

## Hannover Re

Increasing dividends in line with new policy, 2026 guidance expected to be ~€2.6bn

Despite a benign quarter for natural catastrophe losses, we expect Hannover Re to book its full large loss budget for Q3 in line with the company's usual practice. Therefore our 2025E net income stays unchanged at €2.6bn vs the company's ~€2.4bn guidance. We expect a Solvency II ratio of 262% as of 3M25E, slightly up vs 261% at 1H25 with market impact broadly neutral. We increase our regular dividend forecasts for FY25-28E by 15-25% in line with the new dividend policy of 55% payout ratio of IFRS group net income (vs our previous ~45% total payout assumption). The company will be announcing its net income guidance for 2026 at the Q3 results and we expect management to guide for ~€2.6bn (+8% YoY).

**Table 1: Hannover Re - summary of estimate changes**

€ million

	JPMe 3Q25E	JPMe 2025E	JPMe 2026E	JPMe 2027E	JPMe 2028E	Old	Old	Old	% change 2025E	% change 2026E	% change 2027E	% change 2028E
Reinsurance revenue	7,162	27,588	28,415	29,261	30,146	27,588	28,415	29,261	0%	0%	0%	0%
Reinsurance service result (net)												
P&C	800	2,983	3,057	3,145	3,104	2,983	3,057	3,145	0%	0%	0%	0%
L&H	582	2,100	2,129	2,198	2,171	2,100	2,129	2,198	2,171	0%	0%	0%
Investment income	218	883	929	947	933	883	929	947	933	0%	0%	0%
Operating profit (EBIT)												
P&C	913	3,561	3,821	3,981	4,016	3,561	3,821	3,981	4,016	0%	0%	0%
L&H	672	2,608	2,787	2,914	2,948	2,608	2,787	2,914	2,948	0%	0%	0%
Net income	241	955	1,034	1,067	1,067	955	1,034	1,067	1,067	0%	0%	0%
DPS												
EPS	11.90	12.50	13.00	13.20	9.50	10.00	10.50	11.50	25%	25%	24%	15%
P/C COR	5.45	21.63	22.80	23.78	23.99	21.63	22.80	23.78	23.99	0%	0%	0%
Sol II ratio												
	86.7%	87.8%	88.0%	88.0%	88.4%	87.8%	88.0%	88.0%	88.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	262%	259%	259%	259%	259%	262%	266%	269%	272%	-4%	-7%	-10%

Source: J.P. Morgan estimates.

## Overweight

**HNRGn.DE, HNR1 GR**

Price (21 Oct 25):€255.20

Price Target (Apr-27):€320.00

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Factors	Current %Rank	Hist %Rank (1=Top)			
		6M	1Y	3Y	5Y
Value	38	66	70	65	74
Growth	10	50	43	61	
Momentum	35	35	25	37	54
Quality	55	7	7	15	20
Low Vol	83	20	42	37	34
ESGQ	52	46	38	34	32

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## Price Performance



## Company Data

Shares O/S (mn)	121
52-week range (€)	292.70-230.15
Market cap (\$ mn)	35,699.29
Exchange rate	0.86
Free float (%)	49.8%
3M ADV (mn)	0.11
3M ADV (\$ mn)	31.2
Volatility (90 Day)	19
Index	MSCI Europe
BBG ANR (Buy   Hold   Sell)	13/7/1

