Adjusted net worth (ANW)

The ANW is the excess of assets over liabilities on the statutory basis, but where certain deductions for disregarded assets and impairments have been added back.

Advisory practice notes (APNs)

The Actuarial Society of South Africa (ASSA) issues APNs applicable to various areas of financial reporting and practice that require actuarial input. The APNs are available on the ASSA website (www.actuarialsociety.org.za).

Annual premium equivalent (APE)

The APE is a common life industry measure of new business sales. It is calculated as annualised new recurring premiums plus 10% of single premiums.

Basis changes

Basis and other changes are the result of changes in actuarial assumptions and methodologies, reviewed at the reporting date and used in the financial soundness valuation basis. These changes are reflected in the income statement as they occur.

Bonus stabilisation accounts (BSAs)

BSAs are the difference between the fund accounts of smoothed bonus business, or the discounted value of projected future benefit payments for with-profit annuity business, and the market values of the underlying assets. BSA is an actuarial term that constitutes either an asset or liability in accounting terms. The BSAs are included in contract holder liabilities.

Capital adequacy requirement (CAR)

The CAR is a minimum statutory capital requirement for South African life insurance companies that is prescribed in the Standards of Actuarial Practice (SAP) 104 – Calculation of the value of the assets, liabilities and capital adequacy requirement of long-term insurers. CAR does not form part of the contract holder liabilities and is covered by the shareholder assets.

Capitation contracts

Capitation contracts are those under which the group accepts significant health benefit risk from medical schemes (the contract holder) by agreeing to indemnify the scheme against a defined set of the scheme benefits (the covered event) in return for a capitation fee.

Carry positions

Carry positions consist of sale and repurchase of assets agreements containing the following instruments:

- Repurchase agreements: financial liabilities consisting of financial instruments sold with an agreement to repurchase these instruments at a fixed price at a later date.
- Reverse repurchase agreements: financial assets consisting of financial instruments purchased with an agreement to sell these instruments at a fixed price at a later date.

Cash-generating units (CGUs)

A cash-generating unit is the smallest identifiable group of assets that generates cash inflows largely independent of the cash flows from other assets or groups of assets.

Cell captive

A cell captive is a contractual arrangement entered into between the insurer (referred to as the “cell provider” or “promoter”) and the cell shareholder whereby the risks and rewards associated with certain insurance activities accruing to the cell shareholder, in relation to the insurer, are specified. Cell captives allow clients to purchase cell owner ordinary shares (or a “cell”) in the registered insurance company which undertakes the professional insurance and financial management of the cell including underwriting, reinsurance, claims management, actuarial and statistical analyses, investment and accounting services. The terms and conditions of the cell are governed by the cell owner shareholders agreement.

Cell captive arrangements include:

- “First-party” cell arrangements where the risks that are being insured relate to the cell shareholder’s own operations or operations within the cell shareholder’s group of companies; and
- “Third-party” cell arrangements where the cell shareholder provides the opportunity to its own client base to purchase branded insurance products. For third-party arrangements the cell shareholders agreement meets the definition of a reinsurance contract and is accounted for as such.
- Contingency policy: An insurance contract to provide entry-level insurance cover for first-party risks. These policies provide for payment of a profit share to the insured based on claims experience and related expenses at the end of the policy period.
- “Promoter cell” includes assets and liabilities of MMI shareholders. Assets, liabilities, and equity of the first and third-party cell arrangements are excluded.

Compulsory margins

Life insurance companies are required to hold compulsory margins in terms of the financial soundness valuation basis prescribed in SAP 104 – Calculation of the value of the assets, liabilities and capital adequacy requirement of long-term insurers. These margins are explicitly prescribed and held as a buffer to cover uncertainties with regard to the best-estimate assumptions used in the financial soundness valuation basis. These margins are held in the contract holder liabilities and released over time in the operating profit should experience be in line with these best-estimate assumptions.

Core headline earnings

Core headline earnings disclosed comprise operating profit and investment income on shareholder assets. It excludes net realised and fair value gains on financial assets and liabilities, investment variances and basis and other changes which can be volatile, certain non-recurring items, as well as the amortisation of intangible assets relating to business combinations as this is part of the cost of acquiring the business.

Cost of required capital

The cost of required capital is the difference between the amount of required capital and the present value of future releases of this capital, allowing for future net of tax investment returns expected to be earned on this capital.

Covered business

Covered business is defined as long-term insurance business recognised in the group integrated report; in respect of Guardrisk, only including the South African long-term insurance business. This business covers individual smoothed bonus, linked and market-related business, reversionary bonus business, group smoothed bonus business, annuity business and other non-participating business written by the life insurance subsidiaries. International Health businesses in Africa are exposed to the underlying risk of the health schemes and are therefore also classified as covered business.

Discretionary margins

In addition to compulsory margins, insurance companies may hold further discretionary margins where the statutory actuary believes that:

- the compulsory margins are insufficient for prudent reserving; or
- company practice or policy design justifies the deferral of profits.

Discretionary participation feature (DPF)

A DPF is a contractual right to receive, as a supplement to guaranteed benefits, additional benefits or bonuses:

- that are likely to be a significant portion of the total contractual benefits;
- whose amount or timing is contractually at the discretion of the issuer; and
- that are contractually based on:
  - the performance of a specified pool of contracts or a specified type of contract;
  - the realised and/or unrealised investment returns on a specified pool of assets held by the issuer; or
  - the profit or loss of the company, fund or other entity that issues the contract.

