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**UNDER** THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

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**PROSPECTUS** 

# RENAISSANCERE HOLDINGS LTD.

COMMON SHARES, PREFERENCE SHARES, DEPOSITARY SHARES, DEBT SECURITIES, WARRANTS TO PURCHASE COMMON SHARES, WARRANTS TO PURCHASE PREFERENCE SHARES, WARRANTS TO PURCHASE DEBT SECURITIES, SHARE PURCHASE CONTRACTS AND SHARE PURCHASE UNITS

#### RENAISSANCERE FINANCE INC.

# **DEBT SECURITIES**

# FULLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY GUARANTEED TO THE EXTENT PROVIDED IN THIS PROSPECTUS BY RENAISSANCERE HOLDINGS LTD.

# RENAISSANCERE CAPITAL TRUST II PREFERRED SECURITIES

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We may offer and sell from time to time common shares; preference shares; depositary shares representing preference shares or common shares; senior, subordinated or junior subordinated debt securities; warrants to purchase common shares, preference shares or debt securities; share purchase contracts and share purchase units; and units which may consist of any combination of the securities listed above.

RenaissanceRe Finance may offer and sell from time to time senior, subordinated or junior subordinated debt securities, which we will guarantee. The Capital Trust may offer and sell from time to time preferred securities, which we will guarantee.

We, RenaissanceRe Finance or the Capital Trust, as applicable, will provide the amounts, specific terms and initial public offering prices of these securities in supplements to this prospectus. You should read this prospectus and any supplement carefully before you invest. None of RenaissanceRe, RenaissanceRe Finance or the Capital Trust will use this prospectus to confirm sales of any securities unless it is attached to a prospectus supplement.

We, RenaissanceRe Finance and the Capital Trust may sell these securities to or through underwriters and also to other purchasers or through agents. The names of any underwriters or agents will be stated in an accompanying prospectus supplement.

Our common shares, Depositary Shares (each representing 1/1,000th interest in a Series F Preference Share) and Depositary Shares (each representing 1/1,000th interest in a Series G Preference Share) are traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbols "RNR," "RNR PRF," and "RNR PRG," respectively. Other than our common shares, Depositary Shares (each representing 1/1,000th interest in a Series F Preference Share) and Depositary Shares (each representing 1/1,000th interest in a Series G Preference Share), there is no public trading market for the other securities that may be offered hereby.

INVESTING IN THESE SECURITIES INVOLVES CERTAIN RISKS. SEE "RISK FACTORS" ON PAGE 5 AND THE RISK FACTORS THAT WILL BE INCLUDED IN AN ACCOMPANYING PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT.

NEITHER THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION NOR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION HAS APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED OF THESE SECURITIES OR DETERMINED IF THIS PROSPECTUS IS TRUTHFUL OR COMPLETE. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

This prospectus may not be used to consummate sales of offered securities unless accompanied by a prospectus supplement. The date of this prospectus is May 22, 2023.

This prospectus may be distributed in Bermuda and/or the securities may be offered or sold in Bermuda only in compliance with the provisions of the Companies Act 1981, the Investment Business Act 2003 and the Exchange Control Act 1972 (and the regulations made thereunder). Consent under the Exchange Control Act has been obtained from the Bermuda Monetary Authority (the "BMA") for the issue and transfer of our shares to persons non-resident in Bermuda for exchange control purposes and for the issue and transfer of up to 20% of our issued and outstanding shares to persons resident in Bermuda for exchange control purposes. Persons resident in Bermuda exchange control purposes, may therefore require the prior approval of the BMA in order to acquire any offered shares if the transfer would result in such persons owning more than 20% of our outstanding shares. In granting such consent the BMA does not accept any responsibility for our financial soundness or the correctness of any of the statements made or opinions expressed in this prospectus.

In this prospectus, references to "RenaissanceRe," "we," "us," "our" and the "Company" refer to RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd. together with its subsidiaries unless the context indicates otherwise, references to "RenaissanceRe Finance" refer to RenaissanceRe Finance, Inc., and references to the "Capital Trust" refer to RenaissanceRe Capital Trust II. In addition, references in this prospectus to "dollar" and "\$" are to United States currency, and the terms "United States" and "U.S." mean the United States of America, its states, its territories, its possessions and all areas subject to its jurisdiction.

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#### ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus is part of an "automatic shelf" registration statement that we, RenaissanceRe Finance and the Capital Trust have filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission"), as a "well-known seasoned issuer" as defined in Rule 405 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"). Under this shelf registration process, we (and RenaissanceRe Finance and the Capital Trust, as indicated) may offer and sell our common shares, preference shares, depositary shares, debt securities, warrants to purchase common shares, preference shares or debt securities, share purchase contracts, share purchase units, units, preferred securities and guarantees, either individually or in combination with other securities, in one or more offerings, in amounts, at prices, and on terms that will be determined at the time of the offering. There is no limit on the aggregate amount of the securities that we may offer pursuant to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part.

# This prospectus may not be used to consummate a sale of securities unless it is accompanied by a prospectus supplement.

This prospectus provides you with a general description of the securities we (and RenaissanceRe Finance or the Capital Trust, as indicated) may offer. This prospectus does not contain all of the information set forth in the registration statement as permitted by the rules and regulations of the Commission. For additional information regarding us, RenaissanceRe Finance, the Capital Trust and the offered securities, please refer to the registration statement. Each time we, RenaissanceRe Finance or the Capital Trust sell securities, we, RenaissanceRe Finance or the Capital Trust, as applicable, will provide a prospectus supplement that will contain specific information about the terms of that offering. The prospectus supplement may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. To the extent the information in any prospectus supplement or the information in such prospectus supplement or the information incorporated by reference in such prospectus supplement shall govern. You should read both this prospectus and any prospectus supplement together with additional information described under the heading "Where You Can Find More Information."

#### RENAISSANCERE HOLDINGS LTD.

#### **OVERVIEW**

RenaissanceRe is a Bermuda exempted company limited by shares with its registered and principal executive offices located at Renaissance House, 12 Crow Lane, Pembroke HM 19 Bermuda, telephone (441) 295-4513. RenaissanceRe is a global provider of reinsurance and insurance that specializes in matching well-structured risks with efficient sources of capital. We provide property, casualty and specialty reinsurance and certain insurance solutions to customers, principally through intermediaries. Our mission is to match desirable, well-structured risks with efficient sources of capital to achieve our vision of being the best underwriter. We believe that this will allow us to produce superior returns for our shareholders over the long term, and to further our purpose of protecting communities and enabling prosperity. We seek to accomplish these goals by (i) being a trusted, long-term partner to our customers for assessing and managing risk, (ii) delivering responsive and innovative solutions, (iii) leveraging our core capabilities of risk assessment and information management, (iv) investing in these core capabilities in order to serve our customers across market cycles, and (v) keeping our promises.

Our core products include property, casualty and specialty reinsurance, and certain insurance products, principally distributed through intermediaries with whom we have cultivated strong long-term relationships. Our strategy focuses on operating as an integrated system of three competitive advantages: superior risk selection, superior customer relationships and superior capital management. We provide value to our customers and partners in the form of financial security, innovative products, and responsive service. We are known as a leader in paying valid claims promptly. There are three principal drivers of profit that generate diversified earnings streams for our business—underwriting income, fee income, and investment income.

We also pursue a number of other opportunities, such as creating and managing our joint ventures and managed funds, executing customized reinsurance transactions to assume or cede risk, and managing certain strategic investments directed at classes of risk other than catastrophe reinsurance. From time to time we consider diversification into new ventures, either through organic growth, the formation of new joint ventures or managed funds, or the acquisition of, or the investment in, other companies or books of business of other companies.

#### OTHER INFORMATION

For further information regarding RenaissanceRe, including financial information, you should refer to our recent filings with the Commission.

#### RENAISSANCERE FINANCE INC.

RenaissanceRe Finance is a Delaware corporation, with its principal executive offices located at 140 Broadway, Suite 4200, New York, NY 10005. The telephone number of RenaissanceRe Finance is (212) 238 9600. RenaissanceRe Finance was incorporated in 2007. It is an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of RenaissanceRe and the direct and indirect owner of the equity interests of entities comprising our U.S. reinsurance operations and certain of our other U.S. subsidiaries. RenaissanceRe Finance has no direct operations.

#### THE CAPITAL TRUST

The Capital Trust is a statutory business trust created under Delaware law pursuant to (1) a trust agreement executed by us, as sponsor of the Capital Trust, and the Capital Trustees (as defined below) for the Capital Trust and (2) the filing of a certificate of trust with the Delaware Secretary of State on January 5, 2001. The trust agreement will be amended and restated in its entirety substantially in the form filed as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part. The restated trust agreement will be qualified as an indenture under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended.

The Capital Trust exists for the exclusive purposes of:

- issuing and selling the preferred securities and common securities that represent undivided beneficial interests in the assets of the Capital Trust;
- using the proceeds from the sale of the preferred securities and common securities to acquire a particular series of junior subordinated debt securities that may be issued by us or RenaissanceRe Finance; and
- · engaging in only those other activities necessary or incidental to the issuance and sale of the preferred securities and common securities.

We will directly or indirectly own all of the common securities of the Capital Trust. The common securities of the Capital Trust will rank equally, and payments will be made thereon pro rata, with the preferred securities of the Capital Trust, except that, if an event of default under the restated trust agreement has occurred and is continuing, the rights of the holders of the common securities to payment in respect of distributions and payments upon liquidation, redemption and otherwise will be subordinated to the rights of the holders of the preferred securities. The Capital Trust is a legally separate entity.

Unless otherwise disclosed in the related prospectus supplement, the Capital Trust will have a term of approximately 55 years, but may dissolve earlier as provided in the restated trust agreement of the Capital Trust. Unless otherwise disclosed in the applicable prospectus supplement, the Capital Trust's business and affairs will be conducted by the trustees (the "Capital Trustees") appointed by us, as the direct or indirect holder of all of the common securities. The holder of the common securities will be entitled to appoint, remove or replace any of, or increase or reduce the number of, the Capital Trustees of the Capital Trust. The duties and obligations of the Capital Trustees of the Capital Trust will be governed by the restated trust agreement of the Capital Trust.

Unless otherwise disclosed in the related prospectus supplement, two of the Capital Trustees (the "Administrative Trustees") of the Capital Trust will be persons who are our employees or employees or officers of companies affiliated with us. One Capital Trustee of the Capital Trust will be a financial institution (the "Property Trustee") that is not affiliated with us and has a minimum amount of combined capital and surplus of not less than \$50,000,000, which shall act as property trustee and as indenture trustee for the purposes of compliance with the provisions of the Trust Indenture Act, pursuant to the terms set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement. In addition, one Capital Trustee of the Capital Trust (which may be the Property Trustee, if it otherwise meets the requirements of applicable law) will have its principal place of business or reside in the State of Delaware (the "Delaware Trustee"). We or one of our affiliates will pay all fees and expenses related to the Capital Trust and the offering of preferred securities and common securities.

The office of the Delaware Trustee for the Capital Trust in the State of Delaware is located at c/o Deutsche Bank Trust Company Delaware, 1011 Centre Road, Suite 200, Wilmington, Delaware 19805-1266. The principal executive office for the Capital Trust is located at c/o Renaissance Reinsurance U.S. Inc., 140 Broadway, Suite 4200, New York, NY 10005. The telephone number of the Capital Trust is (212) 238 9600.

#### GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE OFFERED SECURITIES

We may from time to time offer under this prospectus, separately or together:

- · common shares, which we would expect to list on the New York Stock Exchange;
- preference shares, the terms and series of which would be described in the related prospectus supplement;
- depositary shares, each representing a fraction of a share of common shares or a particular series of preference shares, which will be deposited under a deposit agreement among us, a depositary selected by us and the holders of the depositary receipts;
- senior debt securities;
- · subordinated and junior subordinated debt securities which will be subordinated in right of payment to our senior indebtedness;
- warrants to purchase common shares and warrants to purchase preference shares, which will be evidenced by share warrant certificates and may
  be issued under the share warrant agreement independently or together with any other securities offered by any prospectus supplement and may be
  attached to or separate from such other offered securities;
- warrants to purchase debt securities, which will be evidenced by debt warrant certificates and may be issued under the debt warrant agreement
  independently or together with any other securities offered by any prospectus supplement and may be attached to or separate from such other
  offered securities;
- share purchase contracts obligating holders to purchase from us a specified number of common shares or preference shares at a future date or dates;
- share purchase units, consisting of a share purchase contract and, as security for the holder's obligation to purchase common shares or preference shares under the share purchase contract, any of (1) our debt securities, (2) debt obligations of third parties, including U.S. Treasury securities, or (3) preferred securities of the Capital Trust; and
- units which may consist of any combination of the securities listed above.

RenaissanceRe Finance may from time to time offer senior and subordinated debt securities, and junior subordinated debt securities to the Capital Trust, all of which will be fully and unconditionally guaranteed by us to the extent described in this prospectus.

The Capital Trust may offer preferred securities representing undivided beneficial interests in its assets, which will be fully and unconditionally guaranteed by us to the extent described in this prospectus.

# RISK FACTORS

An investment in our securities involves certain risks. Before you invest in any of the securities offered by us, RenaissanceRe Finance or the Capital Trust, you should carefully consider the risks involved. Accordingly, you should carefully consider:

- the information contained or incorporated by reference into this prospectus, including the "Risk Factors" set forth in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2022 and in our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2023;
- the information, including risk factors, in any of our subsequent current, quarterly and annual reports and other documents we file with the Commission after the date of this prospectus that are incorporated by reference herein; and
- the information, including risk factors, contained in or incorporated by reference into any prospectus supplement relating to specific offerings of securities.

Our business, results of operations or financial condition could be adversely affected by any of these risks or by additional risks and uncertainties not currently known to us or that we currently consider immaterial.

#### FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus, including the information incorporated by reference herein, may contain forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, which we refer to in this prospectus as the "Exchange Act." Forward-looking statements are necessarily based on estimates and assumptions that are inherently subject to significant business, economic and competitive uncertainties and contingencies, many of which, with respect to future business decisions, are subject to change. These uncertainties and contingencies can affect actual results and could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed in any forward-looking statements made by, or on behalf of, us.

In particular, statements using words such as "may," "should," "estimate," "expect," "anticipate," "intend," "believe," "predict," "potential," or words of similar import generally involve forward-looking statements. For example, we may include certain forward-looking statements with regard to trends in results, prices, volumes, operations, investment results, margins, combined ratios, fees, reserves, market conditions, risk management and exchange rates. This prospectus supplement, including the information incorporated by reference herein, may also contain forward-looking statements with respect to our business and industry, such as those relating to our strategy and management objectives, plans and expectations regarding our response and ability to adapt to changing economic conditions, market standing and product volumes, competition and new entrants in our industry, industry capital, insured losses from loss events, government initiatives and regulatory matters affecting the reinsurance and insurance industries. In light of the risks and uncertainties inherent in all future projections, the inclusion of forward-looking statements in this prospectus should not be considered as a representation by us or any other person that our current objectives or plans will be achieved. Numerous factors could cause our actual results to differ materially from those addressed by the forward-looking statements, including those contained under "Note on Forward-Looking Statements" in RenaissanceRe's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2022, and incorporated herein by reference, and under "Note on Forward-Looking Statements" in RenaissanceRe's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2023, and incorporated herein by reference. We undertake no obligation to release publicly the results of any future revision we may make to forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date hereof or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

The inclusion of forward-looking statements in this prospectus should not be considered as a representation by us or any other person that our current objectives or plans will be achieved. Numerous factors could cause our actual results to differ materially from those addressed by the forward-looking statements, including the following:

- · our exposure to natural and non-natural catastrophic events and circumstances and the variance they may cause in our financial results;
- · the effect of climate change on our business, including the trend towards increasingly frequent and severe climate events;
- · the effectiveness of our claims and claim expense reserving process;
- · the effect of emerging claims and coverage issues;
- · the performance of our investment portfolio and financial market volatility;
- the effects of inflation;
- · the ability of our ceding companies and delegated authority counterparties to accurately assess the risks they underwrite;
- · our ability to maintain our financial strength ratings;
- the highly competitive nature of our industry;
- our reliance on a small number of brokers;

- · collection on claimed retrocessional coverage, and new retrocessional reinsurance being available on acceptable terms or at all;
- the historically cyclical nature of the (re)insurance industries;
- our ability to attract and retain key executives and employees;
- · our ability to successfully implement our business, strategies and initiatives;
- · our exposure to credit loss from counterparties;
- · our need to make many estimates and judgments in the preparation of our financial statements;
- · our ability to effectively manage capital on behalf of investors in joint ventures or other entities we manage;
- changes to the accounting rules and regulatory systems applicable to our business, including changes in Bermuda and U.S. laws or regulations;
- · other political, regulatory or industry initiatives adversely impacting us;
- our ability to comply with covenants in our debt agreements;
- · the effect of adverse economic factors, including changes in the prevailing interest rates and recession or the perception that recession may occur;
- the effect of cybersecurity risks, including technology breaches or failure;
- a contention by the IRS that any of our Bermuda subsidiaries are subject to taxation in the U.S.;
- the effects of possible future tax reform legislation and regulations in the jurisdictions in which we operate;
- · our ability to determine any impairments taken on our investments;
- our ability to raise capital on acceptable terms, including through debt instruments, the capital markets, and third party investments in our joint ventures and managed fund partners;
- our ability to comply with applicable sanctions and foreign corrupt practices laws; and
- our dependence on the ability of our operating subsidiaries to declare and pay dividends.

As a consequence, our future financial condition and results may differ from those expressed in any forward-looking statements made by or on behalf of us. The factors listed above, which are discussed in more detail in our filings with the Commission, including our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2022 and our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2023, should not be construed as exhaustive. Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date they are made, and we undertake no obligation to revise or update forward-looking statements to reflect new information, events or circumstances after the date hereof or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

# USE OF PROCEEDS

Unless the applicable prospectus supplement states otherwise, the net proceeds from the sale of securities offered by RenaissanceRe, RenaissanceRe Finance or the Capital Trust will be used by us and our subsidiaries for working capital, capital expenditures, acquisitions and other general corporate purposes. Until we use the net proceeds in this manner, we may temporarily use them to make short-term investments or reduce short-term borrowings.

#### DESCRIPTION OF OUR CAPITAL SHARES

The following is a summary of certain provisions of our Memorandum of Association (the "Memorandum") and Bye-Laws, and the applicable Certificate of Designation, Preferences and Rights for our Series F Preference Shares and Series G Preference Shares. Because this summary is not complete, you should refer to our Memorandum and Bye-Laws and the applicable certificate of designation for complete information regarding the provisions of these governing documents, including the definitions of some of the terms used below. Copies of these governing documents are incorporated by reference as exhibits to the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part. Whenever we refer to particular sections or defined terms of the Memorandum, the Bye-Laws or the certificates of designation, such sections or defined terms are incorporated herein by reference and the statement in connection with such reference is made is qualified in its entirety by such reference.

#### COMMON SHARES

Our common shares are listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "RNR." The common shares currently issued and outstanding are fully paid and non-assessable (as such is understood under Bermuda law). We have authorized the issuance of 225,000,000 common shares, and 43,931,597 common shares were issued and outstanding at March 31, 2023. Any common shares offered by a prospectus supplement, upon issuance against full consideration, will be fully paid and non-assessable (as such is understood under Bermuda law). There are no provisions of Bermuda law or our Memorandum and Bye-Laws which impose any limitation on the rights of shareholders to hold or vote common shares by reason of their not being residents of Bermuda.

A more detailed description of our common shares is set forth in our registration statement filed under the Exchange Act on Form 8-A on July 24, 1995, including any amendment or report for the purpose of updating such description.

#### SERIES F PREFERENCE SHARES

Currently, 10,000 of our 5.750% Series F Preference Shares (equivalent to 10,000,000 Depositary Shares) are outstanding. The 10,000,000 Depositary Shares, each representing 1/1,000th of an interest in a share of 5.750% Series F Preference Shares, are listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "RNRPRF". The Series F Preference Shares (and the Depositary Shares) currently issued and outstanding are fully paid and non-assessable (as such is understood under Bermuda law). Because the following summary of the terms of the Series F Preference Shares is not complete, you should refer to the Memorandum, the Bye-Laws and the applicable Certificate of Designation, Preferences and Rights for complete information regarding the terms of the Series F Preference Shares.

General. The holders of Series F Preference Shares have no preemptive rights with respect to any of our common shares or any of our other securities convertible into or carrying rights or options to purchase any such shares. The Series F Preference Shares are not subject to any sinking fund or other obligation on our part to redeem or retire the Series F Preference Shares. Unless we redeem them, the Series F Preference Shares will have a perpetual term with no maturity. The Series F Preference Shares rank pari passu to our Series G Preference Shares and senior to our common shares with respect to payment of dividends and amounts upon liquidation, dissolution or winding-up.

*Dividends*. Dividends on the Series F Preference Shares (and the Depositary Shares) are payable from the date of original issuance on a non-cumulative basis, only when, as and if declared by our Board of Directors, quarterly in arrears, in an amount per share equal to 5.750% of the liquidation preference per annum.

No dividends will be paid upon any shares of any class or series of shares of RenaissanceRe ranking on a parity with the Series F Preference Shares with respect to the payment of dividends and amounts upon our liquidation, dissolution or winding up (for purposes of this section, "Parity Shares") (other than partial dividends to be shared

pro rata by the holders of Parity Shares and Series F Preference Shares) for any period unless there will have been paid or declared and set apart for payment dividends to be paid to the holders of the Series F Preference Shares for the current dividend period. No dividends will be paid upon any class or series of shares of RenaissanceRe ranking junior to the Series F Preference Shares with respect to either the payment of dividends or amounts upon our liquidation, dissolution or winding up (for purposes of this section, "Junior Shares") for any period unless there will have been paid or declared and set apart for payment dividends to be paid to the holders of the Series F Preference Shares and Parity Shares for the current dividend period, subject to certain exceptions.

Under Bermuda law, a company may not declare or pay a dividend, or make a distribution out of contributed surplus, if there are reasonable grounds for believing that (i) the company is, or would after the payment be, unable to pay its liabilities as they become due; or (ii) the realisable value of the company's assets would thereby be less than its liabilities. "Contributed surplus" is defined for purposes of the Companies Act 1981 of Bermuda (as amended, the "Act") to include the proceeds arising from donated shares, credits resulting from the redemption or conversion of shares at less than the amount set up as nominal capital and donations of cash and other assets to the company. These dividend rights are therefore subject to these requirements of the Act.

Liquidation. In case of our voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up, the holders of Series F Preference Shares will be entitled to receive from our assets legally available for distribution to shareholders a liquidation preference of \$25,000 per 5.750% Series F Preference Share (equivalent to \$25 per Depositary Share), plus declared and unpaid dividends, if any, to the date of liquidation, without accumulation of any undeclared dividends and without interest.

It is possible that, in case of our voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up, our assets could be insufficient to pay the holders of all of the classes or series of preference shares then outstanding the full, or any, amounts to which they may be entitled. In that circumstance, the holders of Series F Preference Shares and any Parity Shares will share ratably in such assets in accordance with the respective amounts that would be payable on such Series F Preference Shares and such Parity Shares if all amounts payable thereon were paid in full.

Our amalgamation, consolidation or merger with or into any other corporation, or a sale of all or substantially all of our assets, or a statutory share exchange, will not be deemed to constitute a liquidation, dissolution or winding up.

Redemption. On and after June 30, 2023, we may redeem the Series F Preference Shares, in whole or in part, at any time upon not less than 30 nor more than 60 days' written notice, at a redemption price of \$25,000 per 5.750% Series F Preference Share (equivalent to \$25 per Depositary Share), plus an amount equal to the portion of the quarterly dividend attributable to the then-current dividend period to, but excluding, the date of redemption; provided that no redemption may occur prior to June 30, 2028 unless (1) we have sufficient funds in order to meet the Bermuda Monetary Authority's (the "BMA") Enhanced Capital Requirement and the BMA (or its successor, if any) approves of the redemption or (2) we replace the capital represented by preference shares to be redeemed with capital having equal or better capital treatment as the preference shares under the Enhanced Capital Requirement. The Series F Preference Shares have no stated maturity, are not subject to any sinking fund or mandatory redemption and are not convertible into or exchangeable for any of our other securities. We may not redeem the Series F Preference Shares before that date at a redemption price of \$26,000 per share (equivalent to \$26 per Depositary Share), plus declared and unpaid dividends, if any, to, but excluding, the date of redemption, without accumulation of any undeclared dividends and without interest, if we submit a proposal to our common shareholders concerning an amalgamation or submit any proposal for any other matter that requires, as a result of a change in Bermuda law, the approval of the holders of the Series F Preference Shares, whether voting as a separate series or together with any other series of preference shares as a single class. In addition, at any time upon not less than 30 nor more than 60 days' written notice following the occurrence of a "tax event" or within 90 days under certain circumstances following the occurrence of a "capital redemption trigger date," we may

redeem the Series F Preference Shares, in whole or in part, at a redemption price of \$25,000 per 5.750% Series F Preference Share (equivalent to \$25 per Depositary Share), plus declared and unpaid dividends, if any, to, but excluding, the date of redemption, without accumulation of any undeclared dividends and without interest.

Unless there will have been paid or declared and set apart for payment full dividends for the holders of the Series F Preference Shares and the holders of any Parity Shares for the latest completed dividend period:

- (1) we may not purchase any Series F Preference Shares or Parity Shares except in accordance with a purchase or offer made in writing to all holders of Series F Preference Shares and Parity Shares upon such terms as the Board, in its sole discretion after consideration of the respective annual dividend rate and other relative rights and preferences of the respective classes or series, will determine (which determination will be final and conclusive) will result in fair and equitable treatment among the respective classes or series; and
- (2) we may not redeem, purchase or otherwise acquire, or permit any subsidiary to purchase or acquire, any Junior Shares, subject to certain exceptions.

Reissuance of Shares. Any Series F Preference Shares reacquired in any manner by RenaissanceRe will have the status of authorized but unissued preference shares, and may be reissued as part of the same class or series or may be reclassified and reissued by the Board in the same manner as any other authorized and unissued preference shares.

Voting. Except as indicated below or as otherwise required by applicable law, the holders of Series F Preference Shares will have no voting rights.

Pursuant to the terms of the Certificate of Designation, Preferences and Rights of the Series F Preference Shares, whenever dividends payable on the Series F Preference Shares or on any Parity Shares are in arrears in an aggregate amount equivalent to six full quarterly dividends on all of such Series F Preference Shares or Parity Shares, as applicable, then outstanding, the holders of Series F Preference Shares, together with the holders of Parity Shares, will have the right, voting together as a single class regardless of class or series, to elect two directors of our Board. We will use our best efforts to increase the number of directors constituting the Board to the extent necessary to effectuate such right. Whenever all arrearages in dividends on the Series F Preference Shares and the Parity Shares shall have been paid and dividends thereon for the current quarterly dividend period shall have been declared and paid or set apart for payment, the rights of such holders of Series F Preference Shares and the Parity Shares to elect members of the Board will cease, subject to revesting in the event of each and every subsequent default in an aggregate amount equivalent to six full quarterly dividends.

Pursuant to the terms of the Certificate of Designation, Preferences and Rights of the Series F Preference Shares, the rights attached to the Series F Preference Shares may only be varied with the consent in writing of the holders of three-quarters of the outstanding Series F Preference Shares, or with the sanction of a resolution approved by at least a majority of the votes cast by the holders of the Series F Preference Shares at a separate meeting in which a quorum is present; provided, however, that the terms of the Series F Preference Shares may also be varied under certain circumstances in connection with a "tax event" or a "capital redemption disqualification event." The rights attached to Series F Preference Shares will not be deemed to be varied by the creation or issue of any shares or any securities convertible into or evidencing the right to purchase shares ranking prior to or equally with the Series F Preference Shares with respect to the payment of dividends or of assets upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up. Holders of Series F Preference Shares are not entitled to vote on any sale of all or substantially all of our assets.

On any item on which the holders of the Series F Preference Shares are entitled to vote pursuant to the terms of its Certificate of Designation, Preferences and Rights, such holders will be entitled to one vote for each Series F Preference Share held.

Currently, under Bermuda law each share (including preference shares) of an amalgamating or merging company carries the right to vote in respect of an amalgamation or merger whether or not it otherwise carries the right to vote. The provisions of Bermuda law, and thus these voting rights as to amalgamations and mergers, are subject to change at any time.

A more detailed description of the Series F Preference Shares is set forth in our registration statement filed under the Exchange Act on Form 8-A on June 18, 2018, including any amendment or report for the purpose of updating such description. If we issue preference shares in the future, they may, or may not, be on terms similar to the Series F Preference Shares.

#### SERIES G PREFERENCE SHARES

Currently, 20,000 of our 4.20% Series G Preference Shares (equivalent to 20,000,000 Depositary Shares) are outstanding. The 20,000,000 Depositary Shares, each representing 1/1,000th of an interest in a share of 4.20% Series G Preference Shares, are listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "RNRPRG." The Series G Preference Shares (and the Depositary Shares) currently issued and outstanding are fully paid and nonassessable within the meaning of applicable Bermuda law. Because the following summary of the terms of the Series G Preference Shares is not complete, you should refer to the Memorandum, the Bye-Laws and the applicable Certificate of Designation, Preferences and Rights for complete information regarding the terms of the Series G Preference Shares.

General. The holders of Series G Preference Shares have no preemptive rights with respect to any of our common shares or any of our other securities convertible into or carrying rights or options to purchase any such shares. The Series G Preference Shares are not subject to any sinking fund or other obligation on our part to redeem or retire the Series G Preference Shares. Unless we redeem them, the Series G Preference Shares will have a perpetual term with no maturity. The Series G Preference Shares rank pari passu to our Series F Preference Shares and senior to our common shares with respect to payment of dividends and amounts upon liquidation, dissolution or winding-up.

*Dividends*. Dividends on the Series G Preference Shares (and the Depositary Shares) are payable from the date of original issuance on a non-cumulative basis, only when, as and if declared by our Board of Directors, quarterly in arrears, in an amount per share equal to 4.20% of the liquidation preference per annum.

No dividends will be paid upon any shares of any class or series of our shares ranking on a parity with the Series G Preference Shares with respect to the payment of dividends and amounts upon our liquidation, dissolution or winding up (for purposes of this section, "Parity Shares") (other than partial dividends to be shared pro rata by the holders of Parity Shares and Series G Preference Shares) for any period unless there will have been paid or declared and set apart for payment dividends to be paid to the holders of the Series G Preference Shares for the current dividend period. No dividends will be paid upon any class or series of our shares ranking junior to the Series G Preference Shares with respect to either the payment of dividends or amounts upon our liquidation, dissolution or winding up (for purposes of this section, "Junior Shares") for any period unless there will have been paid or declared and set apart for payment dividends to be paid to the holders of the Series G Preference Shares and Parity Shares for the current dividend period, subject to certain exceptions.

Under Bermuda law, a company may not declare or pay a dividend, or make a distribution out of contributed surplus, if there are reasonable grounds for believing that (i) the company is, or would after the payment be, unable to pay its liabilities as they become due; or (ii) the realisable value of the company's assets would thereby be less than its liabilities. "Contributed surplus" is defined for purposes of the Act to include the proceeds arising from donated shares, credits resulting from the redemption or conversion of shares at less than the amount set up as nominal capital and donations of cash and other assets to the company. These dividend rights are therefore subject to these requirements of the Act.

Liquidation. In case of our voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up, the holders of Series G Preference Shares will be entitled to receive from our assets legally available for distribution to shareholders a liquidation preference of \$25,000 per 4.20% Series G Preference Share (equivalent to \$25 per Depositary Share), plus declared and unpaid dividends, if any, to the date of liquidation, without accumulation of any undeclared dividends and without interest.

It is possible that, in case of our voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up, our assets could be insufficient to pay the holders of all of the classes or series of preference shares then outstanding the full, or any, amounts to which they may be entitled. In that circumstance, the holders of Series G Preference Shares and any Parity Shares will share ratably in such assets in accordance with the respective amounts that would be payable on such Series G Preference Shares and such Parity Shares if all amounts payable thereon were paid in full.

Our amalgamation, consolidation or merger with or into any other corporation, or a sale of all or substantially all of our assets, or a statutory share exchange, will not be deemed to constitute a liquidation, dissolution or winding up.

*Redemption.* On and after July 15, 2026, we may redeem the Series G Preference Shares, in whole or in part, at any time upon not less than 30 nor more than 60 days' written notice, at a redemption price of \$25,000 per 4.20% Series G Preference Share (equivalent to \$25 per Depositary Share), plus an amount equal to the portion of the quarterly dividend attributable to the then-current dividend period to, but excluding, the date of redemption.

The Series G Preference Shares have no stated maturity, are not subject to any sinking fund or mandatory redemption and are not convertible into or exchangeable for any of our other securities. We may not redeem the Series G Preference Shares before July 15, 2026, except that we may redeem the Series G Preference Shares in whole, but not in part, before that date at a redemption price of \$26,000 per share (equivalent to \$26 per Depositary Share), plus declared and unpaid dividends, if any, to, but excluding, the date of redemption, without accumulation of any undeclared dividends and without interest, if we submit a proposal to our common shareholders concerning an amalgamation or merger or submit any proposal for any other matter that requires, as a result of a change in Bermuda law, the approval of the holders of the Series G Preference Shares, whether voting as a separate series or together with any other series of preference shares as a single class. In addition, at any time upon not less than 30 nor more than 60 days' written notice following the occurrence of a "tax event" or within 90 days under certain circumstances following the occurrence of a "capital redemption trigger date," we may redeem the Series G Preference Shares, in whole or in part, at a redemption price of \$25,000 per 4.20% Series G Preference Share (equivalent to \$25 per Depositary Share), plus declared and unpaid dividends, if any, to, but excluding, the date of redemption, without accumulation of any undeclared dividends and without interest. Further, we may redeem the Series G Preference Shares at any time, in whole or in part, within 90 days after any "rating agency event," at a redemption price equal to \$25,500 per 4.20% Series G Preference Share (equivalent to \$25.50 per Depository Share), plus declared and unpaid dividends, if any, to, but excluding, the date of redemption, without accumulation of any undeclared dividends and without interest.

In general, the Series G Preference Shares may not be redeemed at any time unless (1) we have sufficient funds in order to meet the BMA's Enhanced Capital Requirement or we replace the capital represented by Series G Preference Shares to be redeemed with capital having equal or better capital treatment as the Series G Preference Shares under the BMA's Group Rules and (2) and the BMA (or its successor, if any) approves of the redemption. Unless there will have been paid or declared and set apart for payment full dividends for the holders of the Series G Preference Shares and the holders of any Parity Shares for the latest completed dividend period: (1) we may not purchase any Series G Preference Shares or Parity Shares except in accordance with a purchase or exchange offer made in writing to all holders of Series G Preference Shares and Parity Shares upon such terms as the Board, in its sole discretion after consideration of the respective annual dividend rate and other relative rights and preferences of the respective classes or series, will determine (which determination will be final and conclusive) will result in fair and equitable treatment among the respective classes or series; and (2) we may not redeem, purchase or otherwise acquire, or permit any subsidiary to purchase or acquire, any Junior Shares, subject to certain exceptions.

Reissuance of Shares. Any Series G Preference Shares reacquired in any manner by us will have the status of authorized but unissued preference shares, and may be reissued as part of the same class or series or may be reclassified and reissued by the Board in the same manner as any other authorized and unissued preference shares.

Voting. Except as indicated below or as otherwise required by applicable law, the holders of Series G Preference Shares will have no voting rights.

Pursuant to the terms of the Certificate of Designation, Preferences and Rights of the Series G Preference Shares, whenever dividends payable on the Series G Preference Shares or on any Parity Shares are have not been paid in an aggregate amount equivalent to six full quarterly dividends on all of such Series G Preference Shares or Parity Shares, as applicable, then outstanding, the holders of Series G Preference Shares, together with the holders of Parity Shares, will have the right, voting together as a single class regardless of class or series, to elect two directors of our Board. We will use our best efforts to increase the number of directors constituting the Board to the extent necessary to effectuate such right. Whenever all unpaid dividends on the Series G Preference Shares and the Parity Shares shall have been paid and dividends thereon for the current quarterly dividend period shall have been declared and paid or set apart for payment, the rights of such holders of Series G Preference Shares and the Parity Shares to elect members of the Board will cease, subject to revesting in the event of each and every subsequent default in an aggregate amount equivalent to six full quarterly dividends.

Pursuant to the terms of the Certificate of Designation, Preferences and Rights of the Series G Preference Shares, the rights attached to the Series G Preference Shares may only be varied with the consent in writing of the holders of three-quarters of the outstanding Series G Preference Shares, or with the sanction of a resolution approved by at least a majority of the votes cast by the holders of the Series G Preference Shares at a separate meeting in which a quorum is present; provided, however, that the terms of the Series G Preference Shares may also be varied under certain circumstances in connection with a "tax event" or a "capital redemption disqualification event". The rights attached to Series G Preference Shares will not be deemed to be varied by the creation or issue of any shares or any securities convertible into or evidencing the right to purchase shares ranking prior to or equally with the Series G Preference Shares with respect to the payment of dividends or of assets upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up. Holders of Series G Preference Shares are not entitled to vote on any sale of all or substantially all of our assets.

On any item on which the holders of the Series G Preference Shares are entitled to vote pursuant to the terms of its Certificate of Designation, Preferences and Rights, such holders will be entitled to one vote for each Series G Preference Share held.

Currently, under Bermuda law each share (including preference shares) of an amalgamating or merging company carries the right to vote in respect of an amalgamation or merger whether or not it otherwise carries the right to vote. The provisions of Bermuda law, and thus these voting rights as to amalgamations and mergers, are subject to change at any time.

A more detailed description of the Series G Preference Shares is set forth in our registration statement filed under the Exchange Act on Form 8-A on July 12, 2021, including any amendment or report for the purpose of updating such description. If we issue preference shares in the future, they may, or may not, be on terms similar to the Series G Preference Shares.

#### OTHER PREFERENCE SHARES

Our Bye-Laws divide our share capital into 225,000,000 common shares and 100,000,000 preference shares. Currently, 10,000 of our 5.750% Series F Preference Shares (equivalent to 10,000,000 Depositary Shares) are outstanding and 20,000 of our 4.20% Series G Preference Shares (equivalent to 20,000,000 Depositary Shares) are outstanding. From time to time, pursuant to the authority granted by the Bye-Laws, our Board may create and

issue one or more series of preference shares. The preference shares, upon issuance against full consideration, will be fully paid and non-assessable (as such is understood under Bermuda law). The particular rights and preferences of the preference shares offered by any prospectus supplement will be described in the prospectus supplement.

A prospectus supplement will specify the terms of a particular class or series of preference shares as follows:

- the number of shares to be issued and sold and the distinctive designation thereof;
- the dividend rights of the preference shares, whether dividends will be cumulative and, if so, from which date or dates and the relative rights or
  priority, if any, of payment of dividends on preference shares and any limitations, restrictions or conditions on the payment of such dividends;
- the voting powers, if any, of the preference shares, equal to or greater than one vote per share, which may include the right to vote, as a class or with other classes of capital stock, to elect one or more of our directors;
- the terms and conditions (including the price or prices, which may vary under different conditions and at different redemption dates), if any, upon
  which all or any part of the preference shares may be redeemed, at whose option such a redemption may occur, and any limitations, restrictions or
  conditions on such redemption;
- the terms, if any, upon which the preference shares will be convertible into or exchangeable for our shares of any other class, classes or series;
- the relative amounts, and the relative rights or priority, if any, of payment in respect of preference shares, which the holders of the preference shares will be entitled to receive upon our liquidation, dissolution, winding up, amalgamation, merger or sale of assets;
- the terms, if any, of any purchase, retirement or sinking fund to be provided for the preference shares;
- the restrictions, limitations and conditions, if any, upon the issuance of our indebtedness so long as any preference shares are outstanding; and
- · any other relative rights, preferences, limitations and powers not inconsistent with applicable law, the Memorandum or the Bye-Laws.

