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DATE: 20<sup>th</sup> April 2023

The property people

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Mrs M H Mills  
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Dear Mrs Mills,

Annual renewal Building Insurance 2023

Our Insurance Brokers Towergate have advised of another difficult insurance renewal this year, with the Insurers industry average rating running in double digits increases for the first half of this year, UK claims inflation at more than 10% per annum, and the House Rebuilding Cost Index remaining at a 40-year high, the Renewal negotiations themselves lasted a significant period and involved multiple Insurer discussions. Like last year there is currently a very limited appetite for residential real estate portfolios. However, they were absolutely delighted with the eventual outcome which has seen our portfolio of properties buck all the recent rating trends as well as receiving a special agreement from Zurich to utilise a lower-than-expected index linking percentage which as you will be aware significantly helps in reducing premium increases.

We are pleased to confirm that your common buildings insurance policy has been renewed in line with our insurance broker's recommendation, which was to stay with our current insurer. As in all previous years a much more comprehensive analysis is provided in their attached Annual Renewal Statement for 2023, which should be read fully for a thorough understanding of this year's renewal. Despite the extremely challenging market conditions Towergate have secured a 0% rating increase this year.

As in previous years the index linking figure has been provided by Zurich who have advised that a rate of 9.5% will be required. This has been applied to your sum insured from renewal, however for developments that have had their building sum insured re-assessed after January 2023 index linking will not be applied with Insurers confirming their approval of this action.

**Enclosed is your Certificate of Insurance**, this details all relevant information, the main items being your Building Sum Insured, the Building Declared Value, your total annual premium for the period, any additional excesses or restricted cover being applied, and the Insurer Summary of Cover.

The annual premium detailed on the attached certificate will appear on our next invoice to you, and the statement will include the payment options available to you.

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Policy Holder / Insured Property	The Co-Proprietors and Bondholders as per Ross and Liddell & other Parties as required by contract jointly for their respective rights and interests as disclosed to the Company, for the development insured in full and known as 1 WINDSOR PLACE.	
Issued to	Mrs M H Mills	Date of Issue 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2023
Individual Property Address	Flat G/OR 1 Windsor Place, BRIDGE OF WEIR PA11 3AF	
Policy Number	FN889772	Reference Number 881100884
Effective Date(s)	Start Date 15 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	Expiry Date 14 <sup>th</sup> May 2024
Standard Policy Excesses INCLUDING EXCESSES APPLYING TO UNOCCUPIED PROPERTIES (UNLESS OPTIONAL EXTENSION IN PLACE)	Glass £100, Children's play area equipment £500, Subsidence Claims £1,000 Third Party Property Damage £250 (applies to Section C1 only) All Other Claims £500 UNOCCUPIED PROPERTIES DAMAGE caused by Theft and Malicious Persons is £2,500 DAMAGE caused by Storm & Flood, Escape of Water Fuel Oil and Sprinkler Leakage is £5,000. The excesses can be removed if the optional cover extension is taken.	
Additional terms including optional extensions or increased excesses / cover restrictions applicable to INDIVIDUAL PROPERTIES:	See overleaf for definition of optional extensions operative	
Additional terms including cover for specific items, additional excesses and / or cover restrictions that apply to MULTIPLE PROPERTIES WITHIN DEVELOPMENT		
Section A - Material Damage	Property Annual Premium £3,063.33 (incl IPT) / Individual Annual premium £278.48 (incl IPT) Building Sum Insured £3,920,648 / Building Declared Value £2,613,765	
Section B – Business Interruption	Residential properties – Alternative Accommodation 25% of the above building sum insured (Loss of Rent available under optional cover extensions detailed overleaf) Commercial / Retail properties – Loss of Rent 25% of the building sum insured	
Indemnity period	24 Months (Unless optional landlord extension operative)	
Terrorism Cover	Not Operational for Sections A & B	
Section C1 - Property Owners Liability (Individual Private Claims)	Limit of Indemnity £10,000,000	
Section C2 - Property Owners Liability – (Common Areas) Premium	Limit of Indemnity £10,000,000 £3.65 (incl IPT) per individual property – developments with more than 20 properties £5.22 (incl IPT) per individual property – developments with 20 properties or less	

A full policy wording detailing what is covered and any limitations and exclusions of cover is available on our website. Alternatively, a copy is available upon request

**UNOCCUPANCY CONDITION** - In respect of any Building that is wholly or partly unoccupied it is a condition precedent to liability that: All gas and electrical services within the Unoccupied property are switched off at the mains except for any electrical circuits required to maintain any fire and intruder alarm, security protections, timed lights, heating systems, fridges or freezers. The water system to the Unoccupied portion of the building must be isolated at the mains and completely drained or the heating systems has been set at a minimum temperature of 5 degrees Celsius during the period 1st October to 1st April each year. All accumulations of mail or other combustible waste materials that form ready fuel for a fire should be removed from within the Unoccupied portion of the building. The Unoccupied portion of the building must be secured against unlawful entry by closing and locking its doors and windows and setting all its security and alarm systems. The Unoccupied portion of the building is subject to a programme of comprehensive internal and external inspections undertaken by an authorised representative of the insured to ensure continued compliance with the other terms of this condition. Inspections should commence within the initial 14 days following the property becoming Unoccupied and continue at intervals not exceeding 14 days thereafter. Inspection results are to be recorded and retained at a separate location during the period of unoccupancy; and any new accumulations of junk mail found during such inspection should be removed. The insurers are to be notified within 7 days in the event of damage or unauthorised entry to the Unoccupied area becoming evident or known to the Insured or their representative. Increased excess levels attach for Storm/Flood, Escape of Water Fuel Oil, Sprinkler Leakage, Theft and Malicious Damage as set out above.



### Buildings Cover includes

Fixtures and fittings including fixed glass, fitted kitchens, fitted bathrooms and bedroom furniture

Foundations footings outbuildings extensions annexes gangways swimming pools pedestrian bridges temporary buildings conveniences lamp posts street furniture walls gates and fences

Telephone gas electricity water mains drains sewers piping ducting cables wires their inspection covers and associated control gear, yards car parks roads pavements as included within the development as per title deeds or similar

**THE SUM INSURED SHOULD REPRESENT THE FULL REBUILDING COST OF YOUR PROPERTY AS NEW** including but not limited to your share of any common parts, professional fees, VAT and removal of debris.

