

Skyward Specialty Insurance Group, Inc.

2Q23 Review: Rate Acceleration

Double digit pure rates (highest on record since CEO arrival) and strong GWP continuing in July. Rate increases are broad based, with the greatest uplift seen in Global Property.

Rates vs. Loss trends: Pure rates in double digits (vs. high single digits last quarter) are above loss cost inflation. 2Q marks the highest pure rate achieved since Mr. Robinson joined the organization in May 2020. Every underwriting division was at or above where it was last quarter. Specifically, global property rates increased significantly. Exposure growth was in the low-to-mid single digits (vs a couple of points last quarter). Loss cost inflation across the book is ~5-6% with personal injury exposed classes in the high single-digits. Importantly, the rate above loss cost is not reflected in SKWD's loss picks.

Per our subsequent conversation with the CFO, we understand SKWD establishes its loss picks every Sept. for the upcoming calendar year. Mechanically this means if the denominator, NPE, is rising from higher rates, then SKWD increases the numerator to arrive at its established loss picks, which feels conservative. SKWD typically waits 3 years to reflect positive trends in its current vs. initial loss ratios.

Strong GWP growth: 2Q GWP grew by 29.4% y/y as five out of eight underwriting divisions delivered 20%+ y/y growth and all eight divisions grew y/y. Submission counts were up ~20% y/y and in-force unit count increased 14% y/y and 3% q/q. Management shared that July continued to be a positive environment for growth and they are "hopeful" it will continue.

Net premium retention. Retention decreased to ~51% in 2Q23 vs. ~58% in 2Q22 due to business mix shift and growth in Global Property and Agriculture where SKWD has lower retention. Management expects retention to be lower in H1 2023, higher in H2 2023, netting slightly higher in FY2023 vs. FY2022.

AYLR 210 bps improvement y/y due to business mix changes and runoff of higher loss ratio exited business. SKWD has not shared prior period loss ratios of exited businesses. For conservatism, SKWD is not emphasizing rate ahead of loss trends as a key driver of underlying margin expansion. AYLR of 60.7% beat our 61.1% estimate. We think SKWD's 60.7% AYLR achievement is not an anomaly and we can see continued underlying margin expansion from here.

Sub-30% expense ratio guidance reiterated; we expect upside. SKWD's 28.0% expense ratio in 2Q23 was helped by better than expected NPE earning in. Management maintained its sub-30% expense ratio guidance. The company will continue to invest in the business and expects a higher run rate in the back half of 2023.

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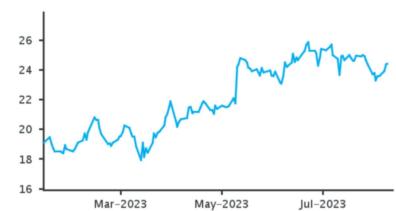
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SKWD	OVERWEIGHT
	Unchanged
U.S. Insurance/Non-Life	POSITIVE
	Unchanged
Price Target	USD 29.00
	Unchanged
Price (09-Aug-23)	USD 24.39
Potential Upside/Downside	+18.9%
Market Cap (USD mn)	918
Shares Outstanding (mn)	37.67
Free Float (%)	76.94
52 Wk Avg Daily Volume (mn)	N/A
Dividend Yield (%)	N/A
Return on Equity TTM (%)	4.84
Current BVPS (USD)	25.05

Source: Bloomberg

Price Performance Exchange-Nasdaq
52 Week range USD 26.05-17.50



Source: IDC
Link to Barclays Live for interactive charting

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Cat loads. 2Q catastrophe losses of \$6.8mn were worse than our modeled \$1.8mn. The losses were related to 3 events: a tornado that hit a high value building, an HVAC/equipment storage area that incurred losses, and a hail related loss. SKWD will inevitably pick up some cat exposure from growing its Global Property business. In contrast, property within its Transactional E&S business is more prone to fire perils than cat-like perils. We increase our cat load estimates to reflect growth within global property.

