

## **London Matters 2024**



# The London Market remains a significant contributor to the UK economy, but regulatory support is key to maintaining primacy

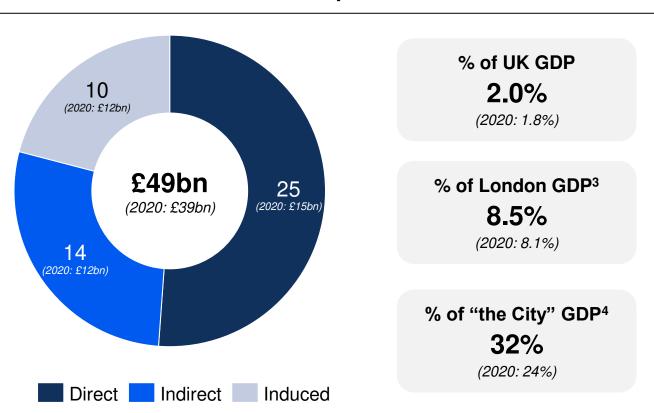
The London Market plays a fundamental role in supporting and stimulating global economic growth by de-risking economic activity, facilitating investment and rebuilding of lives, communities and businessess after disaster strikes.

- The London Market is an **important engine of growth** for the London and UK economy:
  - It contributes £49bn to the UK GDP, which is c.2% of the UK economy, 8.5% of London GDP and 32% of "the City" GDP vs. £39bn GDP contribution in 2020
  - It creates high-value jobs **59k FTE** in the UK, of which 74% are based in London and the remaining in other regions
- The London Market has maintained its overall share of the global (re)insurance market
  - Its share of the **overall global insurance market** grew from 7.6% in 2020 to 8.3% in 2022
  - This was driven by its **growing share in commercial insurance** from 6.2% in 2020 to 7% in 2022
  - **Reinsurance**, on the other hand, saw a marginal decline in share from 13.2% in 2020 to 13% in 2022
  - London remains the dominant market for **specialty insurance classes** (marine, aviation and energy), capturing c.43% of global market share
- Despite being a jewel in the City's crown, the market's position cannot be taken from granted evidence suggests it is not without threat
  - The London Market grew by 32% vs. US E&S growth of 59% the US E&S growth has been driven by increasing localisation of underwriting with some syndicates opting
    to shift stamp capacity away from London
  - There is a need to create a regulatory environment that facilitates **UK domiciled captives**, which have the additional benefit of London capturing reinsurance fronted from captives
  - There are perceived challenges with the efficiency of issuing London based alternative capital instruments (ILS in particular), the London Bridge 2 offering needs further acceleration to increase capacity beyond its c.\$2bn in 2024
- To retain its international competitiveness, the London Market requires frictionless support from the government at each stage of the participant company lifecycle
  - To support the start-up and launch of companies in London, **approval processes should be streamlined** (e.g. the Senior Managers Regime) and the UK's **insurance-related tax regime should be reviewed**
  - Increasing awareness of the commercial implications of regulatory policies, minimising friction in creating new insurance solutions and continuing to engage with industry to widen capital markets access via ILS are measures to support the growth of London firms
  - The better facilitation of captives in the UK and increased clarity and flexibility of talent schemes are relevant asks to sustain mature firms in the London Market

## The London Market remains a significant contributor to the UK economy

London Market's Gross Domestic Product contribution, £bn

### 2022 GDP impact1

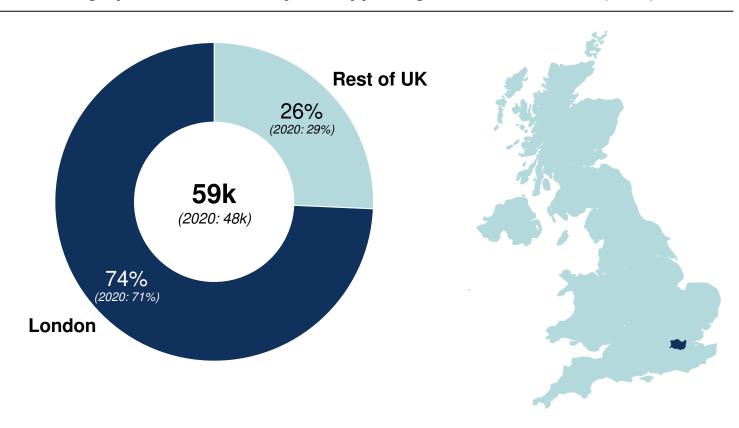


- The London Market plays a key role in supporting economic growth through risk transfer and advisory services globally – it is also a driver of economic growth in the UK<sup>2</sup>
- The impact of the London Market is demonstrated by looking at its direct, indirect and induced contributions to GDP
- The London Insurance Market contributed a significant and growing share of UK GDP contribution from 1.8% (2020) to 2.0% (2022)

# The London Market employs most of its workforce in London, yet continues to provide recruitment in other UK regions

**Geography of London Market employment** 

Geographic breakdown of jobs supporting the London Market (2023)

