The Empire Life Insurance Company Management's Discussion and Analysis

For the nine months ended September 30, 2023



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This document provides Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) of the unaudited operating results and financial condition of The Empire Life Insurance Company (Empire Life or the Company) for the third quarter of 2023. This MD&A should be read in conjunction with Empire Life's unaudited Condensed Interim Consolidated Financial Statements for the nine months ended September 30, 2023, as well as the MD&A and the audited Consolidated Financial Statements which form part of the Empire Life 2022 Annual Report dated February 24, 2023. Unless otherwise noted, both the unaudited Condensed Interim Consolidated Financial Statements and this MD&A are expressed in Canadian dollars. Some variances may not reconcile, and analysis of components may not sum to the analysis for the grouped components due to rounding.

MD&A contains forward-looking information and involves numerous risks and uncertainties, including, but not limited to, those described in the "Risk Factors" section of the Annual Information Form which is available at www.sedar.com. No assurance can be given that results, performance or achievement expressed in or implied by any of the forward-looking information will occur or, if they do, that any benefits may be derived from them. Actual results may differ materially from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking information. See the Forward-Looking Statements and Information section in this report.

The unaudited Condensed Interim Consolidated Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), which are generally accepted accounting principles as set out in the Handbook of the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada. This MD&A makes reference to certain non-IFRS measures. These measures are not recognized measures under IFRS and do not have a standardized meaning prescribed by IFRS. They are therefore unlikely to be comparable to similar measures presented by other companies. Rather, these measures are provided as additional information and complement IFRS measures by providing further understanding of the Company's results of operations from management's perspective. Accordingly, they should not be considered in isolation nor as a substitute for analysis of the Company's financial information under IFRS. See Non-IFRS Measures section in this report. Note that certain comparative amounts have been reclassified and restated to conform with the presentation adopted in the current period.

Financial Analysis - Overview

		Third qu	arter	Year to date			
(in millions of dollars except per share amounts)		2023	2022 restated	2023	2022 restated		
Common shareholders' net income (loss)	\$	(5) \$	36	\$ 46	\$ 50		
Earnings per share - basic and diluted	\$	(5.25) \$	36.61	\$ 46.55	\$ 50.40		
	Sep 30	Jun 30	Mar 31	Dec 31	Sep 30		
Other Financial Highlights	2023	2023	2023	2022	2022		
	3.9 %	6.6 %	4.4 %	4.0 %			
Return on common shareholders' equity ⁽¹⁾	0.0 /0						

⁽¹⁾ See Non-IFRS Measures section.

Empire Life reported third quarter common shareholders' net loss of \$5 million for 2023, compared to net income of \$36 million for the third quarter of 2022. The decline in third quarter earnings over prior year was primarily due to lower net investment and insurance finance results driven by a less favourable economic environment.

⁽²⁾ Amounts prior to January 1, 2023 have not been adjusted for the impacts from the adoption of IFRS 17 and IFRS 9. See Note 2.4 in the Condensed Interim Consolidated Financial Statements for additional details.

Results by Major Product Line

The following tables provide a summary of Empire Life results by major product line for the period ended September 30, 2023 and September 30, 2022. A discussion of results is provided in the Product Line Results sections of the MD&A.

For the three months ended September 30, 2023 (in millions of dollars)	Mana	Wealth gement	Group Solutions	Individual Insurance	Capital & Surplus	Total
Net insurance service result						
Insurance revenue	\$	63 \$	160 \$	114 \$	— \$	337
Insurance service expenses		(37)	(142)	(79)	_	(258)
Insurance service results		26	18	35	_	79
Net recovery (expense) from reinsurance contracts held		_	(6)	(13)	_	(19)
Net insurance service result		26	12	22	_	60
Net investment and insurance finance result						
Investment income (loss), excluding segregated funds						
Investment income		(16)	(7)	(448)	(76)	(547)
Change in investment contracts		_	_	_	_	_
Net investment result, excluding segregated funds		(16)	(7)	(448)	(76)	(547)
Insurance finance income (expense), excluding segregated f	unds					
Insurance contracts issued		12	3	464	_	479
Reinsurance contracts held		_	(2)	24	_	22
Net insurance finance result, excluding segregated funds		12	1	488	_	501
Segregated funds net investment and insurance finance res	ult					
Investment income (loss) on investments for account of segregated fund holders		(157)	_	1	_	(156)
Insurance finance and investment income (expense)		157	_	(1)	_	156
Segregated funds net investment and insurance finance result		_	_	_	_	_
Net investment and insurance finance result		(4)	(6)	40	(76)	(46)
Other income and expenses						
Fee and other income		_	2	_	6	8
Non-insurance operating expenses		(7)	(4)	(8)	(8)	(27)
Interest expenses		_	_	_	(6)	(6)
Total other income and expenses		(7)	(2)	(8)	(8)	(25)
Net income (loss) before taxes		15	4	54	(84)	(11)
Income taxes						` 4
Net income (loss) after taxes						(7)
Less: net income (loss) attributable to the participating account						(3)
Shareholders' net income (loss)						(4)
Less: preferred share dividends declared						(1)
Common shareholders' net income (loss)					\$	(5)