#### TRANSFER AGENT

Our registrar and transfer agent for each of our common shares, Series F Preference Shares, Series G Preference Shares, Depositary Shares (each representing 1/1,000th interest in a Series F Preference Share) and Depositary Shares (each representing a 1/1,000th interest in a Series G Preference Share) is Computershare Trust Company, N.A.

#### TRANSFER OF SHARES

Our Bye-Laws contain various provisions affecting the transferability of our shares. Under the Bye-Laws, the Board has absolute discretion to decline to register a transfer of shares:

- (1) unless the appropriate instrument of transfer is submitted along with such evidence as the Board may reasonably require showing the right of the transferor to make the transfer; or
- (2) unless all applicable consents and authorizations of any governmental body or agency in Bermuda have been obtained.

In addition, our Bye-laws provide that no Person shall be permitted to own or control shares in RenaissanceRe to the extent such ownership would result in such Person or any other any Person being considered to own or

controlled Shares, as our Board of Directors may determine in its sole discretion, and such ownership of Controlled Shares (i) would render any Person a Ten Percent Shareholder, (ii) cause RenaissanceRe to become a "controlled foreign corporation" within the meaning of section 957 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), or (iii) cause RenaissanceRe to become a "foreign personal holding company" within the meaning of section 552 of the Code. Our Board of Directors has the right to waive these restrictions in its sole discretion and may decline to register any transfer of shares if the transfer, in the discretion of the Board, would have any of the effects described in clauses (i)-(iii) above. These limits may have the effect of deterring purchases of large blocks of common shares or proposals to acquire us, even if some or a majority of the shareholders might deem these purchases or acquisition proposals to be in their best interests. With respect to this issue, also see the provisions discussed below under "Anti-Takeover Effects of Certain Bye-Law Provisions."

"Controlled Shares" in reference to any Person means (i) all capital shares of RenaissanceRe such Person is deemed to own directly, indirectly or by attribution (within the meaning of Section 958 of the Code) and (ii) all capital shares of RenaissanceRe directly, indirectly or beneficially owned by such Person (within the meaning of section 13(d) of the Exchange Act).

"Ten Percent Shareholder" means a Person who our Board of Directors determines, in its sole and absolute discretion, owns or controls Controlled Shares representing more than 9.9% of the total voting rights of all of our issued and outstanding capital shares.

"Person" means an individual, partnership, joint-stock company, corporation, trust or unincorporated organization, limited liability company, a government, agency or political subdivision thereof, an entity or arrangement treated as one of the foregoing for U.S. income tax purposes, or a "group" within the meaning of section 13(d) of the Exchange Act.

Our Bermuda counsel has advised us that, while the precise form of the restrictions on transfers contained in the Bye-Laws is untested, as a matter of general principle, restrictions on transfers are enforceable under Bermuda law and are not uncommon.

#### ANTI-TAKEOVER EFFECTS OF CERTAIN BYE-LAW PROVISIONS

Our Bye-Laws contain certain provisions that make it more difficult to acquire control of us by means of a tender offer, open market purchase, a proxy fight or otherwise. These provisions are designed to encourage persons seeking to acquire control of us to negotiate with our directors. We believe that, as a general rule, the interests of our shareholders would be best served if any change in control results from negotiations with our directors. These provisions could have the effect of discouraging a prospective acquirer from making a tender offer or otherwise attempting to obtain control of us. In addition, these Bye-Law provisions could prevent the removal of our current Board of Directors and management.

In addition to those provisions of the Bye-Laws discussed above under "Transfers of Shares," set forth below is a description of certain other provisions of the Bye-Laws. Because the following description is intended as a summary only and is therefore not complete, you should refer to the Bye-Laws, which are incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part, for complete information regarding these provisions.

#### BOARD OF DIRECTOR PROVISIONS

Our Bye-Laws provide for a classified board, to which approximately one-third of the Board is elected each year at our annual general meeting of shareholders. Accordingly, our directors serve three-year terms rather than one-year terms. Moreover, our Bye-Laws provide that each director may be removed by the shareholders only for cause upon the affirmative vote of the holders of not less than 66 2/3% of the voting rights attached to all issued and outstanding capital shares entitled to vote for the election of that director. Further, our Bye-Laws fix the size of the Board at eight directors although the incumbent Board may increase its size to eleven members; there are currently eleven members of the Board. In addition, shareholders may only nominate persons for election as director at an annual or special general meeting of shareholders called for the purpose of electing directors only if, among other things, a satisfactory written notice signed by not less than 20 shareholders holding in the aggregate not less than 10% of our outstanding paid-up share capital is timely submitted.

We believe that these Bye-Law provisions enhance the likelihood of continuity and stability in the composition of the Board and in the policies formulated by the Board. We believe these provisions assist our Board to represent more effectively the interests of all shareholders, including taking action in response to demands or actions by a minority shareholder or group.

Our classified Board makes it more difficult for shareholders to change the composition of our Board even if some or a majority of the shareholders believe such a change would be desirable. Moreover, these Bye-Law provisions may deter changes in the composition of the Board or certain mergers, tender offers or other future takeover attempts which some or a majority of holders of our securities may deem to be in their best interest. In addition, because the classification provisions may discourage accumulations of large blocks of our shares by purchasers whose objective is to take control of RenaissanceRe and remove a majority of our Board of Directors, the classification of our Board of Directors could tend to reduce the likelihood of fluctuations in the market price of the shares that might result from accumulation of large blocks for such a purpose. Accordingly, shareholders could be deprived of certain opportunities to sell their shares at a higher price than might otherwise be the case.

#### VOTING RIGHTS LIMITATIONS

Our Bye-Laws provide that to the extent a Person shall be deemed by our Board of Directors in its sole discretion to own or control Controlled Shares which represent in excess of 9.9% of the voting rights attached to all of our issued and outstanding capital shares, then all such excess Controlled Shares shall carry no voting rights and the voting rights of such excess Controlled Shares shall be allocated to the other holders of shares pro rata based on the number of shares held by all such other holders of shares, subject to certain exceptions designed to avoid having such allocation cause any other shareholder to become a Ten Percent Shareholder. Our Board of Directors has the right to waive these restrictions in its sole discretion.

#### RESTRICTIONS ON CERTAIN SHAREHOLDER ACTIONS

Our Bye-Laws restrict the ability of our shareholders to take certain actions. These restrictions, among other things, limit the power of our shareholders to:

- · nominate persons to serve as directors;
- · submit resolutions to the vote of shareholders at an annual or special general meeting; and
- requisition special general meetings.

Generally, the Bye-Laws prohibit shareholders from taking these actions unless certain requirements specified in the Bye-Laws are met. These requirements include giving written notice, specifying information that must be provided in connection with the notice or in relation to the requested action, taking specified actions within specified time periods, and requiring a minimum number of holders to act.

These requirements regulating shareholder nominations and proposals may have the effect of deterring a contest for the election of directors or the introduction of a shareholder proposal if the procedures summarized above are not followed. They may also discourage or deter a third party from conducting a solicitation of proxies to elect its own slate of directors or to introduce a proposal. For a more complete description of these provisions, you should refer to the Bye-Laws, which are incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part.

#### SUPERMAJORITY REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN AMENDMENTS

Our Bye-Laws require the affirmative vote of at least 66 2/3% of the voting rights attached to all of our issued and outstanding capital shares to amend, repeal or adopt any provision inconsistent with several provisions of the Bye-Laws. The provisions include, among others things, those relating to: the size of our Board and its division into classes, the removal of directors, the powers of shareholders to nominate directors, to call shareholder meetings and to propose matters to be acted on at shareholder meetings. This supermajority requirement could make it more difficult for shareholders to propose and adopt changes to the Bye-Laws intended to facilitate the acquisition or exercise of control over us.

#### AVAILABILITY OF SHARES FOR FUTURE ISSUANCES; SHAREHOLDER RIGHTS PLAN

We have a large number of authorized but unissued shares available for issuance. Generally, these shares may be issued by action of our directors without further action by shareholders (except as may be required by applicable stock exchange requirements). The availability of these shares for issue could be viewed as enabling the directors to make a change in our control more difficult. For example, the directors could determine to issue warrants or rights to acquire shares. In addition, we have authorized a sufficient amount of our shares such that we could put in place a shareholder rights plan without further action by shareholders. A shareholder rights plan could serve to dilute or deter stock ownership of persons seeking to obtain control of us.

Our ability to take these actions makes it more difficult for a third party to acquire us without negotiating with the Board, even if some or a majority of the shareholders desired to pursue a proposed transaction. Moreover, these powers could discourage or defeat unsolicited stock accumulation programs and acquisition proposals.

#### DESCRIPTION OF THE DEPOSITARY SHARES

#### GENERAL

We may, at our option, elect to offer depositary shares, each representing a fraction (to be set forth in the prospectus supplement relating to our common shares or a particular series of preference shares) of a share of a common share or a particular series of preference shares as described below. In the event we elect to do so, depositary receipts evidencing depositary shares will be issued to the public.

The shares of common shares or a class or series of preference shares represented by depositary shares will be deposited under a deposit agreement among us, a depositary selected by us and the holders of the depositary receipts. The depositary will be a bank or trust company having its principal office in the U.S. and having a combined capital and surplus of at least \$50,000,000. Subject to the terms of the deposit agreement, each owner of a depositary share will be entitled, in proportion to the applicable fraction of a common share or preference share represented by such depositary share, to all of the rights and preferences of the common shares or preference shares represented thereby (including dividend, voting, redemption and liquidation rights).

The depositary shares will be evidenced by depositary receipts issued pursuant to the deposit agreement. Depositary receipts will be distributed to those persons purchasing the fractional shares of the common shares or related class or series of preference shares in accordance with the terms of the offering described in the related prospectus supplement. If we issue depositary shares, we will file copies of the forms of deposit agreement and depositary receipt as exhibits to the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part.

Pending the preparation of definitive depositary receipts, the depositary may, upon our written order, issue temporary depositary receipts substantially identical to (and entitling the holders thereof to all of the rights pertaining to) the definitive depositary receipts but not in definitive form. Definitive depositary receipts will be prepared thereafter without unreasonable delay, and temporary depositary receipts will be exchangeable for definitive depositary receipts without charge to the holder thereof.

The following description of the depositary shares sets forth the material terms and provisions of the depositary shares to which any prospectus supplement may relate. The particular terms of the depositary shares offered by any prospectus supplement, and the extent to which the general provisions described below may apply to the offered securities, will be described in the prospectus supplement.

For a description of the depositary shares currently outstanding, see "Description of Our Capital Shares — Series F Preference Shares" and "Description of Our Capital Shares — Series G Preference Shares."

#### DIVIDENDS AND OTHER DISTRIBUTIONS

The depositary will distribute all cash dividends or other distributions received in respect of the related common shares or class or series of preference shares to the record holders of depositary shares relating to such common shares or class or series of preference shares in proportion to the number of such depositary shares owned by such holders.

In the event of a distribution other than in cash, the depositary will distribute property received by it to the record holders of depositary shares entitled thereto, unless the depositary determines that it is not feasible to make such distribution, in which case the depositary may, with our approval, sell such property and distribute the net proceeds from such sale to such holders.

#### WITHDRAWAL OF SHARES

Upon surrender of the depositary receipts at the corporate trust office of the depositary (unless the related depositary shares have previously been called for redemption), the holder of the depositary shares evidenced

thereby is entitled to delivery of the number of whole shares of the related common shares or class or series of preference shares and any money or other property represented by such depositary shares. Holders of depositary shares will be entitled to receive whole shares of the related common shares or class or series of preference shares on the basis set forth in the prospectus supplement for such common shares or class or series of preference shares, but holders of such whole common shares or preference shares will not thereafter be entitled to exchange them for depositary shares. If the depositary receipts delivered by the holder evidence a number of depositary shares in excess of the number of depositary shares representing the number of whole common shares or preference shares to be withdrawn, the depositary will deliver to such holder at the same time a new depositary receipt evidencing such excess number of depositary shares. In no event will fractional common shares or preference shares be delivered upon surrender of depositary receipts to the depositary.

#### REDEMPTION OF DEPOSITARY SHARES

Whenever we redeem common shares or preference shares held by the depositary, the depositary will redeem as of the same redemption date the number of depositary shares representing shares of common shares or the related class or series of preference shares so redeemed. The redemption price per depositary share will be equal to the applicable fraction of the redemption price per share payable with respect to such class or series of the common shares or preference shares. If less than all of the depositary shares are to be redeemed, the depositary shares to be redeemed will be selected by lot or pro rata as may be determined by the depositary.

#### VOTING THE COMMON SHARES OR PREFERENCE SHARES

Upon receipt of notice of any meeting at which the holders of the common shares or preference shares are entitled to vote, the depositary will mail the information contained in such notice of meeting to the record holders of the depositary shares relating to such common shares or preference shares. Each record holder of such depositary shares on the record date (which will be the same date as the record date for the common shares or preference shares, as applicable) will be entitled to instruct the depositary as to the exercise of the voting rights pertaining to the amount of the class or series of preference shares or common shares represented by such holder's depositary shares. The depositary will endeavor, insofar as practicable, to vote the number of the common shares or preference shares represented by such depositary shares in accordance with such instructions, and we will agree to take all action which the depositary deems necessary in order to enable the depositary to do so. The depositary will abstain from voting common shares or preference shares to the extent it does not receive specific instructions from the holders of depositary will abstain from voting common shares or preference shares to the extent it does not receive specific instructions from the holders of depositary shares representing such common shares or preference shares.

#### AMENDMENT AND TERMINATION OF THE DEPOSIT AGREEMENT

The form of depositary receipt evidencing the depositary shares and any provision of the deposit agreement may at any time be amended by agreement between us and the depositary. However, any amendment which materially and adversely alters the rights of the holders of depositary receipts will not be effective unless such amendment has been approved by the holders of depositary receipts representing at least a majority (or, in the case of amendments relating to or affecting rights to receive dividends or distributions or voting or redemption rights, 66 2/3%, unless otherwise provided in the related prospectus supplement) of the depositary shares then outstanding. The deposit agreement may be terminated by us or the depositary only if (1) all outstanding depositary shares have been redeemed, (2) there has been a final distribution in respect of the common shares or the related class or series of preference shares in connection with our liquidation, dissolution or winding up and such distribution has been distributed to the holders of depositary receipts representing not less than 66 2/3% of the depositary shares outstanding.

### CHARGES OF DEPOSITARY

We will pay all transfer and other taxes and governmental charges arising solely from the existence of the depositary arrangements. We will also pay charges of the depositary in connection with the initial deposit of the

related common shares or class or series of preference shares and any redemption of such common shares or preference shares. Holders of depositary receipts will pay all other transfer and other taxes and governmental charges and such other charges as are expressly provided in the deposit agreement to be for their accounts.

The depositary may refuse to effect any transfer of a depositary receipt or any withdrawal of shares of common shares or a class or series of preference shares evidenced thereby until all such taxes and charges with respect to such depositary receipt or such common shares or preference shares are paid by the holders thereof.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

The depositary will forward all reports and communications from us which are delivered to the depositary and which we are required to furnish to the holders of the common shares or preference shares.

Neither we nor the depositary will be liable if either of us is prevented or delayed by law or any circumstance beyond our control in performing our obligations under the deposit agreement. Our obligations and the obligations of the depositary under the deposit agreement will be limited to performance in good faith of their duties thereunder and neither we nor the depositary will be obligated to prosecute or defend any legal proceeding in respect of any depositary shares or class or series of preference shares unless satisfactory indemnity is furnished. We and the depositary may rely on written advice of counsel or accountants, or information provided by persons presenting preference shares for deposit, holders of depositary shares or other persons believed to be competent and on documents believed to be genuine.

#### RESIGNATION AND REMOVAL OF DEPOSITARY

The depositary may resign at any time by delivering to us notice of its election to do so, and we may at any time remove the depositary. Any such resignation or removal of the depositary will take effect upon the appointment of a successor depositary, which successor depositary must be appointed within 60 days after delivery of the notice of resignation or removal and must be a bank or trust company having its principal office in the U.S. and having a combined capital and surplus of at least \$50,000,000.

#### DESCRIPTION OF THE DEBT SECURITIES

We and RenaissanceRe Finance may offer debt securities. The following description sets forth the material terms and provisions of the debt securities to which any prospectus supplement may relate. Our senior debt securities are to be issued under a senior indenture between us and a financial institution, as trustee, the form of which is filed as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part and is incorporated by reference and RenaissanceRe Finance's senior debt securities are to be issued under a senior indenture between RenaissanceRe Finance and a financial institution, as trustee (the "RenaissanceRe Finance Senior Indenture"), the form of which is filed as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part and is incorporated by reference. Our subordinated debt securities are to be issued under a subordinated indenture between us and a financial institution, as trustee, the form of which is filed as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part and is incorporated by reference and RenaissanceRe Finance's subordinated debt securities are to be issued under a subordinated indenture between RenaissanceRe Finance and a financial institution, as trustee (the "RenaissanceRe Finance Subordinated Indenture"), the form of which is filed as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part and is incorporated by reference. In addition, we and RenaissanceRe Finance may issue junior subordinated debt securities, including to the Capital Trust in connection with the issuance of preferred securities and common securities by the Capital Trust. Our junior subordinated debt securities are to be issued under a junior subordinated indenture between us and a financial institution, as trustee, the form of which is filed as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part and is incorporated by reference and RenaissanceRe Finance's junior subordinated debt securities are to be issued under a junior subordinated indenture between RenaissanceRe Finance and a financial institution, as trustee (the "RenaissanceRe Finance Junior Subordinated Indenture"), the form of which is filed as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part and is incorporated by reference. The senior indentures, the subordinated indentures and the junior subordinated indentures are sometimes referred to herein collectively as the "indentures" and each individually as an "indenture." The particular terms of the debt securities offered by any prospectus supplement, and the extent to which the general provisions described below may apply to the offered debt securities, will be described in the prospectus supplement. The indentures are subject to and governed by the Trust Indenture Act

Because the following summaries of the material terms and provisions of the indentures and the related debt securities are not complete, you should refer to the forms of the indentures and the debt securities for complete information regarding the terms and provisions of the indentures, including the definitions of some of the terms used below, and the debt securities. Wherever we refer to particular articles, sections or defined terms of an indenture, those articles, sections or defined terms are incorporated herein by reference. Whenever we refer to particular articles, sections or defined terms of an indenture, without specific reference to an indenture, those articles, sections or defined terms are contained in all indentures. The senior indentures and the subordinated indentures are substantially identical, except for provisions relating to subordination. The subordinated indentures and the junior subordinated indenture are substantially identical, except for certain rights and covenants of ours or RenaissanceRe Finance, as applicable, and provisions relating to the issuance of securities to the Capital Trust.

### **GENERAL**

The indentures do not limit the aggregate principal amount of the debt securities that we or RenaissanceRe Finance may issue thereunder and provide that we or RenaissanceRe Finance, as applicable, may issue the debt securities thereunder from time to time in one or more series. Unless otherwise described in a prospectus supplement regarding any debt securities, the indentures do not limit the amount of other indebtedness or the debt securities which we or our subsidiaries may issue.

Unless otherwise provided in a prospectus supplement, our and RenaissanceRe Finance's senior debt securities will be unsecured obligations of the respective issuer and will rank equally with all of such issuer's other unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness. The subordinated debt securities will be unsecured obligations of

the issuer, subordinated in right of payment to the prior payment in full of all senior indebtedness of such issuer as described below under "Subordination of the Subordinated Debt Securities of RenaissanceRe," "Subordination of the Subordinated Debt Securities of RenaissanceRe Finance" and in the applicable prospectus supplement. The junior subordinated debt securities will be unsecured obligations of the issuer, subordinated in right of payment to the prior payment in full of such issuer's senior and subordinated indebtedness, as described below under "Certain Provisions of the Junior Subordinated Debt Securities Issued to the Capital Trust" and in the applicable prospectus supplement.

Because we are a holding company, our rights and the rights of our creditors (including the holders of our debt securities and the holders of RenaissanceRe Finance's debt securities who are creditors of RenaissanceRe by virtue of our guarantee of the debt securities issued by RenaissanceRe Finance) and shareholders to participate in any distribution of assets of any of our subsidiaries upon that subsidiary's liquidation or reorganization or otherwise would be subject to the prior claims of that subsidiary's creditors, including claims against our reinsurance and insurance subsidiaries of their respective policyholders, except to the extent that we may ourselves be a creditor with recognized claims against that subsidiary or our creditor may have the benefit of a guaranty from our subsidiary. Our revolving credit agreement requires that under the circumstances specified in such agreement certain of our existing and future subsidiaries become guarantors of the loans made to us under such agreement. The existing guarantor is RenaissanceRe Finance. Other than the lenders under our revolving credit agreement, none of our creditors has the benefit of a guaranty from any of our subsidiaries. The rights of our creditors (including the holders of our debt securities and the holders of RenaissanceRe Finance's debt securities who are creditors of RenaissanceRe by virtue of our guarantee of the debt securities issued by RenaissanceRe Finance) to participate in the distribution of stock owned by us in certain of our subsidiaries, including our insurance subsidiaries, may also be subject to approval by certain insurance regulatory authorities having jurisdiction over such subsidiaries.

In the event that we or RenaissanceRe Finance issue junior subordinated debt securities to the Capital Trust in connection with the issuance of preferred securities and common securities by the Capital Trust, such junior subordinated debt securities subsequently may be distributed pro rata to the holders of such preferred securities and common securities in connection with the dissolution of the Capital Trust upon the occurrence of certain events. These events will be described in the prospectus supplement relating to such preferred securities and common securities. Only one series of our junior subordinated debt securities will be issued by us or RenaissanceRe Finance, as applicable, to the Capital Trust in connection with the issuance of preferred securities and common securities by the Capital Trust.

The prospectus supplement relating to the particular debt securities offered thereby will include specific terms relating to the offering. The terms will include, among other things, some or all of the following, as applicable:

- · the title of such debt securities and the series in which such debt securities will be included, which may include medium-term notes;
- the aggregate principal amount of such debt securities and any limit upon such principal amount;
- the date or dates, or the method or methods, if any, by which such date or dates will be determined, on which the principal of such debt securities will be payable;
- the rate or rates at which such debt securities will bear interest, if any, which rate may be zero in the case of certain debt securities issued at an
  issue price representing a discount from the principal amount payable at maturity, or the method by which such rate or rates will be determined
  (including, if applicable, any remarketing option or similar method), and the date or dates from which such interest, if any, will accrue or the
  method by which such date or dates will be determined;
- the date or dates on which interest, if any, on such debt securities will be payable and any regular record dates applicable to the date or dates on which interest will be so payable;
- the place or places where the principal of, any premium or interest on or any additional amounts with respect to such debt securities will be payable, any of such debt securities that are issued in registered form

may be surrendered for registration of transfer or exchange, and any such debt securities may be surrendered for conversion or exchange;

- whether any of such debt securities are to be redeemable at the issuer's option and, if so, the date or dates on which, the period or periods within
  which, the price or prices at which and the other terms and conditions upon which such debt securities may be redeemed, in whole or in part, at the
  issuer's option;
- whether the issuer will be obligated to redeem or purchase any such debt securities pursuant to any sinking fund or analogous provision or at the
  option of any holder thereof and, if so, the date or dates on which, the period or periods within which, the price or prices at which and the other
  terms and conditions upon which such debt securities will be redeemed or purchased, in whole or in part, pursuant to such obligation, and any
  provisions for the remarketing of such debt securities so redeemed or purchased;
- if other than denominations of \$2,000 or multiples of \$1,000, and any integral multiple thereof, the denominations in which any debt securities to be issued in registered form will be issuable;
- whether the debt securities will be convertible into common shares and/or exchangeable for other securities issued by us, and, if so, the terms and
  conditions upon which such debt securities will be so convertible or exchangeable;
- if other than the principal amount, the portion of the principal amount (or the method by which such portion will be determined) of such debt securities that will be payable upon declaration of acceleration of the maturity thereof;
- if other than United States dollars, the currency of payment, including composite currencies, of the principal of, any premium or interest on or any additional amounts with respect to any of such debt securities;
- whether the principal of, any premium or interest on or any additional amounts with respect to such debt securities will be payable, at the issuer's election or the election of a holder, in a currency other than that in which such debt securities are stated to be payable and the date or dates on which, the period or periods within which, and the other terms and conditions upon which, such election may be made;
- any index, formula or other method used to determine the amount of payments of principal of, any premium or interest on or any additional
  amounts with respect to such debt securities;
- whether such debt securities are to be issued in the form of one or more global securities and, if so, the identity of the depositary for such global security or securities;
- whether such debt securities are the senior debt securities or subordinated debt securities and, if the subordinated debt securities, the specific subordination provisions applicable thereto;
- in the case of junior subordinated debt securities issued by us or by RenaissanceRe Finance to the Capital Trust, the terms and conditions of any obligation or right of ours, RenaissanceRe Finance or the Capital Trust to convert or exchange such subordinated debt securities into preferred securities of the Capital Trust;
- in the case of junior subordinated debt securities issued by us or by RenaissanceRe Finance to the Capital Trust, the form of restated trust agreement and, if applicable, the agreement relating to our guarantee of the preferred securities of the Capital Trust;
- in the case of the subordinated debt securities issued by us or RenaissanceRe Finance, the relative degree, if any, to which such subordinated debt securities of the series will be senior to or be subordinated to other series of the subordinated debt securities or other indebtedness of the applicable issuer, in right of payment, whether such other series of the subordinated debt securities or other indebtedness are outstanding or not;
- · any deletions from, modifications of or additions to the Events of Default or covenants of the issuer with respect to such debt securities;
- · whether the provisions described below under "Discharge, Defeasance and Covenant Defeasance" will be applicable to such debt securities;

- whether, under what circumstances and in which currency we or RenaissanceRe Finance, as applicable, will pay additional amounts on account of
  taxes, fees, assessments or governmental charges on the debt securities of a series and if so, whether we or RenaissanceRe Finance, as applicable,
  will have the option to redeem such debt securities rather than pay such additional amounts;
- whether any such debt securities are to be issued upon the exercise of warrants, and the time, manner and place for such debt securities to be authenticated and delivered; and
- any other terms of such debt securities and any other deletions from or modifications or additions to the applicable indenture in respect of such debt securities.

The issuer will have the ability under the indentures to "reopen" a previously issued series of the debt securities and issue additional debt securities of that series or establish additional terms of that series. The issuer is also permitted to issue debt securities with the same terms as previously issued debt securities.

Unless otherwise provided in the related prospectus supplement, principal, premium, interest and additional amounts, if any, with respect to any debt securities will be payable at the office or agency maintained by us or RenaissanceRe Finance, as applicable, for such purposes (initially the corporate trust office of the trustee). In the case of debt securities issued in registered form, interest may be paid by check mailed to the persons entitled thereto at their addresses appearing on the security register or by transfer to an account maintained by the payee with a bank located in the United States. A security issued in "registered form" is a security for which the issuer or the paying agent keeps a record of all the current holders. Interest on debt securities issued in registered form will be payable on any interest payment date to the persons in whose names the debt securities are registered at the close of business on the regular record date with respect to such interest payment date, unless that the close of business on the regular record date with respect to such interest payment date, will also be payable to the persons in whose names the debt securities are so registered. All paying agents initially designated by us or RenaissanceRe Finance, as applicable, for the debt securities will be named in the related prospectus supplement. The issuer may at any time designate additional paying agents or rescind the designation of any paying agent or approve a change in the office through which any paying agent acts, except that the issuer will be required to maintain a paying agent in each place where the principal of, any premium or interest on or any additional amounts with respect to the debt securities are payable.

Unless otherwise provided in the related prospectus supplement, the debt securities may be presented for transfer (duly endorsed or accompanied by a written instrument of transfer, if so required by us or the security registrar) or exchanged for other debt securities of the same series (containing identical terms and provisions, in any authorized denominations, and of a like aggregate principal amount) at the office or agency maintained by the issuer for such purposes (initially the corporate trust office of the trustee). Such transfer or exchange will be made without service charge, but the issuer may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge and any other expenses then payable. The issuer will not be required to (1) issue, register the transfer of, or exchange, the debt securities during a period beginning at the opening of business 15 days before the day of mailing of a notice of redemption of any such debt securities and ending at the close of business on the day of such mailing, (2) register the transfer of or exchange any debt security so selected for redemption in whole or in part, except the unredeemed portion of any debt security being redeemed in part, or (3) register the transfer of or exchange any debt security which, in accordance with its terms, has been surrendered for repayment at the option of the older, except the portion, if any, of such debt security not to be so repaid.

We or RenaissanceRe Finance, as applicable, will appoint the trustee as security registrar. Any transfer agent (in addition to the security registrar) initially designated by the issuer for any debt securities will be named in the related prospectus supplement. The issuer may at any time designate additional transfer agents or rescind the designation of any transfer agent or approve a change in the office through which any transfer agent acts, except that the issuer will be required to maintain a transfer agent in each place where the principal of, any premium or interest on, or any additional amounts with respect to the debt securities are payable.

Unless otherwise provided in the related prospectus supplement, the debt securities will be issued only in fully registered form without coupons in minimum denominations of \$2,000 and any integral multiple of \$1,000. The debt securities may be represented in whole or in part by one or more global debt securities registered in the name of a depositary or its nominee and, if so represented, interests in such global debt security will be shown on, and transfers thereof will be effected only through, records maintained by the designated depositary and its participants as described below.

The debt securities may be issued as original issue discount securities (bearing no interest or bearing interest at a rate which at the time of issuance is below market rates) to be sold at a substantial discount below their principal amount and may for various other reasons be considered to have original issue discount for U.S. federal income tax purposes. In general, original issue discount is included in the income of holders on a yield-to-maturity basis. Accordingly, depending on the terms of the debt securities, holders may be required to include amounts in income prior to the receipt thereof. Special U.S. federal income tax and other considerations applicable to original issue discount securities will be described in the related prospectus supplement.

If the purchase price of any debt securities is payable in one or more foreign currencies or currency units or if any debt securities are denominated in one or more foreign currencies or currency units or if the principal of, or any premium or interest on, or any additional amounts with respect to, any debt securities are payable in one or more foreign currencies or currency units, the restrictions, elections, certain U.S. federal income tax considerations, specific terms and other information with respect to such debt securities and such foreign currency or currency units will be set forth in the related prospectus supplement.

The issuer will comply with Section 14(e) under the Exchange Act, and any other tender offer rules under the Exchange Act which may then be applicable, in connection with any obligation of the issuer to purchase debt securities at the option of the holders. Any such obligation applicable to a series of debt securities will be described in the related prospectus supplement.

Unless otherwise described in a prospectus supplement relating to any debt securities, the indentures do not contain any provisions that would limit the issuer's ability to incur indebtedness or that would afford holders of the debt securities protection in the event of a sudden and significant decline in the issuer's credit quality or a takeover, recapitalization or highly leveraged or similar transaction involving us or RenaissanceRe Finance. Accordingly, we or RenaissanceRe Finance could in the future enter into transactions that could increase the amount of indebtedness outstanding at that time or otherwise affect our or RenaissanceRe Finance's capital structure or credit rating.

You should refer to the prospectus supplement relating to a particular series of the debt securities for information regarding any deletions from, modifications of, or additions to the Events of Defaults described below or the issuer's covenants contained in the respective indenture, including any addition of a covenant or other provisions providing event risk or similar protection.

# CONVERSION AND EXCHANGE

The terms, if any, on which debt securities of any series are convertible into or exchangeable for common shares, preference shares or other securities (whether issued by us), property or cash, or a combination of any of the foregoing, will be set forth in the related prospectus supplement. Such terms may include provisions for conversion or exchange, either mandatory, at the option of the holder, or at our or RenaissanceRe Finance's option, as applicable, in which the securities, property or cash to be received by the holders of the debt securities would be calculated according to the factors and at such time as described in the related prospectus supplement. Any such conversion or exchange will comply with applicable law and the issuer's organizational documents.

# CONSOLIDATION, AMALGAMATION, MERGER AND SALE OF ASSETS

Unless otherwise described in a prospectus supplement, each indenture provides that the issuer may not (1) consolidate or amalgamate with or merge into any Person (other than, in the case of RenaissanceRe Finance,

another subsidiary of ours) or convey, transfer or lease its properties and assets as an entirety or substantially as an entirety to any Person (other than, in the case of RenaissanceRe Finance, another subsidiary of ours) to consolidate or amalgamate with or merge into the issuer, or convey, transfer or lease its properties and assets as an entirety or substantially as an entirety to the issuer, unless, among other things, (a) in the case of (1) above, such Person is a Corporation organized and existing under the laws of the U.S., any state thereof or the District of Columbia, Bermuda, the Cayman Islands or any country which is, on the date of the indenture, a member of the Organization of Economic Co-operation and Development or the EU and expressly assumes, by supplemental indenture duly executed by the successor Person and delivered to the trustee, the due and punctual payment of the principal of, any premium and interest on and any additional amounts with respect to all of the debt securities issued thereunder, and the performance of the issuer's obligations under such indenture and the debt securities issued thereunder, and provides for conversion or exchange rights in accordance with the provisions of the debt securities of any series that are convertible or exchangeable into common shares or other securities; (b) immediately after giving effect to such transaction, no Event of Default, and no event which after notice or lapse of time or both would become an Event of Default, will have occurred and be continuing under such indenture; and (c) certain other conditions are met. Each indenture provides similar restrictions for the guarantor, if any.

#### EVENTS OF DEFAULT

Unless the issuer provides other or substitute Events of Default in a prospectus supplement, the following events will constitute an Event of Default under the applicable indenture with respect to any series of debt securities issued thereunder (whatever the reason for such Event of Default and whether it will be voluntary or involuntary or be effected by operation of law or pursuant to any judgment, decree or order of any court or any order, rule or regulation of any administrative or governmental body):

- (1) default in the payment of any interest on any debt security of such series, or any additional amounts payable with respect thereto, when such interest becomes or such additional amounts become due and payable, and continuance of such default for a period of 90 days;
- (2) default in the payment of the principal of or any premium on any debt security of such series, or any additional amounts payable with respect thereto, when such principal, premium or such additional amounts become due and payable either at maturity, upon any redemption, by declaration of acceleration or otherwise;
- (3) default by the issuer or the guarantor (if any) in the performance, or breach, of any other covenant or warranty of the issuer or the guarantor (if any) contained in the applicable indenture for the benefit of such series or in the debt securities of such series, and the continuance of such default or breach for a period of 90 days after there has been given written notice as provided in such indenture; and
- (4) certain events relating to bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization of the issuer or the guarantor (if any).

If an Event of Default with respect to the debt securities of any series (other than an Event of Default described in clause (4) of the preceding paragraph) occurs and is continuing, either the trustee or the holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of such series by written notice as provided in the applicable indenture may declare the principal amount (or such lesser amount as may be provided for in the debt securities of such series) of all outstanding debt securities of such series to be due and payable immediately. At any time after a declaration of acceleration has been made, but before a judgment or decree for payment of money has been obtained by the trustee, and subject to applicable law and certain other provisions of the applicable indenture, the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the debt securities of such series may, under certain circumstances, rescind and annul such acceleration. An Event of Default described in clause (4) of the preceding paragraph will cause the principal amount and accrued interest (or such lesser amount as provided for in the debt securities of such series) to become immediately due and payable without any declaration or other act by the trustee or any holder.

Each indenture provides that, within 90 days after the occurrence of any event which is, or after notice or lapse of time or both would become, an Event of Default with respect to the debt securities of any series, the trustee will transmit, in the manner set forth in such indenture and subject to the exceptions described below, notice of such default to the holders of the debt securities of such series, unless such default has been cured or waived. However, except in the case of a default in the payment of principal of, or premium, if any, or interest, if any, on, or additional amounts or any sinking fund with respect to, any debt security of such series, the trustee may withhold such notice if and so long as the trustee in good faith determines that the withholding of such notice is in the best interest of the holders of the debt securities of such series.

If an Event of Default occurs and is continuing with respect to the debt securities of any series, the trustee may in its discretion proceed to protect and enforce its rights and the rights of the holders of the debt securities of such series by all appropriate judicial proceedings. Each indenture provides that, subject to the duty of the trustee during any default to act with the required standard of care, the trustee will be under no obligation to exercise any of its rights or powers under such indenture at the request or direction of any of the holders of the debt securities, unless such holders shall have offered to the trustee reasonable indemnity. Subject to such provisions for the indemnification of the trustee, and subject to applicable law and certain other provisions of the applicable indenture, the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of any series will have the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the trustee, or exercising any trust or power conferred on the trustee, with respect to debt securities of such series.

#### MODIFICATION AND WAIVER

The issuer and the trustee may modify or amend any indenture with the consent of the holders of not less than a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of each series affected thereby; provided, however, that no such modification or amendment may, without the consent of the holder of each outstanding debt security affected thereby:

- change the stated maturity of the principal of, or any premium or installment of interest on, or any additional amounts with respect to, any debt security;
- reduce the principal amount of, or the rate (or modify the calculation of such principal amount or rate) of interest on, or any additional amounts with respect to, or any premium payable upon the redemption of, any debt security;
- change the issuer's obligation to pay additional amounts with respect to any debt security;
- change the redemption provisions of any debt security or, following the occurrence of any event that would entitle a holder to require the issuer to
  repay any debt security at the option of the holder, adversely affect the right of repayment, at the option of such holder, of any affected debt
  security;
- change the place of payment or the coin or currency in which the principal of, any premium or interest on, or any additional amounts with respect to, any debt security is payable;
- impair the right to institute suit for the enforcement of any payment on or after the stated maturity of any debt security (or, in the case of redemption, on or after the redemption date or, in the case of repayment at the option of any holder, on or after the repayment date);
- reduce the percentage in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities, the consent of whose holders is required in order to take specific
  actions:
- reduce the requirements for quorum or voting by holders of debt securities in the applicable section of each indenture;
- modify any of the provisions in the applicable indenture regarding the waiver of past defaults and the waiver of certain covenants by the holders of
  the debt securities, except to increase any percentage vote required or to provide that other provisions of such indenture cannot be modified or
  waived without the consent of the holder of each debt security affected thereby;

- make any change that adversely affects the right to convert or exchange any debt security into or for our common shares or other debt securities or other securities, cash or property in accordance with its terms;
- modify any of the provisions of the subordinated indenture or the junior subordinated indenture relating to the subordination of the subordinated debt securities, or the junior subordinated debt securities in a manner adverse to holders of the subordinated debt securities; or
- · modify any of the above provisions.

In addition, no supplemental indenture may directly or indirectly modify or eliminate the subordination provisions of the subordinated indenture or the junior subordinated indenture in any manner which might terminate or impair the subordination of the subordinated debt securities, or the junior subordinated debt securities to Senior Indebtedness without the prior written consent of the holders of the Senior Indebtedness.

The issuer and the trustee may modify or amend any indenture and debt securities of any series without the consent of any holder in order to, among other things:

- provide for the issuer's successor pursuant to a consolidation, amalgamation, merger or sale of assets;
- add to the issuer's covenants for the benefit of the holders of all or any series of debt securities or to surrender any right or power conferred upon us by the applicable indenture;
- provide for a successor trustee with respect to debt securities of all or any series;
- cure any ambiguity or correct or supplement any provision in any indenture which may be defective or inconsistent with any other provision, or to make any other provisions with respect to matters or questions arising under any indenture which will not adversely affect the interests of the holders of debt securities of any series issued thereunder in any material respect;
- change the conditions, limitations and restrictions on the authorized amount, terms or purposes of issue, authentication and delivery of debt securities under any indenture;
- add any additional Events of Default with respect to all or any series of debt securities;
- · provide for conversion or exchange rights of the holders of any series of debt securities;
- make any other amendments or modifications that do not materially adversely affect the interests of the holders of any debt securities then
  outstanding under the applicable indenture; provided that any amendment or modification that conforms the applicable indenture to the terms
  described in this prospectus (including any prospectus supplement) pursuant to which the applicable debt securities were initially sold shall be
  deemed not to adversely affect the interests of holders;
- · provide for any additional guarantees with respect to the debt securities of all or any series; or
- · provide for the addition of one or more co-obligors with respect to the debt securities of all or any series.

