

## **Macquarie Bank Limited**

(ABN 46 008 583 542)

# Disclosure Report (U.S. Version) for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2023

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### **CERTAIN DEFINITIONS**

In this Disclosure Report (U.S. Version) for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2023 (this "*Report*"), unless otherwise specified or the context otherwise requires:

- "AASB" means the Australian Accounting Standards Board;
- "ABN" means Australian Business Number;
- "ACCC" means the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission and its successors;
- "*ADI*" means an institution that is an authorised deposit-taking institution under the Australian Banking Act and regulated as such by APRA;
- "AML-CTF Act" means the Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Act 2006 of Australia;
- "APRA" means the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority and its successors;
- "ASIC" means the Australian Securities and Investments Commission and its successors;
- "Asset and Liability Committee" means the committee established by the Executive Committee with responsibility for oversight of asset and liability management, liquidity policy compliance, liquidity scenario analysis and contingency planning;
- "ASX" means the Australian Securities Exchange operated by ASX Limited and its successors;
- *"Australian Accounting Standards"* means Australian Accounting Standards that also ensures compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board;
- "Australian Banking Act" means the Banking Act 1959 of Australia;
- "Australian Corporations Act" means the Corporations Act 2001 of Australia;
- "*A*\$" or "\$" means the Australian dollar and "US\$" means the U.S. dollar;
- "Bank" and "MBL" each means Macquarie Bank Limited (ABN 46 008 583 542) (an ADI) and includes its predecessors and successors, and "we", "our", "us" and "MBL Group" each means MBL and its controlled entities;
- "Banking Group" or "Bank Group" means Banking Holdco and the group of existing and future subsidiaries of that intermediate subsidiary, including the Bank, that constitutes the Banking Group as described herein;
- *"Banking Holdco"* means Macquarie B.H. Pty Ltd (ABN 86 124 071 432), the intermediate holding company established as a subsidiary of MGL and as the immediate parent of MBL as part of the Restructure;
- "Commonwealth" and "Australia" each means the Commonwealth of Australia;
- "controlled entities" means those entities (including special purpose entities) over which another party has the power to govern, directly or indirectly, decision making in relation to financial and operating policies, so as to require that entity to conform with such controlling party's objectives;
- "Exchange Act" means the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended;
- *"Executive Committee*" means the committee established and chaired by the managing director of MGL focusing on a variety of business issues, including key risks faced across the organization;
- "FCA" means the U.K. Financial Conduct Authority;

- "financial statements" means our historical financial statements;
- "GAAP" means generally accepted accounting principles;
- *"historical financial statements"* means our 2023 annual financial statements, our 2022 annual financial statements;
- "IASB" means the International Accounting Standards Board;
- "IFRS" means International Financial Reporting Standards;
- *"Macquarie Capital"* means the Macquarie Capital Advisers division and certain activities of Commodities and Global Markets that form part of the Non-Banking Group;
- "MBIL" means Macquarie Bank International Limited;
- "*MBL LB*" means the London branch of MBL;
- "MBL's U.S. Investors' Website" means MBL's U.S. investors' website at http://www.macquarie.com/au/en/disclosures/us-investors/macquarie-bank-limited.html;
- "MCEL" means Macquarie Capital (Europe) Limited;
- *"MCN"* means the Macquarie Group Capital Notes 4, the Macquarie Group Capital Notes 5 and the Macquarie Group Capital Notes 6;
- "*MGL*" means Macquarie Group Limited (ABN 94 122 169 279), the authorized NOHC for the Banking Group and the Non-Banking Group, and includes its predecessors and its successors, as more fully described herein;
- "MGL Group" means MGL and its controlled entities, including MBL Group;
- "MIS" means Macquarie Income Securities;
- "net operating income", an Australian Accounting Standards financial measure, includes net interest income (interest income less interest expense), trading income, fee and commission income, share of net profits of associates and joint ventures, net gains and losses from the sale of investments or the deconsolidation of controlled entities, dividends and distributions received/receivable, and other sundry income items, and is net of impairment charges and is reported in the income statement in our financial statements;
- "NOHC" means an authorized non-operating holding company of an ADI;
- *"NOHC Authority"* means the authority to be a non-operating holding company of an ADI granted to MGL by APRA on September 5, 2007 (as amended);
- "Non-Banking Group" or "Non-Bank Group" means Non-Banking Holdco and the group of existing and future subsidiaries of that intermediate subsidiary that constitute the Non-Banking Group as described herein;
- *"Non-Banking Holdco"* means Macquarie Financial Holdings Pty Limited (ABN 63 124 071 398), the intermediate holding company established as a subsidiary of MGL and the parent of the Non-Banking Group as part of the Restructure;
- "OFAC" means the U.S. Office of Foreign Assets Control;
- "operating expenses", an Australian Accounting Standards financial measure, include employment expenses (including staff profit sharing expense), brokerage and commission expense, occupancy expenses (including premises rental expense), non-salary technology expenses, professional fees, travel and communication expense, and other sundry expenses and are reported in the income statement in our financial statements;

