



Acquisition of Irish Life Group Limited

A Market Leader in Life Insurance, Pensions and Investment Management in Ireland

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Irish Life: A Transformational Acquisition

Transformational to Canada Life in Ireland, significant to Canada Life's group in Europe and material to Great-West Lifeco on a global basis

Strategic Fit

- Consistent with Great-West Lifeco's global business strategy of developing significant market positions in sectors where the Company participates
- Compelling in-market merger delivers a significant position in Ireland
 - market we know and risks well understood
 - similar business model aims to maximize returns in a low-risk and capital efficient manner
 - significant synergies expected

Irish Life is a Significant Player with a Resilient Business Model

- Iconic, well-trusted brand and a significant player in Ireland
 - strong financial performance through challenging markets
- Broad product offering and wide, multi-channel distribution
- Majority of assets are unit-linked with investment risk principally borne by clients

Compelling Value

- Attractive acquisition multiples
- Expected returns supported by in-force book of business
- Expected to be accretive to Lifeco in first full year



Financially Attractive Transaction Metrics

Expected to be accretive to Great-West Lifeco EPS with conservative financing plan

Purchase Price and Implied Metrics

• C\$1.75 billion (€1.3 billion)

• P/E 2014E: 8.2x⁽¹⁾

• P/BV (June 30, 2012) 1.3x

Transaction Economics

- Anticipated pre-tax cost savings of €40 million (C\$54 million) annually
- Expected to add approximately C\$215 million or 10% to Great-West Lifeco's consensus earnings in 2014⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾
- Expected to be accretive to Great-West Lifeco earnings per share by 10 cents or approximately 4% in 2014E⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾

Funding

- Transaction will be approximately 70% equity financed through C\$1.25 billion
 Subscription Receipts Offering (including C\$550 million from Power Financial and C\$50 million from IGM Financial)
- Balance will be funded by incremental € denominated debt and internal cash resources

Regulatory Capital Impact

Targeting MCCSR ratio above 210% at close⁽³⁾

Expected Close and Approvals

- July 2013
- Subject to customary regulatory approvals, including approvals from the European Commission under the EU Merger Regulation, and certain closing conditions

^{1.} Includes fully-realized after-tax run-rate cost savings, before integration costs.

^{2.} Based on Institutional Brokers Estimate System (IBES) consensus earnings estimates.

^{3.} Minimum Continuing Capital and Surplus Requirements for The Great-West Life Assurance Company. Note: Assumes C\$:€ exchange rate of 1.34:1.00.

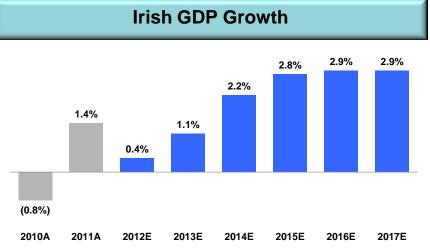


Improving Irish Economic Outlook

Substantial fiscal progress and improving growth prospects

- Ireland is rebounding from the aftermath of the property and banking collapse
- There has been significant progress in restoring domestic competitiveness and the government is dealing decisively on both the revenue and expenditure fronts in an effort to restore fiscal balance
- Ireland's fiscal situation has stabilized, Irish government bond yields have dropped significantly and the Irish government now has regained access to the capital markets
- In February 2013, S&P noted that the exchange of promissory notes for long-dated bonds increased the likelihood of Ireland's return to private financing and a successful exit from the EU/IMF bailout program by year end⁽¹⁾
- Both S&P and Fitch have improved their rating outlook from negative to stable
- The IMF forecasts Irish GDP growth of 1.1% in 2013 and an average of 2.7% over 2014-2017





Source: IMF World Economic Outlook Database.

1. As per Standard & Poor's.

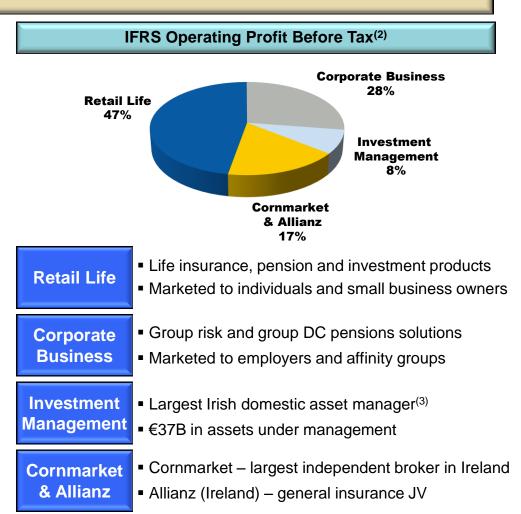
Source: Bloombera.