The holders of at least a majority in aggregate principal amount of debt securities of any series may, on behalf of the holders of all debt securities of that series, waive compliance by the issuer with certain restrictive provisions of the applicable indenture. The holders of not less than a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of any series may, on behalf of the holders of all debt securities of that series, waive any past default and its consequences under the applicable indenture with respect to debt securities of that series, except a default (1) in the payment of principal of, any premium or interest on or any additional amounts with respect to debt securities of that series or (2) in respect of a covenant or provision of the applicable indenture that cannot be modified or amended without the consent of the holder of each debt security of any series.

Under each indenture, the issuer is required to deliver to the trustee annually a statement as to its performance of certain of its obligations under that indenture and as to any default in such performance. The issuer is also required to deliver to the trustee, within five days after occurrence thereof, written notice of any Event of Default or any event which after notice or lapse of time or both would constitute an Event of Default under certain provisions of the indentures.

#### DISCHARGE, DEFEASANCE AND COVENANT DEFEASANCE

The issuer may discharge certain obligations to holders of any series of debt securities that have not already been delivered to the trustee for cancellation and that either have become due and payable or will become due and payable within one year (or scheduled for redemption within one year) by depositing with the trustee, in trust, funds in U.S. dollars or in the Foreign Currency (as defined below) in which such debt securities are payable in an amount sufficient to pay the entire indebtedness on such debt securities with respect to principal and any premium, interest and additional amounts to the date of such deposit (if such debt securities have become due and payable) or with respect to principal and any premium and interest to the maturity or redemption date thereof, as applicable.

Each indenture provides that, unless the provisions of Section 4.2 thereof are made inapplicable to debt securities of or within any series pursuant to Section 3.1 thereof, the issuer may elect either (1) to defease and be discharged from any and all obligations with respect to such debt securities (except for, among other things, the obligation to pay additional amounts, if any, upon the occurrence of certain events of taxation, assessment or governmental charge with respect to payments on such debt securities, if the debt securities of a series provide for the payment of such additional amounts, and other obligations to register the transfer or exchange of such debt securities, to replace temporary or mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen debt securities, to maintain an office or agency with respect to such debt securities and to hold moneys for payment in trust) ("defeasance") or (2) to be released from its obligations with respect to such debt securities under certain covenants as described in the related prospectus supplement, and any omission to comply with such obligations will not constitute a default or an Event of Default with respect to such debt securities ("covenant defeasance"). Defeasance or covenant defeasance, as applicable, will be conditioned upon the irrevocable deposit by us with the trustee, in trust, of an amount in U.S. dollars or in the Foreign Currency in which such debt securities are payable at stated maturity, or Government Obligations, or both, applicable to such debt securities which through the scheduled payment of principal and interest in accordance with their terms will provide money in an amount sufficient (without reinvestment) to pay the principal of, any premium and interest on such debt securities on the scheduled due dates or any prior redemption date.

Such a trust may only be established if, among other things:

- (1) the applicable defeasance or covenant defeasance does not result in a breach or violation of, or constitute a default under, any material agreement or instrument to which the issuer is a party or by which it is bound;
- (2) no Event of Default or event which with notice or lapse of time or both would become an Event of Default with respect to the debt securities to be defeased will have occurred and be continuing on the date of establishment of such a trust after giving effect to such establishment and, with respect to defeasance only, no bankruptcy proceeding will have occurred and be continuing at any time during the period ending on the 91st day after such date;
- (3) the issuer has delivered to the trustee an opinion of counsel (as specified in each indenture) to the effect that the holders of such debt securities will not recognize income, gain or loss for U.S. federal income tax purposes as a result of such defeasance or covenant defeasance and will be subject to U.S. federal income tax on the same amounts, in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if such defeasance or covenant defeasance had not occurred, and such opinion of counsel, in the case of defeasance, must refer to and be based upon a letter ruling of the IRS received by the issuer, a Revenue Ruling published by the IRS or a change in applicable U.S. federal income tax law occurring after the date of the applicable indenture; and
- (4) with respect to defeasance, the issuer has delivered to the trustee an officers' certificate as to solvency and the absence of intent of preferring holders over other creditors.

"Foreign Currency" means any currency, currency unit or composite currency, including, without limitation, the euro, issued by the government of one or more countries other than the United States of America or by any

recognized confederation or association of such governments. "Government Obligations" means debt securities which are (1) direct obligations of the United States of America or the government or governments or confederation or association of governments which issued the Foreign Currency in which the debt securities of a particular series are payable, in each case, for the payment of which its full faith and credit is pledged or (2) obligations of a Person controlled or supervised by and acting as an agency or instrumentality of the United States of America or such government or governments or confederation or association of governments which issued the Foreign Currency in which the debt securities of such series are payable, in each case, the timely payment of which is unconditionally guaranteed as a full faith and credit obligation by the United States of America or such other government or governments or confederation or association of governments, which, in the case of clauses (1) and (2), are not callable or redeemable at the option of the issuer or issuers thereof, and will also include a depository receipt issued by a bank or trust company as custodian with respect to any such Government Obligation or a specific payment of interest on or principal of or any other amount with respect to any such Government Obligation held by such custodian for the account of the holder of such depository receipt, provided that (except as required by law) such custodian is not authorized to make any deduction from the amount payable to the holder of such depository receipt from any amount received by the custodian with respect to the Government Obligation evidenced by such depository receipt.

If, after the issuer has deposited funds and/or Government Obligations to effect defeasance or covenant defeasance with respect to debt securities of any series, (1) the holder of a debt security of that series is entitled to, and does, elect pursuant to Section 3.1 of the applicable indenture or the terms of such debt security to receive payment in a currency other than that in which such deposit has been made in respect of such debt security, or (2) a Conversion Event (as defined below) occurs in respect of the Foreign Currency in which such deposit has been made, the indebtedness represented by such debt security will be deemed to have been, and will be, fully discharged and satisfied through the payment of the principal of, any premium and interest on, if any, and any additional amounts, if any, with respect to, such debt security as such debt security becomes due out of the proceeds yielded by converting the amount or other properties so deposited in respect of such debt security into the currency in which such debt security becomes payable, as a result of such election or such Conversion Event based on (a) in the case of payments made pursuant to clause (1) above, the applicable market exchange rate for such Foreign Currency in effect (as nearly as feasible) at the time of the Conversion Event, the applicable market exchange rate for such Foreign Currency in effect (as nearly as feasible) at the time of the Conversion Event.

"Conversion Event" means the cessation of use of (1) a Foreign Currency both by the government of the country or countries which issued such Foreign Currency and for the settlement of transactions by a central bank or other public institutions of or within the international banking community or (2) any currency unit or composite currency for the purposes for which it was established.

In the event the issuer effects covenant defeasance with respect to any debt securities and such debt securities are declared due and payable because of the occurrence of any Event of Default other than an Event of Default with respect to any covenant as to which there has been covenant defeasance, the amount in such Foreign Currency in which such debt securities are payable, and Government Obligations on deposit with the trustee, will be sufficient to pay amounts due on such debt securities at the time of the stated maturity or redemption date but may not be sufficient to pay amounts due on such debt securities at the time of the acceleration resulting from such Event of Default. However, the issuer would remain liable to make payment of such amounts due at the time of acceleration.

#### REDEMPTION

Unless otherwise described in a prospectus supplement relating to any debt securities, other than as described under "Certain Provisions of the Junior Subordinated Debt Securities Issued to the Capital Trust," the issuer may, at its option, redeem any series of debt securities, in whole or in part, at any time at the redemption price. Unless

otherwise described in a prospectus supplement, debt securities will not be subject to sinking fund or other mandatory redemption or repurchase at the option of the holders upon a change of control, a change in management, an asset sale or any other specified event. Neither we nor RenaissanceRe Finance currently have any debt securities outstanding that are subject to redemption or repurchase at the option of the holders. We will include appropriate risk factor disclosure in any prospectus supplement prepared in connection with the issuance of debt securities that are subject to redemption or repurchase at the option of the holders.

In the case where debt securities of a series or the guarantee of such debt securities provides for the payment of additional amounts, the issuer or the guarantor may redeem such debt securities at its option, in whole but not in part, at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount, together with accrued and unpaid interest and additional amounts, if any, to the date fixed for redemption, if at any time it receives an opinion of counsel stating that, as a result of any change to the laws of any relevant taxing jurisdiction, any action taken by the relevant taxing jurisdiction which action is applied with respect to it, or a decision rendered by a court of such relevant taxing jurisdiction, there is a substantial probability that it will be required to pay additional amounts as of the next interest payment date and such requirements cannot be avoided by the use of reasonable measures then available. Any such redemption will be subject to the redemption provisions in each indenture.

Except as otherwise provided in the related prospectus supplement, in the case of any series of junior subordinated debt securities issued by us or RenaissanceRe Finance to the Capital Trust, if an Investment Company Event or a Tax Event (each, a "Special Event") shall occur and be continuing, we or RenaissanceRe Finance, as applicable, may, at the option of such issuer, redeem such series of junior subordinated debt securities, in whole but not in part, at any time within 90 days of the occurrence of the Special Event, at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of such junior subordinated debt securities then outstanding plus accrued and unpaid interest to the date fixed for redemption.

For purposes of the junior subordinated indenture, "Investment Company Event" means, in respect of the Capital Trust, the receipt by the Capital Trust of an opinion of counsel rendered by an independent law firm experienced in such matters to the effect that, as a result of the occurrence of a change in law or regulation or a written change in the interpretation or application of law or regulation by any legislative body, court or governmental agency or regulatory authority, there is more than an insubstantial risk that the Capital Trust is or will be considered an investment company or a company controlled by an investment company that is required to be registered under the Investment Company Act, which change becomes effective on or after the date of original issuance of the preferred securities of the Capital Trust.

"Tax Event" means, in respect of the Capital Trust, the receipt by us or RenaissanceRe Finance, as applicable, or the Capital Trust of an opinion of counsel rendered by an independent law firm experienced in such matters to the effect that, as a result of any amendment to, or change (including any announced prospective change) in, the laws (or any regulation thereunder) of the United States or any political subdivision or taxing authority thereof or therein, or as a result of any official administrative pronouncement or judicial decision interpreting or applying such laws or regulations, which amendment or change is effective or which pronouncement or decision is announced on or after the date of original issuance of the preferred securities of the Capital Trust, there is more than an insubstantial risk that (i) the Capital Trust is, or will be within 90 days of the date of such opinion, subject to U.S. federal income tax with respect to income received or accrued on the corresponding series of junior subordinated debt securities, (ii) interest payable by us or RenaissanceRe Finance, as applicable, on such junior subordinated debt securities is not, or within 90 days of the date of such opinion will not be, deductible by us or RenaissanceRe Finance, as applicable, in whole or in part, for U.S. federal income tax purposes or (iii) the Capital Trust is, or will be within 90 days of the date of such opinion, subject to more than a de minimis amount of taxes, duties or other governmental charges.

Unless otherwise described in a prospectus supplement, a notice of redemption may not be conditioned and a notice of any redemption will be mailed at least 30 days but not more than 60 days before the redemption date to each holder of debt securities to be redeemed at its registered address. Unless the issuer defaults in payment of

the redemption price, on and after the redemption date, interest will cease to accrue on the debt securities or portions thereof called for redemption.

#### **GLOBAL SECURITIES**

The debt securities of a series may be issued in whole or in part in the form of one or more global debt securities that will be deposited with, or on behalf of, a depositary identified in the prospectus supplement relating to such series.

The specific terms of the depositary arrangement with respect to a series of the debt securities will be described in the prospectus supplement relating to such series. We or RenaissanceRe Finance anticipate that the following provisions will apply to all depositary arrangements.

Upon the issuance of a global security, the depositary for such global security or its nominee will credit, on its book-entry registration and transfer system, the respective principal amounts of the debt securities represented by such global security to the participants' accounts. Such accounts will be designated by the underwriters or agents with respect to such debt securities or by us if such debt securities are offered and sold directly by us. Ownership of beneficial interests by participants in a global security will be limited to participants and persons that may hold interests through participants. Ownership of beneficial interests in such global security will be shown on, and the transfer of that ownership will be effected only through, records maintained by the depositary or its nominee (with respect to interests of participants) and on the records of participants (with respect to interests of persons other than participants). The laws of some states require that certain purchasers of securities take physical delivery of such securities in definitive form. Such limits and such laws may impair the ability to transfer beneficial interests in a global security.

So long as the depositary for a global security, or its nominee, is the registered owner of such global security, such depositary or such nominee, as applicable, will be considered the sole owner or holder of the debt securities represented by such global security for all purposes under the applicable indenture. Except as described below, owners of beneficial interests in a global security will not be entitled to have the debt securities of the series represented by such global security registered in their names and will not receive or be entitled to receive physical delivery of the debt securities of that series in definitive form and will not be considered owners or holders thereof under the indenture under which the debt securities are issued.

Accordingly, each person owning a beneficial interest in a global security must rely on the procedures of the depositary. Persons who are not participants must rely on the procedures of the participant through which they own their interest. We understand that under existing industry practices, if we request any action of holders or if any owner of a beneficial interest in a global security desires to give or take any action which a holder is entitled to give or take under the applicable indenture, the depositary would authorize the participants holding the relevant beneficial interests to give or take such action or would otherwise act upon the instruction of beneficial owners holding through them.

Principal of, any premium and interest on, and any additional amounts with respect to, the debt securities registered in the name of a depositary or its nominee will be made to the depositary or its nominee, as applicable, as the registered owner of the global security representing such debt securities. None of the trustee, any paying agent, the security registrar, us or RenaissanceRe Finance will have any responsibility or liability for any aspect of the records relating to or payments made on account of beneficial ownership interests of the global security for such debt securities or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records relating to such beneficial ownership interests.

We and RenaissanceRe Finance expect that the depositary for a series of the debt securities or its nominee, upon receipt of any payment with respect to such debt securities, will credit immediately participants' accounts with payments in amounts proportionate to their respective beneficial interests in the principal amount of the global

security for such debt securities as shown on the records of such depositary or its nominee. We and RenaissanceRe Finance also expect that payments by participants to owners of beneficial interests in such global security held through such participants will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is now the case with securities held for the accounts of customers registered in "street name," and will be the responsibility of such participants.

The indentures provide that if:

- (1) the depositary for a series of the debt securities notifies the issuer that it is unwilling or unable to continue as depositary or if such depositary ceases to be eligible under the applicable indenture and a successor depositary is not appointed by us within 90 days of written notice;
- (2) the issuer determines that the debt securities of a particular series will no longer be represented by global securities and executes and delivers to the trustee a company order to such effect; or
- (3) an Event of Default with respect to a series of the debt securities has occurred and is continuing,

the global securities will be exchanged for the debt securities of such series in definitive form of like tenor and of an equal aggregate principal amount, in authorized denominations.

Such definitive debt securities will be registered in such name or names as the depositary shall instruct the trustee. It is expected that such instructions may be based upon directions received by the depositary from participants with respect to ownership of beneficial interests in global securities.

#### PAYMENT OF ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS

If the debt securities of a series provide for the payment of additional amounts on account of taxes, fees, assessments or governmental charges as will be described in the related prospectus supplement, the issuer will pay to the holder of the debt securities of such series the additional amounts as described therein and, except as otherwise provided therein, the following provisions with respect to the payment of additional amounts shall apply.

The issuer will make all payments of principal of and premium, if any, interest and any other amounts on, or in respect of, the debt securities of any series without withholding or deduction at source for, or on account of, any present or future taxes, fees, duties, assessments or governmental charges of whatever nature imposed or levied by or on behalf of any jurisdiction in which it is organized (a "taxing jurisdiction") or any political subdivision or taxing authority thereof or therein, unless such taxes, fees, duties, assessments or governmental charges are required to be withheld or deducted by (x) the laws (or any regulations or rulings promulgated thereunder) of a taxing jurisdiction or any political subdivision or taxing authority thereof or therein or (y) an official position regarding the application, administration, interpretation or enforcement of any such laws, regulations or rulings (including, without limitation, a holding by a court of competent jurisdiction or by a taxing authority in a taxing jurisdiction or any political subdivision thereof). If a withholding or deduction at source is required, the issuer will, subject to certain limitations and exceptions described below, pay to the holder of any such debt security such additional amounts as may be necessary so that every net payment of principal, premium, if any, interest or any other amount made to such holder, after the withholding or deduction, will not be less than the amount provided for in such debt security and the applicable indenture to be then due and payable.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the issuer will not be required to pay any additional amounts for or on account of: (1) any tax, fee, duty, assessment or governmental charge of whatever nature which would not have been imposed but for the fact that such holder (a) was a resident, domiciliary or national of, or engaged in business or maintained a permanent establishment or was physically present in, the relevant taxing jurisdiction or any political subdivision thereof or otherwise had some connection with the relevant taxing jurisdiction other than by

reason of the mere ownership of, or receipt of payment under, such debt security, (b) presented such debt security for payment in the relevant taxing jurisdiction or any political subdivision thereof, unless such debt security could not have been presented for payment elsewhere, or (c) presented such debt security for payment more than 30 days after the date on which the payment in respect of such debt security became due and payable or provided for, whichever is later, except to the extent that the holder would have been entitled to such additional amounts if it had presented such debt security for payment on any day within that 30-day period;

- (2) any estate, inheritance, gift, sale, transfer, personal property or similar tax, assessment or other governmental charge;
- (3) any tax, assessment or other governmental charge that is imposed or withheld by reason of the failure by the holder or the beneficial owner of such debt security to comply with any reasonable request by the issuer addressed to the holder within 90 days of such request (a) to provide information concerning the nationality, residence or identity of the holder or such beneficial owner or (b) to make any declaration or other similar claim or satisfy any information or reporting requirement, which is required or imposed by statute, treaty, regulation or administrative practice of the relevant taxing jurisdiction or any political subdivision thereof as a precondition to exemption from all or part of such tax, assessment or other governmental charge; or
- (4) any combination of items (1), (2) and (3).

In addition, the issuer will not pay additional amounts with respect to any payment of principal of, or premium, if any, interest or any other amounts on, any such debt security to any holder who is a fiduciary or partnership or other than the sole beneficial owner of such debt security to the extent such payment would be required by the laws of the relevant taxing jurisdiction (or any political subdivision or relevant taxing authority thereof or therein) to be included in the income for tax purposes of a beneficiary, partner or settlor with respect to such fiduciary or a member of such partnership or a beneficial owner who would not have been entitled to such additional amounts had it been the holder of the debt security.

As further described above under "— Redemption", in certain cases where debt securities of a series or the guarantee of such debt securities provides for the payment of additional amounts, the issuer or the guarantor may redeem such debt securities at its option, in whole but not in part, at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount, together with accrued and unpaid interest and additional amounts, if any, to the date fixed for redemption.

### NEW YORK LAW TO GOVERN

The indentures and the debt securities will be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York applicable to agreements made or instruments entered into and, in each case, performed in that state.

#### CERTAIN PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO SUBORDINATED DEBT SECURITIES

## SUBORDINATION OF THE SUBORDINATED DEBT SECURITIES ISSUED BY US

Our subordinated debt securities will, to the extent set forth in the subordinated indenture, be subordinate in right of payment to the prior payment in full of all our Senior Indebtedness. As of March 31, 2023, we had an aggregate of \$400.0 million principal amount of outstanding Senior Indebtedness in the form of senior notes. In addition, we have guaranteed outstanding senior notes issued by RenaissanceRe Finance in an aggregate principal amount of \$600.0 million and have also agreed to guarantee the reimbursement obligations of certain of our insurance and reinsurance subsidiaries under their letter of credit facilities. If certain events occur, including:

(1) any insolvency or bankruptcy case or proceeding, or any receivership, liquidation, reorganization or other similar case or proceeding in connection therewith, relative to us or to our creditors, as such, or to our assets;

- (2) any voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or other winding up of ours, whether or not involving insolvency or bankruptcy; or
- (3) any assignment for the benefit of creditors or any other marshalling of assets and liabilities of ours, then and in any such event the holders of our Senior Indebtedness will be entitled to receive payment in full of all amounts due or to become due on or in respect of all such Senior Indebtedness, or provision will be made for such payment in cash, before the holders of the subordinated debt securities are entitled to receive or retain any payment on account of principal of, or any premium or interest on, or any additional amounts with respect to, subordinated debt securities, and to that end the holders of our Senior Indebtedness will be entitled to receive, for application to the payment thereof, any payment or distribution of any kind or character, whether in cash, property or securities, including any such payment or distribution which may be payable or deliverable by reason of the payment of any other Indebtedness (as defined in the applicable indenture) of ours being subordinated to the payment of our subordinated debt securities, which may be payable or deliverable in respect of our subordinated debt securities in any such case, proceeding, dissolution, liquidation or other winding up event.

By reason of such subordination, in the event of our liquidation or insolvency, holders of our Senior Indebtedness and holders of other obligations of ours that are not subordinated to our Senior Indebtedness may recover more, ratably, than the holders of our subordinated debt securities.

Subject to the payment in full of all of our Senior Indebtedness, the rights of the holders of our subordinated debt securities will be subrogated to the rights of the holders of our Senior Indebtedness to receive payments or distributions of cash, property or securities of our sapplicable to such Senior Indebtedness until the principal of, any premium and interest on, and any additional amounts with respect to, our subordinated debt securities have been paid in full.

No payment of principal (including redemption and sinking fund payments) of or any premium or interest on or any additional amounts with respect to our subordinated debt securities, or payments to acquire such securities (other than pursuant to their conversion), may be made (1) if any Senior Indebtedness of ours is not paid when due and any applicable grace period with respect to such default has ended and such default has not been cured or waived or ceased to exist, or (2) if the maturity of any Senior Indebtedness of ours has been accelerated because of a default.

Our subordinated indenture does not limit or prohibit us from incurring additional Senior Indebtedness, which may include Indebtedness that is senior to our subordinated debt securities, but subordinate to our other obligations. The senior debt securities issued by us will constitute Senior Indebtedness under our subordinated indenture.

For purposes of this section, the term "Senior Indebtedness" means all Indebtedness of ours outstanding at any time, except:

- (1) the subordinated debt securities and any guarantees thereof (other than in respect of our junior subordinated debt securities);
- (2) Indebtedness as to which, by the terms of the instrument creating or evidencing the same, it is provided that such Indebtedness is subordinated to or ranks equally with our subordinated debt securities;
- (3) any liability for income, franchise, real estate or other taxes owed or owing;
- (4) interest accruing after the filing of a petition initiating any bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar proceeding unless such interest is an allowed claim enforceable against us in a proceeding under federal or state bankruptcy laws;

- (5) trade accounts payable; and
- (6) under any junior subordinated indenture, any Indebtedness, including all guarantees, initially issued to (x) the Capital Trust or (y) any trust, partnership or other entity affiliated with us which is a financing vehicle of ours or any Affiliate of ours in connection with an issuance by such entity of preferred securities or other securities which are similar to the preferred securities described under "Description of the Trust Preferred Securities" below.

Such Senior Indebtedness will continue to be Senior Indebtedness and be entitled to the benefits of the subordination provisions irrespective of any amendment, modification or waiver of any term of such Senior Indebtedness.

Our subordinated indenture provides that the foregoing subordination provisions, insofar as they relate to any particular issue of our subordinated debt securities, may be changed prior to such issuance. Any such change would be described in the related prospectus supplement.

#### SUBORDINATION OF THE SUBORDINATED DEBT SECURITIES ISSUED BY RENAISSANCERE FINANCE

Subordinated debt securities issued by RenaissanceRe Finance will, to the extent set forth in the subordinated indenture of RenaissanceRe Finance, be subordinate in right of payment to the prior payment in full of all Senior Indebtedness of RenaissanceRe Finance. As of March 31, 2023, RenaissanceRe Finance had \$600.0 million of outstanding senior notes. In the event of:

- (1) any insolvency or bankruptcy case or proceeding, or any receivership, liquidation, reorganization or other similar case or proceeding in connection therewith, relative to RenaissanceRe Finance or to its creditors, as such, or to its assets; or
- (2) any voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or other winding up of RenaissanceRe Finance, whether or not involving insolvency or bankruptcy; or
- (3) any assignment for the benefit of creditors or any other marshalling of assets and liabilities of RenaissanceRe Finance,

then and in any such event the holders of Senior Indebtedness of RenaissanceRe Finance will be entitled to receive payment in full of all amounts due or to become due on or in respect of all Senior Indebtedness of RenaissanceRe Finance, or provision will be made for such payment in cash, before the holders of the subordinated debt securities of RenaissanceRe Finance are entitled to receive or retain any payment on account of principal of, or any premium or interest on, or any additional amounts with respect to, subordinated debt securities of RenaissanceRe Finance, and to that end the holders of Senior Indebtedness of RenaissanceRe Finance will be entitled to receive, for application to the payment thereof, any payment or distribution of any kind or character, whether in cash, property or securities, including any such payment or distribution which may be payable or deliverable by reason of the payment of any other Indebtedness of RenaissanceRe Finance being subordinated to the payment of subordinated debt securities of RenaissanceRe Finance, which may be payable or deliverable in respect of such subordinated debt securities in any such case, proceeding, dissolution, liquidation or other winding up event. By reason of such subordination, in the event of the liquidation or insolvency of RenaissanceRe Finance, holders of Senior Indebtedness and holders of other obligations of RenaissanceRe Finance that are not subordinated to such Senior Indebtedness may recover more, ratably, than the holders of subordinated debt securities of RenaissanceRe Finance.

Subject to the payment in full of all Senior Indebtedness of RenaissanceRe Finance, the rights of the holders of subordinated debt securities of RenaissanceRe Finance will be subrogated to the rights of the holders of such

Senior Indebtedness to receive payments or distributions of cash, property or securities of RenaissanceRe Finance applicable to such Senior Indebtedness until the principal of, any premium and interest on, and any additional amounts with respect to, such subordinated debt securities have been paid in full.

No payment of principal (including redemption and sinking fund payments) of or any premium or interest on or any additional amounts with respect to the subordinated debt securities of RenaissanceRe Finance, or payments to acquire such securities (other than pursuant to their conversion), may be made (1) if any Senior Indebtedness of RenaissanceRe Finance is not paid when due and any applicable grace period with respect to such default has ended and such default has not been cured or waived or ceased to exist, or (2) if the maturity of any Senior Indebtedness of RenaissanceRe Finance has been accelerated because of a default.

The RenaissanceRe Finance subordinated indenture does not limit or prohibit RenaissanceRe Finance from incurring additional Senior Indebtedness, which may include Indebtedness that is senior to subordinated debt securities, but subordinate to RenaissanceRe Finance's other obligations. The senior debt securities issued by RenaissanceRe Finance will constitute Senior Indebtedness under the RenaissanceRe Finance subordinated indenture.

For purposes of this section, the term "Senior Indebtedness" means all Indebtedness of RenaissanceRe Finance outstanding at any time, except:

- (1) the subordinated debt securities issued by RenaissanceRe Finance (other than in respect of the junior subordinated debt securities of RenaissanceRe Finance);
- (2) Indebtedness of RenaissanceRe Finance as to which, by the terms of the instrument creating or evidencing the same, it is provided that such Indebtedness is subordinated to or ranks equally with the subordinated debt securities;
- (3) any liability for income, franchise, real estate or other taxes owed or owing;
- (4) interest accruing after the filing of a petition initiating any bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar proceeding unless such interest is an allowed claim enforceable against RenaissanceRe Finance in a proceeding under federal or state bankruptcy laws;
- (5) trade accounts payable; and
- (6) under the junior subordinated indenture, any Indebtedness, including all other debt securities and guarantees in respect of those debt securities, initially issued to (x) the Capital Trust or (y) any trust, partnership or other entity affiliated with RenaissanceRe Finance which is a financing vehicle of RenaissanceRe Finance or any of its Affiliates in connection with an issuance by such entity of preferred securities or other securities which are similar to the preferred securities described under "Description of the Trust Preferred Securities" below.

Such Senior Indebtedness will continue to be Senior Indebtedness of RenaissanceRe Finance and be entitled to the benefits of the subordination provisions irrespective of any amendment, modification or waiver of any term of such Senior Indebtedness. The RenaissanceRe Finance subordinated indenture provides that the foregoing subordination provisions, insofar as they relate to any particular issue of subordinated debt securities of RenaissanceRe Finance, may be changed prior to such issuance. Any such change would be described in the related prospectus supplement.

### CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE JUNIOR SUBORDINATED DEBT SECURITIES ISSUED TO THE CAPITAL TRUST

#### OPTION TO EXTEND INTEREST PAYMENT DATE

Unless provided otherwise in the related prospectus supplement, we or RenaissanceRe Finance, as applicable, will have the right at any time and from time to time during the term of any series of junior subordinated debt securities issued to the Capital Trust to defer payment of interest for such number of consecutive interest payment periods as may be specified in the related prospectus supplement (referred to as an "extension period"), subject to the terms, conditions and covenants, if any, specified in such prospectus supplement, provided that such extension period may not extend beyond the stated maturity of such series of junior subordinated debt securities. Certain U.S. federal income tax consequences and special considerations applicable to such junior subordinated debt securities will be described in the related prospectus supplement.

#### OPTION TO EXTEND MATURITY DATE

Unless provided otherwise in the related prospectus supplement, we or RenaissanceRe Finance, as applicable, will have the right to:

- (1) change the stated maturity of the principal of the junior subordinated debt securities of any series issued to the Capital Trust upon the liquidation of the Capital Trust and the exchange of the junior subordinated debt securities for the preferred securities of the Capital Trust; and
- (2) extend the stated maturity of the principal of the junior subordinated debt securities of any series, provided that (a) it is not in bankruptcy, otherwise insolvent or in liquidation, (b) it has not defaulted on any payment on such junior subordinated debt securities and no deferred interest payments have accrued, (c) the Capital Trust is not in arrears on payments of distributions on the Capital Trust's preferred securities and no deferred distributions have accumulated, (d) the junior subordinated debt securities of such series are rated investment grade by Standard & Poor's Ratings Services, Moody's Investors Service, Inc. or another nationally recognized statistical rating organization, and (e) the extended stated maturity is no later than the 49th anniversary of the initial issuance of the preferred securities of the Capital Trust.

If we or RenaissanceRe Finance, as applicable, exercise our or its right to liquidate the Capital Trust and exchange the junior subordinated debt securities for the preferred securities of the Capital Trust as described above, any changed stated maturity of the principal of the junior subordinated debt securities shall be no earlier than the date that is five years after the initial issue date of the preferred securities and no later than the date 30 years (plus an extended term of up to an additional 19 years if the conditions described above are satisfied) after the initial issue date of the preferred securities of the Capital Trust.

#### PAYMENT OF ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS

If junior subordinated debt securities issued to the Capital Trust in connection with the issuance of preferred securities and common securities by the Capital Trust provide for the payment by us or RenaissanceRe Finance, as applicable, of certain taxes, assessments or other governmental charges imposed on the holder of any such debt security, we or RenaissanceRe Finance, as applicable, will pay to the holder of any such debt security such additional amounts as provided in the related junior subordinated indenture.

# CERTAIN COVENANTS

RenaissanceRe or RenaissanceRe Finance, as applicable, as issuer, and RenaissanceRe, as guarantor (if applicable), will each covenant, as to each series of our or RenaissanceRe Finance's junior subordinated debt securities issued to the Capital Trust in connection with the issuance of preferred securities and common

securities by the Capital Trust, that the issuer of the junior subordinated debentures will not, and will not permit any of its Subsidiaries to, (1) declare or pay any dividends or distributions on, or redeem, purchase, acquire or make a liquidation payment with respect to, any of its outstanding capital stock or (2) make any payment of principal, or interest or premium, if any, on or repay, repurchase or redeem any debt security of the issuer of the junior subordinated debentures or RenaissanceRe that ranks equal to or junior in interest to the junior subordinated debt securities or the related guarantee, as applicable, or make any guarantee payments with respect to any guarantee by the issuer of the junior subordinated debentures or RenaissanceRe, as applicable, of the debt securities of any Subsidiary of the issuer of the junior subordinated debentures or RenaissanceRe, as applicable, if such guarantee ranks equal to or junior in interest to the junior subordinated debt securities or the guarantee in respect thereof, as applicable (with certain exceptions, including (a) dividends or distributions in our common shares or rights to acquire our common shares, (b) redemptions or purchases of any rights outstanding under a shareholder rights plan of RenaissanceRe, or the declaration of a dividend of such rights or the issuance of shares under such plan in the future and (c) purchases of common shares related to the issuance of common shares under any of our benefit plans for our directors, officers or employees) if at such time (i) there shall have occurred any event of which we or RenaissanceRe Finance, as applicable, have actual knowledge that (A) with the giving of notice or lapse of time or both, would constitute an Event of Default under the applicable junior subordinated indenture and (B) in respect of which RenaissanceRe or RenaissanceRe Finance, as applicable, shall not have taken reasonable steps to cure, (ii) RenaissanceRe shall be in default with respect to its payment of obligations under the preferred securities guarantee relating to such preferred securities or (iii) the issuer of the junior subordinated debt securities shall have given notice of its election to begin an Extension Period as provided in the applicable junior subordinated indenture with respect to the junior subordinated debt securities of such series and shall not have rescinded such notice, or such Extension Period, or any extension thereof, shall be continuing.

In the event we or RenaissanceRe Finance, as applicable, issue junior subordinated debt securities to the Capital Trust in connection with the issuance of preferred securities and common securities of the Capital Trust, for so long as such series of junior subordinated debt securities remain outstanding, we or RenaissanceRe Finance, as applicable, will also covenant:

- (1) to maintain ownership by RenaissanceRe Finance, directly or indirectly, of 100% ownership of the common securities of the Capital Trust; provided, however, that any permitted successor of RenaissanceRe Finance under the applicable junior subordinated indenture may succeed to ownership of such common securities;
- (2) not to voluntarily dissolve, wind-up or liquidate such trust, except in connection with the distribution of its junior subordinated debt securities to the holders of preferred securities and common securities in liquidation of the Capital Trust, the redemption of all of the preferred securities and common securities of the Capital Trust, or certain mergers, consolidations or amalgamations, each as permitted by the restated trust agreement of the Capital Trust; and
- (3) to use reasonable efforts, consistent with the terms of the related trust agreement, to cause the Capital Trust to remain classified as a grantor trust for United States federal income tax purposes.

# EVENTS OF DEFAULT

If an Event of Default with respect to a series of junior subordinated debt securities issued to the Capital Trust has occurred and is continuing and such event is attributable to a default in the payment of interest or principal on the related junior subordinated debt securities on the date such interest or principal is otherwise payable, a holder of preferred securities of the Capital Trust may institute a legal proceeding directly against us as issuer or guarantor or RenaissanceRe Finance, as applicable, which we refer to in this prospectus as a "Direct Action," for enforcement of payment to such holder of the principal of or interest on such related junior subordinated debt securities having a principal amount equal to the aggregate liquidation amount of the related preferred securities of such holder. Neither we nor RenaissanceRe Finance, as applicable, may amend the applicable junior subordinated indenture to remove the foregoing right to bring a Direct Action without the prior written consent of

the holders of each preferred security then outstanding. If the right to bring a Direct Action is removed, the Capital Trust may become subject to the reporting obligations under the Exchange Act. We or RenaissanceRe Finance, as applicable, will have the right under the junior subordinated indenture to set-off any payment made to such holder of preferred securities by us or RenaissanceRe Finance, as applicable, in connection with a Direct Action. The holders of preferred securities will not be able to exercise directly any other remedy available to the holders of the related junior subordinated debt securities.

The holders of the preferred securities would not be able to exercise directly any remedies other than those set forth in the preceding paragraph available to the holders of the junior subordinated debt securities unless there shall have been an event of default under the applicable restated trust agreement. See "Description of the Trust Preferred Securities — Events of Default; Notice."

#### DESCRIPTION OF THE DEBT SECURITIES GUARANTEES

Concurrently with any issuance by RenaissanceRe Finance of senior debt securities, we will execute and deliver a senior debt securities guarantee for the benefit of the holders from time to time of such senior debt securities. The trustee will act as guarantee trustee under the senior debt securities guarantee for the purposes of compliance with the Trust Indenture Act. The senior debt securities guarantee will be qualified as an indenture under the Trust Indenture Act. Similarly, concurrently with any issuance by RenaissanceRe Finance of subordinated debt securities, we will execute and deliver a subordinated debt securities guarantee for the benefit of the holders from time to time of such subordinated debt securities. The trustee will act as guarantee trustee under the subordinated debt securities guarantee for the purposes of compliance with the Trust Indenture Act. The subordinated debt securities guarantee will be qualified as an indenture under the Trust Indenture Act. Concurrently with any issuance by RenaissanceRe Finance of junior subordinated debt securities to the Capital Trust, we will execute and deliver a junior subordinated debt securities guarantee for the benefit of the holders from time to time of such junior subordinated debt securities. The trustee will act as guarantee trustee under the junior subordinated debt securities guarantee for the purposes of compliance with the Trust Indenture Act. The junior subordinated debt securities guarantee will be qualified as an indenture under the Trust Indenture Act.

The following summary sets forth the material terms and provisions of our guarantee of the senior debt securities, subordinated debt securities and junior subordinated debt securities of RenaissanceRe Finance. The following summary of certain provisions of the guarantees is not complete. You should read the forms of guarantee and the Trust Indenture Act for more complete information regarding the provisions of the guarantees, including the definitions of some of the terms used below. The forms of guarantee have been incorporated by reference as exhibits to the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part and are incorporated by reference in this summary. Whenever we refer to particular sections or defined terms of the guarantees, such sections or defined terms are incorporated herein by reference, and the statement in connection with which such reference is made is qualified in its entirety by such reference. The indenture trustee, as guarantee trustee under each guarantee, will hold the applicable guarantee for the benefit of the holders of the related debt securities.

# **GENERAL**

We will fully and unconditionally guarantee all obligations of RenaissanceRe Finance under the applicable indenture and the related debt securities. Unless otherwise provided in a prospectus supplement, each guarantee will be an unsecured obligation of RenaissanceRe, and the guarantees of RenaissanceRe Finance's subordinated and junior subordinated debt securities will be subordinated in right of payment to the prior payment in full of all of our Senior Indebtedness.

Because we are a holding company, our rights and the rights of our creditors (including the holders of our debt securities and the holders of RenaissanceRe Finance's debt securities who are creditors of RenaissanceRe by virtue of our guarantee of the debt securities issued by RenaissanceRe Finance) and shareholders to participate in

any distribution of assets of any of our subsidiaries upon that subsidiary's liquidation or reorganization or otherwise would be subject to the prior claims of that subsidiary's creditors and policyholders, including any claims against our reinsurance and insurance subsidiaries of their respective policyholders, except to the extent that we may ourselves be a creditor with recognized claims against that subsidiary or our creditor may have the benefit of a guaranty from our subsidiary. Our revolving credit agreement requires that under the circumstances specified in such agreement certain of our existing and future subsidiaries become guarantors of the loans made to us under such agreement. The existing guarantor is RenaissanceRe Finance. Other than the lenders under our revolving credit agreement, none of our creditors has the benefit of a guaranty from any of our subsidiaries. The rights of our creditors (including the holders of our debt securities and the holders of RenaissanceRe Finance's debt securities who are creditors of RenaissanceRe by virtue of our guarantee of the debt securities issued by RenaissanceRe Finance) to participate in the distribution of stock owned by us in certain of our subsidiaries, including our insurance subsidiaries, may also be subject to approval by certain insurance regulatory authorities having jurisdiction over such subsidiaries.