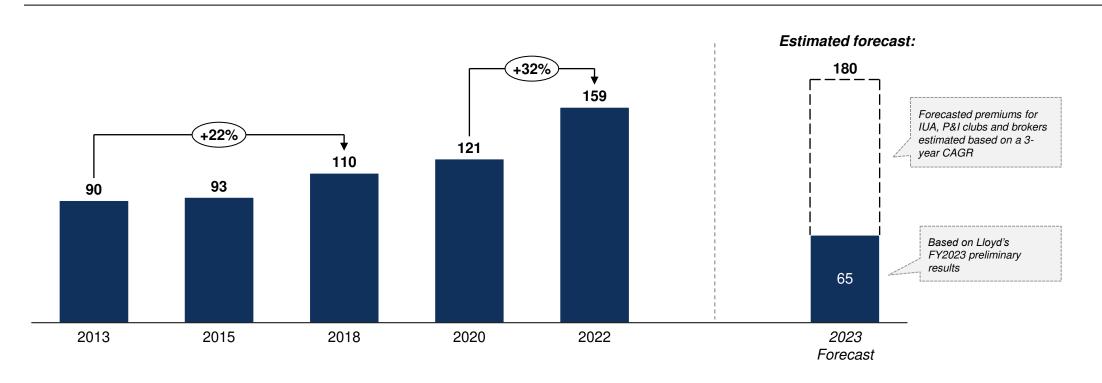


- c.74% of the 59k people employed by London Market firms are based in London, with the remainder based across the UK
- The London Market has employees in regions including Manchester, Birmingham, Leeds, Chelmsford, Norwich, Ipswich, Glasgow and Belfast
- Insurance hiring across the UK has seen an upward trend from pre-pandemic levels, particularly between 2020-21 where the North-East saw the greatest recruitment rise (200%), while London saw an 85% increase
- London's status as a global financial centre offers access to key markets, skilled talent with wide-ranging expertise and ease of inter-firm collaboration within a highly concentrated space

### The London Market has seen accelerated growth in recent years

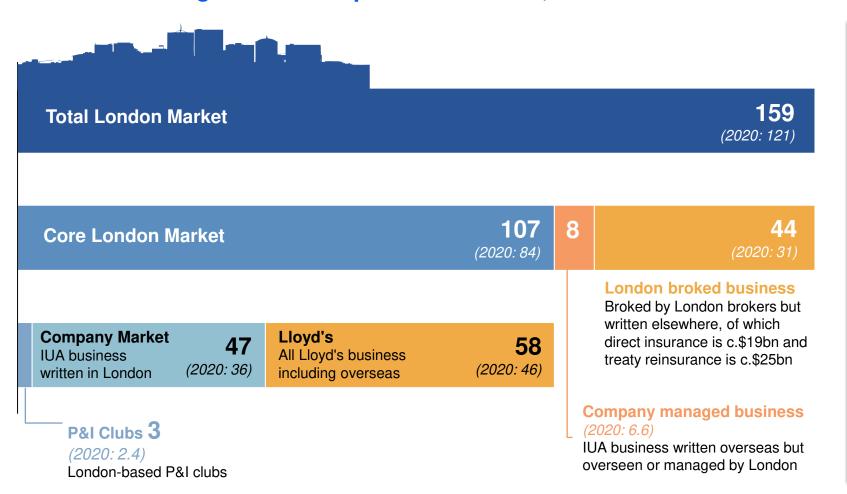
Growth of London Market gross written premium over time, \$bn

London Market gross written premium, \$bn, (including written overseas but overseen, managed or broked by London-based teams)



## The London Market grew to c.\$159bn GWP in 2022, a 32% increase since 2020

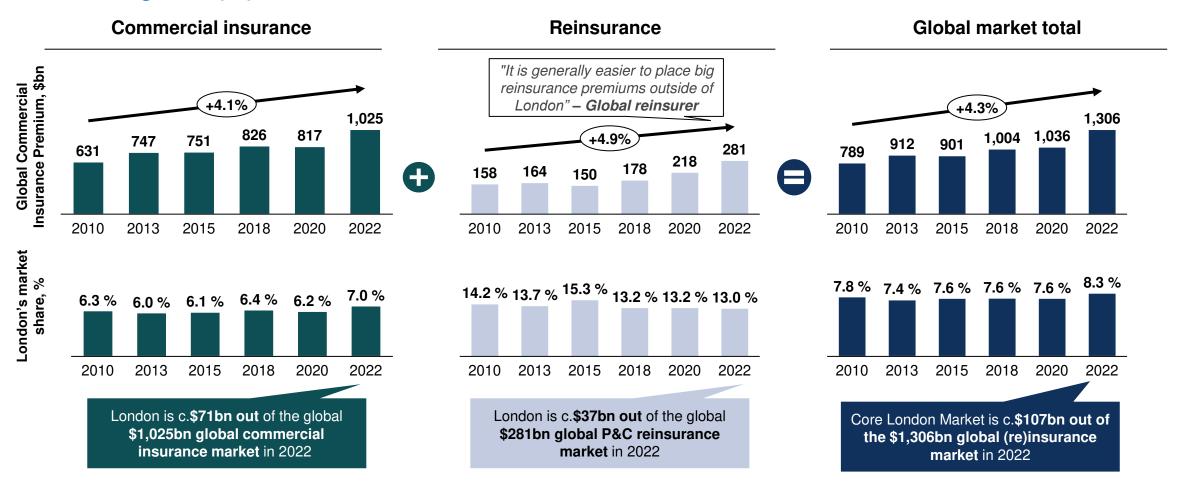
London Market gross written premium in 2022, \$bn



- The London Market is sized at \$159bn as of 2022 – a 32% growth since 2020.
- **Price changes** contributed 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of this growth:
  - Post-covid economic recovery in
     2022 across major markets (4.3% in UK and 1.9% in the US)
  - Rising premiums in response to market hardening to offset inflationinduced claims costs
- Subsequently, a 1/3 of this growth was attributed to volume (organic) growth:
  - Existing product lines such as property continue to grow, particularly with increasing instances of **natural disasters**
  - Continued growth of cyber insurance products with the markets outside of the US also expanding, indicating a maturing of cyber standards worldwide

## London has grown its share of the insurance market and stagnated its reinsurance share

Size of the global (re)insurance market and London Market share, \$bn



Note: 1) For London Market, Reinsurance includes all treaty reinsurance, and facultative reinsurance for casualty, motor, property, and other. For aviation, energy and marine, facultative insurance is included in commercial insurance as these business types share similar underlying risk characteristics. 2) Numbers may not sum due to rounding.

Source: London Market sizing: Lloyd's, IUA, Tysers P&I Report, Gallagher Marine P&I Pre-renewal Review Global Insurance sizing: Global data. The commercial insurance share for each country have been calculated by applying a split to the overall premium based upon the GDP levels. GDP levels obtained from World Bank. Global Reinsurance values: Approximated from AM Best and research.

