

AFM Conference 2021

The current financial profile of the AFM sector and maintaining future resilience

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Introductions





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Agenda



- Basis for benchmarking
- Current AFM financial profile
- How has this evolved over time?
- Comparison with UK and European peers
- Royal London Group case study

Benchmarking approach



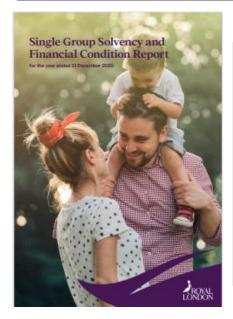
Why is this useful?

- Understand current capitalisation and how this has varied over time
- Understand current risk exposures and diversification impact
- Reconcile any differences vs other members and AFM sectors (expressed as):
 - Health and Protection → "Health"
 - Insurance → "Non-Life"
 - Lifestyle and Benefits → "Life"
- Reconcile any differences vs other sectors (UK insurers and European mutuals)

Data sources

 Based on public disclosures only (Solvency II SFCR and QRT)

QRT number	QRT name		
8.02.01.02	Balance sheet [audited]		
8.05.01.02	Premiums, claims and expenses by line of business [unaudited]		
8.12.01.02	Life and Health SLT technical provisions [audited]		
8.22.01.21	Impact of long-term guarantees and transitional measures [audited]		
8.22.01.22	Impact of long-term guarantees [audited]		
\$.23.01.01	Own funds [audited]		
\$.23.01.22	Own funds [audited]		
8.25.02.21	Solvency Capital Requirement – for undertakings using the standard formula and partial internal model [unaudited]		
8.25.02.22	Solvency Capital Requirement – for groups using the standard formula and partial internal model [unaudited]		
8.28.01.01	Minimum Capital Requirement – only life or only non-life insurance or reinsurance activity [audited]		
8.32.01.22	Undertakings in the scope of the Group		



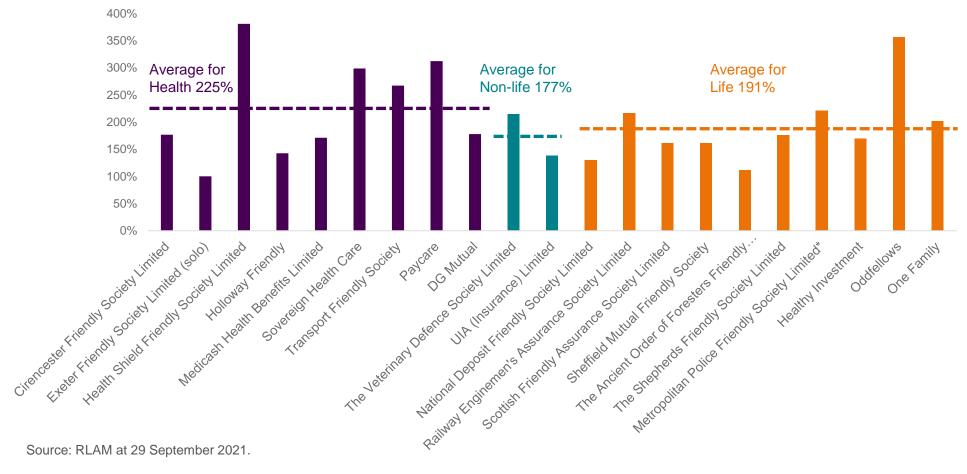
Liabilities		Solvency II value £000
		C0010
Technical provisions – non-ille	R0510	_
Technical provisions – non-life (excluding health)	R0520	_
TP calculated as a whole	R0530	_
Best Estimate	R0640	_
Risk margin	R0560	_
Technical provisions – health (similar to non-life)	R0560	_
TP calculated as a whole	R0570	-
Best Estimate	R0580	_
Risk margin	R0590	-
Technical provisions – life (excluding index-linked and unit-linked)	R0600	36,963,959
Technical provisions – health (similar to life)	R0610	(190,177)
TP calculated as a whole	R0620	
Best Estimate	R0630	(197,046)
Risk margin	R0640	6,869
Technical provisions – life (excluding health and index-linked and unit-linked)	R0650	37,164,136
TP calculated as a whole	R0660	_
Best Estimate	R0670	37,028,579
Risk margin	R0680	125,557
Technical provisions – index-linked and unit-linked	R0690	58,280,576
TP calculated as a whole	R0700	60,109,944
Best Estimate	R0710	(2,018,191)
Risk margin	R0720	188,823
Contingent liabilities	R0740	_
Provisions other than technical provisions	R0750	117,799
Pension benefit obligations	R0760	43,986
Deposits from reinsurers	R0770	_
Deferred tax liabilities	R0780	160,884
Derivatives	R0790	1,985,794
Debts owed to credit institutions	R0800	1,553,284
Financial liabilities other than debts owed to credit institutions	R0810	16,281
Insurance & intermediaries payables	R0820	55t,077
Reinsurance payables	R0830	2,879,751
Payables (trade, not insurance)	R0840	2,461,420
Subordinated liabilities	R0850	1,604,023
Subordinated liabilities not in BOF	R0860	_
Subordinated liabilities in BOF	R0870	1,604,023
Any other liabilities, not elsewhere shown	R0880	44,176
Total liabilities	R0900	106,663,010
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Excess of assets over liabilities	R1000	7,999,819