- "PRA" means the U.K. Prudential Regulation Authority;
- "*RBA*" means the Reserve Bank of Australia;
- *"Restructure"* means the reorganization of the MBL Group that was completed on November 19, 2007 that resulted in the establishment of MGL as the ultimate holding company of MBL and the transfer by the MBL Group of certain businesses, subsidiaries and assets, primarily the Macquarie Capital operating group, to the Non-Banking Group;
- "shared services" means the services to be performed by MBL or its subsidiaries for the Banking and Non-Banking Groups described under "Macquarie Bank Limited — Organizational structure";
- *"2021 annual financial statements"* means our audited consolidated financial statements contained in our 2021 Annual Report;
- *"2021 Annual Report"* means our 2021 annual report, extracts of which are incorporated by reference herein and which have been posted on MBL's U.S. Investors' Website;
- *"2022 annual financial statements"* means our audited consolidated financial statements contained in our 2022 Annual Report;
- *"2022 Annual Report"* means our 2022 annual report, extracts of which are incorporated by reference herein and which have been posted on MBL's U.S. Investors' Website;
- "2022 Fiscal Year Management Discussion and Analysis Report" means our Management Discussion and Analysis Report dated May 6, 2022, which includes a comparative discussion and analysis of our results of operations and financial condition for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2022 compared to the fiscal year ended March 31, 2021, along with other balance sheet, capital and liquidity disclosures as at or for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2022, and which is incorporated by reference herein and has been posted on MBL's U.S. Investors' Website;
- *"2023 annual financial statements"* means our audited consolidated financial statements contained in our 2023 Annual Report;
- *"2023 Annual Report"* means our 2023 annual report, extracts of which are incorporated by reference herein and which have been posted on MBL's U.S. Investors' Website; and
- "2023 Fiscal Year Management Discussion and Analysis Report" means our Management Discussion and Analysis Report dated May 5, 2023, which includes a comparative discussion and analysis of our results of operations and financial condition for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2023 compared to the fiscal year ended March 31, 2022, along with other balance sheet, capital and liquidity disclosures as at or for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2023, and which is incorporated by reference herein and has been posted on MBL's U.S. Investors' Website.

Our fiscal year ends on March 31, so references to years such as "2023" or "fiscal year" and like references in the discussion of our financial statements, results of operations and financial condition are to the 12 months ending on March 31 of the applicable year.

In this Report, prior financial period amounts that have been reported in financial statements for or contained in the discussion of a subsequent financial period may differ from the amounts reported in the financial statements for or contained in the discussion of the financial statements for that prior financial period as the prior financial period amounts may have been adjusted to conform with changes in presentation in the subsequent financial period.

### SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This Report contains statements that constitute "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 21E of the Exchange Act. Examples of these forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to: (i) statements regarding our future results of operations and financial condition; (ii) statements of plans, objectives or goals, including those related to our products or services; and (iii) statements of assumptions underlying those statements. Words such as "may", "will", "expect", "intend", "plan", "estimate", "anticipate", "believe", "continue", "probability", "risk", and other similar words are intended to identify forward-looking statements but are not the exclusive means of identifying those statements.

