

# Prudential Plc - 1Q25 Business Performance Update

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## PRUDENTIAL PLC Q1 BUSINESS PERFORMANCE UPDATE

# Continued operational and financial progress - first quarter new business profit up 12 per cent

Performance highlights on a constant exchange rate basis for the three months ended 31 March 2025:

- Q1 new business profit on a Traditional Embedded Value (TEV) basis was up 12 per cent compared with the prior year to \$608 million.
- First quarter APE sales were up 4 per cent to \$1,677 million.
- New business margin increased 2 percentage points.

# Commenting on the results CEO, Anil Wadhwani said:

"Our on-going focus on quality growth in new business profit continues to produce attractive returns and capital generation. Our strong 2025 first quarter new business performance reflects the benefits of our on-going efforts to build and modernise our capabilities to better serve our customers.

"New business profit grew by 12 per cent in the first quarter of 2025, consistent with our guidance that we expect FY25 new business profit to grow by more than 10 per cent. New business profit growth in the first quarter was broad-based across our markets, driven by higher volumes and a 2 percentage point margin improvement.

"Across the business we continue to advance our operational efficiency by investing in technology and refining our operating model. We have welcomed strong new talent to the business with the appointment of John Cai to lead Agency across our markets and serve as Regional CEO for Malaysia, Indonesia and Vietnam. We continued to deliver shareholder value in 2025 having completed an additional \$442 million (49 million shares) of repurchases under our \$2 billion share buyback programme between 1 January and 23 April 2025. We continue to evaluate a potential listing of our India asset management business, as discussed in our 2024 Annual Report, with the intention that net proceeds would be returned to shareholders

"The current tariff uncertainty does not directly impact our business but has resulted in global economic and market volatility, with the impacts of the latter illustrated by our published sensitivities. We remain confident that, despite the wider macroeconomic uncertainty, our robust solvency position and multi-channel, multi-market franchise situates us well for long-term success in this highly profitable and attractive growth business."

## APE new business sales (APE sales) and TEV new business profit (NBP)

			Constant exchange rate				Actual exchange rate			
	3 months ended 31.03.2025		3 months ended 31.03.2024		Change		3 months ended 31.03.2024		Change	
	APE	NBP	APE	NBP	APE	NBP	APE	NBP	APE	NBP
	sales		sales		sales		sales		sales	
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$ m			\$m	\$m		
Total	1,677	608	1,609	543	4%	12%	1,625	545	3%	12%
Total new		<u> </u>								
business margin		36%		34%				34%		
(%)										

### Market highlights for the three months ended 31 March 2025

(New business profit, which has been prepared solely on a Traditional Embedded Value basis, and APE sales are both on a constant currency basis. See "Definitions of Performance Metrics" below for more details.)

In **Hong Kong** we delivered double-digit growth in new business profit for the first three months of 2025. Growth in both the domestic and our Mainland Chinese Visitor markets was driven by higher volumes and margin expansion as we continued to benefit from 2024 repricing actions. We continue to innovate for our customers, with growth supported by the launch in the first quarter of a new multi-currency savings product, with trust-like features, which provides families with financial flexibility to support their children's future.

In Mainland China, our joint venture CITIC Prudential Life delivered double digit new business profit growth compared with the same period in the prior year, in the seasonally strong first quarter. This performance was supported by our actions to rebalance the product portfolio to drive profitability, sustainability and manage risk. We expect the recently announced regulator-led agency reform will support high-quality agency development across the industry and have a positive impact on market dynamics. They are aligned with our focus on driving quality agency growth and, similar to the changes in the bancassurance channel, we believe the business will successfully adapt to them.

In **Indonesia** we maintained our momentum following our on-going operational transformation, delivering strong double-digit new business profit growth in the first quarter of 2025. This was supported by the launch of new medical products through the agency channel beginning in the second quarter of 2024, leading to an increase in the proportion of APE sales being health and protection.

