of Funeral Fund member Allocation	(780)	-	
Impact of AASB 17 expenses (post tax)	(2,632)	(1,535)	
Impact of IT transformation and product development project expenses (post tax)	(1,722)	(337)	
Reported NPAT	9,282	13,506	(31%)
Reported Diluted earnings per share (cents)	10.49	15.34	(32%)
Underlying Diluted earnings per share (cents)	16.97	14.27	19%

¹ Underlying NPAT is a non-IFRS financial measure, defined as net profit after tax excluding the impact of one-off and recurring items. Disclosing an underlying measure of profits allows the users of financial information to better assess the underlying performance of the business (as is contemplated by ASIC RG 230 Disclosing non-IFRS financial information). More details on the recurring and non-recurring adjustment are provided in the Statutory to Management Result Reconciliation Section of this Directors' Report.

⁵ APRA Data as at 31 Dec 2023.

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Key Metrics²

\$'000/%	Consolidated		
	FY24	Restated FY23	Variance
In-force premiums (ex Genus) at period end	386,735	315,949	+22%
New business	54,359	46,232	+18%
Net insurance premium	98,632	77,637	+27%
Underlying gross insurance margin	11.2%	11.6%	(0.4 pts)
Underlying administration expense ratio	7.1%	7.2%	+0.1 pts
Investment return (% insurance premium)	1.6%	1.0%	+0.6 pts
Underlying⁶ NPAT	15,008	12,564	+19%

² Key metrics of the business are based on the way management analyses business performance. See the Statutory to Management Result Reconciliation Section of the Directors' Report for more information.

NobleOak is focused on maintaining its key financial disciplines which deliver margin stability.

The key growth metrics are outlined below:

- Underlying NPAT of \$15.0 million, up 19% year on year;
- Active policies in place at 30 June 2024 now exceed 137,000 (14% growth);
- In-force premium at 30 June 2024 grew by 22% to \$386.7 million;
- Net Insurance premium increased by 27% to \$98.6 million; and
- Underlying administration expense ratio reduced slightly to 7.1% (FY23: 7.2%).

NobleOak's Statutory Reported NPAT was \$9.3 million for the year, down 31% from FY23, largely due to the movement in provision for onerous contracts and one-off compliance and IT project costs offset by the impact of changing economic assumption (interest rates) on policy liabilities.

NobleOak retains surplus capital above its target and regulatory capital requirement, providing flexibility to continue its organic growth, while meeting its obligations to policyholders and other stakeholders.

The following section provides an overview of some of the Group's consolidated key metrics. More detailed commentary is included in the Operating Segment Review beginning on page 37.

In-force premium and new business

Over the reporting period, sales volumes in the Australian Life Insurance industry continued to improve following the negative impact of industry-wide Income Protection product changes in October 2021.

In-force premiums are the key value driver of NobleOak's business, and the Company achieved strong growth of 22% year on year to \$386.7 million, significantly outperforming the industry which grew by 2%.

Pleasingly, NobleOak's new business sales have increased by 18% year-on-year, with a significantly higher market share of new business sales delivering continued market share growth. As a result, in-force premium market share grew to approximately 3.3% at 31 December 2023 (Dec 2022: 2.6%).

NobleOak's outperformance has been driven by a strong share of new business sales of approximately 12.8% for 12 months to December 2023 (12 months to December 2022: 13.0%) and lower than industry average lapse rates across both the Direct and Strategic Partner segments.

⁶ Underlying NPAT is reconciled to Reporting NPAT on page 33.

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Net insurance premium

Total net insurance premium grew by 27% to \$98.6 million in FY24 (FY23: \$77.6 million), benefiting from the strong growth in sales volumes and ongoing favourable lapse experience.

Underlying gross insurance margin (before admin expenses)

NobleOak delivered another strong underwriting performance during the period, with the gross insurance margin slightly lower than the prior year.

NobleOak transitioned to a new Appointed Actuary in FY24. This has resulted in a number of refinements in actuarial estimation techniques. The most significant items were in the Direct segment which included strengthening in claims handling expense provisions which were offset by the impact of refinements in the technique for calculating the release of contract services margins.

The Direct segment margins have improved in FY24 following model changes to strengthening reserves included in the FY23 results.

Underlying claims experience has increased in the period, and is now trending in line with industry averages (prior periods had been favourable to industry averages). This is particularly evident in the Strategic Partner segment. With the NobleOak portfolio now maturing we expect claims experience in the future to continue to trend in line with industry averages, stabilising the insurance margins.

During the year, a one-off surplus on the Funeral Fund has been allocated to members, which resulted in a \$0.8 million reduction in profit before tax. This is a non-recurring item as this represents the majority of remaining unallocated assets.

Underlying administration expense ratio

NobleOak's disciplined approach to investing to build capability continues to drive operating leverage. The investment in digital technology and actuarial, risk and claims team capability is designed to support long-term sustainable growth. The underlying administration expense ratio reduced slightly to 7.1% (FY23: 7.2%).

Both the current and prior years have benefited from the transfer of claims handling expenses to the claims expense line in the income statement, bringing NobleOak into line with its peers and with the AASB 17 accounting standard.

As foreshadowed in the 2023 Annual Report, the business also incurred significant costs associated with implementation of the new insurance accounting standard AASB 17 *Insurance Contracts* and investment in IT transformation and product development projects. The technology initiative has transitioned the Company's IT platform to a versatile cloud-based system with new processes, automated forms, and enhanced client access capabilities. These IT transformation and product development costs and the AASB 17 compliance costs are excluded from the underlying results to enable a more accurate assessment of the underlying business performance.

Administration expenses in FY24 include depreciation and amortisation expense of \$1.6m (FY23: \$1.6m).

Investment returns

Higher interest rates during the period and the overall growth of the investment portfolio drove investment returns (pre fees) up materially to \$11.7m (FY23: \$3.8m), with the average return on invested assets improving to 4.4% (FY23: 2.5%).

The growth of the portfolio benefited from the deposit back assets held to support reinsurance concentration exposure in the Strategic Partner segment. Fees for the deposit back arrangement plus normal investment management fees have been deducted against investment returns to bring the reported investment returns (post fees) to \$6.3m (FY23: \$3.4m).

Moving forward, the current interest rates are expected to continue to deliver strong investment returns on the portfolio, which retains an overall low risk profile.

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Outlook

In an environment of improving industry sales volumes, NobleOak expects to continue to outperform and achieve above-market in-force premium growth driven by a high share of new business sales and better than market lapse rates.

Higher interest rates remain a tailwind, benefiting investment returns and inflation-linked premiums and helping to mitigate inflationary pressures on costs to protect margins.

NobleOak remains committed to maintaining strong financial disciplines while investing in innovation to drive growth, as well as the next phase of its technology and digital transformation.

The Company is in a sound capital position to deliver its growth plans and has reached an important inflexion point towards free cash flow and organic capital generation. This significant milestone in NobleOak's growth journey marks an exciting phase and opens up future strategic options.

Over the longer-term, the Quality of Advice Review is expected to benefit NobleOak by supporting its Direct model and providing opportunities to expand into related areas of Direct wealth.

In FY25, the Company will focus on executing its diversified growth strategy, including the following key strategic priorities:

- Continuing organic growth by further strengthening the brand and expanding partnerships.
- Enhancing the omnichannel experience through a continued investment in digital transformation and automation.
- Improving customer retention by implementing personalised strategies to reduce policy lapses due to affordability.
- Maintaining strong financial disciplines, to deliver sustainable margins, driven by economies of scale, sound pricing and portfolio management.
- Delivering on our data strategy to leverage analytics and AI for better customer insights and optimised underwriting and marketing.
- Further enhancing the Company's risk management framework and ensuring robust compliance.
- Driving growth through innovation by developing and testing new products in our Direct and Strategic Partners channels.

OPERATING SEGMENT REVIEW

Direct

\$'000/%	FY24	Restated FY23	Variance
In-force premiums at period end	91,556	80,301	+14%
New business sales (annualised premium)	10,417	10,394	+0%
Lapse rate	13.2%	10.6%	(2.6 ppts)
Net insurance premium	47,766	41,213	+16%
Underlying gross insurance margin	27.0%	24.2%	+2.8 ppts
Administration expense ratio	19.5%	18.6%	(0.9 ppts)
Investment Return (% insurance premium)	2.3%	2.0%	+0.3 ppts
Underlying NPAT⁷	5,882	3,967	48%

Key metrics of the business are based on the way management analyses business performance. See the Statutory to Management Result Reconciliation Section of the Directors' Report for more information.

NobleOak's Direct strategy continues to deliver results, with the Company's strategy of investing in digital marketing alongside a diverse and growing range of alliance partnerships contributing to strong market share gains.

Direct channel policy count increased by 10% since June 2023, with gross in-force premiums growing by 14% to \$91.6 million (FY23: \$80.3 million). Direct market share has grown to 8.7% (of Direct Market) at 31 December 2023 compared to 7.8% at 31 December 2022.

Lapse rates are returning to more normal levels from pandemic era lows, increasing to 13.2% but remaining well below the industry average (approx. 15.3%). This is expected to continue over the medium term.

New business sales in the Direct channel remained stable at \$10.4m when overall direct sales in the market fell by 2%. Good performance from alliance partnerships, including those with Budget Direct and RAC WA, has seen NobleOak's market share on Direct Sales increase to 17.0% over the 12 months to 31 December 2023 (12 months to December 2022: 14.8%), remaining significantly higher than the market share of Direct in-force premiums of 8.7% at December 2023 (December 2022: 7.8%).

The underlying insurance margin has improved to 27%, (Jun-24: 24.2%) following reserve strengthening in the prior year.

The underlying administration expense ratio of 19.5% includes increased premises cost, investment in technology and capability within the business, including actuarial and strategic business development teams. Both the current and prior years have benefited from the transfer of claims handling expenses to the claims expense line in the income statement, which brings NobleOak into line with its peers and is consistent with the requirements of the AASB 17 accounting standards.

NobleOak transitioned to a new Appointed Actuary in FY24. This has resulted in a number of refinements in actuarial estimation techniques. The overall impact on the direct segment profit results is minimal, the most significant items being strengthening in claims handling expense provisions being offset by refinement in the technique for calculating the release of contract services margins.

The net effect of current year performance and the strengthening of reserves in the prior period results in underlying NPAT growth by 48% year on year to \$5.9 million.

7. Underlying NPAT is reconciled to Reporting NPAT on page 33.

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NobleOak continues to deliver strong customer outcomes, resulting in positive customer feedback, including:

- 4.7/5 Feefo customer rating as at 15 August 2024, with a fifth Platinum Trusted Service award;
- 4.2/5 Google customer satisfaction rating as at 30 June 2024; and
- NobleOak was again, the most awarded Australian direct Life Insurer in 2023. This is the fifth year in a row NobleOak has been the most awarded (2016-2023). In 2023 NobleOak won awards from Canstar, Plan for Life, Mozo, Money Magazine, Finder, WeMoney and DBM during the year for the quality and value of our Life Insurance and Income Protection products and received awards for our customers service from WeMoney, Feefo and Plan For Life.

Strategic Partner

\$'000/%	FY24	Restated FY23	Variance
In-force premiums at period end	295,179	235,648	+25%
New business Sales (annualised premium)	43,942	35,838	+23%
Lapse rate	10.2%	7.2%	(3.0 ppts)
Net insurance premium	48,325	33,739	43%
Underlying gross insurance margin	4.6%	5.7%	(1.1 ppts)
Administration expense ratio	1.8%	1.9%	+0.1 ppts
Investment Return (% insurance premium)	1.5%	0.7%	+0.8 ppts
Underlying NPAT⁸	8,284	7,798	6%

Key metrics of the business are based on the way management analyses business performance. See the Statutory to Management Result Reconciliation Section of the Directors' Report for more information.

The Strategic Partners channel continues to deliver strong growth, with NobleOak's contemporary products, high quality service and strong partnerships with Neos and PPS continuing to deliver market share gains.

In-force premium grew by 25% to \$295.2 million as at 30 June 2024 (Jun 23: \$235.6 million), with NobleOak's market share of advised business having grown to 2.7% as at 31 December 2023, up from 2.0% as at 31 December 2022.

Pleasingly, new business sales grew by 23%, in line with improved industry sales volumes which also grew by 24%, bouncing back after the impact of industry-wide income protection product changes in October 2021, as well as reduced advisor numbers.

NobleOak's market share of advised sales was 12.0% in the 12 months to 31 December 2023 (12 month to Dec 2022: 12.6%).

As expected, lapse rates continue to normalise from pandemic era lows, but remain well below the industry average.

The underwriting performance in the Strategic Partner channel remains strong, however, underlying claims experience has increased in the period, and is now trending in line with industry averages (prior periods had been favourable to industry averages). As NobleOak's advised portfolio matures, this trend is expected to continue, with the insurance margin stabilising.

Investment results have benefited from higher interest rates, noting that the return achieved on additional deposit back assets held (supporting reinsurance asset exposures) are offset by higher fees associated with holding these assets.

The underlying administration expense ratio remains low at 1.8% and continues to benefit from operating leverage and financial discipline.

Underlying NPAT of \$8.3 million for FY24 was up 6% year on year. We expect current margin to remain with claims experience now trending in line with industry average.

8. Underlying NPAT is reconciled to Reporting NPAT on page 33.

OPERATING SEGMENT REVIEW

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Genus

\$'000/%	FY24	FY23	Variance
In-force premiums at period end	24,582	24,740	(1%)
Administration Expenses	5,153	5,184	+0.6%
Amortisation of Portfolio Acquisition Cost Included in Administration Expenses	473	310	(53%)
Underlying NPAT⁹	842	799	5%

In-force premiums under management by Genus reduced less than expected to \$24.6 million, due to a favourable lapse experience which has continued at a low level since the conclusion of the remediation program on the Freedom portfolio in April 2022.

Genus generated \$0.8 million of Underlying NPAT in FY24: the small increase represents improved expense control whilst revenues run-off slower than expected.

The following sets out the profit or loss statement showing both the statutory presentation and the *management analysis in italics*.

The insurance operating result is further analysed as net insurance premium, net claims, net commissions and other income, policy acquisition costs, changes in policy liabilities and expenses for the purposes of explaining the key drivers of the Group's operating result and calculating key metrics. Analysis of the nature of income and expenses within the insurance operating result provides useful additional information about underlying trends in relation to the different components of underwriting profitability.

An unaudited reconciliation from the Statutory presentation to the management analysis is provided on page 41.

9. Underlying NPAT is reconciled to Reporting NPAT on page 33.

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For the year ended	Direct		Strategic Partnerships		Genus		Consolidated	
	30/06/2024	Restated 30/06/2023	30/06/2024	Restated 30/06/2023	30/06/2024	Restated 30/06/2023	30/06/2024	Restated 30/06/2023
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Insurance revenue	84,598	74,786	271,114	249,834	11,111	11,320	366,823	335,940
Insurance service expenses	(63,287)	(55,258)	(228,128)	(168,736)	(5,296)	(4,384)	(296,701)	(228,378)
Reinsurance expenses	(39,534)	(37,540)	(223,199)	(216,072)	(8,544)	(8,655)	(271,277)	(262,267)
Reinsurance income	36,325	32,578	192,100	147,299	2,729	1,719	231,154	181,596
Insurance service result	18,102	14,566	11,887	12,325	-	-	29,989	26,891
Net finance income on insurance and reinsurance contracts	(849)	3,069	821	1,223	-	-	(28)	4,292
Fees & other revenue	931	54	(906)	-	3,790	3,743	3,815	3,797
Other operating expenses	(13,417)	(9,875)	(6,373)	(4,403)	(2,895)	(2,721)	(26,444)	(19,192)
Insurance operating result	4,767	7,814	5,429	9,145	895	1,022	7,332	15,788
Management analysis of operating profit								
Insurance premium	85,124	74,229	280,425	244,769	11,027	11,338	376,576	330,336
Reinsurance expenses	(37,358)	(33,016)	(232,100)	(211,030)	(8,486)	(8,653)	(277,944)	(252,699)
Net insurance premium	47,766	41,213	48,325	33,739	2,541	2,685	98,632	77,637
Net claims expense	(14,077)	(12,221)	(12,463)	(5,603)	(14)	-	(26,554)	(17,824)
Net commissions and other income	4,400	4,383	1,283	5,448	3,721	3,661	9,403	13,492
Policy acquisition costs	(27,237)	(26,533)	(21,582)	(17,079)	-	(21)	(48,820)	(43,632)
Change in net policy liabilities	12,782	15,862	(5,006)	(2,377)	27	(19)	7,802	13,465
Insurance profit	23,634	22,704	10,557	14,128	6,275	6,306	40,463	43,138
Administration expenses	(18,867)	(14,890)	(5,128)	(4,983)	(5,380)	(5,284)	(33,131)	(27,350)
Insurance operating profit	4,767	7,814	5,429	9,145	895	1,022	7,332	15,788
Net investment income	1,968	1,611	4,159	1,800	80	22	6,207	3,433
Profit before tax	6,735	9,425	9,588	10,945	975	1,044	13,539	19,221
Income tax expense	(2,216)	(2,823)	(2,876)	(3,235)	(292)	(315)	(4,257)	(5,715)
Profit after tax	4,519	6,602	6,712	7,710	683	729	9,282	13,506

Insurance metrics based on management analysis are defined as:

- Underlying gross insurance margin = Insurance profit/Insurance premium (after removing the impact of policy liability economic assumption changes, impact of change in loss recognition reserves and impact of funeral fund member allocation);
- Underlying administration expense ratio = Administration expenses/Insurance premium (after removing the impact of AASB 17 implementation expenses and impact of IT transformation project expense); and
- Investment return (% insurance premium) = Net investment income/Insurance premium.

STATUTORY TO MANAGEMENT RESULT RECONCILIATION

The company manages the business through analysis of key insurance metrics and ratios.
The following provides an unaudited reconciliation of the statutory presentation of the profit or loss statement to the management analysis.

	Management Analysis											
	Statutory			Management Analysis								
				Net insurance premium	Net claims expense	Net commission and other income	Policy acquisition costs	Administration expenses	Change in policy liabilities	Total		
For the full-year ended	30/06/24	30/06/23	Restated 30/06/24	Restated 30/06/23	Restated 30/06/24	Restated 30/06/23	Restated 30/06/24	Restated 30/06/23	Restated 30/06/24	Restated 30/06/23	Restated 30/06/24	Restated 30/06/23
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Continuing operations												
Insurance revenue	366,823	335,940	376,577	330,336	-	(56,241)	(48,337)	(22,160)	(21,973)	68,647	75,914	366,823
Insurance service expenses	(296,711)	(228,378)	-	-	(170,327)	(129,774)	(67,498)	(51,243)	(21,659)	(25,539)	(17,544)	(296,711)
Reinsurance expenses	(271,277)	(262,267)	(277,945)	(252,699)	-	-	65,863	56,973	-	(59,195)	(66,541)	(271,277)
Reinsurance income	231,154	181,596	-	-	143,773	111,950	63,464	52,302	-	23,917	17,344	231,154
Insurance service result	29,989	26,891	98,632	77,637	(26,554)	(17,824)	5,588	9,695	(43,632)	7,830	9,173	29,989
Net insurance finance income	(28)	4,292	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(28)	4,292	4,292
Fees and other revenue	3,815	3,797	-	-	-	-	3,815	3,797	-	-	-	3,815
Other operating expenses	(26,444)	(19,192)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(26,444)	(19,192)	-	(26,444)
Insurance operating profit	7,332	15,788	98,632	77,637	(26,554)	(17,824)	9,403	13,492	(43,632)	7,802	13,465	7,332
												15,788

STATUTORY TO MANAGEMENT RESULT RECONCILIATION

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Adjustments

The statutory results have been adjusted for the following items when discussing the results to provide more transparency in the underlying performance of the company. Disclosing an underlying measure of profits, which excludes the impact of items that do not relate to current period performance or non-recurring costs, allows the users of financial information to better assess the underlying performance of the business (as is contemplated by ASIC RG 230 Disclosing non-IFRS financial information).

The following adjustments as indicated in the Operating and Financial Review section on page 33 have been made on the current period:

Recurring adjustments

Economic assumptions

Economic assumptions are driven by external economic market conditions and can generate volatility in statutory profits. The primary driver relates to movements in interest rates that affect the valuation of future cash flows within the policy liabilities reserves and also generate mark to market adjustments within the valuation of investment assets. Management results remove the impact of these items which create volatility in reported results but will balance out over time.

Loss recognition reserves

The new AASB 17 *Insurance Contracts* accounting standard requires the insurance portfolio to be assessed by profitability at a much lower level of granularity than was the case under the prior accounting standard.

This assessment, which is now at a policy level, requires the present value of all future losses on policies considered "onerous" (loss making) at inception (or upon reassessment each reporting period) to be recognised immediately. Where the overall portfolio is assessed as profitable, the management result is adjusted to exclude the movement in these "loss recognition reserves" which create volatility in reported results but will balance out over time.

Non-recurring adjustments

Funeral Fund

The Funeral Fund is a legacy fund of policies taken out by former Druid members. The fund was established in such a way that absent financial stress within the company, any surplus assets of the fund would ultimately be allocated to members.

In the half-year to 31 December 2023, given the current security of the group, the substantial majority (\$0.7 million) of remaining surplus assets of the funds were allocated to members. This allocation is recorded as a reduction in net assets and an insurance service expense to the fund.

Given the one-off nature of this member allocation, which will not happen again at this volume (remaining surplus <\$0.1 million), management results have removed the impact of this member allocation.

AASB 17 Costs

Insurers are required to implement AASB 17 *Insurance Contracts* for periods beginning on or after 1 January 2023. For NobleOak, the first full financial year under AASB 17 is the year ending 30 June 2024. A project team was established in order to meet the requirements of the standard.

NobleOak has spent approximately \$6.0 million on its project to date, with the full cost upon completion of down-stream process changes estimated at ~\$6.5 million. Of the total spend to date, the costs incurred and reported as other expenses in the year to 30 June 2024 were \$3.8 million (FY23: \$2.2 million).

STATUTORY TO MANAGEMENT RESULT RECONCILIATION

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IT transformation and Product Development project

During FY24 NobleOak invested in innovation projects to support the growth of the business. These projects included an IT Transformation and product development project.

The IT Transformation Project which commenced in FY23 and completed in FY24 included:

- Major upgrade of the OneOffice policy administration system;
- Establishment of a Customer Portal capability; and
- Establishment of an enterprise data warehouse.

The Product development included designing and market testing a wealth management platform.