For the three months ended September 30, 2022 (in millions of dollars)	Wealth Management	Group Solutions	Individual Insurance	Capital & Surplus	Total
Net insurance service result					
Insurance revenue	\$ 53 \$	152 \$	105 \$	— \$	310
Insurance service expenses	(27)	(135)	(72)	_	(234)
Insurance service results	26	17	33	_	76
Net recovery (expense) from reinsurance contracts held	(1)	(9)	(14)	_	(24)
Net insurance service result	25	8	19	_	52
Net investment and insurance finance result					
Investment income (loss), excluding segregated funds					
Investment income	_	_	44	7	51
Change in investment contracts	2	_	_	_	2
Net investment result, excluding segregated funds	2	_	44	7	53
Insurance finance income (expense), excluding segregated funds					
Insurance contracts issued	(2)	_	(44)	_	(46
Reinsurance contracts held	_	_	_	_	_
Net insurance finance result, excluding segregated funds	(2)	_	(44)	_	(46
Segregated funds net investment and insurance finance result					
Investment income (loss) on investments for account of segregated fund holders	(11)	_	_	_	(11
Insurance finance and investment income (expense)	11	_	_	_	11
Segregated funds net investment and insurance finance result	_	_	_	_	_
Net investment and insurance finance result	_	_	_	7	7
Other income and expenses					
Fee and other income	1	2	_	5	8
Non-insurance operating expenses	(5)	(4)	(1)	(5)	(15
Interest expenses	_	_	_	(5)	(5
Total other income and expenses	(4)	(2)	(1)	(5)	(12)
Net income (loss) before taxes	21	6	18	2	47
Income taxes					(10)
Net income (loss) after taxes					37
Less: net income (loss) attributable to the participating account					_
Shareholders' net income (loss)					37
Less: preferred share dividends declared					(1)
Common shareholders' net income (loss)				\$	36

For the nine months ended September 30, 2023 (in millions of dollars)	Wealth Management	Group Solutions	Individual Insurance	Capital & Surplus	Total
Net insurance service result					
Insurance revenue	\$ 177 \$	476 \$	338 \$	— \$	991
Insurance service expenses	(109)	(449)	(248)	_	(806)
Insurance service results	68	27	90	_	185
Net recovery (expense) from reinsurance contracts held	1	(12)	(40)	_	(51)
Net insurance service result	69	15	50	_	134
Net investment and insurance finance result					
Investment income (loss), excluding segregated funds					
Investment income	5	(1)	(124)	(27)	(147)
Change in investment contracts	(9)	_	_	_	(9)
Net investment result, excluding segregated funds	(4)	(1)	(124)	(27)	(156)
Insurance finance income (expense), excluding segregated	funds				
Insurance contracts issued	(1)	(1)	141	_	139
Reinsurance contracts held	_	1	10	_	11
Net insurance finance result, excluding segregated funds	(1)	_	151	_	150
Segregated funds net investment and insurance finance res	ult				
Investment income (loss) on investments for account of segregated fund holders	197	_	_	_	197
Insurance finance and investment income (expense)	(197)	_	_	_	(197)
Segregated funds net investment and insurance finance result	_	_	_	_	_
Net investment and insurance finance result	(5)	(1)	27	(27)	(6)
Other income and expenses					
Fee and other income	1	6	(1)	15	21
Non-insurance operating expenses	(23)	(14)	(12)	(19)	(68)
Interest expenses	_	_	_	(18)	(18)
Total other income and expenses	(22)	(8)	(13)	(22)	(65)
Net income (loss) before taxes	42	6	64	(49)	63
Income taxes					(11)
Net income (loss) after taxes					52
Less: net income (loss) attributable to the participating account					2
Shareholders' net income (loss)					50
Less: preferred share dividends declared					(5)
Common shareholders' net income (loss)				\$	45

For the nine months ended September 30, 2022 (in millions of dollars)	V Manag	Vealth ement	Group Solutions	Individual Insurance	Capital & Surplus	Total
Net insurance service result						
Insurance revenue	\$	176 \$	448 \$	308	\$ —	\$ 932
Insurance service expenses		(95)	(442)	(235)	_	(772)
Insurance service results		81	6	73	_	160
Net recovery (expense) from reinsurance contracts held		(1)	(5)	(19)	_	(25)
Net insurance service result		80	1	54	_	135
Net investment and insurance finance result						
Investment income (loss), excluding segregated funds						
Investment income		(76)	(16)	(1,333)	(239)	(1,664)
Change in investment contracts		15	_	_	_	15
Net investment result, excluding segregated funds		(61)	(16)	(1,333)	(239)	(1,649)
Insurance finance income (expense), excluding segregated funds						
Insurance contracts issued		57	27	1,450	_	1,534
Reinsurance contracts held		(2)	(11)	87	_	74
Net insurance finance result, excluding segregated funds		55	16	1,537	_	1,608
Segregated funds net investment and insurance finance result						
Investment income (loss) on investments for account of segregated fund holders		(872)	_	_	_	(872)
Insurance finance and investment income (expense)		872	_	_	_	872
Segregated funds net investment and insurance finance result		_	_	_	_	_
Net investment and insurance finance result		(6)	_	204	(239)	(41)
Other income and expenses						
Fee and other income		_	5	_	12	17
Non-insurance operating expenses		(15)	(9)	(9)	(13)	(46)
Interest expenses		_	_	_	(14)	(14)
Total other income and expenses		(15)	(4)	(9)	(15)	(43)
Net income (loss) before taxes		59	(3)	249	(254)	51
Income taxes						(5)
Net income (loss) after taxes						46
Less: net income (loss) attributable to the participating account						(7)
Shareholders' net income (loss)						53
Less: preferred share dividends declared						(4)
Common shareholders' net income (loss)						\$ 49

Empire Life reported third quarter common shareholders' net loss of \$5 million for 2023, compared to net income of \$36 million for the third quarter of 2022. The decline in third quarter earnings over prior year was primarily due to lower net investment and insurance finance results driven by a less favourable economic environment.

Net insurance service result increased \$8 million or 15% in the third quarter compared to the same period in 2022, primarily due to lower net claims in Group and higher insurance earnings in our Traditional Non-Participating products.

Net investment and insurance finance result was \$53 million lower in the third quarter compared to the same period in 2022. This was mainly due to credit spread movements and adverse equity markets relative to Q3 2022.

Total other income and expenses increased \$13 million in the third quarter compared to the same period in 2022 due to higher project spend and employee expenses.

Product Line Results - Wealth Management

	Third qua	arter	Year to date			
(in millions of dollars)	2023	2022	2023	2022		
Fixed annuities						
Assets under management ⁽¹⁾	\$ 839 \$	735	\$ 839 \$	735		
Gross sales ⁽¹⁾	74	43	163	86		
Net sales ⁽¹⁾	(40)	14	(78)	12		
Segregated funds						
Assets under management ⁽¹⁾	\$ 8,356 \$	8,143	\$ 8,356 \$	8,143		
Gross sales ⁽¹⁾	141	181	562	643		
Net sales ⁽¹⁾	(109)	13	(218)	(65)		

⁽¹⁾ See Non-IFRS Measures section.

