

25 August 2020

Dear Sir

## **PROPOSED TRANSFER OF PART OF THE UK GENERAL INSURANCE AND REINSURANCE BUSINESS OF BASLER VERSICHERUNG AG TO BOTHNIA INTERNATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED**

We are writing to you, on behalf of ourself, Basler Versicherung AG, also known as Baloise Insurance Limited (together with our UK branch, referred to in this letter as **us** or **Baloise**), and Bothnia International Insurance Company Limited (**Bothnia**) (a wholly owned subsidiary of Compre Holdings Limited (**Compre**)), in connection with a proposed transfer of insurance and reinsurance business under which Baloise is proposing to transfer part of its UK general insurance and reinsurance business to Bothnia (the **Proposed Transfer**). The Proposed Transfer is subject to UK court approval, as explained further below.

This letter is being sent to you because our records show that you may have placed business with, or written business on behalf of, Baloise (including the UK Branch). As a result, you may have clients who would be affected by the Proposed Transfer.

### **What is happening?**

The Proposed Transfer must be approved by the High Court of Justice of England and Wales before it can proceed. The Proposed Transfer will be implemented through an insurance business transfer under Part VII of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000, which will be submitted for approval to the High Court. The court hearing to consider and, if thought fit, approve the Proposed Transfer, is currently scheduled for 14 December 2020. If the Proposed Transfer is approved by the High Court, it will take place on 18 December 2020 and the part of the UK general insurance and reinsurance business of Baloise that is the object of the Proposed Transfer will transfer to Bothnia on 18 December 2020.

### **Effect of the Proposed Transfer**

If the Proposed Transfer is approved, Baloise's rights and obligations under the policies comprising part of its UK general insurance and reinsurance business will be transferred to Bothnia without alteration. Any rights and obligations Baloise policyholders may have under such policies will remain unchanged but will, following the Proposed Transfer, be exercisable against or owed to Bothnia. The Proposed Transfer will not result in any changes to policy terms, rights and obligations or the way policies are administered.

### **Enclosed documents**

Please find enclosed a booklet containing further information about the Proposed Transfer and a set of frequently asked Questions and Answers, which we encourage you to read carefully. The booklet contains:

- a summary of the Proposed Transfer;
- a summary of the Independent Expert's report; and
- notice of the Proposed Transfer and further information on the court hearing.

### **What should you do now?**

We have written to Baloise UK policyholders whose policies form part of the Proposed Transfer and placed notices of the Proposed Transfer in a number of national newspapers in the UK and Switzerland as well as in the Edinburgh, Belfast and London Gazettes, and the international editions of the Times and the Financial Times, but it is nonetheless possible that some of your clients may not have received notice of the Proposed Transfer from us. Please could you notify any of your clients whom you consider may be affected by the Proposed Transfer and direct them to the dedicated website for the Proposed Transfer <https://Compre-Group.com/notices/Basler-Versicherung-AG> (**Website**). The Website includes all the relevant documents, including the full Independent Expert's report. You and your clients can also request free copies of any of these documents or ask any further questions you may have by calling us on 0203 551 6524 within the UK or on +44

(0)203 551 6524 outside the UK. Phone lines are open from 9:00 to 17:30 (UK time) on Monday to Friday. Alternatively, you can write to us at 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, 2 Seething Lane, London, EC3N 4AT or by email at [caroline.hobbs@compre-group.com](mailto:caroline.hobbs@compre-group.com).

### What happens from here?

If a person is concerned that the Proposed Transfer could adversely affect them, he, she or it has the right to make written representations and/or to appear at the court hearing or to instruct a legal representative to appear at the hearing and make representations on his, her or its behalf. We have explained the process for raising concerns at Question 9 of the Questions and Answers document.

**If the Proposed Transfer is approved by the High Court, it will take place on 18 December 2020, and we will update the Website to confirm this.** If the court hearing date changes we will update the Website to confirm this, so you may wish to check for updates from time to time.

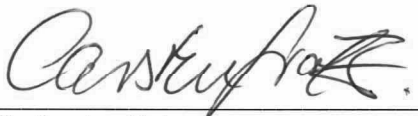
In light of the current government guidelines regarding Covid-19, please note that it is possible that the hearing may take place remotely via Skype or another teleconferencing service. It is requested that if a person intends to attend the hearing (whether in person or via a representative), they inform Baloise and Bothnia in writing via the contact details provided on the Website as soon as possible and preferably before 1 December 2020 and set out the nature of any objection they may have. This will enable us to provide notification of any changes to the hearing (including any details that are necessary to attend the hearing remotely) and, where possible, to address any concerns raised in advance of the hearing.

**If you would like this information in large print, in Braille or on a CD please call us on +44 (0)203 551 6524.**

Yours faithfully,

**Basler Versicherung AG**

On behalf of itself and Bothnia International Insurance Company Limited

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Dr. Carsten Stolz  
CFO Baloise Group

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Bruno Rapp  
Member of Senior Management