Given the significance of this project, and the one-off nature of the material cost for the Company, NobleOak has separately disclosed the amount of this investment in its Financial Statements so that it can be distinguished from underlying business performance.

NobleOak has spent approximately \$2.5 million on this project in FY24.

REMUNERATION REPORT



Inese Kingsmill
Non-Executive Director

Message from the Nomination & Remuneration Committee Chair

FY24 was a successful year for NobleOak, with the Company delivering in-force premium growth ahead of guidance and continuing to outperform and grow market share. In-force premium, the key value driver for NobleOak, grew 22% year on year to \$387 million at 30 June 2024. This was ahead of the Company's guidance of 15-20% and was driven by strong sales and lapse rates that remain lower than industry average.

Disciplined underwriting and expense management delivered strong growth in underlying net profit after tax (NPAT) of 19% to \$15 million.

Customer, capability and culture remain core priorities for NobleOak. The completion of the first phase of our technology transformation has delivered new capabilities to the team and an improved digital customer experience. Key director and executive appointments were made within the year, and our values were enhanced to further drive value creation for our customers and shareholders. We continue to build our employer brand and were pleased to be an Employer of Choice winner in the 2023 Australian Business Awards.

During the year, the NobleOak team undertook the significant implementation of the AASB 17 *Insurance Contracts* accounting standard, which came into force on 1 July 2023. AASB 17 is the Australian equivalent of the International Accounting Standard IFRS 17 Insurance Contracts, and represents a material change in the accounting of life insurance contracts. While AASB 17 does not impact NobleOak's underlying business value drivers or strategy, it delivered a modest acceleration of profit recognition overall in FY24.

FY24 Performance outcomes

Significant achievements in strategy execution, capability, capital management and governance were offset by some below target financials, with overall performance outcomes for the executive KMP landing at 80% of target for the CEO and 100% of target for the CFO. The 2021 LTI plan has been assessed for vesting at 28.7% of the maximum performance outcome, reflecting partial achievement of the prospectus and EPS performance targets; and a below threshold outcome for the TSR performance target.

Impact of AASB 17 on FY24 financial performance and remuneration hurdles

To ensure that executive variable remuneration outcomes were not positively or negatively impacted by the AASB 17 accounting standard change, we rebased the FY24 NPAT performance target under the STI plan and EPS performance targets under the 2021, 2022 and 2023 LTI Plans. As the new standard introduces greater variability in profit recognition, we will review our financial performance targets for FY25 to ensure they remain appropriate.

Changes to our remuneration framework

In FY24, we implemented an organisation-wide performance framework and short-term incentive plan. This supports recruitment and retention, as well as encouraging our employees to deliver on our strategy while demonstrating the behaviours that will create long-term value for our stakeholders. We completed our APRA CPS 511 implementation effective 1 January 2024 and are now completing our Financial Accountability Regime implementation which will include a broader variable remuneration deferral policy for FY26.

FY25 priorities and outlook

NobleOak will continue to focus on developing business and operational capability and enhancing the customer experience to continue to deliver sustainable growth.

The Company remains well positioned in an improving market, by investing in the foundations for long-term growth in the attractive Direct Life Insurance market.

Thank you to the NobleOak team for their hard work this year, as well as our customers, partners and shareholders for your continued support.

REMUNERATION REPORT

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Section	Title	Description
1	Introduction	Describes the scope of the Remuneration Report and the individuals whose remuneration details are disclosed, together with a summary of the key changes during the year.
2	Remuneration governance	Describes the role of the Board and the Nomination and Remuneration Committee (NRC) and the use of remuneration consultants when making remuneration decisions.
3	Non-Executive Director remuneration	Details the fees paid to Non-Executive Directors.
4	Executive remuneration	Outlines the executive remuneration principles, strategy and design and the alignment of company performance to reward outcomes.
5	Key Management Personnel (KMP) equity interests	Details the NobleOak Life Limited equity held by Key Management Personnel (KMP).
6	Employment agreements	Details the contractual arrangements between NobleOak Life Limited and Executive KMP.

REMUNERATION REPORT

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1. Introduction

NobleOak strives to be a leader in the life insurance industry that is both compassionate and customer focused and believes that attracting, developing, engaging, motivating and retaining talented people whose behaviours align with NobleOak's culture and values, will provide the Company with a sustainable advantage over the long term.

As such, NobleOak strives to create a meaningful and supportive workplace that challenges and supports a high performing team who are committed to the NobleOak purpose, customers and sustainable long-term success. Building and maintaining a culture that creates value for customers and shareholders is a strategic priority for NobleOak.

NobleOak's remuneration framework is intended to incentivise discretionary efforts and reward the achievement of outcomes and the role modelling of NobleOak's culture and behaviours. NobleOak's approach to executive remuneration has been designed to reward and motivate an experienced executive team to deliver ongoing business growth which meets the expectations of not only shareholders, but also other stakeholders. The Board believes this approach is balanced, fair and equitable.

Scope

This Remuneration Report sets out, in accordance with the relevant Corporations Act requirements, the remuneration arrangements in place for KMP during FY24.

Key Management Personnel

KMP have authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of NobleOak and comprise the non-executive directors (NEDs) as well as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) who is also an executive director, and the Chief Financial Officer (CFO). The CEO and CFO, for purposes of the Remuneration Report, are referred to as Executive KMP. KMP are listed below with further details provided in the Directors' Report.

Name	Role	Term
Non-Executive Director		
Stephen Harrison	Independent Non-Executive Chair	Full year
Andrew Boldeman	Non-Executive Director	Full year
Sarah Brennan	Independent Non-Executive Director	Full year
Kevin Hamman	Independent Non-Executive Director	Full year
Inese Kingsmill	Independent Non-Executive Director	Full year
Executive KMP		
Anthony Brown	Chief Executive Officer/Executive Director	Full year
Scott Pearson	Chief Financial Officer	Full year

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2. Remuneration governance

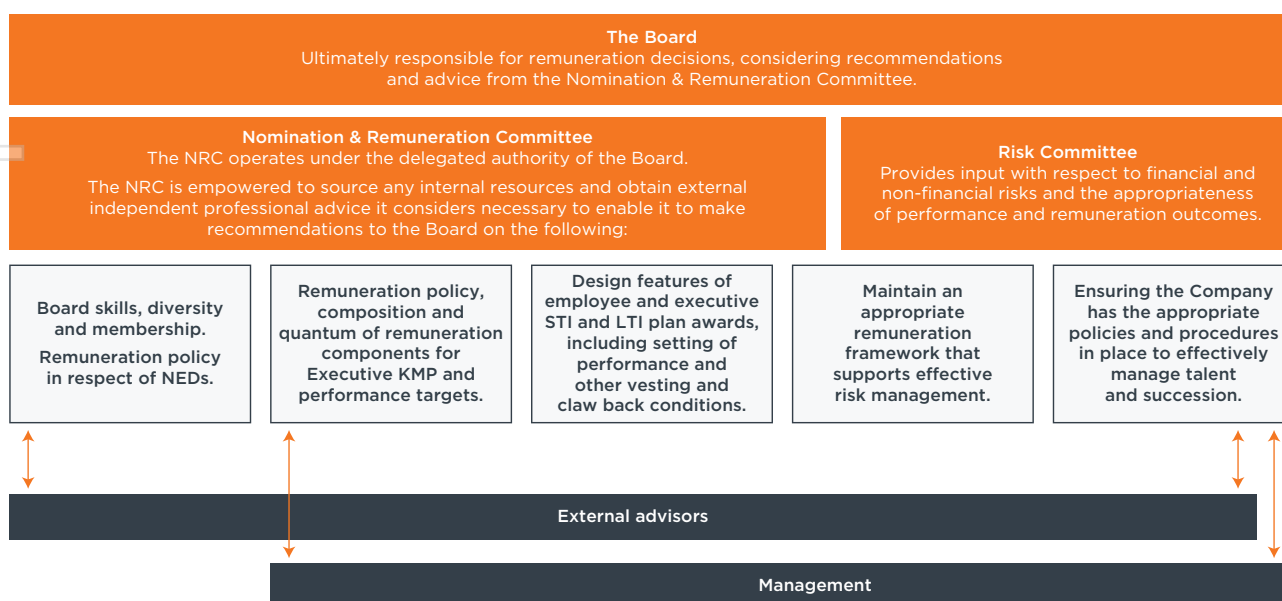
This section of the Remuneration Report describes the role of the Board and the Nomination & Remuneration Committee, and the use of remuneration consultants when making remuneration decisions.

Role of the Board and the Nomination & Remuneration Committee

The Board is responsible for NobleOak's remuneration strategy and policies. Consistent with this responsibility, the Board has an established Nomination & Remuneration Committee (NRC) which is comprised solely of NEDs, with the majority being independent. Key responsibilities of the NRC are to:

- ensure that NobleOak maintains a remuneration framework that promotes effective management of financial and non-financial risks and provides remuneration outcomes commensurate with performance and risk outcomes;
- ensure that appropriate procedures exist to assess the membership, mix of skills and diversity and remuneration levels of the Board;
- ensure that NobleOak adopts, monitors and applies appropriate remuneration, performance and succession policies, design and procedures;
- ensure that fixed and variable remuneration levels and incentive outcomes are appropriate for leadership;
- review whether there is any gender or other inappropriate bias with respect to the remuneration for directors, senior executives or other employees;
- ensure that reporting disclosures related to remuneration meet the Board's disclosure obligations and all relevant legal and accounting standard requirements;
- review and make recommendations to the Board on remuneration reviews and incentive plans, in line with relevant legislation and corporate governance principles relating to remuneration practices and employment policies; and
- ensure appropriate superannuation arrangements are in place for NobleOak.

The NRC's role and interaction with the Board, management and external advisors, is illustrated below.



Further information on the NRC's role, responsibilities and terms of reference can also be viewed in the Investor Centre, Corporate Governance section of the NobleOak website.

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Use of remuneration advisors

During FY24, NobleOak engaged Ernst & Young as remuneration advisors with respect to KMP remuneration benchmarking for the financial year ending 30 June 2024, however no “remuneration recommendations” under the Corporations Act were requested or provided during the year.

NobleOak also purchases market remuneration data from a primary provider of remuneration data appropriate for roles within the Australian life insurance industry. The benchmarking data is used as a guide and not a substitute for thorough consideration of all the issues by the NRC and the Board.

3. Non-executive director remuneration

NED remuneration

Principle	Comment
Fees are set by reference to key considerations	The remuneration levels reflect the complexity of NobleOak’s business and the extent of regulatory requirements and oversight applicable to a publicly listed Friendly Society. In determining the level of fees, survey data on comparable companies is considered. NEDs’ fees are recommended by the NRC and then considered by the Board. Shareholders approve the aggregate amount available for NED Fees.
Remuneration is structured to preserve independence whilst creating alignment	To preserve independence and impartiality, NEDs are not entitled to any form of incentive payments including options and the level of their fees is not set with reference to any measure of NobleOak performance. While the Board has no minimum shareholding guidelines, NEDs are encouraged to have a shareholding in NobleOak.
Aggregate Board and committee fees are approved by shareholders	The total amount of fees paid to NEDs in FY24 was within the aggregate amount approved by shareholders at the AGM held on 23 November 2023 of \$1,200,000 per annum including superannuation.
Post-employment benefits	
Superannuation	Superannuation contributions have been made for NEDs who were paid through payroll at a rate of 11% (up to the Australian Government’s prescribed maximum contributions limit) which satisfies the Company’s statutory superannuation contribution obligations. The contribution rate will increase to 12% in future years in line with mandated legislative increases. Contributions are included in the base fee.
Retirement Schemes	There are no other retirement schemes in place for NEDs, other than statutory superannuation as described above.
Other benefits	
Equity instruments	NEDs do not receive any performance related remuneration, options, performance rights or shares.
Other fees/benefits	NEDs receive reimbursement for any expenses incurred that relate directly to the NobleOak business. No payments were made to NEDs during FY24 for travel allowances, extra services, or special exertions.

REMUNERATION REPORT

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NED total remuneration paid

		Short-term benefits	Equity Based Payments	Post-employment benefits		
	Year	Fees (\$)	Performance Rights (\$)	Termination benefits (\$)	Super- annuation Benefits ¹ (\$)	Total (\$)
Stephen Harrison (Chair)	FY24	204,750	-	-	-	204,750
	FY23	203,125	-	-	-	203,125
Andrew Boldeman	FY24	137,162	-	-	15,088	152,250
	FY23	136,689	-	-	14,352	151,042
Sarah Brennan	FY24	149,956	-	-	7,544	157,500
	FY23	140,625	-	-	-	140,625
Kevin Hamman	FY24	152,250	-	-	-	152,250
	FY23	151,042	-	-	-	151,042
Inese Kingsmill	FY24	149,625	-	-	-	149,625
	FY23	140,625	-	-	-	140,625
Total	FY24	793,743	-	-	22,632	816,375
Total	FY23	772,106	-	-	14,352	786,459

1. Superannuation contributions have been made for NEDs who are paid through payroll, unless they have an exemption in place for all or part of the year.

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4. Executive remuneration

Executive KMP remuneration

NobleOak's executive remuneration policies and framework are designed to attract, motivate and retain high performing talent with the aim of achieving the Group's strategic objectives in a manner consistent with NobleOak's values, while maximising shareholder value.

Remuneration is intended to satisfy the following key criteria:

- providing a balance between incentivising the behaviours and actions that lead to sustainable and profitable growth, and the outcomes achieved;
- including underlying profit, in line with APRA guidelines, as a core component of plan design;
- focusing on sustained growth in shareholder value, particularly growth in share price;
- incentivising above market return on capital in the medium to long term;
- achieving an effective balance between short and long-term strategic objectives;
- focusing executives on non-financial drivers of value that promote sustainability, including:
 - attracting, retaining and developing high calibre executives;
 - factors relating to our customers that drive long-term customer satisfaction and customer value;
 - building and maintaining a prosperous and unique corporate culture, with a genuine focus on the customer;
 - effectively managing risks across the organisation, such as operational, regulatory and reputational risks.
- the ability to apply malus to individual remuneration outcomes where there has been a significant risk event, where that risk materialises (including significant adverse outcomes for customers) due to significant failure or breach of accountability by the person.
- providing a framework that is simple to understand and consistently applied each year, without continual major change, to allow executives to easily understand the program and expected behaviours and results; and
- alignment to and compliance with regulatory guidelines and requirements, including the effective management of both financial and non-financial risks, and sustainable performance.

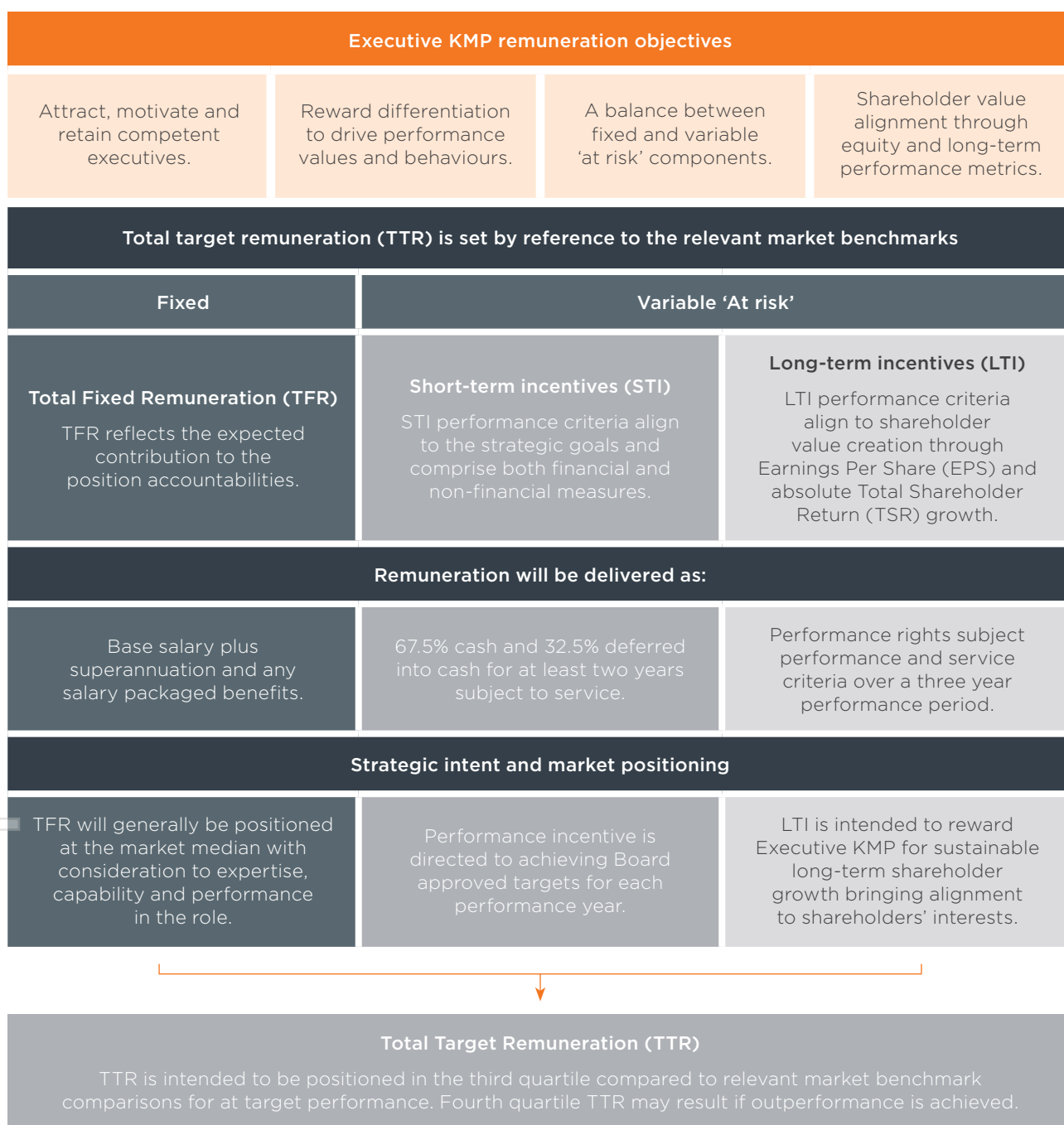
Fixed remuneration components are determined having regard to the specific skills and competencies of the Executive KMP with reference to internal and external relativities, particularly local market and industry conditions.

The 'at risk' components of remuneration are strategically directed to encourage the Executive KMP to strive for superior performance on a risk-adjusted basis by rewarding the achievement of targets that are challenging, clearly defined, understood and communicated within the ambit of accountability of the relevant Executive KMP.

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Executive KMP remuneration objectives are delivered through three categories of remuneration, as illustrated below:



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Remuneration mix and positioning

NobleOak intends to provide an appropriate and competitive mix of remuneration balanced between fixed and 'at risk' components, with payment in the form of both cash and equity.

(a) Remuneration mix – FY24

The current maximum remuneration mix for the CEO and CFO is shown below:

Position	STI (%)	LTI (%)
CEO	Up to 67.5% of TFR (45% @ target)	Rights of 80% of TFR (Half of these vest @target)
CFO	Up to 45% of TFR (30% @ target)	Rights of 80% of TFR (Half of these vest @target)

The 'at risk' component (STI and LTI) represents the intended maximum remuneration opportunity for the Executive KMP assuming the performance requirements set for each component are satisfied.

(b) Total Fixed Remuneration (TFR) positioning

NobleOak aims to position TFR at the market median. Benchmarking is completed annually with reference to the Aon Life Insurance and Superannuation; and General Insurance market surveys; and every two years by an external remuneration consultant. Comparator groups include ASX listed organisations of comparable size and complexity.

(c) Total Target Remuneration (TTR) positioning

NobleOak aims to position TTR between the median and 75th percentile to ensure market competitive remuneration overall; with an opportunity to receive top quartile remuneration for stretch performance.

(d) TFR

TFR includes base salary, superannuation and any salary packaged amount (superannuation or novated lease) and is set with consideration to market positioning, accountabilities, qualifications, capability, experience and performance.

TFR adjustments are made where required to ensure appropriate market positioning.

Any adjustments to Executive KMP remuneration are approved by the Board following recommendation from the NRC.

(e) Variable ('at risk') remuneration

Variable remuneration is intended to constitute a meaningful component of the Executive KMP reward opportunity and aims to incentivise the delivery of sustainable long-term performance, having regard to customer, community and other stakeholder expectations.

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The key aspects are summarised below:

Short-term incentive (STI) plan

Purpose	The STI plan is designed to reward the achievement of NobleOak's strategic goals through the delivery of annual performance targets set by the Board at the beginning of the performance period. The STI program is reviewed annually by the NRC and approved by the Board.
Performance targets	The annual performance targets are set within a balanced scorecard with key performance areas including Financial, Customer & Growth, Strategy, Risk and Governance and Culture & Capability, allocated across the management team. To assess management performance, the Board use underlying financial results which exclude the impact of items creating volatility in results (i.e. changes in economic assumptions on policy liabilities and movement in onerous contract provisions) and significant non-recurring (i.e. material one-off) costs as it allows for a better assessment of the underlying performance of the business. Any anomalies or discretionary elements are approved and validated by the Board. Payment of STI may be withheld if the Board determines that any specific financial performance, risk, culture or values gateway has not been met.
Performance Gates and Modifiers Gate	Performance gates apply to the assessment of performance targets, to ensure that key minimum requirements are met in order to award incentives. Performance modifiers allow either the upward or downward adjustment of the award. Modifiers generally apply where performance, conduct or risk outcomes were materially below the expected standard. In rare circumstances, the Board may seek to introduce an upward modifier. These performance gates and modifiers ensures appropriate award for performance and supports the prevention and mitigation of conduct risk.
Rewarding performance	The STI performance ratings are determined under a formulaic matrix, with the Board to consider adjustments as appropriate.
Mandatory STI deferral	Following approval of the FY24 STI award, 67.5% of the award will be paid in cash with 32.5% of the award deferred into cash for a period of two years. Once the STI award has been granted, no further performance criteria apply other than service for the duration of the vesting period (two year minimum for the FY24 STI award). STI deferral was introduced for Executive KMP in 2021 with the aim of further enhancing alignment with shareholder interests and with the view that this policy would be enhanced over time. As part of NobleOak's Financial Accountability Regime implementation, the Board is currently considering the steps to balance compliance with the regime, shareholder expectations and talent expectations. This may include a further adjustment to the deferral percentage.
Option for discretion	The STI is at the discretion of the Board and is subject to change, adjustment or cancellation at any time. The Board also considers inputs from the Chief Risk Officer with respect to risk matters.