Effective exposure

The exposure of a derivative financial contract or instrument to the underlying asset by also taking delta (the ratio comparing the change in the price of the underlying asset to the corresponding change in the price of a derivative) into account where applicable.

Effective interest rate

The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash payments or receipts over the expected life of the financial instrument, or when appropriate a shorter period, to the net carrying amount of the financial asset or liability.

Effective interest rate method

The effective interest rate method is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a financial asset or liability and of allocating the interest income or interest expense over the relevant period.

Embedded value (EV)

An EV represents the discounted value of expected after-tax future profits from the current business. The embedded value is defined as:

- the adjusted net worth of covered and non-covered business;
- plus the present value of in-force covered business less the opportunity cost of required capital;
- plus the write-up to directors' value of non-covered business.

Embedded value earnings

Embedded value earnings are defined as the change in embedded value (after non-controlling interests) for the year, after adjustment for any capital movements such as dividends paid, capital injections and cost of treasury shares acquired or disposed of for the year.

Financial soundness valuation (FSV)

The FSV basis is prescribed by SAP 104 – Calculation of the value of the assets, liabilities and capital adequacy requirement of long-term insurers – and uses best estimate assumptions regarding future experience together with compulsory and discretionary margins for prudence and deferral of profit emergence. For International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) reporting purposes, this basis is used for the valuation of insurance contracts and investment contracts with DPF.

Fund account

The fund account is the retrospective accumulation of premiums, net of charges and benefit payments at the declared bonus rates or at the allocated rate of investment return.

New business profit margin

New business profit margin is defined as the value of new business expressed as a percentage of the present value of future premiums. New business profit margin is also expressed as a percentage of APE.

Non-covered business

Non-covered business includes the directors' valuations of the investment management, South African health operations, short-term insurance operations, the non-life Guardrisk entities (ie excluding Guardrisk Life Ltd), as well as other non-insurance entities. The group embedded value is also adjusted to allow for future holding company and international support expenses.

Objective evidence of impairment

Objective evidence of impairment is related to the specific circumstances of each individual asset and can be the combined effect of several events. Objective evidence includes, but is not limited to:

- Significant financial difficulty of the issuer or debtor.
- A breach of contract, such as a default or delinquency in payment.
- It becoming probable that the issuer or debtor will enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganisation.

- The disappearance of an active market for that financial asset because of financial difficulties.
- Observable data that there is a measurable decrease in the estimated future cash flows from the asset since the initial recognition of the asset.

Open-ended instruments

The open-ended category includes financial instruments with no fixed maturity date as management is unable to provide a reliable estimate given the volatility of equity markets and policyholder behaviour.

Prescribed officers

Prescribed officers as referred to in the Companies Act, 71 of 2008, are defined as follows – despite not being a director of a particular company, a person is a prescribed officer of the company if that person:

- exercises general executive control over and management of the whole, or a significant portion, of the business and activities of the company; or
- regularly participates to a material degree in the exercise of general executive control over and management of the whole, or a significant portion, of the business and activities of the company.

The company does not consider any employee that is not a director to be a prescribed officer as the functions of general executive control over significant portions of the business are performed by the executive directors.

Present value of future premiums (PVP)

The PVP is the present value of future premiums in respect of new business using the risk discount rate. The future premiums are net of reinsurance and are based on best-estimate assumptions such as future premium growth, mortality and withdrawal experience.

Present value of in-force covered business (VIF)

The gross VIF is the discounted present value of expected future after-tax profits as determined on the statutory basis, in respect of covered business in force at the valuation date. The net VIF is the gross VIF less the cost of required capital. No account is taken of dividend withholding tax.

Related party transactions – key management personnel

Key management personnel are those persons, including close members of their families, having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the group, directly or indirectly, including any director (whether executive or otherwise) of the group.

Reporting basis

Reporting basis is the basis on which the financial statements are prepared.

Required capital

Required capital includes any assets attributed to covered business over and above the amount required to back covered business liabilities whose distribution to shareholders is restricted.

Return on embedded value

Return on embedded value is the embedded value earnings over the period expressed as a percentage of the embedded value at the beginning of the period, adjusted for capital movements during the year.

Risk discount rate

The risk discount rate is the rate at which future expected profits are discounted when calculating the value of in-force business or the value of new business. The risk discount rate is determined based on the weighted average cost of capital of the company. This has taken into account the sources of capital used to fund the covered business, ie shareholder equity and subordinate debt finance. The required return on equity was derived through application of the capital asset pricing model. The cost of debt financing was based on the current financing costs.

Significant influence

Significant influence is the power to participate in the financial and operating policy decisions of the investee, but is not control over those policies.

Statutory basis

The statutory basis is the valuation basis and methodology used for statutory reporting purposes, as determined by the Financial Services Board in its board notice “Prescribed requirements for the calculation of the value of the assets, liabilities and capital adequacy requirement of long-term insurers” (or equivalent regulations in non-South African operations). These requirements are largely based on financial soundness valuation principles. A reconciliation of the statutory excess and the reporting excess is disclosed in the statement of statutory excess.

Unit-linked investments

Unit-linked investments consist of investments in collective investment schemes, private equity fund investments and other investments where the value is determined based on the value of the underlying investments.

Useful life

Useful life is the period over which an asset is expected to be available for use by the group.

Value of new business

The value of new business is the discounted present value of expected future statutory after-tax profits from new business at point of sale less the cost of required capital at risk. No allowance is made for the impact of dividend withholding tax. Allowance is made for all expenses associated with underwriting, selling, marketing and administration incurred in the effort of obtaining new business.