No one "optimal" financial profile for AFM members – each member will need to decide on appropriate balance for its customers

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1. Solvency ratios

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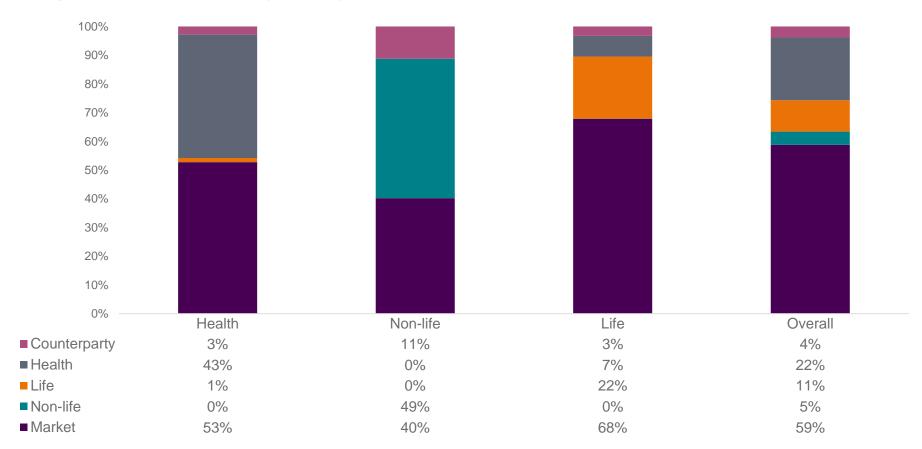


Significant variation in Solvency Ratios by member – high and low coverage ratios bring different challenges...

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2. Current risk exposures

Average SCR breakdown by risk type



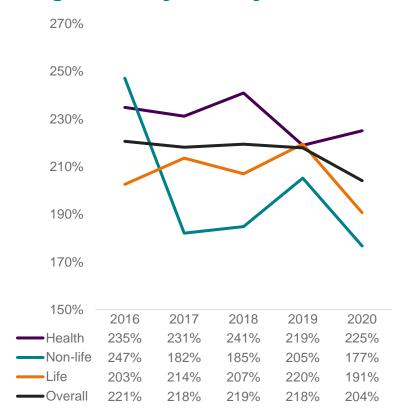
Source: RLAM at 29 September 2021.