	Third quarter					Year to date			
(in millions of dollars)		2023	2022	2 restated		2023		2022 restated	
Net insurance service result	\$	26	\$	25	\$		69 \$	80	
Net investment and insurance finance result		(4)	_			(5)	(6)	
Fee and other income		_		1			1	_	
Non-insurance operating expenses		(7)	(5)		(23)	(15)	
Net income (loss) before taxes	\$	15	\$	21	\$	ļ	42 \$	5 59	

Fixed annuities assets under management were 14% higher relative to the same period in 2022. Gross sales in the third quarter were 72% higher than the same period in 2022, relating to strong demand driven by higher interest rates.

Segregated fund assets under management are 3% higher relative to the same period in 2022, reflecting net inflows and market movements. For the third quarter of 2023, gross sales of segregated funds were 22% lower than the same period in 2022, as consumers are favouring fixed income products as a result of higher interest rates.

Net income before taxes decreased \$6 million or 29% in the third quarter, relative to the same period in 2022, primarily from interest rate movements impacting our fixed annuities combined with higher operating expenses. The net insurance service result was in line with the same period in 2022.

Product Line Results - Group Solutions

(in millions of dollars)	Third quarter					Year to date				
	2023		2022			2023		2022		
Annualized premium sales										
Core	\$	11 \$		14	\$		35	\$	44	
Other		5		6			20		18	
Total annualized premium sales ⁽¹⁾	\$	16 \$		20	\$		55	\$	62	

⁽¹⁾ See Non-IFRS Measures section.

	Third quarter					Year to date			
(in millions of dollars)		2023	2022 restated		20	2023		2022 restated	
Insurance revenue, gross	\$	160	\$	152	\$	47	6 \$	3 448	
Net insurance service result	\$	12	\$	8	\$	1	5 \$	S 1	
Net investment and insurance finance result		(6)	_			(1)	_	
Fee and other income		2		2			6	5	
Non-insurance operating expenses		(4)	(4))	(1	4)	(9)	
Net income (loss) before taxes	\$	4	\$	6	\$		6 \$	G (3)	

Total annualized premium sales decreased 20% in the third quarter compared to the same period in 2022, primarily due to lower sales of our core product offerings.

Total insurance revenue increased 5% in the third quarter compared to the same period in 2022, primarily due to revenue growth from the Company's core group benefit offerings, due to price increases, as well as organic growth in specialty partnerships.

Net income before taxes declined for the third quarter compared to the same period in 2022 due to an increase in the loss due to the net investment and insurance finance result offset by improved claims experience for the life, LTD, health and dental product offerings.

Product Line Results - Individual Insurance

			Year to date				
(in millions of dollars)		2023	2022		2023		2022
Shareholders'							
Shareholders' annualized premium sales ⁽¹⁾	\$	10 \$		9 \$		30 \$	23
Net income (loss) after taxes ⁽²⁾		57		18		62	256
Policyholders'							
Policyholders' annualized premium sales ⁽¹⁾	\$	3 \$		3 \$		11 \$	11
Net income (loss) after taxes ⁽²⁾		(3)		_		2	(7)

⁽¹⁾ See Non-IFRS Measures section.

^{(2) 2022} figures are restated

	Third quarter					Year to date			
(in millions of dollars)		2023	2022	restated		2023	2022	restated	
Net insurance service result	\$	22	: \$	19	\$	50	\$	54	
Net investment and insurance finance result		40)	_		27		204	
Fee and other income		_		_		(1)		_	
Non-insurance operating expenses		(8	3)	(1))	(12)		(9)	
Net income (loss) before taxes	\$	54	\$	18	\$	64	\$	249	

Shareholders' annualized premium sales increased by 11% in the third quarter compared to the same period in 2022, primarily from continued strong sales on our term insurance products. Policyholders' annualized premium sales was consistent with the prior year.

Shareholders' net income before taxes increased \$39 million, compared to the third quarter of 2022, due to strong gains from interest rate movements, partially offset by higher operating expenses. Net insurance service result increased \$3 million primarily from higher CSM amortization on Traditional Non-Participating products, compared to the same period in 2022. Net investment and insurance finance result increased \$40 million mainly due to the magnitude of the long duration interest rate changes in 2023 compared to the same period in 2022. This factor was partially offset by poor equity market performance in the third guarter of 2023 relative to 2022.

Results - Capital and Surplus

	Third quarter				Year to date		
(in millions of dollars)	2023	2022 restated		2023	20	22 restated	
Net investment result	\$ (70	6) \$ 7	\$		(27) \$	(239)	
Other income and expenses	(8	B) (5	5)		(22)	(15)	
Net income (loss) before taxes	\$ (84	4) \$ 2	\$		(49) \$	(254)	

In addition to the three major lines of business, Empire Life maintains distinct accounts for the investment income attributable to participating policyholders, separate from Shareholders' Capital and Surplus.

Compared to the prior quarter, net income before taxes decreased in the Capital and Surplus segment. Net losses in the third quarter of 2023 were mainly due to the impact from rising interest rates on our investment portfolio.

Results - Net Contractual Service Margin

	For	the three mo	nths ended F	For the nine months ended		
(in millions of dollars)		2023	2022	2023	2022	
Net contractual service margin, beginning of period	\$	1,528 \$	1,518 \$	1,544 \$	1,358	
Impact of new insurance business		13	15	48	47	
Interest accretion		6	6	21	19	
Insurance experience		(5)	1	(10)	14	
Economic experience		65	(7)	91	178	
Assumption updates		_	(43)	(1)	(43)	
CSM recognized for services provided		(40)	(39)	(123)	(121)	
Net contractual service margin, end of period	\$	1,567 \$	1,451 \$	1,567 \$	1,452	

The contractual service margin (CSM) increased \$39 million in the third quarter of 2023 due to:

- · New insurance business, mainly driven by Traditional Non-Participating sales,
- Economic experience related to the positive impact of rising interest rates on our Segregated Funds, partially
 offset by the lower equity markets, and
- Partially offset by the CSM amortization of \$40 million, consistent with prior year.