### All Risks COVER to the Buildings for

Fire, Lightning, Explosion and Smoke, Aircraft, Riot, Civil Commotion or Malicious Damage, Earthquake. Storm Damage, Flood Theft & Attempted Theft, Escape of Water Fuel Oil, Impact, Glass, Accidental Damage, Subsidence, Groundheave & Landslip

- Unauthorised use of Electricity Gas Oil or Water £50,000
- Carpets of Common Parts • Trace & Access £10,000
- Theft of Keys £10,000 • Removal of Nests £1,000
- Fly Tipping Removal Costs £50,000
- Damage to Fixed Glass and Sanitary Wear

### Significant EXCLUSIONS to Material Damage Section

• The condition of \*Average applies to each individual property but this can be removed where the insured undertakes a valuation of the Property by a qualified RICS (Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors) every 5yrs and implements the valuation provided by said Surveyor

- Design or workmanship or the use of defective materials
- Malicious or Accidental Damage by tenant / non- owner occupiers UNLESS THE **APPROPRIATE OPTIONAL EXTENSION** is selected
- Pollution or contamination, unless arising from an insured event and is sudden and unforeseen

- Storm, tempest or flood to fences and gates
- Frost, wear and tear, gradual deterioration, inherent vice & latent defect
- Rot, mildew, rust, corrosion, insects, woodworm, vermin, dust
- Loss or damage caused by the non-owner occupiers of your property, guest, any paying guest or tenant

Terrorism and Legal Contingencies are not covered but can be bought back as an optional cover

### Optional Extensions

**RL1** Additional Cover Residential Landlords if selected Annual Premium £80.00 (£71.43 + IPT)

- Eviction of Unlawful Occupants £50,000
- Malicious and Accidental Damage by tenants
- Landlords Contents - Limit £25,000
- Illegal Cultivation of Drugs - Limit £25,000, Subject to an excess/deductible of £1,000 or 10% of the total amount claimed, whichever is the greater.
- Residential Loss of Rent (25% of the Sum Insured for 36 Months of Cover), subject to £500 Excess applies to contents whilst property is unoccupied between lets
- Unoccupied Premises Cover for Landlords Content, subject to £500 Excess applies to contents whilst property is unoccupied between lets
- A £100 Excess Applies to all claims under RL1 in addition to any applied policy excesses

- RL7 cover can be added for an Annual Premium of £50 (£44.64 + IPT)

**RL1A** Additional Cover for Premier Residential Landlords for Homes of Multi-Occupancy (HMO) if selected Annual Premium £150.00 (£133.93 + IPT)

- Eviction of Unlawful Occupants £50,000
- Malicious and Accidental Damage by tenants
- Landlords Contents - Limit £25,000
- Illegal Cultivation of Drugs - Limit £25,000, Subject to an excess/deductible of £1,000 or 10% of the total amount claimed, whichever is the greater.
- Residential Loss of Rent (25% of the Sum Insured for 36 Months of Cover)
- Unoccupied Premises Cover for Landlords Content, subject to £500 Excess applies to contents whilst property is unoccupied between lets
- A £100 Excess Applies to all claims under RL1A in addition to any applied policy excesses

- RL7 cover can be added for an annual premium of £50

**RL2** Additional Cover for Retail/Commercial Landlords if selected for an Annual Premium of £80.00 (£71.43 + IPT)

- Eviction of Unlawful Occupants £50,000
  - Malicious and Accidental Damage by tenants
  - Landlords Contents - limit £25,000
  - Loss of Rental income increased to 36 months' indemnity
  - Denial of access
  - Unoccupied Premises Cover for Landlords Content, subject to £500 Excess applies to contents whilst property is unoccupied between lets
- A £100 Excess Applies to all claims under RL2 in addition to any applied policy excesses

**RL3** Removal of increased excesses applicable to Unoccupied premises: Subject to additional premium of £80.00 (£71.43 + IPT) and compliance with unoccupancy conditions

**RL4** Matching Parts Cover - The cost of replacement & of undamaged parts of Buildings that form part of a common design or function where the Damage is restricted to a clearly identifiable area or to a specific part subject to £50 (£44.64 + IPT) Annual Premium

**RL5** Holiday/Second Home Cover – Removal of increased excesses that applies to properties that are not used as a main residence / have extended periods of unoccupancy - Subject to compliance with unoccupancy conditions subject to £50 (£44.64 + IPT) Annual Premium premium

**RL7** Loss of Rent - Holiday Lets - The Loss of Rent/Alternative Accommodation is extended to include properties used as holiday rentals up to 25% of the declared value for a maximum indemnity period of 12 months, and includes Malicious and Accidental Damage by tenants' subject to £500 excess, as offered in the Ross & Liddell Property Policy subject to £100 (£89.29 + IPT) Annual Premium Premium for optional extensions are based on the minimum retained premium for cover no refund is available should these extensions be removed mid-term

### \*Condition of Average

The term average means that if the sum insured at the time of a loss is less than the insurable value of the insured property, the amount claimed under the policy will be reduced in proportion to the under insurance.

In these circumstances, the insurer may choose to "apply average" to the claim under an "average clause". This means that where the sum insured is inadequate, the insurer can reduce its liability for a claim by applying a proportionate approach.

### Cancellation

It should be noted that Insurance is placed at each renewal for a period of 12 months, and in the event of any mid-term cancellation, any return premium is only available at the discretion of the Insurer, Zurich plc, and entirely subject to no claims having been made. If authorised, any return premium will be provided on a "pro rata" basis, after deduction of the full amount of Commission which would be received, had the policy not been cancelled, as the majority of work undertaken, and costs incurred, by Ross & Liddell and our Insurance Broker, relating to the Insurance policy, will have been completed, and incurred, prior to any mid-term cancellation.

### Claims

Common area claims should be reported to your property manager who will, in conjunction with QuestGates loss adjusters, monitor the handling of the claim to a conclusion.

Private property claims - you should report these directly to QuestGates loss adjusters, using the 24-hour claims line 0800 195 5684 or via an email on [private@questgates.co.uk](mailto:private@questgates.co.uk)

You must notify QuestGates loss adjusters as soon as reasonably practicable but not later than 60 days from when YOU become aware of the damage. If you require further information regarding insurance cover or require assistance regarding your private claims, please contact our insurance department on 0141 221 9266.

### Our Commission

Our current remuneration from insurers is by way of commission, not fees, at 22.50% for all classes of insurance other than Terrorism which is 10% of gross premiums net of Insurance premium tax. This reflects the work we undertake on behalf of the insurer. This work includes the administration and issue of policy documentation, certificates and endorsements, the production of renewal terms and billing services for individual property owners and the monitoring of claims.



Our Insurance Terms of Business document has had one change this year, we refer you to the cancellation of insurances section.

There have been no changes to our Meeting Your Insurance Needs document.

A copy of both these documents, the Towergate Renewal 23 statement and your Policy Wordings are available on our website at <https://ross-liddell.com/insurance/insurance-documents>

Reduced cover or an increased excess apply to the following types of properties:

- Tenanted properties including HMO licensed properties
- Holiday / 2<sup>nd</sup> Homes
- Holiday Lets

For non-payment of your insurance there is £2,500 Private Claim Excess

Please note that, where no payment arrangement is in place, and full payment of the insurance premium has not been received, by 15th June 2023, then an increased excess of £2,500 may be applied to all valid private insurance claims, arising from your individual property, which will remain in force until the insurance premiums are paid in full. This excess will be applied in addition to any other policy excess due in respect to a valid claim under the policy.

#### Claims notification

Common area claims should be reported to your property manager who will, in conjunction with QuestGates loss adjusters, monitor the handling of the claim to a conclusion.

Private property claims, **you** should report these directly to QuestGates loss adjusters yourself, using the 24-hour claims line 0800 195 5684 or via an email on [private@questgates.co.uk](mailto:private@questgates.co.uk)

We trust you find the details and documentation we have provided informative and that it provides you with sufficient information about our broker's decision to recommend continuance of cover with Zurich.

Should you have any further queries relating to this matter or require clarification of any aspect of this documentation please contact our insurance department on 0141 221 9266; alternatively, you can email us at [insurance@ross-liddell.com](mailto:insurance@ross-liddell.com) where we will be more than happy to assist.