By their very nature, forward-looking statements involve inherent risks and uncertainties, both general and specific, and risks exist that the predictions, forecasts, projections and other forward-looking statements will not be achieved. We caution readers that a number of important factors could cause actual results to differ materially from the plans, objectives, expectations, estimates and intentions expressed in such forward-looking statements. These factors include:

- conditions in financial markets, global credit and other economic and geopolitical challenges generally;
- market uncertainty, volatility and investor confidence;
- our ability to deal effectively with an economic slowdown or other economic or market difficulties or disruptions;
- defaults by other large financial institutions or counterparties;
- changes in and increased volatility in currency exchange rates;
- losses due to price volatility in equity markets or other markets;
- our ability to effectively hedge our trading exposures;
- risks associated with our physical commodities activities;
- funding constraints of potential purchasers of our assets or on our clients;
- changes to the credit ratings assigned to each of MBL and Macquarie Group Limited ("MGL"), our indirect parent company;
- our ability to effectively manage our capital and liquidity and to adequately fund the operations of the MBL Group;
- inflationary pressures;
- losses due to climate change;
- the effect of, and changes in, laws, regulations, taxation or accounting standards or practices, or government policy, including as a result of regulatory proposals for reform of the banking and funds management industries in Australia and the other countries in which we conduct our operations or which we may enter in the future;
- our failure to comply with laws governing financial crime, including sanctions;
- increased governmental and regulatory scrutiny and negative publicity;
- litigation and regulatory actions against us;
- risks associated with the replacement of interest rate benchmarks;
- changes in the credit quality of MBL's counterparties;
- our ability to attract and retain employees;

- inadequate or failed internal or external operational systems and risk management processes;
- the effectiveness of our risk management processes and strategies;
- increased demands on our managerial, legal, accounting, IT, risk management, operational and financial resources;
- the performance and financial condition of MGL;
- our ability to maintain appropriately staffed workforces and a healthy and safe work environment;
- the impact of cyber-attacks, technology disruption events and other information or security breaches;
- environmental and social factors;
- the impact of catastrophic events on MBL and its operations;
- the impact of the ongoing severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 ("COVID-19") pandemic on the global economy, the markets in which we operate and our businesses;
- failure of our insurance carriers or our failure to maintain adequate insurance cover;
- risks in using custodians;
- lack of control over entities in the MGL Group that are not part of the MBL Group;
- our ability to complete, integrate or process acquisitions, disposals, mergers and other significant corporate transactions;
- our ability to effectively manage our growth;
- adverse impact on our brand and reputation;
- the effects of competition in the geographic and business areas in which we conduct our operations or which we may enter in the future;
- conflicts of interest;
- the impact of potential tax liabilities;
- · changes in accounting standards, policies, interpretations, estimates, assumptions and judgments; and
- various other factors beyond our control.

The foregoing list of important factors is not exhaustive. Statements that include forward-looking statements reflect our current views with respect to future events and are subject to certain risks, uncertainties and assumptions. Should one or more of the risks or uncertainties materialize, or should underlying assumptions prove incorrect, actual results may vary materially from those described in this Report as anticipated, believed, estimated, expected or intended.

When relying on forward-looking statements to make decisions with respect to the MBL Group, investors and others should carefully consider the foregoing factors and other uncertainties and events and are cautioned not to place undue reliance on forward-looking statements.

We are under no obligation, and disclaim any obligation, to update or alter our forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, after the date of this Report.

Significant risk factors applicable to the MBL Group are described under "Risk Factors" and elsewhere in this Report. Other factors are discussed in our 2023 Fiscal Year Management Discussion and Analysis Report, which is incorporated by reference herein.