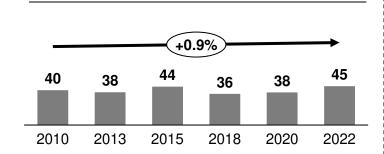
## Across all classes of business in (re)insurance, London has increased its market share in 2022

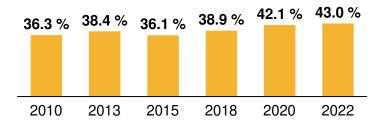
### Size of the market by class of business, premiums, \$bn

Global Commercial Insurance Premium,



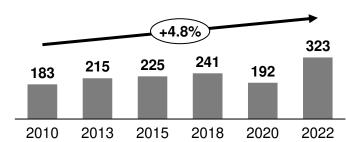
### **Speciality (Marine, Aviation, Energy)**

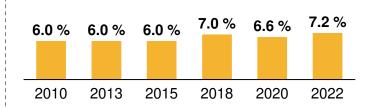




- The growth in the speciality market particularly the marine business is driven by post-pandemic rebound in global trade for hull, increased vessel values and upward adjacent in premiums
- The London Market has increased its share of the speciality market since 2020 and continues to be regarded as an industry leader in Marine

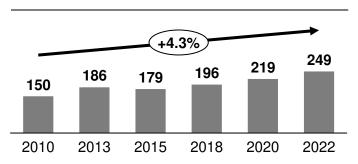
### **Casualty & Financial Lines**

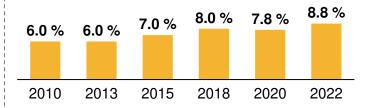




- Casualty was one of the largest drivers of premium growth in London of which general liability and professional lines are two of the major components
- Cyber has maintained positive pricing movement and has seen growth globally

### **Property**





- The London Market has increased its share of the global Property class of business – driven by inflationary pressures and climate uncertainties and catastrophes
- London Market's coverage includes specialist sectors such as terrorism, power generation, engineering and nuclear

# The London Market continues to attract international capital from a variety of investors

### **New entrants investing in the London Market**

## Mitsui Sumitomo to increase capacity in London to £3bn

"..there is so much history and expertise, experience, skills, knowhow that is fostered here in the UK"

"focus [of its] investment plans on the UK because of London's primacy in analysing complex global risks

"We are now ready to... invest more into MS Amlin and use it as a driver to lead our international growth going forward"

Shinichiro Funabiki

President & CEO at Mitsui Sumitomo Insurance

### Inigo targeting up to \$1.5bn in London premium in 1st phase

"[Inigo has investors who would] happily increase their stakes going forwards" beyond an initial \$800 million capitalisation in 2021.

This initial capitalisation "was [in line with] the growth plans [CEO Richard Watson] outlined going forward."

Stuart Bridges *CFO, Inigo* 

## Convex raises \$1bn additional capital into 2021

On Canadian PE fund Onex backing with a 10-year horizon, citing increased business flow into London:

"We are delighted to have additional capital as this will enable us to take full advantage of the hardening market."

Stephen Catlin CEO, Convex

### Fidelis opens state-of-the-art trading floor on Lime Street

On opening London hub in 2021:

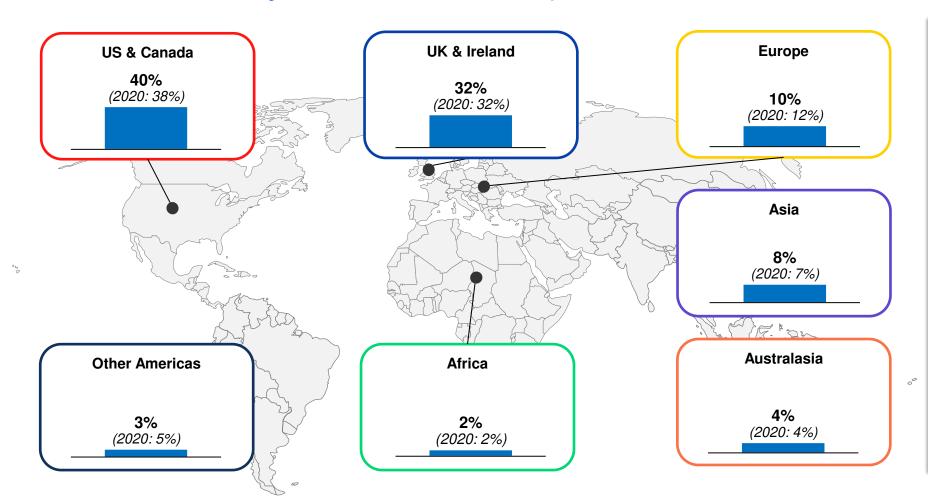
"The opening of our new trading floor highlights our absolute commitment to providing the face-to-face service and decision-making that our brokers and clients demand and deserve".

Richard Coulson

Deputy Group CUO, Fidelis Partnership

# The London Market provides expertise and access to diverse capital to insure risks globally, with 68% of premium written outside UK&I