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Each Executive KMP has corporate and individual targets and objectives which include risk management practices as well as demonstrating NobleOak's core values and corporate culture. Key design elements of the FY24 STI plan pertaining to the KMP were as follows:

Measure	KMP (Allocated Proportion %)	
	Anthony Brown (CEO)	Scott Pearson (CFO)
Financial	45%	53%
Strategy, Risk & Governance	32%	24%
Customer	10%	10%
Culture & Capability	13%	13%
Total	100%	100%

Long Term Incentive Plan (LTIP) – FY22, FY23 and FY24 Grants

Effective from ASX Listing in July 2021, the NobleOak LTIP has been offered.

The LTIP provides an annual opportunity for Executive KMP and other selected senior managers (based on their ability to influence and execute strategy) to receive an equity award aligned to long-term shareholder value creation. All LTIP awards remain at risk and subject to 'claw back' (forfeiture or lapse) until vesting and must meet or exceed performance targets set over the vesting period.

Key design elements of the LTIP are as follows:

Purpose	To align Executive KMP and other selected senior managers remuneration opportunity with shareholder value and support retention.
Types of equity awarded	Performance rights (being a right (at nil exercise price) to fully paid ordinary shares of NobleOak Life Limited), subject to satisfying the relevant requirements.
Time of grant	Grants were issued in June 2021 (FY22), September 2022 (FY23) and November 2023 (FY24) and the FY25 grant will be issued following the annual review process; with the grants to participants to take place following the Annual General Meeting.
Time restrictions	Grants are tested against the performance hurdles set at the end of the performance and service period (usually at least three years). If the performance hurdles are not met at the vesting date, performance rights will lapse.
Dividends	No dividends are attached to performance rights.
Voting rights	There are no voting rights attached to performance rights.
Retesting	There will be no retesting of performance hurdles.
LTI allocation	The size of individual LTI grants for Executive KMP and other selected senior managers are determined in accordance with the Board approved remuneration strategy mix. The allocation methodology for performance rights is to determine the maximum LTI dollar grant value for each participant, as a percentage of TFR and divide it by the 'face value' of the right without discounting for service or performance hurdles.

The details of the FY25 Grant will be provided in the 2025 Remuneration Report.

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Performance hurdles and vesting

		2021 (FY22)	2022 (FY23)	2023 (FY24)										
Tranche 1	Prospectus Forecast Tranche The vesting of Rights Prospectus Forecast Tranche will be conditional on achieving specific underlying NPAT targets set out in the Prospectus FY22 forecast (of \$9.03 million). Financial Information (which, for the avoidance of doubt, will include the expenses associated with all incentive payments made and grants which vest in respect of FY22) for FY22 and one of: • a 'weighted' in-force insurance premium (calculated by adding one quarter of in-force insurance premium from the Strategic Partnership Channel and all of the in-force insurance premium from the Direct Channel) implied by FY22 Forecast Financial Information (being approximately \$106.5 million); or • direct sales as set out in the FY22 Forecast Financial Information being \$12.5 million. Participants must remain employed with the Company for three years after the date of grant of rights.	One third	NA	NA										
Tranche 2	Total Shareholder Return (TSR) Tranche The vesting of Rights TSR Tranche will be conditional on achieving specific TSR targets: <table><tr><th colspan="2">Compound annual growth (CAGR) in Total Shareholder Return (TSR) (3 years)</th></tr><tr><th>Performance (p.a)</th><th>% of equity to vest</th></tr><tr><td>< 8%</td><td>0%</td></tr><tr><td>> 8% up to 12%</td><td>12.5% to 50% pro-rata</td></tr><tr><td>> 12% up to 16%+</td><td>50% to 100% pro-rata</td></tr></table> Performance rights vest if the time restrictions and relevant performance hurdles are met. The Board must approve any special provisions, in accordance with Company policies, in the event of termination of employment or a change of control. The executive will also be required to remain employed with the Company for the 3 years after the date of grant of rights.	Compound annual growth (CAGR) in Total Shareholder Return (TSR) (3 years)		Performance (p.a)	% of equity to vest	< 8%	0%	> 8% up to 12%	12.5% to 50% pro-rata	> 12% up to 16%+	50% to 100% pro-rata	One Third	50%	50%
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		2021 (FY22)	2022 (FY23)	2023 (FY24)																														
Tranche 3	Underlying Earnings per Share (EPS) Tranche	One Third	50%	50%																														
	The vesting of Rights EPS Tranche will be conditional on achieving specific EPS targets below. As noted in the Directors' Report, NobleOak has completed its transition to implement the new accounting standard AASB 17. While AASB 17 does not impact the underlying business value drivers or strategy, it has delivered a modest acceleration of profit recognition overall. To ensure that executive variable remuneration outcomes are not positively or negatively impacted by the AASB 17 accounting standard change NobleOak has rebased EPS performance targets under the 2021, 2022 and 2023 LTI Plans. The adjusted targets are provided below; noting that, due to not having historical AASB 17 financials, the first 3 year CAGR available applies to the FY24 grant. Changes to the hurdles with respect to the CEO may be subject to shareholder approval. <i>Rebased EPS Targets (post AASB 17)</i> <table> <tr> <th colspan="5">Compound annual growth (CAGR) in earnings per Share (EPS) (3 years)</th></tr> <tr> <th>Performance EPS (CAGR)</th><th>% of equity to vest</th><th>2021 (FY22)</th><th>2022 (FY23)</th><th>2023 (FY24)</th></tr> <tr> <td>Below Threshold level</td><td>0%</td><td>0%</td><td>0%</td><td>0%</td></tr> <tr> <td>EPS (CAGR) (Threshold level)</td><td>12.5%</td><td>15.9 cents</td><td>17.5 cents</td><td>19.2 cents (9.5%)</td></tr> <tr> <td>EPS (CAGR) (Target level)</td><td>50%</td><td>18.3 cents</td><td>20.2 cents</td><td>22.2 cents (14.9%)</td></tr> <tr> <td>EPS (CAGR) (Stretch level)</td><td>100%</td><td>20.8 cents</td><td>22.9 cents</td><td>25.1 cents (19.8%)</td></tr> </table> Performance rights vest if the 3-year time restrictions and relevant performance hurdles are met. The Board has the discretion to make any special provisions in the event of a change of control. The performance period for each grant ends on 30 June in the third year after the date of the grant of rights (i.e. the performance period for rights granted in November 2023 will end on 30 June 2026). The participant must remain employed with the company throughout the period and at the date of vesting. Underlying EPS for each relevant financial year will be calculated as Underlying NPAT for that financial year, divided by the weighted average number of ordinary shares. The Implied Annual Compound Growth Rate in Earnings per Share for the FY22 period was an estimate based on the expected pro-forma FY21 Earnings Per Share at the date of issue of the grants (i.e. 9.38 cents - which was adjusted to take into account one-off and ongoing costs items associated with the IPO). The Board will make other adjustments as required by item (2) in paragraph 11 of ASX Guidance Note 19.	Compound annual growth (CAGR) in earnings per Share (EPS) (3 years)					Performance EPS (CAGR)	% of equity to vest	2021 (FY22)	2022 (FY23)	2023 (FY24)	Below Threshold level	0%	0%	0%	0%	EPS (CAGR) (Threshold level)	12.5%	15.9 cents	17.5 cents	19.2 cents (9.5%)	EPS (CAGR) (Target level)	50%	18.3 cents	20.2 cents	22.2 cents (14.9%)	EPS (CAGR) (Stretch level)	100%	20.8 cents	22.9 cents	25.1 cents (19.8%)			
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	Total Performance Rights (current)	579,243	687,178	919,913																														
	Total Performance Rights (for the CEO and CFO)	395,898	432,894	490,395																														

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Other remuneration elements and disclosures relevant to executive KMP

Claw Back

Claw back provisions apply for Executive KMP for both the STI and LTI in accordance with APRA Prudential Standard CPS 511: *Remuneration* and the NobleOak Remuneration Framework.

Hedging and margin lending prohibition

Under the NobleOak Securities Trading Policy and in accordance with the Corporations Act, equity granted under NobleOak equity incentive schemes must remain at risk until vested if they are performance rights. It is a specific condition of grant that no schemes are entered into, by an individual or their associates that specifically protect the unvested value of performance rights allocated.

NobleOak also prohibits the CEO or other 'Designated Persons' (including Executive KMP) providing NobleOak securities in connection with any margin loan or similar financing arrangement unless that person has received a specific notice of no objection in compliance with the policy from the Board.

NobleOak, in line with good corporate governance, has a formal policy setting down how and when employees of NobleOak may deal in NobleOak securities.

NobleOak's Securities Trading Policy is available on the NobleOak website under Investor Centre, Corporate Governance.

NobleOak Company Performance

In the Year to 30 June 2024, NobleOak continued to deliver strong in-force premium growth across the Direct (digital and alliance partners) and Strategic Partner segments while continuing to grow its market share. Disciplined underwriting and expense management continues to contribute to sustainable profit growth.

NobleOak delivered another strong underwriting performance during the period, with the gross insurance margin slightly lower than the prior year.

NobleOak has continued to invest towards building business capability, particularly in its actuarial, risk and claims teams. The business also experienced costs associated with implementation of the new insurance accounting standard AASB 17 *Insurance Contracts* and innovation project supporting IT transformation and product development.

The performance of the Group is summarised in the table below:

Financial Performance	FY24 \$'000	FY23 \$'000	FY22 \$'000
Total Inforce Premium (Excl Genus)	386,735	315,949	254,592
Net insurance premium	98,632	77,637	63,701
Statutory Net Profit After Tax	9,282	13,506	-
Underlying net profit after tax	15,008	12,564	-
Basic EPS (cents)	10.76	15.72	-
Diluted EPS (cents)	10.49	15.34	-
Underlying Basic EPS (cents)	17.40	14.63	-
LTI Performance Outcomes	2024	2023	2022
LTI Vested (% of maximum grant) (Target = 50%)	28.7%	50.5%	67.8%
Total Performance Rights Vested	166,090	364,966	224,516
Total Performance Rights Vested (For CEO & CFO)	113,518	248,793	224,516

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During FY24, the Company achieved the following performance targets which underpinned the short-term incentive outcomes:

Financial	Strategy & Operations
- Continued strong business growth: - In-force premium: \$386.7m (up 22%) - Insurance premium: \$376.6m (up 14%) - Net Insurance premium: \$98.6m (up 27%) - Inforce Market Share Growth - Direct up to 8.7% of Direct Market - Strategic Partners up to 2.7% of advised market - Underlying NPAT: \$15.0m (up 19%)	- Strong market share in sales, supported by strengthening of the alliance partnership with Budget Direct and strong growth in the Strategic Partner channel. - Successfully completed first phase of IT Transformation project (to continue into FY25) and completed material accounting standard AASB 17 <i>Insurance Contracts</i> implementation. - Successfully engaged Reinsurance Group of America (RGA) as a new reinsurance partner for the PPS Mutual book.
Customers	People & Culture
- Continued below-market lapse rates and high customer satisfaction rates. - NobleOak was again the most awarded Australian Direct Life Insurer in 2023. - NobleOak won the 2024 WeMoney Award for digital customer experience.	- Employer of Choice winner in the 2023 Australian Business Awards. - Strong focus on NobleOak's culture and core values. FY24 employee survey showed that over 95% of employees believe in NobleOak's purpose. - A strong employee NPS of 38, with 93% participation; over 87% of employees stating that they would recommend NobleOak as a great place to work and strong risk behaviour scores. - Ongoing capability build across leadership and teams.

The following table tracks the current expectation for performance outcomes of 'in-flight' long term incentive programs. Below target performance outcomes are currently forecast for the 2021 and 2022 awards; driven by the current low share price.

Tracking unvested LTI Awards				
LTI Award	Vesting Date	Tracking (50% of Rights vest at target)	Total Current Performance Rights	Total Current Performance Rights (For CEO & CFO)
2021	30-Jun-24	Below Target - 28.7%	579,243	395,898
2022	30-Jun-25	Below Target	687,178	432,894
2023	30-Jun-26	At Target	919,913	490,395

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Short-Term Incentive Outcomes

Relationship between NobleOak performance and Executive KMP remuneration

Each Executive KMP has corporate and individual targets and objectives, including sound risk management practices as well as demonstrating NobleOak's core values and corporate culture, which are key factors in the assessment.

Taking into account the Company and the individual goals achieved, the resultant potential STI awards for Executive KMP for FY24 are as follows:

Key Management Personnel	Target STI %	Minimum-Maximum ¹ STI %	Achieved %
Anthony Brown (CEO)	45%	0% – 67.5%	36.14% (80.33% of Target)
Scott Pearson (CFO)	30%	0% – 45%	30% (100.00% of Target)

1. Reflects the STI amount as a percentage of Total Fixed Remuneration.

Executive KMP Remuneration Table

The remuneration of each Executive KMP for the year ended 30 June 2024 is set out below:

		Short-Term Benefits			Equity-Based Payments			Other	
		Base Salary (\$)	Cash STI (\$)	Non-Cash Benefits ¹ (\$)	LTI Performance Rights (\$)	LTI Options (\$)	Other Long-term employee benefits ² (\$)	Super-annuation (\$)	Total (\$)
Anthony Brown	FY24	587,442	224,125 ³	8,591	102,000	(80,560)	17,488	27,399	886,485
	FY23	563,004	138,871 ³	(10,675)	107,440	(61,443)	14,788	25,457	777,442
Scott Pearson	FY24	406,107	131,040 ⁴	(16,861)	72,686	(61,775)	10,179	27,399	568,775
	FY23	391,172	71,896 ⁴	13,351	79,474	(47,117)	9,764	25,457	543,997
Total	FY24	993,549	355,165	(8,270)	174,686	(142,335)	27,667	54,798	1,455,260
Total	FY23	954,176	210,767	2,676	186,914	(108,560)	24,552	50,914	1,321,439

1. Includes movement in accrual balance for annual leave, car parking benefits and associated fringe benefits tax.

2. Movement in provision for long service leave.

3. \$72,841 of the FY24 STI is deferred into cash for a period of two years. This will be payable in cash following the FY26 financial results subject to continued service and Board risk assessment and approval. \$34,718 of the FY23 STI was deferred into cash for one year and following a positive risk assessment will be paid prior to 30 September 2024.

4. \$42,588 of the FY24 STI is deferred into cash for a period of two years. This will be payable in cash following the FY26 financial results subject to continued service and Board risk assessment and approval. \$17,974 of the FY23 STI was deferred into cash and following a positive risk assessment will be paid prior to 30 September 2024.

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5. KMP equity interests

The tables below set out the equity interests held by NEDs and Executive KMP.

Shares	Opening Balance (1 July 2023)	Shares Acquired	Shares Sold	Closing Balance (30 June 2024)
Directors of NobleOak Life Limited				
Andrew Boldeman	51,282	-	-	51,282
Sarah Brennan	-	-	-	-
Kevin Hamman ¹	1,100,002	-	21,383	1,078,619
Stephen Harrison ²	188,454	-	-	188,454
Inese Kingsmill	-	-	-	-
KMP of NobleOak Life Limited				
Anthony Brown ³	5,665,525	190,244	-	5,855,769
Scott Pearson	198,807	107,980	31,250	275,537

1. Of the Shares held by Mr Hamman, 437,002 Shares are held in the name of TK Consulting (Aust) Pty Ltd as trustee for the Hamman Family Trust (an entity associated with Mr Hamman), 227,273 Shares are held in the name of Future Super KH Custodian Pty Ltd as trustee for the Future Super Fund (an entity associated with Mr Hamman), 172,727 Shares are held in the name of Future Super KH Pty Ltd as trustee for the Future Super Fund (an entity associated with Mr Hamman) and 88,617 Shares are held in the name of KH Investments Pty Ltd as trustee for the KH Development Trust (an entity associated with Mr Hamman).
2. Of the Shares held by Mr Harrison, 38,000 Shares are held in the name of MSJ Capital Pty Ltd as trustee for the Harrison Super Fund (an entity associated with Mr Harrison).
3. Of the Shares held by Mr Brown, 3,980,769 Shares are held in the name of Brohok Investments Co Pty Ltd (an entity associated with Mr Brown). 128,178 Shares were acquired through the exercise of performance rights issued through the 2020 LTI Plan. An additional 12,635 Shares were acquired through the vesting of additional performance rights through the 2020 LTI Plan for recognition of work on IPO. 49,431 Shares were acquired on market.

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6. Employment Agreements

The Executive KMP operate under employment agreements as set out below.

Length of contract	The CEO and CFO are on permanent contracts, which are ongoing employment contracts until notice is given by either party.
Notice periods	In order to terminate the employment arrangements, the CEO and CFO are required to provide NobleOak with six months' written notice.
Resignation	On resignation, unless the Board determines otherwise, all unvested STI or LTI benefits are forfeited.
Termination on notice by NobleOak	NobleOak may terminate employment of the CEO and CFO by providing six months' written notice. The Company may make payment in lieu of the notice period based on TFR. On termination on notice by NobleOak, unvested STI or LTI benefits may be varied, terminated, suspended or exercised, in the absolute discretion of the Board (subject to the listing rules of the ASX).
Death or total and permanent disability	On death or total and permanent disability, the Board has discretion to allow all unvested STI and LTI benefits to vest.
Termination for serious misconduct	On termination without notice by NobleOak in the event of serious misconduct: • all unvested STI or LTI benefits will be forfeited; and • any ESS instruments provided to the employee on vesting of STI or LTI awards that are held in trust, will be forfeited.
Statutory entitlements	Statutory entitlements (long service leave and annual leave) will be payable in all events of separation.
Post-employment restraints	The CEO's contract includes a post-employment restraint around working for a competitor direct insurer for 6 months. The CFO is also subject to a post-employment restraint for up to 6 months.

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29 August 2024

Dear Board Members

Auditor's Independence Declaration to NobleOak Life Limited

In accordance with section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001, I am pleased to provide the following declaration of independence to the Board of Directors of NobleOak Life Limited.

As lead audit partner for the audit of the financial report of NobleOak Life Limited for the year ended 30 June 2024, I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been no contraventions of:

- The auditor independence requirements of the Corporations Act 2001 in relation to the audit; and
- Any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in grey ink that reads "Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu".

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A handwritten signature in grey ink that reads "Max R. Murray".

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Partner
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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the Financial Year ended 30 June 2024

	Note	Consolidated		Company	
		2024 \$'000	Restated 2023 \$'000	2024 \$'000	Restated 2023 \$'000
Insurance revenue	2.1	366,823	335,940	342,498	315,449
Insurance service expenses	2.2	(296,711)	(228,378)	(290,410)	(222,526)
Reinsurance expenses	2.3	(271,277)	(262,267)	(271,276)	(262,267)
Reinsurance income	2.4	231,154	181,596	231,154	181,596
Insurance service result		29,989	26,891	11,966	12,252
Net finance (expense)/income on insurance and reinsurance contracts	2.5	(28)	4,292	(28)	4,292
Fees & other revenue		3,815	3,797	20,185	16,935
Other operating expenses		(26,444)	(19,192)	(25,629)	(18,656)
Insurance operating result		7,332	15,788	6,494	14,823
Net investment income	2.6	6,207	3,433	6,810	4,204
Profit before tax		13,539	19,221	13,304	19,027
Income tax	2.8	(4,257)	(5,715)	(3,977)	(5,400)
Profit after tax		9,282	13,506	9,327	13,627
Other comprehensive income		-	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income		9,282	13,506	9,327	13,627
Earnings per share	2.9				
Basic (cents per share)		10.76	15.72		
Diluted (cents per share)		10.49	15.34		

The above Statement of Comprehensive Income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes to the financial statements.

The Group adopted AASB 17 *Insurance Contracts* from 1 July 2023 and has restated the comparative period (transition date: 1 July 2022). The impacts of adoption are detailed in note 1.2.j.ii.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 30 June 2024

		Consolidated			Company		
Note	2024 \$'000	Restated 2023 \$'000	Restated 1 July 2022 \$'000	2024 \$'000	Restated 2023 \$'000	Restated 1 July 2022 \$'000	
Assets							
Cash and cash equivalents		63,960	50,415	30,263	59,348	47,113	27,183
Receivables		13,137	2,889	3,075	9,347	2,493	2,324
Insurance contract assets	3.1	65,781	32,660	17,424	65,781	32,660	17,424
Reinsurance contract assets	3.2	81,257	63,133	40,892	81,257	63,133	40,892
Financial assets	4.1	207,546	177,696	69,200	210,749	180,905	72,415
Plant and equipment	4.2	410	404	169	410	404	169
Right-of-use assets	4.3	4,817	5,679	495	-	-	360
Intangibles	4.4	3,799	4,560	5,353	1,024	1,313	1,816
Deferred tax asset	4.5	23,026	28,429	30,867	21,815	27,405	30,139
Total assets		463,733	365,865	197,738	447,731	355,426	192,722
Liabilities							
Payables		121,452	99,650	1,352	116,830	101,186	1,687
Insurance contract liabilities	3.1	175,081	138,149	113,876	171,267	132,362	109,150
Reinsurance contract liabilities	3.2	90,536	57,683	33,332	90,536	57,683	33,332
Lease liability	5.1	5,257	5,834	556	-	-	405
Tax liability	5.2	-	2,909	702	-	2,909	702
Total liabilities		392,326	304,225	149,818	376,633	294,140	145,276
Net assets		71,407	61,640	47,920	71,098	61,286	47,446
Equity							
Issued share capital	6.1	96,403	95,727	95,323	96,403	95,727	95,323
Share-based payment reserve	6.2	1,102	1,293	1,483	1,102	1,293	1,483
Accumulated losses		(26,098)	(35,380)	(48,886)	(26,407)	(35,734)	(49,360)
Total equity		71,407	61,640	47,920	71,098	61,286	47,446

The above Statement of Financial Position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes to the financial statements.