The year-to-date increase is largely driven by the impact of rising interest rates on our Segregated Funds.

Shareholder Dividends

The declaration and payment of common shareholder dividends and the amounts thereof are at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

Common shareholder dividends are reviewed on a quarterly basis and depend upon various factors, including the results of operations, the economic environment and the financial condition of Empire Life, taking into account regulatory restrictions on the payment of shareholder dividends, as well as any other factors deemed relevant by the Board of Directors.

On October 26, 2023, the Board of Directors declared dividends for common shareholders and series 3 preferred shareholders. The following table provides details of the amounts and dates for Empire Life's per share dividends.

	Amo	unt of Dividend per share	Payable Date	Record Date
Common shares	\$	19.29	December 5, 2023	November 10, 2023
Non-Cumulative Rate Reset Preferred Shares, Series 3	\$	0.3866875	January 17, 2024	December 18, 2023

Empire Life advises that the above-referenced dividends are eligible dividends for the purposes of the Income Tax Act, Canada and any similar provincial tax legislation.

Total Cash Flow

	Year to date				
(in millions of dollars)	2023	2022 restated			
Cash flow provided from (used for)					
Operating activities	\$ 258 \$	249			
Investing activities	(67)	(83)			
Financing activities	(80)	(72)			
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	\$ 111 \$	94			

Cash flows provided from operating activities include insurance premiums, net investment income and fee income. Cash outflows from operating activities include policy benefit payments, commissions, operating expenses and policyholder dividends. Cash flows from investing activities primarily relate to purchases and sales of investments supporting policy liabilities and the capital and surplus accounts. Cash flows related to financing activities include issuance and redemption of capital instruments and related dividend and interest payments.

For the period, cash and cash equivalents increased by \$111 million. Cash flows provided by operating activities increased by \$9 million, in line with overall business growth. Cash used for investing activities decreased by \$16 million compared to the same period in 2022 as the prior period included the acquisition of the entities relating to TruStone Financial Inc., partially offset by net purchases on investments. Cash used for financing activities was higher than the corresponding period in 2022, primarily due to the interest paid on subordinated debt.

For an analysis of liquidity for Empire Life, see Note 11(e) and Note 28(b) to the audited Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2022.

Financial Instruments

Empire Life buys investment quality bonds to support, to a very large extent, the liabilities under the insurance and investment contracts of the Company. Empire Life's investment strategy also includes the use of publicly listed common stocks or exchange-traded funds (ETFs) to support the liabilities under its insurance contracts. Cash flows arising from these financial instruments are intended to match the liquidity requirements of Empire Life's insurance and investment contract liabilities, within the limits prescribed by the Company. Empire Life is subject to credit and market risk on these financial instruments.

Credit risk on these financial instruments could result in a financial loss should the other party fail to discharge an obligation. This credit risk is derived primarily from investments in bonds, debentures, preferred shares, short-term investments and mortgages. Empire Life manages credit risk by applying its investment guidelines established by the Investment Committee of the Board of Directors. The investment guidelines establish minimum credit ratings for issuers of bonds, debentures and preferred share investments, and provide for concentration limits by issuer of such debt instruments. Management reviews credit quality relative to investment purchases and monitors the credit quality

of invested assets over time. Management reports regularly to the Investment Committee of Empire Life's Board on the credit risk to which the portfolio is exposed.

Empire Life manages market risk exposure mainly through investment limits and oversight of its in-house investment managers and external investment firms by the Chief Investment Officer, Chief Actuary, Asset Management Committee and Investment Committee of the Board. The Investment Committee actively monitors the portfolio and asset mix. Empire Life has a semi-static hedging program as part of its approach to managing this risk.

Empire Life manages credit risk with respect to derivatives by applying limits and credit rating restrictions established by the Investment Committee in its investment guidelines, which set out permitted derivatives and permitted uses for derivatives, as well as limits to the use of these instruments. In particular, no leverage is permitted in the use of derivatives and strict counterparty credit restrictions are imposed.

Effective January 1, 2023, we adopted IFRS 9 Financial Instruments. Except for assets impacted by the overlay approach, results from periods prior to January 1, 2023 are reported in accordance with IAS 39 Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement. For further details on the impacts of the adoption of IFRS 9, including the description of accounting policies selected, refer to Note 2.4.2. IFRS 9 Financial Instruments and Note 2.6.2. Cash and Cash Equivalents and Investments, of our Interim Condensed Financial Statements.

Sources of Capital

Empire Life has issued private and public securities to strengthen its capital position and fund new business growth. The securities outstanding are summarized in the following table.

	As at				
(in millions of dollars)	September 3	0, 2023	Decembe	er 31, 2022	
Subordinated debentures	\$	399	\$	399	
Equity					
Preferred shares and other equity instruments		297		297	
Common shares		1		1	
Total Equity	\$	298	\$	298	

Details of the Company's outstanding subordinated debentures are as follows:

	Earliest As					at	
		Earliest					
(in millions of dollars)	Date Issued	Redemption Date	Yield	Septen	nber 30, 2023	Dece	ember 31, 2022
Subordinated debentures, Series 2017-1 ⁽¹⁾	September 2017	March 15, 2023	3.664%	\$	_	\$	200
Subordinated debentures, Series 2021-1 ⁽²⁾	September 2021	September 24, 2026	2.024%	\$	199	\$	199
Subordinated debentures, Series 2023-1 ⁽³⁾	January 2023	January 13, 2028	5.503%	\$	199	\$	_

- (1) All of the outstanding Series 2017-1 Subordinated 3.664% Unsecured Debentures were redeemed on March 15, 2023.
- (2) Series 2021-1 Subordinated 2.024% Unsecured Debentures due 2031. From September 24,2026, interest is payable at 0.67% over CDOR.
- (3) Series 2023-1 Subordinated 5.503% Unsecured Debentures due 2033. From January 13, 2028, interest is payable at 2.26% over CORRA.

