

Hannover Re

Minor model adjustments ahead of 1Q 25

We make changes to our model to include updated estimates ahead of Hannover Re's 1Q25 results on 13th May. We forecast net income of €500m. In P&C Re we assume a combined ratio of 91.5% including large losses of €738m for the quarter taking into account the LA wildfires claims that Hannover Re has estimated will be between €500-700m. In L&H, we forecast EBIT of €222m and we estimate a Solvency II ratio for 1Q 25 of 268%. Our 2025E net income reduces 2% as a result of assumption changes with our 2026-28E forecasts broadly unchanged.

Table 1: Hannover Re - summary of estimates

€ million, €, %

	JPMe 1Q25E	JPMe 2025E	JPMe 2026E	JPMe 2027E	JPMe 2028E	Old 2025E	Old 2026E	Old 2027E	Old 2028E	% change 2025E	% change 2026E	% change 2027E	% change 2028E
Reinsurance revenue	7,110	28,008	28,848	29,714	30,605	28,008	28,848	29,714	30,605	0%	0%	0%	0%
Reinsurance service result (net)	609	3,007	3,065	3,152	3,130	3,008	3,065	3,152	3,130	0%	0%	0%	0%
P&C	386	2,109	2,156	2,221	2,180	2,110	2,156	2,221	2,180	0%	0%	0%	0%
L&H	223	898	909	930	950	898	909	930	950	0%	0%	0%	0%
Investment income	499	2,119	2,273	2,367	2,464	2,119	2,273	2,367	2,464	0%	0%	0%	0%
Operating profit (EBIT)	785	3,547	3,853	4,014	4,070	3,624	3,853	4,014	4,070	-2%	0%	0%	0%
P&C	484	2,588	2,845	2,972	2,994	2,649	2,845	2,972	2,994	-2%	0%	0%	0%
L&H	222	959	1,007	1,041	1,075	974	1,007	1,041	1,075	-2%	0%	0%	0%
Net income	500	2,532	2,757	2,875	2,916	2,589	2,757	2,875	2,916	-2%	0%	0%	0%
DPS		9.50	10.00	10.50	11.50	9.50	10.00	10.50	11.50	0%	0%	0%	0%
EPS	4.14	21.00	22.86	23.84	24.18	21.46	22.86	23.84	24.18	-2%	0%	0%	0%
P/C COR	91.5%	87.8%	87.9%	87.9%	88.4%	87.8%	87.9%	87.9%	88.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Sol II ratio	268%	260%	263%	267%	270%	260%	264%	268%	270%	0%	0%	0%	0%

Source: J.P. Morgan estimates.

Overweight

HNRGn.DE, HNR1 GR

Price (05 May 25): €291.40

Price Target (Sep-26): €320.00



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Key Changes (FYE Dec)

	Prev	Cur
BVPS - 25E (€)	110.3	109.8
BVPS - 26E (€)	123.6	123.2
Adj. P/E - 25E	13.6	13.9
Adj. EPS - 25E (€)	21.46	21.00
ROE - 25E	20.6%	20.2%
ROE - 26E	19.5%	19.6%

Style Exposure

Quant Factors	Current %Rank	Hist %Rank (1=Top)			
		6M	1Y	3Y	5Y
Value	48	72	74	59	67
Growth	7	71			
Momentum	10	25	13	35	19
Quality	61	8	6		13
Low Vol	89	45	57	45	36
ESGQ	49	35	26	18	15

Sources for: Style Exposure – J.P. Morgan Quantitative and Derivatives Strategy; all other tables are company data and J.P. Morgan estimates.