Yours sincerely,



For Ross and Liddell Ltd



**HMO Residential Property Landlord –**  
The wording has been amended to note that Tenancy Agreement shall mean an agreement for a tenant to occupy premises in return for the payment of rent under a lease agreement. This extension is not suitable for holiday lets, tenancy agreements of less than 6 months or properties rented under an HMO licence.  
**Property owners Liability £10million**  
**Annual premium £133.93 + IPT**

### **Residential/HMO Property Landlord – Flexible use**

Offers all the benefits of the residential / HMO landlord optional extension, however cover is extended to include use for Holiday Lets during the Public/School Holidays within Scotland and described as School Summer Holiday, Easter, Christmas and New Year and the half term school breaks in February and October each year.  
**Annual premium £116.07 + IPT**

### **Unoccupied Properties**

Properties unoccupied for a period in excess of 45 days are now covered for full perils however cover is subject to the following excesses:

- DAMAGE caused by Theft and Malicious Persons is £2,500
- DAMAGE caused by Storm & Flood, Water Damage and Sprinkler Leakage is £5,000.

Owners should however note that the Unoccupancy Condition, as detailed within this newsletter, must be complied with at all times.

The excesses above can be removed should this optional cover extension be taken. Owners who currently have the existing unoccupied property optional extension in place will simply be transferred to the amended extension.

**Annual premium £71.43 + IPT**

### **Holiday/2nd Home**

This extension is only available for properties used exclusively by the property owners, their family and friends; as a result, the extension does not include any element of rental income cover.

If owners have a property that is not used as their main residence, there may be periods of extended unoccupancy. In addition, if the property is used by family and friends, as they are legally on the property but not the property owner, accidental damage cover would be excluded. The optional extension removes the cover exclusions however the unoccupancy condition continues to apply.  
**Annual premium £44.64 + IPT**

### **Holiday Lets**

Offers some of the benefits of the residential / HMO landlord optional extension with the revised Unoccupancy Condition to be complied with at all times. For Holiday Lets, however, the Inspections should commence within 24 hours of the tenant vacating the

property and then every 7 days with a further inspection no more than 24 hours before a new tenant takes possession of the holiday let property.  
**Annual premium £89.29 + IPT**

### **Matching Parts**

The policy wording does not allow for cost of replacement or modification of undamaged parts of the buildings that form part of a suite, common design or function where the damage is restricted to a clearly identifiable area. This exclusion would apply to the likes of kitchen units, bathroom suites and laminate flooring that has been installed throughout a property.

The optional extension provides cover for matching parts to be included within a valid claim under the policy at an annual premium of £44.64 + IPT

Should all owners within a block of flats have the optional extension, then cover will be extended to include the common areas at no additional premium.

## **OPTIONAL COVERS**

### **Contents insurance**

Varying levels of contents cover are available to owners of R&L managed properties.

Securing a 0% increase has been a fantastic result this year and we believe the premiums therefore remain extremely competitive with Zurich who continue to be the Insurer. By having the same Insurer for both buildings and contents, it can eliminate any disputes as to whether an item, that is the subject of a valid claim, falls under the definition of building or contents, such as laminate flooring.

We would take this opportunity to remind owners that the sum insured you have chosen should represent the full re-instatement cost of all your contents, including personal effects, as failure to do so would result in a valid claim not being met in full.

Please contact the R&L Insurance Department for a quotation.

### **Engineering Insurance and Inspection**

This cover relates to statutory inspection of lifts and items of plant such as water pumps, together with a small element of insurance cover for Sudden and Unforeseen Damage. Please note that the premiums have increased this year by 12%.

Should you have any queries relating to the items of plant covered for your development, please contact your property manager in the first instance.

### **Management Liability/Directors & Offices Insurance**

Committees make decisions on behalf of others which can include the placement of insurance or agreeing contract works for property maintenance which has a financial impact on all those involved. Individuals will perform this valuable and important role on behalf of others, many of whom are

reluctant or don't have time to get involved in the day to day running of a development. Therefore, those who have volunteered to make important choices for others need protection for any decision or action they have made in good faith, that may later prove to be ill-judged.

As mentioned last year Resident Associations and Property Managers / Owners etc are no longer within Zurich's appetite for D&O and as a consequence Zurich have taken the decision not to continue with this cover.

Towergate have advised that they are currently investigating other available options and are confident that they will be able to secure alternative options and our further advises in this regard will follow in due course.

Should a quotation be required for your development, please contact the R&L Insurance Department.

### **Legal Expenses**

Zurich have confirmed that there is no change to the expiring premiums, limits or covers (as set out below).

Cover	Zurich/DAS
Cover Limit	£250,000
Legal Helpline	Yes
Property Protection	Yes
Employment	Yes
Tax Protection	Yes
Inheritance Dispute	No
Motoring prosecution	No
Access to free Legal Document	Yes
Contract & Debt Recovery	Yes

### **Terrorism Cover (applicable to Sections A&B only)**

Quotations can only be obtained on developments as a whole and provides cover for damage to the insured property following an act of Terrorism. Please refer to the policy wording for the definition of Terrorism.

## **CLAIMS**

**Common area claims:** should be reported to your property manager who will, in conjunction with QuestGates loss adjusters, monitor the handling of the claim to a conclusion.

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## IMPORTANT NOTICES

### Non-Renewal of Building Insurance

For owners whose title deeds allow for building insurance to be arranged out with the R&L policy, renewal at 15th May is optional. However, for the protection of owners within flatted properties, evidence of insurance will be required prior to the annual renewal date on 15th May. If you are unsure as to your title deed requirements you should contact your property manager in the first instance.

### Evidence of Insurance

For owners who own properties where the title deeds do not stipulate that a common building insurance policy should be in place and / or arranged by R&L, there is an obligation to arrange building insurance cover for your individual property and your proportion of common areas. This is extremely important for owners of flatted properties as, in addition to your own property being at risk, you are also jeopardising other owners within the development/ block of flats. If a block of flats is not insured in full, in the event of a claim there will not be sufficient funds to fully reinstate the property, leaving owners exposed to losing their homes.

We ask that owners who do arrange their own building insurance provide written and signed confirmation to us noting the Insurance Company Name and address, policy number and the renewal date of the policy together with your confirmation that the building sum insured represents the full re-build costs including your proportion of common areas. We require this information no later than 30th July each year. Owners can contact R&L insurance department after this date to enquire as to whether we have received evidence that the development/ block of flats is insured in full. Whilst we would be unable to provide details of the properties that have not provided evidence of insurance, due to Data Protection Legislation, we will let you know that we do have concerns which should be raised with your co-proprietors. Under such circumstances a meeting of all fellow owners may be required and can be arranged via your property manager who can address matters accordingly.

### Private Claim Excess

Please note that, where no payment arrangement is in place, and full payment of the insurance premium has not been received, by 15th June 2023, then the Insurer may apply an increased excess of £2,500 to all valid private insurance claims, arising from your individual property, which will remain in force until the insurance premiums are paid in full. This excess will be applied in addition to any other policy excess due in respect to a valid claim under the policy.