Our business in **Malaysia** saw new business profit decline on the back of a strong prior period comparator. New business profit levels continued to reflect the ongoing changes made in our health pricing and also that the bancassurance channel continues to be a significant contributor to new business.

Our **Singapore** business delivered double-digit growth in new business profit in the first three months of 2025, with growth in both agency and bancassurance channels.

Our "Growth markets and other" segment saw double digit new business profit growth in the first quarter driven by sustained strong double digit growth in Taiwan and double-digit growth in the Philippines. This growth was partially offset by a decline in Vietnam following our focus on quality and where challenging consumer confidence continues to hold back recovery in that market in the near term. India remains a key strategic market, especially for insurance and health business, and we are going through the regulatory approval process for our proposed Indian standalone health insurance joint venture.

Eastspring funds under management or advice (FUM) at the end of the first quarter were \$256.2 billion (31 December 2024: \$258.0 billion). FUM development was supported by net inflows from the Group's insurance business of \$2.1 billion and third-party inflows (excluding money market funds and funds managed on behalf of M&G) of \$0.5 billion, with strong inflows into retail funds partially offset by institutional outflows. Overall, after allowing for other movements, FUM development was broadly neutral for the quarter.

# Update on Litigation in Malaysia

Prudential continues its ongoing dispute with Detik Ria, the 49 per cent shareholder in SHS, the holding company of PAMB, including a new claim notified to Prudential by Detik Ria regarding dividends for the equivalent of approximately US\$ 813 million\* plus interest at a rate of 5 per cent from the date of payment of each dividend or other payment to which it claims to be entitled. The claim is yet to be served on all of the defendants.

Prudential does not admit liability for any of the claims made by Detik Ria and will vigorously pursue its defence including any available claims and counterclaims and manage the dispute in the best interests of Prudential and its shareholders.

\*based on the exchange rate per Bloomberg on 29 April midday (Hong Kong time).

#### Notes

Comparisons are to the first three months of the prior year unless otherwise stated and year-on-year percentage changes are provided on a constant exchange rate basis unless otherwise stated. All results are presented in US dollars.

See "Definitions of Performance Metrics" below for explanation of performance measures used in this announcement

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## Metrics presented

This business performance update provides information on the trading and sales development of the Group in the first three months of 2025. This update focusses on annual premium equivalent (APE) and new business profit (NBP), which are key metrics used by the Group's management to assess and manage the development and growth of the business. APE sales are provided as an indicative volume measure of transactions undertaken in the reporting period that have the potential to generate profits for shareholders. NBP is measured in accordance with our Traditional Embedded Value (TEV) methodology and reflects the value of future profit streams which are not fully captured in shareholders' equity in the year of sale under IFRS. Under this methodology, new business profit is determined using long-term economic assumptions at the start of the year and on operating assumptions at the start of the quarter being reported on. More details on the Group's TEV methodology is contained in the Additional unaudited information section of the Group's 2024 Annual Report.

The presentation of these key metrics is not intended to be considered as a substitute for, or superior to, financial information prepared and presented in accordance with IFRS. Further information about these metrics including a reconciliation of TEV shareholders' equity at 31 December 2024 to the most directly comparable IFRS measure can be found in the Group's 2024 Annual Report.

# **Definitions of Performance Metrics**

Annual premium equivalent (APE) sales

A measure of new business activity that comprises the aggregate of annualised regular premiums and one-tenth of single premiums on new business written during the period for all insurance products.

Eastspring total funds under management or advice

Total funds under management or advice including external funds under management, money market funds, funds managed on behalf of M&G

plc and internal funds under management or advice.

#### New business profit

Presented on a post-tax basis, on business sold in the period calculated in accordance with our TEV methodology.

#### Traditional Embedded Value (TEV)

Financial results that are prepared on a supplementary basis to the Group's consolidated IFRS results and is a way of measuring the current value to shareholders of the future profits from life business written based on a set of assumptions. Our TEV methodology is set out in the Prudential plc 2024 Annual Report (see the Additional unaudited information section).