Ceded Re Strategy: Incrementally, we learned that its risk adjusted reinsurance pricing for property catastrophe risk at 5/1 was 15-20%. This added reinsurance costs does not compress underwriting margins given prop cat is a relatively smaller portion of overall transactional E&S and global property pricing.

Reinsurance risk management. Exposure to reinsurance is predominately in the loss portfolio transfer (which is fully collateralized) and captives divisions. SKWD works with a trusted set of banks and captive managers to mitigate third party risk and also takes full credit for them statutorily.

Valuation. We reiterate our Overweight rating and \$29 PT which is based on a 50/50 weighted 12.5x (unchanged) P/E multiple on our '24 EPS estimate of \$2.39 (from \$2.32) and 1.85x (unchanged) P/TBV excluding AOCI on our '24 TBVPS excluding AOCI of \$15.48 (from \$15.40).

SKWD: Quarterly and Annual EPS (USD)

	2022		2023			2024			Change y/y	
	FY Dec	Actual	Old	New	Cons	Old	New	Cons	2023	2024
Q1	0.61A	0.42A	0.42A	N/A		0.58E	0.60E	N/A	-31%	43%
Q2	0.50A	0.49E	0.42A	N/A		0.59E	0.63E	N/A	-16%	50%
Q3	N/A	0.39E	0.40E	N/A		0.48E	0.49E	N/A	N/A	22%
Q4	0.36A	0.58E	0.59E	N/A		0.66E	0.68E	N/A	64%	15%
Year	N/A	1.85E	1.83E	1.57E		2.32E	2.39E	2.11E	N/A	31%
P/E	N/A		13.3				10.2			

Consensus numbers are from Bloomberg received on 09-Aug-2023; 12:50 GMT

Source: Barclays Research

U.S. Insurance/Non-Life						POSITIVE	
Skyward Specialty Insurance Group, Inc. (SKWD)						OVERWEIGHT	
Income statement	2022A	2023E	2024E	2025E	CAGR	Price (09-Aug-2023)	USD 24.39
Net premiums earned (\$k)	615,993	801,396	962,697	N/A	N/A	Price Target	USD 29.00
Net investment income (NII) (\$k)	36,931	34,597	49,918	N/A	N/A	Why OVERWEIGHT?	
Underwriting income (\$k)	31,311	59,444	70,791	N/A	N/A	E&S writers trade at a premium to admitted writers. SKWD's multiple could increase over time as the E&S becomes a larger piece of their overall mix from its current ~50%, achievable within transactional E&S and property. SKWD's stock performance could hinge more on execution than peers given a shorter operating history under the current management team.	
Operating income (\$k)	49,783	91,739	118,548	N/A	N/A		
Net income (\$k)	39,396	72,138	93,653	N/A	N/A		
Effective tax rate (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		
Combined ratio (%)	94.9	92.6	92.6	N/A	N/A		
Combined ratio (ex cats & py development) (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		
Per share data (\$)	2022A	2023E	2024E	2025E	CAGR		
EPS (adj)	N/A	1.83	2.39	N/A	N/A		
EPS (reported)	N/A	1.87	2.39	N/A	N/A		
DPS	0.00	0.00	0.00	N/A	N/A		
BVPS	N/A	14.27	16.64	N/A	N/A		
BVPS (ex AOCI)	N/A	15.32	17.69	N/A	N/A		
Diluted shares (k)	N/A	38,492	39,214	N/A	N/A		
Balance sheet and capital return	2022A	2023E	2024E	2025E	CAGR		
Total investments (\$k)	1,082,367	1,423,108	1,480,892	N/A	N/A		
Common shareholders' equity (ex AOCI)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		
Share buybacks (\$k)	N/A	0	0	N/A	N/A		
Dividends paid (\$mn)	0	0	0	N/A	N/A		
Balance sheet and capital return metrics	2022A	2023E	2024E	2025E	Average		
Debt leverage (%)	0.0	0.0	0.0	N/A	0.0		
Financial leverage (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		
Total capital return as a % of op. earnings	0.0	0.0	0.0	N/A	0.0		
Valuation metrics	2022A	2023E	2024E	2025E	Average		
P/BV (ex AOCI) (x)	N/A	1.59	1.38	N/A	1.49		
P/E (adj) (x)	N/A	13.3	10.2	N/A	11.8		
Dividend yield (%)	0.0	0.0	0.0	N/A	0.0		
ROE (%)	13.8	14.4	15.5	N/A	14.6		