The Group adopted AASB 17 *Insurance Contracts* from 1 July 2023 and has restated the comparative period (transition date: 1 July 2022). The impacts of adoption are detailed in note 1.2.j.ii.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

For the Financial Year ended 30 June 2024

	Note	Consolidated				Company			
		Issued share capital \$'000	Share-based payment reserve \$'000	Accumulated losses \$'000	Total \$'000	Issued share capital \$'000	Share-based payment reserve \$'000	Accumulated losses \$'000	Total \$'000
2024									
Balance at the beginning of the financial year		95,727	1,293	(35,380)	61,640	95,727	1,293	(35,734)	61,286
Ordinary shares issued		676	-	-	676	676	-	-	676
Share-based payment reserve movement		-	(191)	-	(191)	-	(191)	-	(191)
Profit after tax		-	-	9,282	9,282	-	-	9,327	9,327
Balance at the end of the financial year	6.1, 6.2	96,403	1,102	(26,098)	71,407	96,403	1,102	(26,407)	71,098
2023 (Restated)									
Balance at the beginning of the financial year		95,323	1,483	14,826	111,632	95,323	1,483	14,351	111,157
Ordinary shares issued		404	-	-	404	404	-	-	404
Share-based payment reserve movement		-	(190)	-	(190)	-	(190)	-	(190)
Adjustment on initial adoption of AASB 17 refer note 1.2.j.ii.C.		-	-	(63,712)	(63,712)	-	-	(63,712)	(63,712)
Profit after tax		-	-	13,506	13,506	-	-	13,627	13,627
Balance at the end of the financial year	6.1, 6.2	95,727	1,293	(35,380)	61,640	95,727	1,293	(35,734)	61,286

The above Statement of Changes in Equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes to the financial statements.

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the Financial Year ended 30 June 2024

	Note	Consolidated		Company	
		2024 \$'000	Restated 2023 \$'000	2024 \$'000	Restated 2023 \$'000
Operating cash flows					
Premium received		374,516	330,472	350,288	309,689
Reinsurance premium payments		(262,595)	(215,193)	(262,595)	(215,193)
Reinsurance concentration mitigants received		6,729	89,427	6,729	89,427
Reinsurance recoveries received		87,281	57,561	87,281	57,561
Claims expenses paid		(105,519)	(72,399)	(105,519)	(72,399)
Interest received		5,949	2,097	5,853	2,014
Dividends and distribution received		3,772	1,023	4,472	1,873
Fees and other income received		137,639	103,437	153,658	116,928
Marketing and policy acquisition costs		(162,768)	(137,343)	(158,058)	(134,792)
Other operating expenses paid		(40,584)	(28,945)	(38,979)	(26,066)
Net operating cash flows	8.2	44,420	130,137	43,130	129,042
Investing cash flows					
Purchase of right-of-use assets		-	-	(690)	-
Purchase of plant and equipment		(146)	(340)	(146)	(339)
Purchase of intangible assets		(255)	(133)	(254)	(31)
Purchase of financial assets		(29,461)	(108,336)	(29,456)	(108,332)
Net investing cash flows		(29,862)	(108,809)	(30,546)	(108,702)
Financing cash flows					
Repayment of lease liabilities		(577)	(896)	-	(405)
Lease interest paid		(436)	(280)	(349)	(5)
Net financing cash flows		(1,013)	(1,176)	(349)	(410)
Net cash flows during the year		13,545	20,152	12,235	19,930
Cash and equivalents at the beginning of the financial year		50,415	30,263	47,113	27,183
Cash and equivalents at the end of the financial year		63,960	50,415	59,348	47,113

The above Statement of Cash Flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes to the financial statements.

The Group adopted AASB 17 *Insurance Contracts* from 1 July 2023 and has restated the comparative period (transition date: 1 July 2022). The impacts of adoption are detailed in note 1.2.j.ii.

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1. Annual financial report information

1.1 About NobleOak

NobleOak Life Limited (the Company) is a public company limited by shares, incorporated and domiciled in Australia.

NobleOak Life Limited (ASX:NOL) was admitted to the Official List of the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX) and its ordinary shares commenced trading on Thursday, 22 July 2021.

Principle place of business and registered head office:

Level 4, 44 Market Street
Sydney, NSW, 2000

The Group comprises the Company and its subsidiaries and controlled entities:

	ACN	Ownership Interest	
		2024	2023
NobleOak Services Limited	112 981 718	100%	100%
Genus Life Insurance Services Pty Ltd	631 536 537	100%	100%
NobleOak Aspire Pty Ltd	128 157 139	100%	100%
NobleOak Corporate Beneficiary Pty Ltd	149 535 204	100%	100%

The Group is a 'for-profit' entity and is primarily involved in the sale and management of life insurance products.

The Group's operations are located in New South Wales and its customers are located across all states and territories of Australia.

1.2 About this report

This annual financial report was authorised for issue by the Directors on 29 August 2024. The report may be amended and reissued by the Directors.

a. Statement of compliance

The financial statements are general purpose financial statements which have been prepared in accordance with the Corporations Act and the Australian Accounting Standards and authoritative pronouncements and thereby International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) Accounting Standards.

For the purpose of preparing the financial statements, the Group and the Company are 'for-profit' entities.

b. Basis of preparation

The financial statements comprise the consolidated financial statements of the Group and the separate financial statements of the parent entity (the Company).

The consolidated financial statements incorporate all of the assets, liabilities and results of all the entities in the Group with inter-company transactions eliminated.

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historic costs, except for the adoption of AASB 17 and AASB 9 effective from 1 July 2023.

Historical cost is generally based on the fair values of the consideration given in exchange for goods and services. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date, regardless of whether that price is directly observable or estimated using another valuation technique.

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1. Annual financial report information (continued)

The fair value of financial instruments that are not traded in an active market is determined by using valuation techniques in accordance with the measurement hierarchy in note 4.1.

The Company is that as referred to in ASIC Corporations (Rounding in Financial/Directors' Reports) Instrument 2016/191, dated 24 March 2016, and in accordance with that Corporate Instrument, amounts in the consolidated financial statements and Directors' report have been rounded off to the nearest thousand dollars, unless otherwise indicated.

Amounts throughout the report may not add precisely due to rounding.

The Group's functional currency is Australian dollars. All amounts are presented in Australian dollars, unless otherwise stated.

Where necessary, comparative information has been restated to conform to the current year's disclosures.

c. Principles of consolidation

A subsidiary is an entity that is controlled by a parent entity. A parent controls an entity when it is exposed to, or has rights to, variable returns from its involvement with the subsidiary entity and the parent has the ability to affect those returns through its power over the subsidiary entity. Subsidiaries of the Company are listed above.

The assets, liabilities and results of subsidiaries are included in the financial statements of the Group from the date on which control over subsidiaries is acquired by a parent entity. Consolidation is discontinued from the date on which control ceases. Intercompany transactions, balances and unrealised gains or losses on transactions between group entities are fully eliminated on consolidation. Accounting policies of subsidiaries are changed and adjustments made where necessary to ensure uniformity of Group accounting policies across all subsidiaries.

d. Business combinations

Business combinations occur where an acquirer obtains control over one or more businesses.

A business combination is accounted for by applying the acquisition method, unless it is a combination involving entities or businesses under common control. The business combination will be accounted for from the date that control is attained, whereby the fair value of the identifiable assets acquired and liabilities (including contingent liabilities) assumed is recognised (subject to certain limited exemptions).

When measuring the consideration transferred in the business combination, any asset or liability resulting from a contingent consideration arrangement is also included. Subsequent to initial recognition, contingent consideration classified as equity is not re-measured and its subsequent settlement is accounted for within equity. Contingent consideration classified as an asset or liability is re-measured each reporting period to fair value, recognising any change to fair value in profit or loss, unless the change in value can be identified as existing at acquisition date.

All transaction costs incurred in relation to the business combination are expensed to the statement of comprehensive income.

The acquisition of a business may result in the recognition of goodwill or a gain from a bargain purchase.

e. Going Concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis, which contemplates continuity of normal business activities and the realisation of assets and discharge of liabilities in the normal course of business.

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1. Annual financial report information (continued)

f. Impairment of assets

At each reporting date, the Group reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible, right-of-use and intangible assets (including asset for insurance acquisition cash flow and carried forward tax losses) to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have been impaired. If such an indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use, is compared to the asset's carrying value. Any excess of the asset's carrying value over its recoverable amount is expensed to the statement of comprehensive income.

Impairment testing is performed annually for goodwill and intangible assets with indefinite lives. Right-of-use assets are subject to impairment or adjusted for any remeasurement of lease liabilities.

Where it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, the Group estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

g. Material accounting policies

The material accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial report are either contained here or in the notes to the financial statements to which they relate. All accounting policies have been consistently applied to the current year and comparative period, unless otherwise stated.

h. Tax consolidation

NobleOak Life Limited is the head entity of the Tax Consolidated Group comprising the Group. Under tax consolidation, the head entity assumes the following balances from controlled entities within the Tax Consolidated Group:

- i. current tax balances arising from external transactions recognised by entities in the tax consolidated group which occurred after implementation date; and
- ii. deferred tax assets arising from unused tax losses and unused tax credits recognised by entities in the Tax Consolidated Group which occurred after implementation date.

Assets and liabilities which arise as a result of balances transferred from entities within the Tax Consolidated Group to the head entity are recognised as related party balances receivable and payable in the statement of financial position. The recoverability of balances arising from tax funding arrangements is based on the ability of the Tax Consolidated Group to utilise the amounts recognised by the head entity.

i. Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of Goods and Service Tax (GST), except:

- i. Where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the taxation authority, it is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of an asset or as part of an item of expense; or
- ii. For receivables and payables which are recognised inclusive of GST.

The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is included as part of receivables or payables.

Cash flows are presented in the cash flow statement on a gross basis, except for the GST component of investing and financing activities, which are disclosed as operating cash flows.

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1. Annual financial report information (continued)

j. Change in accounting policies

i. AASB 9: Financial Instruments

AASB 9 *Financial Instruments* replaces AASB 139 *Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement*.

The Group took the deferral approach that was to implement the standard at the same time as AASB 17 and it has now been adopted for the current reporting period with no impact.

AASB 9 includes revised guidance on the classification and measurement of financial instruments. It introduces a new classification model for financial assets that is more principles-based than the previous requirements in AASB 139.

The Group's business model reflects how it manages its financial assets in order to generate cash flows. The business model determines whether cash flows will result from collecting contractual cash flows; selling the financial assets; or both. This assessment is performed on the basis of scenarios that the Group reasonably expects to occur. The Group will need to use judgement to assess its business model for managing financial assets and that assessment is not determined by a single factor or activity.

The Group has applied AASB9 retrospectively with no material impact on the results of the Group for the prior period.

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised at the date the Group becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. At initial recognition, financial assets are classified as and subsequently measured at fair value through profit or loss, or amortised cost. Financial assets are derecognised when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial assets expire, or are transferred. A transfer occurs when substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset are passed to an unrelated third party. Financial liabilities are derecognised when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expires.

Financial Instrument	AASB 9 Measurement Basis
Financial assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	Amortised cost
Term deposits	Amortised cost
Unit trusts	Fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL)
Receivables	Amortised cost
Financial liabilities	
Payables	Amortised cost

ii. AASB 17 Insurance Contracts

A. Overview

AASB 17 *Insurance Contracts* (the Standard) is a new accounting standard for all insurance and reinsurance contracts replacing AASB 1038 *Life Insurance Contracts*. The Standard applies to all entities that issue insurance contracts including friendly societies, reinsurers and non-operating holding companies.

The objective of the Standard is to ensure that reporting entities provide consistent, relevant information fairly representing the substantive rights and obligations arising from the insurance contracts issued, reinsurance contracts held and applicable legislation and regulation.

The Standard applies to annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2023. The Company has adopted the Standard for initial application from 1 July 2023 and has restated comparatives back to the transition date of 1 July 2022.

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1. Annual financial report information (continued)

B. Summary of significant changes

Component	AASB 17: Insurance Contracts	AASB 1038: Life Insurance Contracts
Presentation and measurement level	Groups of Insurance Contracts, which are more granular than AASB 1038 <i>Related Product Groups (RPGs)</i> , are grouped by portfolios (similar risks managed together), annual cohorts and profitability.	Contracts are grouped and measured in RPGs.
Measurement model	Policy Liabilities measured under the default General Measurement Model (GMM) include: A best estimate of the present value of future cash flows that are expected to occur within the contract boundary, valued using prevailing risk-free rates plus an illiquidity premium. A risk-adjustment for non-financial risk to allow for uncertainty in timing and/or amount of cash flows. Contractual Services Margin reflecting an estimate of profits to be released in line with services provided over time, valued using a discount rate locked in at inception. Alternate measurement models (Premium Allocation Approach, and Variable Fee Approach) are allowed in specific circumstances. NobleOak makes use of both these alternate approaches. The Premium Allocation Approach is similar to the accumulation approach under AASB 1038.	Policy liabilities measured using a projection method include: A best estimate of the present value of future cash flows over the duration of the policy, valued using prevailing market yields. A profit margin, reflecting an estimate of profits to be released in line with risk inherent in the policy. An alternate measurement model known as an accumulation approach is allowed, when this approach aligns with the principles applying under AASB 1038.
Profit Release	Driven by a release pattern linked to the service provided (reflected by “coverage units” applicable to the group of contracts). The activity recognition order during a period differs between AASB 17 and AASB 1038 impacting the CSM released during a period.	Driven by a selected measure (usually premiums or claims) used as a proxy for the services provided.
Reporting	Insurance and reinsurance contracts are reported separately in both the Statement of Financial Position and the Statement of Comprehensive Income. Changes in the locked-in discount rate may optionally be disaggregated from the provision of insurance services. NobleOak has not exercised this option.	Insurance and reinsurance contracts are reported separately in the Statement of Financial Position, while some elements are combined in the Statement of Comprehensive Income. Profit or losses from the provision of insurance services are not separately reported in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

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1. Annual financial report information (continued)

C. Financial impact of adoption

The adoption of AASB 17 has resulted in a decrease in net assets at 1 July 2022 of \$63.7 million, net of the creation of a Deferred Tax Asset of \$27.3m. This amount reflects the difference in the carrying amounts of liabilities (as assessed under AASB 1038) at 1 July 2022 (the transition date to AASB 17), and the values as determined under AASB 17. This amount was recognised as an adjustment to the opening balance of retained earnings as shown in the Statement of Changes in Equity.

The opening net asset impact mainly reflects a reduction in assets due to the removal of the Deferred Acquisition Costs implicit in the policy liability related to Direct business, with further impacts from adjustments to the policy liabilities from the application of fair value and fully retrospective valuations at the transition date.

The Statement of Comprehensive Income for the year ended 30 June 2023 has been restated to be in accordance with AASB 17. The combination of applying the contract boundary and coverage units policies has resulted in the consolidated profit release pattern being brought forward with some variability by segment. In the strategic partner segment the profit release pattern has been brought forward, whereas in the direct segment the profit release pattern has been delayed.

A significant investment was required to implement AASB 17 to ensure NobleOak's accounting policies and financial reporting is compliant with the new accounting standard. NobleOak has spent approximately \$6.0m on its project to 30 June 2024 (FY24: \$3.8m and FY23: \$2.2m), with the full cost upon completion of down-stream process changes estimated at ~\$6.5m.

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1. Annual financial report information (continued)

AASB 1038 Financial Position (\$'000)	1 July 2022 Original	Reclass- ification	Remeasure- ment	1 July 2022 Restated	AASB 17 Financial Position (\$'000)
Assets					Assets
Cash and cash equivalents	30,263	-	-	30,263	Cash and cash equivalents
Receivables	12,043	(8,968)	-	3,075	Receivables
Gross policy liabilities ceded under reinsurance	27,428	(27,428)	-	-	
	-	15,681	1,743	17,424	Insurance contract assets
	-	66,699	(25,807)	40,892	Reinsurance contract assets
Financial assets	69,200	-	-	69,200	Financial assets
Plant and equipment	169	-	-	169	Plant and equipment
Right-of-use assets	495	-	-	495	Right-of-use assets
Intangibles	5,353	-	-	5,353	Intangibles
Deferred tax asset	3,562	-	27,305	30,867	Deferred tax asset
Total assets	148,513	45,984	3,241	197,738	Total assets
Liabilities					Liabilities
Payables	28,639	(27,287)	-	1,352	Payables
Gross policy liabilities	5,472	(5,472)	-	-	
	-	47,437	66,439	113,877	Insurance contract liabilities
	-	32,818	514	33,332	Reinsurance contract liabilities
Lease liability	556	-	-	556	Lease liability
Provisions	1,512	(1,512)	-	-	Provisions
Tax liability	702	-	-	702	Tax liability
Total liabilities	36,881	45,984	66,953	149,818	Total liabilities
Net assets	111,632	-	(63,712)	47,920	Net assets
Equity					Equity
Issued share capital	95,323	-	-	95,323	Issued share capital
Share-based payment reserve	1,483	-	-	1,483	Share-based payment reserve
Accumulated profits	14,826	-	(63,712)	(48,886)	Accumulated losses
Total equity	111,632	-	(63,712)	47,920	Total equity

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1. Annual financial report information (continued)

D. Transition to AASB 17

The changes brought about by AASB 17 impacted the timing of profit recognition from insurance contracts and had short term tax and profit implications, resulting from the creation of the Deferred Tax Asset. It did not however, impact the underlying economics of the business, or the business strategy, as the underlying cash flows that arise under the contracts, and the overall level of actual profit that emerges over the lifetime of the contract remain unchanged.

AASB 17 applies to annual reporting periods from 1 January 2023, and requires entities to transition to the standard from the year preceding the first reporting period, to enable the production of an opening balance on a AASB 17 basis. NobleOak's initial application of AASB 17 is thus from 1 July 2023, with a transition date of 1 July 2022.

At transition, any difference between existing balances (on 1 July 2022) related to insurance contracts, and the related balances determined under AASB 17, is recognised directly in equity.

1. Transition: Measurement models

The default requirement of AASB 17 is to apply the standard retrospectively as if AASB 17 had always been applicable unless it is impracticable to do so.

It is considered impracticable to apply AASB 17 retrospectively for a group of contracts if historical contract data, including data on past assumptions and actual cash flows, or calculations models do not exist, or cannot be obtained, built or suitably modified by applying every reasonable effort to do so.

If the Fully Retrospective Approach (FRA) is not applied, then entities can elect to apply either the Fair Value Approach (FVA) or Modified Retrospective Approach (MRA).

NobleOak adopted AASB 17 by applying the fully retrospective approach wherever practicable. It was considered impracticable to apply the FRA if there was insufficient historical data or models to do so. For NobleOak, this was the case for contracts prior to 30 June 2021. If it was considered impracticable to apply the FRA, then NobleOak applied the Fair Value Approach, except for Direct business for which it applied the Modified Retrospective Approach.

Under the Fair Value Approach, the CSM at the transition date is calculated as the difference between the fair value of the group of insurance contracts, and the fulfilment cash flows measured at that date.

The fair value is effectively the consideration that would be paid or received for a group of insurance contracts to enable a market participant their required rate of return in a notional transition involving the group of contracts.

The fair value was calculated by discounting the expected funds becoming available for distribution to a market participant (referred to as distributable income), at the required rate of return. This calculation allows for a market participant's view of future best estimate cash flows and capital requirements and expectations of future real-world returns.

The locked-in discount rates applied to contracts valued using the Fully Retrospective Approach, are the discount rates that would have been used had AASB 17 always been applied. The discount rate applied to contracts valued under the Fair Value Approach at transition, is the discount rate based on the yield curve on 1 July 2022.

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1. Annual financial report information (continued)

2. Transition: Accounting policy choices and significant judgements

AASB 17 allows an entity using the Fair Value Approach to group contracts that are issued more than one year apart. NobleOak has grouped contracts spanning multiple years (i.e. all contracts within a portfolio which are valued using the Fair Value Approach).

Significant judgements applied at transition include:

- Impracticable to apply Fully Retrospective Approach: This decision was made based on the accessibility of forecast models (required at the point of transition), the availability and quality of granular data and assumptions that would have been required at the date of transition, or prior, where these assumptions and data would have been used had the AASB 17 measurement model applied in practice at the time;
- Fair Value calculation methodology and assumptions as at 1 July 2022; and
- Allocation of contracts to profitability groupings: AASB 17 requires contracts to be grouped into profitability groupings. For contracts measured using the Fully Retrospective Approach (FRA) at transition, NobleOak determined the profitability grouping of the contract based on the profitability of each contract at inception. For contracts measured using the Fair Value Approach, profitability groupings were determined based on reasonable and supportable information (such as profitability assessments) available at the transition date. To the extent that there was not sufficient reasonable and supportable information available, contracts were classified as 'not onerous' for gross contracts or 'not in a net gain position' for reinsurance contracts.

E. Accounting policies

1. Recognition: Classification of contracts

Insurance contracts are defined by AASB 17 as contracts under which NobleOak accepts significant insurance risk from a policyholder by agreeing to compensate the policyholder if a specified uncertain future event occurs and adversely affects the policyholder. In making this assessment, all substantive rights and obligations, including those arising from law or regulation, are considered on a contract-by-contract basis to determine whether this definition is applicable and the contract can be considered an insurance contract under AASB 17.

NobleOak uses reinsurance contracts to mitigate its risk exposure. A reinsurance contract is a contract by which an insurer transfers all or part of its risk under an insurance contract to the reinsurer.

2. Recognition: Combination and separation of contracts

The Standard aims to combine contracts in a way that reflects the substance of the contract (i.e. contracts with the same or related counterparty, that are designed to achieve an overall commercial effect), while separating out components that are considered non-insurance components (such as embedded derivatives, distinct investment components and distinct service components).

3. Presentation: Level of aggregation and Groups of Insurance and Reinsurance Contracts

AASB 17 requires that contracts are divided into portfolios and groups of insurance contracts for the purposes of measurement.

NobleOak identifies portfolios of insurance contracts as contracts with similar risks that are managed together based on the product feature and nature of the benefit provided (i.e. Lump Sum or Income Protection) and premium type (i.e. level or stepped premiums). Furthermore, in assessing whether contracts are managed together, NobleOak considers for insurance contracts and reinsurance contracts, the terms of the reinsurance treaties or other contractual arrangements (such as distribution and administration agreements) that affect how contracts are managed, and the benefit fund to which the contract relates.

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AASB 17 requires that insurance portfolios are further disaggregated into profitability groupings (onerous, no significant possibility of becoming onerous, and other contracts). NobleOak does not expect that any of its contracts will be considered to have “no significant possibility of becoming onerous” and so in practice expects to apply only two profitability groupings (onerous, and not onerous).

Insurance contracts are considered onerous at inception if the best estimate of future outflows under the contract (i.e. the present value of claims and expenses), together with the risk adjustment for non-financial risk, exceeds the best estimate of future inflows (present value of premium receipts) that are expected to occur within the contract boundary. Similarly, reinsurance contracts are required to be disaggregated into three profitability groupings (“in a net gain on initial recognition”, “no significant possibility of being in a net gain on initial recognition” and “not in a net gain on initial recognition”). Similarly for insurance contracts, NobleOak expects to only make use of two of these profitability groupings (“in a net gain on initial recognition” and “not in a net gain on initial recognition”).

