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### **L'AGENZIA AM BEST ASSEGNA A CATTOLICA E TUA ASSICURAZIONI UN FINANCIAL STRENGTH RATING PARI AD "A" E UN LONG-TERM ISSUER CREDIT RATING PARI AD "a+" CON OUTLOOK STABILE. PER CATTRE IL FINANCIAL STRENGTH RATING È PARI AD "A-" E IL LONG-TERM ISSUER CREDIT RATING AD "a-" CON OUTLOOK STABILE**

Verona, 7 dicembre 2021. In data odierna l'agenzia AM Best rende noto di aver assegnato a Cattolica Assicurazioni e a TUA Assicurazioni un Financial Strength Rating pari ad A (Eccellente) e un Long-Term Issuer Credit Rating pari ad "a+" (Eccellente). L'outlook relativo ai suddetti Credit Rating è stabile. Secondo AM Best i rating riflettono la solidità patrimoniale di Cattolica, che viene valutata come forte, nonché la sua adeguata performance operativa, il profilo di business in linea e un'appropriata gestione del rischio d'impresa. I rating tengono anche in considerazione, come elemento di potenziamento, l'aspettativa da parte di AM Best che Assicurazioni Generali S.p.A. integri completamente Cattolica all'interno del proprio gruppo.

AM Best ha inoltre assegnato a CattRe, società del Gruppo Cattolica con sede in Lussemburgo che opera nell'ambito della riassicurazione, un Financial Strength Rating pari ad A- (Eccellente) e un Long-Term Issuer Credit Rating pari ad "a-" (Eccellente). L'outlook relativo ai suddetti Credit Rating è stabile. I rating riflettono la solidità patrimoniale di CattRe, che AM Best valuta come molto forte, nonché la sua adeguata performance operativa, il limitato profilo di business e un'appropriata gestione del rischio d'impresa. Anche per CattRe i rating tengono in considerazione, come elemento di potenziamento, l'entrata della società nel gruppo Generali.

SOCIETÀ CATTOLICA DI ASSICURAZIONE

*Cattolica Assicurazioni è uno dei maggiori attori del mercato assicurativo italiano, quotata alla Borsa di Milano, dove è presente dal novembre 2000. Con circa 3,5 milioni di clienti che si affidano alle soluzioni assicurative e ai prodotti distribuiti, Cattolica e le sue controllate registrano una raccolta premi di 5,7 miliardi di euro (2020). Cattolica e le sue controllate contano, 1.338 agenzie diffuse su tutto il territorio italiano, sia nei grandi che nei piccoli centri, e su una rete di 1.840 agenti. Per ulteriori informazioni: [www.cattolica.it/profilo-societario](http://www.cattolica.it/profilo-societario).*

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### **AM Best Assigns Credit Ratings to Societa Cattolica di Assicurazione S.p.A. and TUA Assicurazioni S.p.A.**

**AMSTERDAM, 7 December 2021**—AM Best assigned the Financial Strength Rating of A (Excellent) and the Long-Term Issuer Credit Rating of “a+” (Excellent) of Societa Cattolica di Assicurazione S.p.A. (Cattolica) (Italy) and affiliate TUA Assicurazioni S.p.A (Tua) (Italy). The outlook assigned to these Credit Ratings (ratings) is stable.

The ratings reflect Cattolica’s balance sheet strength, which AM Best assesses as strong, as well as its adequate operating performance, neutral business profile and appropriate enterprise risk management (ERM).

The ratings also consider, in the form of rating lift, AM Best’s expectation that Assicurazioni Generali S.p.A. (Generali) will fully integrate Cattolica within the Generali group and will provide explicit support if needed.

Cattolica’s balance sheet strength benefits from risk-adjusted capitalization, as measured by Best’s Capital Adequacy Ratio (BCAR), at the strongest level; AM Best expects the company’s risk-adjusted capitalisation to be maintained at least at the very strong level. A limiting factor is the group’s high, albeit reduced, exposure to Italian government debt, representing 43.4% of its invested assets at 3Q/2021 (3Q/2020: 48.2%) and creating considerable exposure to spread risk.