Note: FY End Dec

Source: Company data, Bloomberg, Barclays Research



2Q23 Highlights

Operating earnings miss: SKWD reported 2Q23 adjusted net operating earnings of \$16.0mn or \$0.42 per share, which was worse than our estimate of \$19.2mn or \$0.49 per share. The Street was at \$0.39 per share. The earnings miss is due to higher than expected catastrophe losses.

2Q23 GWP growth: SKWD GWP grew by 29.4% y/y (vs. our 14.4% estimate). Double-digit premium increases were broad based, seen across transactional E&S, global property and agriculture, professional lines, and surety and captives.

Underwriting performance: SKWD's combined ratio was 92.0% vs. our estimate of 91.1%. Expense ratio in 2Q23 of 28.0% was better than our estimate of 29.0% amid a higher than expected commission/fee income contra expense. Management's view is for a more sustainable expense ratio near 30% going forward given the investments it is making for growth (as shared in 1Q). Accident Year Loss Ratio (AYLR), ex cats, LPT and non-LPT, was 60.7%, 210 bps y/y improvement and better than our estimate of 61.1%. Total company Accident Year Combined Ratio (AYCR), ex cats, LPT and non-LPT, was 88.7% vs. our 90.1% estimate. 2Q catastrophe losses of \$6.8mn were worse than our modeled \$1.8mn.

Net Investment Income (NII): SKWD reported \$8.6mn of net investment income vs. our estimate of \$10.1mn. The positive \$7.0mn contribution from core fixed income outweighed the \$2.4mn drag from opportunistic fixed income. Opportunistic fixed income was impacted due to a reduction in FMV of LLPs during 2Q23 and 1H23 vs. same periods last year. In 2Q23, SKWD invested ~\$116mn in the core fixed income portfolio at 5.2% without increasing duration. The embedded yield on the portfolio is >4%. The yield on short-term investments was >5%; management continues to deploy this liquidity into core fixed income.

Operating ROE (annualized) of 12.4% was worse than our estimated 14.9% due to higher catastrophe losses.

FIGURE 1. 2Q23 Key Results Variance

Summary Details (In \$ thousands, except per share)	Q/Q		V/Y		Barclays Est.		
	2Q23A	1Q23	% Change	2Q22	% Change	2Q23E	% Change
Gross written Premiums	\$421,994	\$360,498	17.1%	\$326,227	29.4%	\$373,141	13.1%
Ceded written premiums	-\$208,257	-\$158,357	31.5%	-\$137,496	51.5%	-\$156,719	32.9%
Net written premiums	\$213,737	\$202,141	5.7%	\$188,731	13.2%	\$216,421	-1.2%
Net earned premiums	\$194,347	\$182,831	6.3%	\$146,076	33.0%	\$181,134	7.3%
Combined ratio	92.0%	90.2%	180 bps	91.8%	17 bps	91.1%	1.0%
AYCR ex Cat	88.7%	88.5%	20 bps	91.8%	(308 bps)	90.1%	-1.6%
Loss ratio	64.0%	62.8%	120 bps	62.8%	116 bps	62.1%	3.1%
Accident year loss ratio ex cats	60.7%	61.1%	(40 bps)	62.8%	(210 bps)	61.1%	-0.7%
Expense ratio	28.0%	27.4%	60 bps	29.0%	(98 bps)	29.0%	-3.4%
Cat pts	3.5%	1.8%	170 bps	0.0%	100%	1.0%	250.0%
PYD pts (LPT and non-LPT) (Favorable)/unfavorable	-0.2%	-0.1%	(10 bps)	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Net Investment Income	\$8,583	\$4,646	84.7%	\$10,530	-18.5%	\$10,084	-14.9%
Net (loss) income	\$19,452	\$15,556	25.0%	\$5,065	284.0%	\$18,262	6.5%

