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Direct Line Group announces the execution of a strategic reinsurance arrangement

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Direct Line Insurance Group plc (the "Group") announces that its principal underwriter, U K Insurance Limited, has entered into strategic reinsurance agreements, that together comprise a 3-year structured 10% quota share arrangement.

The contracts incept with effect from 1 January 2023 and are expected to increase the Group's year-end 2022 solvency capital ratio by around 6 percentage points.

The Group has been advised by Gallagher Re on these agreements.

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