NobleOak further divides its portfolios into groups of insurance contracts reflecting annual cohorts of new contracts issued by financial year, where new contracts under AASB 17 issued include:

- for gross contracts: true new business and business renewed at the end of a contract boundary; and
- for reinsurance contracts: the reinsurance relating to true new business written over the new business notice period within the relevant treaty.

4. Measurement: Initial recognition of contracts

NobleOak recognises a group of insurance contracts from the earliest of the following:

- the beginning of the coverage period of the group of contracts, and
- the date when the first payment from a policyholder in the group becomes due, and
- when NobleOak determines that a group of contracts becomes onerous.

AASB 17 requires that reinsurance contracts are recognised at the earlier of:

- the beginning of the coverage period, and
- the date an onerous group of underlying insurance contracts is recognised,

noting that recognition of reinsurance contracts is delayed until the date the underlying insurance contracts are recognised. For NobleOak, reinsurance contracts are recognised when at least one of the underlying insurance contracts is recognised.

5. Measurement: Modification and derecognition of contracts

If the terms of a contract are modified in a way that would have significantly changed the accounting for the contract had the new terms always existed, then the modification triggers derecognition of the original contract and recognition of a new contract. This occurs if modified terms are such that, had the terms been in place at contract inception, the contract would:

- Be out of scope for AASB 17;
- Have materially different components of the contract being separated;
- Have a substantially different contract boundary;
- Belong to a different portfolio or group of insurance contracts; or
- If a model other than GMM is used, then no longer meeting the eligibility criteria for the relevant measurement model which is used.

NobleOak derecognises insurance contracts when the rights and obligations relating to the contract are extinguished (i.e. expired, discharged, or cancelled) or when the contract is modified (as identified using the above principles). In such cases, NobleOak derecognises the initial contract and recognises the modified contract as a new contract.

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6. Measurement: Contract boundary

For the purposes of determining the value of insurance and reinsurance liabilities and assets, AASB 17 requires entities to define the period over which insurance services are provided (the coverage period), and to only allow for cash flows expected to be incurred within that period in the determination of the value of insurance liabilities.

Cash flows relating to insurance services provided within the coverage period are within the “contract boundary” of that contract.

The coverage period ceases when the entity no longer provides insurance contract services, i.e. when it no longer has substantive rights and obligations to provide cover. This includes the entity having the right to reprice the contract to fully reflect risk. At the end of the coverage period, even if the legal contract continues, a new contract is considered to have commenced for accounting purposes. Cash flows incurred outside the contract’s boundary relate to future insurance contracts and are recognised when those contracts meet the recognition criteria. A single legal contract may therefore be treated as a number of successive “contracts” for the purposes of accounting under AASB 17.

In assessing contract boundaries risks transferred from the policyholder to NobleOak, such as insurance risk and financial risk, are considered while other risks, such as lapse and expense risk, are not.

For groups of reinsurance contracts held, cash flows are within the contract boundary if they arise from substantive rights and obligations of NobleOak that exist during the reporting period in which NobleOak is compelled to pay premiums to the reinsurer or in which NobleOak has a substantive right to receive services from the reinsurer.

7. Measurement: Policy liability measurement models

Under AASB 17, insurance and reinsurance policy liabilities valued under the GMM are made up of a liability for remaining coverage (LRC) and a liability for incurred claims (LIC).

The Liability for Remaining Coverage (LRC), reflects an entity’s obligation to:

- investigate and pay valid claims under existing insurance contracts for insured events that have not yet occurred (i.e. the obligation that relates to the unexpired portion of the insurance coverage); and
- pay amounts under existing insurance contracts that are not included in the above and that relate to:
 - insurance contract services not yet provided (i.e. the obligations that relate to future provision of insurance contract services); or
 - any investment components or other amounts that are not related to the provision of insurance contract services and that have not been transferred to the liability for incurred claims.

The Liability for Incurred Claims (LIC), reflects an entity’s obligation to:

- investigate and pay valid claims for insured events that have already occurred, including events that have occurred but for which claims have not been reported, and other incurred insurance expenses; and
- pay amounts that are not included in the above and that relate to:
 - insurance contract services that have already been provided; or
 - any investment components or other amounts that are not related to the provision of insurance contract services and that are not in the liability for remaining coverage.

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The Liability for Remaining Coverage is made up of:

- Future cash flows (FCF): Best estimates of future cash flows related to the LRC;
- Risk adjustment (RA): A risk adjustment for non-financial risk; and
- Contractual Services Margin (CSM): An estimate of unearned profit to be recognised over future coverage.

The Liability for Incurred Claims is made up of:

- Present value of future expected claim payments related to the LIC; and
- A risk adjustment for non-financial risk.

AASB 17 defines a default “General Measurement Model” (GMM) for determining the LRC and recognition of associated profit.

AASB 17 also allows for two alternate measurement models:

- The “Variable Fee Approach” (VFA) must be used when contracts meet certain specified criteria with direct participation features. NobleOak makes use of the VFA to value the Funeral Fund.
- A simplified “Premium Allocation Approach” (PAA) may be discretionarily used in the following circumstances:
 - Where the coverage period (the period up to the contract boundary) is no longer than 12 months; or
 - Where a simplification would produce a policy liability value that is not materially different from the value that would be produced under the GMM.

NobleOak makes use of the PAA to value Direct business insurance contracts, and contracts within the Freedom and Reward funds. The Premium Allocation approach is described further below.

NobleOak uses the GMM as the default measurement model, unless evidence suggests that the VFA is applicable, or that a group of insurance contracts is eligible to be measured under the PAA.

- All partner fund contracts and reinsurance contracts in Risk Fund No. 1 are measured on the GMM.
- Insurance contracts in Risk Fund No. 1 (due to their short contract boundary of 12 months) and the Freedom Fund and Reward Fund contracts are measured on the PAA.
- Funeral Fund contracts are measured on the VFA.

Loss Components and Loss Recovery Components

Insurance contracts that are measured under the GMM, are classified as onerous at inception if they are in a net outflow (loss) position.

Contracts measured under the PAA are assumed to not be onerous at inception unless facts and circumstances (i.e. profitability assessments during pricing analysis) indicate otherwise.

NobleOak measures the loss component as the amount that offsets the net out-flow position applicable to the group of insurance contracts.

The loss component is released over time using expected cash outflows to determine the release in the current year.

To the extent that the loss on a gross insurance contract is mitigated through reinsurance held, NobleOak will create a reinsurance loss recovery component that adjusts the contractual service margin within the relevant reinsurance asset for remaining coverage by the same amount. The reinsurance loss recovery component will be proportional (based on the reinsured percentage) when losses are initially recognised and subsequently adjusted and/or reversed on the underlying contract.

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Premium Allocation Approach (PAA)

The PAA is a simplified valuation approach that in principle results in materially similar values to the GMM.

Under the PAA policies are valued at their "Termination Values", which is the total of:

- The amount of unearned premium (where the policyholders continue to pay premiums upon renewal),
- The Liability for Incurred Claims (LIC), and
- The face value of guaranteed and discretionary policyholder benefits not recognised elsewhere within the Statement of Financial Position.

8. Presentation

Portfolios of insurance contracts that are assets and those that are liabilities, and portfolios of reinsurance contracts that are assets and those that are liabilities, are presented separately in the Statement of Financial Position. Any assets or liabilities recognised for cash flows arising before the recognition of the related group of contracts (including any assets for insurance acquisition cash flows) are included in the carrying amount of the related portfolios of contracts.

9. NobleOak accounting policy choices

Presentation:

- The option for further subdivision of groups of insurance contracts (AASB 17.21) was not exercised.

Measurement models:

- During the period, the accounting estimates were refined based on new information or more experience;
- A weighted average discount rate is used over the period that contracts in the group of insurance contracts are issued (AASB 17.B73);
- The PAA is used as the measurement model for direct business insurance contracts (AASB 17.29(a));
- Projected cash flows for contracts valued under the PAA approach are not discounted;
- Insurance acquisition cash flows are not expensed as incurred, but rather amortised over multiple renewal contracts, as available to contracts accounted for using the PAA (AASB 17.59a); and
- Combined amounts were used for some of the VFA adjustments (AASB 17.45).

Reporting:

- Insurance Finance Income and Expenses are not disaggregated in the Statement of Comprehensive Income (AASB 17.88 and AASB 17.89).

10. Significant judgements and estimates

Best estimate of future cash flows

Best estimate of future cash flows are reflective of premium, expense, commission and claim cash flows that are expected to be incurred over the lifetime of the policy. These cash flows are estimated by projecting various scenarios and attaching best estimate probabilities to the elements that are uncertain (e.g. claim incidence, claim termination, lapse risk, mortality risk, surrender risk etc.) to obtain estimates of the most likely cash flow outcomes in future, given current information available. These cash flows are then discounted using the discount rate applicable to the group of insurance contracts to derive the present value.

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In estimating future cash flows, NobleOak incorporates, in an unbiased way, all reasonable and supportable information that is available without undue cost or effort at the reporting date. This information includes both internal and external historical data about claims and other experience, together with information about market conditions and the regulatory environment, updated to reflect current expectations of future events.

The estimates of future cash flows reflect NobleOak's view of current conditions at the reporting date, as long as the estimates of any relevant market variables are consistent with observable market prices.

Furthermore, judgement was used in NobleOak's determination of expense cash flows that are considered directly attributable and so allowed for in the CSM, versus non attributable to contracts and thus accounted for on a cash flow basis as they are incurred.

In addition, judgement was used in the allocation to contracts, and amortisation of insurance acquisition cash flows, for which the run-off is not prescribed by AASB 17.

Judgement was used in the assessment that the risk of reinsurer non-performance is immaterial in the projected cash flows within reinsurance contracts. In making this assessment consideration was given to reinsurer credit ratings, and historic disputes between NobleOak and its reinsurers and any other relevant information in respect of the relationship between NobleOak and its reinsurers in making claim decisions. NobleOak has determined:

- The likelihood of default to be immaterial given the investment grade of reinsurers used and the Asset Concentration Risk mitigation arrangements in place with some of these reinsurers,
- That dispute risk is negligible as evidenced by no material historical disputes between NobleOak and its reinsurers, as well as the existing system of discussions held between NobleOak with reinsurers before making claim payments, avoiding disputes, and
- This assessment is subject to ongoing review.

Discounting

Cash flows are discounted using risk-free yield curves adjusted to reflect the characteristics of the cash flows and the liquidity of the insurance contracts. NobleOak uses the bottom-up approach to derive discount rates under AASB 17 and determines the discount rate to be made up of a risk-free nominal yield curve applied to nominal cash flows, and an illiquidity premium, which is applied based on the liquidity characteristics of the liability.

In setting the risk-free yield curve NobleOak uses Australian Commonwealth Government bond market yields. NobleOak considers these market yields to have negligible credit risk, and therefore determines a risk-free yield curve with no adjustments for sovereign default risk. This approach is subject to sovereign risk remaining negligible for Australia.

For the illiquidity premium NobleOak assesses the liquidity characteristics of the liability and applies an illiquidity premium only if the liability has been assessed as illiquid (i.e. cannot be accessed by the member before a given future date) and if the application of the illiquidity premium is material.

NobleOak applies a locked-in discount rate to determine the contractual service margin and changes to the contractual services margin. The locked-in discount rate NobleOak applies is a weighted-average discount rate over the period the contracts are issued for each group, which cannot be more than one year apart.

The locked-in discount rate reflects the discount rate at initial recognition for contracts in a group and is used to accrete interest on the contractual services margin and is applied to estimates of future cash flow when determining subsequent changes to the contractual services margin.

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Fulfillment cash flows

The assessment of the contract boundary requires judgement and consideration of NobleOak's substantive rights and obligations under the contract. In this assessment for insurance contracts, consideration was given to contractual terms (as per Benefit Fund Rules and the member certificates), implied contractual terms as set out in product disclosure (noting these are materially consistent with contractual terms), and any other legal contracts such as Reinsurance treaties or tripartite agreements). For reinsurance contracts, consideration was given to contractual terms in the Reinsurance Treaties, and any other legal constraints.

Furthermore, judgement was used in the distinction between the LRC and LIC for Income Protection policies. The assessment considers the treatment of continuing coverage provided to policies on claim and treats claims in the course of payment as part of LIC, consistent with historical practices.

AASB 17 does not prescribe a technique for determining the risk adjustment for non-financial risk, and thus judgement was used to determine an approach that is appropriate for NobleOak. Techniques that can be used include the Cost of Capital approach and the Confidence Interval approach. NobleOak has elected to use the confidence level approach at a 75% probability of sufficiency, set at company level and based on a long-term view of volumes.

iii. New accounting standards issued but not yet effective

A number of new accounting standards and amendments have been issued but are not yet effective, none of which have been early adopted by the Group in the financial report. These new standards and amendments, when applied in future periods, are not expected to have a material impact on the financial position or performance of the Group.

2. Results for the year

2.1 Insurance revenue

	Consolidated		Company	
	2024 \$'000	Restated 2023 \$'000	2024 \$'000	Restated 2023 \$'000
From contracts measured under the PAA	96,499	86,086	72,174	65,595
From contracts not measured under the PAA				
For changes in liabilities for remaining coverage:	251,337	236,337	251,337	236,337
Expected incurred claims and other insurance service expenses	188,972	181,760	188,972	181,760
Change in risk adjustment recognised for non-financial risk	5,618	4,455	5,618	4,455
CSM recognised for service provided	65,471	55,127	65,471	55,127
Other	(8,724)	(5,005)	(8,724)	(5,005)
Recovery of insurance acquisition cash flows	18,987	13,517	18,987	13,517
Total insurance revenue	366,823	335,940	342,498	315,449

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2. Results for the year (continued)

2.2 Insurance service expenses

	Consolidated		Company	
	2024 \$'000	Restated 2023 \$'000	2024 \$'000	Restated 2023 \$'000
Incurring claims from current period	140,097	101,146	140,097	101,146
Other incurred directly attributable expenses	101,147	81,598	94,846	75,746
Changes to liabilities for incurred claims from prior periods	30,229	28,649	30,229	28,649
Amortisation of insurance acquisition cash flows	19,742	12,797	19,742	12,797
Losses on onerous contracts and reversals of those losses	5,496	4,188	5,496	4,188
Total insurance service expenses	296,711	228,378	290,410	222,526

2.3 Reinsurance expenses

	Consolidated		Company	
	2024 \$'000	Restated 2023 \$'000	2024 \$'000	Restated 2023 \$'000
From contracts measured under the PAA	8,544	8,655	8,544	8,655
From contracts not measured under the PAA				
For changes in liabilities for remaining coverage:	242,734	240,350	242,733	240,350
Expected claims and other expense recoveries	177,701	179,949	177,701	179,949
Change in risk adjustment recognised for expired risk	5,881	4,856	5,881	4,856
CSM recognised for service provided	67,014	60,222	67,014	60,222
Other	(7,862)	(4,677)	(7,863)	(4,677)
Recovery of reinsurance acquisition cash flows	19,999	13,262	19,999	13,262
Total reinsurance expenses	271,277	262,267	271,276	262,267

2.4 Reinsurance income

	Consolidated		Company	
	2024 \$'000	Restated 2023 \$'000	2024 \$'000	Restated 2023 \$'000
Recoverable incurred claims from current period	116,457	85,987	116,457	85,987
Other incurred reinsurance recoveries	63,647	52,803	63,647	52,803
Recoverable changes to liabilities for incurred claims from prior periods	27,438	26,001	27,438	26,001
Amortisation of reinsurance acquisition cash flows	19,999	13,262	19,999	13,262
Recoverable losses on onerous contracts and reversals of those losses	3,613	3,543	3,613	3,543
Total reinsurance income	231,154	181,596	231,154	181,596

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2.5 Net finance income on insurance and reinsurance contracts

	Consolidated		Company	
	2024 \$'000	Restated 2023 \$'000	2024 \$'000	Restated 2023 \$'000
a. Finance income/(expense) on insurance contracts	4,748	(9,579)	4,748	(9,579)
b. Finance (expense)/income on reinsurance contracts	(4,776)	13,871	(4,776)	13,871
Net finance (expense)/income on insurance and reinsurance contracts	(28)	4,292	(28)	4,292
a. Finance income/(expense) on insurance contracts				
Interest accreted using current financial assumptions	22,780	11,636	22,780	11,636
Interest accreted using locked-in rate	(15,275)	(10,003)	(15,275)	(10,003)
Changes in interest rates and other financial assumptions	(2,757)	(11,212)	(2,757)	(11,212)
Total finance income/(expense) on insurance contracts	4,748	(9,579)	4,748	(9,579)
Finance income using locked-in discount rates	4,415	4,719	4,415	4,719
Differential in current financial assumptions and locked-in rate and changes in interest rate	333	(14,298)	333	(14,298)
Total finance income/(expense) on insurance contracts	4,748	(9,579)	4,748	(9,579)
b. Finance (expense)/income on reinsurance contracts				
Interest accreted using current financial assumptions	(26,500)	(13,838)	(26,500)	(13,838)
Interest accreted using locked-in rate	17,060	11,587	17,060	11,587
Changes in interest rates and other financial assumptions	4,664	16,122	4,664	16,122
Total finance (expense)/income on reinsurance contracts	(4,776)	13,871	(4,776)	13,871
Finance expense using locked-in discount rates	(5,690)	(5,153)	(5,690)	(5,153)
Differential in current financial assumptions and locked-in rate and changes in interest rate	914	19,024	914	19,024
Total finance (expense)/income on reinsurance contracts	(4,776)	13,871	(4,776)	13,871

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2.6 Net investment income

	Consolidated		Company	
	2024 \$'000	Restated 2023 \$'000	2024 \$'000	Restated 2023 \$'000
Interest income	7,417	2,356	7,320	2,277
Dividends and distribution income	3,845	1,307	4,545	2,157
Change in market value of investments	390	160	390	160
Investment expenses	(5,445)	(390)	(5,445)	(390)
Net investment income	6,207	3,433	6,810	4,204

Accounting policy for net investment income

Interest income is recognised in the period in which it is earned. Dividends and distributions are recognised on right to receipt.

Net investment income includes realised and unrealised gains or losses on financial assets which are reported on a net basis as fair value gains or losses on financial assets.

2.7 Segment information

AASB 8 requires disclosure of operating segments that engage in business activities and whose results are regularly reviewed by the chief operating decision maker in order to allocate resources to the segment and to assess performance.

The information reported to the Group's Board of Directors, being the chief operating decision maker, for the purpose of resource allocation and assessment of performance is focused on the products and services of each reporting segment.

The principal operating segments within the insurance operations of NobleOak are:

a. Direct business

The term 'Direct' reflects insurance products that are sold directly to customers under the NobleOak brand. This segment also includes the results of the management fund (comprising unallocated Group expenses and investment income) and the Funeral Fund (which is closed and maintained for existing Druid members).

Products sold under the 'Premium Life Direct' or 'My Protection Plan' brands include life, total and permanent disability, trauma, income protection and business continuity cover.

b. Strategic partnerships

The term 'Strategic Partnerships' reflects the NobleOak life insurance protection products which are primarily sold through advisors under the partner brands of PPS Mutual (established 2016), Avant Mutual (established 2017) and NEOS (established 2018).

c. Genus

Genus refers to life insurance administration services performed by the Group company Genus Life Insurance Services Pty Ltd.

Genus receives revenue from the insurer/reinsurer of the policies it administers.

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Genus administers the run-off of life and funeral insurance protection products written through Freedom Insurance Group following it ceasing operations in 2019.

Genus administers the run-off of life insurance policies written through A&G following the purchase of administration rights in August 2021.

The Genus segment also includes the residual results of the Freedom Benefit Fund and the Reward Benefit Fund.

Profit or Loss Statement	Direct business		Strategic partnerships		Genus		Consolidated	
By Segment	2024 \$'000	Restated 2023 \$'000	2024 \$'000	Restated 2023 \$'000	2024 \$'000	Restated 2023 \$'000	2024 \$'000	Restated 2023 \$'000
Insurance revenue	84,598	74,786	271,114	249,834	11,111	11,320	366,823	335,940
Insurance service expenses	(63,287)	(55,258)	(228,128)	(168,736)	(5,296)	(4,384)	(296,711)	(228,378)
Reinsurance expenses	(39,534)	(37,540)	(223,199)	(216,072)	(8,544)	(8,655)	(271,277)	(262,267)
Reinsurance income	36,325	32,578	192,100	147,299	2,729	1,719	231,154	181,596
Insurance service result	18,102	14,566	11,887	12,325	-	-	29,989	26,891
Net finance (expense)/income on insurance and reinsurance	(849)	3,069	821	1,223	-	-	(28)	4,292
Fees & other revenue	931	54	(906)	-	3,790	3,743	3,815	3,797
Other operating expenses	(13,417)	(9,875)	(6,373)	(4,403)	(2,895)	(2,721)	(26,444)	(19,192)
Insurance operating result	4,767	7,814	5,429	9,145	895	1,022	7,332	15,788
Net investment income	1,968	1,611	4,159	1,800	80	22	6,207	3,433
Profit before tax	6,735	9,425	9,588	10,945	975	1,044	13,539	19,221
Income tax	(2,216)	(2,823)	(2,876)	(3,235)	(292)	(315)	(4,257)	(5,715)
Profit after tax	4,519	6,602	6,712	7,710	683	729	9,282	13,506
Post tax impact of:								
Economic assumption changes	(980)	(2,902)	107	(406)	-	-	(873)	(3,308)
Loss recognition changes	-	-	1,465	494	-	-	1,465	494
AASB 17 implementation expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,632	1,535
IT transformation and product development project expenses	1,563	267	-	-	159	70	1,722	337
Funeral Fund member allocation (one-off)	780	-	-	-	-	-	780	-
Underlying NPAT¹	5,882	3,967	8,284	7,798	842	799	15,008	12,564

1. Underlying NPAT is a non-IFRS financial measure, defined as net profit after tax excluding the impact on one-off and recurring items. Disclosing an underlying measure of profits, allows the users of financial information to better assess the underlying performance of the business (as is contemplated by ASIC RG 230 Disclosing non-IFRS financial information). More details on the recurring and one-off adjustment are provided in the statutory to management reconciliation section of this directors report.