## Key Metrics (FYE Dec)

in	FY24A	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
<b>Financial Estimates</b>				
Operating profit - Life	-	-	-	-
Life Reinsurance Operating Profit	934	955	1,034	1,067
P&C Insurance Operating Profit	-	-	-	-
P&C Reinsurance Operating Profit	2,387	2,608	2,787	2,914
Other pre-tax operating profit	(108)	(105)	(102)	(102)
Pre Tax Operational Income	3,213	3,458	3,719	3,879
Adj. net income	2,329	2,609	2,749	2,867
Comprehensive Profit	2,677	3,202	3,342	2,976
Adj. EPS	19.31	21.63	22.80	23.78
Comprehensive EPS	22.20	26.55	27.71	24.68
DPS	9.00	11.90	12.50	13.00
BVPS	97.8	102.7	113.6	124.9
Comprehensive BVPS	147.91	157.77	173.58	185.76
<b>Margins and Growth</b>				
Adj. EPS growth	27.6%	12.0%	5.4%	4.3%
Comprehensive EPS growth	(0.2%)	19.6%	4.4%	(10.9%)
DPS growth	25.0%	32.2%	5.0%	4.0%
<b>Ratios</b>				
Primary P&C combined ratio (%)	-	-	-	-
Reinsurance P&C combined ratio (%)	86.6%	87.8%	88.0%	88.0%
Life New Business CSM	317	457	380	380
Life New Business CSM Margin (%)	-	-	-	-
CSM Release Ratio (%)	(14.8%)	(12.8%)	(12.6%)	(12.5%)
ROE	21.2%	21.6%	21.1%	19.9%
Comprehensive ROE	15.9%	17.4%	16.7%	13.7%
Debt leverage ratio	17.5%	14.7%	13.6%	12.8%
<b>Valuation</b>				
Dividend yield	3.5%	4.7%	4.9%	5.1%
P/BV	2.6	2.5	2.2	2.0
Comprehensive P/BV	1.7	1.6	1.5	1.4

## Summary Investment Thesis and Valuation

### Investment Thesis

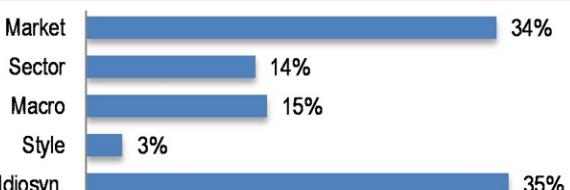
We like the Hannover Re story given that the company has a stronger balance sheet than before, and we expect them to continue their track record of consistent delivery on targets against almost any reinsurance market backdrop.

- Most reliable P&C name.** With the reinsurance market likely to stabilise, we see Hannover Re as a good way to gain exposure to the cycle. Having added to reserve buffers in 2023-24 and with more reserve conservatism to flow through, we view the company as well positioned to deliver strong reliable returns against almost any market backdrop.
- Capital return potential.** Hannover Re has the potential to increase its payouts and with the positive outcome of the S&P model changes, we view that the company could potentially increase its payout ratios.
- Buffers to support earnings growth into 2025 and beyond.** In addition to the reserve redundancy in P&C, Hannover's consistent conservatism in a number of areas implies there are buffers available to support future earnings.

### Valuation

We value Hannover Re by estimating its sustainable across-the-cycle comprehensive ROE of 14% and use this to derive a valuation multiple on Comprehensive Equity. We adjust for dividends and apply a CoE of 8% and growth rate of 0%. This results in our Apr-27 PT of €320.

## Performance Drivers



Factors	6M Corr	1Y Corr
<b>Market:</b> MSCI Europe ex UK	0.62	0.63
<b>Sect:</b> Financials	0.39	0.44
<b>Ind:</b> Insurance	0.59	0.68
<b>Macro:</b>		
Euro	0.28	0.31
Citi Eco Surprise Eurozone	-0.22	-0.17
Germany Govt 10Y Yield	-0.29	0.11
<b>Quant Styles:</b>		
Size	-0.08	-0.16
Growth	0.22	-0.15
Momentum	0.15	0.12

## Investment Thesis, Valuation and Risks

### Hannover Re (*Overweight; Price Target: €320.00*)

#### Investment Thesis

With a stronger balance sheet than ever before, we expect the company to continue its track record of consistent delivery on targets against almost any reinsurance market backdrop. We see the potential for earnings growth to continue for 2025E and beyond, which should also support more capital returns.