Adjusted operating income	\$16,017	\$15,467	3.6%	\$16,420	-2.5%	\$19,186	-16.5%
Adjusted operating income per share	\$0.42	\$0.42	0.3%	\$0.50	-16.0%	\$0.49	-13.7%
Annualized adjusted ROE	12.4%	13.3%	(92 bps)	15.5%	(309 bps)	14.9%	-16.7%
Annualized adjusted ROTE	15.1%	16.5%	(141 bps)	19.7%	(460 bps)	18.0%	-16.1%

Source: Barclays Research, Co. Filings

FIGURE 2. Model Summary Income Statement

(\$ in thousands, except per share amounts)	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023E	FY 2024E
Revenues					
Gross written premiums	873,613	939,859	1,143,951	1,456,736	1,692,546
Premiums ceded	(412,090)	(410,716)	(468,409)	(585,807)	(675,581)
Net written premiums	461,523	529,143	675,542	870,930	1,016,965
	-	-	-	-	-
Net earned premiums	431,911	499,823	615,993	801,396	962,697
Losses and loss adjustment expenses	362,182	354,411	402,512	507,403	603,770
Underwriting expenses	119,818	138,498	182,170	234,548	288,136
Underwriting earnings	(50,089)	6,914	31,311	59,444	70,791
	-	-	-	-	-
Commission and Fee Income	5,664	3,973	5,199	7,550	8,156
Other income	128	4,632	1	(2,340)	-
Other Operating Income	5,792	8,605	5,200	5,210	8,156
	-	-	-	-	-
Net Investment income	14,130	24,646	36,931	34,597	49,918
Net un/realized gains (losses) on investments	139	17,107	(15,704)	6,312	-
Impairment Charge	57,582	2,821	-	-	-
Interest expense	5,532	4,622	6,407	9,666	9,244
Amortization of intangible assets	1,390	1,520	1,548	1,579	1,074
Other Expenses	-	-	-	2,579	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Consolidated income (loss) before taxes	(94,532)	48,309	49,783	91,739	118,548
Income Taxes (expense) or benefit	19,890	(9,992)	(10,387)	(19,600)	(24,895)
Net Income	(74,642)	38,317	39,396	72,138	93,653
	-	-	-	-	-
Adjusted Pre-Tax Operating Income Reconciliation					
Net un/realized gains (losses) on investments atx	139	17,107	(15,704)	6,312	-
Other Expenses	-	-	-	(2,579)	-
Impairment Charge (after tax)	(57,582)	(2,821)	-	-	-
Net Impact of the LPT	(59,797)	(16,063)	(8,572)	704	-

(\$ in thousands, except per share amounts)	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023E	FY 2024E
Other Income	128	4,632	1	(2,340)	-
Adj. operating income pre-tax	22,580	45,454	74,058	89,642	118,548
Adj. operating income tax expense	(4,704)	(9,392)	(15,484)	(19,179)	(24,895)
Adj. operating income	17,876	36,062	58,574	70,463	93,653
Adjusted operating EPS				\$1.83	\$2.39
Net EPS				\$1.87	\$2.39

Source: Barclays Research, Co. Filings

FIGURE 3. Model Summary Underwriting metrics

(\$ in thousands, except per share amounts)	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023E	FY 2024E
Loss ratio	83.9%	70.9%	65.3%	63.3%	62.7%
Net Impact of LPT	0.0%	3.2%	1.4%	-0.1%	0.0%
Adj. loss ratio (ex LPT PYD)	83.9%	67.7%	63.9%	63.4%	62.7%
Expense ratio	26.4%	26.9%	29.6%	29.3%	29.9%
Combined ratio	110.3%	97.8%	94.9%	92.6%	92.6%
Accident year loss ratio ex cats	68.9%	65.3%	62.9%	60.6%	60.2%
Accident year combined ratio ex cats	95.3%	92.2%	92.5%	89.9%	90.1%
Adj. combined ratio (ex LPT PYD)	110.3%	94.6%	93.5%	92.7%	92.6%
 PYD \$ - (favorable) unfavorable	60,337	16,063	8,644	(572)	0
PYD points- (favorable) unfavorable	14.0%	3.2%	1.4%	-0.1%	0.0%
Catastrophes \$	4,223	11,828	6,467	21,975	24,346
CAT points	1.0%	2.4%	1.0%	2.7%	2.5%