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2.8 Income tax

	Consolidated		Company	
	2024 \$'000	Restated 2023 \$'000	2024 \$'000	Restated 2023 \$'000
Current income tax	-	3,438	-	2,827
Deferred income tax	4,257	2,277	3,977	2,573
Total income tax	4,257	5,715	3,977	5,400
Reconciliation of prima facie to actual income tax expense				
Prima facie income tax at 30% on profit before tax	4,062	5,767	3,991	5,708
Add tax effect of:				
Members liability	195	-	195	-
Under provision of prior year income tax	-	32	-	32
Less tax effect of:				
Members liability	-	(6)	-	(6)
Non-assessable other income	-	(46)	(209)	(301)
Deductible expenses	-	(32)	-	(33)
Income tax expense for the year	4,257	5,715	3,977	5,400

Accounting policy for income tax

The Company is subject to income tax on profits calculated to comply with the provisions of the Income Tax Assessment Act.

The income tax expense charged to the profit or loss is the total calculated tax payable for the year.

The income tax expense comprises current and deferred income tax components.

Current tax assets/liabilities are recorded at the amounts expected to be recovered from/paid to the Australian Taxation Office.

Deferred income tax includes movements in deferred tax asset and liability balances during the year as well as unused tax losses.

Current and deferred tax on items that are credited or charged directly to equity are charged or credited directly to equity instead of to the profit or loss. All subsidiaries are located in Australia.

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2.9 Earnings per share

	Consolidated	
	2024 \$'000	Restated 2023 \$'000
Basic earnings per share (cents)	10.76	15.72
Diluted earnings per share (cents)	10.49	15.34
Basic earnings per share calculation		
Profit after tax	9,282	13,506
Earnings used in the calculation of basic earnings per share	9,282	13,506
Weighted average number of ordinary shares	86,258,782	85,894,480
Diluted earnings per share calculation		
Profit after tax	9,282	13,506
Earnings used in the calculation of diluted earnings per share	9,282	13,506
Weighted average number of ordinary shares	88,445,116	88,033,300
Reconciliation of weighted average number of ordinary shares used for earnings per share measures		
Basic weighted average number of ordinary shares	86,258,782	85,894,480
Premium Option Plan and Performance Rights Plan deemed dilutive shares	2,186,334	2,138,820
Diluted weighted average number of ordinary shares	88,445,116	88,033,300

2.10 Dividends

	Consolidated	
	2024 \$'000	Restated 2023 \$'000
Dividends declared	-	-
Dividends paid	-	-
Franking credit utilisation	-	-
Franking credits available for subsequent years	8,382	5,339

The NobleOak Board believes the best returns on capital in the near term will be achieved by reinvesting operating cash flows into the business to support its ongoing growth. Accordingly, no dividends have been declared in the current or prior year.

Eligibility to utilise franking credits is subject to meeting the Corporations Act requirements to declare dividends.

Dividends are franked at a tax rate of 30%.

Franking credits reported for 2023 have been restated due to the originally reported amount being overstated by \$1.6m.

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3. Insurance and reinsurance contracts

3.1 Insurance contract assets and liabilities

		Consolidated & Company									
		2024 \$'000					2023 (Restated) \$'000				
a. Net Asset/(Liability) for Remaining Coverage and Liability for Incurred Claims (LIC)		Asset/(Liability) for			Liability for incurred claims	Total	Asset/(Liability) for			Liability for incurred claims	Total
		Asset for insurance acquisition cash flows	Excluding loss component	Loss component			Asset for insurance acquisition cash flows	Excluding loss component	Loss component		
Net opening balance		22,691	42,305	(29,435)	(141,050)	(105,489)	-	8,893	(24,935)	(80,410)	(96,452)
Opening assets		22,691	50,607	(15,942)	(24,696)	32,660	-	47,004	(16,386)	(13,194)	17,424
Opening liabilities		-	(8,302)	(13,493)	(116,354)	(138,149)	-	(38,111)	(8,549)	(67,216)	(113,876)
Changes in profit or loss and OCI											
Insurance revenue		(91)	366,914	-	-	366,823	1,324	336,616	-	-	335,940
Contracts under the modified retrospective approach		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Contracts under the fair value transition approach		-	206,112	-	-	206,112	-	256,146	-	-	256,146
Other contracts		(91)	160,802	-	-	160,711	1,324	78,470	-	-	79,794
Insurance service expenses		(1,832)	(17,910)	(5,496)	(271,473)	(296,711)	-	(12,797)	(4,188)	(211,393)	(228,378)
Incurred claims and other insurance service expenses		-	-	-	(241,244)	(241,244)	-	-	-	(182,744)	(182,744)
Amortisation of insurance acquisition cash flows		(1,832)	(17,910)	-	-	(19,742)	-	(12,797)	-	-	(12,797)
Losses and reversals of losses on onerous contracts		-	-	(5,496)	-	(5,496)	-	-	(4,188)	-	(4,188)
Adjustments to liabilities for incurred claims		-	-	-	(30,229)	(30,229)	-	-	-	(28,649)	(28,649)
Insurance service result		(1,923)	349,004	(5,496)	(271,473)	70,112	1,324	321,819	(4,188)	(211,393)	107,562
Finance income/(expense) on insurance contracts		-	5,352	(604)	-	4,748	-	(9,267)	(312)	-	(9,579)
Total changes in profit or loss and OCI		(1,923)	354,356	(6,100)	(271,473)	74,860	1,324	312,552	(4,500)	(211,393)	97,983
Cash flows		23,329	(307,972)	-	205,972	(78,671)	21,367	(279,140)	-	150,753	(107,020)
Premiums received		-	(374,516)	-	-	(374,516)	-	(330,472)	-	-	(330,472)
Claims and other insurance service expenses paid		-	-	-	205,972	205,972	-	-	-	150,753	150,753
Insurance acquisition cash flows		23,329	66,544	-	-	89,873	21,367	51,332	-	-	72,699
Net closing balance		44,097	88,689	(35,535)	(206,551)	(109,300)	22,691	42,305	(29,435)	(141,050)	(105,489)
Closing assets		21,496	86,640	(1,509)	(40,846)	65,781	22,691	50,607	(15,942)	(24,696)	32,660
Closing liabilities		22,601	2,049	(34,026)	(165,705)	(175,081)	-	(8,302)	(13,493)	(116,354)	(138,149)

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3. Insurance and reinsurance contracts (continued)

c. Contracts initially recognised in the year	Consolidated & Company									
	2024 \$'000					2023 (Restated) \$'000				
	Issued Contracts		Acquired Contracts		Total	Issued Contracts		Acquired Contracts		Total
	Profitable contracts	Onerous contracts	Profitable contracts	Onerous contracts		Profitable contracts	Onerous contracts	Profitable contracts	Onerous contracts	
Estimate of present value of future cash outflows	330,657	92,925	-	-	423,582	349,268	45,231	-	-	394,499
Insurance acquisition cash flows	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Claims and other insurance expenses payable	330,657	92,925	-	-	423,582	349,268	45,231	-	-	394,499
Estimate of present value of future cash inflows	(420,865)	(87,291)	-	-	(508,156)	(454,747)	(41,125)	-	-	(495,872)
Risk adjustment for non-financial risk	9,926	3,431	-	-	13,357	10,066	1,958	-	-	12,024
Contract service margin	80,282	-	-	-	80,282	95,413	-	-	-	95,413
Estimate of present value of future net cash flows	-	9,065	-	-	9,065	-	6,064	-	-	6,064

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3. Insurance and reinsurance contracts (continued)

3.2 Reinsurance contract assets and liabilities

	Consolidated & Company						
	2024 \$'000			2023 (Restated) \$'000			
	Asset/(Liability) for remaining coverage			Asset/(Liability) for remaining coverage			
	Excluding loss component	Loss component	Asset for incurred claims	Excluding loss component	Loss component	Asset for incurred claims	Total
a. Net Asset/(Liability) for Remaining Coverage and Asset for Incurred Claims (AIC)							
Net opening balance	(124,958)	23,719	106,689	5,450	(51,913)	19,924	39,549
Opening assets	18,154	11,051	33,928	63,133	15,465	6,929	18,498
Opening liabilities	(143,112)	12,668	72,761	(57,683)	(67,378)	12,995	21,051
Changes in profit or loss and OCI							
Reinsurance expense	(271,277)	-	-	(271,277)	(262,267)	-	-
Allocation of reinsurance premiums paid							
Reinsurance income	19,999	3,613	207,542	231,154	13,262	3,543	164,791
Recoveries of incurred claims and other insurance service expenses							
Amortisation of reinsurance acquisition cash flows	-	-	180,104	180,104	-	-	138,790
Recoveries and reversals of recoveries on onerous contracts	19,999	-	-	19,999	13,262	-	-
Adjustments to assets for incurred claims	-	3,613	-	3,613	-	3,543	-
	-	-	27,438	27,438	-	-	26,001
Net reinsurance (expense)/income	(251,278)	3,613	207,542	(40,123)	(249,005)	3,543	164,791
Net finance expense from reinsurance contracts	(5,512)	736	-	(4,776)	13,619	252	-
Total changes in profit or loss and OCI	(256,790)	4,349	207,542	(44,899)	(235,386)	3,795	164,791
Cash flows	183,998	-	(153,828)	30,170	162,341	-	64,690
Reinsurance premiums paid	262,595	-	-	262,595	215,193	-	-
Reinsurance recoveries received for incurred claims and expenses	-	-	(153,828)	(153,828)	-	-	(97,651)
Reinsurance recoveries received for insurance acquisition cash flows	(78,597)	-	-	(78,597)	(52,852)	-	-
Net closing balance	(197,750)	28,068	160,403	(9,279)	(124,958)	23,719	106,689
Closing assets	(55,888)	26,731	110,414	81,257	18,154	11,051	33,928
Closing liabilities	(141,862)	1,337	49,989	(90,536)	(143,112)	12,668	72,761

Reinsurance concentration risk mitigants are detailed in note 3.4.b.

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3. Insurance and reinsurance contracts (continued)

	Consolidated & Company					
	2024			2023 (Restated)		
	\$'000			\$'000		
	Estimate of present value of future cash flows	Risk adjustment for non-financial risk	Contract Service Margin	Estimate of present value of future cash flows	Risk adjustment for non-financial risk	Contract Service Margin
b. Contracts not measured under PAA			Contracts under fair value transition approach			Contracts under fair value transition approach
			Other contracts			Other contracts
			Total			Total
Net opening balance	(571,447)	71,820	266,988	(603,626)	69,825	355,745
Opening assets	(35,323)	20,277	23,242	(6,133)	14,179	9,225
Opening liabilities	(536,124)	51,543	243,746	(597,493)	55,646	346,520
Changes in profit or loss and OCI						
Current service changes	5,019	(5,881)	(30,140)	(43,472)	(2,806)	(39,808)
CSM recognised for services provided	-	-	(30,140)	-	-	(39,808)
Change in risk adjustment for non-financial risk expired	-	(5,881)	-	-	(4,856)	-
Experience adjustments	5,019	-	-	(43,472)	2,050	-
Future service changes	(140,408)	12,940	19,397	(11,712)	4,531	(56,862)
Contracts initially recognised in the year	(83,306)	12,105	-	(106,717)	11,390	-
Change in estimates that adjust the CSM	(57,102)	835	19,397	94,995	(7,499)	(56,862)
Change in estimates of losses and reversal of losses on onerous contracts	-	-	-	10	640	-
Past service changes						
Adjustments to liabilities for incurred claims	28,808	(1,579)	-	26,752	297	-
Net reinsurance (expense)/income	(106,581)	5,480	(10,743)	(28,432)	2,022	(96,670)
Net finance expense from reinsurance contracts	(23,255)	1,419	6,558	2,311	(27)	7,913
Total changes in profit or loss and OCI	(129,836)	6,899	(4,185)	(26,121)	1,995	(88,757)
Net cash flows	24,285	-	-	58,300	-	-
Reinsurance premiums paid	253,476	-	-	185,829	-	-
Reinsurance recoveries received for incurred claims and expenses	(163,328)	-	-	(74,635)	-	-
Reinsurance recoveries received for insurance acquisition cash flows	(65,863)	-	-	(52,894)	-	-
Net closing balance	(676,998)	78,719	262,803	(571,447)	71,820	266,988
Closing assets	(157,614)	34,975	93,552	(35,323)	20,277	23,242
Closing liabilities	(519,384)	43,744	169,251	(536,124)	51,543	243,746

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3. Insurance and reinsurance contracts (continued)

		Consolidated & Company					
		2024 \$'000		2023 (Restated) \$'000			
c. Contracts initially recognised in the year		Purchased Contracts		Acquired Contracts		Purchased Contracts	
		Initiated without loss recovery component	Initiated with loss recovery component	Initiated without loss recovery component	Initiated with loss recovery component	Initiated without loss recovery component	Initiated with loss recovery component
		Total		Total		Total	
Estimate of present value of future cash outflows		49,139	391,845	-	-	440,984	-
Insurance acquisition cash flows		-	-	-	-	-	-
Claims and other insurance expenses payable		49,139	391,845	-	-	440,984	-
Estimate of present value of future cash inflows		(63,889)	(460,397)	-	-	(524,286)	-
Risk adjustment for non-financial risk		2,050	10,054	-	-	12,104	-
Contract service margin		12,700	66,088	-	-	78,788	-
Estimate of present value of future net cash flows		-	7,590	-	-	7,590	-

3.3 Contract service margin release – maturity profile

Contract service margin release	Insurance	Reinsurance	Net	Insurance	Reinsurance	Net
Less than one year	53,684	(53,351)	333	43,434	(45,780)	(2,346)
One to two years	50,150	(50,008)	142	40,291	(42,344)	(2,053)
Two to three years	45,814	(45,999)	(185)	37,021	(38,960)	(1,939)
Three to four years	41,304	(41,871)	(567)	33,573	(35,491)	(1,918)
Four to five years	37,114	(38,047)	(933)	30,257	(32,186)	(1,929)
More than five years	321,643	(357,505)	(35,862)	267,679	(308,165)	(40,486)
Total	549,709	(586,781)	(37,072)	452,255	(502,926)	(50,671)

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3. Insurance and reinsurance contracts (continued)

3.4. Regulatory capital adequacy

NobleOak is subject to minimum capital regulatory capital requirements in accordance with APRA Life Insurance Prudential Standards. NobleOak is required to maintain adequate capital against the risks associated with its business activities and measure its capital to the 'Prudential Capital Requirement' (PCR).

NobleOak has in place an Internal Capital Adequacy Assessment Process (ICAAP) that sets out how NobleOak manages its capital. The ICAAP determines the level of capital to be maintained within each benefit fund including regulatory prescribed capital amounts, Pillar 2 capital requirements and a target level of surplus to reduce the likelihood of falling below regulatory capital requirements and is approved by the Directors.

The capital adequacy position at balance date for NobleOak, in accordance with the APRA requirements, is set out in the following table.

a. Company regulatory capital position

	Company	
	2024 \$'000	Restated 2023 \$'000
i. Capital base	42,213	40,323
ii. Prescribed capital amount	21,855	21,125
Capital in excess of / (below) prescribed capital amount (i - ii)	20,358	19,198
Capital adequacy multiple (%) (i / ii)	193%	191%
Capital base components:		
Common Equity Tier 1 Capital	71,100	123,452
Regulatory adjustment applied in calculation of Tier 1 capital	(28,887)	(83,129)
A. Common Equity Tier 1 Capital	42,213	40,323
Additional Tier 1 Capital	-	-
Regulatory adjustment applied in calculation of Additional Tier 1 capital	-	-
B. Total Additional Tier 1 Capital	-	-
Tier 2 Capital	-	-
Regulatory adjustment applied in calculation of Tier 2 capital	-	-
C. Total Tier 2 Capital	-	-
Total capital base (A + B + C)	42,213	40,323

The regulatory capital adequacy position is also calculated and monitored internally at a benefit fund level in accordance with APRA's capital management standards.

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3. Insurance and reinsurance contracts (continued)

b. Reinsurance asset concentration risk mitigation

APRA's capital management standard LPS 117 Capital Adequacy: Asset Concentration Risk Charge provides concentration of counterparty risk limits.

NobleOak's successful growth continues to increase its reinsurance assets concentration exposures. This growth along with the changing prudential standards requires a continual reassessment of mitigating measures.

The mitigation arrangements in place and being monitored and updated on an ongoing basis include:

i. Claims settlement terms changes

A reinsurer has provided \$15.9m (2023: \$12.4m) to the Company for specified claims categories on a 'claims reserved' basis, rather than on a 'claims paid' basis.

ii. A deposit back arrangement

A reinsurer has provided \$103.3m (2023: \$97m) of funding to the Company in support of and as security over estimated reinsurance exposure. The assets are included in Financial Assets and the liability is included in Payables in the Statement of Financial Position.

iii. Irrevocable letters of credit (LOCs)

LOCs totaling \$111m (2023: \$66m) have been obtained from APRA approved financial institutions guaranteeing funding in the event of reinsurer defaults. Refer to note 8.4 for more details.

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3. Insurance and reinsurance contracts (continued)

c. Regulatory capital adequacy by fund

2024	Risk Fund No. 1 \$'000	PPS Mutual Benefit Fund \$'000	Avant Benefit Fund \$'000	NEOS Benefit Fund \$'000	Freedom Insurance Benefit Fund \$'000	Reward Insurance Benefit Fund \$'000	Funeral Benefit Fund \$'000	Total Benefit Funds \$'000	Manage ment Fund \$'000	Total Company \$'000
(a) Capital Base	5,154	4,697	1,787	6,837	108	359	73	19,015	23,198	42,213
(b) Prescribed capital amount	1,162	2,583	431	5,651	-	36	10	9,873	11,982	21,855
Capital in excess of prescribed capital amount = (a) - (b)	3,992	2,114	1,356	1,186	108	323	63	9,142	11,216	20,358
Capital adequacy multiple (%) = (a)/(b)	444%	182%	415%	121%	-	997%	730%	193%	194%	193%
Capital Base comprises:										
Net Assets (including Seed Capital)	3,317	2,898	2,589	16,043	125	339	70	25,381	49,684	75,065
Regulatory adjustment applied in calculation of Tier 1 capital	1,837	1,799	(802)	(9,206)	(17)	20	3	(6,366)	(26,486)	(32,852)
(A) Net assets after applying any regulatory adjustments	5,154	4,697	1,787	6,837	108	359	73	19,015	23,198	42,213
Tier 2 Capital	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Regulatory adjustment applied in calculation of Tier 2 capital	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(B) Total Tier 2 Capital	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total capital base	5,154	4,697	1,787	6,837	108	359	73	19,015	23,198	42,213
Prescribed capital amount comprises:										
(C) Insurance Risk Charge	667	1,735	274	2,234	-	-	-	4,910	-	4,910
(D) Asset Risk Charge	827	-	147	3,672	-	25	7	4,678	647	5,325
(E) Asset Concentration Risk Charge	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	365	365
(F) Operational Risk Charge	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,692	10,692
(G) Aggregation benefit	332	-	85	1,242	-	-	-	1,659	-	1,659
(H) Combined scenario adjustment	-	848	95	987	-	11	3	1,944	278	2,222
Prescribed capital amount = (C) + (D) + (E) + (F) - (G) + (H)	1,162	2,583	431	5,651	-	36	10	9,873	11,982	21,855

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3. Insurance and reinsurance contracts (continued)

2023 (restated)	Risk Fund No. 1 \$'000	PPS Mutual Benefit Fund \$'000	Avant Benefit Fund \$'000	NEOS Benefit Fund \$'000	Freedom Insurance Benefit Fund \$'000	Reward Insurance Benefit Fund \$'000	Funeral Benefit Fund \$'000	Total Benefit Funds \$'000	Manage ment Fund \$'000	Total Company \$'000
(a) Capital Base	2,465	7,877	1,390	10,450	285	55	776	23,298	17,025	40,323
(b) Prescribed capital amount	1,577	2,602	208	4,450	66	13	-	8,916	12,209	21,125
Capital in excess of prescribed capital amount = (a) - (b)	888	5,275	1,182	6,000	219	35	776	14,382	4,816	19,198
Capital adequacy multiple (%) = (a)/(b)	156%	303%	668%	235%	432%	423%	-	261%	139%	191%
Capital Base comprises:										
Net Assets (including Seed Capital)	78,122	9,458	2,012	7,934	285	55	776	98,642	24,809	123,451
Regulatory adjustment applied in calculation of Tier 1 capital	(75,657)	(1,581)	(622)	2,516	-	-	-	(75,344)	(7,784)	(83,128)
(A) Net assets after applying any regulatory adjustments	2,465	7,877	1,390	10,450	285	55	776	23,298	17,025	40,323
Tier 2 Capital	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Regulatory adjustment applied in calculation of Tier 2 capital	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(B) Total Tier 2 Capital	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total capital base	2,465	7,877	1,390	10,450	285	55	776	23,298	17,025	40,323
Prescribed capital amount comprises:										
(C) Insurance Risk Charge	1,377	1,788	152	1,673	-	-	-	4,990	-	4,990
(D) Asset Risk Charge	541	-	115	2,911	37	8	-	3,612	863	4,475
(E) Asset Concentration Risk Charge	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,059	1,059
(F) Operational Risk Charge	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,287	10,287
(G) Aggregation benefit	341	-	59	948	-	-	-	1,348	-	1,348
(H) Combined scenario adjustment	-	814	-	814	29	5	-	1,662	-	1,662
Prescribed capital amount = (C) + (D) + (E) + (F) - (G) + (H)	1,577	2,602	208	4,450	66	13	-	8,916	12,209	21,125

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3. Insurance and reinsurance contracts (continued)

3.5 Actuarial valuation report and key assumptions

An actuarial valuation report (AVR) on policy liabilities and solvency reserves at 30 June 2024 has been prepared by Mr. M. Paino (FIAA).

The actuarial valuation report states that Mr. M. Paino is satisfied with the data, methodologies and assumptions used for determining the policy liabilities.

Life insurance policy liabilities have been determined in accordance with Life Prudential Standard 340 issued by the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority.

LPS 340 requires that policy liabilities be calculated on the basis of best estimate assumptions and in a way that allows for the systematic release of planned margins as services are provided to policyholders or premiums are received.

a. Premium Allocation Approach (PAA)

The PAA is applied to direct business insurance contracts (Risk Fund No. 1) and the closed Freedom Benefit Fund and the closed Reward Benefit Fund.

No explicit actuarial assumptions are required for the PAA except to estimate a provision for incurred but not reported (IBNR) claims and outstanding claim payments for Group Salary Continuance.