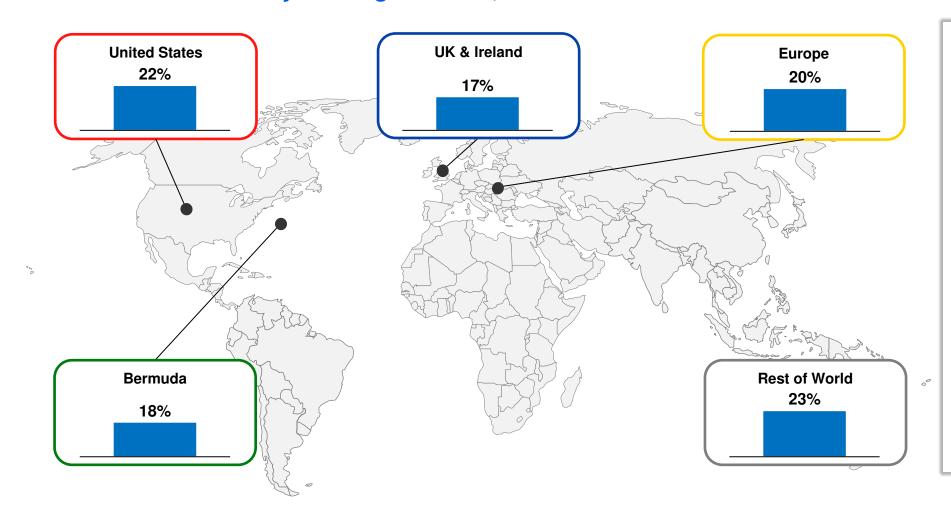
London Market GWP by insured location, 2022 (includes commercial insurance and reinsurance)



- London maintains its competitive position in taking on international risks and providing insurance services globally
- London continues to capture global risk and can capitalise on global opportunities, e.g., over 14% of US E&S's rapid growth
- The share of GWP by location remained steady from 2021 to 2022, with the largest change of c.1% relative growth in North America (US & Canada) driven by extreme weather events

## Capital in the London Market continues to be supplied by a diverse range of global providers

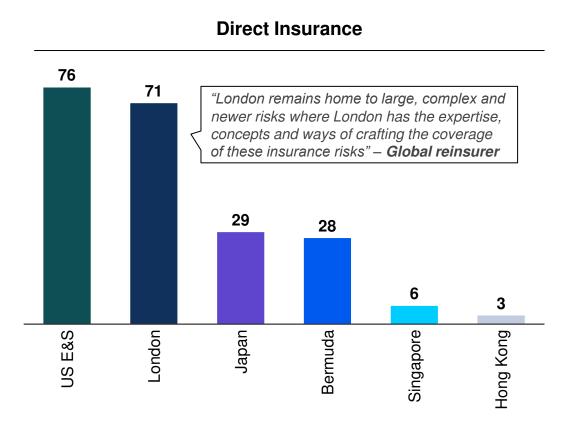
London Market GWP by holding domicile, 2022

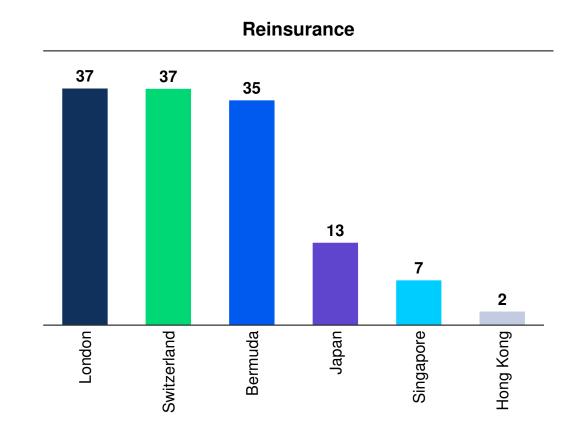


- 23% of capital domiciled outside of core countries
- The regional distribution of capital has remained steady from 2021 to 2022 (all shares within 2% of 2021 figures)
- Global spread of capital provides London with the local backing to underwrite domestic risk across the globe, as well as insulating against local economic effects on available capacity
- Insurers can access a diverse capital base and a wide range of investors by bringing their premiums to London

# London Market remains the largest hub of direct insurance and reinsurance when compared to other centres in 2022

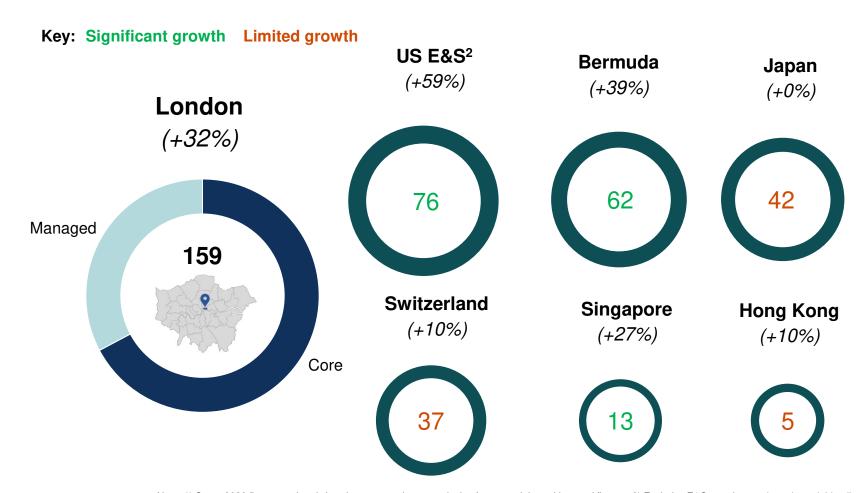
Global hubs gross premium, \$bn, 2022





### The London Market's growth is behind US E&S and Bermuda

Global hubs gross premiums in 2022, \$bn (% absolute growth since 2020¹)