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- **Capital return potential.** Hannover Re has the potential to increase its payouts and with the positive outcome of the S&P model changes, in our view the company could potentially increase its payout ratios.
- **Buffers to support earnings growth into 2025 and beyond.** In addition to the reserve redundancy in P&C, Hannover's consistent conservatism in a number of areas implies there are buffers available to support future earnings. These include not recognising the higher discounting benefit into earnings, and its approach to reserving large losses to budget when there is 'good luck'.

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**Hannover Re – IFRS17-based valuation**

€ million, unless stated otherwise

Business unit	Sustainable comprehensive profit €mn	Insurance service result €mn	Net financial result €mn	Other profit €mn	CSM value added €mn
P&C	2,813	1,953	818	-160	202
L&H	877	929	286	-180	-158
Consolidation	0	0	0	0	0
Other non-operating items	-102	0	0	-102	0
<b>Pre-tax sustainable comprehensive profit FY24E</b>	<b>3,588</b>	<b>929</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>-180</b>	<b>-158</b>
Tax	-897	Assume 25%			
Minorities and other	-39				
<b>Sustainable comprehensive profit FY24E</b>	<b>2,652</b>				
Comprehensive equity FY23E	19,027				
Sustainable comprehensive ROE	13.9%				
COE	7.9%				
g	0%				
<b>Valuation price to Comp BV</b>	<b>1.8x</b>				
<b>Valuation FY23E</b>	<b>33,697</b>				
Dividends / buybacks outstanding in 23E	1,435				
Valuation roll-forward	3,536				
<b>Valuation</b>	<b>38,668</b>				
NOSH mn	121				
Value per share €	320.6				
<b>Target price €</b>	<b>320.0</b>				

Source: J.P. Morgan estimates.

**Risks to Rating and Price Target**

Downside risks include utilisation of reserve buffers, outsized catastrophe losses and lower life reinsurance results.