Except to the extent otherwise provided in the applicable guarantee, we will make all payments of principal of and premium, if any, interest and any other amounts on, or in respect of, the debt securities of any series without withholding or deduction at source for, or on account of, any present or future taxes, fees, duties, assessments or governmental charges of whatever nature imposed or levied by or on behalf of any jurisdiction in which it is organized (a "taxing jurisdiction") or any political subdivision or taxing authority thereof or therein, unless such taxes, fees, duties, assessments or governmental charges are required to be withheld or deducted by (x) the laws (or any regulations or rulings promulgated thereunder) of a taxing jurisdiction or any political subdivision or taxing authority thereof or therein or (y) an official position regarding the application, administration, interpretation or enforcement of any such laws, regulations or rulings (including, without limitation, a holding by a court of competent jurisdiction or by a taxing authority in a taxing jurisdiction or any political subdivision thereof). If a withholding or deduction at source is required, the issuer will, subject to certain limitations and exceptions described below, pay to the holder of any such debt security such additional amounts as may be necessary so that every net payment of principal, premium, if any, interest or any other amount made to such holder, after the withholding or deduction, will not be less than the amount provided for in such debt security and the applicable indenture to be then due and payable.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, except to the extent otherwise provided in the applicable guarantee, we will not be required to pay any additional amounts for or on account of:

- (1) any tax, fee, duty, assessment or governmental charge of whatever nature which would not have been imposed but for the fact that such holder (a) was a resident, domiciliary or national of, or engaged in business or maintained a permanent establishment or was physically present in, the relevant taxing jurisdiction or any political subdivision thereof or otherwise had some connection with the relevant taxing jurisdiction other than by reason of the mere ownership of, or receipt of payment under, such debt security, (b) presented such debt security for payment in the relevant taxing jurisdiction or any political subdivision thereof, unless such debt security could not have been presented for payment elsewhere, or (c) presented such debt security for payment more than 30 days after the date on which the payment in respect of such debt security became due and payable or provided for, whichever is later, except to the extent that the holder would have been entitled to such additional amounts if it had presented such debt security for payment on any day within that 30-day period;
- (2) any estate, inheritance, gift, sale, transfer, personal property or similar tax, assessment or other governmental charge;
- (3) any tax, assessment or other governmental charge that is imposed or withheld by reason of the failure by the holder or the beneficial owner of such debt security to comply with any reasonable request by the issuer addressed to the holder within 90 days of such request (a) to provide information concerning the nationality, residence or identity of the holder or such beneficial owner or (b) to make any declaration or other similar claim or satisfy any information or reporting requirement, which is required or imposed by statute, treaty, regulation or

administrative practice of the relevant taxing jurisdiction or any political subdivision thereof as a precondition to exemption from all or part of such tax, assessment or other governmental charge; or

(4) any combination of items (1), (2) and (3).

In addition, we will not pay additional amounts with respect to any payment of principal of, or premium, if any, interest or any other amounts on, any such debt security to any holder who is a fiduciary or partnership or other than the sole beneficial owner of such debt security to the extent such payment would be required by the laws of the relevant taxing jurisdiction (or any political subdivision or relevant taxing authority thereof or therein) to be included in the income for tax purposes of a beneficiary or partner or settlor with respect to such fiduciary or a member of such partnership or a beneficial owner who would not have been entitled to such additional amounts had it been the holder of the debt security.

### **AMENDMENTS**

Any senior debt securities guarantee or subordinated debt securities guarantee may only be amended in writing with the prior approval of the holders of not less than a majority of the outstanding principal amount of the applicable debt securities. In addition, certain amendments affecting the obligations of RenaissanceRe may only be made in writing with the prior approval of each holder.

Any junior subordinated debt securities guarantee may only be amended in writing with the prior approval of the holders of at least a majority in liquidation preference of the then outstanding preferred securities issued by the Capital Trust. In addition, certain amendments affecting the obligations of RenaissanceRe may only be made in writing with the prior approval of each holder of the then outstanding preferred securities issued by the Capital Trust

No consent of the holders of RenaissanceRe Finance's senior, subordinated or junior subordinated debt securities is required to amend the applicable guarantee in a way that does not adversely affect in any material respect the rights of such holders.

### INFORMATION CONCERNING THE TRUSTEE

RenaissanceRe and RenaissanceRe Finance may from time to time borrow from, maintain deposit accounts with and conduct other banking transactions with the trustee and its affiliates in the ordinary course of business.

Under each indenture, the trustee is required to transmit annual reports to all holders regarding its eligibility and qualifications as trustee under the applicable indenture and related matters.

#### DESCRIPTION OF THE WARRANTS TO PURCHASE COMMON SHARES OR PREFERENCE SHARES

The following statements with respect to the common share warrants and preference share warrants are summaries of, and subject to, the detailed provisions of a share warrant agreement to be entered into by us and a share warrant agent to be selected at the time of issue. The particular terms of any warrants offered by any prospectus supplement, and the extent to which the general provisions described below may apply to the offered securities, will be described in the prospectus supplement. If we issue warrants, we will file a copy of the form of warrant agreement as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part, and the following summary is qualified in its entirety by reference to such exhibit.

#### **GENERAL**

The share warrants, evidenced by share warrant certificates, may be issued under the share warrant agreement independently or together with any other securities offered by any prospectus supplement and may be attached to or separate from such other offered securities. If share warrants are offered, the related prospectus supplement will describe the designation and terms of the share warrants, including without limitation the following:

- the offering price, if any;
- the designation and terms of the common shares or preference shares purchasable upon exercise of the share warrants;
- if applicable, the date on and after which the share warrants and the related offered securities will be separately transferable;
- the number of common shares or preference shares purchasable upon exercise of one share warrant and the initial price at which such shares may be purchased upon exercise;
- the date on which the right to exercise the share warrants shall commence and the date on which such right shall expire;
- a discussion of certain U.S. federal income tax considerations;
- the call provisions, if any;
- the currency, currencies or currency units in which the offering price, if any, and exercise price are payable;
- · the antidilution provisions of the share warrants; and
- any other terms of the share warrants.

The common shares or preference shares issuable upon exercise of the share warrants will, when issued in accordance with the share warrant agreement, be fully paid and non-assessable (as such is understood under Bermuda law).

# EXERCISE OF STOCK WARRANTS

Share warrants may be exercised by surrendering to the share warrant agent the share warrant certificate with the form of election to purchase on the reverse thereof duly completed and signed by the warrantholder, or its duly authorized agent (such signature to be guaranteed by a bank or trust company, by a broker or dealer which is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. ("FINRA") or by a member of a national securities exchange), indicating the warrantholder's election to exercise all or a portion of the share warrants evidenced by the certificate. Surrendered share warrant certificates shall be accompanied by payment of the aggregate exercise price of the share warrants to be exercised, as set forth in the related prospectus supplement, in lawful money of the United States, unless otherwise provided in the related prospectus supplement. Upon receipt thereof by the share warrant agent, the share warrant agent will requisition from the transfer agent for the common shares or the

preference shares, as the case may be, for issuance and delivery to or upon the written order of the exercising warrantholder, a certificate representing the number of common shares or preference shares purchased. If less than all of the share warrants evidenced by any share warrant certificate are exercised, the share warrant agent shall deliver to the exercising warrantholder a new share warrant certificate representing the unexercised share warrants.

#### ANTIDILUTION AND OTHER PROVISIONS

The exercise price payable and the number of common shares or preference shares purchasable upon the exercise of each share warrant and the number of share warrants outstanding will be subject to adjustment in certain events, including the issuance of a stock dividend to holders of common shares or preference shares, respectively, or a combination, subdivision or reclassification of common shares or preference shares, respectively. In lieu of adjusting the number of common shares or preference shares purchasable upon exercise of each share warrant, we may elect to adjust the number of share warrants. No adjustment in the number of shares purchasable upon exercise of the share warrants will be required until cumulative adjustments require an adjustment of at least 1% thereof. We may, at our option, reduce the exercise price at any time. No fractional shares will be issued upon exercise of share warrants, but we will pay the cash value of any fractional shares otherwise issuable. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in case of our consolidation, amalgamation, merger, or sale or conveyance of our property as an entirety or substantially as an entirety, the holder of each outstanding share warrant shall have the right to the kind and amount of shares and other securities and property (including cash) receivable by a holder of the number of common shares or preference shares into which such share warrants were exercisable immediately prior thereto.

### NO RIGHTS AS SHAREHOLDERS

Holders of share warrants will not be entitled, by virtue of being such holders, to vote, to consent, to receive dividends, to receive notice as shareholders with respect to any meeting of shareholders for the election of our directors or any other matter, or to exercise any rights whatsoever as our shareholders.

### DESCRIPTION OF THE WARRANTS TO PURCHASE DEBT SECURITIES

The following statements with respect to the debt warrants are summaries of, and subject to, the detailed provisions of a debt warrant agreement to be entered into by us and a debt warrant agent to be selected at the time of issue. The particular terms of any warrants offered by any prospectus supplement, and the extent to which the general provisions described below may apply to the offered securities, will be described in the prospectus supplement. If we issue warrants to purchase debt securities, we will file a copy of the form of debt warrant agreement as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part, and the following summary is qualified in its entirety by reference to such exhibit.

#### **GENERAL**

The debt warrants, evidenced by debt warrant certificates, may be issued under the debt warrant agreement independently or together with any other securities offered by any prospectus supplement and may be attached to or separate from such other offered securities. If debt warrants are offered, the related prospectus supplement will describe the designation and terms of the debt warrants, including without limitation the following:

- the offering price, if any;
- the designation, aggregate principal amount and terms of the debt securities purchasable upon exercise of the debt warrants;
- if applicable, the date on and after which the debt warrants and the related offered securities will be separately transferable;
- the principal amount of debt securities purchasable upon exercise of one debt warrant and the price at which such principal amount of debt securities may be purchased upon exercise;
- the date on which the right to exercise the debt warrants shall commence and the date on which such right shall expire;
- a discussion of certain U.S. federal income tax considerations;
- the currency, currencies or currency units in which the offering price, if any, and exercise price are payable;
- the antidilution provisions of the debt warrants; and
- · any other terms of the debt warrants.

Warrantholders will not have any of the rights of holders of debt securities, including the right to receive the payment of principal of, any premium or interest on, or any additional amounts with respect to, the debt securities or to enforce any of the covenants of the debt securities or the applicable indenture except as otherwise provided in the applicable indenture.

#### EXERCISE OF DEBT WARRANTS

Debt warrants may be exercised by surrendering the debt warrant certificate at the office of the debt warrant agent, with the form of election to purchase on the reverse side of the debt warrant certificate properly completed and executed (with signature(s) guaranteed by a bank or trust company, by a broker or dealer which is a member of FINRA or by a member of a national securities exchange), and by payment in full of the exercise price, as set forth in the related prospectus supplement. Upon the exercise of debt warrants, we will issue the debt securities in authorized denominations in accordance with the instructions of the exercising warrantholder. If less than all of the debt warrants evidenced by the debt warrant certificate are exercised, a new debt warrant certificate will be issued for the remaining number of debt warrants.

### DESCRIPTION OF THE TRUST PREFERRED SECURITIES

The Capital Trust will be governed by the terms of the restated trust agreement. Under the restated trust agreement of the Capital Trust, the Capital Trust may issue, from time to time, only one series of preferred securities. The preferred securities will have the terms set forth in the restated trust agreement or made a part of the restated trust agreement by the Trust Indenture Act, and described in the related prospectus supplement. These terms will mirror the terms of the junior subordinated debt securities issued by us or RenaissanceRe Finance, and purchased by the Capital Trust using the proceeds from the sale of its preferred securities and its common securities. The junior subordinated debt securities issued by RenaissanceRe Finance to the Capital Trust will be guaranteed by RenaissanceRe on a subordinated basis and are referred to as the "corresponding junior subordinated debt securities" relating to the Capital Trust. See "Use of Proceeds."

The following summary sets forth the material terms and provisions of the restated trust agreement and the preferred securities to which any prospectus supplement relates. Because this summary is not complete, you should refer to the form of restated trust agreement and to the Trust Indenture Act for complete information regarding the terms and provisions of that agreement and the preferred securities, including the definitions of some of the terms used below. The form of restated trust agreement filed as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part is incorporated by reference in this summary. Whenever we refer to particular sections or defined terms of a restated trust agreement, such sections or defined terms are incorporated herein by reference.

#### ISSUANCE, STATUS AND GUARANTEE OF PREFERRED SECURITIES

Under the terms of the restated trust agreement for the Capital Trust, the Administrative Trustees will issue the preferred securities on behalf of the Capital Trust. The preferred securities will represent preferred beneficial interests in the Capital Trust and the holders of the preferred securities will be entitled to a preference in certain circumstances as regards distributions and amounts payable on redemption or liquidation over the common securities of the Capital Trust, as well as other benefits under the corresponding restated trust agreement. The preferred securities of the Capital Trust will rank equally, and payments will be made on the preferred securities pro rata, with the common securities of the Capital Trust except as described under "Subordination of Common Securities." The Property Trustee will hold the corresponding junior subordinated debt securities in trust for the benefit of the holders of the related preferred securities and common securities. The common securities and the preferred securities of the Capital Trust are collectively referred to as the "trust securities" of the Capital Trust.

We will issue a guarantee agreement for the benefit of the holders of the Capital Trust's preferred securities (the "preferred securities guarantee" for those preferred securities). Under each preferred securities guarantee, we will guarantee on a subordinated basis payment of distributions on the related preferred securities and amounts payable on redemption or liquidation of such preferred securities, but only to the extent that the Capital Trust has funds on hand to make such payments. See "Description of the Trust Preferred Securities Guarantee."

## DISTRIBUTIONS

Unless otherwise specified in the relevant prospectus supplement, distributions on the preferred securities will be cumulative, will accumulate from the original issue date and will be payable on the dates as specified in the related prospectus supplement. In the event that any date on which distributions are payable on the preferred securities is not a Business Day, payment of the distribution payable on such date will be made on the next succeeding day that is a Business Day (and without any additional distributions or other payment in respect of any such delay), except that, if such Business Day is in the next succeeding calendar year, payment of such distribution shall be made on the immediately preceding Business Day, in each case with the same force and effect as if made on the date such payment was originally payable (each date on which distributions are payable in accordance with the foregoing, a "distribution date"). A "Business Day" is any day other than a Saturday or a Sunday, or a day on which banking institutions in The City of New York are authorized or required by law or

executive order to remain closed or a day on which the corporate trust office of the Property Trustee or the trustee for the corresponding junior subordinated debt securities is closed for business.

Distributions on each preferred security will be payable at a rate specified in the related prospectus supplement. The amount of distributions payable for any period will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve (12) 30-day months unless otherwise specified in the related prospectus supplement. Distributions to which holders of preferred securities are entitled will accumulate additional distributions at the rate per annum if and as specified in the related prospectus supplement. References to "distributions" include any such additional distributions unless otherwise stated.

If provided in the applicable prospectus supplement, we or RenaissanceRe Finance, as applicable, have the right under the applicable junior subordinated indenture to defer the payment of interest at any time or from time to time on any series of corresponding junior subordinated debt securities for an Extension Period which will be specified in the related prospectus supplement. No Extension Period may extend beyond the stated maturity of the corresponding junior subordinated debt securities. See "Description of the Debt Securities — Option to Extend Interest Payment Date." As a consequence of any such extension, distributions on the corresponding preferred securities would be deferred (but would continue to accumulate additional distributions at the rate per annum set forth in the prospectus supplement for such preferred securities) by the Capital Trust which issued such preferred securities during any such Extension Period.

The funds of the Capital Trust available for distribution to holders of its preferred securities will be limited to payments under the corresponding junior subordinated debt securities in which the Capital Trust will invest the proceeds from the issuance and sale of its trust securities. If neither RenaissanceRe, as issuer or guarantor, nor RenaissanceRe Finance, as the case may be, makes interest payments on those corresponding junior subordinated debt securities, the Property Trustee will not have funds available to pay distributions on the related preferred securities. The payment of distributions (if and to the extent the Capital Trust has funds legally available for the payment of such distributions and cash sufficient to make such payments) is guaranteed by us on a limited basis as set forth herein under "Description of the Trust Preferred Securities Guarantee."

Distributions on the preferred securities will be payable to the holders thereof as they appear on the register of the Capital Trust on the relevant record dates. As long as the preferred securities remain in book-entry form, the record dates will be fifteen (15) Business Days prior to the relevant distribution dates, or as otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement. Subject to any applicable laws and regulations and the provisions of the applicable restated trust agreement, each distribution payment will be made as described under "Global Preferred Securities." In the event any preferred securities are not in book-entry form, the relevant record date for such preferred securities will be the date at least 15 days prior to the relevant distribution date, as specified in the related prospectus supplement.

### REDEMPTION OR EXCHANGE

Mandatory Redemption. Upon any repayment or redemption, in whole or in part, of any corresponding junior subordinated debt securities held by the Capital Trust, whether at stated maturity, upon earlier redemption or otherwise, the proceeds from such repayment or redemption shall be applied by the Property Trustee, upon not less than 30 nor more than 60 days' notice to holders of trust securities, to redeem, on a pro rata basis, preferred securities and common securities having an aggregate stated liquidation amount equal to the aggregate principal amount of the corresponding junior subordinated debt securities so repaid or redeemed. The redemption price per trust security will be equal to the stated liquidation amount thereof plus accumulated and unpaid distributions thereon to the date of redemption, plus the related amount of premium, if any, and any additional amounts paid by us upon the concurrent repayment or redemption of the corresponding junior subordinated debt securities (the "redemption price"). If less than all of any series of corresponding junior subordinated debt securities are to be repaid or redeemed on a redemption date, then the proceeds from such repayment or redemption shall be allocated to the redemption pro rata of the related preferred securities and the common securities.

We or RenaissanceRe Finance, as applicable, will have the right to redeem any series of corresponding junior subordinated debt securities (1) at any time, in whole but not in part, upon the occurrence of a Special Event and subject to the further conditions described under "Description of the Debt Securities — Redemption," or (2) as may be otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement.

Special Event Redemption or Distribution of Corresponding Junior Subordinated Debt Securities. If a Special Event relating to the preferred securities and common securities of the Capital Trust shall occur and be continuing, we or RenaissanceRe Finance, as applicable, have the right to redeem the corresponding junior subordinated debt securities, in whole but not in part, and thereby cause a mandatory redemption of such preferred securities and common securities, in whole but not in part, at the redemption price within 90 days following the occurrence of the Special Event. At any time, we or RenaissanceRe Finance, as applicable, have the right to dissolve the Capital Trust and after satisfaction of the liabilities of creditors of the Capital Trust as provided by applicable law, cause such corresponding junior subordinated debt securities to be distributed to the holders of such preferred securities and common securities in liquidation of the Capital Trust. If we or RenaissanceRe Finance, as applicable, do not elect to redeem the corresponding junior subordinated debt securities upon the occurrence of a Special Event, the applicable preferred securities will remain outstanding, and in the event a Tax Event has occurred and is continuing, Additional Sums may be payable on the corresponding junior subordinated debt securities. "Additional Sums" means the additional amounts as may be necessary in order that the amount of distributions then due and payable by the Capital Trust on the outstanding preferred securities and common securities of the Capital Trust shall not be reduced as a result of any additional taxes, duties and other governmental charges to which the Capital Trust has become subject as a result of a Tax Event.

Except with respect to certain other circumstances, on and after the date on which junior subordinated debentures are distributed to holders of Trust Preferred Securities in connection with the dissolution and liquidation of the Capital Trust as a result of an early termination event:

- (1) the trust securities will no longer be deemed to be outstanding;
- (2) certificates representing a like amount of junior subordinated debt will be issued to the holders of trust securities certificates, upon surrender of such certificates to the administrative trustees or their agent for exchange;
- (3) we or RenaissanceRe Finance, as applicable, will use our or its reasonable efforts to have the junior subordinated debt listed or traded on such stock exchange, interdealer quotation system and/or other self- regulatory organization as the trust preferred securities are then listed or traded;
- (4) any trust securities certificates not so surrendered for exchange will be deemed to represent a like amount of junior subordinated debt, accruing interest at the rate provided for in the junior subordinated debt from the last distribution date on which a distribution was made on such trust securities certificates until such certificates are so surrendered, no payments of interest or principal will be made to holders of trust securities certificates with respect to such junior subordinated debt); and (5) all rights of security holders holding trust securities will cease, except the right of such securityholders to receive junior subordinated debt upon surrender of trust securities certificates.

An early termination event, within the meaning of this section, means (1) certain events relating to the dissolution or bankruptcy of RenaissanceRe, as issuer or as guarantor, or RenaissanceRe Finance, (2) the direction of the property trustee to dissolve the trust and exchange the trust securities for junior subordinated debt, (3) the redemption of the trust securities in connection with the redemption of all junior subordinated debt or (4) a court order to dissolve the Capital Trust.

There can be no assurance as to the market prices for the preferred securities or the corresponding junior subordinated debt securities that may be distributed in exchange for preferred securities if a dissolution and

liquidation of the Capital Trust were to occur. Accordingly, the preferred securities that you may purchase, or the corresponding junior subordinated debt securities that you may receive on dissolution and liquidation of the Capital Trust, may trade at a discount to the price that you paid to purchase the preferred securities.

#### REDEMPTION PROCEDURES

The Capital Trust may redeem preferred securities on each redemption date at the redemption price with the applicable proceeds from the contemporaneous redemption of the corresponding junior subordinated debt securities. The Capital Trust may redeem preferred securities and the redemption price shall be payable on each redemption date only to the extent that the Capital Trust has funds on hand available for the payment of such redemption price. See also "Subordination of Common Securities."

If the Capital Trust gives a notice of redemption (which notice will be irrevocable) in respect of its preferred securities, then, by 12:00 noon, New York City time, on the redemption date, to the extent funds are available, the Property Trustee will deposit irrevocably with the depositary for the preferred securities funds sufficient to pay the applicable redemption price and will give the depositary irrevocable instructions and authority to pay the redemption price to the holders of such preferred securities. If such preferred securities are no longer in book- entry form, the Property Trustee, to the extent funds are available, will irrevocably deposit with the paying agent for such preferred securities funds sufficient to pay the applicable redemption price and will give such paying agent irrevocable instructions and authority to pay the redemption price to the holders thereof upon surrender of their certificates evidencing such preferred securities. Notwithstanding the foregoing, distributions payable on or prior to the redemption date for any preferred securities called for redemption shall be payable to the holders of such preferred securities on the relevant record dates for the related distribution dates. If notice of redemption shall have been given and funds deposited as required, then immediately prior to the close of business on the date of such deposit, all rights of the holders of such preferred securities so called for redemption will cease, except the right of the holders of such preferred securities to receive the redemption price and such distributions, but without interest, and such preferred securities will cease to be outstanding. In the event that any date on which any redemption price is payable is not a Business Day, then payment of the redemption price payable on such date will be made on the next succeeding day which is a Business Day (and without any interest or other payment in respect of any such delay), except that, if such Business Day falls in the next calendar year, such payment will be made on the immediately preceding Business Day, in each case with the same force and effect as if made on such date. In the event that payment of the redemption price in respect of preferred securities called for redemption is improperly withheld or refused and not paid either by the Capital Trust or by us pursuant to the preferred securities guarantee as described under "Description of the Trust Preferred Securities Guarantee," distributions on such preferred securities will continue to accumulate at the then applicable rate, from the redemption date originally established by the Capital Trust for such preferred securities to the date such redemption price is actually paid, in which case the actual payment date will be the date fixed for redemption for purposes of calculating the redemption price.

Subject to applicable law (including, without limitation, U.S. federal securities law), we or our subsidiaries (including RenaissanceRe Finance) may at any time and from time to time purchase outstanding preferred securities by tender, in the open market or by private agreement. The Capital Trust will pay the redemption price on the preferred securities to the applicable recordholders as they appear on the register for such preferred securities on the relevant record date, which shall be 15 Business Days prior to the relevant redemption date or as otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement; provided, however, that in the event that any preferred securities are not in book-entry form, the relevant record date for such preferred securities shall be a date at least 15 days prior to the redemption date, as specified in the applicable prospectus supplement.

If the Capital Trust redeems less than all of the preferred securities and common securities issued by it on a redemption date, then the aggregate liquidation amount of such preferred securities and common securities to be redeemed shall be allocated pro rata to the preferred securities and the common securities based upon the relative liquidation amounts of such classes. The particular preferred securities to be redeemed shall be selected on a pro

rata basis not more than 60 days prior to the redemption date by the Property Trustee from the outstanding preferred securities not previously called for redemption, or by such other method as the Property Trustee shall deem fair and appropriate. The Property Trustee shall promptly notify the trust registrar in writing of the preferred securities selected for redemption and, in the case of any preferred securities selected for partial redemption, the liquidation amount thereof to be redeemed. For all purposes of each restated trust agreement, unless the context otherwise requires, all provisions relating to the redemption of preferred securities shall relate, in the case of any preferred securities redeemed only in part, to the portion of the liquidation amount of preferred securities which has been or is to be redeemed.

Notice of any redemption will be mailed at least 30 days but not more than 60 days before the redemption date to each holder of trust securities to be redeemed at its registered address. Unless RenaissanceRe, as issuer or as guarantor, or RenaissanceRe Finance, as applicable, defaults in payment of the redemption price on the corresponding junior subordinated debt securities, on and after the redemption date interest will cease to accrue on such subordinated debt securities or portions thereof (and distributions will cease to accrue on the related preferred securities or portions thereof) called for redemption.

#### SUBORDINATION OF COMMON SECURITIES

Payment of distributions on, and the redemption price of, the Capital Trust's preferred securities and common securities, as applicable, shall be made pro rata based on the liquidation amount of such preferred securities and common securities; provided, however, that if on any distribution date or redemption date an event of default under the corresponding junior subordinated debt securities shall have occurred and be continuing, no payment of any distribution on, or redemption price of, any of the Capital Trust's common securities, and no other payment on account of the redemption, liquidation or other acquisition of such common securities, shall be made unless payment in full in cash of all accumulated and unpaid distributions on all of the Capital Trust's outstanding preferred securities for all distribution periods terminating on or prior thereto, or in the case of payment of the redemption price the full amount of such redemption price on all of the Capital Trust's outstanding preferred securities then called for redemption, shall have been made or provided for, and all funds available to the Property Trustee shall first be applied to the payment in full in cash of all distributions on, or redemption price of, the Capital Trust's preferred securities then due and payable.

In the case of any Event of Default under the restated trust agreement resulting from an event of default under the corresponding junior subordinated debt securities, the holder of the Capital Trust's common securities will be deemed to have waived any right to act with respect to any such Event of Default under the applicable restated trust agreement until the effect of all such Events of Default with respect to such preferred securities have been cured, waived or otherwise eliminated. Until any such Events of Default under the applicable restated trust agreement with respect to the preferred securities have been so cured, waived or otherwise eliminated, the Property Trustee shall act solely on behalf of the holders of such preferred securities and not on behalf of the holder of the Capital Trust's common securities, and only the holders of such preferred securities will have the right to direct the Property Trustee to act on their behalf.

### LIQUIDATION DISTRIBUTION UPON DISSOLUTION OF THE CAPITAL TRUST

Pursuant to the restated trust agreement, the Capital Trust shall automatically dissolve upon expiration of its term and shall dissolve on the first to occur of:

- (1) certain events relating to the dissolution or bankruptcy of RenaissanceRe, as issuer or as guarantor, or RenaissanceRe Finance, as applicable;
- (2) the distribution to the holders of its trust securities of corresponding junior subordinated debt securities having an aggregate principal amount equal to the aggregate stated liquidation amount of the trust securities, if we or RenaissanceRe Finance, as the case may be, as Depositor have given written direction to the Property Trustee to dissolve the Capital Trust (which direction is optional and wholly within its discretion, as Depositor);

- (3) the redemption of all of the Capital Trust's trust securities in connection with the redemption of all the junior subordinated debt; or
- (4) the entry of an order for the dissolution of the Capital Trust by a court of competent jurisdiction.

If an early dissolution occurs as described in clause (1), (2) or (4) above or upon the date designated for automatic dissolution of the Capital Trust, the Capital Trust shall be liquidated by the Capital Trustees as expeditiously as the Capital Trustees determine to be possible by distributing, after satisfaction of liabilities to creditors of the Capital Trust as provided by applicable law, to the holders of such trust securities corresponding junior subordinated debt securities having an aggregate principal amount equal to the aggregate stated liquidation amount of the trust securities. However, if such distribution is determined by the Property Trustee not to be practical, such holders will be entitled to receive out of the assets of the Capital Trust available for distribution to holders, after satisfaction of liabilities to creditors of the Capital Trust as provided by applicable law, an amount equal to, in the case of holders of preferred securities, the aggregate of the liquidation amount plus accumulated and unpaid distributions thereon to the date of payment (such amount being the "Liquidation Distribution"). If such Liquidation Distribution can be paid only in part because the Capital Trust has insufficient assets available to pay in full the aggregate Liquidation Distribution, then the amounts payable directly by the Capital Trust on its preferred securities shall be paid on a pro rata basis. Holders of the Capital Trust's common securities will be entitled to receive distributions upon any such liquidation pro rata with the holders of its preferred securities, except that if an event of default under the corresponding junior subordinated debt securities has occurred and is continuing, the preferred securities shall have a priority over the common securities.

#### EVENTS OF DEFAULT: NOTICE

Any one of the following events constitutes an "Event of Default" under each restated trust agreement with respect to the applicable preferred securities (whatever the reason for such Event of Default and whether it shall be voluntary or involuntary or be effected by operation of law or pursuant to any judgment, decree or order of any court or any order, rule or regulation of any administrative or governmental body):

- (1) the occurrence of an event of default in respect of the corresponding junior subordinated debt securities (see "Description of the Debt Securities Events of Default");
- (2) default by the Property Trustee in the payment of any distribution when it becomes due and payable, and continuation of such default for a period of 30 days:
- (3) default by the Property Trustee in the payment of any redemption price of any trust security when it becomes due and payable;
- (4) default in the performance, or breach, in any material respect, of any covenant or warranty of the Capital Trustees in such restated trust agreement (other than a covenant or warranty a default in the performance of which or the breach of which is dealt with in clause (2) or (3) above), and continuation of such default or breach for a period of 60 days after there has been given, by registered or certified mail, to the defaulting Capital Trustee or Trustees by the holders of at least 25% in aggregate liquidation preference of the outstanding preferred securities of the Capital Trust, a written notice specifying such default or breach and requiring it to be remedied and stating that such notice is a "Notice of Default" under such restated trust agreement; or
- (5) the occurrence of certain events of bankruptcy or insolvency with respect to the Property Trustee and the failure by the holder of the common securities of the Capital Trust to appoint a successor Property Trustee within 60 days thereof.

Within 15 Business Days after the occurrence of any Event of Default actually known to the Property Trustee, the Property Trustee shall transmit notice of such Event of Default to the holders of the Capital Trust's preferred

securities, the Administrative Trustees and to us or RenaissanceRe Finance, as the case may be, as Depositor, unless such Event of Default shall have been cured or waived. We or RenaissanceRe Finance, as the case may be, as Depositor, and the Administrative Trustees are required to file annually with the Property Trustee a certificate as to whether or not they are in compliance with all the conditions and covenants applicable to them under each restated trust agreement.

If an event of default under the corresponding junior subordinated debt securities has occurred and is continuing, the preferred securities shall have a preference over the common securities upon dissolution of the Capital Trust as described above. See "— Liquidation Distribution Upon Dissolution of the Capital Trust." The existence of an Event of Default under the restated trust agreement does not entitle the holders of preferred securities to accelerate the maturity thereof.

### REMOVAL OF CAPITAL TRUSTEES

Unless an event of default under the corresponding junior subordinated debt securities shall have occurred and be continuing, any Capital Trustee may be removed at any time by the holder of the common securities. If an event of default under the corresponding junior subordinated debt securities has occurred and is continuing, the Property Trustee and the Delaware Trustee may be removed at such time by the holders of a majority in liquidation amount of the outstanding preferred securities. In no event will the holders of the preferred securities have the right to vote to appoint, remove or replace the Administrative Trustees, which voting rights are vested exclusively in the holder of the common securities. No resignation or removal of a Capital Trustee and no appointment of a successor trustee shall be effective until the acceptance of appointment by the successor trustee in accordance with the provisions of the applicable restated trust agreement.

#### CO-TRUSTEES AND SEPARATE PROPERTY TRUSTEE

Unless an Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, at any time or times, for the purpose of meeting the legal requirements of the Trust Indenture Act or of any jurisdiction in which any part of the property of the Capital Trust may at the time be located, the holder of the common securities and the Administrative Trustees shall have power to appoint one or more persons either to act as a co-trustee, jointly with the Property Trustee, of all or any part of the property of the Capital Trust, or to act as separate trustee of any such property, in either case with such powers as may be provided in the instrument of appointment, and to vest in such person or persons in such capacity any property, title, right or power deemed necessary or desirable, subject to the provisions of the applicable restated trust agreement. In case an event of default under the corresponding junior subordinated debt securities has occurred and is continuing, the Property Trustee alone shall have power to make such appointment.

### MERGER OR CONSOLIDATION OF CAPITAL TRUSTEES

Any corporation into which the Property Trustee, the Delaware Trustee or any Administrative Trustee that is not a natural person may be merged or converted or with which it may be consolidated, or any corporation resulting from any merger, conversion or consolidation to which the Capital Trustee shall be a party, shall be the successor of the Capital Trustee under each restated trust agreement, provided such corporation shall be otherwise qualified and eligible.

#### MERGERS, CONSOLIDATIONS, AMALGAMATIONS OR REPLACEMENTS OF THE CAPITAL TRUST

The Capital Trust may not merge with or into, convert into, consolidate, amalgamate, or be replaced by, or convey, transfer or lease its properties and assets substantially as an entirety to any corporation or other entity, except as described below or as described in "Liquidation Distribution Upon Dissolution of the Capital Trust." The Capital Trust may, at the request of us or RenaissanceRe Finance, as applicable, with the consent of only the

Administrative Trustees and without the consent of the holders of the preferred securities, merge with or into, convert into, consolidate, amalgamate, or be replaced by or convey, transfer or lease its properties and assets substantially as an entirety to a trust organized as such under the laws of any State, provided, that

- (1) such successor entity either (a) expressly assumes all of the obligations of the Capital Trust with respect to the preferred securities or (b) substitutes for the preferred securities other securities having substantially the same terms as the preferred securities so long as such successor securities rank the same as the preferred securities rank in priority with respect to distributions and payments upon liquidation, redemption and otherwise;
- (2) we or RenaissanceRe Finance, as applicable, expressly appoints a trustee of such successor entity possessing the same powers and duties as the Property Trustee as the holder of the corresponding junior subordinated debt securities;
- (3) the successor securities are listed or traded, or any successor securities will be listed upon notification of issuance, on any national securities exchange or other organization on which the preferred securities are then listed or traded, if any;
- (4) such merger, conversion, consolidation, amalgamation, replacement, conveyance, transfer or lease does not cause the preferred securities (including any successor securities) to be downgraded by any nationally recognized statistical rating organization;
- (5) such merger, conversion, consolidation, amalgamation, replacement, conveyance, transfer or lease does not adversely affect the rights, preferences and privileges of the holders of the preferred securities (including any successor securities) in any material respect;
- (6) such successor entity has a purpose substantially identical to that of the Capital Trust;
- (7) prior to such merger, conversion, consolidation, amalgamation, replacement, conveyance, transfer or lease, we or RenaissanceRe Finance, as applicable, have received an opinion from independent counsel to the Capital Trust experienced in such matters to the effect that (a) such merger, conversion, consolidation, amalgamation, replacement, conveyance, transfer or lease does not adversely affect the rights, preferences and privileges of the holders of the preferred securities (including any successor securities) in any material respect, and (b) following such merger, conversion, consolidation, amalgamation, replacement, conveyance, transfer or lease, neither the Capital Trust nor any successor entity will be required to register as an "investment company" under the Investment Company Act; and
- (8) we, RenaissanceRe Finance or any permitted successor or assignee owns all of the common securities of such successor entity, and RenaissanceRe or any permitted successor or assignee guarantees the obligations of such successor entity under the successor securities at least to the extent provided by the preferred securities guarantee.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Capital Trust shall not, except with the consent of holders of 100% in liquidation amount of the preferred securities, consolidate, amalgamate, merge with or into, convert into, or be replaced by or convey, transfer or lease its properties and assets substantially as an entirety to any other entity or permit any other entity to consolidate, amalgamate, merge with or into, convert into, or replace it if such consolidation, amalgamation, merger, replacement, conveyance, transfer or lease would cause the Capital Trust or the successor entity to be classified as other than a grantor trust for United States Federal income tax purposes.

#### VOTING AND PREEMPTIVE RIGHTS

Except as provided below and under "Description of the Trust Preferred Securities Guarantee — Amendments and Assignment" and as otherwise required by law and the applicable restated trust agreement, the holders of the preferred securities will have no voting rights. Holders of the preferred securities have no preemptive or similar rights.

#### AMENDMENT OF RESTATED TRUST AGREEMENT

The restated trust agreement may be amended from time to time by us or RenaissanceRe Finance, as applicable and the Capital Trustees, without the consent of the holders of the trust securities:

- (1) to cure any ambiguity, to correct or supplement any provisions in such restated trust agreement that may be inconsistent with any other provision, or to make any other provisions with respect to matters or questions arising under such restated trust agreement which shall not be inconsistent with the other provisions of such restated trust agreement, or
- (2) to modify, eliminate or add to any provisions of such restated trust agreement to such extent as shall be necessary to ensure that the Capital Trust will be classified for U.S. federal income tax purposes as a grantor trust at all times that any trust securities are outstanding or to ensure that the Capital Trust will not be required to register as an "investment company" under the Investment Company Act;

provided, however, that in the case of clause (1), such action shall not adversely affect in any material respect the interests of any holder of trust securities. Any such amendments of a restated trust agreement shall become effective when notice thereof is given to the holders of trust securities of the Capital Trust.

The restated trust agreement may be amended by us, or RenaissanceRe Finance, as applicable, and the Capital Trustees with the consent of holders representing not less than a majority (based upon liquidation amounts) of the outstanding trust securities, and receipt by the Capital Trustees of an opinion of counsel to the effect that such amendment or the exercise of any power granted to the Capital Trustees in accordance with such amendment will not affect the Capital Trust's status as a grantor trust for U.S. federal income tax purposes or the Capital Trust's exemption from status as an "investment company" under the Investment Company Act. However, without the consent of each holder of trust securities, such restated trust agreement may not be amended to:

- (1) change the amount or timing of any distribution on the trust securities or otherwise adversely affect the amount of any distribution required to be made in respect of the trust securities as of a specified date; or
- (2) restrict the right of a holder of trust securities to institute suit for the enforcement of any such payment on or after such date.

So long as any corresponding junior subordinated debt securities are held by the Property Trustee, the Capital Trustees shall not:

- (1) direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Trustee, or executing any trust or power conferred on the Property Trustee with respect to such corresponding junior subordinated debt securities;
- (2) waive any past default that is waivable under Section 5.13 of the subordinated indenture (as described in "Description of the Debt Securities Modification and Waiver");
- (3) exercise any right to rescind or annul a declaration that the principal of all the subordinated debt securities shall be due and payable; or
- (4) consent to any amendment, modification or termination of the subordinated indenture or such corresponding junior subordinated debt securities, where such consent shall be required, without, in each case, obtaining the prior approval of the holders of a majority in aggregate liquidation amount of all outstanding preferred securities.

However, where a consent under the subordinated indenture would require the consent of each holder of corresponding junior subordinated debt securities affected thereby, no such consent shall be given by the

Property Trustee without the prior consent of each holder of the corresponding preferred securities. The Capital Trustees shall not revoke any action previously authorized or approved by a vote of the holders of the preferred securities except by subsequent vote of the holders of the preferred securities. The Property Trustee shall notify each holder of preferred securities of any notice of default with respect to the corresponding junior subordinated debt securities. In addition to obtaining the foregoing approvals of the holders of the preferred securities, prior to taking any of the foregoing actions, the Capital Trustees shall obtain an opinion of counsel experienced in such matters to the effect that the Capital Trust will not be classified as a corporation for United States federal income tax purposes on account of such action.