Cattolica has achieved an average return-on-equity of 4.1% for the past five years (2016-2020) and an

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average combined ratio of 92.5%, as calculated by AM Best. Non-life underwriting performance was particularly good in 2020 (a combined ratio of 86.8%, as calculated by AM Best) driven mainly by an improvement in motor loss experience due to lower vehicle usage, which is expected to continue into 2021. Cattolica's life business is also profitable, with a 2.27% margin between average segregated accounts yield and average minimum guarantee (at 3Q/2021). The company's life business profitability is also supported by management initiatives to adjust the product mix toward capital-light products. For 2020, the company reported a pre-tax profit of EUR 174 million.

Cattolica has an established position in the Italian market, as the seventh largest insurer (according to Ania) and benefits from an extensive and diversified distribution network. Cattolica is highly dependent on joint ventures with banking partners for the distribution of life products; however, life premium volume has dropped as the company sold its stake in Lombarda Vita in 2020.

The group has an appropriate level of ERM to identify and control most of the key risks it faces. The company addressed the deficiencies highlighted by an unfavorable report issued by the Italian regulator, Istituto per la vigilanza sulle Assicurazioni (IVASS), in early 2021. AM Best expects that the company will further benefit from integration with the Generali group, allowing the company to leverage Generali's well-developed class control system framework.

TUA is a subsidiary of the Cattolica group that writes non-life products in Italy mainly through non-tied agents. TUA's ratings reflect its strategic importance to Cattolica as a source of growth and earnings.

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### AM Best Assigns Credit Ratings to CattRe S.A.

**AMSTERDAM, 7 December 2021**—AM Best has assigned a Financial Strength Rating of A- (Excellent) and a Long-Term Issuer Credit Rating of “a-” (Excellent) to CattRe S.A. (CattRe) (Luxembourg). The outlook assigned to these Credit Ratings (ratings) is stable.

The ratings reflect CattRe’s balance sheet strength, which AM Best assesses as very strong, as well as its adequate operating performance, limited business profile and appropriate enterprise risk management.

The ratings also consider, in the form of rating lift, AM Best’s expectation that Assicurazioni Generali S.p.A. (Generali) will provide explicit support to CattRe if needed.

CattRe’s balance sheet strength benefits from its risk-adjusted capitalisation, as measured by Best’s Capital Adequacy Ratio (BCAR), which was at the strongest level in 2020. AM Best expects the company’s risk-adjusted capitalisation to remain at the strongest level through the medium term. Limiting factors to the balance sheet strength assessment include the company’s dependence on retrocession and the potential for volatility in capitalisation metrics, driven by the company’s small capital base.

CattRe’s operating performance has been in line with management’s expectations since Societa Cattolica di Assicurazione S.p.A. (Cattolica) acquired the company in 2018. In 2020, the company reported a pre-tax profit of EUR 5 million and a combined ratio of 88% (as calculated by AM Best). Technical results are expected to remain stable into 2021.

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CattRe is a wholly owned subsidiary of Cattolica based in Luxembourg that focuses on reinsuring specialty lines. The company uses managing general agent (MGA) subsidiaries in Italy to source business and expects to continue to develop its MGA platform as part of its growth strategy. Additionally, CattRe reinsures business written by other subsidiaries of Cattolica in Italy. The company has grown largely during its first years of operation, with gross written premium amounting to EUR 84 million in 2020.

CattRe is regulated by the Luxembourg regulator, the Commissariat aux Assurances, and follows the Solvency II regulation. The company manages key risks through an effective control framework, which includes outsourced functions, such as underwriting controls at its subsidiary MGAs. AM Best expects that CattRe will benefit from the Generali group's well-developed control system framework.

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