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Price Performance



Company Data

Shares O/S (mn)	121
52-week range (€)	294.80-205.70
Market cap (\$ mn)	39,762.36
Exchange rate	0.88
Free float (%)	49.8%
3M ADV (mn)	0.13
3M ADV (\$ mn)	39.8
Volatility (90 Day)	28
Index	MSCI Europe
BBG ANR (Buy Hold Sell)	12/7/4

Key Metrics (FYE Dec)

in	FY24A	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Financial Estimates				
Operating profit - Life	-	-	-	-
Life Reinsurance Operating Profit	934	959	1,007	1,041
P&C Insurance Operating Profit	-	-	-	-
P&C Reinsurance Operating Profit	2,387	2,588	2,845	2,972
Other pre-tax operating profit	(108)	(102)	(102)	(102)
Pre Tax Operational Income	3,213	3,445	3,750	3,911
Adj. net income	2,329	2,532	2,757	2,875
Comprehensive Profit	2,677	3,046	3,193	2,814
Adj. EPS	19.31	21.00	22.86	23.84
Comprehensive EPS	22.20	25.26	26.48	23.33
DPS	9.00	9.50	10.00	10.50
BVPS	97.8	109.8	123.2	137.0
Comprehensive BVPS	147.91	164.16	181.14	194.47
Margins and Growth				
Adj. EPS growth	27.6%	8.7%	8.9%	4.3%
Comprehensive EPS growth	(0.2%)	13.8%	4.8%	(11.9%)
DPS growth	25.0%	5.6%	5.3%	5.0%
Ratios				
Primary P&C combined ratio (%)	-	-	-	-
Reinsurance P&C combined ratio (%)	86.6%	87.8%	87.9%	87.9%
Life New Business CSM	317	400	380	380
Life New Business CSM Margin (%)	-	-	-	-
CSM Release Ratio (%)	(14.8%)	(12.2%)	(11.6%)	(11.6%)
ROE	21.2%	20.2%	19.6%	18.3%
Comprehensive ROE	15.9%	16.2%	15.3%	12.4%
Debt leverage ratio	17.5%	16.0%	14.8%	13.9%
Valuation				
Dividend yield	3.1%	3.3%	3.4%	3.6%
P/ BV	3.0	2.7	2.4	2.1
Comprehensive P/BV	2.0	1.8	1.6	1.5

Summary Investment Thesis and Valuation

Investment Thesis

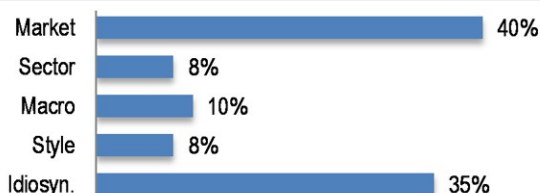
Hannover Re is our preferred European reinsurer name because with a stronger balance sheet than before, we believe the company can continue its track record of consistent delivery on targets against almost any reinsurance market backdrop.

- **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 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 believe 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 Sep-26 PT of €320.

Performance Drivers



Factors	6M Corr	1Y Corr
Market: MSCI Europe ex UK	0.66	0.67
Sect: Financials	0.37	0.34
Ind: Insurance	0.75	0.65
Macro:		
Euro	0.27	0.25
Citi Eco Surprise Eurozone	-0.31	-0.19
Eurozone CPI	0.27	0.16
Quant Styles:		
LowVol	0.20	0.36
Momentum	0.06	0.24
Value	0.08	0.08

Source: J.P. Morgan Quantitative and Derivatives Strategy for Performance Drivers; company data, Bloomberg Finance L.P. and J.P. Morgan estimates for all other tables. Note: Price history may not be complete or exact.