Irish Life: Business Model Consistent with Great-West Lifeco

Strategy and business mix highly complementary to Great-West Lifeco

- Ireland's leading provider of life insurance, pensions and investment management
- Primarily writes fee-based products including unit-linked, protection and pension products
- Limited investment performance guarantees on existing in-force business and significant reinsurance protection
- Strong multi-channel distribution platform
- Sustained profitability despite financial strains in the Eurozone and Irish economy and market
- Strong Irish regulatory capital level⁽¹⁾



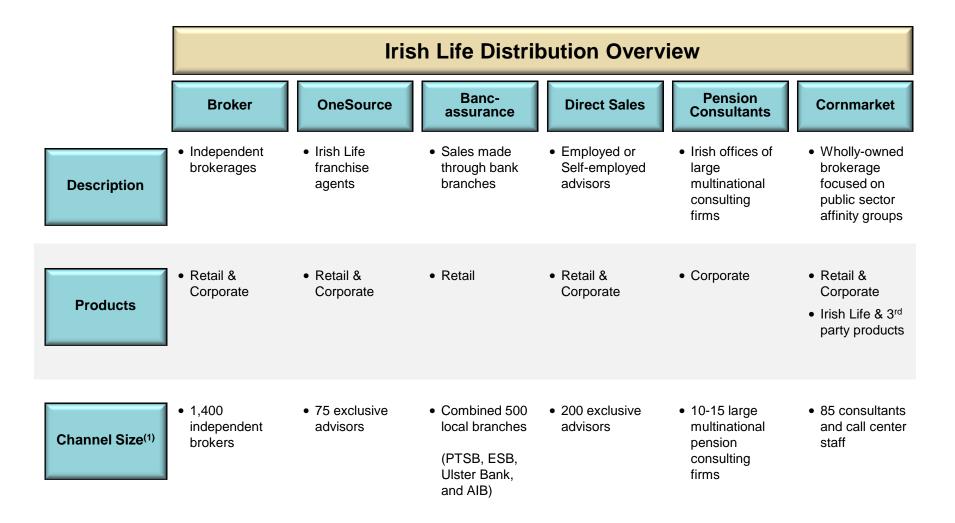
^{1.} Irish Life Assurance Solvency ratio of 184% as at June 30, 2012.

^{2.} Based on Irish Life 2011 Management Accounts, excludes assumption changes, restructuring costs, and other non-recurring expenses.

^{3.} Based on market share of Irish resident investors as per Irish Association of Investment Managers (IAIM).



Irish Life: Broad Multi-Channel Distribution

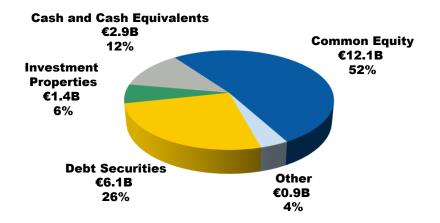


^{1.} Approximate figures based upon latest management estimates.

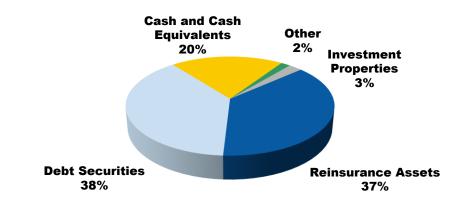


Irish Life: Low-Risk Investment Portfolio €29 Billion

Unit-Linked Assets - €23.4B As at June 30, 2012



Non Unit-Linked Assets - €5.8B As at June 30, 2012



80% of Irish Life portfolio assets are unit-linked

- Fee-generating assets where the clients principally bear the investment risk
- Do not carry North American style investment performance guarantees

Government & Related Bonds (C\$ millions)⁽¹⁾

Country	Lifeco	Irish Life	Pro Forma
Ireland	\$68	\$414	\$482
Portugal, Italy and Spain	45	52	97
Other EU	1,906	2,357	4,263
U.K.	10,630	27	10,657
Canada	14,885		14,885
U.S. and Other	8,688	3	8,691
	\$36,222	\$2,853	\$39,075

^{1.} Great-West Lifeco as at December 31, 2012 and Irish Life as at June 30, 2012. Note: Assumes C\$:€ exchange rate of 1.34:1.00.



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