Market risk remains the dominant risk driver for most members apart from Non-Life. Significant variations in market risk taking in Health (min 16% and max 86%) and Life (min 32% and max 92%)

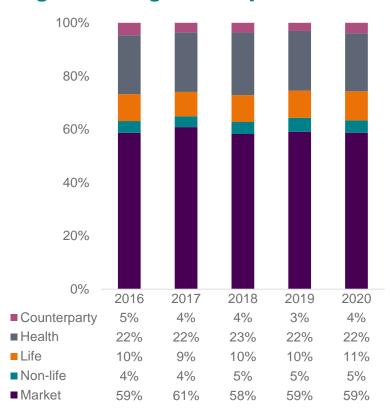
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3. Trends for AFM members

Average Solvency Ratio by sector



Change in average risk exposure - all members



Source: RLAM at 29 September 2021.

Average Solvency Ratio has fallen over the period – mainly due to the impact of COVD in 2020. Health sector improved over 2020 due to lower claims

Overall risk exposures have remained broadly constant over the last 5 years

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4. Market risk taking capacity

Market risk taking by AGM member



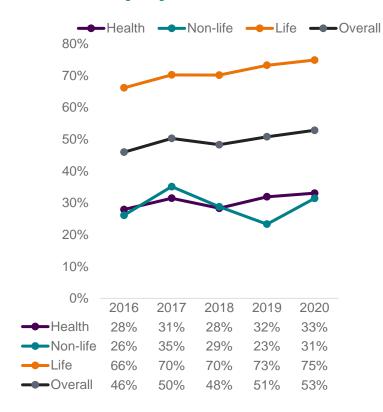
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Broad relationship between Solvency Ratio and proportion of risk allocated to market risks. Need to demonstrate to customers that surplus assets being put to good use

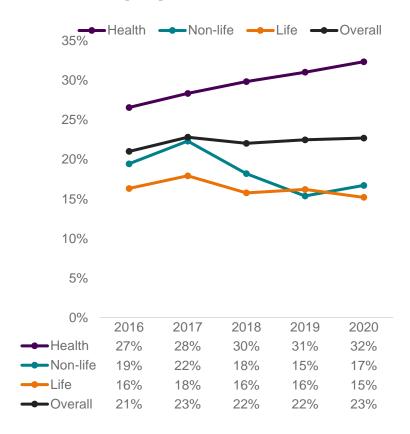
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5. Market risk - trends

Market risk proportion own funds



Market risk proportion investment assets

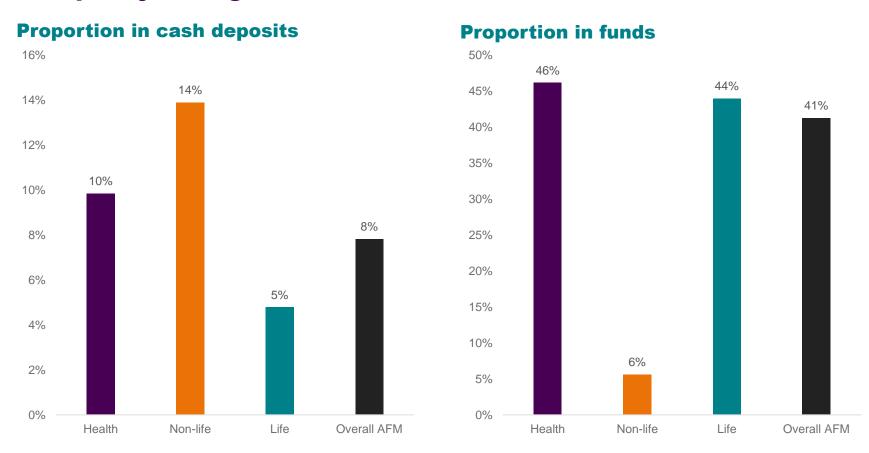


Source: RLAM at 29 September 2021.

