

Munich RE

# 1Q25 First Take - Headline miss but underlying healthy

Technical result is better than expected at L&H Re, P&C Re and ERGO, offset by GSI miss. Investment result reflects €1bn negative from bond mark to market and FX impact. Solvency 2 was better, we believe underlying trends are strong, and guidance has been reiterated.

Munich Re will host a conference call at 10.30 AM London time / 11.30 AM CET.

1Q25 **net result** of €1,093m came 2pp below company collected consensus (€1,112m) but 14% ahead of Barclays, while group **operating result** of €1,465m was 5% below consensus and 10% ahead of our estimate. **Technical result** appears better than expected, while **investment result** was a strong headwind in 1Q25 with €1bn negative.

On a divisional level **ERGO** came in line on the operating profit, while in reinsurance the two new P&C divisions – **P&C Re** and **GSI** – have both missed, while **Life Re** was 30% ahead. **P&C Re** – the largest division that now includes pure reinsurance business – has delivered a **combined ratio** of 83.9%, compared to consensus of 89.5% and Barclays estimate of 96.7%, on the back of lower than anticipated large losses. **Nat cat losses** in 1Q25 were at €756m (including €0.8bn undiscounted impact of LA wildfires), and the discount benefit at 10% was also higher than we've anticipated. The normalised P&C Re combined ratio was at 78.8% as per company calculation, in line with 79% guidance (Barclays FY25 estimate – 79.2%). Munich Re delivered a 6.1% growth at **April renewals**, compared to a 2.4% contraction in January, but risk adjusted prices declined by 2.5% (-1.7% if adjusted for mix, in line with our expectations) – the company flags reduction of some property XL business, offset by growth in proportional casualty business outside North America. **GSI** – primary commercial business – only delivered an operating profit of €10m in 1Q25 vs €174m consensus, and **GSI combined ratio** at 95.5% was 3.1pp worse than consensus due to the impact of wildfires (€0.2bn nominal) and US convective storms. However, management reiterates 90% combined ratio guidance on reported basis, but we believe benign cat losses may be needed to confidently hit it.

**L&H Re** had a strong quarter with technical result of €0.6bn ahead of the run-rate for €1.7bn guidance, underpinned by strong €143m positive experience variances (including in the US) and a growing CSM – **new business CSM** was €803m in 1Q25 vs €450m we've anticipated, helped by several large transactions.

## First Look

MUVGn.DE/MUV2 GR	OVERWEIGHT
European Insurance	POSITIVE
Price Target	EUR 591.00
Price (09-May-25)	EUR 595.20
Potential Upside/Downside	-0.7%

Source: Bloomberg, Barclays Research

### European Insurance

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**Investment result** was a big driver of the operating profit miss, coming in at €1,323m vs €1,885m consensus and an ROI of 2.2% - it was particularly affected by negative FV changes €527m (mainly on bonds in ERGO), yet running yield remains healthy at 3.5%, and reinvestment yield increased to 4.6% in 1Q25. **Currency result** was negative €506m in 1Q25, vs flat that we've pencilled in. **Solvency 2 ratio** also came well ahead of expectations at 285% (consensus 278%), helped by L&H results while FX was a headwind.