### **Key takeaways**

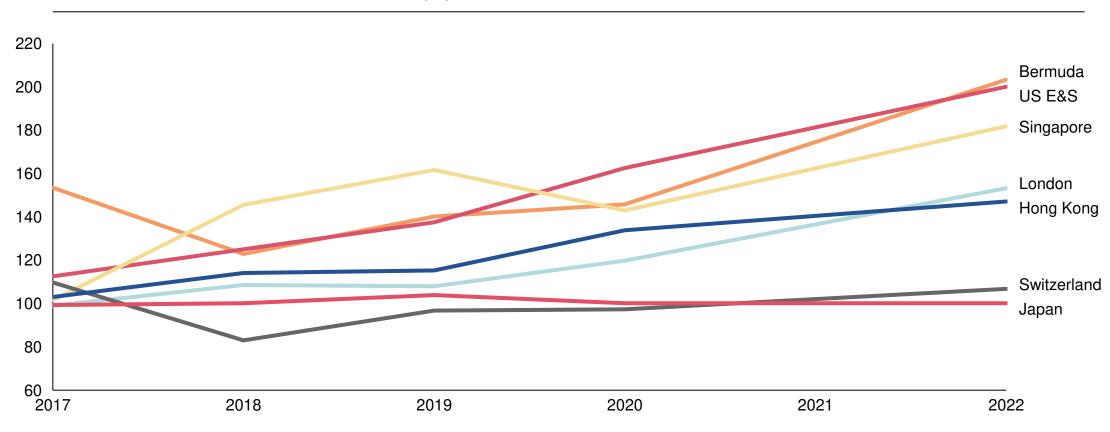
- Strong US E&S growth has been driven by a combination of higher prices and increasing localisation of underwriting
- Strong Bermuda growth driven by higher reinsurance rates, increased property and speciality risks, and movement of capital from group entities to Bermuda
- Bermuda growth is also supported by the increased presence of captives

Refer to US E&S, Bermuda deep-dives

### London's overall growth is losing out to other hubs

### **Growth comparison with other hubs**

### Size of (re)insurance hubs, indexed to 2014=100

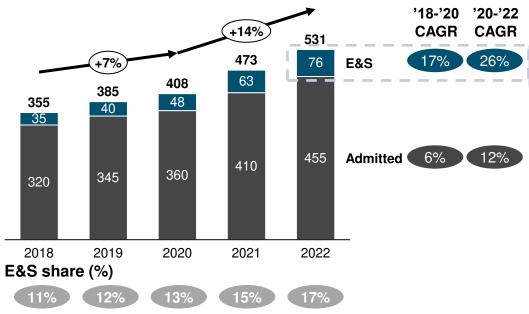


Note: 1) 'London' refers to Core London Market 2) Some 2020 figures updated since last report relate to replacing forecasted data with actual figures; 3) Excludes E&S premiums written through Lloyd's of London. Source: London Market Sizing Lloyd's, IUA, Tysers P&I Report, Gallagher Marine P&I Pre-renewal Review. Bermuda: BMA, Class 4 insurance and reinsurance. Switzerland: FINMA, Swiss Inwards reinsurance, Singapore: MAS, offshore premium and onshore commercial premium. Hong Kong: Insurance Authority of Hong Kong. US E&S: Direct written premiums S&P; Wholesale & Specialty Insurance Association. Bermuda 2022 figure is estimation based on 2020/21 results. Compared to the previous edition, 2020 figures are updated from forecasts to actuals.

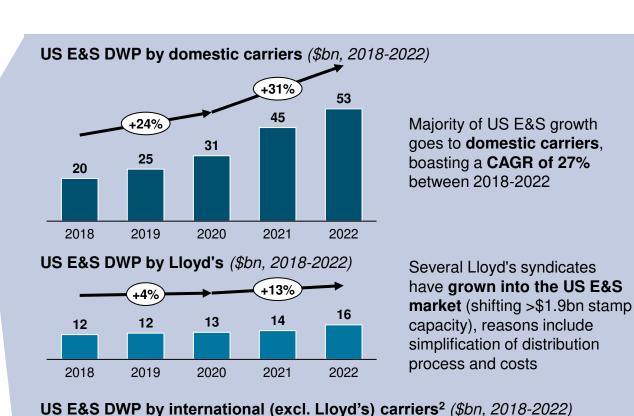
# The US E&S market has shown strong growth, attracting global attention, including London Market players

### **US E&S growth estimates**

US commercial P&C DWP by type (\$bn, 2018-2022)



- US E&S is increasing market share at an accelerated 26% CAGR between 2020-2022 making up c.\$76bn DWP in 2022
- US E&S growth attributed to strong demand (E&S adapts to complexity faster than admitted market) and favourable pricing environments (i.e. hardened market) caused by increased severe weather exposures



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US E&S growth have attracted

international attention, with

Lloyd's) growing at a CAGR of

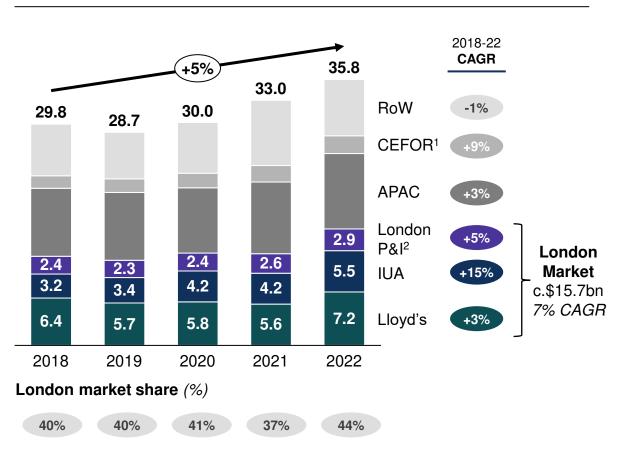
international carriers (excl.