Any required approval or action of holders of preferred securities may be given or taken at a meeting of holders of preferred securities convened for such purpose or pursuant to written consent. The Property Trustee will cause a notice of any meeting at which holders of preferred securities are entitled to vote to be given to each holder of record of preferred securities in the manner set forth in each restated trust agreement.

No vote or consent of the holders of preferred securities will be required for the Capital Trust to redeem and cancel its preferred securities in accordance with the applicable restated trust agreement.

Notwithstanding that holders of preferred securities are entitled to vote or consent under any of the circumstances described above, any of the preferred securities that are owned by us, the Capital Trustees or any affiliate of ours (including RenaissanceRe Finance) or any Capital Trustees, shall, for purposes of such vote or consent, be treated as if they were not outstanding.

#### **GLOBAL PREFERRED SECURITIES**

The preferred securities of the Capital Trust may be issued in whole or in part in the form of one or more global preferred securities that will be deposited with, or on behalf of, the depositary identified in the prospectus supplement.

The specific terms of the depositary arrangement with respect to the preferred securities of the Capital Trust will be described in the related prospectus supplement.

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, the restated trust agreement of the Capital Trust will provide that (1) if we or RenaissanceRe Finance, as applicable, advises the Capital Trustees in writing that the depositary is no longer willing or able to act as depositary and we fail to appoint a qualified successor within 90 days, (2) we or RenaissanceRe Finance, as applicable, at our or its option, advises the Capital Trustees in writing that it elects to terminate the book-entry system through the depositary or (3) after the occurrence of an event of default under the corresponding junior subordinated debt securities, owners of preferred securities representing at least a majority of liquidation amount of such preferred securities advise the Property Trustee in writing that the continuation of a book-entry system through the depositary is no longer in their best interests, then the global preferred securities will be exchanged for preferred securities in definitive form in accordance with the instructions of the depositary. It is expected that such instructions may under certain circumstances be based upon directions received by the depositary from participants with respect to ownership of beneficial interests in global preferred securities. Individual preferred securities so issued will be issued in authorized denominations.

#### PAYMENT AND PAYING AGENCY

Payments in respect of the preferred securities shall be made to the depositary, which shall credit the relevant accounts at the depositary on the applicable distribution dates or, if the Capital Trust's preferred securities are not held by the depositary, such payments shall be made by check mailed to the address of the holder entitled thereto as such address shall appear on the register of the Capital Trust or by wire transfer to an account maintained with a bank in the United States. Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, the paying agent

shall initially be the Property Trustee. The paying agent shall be permitted to resign as paying agent upon 30 days' written notice to us or RenaissanceRe Finance, as applicable, and the Property Trustee. In the event the Property Trustee shall no longer be the paying agent, the Administrative Trustees shall appoint a successor (which shall be a bank or trust company acceptable to the Property Trustee and us) to act as paying agent.

#### REGISTRAR AND TRANSFER AGENT

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, the Property Trustee will act as registrar and transfer agent for the preferred securities. The depositor of the Capital Trust has the right to change the registrar and transfer agent for the preferred securities at any time in its sole discretion.

Registration of transfers of preferred securities will be effected without charge by or on behalf of the Capital Trust, but upon payment of any tax or other governmental charges that may be imposed in connection with any transfer or exchange. The Capital Trust will not be required to register or cause to be registered the transfer of their preferred securities after such preferred securities have been called for redemption.

### INFORMATION CONCERNING THE PROPERTY TRUSTEE

The Property Trustee undertakes to perform only those duties specifically set forth in each restated trust agreement, provided that it must exercise the same degree of care as a prudent person would exercise in the conduct of his or her own affairs. Subject to this provision, the Property Trustee is under no obligation to exercise any of the powers vested in it by the applicable restated trust agreement at the request of any holder of preferred securities unless it is offered reasonable indemnity against the costs, expenses and liabilities that might be incurred thereby. If in performing its duties under the restated trust agreement, the Property Trustee is required to decide between alternative causes of action, construe ambiguous provisions in the applicable restated trust agreement or is unsure of the application of any provision of the applicable restated trust agreement, and the matter is not one on which holders of preferred securities are entitled under such restated trust agreement to vote, then the Property Trustee shall take such action as is directed by us or RenaissanceRe Finance, as applicable. If it is not so directed, the Property Trustee shall take such action as it deems advisable and in the best interests of the holders of the trust securities and will have no liability except for its own bad faith, negligence or willful misconduct.

### ADMINISTRATIVE TRUSTEES

The Administrative Trustees are authorized and directed to conduct the affairs of and to operate the Capital Trust in such a way that the Capital Trust will not be deemed to be an "investment company" required to be registered under the Investment Company Act or classified as an association taxable as a corporation for United States Federal income tax purposes and so that the corresponding junior subordinated debt securities will be treated as indebtedness of ours or RenaissanceRe Finance, as applicable, for United States Federal income tax purposes. In this connection, we or RenaissanceRe Finance, as applicable, and the Administrative Trustees are authorized to take any action, not inconsistent with applicable law, the certificate of trust of the Capital Trust or each restated trust agreement, that we or RenaissanceRe Finance, as applicable, and the Administrative Trustees determine in their discretion to be necessary or desirable for such purposes, as long as such action does not materially adversely affect the interests of the holders of the related preferred securities.

### DESCRIPTION OF THE TRUST PREFERRED SECURITIES GUARANTEE

Concurrently with any issuance by the Capital Trust of its preferred securities, we will execute and deliver a preferred securities guarantee for the benefit of the holders from time to time of such preferred securities. Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas will act as indenture trustee ("Guarantee Trustee") under the preferred securities guarantee for the purposes of compliance with the Trust Indenture Act, and the preferred securities guarantee will be qualified as an indenture under the Trust Indenture Act.

The following summary sets forth the material terms and provisions of the preferred securities guarantee. Because the following summary of certain provisions of the preferred securities guarantee is not complete, you should refer to the form of preferred securities guarantee and the Trust Indenture Act for more complete information regarding the provisions of the preferred securities guarantee, including the definitions of some of the terms used below. The form of the preferred securities guarantee has been filed as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part and is incorporated by reference in this summary. Whenever we refer to particular sections or defined terms of a preferred securities guarantee, such sections or defined terms are incorporated herein by reference. Reference in this summary to preferred securities means the Capital Trust's preferred securities to which a preferred securities guarantee relates. The Guarantee Trustee will hold the preferred securities guarantee for the benefit of the holders of the Capital Trust's preferred securities.

#### **GENERAL**

We will irrevocably agree to pay in full on a subordinated basis, to the extent described herein, the Guarantee Payments (as defined below) (without duplication of amounts theretofore paid by or on behalf of the Capital Trust) to the holders of the preferred securities, as and when due, regardless of any defense, right of setoff or counterclaim that the Capital Trust may have or assert other than the defense of payment. The following payments with respect to the preferred securities, to the extent not paid by or on behalf of the Capital Trust (the "Guarantee Payments"), will be subject to the preferred securities guarantee:

- (1) any accrued and unpaid distributions required to be paid on such preferred securities, to the extent that the Capital Trust has funds on hand available for payment at such time;
- (2) the redemption price, including all accrued and unpaid distributions to the redemption date, with respect to any preferred securities called for redemption, to the extent that the Capital Trust has funds on hand available for payment at such time; and
- (3) upon a voluntary or involuntary dissolution, winding up or liquidation of the Capital Trust (unless the corresponding junior subordinated debt securities are distributed to holders of such preferred securities), the lesser of (a) the Liquidation Distribution, to the extent the Capital Trust has funds available for payment at such time and (b) the amount of assets of the Capital Trust remaining available for distribution to holders of preferred securities.

Our obligation to make a Guarantee Payment may be satisfied by direct payment of the required amounts by us to the holders of the applicable preferred securities or by causing the Capital Trust to pay such amounts to such holders. Each preferred securities guarantee will be an irrevocable guarantee on a subordinated basis of the Capital Trust's payment obligations under the preferred securities, but will apply only to the extent that the Capital Trust has funds sufficient to make such payments. Each preferred securities guarantee is, to that extent, a guarantee of payment and not a guarantee of collection. As of March 31, 2023, we had an aggregate of \$400.0 million principal amount of outstanding Senior Indebtedness in the form of senior notes. In addition, we have guaranteed outstanding senior notes issued by RenaissanceRe Finance in an aggregate principal amount of \$600.0 million and have also agreed to guarantee the reimbursement obligations of certain of our insurance and reinsurance subsidiaries under their letter of credit facilities.

If we (as issuer or guarantor) or RenaissanceRe Finance, as applicable, do not make interest payments on the corresponding junior subordinated debt securities held by the Capital Trust, the Capital Trust will not be able to pay distributions on the preferred securities and will not have funds legally available for payment. Each preferred securities guarantee will rank subordinate and junior in right of payment to all other Indebtedness of ours (including all debt securities), except those ranking equally or subordinate by their terms. See "Status of the Preferred Securities Guarantees."

Because we are a holding company, our rights and the rights of our creditors (including the holders of preferred securities who are creditors of ours by virtue of the preferred securities guarantee) and shareholders to participate in any distribution of assets of any subsidiary upon such subsidiary's liquidation or reorganization or otherwise would be subject to the prior claims of the subsidiary's creditors, including claims against our reinsurance and insurance subsidiaries of their respective policyholders, except to the extent that we may ourselves be a creditor with recognized claims against the subsidiary or our creditor may have the benefit of a guaranty from our subsidiary. Our revolving credit agreement requires that under the circumstances specified in such agreement certain of our existing and future subsidiaries become guarantors of the loans made to us under such agreement. The existing guarantor is RenaissanceRe Finance. Other than the lenders under our revolving credit agreement, none of our creditors has the benefit of a guaranty from any of our subsidiaries. The right of creditors of ours (including the holders of preferred securities who are creditors of ours by virtue of the preferred securities guarantee) to participate in the distribution of stock owned by us in certain of our subsidiaries may also be subject to approval by certain insurance regulatory authorities having jurisdiction over such subsidiaries. Except as otherwise provided in the applicable prospectus supplement, the preferred securities guarantees do not limit our ability to incur or issue other secured or unsecured debt, whether under an indenture or otherwise.

Our obligations described herein and in any accompanying prospectus supplement, through the applicable preferred securities guarantee, the applicable restated trust agreement, the subordinated indenture and any supplemental indentures thereto and the expense agreement described below, taken together, constitute a full, irrevocable and unconditional guarantee by us of payments due on the preferred securities. No single document standing alone or operating in conjunction with fewer than all of the other documents constitutes such guarantee. It is only the combined operation of these documents that has the effect of providing a full, irrevocable and unconditional guarantee of the Capital Trust's obligations under the preferred securities. See "The Capital Trust," "Description of the Trust Preferred Securities," and "Description of the Debt Securities."

#### STATUS OF THE PREFERRED SECURITIES GUARANTEES

Each preferred securities guarantee will constitute an unsecured obligation of ours and will rank subordinate and junior in right of payment to all other Indebtedness of ours, except those ranking equally or subordinate by their terms.

Each preferred securities guarantee will rank equally with all other similar preferred securities guarantees issued by us on behalf of holders of preferred securities of any trust, partnership or other entity affiliated with us which is a financing vehicle of ours. Each preferred securities guarantee will constitute a guarantee of payment and not of collection. This means that the guaranteed party may institute a legal proceeding directly against us to enforce its rights under the preferred securities guarantee without first instituting a legal proceeding against any other person or entity. Each preferred securities guarantee will not be discharged except by payment of the Guarantee Payments in full to the extent not paid by the Capital Trust or upon distribution to the holders of the preferred securities of the corresponding junior subordinated debt securities. None of the preferred securities guarantees places a limitation on the amount of additional Indebtedness that may be incurred by us. We expect from time to time to incur additional Indebtedness that will rank senior to the preferred securities guarantees.

#### AMENDMENTS AND ASSIGNMENT

Except with respect to any changes which do not materially adversely affect the rights of holders of the related preferred securities (in which case no vote will be required), no preferred securities guarantee may be amended

without the prior approval of the holders of not less than a majority of the aggregate liquidation amount of such outstanding preferred securities. All guarantees and agreements contained in each preferred securities guarantee shall bind our successors, assigns, receivers, trustees and representatives and shall inure to the benefit of the holders of the related preferred securities then outstanding.

#### EVENTS OF DEFAULT

An event of default under the preferred securities guarantee will occur upon the failure of ours to perform any of our payment obligations thereunder. The holders of not less than a majority in aggregate liquidation amount of the related preferred securities have the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Guarantee Trustee in respect of such preferred securities guarantee or to direct the exercise of any trust or power conferred upon the Guarantee Trustee under such preferred securities guarantee.

If the Guarantee Trustee fails to enforce a preferred securities guarantee, any holder of the preferred securities may institute a legal proceeding directly against us to enforce its rights under such preferred securities guarantee without first instituting a legal proceeding against the Capital Trust, the Guarantee Trustee or any other person or entity.

We, as guarantor, are required to file annually with the Guarantee Trustee a certificate as to whether or not we are in compliance with all the conditions and covenants applicable to us under the preferred securities guarantee.

### INFORMATION CONCERNING THE GUARANTEE TRUSTEE

The Guarantee Trustee, other than during the occurrence and continuance of a default by us in performance of any preferred securities guarantee, undertakes to perform only such duties as are specifically set forth in each preferred securities guarantee and, after default with respect to any preferred securities guarantee, must exercise the same degree of care and skill as a prudent person would exercise or use in the conduct of his or her own affairs. (Section 3.1) Subject to this provision, the Guarantee Trustee is under no obligation to exercise any of the powers vested in it by any preferred securities guarantee at the request of any holder of any preferred securities unless it is offered reasonable indemnity against the costs, expenses, and liabilities that might be incurred thereby.

### TERMINATION OF THE PREFERRED SECURITIES GUARANTEES

Each preferred securities guarantee will terminate and be of no further force and effect upon (1) full payment of the redemption price of the related preferred securities, (2) the distribution of the corresponding junior subordinated debt securities to the holders of the related preferred securities or (3) upon full payment of the amounts payable upon liquidation of the Capital Trust. Each preferred securities guarantee will continue to be effective or will be reinstated, as the case may be, if at any time any holder of the related preferred securities must restore payment of any sums paid with respect to such preferred securities or such preferred securities guarantee.

### NEW YORK LAW TO GOVERN

Each preferred securities guarantee will be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York applicable to agreements made and performed in that state.

### THE EXPENSE AGREEMENT

Pursuant to the expense agreement entered into by us under the restated trust agreement, we will irrevocably and unconditionally guarantee to each person or entity to whom the Capital Trust becomes indebted or liable, the full payment of any costs, expenses or liabilities of the Capital Trust, other than obligations of the Capital Trust to pay to the holders of the preferred securities or other similar interests in the Capital Trust of the amounts due such holders pursuant to the terms of the preferred securities or such other similar interests, as the case may be.

### DESCRIPTION OF THE SHARE PURCHASE CONTRACTS AND THE SHARE PURCHASE UNITS

We may issue share purchase contracts, obligating holders to purchase from us, and obligating us to sell to the holders, a specified number of our common shares or preference shares at a future date or dates. The price per share may be fixed at the time the share purchase contracts are issued or may be determined by reference to a specific formula set forth in the share purchase contracts and to be described in the applicable prospectus supplement. The share purchase contracts may be issued separately or as a part of share purchase units consisting of a share purchase contract and, as security for the holder's obligations to purchase the shares under the share purchase contracts, either:

- (1) senior debt securities or subordinated debt securities of ours or RenaissanceRe Finance;
- (2) preference shares;
- (3) debt obligations of third parties, including U.S. Treasury securities; or
- (4) preferred securities of the Capital Trust.

The applicable prospectus supplement will specify the securities that will secure the holder's obligations to purchase shares under the applicable share purchase contract. Unless otherwise described in a prospectus supplement, the securities related to the share purchase contracts securing the holders' obligations to purchase our common shares or preference shares will be pledged to a collateral agent, for our benefit, under a pledge agreement. The pledged securities will secure the obligations of holders of share purchase contracts to purchase our common shares or preference shares under the related share purchase contracts. The rights of holders of share purchase contracts to the related pledged securities will be subject to our security interest in those pledged securities. That security interest will be created by the pledge agreement. No holder of share purchase contracts will be permitted to withdraw the pledged securities related to such share purchase contracts from the pledge arrangement except upon the termination or early settlement of the related share purchase contracts. Subject to that security interest and the terms of the purchase contract agreement and the pledge agreement, each holder of a share purchase contract will retain full beneficial ownership of the related pledged securities.

The share purchase contracts may require us to make periodic payments to the holders of the share purchase units or vice versa, and such payments may be unsecured or prefunded on some basis. The share purchase contracts may require holders to secure their obligations in a specified manner and in certain circumstances we may deliver newly issued prepaid share purchase contracts upon release to a holder of any collateral securing such holder's obligations under the original share purchase contract. The applicable prospectus supplement will describe the terms of any share purchase contracts or share purchase units.

Except as described in a prospectus supplement, the collateral agent will, upon receipt of distributions on the pledged securities, distribute those payments to us or a purchase contract agent, as provided in the pledge agreement. The purchase contract agent will in turn distribute payments it receives as provided in the share purchase contract.

If we issue purchase contracts, we will file a copy of the form of purchase contract agreement as an exhibit to the registration statement of this prospectus forms a part, and the foregoing description is qualified in its entirety by reference to such exhibit.

# DESCRIPTION OF UNITS

As specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, we may issue units consisting of one or more purchase contracts, purchase units, warrants, debt securities, preferred shares, common shares, preferred securities or any combination of such securities, including guarantees of any of such securities. The applicable prospectus supplement will describe:

- (1) the terms of the units and of the securities comprising the units, including whether and under what circumstances the securities comprising the units may be traded separately;
- (2) a description of the terms of any unit agreement governing the units; and
- (3) a description of the provisions for the payment, settlement, transfer or exchange of the units.

If we issue units, we will file a copy of the form of unit agreement as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part, and the foregoing description is qualified in its entirety by reference to such exhibit.

### PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

We, RenaissanceRe Finance and/or the Capital Trust may sell offered securities in any one or more of the following ways from time to time:

- (1) through agents;
- (2) to or through underwriters;
- (3) through dealers; or
- (4) directly to purchasers.

In addition, we or RenaissanceRe Finance may enter into derivative or other hedging transactions with third parties, or sell securities not covered by this prospectus to third parties in privately negotiated transactions. If the applicable prospectus supplement indicates, in connection with such a transaction, the third parties may, pursuant to this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement and subject to receiving the prior written consent of the BMA (where required), sell securities covered by this prospectus and applicable prospectus supplement. If so, the third party may use securities borrowed from others to settle such sales and may use securities received from us to close out any related short positions. Subject to receiving the prior written consent of the BMA (if required), we may also loan or pledge securities covered by this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement to third parties, who may sell the loaned securities or, in an event of default in the case of a pledge, sell the pledged securities pursuant to this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement.

The prospectus supplement with respect to the offered securities will set forth the terms of the offering of the offered securities, including the name or names of any underwriters, dealers or agents; the purchase price of the offered securities and the proceeds to us, RenaissanceRe Finance and/or the Capital Trust from such sale; any underwriting discounts and commissions or agency fees and other items constituting underwriters' or agents' compensation; any initial public offering price and any discounts or concessions allowed or reallowed or paid to dealers; and any securities exchange on which such offered securities may be listed. Any initial public offering price, discounts or concessions allowed or reallowed or paid to dealers may be changed from time to time.

The distribution of the offered securities may be effected from time to time in one or more transactions at a fixed price or prices, which may be changed, at market prices prevailing at the time of sale, at prices related to such prevailing market prices or at negotiated prices.

Offers to purchase offered securities may be solicited by us or through agents designated by us from time to time. Any such agent involved in the offer or sale of the offered securities in respect of which this prospectus is delivered will be named, and any commissions payable by us, RenaissanceRe Finance and/or the Capital Trust to such agent will be set forth, in the applicable prospectus supplement. Unless otherwise indicated in such prospectus supplement, any such agent will be acting on a reasonable best efforts basis for the period of its appointment. Any such agent may be deemed to be an underwriter, as that term is defined in the Securities Act, of the offered securities so offered and sold.

If offered securities are sold by means of an underwritten offering, we, RenaissanceRe Finance and/or the Capital Trust will execute an underwriting agreement with an underwriter or underwriters, and the names of the specific managing underwriter or underwriters, as well as any other underwriters, and the terms of the transaction, including commissions, discounts and any other compensation of the underwriters and dealers, if any, will be set forth in the prospectus supplement which will be used by the underwriters to make resales of the offered securities. If underwriters are utilized in the sale of the offered securities, the offered securities will be acquired by the underwriters for their own account and may be resold from time to time in one or more transactions, including negotiated transactions, at fixed public offering prices or at varying prices determined by the underwriters at the time of sale.

Offered securities may be offered to the public either through underwriting syndicates represented by managing underwriters or directly by the managing underwriters. If any underwriter or underwriters are utilized in the sale of the offered securities, unless otherwise indicated in the prospectus supplement, the underwriting agreement will provide that the obligations of the underwriters are subject to certain conditions precedent and that the underwriters with respect to a sale of offered securities will be obligated to purchase all such offered securities of a series if any are purchased.

We, RenaissanceRe Finance and/or the Capital Trust may grant to the underwriters options to purchase additional offered securities, to cover overallotments, if any, at the public offering price (with additional underwriting discounts or commissions), as may be set forth in the prospectus supplement relating thereto. If we, RenaissanceRe Finance and/or the Capital Trust grants any over-allotment option, the terms of such over- allotment option will be set forth in the prospectus supplement relating to such offered securities.

If a dealer is utilized in the sales of offered securities in respect of which this prospectus is delivered, we, RenaissanceRe Finance and/or the Capital Trust will sell such offered securities to the dealer as principal. The dealer may then resell such offered securities to the public at varying prices to be determined by such dealer at the time of resale. Any such dealer may be deemed to be an underwriter, as such term is defined in the Securities Act, of the offered securities so offered and sold. The name of the dealer and the terms of the transaction will be set forth in the related prospectus supplement.

Offers to purchase offered securities may be solicited directly by us, RenaissanceRe Finance and/or the Capital Trust and the sale thereof may be made by us, RenaissanceRe Finance, and/or the Capital Trust directly to institutional investors or others, who may be deemed to be underwriters within the meaning of the Securities Act with respect to any resale thereof. The terms of any such sales will be described in the related prospectus supplement.

Offered securities may also be offered and sold, if so indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, in connection with a remarketing upon their purchase, in accordance with a redemption or repayment pursuant to their terms, or otherwise, by one or more firms ("remarketing firms"), acting as principals for their own accounts or as agents for us, RenaissanceRe Finance and/or the Capital Trust. Any remarketing firm will be identified and the terms of its agreements, if any, with us, RenaissanceRe Finance and/or the Capital Trust and its compensation will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement. Remarketing firms may be deemed to be underwriters, as such term is defined in the Securities Act, in connection with the offered securities remarketed thereby.

We or RenaissanceRe Finance may sell equity securities in an offering "at the market" as defined in Rule 415 under the Securities Act. A post-effective amendment to this registration statement will be filed to identify the underwriter(s) at the time of the take-down for "at the market" offerings.

In connection with an offering, the underwriters or other agents may purchase and sell securities in the open market. These transactions may include short sales, stabilizing transactions and purchases to cover positions created by short sales. Short sales involve the sale by an agent of a greater number of securities than they are required to purchase in an offering. Stabilizing transactions consist of certain bids of purchases made for the purpose of preventing or retarding a decline in the market price of the securities while an offering is in progress.

The agents may also impose a penalty bid. This occurs when a particular agent repays to the agents a portion of the discount received by it because the agents have repurchased securities sold by or for the account of that agent in stabilizing or short-covering transactions.

These activities by the agents may stabilize, maintain or otherwise affect the market price of the securities. As a result, the price of the securities may be higher than price that otherwise might exist in the open market. If these activities are commenced, they may be discontinued by the agents at any time. These transactions may be effected on an exchange or automated quotation system, if the securities are listed on that exchange or admitted for trading on that automated quotation system, or in the over-the-counter market or otherwise.

Agents, underwriters, dealers, remarketing firms and other third parties described above may be entitled under relevant underwriting and other agreements entered into with us, RenaissanceRe Finance and/or the Capital Trust to indemnification by us, RenaissanceRe Finance and/or the Capital Trust against certain civil liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act that may arise from any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact or any omission or alleged omission to state a material fact in this prospectus, any supplement or amendment hereto, or in the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part, or to contribution with respect to payments which the agents, underwriters or dealers may be required to make

If so indicated in the prospectus supplement, we, RenaissanceRe Finance and/or the Capital Trust will authorize underwriters or other persons acting as our, RenaissanceRe Finance's and/or the Capital Trust's agents to solicit offers by certain institutions to purchase offered securities from us, RenaissanceRe Finance and/or the Capital Trust, pursuant to contracts providing for payments and delivery on a future date. Institutions with which such contracts may be made include commercial and savings banks, insurance companies, pension funds, investment companies, educational and charitable institutions and others, but in all cases such institutions must be approved by us, RenaissanceRe Finance and/or the Capital Trust, as applicable. The obligations of any purchaser under any such contract will be subject to the condition that the purchase of the offered securities shall not at the time of delivery be prohibited under the laws of the jurisdiction to which such purchaser is subject. The underwriters and such other agents will not have any responsibility in respect of the validity or performance of such contracts.

Disclosure in a prospectus supplement of our, RenaissanceRe Finance's and/or the Capital Trust's use of delayed delivery contracts will include the commission that underwriters and agents soliciting purchases of the securities under delayed contracts will be entitled to receive in addition to the date when we, RenaissanceRe Finance and/or the Capital Trust, as applicable, will demand payment and delivery of the securities under the delayed delivery contracts. These delayed delivery contracts will be subject only to the conditions described in the prospectus supplement.

Each series of offered securities will be a new issue and, other than the common shares, the Series F Preference Shares, the Series G Preference Shares, the Depositary Shares (each representing a 1/1,000th interest in a Series F Preference Share) and the Depositary Shares (each representing a 1/1,000th interest in a Series G Preference Share), each of which are listed on the New York Stock Exchange, will have no established trading market. We, RenaissanceRe Finance and/or the Capital Trust may elect to list any series of offered securities on an exchange, and in the case of the common shares, on any additional exchange, but, unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, neither we, RenaissanceRe Finance nor the Capital Trust shall be obligated to do so. No assurance can be given as to the liquidity of the trading market for any of the offered securities.

Underwriters, dealers, agents and remarketing firms may be customers of, engage in transactions with, or perform services for, us and our subsidiaries in the ordinary course of business.

#### WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

#### **GENERAL**

We have filed with the Commission a registration statement on Form S-3 under the Securities Act relating to the common shares, preference shares, depositary shares, debt securities, warrants, share purchase contracts, share purchase units, trust preferred securities and preferred securities guarantee described in this prospectus. This prospectus is a part of the registration statement, but the registration statement also contains additional information and exhibits.

We are subject to the informational requirements of the Exchange Act. Accordingly, we file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other reports with the Commission.

We maintain a website at www.renre.com. The information on our website is not incorporated by reference in this prospectus. We make available, free of charge through our website, our Annual Reports on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, Current Reports on Form 8-K and amendments to those reports filed or furnished pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act as soon as reasonably practicable after we electronically file such material with, or furnish such material to, the Commission. We also make available, free of charge from our website, our Audit Committee Charter, Corporate Governance and Human Capital Management Committee Charter, Corporate Governance Guidelines, and Code of Ethics. Such information is also available in print for any shareholder who sends a request to RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd., Attn: Office of the Corporate Secretary, P.O. Box HM 2527, Hamilton, HMGX, Bermuda.

Our filings with the Commission are also available from the Commission's website at <a href="http://www.sec.gov">http://www.sec.gov</a>. Our common shares are listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "RNR" and our reports can also be inspected at the offices of the New York Stock Exchange, 20 Broad Street, 17th Floor, New York, New York 10005.

#### RENAISSANCERE FINANCE

There are no separate financial statements of RenaissanceRe Finance in this prospectus. We do not believe the financial statements would be helpful to the holders of the debt securities of RenaissanceRe Finance because:

- · We, a reporting company under the Exchange Act, will directly or indirectly own all of the voting securities of RenaissanceRe Finance; and
- The obligations of RenaissanceRe Finance under the senior, subordinated or junior subordinated debt securities issued by it will be fully and
  unconditionally guaranteed by us. See "Description of the Debt Securities Guarantees."

RenaissanceRe Finance is not currently subject to the information reporting requirements of the Exchange Act and it is anticipated that it will not become subject to those requirements upon the effectiveness of the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part.

## THE CAPITAL TRUST

There are no separate financial statements of the Capital Trust in this prospectus. We do not believe the financial statements would be helpful to the holders of the preferred securities of the Capital Trust because:

- · We, a reporting company under the Exchange Act, will directly or indirectly own all of the voting securities of the Capital Trust;
- The Capital Trust has no independent operations or proposals to engage in any activity other than issuing securities representing undivided beneficial interests in the assets of the Capital Trust and investing the proceeds in subordinated debt securities issued by us or RenaissanceRe Finance; and

• The obligations of the Capital Trust under the preferred securities will be fully and unconditionally guaranteed by us. See "Description of the Trust Preferred Securities Guarantee."

The Capital Trust is not currently subject to the information reporting requirements of the Exchange Act and it is anticipated that it will not become subject to those requirements upon the effectiveness of the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part.

#### INCORPORATION OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS BY REFERENCE

We file annual, quarterly and special reports, proxy statements and other information with the Commission. The Commission allows us to "incorporate by reference" the information we file with it, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring to those documents. The information incorporated by reference is an important part of this prospectus. Any statement contained in a document which is incorporated by reference in this prospectus is automatically updated and superseded if information contained in this prospectus, or information that we later file with the Commission, modifies or replaces this information. All documents we file pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act, after the initial filing of this registration statement and prior to the effectiveness of this registration statement and after the date of this prospectus and until we, RenaissanceRe Finance and the Capital Trust sell all the securities shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference into this prospectus. We incorporate by reference the following previously filed documents:

- (1) Our Current Reports on Form 8-K filed with the Commission on February 22, 2023, April 6, 2023, May 11, 2023 and May 22, 2023;
- (2) Our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2022, filed with the Commission on February 8, 2023 and our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2023, filed with the Commission on May 3, 2023;
- (3) Our Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A, filed with the Commission on March 23, 2023;
- (4) The description of our common shares set forth in our registration statement filed under the Exchange Act on Form 8-A on July 24, 1995, including any amendment or report for the purpose of updating such description; and
- (5) The description of our Depositary Shares (each representing a 1/1,000th interest in a 5.750% Series F Preference Share) set forth in our registration statement filed under the Exchange Act on Form 8-A on June 18, 2018, including any amendment or report for the purpose of updating such description; and
- (6) The description of our Depositary Shares (each representing a 1/1,000th interest in a 4.20% Series G Preference Share) set forth in our registration statement filed under the Exchange Act on Form 8-A on July 12, 2021, including any amendment or report for the purpose of updating such description; and

To receive a free copy of any of the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus (other than exhibits), call or write us at the following address: RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd., Attn: Shannon Lowry Bender, Corporate Secretary, P.O. Box HM 2527, Hamilton, HMGX, Bermuda, telephone (441) 295-4513.

#### LEGAL OPINIONS

Certain legal matters with respect to the United States of America, New York and Delaware law with respect to the validity of the offered securities will be passed upon for us by Sidley Austin LLP, New York, New York. Certain legal matters with respect to Bermuda law will be passed upon for us by Carey Olsen Bermuda Limited, Hamilton, Bermuda. Additional legal matters may be passed upon for any underwriters, dealers or agents by counsel that will be named in the applicable prospectus supplement.

#### **EXPERTS**

The consolidated financial statements as of December 31, 2022 and for the year ended December 31, 2022 and management's assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting (which is included in Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting) as of December 31, 2022 incorporated in this Prospectus by reference to the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2022 have been so incorporated in reliance on the report of PricewaterhouseCoopers Ltd., an independent registered public accounting firm, given on the authority of said firm as experts in auditing and accounting.

The consolidated financial statements of RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd. at December 31, 2021, and for each of the two years in the period ended December 31, 2021, appearing in RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd.'s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2022, have been audited by Ernst & Young Ltd., independent registered public accounting firm, as set forth in their report thereon, included therein, and incorporated herein by reference. Such consolidated financial statements are incorporated herein by reference in reliance upon such report given on the authority of such firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

### ENFORCEMENT OF CIVIL LIABILITIES UNDER UNITED STATES FEDERAL SECURITIES LAWS

We are a Bermuda company. In addition, certain of our directors and officers as well as certain of the experts named in this prospectus, reside outside the United States, and all or a substantial portion of our assets and their assets are located outside the United States. Therefore, it may be difficult for investors to effect service of process within the United States upon those persons or to recover against us or those persons on judgments of courts in the United States, including judgments based on civil liabilities provisions of the U.S. federal securities laws. However, investors may serve us with process in the United States with respect to actions against us arising out of or in connection with the U.S. Federal securities laws relating to offers and sales of the securities covered by this prospectus by serving RenaissanceRe Finance Inc., our United States agent irrevocably appointed for that purpose.

We have been advised by Carey Olsen Bermuda Limited, our special Bermuda legal counsel, that the United States and Bermuda do not currently have a treaty providing for reciprocal recognition and enforcement of judgments in civil and commercial matters. We also have been advised by Carey Olsen Bermuda Limited that there is doubt as to whether the courts of Bermuda would enforce (1) judgments of United States courts based on the civil liability provisions of the United States federal securities laws obtained in actions against us or our directors and officers, and (2) original actions brought in Bermuda against us or our officers and directors based solely upon the United States federal securities laws. A Bermuda court may, however, impose civil liability on us or our directors or officers in a suit brought in the Supreme Court of Bermuda provided that the facts alleged constitute or give rise to a cause of action under Bermuda law. Certain remedies available under the laws of U.S. jurisdictions, including certain remedies under the U.S. federal securities laws, would not be allowed in Bermuda courts to the extent that they are contrary to public policy.

YOU SHOULD RELY ONLY ON THE INFORMATION CONTAINED OR INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE IN THIS PROSPECTUS OR ANY SUPPLEMENT. NONE OF WE, RENAISSANCERE

FINANCE OR THE CAPITAL TRUST HAS AUTHORIZED ANYONE ELSE TO PROVIDE YOU WITH DIFFERENT INFORMATION. WE, RENAISSANCERE FINANCE AND THE CAPITAL TRUST ARE OFFERING THESE SECURITIES ONLY IN STATES WHERE THE OFFER IS PERMITTED. YOU SHOULD NOT ASSUME THAT THE INFORMATION IN THIS PROSPECTUS OR ANY SUPPLEMENT IS ACCURATE AS OF ANY DATE OTHER THAN THE DATE ON THE FRONT OF THOSE DOCUMENTS. OUR BUSINESS, FINANCIAL CONDITION, RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND PROSPECTS MAY HAVE CHANGED SINCE THAT DATE.

## PART II

## INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS

## ITEM 14. OTHER EXPENSES OF ISSUANCE AND DISTRIBUTION

The following table sets forth an estimate of the fees and expenses, other than the underwriting discounts and commissions, payable by us in connection with the issuance and distribution of the securities being registered.

	Amoun	<u>t</u>
SEC registration fee	\$	(1)
FINRA filing fee	\$	(2)
Legal fees and expenses		(2)
Accounting fees and expenses		(2)
Transfer agent and registrar fees and expenses		(2)
Trustee fees and expenses		(2)
Printing fees and expenses		(2)
Miscellaneous		(2)
Total	\$	(1)(2)

In accordance with Rules 456(b) and 457(r), the registrant is deferring payment of all applicable registration fees for the securities available for sale under this registration statement.

## ITEM 15. INDEMNIFICATION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS RENAISSANCERE

Section 98 of the Companies Act of 1981 of Bermuda (the "Act") provides generally that a Bermuda company may indemnify its directors, officers and auditors against any liability that by virtue of Bermuda law otherwise would be imposed on them, except in cases where such liability arises from the fraud or dishonesty of which such director, officer or auditor may be guilty in relation to the company. Section 98 further provides that a Bermuda company may indemnify its directors, officers and auditors against any liability incurred by them in defending any proceedings, whether civil or criminal, in which judgment is awarded in their favor or in which they are acquitted or granted relief by the Supreme Court of Bermuda in certain proceedings arising under Section 281 of the Act.

In addition, Section 98 provides that a Bermuda company may advance moneys to its directors, officers and auditors for the costs, charges and expenses incurred by them in defending any civil or criminal proceedings against them, on condition that the director, officer or auditor repay the advance if any allegation of fraud or dishonesty is proved against them.

We have adopted provisions in our Bye-Laws that provide that we shall indemnify our officers and directors to the maximum extent permitted under the Act, except where such liability arises from fraud, dishonesty, willful negligence or default.

We have entered into employment agreements with all of our executive officers which each contain provisions pursuant to which we have agreed to indemnify each executive to the fullest extent contemplated by Bermuda laws, subject to only certain exceptions, and to maintain customary insurance policies providing for indemnification. These employment agreements also provide for advancement by us to such executive officer of expenses incurred in defending any civil or criminal action, suit or proceeding, upon receipt by us of a written affirmation of such officer's good faith belief that his or her conduct does not constitute the sort of behavior that would preclude indemnification under the employment agreement and of a written undertaking, executed personally or on his or her behalf, to repay any advances if it is ultimately determined that he or she is not entitled to be indemnified by us under the employment agreement.

<sup>(2)</sup> The amount of securities and number of offerings are indeterminable and the expenses cannot be estimated at this time. An estimate of the aggregate expenses in connection with the sale and distribution of securities being offered will be included in the applicable prospectus supplement.

We have purchased insurance on behalf of our directors and officers for liabilities arising out of their capacities as such.

#### RENAISSANCERE FINANCE

Section 145 of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware ("DGCL"), as amended, provides that under certain circumstances a corporation may indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, by reason of the fact that such person is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation or is or was serving at its request in such capacity in another corporation or business association, against expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection with such action, suit or proceeding if such person acted in good faith and in a manner such person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe such person's conduct was unlawful. Section 145 of the DGCL empowers a corporation to indemnify its directors and officers and to purchase insurance with respect to liability arising out of their capacity or status as directors and officers, provided that this provision shall not eliminate or limit the liability of a director: (i) for any breach of the director's duty of loyalty to the corporation or its stockholders; (ii) for acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law; (iii) arising under Section 174 of the DGCL;or (iv) for any transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit. Section 145 of the DGCL provides further that the indemnification permitted thereunder shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which the directors and officers may be entitled under the corporation's bylaws, any agreement, a vote of stockholders or otherwise.

The certificate of incorporation of RenaissanceRe Finance provides for indemnification of its directors and officers to the fullest extent permitted by the DGCL. RenaissanceRe has purchased insurance on behalf of the directors and officers of RenaissanceRe Finance for liabilities arising out of their capacities as such.