The application of the PAA will result in profits emerging in proportion to premium.

b. General Measurement Model (GMM)

The GMM is applied to direct business reinsurance contracts (Risk Fund No. 1) and the strategic partner funds comprising the Neos Benefit Fund, the PPS Mutual Benefit Fund and the Avant Benefit Fund.

The application of the GMM will result in profits emerging in proportion to coverage provided.

c. AVR 'best estimate assumptions' by fund

	Risk Fund	Neos Fund	PPS Fund	Avant Fund
Australian Lump Sum Standard Table 2014-18				
Death standalone	85%	90%	80%	90%
Death with rider	85%	90%	80%	90%
Total and permanent disability	110%	110%	90%	110%
Trauma	100%	100%	80%	90%-110%
Australian Disability Income IDII Standard Table 2014-18				
Legacy benefits (pre 30 September 2021)				
Incidence	84%	99%	79%	89%
Terminations	101%	101%	121%	116%
Current benefits (post 30 September 2021)				
Incidence	99%	99%	79%	N/A
Terminations	111%-121%	111%-121%	111%-121%	N/A
Indexation assumptions				
Pre-claim	2.7%	3%	3%	3%
Post-claim	3%	3%	3%	3%
Short-term CPI overlay	3.50%	N/A	N/A	N/A

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3. Insurance and reinsurance contracts (continued)

	Risk Fund	Neos Fund	PPS Fund	Avant Fund
Lapse assumptions				
Stepped: lapses				
under age 55	8%-12%	2%-16%	2%-11%	3%-9%
over age 55	13%-25%	15%-29%	15%-26%	17%-28%
Level: lapses				
under age 55	N/A	2%-7%	2%-7%	4%-6%
over age 55	N/A	7%-12%	9%-26%	11%-28%
Shock lapse assumptions (repricing)	1%-3% p.a.	1%-2% p.a.	1%-2% p.a.	1% p.a.
Discount rates valuation	3% - 5.5%	3% - 5.5%	3% - 5.5%	3% - 5.5%
Discount rates locked-in	2020: 0.9% - 4.7%, 2021: 0.95% - 4.7%, 2022: 0.2% - 3.5%, 2023: 3% - 5.5%			
Illiquidity premium	0.39%	0.37%	0.39%	0.39%
Risk adjustment				
Insurance Contracts	5.2%	5.2%	5.2%	5.2%
Reinsurance Contracts	4.7%	4.7%	4.7%	4.7%
Claims handling expense	5%	0%	0%	5%
Maintenance expense ratio	5% - 9%	30%-34%	42%-51%	31%-41%

d. Sensitivity analysis

The reported policy liabilities are calculated using 'best estimate assumptions'. 'Best estimate assumptions' relate to the future which is fundamentally uncertain. Sensitivity analysis is provided to quantify variances in the 'best estimate assumptions' where actual future experience may vary from expected future experience. Sensitivities shown do not allow for second order impacts, such as the potential re-allocation of new business contracts to onerous insurance contract groups, reassessing the recoverability of any insurance acquisition cash flow assets, nor reassessing risk adjustment assumptions.

	Change in net profit and equity: before reinsurance \$'000	Change in net profit and equity: after reinsurance \$'000
Best Estimate		
Discount rate yield curve +1.5% pa	53,758	(11,513)
Discount rate yield curve -1.5% pa	(35,011)	15,387
Claims cost 20% higher (multiplicative)	59,325	9,947
Claims cost 20% lower (multiplicative)	(40,153)	(7,947)
Lapse rate 20% higher (multiplicative)	(1,821)	990
Lapse rate 20% lower (multiplicative)	24,551	1,994
Expenses 20% higher (multiplicative)	10,134	1,502
Expenses 20% lower (multiplicative)	(5,730)	(1,343)

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4. Other assets

4.1. Financial assets

Financial assets comprise assets held to fund policyholder liabilities, provide security against reinsurance asset exposures and excess shareholders' assets.

	Consolidated		Company	
	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000
At cost:	112,902	87,537	116,105	90,746
Term deposits	112,902	87,537	112,755	87,396
Shares in subsidiaries	-	-	3,350	3,350
At fair value through profit or loss:	94,644	90,159	94,644	90,159
Level 1: Listed unit trusts	77,949	77,559	77,949	77,559
Level 2: Unlisted unit trusts	16,695	12,600	16,695	12,600
Total financial assets	207,546	177,696	210,749	180,905
Current	73,536	45,169	73,536	45,169
Non-current	134,010	132,527	137,213	135,736
Reinsurance concentration risk mitigant assets included above (refer note 3.4b)	119,156	109,427	119,156	109,427
Claims settlement terms	15,856	12,427	15,856	12,427
Deposit back arrangement	103,300	97,000	103,300	97,000

Fair value measurement/estimation hierarchy

The fair value of financial instruments is measured/estimated as follows:

- quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (level 1);
- inputs other than quoted prices included within level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (as prices) or indirectly (derived from prices) (level 2); and
- inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs) (level 3).

Accounting policy for financial assets

The policy of management is to designate a group of financial assets at fair value through profit and loss when that group is managed and its performance evaluated on a fair value basis for both internal and external reporting in accordance with the Group's documented investment strategy.

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4. Other assets (continued)

4.2 Plant and equipment

	Consolidated		Company	
	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000
Gross carrying amount				
At the beginning of the financial year	687	1,559	687	609
Additions	146	371	146	371
Write-off*	-	(1,243)	-	(293)
At the end of the financial year	833	687	833	687
Accumulated depreciation				
At the beginning of the financial year	(283)	(1,390)	(283)	(440)
Depreciation expense	(140)	(106)	(140)	(106)
Write-off*	-	1,213	-	263
At the end of the financial year	(423)	(283)	(423)	(283)
Net book value				
At the beginning of the financial year	404	169	404	169
At the end of the financial year	410	404	410	404

* The write-off in 2023 relates to furniture and fittings written-off due to moving office premises.

Accounting policy for plant and equipment

Plant and equipment is recorded at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

Subsequent costs are included in an asset's carrying amount or recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, when it is probable that future economic benefits from the asset will flow to the Group and the subsequent costs can be measured reliably.

All other repairs and maintenance are charged to the statement of comprehensive income during the financial period in which they are incurred.

Depreciation is calculated using the straight-line method over the asset's useful life to the Consolidated Group commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use. Useful lives range between 3 to 10 years.

Asset residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each balance date.

An asset's carrying amount is written down to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount.

The recoverable amount is assessed on the basis of the expected net cash flows that will be received from the asset's employment and subsequent disposal. Expected net cash flows are discounted to a present value to determine the recoverable amount.

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4. Other assets (continued)

4.3 Right-of-use assets

	Consolidated		Company	
	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000
Gross carrying amount				
At the beginning of the financial year	6,174	3,042	-	2,209
Termination of lease	-	(3,042)	-	(2,209)
Commencement of lease	-	6,174	-	-
At the end of the financial year	6,174	6,174	-	-
Accumulated depreciation				
At the beginning of the financial year	(495)	(2,547)	-	(1,849)
Termination of lease	-	3,042	-	2,209
Depreciation expense	(862)	(990)	-	(360)
At the end of the year	(1,357)	(495)	-	-
Net book value				
At the beginning of the financial year	5,679	495	-	360
At the end of the financial year	4,817	5,679	-	-

Accounting policy for right-of-use assets

A right-of-use asset is recognised at the commencement date of a lease.

The right-of-use asset is measured at cost, which comprises the initial amount of the lease liability, adjusted for:

- any lease payments made at or before the commencement date net of any lease incentive received,
- any initial direct costs incurred,
- and except where included in the cost of inventories, an estimate of costs expected to be incurred for dismantling and removing the underlying asset, and restoring the site or asset.

Right-of-use assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the lease term or the estimated useful life of the asset, whichever is the shorter.

Where the consolidated entity expects to obtain ownership of the leased asset at the end of the lease term, the depreciation is over its estimated useful life.

Right-of-use assets are subject to impairment or adjusted for any remeasurement of lease liabilities.

4.4 Intangibles

Accounting policy for intangibles

To align with the expected run off experience, the unit of production method has been chosen for A&G Administration Right, whereby yearly amortisation is determined based on the expected run off pattern of the business.

Goodwill and other intangibles are initially recorded at the amounts by which the purchase price exceeds the fair value attributed to the interest in the net fair value of identifiable assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities at date of acquisitions. Goodwill and other intangibles are tested annually for impairment and carried at cost less accumulated impairment losses.

Intangible assets with finite useful lives that are acquired separately are carried at cost less accumulated amortisation and accumulated impairment losses. Amortisation is recognised on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the intangible assets. The estimated useful lives and the amortisation method are reviewed at the end of each reporting period, with the effect of any changes in estimate applied on a prospective basis.

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4. Other assets (continued)

4.5 Deferred tax asset

	Consolidated		Company	
	2024 \$'000	Restated 2023 \$'000	2024 \$'000	Restated 2023 \$'000
Temporary differences attributable to:				
Asset impairments	555	555	555	555
Accrued expenses	1,568	1,372	1,304	1,205
Employee entitlement provisions	576	526	-	-
Fixed assets and intangibles	544	555	202	253
Share capital issue costs	292	450	292	450
Financial assets – fair value movements	(134)	-	(134)	-
Tax losses recognised	19,625	24,971	19,596	24,942
Total deferred tax asset	23,026	28,429	21,815	27,405
Movement in deferred tax asset				
Balance at the beginning of the financial year	28,429	30,867	27,405	30,139
Amounts recognised in profit or loss	(5,246)	(2,277)	(5,433)	(2,573)
Amounts recognised in equity	(157)	(161)	(157)	(161)
Balance at the end of the financial year	23,026	28,429	21,815	27,405

Accounting policy for deferred tax asset

Deferred tax is recognised on temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities in the consolidated financial statements and the corresponding tax bases used in the computation of taxable profit.

Deferred tax liabilities are generally recognised for all taxable temporary differences.

Deferred tax assets are generally recognised for all deductible temporary differences and carried forward tax losses to the extent that it is probable that taxable profits will be available to be utilised.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are not recognised if the temporary difference arises from the initial recognition (other than in a business combination) of assets and liabilities in a transaction that affects neither the taxable profit nor the accounting profit.

Deferred tax liabilities are not recognised if the temporary difference arises from the initial recognition of goodwill.

The carrying amount of deferred tax assets is reviewed at the end of each reporting period and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profits will be available to allow all or part of the asset to be recovered.

The measurement of deferred tax liabilities and assets reflects the tax consequences that would follow from the manner in which the Group expects, at the end of the reporting period, to recover or settle the carrying amount of its assets and liabilities.

Deferred tax liabilities and assets are offset when there is a legally enforceable right to set off current tax assets against current tax liabilities and when they relate to income taxes levied by the same taxation authority and the Group intends to settle its current tax assets and liabilities on a net basis.

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5. Other liabilities

5.1 Lease liability

	Consolidated		Company	
	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000
Current lease liability	672	577	-	-
Non-current lease liability	4,585	5,257	-	-
Total lease liability	5,257	5,834	-	-
Maturity profile of gross lease payments				
Less than one year	1,058	1,013	-	-
One to two years	1,106	1,058	-	-
Two to three years	1,155	1,106	-	-
Three to four years	1,206	1,155	-	-
Four to five years	1,260	1,206	-	-
More than five years	753	2,013	-	-
Total gross lease payments	6,538	7,551	-	-

The Group leases its office facilities at Level 4, 44 Market Street Sydney through its wholly owned subsidiary NobleOak Aspire Pty Ltd.

NobleOak Life Limited has provided a bank guarantee for the lease (note 8.5a).

The lease runs from 1 February 2023 for a term of 7 years and includes an extension option and variable indexed payments.

Accounting policy for leases

Short-term and low value asset lease payments are recognised as expenses in the profit or loss on a straight line basis over lease terms.

Leases with durations of more than a year are recognised as liabilities at their commencement dates.

Lease liabilities are initially recognised at the present value of the lease payments to be made over the term of the lease, discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease or, if that rate cannot be readily determined, the Group's incremental borrowing rate.

Lease payments include:

- fixed payments less any lease incentives receivable;
- variable lease payments that depend on an index or a rate;
- amounts expected to be paid under residual value guarantees;
- exercise price of a purchase option when the exercise of the option is reasonably certain to occur;
- and any anticipated termination penalties.

Variable lease payments that do not depend on an index or rate are expensed in the period in which they are incurred.

Lease liabilities are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

When a lease liability is remeasured, an adjustment is made to the corresponding right-of-use asset, or to profit or loss if the carrying amount of the right-of-use asset is fully written down.

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5. Other liabilities (continued)

Carrying amounts are remeasured for any changes to:

- future lease payments arising from a change in an index or a rate used;
- residual guarantee;
- lease term;
- certainty of a purchase option; and
- termination penalties.

5.2 Tax liability

	Consolidated		Company	
	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000
Current tax liability	-	2,909	-	2,909

The current tax liability represents income tax payable on taxable profit for the year less income tax instalments paid.

A reconciliation of prima facie tax on profit to the actual tax expense for the year is provided in note 2.8.

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6. Equity

6.1. Issued share capital

	Consolidated & Company					
	2024			2023		
	Number of shares	Issue price \$	Value \$'000	Number of shares	Issue price \$	Value \$'000
Fully paid ordinary shares	86,385,174		96,403	85,959,682		95,727
Movement in ordinary shares						
Balance at the beginning of the financial year	85,959,682	-	95,727	85,735,166	-	95,323
a. Long-term incentives	342,642	1.55	531	224,516	1.80	404
b. IPO related bonus	22,324	1.75	39	-	-	-
c. Employee share gift offer	60,526	1.75	106	-	-	-
Balance at the end of the financial year	86,385,174		96,403	85,959,682		95,727

Notes a to c follow note 6.2 below.

6.2. Share-based payment reserve

	Consolidated & Company			
	2024		2023	
	Number of options/ rights	Value \$'000	Number of options/ rights	Value \$'000
Balance at the beginning of the financial year	905,250	1,129	1,374,191	1,483
d. Long-term incentive rights				
i. 2019 (finalised)	-	-	(224,516)	(404)
ii. 2020 (finalised)	(335,900)	(521)	41,653	65
iii. 2021	21,899	43	20,075	39
iv. 2022	25,900	48	59,503	110
v. 2023	68,364	239	-	-
e. IPO options plan 2021	(365,656)	(216)	(365,656)	(164)
Balance at the end of the financial year	319,857	722	905,250	1,129
Expired IPO options plan 2021	-	380	-	164
Total share-based payment reserve	319,857	1,102	905,250	1,293

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6. Equity (continued)

Notes to 6.1 and 6.2

- Ordinary shares issued to CEO and CFO under long term incentive plans with performance criteria:
 - 2024: issued on 16 October 2023 under the 2020 long term incentive plan
 - 2023: issued on 14 October 2022 under the 2019 long term incentive plan
- Ordinary shares issued to KMP in recognition of the achievement of a successful IPO.
- Ordinary shares issued to employees under the Employee Gift Offer on 26 October 2023.
- Long-term incentive rights

Long-term incentive plans are established for key executives and senior management and are based on the outcome of 3 years of results.

Long-term incentive rights plan details	ii. 2020	iii. 2021	iv. 2022	v. 2023	Total
Grant date (CEO)	06-Nov-20	22-Jul-21	25-Nov-22	24-Nov-23	
Grant date (Others)	06-Nov-20	22-Jul-21	30-Aug-22	18-Sep-23	
Fair value at grant date (CEO)	1.55	1.95	1.8520	1.752	
Fair value at grant date (Others)	1.55	1.95	1.8636	1.773	
Outcome based on 3 years results ending	30-Jun-23	30-Jun-24	30-Jun-25	30-Jun-26	
2024: Unexercised and unvested rights balance	-	166,090	85,403	68,364	319,857
2023: Unexercised and unvested rights balance	335,900	144,191	59,503	-	539,594

- IPO options plan 2021

Options were issued on 26 February 2021 to executives and senior management with conditional vesting dates in 2022 and 2023 and an exercise price of \$1.80 dependent on achievement of planned objectives. The first tranche (50% of the total options) expired in October 2022 and the second tranche (50% of the total options) expired in October 2023.

Accounting policy for share-based payments

Equity-settled share-based payments to Directors and employees are measured at the fair value of the equity instruments at the grant date.

The fair value determined at the grant date of the performance rights is expensed on a straight-line basis over the vesting period, based on the Group's estimate of equity instruments that will eventually vest, with a corresponding increase in equity.

At the end of each reporting period, the Group revises its estimate of the number of equity instruments expected to vest.

The impact of the revision of the original estimates, if any, is recognised in profit or loss such that the cumulative expense reflects the revised estimate, with a corresponding adjustment to the equity-settled employee benefits reserve.

The fair value determined at the grant date of the IPO option is measured based on Black Scholes model.

Issued share capital conditions

Shareholders are not required to further contribute to any shortfalls if the Company is wound up other than to settle any outstanding balances for partially paid shares.

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7. Financial Risk Management

The Board of Directors has established an investment policy to ensure that assets are adequately protected and invested in accordance with the Group's primary objectives of safety, liquidity and yield. The principal goal of the investment policy is to maximise investment returns while growing the Group's asset base without putting at risk the capital adequacy and solvency obligation requirements stipulated by relevant laws and standards (such as those imposed by the APRA). To assist with the implementation and management of the investment policy, the Board has established a Finance and Investment Committee (FIC).

7.1 Interest rate risk

Interest rate risks arise where the fair value of future cash flows of financial instruments, insurance contracts or reinsurance contracts is subject to uncertainty as a result of changes in market interest rates.

Noble Oak's exposure to interest rate risk occurs through its holdings of interest-bearing assets and investments in both listed and unlisted unit trusts. Floating rate securities expose the Group to cash flow interest risk while fair value interest risk arises as a result of the Group's investments in fixed interest rate securities.

The Group seeks to mitigate the risk of unfavourable interest rate movements by maintaining an appropriate spread of investments in fixed and floating instruments underpinned by robust risk management processes.

There have been no changes in the Groups approach to managing interest rate risks in the current year.

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7. Financial Risk Management (continued)

a. Maturity analysis of financial instruments

Consolidated												
2024						Restated 2023						
	Less than 1 year	Between 1 & 5 years	Over 5 years	Total	Less than 1 year	Between 1 & 5 years	Over 5 years	Total				
	Weighted average interest rate	Weighted average interest rate	Weighted average interest rate	Weighted average interest rate	Weighted average interest rate	Weighted average interest rate	Weighted average interest rate	Weighted average interest rate	Weighted average interest rate	Weighted average interest rate	Weighted average interest rate	
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	
Financial assets												
Cash and cash equivalent	63,960	4.4%	-	-	63,960	4.4%	50,415	3.1%	-	-	50,415	3.1%
Receivables	13,135	-	-	-	13,135	-	2,889	-	-	-	2,889	-
Term deposits	49,900	5.0%	63,000	5.4%	112,900	5.2%	24,534	4.7%	63,000	5.4%	87,534	5.2%
Listed unit trusts	14,175	5.2%	63,399	5.3%	77,951	5.3%	15,069	4.9%	62,492	4.9%	77,561	4.9%
Unlisted unit trusts	9,461	4.7%	6,497	5.2%	16,695	4.9%	5,566	4.4%	6,416	5.3%	12,601	4.9%
Total financial assets	150,631	4.7%	132,896	5.4%	284,641	5.0%	98,473	3.9%	131,908	5.2%	231,000	4.6%
Financial liabilities												
Payables	122,598	-	-	-	122,598	-	99,650	-	-	-	99,650	-
Lease liability	5,257	-	-	-	5,257	-	5,834	-	-	-	5,834	-
Total financial liabilities	127,855	-	-	-	127,855	-	105,484	-	-	-	105,484	-

b. Interest rate sensitivity analysis

	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000
Change in Net Profit and Equity		
• Increase interest rate by 1%	2,498	1,639
• Decrease interest rate by 1%	(2,498)	(1,639)

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7. Financial Risk Management (continued)

7.2 Fair value of financial instruments

The fair value has been determined in accordance with the accounting policies disclosed in note 4.1 to the financial statements.

7.3 Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument or reinsurance contract will cause a financial loss for the other party by failing to discharge an obligation. The carrying amounts of financial assets recorded in the Group's financial statements represent the Group's maximum exposure to credit risk in relation to these assets.

The Group has implemented the following processes and policies to address the impact of credit risk on its financial performance:

The Group maintains and adheres to a credit risk policy which serves to mitigate credit risks. The policy provides guidance on what constitutes credit risks and provides guidelines for addressing risks. The policy is regularly reviewed and updated to respond to changes in the risk environment as they occur. Compliance with the policy is monitored and enforced.

Credit risk relating to financial instruments is regularly reviewed and monitored by Management. The Group's investment policy sets out a minimum investment counter party grade (as measured by Standard & Poor's) for fixed interest and cash investments of at least BBB or better. The Group's Risk Appetite Statement sets out a minimum Financial Strength Rating (as measured by Standard & Poor's) for reinsurers of at least A (equivalent to an APRA Grade 3 credit rating) or better. The current credit rating for all NobleOak reinsurers is AA- (equivalent to an APRA Grade 2 credit rating).

Reinsurance forms a key component of the Group's risk management strategy. Reinsurance is placed in line with the Group's policy guidelines, the credit worthiness of reinsurers is assessed annually to ensure that counterparties maintain an appropriate credit rating. Consistent with policy the Group takes steps to ensure reinsurance placements are diversified to avoid concentration risks in line with counterparty limits as set by the board of directors. Mitigants are put in place to provide additional security where counterparty concentration is deemed to be greater than the regulatory limits and/or the Group's risk appetite.

Credit risk associated with other receivables is considered minimal. Management regularly reviews the collectability of receivables and the adequacy of associated provisions for impairment.

There have been no changes in the methods used to measure or address credit risk in the current year.

7.4 Foreign currency risk

The Group's exposure to fluctuations in foreign currency through indirect investments is immaterial.

7.5 Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk represents the risk associated with meeting financial obligations as they arise due to a holding insufficient deployable assets or where liquidity is available but only at excessive costs.

The Group manages liquidity risk by maintaining adequate reserves and by continuously monitoring forecast and actual cash flows and matching the maturity profiles of financial assets and liabilities.

Compliance with policies and procedures is regularly monitored, while updates to policies occur on a systematic basis as changes in the Group's risk environment materialise.

There have been no changes in the Group's approach to measuring and managing liquidity risk in the current year.

A maturity analysis for the Group's financial assets and liabilities has been included in the interest rate risk note at 7.1a.