### Policy Cancellation

It should be noted that Insurance is placed, at each renewal, for a period of 12 months, and, in the event of any mid-term cancellation, any return premium is only available at the

discretion of the Insurer, Zurich plc, and entirely subject to no claims having been made. If authorised, any return premium will be provided on a 'pro rata' basis, after deduction of the full amount of Commission which would be received, had the policy not been cancelled, as the majority of work undertaken, and costs incurred, by Ross & Liddell and our Insurance Broker, relating to the Insurance policy, will have been completed, and incurred, prior to any mid-term cancellation.

### Commission

Insurance is a regulated activity and as such, to comply with regulations and to ensure we are arranging cover on the correct basis, we employ the services of a broker (to whom we pay a fee). Our broker, in addition to having the knowledge and expertise to place our risk, also has access to all major Insurance companies. Most of the properties we manage are covered under one policy of insurance. Arranging such a contract of insurance is not a straightforward exercise, as this type of policy cannot simply be applied for by completing an application or proposal form.

We can confirm that commission is declared on every certificate of insurance issued to all co-proprietors, and this is detailed on the reverse of the certificate and is noted as 22.5% for all classes of insurance other than terrorism which is 10% based on gross premiums net of insurance premium tax.

Ross & Liddell Limited do not charge our clients a fee for the Insurance Services which we provide in respect of our managed properties. Instead, insurance commission is received in order that we can offset the costs incurred in administering our insurance arrangements, including printing, stationery and postage relating to the production and issue of Insurance Certificates and all the supporting documentation required to comply with all relevant FCA Regulations, dealing with the common claims and assisting clients with their private claims.

In addition, we are required to guarantee payment of premiums due under the insurance policy and to pay our brokers a fee to secure their market knowledge and experience (so we can ensure a competitive renewal for clients). In the current market we believe that acceptance of insurance commission represents the most cost-effective mechanism for provision of Insurance Services to clients.

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WE ARE  
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TO HELP

If you have any insurance related issues or require assistance with a private claim, R&L insurance department are available to all of our co-proprietors and can be contacted on:

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# Insurance Renewal 2023

## TOWERGATE STATEMENT

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As a Property Management Company, we have a large property portfolio and whilst we are fully authorised by the Financial Conduct Authority, we do not act as an intermediary. We arrange insurance on your behalf as your Property Manager but we do not offer advice, make any recommendation or act as an insurance intermediary when arranging your insurance. We prefer to focus on our specific area of expertise which is acting as the property manager on behalf of our clients. As a result, we choose to use the services of an independent insurance intermediary with experience and knowledge of the insurance market in the arrangement and placement of cover.

We are therefore happy to provide the following message from Towergate (FCA Registration 313250) who are our appointed Insurance Broker.

### INSURANCE MARKET OVERVIEW

After a four-year period of dramatic rate correction across the UK and global insurance markets, average rate increases for insurers broadly returned to single digit percentages by the latter half of 2023. This is the first time since 2018 the average has been below 10%. Having completed their portfolio reviews in recent years, insurers have cleansed their unprofitable lines of business, corrected their rating models and markets begin to look towards growth opportunities once again, albeit at the current level of risk appetite, capacity levels and pricing. These remediation efforts have mostly proved successful for insurers and the market has broadly returned to profitability, with Combined Operating Ratios for commercial insurers now almost all below 100% (which is effectively break-even) for the second year running. This represents a major improvement in overall underwriting performance with Aviva, RSA, Allianz, AXA, Travelers and Zurich all below 95% for 2023.

It is not all plain sailing however as the Property insurance market has been impacted by natural catastrophe losses and the subsequent increase in Treaty reinsurance costs on 1st January 2023. Natural catastrophes continue at record levels, with insured claims for 2023 exceeding \$132bn (\$100bn in 2021 and a 10-year average of \$81bn), notably Hurricane Ian alone estimated at \$50bn-\$65bn (Swiss Re, 2023). This extended period of large losses and its impact on the reinsurance market increases the overall cost-base for insurers and keeps upward pressure on pricing levels. This will inevitably filter through to policyholders in 2023, which is likely to allow insurers to continue demanding rate increases on those clients in the heavier and more exposed sectors or with large claims,

limited risk management engagement and therefore reduced insurer competition.

The increased pricing and retentions experienced by insurers from their Treaty (portfolio) reinsurance renewals and the reduced availability and higher price of Facultative (risk-specific) reinsurance will add rating pressure to Property risks in 2023 with further premium inflation caused by increased reinstatement valuations and significant index linking percentages being applied.

Capacity and competition are not expected to reduce further without specific claims or risk management justification although there could be specific exceptions to this for buildings of combustible construction including those that contain unapproved composite panels, which has led to multiple high-profile fire losses. This construction method is especially prevalent in the Warehousing, Food and Pharmaceutical/Medical sectors and high rise Residential occupancies.

In this regard, Residential Real Estate portfolios unfortunately continue to be viewed as unattractive by insurers due in principal to an increasing number of large fires occurring across the UK and the consistent issue of Escape of Water losses. Both of these problems become particularly challenging where the buildings in question are of combustible construction with polystyrene composite panels or ACM cladding.

As we mentioned last year, inflation remains a key theme for the UK insurance market in 2023, as it is across the wider economy, affecting Property and Business Interruption policies in terms of exposure values, reinstatement costs and Indemnity Periods. The Property market continues to see claims inflation in excess of 10% per annum, with a rapid rise in the cost of labour and materials for rebuild due

to Brexit and the emergence from the Covid pandemic, with prolonged periods of Business Interruption and reduced business resilience, both financially and operationally. As per last year these factors continue to have a noticeable impact on the House Rebuilding Cost Index which remains at a 40 year high and therefore this has a significant effect on the levels of index linking that will be applied across Property risks this year.

Renewal negotiations lasted a significant period of time and involved multiple Insurer discussions and just as last year you will see outlined below that there is currently a very limited appetite for a residential real estate portfolio of this size and make up. However, we were absolutely delighted by the eventual outcome which has seen this portfolio of properties buck all of the recent rating trends as well as receiving special agreement from Zurich to utilise a lower than expected index linking percentage which as you will be aware significantly helps in reducing premium increases.

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Insurer	Response
AIG	No quote: not within current underwriting appetite
Allianz	No quote: Accumulation exposure and claims concerns.
Arch	No quote: Initially keen to quote but had reinsurance concerns on some large properties and their flood mapping also raised concerns.
Aviva	No quote: Initially keen to provide terms but ultimately were unable to put forward any type of proposition
AXA	Indicated terms were in excess of 25% higher than those of Zurich
London Market	No quote: Unable to provide delegated authority, could not support claims proposition and deemed that the current claims excess is far too low.
Chubb	No quote: Not within underwriting appetite
Ecclesiastical	No quote: Not within underwriting appetite
Hiscox	No quote: Not within underwriting appetite and would also have capacity issues on some of the larger properties
NIG	No quote: Initially keen to quote but ultimately the portfolio did not fit within their acceptable level of High Flood risks
QBE	No quote: Not within current underwriting appetite
RSA	No quote: Not within current underwriting appetite
Travellers	No quote: capacity issues on larger properties proved to be too much of a stumbling block

The rating we have been able to secure for the 2023 renewal is as follows:

Cover Type	Rate Change
Residential Properties	0% *
RL Extensions	0%
POL	0%
Home Contents	0%
Terrorism	0%
Engineering Inspection & Insurance	+12%

\*denotes an average increase across the portfolio– some properties may require a larger increase as a consequence of claims experience, building construction concerns or where the property is in an area of increased flood risk and conversely some properties may benefit from a rating decrease.