### AUSTRALIAN EXCHANGE CONTROL RESTRICTIONS

The Australian dollar is convertible into U.S. dollars at freely floating rates, subject to the sanctions described below. The Autonomous Sanctions Regulations 2011 promulgated under the Autonomous Sanctions Act 2011 of Australia, the Charter of the United Nations Act 1945 of Australia and other laws and regulations in Australia restrict or prohibit payments, transactions and dealings with assets having a prescribed connection with certain countries or named individuals or entities subject to international sanctions or associated with terrorism or money laundering.

The Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade ("*DFAT*") maintains a list of all persons and entities having a prescribed connection with terrorism and a list of all persons and entities that are subject to autonomous sanctions (which include economic sanctions) which are available to the public at the Department's website at http://www.dfat.gov.au/international-relations/security/sanctions/consolidated-list.

In addition and as of January 2020, DFAT has established the Australian Sanctions Office (the "ASO"), which is the Australian government's sanctions regulator. The ASO sits within DFAT's Regulatory Legal Division in the Security, Legal and Consular Group. As the sanctions regulator, the ASO:

- provides guidance to regulated entities, including government agencies, individuals, business and other organizations on Australian sanctions law;
- processes applications for, and issues, sanctions permits;
- works with individuals, business and other organizations to promote compliance and help prevent breaches of the law;
- · works in partnership with other government agencies to monitor compliance with sanctions legislation; and
- supports corrective and enforcement action by law enforcement agencies in cases of suspected non-compliance.

Further information is available at http://www.dfat.gov.au/international-relations/security/sanctions.

### FINANCIAL INFORMATION PRESENTATION

Investors should read the following discussion regarding the presentation of our financial information together with the financial information presented elsewhere in this Report, our 2023 Fiscal Year Management Discussion and Analysis Report, our 2022 Fiscal Year Management Discussion and Analysis Report and our historical financial statements.

### **Our financial information**

In addition to this section, investors should refer to the discussion of our historical financial information included elsewhere in this Report and in the following additional information posted on MBL's U.S. Investors' Website:

- the section of this Report under the heading "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Results of Operations and Financial Condition", which incorporates by reference:
  - our 2023 Fiscal Year Management Discussion and Analysis Report, which includes a comparative discussion and analysis of our results of operations and financial condition for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2023 compared to the fiscal year ended March 31, 2022, along with other balance sheet, capital and liquidity disclosures as at or for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2023; and
  - our 2022 Fiscal Year Management Discussion and Analysis Report, which includes a comparative discussion and analysis of our results of operations and financial condition for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2022 compared to the fiscal year ended March 31, 2021, along with other balance sheet, capital and liquidity disclosures as at or for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2022;
- our Basel III Pillar 3 Restatements for the period from December 2020 to September 2022, the Pillar 3 Disclosure Document dated December 2022, the Pillar 3 Disclosure Document dated September 2022, the Pillar 3 Disclosure Document dated June 2022, the Pillar 3 Disclosure Document dated March 2022 and MBL's Pillar 3 Restatement for the period from March 2018 to June 2021, which describe the Bank's capital position, risk management policies and risk management framework and the measures adopted to monitor and report within this framework; and
- our historical financial statements, which are included in the extracts from our 2023 and 2022 Annual Reports.

Unless otherwise indicated, conversions of Australian dollars to U.S. dollars in this Report have been made at the exchange rate of US\$0.6704 per A\$1.00, which was the noon buying rate in New York City for cable transfers of Australian dollars as certified for customs purposes for the Federal Reserve Bank of New York on March 31, 2023. The noon buying rate on May 12, 2023 was US\$0.6649 per A\$1.00.

### Application of new accounting standards

Please refer to Note 1 of the 2023 annual financial statements for a description of new Australian accounting standards and amendments to accounting standards that are effective in the 2023 fiscal year.

### Our historical financial statements

Our 2023 annual financial statements include our audited financial statements as at and for the fiscal years ended March 31, 2023 and 2022. Our operating segments, as reported in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, reflect our current operating groups and divisions. See our 2023 Fiscal Year Management Discussion and Analysis Report for further information.