21% between 2018-2022

### London remains the centre of marine risk

### Global marine and offshore energy

Global marine and offshore energy est. GWP by market (\$bn)

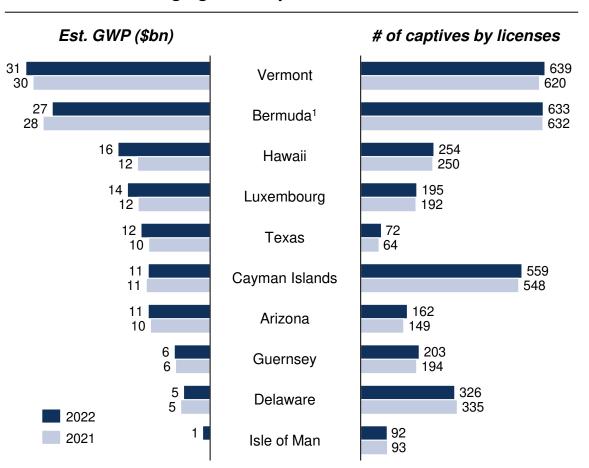


- London has generally seen increased risk selectivity and Lloyd's syndicate-level focus on profitability since 2018; as a result, there were c.20 fewer hull insurers operating in the London Market into 2019
- Nordic marine insurance's growth of c.9% CAGR marginally outpaces London's of c.7% from 2018-2022
  - As well as capturing flow that otherwise would have gone to London, shipowners prefer the "higher service levels of dedicated [Nordic] providers that mostly operate on a mutual basis"
  - CEFOR hull premium has doubled from \$600mn to \$1.2bn from 2018 to 2022 to 16% of global hull premium
- Almost 60% of global maritime trade passes through Asia trends towards domestic insurance and localised policies have the potential to draw share from London should local players continue to grow capacity
  - Singapore is seeing an increase in capacity after several years of supply curve changes and rising prices – premiums have soared by 17% in just one year to 2022, outpacing APAC as a whole
  - 12 of 13 International Group P&I clubs have a presence in Hong Kong, the largest cluster outside of London
  - Japan direct marine premiums have jumped by nearly 40% to c.\$1.9bn in just two years from 2020 to 2022

# Captives continue to grow globally, with opportunities to widen UK market participation amongst brokers, financial services and reinsurers

**Captives deep-dive** 

### Selected 10 large global captive domiciles and est. GWP



- Captives have sustained relevance over a long period, growing from c.5,800 in 2012 to c.6,650 in 2017 (15% growth) when prices have reduced by 12%
- Selected 10 large captives account for c.\$100bn² (72%) of global c.\$176bn GWP in 2022 (5% growth from \$167bn in 2021)
- US states, e.g. Vermont and Hawaii, are increasingly seen as attractive captive domiciles as state legislations are supportive of captives while foreign regulations are increasingly onerous, e.g. Solvency II and AML requirements
- Europe lags in captives however this is expected to **change as jurisdictions** change their stances:
  - Luxembourg remains primary European location (excl. Guernsey), with 40-50% share<sup>3</sup>
  - France's new captive regime in 2023 has increased captive domiciliation from 10 to 14 with potential to grow to 25-30 captives by 2024
- While captives may affect share of carriers in the UK, wider market participation amongst brokers, financial services and reinsurers may outweigh the drawbacks
- It is estimated that adjusted regulations could bring c.700 captives onshore delivering £153m of economic value

# The subscription model enables the London Market to be one of the leading places to underwrite and purchase large and complex risks

### **London Market's subscription model**

The London Market provides access to the largest subscription market in the world – where multiple insurers collaborate to underwrite (subscribe) to large and complex risks. Insured parties benefit from the expertise and capacity of multiple insurers, resulting in comprehensive coverage and competitive pricing

## Risk sharing

- Subscription model enables risks to be divided among multiple insurers, each taking a portion of the exposure
- Insurers can spread their risk and limit exposure to any sing claim (50% of London's business is shared between multiple insurers)
- This also creates financial protection for the customers by automatically reducing the risk of (re)insurance failure

## **Consortium Underwriting**

- The subscription market facilitates collaboration by having a consortium of insurers
- Each underwriting entity may have its own expertise and risk appetite, facilitating a diverse range of insurers to collaborate to underwrite a risk and promotes innovation in offerings

"The subscription market has been stronger that it has ever been, with more desire from commercial insurers to diversify and not be exposed to big one-off events... anecdotally primary insurers have been reducing their lead coverages by half" – **Global reinsurer** 

## Lead-follow underwriting model

- The lead underwriter typically takes responsibility for coordinating the underwriting process, negotiating terms, and allocating risk to participants
- This model leverages the capital strength of the lead underwriter and the speciality expertise of following insurers
- Smart follow technologies leverages data, allowing insurers to automatically accept syndicated policies based on curated risk criteria

## Strong contractual basis

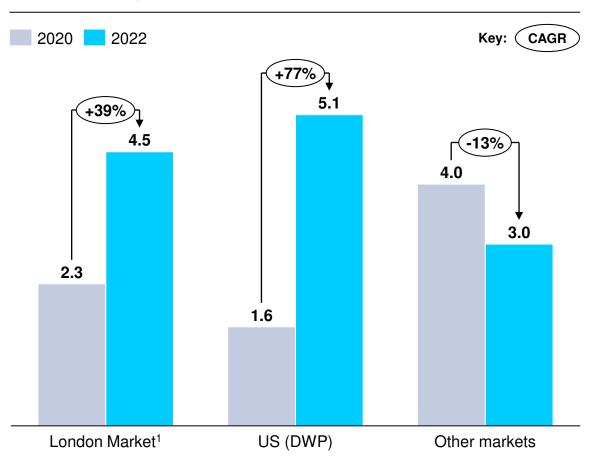
- The London Market uses a
   Market Reform Contract to
   document insurance contracts –
   this streamlines and
   standardises the underwriting
   and policy issuance process
- Additionally, a line slip document outlines the terms and conditions, in particular the risks assumed by each participating insurer

"London Market (subscription) has demonstrated its relevance again... responding well in cyber, D&O and property in recent years... Key innovation in broker facilities and auto open market have address previous structural weaknesses" – **An insurer** 

# London has a unique concentration of cybersecurity and underwriting expertise which makes it a natural hub for cyber risk

**London Market and cyber (re)insurance** 

Global cyber (re)insurance GWP (\$bn, 2020-2022)