Source: Barclays Research, Co. Filings

FIGURE 4. Model Summary Balance Sheet

(\$ in thousands, except per share amounts)	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023E	FY 2024E
Shareholders' equity and returns					
EoP shareholders' equity incl AOCI	393,525	426,080	421,662	556,722	650,375
(-) Stock Notes Receivable	(2,510)	(9,092)	(6,911)	(6,718)	(6,718)
Adj. SHE	396,035	435,172	428,573	563,440	657,093
Average total shareholders' equity incl AOCI	380,340	409,803	423,871	489,192	603,548
AOCI	12,216	4,640	(43,485)	(41,284)	(41,284)
ToP shareholders' equity (ex-AOCI)	381,309	421,440	463,468	598,006	691,659
Avg common shareholders' equity ex		401,375	442,454	530,737	644,832

(\$ in thousands, except per share amounts)	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023E	FY 2024E
AOCI					
Goodwill and Intangibles	84,014	91,336	89,788	88,209	87,135
Tangible Equity	309,511	334,744	331,874	468,513	563,240
Tangible Equity ex AOCI	297,295	330,104	375,359	509,797	604,524
Average Tangible Equity		322,128	333,309	400,194	515,876
Average Tangible Equity (ex AOCI)	313,700	352,732	442,578	557,160	
Adj. Book Value Per Share				\$14.27	\$16.64
Adj. BVPS (ex AOCI)				\$15.32	\$17.69
Adj. TBVPS				\$12.04	\$14.44
Adj. TBVPS (ex AOCI)				\$13.08	\$15.48
Operating Return on Equity	4.7%	8.8%	13.8%	14.4%	15.5%
Operating ROE ex AOCI		9.0%	13.2%	13.3%	14.5%
Adj ROTE	6.6%	11.2%	17.6%	17.6%	18.2%
Adj. ROTE ex AOCI		11.5%	16.6%	15.9%	16.8%

Source: Barclays Research, Co. Filings

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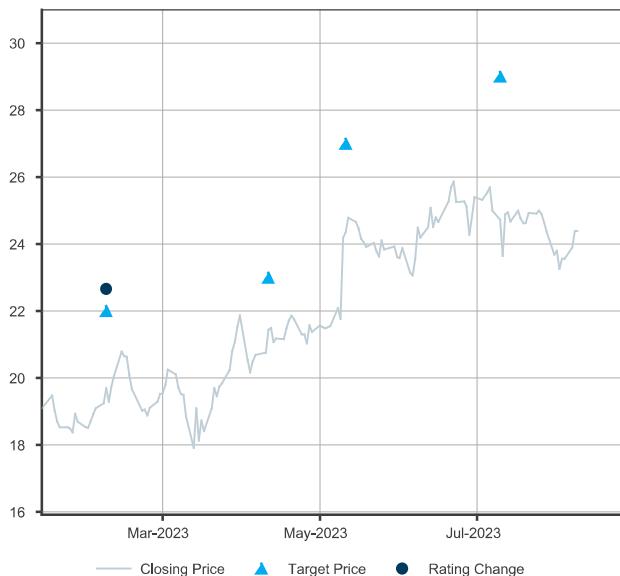
Stock Rating: **OVERWEIGHT**

Industry View: **POSITIVE**

Closing Price: **USD 24.39** (09-Aug-2023)

Rating and Price Target Chart - USD (as of 09-Aug-2023)

Currency=USD



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11-May-2023	24.18		27.00
11-Apr-2023	20.76		23.00
07-Feb-2023	19.25	Overweight	22.00

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