MBL Group is divided into the following operating groups for internal reporting and risk management purposes: Banking and Financial Services and Commodities and Global Markets (excluding certain assets of the Credit Markets business; certain activities of the Commodity Markets and Finance business; and some other less financially significant activities).

For further information on our historical financial information for the 2022 fiscal year and prior periods, refer to the discussion under the heading "Financial Information Presentation – Our financial information" included in our 2022 Annual U.S. Disclosure Report.

We report certain items in the Corporate segment, which includes the Head Office and central service groups costs. Items of income and expense within the Corporate segment include the net result of managing Macquarie Bank's liquidity and funding requirements, earnings on capital and the residual accounting volatility relating to economically hedged positions where hedge accounting is applied as well as accounting volatility for other economically hedged positions where hedge accounting is not applicable. Other items of income and expenses include earnings from investments, central credit and asset related impairments, provisions for legacy matters, unallocated head office costs and costs of central service groups, performance-related profit share and share-based payments expense and income tax expense. The items reported in the Corporate segment do not form part of the total profit contribution provided by our operating groups. The total contribution to profit by operating groups plus the contribution to profit included in the Corporate segment equate to our total profit attributable to the ordinary equity holder.

### Impact of acquisitions and disposals on the 2023, 2022 and 2021 fiscal years

We did not make any significant acquisitions or disposals during the 2023 fiscal year.

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During the 2021 fiscal year, certain activities of Commodities and Global Markets' Cash Equities business, which operated within the Bank Group, were transferred to Macquarie Capital in the Non-Bank Group; and certain services entities were transferred from the Non-Bank Group to the Bank Group.

In accordance with AASB 3 "Business Combinations", provisional amounts for the initial accounting of acquisitions made during each fiscal year were reported in MBL Group's 2023, 2022 and 2021 annual financial statements, respectively.

For further information on how these businesses have been integrated into the MBL Group, see "Macquarie Bank Limited — Operating groups" below, and for information on their impact on our results of operations and financial condition for the 2023 and 2022 fiscal years, see our segment analysis in section 3 of our 2023 Fiscal Year Management Discussion and Analysis Report and in section 3 of our 2022 Fiscal Year Management Discussion and Analysis Report.

For further information on acquisitions and disposals of subsidiaries and businesses during the 2023, 2022 and 2021 fiscal years, see Note 39 "Acquisitions and disposals of subsidiaries and businesses" to MBL Group's 2023 annual financial statements and Note 39 "Acquisitions and disposals of subsidiaries and businesses" to MBL Group's 2022 annual financial statements, respectively.

### Certain differences between Australian Accounting Standards and U.S. GAAP

Investors should be aware that the financial information contained or incorporated by reference in this Report and in the additional information posted on MBL's U.S. Investors' Website have been prepared and presented in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the recognition and measurement principles prescribed in the current interpretations of the International Financial Reporting Standards, or Australian Accounting Standards. There are differences between Australian Accounting Standards and U.S. GAAP that may be material to the financial information contained or incorporated by reference in this Report and in the additional information posted on MBL's U.S. Investors' Website. MBL Group has not provided a quantitative reconciliation or narrative discussion of these differences in this Report. Investors should therefore consult their own professional advisors for an understanding of the differences between Australian Accounting Standards and U.S. GAAP and how those differences might affect the financial information included in this Report and, more generally, the financial results of the MBL Group going forward.

#### Critical accounting policies and significant judgments

Critical accounting policies are policies that require us to make estimates or judgments that may significantly affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues or expenses. These estimates are based on judgments and assumptions and could potentially result in materially different results under different assumptions and conditions. In preparing our consolidated financial statements, we have made a number of judgments and have applied estimates and assumptions to future events.

Note 1 to our 2023 annual financial statements provides a list of the critical accounting policies and significant judgments.

Other than as indicated in Note 1 to our 2023 annual financial statements, critical accounting policies and significant judgments for the 2023 fiscal year are consistent with those in the prior fiscal year.

### Pending accounting standards changes

For a description of standards, interpretations and amendments to Australian Accounting Standards that are not yet effective but could have a significant impact on our accounting policies, see Note 1 to our 2023 annual financial statements.