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This announcement contains 'forward-looking statements' with respect to certain of Prudential's (and its wholly and jointly owned businesses') plans and its goals and expectations relating to future financial condition, performance, results, strategy and objectives. Statements that are not historical facts, including statements about Prudential's (and its wholly and jointly owned businesses') beliefs and expectations and including, without limitation, commitments, ambitions and targets, including those related to sustainability matters, and statements containing the words 'may', 'will', 'should', 'could', 'continue', 'aims', 'estimates', 'projects', 'believes', 'intends', 'expects', 'plans', 'seeks' and 'anticipates', and words of similar meaning and the negatives of such words, are forward-looking statements. These statements are based on plans, estimates and projections as at the time they are made, and therefore undue reliance should not be placed on them. By their nature, all forward-looking statements involve risk and uncertainty.

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- current and future market conditions, including fluctuations in interest rates and exchange rates, inflation (including resulting interest rate
  rises), sustained high or low interest rate environments, the escalation of protectionist policies, the performance of financial and credit
  markets generally and the impact of economic uncertainty, slowdown or contraction (including as a result of the emergence, continuation and
  consequences of adverse geopolitical conditions, such as political instability, unrest, war, the ongoing conflicts between Russia and Ukraine
  and in the Middle East, and increasing global or diplomatic tensions related to China and/or the US, as well as resulting economic sanctions
  and export controls), which may also impact policyholder behaviour and reduce product affordability;
- asset valuation impacts from sustainability related considerations;
- derivative instruments not effectively mitigating any exposures;
- global political uncertainties, including the potential for increased friction in cross-border trade and the exercise of laws, regulations and executive powers to restrict trade, financial transactions, capital movements and/or investment;
- the policies and actions of regulatory authorities, including, in particular, the policies and actions of the Hong Kong Insurance Authority, as Prudential's Group-wide supervisor, as well as the degree and pace of regulatory changes and new government initiatives generally;
- the impact on Prudential of systemic risk and other group supervision policy standards adopted by the International Association of Insurance Supervisors, given Prudential's designation as an Internationally Active Insurance Group;
- the physical, social, morbidity/health and financial impacts of climate change and global health crises (including pandemics), which may
  impact Prudential's business, investments, operations and its duties owed to customers;
- legal, policy and regulatory developments in response to climate change and broader sustainability-related issues, including the
  development of regulations and standards and interpretations such as those relating to sustainability reporting, disclosures and product
  labelling and their interpretations (which may conflict and create misrepresentation risks);
- the collective ability of governments, policymakers, the Group, industry and other stakeholders to implement and adhere to commitments on
  mitigation of climate change and broader sustainability-related issues effectively (including not appropriately considering the interests of all
  Prudential's stakeholders or failing to maintain high standards of corporate governance and responsible business practices), and the
  challenges presented by conflicting national approaches in this regard;
- the impact of competition and fast-paced technological change;
- the effect on Prudential's business and results from mortality and morbidity trends, lapse rates and policy renewal rates;
- the timing, impact and other uncertainties of future acquisitions or combinations within relevant industries;
- the impact of internal transformation projects and other strategic actions failing to meet their objectives or adversely impacting the Group's operations or employees;
- the availability and effectiveness of reinsurance for Prudential's businesses;
- the risk that Prudential's operational resilience (or that of its suppliers and partners) may prove to be inadequate, including in relation to operational disruption due to external events;
- disruption to the availability, confidentiality or integrity of Prudential's information technology, digital systems and data (or those of its suppliers and partners), including the risk of cyber-attacks and challenges in integrating AI tools, which may result in financial loss, business disruption and/or loss of customer services and data and harm to Prudential's reputation;

- the increased non-financial and financial risks and uncertainties associated with operating joint ventures with independent partners;
- the impact of changes in capital, solvency standards, accounting standards or relevant regulatory frameworks, and tax and other legislation
  and regulations in the jurisdictions in which Prudential and its affiliates operate; and
- · the impact of legal and regulatory actions, investigations and disputes.

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