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7. Financial Risk Management (continued)

7.6 Capital risk

The Group manages its capital requirements by assessing capital levels on a regular basis. Its objectives are to maintain an optimal capital structure to reduce the cost of capital whilst providing security, returns and benefits to policyholders and members.

Life companies are subject to externally imposed minimum capital requirements set and monitored by APRA. These requirements are in place to ensure sufficient solvency margins for the protection of policyholders and members. The capital adequacy position at balance date is presented in note 3.4.a.

7.7 Insurance risk

Life insurance risk consists of all aspects of the risk arising from the underwriting of insurance risk. In underwriting insurance products, the Group is predominately exposed to the following categories of risk:

- Mortality risk – the risk arising where the timing of policyholder's death adversely differs to expectations
- Morbidity risk – the risk arising where a policyholder's health status adversely differs to expectations
- Longevity risk – the risk arising where a policyholder lives for a period of time exceeding expectations

The Group's overarching objective is to ensure that sufficient resources are readily available to meet the liabilities arising from the issuance of insurance and reinsurance contracts. In combination with the risk management strategy and risk management framework, exposure to insurance risk is assessed and mitigated by diversification of reinsurance placements and underwriting guidelines as outlined below.

The Group ensures that the insurance risk is controlled through the use of underwriting procedures, appropriate premium rating methods and approaches, effective claims management procedures and sound product terms and conditions.

The Group purchases reinsurance to limit its exposure to accepted insurance risk. It cedes to specialist reinsurance companies a proportion of its portfolio for certain types of insurance risk. This serves primarily to reduce the net liability on large individual risks and provides protection against large losses. The reinsurers used are regulated by the APRA and are members of large international groups with sound credit ratings.

In estimating the amounts recoverable from reinsurers, the Group determines this in accordance with the contractual terms of the reinsurance treaty in combination with the underlying insurance contract liabilities. Despite entering into reinsurance agreements, the Group recognises its overarching obligation lies in meeting the needs of policyholders in accordance with the insurance contract terms. The Group diversifies the credit risk associated with reinsurance placements via entering into contractual arrangements with a broad spread of quality reinsurers.

The Group has not made any significant changes in the way insurance risk is managed in the current year.

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8. Other

8.1 Auditor's remuneration

	Consolidated		Company	
	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000
Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu				
Audit of the annual financial reports	1,776,000	701,930	1,714,100	643,130
Audit of the APRA and ASIC regulatory returns	84,000	50,270	71,500	38,200
Total audit services	1,860,000	752,200	1,785,600	681,330
Non-audit services	-	47,700	-	35,700
Total remuneration	1,860,000	799,900	1,785,600	717,030

Audit of the annual financial reports includes fees associated with auditing the transition to AASB 17.

8.2 Cash flow statement note

Reconciliation of profit after tax to net operating cash flows

	Consolidated		Company	
	2024 \$'000	Restated 2023 \$'000	2024 \$'000	Restated 2023 \$'000
Profit after tax	9,282	13,506	9,327	13,627
Non-operating cash flow adjustments:				
Depreciation and amortisation	2,018	2,019	683	998
Expense related to Share-based Payment Reserve	311	215	311	215
Lease interest expense	436	280	349	5
Change in market value of investments	(390)	(160)	(390)	(160)
Other non-operating items	175	-	866	-
Statement of financial position movements				
AASB 17 transition adjustment (note 1.2.j.ii.C)	-	(63,712)	-	(63,712)
Receivables	(10,248)	9,154	(6,854)	8,757
Insurance contract assets	(31,121)	(32,660)	(31,121)	(32,660)
Reinsurance contract assets	(18,124)	(35,705)	(18,124)	(35,705)
Deferred tax asset	5,403	(24,867)	5,590	(24,571)
Payables	21,802	71,012	15,644	75,468
Insurance contract liabilities	36,932	132,677	38,905	126,890
Reinsurance contract liabilities	30,853	57,863	30,853	57,863
Provisions	-	(1,512)	-	-
Tax liability	(2,909)	2,207	(2,909)	2,207
Net operating cash flows	44,420	130,137	43,130	129,042

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8. Other (continued)

8.3 Related parties

a. Key management personnel remuneration

	Consolidated	
	2024 \$'000	2023 \$'000
Non-executive Directors	817	786
Short-term employee benefits	794	772
Post-employment benefits	23	14
Executive Directors and key personnel	1,464	1,321
Short-term employee benefits	1,349	1,167
Long-term employee benefits	28	25
Post-employment benefits	55	51
Share-based payments	32	78
Total key management personnel remuneration	2,281	2,107

b. Options issued to key management personnel

An option plan dated 26 February 2021 was established for key personnel and is based on the achievement of specific goals. Anthony Brown was issued with 273,084 options and Scott Pearson was issued with 209,408 options under this plan that vest on achieving the specific events in 2022 and 2023. Tranche 1 of 136,542 options issued to Anthony Brown and 104,704 options issued to Scott Pearson lapsed in October 2022. Tranche 2 of 136,542 options issued to Anthony Brown and 104,704 options issued to Scott Pearson lapsed in October 2023.

c. Performance rights plan

In November 2017, the Board established a Performance Rights Plan as a long-term incentive program to align key management personnel to the performance of the Group. This program issues performance rights each year to eligible personnel with each issue based on achieving the business plan objectives (in-force premium and earning) over a 3-year period. Issues under this program to Anthony Brown and Scott Pearson have been:

Year	Full entitlement	Accrued to balance date
2021	395,898	113,518
2022	432,894	58,465
2023	490,395	39,160

d. Transactions with Directors

There have been no other transactions with Directors or their related entities.

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8. Other (continued)

8.4 Contingent assets

Irrevocable letters of credit (LOCs)

The Group is the beneficiary of the following LOCs to protect against the default risk of its reinsurance asset exposure:

- \$22 million issued by DBS Bank on behalf of Swiss Re Life and Health Australia Limited;
- \$22 million issued by the Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited on behalf of Swiss Re Life and Health Australia Limited;
- \$22 million issued by the National Australia Bank on behalf of Hannover Life Re of Australasia Limited; and
- \$45 million issued by the Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited on behalf of Pacific Life Re (Australia) Pty Limited.

8.5 Contingent liabilities

a. Bank guarantee

The Group has provided a bank guarantee of \$806,641 to support the commercial lease on its office premises at Level 4, 44 Market Street, Sydney NSW 2000.

b. Indemnity

The Company has provided indemnity in favour of the insurer or reinsurer if its subsidiary Genus breaches the Freedom administration arrangements (other than those relating to remediation) and the insurer or reinsurer suffers loss.

The indemnity is limited to \$1 million for all indemnified breaches during the three years from 1 June 2019 and in each subsequent three-year period of the administration agreement.

8.6 Subsequent events

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the reporting date that significantly affect, or may significantly affect, the operations of the Group, or the state of affairs of the Company in future years.

CONSOLIDATED ENTITY DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

As at 30 June 2024

This Consolidated Entity Disclosure Statement has been prepared in accordance with the Corporations Act. The following table includes information for each entity that is part of the consolidated Group at the end of the financial year.

Entity name	Entity type	Body corporates		Tax residency	
		Country incorporated	% of share capital held	Australian or foreign	Foreign jurisdiction
NobleOak Life Limited	Body corporate	Australia	N/A	Australian	N/A
NobleOak Services Limited	Body corporate	Australia	100%	Australian	N/A
Genus Life Insurance Services Pty Ltd	Body corporate	Australia	100%	Australian	N/A
NobleOak Aspire Pty Ltd	Body corporate	Australia	100%	Australian	N/A
NobleOak Corporate Beneficiary Pty Ltd	Body corporate	Australia	100%	Australian	N/A

DIRECTORS' DECLARATION

The Directors of the Group declare that the attached financial statements, notes and Consolidated Entity Disclosure Statement (CEDS) are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* and:

- a. comply with Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements, the Corporations Regulations 2001 and as stated in Note 1 to the financial statements, compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS);
- b. give a true and fair view of the financial position as at 30 June 2024 and the performance for the year ended on that date;
- c. in the opinion of the Directors there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Group will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable;
- d. the allocation and distribution of the surplus of the Benefit Funds of the Group have been made in accordance with Division 5 of Part 4 of the *Life Insurance Act 1995* and the Benefit Fund Rules of each Benefit Fund;
- e. no assets of the Benefit Funds of the Group have been applied or invested in contravention of any relevant laws; and
- f. the information disclosed in the attached CEDS is true and correct.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.

On behalf of the Directors



Stephen Harrison (Chair)

29 August 2024
Sydney



Anthony Brown (CEO)

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to the Members of NobleOak Life Limited



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Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of NobleOak Life Limited

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of NobleOak Life Limited (the "Company") and its subsidiaries (the "Group") which comprise the Group and Company's consolidated statement of financial position as at 30 June 2024, the consolidated statement of comprehensive income, the consolidated statement of changes in equity and the consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including material accounting policy information and other explanatory information, the directors' declaration and the Consolidated Entity Disclosure Statement.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of the Group and Company are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:

- Giving a true and fair view of the Group and the Company's financial position as at 30 June 2024 and of their financial performance for the year then ended; and
- Complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of our report. We are independent of the Group in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional & Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards) (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We confirm that the independence declaration required by the *Corporations Act 2001*, which has been given to the directors of the Company, would be in the same terms if given to the directors as at the time of this auditor's report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Key Audit Matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgement, were of most significance in our audit of the financial report for the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the financial report as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

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Key Audit Matter	How the scope of our audit responded to the Key Audit Matter
Adoption of AASB 17 Insurance Contracts As set out in note 1(j) NobleOak Life Limited (the Group) adopted AASB 17 Insurance Contracts (AASB 17) effective 1 July 2023. With a transition date of 1 July 2022 this adoption impacted the Group's opening equity balances and included restatement of the comparative financial information for the year ended 30 June 2023 and of the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position as at 1 July 2022. AASB 17 is a complex accounting standard requiring considerable judgment and interpretation in its implementation which impacts how the Group recognises, measures, presents and discloses Insurance Contracts. In adopting AASB 17, the Group has made an accounting policy choice to apply both modified retrospective and fair value approaches for groups of contracts where full retrospective application is impracticable. The modified retrospective approach uses reasonable and supportable information to achieve the closest outcome to full retrospective application without undue cost or effort. The fair value approach calculates the initial Contractual Service Margin (CSM) as the difference between the fair value of a group of insurance contracts and the fulfillment cash flows measured at that date. There are many components embedded in the determination the insurance contract liabilities and initial CSM as at 1 July 2022 that required management to make judgments and assumptions related to (1) the appropriateness of the modified retrospective and fair value methodologies, (2) the appropriateness of the valuation models that incorporate projections of cash inflows and outflows, and (3) the appropriateness of discount rates. Auditing of these judgments, assumptions and estimates required a high degree of auditor judgment and an increased extent of audit effort, including the need to involve actuarial specialists.	With the assistance of actuarial and technical accounting specialists, our audit procedures related to the adoption of AASB 17 as at 1 July 2022 included but were not limited to: • Evaluating the reasonability of management's data, methodology, models and assumptions as well as the application of the chosen transition provision of the modified retrospective approach against the requirements of AASB 17. • Evaluating management's selection of the fair value approach against the requirements of AASB 17 and AASB 13 Fair Value Measurement. • Assessing the projections of cash inflows and outflows by: ◦ Evaluating the valuation models and methodologies and their applicability under AASB 17; ◦ Examining the audited historical projected cashflows and assumptions to ensure they are incorporated into the transition valuation models as applicable; ◦ Evaluating management's accounting policy choices and methodology judgements for revisions of key assumptions under AASB 17; and ◦ Testing the appropriateness of certain valuation models used in the estimation process by calculating an independent estimate of the insurance contract liability for a sample of insurance policies and comparing the results to the Group's estimate. • Evaluating the reasonableness of the discount rates used by testing the source information underlying the determination of the discount rates, developing a range of independent estimates and comparing those to the discount rates selected by management. • Assessing the appropriateness of the disclosures in the financial statements against the requirements of the Australian Accounting Standards.

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Key Audit Matter	How the scope of our audit responded to the Key Audit Matter
Insurance Contract Liabilities As set out in note 3.1 the Group has Insurance Contract Liabilities of \$175.1m (2023: \$138.1m) representing a significant portion of its total liabilities. Insurance Contract Liabilities are determined in accordance with AASB 17. This requires the use of complex valuation models and assumptions to measure groups of contracts at an estimate of the present value of fulfillment cash flows, which includes an explicit risk adjustment for non-financial risk and the CSM. Under AASB 17, for contracts that apply the general measurement model, Insurance Revenue is driven by the valuation of the best estimate cash flows and the CSM which is released into the Statement of Comprehensive Income as Insurance Revenue. Small changes in assumptions can result in material impacts to the valuation of the Insurance Contract Liabilities and therefore the release of the CSM. The assumptions with the greatest estimation uncertainty are those related to terminations, lapses, incidence and expenses. These assumptions required significant auditor attention in specific circumstances where (1) there is limited Group and industry experience data, (2) historical experience may not be a good indicator of the future and (3) the determination of discount rates requires measurement of unobservable market inputs. Auditing of valuation models, terminations, lapses, incidence and expense assumptions required a high degree of auditor judgment and an increased extent of audit effort, including the need to involve actuarial specialists.	In conjunction with our actuarial specialists, our procedures included, but were not limited to: • Understanding and assessing the appropriateness of the valuation methodology, valuation process and valuation model used to calculate the insurance policy liabilities to ensure compliance with APRA's Prudential Standard 340 Valuation of Policy Liabilities and AASB 17; • Evaluating the design and implementation of relevant controls relating to the assumptions, methodology models and data used in policy valuation; • Evaluating the competence, capabilities and objectivity of management's expert; • Testing, on a sample basis, the completeness and accuracy of the policy data used in the calculation of the Insurance Contract Liabilities including tracing relevant data attributes, premiums, claims estimates and claims payments to third party evidence; • Assessing the valuation methodology and key assumptions (including lapse rates, discount rates, mortality, morbidity, incidence, expense ratios and economic inputs) by: ◦ Understanding if the methodology adopted aligns with common industry practice; ◦ Evaluating key internal assumptions in the year against the Group's experience and their alignment with industry benchmarks; and ◦ Evaluating key economic assumptions against market movements and industry practice. • Performing, on a sample basis, model point testing of the cashflows used in determining the Insurance Contract Liabilities to test the accuracy of the model outputs; • Analysing changes in, and directional consistency of, this year's reserves and profit with regards to assumptions used by management, specifically those assumptions used in the release of the CSM, including the determination of coverage units and the experience evidenced by movement in underlying data; and • Assessing the appropriateness of the disclosures in the financial statements against the requirements of the Australian Accounting and Prudential Standards.

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Key Audit Matter	How the scope of our audit responded to the Key Audit Matter
Reinsurance Programmes As set out in note 3.2 the Group has \$81.3 million of Reinsurance Contract Assets. The reinsurance programmes that give rise to the Group's Reinsurance Contract Assets are complex. We consider the management of these reinsurance programmes to be a key audit matter due to the complexity of their application and coverage, and the importance of these programmes to the Group's capital adequacy. The Group have executed several capital management actions to respond to the asset concentration risk that arises from the reinsurance contract assets in recent years. This has required the use of significant judgement in the management of the reinsurance programmes. These are disclosed in Note 3.4.	In conjunction with our actuarial specialists, our procedures included, but were not limited to: • Developing an understanding of the control activities relevant to the Group's process for determining Reinsurance Contract Assets, and for certain control activities, assessing whether they were appropriately designed; • Evaluating a sample of Reinsurance Contract Assets held by NobleOak against underlying contracts to assess the existence and the appropriateness of their accounting recognition and measurement; • Assessing on a sampling basis the valuation of the Reinsurance Contract Assets including considering credit worthiness of the reinsurance provider; • Assessing on a sampling basis the capital management actions taken by management to mitigate the asset concentration risk, including to letters of credit and bank guarantees; and • Assessing the reasonableness of the asset concentration risk charge calculations and the related reinsurance disclosures in the financial report against the requirements of Australian Accounting and Prudential Standards.
Control Environment including General Information Technology Controls The Group's operations and financial reporting processes are heavily dependent on Information Technology (IT) systems and associated manual business process controls for the processing and recording of a significant volume of transactions. In addition, the Group is reliant on the process and control environment within its strategic partners and specialist service providers. We have identified as a key audit matter the reliance on the various IT systems and manual business processes controls both within the Group and its strategic partners or specialist service providers, given its significant impact on our audit approach.	In conjunction with our IT and actuarial specialists, our procedures included, but were not limited to: • Determining, through discussions with management, the IT systems and manual business process controls relevant to the financial reporting process; • Developing an understanding of the manual business process controls implemented over information coming from the strategic partners or specialist service providers' systems; • Testing the design and implementation of relevant manual business process controls; and • Where we identified matters relating to the design or implementation of the IT systems or manual business process controls relevant to our audit we varied the nature, timing and extent of our substantive procedures.

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Other Information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Group and Company's annual report for the year ended 30 June 2024, but does not include the Financial Report, Remuneration Report, and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of the Directors for the Financial Report

The directors are responsible:

- For the preparation of the financial report in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, including giving a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the Group or Company in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards; and
- For such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, including giving a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the Group or Company, and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the directors are responsible for assessing the ability of the Group or Company to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the Group or Company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Group or the Company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may

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cast significant doubt on the Group or the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Group or the Company to cease to continue as a going concern.

- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Group to express an opinion on the financial report. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the Group's audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

We communicate with the directors regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide the directors with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, actions taken to eliminate threats or safeguards applied.

From the matters communicated with the directors, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the financial report of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

Report on the Remuneration Report

Opinion on the Remuneration Report

We have audited the Remuneration Report included in pages 44 to 61 of the Directors' Report for the year ended 30 June 2024.

In our opinion, the Remuneration Report of NobleOak Life Limited, for the year ended 30 June 2024, complies with section 300A of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

Responsibilities

The directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation and presentation of the Remuneration Report in accordance with section 300A of the *Corporations Act 2001*. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Remuneration Report, based on our audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards.

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Max R Murray

Max Murray
Partner
Chartered Accountants
Sydney, 29 August 2024

SHAREHOLDERS' INFORMATION

Substantial Shareholders

As at 14 August 2024, the following entities have notified NobleOak that they are substantial holders with holdings reflected below as per their respective notices.

Name	No. of shares as per notice	% of issued capital
Samuel Terry Asset Management Pty Ltd as Trustee for Samuel Terry Absolute Return Fund	12,088,205	14.10%
Regal Funds Management Pty Ltd and its associates	10,602,277	12.27%
Magellan Financial Group Limited and its related bodies corporate	8,554,143	9.95%
UniSuper Limited as trustee for UniSuper and UniSuper Management Pty Limited	8,554,143	9.95%
Private Portfolio Managers Pty Ltd	8,515,619	9.86%
Anthony Ross Brown & his associate Brohok Investment Co Pty Ltd ¹	5,384,914	6.42%
Gordon Group	5,363,718	6.39%
Scott Gant in his personal capacity as well as director of entities listed	4,638,168	5.53%

1. Mr Brown and his associate's relevant interest is included in the substantial shareholding disclosed by NobleOak Life Limited in row 6 above.

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Twenty largest Shareholders (as at 14 August 2024)

Rank	Name	No. of shares as per notice	% of issued capital
1	J P MORGAN NOMINEES AUSTRALIA PTY LIMITED	20,599,461	23.85%
2	BNP PARIBAS NOMINEES PTY LTD <AGENCY LENDING A/C>	8,554,143	9.90%
3	CITICORP NOMINEES PTY LIMITED	6,692,211	7.75%
4	UBS NOMINEES PTY LTD	6,156,480	7.13%
5	ANTHONY R BROWN - BROHOK	5,855,769	6.78%
6	ES GORDON FAMILY TRUST AND SUPER FUND - EVANIC INVESTMENTS	5,415,718	6.27%
7	SCOTT GANT - QUAY SUPER FUND - MONERIS	4,388,886	5.08%
8	NETWEALTH INVESTMENTS LIMITED <WRAP SERVICES A/C>	3,619,099	4.19%
9	FF OKRAM PTY LTD <THE FF OKRAM A/C>	3,102,439	3.59%
10	NEWECONOMY COM AU NOMINEES PTY LIMITED <900 ACCOUNT>	2,587,416	3.00%
11	WARBONT NOMINEES PTY LTD <UNPAID ENTREPOT A/C>	2,503,021	2.90%
12	INNOVATION HOLDINGS AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	1,641,025	1.90%
13	KEVIN HAMMAN - FUTURE SUPER - TK CONSULTING - KH DEVELOPMENTS	1,078,619	1.25%
14	GREENWICH CAPITAL PARTNERS - ADVISORY	986,508	1.14%
15	STEPHEN HARRISON - JULIE MCCONAGHY - JASMAH - MSJ CAPITAL	972,700	1.13%
16	HSBC CUSTODY NOMINEES (AUSTRALIA) LIMITED - A/C 2	720,721	0.83%
17	GWLH PTY LTD <GWLH SUPER FUND A/C>	647,447	0.75%
18	NATIONAL NOMINEES LIMITED	570,825	0.66%
19	HSBC CUSTODY NOMINEES (AUSTRALIA) LIMITED-GSI EDA	566,575	0.66%
20	RUTHVIC PTY LTD <RUTHVIC SUPER FUND A/C>	409,438	0.47%

Equity Securities (as at 14 August 2024)

Ordinary shares

There are 86,385,174 fully paid ordinary shares held by 2,175 shareholders.

Options and Performance Rights

There are Nil options.

There are 2,237,197 performance rights (ASX code: NOLAC) held by 15 holders.

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Voting Rights

Ordinary shares

At a general meeting of the Company, on a show of hands every Shareholder present in person or by proxy, attorney or representative has one vote on a show of hands and on a poll, one vote for each Share held.

Performance Rights

The Company's performance rights do not have any voting rights.

Distribution of Shareholders

The distribution of Shareholders as at 14 August 2024 is as follows:

Range	Total	Units	% of issued capital
1 – 1,000	1,331	769,496	0.89%
1,001 – 5,000	713	1,273,696	1.47%
5,001 – 10,000	30	235,059	0.27%
10,001 – 100,000	86	3,016,928	3.49%
100,001 and over	52	81,089,995	93.87%
Total	2,212	86,385,174	100.00%

There are no holders of unmarketable parcels.

Shares under voluntary escrow

No shares are subject to voluntary escrow.

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Stock Listing

NobleOak Life Limited is listed on the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX) under the ASX code 'NOL'

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