### **Non-GAAP** financial measures

We report our financial results in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards. However, we include certain financial measures and ratios that are not prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards that we believe provide useful information to investors in measuring the financial performance and condition of our business for the reasons set out below. In addition, some of these non-GAAP financial measures are used by the MBL Group in respect of our financial results. These non-GAAP financial measures do not have a standardized meaning prescribed by Australian Accounting Standards and, therefore, may not be comparable to similarly titled measures presented by other entities, nor should they be construed as an alternative to other financial measures determined in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards. You are cautioned, therefore, not to place undue reliance on any non-GAAP financial measures and ratios included or incorporated by reference into this Report and in the additional information posted on MBL's U.S. Investors' Website. These measures include:

#### Funded loan assets and funded statutory statement of financial position

Funded loan assets is determined based on the funded statements of financial position of the MBL Group and not the statutory statement of financial position classification. MBL Group's statutory statement of financial position is prepared based on Australian Accounting Standards and includes certain accounting gross-ups and non-recourse self-funded assets that do not represent a funding requirement of the MBL Group. A reconciliation between the reported loan assets and the net funded loan assets as at March 31, 2023 is presented in section 5.3 of our 2023 Fiscal Year Management Discussion and Analysis Report.

### **RISK FACTORS**

We are subject to a variety of risks that arise out of our financial services and other businesses, many of which are not within our control. We manage our ongoing business risks in accordance with our risk management policies and procedures, some of which are described in "Risk Management" in section 2 of the 2023 Annual Report of MGL and in Note 33 to our 2023 annual financial statements. The following are some of the more significant risk factors that could affect our businesses, prospects, results of operations or financial condition.

#### Macro-economic risks

### Our business and results of operation have been and may, in the future, be adversely affected by financial markets, global credit and other economic and geopolitical challenges generally.

The MBL Group's businesses operate in or depend on the operation of global markets, including through exposures in securities, loans, derivatives and other activities and it is impacted by various factors it cannot control. In particular, uncertainty and volatility in global credit markets, liquidity constraints, increased funding costs, the level and volatility of interest rates, constrained access to funding, uncertainty concerning government shutdowns and debt ceilings, fluctuations or other significant changes in both equity and capital market activity, supply chain disruptions and labor shortages have adversely affected and may continue to adversely affect transaction flow in a range of industry sectors. These factors could also adversely affect the MBL Group's access to, and costs of funding and in turn may negatively impact our liquidity and competitive position. Recent stress in the global banking sector, including bank failures, has heightened the risk of volatility in global financial markets.

Additionally, global markets may be adversely affected by the current or anticipated impact of climate change, extreme weather events or natural disasters, the emergence or continuation of widespread health emergencies or pandemics, cyberattacks or campaigns, military conduct, including the Russia-Ukraine conflict, terrorism or other geopolitical events such as tensions between the U.S. and China, and concerns about a potential conflict involving Taiwan. The dynamic and constantly evolving sanctions environment, including the volume and nature of sanctions imposed during the Russia-Ukraine conflict, continues to drive heightened sanctions compliance risk and complexity in applying control frameworks across the market. Russia's invasion of Ukraine has caused, and may continue to cause, supply shocks in energy, food and other commodities markets, increased inflation, cybersecurity risks, increased volatility in commodity, currency and other financial markets, risk of recession in Europe and heightened geopolitical tensions. Moreover, actions by Russia, and any further measures taken by the U.S. or its allies, could continue to have negative impacts on regional and global energy and other commodities and financial markets and macroeconomic conditions, adversely impacting us and our customers, clients and employees.

Actions taken by central banks, including changes to official interest rate targets, balance sheet management and government-sponsored lending facilities are beyond the MBL Group's control and difficult to predict. Sudden changes in monetary policy, for example in response to high inflation, could lead to financial market volatility and are likely to affect market interest rates and the value of financial instruments and other assets and liabilities, and can impact our customers.