Details of the Company's outstanding preferred shares are as follows:

		As at					
(in millions of dollars)	Date Issued	Redemption Date	Yield	Septembe	er 30, 2023	Dece	mber 31, 2022
Preferred shares, Series 3	November 2017	January 17, 2028	6.187%	\$	100	\$	100
Limited Recourse Capital Notes, Series 1	February 2021	April 17, 2026	3.625%	\$	197	\$	197

The securities issued by Empire Life are rated by DBRS Limited (DBRS). DBRS has assigned the following ratings to the Company's securities:

Evaluation type	Rating	Trend	Date of last rating action
Financial strength rating	Α	Stable	May 25, 2023
Issuer rating	Α	Stable	May 25, 2023
Subordinated debt	A (low)	Stable	May 25, 2023
Preferred shares	Pfd-2	Stable	May 25, 2023
Limited Recourse Capital Notes	BBB (high)	Stable	May 25, 2023

Debenture Issue

On January 13, 2023, the Company issued \$200 million principal amount of unsecured debentures with a maturity date of January 13, 2033. The net proceeds of the issue will be used for regulatory capital purposes and for general corporate purposes which may include the redemption of outstanding debt.

The interest rate from January 13, 2023 to January 13, 2028 is 5.503% payable semi-annually until the interest reset date, which is January 13, 2028. The interest rate from January 13, 2028 until January 13, 2033 is the daily compounded Canadian Overnight Repo Rate Average (CORRA) plus 2.26%, payable quarterly.

The Company may call for redemption of the debentures any time after January 13, 2028 subject to the prior written approval of the Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions (OSFI).

The debentures are subordinated in right of payment to all policy contract liabilities of the Company and all other senior indebtedness of the Company.

Debenture Redemption

On March 15, 2023, the Company redeemed all of its outstanding \$200 million 3.664% Unsecured Subordinated Debentures, Series 2017-1 due March 15, 2028. The redemption was approved by OSFI.

Regulatory Capital

The Life Insurance Capital Adequacy Test (LICAT) is intended to measure a life insurer's solvency position by recognizing the long-term economics of the life insurance business. The Company continues to have a strong capital position under the LICAT framework. Empire Life is required to maintain a minimum Core Ratio of 55% and a Total Ratio of 90%. OSFI has established supervisory target levels of 70% for Core and 100% for Total ratio.

LICAT		Sep 30	Jun 30	Mar 31	Dec 31	Sep 30
(in millions of dollars)		2023	2023	2023	2022 (1)	2022 (1)
Available capital						
Tier 1	(A) \$	2,190 \$	2,180 \$	2,213 \$	1,776 \$	1,729
Tier 2	(B)	626	663	647	600	587
Total	(C) \$	2,816 \$	2,843 \$	2,860 \$	2,376 \$	2,316
Surplus allowance and eligible deposits	(D)	561	608	598	916	933
Base solvency buffer	(E)	2,228	2,293	2,276	2,393	2,366
LICAT total ratio	((C+D)/E * 100)	152%	151%	152%	138%	137%
LICAT core ratio	((A+70%D)/E * 100)	116%	114%	116%	101%	101%

⁽¹⁾ LICAT results prior to January 1, 2023 have not been adjusted for the impacts from the adoption of IFRS 17 and IFRS 9. For additional details on the 2022 amounts, please refer to the audited Consolidated Financial Statements which form part of the Empire Life 2022 Annual Report dated February 24, 2023.

The increase in the LICAT ratio from December 31, 2022 is due to the adoption of IFRS 17 and IFRS 9 and the related changes to OSFI's regulatory capital calculations.

IFRS 17 Insurance Contracts (IFRS 17) and IFRS 9 Financial Instruments (IFRS 9) adopted in 2023

For periods beginning on or after January 1, 2023, the Company adopted IFRS 17, which replaces IFRS 4 *Insurance Contracts*, and has restated comparative information for 2022 applying the transition provisions in IFRS 17. IFRS 17 establishes the principles for the recognition, measurement, presentation and disclosure of insurance contracts.

Effective January 1, 2023, we have also adopted IFRS 9, which replaces IAS 39 Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement.

IFRS 17

The adoption of IFRS 17 did not change the classification of the majority of the Company's insurance or investment contract liabilities. Up to and including December 31, 2022, the insurance industry has been permitted to continue using IFRS 4 and the Canadian Asset Liability Method (CALM) as prescribed by the CIA to measure insurance and investment contract liabilities. The exception is deferred annuities which were classified as insurance contracts under IFRS 4 and are now classified as investment contracts under IFRS 9. IFRS 17 establishes specific principles for the recognition and measurement of insurance contracts issued and reinsurance contracts held by the Company.

The primary principles of IFRS 17 are that the Company:

- Identifies insurance contracts as those under which the Company accepts significant insurance risk from another party (the policyholder) by agreeing to compensate the policyholder if a specified uncertain future event (the insured event) occurs, affecting the policyholder.
- Divides the insurance and reinsurance contracts held into groups of either assets or liabilities that it will recognize and measure.
- Recognizes profit from a group of insurance contracts over the period that insurance coverage is provided and as the Company is released from risk. If a group of insurance contracts is expected to be onerous (loss making, exclusive of ceded risks) over the remaining coverage period, losses are recognized immediately.
- Measures insurance contract liabilities as the total of the following measurement components:
 - probability weighted, discounted, future cash flows;
 - a risk adjustment (RA); and
 - · CSM.

Transition

Changes in accounting policies resulting from the adoption of IFRS 17 was be applied using a full retrospective approach where practicable. If it was impracticable to apply the full retrospective approach, then the Company was permitted to choose between the modified retrospective approach and the fair value approach. For group insurance contracts, the full retrospective approach was applied. For all other insurance business, the fair value approach was applied.

For additional information on IFRS 17 refer to Note 2.3. Estimates, assumptions and judgments and Note 2.4.1. IFRS 17 *Insurance Contracts*, in the Condensed Interim Consolidated Financial Statements.