**The excess levels for Private and Common Claims remain as per last year:**

Subsidence, Landslip and Heave	£1,000
Children's Play Areas/Equipment	
All Losses	£500
Liability for Third Party	
Property Damage	£250
Glass	£100
All Other Claims	£500

Following a review of the covers and limits of the policy by Zurich they have advised that no changes are required.

In view of the excellent terms we have been able to secure this year and to provide you with some level of reassurance around premiums for this year and next we have agreed a 2 year Long Term Agreement with the current insurer Zurich in relation to the Residential Property Owners policy, which would ensure that no rating increase will be applied at the 2024 renewal provided that claims costs, across the whole portfolio, do not exceed a certain level compared to the premium.

Finally we would again highlight the current focus on Sanction checking following Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Sanction checking is a Government level check on a group or an individual. Restrictions are placed upon sanctioned individuals and those conducting business with them are heavily penalised. In the UK, His Majesty's Treasury (HMT) is the competent authority for sanctions and The Office of Financial Sanctions Implementation (OFSI) being the enforcer (since 2016). The Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) is responsible for ensuring that firms have adequate systems and controls to comply with U.K. sanctions requirements. To that end we would ask that you support R&L whenever they approach you for information as it is essential that they comply with sanction checking to show that they are not known to be or suspected to be involved with terrorism and/or terrorist financing, nuclear non-proliferation, human rights violations, and other serious international crimes.

## ADDITIONAL TERMS

As in previous years your Insurer may have amended the policy terms that apply to your cover. Details of these can be found on your Insurance Certificate.

These terms may be due to the number or nature of recent claims or because parts of the property are awaiting/undergoing repair. Any material fact that increases the risk in an insurer's view may be subject to increased excesses, conditions or exclusions. This is to minimise the risk of future losses and to encourage owners to take steps to ensure that their properties are maintained in a good state of repair or to take simple risk management steps to improve the claims experience at their property. All the additional terms that currently apply under the policy have been reviewed in full and where there has been an improvement in the overall claims payments or in the condition of the building Towergate have successfully negotiated with Insurers to either reduce or remove the additional excess/terms entirely.

## INDEX LINKING

As in previous years the index linking figure has been provided by Zurich who have advised that a rate of 9.5% will be required.

This has been applied to your sum insured from renewal, however for developments that have had their building sum insured re-assessed after January 2023 index linking will not be applied with Insurers confirming their approval of this action.

## INSURANCE PREMIUM TAX

No increase to Insurance Premium Tax (IPT)

## ADDITIONAL COVERS

R&L can confirm that they have maintained the agreement from Insurers to provide Material Damage (MD) and Property Owners Liability (POL) cover for boundary walls. In addition, POL cover can also be provided for private roads.

Please contact the R&L Insurance Department for a quotation.

## OPTIONAL COVER EXTENSIONS

Towergate have again secured the optional cover extensions with no increase being applied. Owners should however be aware that the premiums quoted continue to be on a 'minimum and deposit' basis which means that they are non-refundable during the policy period. Full wordings relating to the optional extensions can be found within the policy wordings or upon request from our insurance department, a summary of each extension is as follows:

**Residential/Commercial Property Landlord** –The wording has been amended to note that Tenancy Agreement shall mean an agreement for a tenant to occupy premises in return for the payment of rent under a lease agreement. This extension is not suitable for holiday lets, tenancy agreements of less than 6 months or properties rented under an HMO licence.

Property owners Liability £10million  
Annual premium £71.43 + IPT

If you have any insurance related issues or require assistance with a private claim, R&L insurance department are available to all of our co-proprietors and can be contacted on:

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☎ 0141 204 7349

ALANA MCGREEVY  
☎ 0141 204 7346

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## INSURANCE TERMS OF BUSINESS

For your own benefit and protection, you should read these terms carefully. If you are unsure about any aspect of our Terms of Business or have any questions regarding our relationship with you, please contact our Insurance Department located at the undernoted address:

**Ross & Liddell Ltd**  
60 St Enoch Square  
GLASGOW  
G1 4AW

Tel: **0141 221 9266**  
E-Mail: [insurance@ross-liddell.com](mailto:insurance@ross-liddell.com)

### The Financial Conduct Authority

Ross & Liddell Ltd is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority for our insurance-related activities only. Our Financial Services Register number is 310429.

You may check this on the Financial Services Register by visiting the FCA's website, [www.fca.org.uk/register/](http://www.fca.org.uk/register/) or by contacting the FCA on 0800 111 6768.

### Our Service and the capacity in which we act

Where required either by request, Deed of Conditions or Title Deed, we will arrange, via our appointed brokers, a comprehensive common buildings policy on behalf of our proprietors.

With regards to claims, we will act as the Property Manager in providing guidance to you about how to report and progress claims. Please see the 'Claims handling arrangements' section below.

### Scope of service including our product range and the range of insurers used

As your Property Manager we will arrange on your behalf insurance products recommended to us by our appointed independent brokers; we will only provide information to you in this regard, not advice. We only select home and property insurances, including a number of optional additional covers, from one insurer, Zurich Insurance PLC, with which Ross & Liddell has a contractual arrangement to act as the agent of the insurer. For Legal Expenses Insurance, this is arranged through Zurich but is underwritten by DAS Legal Expenses Insurance Company Limited.

Neither we nor our broker will, in any circumstances, guarantee the solvency of any insurer.

### Claims

In the event of a claim occurring at your property, Insurers will have provided delegated authority to Loss Adjusters to deal with all material damage claims on their behalf.

Your property manager will deal with claims relating to the common areas with proprietors having direct access to QuestGates to deal with claims relating to their individual properties.

QuestGates has a dedicated team dealing with Ross & Liddell. Contact details for QuestGates are detailed on your certificate of insurance.

### Claims handling arrangements

You should take note of the required procedures in the event of a claim, which will be explained in the policy documentation and/or your certificate of insurance. Insurers require immediate notification of a claim or circumstances which might lead to a claim.

### Common claims

With regards to claims relating to damage to the common areas within a property, these should be notified to your Property Manager who will liaise with the Insurer's appointed loss adjusters on behalf of the owners with a view to finalising the claim as quickly as possible, subject to the policy terms and conditions.

### Private claims

For claims relating to your individual property, you should report directly to the Insurer's appointed loss adjusters, with the contact information detailed within your certificate of insurance or available from our insurance dept, who are based in Glasgow and who will provide guidance as and when required subject to the policy terms and conditions.

### Complaints and compensation

We aim to provide you with a high level of customer service at all times but, if you are not satisfied with anything in relation to the property insurances we arrange, please contact us at the undernoted address:

Insurance Department  
Ross & Liddell Ltd  
60 St Enoch Square  
GLASGOW  
G1 4AW

Tel: **0141 221 9266**  
E-Mail: [inscomplaints@ross-liddell.com](mailto:inscomplaints@ross-liddell.com)

When dealing with your complaint, we will follow our complaint handling procedures; a summary of these procedures is available on request or by visiting our website at [www.ross-liddell.com](http://www.ross-liddell.com)

If you are still not satisfied you may be entitled to refer the matter to the Financial Ombudsman Service (FOS) depending on the nature of your complaint. Please see [www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk](http://www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk) for details.