## ITEM 16. EXHIBITS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULES

Exhibit <u>Number</u>	Description of Document		
*1.1	Form of Underwriting Agreement relating to common shares, preference shares, depositary shares, debt securities and warrants of RenaissanceRe		
*1.2	Form of Underwriting Agreement relating to debt securities issued by RenaissanceRe Finance Inc.		
*1.3	Form of Underwriting Agreement relating to preferred securities of a Capital Trust and preferred securities guarantees of RenaissanceRe		
*1.4	Form of Underwriting Agreement relating to share purchase contracts		
*1.5	Form of Underwriting Agreement relating to share purchase units		
*1.6	Form of Underwriting Agreement relating to units		
3.1	Memorandum of Association of RenaissanceRe (incorporated by reference to our Registration Statement on Form S-1 (Registration No. 33-70008, which was declared effective by the Commission on July 26, 1995))(P)		
3.2	Amended and Restated Bye-Laws of RenaissanceRe (incorporated by reference to our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended June 30, 2002, filed with the Commission on August 14, 2002)		

Exhibit Number	Description of Document
3.3	Memorandum of Increase in Share Capital (incorporated by reference to our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended March 31, 1998, filed with the Commission on May 14, 1998)
*3.4	Form of Certificate of Designation, Preferences and Rights relating to preference shares
3.5	Certificate of Designation, Preferences and Rights of 5.750% Series F Preference Shares (filed as Exhibit 4.2 to our Current Report on Form 8-A12B filed on June 18, 2018 and incorporated herein by reference)
3.6	Certificate of Designation, Preferences and Rights of 4.20% Series G Preference Shares (filed as Exhibit 4.2 to our Current Report on Form 8-A12B filed on July 12, 2021 and incorporated herein by reference)
3.7	Certificate of Incorporation of RenaissanceRe Finance (filed as Exhibit 3.8 to our Registration Statement on Form S-3 (Registration No. 333-143585, which was filed on June 8, 2007) and incorporated herein by reference)
3.8	Certificate of Amendment of Certificate of Incorporation of RenaissanceRe Finance
3.9	By-laws of RenaissanceRe Finance (filed as Exhibit 3.9 to our Registration Statement on Form S-3 (Registration No. 333-143585, which was filed on June 8, 2007) and incorporated herein by reference)
4.1	Specimen Common Share Certificate (incorporated by reference to our Registration Statement on Form S-1 (Registration No. 333-70008) which was declared effective by the Commission on July 26, 1995)(P)
4.2	Form of Senior Indenture between RenaissanceRe, as Issuer, and a financial institution, as Trustee (filed as Exhibit 4.2 to our Registration Statement on Form S-3 (Registration No. 333-231720, which was declared effective by the Commission on May 23, 2019))
4.3	Form of Senior Indenture among RenaissanceRe Finance, as Issuer, RenaissanceRe, as Guarantor, and a financial institution, as Trustee (filed as Exhibit 4.3 to our Registration Statement on Form S-3 (Registration No. 333-231720, which was declared effective by the Commission on May 23, 2019))
4.4	Form of Subordinated Indenture between RenaissanceRe, as Issuer, and a financial institution, as Trustee (filed as Exhibit 4.4 to our Registration Statement on Form S-3 (Registration No. 333-231720, which was declared effective by the Commission on May 23, 2019))
4.5	Form of Subordinated Indenture among RenaissanceRe Finance, as Issuer, RenaissanceRe, as Guarantor, and a financial institution, as Trustee (filed as Exhibit 4.5 to our Registration Statement on Form S-3 (Registration No. 333-231720, which was declared effective by the Commission on May 23, 2019)).
4.6	Form of Junior Subordinated Indenture, between RenaissanceRe and a financial institution, as Trustee (filed as Exhibit 4.6 to our Registration Statement on Form S-3 (Registration No. 333-231720, which was declared effective by the Commission on May 23, 2019)).
4.7	Form of Junior Subordinated Indenture among RenaissanceRe Finance, as Issuer, RenaissanceRe, as Guarantor, and a financial institution, as Trustee (filed as Exhibit 4.7 to our Registration Statement on Form S-3 (Registration No. 333-231720, which was declared effective by the Commission on May 23, 2019))
*4.8	Form of Standard Share Warrant Provisions
*4.9	Form of Standard Debt Warrant Provisions

Number	Description of Document
4.10	Certificate of Trust of the Capital Trust, dated as of January 5, 2001 (filed as Exhibit 4.10 to our Registration Statement on Form S-3 (Registration No. 333-59394, which was declared effective by the Commission on May 1, 2001) and incorporated herein by reference)
4.11	Trust Agreement of the Capital Trust, dated as of January 5, 2001 (filed as Exhibit 4.11 to our Registration Statement on Form S-3 (Registration No. 333-59394, which was declared effective by the Commission on May 1, 2001) and incorporated herein by reference)
4.12	Form of Amended and Restated Trust Agreement of the Capital Trust (filed as Exhibit 4.12 to our Registration Statement on Form S-3 (Registration No. 333-59394, which was declared effective by the Commission on May 1, 2001) and incorporated herein by reference)
4.13	Form of Preferred Securities Guarantee Agreement with respect to the preferred securities issued by the Capital Trust (filed as Exhibit 4.13 to our Registration Statement on Form S-3 (Registration No. 333-59394, which was declared effective by the Commission on May 1 2001) and incorporated herein by reference)
4.14	Form of Senior Debt Securities Guarantee Agreement with respect to the senior debt securities issued by RenaissanceRe Finance (filed as Exhibit 4.14 to our Registration on Form S-3 (Registration No. 333-219675, which was declared effective by the Commission on August 3, 2017) and incorporated herein by reference)
4.15	Form of Subordinated Debt Securities Guarantee Agreement with respect to the subordinated debt securities issued by RenaissanceRe Finance (filed as Exhibit 4.15 to our Registration on Form S-3 (Registration No. 333-219675, which was declared effective by the Commission on August 3, 2017) and incorporated herein by reference)
4.16	Form of Junior Subordinated Debt Securities Guarantee Agreement with respect to the junior subordinated debt securities issued by RenaissanceRe Finance (filed as Exhibit 4.16 to our Registration on Form S-3 (Registration No. 333-219675, which was declared effective by the Commission on August 3, 2017) and incorporated herein by reference)
*4.17	Form of Deposit Agreement
*4.18	Form of Standard Share Purchase Contract Provisions
*4.19	Form of Unit Agreement
5.1	Opinion of Carey Olsen Bermuda Limited as to the legality of the common shares and preference shares
5.2	Opinion of Sidley Austin LLP as to the legality of the debt securities, share warrants, debt warrants, depositary shares, trust preferred securities, guarantees and share purchase contracts
23.1	Consent of Carey Olsen Bermuda Limited (included in Exhibit 5.1)
23.2	Consent of Sidley Austin LLP (included in Exhibit 5.2)
23.3	Consent of Ernst & Young Ltd.
23.4	Consent of PricewaterhouseCoopers Ltd.
24.1	Power of Attorney (included on the signature pages hereto)
25.1	Statement of Eligibility of a financial institution on Form T-1, as trustee for the Senior Indenture of RenaissanceRe
*25.2	Statement of Eligibility of a financial institution on Form T-1, as trustee for the Subordinated Indenture of RenaissanceRe

Exhibit Number	Description of Document
*25.3	Statement of Eligibility of a financial institution on Form T-1, as trustee for the Junior Subordinated Indenture of RenaissanceRe
*25.4	Statement of Eligibility of a financial institution on Form T-1, as trustee for the Senior Indenture of RenaissanceRe Finance
*25.5	Statement of Eligibility of a financial institution on Form T-1, as trustee for the Subordinated Indenture of RenaissanceRe Finance
*25.6	Statement of Eligibility of a financial institution on Form T-1, as trustee for the Junior Subordinated Indenture of RenaissanceRe Finance
*25.7	Statement of Eligibility of Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas on Form T-1, as Property Trustee for the Amended and Restated Trust Agreement of the Capital Trust
*25.8	Statement of Eligibility of Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas on Form T-1, as Preferred Securities Guarantee Trustee under the Preferred Securities Guarantee Agreement of RenaissanceRe for the benefit of the holders of Preferred Securities of the Capital Trust
*25.9	Statement of Eligibility of a financial institution on Form T-1, as Senior Debt Securities Guarantee Trustee under the Senior Debt Securities Guarantee Agreement of RenaissanceRe, for the benefit of the holders of senior debt securities of RenaissanceRe Finance
*25.10	Statement of Eligibility of a financial institution on Form T-1, as Subordinated Debt Securities Guarantee Trustee under the Subordinated Debt Securities Guarantee Agreement of RenaissanceRe, for the benefit of the holders of subordinated debt securities of RenaissanceRe Finance
*25.11	Statement of Eligibility of a financial institution on Form T-1, as Junior Subordinated Debt Securities Guarantee Trustee under the Junior Subordinated Debt Securities Guarantee Agreement of RenaissanceRe, for the benefit of the holders of junior subordinated debt securities of RenaissanceRe Finance
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<sup>\*</sup> To be filed, if necessary, subsequent to the effectiveness of this registration statement by an amendment to this registration statement or incorporated by reference pursuant to a Current Report on Form 8-K in connection with an offering of securities.

#### ITEM 17. UNDERTAKINGS

- (a) The undersigned registrants hereby undertake:
  - (1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:
    - (i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended;
    - (ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than a 20 percent change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the "Calculation of Registration Fee" table in the effective registration statement;

(iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement;

provided, however, that paragraphs (a)(1)(i), (a)(1)(ii) and (a)(1)(iii) above do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in reports filed with or furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission by the registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that are incorporated by reference in the registration statement, or is contained in a form of prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) that is part of the registration statement.

- (2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each such post- effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.
- (3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.
- (4) That, for the purpose of determining liability under the Securities Act of 1933 to any purchaser:
  - (i) Each prospectus filed by the registrant pursuant to Rule 424(b)(3) shall be deemed to be part of the registration statement as of the date the filed prospectus was deemed part of and included in the registration statement; and
  - (ii) Each prospectus required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424(b)(2), (b)(5), or (b)(7) as part of a registration statement in reliance on Rule 430B relating to an offering made pursuant to Rule 415(a)(1)(i), (vii), or (x) for the purpose of providing the information required by Section 10(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 shall be deemed to be part of and included in the registration statement as of the earlier of the date such form of prospectus is first used after effectiveness or the date of the first contract of sale of securities in the offering described in the prospectus. As provided in Rule 430B, for liability purposes of the issuer and any person that is at that date an underwriter, such date shall be deemed to be a new effective date of the registration statement relating to the securities in the registration statement to which that prospectus relates, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof. Provided, however, that no statement made in a registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement or made in a document incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference into the registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement will, as to a purchaser with a time of contract of sale prior to such effective date, supersede or modify any statement that was made in the registration statement or prospectus that was part of the registration statement or made in any such document immediately prior to such effective date.
- (5) That, for the purpose of determining liability of the registrant under the Securities Act of 1933 to any purchaser in the initial distribution of the securities, the undersigned registrant undertakes that in a primary offering of securities of the undersigned registrant pursuant to this registration statement, regardless of the underwriting method used to sell the securities to the purchaser, if the securities are offered or sold to such purchaser by means of any of the following communications, the undersigned registrant will be a seller to the purchaser and will be considered to offer or sell such securities to such purchaser:
  - (i) Any preliminary prospectus or prospectus of the undersigned registrant relating to the offering required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424;
  - (ii) Any free writing prospectus relating to the offering prepared by or on behalf of the undersigned registrant or used or referred to by the undersigned registrant;

- (iii) The portion of any other free writing prospectus relating to the offering containing material information about the undersigned registrant or its securities provided by or on behalf of the undersigned registrant; and
- (iv) Any other communication that is an offer in the offering made by the undersigned registrant to the purchaser.
- (b) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of the registrant's annual report, pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.
- (c) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers or controlling persons of the registrant pursuant to the provisions described in Part II, Item 15 hereof, or otherwise, the registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act of 1933 and is, therefore, unenforceable.

In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

## **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd. certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in Pembroke, Bermuda, on the 22nd day of May, 2023.

#### RENAISSANCERE HOLDINGS LTD.

By: /s/ Kevin J. O'Donnell

Kevin J. O'Donnell

Chief Executive Officer, President and Director

## POWER OF ATTORNEY

The undersigned officers and directors of RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd. hereby severally constitute and appoint Shannon Lowry Bender, Robert Qutub, James C. Fraser and Helen James, and each of them, attorneys-in-fact for the undersigned, in any and all capacities, with the power of substitution, to sign any amendments to this Registration Statement (including post-effective amendments) and any subsequent registration statement for offerings under this Registration Statement which may be filed under 462(b) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and to file the same with exhibits thereto and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto said attorneys-in-fact, and each of them, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in and about the premises, as fully and to all interests and purposes as he might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that each said attorney-in-fact, or his substitute or substitutes, may do or cause to be done by virtue thereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, this Registration Statement has been signed below by the following persons, in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

Signature	Title	Date
/s/ Kevin J. O'Donnell Kevin J. O'Donnell	Chief Executive Officer, President and Director (Principal Executive Officer)	May 22, 2023
/s/ Robert Qutub Robert Qutub	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)	May 22, 2023
/s/ James C. Fraser James C. Fraser	Senior Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer (Principal Accounting Officer)	May 22, 2023
/s/ James L. Gibbons James L. Gibbons	Non-Executive Chair of the Board of Directors	May 22, 2023
/s/ David C. Bushnell David C. Bushnell	Director	May 22, 2023
/s/ Brian G. J. Gray Brian G. J. Gray	Director	May 22, 2023

Signature	Title	Date
/s/ Duncan Hennes Duncan Hennes	Director	May 22, 2023
/s/ Shyam Gidumal Shyam Gidumal	Director	May 22, 2023
/s/ Torsten Jeworrek Torsten Jeworrek	Director	May 22, 2023
/s/ Henry Klehm, III Henry Klehm, III	Director	May 22, 2023
/s/ Valerie Rahmani Valerie Rahmani	Director	May 22, 2023
/s/ Carol P. Sanders Carol P. Sanders	Director	May 22, 2023
/s/ Cynthia Trudell Cynthia Trudell	Director	May 22, 2023

# **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, RenaissanceRe Finance Inc. certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in Pembroke, Bermuda, on the 22nd day of May, 2023.

# RENAISSANCERE FINANCE INC.

By: /s/ Robert Qutub

Name: Robert Qutub

Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

# **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, RenaissanceRe Capital Trust II certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in Pembroke, Bermuda, on the 22nd day of May, 2023.

# RENAISSANCERE CAPITAL TRUST II

By: RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd., as Depositor

By: /s/ Shannon Lowry Bender

Name: Shannon Lowry Bender
Title: Executive Vice President, Group General Counsel

and Corporate Secretary

State of Delaware Secretary of State Division of Corporations Delivered 10:23 AM 04/24/2015 FILED 10:15 AM 04/24/2015 SRV 150560271 - 4363470 FILE

## STATE OF DELAWARE CERTIFICATE OF AMENDMENT OF CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

The corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware does hereby certify:

**FIRST**: That at a meeting of the Board of Directors of <u>RENAISSANCERE FINANCE INC.</u> resolutions were duly adopted setting forth a proposed amendment of the Certificate of Incorporation of said corporation, declaring said amendment to be advisable and calling a meeting of the stockholders of said corporation for consideration thereof. The resolution setting forth the proposed amendment is as follows:

**RESOLVED**, that the Certificate of Incorporation of this corporation be amended by changing the Article thereof numbered "Article IV" so that, as amended, said Article shall be and read as follows:

The total number of shares of stock which the Corporation shall have authority to issue is 1000 shares of Common Stock, each of which shall have a par value of one cent (\$0.01) per share.

**SECOND**: That thereafter, pursuant to resolution of its Board of Directors, a special meeting of the stockholders of said corporation was duly called and held upon notice in accordance with Section 222 of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware at which meeting the necessary number of shares as required by statute were voted in favor of the amendment.

**THIRD**: That said amendment was duly adopted in accordance with the provisions of Section 242 of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, said corporation has caused this certificate to be signed this 24th day of April, 2015.

By: /s/ Adrian L. Beasley

Authorized Officer

Title: Corporate Counsel and Assistant Secretary

Name: Adrian L. Beasley

Print or Type

## CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

OF

## RENAISSANCERE FINANCE INC.

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ARTICLE I.

The name of the corporation (the "Corporation") is: RenaissanceRe Finance Inc.

ARTICLE II.

The address of the registered office of the Corporation in the State of Delaware is: 2711 Centerville Road, Suite 400, Wilmington, County of New Castle, Delaware, 19808. The name of the registered agent of the Corporation at such address is Corporation Service Company.

ARTICLE III.

The nature of the business or purposes to be conducted or promoted by the Corporation is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which corporations may be organized under the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware.

ARTICLE IV.

The total number of shares of stock which the Corporation shall have authority to issue is 100 shares of Common Stock, each of which shall have a par value of one cent (\$0.01) per share.

ARTICLE V.

The name and mailing address of the Incorporator is as follows:

Andrew A. Markus Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP 787 Seventh Avenue New York, New York 10019

ARTICLE VI.

In furtherance and not in limitation of the powers conferred by statute, the by-laws of the Corporation may be made, altered, amended or repealed by the stockholders or by a majority of the entire board of directors of the Corporation (the "Board").

## ARTICLE VII.

Elections of directors need not be by written ballot.

#### ARTICLE VIII.

- (a) The Corporation shall indemnify to the fullest extent permitted under and in accordance with the laws of the State of Delaware any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (other than an action by or in the right of the Corporation) by reason of the fact that the person is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the Corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, against expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by the person in connection with such action, suit or proceeding if the person acted in good faith and in a manner the person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe the person's conduct was unlawful. The termination of any action, suit or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction, or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent, shall not, of itself, create a presumption that the person did not act in good faith and in a manner which the person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had reasonable cause to believe that the person's conduct was unlawful.
- (b) The Corporation shall indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action or suit by or in the right of the Corporation to procure a judgment in its favor by reason of the fact that the person is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the Corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise against expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by the person in connection with the defense or settlement of such action or suit if the person acted in good faith and in a manner the person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Corporation and except that no indemnification shall be made in respect of any claim, issue or matter as to which such person shall have been adjudged to be liable to the Corporation unless and only to the extent that the Court of Chancery or the court in which such action or suit was brought shall determine upon application that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all the circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses which the Court of Chancery or such other court shall deem proper.
- (c) Expenses incurred in defending a civil or criminal action, suit or proceeding shall (in the case of any action, suit or proceeding against a director of the Corporation) or may (in the case of any action, suit or proceeding against an officer, trustee, employee or agent) be paid by the Corporation in advance of the final disposition of such action, suit or proceeding as authorized by the Board upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of the indemnified person to repay such amount if it shall ultimately be determined that he is not entitled to be indemnified by the Corporation as authorized in this Article.

- (d) The indemnification and other rights set forth in this Article VIII shall not be exclusive of any provisions with respect thereto in the by-laws of the Corporation or any other contract or agreement between the Corporation and any officer, director, employee or agent of the Corporation.
- (e) Neither the amendment nor repeal of this Article VIII, nor the adoption of any provision of this Certificate of Incorporation inconsistent with Article VIII, shall eliminate or reduce the effect of this Article VIII in respect of any matter occurring before such amendment, repeal or adoption of an inconsistent provision or in respect of any cause of action, suit or claim relating to any such matter which would have given rise to a right of indemnification or right to receive expenses pursuant to this Article VIII if such provision had not been so amended or repealed or if a provision inconsistent therewith had not been so adopted.
- (f) No director shall be personally liable to the Corporation or any stockholder for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director; provided, however, that the foregoing shall not eliminate or limit the liability of a director:
  - (i) for any breach of the director's duty of loyalty to the Corporation or its stockholders;
  - (ii) for acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law;
  - (iii) under Section 174 of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware; or
  - (iv) for any transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit.

If the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware is amended after June 4, 2007 to authorize corporate action further eliminating or limiting the personal liability of directors, then the liability of a director of the Corporation shall be eliminated or limited to the fullest extent permitted by the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware, as so amended.

THE UNDERSIGNED, being the Incorporator hereinbefore named, for the purpose of forming a Corporation pursuant to the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware makes this Certificate, hereby declaring and certifying that this is his act and deed and the facts herein stated are true and, accordingly, has hereunto set his hand this 4th day of June, 2007

/s/ Andrew A. Markus Andrew A. Markus Sole Incorporator

# CAREY OLSEN

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Our ref GW/MF/1073417.0016 22 May 2023

To: RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd. Renaissance House 12 Crow Lane Pembroke HM 19 Bermuda

Dear Sirs,

## RENAISSANCERE HOLDINGS LTD. (Registration No. 18387) (the "Company")

## 1. BACKGROUND

We have acted as special Bermuda legal counsel to the Company in connection with the registration statement on form S-3 filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") on 22 May 2023 (the "Registration Statement", which term does not include any other document or agreement whether or not specifically referred to therein or attached as an exhibit or schedule thereto) relating to the shelf registration under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), of common shares of par value US\$1.00 each ("Common Shares"), preference shares of par value US\$1.00 each ("Preference Shares" and, together with Common Shares, "Equity Securities", which term includes any Common Shares or Preference Shares to be issued pursuant to the conversion, exchange or exercise of any other Securities, as defined below), depositary shares, each representing fractional interests of Common Shares or a particular series of Preference Shares ("Depositary Shares"), senior, subordinated and junior subordinated debt securities ("Debt Securities"), warrants to purchase Equity Securities or Debt Securities ("Warrants"), share purchase contracts ("Share Purchase Units") and units consisting of any combination of the foregoing securities ("Units") of the Company (collectively, the "Securities").

## 2. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

- 2.1 Capitalised terms used but not otherwise defined in this Opinion shall have the meanings given to them in Part A of Schedule 4 (*Definitions and Interpretation*).
- 2.2 This Opinion shall be interpreted and construed in accordance with Part B of Schedule 4 (Definitions and Interpretation).

Carey Olsen Bermuda Limited is a company limited by shares incorporated in Bermuda and approved and recognised under the Bermuda Bar (Professional Companies) Rules 2009. The use of the title "Partner" is merely to denote seniority. Services are provided on the basis of our current terms of business, which can be viewed at: <a href="http://www.careyolsen.com/terms-business">http://www.careyolsen.com/terms-business</a>.

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## 3. SCOPE

- 3.1 This Opinion is limited to: (a) matters of the law and practice of Bermuda as at the date of this Opinion; and (b) matters expressly stated in this Opinion.
- 3.2 We have made no investigation and express no opinion with respect to the law or practice of any other jurisdiction.
- 3.3 This Opinion is based only on those matters of fact known to us at the date of this Opinion.

# 4. **DOCUMENTS EXAMINED AND SEARCHES**

- 4.1 In giving this Opinion we have examined a copy the Registration Statement sent to us in electronic form by email.
- 4.2 In addition, we have examined each Further Document.
- 4.3 The Registration Statement and the Further Documents are the only documents we have seen or examined for the purposes of this Opinion.
- 4.4 The Searches are the only searches, investigations or enquiries we have carried out for the purposes of this Opinion.

## 5. ASSUMPTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS

- 5.1 This Opinion is given:
  - (a) in reliance on the Assumptions; and
  - (b) on the basis that the Assumptions (which we have not independently investigated or verified) are accurate, and have been accurate, in all respects at the date of this Opinion, and at all other relevant times.
- 5.2 This Opinion is subject to the Qualifications.

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## 6. **OPINION**

We are of the opinion that:

#### 6.1 **Due Incorporation and Valid Existence**

The Company is duly incorporated as an exempted company limited by shares and is validly existing under the law of Bermuda.

#### 6.2 Securities

- (a) Upon the due issuance of Common Shares and/or Preference Shares (including those represented by Depositary Shares) and payment of the consideration therefor, such Common Shares and/or Preference Shares will be validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable.
- (b) Upon the due issuance of:
  - (i) Debt Securities of any series;
  - (ii) Debt Securities Guarantees;
  - (iii) Warrants;
  - (iv) Share Purchase Contracts;
  - (v) Share Purchase Units; and/or
  - (vi) Units,

and payment of the consideration therefor, such Securities will be validly issued and (except in the case of Equity Securities forming part of a Share Purchase Unit or a Unit) will constitute valid and binding obligations of the Company in accordance with the terms thereof.

## 7. LAW GOVERNING THIS OPINION, LIMITATIONS, BENEFIT, DISCLOSURE AND RELIANCE

- 7.1 This Opinion is governed by, and shall be construed in accordance with, the law of Bermuda.
- 7.2 We assume no obligation to advise you or any other person, or undertake any investigations, as to any legal developments or factual matters arising after the date of this Opinion that might affect the opinions expressed herein.
- 7.3 This Opinion is given solely for the purpose of the filing of the Registration Statement and is not to be relied upon in respect of any other matter.
- 7.4 We hereby consent to the filing of this Opinion as an exhibit to the Registration Statement and to the references to our firm under the caption "Legal Opinions" and "Enforcement of Civil Liabilities under United States Federal Securities Laws" in the prospectus forming part of the Registration Statement. In such consent, we do not hereby admit that we are experts within the meaning of Section 11 of the Securities Act or that we are in the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Securities Act or the Rules and Regulations of the Commission promulgated thereunder.

Yours faithfully /s/ Carey Olsen

#### Carey Olsen Bermuda Limited

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# SCHEDULE 1

# DOCUMENTS EXAMINED

# Part A

1. Registration Statement

# Part B

# **Further Documents**

- 2. A certified copy of:
  - 2.1 the Certificate of Incorporation;
  - 2.2 the Memorandum of Association;
  - 2.3 the Bye-laws;
  - 2.4 the Register;
  - 2.5 the Exchange Control Approval;
  - 2.6 the Committee Resolutions; and
  - 2.7 the Director Resolutions.
- 3. The Public Records.
- 4. The Litigation Records.

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## **SCHEDULE 2**

#### ASSUMPTIONS

#### 1. Authenticity

The genuineness and authenticity of all signatures, initials, stamps, seals and markings on all documents examined by us, including, in the case of copy documents examined by us, on the originals of those copies.

#### Copies

The completeness and conformity to original documents of all copies examined by us.

#### 3. Execution Versions/Drafts

Where we have been provided with a document (whether original or copy) in executed form or with only the signature page of an executed document, that such executed document does not differ from the latest draft or execution version of the document provided to us and/or, where a document has been reviewed by us only in draft, execution or specimen form, it has been executed in the form of that draft, execution version or specimen.

#### 4. Compliance with Constitutional Documents and Share Capital

- 4.1 The Company will have sufficient authorised capital to effect the issue of any of the Equity Securities at the time of issuance, whether as a principal issue or on the conversion, exchange or exercise of any Securities.
- 4.2 The Company will issue the Securities in furtherance of its objects as set out in the Memorandum of Association.
- 4.3 The form and terms of any and all Securities (including, without limitation, the designation, powers, preferences, rights, qualifications, limitations and restrictions of Preference Shares) or other securities (or other obligations, rights, currencies, commodities or other subject matter) comprising the same or subject thereto (in the case of the Warrants and Units), the issuance and sale thereof by the Company, and the Company's incurrence and performance of its obligations thereunder or in respect thereof (including, without limitation, its obligations under any related agreement, indenture or supplement thereto) in accordance with the terms thereof will not violate the Memorandum of Association or Bye-laws nor any applicable law, regulations, order or decree in Bermuda.
- 4.4 All necessary corporate action will be taken to authorise and approve any issuance of Securities (including, if Preference Shares are to be issued, all necessary corporate action to establish one or more series of Preference Shares and fix the designation, powers, preferences, rights, qualifications, limitations and restrictions thereof), the terms of the offering thereof and related matters, and that the applicable definitive purchase, underwriting or similar agreement and, if Debt Securities are to be issued, the applicable indenture and any applicable supplements thereto, will be duly approved, executed and delivered by or on behalf of the Company and all other parties thereto.

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## 5. Consideration

- 5.1 Upon issue of any Equity Securities, the Company will receive or has received consideration for the full issue price thereof which shall be equal to at least the par value thereof.
- 5.2 The issuance and sale of and payment for the Securities will be in accordance with the applicable purchase, underwriting or similar agreement dully approved by the Board, the Registration Statement (including the prospectus set forth therein and any supplements thereto) and, if Debt Securities are to be issued, the applicable indenture and any applicable supplements thereto.

#### 6. Register and Appointments

The accuracy and completeness of the Register and that each director, alternate director (if any) and secretary of the Company has been validly appointed and each person who acts on behalf of any corporate director or secretary of the Company is duly authorised to do so by that corporate director or secretary, respectively.

## 7. Directors' Duties

- 7.1 In resolving that the Company authorise the issue of any Securities the directors of the Company were acting with a view to the best interests of the Company and were otherwise exercising their powers in accordance with their duties under all applicable laws.
- 7.2 Each director of the Company has disclosed all interests required to be disclosed by the Companies Act and the Bye-laws in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act and the Bye-laws.

## 8. Directors' Resolutions

- 8.1 No resolution has been passed by the Board (or any committee of the directors) or the shareholders of the Company and there is no agreement or arrangement otherwise in place:
  - (a) limiting the powers of the Board;
  - (b) changing the quorum for meetings of the directors of the Company from that which is stated in the Bye-laws; or
  - (c) changing who may sign an instrument to which a seal of the Company is affixed or the number of such persons from that which is stated in the Bye-laws.

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- 8.2 The Director Resolutions and the Committee Resolutions were duly passed, are in full force and effect and have not been revoked, superseded or amended, and are the only resolutions passed by the directors of the Company (or any committee thereof) relating to the matters referred to in those resolutions.
- 8.3 The meetings at which the Director Resolutions and the Committee Resolutions were passed were duly convened and held and quorate throughout and the minutes of such meetings are an accurate record of the proceedings described in them.

## 9. Listing

The Company's shares will be listed on an Appointed Stock Exchange and the Exchange Control Approval will not have been revoked or amended at the time of issuance of any Securities.

## 10. Establishment, existence, capacity and authority – other parties

10.1 Each party (other than the Company as a matter of the law of Bermuda) is duly established and validly existing and: (a) has the necessary capacity, power, authority and intention; (b) has taken the corporate and other action necessary to authorise it; and (c) has obtained, made or satisfied all necessary consents, authorisations, registrations, approvals, licences, filings, exemptions or other requirements (i) of any governmental, judicial or other public bodies or authorities or (ii) imposed by any contractual or other obligation or restriction binding upon it; in each case to enter into and deliver, and perform its obligations under, any and all documents entered into by such parties in connection with the issuance of the Securities, and the due execution and delivery thereof by each party thereto.

## 10.2 Validity

10.3 The obligations expressed to be assumed by each party in the applicable purchase, underwriting or similar agreement, any Debt Security, any indenture and any supplement thereto and any other agreement or other document relating to any Security will constitute the legal, valid and binding and enforceable obligations of that party under all laws.

## 11. Authorisations and Exemptions - Other Laws

All consents, authorisations, registrations, approvals, licences filings, exemptions or other requirements of any governmental, judicial or other public bodies or authorities required to be obtained, made or satisfied by the Company under any law (other than the law of Bermuda) in connection with the Registration Statement and the issue of any Securities, have been obtained, made or satisfied and, where appropriate, remain in full force and effect.

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## 12. No Conflict - Foreign Law or Regulation

There is no provision of the law or regulation of any jurisdiction other than Bermuda that would have any adverse implication in relation to the opinions expressed in this Opinion.

#### 13. Other Documents

The accuracy, correctness and completeness of all statements, assessments and opinions as to matters of fact contained in the Registration Statement and each Further Document.

#### 14. Unknown Facts

That there is no document or other information or matter (including, without limitation, any arrangement or understanding) that has not been provided or disclosed to us that is relevant to or that might affect the opinions expressed in this Opinion.

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## **SCHEDULE 3**

#### QUALIFICATIONS

#### 1. Enforceability

The term "enforceable" as used in this Opinion means that the relevant obligations are of a type that the courts of Bermuda enforce but it does not mean that they will necessarily be enforced in all circumstances and/or in accordance with their terms. In particular:

- 1.1 enforcement may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, liquidation, dissolution, re-organisation or other laws of general application, including their provisions relating to mandatory set-off, relating to or affecting the rights of creditors;
- 1.2 enforcement may be limited by general principles broadly corresponding to those of equity under English law, for example, remedies such as specific performance or injunction are discretionary and may not be available where damages are considered to be an adequate remedy;
- 1.3 claims may be or become barred by prescription or limitation of actions, or subject to the general doctrine of estoppel or waiver in relation to representations, acts or omissions of any relevant party, or subject to defences of set-off or counter-claim;
- 1.4 provisions of any document that provide that terms found to be illegal, invalid or unenforceable may be severed from its remaining terms, may not be enforced;
- 1.5 provisions of any document will not be enforced to the extent that they would be illegal or contrary to public policy in Bermuda or, if obligations are to be performed in a jurisdiction outside Bermuda or in a currency other than that of Bermuda, to the extent that such performance would be illegal or invalid or contrary to the exchange control regulations under the laws of, or contrary to public policy in, that jurisdiction or the laws or public policy applicable to that currency;
- 1.6 provisions of any document may not be enforced to the extent that they would conflict with or breach economic or other sanctions imposed in respect of certain states or jurisdictions by any treaty, law, order, or regulation applicable to Bermuda;
- 1.7 the enforcement of the obligations of the parties to any document may be limited by the provisions of the law of Bermuda applicable to agreements or contracts held to have been frustrated by events happening after the relevant agreement or contract was entered into;

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- 1.8 provisions of any document that constitute, or purport to constitute, a restriction on the exercise of any statutory right or power, for example a company's power to alter its memorandum of association or bye-laws, may not be enforced;
- 1.9 enforceability of obligations may be invalidated by reason of bad faith, fraud, coercion, duress, misrepresentation, mistake or undue influence;
- 1.10 a person who is not a party to a document may not be able to enforce any provision of that document that is expressed or intended to be for the benefit of that person unless such person has been expressly granted the right in that document to enforce such provision pursuant to the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 2016;
- 1.11 provisions of any document purporting to provide for a certain payment to be made in the event of breach of any term of that document would not be enforceable to the extent that they were a penalty that was excessive. For example, provisions for default interest to be paid on overdue amounts may amount to such an excessive penalty under the law of Bermuda and such interest therefore may not be recoverable or may be reduced; and
- 1.12 provisions of any document: (a) for the payment or reimbursement of, or indemnity against, the costs and expenses of enforcement (actual or contemplated) or of litigation brought before a Bermuda or foreign court or where the court has itself made an order for costs; (b) that would involve the enforcement of foreign revenue or penal or other public laws; or (c) that purports to exclude the jurisdiction of any courts, may not be enforced.

## 2. No Conflict - Contractual Obligations etc.

We offer no opinion on whether there are any contractual or other obligations or restrictions binding on the Company that would or could have any adverse implication in relation to the opinions expressed in this Opinion.

#### 3. Representations and Warranties

Unless expressly stated otherwise, we offer no opinion in relation to the factual accuracy of any representation or warranty made or given in or in connection with the Registration Statement or any Further Document.

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## 4. Non-Assessable

Any reference in this Opinion to securities being "non-assessable" means, in relation to fully-paid securities of the Company and subject to any contrary provision in any agreement in writing between the Company and the holder of securities, that: no security holder shall be obliged to contribute further amounts to the capital of the Company, either in order to complete payment for their securities, to satisfy claims of creditors of the Company, or otherwise; and no security holder shall be bound by an alteration of the Memorandum of Association or Bye-Laws of the Company after the date on which he became a security holder, if and so far as the alteration requires him to take, or subscribe for additional securities, or in any way increases his liability to contribute to the share capital of, or otherwise to pay money to, the Company.

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## **SCHEDULE 4**

#### DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

## Part A - Definitions

"Appointed Stock Exchange" means an appointed stock exchange as defined in the Companies Act, which includes the New York Stock

Exchange;

"Assumptions" means the assumptions set out in Schedule 2 (Assumptions);

"Board" means the board of directors of the Company;

"Bye-laws" means the bye-laws of the Company, as referred to in the Secretary's Certificate;

"Certificate of Incorporation" means the Company's certificate of incorporation, as referred to in the Secretary's Certificate;

"Committee Resolutions" means the resolutions of a committee of the Board stated as passed on 21 May 2023 at a meeting of such

committee of the Board recorded in the minutes of that meeting, relating to the Registration Statement

"Companies Act" means the Companies Act 1981;

"Debt Securities Guarantees" means the senior debt securities guarantee to be issued by the Company concurrently with any issuance by

RenaissanceRe Finance Inc. of senior debt securities for the benefit of the holders from time to time of such senior debt securities of RenaissanceRe Finance Inc., as more particularly described in the Registration

Statement

"Director Resolutions" means an extract of minutes of a meeting of the Board held on 10 May 2023, as referred to in the

Secretary's Certificate;

"Exchange Control Approval" means the permission of the Bermuda Monetary Authority under the Exchange Control Act 1972 (and

regulations made thereunder) for the issue and transfer of the Company's shares dated 7 July, 2000, as

referred to in the Secretary's Certificate;

"Further Documents" means the documents listed in Part B of Schedule 1 (Documents Examined);

"Litigation Records" means the entries and filings in respect of the Company in the Cause Book of the Supreme Court and in the

Register of Judgements maintained at the Registry of the Supreme Court at the time we carried out the

Litigation Search;

"Litigation Search" means our inspection of the Litigation Records at 11:09 am (BDA) on 22 May 2023;

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"Memorandum of Association" means the memorandum of association of the Company, as referred to in the Secretary's Certificate;

"Opinion" means this legal opinion and includes the Schedules;

"Public Records" means the public records of the Company available for inspection at the offices of the Registrar of

Companies at the time we carried out the Public Records Search;

"Public Records Search" means our inspection of the Public Records at 9:12 am (BDA) on 22 May 2023;
"Qualifications" means the observations and qualifications set out in Schedule 3 (Qualifications);

"Register" means the register of directors and officers of the Company as referred to in the Secretary's Certificate;

"Registrar of Companies" means the Registrar of Companies in Bermuda;

"Searches" means the Public Records Search and the Litigation Search;

"Secretary's Certificate" means the certificate of the Secretary of the Company dated 22 May 2023; and

"Supreme Court" means the Supreme Court of Bermuda.

## Part B - Interpretation

- 6. References in this Opinion to:
- 6.1 a Schedule are references to a schedule to this Opinion;
- 6.2 a "person" includes any body of persons corporate or unincorporated;
- 6.3 legislation include, where relevant, a reference to such legislation as amended at the date of this Opinion;
- 6.4 "you" means the Addressee(s) and where there is more than one Addressee, means each of them; and
- 6.5 "we", "us" or "our" in relation to the examination, sight, receipt or review by us, or provision to us, of information or documents are references only to our lawyers who worked on the preparation of this Opinion acting for the Addressee in this matter.
- 7. Where a capitalised term appears in the left-hand column of Part A of Schedule 4 (*Definitions and Interpretation*) in the singular, its plural form, if used in this Opinion, shall be construed accordingly, and *vice versa*.

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8. Headings in this Opinion are inserted for convenience only and shall not affect the construction of this Opinion.

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May 22, 2023

RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd. Renaissance House 12 Crown Lane Pembroke HM 19 Bermuda

Re: Registration Statement on Form S-3

#### Ladies and Gentlemen:

We refer to the Registration Statement on Form S-3 (the "Registration Statement") being filed by RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd., a company organized under the laws of Bermuda (the "Company"), RenaissanceRe Finance Inc., a Delaware corporation ("RenaissanceRe Finance"), and RenaissanceRe Capital Trust II, a Delaware statutory business trust (the "Capital Trust"), with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), relating to the registration of an unlimited amount of:

- (i) the Company's common shares, \$1.00 par value per share (the "Common Shares");
- (ii) the Company's preference shares, \$1.00 par value per share (the "Preference Shares"), which may be represented by depositary shares (the "Depositary Shares");
- (iii) debt securities of the Company (the "Company Debt Securities"), which may be unsecured senior debt securities (the "Company Senior Debt Securities"); and/or unsecured subordinated debt securities (the "Company Subordinated Debt Securities");
- (iv) debt securities of the RenaissanceRe Finance (the "<u>Subsidiary Debt Securities</u>"), which may be unsecured senior debt securities (the "<u>Subsidiary Senior Debt Securities</u>") and/or unsecured subordinated debt securities (the "<u>Subsidiary Subordinated Debt Securities</u>");
  - (i) warrants to purchase Common Shares, Preference Shares or Company Debt Securities (the "Warrants");
- (ii) Share Purchase Contracts (the "Share Purchase Contracts"), entitling or obligating the holders thereof to purchase from or sell to the Company and the Company to sell to or purchase from the holders thereof, Common Shares or Preference Shares at a future date or dates;

- (iii) Share Purchase Units (the "Share Purchase Units"), each representing ownership of a Share Purchase Contract and a Warrant;
- (iv) preferred securities of the Capital Trust (the "Trust Preferred Securities");
- (v) a guarantee to be issued by the Company to holders of the Trust Preferred Securities (the "Guarantee"); and
- (vi) a guarantee to be issued by the Company to holders of the Subsidiary Debt Securities (the "Subsidiary Debt Securities Guarantee").