Our trading income may be adversely affected during times of subdued market conditions and client activity. Increased market volatility can lead to trading losses or cause us to reduce the size of our trading activities in order to limit our risk exposure.

Market conditions, as well as declines in asset values, may cause our clients to transfer their assets out of our funds or other products or their brokerage accounts and result in reduced net revenues.

Our returns from asset sales may also decrease if economic conditions deteriorate. In addition, if financial markets decline, revenues from our products are likely to decrease. In addition, increases in volatility increase the level of our risk weighted assets and increase our capital requirements. Increased capital requirements may require us to raise additional capital at a time, and on terms, which may be less favorable than we would otherwise achieve during stable market conditions.

Sudden declines and significant volatility in the prices of assets may substantially curtail or eliminate the trading markets for certain assets, which may make it very difficult to sell, hedge or value such assets. The inability to sell or effectively hedge assets reduces our ability to limit losses in such positions; and difficulty in valuing assets

may negatively affect our capital, liquidity or leverage ratios, increase funding costs and generally require us to maintain additional capital.

Concerns about, or a default by, one or more institutions or by a sovereign could lead to market-wide liquidity problems, losses or defaults by other institutions, financial instruments losing their value and liquidity, and interruptions to capital markets that may further affect us. Negative perceptions about the soundness of a financial institution can result in counterparties seeking to limit their exposure and depositors withdrawing their deposits, which can happen more quickly than in the past due to advances in technology, further weakening the institution. Recent bank failures in the United States and Europe have heightened these concerns. The commercial soundness of many financial institutions may be closely interrelated as a result of credit, trading, clearing or other relationships among financial institutions. This risk is sometimes referred to as "systemic risk" and may adversely affect financial intermediaries, such as clearing agencies, clearing houses, banks, securities firms, hedge funds and exchanges that we interact with on a daily basis. If any of our counterpart financial institutions fail, our financial exposures to that institution may lose some or all of their value. Any of these events would have a serious adverse effect on our liquidity, profitability and value.

### Changes and increased volatility in currency exchange rates may adversely impact our financial results and our financial and regulatory capital positions.

While our consolidated financial statements are presented in Australian dollars, a significant portion of our operating income is derived, and operating expenses are incurred, from our offshore business activities, which are conducted in a broad range of currencies. Changes in the rate at which the Australian dollar is translated from other currencies can impact our financial statements and the economics of our business.

Although we seek to carefully manage our exposure to foreign currencies, in part through matching of assets and liabilities in local currencies and through the use of foreign exchange forward contracts to hedge our exposure, we are still exposed to exchange risk. The risk becomes more acute during periods of significant currency volatility. Insofar as we are unable to hedge or have not completely hedged our exposure to currencies other than the Australian dollar, our reported profit and foreign currency translation reserve would be affected.

In addition, because the MBL Group's regulatory capital position is assessed in Australian dollars, our capital ratios may be adversely impacted by a depreciating Australian dollar, which increases the capital requirement for assets denominated in currencies other than Australian dollars.

### Our business is subject to the risk of loss associated with price volatility in the equity markets and other markets in which we operate.

We are exposed to changes in the value of financial instruments and other financial assets that are carried at fair market value, as well as changes to the level of our advisory and other fees, due to changes in interest rates, exchange rates, equity and commodity prices and credit spreads and other market risks. These changes may result from changes in economic conditions, monetary and fiscal policies, market liquidity, availability and cost of capital, international and regional political events, acts of war or terrorism, corporate, political or other scandals that reduce investor confidence in capital markets, natural disasters or pandemics or a combination of these or other factors.

We trade in foreign exchange, interest rate, commodity, bullion, energy, securities and other markets and are an active price maker in the derivatives market. Certain financial instruments that we hold and contracts to which we are a party are complex and these complex structured products often do not have readily available markets to access in times of liquidity stress. Additionally, a number of the markets we trade in, and in particular the energy markets, have experienced increased levels of volatility as a result of uncertainty and supply chain disruptions related to ongoing developments, including the COVID-19 pandemic, the Russia-Ukraine conflict and rising interest rates. In addition, reductions in equity market prices or increases in interest rates may reduce the value of our clients' portfolios, which in turn may reduce the fees we earn for managing assets in certain parts of our business. Increases in interest rates or attractive prices for other investments could cause our clients to transfer their assets out of our funds or other products.