Level of market risk relative to Own Funds has been increasing – seemingly driven more by relative reductions in Own Funds rather than explicit increases in market risk taking. Only Health sector seems to have increased market risk relative to investment assets

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6. Liquidity management



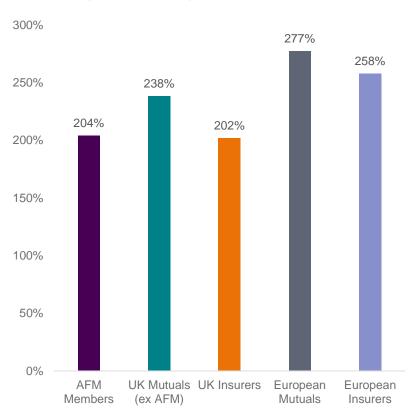
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Trade off between holding more assets in cash / bank deposits and losing yield vs risking meeting liquidity needs. Funds can provide for superior liquidity vs segregated assets but average allocation higher to segregated accounts – particularly for non-life

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7. Comparison with other sectors

Solvency ratio - by sector



AFM average Solvency Ratio lower on average than non-AFM UK mutuals and European mutuals. However, slightly higher than overall average for UK insurers

Source: RLAM at 29 September 2021.

SCR breakdown by sector

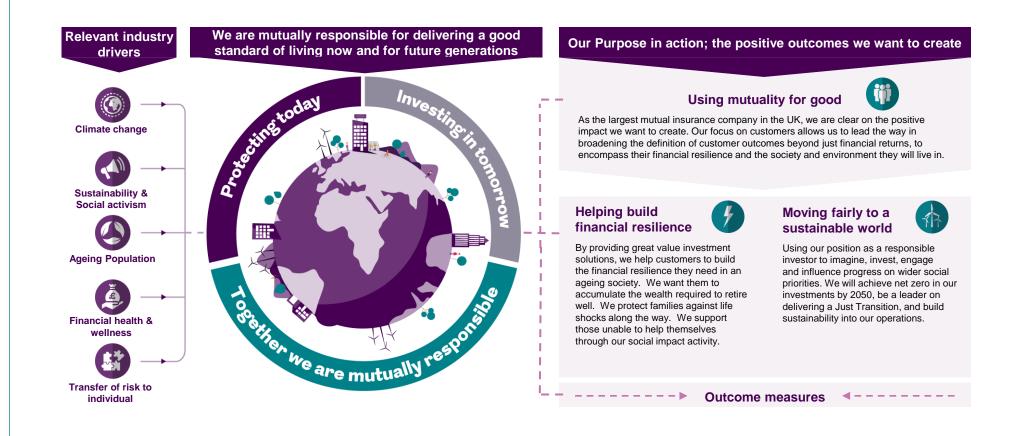


AFM members on average take more market risk than other UK mutuals and insurers but slightly less than European mutuals

Royal London Group – building future resilience

Our purpose in action: using mutuality for good





Source: RLAM at 29 September 2021.

As a modern, purpose driven mutual, we are clear on the positive impact we want to create

Key takeaways



- Overall financial profile of AFM sector remains strong, and members have withstood COVID environment - albeit with bumps along the way
- Market risk levels remain largest risk driver
 important to maximise value from this
- Average AFM capitalisation broadly in line with wider UK insurance industry
- Future resilience will depend on evolution of business models to exploit competitive advantage of the mutual sector (eg ESG and mutuality)



Questions?

Appendix



AFM Members

Categorisation and sources



AFM Members included*

Health:

- Cirencester Friendly Society
- Exeter Friendly Society (solo)
- Health Shield Friendly Society
- Holloway Friendly
- Medicash Health Benefits
- Sovereign Health Care
- Transport Friendly Society
- Paycare
- DG Mutual

Non-Life:

- The Veterinary Defence Society
- UIA (Insurance)

Life:

- National Deposit Friendly Society
- Railway Enginemen's Assurance Society
- Scottish Friendly Assurance Society
- Sheffield Mutual Friendly Society
- The Ancient Order of Foresters Friendly Society
- The Shepherds Friendly Society
- Metropolitan Police Friendly Society
- Healthy Investment
- Oddfellows
- One Family

Sources used:

- Solvency II Wire Database: https://solvencyiiwiredata.com/
- Solvency Financial Condition Reports
- Quantitative Reporting Templates

^{*}Some members do not disclose information due to their size and therefore have not been included in the analysis

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