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Investment Thesis, Valuation and Risks

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

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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	3,063	1,960	850	-160	413
L&H	921	909	278	-180	-86
Consolidation	0	0	0	0	0
Other non-operating items	-102	0	0	-102	0
Pre-tax sustainable comprehensive profit FY24E	3,882	909	278	-180	-86
Tax	-971	Assume 25%			
Minorities and other	-58				
Sustainable comprehensive profit FY24E	2,854				
Comprehensive equity FY23E	19,797				
Sustainable comprehensive ROE	14.4%				
COE	8.1%				
g	0%				
Valuation price to Comp BV	1.8x				
Valuation FY23E	35,142				
Dividends / buybacks outstanding in 23E	1,146				
Valuation roll-forward	2,616				
Valuation	38,904				
NOSH mn	121				
Value per share €	322.6				
Target price €	320.0				

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
Divisional profit					Cash & Cash Equivalents	1,253	1,304	1,357	1,412
Life operating profit	-	-	-	-	Investments	63,283	65,853	68,526	71,309
Life reinsurance operating profit	934	959	1,007	1,041	Investment property	2,605	2,711	2,821	2,936
P&C operating profit	-	-	-	-	Goodwill	80	80	80	80
P&C reinsurance operating profit	2,387	2,588	2,845	2,972	Other intangibles	-	-	-	-
Other pre-tax profit	(108)	(102)	(102)	(102)	Other assets	1,357	1,412	1,469	1,529
					Total Assets	72,087	74,922	77,837	80,904
Consolidated P&L					Insurance liabilities	48,918	49,789	50,404	51,585
Insurance revenue	26,379	28,008	28,848	29,714	o/w CSM	8,163	8,935	9,412	9,406
Insurance service result	3,019	3,007	3,065	3,152	o/w Risk adjustment	4,004	4,075	4,103	4,177
Insurance net financial result	890	1,005	1,128	1,202	o/w PVCF	-	-	-	-
Interest expense	(104)	(102)	(102)	(102)	Investment contract liabilities	-	-	-	-
Other income and expenses	(591)	(465)	(340)	(340)	Senior debt	747	747	747	747
Total pre-tax profit	3,213	3,445	3,750	3,911	Subordinated debt	3,230	3,230	3,230	3,230
Income taxes	(817)	(861)	(938)	(978)	Other liabilities	2,905	3,260	3,823	3,901
Minority interest	-	-	-	-	Total Liabilities	59,439	60,677	61,859	63,131
Net income	2,329	2,532	2,757	2,875	Shareholders' equity	11,795	13,241	14,852	16,521
Pre Tax Operational Income	3,213	3,445	3,750	3,911	Preferred equity / hybrid capital	-	-	-	-
Adjusted Net income	2,329	2,532	2,757	2,875	Minority Interests	894	1,003	1,126	1,252
Comprehensive profit	2,677	3,046	3,193	2,814	Total Liabilities and Shareholder Equity	72,127	74,922	77,837	80,904
Adj. EPS	19.31	21.00	22.86	23.84	Comprehensive equity	17,837	19,797	21,845	23,453
Comprehensive EPS	22.20	25.26	26.48	23.33	Net CSM	6,122	6,636	7,073	7,012
DPS	9.00	9.50	10.00	10.50					
Ratio Analysis					Ratio Analysis				
Insurance margin	-	-	-	-	BVPS	97.8	109.8	123.2	137.0
Adj. EPS y/y Growth	27.6%	8.7%	8.9%	4.3%	Comprehensive BVPS	147.91	164.16	181.14	194.47
Comprehensive EPS y/y growth	(0.2%)	13.8%	4.8%	(11.9%)	ROE	21.2%	20.2%	19.6%	18.3%
DPS y/y Growth	25.0%	5.6%	5.3%	5.0%	Comprehensive ROE	15.9%	16.2%	15.3%	12.4%
Adj. P/E (x)	15.1	13.9	12.7	12.2	P/BV	3.0	2.7	2.4	2.1
Comprehensive P/E (x)	13.1	11.5	11.0	12.5	Comprehensive P/BV	2.0	1.8	1.6	1.5
Dividend Yield	3.1%	3.3%	3.4%	3.6%	Debt leverage ratio	17.5%	16.0%	14.8%	13.9%
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Source: Company reports and J.P. Morgan estimates.

Note: € in millions (except per-share data).Fiscal year ends Dec

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