The Financial Ombudsman Service (FOS)  
Access to FOS is available for complainants coming within one of the following categories at the time we receive their complaint:

- Consumers (private individuals acting for purposes which are wholly or mainly outside that individual's trade, business, craft, or profession)
- Micro-enterprises (businesses employing fewer than 10 persons and with a turnover or annual balance sheet total not exceeding 2 million)
- Other small businesses (with an annual turnover of below £6.5 million, and less than 50 employees or with an annual balance sheet total of below £5 million)
- Charities with an annual income of under £6.5 million
- Trustees of a trust with a net asset value of under £5 million
- Certain types of Guarantor

### The Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS)

We are covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS). You may be entitled to compensation from the scheme if we cannot meet our obligations. This depends on the type of business and the circumstances of the claim. If you are eligible to claim from the FSCS, compensation is available as follows:

- 90% of the claim, without any upper limit;
- 100% of the claim without any upper limit for
  - compulsory classes of insurance (such as Third-Party Motor or Employers Liability); and
  - 'pure protection' contracts, professional indemnity insurance, and general insurance claims arising from the death or incapacity of the policyholder owing to injury, sickness or infirmity, all where the insurance intermediary has failed to pay money to an insurer, pay away money it has received from an insurer, or has failed to take steps to allow the insurer to effect the contract of insurance.

Further information about compensation scheme arrangements is available from the FSCS on 0800 678 1100 (Freephone) or 0207 741 4100 or [www.fscs.org.uk](http://www.fscs.org.uk).

### Payment for our services

Insurance is a regulated activity and as such to comply with regulations and to ensure we are arranging cover on the correct basis, we employ the services of a broker (to whom we pay a fee) who, in addition to having the knowledge and expertise to place our risk, also has access to all major Insurance companies. The significant majority of the properties we manage are covered under one policy of insurance. Arranging such a contract of insurance is not a straightforward exercise, as this type of policy cannot simply be applied for by completing an application or proposal form.

Ross & Liddell Limited do not charge our clients a fee for the Insurance Services which we provide in respect of our managed properties. Instead, Insurance Commission is received in order that we are able to offset the costs incurred in administering your Insurance Policy, including printing, stationary and postage relating to the production, and issue of Insurance Certificates and all of the supporting documentation required to comply with all relevant FCA Regulations, dealing with the common claims and assisting clients with their private claims. Any commission we receive will be paid by the insurer, from the insurance premium.

In addition, and not least, we are required to guarantee payment of premiums due under the Insurance Policy and to pay our Brokers a fee to secure their market knowledge and experience, to ensure a competitive renewal for clients.

In the current market we believe that acceptance of Insurance Commission represents the most cost-effective mechanism for provision of Insurance Services to clients. Commission is declared on each and every certificate of insurance issued to all co-proprietors, detailed on the reverse of the certificate. You can, though, at any time, ask us for details of the commission we receive in relation to your insurance.



## Allocation of payments

Please note that payments received from clients in respect of accounts due to Ross & Liddell, either now or in the future, will be allocated in the following order:

- Works and services already paid for by Ross & Liddell
- Works and services in progress and to be paid for after completion of such works, or the provision of such services
- Works and services instructed by Ross and Liddell at the date of payment by the client but not yet paid by Ross and Liddell
- Works and services paid for in advance
- Insurance

Please note that if a client has more than one outstanding account due to Ross & Liddell, any monies received will be applied in the order specified above, spread proportionately over these outstanding accounts, unless instructed otherwise by the client.

The provision of Ross & Liddell's services, or any contracts or covers effected by Ross & Liddell, will not be adversely affected if any outstanding sums due to Ross & Liddell are the subject of an agreed instalment arrangement between the client and Ross & Liddell. Interest will not be payable on any clients' common charge account credit balances that may arise.

## Methods of payment

Payment can be made by Debit, or Credit Card, through our secure on-line web portal, via our website ([www.ross-liddell.com](http://www.ross-liddell.com)), or by our automated, 24 hours, 7 days a week touchtone telephone menu driven payment system, or by telephone to any of our offices. Alternatively, we also accept payment by cheque, online banking, cash, or bank-giro credit, either by post, or at our offices.

Instalment arrangements are also available allowing you to spread the payment of common charges accounts by making monthly payments by Direct Debit, Standing Order, etc.

## Cancellation of insurances

You should make any request for cancellation of cover or a policy in writing. It should be noted that if the cover is provided on an annual basis under a Group Co-Proprietors policy any refund is entirely subject to no claims having been made. If authorised, any return premium will be provided on a 'pro rata' basis, after deduction of the full amount of Commission which would be received, had the policy not been cancelled, as the majority of work undertaken, and costs incurred, by Ross & Liddell and our Insurance Broker, relating to the Insurance policy, will have been completed, and incurred, prior to any mid-term cancellation.

## Your responsibilities

**If you are a consumer** (i.e. insuring your own property for your own personal use), you are responsible for answering any questions in relation to any proposal for insurance cover honestly and to the best of your knowledge, providing complete and accurate information which insurers will require. This also applies to your responses in relation to any assumptions you may agree to in the process of applying for insurance cover. This is particularly important before taking out a policy but also at renewal or if you make a mid-term amendment to your policy.

If you fail to disclose information or misrepresent any fact which may influence the insurer's decision to accept the risk or the terms offered, this could invalidate the policy and mean that claims may not be paid.

**If you are a commercial customer** you have a duty to give a fair presentation of risk to the insurer. This means that you should disclose

every material circumstance relevant to the risk being insured following a reasonable search within your business to identify and verify such information. This should include information which you and where applicable your senior management, persons responsible for arranging your insurance or other relevant third parties know or ought to know and should include all information that would influence the judgement of the insurer or that would put the insurer on notice that it needs to make further enquiries.

Failure to provide a 'fair representation' may result in a number of remedies by the insurer. If the breach was deliberate or reckless the insurer can void the contract and keep the premium. If the breach was not deliberate or reckless the insurer can void the contract, proportionately reduce a claim settlement or amend the insurance policy terms and conditions then review the merits of a claim on this basis. You should therefore always provide complete and accurate information to us when we ask you about the insurance risks your business faces before taking out a policy, at renewal and throughout the life of the policy. This also applies to your responses in relation to any assumptions you may agree to in the process of applying for insurance cover.

**All customers:** Please note that the terms of the Ross & Liddell policies that we have in place require all insured property owners to inform the insurer of any material circumstance, whenever it may arise.

You must check all details on any proposal form or Statement of Facts and pay particular attention to any declaration you may be asked to sign.

It is important that you read all insurance documents issued to you and ensure that you are aware of the cover, limits and other terms that apply. Particular attention must be paid to any warranties and conditions as failure to comply with them could invalidate your policy. You must inform us immediately of any changes in circumstances which may affect the services provided by us or the cover provided by your policy. If you are unsure about any matter, please contact us for guidance.

## The processing of your personal data

In your dealings with us you may provide us with information that may include data that is known as personal data. Where we process personal data, we comply with statutory data processing requirements as set out in the General Data Protection Regulation and the Data Protection Act 2018. The personal data we will collect will include information relating to your name, address, contact details, date of birth and, in certain circumstances, possibly health or criminal offences data.