**FIGURE 1. Munich Re 1Q25 financial results - actuals vs estimates**

€m	Actuals						1Q25E			Beat (+)/Miss (-) vs			
	3Q23	4Q23	1Q24	2Q24	3Q24	4Q24	1Q25	Cons	Barc	Cons	Barc	1Q24	
Gross written premium	18,067	16,717	18,981	18,055	18,753	17,018	19,511	19,600	19,755	-0.5%	-1.2%	2.8%	
Insurance revenue group (gross)	14,460	14,977	15,061	14,953	15,496	15,320	15,811	15,600	15,577	1.4%	1.5%	5.0%	
- Reinsurance	9,456	9,798	9,858	9,875	10,224	10,077	10,251	10,200	9,868	0.5%	3.9%	4.0%	
- ERGO	5,004	5,179	5,204	5,078	5,271	5,242	5,560	5,400	5,709	3.0%	-2.6%	6.8%	
Operating result	1,345	224	2,796	2,124	1,300	1,588	1,465	1,541	1,328	-5.0%	10.3%	-47.6%	
Reinsurance	1,495	554	2,497	1,792	1,095	1,381	1,142	1,269	994	-10.0%	14.9%	-54.3%	
- P&C Reinsurance				1,779	1,127	318	1,451	461	578	-20.2%	72.8%	-74.1%	
- GSI				201	72	34	-64	10	174	200	-94.5%	-95.2%	-95.2%
- Life Reinsurance	495	385	612	647	604	174	671	517	527	29.8%	27.3%	9.6%	
ERGO	-149	-330	299	331	205	207	323	313	334	3.1%	-3.5%	8.1%	
- ERGO Germany	-273	-402	208	163	161	142	190	197	225				
- International	124	73	91	169	44	65	133	116	109	14.9%	22.4%	46.7%	
COR - P&C Re				69.7%	73.7%	89.5%	75.6%	83.9%	89.5%	96.7%	5.6pt	12.8ppt	-14.2ppt
COR - GSI				87.6%	93.6%	92.6%	100.2%	95.5%	92.4%	92.0%	-3.1pt	-3.5ppt	-7.9pt
Technical result - Life Reinsurance	440	349	484	568	507	298	608	443	477	37.3%	27.4%	25.6%	
ERGO - net result	173	78	252	284	164	92	241	248			-3.0%	-4.2%	
Investment result	760	2,405	2,163	1,470	2,091	1,467	1,323	1,885	2,249	-29.8%	-41.2%	-38.8%	
Rol Group	1.41%	4.30%	3.84%	2.59%	3.64%	2.50%	2.2%	3.30%	3.77%	0.0pt	0.0ppt	0.0ppt	
Net income	1,168	1,011	2,140	1,602	907	1,081	1,093	1,112	956	-1.7%	14.4%	-48.9%	
Shareholders' equity	27,518	29,650	31,108	30,556	31,233	32,642	33,137	33,300	31,429	-0.5%	5.4%	6.5%	
Solvency II ratio	271%	267%	273%	287%	284%	280%	285%	278%	266%	7ppt	19ppt	12ppt	
Shareholder EPS (€)	8.60	7.50	15.94	12.00	6.83	8.33	8.34	8.50	7.30	-1.8%	14.3%	-47.7%	
BVPS (€)	203.6	219.4	232.5	229.7	236.5	248.4	253.6	255.1	240.8	-0.6%	5.3%	9.1%	

Source: Company collected consensus, company data, Barclays Research

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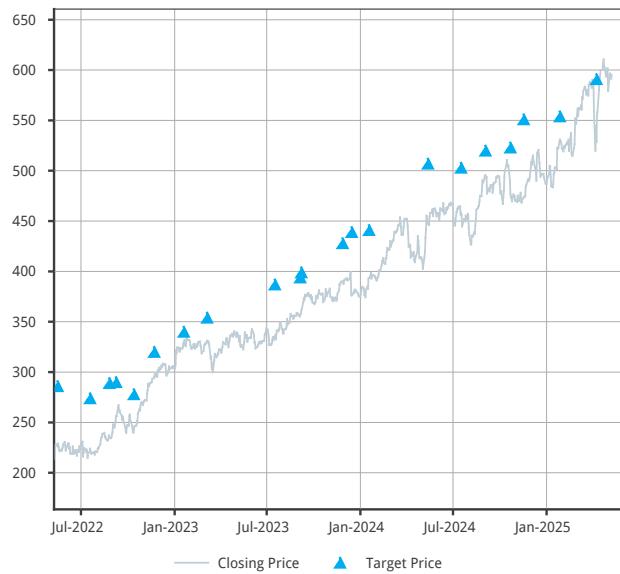
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17-Nov-2024	472.10		551.00
22-Oct-2024	490.30		523.00
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17-Jul-2024	458.30		503.00
13-May-2024	447.50		507.00
18-Jan-2024	392.80		441.00
15-Dec-2023	376.60		439.00
27-Nov-2023	388.30		428.00
07-Sep-2023	357.10		399.00
05-Sep-2023	357.10		394.00
17-Jul-2023	331.60		387.00
06-Mar-2023	327.70		354.00
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13-Oct-2022	240.00		278.00
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