IFRS 9

Financial asset classification is based on the cash flow characteristics and the business model in which an asset is held. The classification determines how a financial instrument is accounted for and measured. IFRS 9 includes three measurement categories for financial assets:

- 1. Measured at amortized cost
- 2. Fair Value Other Comprehensive Income (FVOCI)
- 3. Fair Value Through Profit and Loss (FVTPL)

Most financial assets are designated as FVTPL under IAS 39 and will continue to be measured at FVTPL under IFRS 9.

Equity investments that are classified as available for sale under IAS 39 will be measured at FVTPL under IFRS 9.

Mortgages and loans measured at amortized cost under IAS 39 will be designated as FVTPL under IFRS 9. Some investment contracts that were treated as insurance under IFRS 4 will be treated as financial liabilities under IFRS 9. Investment contracts will be designated as FVTPL under IFRS 9.

Because the majority of financial assets are measured at fair value both before and after the transition to IFRS 9, the new classification requirements will not have a material impact on total equity upon adoption.

IFRS 9 replaces the incurred loss impairment model in IAS 39 with a forward-looking expected credit loss impairment model. After adoption of IFRS 9, the majority of financial assets will be reported at FVTPL, so the expected credit loss model will not have a significant impact.

Overlay approach

As permitted, the Company has elected to apply the overlay approach, which allows the classification and remeasurement requirements of IFRS 9 to be applied to all financial assets held in comparative periods, including those that were derecognized during that period, in order to reduce the volatility in profit or loss arising from the different effective dates of IFRS 9, "Financial Instruments", and IFRS 17, "Insurance Contracts".

Transition

Changes in accounting policies resulting from the adoption of IFRS 9 was initially applied on January 1, 2023 without restatement of comparatives. For additional information on the impact of the Overlay approach and the IFRS 9 transition, refer to Note 2.4.2. IFRS 9 *Financial Instruments* and Note 2.6. Financial instruments, of our Condensed Interim Consolidated Financial Statements.

Risk Management

Empire Life is a financial institution offering wealth management, employee benefits and individual insurance products. The Company is exposed to a number of risks as a result of its business activities. The goal of the Company's risk management program is to ensure that risk-taking activities are aligned with its strategy, in order to achieve business goals and deliver acceptable shareholder returns.

Caution Related to Sensitivities

In the sections that follow, the Company provides sensitivities and risk exposure measures for certain risks. These include sensitivities due to specific changes in market prices and interest rates, based on the market prices, interest rates, assets, liabilities and business mix in place as at the calculation dates. The sensitivities are calculated independently for each risk variable, assuming that all other risk variables remain constant. The sensitivities do not take into account indirect effects such as potential impacts on goodwill impairments or valuation allowances on deferred tax assets. Actual results can differ materially from these estimates for a variety of reasons, including differences in the pattern or distribution of market shocks, the interaction among these factors when more than one factor changes; changes in actuarial and investment return and future investment activity assumptions; actual experience differing from the assumptions; changes in business mix, effective tax rates and other market factors; and the general limitations of the Company's internal models used for purposes of these calculations. Changes due to new sales or maturities, asset purchases/sales, or other management actions could also result in material changes to these reported sensitivities. For these reasons, the sensitivities should only be viewed as directional estimates of the underlying sensitivities for the respective factors based on the assumptions outlined and should not be viewed as predictors for the Company's future Net income, CSM, Equity and capital sensitivities. Given the nature of these calculations, the Company cannot provide assurance that the actual impact will be consistent with the estimates provided. Changes in risk variables in excess of the ranges illustrated may result in other than proportionate impacts.

Market Risk

Empire Life has equity market risk related to its segregated fund products and from equity assets supporting its life insurance and investment contract liabilities. Empire Life maintains a semi-static hedging program. The objective of the hedging program is to partially protect the Company from regulatory capital (LICAT) ratio declines that might result from adverse stock market price changes. The hedging program may employ derivatives positions including put options and futures. The extent of derivatives used is monitored and managed on an ongoing basis, giving consideration to equity market risk and the level of available capital.

There is income statement volatility from this hedging program. Based on current equity market levels, Empire Life has required capital for LICAT purposes as well as liabilities on the statement of financial position related to segregated fund guarantees. Some net income volatility can result from the hedging instruments, as gains or losses are not directly offset by changes in the value of other assets and liabilities exposed to equity risk. For the quarter, Empire Life experienced a loss of \$0.8 million pre-tax, due to realized and unrealized fair value gains. This compares to a hedge loss of \$3.0 million after tax over the same period in 2022.

Empire Life's LICAT ratio is also sensitive to stock market volatility, due primarily to liability and capital requirements related to segregated fund guarantees. As of September 30, 2023, Empire Life had \$8.4 billion of segregated fund assets and liabilities. Of this amount, approximately \$8.1 billion have guarantees. The following table provides a percentage breakdown by type of guarantee.

	September 30	December 31
	2023	2022
Percentage of segregated fund liabilities with:		
75% maturity guarantee and a 75% death benefit guarantee	9%	8%
75% maturity guarantee and a 100% death benefit guarantee	43%	44%
100% maturity and death benefit guarantee (with a minimum of 15 years between deposit and maturity date)	7%	7%
Guaranteed minimum withdrawal benefit (GMWB)	41%	41%
Total	100%	100%

All Empire Life segregated fund guarantees are policy-based (not deposit-based), thereby generally lowering Empire Life's stock market sensitivity relative to products with deposit-based guarantees. Policy-based guarantees consider all the deposits in the customer's policy (whether the fund value is below or above the guaranteed amount) to arrive at an overall net guarantee payment, whereas deposit-based guarantees consider only the deposits where the fund value is below the guaranteed amount and ignore all the deposits in the customer's policy where the fund value is above the guaranteed amount. Therefore, policy-based guarantees generally pay less than deposit-based guarantees. For segregated fund guarantee insurance contract liabilities, the level of sensitivity is highly dependent on the level of the stock market at the time of performing the sensitivity test. If period-end stock markets are high relative to market levels at the time that segregated fund policies are issued, the sensitivity is reduced. If period-end stock markets are low relative to market levels at the time that segregated fund policies are issued, the sensitivity is increased.