We will process your personal data to allow us to provide you with our services as your property manager and in arranging and administering insurances. Your personal data will also be used to manage future communications between ourselves. In circumstances where to do so will be in our mutual interests, your personal data will be used to provide you with further information about our products and services. You can opt out from receiving such communications by contacting our Data Protection Representative as set out below.

In processing personal data for insurance purposes about health or criminal offences, we will only do so to enable us to provide our service to you and on the basis of it being in the public interest.

We will only use your data for the purpose for which it was collected. We will only grant access to or share your data within our firm, with other authorised third parties and product and service providers such as insurers where we are entitled to do so by law under lawful data processing.

The Data Protection Act 2018 provides you with Access Rights that allow you to gain an understanding of the data being processed, who

we share it with, for what purpose, why we need to retain it and retention periods, to object to the processing and to place restrictions on the processing, to request copies of your data and to request the deletion of your data.

If you require further information on how we process your data or you wish to exercise your rights, please contact our Data Protection Representative, by e-mailing [dataprotection@ross-liddell.com](mailto:dataprotection@ross-liddell.com) or by writing or telephoning using the details stated above. How we process your personal data is detailed further within our Privacy Notice at <https://ross-liddell.com/privacy-policy>.

## Conflicts of interest

Occasions can arise where we, clients or product providers, may have a potential conflict of interest with business being transacted for you. If this happens, and we become aware that a potential conflict exists, we will write to you and obtain your consent before we carry out your instructions and we will detail the steps we will take to ensure fair treatment.

## Register Online

Register Online and download your Insurance Certificate from the Webportal:

<https://myaccount.ross-liddell.com/>

After completing the Webportal registration process you will be able to download:

- your insurance certificate
- update your main contact details like your telephone and emails defaults
- make online payments which update your account immediately
- download your invoices and that of any of the tradesman's invoice, and
- change your electronic communication preferences so that in future you can get all your correspondence electronically

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If you have any insurance related issues or require assistance with a private claim, R&L insurance department are available to all of our co-proprietors and can be contacted on:

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## MEETING YOUR INSURANCE NEEDS

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The products listed below are designed to meet the various demands and needs of our property owner clients.

### Note – not all the covers will be relevant to you.

These products allow you to choose a level of insurance cover from a range of options.

With the exception of Lift/Engineering and Play Area equipment Insurance, your insurance certificate and statements show either:

1. the cover you have selected; or
2. the cover that is a requirement in connection with the management and maintenance of your property.

The options selected will depend upon your own requirements as set out in information that has been provided to us by you or by your Solicitor on your behalf, and on circumstances such as the Title Deed(s) of your property, any requirements you may need to adhere to in order to comply with the decisions of the co-proprietors of the property, and the risk associated with the insured property.

You should check your insurance documents carefully to ensure you have the required cover, but please see below the details of the differing types and sections of cover and how they will meet your varying demands and needs, based on information provided to us.

Full details of all covers can be found in the policy document, a copy of which is available on our website [www.ross-liddell.com](http://www.ross-liddell.com) or upon request to our Insurance Department on 0141 221 9266 or email on [insurance@ross-liddell.com](mailto:insurance@ross-liddell.com).

Ross & Liddell has made no personal recommendations when arranging your insurance and, as detailed in our terms of business, no advice has been given or offered.

### THE CORE COVER ARRANGED BY ROSS & LIDDELL

#### Buildings Cover

If you have told us that you need insurance to cover the costs of repairs to buildings, or if such cover is a requirement in connection with the management and maintenance of your property and you or your Solicitors have told us that you are now the owner of your property, this cover will provide protection in relation to the costs of building repairs in the event of an insured risk occurring. Cover does not include terrorism cover, but this is available upon request (see 'Optional Covers' below).

### Note – Building sum insured

If you require guidance on the correct sum insured, we suggest that you arrange for a professional valuation to be carried out. The cost of this, however, would be incurred by you. The sum Insured should represent the full rebuilding cost of your property as new, including your proportion of common areas and professional fees, demolition, VAT, removal of debris cost etc. Unless the title deeds say otherwise, it is (your) the insured's responsibility to ensure that the amount represents the rebuilding cost of the property and we strongly recommend that you review your Sum Insured on a regular basis and make any necessary adjustments.

### Note – Property Owners Liability Insurance

Property Owners Liability is in respect of legal liability for accidental injury (including death and disease) or accidental damage to material property. We will arrange this cover for all properties that we manage for the common areas only. For properties that have building insurance arranged by us (i.e., where the title deeds require that or where we are asked to arrange such insurances), cover will extend to include property owner's liability for the individual property insured.

### OPTIONAL COVER EXTENSIONS AVAILABLE UNDER OUR BUILDINGS INSURANCE

#### Landlord Extension - Residential Property

If you have told us that you are a Landlord of residential property (where a Private Rented Tenancy (PRT) agreement is in place containing a start date of the tenancy but no end date), and where the property is NOT a holiday let OR rented under a House of Multiple Occupancy (HMO) licence) and that you need optional additional covers such as malicious and accidental damage to the building by tenants, Landlord's contents (automatically included under this extension up to a limit of £25,000 which should represent the replacement cost of the contents insured), residential loss of rent (as an alternative to the standard cover for alternative accommodation following a valid claim with the indemnity period increased from 24 months to 36 months), and adverse possession up to a limit of £50,000, Illegal cultivation of drugs up to a limit of £25,000 this extension will provide those additional covers and protections against those risks.

Please be aware should the property become unoccupied for a period exceeding 45 days due to a break in tenancy, increased excesses and the unoccupancy condition applies. In addition the excess for contents cover is increased to £500.00 rather than the standard excess of £100.00 during periods of occupancy. Please refer to the Unoccupied Property Optional extension available under such circumstances.

#### Landlord Extension – Retail / Commercial Property

If you have told us that you are a Landlord of retail or commercial property with a Lease Agreement in place and that you need optional additional covers such as malicious and accidental damage to the building by tenants,

Landlord Contents automatically included under this extension up to a limit of £25,000 (which should represent the replacement cost of the contents insured), adverse possession up to a limit of £50,000, Increased Indemnity period for Loss of Rent from 24 months to 36 months, Loss of Advance Rent following a valid claim with a maximum indemnity period of 3 months, Denial of Access, Failure of Utilities, Notifiable Disease, Vermin, Defective Sanitary Arrangements, Murder & Suicide, this extension will provide those additional covers and protections against those risks.

Please be aware the increased excesses following unoccupancy exceeding 45 days detailed under the Landlord Residential Property will apply.

#### Landlord Extension – HMO Residential Property

If you have told us that you are a Landlord of a residential property that is rented as a House of Multiple Occupancy (where a Private Rented Tenancy (PRT) agreement is in place containing a start date of the tenancy but no end date) and that you need optional additional covers such as those listed above under the Landlord's Residential Property Extension, this extension will provide those additional covers and protections against those risks for an HMO property.

Please be aware the increased excesses following unoccupancy exceeding 45 days detailed under the Landlord Residential Property will apply.

#### Holiday Let - Residential Property

If you have told us that you have a property used as a holiday let and you want to benefit from covers detailed under such as malicious and accidental damage to the building by tenants, Loss of rental income up to a limit of 25% of the building sum insured following a valid claim under the policy, subject to a maximum indemnity period of 12 months, this extension will provide those additional covers and protections against those risks. However, when properties are unoccupied, the inspections referred to in the Unoccupancy Condition above should commence within 24 hours of the tenant vacating the property and then every 7 days with a further inspection no more than 24 hours before a new tenant takes possession of the holiday let property.