### What makes London a natural hub for cyber risk?

- London has a strong concentration of relevant expertise, with nearly
   600 cybersecurity product and service providers within London alone
  - Other major hubs (e.g., Bermuda) lack cyber expertise, which limits involvement to a narrow part of the value chain – London can provide risk mitigation, incident response and more
  - London insurers are partnering with IT security companies to assess customer coverage gaps and develop new products
- The London Market is experienced in writing complex risks across geographies and innovating on coverages
  - Cyber risk is inherently global London is the largest cyber market in Europe (£10bn in revenues) and well positioned to support companies with global dependence, e.g., involving supply chains
  - The industry's first cyber parametric policy was launched by a London-based MGA in 2023
- London is supporting alternative capital sources at a key transition point for cyber risk transfer
  - \$415mn of cyber limit has been placed into the cat bond market,
     with headroom to grow into the overall \$40bn+ cat bond market size
  - Lloyd's London Bridge 2 ILS platform saw first-in-kind (\$100mn) cat bond issuance via London Market in 2024

# The London Market provides insurance at every stage of green project lifecycles

### **London Market and green projects**

Green projects are initiatives, technologies, and infrastructures that reduce carbon emissions and promote renewable energy

What makes the London Market well-placed to insure green projects?

#### Scale

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73% of market participants anticipate premiums from environmentally focused insurance products will triple over the next five years.

- Depth of capital to deal with the large sums required
- History of sharing risk brings greater capacity

### **Expertise**

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A deep understanding of sustainable tech is needed to underwrite in these new areas.

## Innovation and flexibility

The novel nature of green projects involves untested technology and new regulatory developments.

- Unrivalled breath of expertise and concentration of knowledge to offer support for cutting-edge green tech
- Innovative culture 90% are planning to introduce new insurance products in the green projects space by end of 2024

### How does the London Market currently support green projects?

**Dismantling Project Invention &** Securing **Operation &** Construction financing conception maintenance stages repurposing % of LM participants 53% 47% 80% 73% 80% insuring projects

### London Market insurance products supporting green projects:

### Intellectual Property insurance

Reduces legal fees for protecting patents on green project ideas

#### Political risk cover

For instance, to secure financing for cross-border renewable energy projects

#### **Construction insurance**

Tailored products addressing diverse risks from e.g. building offshore wind farms

### **Energy price guarantee**

Triggers payouts when energy prices dip below production costs e.g. in solar projects

#### Credit risk insurance

Protects against the risk of developers being unable to fulfil financial guarantees to lenders on big projects

#### Tech performance insurance

Covers risk of unproven technology not performing e.g. novel waste-to-biofuel tech

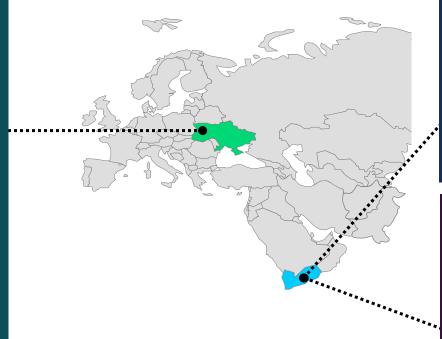
## The London Market consistently leads the way for insuring emerging risks from geopolitical uncertainty

### **London Market and geopolitical risks**

Geopolitical conflicts cause significant business disruption, including transportation challenges and commodity and raw material shortages. The dynamic nature of these cases leads to **quickly emerging and changing risks**. London has the **scale**, **knowledge and experience** to take the lead insuring these risks and providing support where others cannot.

### <u>Case study</u>: Ukraine and the Black Sea

- Russia withdrew from a UN-brokered grain deal, forcing ships to follow an alternative Black Sea corridor with high security risks
- London Market firms collaborated with the Ukrainian government aiming to cut the price by two thirds of insuring ships and crew transporting grain
- The programme was then expanded to cover all shipping to and from Ukrainian ports, including key Ukrainian exports like iron ore, steel, electrical equipment, and animal fodder



### **Case study: Yemen and the Red Sea**

- In Dec 2023, Yemen-based Houthis stepped up attacks on vessels in the Red Sea, increasing ships' war risk premiums by ten-fold
- While some insurers withdrew their cover, London Market marine insurers confirmed they would maintain theirs

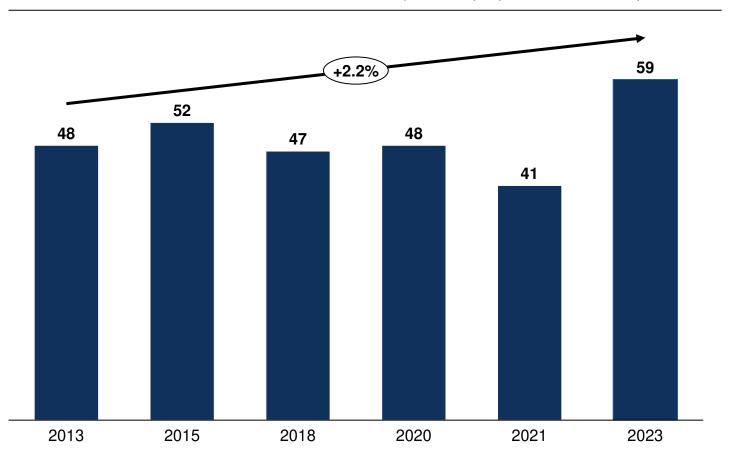
## <u>Case study</u>: Environmental risk from decaying ship

- A large ship had not been maintained since the start of the Yemeni civil war, despite carrying 1m+ barrels of crude oil
- London Market firms provided coverage for the highrisk ship-to-ship transfer of the barrels