The Depositary Shares, the Company Debt Securities, the Subsidiary Debt Securities, the Warrants, the Share Purchase Contracts, the Share Purchase Units, the Trust Preferred Securities, the Guarantee and the Subsidiary Debt Securities Guarantee are collectively referred to herein as the "Securities."

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement:

- (1) the Depositary Shares will be issued under a deposit agreement (a "Deposit Agreement") between the Company and a depositary agent (the "Depositary Agent");
- (2) the Company Senior Debt Securities will be issued under the indenture, dated as of April 2, 2019 (the "Company Senior Indenture"), between the Company and Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas (the "Company Senior Trustee");
- (3) the Subsidiary Senior Debt Securities will be issued under the indenture, dated as of June 29, 2017 (the "<u>Subsidiary Senior Indenture</u>"), among RenaissanceRe Finance, the Company and Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas (the "<u>Subsidiary Senior Trustee</u>");
- (4) the Company\_Subordinated Debt Securities will be issued under one or more indentures (each, a "Company Subordinated Indenture") to be entered into between the Company and a trustee (the "Company Subordinated Trustee");
- (5) the Subsidiary Subordinated Debt Securities will be issued under one or more indentures (each, a "<u>Subsidiary Subordinated Indenture</u>") to be entered into between RenaissanceRe Finance and a trustee (the "<u>Subsidiary Subordinated Trustee</u>");
- (6) the Warrants will be issued under a warrant agreement (the "Warrant Agreement") to be entered into between the Company and a warrant agent (the "Warrant Agent"):
- (7) the Share Purchase Contracts will be issued under a share purchase contract agreement (the "Share Purchase Contract Agreement"), between the Company and a purchase contract agent (the "Share Purchase Contract Agent");
- (8) the Trust Preferred Securities will be issued under an amended and restated trust agreement (the "Trust Agreement") to be entered into among the Capital Trust, the Company, as depositor, a property trustee (the "Property Trustee"), a Delaware trustee and certain administrative trustees;

- (9) the Guarantee will be issued under a guarantee agreement (the "Guarantee Agreement") to be entered into between the Company and the Property Trustee; and
- (10) Subsidiary Debt Securities Guarantee will be issued under a guarantee agreement (the "Subsidiary Debt Securities Guarantee Agreement") to be entered into between the Company and a trustee;

in each case substantially in the form that has been or will be filed as an exhibit to the Registration Statement.

This opinion letter is being delivered in accordance with the requirements of Item 601(b)(5) of Regulation S-K under the Securities Act.

We have examined the Registration Statement, the exhibits thereto, the Memorandum of Association of the Company, as amended to the date hereof (the "Charter"), the bye-laws of the Company, as amended to the date hereof (the "Bye-Laws"), the certificate of incorporation of RenaissanceRe Finance, as amended to the date hereof (the "RenaissanceRe Finance Charter"), the by-laws of RenaissanceRe Finance (the "RenaissanceRe Finance By-laws"), the certificate of trust of the Capital Trust (the "Certificate of Trust"), the trust agreement of the Capital Trust, as amended to the date hereof (the "Trust Agreement"), and the resolutions (the "Resolutions") adopted by the board of directors (the "Board") of the Company, and RenaissanceRe Finance and by the Capital Trust relating to the Registration Statement. We have also examined originals, or copies of originals certified to our satisfaction, of such agreements, documents, certificates and statements of the Company, RenaissanceRe Finance, the Capital Trust and others, and have examined such questions of law, as we have considered relevant and necessary as a basis for this opinion letter. We have assumed the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals, the genuineness of all signatures, the legal capacity of all persons and the conformity with the original documents of any copies thereof submitted to us for examination. As to facts relevant to the opinions expressed herein, we have relied without independent investigation or verification upon, and assumed the accuracy and completeness of, certificates, letters and oral and written statements and representations of public officials and officers and other representatives of the Company, RenaissanceRe Finance and the Capital Trust.

Based on and subject to the foregoing and the other limitations, qualifications and assumptions set forth herein, we are of the opinion that:

1. The Depositary Shares covered by the Registration Statement will entitle the holders thereof to the rights specified in the Depositary Shares and the Deposit Agreement relating to the Depositary Shares when: (i) the Registration Statement, as finally amended (including any necessary posteffective amendments), shall have become effective under the Securities Act; (ii) a prospectus supplement with respect to the Depositary Shares and the series of Preference Shares underlying such Depositary Shares shall have been filed with the SEC in compliance with the Securities Act and the rules and regulations thereunder; (iii) a Deposit Agreement shall have been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company and duly executed and delivered by the Depositary named in the Deposit Agreement; (iv) the Board or a duly authorized committee thereof shall have duly adopted final resolutions in conformity with the Charter, the Bye-Laws and the Resolutions establishing the designations, preferences, rights, qualifications, limitations or restrictions of such series of Preference Shares underlying such

Depositary Shares and authorizing the issuance and sale of such series of Preference Shares; (v) certificates representing the series of Preference Shares underlying such Depositary Shares shall have been duly executed, countersigned and registered and duly delivered against payment of the agreed consideration therefor in an amount not less than the par value thereof or, if any shares of such series of Preference Shares are to be issued in uncertificated form, the Company's books shall reflect the issuance of such shares in accordance with the applicable definitive purchase, underwriting or similar agreement upon payment of the agreed consideration therefor in an amount not less than the par value thereof; and (vi) the depositary receipts evidencing Depositary Shares shall have been duly executed and delivered by the Depositary in the manner set forth in the Deposit Agreement and in accordance with the applicable definitive purchase, underwriting or similar agreement to the purchasers thereof against payment of the agreed consideration therefor.

- 2. Each issue of Warrants covered by the Registration Statement will constitute valid and binding obligations of the Company when: (i) the Registration Statement, as finally amended (including any necessary post-effective amendments), shall have become effective under the Securities Act; (ii) a prospectus supplement with respect to such issue of Warrants and the Common Shares, Debt Securities or Preference Shares issuable upon exercise of such Warrants shall have been filed with the SEC in compliance with the Securities Act and the rules and regulations thereunder; (iii) a Warrant Agreement relating to such issue of Warrants shall have been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company and duly executed and delivered by the Warrant Agent named in the Warrant Agreement; (iv) the Board or a duly authorized committee thereof shall have duly adopted final resolutions in conformity with the Charter, the Bye-Laws and the Resolutions authorizing the execution and delivery of the Warrant Agreement and the issuance and sale of such issue of Warrants; (v) if such Warrants are exercisable for Common Shares, the Common Shares related thereto shall have been validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable; (vi) if such Warrants are exercisable for Debt Securities, the actions described in paragraph 3 or 5 below, as applicable, shall have been taken; (vii) if such Warrants are exercisable for Preference Shares, the Preference Shares related thereto shall have been validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable; and (viii) certificates representing such issue of Warrants shall have been duly executed, countersigned and issued in accordance with such Warrant Agreement and shall have been duly delivered in accordance with the applicable definitive purchase, underwriting or similar agreement to the purchasers thereof against payment of the agreed consideration therefor.
- 3. The Company Senior Debt Securities of each series covered by the Registration Statement will constitute valid and binding obligations of the Company when: (i) the Registration Statement, as finally amended (including any necessary post-effective amendments), shall have become effective under the Securities Act and the Company Senior Indenture (including any necessary supplemental indenture) shall have been qualified under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended (the "TIA"); (ii) a prospectus supplement with respect to such series of Company Senior Debt Securities shall have been filed with the SEC in compliance with the Securities Act and the rules and regulations thereunder; (iii) the Company Senior Indenture shall have been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company and the Company Senior Trustee; (iv) all necessary corporate action shall have been taken by the

Company to authorize the form, terms, execution, delivery, performance, issuance and sale of such series of Company Senior Debt Securities as contemplated by the Registration Statement, the prospectus supplement relating to such Company Senior Debt Securities and the Company Senior Indenture and to authorize the execution, delivery and performance of a supplemental indenture or officers' certificate establishing the form and terms of such series of Company Senior Debt Securities as contemplated by the Senior Indenture; (v) a supplemental indenture or officers' certificate establishing the form and terms of such series of Company Senior Debt Securities shall have been duly executed and delivered by the Company and the Senior Trustee (in the case of such a supplemental indenture) or by duly authorized officers of the Company (in the case of such an officers' certificate), in each case in accordance with the provisions of the Charter, the Bye-Laws, final resolutions of the Board or a duly authorized committee thereof and the Senior Indenture; and (vi) the certificates evidencing the Company Senior Debt Securities of such series shall have been duly executed and delivered by the Company, authenticated by the Company Senior Trustee and issued, all in accordance with the Charter, the Bye-Laws, final resolutions of the Board or a duly authorized committee thereof, the Company Senior Indenture and the supplemental indenture or officers' certificate, as the case may be, establishing the form and terms of the Company Senior Debt Securities of such series, and shall have been duly delivered in accordance with the applicable definitive purchase, underwriting or similar agreement to the purchasers thereof against payment of the agreed consideration therefor.

4. The Subsidiary Senior Debt Securities of each series covered by the Registration Statement will constitute valid and binding obligations of RenaissanceRe Finance when: (i) the Registration Statement, as finally amended (including any necessary post-effective amendments), shall have become effective under the Securities Act and the Subsidiary Senior Indenture (including any necessary supplemental indenture) shall have been qualified under the TIA; (ii) a prospectus supplement with respect to such series of Subsidiary Senior Debt Securities shall have been filed with the SEC in compliance with the Securities Act and the rules and regulations thereunder; (iii) the Subsidiary Senior Indenture shall have been duly authorized, executed and delivered by RenaissanceRe Finance and the Subsidiary Senior Trustee; (iv) all necessary corporate action shall have been taken by RenaissanceRe Finance to authorize the form, terms, execution, delivery, performance, issuance and sale of such series of Subsidiary Senior Debt Securities as contemplated by the Registration Statement, the prospectus supplement relating to such Subsidiary Senior Debt Securities and the Subsidiary Senior Indenture and to authorize the execution, delivery and performance of a supplemental indenture or officers' certificate establishing the form and terms of such series of Subsidiary Senior Debt Securities as contemplated by the Subsidiary Senior Indenture; (v) a supplemental indenture or officers' certificate establishing the form and terms of such series of Subsidiary Senior Debt Securities shall have been duly executed and delivered by RenaissanceRe Finance and the Subsidiary Senior Trustee (in the case of such a supplemental indenture) or by duly authorized officers of RenaissanceRe Finance (in the case of such an officers' certificate), in each case in accordance with the provisions of the RenaissanceRe Finance Charter, RenaissanceRe Finance By-laws, and final resolutions of the Board or a duly authorized committee thereof and the Subsidiary Senior Indenture; and (vi) the certificates evidencing the Subsidiary Senior Debt Securities of such series shall have been duly executed and delivered by RenaissanceRe Finance, authenticated by the Subsidiary Senior Trustee and issued, all in accordance with the RenaissanceRe Finance

Charter, RenaissanceRe Finance By-laws, and final resolutions of the Board or a duly authorized committee thereof, the Subsidiary Senior Indenture and the supplemental indenture or officers' certificate, as the case may be, establishing the form and terms of the Subsidiary Senior Debt Securities of such series, and shall have been duly delivered in accordance with the applicable definitive purchase, underwriting or similar agreement to the purchasers thereof against payment of the agreed consideration therefor.

5. The Company Subordinated Debt Securities of each series covered by the Registration Statement will constitute valid and binding obligations of the Company when: (i) the Registration Statement, as finally amended (including any necessary post-effective amendments), shall have become effective under the Securities Act and the Subordinated Indenture (including any necessary supplemental indenture) shall have been qualified under the TIA; (ii) a prospectus supplement with respect to such series of Company Subordinated Debt Securities shall have been filed with the SEC in compliance with the Securities Act and the rules and regulations thereunder; (iii) the Subordinated Indenture shall have been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company and the Company Subordinated Trustee; (iv) all necessary corporate action shall have been taken by the Company to authorize the form, terms, execution, delivery, performance, issuance and sale of such series of Company Subordinated Debt Securities as contemplated by the Registration Statement, the prospectus supplement relating to such Company Subordinated Debt Securities and the Company Subordinated Indenture and to authorize the execution, delivery and performance of a supplemental indenture or officers' certificate establishing the form and terms of such series of Company Subordinated Debt Securities as contemplated by the Company Subordinated Indenture; (v) a supplemental indenture or officers' certificate establishing the form and terms of such series of Company Subordinated Debt Securities shall have been duly executed and delivered by the Company and the Company Subordinated Trustee (in the case of such a supplemental indenture) or by duly authorized officers of the Company (in the case of such an officers' certificate), in each case in accordance with the provisions of the Charter, the Bye-Laws, final resolutions of the Board or a duly authorized committee thereof and the Company Subordinated Indenture; and (vi) the certificates evidencing the Company Subordinated Debt Securities of such series shall have been duly executed and delivered by the Company, authenticated by the Company Subordinated Trustee and issued, all in accordance with the Charter, the Bye-Laws, final resolutions of the Board or a duly authorized committee thereof, the Subordinated Indenture and the supplemental indenture or officers' certificate, as the case may be, establishing the form and terms of the Company Subordinated Debt Securities of such series, and shall have been duly delivered in accordance with the applicable definitive purchase, underwriting or similar agreement to the purchasers thereof against payment of the agreed consideration therefor.

6. The Subsidiary Subordinated Debt Securities of each series covered by the Registration Statement will constitute valid and binding obligations of RenaissanceRe Finance when: (i) the Registration Statement, as finally amended (including any necessary post-effective amendments), shall have become effective under the Securities Act and the Subordinated Indenture (including any necessary supplemental indenture) shall have been qualified under the TIA; (ii) a prospectus supplement with respect to such series of Subsidiary Subordinated Debt Securities shall have been filed with the SEC in compliance with the Securities Act and the rules

and regulations thereunder; (iii) the Subsidiary Subordinated Indenture shall have been duly authorized, executed and delivered by RenaissanceRe Finance and the Subsidiary Subordinated Trustee; (iv) all necessary corporate action shall have been taken by RenaissanceRe Finance to authorize the form, terms, execution, delivery, performance, issuance and sale of such series of Subsidiary Subordinated Debt Securities as contemplated by the Registration Statement, the prospectus supplement relating to such Subsidiary Subordinated Debt Securities and the Subsidiary Subordinated Indenture and to authorize the execution, delivery and performance of a supplemental indenture or officers' certificate establishing the form and terms of such series of Subsidiary Subordinated Debt Securities as contemplated by the Subsidiary Subordinated Indenture; (v) a supplemental indenture or officers' certificate establishing the form and terms of such series of Subsidiary Subordinated Debt Securities shall have been duly executed and delivered by RenaissanceRe Finance and the Subsidiary Subordinated Trustee (in the case of such a supplemental indenture) or by duly authorized officers of RenaissanceRe Finance (in the case of such an officers' certificate), in each case in accordance with the provisions of the RenaissanceRe Finance Charter, RenaissanceRe Finance By-laws, and final resolutions of the Board a duly authorized committee thereof and the Subsidiary Subordinated Indenture; and (vi) the certificates evidencing the Subsidiary Subordinated Debt Securities of such series shall have been duly executed and delivered by RenaissanceRe Finance, authenticated by the Subsidiary Subordinated Trustee and issued, all in accordance with the RenaissanceRe Finance Charter, RenaissanceRe Finance By-laws, and final resolutions of the Board or a duly authorized committee thereof, the Subsidiary Subordinated Indenture and the supplemental indenture or officers' certificate, as the case may be, establishing the form and terms of the Subsidiary Subordinated Debt Securities of such series, and shall have been duly delivered in accordance with the applicable definitive purchase, underwriting or similar agreement to the purchasers thereof against payment of the agreed consideration therefor.

7. The Share Purchase Contracts will constitute valid and binding obligations of the Company when: (i) the Registration Statement, as finally amended (including any necessary post-effective amendments), shall have become effective under the Securities Act; (ii) a prospectus supplement with respect to such Share Purchase Contracts shall have been filed with the SEC in compliance with the Securities Act and the rules and regulations thereunder; (iii) a Share Purchase Contract Agreement relating to such Share Purchase Contracts shall have been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company and duly executed and delivered by the Share Purchase Contract Agent named in the Share Purchase Contract Agreement; (iv) the Board or a duly authorized committee thereof shall have duly adopted final resolutions in conformity with the Charter, the Bye-Laws and the Resolutions authorizing the execution, delivery, issuance and sale of such Share Purchase Contracts; (v) if such Share Purchase Contracts relate to the issuance and sale of Common Shares, the Common Shares related thereto shall have been validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable (vi) if such Share Purchase Contracts relate to the issuance and sale of Preference Shares, the Preference Shares related thereto shall have been validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable; and (vii) certificates representing such Share Purchase Contracts shall have been duly executed, countersigned and registered in accordance with the Share Purchase Contract Agreement and shall have been duly delivered to the purchasers thereof in accordance with the Share Purchase Contract Agreement against payment of the agreed consideration therefor.

- 8. The Share Purchase Units will constitute valid and binding obligations of the Company when: (i) the Registration Statement, as finally amended (including any necessary post-effective amendments), shall have become effective under the Securities Act; (ii) a prospectus supplement with respect to such Share Purchase Units shall have been filed with the SEC in compliance with the Securities Act and the rules and regulations thereunder; (iii) the Board or a duly authorized committee thereof shall have duly adopted final resolutions in conformity with the Charter, the Bye-Laws and the Resolutions authorizing the execution, delivery, issuance and sale of such Share Purchase Units; and (iv) certificates representing such Share Purchase Units shall have been duly executed, countersigned and registered and shall have been duly delivered to the purchasers thereof in accordance with the applicable definitive purchase, underwriting or similar agreement against payment of the agreed consideration therefor.
- 9. The Guarantee will constitute a validly issued and binding obligation of the Company when: (i) the Registration Statement, as finally amended (including any necessary post-effective amendments), shall have become effective under the Securities Act and the Guarantee Agreement shall have been qualified under the TIA; (ii) a prospectus supplement with respect to the Guarantee and the Trust Preferred Securities to which the Guarantee relates shall have been filed with the SEC in compliance with the Securities Act and the rules and regulations thereunder; (iii) the Board or a duly authorized committee thereof shall have duly adopted final resolutions in conformity with the Charter, the Bye-Laws and the Resolutions authorizing the issuance of the Guarantee; (iv) the Guarantee Agreement shall have been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company and shall have been duly executed and delivered by the Property Trustee; and (v) the Trust Preferred Securities to which the Guarantee relates shall have been duly issued as set forth in paragraph 11 below.
- 10. The Subsidiary Debt Securities Guarantee will constitute a validly issued and binding obligation of the Company when: (i) the Registration Statement, as finally amended (including any necessary post-effective amendments), shall have become effective under the Securities Act and the Subsidiary Debt Securities Guarantee Agreement shall have been qualified under the TIA; (ii) a prospectus supplement with respect to the Subsidiary Debt Securities Guarantee and the Subsidiary Debt Securities Guarantee relates shall have been filed with the SEC in compliance with the Securities Act and the rules and regulations thereunder; (iii) the Board or a duly authorized committee thereof shall have duly adopted final resolutions in conformity with the Charter, the Bye-Laws and the Resolutions authorizing the issuance of the Subsidiary Debt Securities Guarantee; (iv) the Subsidiary Debt Securities Guarantee Agreement shall have been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company and shall have been duly executed and delivered by RenaissanceRe Finance; and (v) the Subsidiary Debt Securities to which the Subsidiary Debt Securities Guarantee relates shall have been duly issued as set forth in paragraph 4 or 6 above.
- 11. The Trust Preferred Securities will constitute validly issued beneficial interests in the assets of the Capital Trust whose owners will have no further obligation to make payments to the Capital Trust or its creditors or contributions to the Capital Trust or its creditors solely by reason of the owners' ownership of Trust Preferred Securities, when: (i) the Registration

Statement, as finally amended (including any necessary post-effective amendments), shall have become effective under the Securities Act the Trust Agreement shall have been qualified under the TIA; (ii) a prospectus supplement with respect to the Trust Preferred Securities shall have been filed with the SEC in compliance with the Securities Act and the rules and regulations thereunder; (iii) the Trust Agreement shall have been duly executed and delivered by each of the parties thereto; (iv) the terms of the Trust Preferred Securities shall have been established in accordance with the Trust Agreement; and (v) the Trust Preferred Securities shall have been duly executed and authenticated and issued in accordance with the Trust Agreement, and shall have been duly delivered in accordance with the applicable definitive purchase, underwriting or similar agreement to the purchasers thereof against payment of the agreed consideration therefor; provided that the holders of the Trust Preferred Securities may be obligated, pursuant to the Trust Agreement, to (i) provide indemnity and/or security in connection with, and pay taxes or governmental charges arising from, transfers of Trust Preferred Securities and (ii) provide security and indemnity in connection with the requests of, or directions to, the Property Trustee to exercise its rights and powers under the Trust Agreement.

Our opinions are subject to bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium, fraudulent conveyance, fraudulent transfer and other similar laws relating to or affecting creditors' rights generally and to general equitable principles (regardless of whether considered in a proceeding in equity or at law), including concepts of commercial reasonableness, good faith and fair dealing and the possible unavailability of specific performance or injunctive relief. Our opinion is also subject to (i) provisions of law which may require that a judgment for money damages rendered by a court in the United States of America be expressed only in United States dollars, (ii) requirements that a claim with respect to any Company Debt Securities or Subsidiary Debt Securities or other obligations that are denominated or payable other than in United States dollars (or a judgment denominated or payable other than in United States dollars at a rate of exchange prevailing on a date determined pursuant to applicable law and (iii) governmental authority to limit, delay or prohibit the making of payments outside of the United States of America or in a foreign currency.

For the purposes of this letter, we have assumed that, at the time of the issuance, sale and delivery of any of the Securities:

- (i) the Securities being offered will be issued and sold as contemplated in the Registration Statement and the prospectus supplement relating thereto;
- (ii) the execution, delivery and performance by the Company, RenaissanceRe Finance, or the Capital Trust of the Deposit Agreement, the Company Senior Indenture, the Subsidiary Senior Indenture, the Subsidiary Subordinated Indenture, the Company Subordinated Indenture, the Warrant Agreement, the Share Purchase Contract Agreement, the Trust Agreement, the Subsidiary Debt Securities Guarantee Agreement and the Guarantee Agreement, as applicable, and the issuance sale and delivery of the Securities, the Common Shares and the Preference Shares will not (A) contravene or violate the Charter or Bye-Laws, (B) violate any law, rule or regulation applicable to the Company, RenaissanceRe Finance or the Capital Trust, (C) result in a default under or breach of any agreement or instrument binding upon the Company, RenaissanceRe Finance or the Capital Trust or any order, judgment or decree of any court or governmental authority applicable to the Company, RenaissanceRe Finance or the Capital Trust,

- or (D) require any authorization, approval or other action by, or notice to or filing with, any court or governmental authority (other than such authorizations, approvals, actions, notices or filings which shall have been obtained or made, as the case may be, and which shall be in full force and effect):
- (iii) the authorization thereof by the Company, RenaissanceRe Finance or the Capital Trust, as the case may be, will not have been modified or rescinded, and there will not have occurred any change in law affecting the validity, legally binding character or enforceability thereof;
  - (iv) the Charter and the Bye-laws, each as currently in effect, will not have been modified or amended and will be in full force and effect;
- (v) the RenaissanceRe Finance Charter and the RenaissanceRe Finance By-laws, each as currently in effect, will not have been modified or amended and will be in full force and effect; and
- (vi) the Certificate of Trust and the Trust Agreement, each as currently in effect, will not have been modified or amended and will be in full force and effect; and
- (vii) the Company, RenaissanceRe Finance or the Capital Trust, as applicable, shall have duly expressed the terms of such Security and duly authorized the issuance and sale of such Security and such authorization shall not have been modified or rescinded.

We have further assumed that each Warrant Agreement, each Deposit Agreement, each Share Purchase Contract and/or Share Purchase Units, the Company Senior Indenture, the Subsidiary Senior Indenture, each indenture supplement to the Company Senior Indenture, the Company Subordinated Indenture, a Subsidiary Subordinated Indenture, each supplement to the Company Subordinated Indenture, each supplement to the Company Subordinated Indenture, each supplement to a Subsidiary Subordinated Indenture, the Guarantee Agreement and the Subsidiary Debt Securities Guarantee Agreement will be governed by the laws of the State of New York, and that the Trust Agreement will be governed by the laws of the State of Delaware.

With respect to each instrument or agreement referred to in or otherwise relevant to the opinions set forth herein (each, an "Instrument"), we have assumed, to the extent relevant to the opinions set forth herein, that (i) each party to such Instrument (if not a natural person) was duly organized or formed, as the case may be, and was at all relevant times and is validly existing and in good standing under the laws of its jurisdiction of organization or formation, as the case may be, and had at all relevant times and has full right, power and authority to execute, deliver and perform its obligations under such Instrument; (ii) such Instrument has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by each party thereto; and (iii) such Instrument was at all relevant times and is a valid, binding and enforceable agreement or obligation, as the case may be, of, each party thereto.

We have also assumed that no event has occurred or will occur that would cause the release of (i) the Guarantee by the Company under the terms of the Guarantee Agreement or (ii) the Subsidiary Debt Securities Guarantee by the Company under the terms of the Subsidiary Debt Securities Guarantee Agreement.

This opinion letter is limited to the laws of the State of New York (excluding the securities laws of the State of New York). We express no opinion as to the laws, rules or regulations of any other jurisdiction, including, without limitation, the federal laws of the United States of America or any state securities or blue sky laws.

We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion letter as an Exhibit to the Registration Statement and to all references to our Firm included in or made a part of the Registration Statement. In giving such consent, we do not thereby admit that we are in the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Securities Act.

Very truly yours, /s/ Sidley Austin LLP

#### CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We consent to the reference to our firm under the caption "Experts" in this Registration Statement (Form S-3) and related Prospectus of RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd. for the registration of common shares, preference shares, depositary shares, debt securities, warrants to purchase common shares, warrants to purchase preference shares, warrants to purchase debt securities, share purchase contracts and share purchase units and to the incorporation by reference therein of our report dated February 4, 2022, with respect to the consolidated financial statements of RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd. at December 31, 2021 and for each of the two years in the period ended December 31, 2021 included in its Annual Report (Form 10-K) for the year ended December 31, 2022, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

/s/ Ernst & Young Ltd. Hamilton, Bermuda May 22, 2023

#### CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We hereby consent to the incorporation by reference in this Registration Statement on Form S-3 of RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd. of our report dated February 8, 2023 relating to the financial statements, financial statement schedules, and the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, which appears in RenaissanceRe Holding Ltd.'s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2022. We also consent to the reference to us under the heading "Experts" in such Registration Statement.

/s/ PricewaterhouseCoopers Ltd. Hamilton, Bermuda May 22, 2023

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

## FORM T-1

#### STATEMENT OF ELIGIBILITY UNDER THE TRUST INDENTURE ACT OF 1939 OF A CORPORATION DESIGNATED TO ACT AS TRUSTEE

☐ CHECK IF AN APPLICATION TO DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY OF A TRUSTEE PURSUANT TO SECTION 305(b)(2)

# DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST COMPANY AMERICAS (formerly BANKERS TRUST COMPANY)

(Exact name of trustee as specified in its charter)

NEW YORK

(Jurisdiction of Incorporation or organization if not a U.S. national bank)

13-4941247 (I.R.S. Employer Identification no.)

One Columbus Circle NEW YORK, NEW YORK

(Address of principal executive offices)

10019 (Zip Code)

Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas
Attention: Mirko Mieth
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One Columbus Circle 19th Floor
New York, New York 10019
(212) 250 – 1663
(Name, address and telephone number of agent for service)

# RENAISSANCERE FINANCE INC.

(Exact name of obligor as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) 68-0650983 (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

140 BROADWAY SUITE 4200 NEW YORK, NY 10005 (212) 238-9600

(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of registrant's principal executive offices)

## RENAISSANCERE HOLDINGS LTD.

(Exact name of obligor as specified in its charter)

Bermuda

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

98-0141974 (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

RENAISSANCE HOUSE 12 CROW LANE PEMBROKE HM 19 BERMUDA (441) 295-4513

# RENAISSANCERE CAPITAL TRUST II

(Exact name of obligor as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) 42-6625345 (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

# C/O RENAISSANCERE FINANCE INC.

140 BROADWAY SUITE 4200 NEW YORK, NY 10005 (212) 238-9600

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# RENAISSANCERE FINANCE INC.

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(Name, address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

With copies to:

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**Debt Securities** (Title of the Indenture securities)

#### Item 1. General Information.

Furnish the following information as to the trustee.

(a) Name and address of each examining or supervising authority to which it is subject.

ame Address

Federal Reserve Bank (2nd District)

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

New York, NY

Washington, D.C.

New York State Banking Department

Albany, NY

(b) Whether it is authorized to exercise corporate trust powers. Yes.

#### Item 2. Affiliations with Obligor.

If the obligor is an affiliate of the Trustee, describe each such affiliation.

Not Applicable.

#### Item 3. -15. Not Applicable

#### Item 16. List of Exhibits.

- Exhibit 1 Restated Organization Certificate of Bankers Trust Company dated August 31, 1998; Certificate of Amendment of the Organization Certificate of Bankers Trust Company dated September 25, 1998; Certificate of Amendment of the Organization Certificate of Bankers Trust Company dated December 18, 1998; Certificate of Amendment of the Organization Certificate of Bankers Trust Company dated September 3, 1999; and Certificate of Amendment of the Organization Certificate of Bankers Trust Company dated March 14, 2002, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 1 filed with Form T-1 Statement, Registration No. 333-201810.
- Exhibit 2 Certificate of Authority to commence business, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 2 filed with Form T-1 Statement, Registration No. 333-201810.
- Exhibit 3 Authorization of the Trustee to exercise corporate trust powers, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3 filed with Form T-1 Statement, Registration No. 333-201810.
- Exhibit 4 A copy of existing By-Laws of Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, dated March 2, 2022 (see attached).

- Exhibit 5 Not applicable.
- Exhibit 6 Consent of Bankers Trust Company required by Section 321(b) of the Act, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 6 filed with Form T-1 Statement, Registration No. 333-201810.
- Exhibit 7 A copy of the latest report of condition of the trustee published pursuant to law or the requirements of its supervising or examining authority.
- Exhibit 8 Not Applicable.
- Exhibit 9 Not Applicable.

## SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended, the trustee, Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York, has duly caused this statement of eligibility to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, all in The City of New York, and State of New York, on this 19th day of May, 2023.

DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST COMPANY AMERICAS

By: /s/ Carol Ng Carol Ng

Vice President

# AMENDED AND RESTATED BY-LAWS OF DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST COMPANY AMERICAS

#### ARTICLE I

#### STOCKHOLDERS

Section 1.01. Annual Meeting. The annual meeting of the stockholders of Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas (the "Company") shall be held in the City of New York within the State of New York within the first four months of the Company's fiscal year, on such date and at such time and place as the board of directors of the Company ("Board of Directors" or "Board") may designate in the call or in a waiver of notice thereof, for the purpose of electing directors and for the transaction of such other business as may properly be brought before the meeting.

Section 1.02. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the stockholders of the Company may be called by the Board of Directors or by the President, and shall be called by the President or by the Secretary upon the written request of the holders of record of at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the shares of stock of the Company issued and outstanding and entitled to vote, at such times. If for a period of thirteen months after the last annual meeting, there is a failure to elect a sufficient number of directors to conduct the business of the Company, the Board of Directors shall call a special meeting for the election of directors within two weeks after the expiration of such period; otherwise, holders of record of ten percent (10%) of the shares of stock of the Company entitled to vote in an election of directors may, in writing, demand the call of a special meeting at the office of the Company for the election of directors, specifying the date and month thereof, but not less than two nor more than three months from the date of such call. At any such special meeting called on demand of stockholders, the stockholders attending, in person or by proxy, and entitled to vote in an election of directors shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of electing directors, but not for the transaction of any other business.

Section 1.03. Notice of Meetings. Notice of the time, place and purpose of every meeting of stockholders shall be delivered personally or mailed not less than 10 nor more than 50 days before the date of such meeting (or any other action) to each stockholder of record entitled to vote, at his post office address appearing upon the records of the Company or at such other address as shall be furnished in writing by him to the Secretary of the Company for such purpose. Such further notice shall be given as may be required by law or by these By-Laws. Any meeting may be held without notice if all stockholders entitled to vote are present in person or by proxy, or if notice is waived in writing, either before or after the meeting, by those not present.

Section 1.04. Quorum. The holders of record of at least a majority of the shares of the stock of the Company issued and outstanding and entitled to vote, present in person or by proxy, shall, except as otherwise provided by law, by the Company's Organization Certificate or by these By-Laws, constitute a quorum at all meetings of the stockholders; if there be no such quorum, the holders of a majority of such shares so present or represented may adjourn the meeting from time to time until a quorum shall have been obtained.

Section 1.05. Organization of Meetings. Meetings of the stockholders shall be presided over by the Chairman of the Board or, if he is not present, by the President or, if he is not present, by a chairman to be chosen at the meeting. The Secretary of the Company, or in his absence an Assistant Secretary, shall act as secretary of the meeting, if present.

Section 1.06. Voting. At each meeting of stockholders, except as otherwise provided by statute, the Company's Organization Certificate or these By-Laws, every holder of record of stock entitled to vote shall be entitled to one vote in person or by proxy for each share of such stock standing in his name on the records of the Company. Elections of directors shall be determined by a plurality of the votes cast thereat and, except as otherwise provided by statute, the Company's Organization Certificate or these By-Laws, all other action shall be determined by a majority of the votes cast at such meeting.

At all elections of directors, the voting shall be by ballot or in such other manner as may be determined by the stockholders present in person or by proxy entitled to vote at such election.

Section 1.07. Action by Consent. Except as may otherwise be provided in the Company's Organization Certificate, any action required or permitted to be taken at any meeting of stockholders may be taken without a meeting, without prior notice and without a vote if, prior to such action, a written consent or consents thereto, setting forth such action, is signed by all the holders of record of shares of the stock of the Company, issued and outstanding and entitled to vote thereon, having not less than the minimum number of votes that would be necessary to authorize or take such action at a meeting at which all shares entitled to vote thereon were present and voted.

#### ARTICLE II

#### DIRECTORS

Section 2.01. Chairman of the Board. Following the election of the Board of Directors at each annual meeting, the elected Board shall appoint one of its members as Chairman. The Chairman of the Board shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and of the stockholders, and he shall perform such other duties and have such other powers as from time to time may be prescribed by the Board of Directors.

Section 2.02. <u>Lead Independent Director</u>. Following the election of the Board of Directors at each annual meeting, the elected Board may appoint one of its independent members as its Lead Independent Director. When the Chairman of the Board is not present at a meeting of the Board of Directors, the Lead Independent Director, if there be one, shall preside.

Section 2.03. Director Emeritus. The Board of Directors may from time to time elect one or more Directors Emeritus. Each Director Emeritus shall be elected for a term expiring on the date of the regular meeting of the Board of Directors following the next annual meeting. No Director Emeritus shall be considered a "director" for purposes of these By-Laws or for any other purpose.

Section 2.04. Powers, Number, Quorum, Term, Vacancies, Removal. The business and affairs of the Company shall be managed by or under the direction of the Board of Directors which may exercise all such powers of the Company and do all such lawful acts and things as are not by statute or by the Company's Organization Certificate or by these By-Laws required to be exercised or done by the stockholders.

The number of directors may be changed by a resolution passed by a majority of the members of the Board of Directors or by a vote of the holders of record of at least a majority of the shares of stock of the Company issued and outstanding and entitled to vote, but at all times the Board of Directors must consist of not less than seven nor more than thirty directors. No more than one-third of the directors shall be active officers or employees of the Company. At least one-half of the directors must be citizens of the United States at the time of their election and during their continuance in office.

Except as otherwise required by law, rule or regulation, or by the Company's Organization Certificate, at all meetings of the Board of Directors or any committee thereof, a majority of the entire Board of Directors or a majority of the directors constituting such committee, as the case may be, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business and the act of a majority of the directors or committee members present at any meeting at which there is a quorum shall be the act of the Board of Directors, or such committee, as applicable. Any one or more members of the Board may participate in a meeting of the Board by means of a conference telephone or video, or other similar communications equipment allowing all persons participating in the meeting to hear each other at the same time. Participation by such means shall constitute presence in person at a meeting. Whether or not a quorum shall be present at any meeting of the Board of Directors or a committee thereof, a majority of the directors present thereat may adjourn the meeting from time to time; notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given to the directors who were not present at the time of the adjournment, but if the time and place of the adjourned meeting are announced, no additional notice shall be required to be given to the directors present at the time of adjournment.

Directors shall hold office until the next annual election and until their successors shall have been elected and shall have qualified. Director vacancies not exceeding one-third of the whole number of the Board of Directors may be filled by the affirmative vote of a majority of the directors then in office, and the directors so elected shall hold office for the balance of the unexpired term.

Any one or more of the directors of the Company may be removed either with or without cause at any time by a vote of the holders of record of at least a majority of the shares of stock of the Company, issued and outstanding and entitled to vote, and thereupon the term of the director or directors who shall have been so removed shall forthwith terminate and there shall be a vacancy or vacancies in the Board of Directors, to be filled by a vote of the stockholders as provided in these By-Laws.

Section 2.05. Meetings, Notice. Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at such place either within or without the State of New York, as may from time to time be fixed by resolution of the Board, or as may be specified in the call or in a waiver of notice thereof. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors and its Executive Committee shall be held as often as may be required under applicable law, and special meetings may be held at any time upon the call of two directors, the Chairman of the Board or the President, by oral, telegraphic or written notice duly served on or sent or mailed to each director not less than two days before such meeting. Any meeting may be held without notice, if all directors are present, or if notice is waived in writing, either before or after the meeting, by those not present.

Section 2.06. Compensation. The Board of Directors may determine, from time to time, the amount of compensation, which shall be paid to its members. The Board of Directors shall also have power, in its discretion, to allow a fixed sum and expenses for attendance at each regular or special meeting of the Board, or of any committee of the Board. The Board of Directors shall also have power, in its discretion, to provide for and pay to directors rendering services to the Company not ordinarily rendered by directors, as such, special compensation appropriate to the value of such services, as determined by the Board from time to time.

#### ARTICLE III

#### **COMMITTEES**

Section 3.01. Executive Committee. There shall be an Executive Committee of the Board who shall be appointed annually by resolution adopted by the majority of the entire Board of Directors. The Chairman of the Board shall preside at meetings of the Executive Committee. In his absence, the Chief Executive Officer or, in his absence, the President or any Co-President or, in their absence, such other member of the Executive Committee as the Executive Committee from time to time may designate shall preside at such meetings.

Section 3.02. Audit and Fiduciary Committee. There shall be an Audit and Fiduciary Committee appointed annually by resolution adopted by a majority of the entire Board of Directors which shall consist of such number of independent directors, as may from time to time be fixed by the Audit and Fiduciary Committee charter adopted by the Board of Directors.

Section 3.03. Other Committees. The Board of Directors shall have the power to appoint any other Committees as may seem necessary, and from time to time to suspend or continue the powers and duties of such Committees. Each Committee appointed pursuant to this Article shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of Directors.