#### Holiday / Second Home Extension

If owners have a property that is not used as their main residence, there may be periods of extended unoccupancy. If you have told us that you would prefer your holiday home / second home to benefit from full covers without increased excesses whilst unoccupied (subject to compliance with the Unoccupancy Condition), this extension is available for properties used exclusively by the property owners, their family and friends; there is no element of rental income cover. You should be aware as the property is used solely by family and friends, who are legally on the property but not the property owner, accidental damage cover would be included if this extension is operative

### CLAIMS

**Common area claims:** should be reported to your property manager who will, in conjunction with QuestGates loss adjusters, monitor the handling of the claim to a conclusion.

**Private property claims:** you should report these directly to QuestGates using the 24 hour claims line 0800 195 5684 or via an email on [private@questgates.co.uk](mailto:private@questgates.co.uk)

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## Unoccupied Property Extension

Usually, covers provided under the core buildings insurance will be subject to increased excesses if a property is unoccupied for more than 45 days. If you have told us that you need full covers to be in place for a property that will be unoccupied for a period in excess of 45 days, and that you want the additional excesses removed, this extension will provide those full covers subject to normal excesses. Owners should note that the Unoccupancy Condition must be complied with at all times.

### Note - Unoccupancy Condition

In respect of any Building that is wholly or partly unoccupied, the following conditions must be met for insurers to be liable to meet any claims:

- All gas and electrical services within the unoccupied property are switched off at the mains except for any electrical circuits required to maintain any fire and intruder alarms, security protections, timed lights, heating systems, fridges or freezers
- The water system to the unoccupied portion of the building must be isolated at the mains and completely drained or the heating systems has been set at a minimum temperature of 5 degrees Celsius during the period 1st October to 1st April each year
- All accumulations of mail or other combustible waste materials that form ready fuel for a fire should be removed from within the unoccupied portion of the building
- The unoccupied portion of the building must be secured against unlawful entry by closing and locking its doors and windows and setting all its security and alarm systems
- The unoccupied portion of the building is subject to a programme of comprehensive internal and external inspections undertaken by an authorised representative of the insured to ensure continued compliance with the other terms of this condition. Inspections should commence within the initial 14 days following the property becoming Unoccupied and continue at intervals not exceeding 14 days thereafter
- Inspection results are to be recorded and retained at a separate location during the period of unoccupancy; and any new accumulations of junk mail found during such inspection should be removed
- The insurers are notified within 7 days in the event of damage or unauthorised entry to the unoccupied area becoming evident or known to the Insured or their representative
- The Excess applicable in respect of DAMAGE caused by Theft and Malicious Persons is £2,500
- The Excess applicable in respect of DAMAGE caused by Storm & Flood, Escape of Water, Fuel or Oil and Sprinkler Leakage is £5,000

## Flexible use for Landlord Extension - Residential Property including HMO

If you have told us that you are a Landlord of a residential property that is rented as either a Single tenancy or as a House of Multiple Occupancy (where a Private Rented Tenancy (PRT) agreement is in place containing a start date of the tenancy but no end date) you wish to rent the property as a Holiday Let; and wish to retain most of the benefits under the Residential / HMO landlord extension, the policy (subject to payment of an additional premium) will provide the additional covers and protections against those risks. However,

during the Holiday Let period, when properties are unoccupied, the inspections referred to in the Unoccupancy Condition above should commence within 24 hours of the tenant vacating the property and then every 7 days with a further inspection no more than 24 hours before a new tenant takes possession of the holiday let property. In addition, Contents cover is excluded with Loss of rental income being restricted to a limit of 25% of the building sum insured following a valid claim under the policy, and subject to a maximum indemnity period of 12 months.

## Matching Parts

The standard policy wording does not allow for the cost of replacement or modification of undamaged parts of the buildings that form part of a suite, common design or function where the damage is restricted to a clearly identifiable area. This exclusion would apply to the likes of kitchen units, bathroom suites and laminate flooring that has been installed throughout a property. If you have told us that you need additional cover for the cost of replacement or modification of such undamaged parts of buildings, this optional extension provides cover for matching parts to be included within a valid claim under the policy. Should all owners within a block of flats have the optional extension, then cover will be extended to include the common areas at no additional premium.

## OPTIONAL COVERS

### Contents Insurance

If you are an owner of an Ross & Liddell managed property, varying levels of contents cover are available to you. Contents cover is provided by Zurich Insurance plc, the same insurer as for our buildings cover (and extensions to that cover). By having the same Insurer for both buildings and contents, it can eliminate any disputes as to whether an item, that is the subject of a valid claim, falls under the definition of building or contents (such as laminate flooring). If you have told us that you need insurance to cover your contents in the property, this optional cover will provide protection for contents in the event of an insured risk occurring. Cover can be arranged with varying levels of sum insured available, and is available for owner occupied, holiday homes and tenants in tenanted properties if the property is managed by Ross & Liddell. Cover is on a 'new for old' basis, but a reduction is made for wear and tear on certain items. Cover can be extended to include personal possessions away from the home, however this extension will not include laptops, i-pads, mobile phones or similar.

The Unoccupancy Condition applies, which mirrors that of the building insurance, but with the application of a reduced excess level of £500.

### Note - Contents sum insured

We would take this opportunity to remind owners that the sum insured you have chosen should represent the full re-instatement cost of all your contents, including personal effects, as failure to do so would result in a valid claim not being met in full. Quotations are available upon request.

## Management Liability/Directors & Offices Insurance

Residents' committees make decisions on behalf of others which can include the placement of insurance or agreeing contract works for property maintenance which has a financial impact on all those involved. Individuals will perform this valuable and important role on behalf of others, many of whom are reluctant or don't have time to get involved in the day to day running of a

development. Therefore, those who have volunteered to make important choices for others need protection for any decision or action they have made in good faith - that may later prove to be ill-judged. If you have told us that you need to arrange cover to protect against the risks involved in taking decisions or actions in good faith, this optional cover provides liability insurance protection. We can obtain via Towergate a quotation for this cover on a committee by committee basis from several insurers. Should a quotation be required for your development please contact your property manager in the first instance.

## Legal Expenses

If you have told us that you need cover to provide for Legal Expenses in certain situations, this optional cover can provide protection. Cover is sourced through Zurich with DAS Legal Expenses Insurance, which is a specialist legal expenses Insurer offering competitive premiums. The policy wording is available on our website or upon request to the insurance department. Quotations can only be obtained on **DEVELOPMENTS** as a whole.

## Terrorism

Quotations can only be obtained on developments as a whole. If you have told us that your development needs to arrange cover for damage to the insured property following an act of terrorism, this optional cover provides protection.

## ADDITIONAL COVERS ARRANGED BY ROSS & LIDDELL

### Lift / Engineering Insurance

If your property is in a development where there are boilers, lifts and associated equipment, this cover provides for the Statutory inspection for those boilers, lifts and associated equipment for which you as owners are responsible. Cover extends to include sudden and unforeseen damage. If you have told us that you need these covers, this additional cover provides such protection.

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If you have any insurance related issues or require assistance with a private claim, R&L insurance department are available to all of our co-proprietors and can be contacted on:

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