### London continues to grow its headcount, with c.60k directly employed

### **Jobs supporting the London Market**

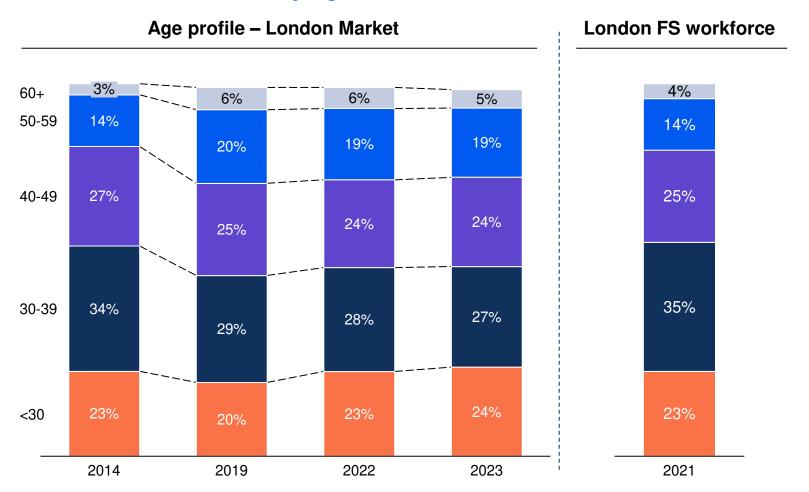
London Market headcount<sup>1</sup> in the UK ('000 employees, 2013-2023)



- In the last decade, the total London Market employment has grown at a CAGR of 2.2%
- London Market employment fell by 15% in 2021, akin to Insurance employment as well as a reduction in 2020 vacancies in wider Financial and Insurance
- Since 2021, post-covid recovery has ushered a significant increase in London Market employment:
  - This follows global trends that >33% of global insurers expected to increase headcount in 2022 to manage rising workload in preparation for a boost in business volume
  - This was in part driven by a projected 30% growth in claims vacancies as insurers were found liable in post-covid legal settlements
  - UK vacancy figures in the FS and Insurance<sup>2</sup> market peaked at 51k in 2022 – which is a leading indicator for jobs that would be filled in 2023
- In 2023, c.900 graduates and apprentices<sup>1</sup> were recruited, of which 3 large brokers hired 390 (43%) while only 21 companies hired 10 or more

# While the predominant age group in the London Market is 30-39, a significant portion are near retirement age

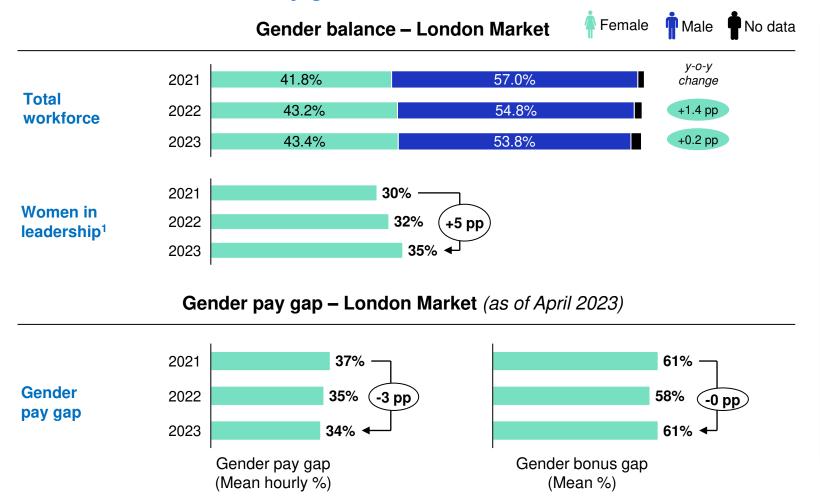
### Workforce breakdown by age



- London Matters 2014 recognised the need to attract a younger workforce – to ensure a ready pipeline of talent to address the loss of experience and knowledge due to retirement
- Since 2014, the levels to recruitment under 30 years of age remain steady, as 24% of the market workforce are under 30 years and 51% are under 40 years of age
- In 2023, graduate and apprenticeship hires increased to 904 vs. 848 in 2022 – this was largely driven by the top 3 brokers – highlighting the need from smaller players to accelerate hiring of young talent
- To address the challenge of ageing demographics, a sustainable talent pipeline is required – see next slide

# London Market has progressed in ensuring a more gender diverse leadership, however overall gender representation remains stagnant

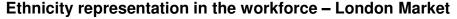
### Workforce breakdown by gender

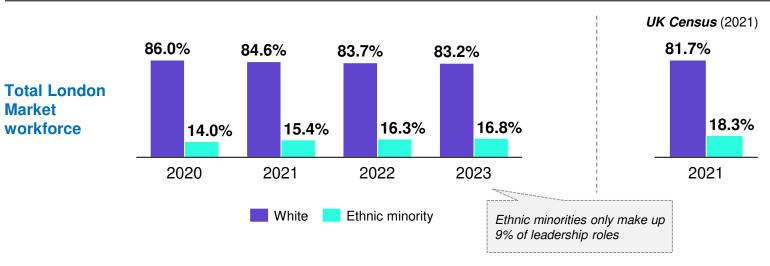


- Overall, the gender balance in the London Market remained steady at 43% of the total workforce
- The representation of women in leadership roles increased to 35%, with 25% of roles on Board being held by women – however, this is largely driven through Non-Executive Director roles
- There was a downward trend on the gender pay gap at 34% in 2023, 3pp lower than 2021
- However, the bonus gap remained stagnant at 61% in 2023 compared to 2021, reflecting relatively fewer women in roles with higher discretionary pay

## Efforts to widen ethnic diversity in the London Market are making slow headway in the last 4 years

### Workforce breakdown by ethnicity





### Ethnicity representation in hiring (Based on 11,221 hires in 2023 of which 21% disclosed ethnicity)

Ethnic minority representation in new hires



- London Market increased ethnicity representation to 17% of the total workforce and 9% in leadership position – however, this still trails behind national averages when compared to the 2021 Census for England and Wales
- Additionally, data collection on ethnicity in 2023:
  - 99% firms collected ethnicity data
  - Disclosure of ethnicity increased to 81%
- While 21% of new hires in 2023 had an ethnic minority background, there is considerable work that needs to be done to improve representation across the market, as only 16% of new hires in brokers were from ethnic minority groups

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