The segregated fund regulatory capital framework includes the use of various constraints that provide a partial cushion against impacts. As a result, the sensitivity impacts are often non-linear or asymmetric. In addition, the contractual service margin provides a significant offset to potential impacts in the segregated fund guarantee liability. This significantly reduces the net income impacts from changes in interest rates or stock market levels.

Empire Life also has equity market risk related to its equity assets backing life insurance liabilities. Based on stock market levels as at September 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022, the sensitivity of Empire Life shareholders' net income resulting from stock market increases and decreases is provided in the following table.

Sensitivity to equity risk:	Increase			Decrease		
Impact on net income (in millions of dollars after tax)	20%	10%	10%	20%	30%	
Segregated fund guarantees	\$ — \$	_ \$	(3) \$	(6) \$	(15)	
Other equity risk	56	28	(28)	(56)	(84)	
Equity hedge	(5)	(4)	10	31	68	
As at September 30, 2023	\$ 51 \$	24 \$	(21) \$	(31) \$	(31)	
Segregated fund guarantees	\$ — \$	— \$	(2) \$	(4) \$	(17)	
Other equity risk	66	34	(28)	(60)	(92)	
Equity hedge	(4)	(3)	6	20	40	
As at December 31, 2022 - restated	\$ 62 \$	31 \$	(24) \$	(44) \$	(69)	

Based on stock market levels as at September 30, 2023, the sensitivity of Empire Life LICAT Total ratio resulting from stock market increases and decreases is provided in the following table:

Sensitivity to equity risk:	Increa	Increase			
Impact on LICAT	20%	10%	10%	20%	30%
Segregated fund guarantees	14 %	6 %	(2)%	(11)%	(21)%
Other equity risk	1 %	— %	— %	(1)%	(2)%
Equity hedge	(2)%	(1)%	1 %	1 %	1 %
As at September 30, 2023	13 %	5 %	(1)%	(11)%	(22)%

The amount at risk related to segregated fund maturity guarantees and segregated fund death benefit guarantees, and the resulting policy liabilities and LICAT base solvency buffer for Empire Life's segregated funds is provided in the following table.

Segregated funds	Withdrawal benefit > fund value			Maturity guarantee > fund value				Death b						
(in millions of dollars)	Fu	nd value	Amount at risk	F	Fund value		Amount at risk		Fund value		Amount at risk	ı	Policy liabilities ⁽²⁾	LICAT capital ⁽¹⁾
September 30, 2023	\$	2,583	\$ 1,037	\$	182	\$	10	\$	3,420	\$	109	\$	97	\$ 422
December 31, 2022	\$	2,651	\$ 1,048	\$	160	\$	10	\$	3,073	\$	104	\$	79	

⁽¹⁾ LICAT results prior to January 1, 2023 have not been adjusted for the impacts from the adoption of IFRS 17 and IFRS 9. For additional details on the 2022 amounts, please refer to the audited Consolidated Financial Statements which form part of the Empire Life 2022 Annual Report dated February 24, 2023.

The first six columns of the above table show all segregated fund policies where the future withdrawal benefit, future maturity guarantee, or future death benefit guarantee is greater than the fund value. The amount at risk represents the excess of the future withdrawal benefit, future maturity guarantee or future death benefit guarantee amount over the fund value for these policies. The withdrawal benefit amounts in the above table relate to GMWB products. The GMWB withdrawal benefit amount at risk represents the amount that could be paid by Empire Life to GMWB policyholders if the net return on each GMWB policyholder's assets is zero for the remainder of each GMWB policyholder's life, based on life expectancy. At September 30, 2023, the aggregate amount at risk for all three categories of risk was \$1,156 million. At December 31, 2022, the aggregate amount at risk for these three categories of risk was \$1,162 million. For these three categories of risk, the amount at risk is not currently payable, as payment is contingent on future outcomes, including fund performance, deaths, deposits, withdrawals and maturity dates.

The level of policy liabilities and required regulatory capital in the above table is calculated based on the probability that Empire Life will ultimately have to make payment to the segregated fund policyholders for any fund value deficiency that may exist on future payments to GMWB policyholders, or upon future maturity of the segregated fund policies, or upon future death of the segregated fund policyholders.

In addition, Empire Life considers the sensitivity of its LICAT ratio to changes in market interest rates. The impact of a 50 basis point parallel shift in interest rates for non-participating insurance business and segregated fund guarantees for September 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022, is shown in the table below. No change to credit spreads is assumed.

	Impact of
Sensitivity to market interest rates - LICAT	50 bps Decrease
September 30, 2023 LICAT total ratio	2%
December 31, 2022 LICAT total ratio	2%

Internal Controls Over Financial Reporting

As a result of the adoption of IFRS 17 on January 1, 2023, the Company revised its internal controls over financial reporting. The revisions were principally for implementation governance and controls over the initial implementation of

⁽²⁾ December 31, 2022 amount has been adjusted to reflect the impacts from the adoption of IFRS 17.

IFRS 17 and ongoing controls in the Company's actuarial and financial reporting processes, including the adoption of IFRS 17 accounting policies and significant judgements and estimates, the use of new information technology systems and the reconciliation of financial data between existing reporting processes and IFRS 17.

Quarterly Results

The following table summarizes various financial results on a quarterly basis for the most recent eight quarters:

	Sep 30	Jun 30	Mar 31	Dec 31		Sep 30	Jun 30		Mar 31	Dec 31
(in millions of dollars, except per share amounts)	2023	2023	2023	2022 restated	r	2022 estated	2022 restated	r	2022 estated	2021 ⁽¹⁾
Revenue										\$ 655
Insurance revenue - Gross	\$ 337 \$	328 \$	326	\$ 323	\$	310	\$ 318	\$	304	
Common shareholder's net income	\$ (5) \$	(1) \$	52	\$ 5	\$	36	\$ (34)	\$	47	\$ 17
Earnings per share - basic and diluted	\$ (5.25) \$	(0.86) \$	52.66	\$ 5.32	\$	36.61	\$ (34.08)	\$	47.87	\$ 16.96

⁽¹⁾ Amounts prior to January 1, 2022 have not been adjusted for the impacts from the adoption of IFRS 17 and IFRS 9. See Note 2.4 in the Condensed Interim Consolidated Financial Statements for additional details.