## Hannover Re: Summary of Financials

INCOME STATEMENT	FY24A	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E	BALANCE SHEET	FY24A	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
<b>Divisional profit</b>					Cash & Cash Equivalents	1,253	1,176	1,223	1,273
Life operating profit	-	-	-	-	Investments	63,283	63,164	65,729	68,398
Life reinsurance operating profit	934	955	1,034	1,067	Investment property	2,605	2,632	2,739	2,850
P&C operating profit	-	-	-	-	Goodwill	80	79	79	79
P&C reinsurance operating profit	2,387	2,608	2,787	2,914	Other intangibles	-	-	-	-
Other pre-tax profit	(108)	(105)	(102)	(102)	Other assets	1,357	1,439	1,497	1,558
					<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>72,087</b>	<b>72,160</b>	<b>74,960</b>	<b>77,908</b>
<b>Consolidated P&amp;L</b>					Insurance liabilities	48,918	47,748	48,336	49,467
Insurance revenue	26,379	27,588	28,415	29,268	o/w CSM	8,163	8,954	9,716	9,954
Insurance service result	3,019	2,983	3,057	3,145	o/w Risk adjustment	4,004	3,696	3,721	3,788
Insurance net financial result	890	809	1,104	1,176	o/w PVCF	-	-	-	-
Interest expense	(104)	(103)	(102)	(102)	Investment contract liabilities	-	-	-	-
Other income and expenses	(591)	(231)	(340)	(340)	Senior debt	747	720	720	720
<b>Total pre-tax profit</b>	<b>3,213</b>	<b>3,458</b>	<b>3,719</b>	<b>3,879</b>	Subordinated debt	3,230	2,735	2,735	2,735
Income taxes	(817)	(811)	(930)	(970)	Other liabilities	2,905	4,425	5,218	5,561
Minority interest	-	-	-	-	<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>59,439</b>	<b>58,811</b>	<b>60,195</b>	<b>61,679</b>
<b>Net income</b>	<b>2,329</b>	<b>2,609</b>	<b>2,749</b>	<b>2,867</b>	Shareholders' equity	11,795	12,390	13,704	15,064
<b>Pre Tax Operational Income</b>	<b>3,213</b>	<b>3,458</b>	<b>3,719</b>	<b>3,879</b>	Preferred equity / hybrid capital	-	-	-	-
<b>Adjusted Net income</b>	<b>2,329</b>	<b>2,609</b>	<b>2,749</b>	<b>2,867</b>	Minority Interests	894	959	1,060	1,166
<b>Comprehensive profit</b>	<b>2,677</b>	<b>3,202</b>	<b>3,342</b>	<b>2,976</b>	<b>Total Liabilities and Shareholder Equity</b>	<b>72,127</b>	<b>72,160</b>	<b>74,960</b>	<b>77,908</b>
Adj. EPS	19.31	21.63	22.80	23.78	Comprehensive equity	17,837	19,027	20,934	22,402
Comprehensive EPS	22.20	26.55	27.71	24.68	Net CSM	6,122	6,716	7,308	7,417
DPS	9.00	11.90	12.50	13.00					
<b>Ratio Analysis</b>					<b>Ratio Analysis</b>				
Insurance margin	-	-	-	-	BVPS	97.8	102.7	113.6	124.9
Adj. EPS y/y Growth	27.6%	12.0%	5.4%	4.3%	Comprehensive BVPS	147.91	157.77	173.58	185.76
Comprehensive EPS y/y growth	(0.2%)	19.6%	4.4%	(10.9%)	ROE	21.2%	21.6%	21.1%	19.9%
DPS y/y Growth	25.0%	32.2%	5.0%	4.0%	Comprehensive ROE	15.9%	17.4%	16.7%	13.7%
Adj. P/E (x)	13.2	11.8	11.2	10.7	P/BV	2.6	2.5	2.2	2.0
Comprehensive P/E (x)	11.5	9.6	9.2	10.3	Comprehensive P/BV	1.7	1.6	1.5	1.4
Dividend Yield	3.5%	4.7%	4.9%	5.1%	Debt leverage ratio	17.5%	14.7%	13.6%	12.8%
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Source: Company reports and J.P. Morgan estimates.  
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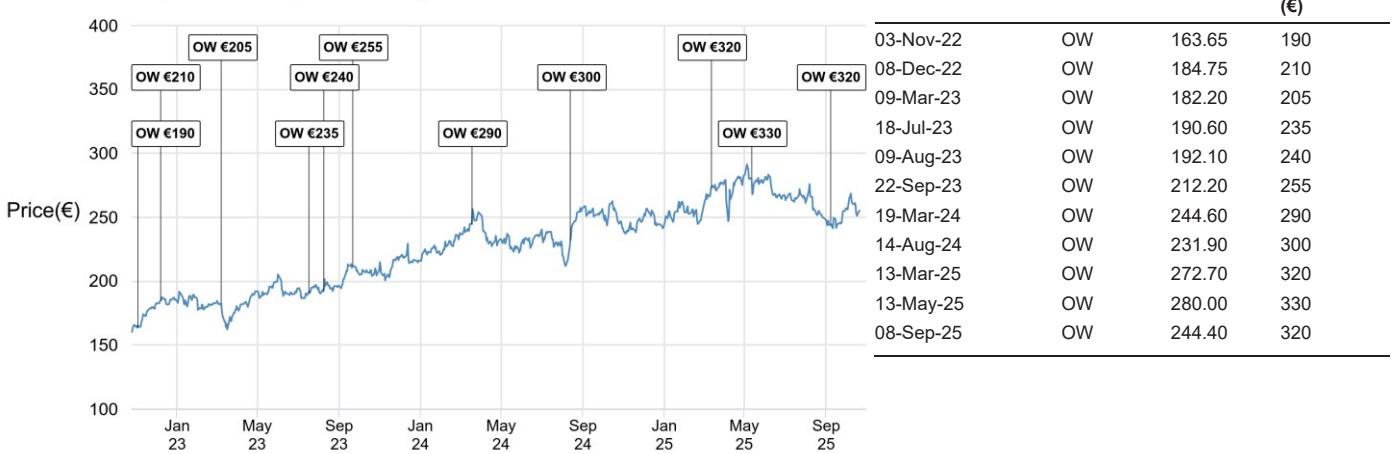
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