Section 3.04. Limitations. No committee shall have the authority as to the following matters: (i) the submission to stockholders of any action that needs stockholders' authorization under New York Banking Law; (ii) the filling of vacancies in the Board of Directors or in any such committee; (iii) the fixing of compensation of the directors for serving on the Board of Directors or on any committee; (iv) the amendment or repeal of these By-Laws, or the adoption of new by-laws; (v) the amendment or repeal of any resolution of the Board of Directors which by its terms shall not be so amendable or repealable; or (vi) the taking of action which is expressly required by any provision of New York Banking Law to be taken at a meeting of the Board of Directors or by a specified proportion of the directors.

#### ARTICLE IV

#### **OFFICERS**

Section 4.01. Titles and Election. The officers of the Company, who shall be chosen by the Board of Directors within twenty-five days after each annual meeting of stockholders, shall be a President, Chief Executive Officer, Chief Risk Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer, Secretary, and a General Auditor. The Board of Directors from time to time may elect one or more Managing Directors, Directors, Vice Presidents, Assistant Secretaries, Assistant Treasurers and such other officers and agents as it shall deem necessary, and may define their powers and duties. Any number of offices may be held by the same person, except the offices of President and Secretary.

<u>Section 4.02</u>. <u>Terms of Office</u>. Each officer shall hold office for the term for which he is elected or appointed, and until his successor has been elected or appointed and qualified.

Section 4.03. Removal. Any officer may be removed, either with or without cause, at any time, by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Board of Directors.

Section 4.04. Resignations. Any officer may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Board of Directors or to the Secretary. Such resignation shall take effect at the time specified therein and, unless otherwise specified therein, the acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

Section 4.05. Vacancies. If the office of any officer or agent becomes vacant by reason of death, resignation, retirement, disqualification, removal from office or otherwise, the Board of Directors may choose a successor, who shall hold office for the unexpired term in respect of which such vacancy occurred.

Section 4.06. President. The President shall have general authority to exercise all the powers necessary for the President of the Company. In the absence of the Chairman and the Lead Independent Director, the President shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and of the stockholders. The President shall have the power to execute bonds, mortgages and other contracts, agreements and instruments of the Company, and he shall perform such other duties and have such other powers as may be incident to the office of the president of a corporation and as from time to time may otherwise be prescribed by the Board of Directors.

Section 4.07. Chief Executive Officer. Unless otherwise determined by the Board of Directors, the President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Company. The Chief Executive Officer shall exercise the powers and perform the duties usual to the chief executive officer and, subject to the control of the Board of Directors, shall have general management and control of the affairs and business of the Company; he shall appoint and discharge employees and agents of the Company (other than officers elected by the Board of Directors); he shall see that all orders and resolutions of the Board of Directors are carried into effect; he shall have the power to execute bonds, mortgages and other contracts, agreements and instruments of the Company, and he shall perform such other duties and have such other powers as may be incident to the office of the chief executive officer of a corporation and as from time to time may otherwise be prescribed by the Board of Directors.

Section 4.08. Chief Risk Officer. The Chief Risk Officer shall have the responsibility for the risk management and monitoring of the Company. The Chief Risk Officer shall have the power to execute bonds, notes, mortgages and other contracts, agreements and instruments of the Company, and he shall perform such other duties and have such other powers as may be incident to his office and as from time to time may otherwise be prescribed by the Board of Directors.

Section 4.09. Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer shall have the responsibility for reporting to the Board of Directors on the financial condition of the Company, preparing and submitting all financial reports required by applicable law, and preparing annual financial statements of the Company and coordinating with qualified third party auditors to ensure such financial statements are audited in accordance with applicable law.

Section 4.10. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall have the custody of the corporate funds and securities and shall keep full and accurate accounts of receipts and disbursements in books belonging to the Company and shall deposit all moneys, and other valuable effects in the name and to the credit of the Company, in such depositories as may be designated by the Board of Directors. He shall disburse the funds of the Company as may be ordered by the Board, taking proper vouchers for such disbursements, and shall render to the directors whenever they may require it an account of all his transactions as Treasurer and of the financial condition of the Company.

Section 4.11. Secretary. The Secretary shall attend all sessions of the Board of Directors and all meetings of the stockholders and record all votes and the minutes of proceedings in records or books to be kept for that purpose. He shall give, or cause to be given, notice of all meetings of the stockholders and of the Board of Directors and shall perform such other duties and have such other powers as may be incident to the office of the secretary of a corporation and as from time to time may otherwise be prescribed by the Board of Directors. The Secretary shall have and be the custodian of the stock records and all other books, records and papers of the Company (other than financial) and shall see that all books, reports, statements, certificates and other documents and records required by law are properly kept and filed.

Section 4.12. General Auditor. The General Auditor shall be responsible, through the Audit and Fiduciary Committee, to the Board of Directors for the determination of the program of the internal audit function and the evaluation of the adequacy of the system of internal controls. Subject to the Board of Directors, the General Auditor shall have and may exercise all the powers and shall perform all the duties usual to such office and shall have such other powers as may be prescribed or assigned to him from time to time by the Board of Directors or vested in him by law or by these By-Laws. He shall perform such other duties and shall make such investigations, examinations and reports as may be prescribed or required by the Audit and Fiduciary Committee. The General Auditor shall have unrestricted access to all records and premises of the Company and shall delegate such authority to his subordinates. He shall have the duty to report to the Audit and Fiduciary Committee on all matters concerning the internal audit program and the adequacy of the system of internal controls of the Company which he deems advisable or which the Audit and Fiduciary Committee may request.

Section 4.13. Managing Directors, Directors and Vice Presidents. If chosen, the Managing Directors, Directors and Vice Presidents, in the order of their seniority, shall, in the absence or disability of the President, exercise all of the powers and duties of the President. Such Managing Directors, Directors and Vice Presidents shall have the power to execute bonds, notes, mortgages and other contracts, agreements and instruments of the Company, and they shall perform such other duties and have such other powers as may be incident to their respective offices and as from time to time may be prescribed by the Board of Directors or the President.

Section 4.14. <u>Duties of Officers may be Delegated</u>. In case of the absence or disability of any officer of the Company, or for any other reason that the Board may deem sufficient, the Board may delegate, for the time being, the powers or duties, or any of them, of such officer to any other officer.

#### ARTICLE V

#### INDEMNIFICATION OF DIRECTORS, OFFICERS AND OTHERS

Section 5.01. Power to Indemnify in Actions, Suits or Proceedings other than Those by or in the Right of the Company. Subject to the other provisions of this Article V, and subject to applicable law, the Company shall indemnify any person made or threatened to be made a party to an action or proceeding (other than one by or in the right of the Company to procure a judgment in its favor), whether civil or criminal, including an action by or in the right of any other corporation of any type or kind, domestic or foreign, or any partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise, which any director or officer of the Company served in any capacity at the request of the Company, by reason of the fact that such person, his or her testator or intestate, was a director or officer of the Company, or served such other corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise in any capacity, against judgments, fines, amounts paid in settlement and reasonable expenses, including attorneys' fees actually and necessarily incurred as a result of such action or proceeding, or any appeal therein, if such director or officer acted, in good faith, for a purpose which such person reasonably believed to be in, or, in the case of service for any other corporation or any partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise, not opposed to, the best interests of the Company, and had no reasonable cause to believe that such person's conduct was unlawful.

Section 5.02. Power to Indemnify in Actions, Suits or Proceedings by or in the Right of the Company. Subject to the other provisions of this Article V, and subject to applicable law, the Company shall indemnify any person made, or threatened to be made, a party to an action by or in the right of the Company to procure a judgment in its favor by reason of the fact that such person, his or her testator or intestate, is or was a director or officer of the Company, or is or was serving at the request of the Company as a director or officer of any other corporation of any type or kind, domestic or foreign, of any partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise,

against amounts paid in settlement and reasonable expenses, including attorneys' fees, actually and necessarily incurred by such person in connection with the defense or settlement of such action, or in connection with an appeal therein, if such director or officer acted, in good faith, for a purpose which he reasonably believed to be in, or, in the case of service for any other corporation or any partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise, not opposed to, the best interests of the Company, except that no indemnification under this Section 5.02 shall be made in respect of (a) a threatened action, or a pending action which is settled or otherwise disposed of, or (b) any claim, issue or matter as to which such person shall have been adjudged to be liable to the Company, unless and only to the extent that the court in which the action was brought, or, if no action was brought, any court of competent jurisdiction, determines upon application that, in view of all the circumstances of the case, the person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such portion of the settlement amount and expenses as the court deems proper.

Section 5.03. Authorization of Indemnification. Any indemnification under this Article V (unless ordered by a court) shall be made by the Company only if authorized in the specific case (i) by the Board acting by a quorum consisting of directors who are not parties to such action or proceeding upon a finding that the director or officer has met the standard of conduct set forth in Section 5.01 or Section 5.02, as the case may be; or (ii) if a quorum is not obtainable or, even if obtainable, a quorum of disinterested directors so directs, (x) by the Board upon the opinion in writing of independent legal counsel that indemnification is proper in the circumstances because the applicable standard of conduct set forth in Section 5.01 or Section 5.02, as the case may be, has been met by such director or officer; or (y) by the stockholders upon a finding that the director or officer has met the applicable standard of conduct set forth in Section 5.01 or Section 5.02, as the case may be. A person who has been successful on the merits or otherwise, in the defense of a civil or criminal action or proceeding of the character described in Sections 5.01 or 5.02, shall be entitled to indemnification as authorized in such section.

Section 5.04. Good Faith Defined. For purposes of any determination under Section 5.03, a person shall be deemed to have acted in good faith and in a manner such person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Company, or to have had no reasonable cause to believe such person's conduct was unlawful, if such person's action is based on the records or books of account of the Company or another enterprise, or on information supplied to such person by the officers of the Company or another enterprise in the course of their duties, or on the advice of legal counsel for the Company or another enterprise or on information or records given or reports made to the Company or another enterprise by an independent certified public accountant or by an appraiser or other expert selected with reasonable care by the Company or another enterprise. The provisions of this Section 5.04 shall not be deemed to be exclusive or to limit in any way the circumstances in which a person may be deemed to have met the applicable standard of conduct set forth in Section 5.01 or Section 5.02, as the case may be.

Section 5.05. Serving an Employee Benefit Plan on behalf of the Company. For the purpose of this Article V, the Company shall be deemed to have requested a person to serve an employee benefit plan where the performance by such person of his duties to the Company also imposes duties on, or otherwise involves services by, such person to the plan or participants or beneficiaries of the plan; excise taxes assessed on a person with respect to an employee benefit plan pursuant to applicable law shall be considered fines; and action taken or omitted by a person with respect to an employee benefit plan in the performance of such person's duties for a purpose reasonably believed by such person to be in the interest of the participants and beneficiaries of the plan shall be deemed to be for a purpose which is not opposed to the best interests of the Company.

Section 5.06. Indemnification upon Application to a Court. Notwithstanding the failure of the Company to provide indemnification and despite any contrary resolution of the Board or stockholders under Section 5.03, or in the event that no determination has been made within ninety days after receipt of the Company of a written claim therefor, upon application to a court by a director or officer, indemnification shall be awarded by a court to the extent authorized in Section 5.01 or Section 5.02. Such application shall be upon notice to the Company. Neither a contrary determination in the specific case under Section 5.03 nor the absence of any determination thereunder shall be a defense to such application or create a presumption that the director or officer seeking indemnification has not met any applicable standard of conduct.

Section 5.07. Expenses Payable in Advance. Subject to the other provisions of this Article V, and subject to applicable law, expenses incurred in defending a civil or criminal action or proceeding may be paid by the Company in advance of the final disposition of such action or proceeding upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of such director or officer to repay such amount (i) if it shall ultimately be determined that such person is not entitled to be indemnified by the Company as authorized in this Article V, (ii) where indemnification is granted, to the extent expenses so advanced by the Company or allowed by a court exceed the indemnification to which such person is entitled and (iii) upon such other terms and conditions, if any, as the Company deems appropriate. Any such advancement of expenses shall be made in the sole and absolute discretion of the Company only as authorized in the specific case upon a determination made, with respect to a person who is a director or officer at the time of such determination, (i) by the Board acting by a quorum consisting of directors who are not parties to such action or proceeding, or (ii) if a quorum is not obtainable or, even if obtainable, if a quorum of disinterested directors so directs, (x) by the Board upon the opinion in writing of independent legal counsel or (y) by the stockholders and, with respect to former directors and officers, by any person or persons having the authority to act on the matter on behalf of the Company. Without limiting the foregoing, the Company reserves the right in its sole and absolute discretion to revoke at any time any approval previously granted in respect of any such request for the advancement of expenses or to, in its sole and absolute discretion, impose limits or conditions in respect of any such approval.

Section 5.08. Nonexclusivity of Indemnification and Advancement of Expenses. The indemnification and advancement of expenses granted pursuant to, or provided by, this Article V shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which a director or officer seeking indemnification or advancement of expenses may be entitled whether contained in the Company's Organization Certificate, these By-Laws or, when authorized by the Organization Certificate or these By-Laws, (i) a resolution of stockholders, (ii) a resolution of directors, or (iii) an agreement providing for such indemnification, provided that no indemnification may be made to or on behalf of any director or officer if a judgment or other final adjudication adverse to the director or officer establishes that his acts were committed in bad faith or were the result of active and deliberate dishonesty and were material to the cause of action so adjudicated, or that he personally gained in fact a financial profit or other advantage to which he was not legally entitled. Nothing contained in this Article V shall affect any rights to indemnification to which corporate personnel other than directors and officers may be entitled by contract or otherwise under law.

Section 5.09. Insurance. Subject to the other provisions of this Article V, the Company may purchase and maintain insurance (in a single contract or supplement thereto, but not in a retrospective rated contract): (i) to indemnify the Company for any obligation which it incurs as a result of the indemnification of directors and officers under the provisions of this Article V, (ii) to indemnify directors and officers in instances in which they may be indemnified by the Company under the provisions of this Article V and applicable law, and (iii) to indemnify directors and officers in instances in which they may not otherwise be indemnified by the Company under the provisions of this Article V, provided the contract of insurance covering such directors and officers provides, in a manner acceptable to the New York Superintendent of Financial Services, for a retention amount and for co-insurance. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any such insurance shall be subject to the provisions of, and the Company shall comply with the requirements set forth in, Section 7023 of the New York State Banking Law.

Section 5.10. Limitations on Indemnification and Insurance. All indemnification and insurance provisions contained in this Article V are subject to any limitations and prohibitions under applicable law, including but not limited to Section 7022 (with respect to indemnification, advancement or allowance) and Section 7023 (with respect to insurance) of the New York State Banking Law and the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (with respect to administrative proceedings or civil actions initiated by any federal banking agency). Notwithstanding anything contained in this Article V to the contrary, no indemnification, advancement or allowance shall be made (i) to or on behalf of any director or officer if a judgment or other final adjudication adverse to the director or officer establishes that his acts were committed in bad faith or were the result of active and deliberate dishonesty and were material to the cause of action so adjudicated, or that he personally gained in fact a financial profit or other advantage to which he was not legally entitled, or (ii) in any circumstance where it appears (a) that the indemnification would be inconsistent with a provision of the Company's Organization Certificate, these By-Laws, a resolution of the Board or of the stockholders, an agreement or other proper corporate action, in effect at the time of the accrual of the alleged cause of action asserted in the threatened or pending action or proceeding in which the expenses were incurred or other amounts were paid, which prohibits or otherwise limits indemnification; or (b) if there has been a settlement approved by the court, that the indemnification would be inconsistent with any condition with respect to indemnification expressly imposed by the court in approving the settlement.

Notwithstanding anything contained in this Article V to the contrary, but subject to any requirements of applicable law, (i) except for proceedings to enforce rights to indemnification (which shall be governed by Section 5.06), the Company shall not be obligated to indemnify any director or officer (or his testators intestate) or advance expenses in connection with a proceeding (or part thereof) initiated by such person unless such proceeding (or part thereof) was authorized or consented to by the Board of Directors of the Company, (ii) with respect to indemnification or advancement of expenses relating to attorneys' fees under this Article V, counsel for the present or former director or officer must be reasonably acceptable to the Company (and the Company may, in its sole and absolute discretion, establish a panel of approved law firms for such purpose, out of which the present or former director or officer could be required to select an approved law firm to represent him). (iii) indemnification in respect of amounts paid in settlement shall be subject to the prior consent of the Company (not to be unreasonably withheld), (iv) any and all obligations of the Corporation under this Article V shall be subject to applicable law, (v) in no event shall any payments pursuant to this Article V be made if duplicative of any indemnification or advancement of expenses or other reimbursement available to the applicable director or officer (other than for coverage maintained by such person in his individual capacity), and (vi) no indemnification or advancement of expenses shall be provided under these By-Laws to any person in respect of any expenses, judgments, fines or amounts paid in settlement to the extent incurred by such person in his capacity or position with another entity (including, without limitation, an entity that is a stockholder of the Company or any of the branches or affiliates of such stockholder), except as expressly provided in these By-Laws in respect of such person's capacity and position as a director or officer of the Company or such person is a director or officer of the Company serving at the request of the Company as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise.

Section 5.11. Indemnification of Other Persons. The Company may, to the extent authorized from time to time by the Board of Directors, provide rights to indemnification and to the advancement of expenses (whether pursuant to an adoption of a policy or otherwise) to employees and agents of the Company (whether similar to those conferred in this Article V upon directors and officers of the Company or on other terms and conditions authorized from time to time by the Board of Directors), as well as to employees of direct and indirect subsidiaries of the Company and to other persons (or categories of persons) approved from time to time by the Board of Directors.

Section 5.12. Repeal. Any repeal or modification of this Article V shall not adversely affect any rights to indemnification and to the advancement of expenses of a director, officer, employee or agent of the Company existing at the time of such repeal or modification with respect to any acts or omissions occurring prior to such repeal or modification.

#### ARTICLE VI

#### CAPITAL STOCK

Section 6.01. Certificates. The interest of each stockholder of the Company shall be evidenced by certificates for shares of stock in such form as the Board of Directors may from time to time prescribe. The certificates of stock shall be signed by the Chairman of the Board or the President or a Managing Director or a Director or a Vice President and by the Secretary, or the Treasurer, or an Assistant Secretary, or an Assistant Treasurer, sealed with the seal of the Company or a facsimile thereof, and countersigned and registered in such manner, if any, as the Board of Directors may by resolution prescribe. Where any such certificate is countersigned by a transfer agent other than the Company or its employee, the signature of any such officer may be a facsimile signature. In case any officer or officers who shall have signed, or whose facsimile signature or signatures shall have been used on, any such certificate or certificate shall cease to be such officer or officers of the Company, whether because of death, resignation, retirement, disqualification, removal or otherwise, before such certificate or certificates shall have been delivered by the Company, such certificate or certificates may nevertheless be adopted by the Company and be issued and delivered as though the person or persons who signed such certificate or certificates or whose facsimile signature or signatures shall have been used thereon had not ceased to be such officer or officers of the Company.

Section 6.02. Transfer. The shares of stock of the Company shall be transferred only upon the books of the Company by the holder thereof in person or by his attorney, upon surrender for cancellation of certificates for the same number of shares, with an assignment and power of transfer endorsed thereon or attached thereto, duly executed, with such proof of the authenticity of the signature as the Company or its agents may reasonably require.

Section 6.03. Record Dates. The Board of Directors may fix in advance a date, not less than 10 nor more than 50 days preceding the date of any meeting of stockholders, or the date for the payment of any dividend, or the date for the distribution or allotment of any rights, or the date when any change, conversion or exchange of capital stock shall go into effect, as a record date for the determination of the stockholders entitled to notice of, and to vote at, any such meeting, or entitled to receive payment of any such dividend, or to receive any distribution or allotment of such rights, or to exercise the rights in respect of any such change, conversion or exchange of capital stock, and in such case only such stockholders as shall be stockholders of record on the date so fixed shall be entitled to such notice of, and to vote at, such meeting, or to receive payment of such dividend, or to receive such distribution or allotment or rights or to exercise such rights, as the case may be, notwithstanding any transfer of any stock on the books of the Company after any such record date fixed as aforesaid.

Section 6.04. Lost Certificates. In the event that any certificate of stock is lost, stolen, destroyed or mutilated, the Board of Directors may authorize the issuance of a new certificate of the same tenor and for the same number of shares in lieu thereof. The Board may in its discretion, before the issuance of such new certificate, require the owner of the lost, stolen, destroyed or mutilated certificate or the legal representative of the owner to make an affidavit or affirmation setting forth such facts as to the loss, destruction or mutilation as it deems necessary and to give the Company a bond in such reasonable sum as it directs to indemnify the Company.

#### ARTICLE VII

#### CHECKS, NOTES, ETC.

Section 7.01. Checks, Notes, Etc. All checks and drafts on the Company's bank accounts and all bills of exchange and promissory notes, and all acceptances, obligations and other instruments for the payment of money, may be signed by the President or any Managing Director or any Director or any Vice President and may also be signed by such other officer or officers, agent or agents, as shall be thereunto authorized from time to time by the Board of Directors.

#### **ARTICLE VIII**

#### MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Section 8.01. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the Company shall be from January 1 to December 31, unless changed by the Board of Directors.

Section 8.02. Books. There shall be kept at such office of the Company as the Board of Directors shall determine, within or without the State of New York, correct books and records of account of all its business and transactions, minutes of the proceedings of its stockholders, Board of Directors and committees, and the stock book, containing the names and addresses of the stockholders, the number of shares held by them, respectively, and the dates when they respectively became the owners of record thereof, and in which the transfer of stock shall be registered, and such other books and records as the Board of Directors may from time to time determine.

Section 8.03. Voting of Stock. Unless otherwise specifically authorized by the Board of Directors, all stock owned by the Company, other than stock of the Company, shall be voted, in person or by proxy, by the President or any Managing Director or any Director or any Vice President of the Company on behalf of the Company.

#### ARTICLE IX

#### **AMENDMENTS**

Section 9.01. Amendments. The vote of the holders of at least a majority of the shares of stock of the Company issued and outstanding and entitled to vote shall be necessary at any meeting of stockholders to amend or repeal these By-Laws or to adopt new by-laws. These By-Laws may also be amended or repealed, or new by-laws adopted, at any meeting of the Board of Directors by the vote of at least a majority of the entire Board, provided that any by-law adopted by the Board may be amended or repealed by the stockholders in the manner set forth above.

Any proposal to amend or repeal these By-Laws or to adopt new by-laws shall be stated in the notice of the meeting of the Board of Directors or the stockholders or in the waiver of notice thereof, as the case may be, unless all of the directors or the holders of record of all of the shares of stock of the Company issued and outstanding and entitled to vote are present at such meeting.

# DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST COMPANY AMERICAS 00623

New York, NY 10019

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#### **Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council**



Consolidated Reports of Condition and Income for a Bank with Domestic Offices Only—FFIEC 041

#### Report at the close of business March 31, 2023

This report is required by law: 12 U.S.C. § 324 (State member banks); 12 U.S.C. §1817 (State nonmember banks); 12 U.S.C. §161 (National banks); and 12 U.S.C. §1464 (Savings associations).

Unless the context indicates otherwise, the term "bank" in this report form refers to both banks and savings associations.

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This report form is to be filed by banks with domestic offices only and total consolidated assets of less than \$100 billion, except those banks that file the FFIEC 051, and those banks that are advanced approaches institutions for regulatory capital purposes that are required to file the FFIEC 031.

NOTE: Each bank's board of directors and senior management are responsible for establishing and maintaining an effective system of internal control, including controls over the Reports of Condition and Income. The Reports of Condition and Income are to be prepared in accordance with federal regulatory authority instructions. The Reports of Condition and Income must be signed by the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of the reporting bank (or by the individual performing an equivalent function) and attested to by not less than two directors (trustees) for state nonmember banks and three directors for state member banks, national banks, and savings associations.

I, the undersigned CFO (or equivalent) of the named bank, attest that the Reports of Condition and Income (including the supporting

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Signature of Chief Financial Officer (or Equivalent)

04/30/2023

Date of Signature

schedules) for this report date have been prepared in conformance with the instructions issued by the appropriate Federal regulatory authority and are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

We, the undersigned directors (trustees), attest to the correctness of the Reports of Condition and Income (including the supporting schedules) for this report date and declare that the Reports of Condition and Income have been examined by us and to the best of our knowledge and belief have been prepared in conformance with the instructions issued by the appropriate Federal regulatory authority and are true and correct.

Director (Trustee)		
Director (Trustee)		
Director (Trustee)		

#### **Submission of Reports**

Each bank must file its Reports of Condition and Income (Call Report) data by either:

- (a) Using computer software to prepare its Call Report and then submitting the report data directly to the FFIEC's Central Data Repository (CDR), an Internet-based system for data collection (https://cdr.ffiec.gov/cdr/), or
- (b) Completing its Call Report in paper form and arranging with a software vendor or another party to convert the data into the electronic format that can be processed by the CDR. The software vendor or other party then must electronically submit the bank's data file to the CDR.

For technical assistance with submissions to the CDR, please contact the CDR Help Desk by telephone at (888) CDR-3111, by fax at (703) 774-3946, or by e-mail at cdr.help@cdr.ffiec.gov.

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To fulfill the signature and attestation requirement for the Reports of Condition and Income for this report date, attach your bank's completed signature page (or a photocopy or a computer generated version of this page) to the hard-copy record of the data file submitted to the CDR that your bank must place in its files.

The appearance of your bank's hard-copy record of the submitted data file need not match exactly the appearance of the FFIEC's sample report forms, but should show at least the caption of each Call Report item and the reported amount.

#### DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST COMPANY AMERICAS

Legal Title of Bank (RSSD 9017)

New York

City (RSSD 9130)

C( / A11 ' / (DCCD 0200)

10019

State Abbreviation (RSSD 9200) Zip Code (RSSD 9220)

Legal Entity Identifier (LEI)

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(Report only if your institution already has an LEI.) (RCON 9224)

The estimated average burden associated with this information collection is 55.53 hours per respondent and is expected to vary by institution, depending on individual circumstances. Burden estimates include the time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data in the required form, and completing the information collection, but exclude the time for compiling and maintaining business records in the normal course of a respondent's activities. A Federal agency may not conduct or sponsor, and an organization (or a person) is not required to respond to a collection of information, unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. Comments concerning the accuracy of this burden estimate and suggestions for reducing this burden should be directed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503, and to one of the following: Secretary, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 20th and C Streets, NW, Washington, DC 20551; Legislative and Regulatory Analysis Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Washington, DC 20219; Assistant Executive Secretary, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Washington, DC 20429.

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# Consolidated Report of Condition for Insured Banks and Savings Associations for March 31, 2023

All schedules are to be reported in thousands of dollars. Unless otherwise indicated, report the amount outstanding as of the last business day of the quarter.

#### Schedule RC-Balance Sheet

		Dollar Amou	nts in Thousands	RCON	Amount	
Asset	d'S					
1.	Cash and balances due from depository institutions (from Schedule RC-A):					
	a. Noninterest-bearing balances and currency and coin (1)			0081	28,000	1.a.
	b. Interest-bearing balances (2)			0071	12,533,000	1.b.
2.	Securities:					
	a. Held-to-maturity securities (from Schedule RC-B, column A) (3)			JJ34	0	2.a.
	b. Available-for-sale debt securities (from Schedule RC-B, column D)			1773	720,000	2.b.
	c. Equity securities with readily determinable fair values not held for trading (4)			JA22	5,000	2.c.
3.	Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell:					
	a. Federal funds sold			B987	0	3.a.
	b. Securities purchased under agreements to resell (5, 6)			B989	5,918,000	3.b.
4.	Loans and lease financing receivables (from Schedule RC-C):					
	a. Loans and leases held for sale			5369	0	4.a.
	b. Loans and leases held for investment	B528	14,770,000			4.b.
	c. LESS: Allowance for loan and lease losses	3123	16,000			4.c.
	d. Loans and leases held for investment, net of allowance (item 4.b minus 4.c) (7)			B529	14,754,000	4.d.
5.	Trading assets (from Schedule RC-D)			3545	0	5.
6.	Premises and fixed assets (including capitalized leases)			2145	0	6.
7.	Other real estate owned (from Schedule RC-M)			2150	0	7.
8.	Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and associated companies			2130	0	8.
9.	Direct and indirect investments in real estate ventures			3656	0	9.
10.	Intangible assets (from Schedule RC-M)			2143	4,000	10.
11.	Other assets (from Schedule RC-F) (6)			2160	2,141,000	11.
12.	Total assets (sum of items 1 through 11)			2170	36,103,000	12.
Liabi	ilities					
13.	Deposits:					
	a. In domestic offices (sum of totals of columns A and C from Schedule RC-E)			2200	23,619,000	13.a.
	(1) Noninterest-bearing (8)	6631	10,976,000			13.a.(1)
	(2) Interest-bearing	6636	12,643,000			13.a.(2)
	b. Not applicable					
14.	Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase:					
	a. Federal funds purchased (9)			B993	0	14.a.
	b. Securities sold under agreements to repurchase (10)			B995	0	14.b.
15.	Trading liabilities (from Schedule RC-D)			3548	-	15.
16.	Other borrowed money (includes mortgage indebtedness) (from Schedule RC-M)			3190	217,000	16.
17.	and 18. Not applicable					
19.	Subordinated notes and debentures (11)					

- 1. Includes cash items in process of collection and unposted debits.
- 2. Includes time certificates of deposit not held for trading.
- 3. Institutions that have adopted ASU 2016-13 should report in item 2.a amounts net of any applicable allowance for credit losses, and item 2.a should equal Schedule RC-B, item 8, column A, less Schedule RI-B, Part II, item 7, column B.
- 4. Item 2.c is to be completed by all institutions. See the instructions for this item and the Glossary entry for "Securities Activities" for further detail on accounting for investments in equity securities.
- 5. Includes all securities resale agreements, regardless of maturity.
- 6. Institutions that have adopted ASU 2016-13 should report in items 3.b and 11 amounts net of any applicable allowance for credit losses.
- 7. Institutions that have adopted ASU 2016-13 should report in item 4.c the allowance for credit losses on loans and leases.
- 8. Includes noninterest-bearing demand, time, and savings deposits.
- 9. Report overnight Federal Home Loan Bank advances in Schedule RC, item 16, "Other borrowed money."
- 10. Includes all securities repurchase agreements, regardless of maturity.
- 11. Includes limited-life preferred stock and related surplus.

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#### Schedule RC—Continued

Do	ollar Amounts in Thousands	RCON	Amount	
Liabilities—continued				
20. Other liabilities (from Schedule RC-G)		2930	2,590,000	20.
21. Total liabilities (sum of items 13 through 20)		2948	26,426,000	21.
22. Not applicable				
Equity Capital				
Bank Equity Capital				
23. Perpetual preferred stock and related surplus		3838	0	23.
24. Common stock		3230	2,127,000	24.
25. Surplus (exclude all surplus related to preferred stock)		3839	939,000	25.
26. a. Retained earnings		3632	6,651,000	26.a.
b. Accumulated other comprehensive income (1)		B530	(40,000)	26.b.
c. Other equity capital components (2)		A130	0	26.c.
27. a. Total bank equity capital (sum of items 23 through 26.c)		3210	9,677,000	27.a.
<ul> <li>Noncontrolling (minority) interests in consolidated subsidiaries</li> </ul>		3000	0	27.b.
28. Total equity capital (sum of items 27.a and 27.b)		G105	9,677,000	28.
29. Total liabilities and equity capital (sum of items 21 and 28)		3300	36,103,000	29.
Memoranda				
To be reported with the March Report of Condition.	1	RCON	Number	
1. Indicate in the box at the right the number of the statement below that best describes the most co	omprehensive level of	,		
auditing work performed for the bank by independent external auditors as of any date during 20	122	6724	2a	M.1.

- 1a = An integrated audit of the reporting institution's financial statements and its internal control over financial reporting conducted in accordance with the standards of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) or Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (PCAOB) by an independent public accountant that submits a report on the institution
- 1b = An audit of the reporting institution's financial statements only conducted in accordance with the auditing standards of the AICPA or the PCAOB by an independent public accountant that submits a report on the institution
- 2a = An integrated audit of the reporting institution's parent holding company's consolidated financial statements and its internal control over financial reporting conducted in accordance with the standards of the AICPA or the PCAOB by an independent public accountant that submits a report on the consolidated holding company (but not on the institution separately)
- 2b = An audit of the reporting institution's parent holding company's consolidated financial statements only conducted in accordance with the auditing standards of the AICPA or the PCAOB by an independent public accountant that submits a report on the consolidated holding company (but not on the institution separately)
- 3 = This number is not to be used
- 4 = Directors' examination of the bank conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards by a certified public accounting firm (may be required by state-chartering authority)
- 5 = Directors' examination of the bank performed by other external auditors (may be required by state-chartering authority)
- 6 = Review of the bank's financial statements by external auditors
- 7 = Compilation of the bank's financial statements by external auditors
- 8 = Other audit procedures (excluding tax preparation work)
- 9 = No external audit work

## To be reported with the March Report of Condition.

2. Bank's fiscal year-end date (report the date in MMDD format)	
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R	CON	Date	
8	678	1231	M.2.

Includes, but is not limited to, net unrealized holding gains (losses) on available-for-sale securities, accumulated net gains (losses) on cash flow hedges, and accumulated defined benefit pension and other postretirement plan adjustments.

<sup>2.</sup> Includes treasury stock and unearned Employee Stock Ownership Plan shares.

## **Calculation of Filing Fee Tables**

## FORM S-3

(Form Type)

## RENAISSANCERE HOLDINGS LTD.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

## RENAISSANCERE FINANCE INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its certificate of incorporation)

## RENAISSANCERE CAPITAL TRUST II

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its certificate of trust)

Table 1: Newly Registered and Carry Forward Securities

	Security Type	Security Class Title(1)	Fee Calculation or Carry Forward Rule Newly R	Amount Registered egistered S	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Unit	Maximum Aggregate Offering Price	Fee Rate	Amount of Registration Fee	Carry Forward Form Type	Carry Forward File Number	Carry Forward Initial effective date	Filing Fee Previously Paid In Connection with Unsold Securities to be Carried Forward
		Common	,									
Fees to Be Paid	Equity	Shares, par value \$1.00 per share(5)	Rule 456(b) and Rule 457(r)	(2)(3)	(2)(3)	(2)(3)	(4)	\$0(4)				
	Equity	Preference Shares, par value \$1.00 per share(6)	Rule 456(b) and Rule 457(r)	(2)(3)	(2)(3)	(2)(3)	(4)	\$0(4)				
	Equity	Depositary Shares(7)	Rule 456(b) and Rule 457(r)	(2)(3)	(2)(3)	(2)(3)	(4)	\$0(4)				
	Debt	Debt Securities(8)	Rule 456(b) and Rule 457(r)	(2)(3)	(2)(3)	(2)(3)	(4)	\$0(4)				
	Other	Warrants to Purchase Common Shares	Rule 456(b) and Rule 457(r)	(2)(3)	(2)(3)	(2)(3)	(4)	\$0(4)				
	Other	Warrants to Purchase Preference Shares	Rule 456(b) and Rule 457(r)	(2)(3)	(2)(3)	(2)(3)	(4)	\$0(4)				
	Other	Warrants to Purchase Debt Securities	Rule 456(b) and Rule 457(r)	(2)(3)	(2)(3)	(2)(3)	(4)	\$0(4)				

Exhibit 107-1

	Security Type	Security Class Title(1)	Fee Calculation or Carry Forward Rule	Amount Registered	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Unit	Maximum Aggregate Offering Price	Fee Rate	Amount of Registration Fee	Carry Forward Form Type	Carry Forward File Number	Carry Forward Initial effective date	Filing Fee Previously Paid In Connection with Unsold Securities to be Carried Forward
			Rule 456(b)									
		Share Purchase	and Rule									
	Other	Contracts	457(r)	(2)(3)	(2)(3)	(2)(3)	(4)	\$0(4)				
			Rule 456(b)									
		Share Purchase	and Rule									
	Other	Units	457(r)	(2)(3)	(2)(3)	(2)(3)	(4)	\$0(4)				
			Rule 456(b) and Rule									
	Other	Units(9)	457(r)	(2)(3)	(2)(3)	(2)(3)	(4)	\$0(4)				
	Debt	Debt Securities of RenaissanceRe Finance Inc. ("RenaissanceRe Finance")(10)	Rule 456(b) and Rule 457(r)	(2)(3)	(2)(3)	(2)(3)	(4)	\$0(4)				
		Guarantee of Debt		. , , ,	. , , ,	. , , ,		. ,				
	Other	Securities of RenaissanceRe Finance(11)	Rule 456(b) and Rule 457(r)	(2)(3)	(2)(3)	(2)(3)	(4)	\$0(4)				
	Equity	Preferred Securities of RenaissanceRe Capital Trust II (the "Capital Trust")	Rule 456(b) and Rule 457(r)	(2)(3)	(2)(3)	(2)(3)	(4)	\$0(4)				
	Other	Guarantee of Preferred Securities of the Capital Trust and certain backup undertakings(12)	Rule 456(b) and Rule 457(r)	(2)(3)	(2)(3)	(2)(3)	(4)	\$0(4)				
Fees								` '				
Previously Paid	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A				
			Carry	Forward S	Securities							
Carry Forward												
Securities	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A				
			Total Offering	Amounts		(2)(3)		N/A				
		To	otal Fees Previo	ously Paid		_		N/A				
			Total F	ee Offsets				N/A				
			Ne	t Fee Due				\$0(4)				
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Represents securities of RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd. ("RenaissanceRe") unless otherwise noted. These offered securities may be sold separately, together or as units with other offered securities. (1)

Such indeterminate number or amount of common shares, preference shares, depositary shares, debt securities, warrants, share purchase contracts and share purchase units of RenaissanceRe, debt securities of RenaissanceRe Finance and preferred securities of the Capital Trust as may from time to time be issued at indeterminate prices, in U.S. Dollars or the equivalent thereof denominated in foreign currencies or units of two or more foreign currencies or composite currencies (such as European Currency Units or Euros). (2)

Not applicable pursuant to Form S-3 General Instruction II (E).

In accordance with Rules 456(b) and 457(r) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the registrant is deferring payment of all registration fees. (4)

Also includes such presently indeterminate number of common shares as may be issued by RenaissanceRe (a) upon conversion of or exchange for any debt securities or preference shares that provide for conversion or exchange into common shares, (b) upon exercise of warrants to purchase common shares or (c) pursuant to share purchase contracts. (5)

- (6) Also includes such presently indeterminate number of preference shares as may be issued by RenaissanceRe upon (a) conversion of or exchange for any debt securities that provide for conversion or exchange into preference shares, (b) upon exercise of warrants to purchase preference shares or (c) pursuant to share purchase contracts.
- (7) To be represented by depositary receipts representing an interest in all or a specified portion of a common share or preference share.
- (8) Subject to Note (2), such indeterminate principal amount of debt securities (which may be senior, subordinated or junior subordinated).
- (9) There are being registered hereby such indeterminate number of Units as may be issued at indeterminate prices. Units may consist of any combination of the securities being registered hereby.
- (10) Subject to Note (2), such indeterminate principal amount of debt securities (which may be senior, subordinated or junior subordinated).
- (11) No separate consideration will be received for the guarantees of the debt securities issued by RenaissanceRe Finance.
- (12) No separate consideration will be received for the guarantees. The guarantees include the rights of holders of the preferred securities under the guarantees and certain backup undertakings, comprised of obligations of RenaissanceRe as guarantor of the junior subordinated debt securities under a junior subordinated indenture, any supplemental indentures thereto and any related guarantee agreement and under the applicable trust agreement to provide certain indemnities in respect of, and be responsible for certain costs, expenses, debts and liabilities of the Capital Trust, as described in this Registration Statement. All obligations under the applicable trust agreement, including the indemnity obligation, are included in the back-up undertakings.

Exhibit 107-3