Forward-Looking Statements and Information

Certain statements in this MD&A about Empire Life's current and future plans, expectations and intentions, results, market share growth and profitability, strategic objectives or any other future events or developments constitute forward-looking statements and information within the meaning of applicable securities laws. The words "may", "will", "would", "should", "could", "expects", "plans", "intends", "trends", "indications", "anticipates", "believes", "estimates", "predicts", "likely" or "potential" or the negative or other variations of these words or other comparable words or phrases, are intended to identify forward-looking statements and information. Although management believes that the expectations and assumptions on which such forward-looking statements and information are based are reasonable, undue reliance should not be placed on the forward-looking statements and information because there can be no assurance that they will prove to be correct. By their nature, such forward-looking statements and information are subject to various risks and uncertainties, which could cause the actual results and expectations to differ materially from the anticipated results or expectations expressed. These risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, market risk including equity risk, hedging risk, interest rate risk, foreign exchange rate risk; liquidity risk; credit risk including counterparty risk; product risk including mortality risk, policyholder behaviour risk, expense risk, morbidity risk, product design and pricing risk, underwriting and claims risk, reinsurance risk; operational risk, including legal and regulatory compliance risk, model risk, human resources risk, third-party risk, technology and information security risk, and business continuity risk; and business and strategic risk, including environmental and social risk, risk with respect to competition, risk with respect to financial strength, capital adequacy risk, risk with respect to distribution channels, risk with respect to changes to applicable income tax legislation, risk with respect to litigation, risk with respect to reputation, risk with respect to risk management policies, risk with respect to intellectual property, risk with respect to significant ownership of common shares, and pandemic risk. Please see the section titled "Risk Factors" in Empire Life's Annual Information Form available at www.sedar.com for more details on these risks.

Material factors or assumptions that were applied in drawing a conclusion or making an estimate set out in the forward-looking statements and information include that the general economy remains stable; assumptions on interest rates, mortality rates and policy liabilities; and capital markets continue to provide access to capital. These factors are not intended to represent a complete list of the factors that could affect Empire Life; however, these factors should be considered carefully, and readers should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements made herein or in the documents reproduced herein.

To the extent any forward-looking information in this MD&A constitutes future-oriented financial information or financial outlooks within the meaning of securities laws, such information is being provided to demonstrate potential benefits and readers are cautioned that this information may not be appropriate for any other purpose. Future-oriented financial information and financial outlooks are, without limitation, based on the assumptions and subject to the risks set out above.

The forward-looking information contained herein is expressly qualified in its entirety by this cautionary statement. When relying on Empire Life's forward-looking statements and information to make decisions, investors and others

should carefully consider the foregoing factors, assumptions and other uncertainties and potential events. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on this forward-looking information, which is given as of the date hereof or the date indicated, and to not use such forward-looking information for anything other than its intended purpose. Empire Life undertakes no obligation to update publicly or revise any forward-looking statements and information, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise after the date of this document, except as required by law.

Non-IFRS Measures

Empire Life uses non-IFRS measures including return on common shareholders' equity, assets under management, annualized premium sales, gross and net sales for mutual funds, segregated funds and fixed annuities to provide investors with supplemental measures of its operating performance and to highlight trends in its core business that may not otherwise be apparent when relying solely on IFRS financial measures. Empire Life also believes that securities analysts, investors and other interested parties frequently use non-IFRS measures in the evaluation of issuers. Empire Life's management also uses non-IFRS measures to facilitate operating performance comparisons from period to period, to prepare annual operating budgets and to determine components of management compensation. Empire Life believes that these measures provide information useful to its shareholders and policyholders in evaluating the Company's underlying financial results.

Return on common shareholders' equity is a profitability measure that is not prescribed under IFRS and a comparable measure under IFRS is not available. Empire Life calculates this measure as the net income available to common shareholders as a percentage of the average capital deployed to earn the income, on a trailing 4-quarters basis.

Annualized premium sales is used as a method of measuring sales volume. It is equal to the premium expected to be received in the first 12 months for all new individual insurance and employee benefit policies sold during the period. For segregated funds and annuity contracts, sales include new and renewal deposits to policy contracts. Net sales in the Wealth Management line reflect the gross sales less the effect of redemptions and surrenders.

Assets under management is a non-IFRS measure of the assets managed by Empire Life, which includes general fund assets, mutual fund assets and segregated fund assets. It represents the total assets of Empire Life and the assets its customers invest in.

The following table provides a reconciliation of assets under management to total assets in Empire Life's financial statements.

Reconciliation of Assets Under Management

As at		December 31, 2022		
(in millions of dollars)	September 30, 2023			
Assets Under Management				
General fund assets	\$ 8,867	\$ 8,992		
Segregated fund assets	8,356	8,566		
Total assets per financial statements	17,223	17,558		
Mutual fund assets	-	16		
Assets under management	\$ 17,223	\$ 17,574		

The previous table includes the following amounts held by Empire Life's defined benefit (DB) pension plans.

As at		
(in millions of dollars)	September 30, 202	B December 31, 2022
DB plan assets		
Segregated fund assets	\$ 21	\$ 209
Other	17	16

Empire Life Management's Discussion and Analysis

Established in 1923 and a subsidiary of E-L Financial Corporation Limited, The Empire Life Insurance Company provides individual and group life and health insurance, investment and retirement products.

Our mission is to make it simple, fast and easy for Canadians to get the products and services they need to build wealth, generate income, and achieve financial security.

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You may submit your complaint or concern anonymously. Your submission will be kept confidential and will be treated in accordance with the Company's policy for reporting accounting and auditing matters.

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