Interest rate benchmarks around the world (for example, the London Interbank Offered Rate or "*LIBOR*") have been subject to regulatory scrutiny and are subject to change. See also "– Legal and Regulatory Risks – We may not manage risks associated with the replacement of benchmark indices effectively".

Interest rate risk arises from a variety of sources, including mismatches between the repricing periods of assets and liabilities. As a result of these mismatches, movements in interest rates can affect earnings or the value of

the MBL Group. See also "- Inflation has had, and could continue to have, a negative effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition".

### Our business is subject to risks including trading losses, risks associated with market volatility and the risks associated with our physical commodities activities.

Our commodities business primarily involves transacting with our clients to help them manage risks associated with their commodity exposures, and we may also enter into commodity transactions on our own behalf. These transactions often involve us taking on exposure to price movements in the underlying commodities. We employ a variety of techniques and processes to manage these risks, including hedging, but, we may not fully hedge our risk, and our risk management techniques may not be as effective as we intend for a variety of reasons, including unforeseen events occurring outside our risk modelling. Our counterparty risk may also be elevated at times of high volatility because our counterparties may be more likely to be under financial stress, increasing our exposure to potential losses as a result of those counterparties defaulting or failing to perform their obligations. See also "– Counterparty credit risk – Failure of third parties to honor their commitments in connection with our trading, lending and other activities may adversely impact our business".

While most of our commodities markets activities involve financial exposures, from time to time we will also have physical positions, which expose us to the risks of owning and/or transporting commodities, some of which may be hazardous. Commodities involved in our intermediation activities and investments are also subject to the risk of unforeseen or catastrophic events, which are likely to be outside of our control. These risks may include accidents and failures with transportation and storage infrastructure, determinations made by exchanges, extreme weather events or other natural disasters, leaks, spills or release of hazardous substances, or hostile geopolitical events (including the Russia-Ukraine conflict). The occurrence of any of such events may prevent us from performing under our agreements with clients, may impair our operations or financial results and may result in litigation, regulatory action, negative publicity or other reputational harm. Also, while we seek to insure against potential risks, insurance may be uneconomic to obtain, the insurance that we have may not be adequate to cover all our losses or we may not be able to obtain insurance to cover some of these risks. There may also be substantial costs in complying with extensive and evolving laws and regulations relating to our commodities and risk management related activities and investments including energy and climate change laws and regulations worldwide.

#### Funding constraints of investors may adversely impact our income.

We generate a portion of our income from the sale of assets to third parties, including our funds. If buyers are unable to obtain financing to purchase assets that we currently hold or purchase with the intention to sell in the future, we may be required to hold investment assets for longer than we intend or sell these assets at lower prices than we historically would have expected to achieve, which may lower our rate of return on these investments and require funding for periods longer than we have anticipated.

### Failure to maintain our credit ratings and those of our subsidiaries could adversely affect our cost of funds, liquidity, competitive position and access to capital markets.

The credit ratings assigned to us and certain of our subsidiaries by rating agencies are based on their evaluation of a number of factors, including our ability to maintain a stable and diverse earnings stream, capital ratios, credit quality and risk management controls, funding stability and security, liquidity management and our key operating environments, including the availability of systemic support in Australia. In addition, a credit rating downgrade could be driven by the occurrence of one or more of the other risks identified in this section or by other events that are not related to the MBL Group.

If we fail to maintain our current credit ratings, this could (i) adversely affect our cost of funds, liquidity, competitive position, the willingness of counterparties to transact with us and our ability to access capital markets; or (ii) trigger our obligations under certain bilateral provisions in some of our trading and collateralized financing contracts. Under these provisions, counterparties could be permitted to terminate contracts with us or require us to post collateral. Termination of our trading and collateralized financing contracts could cause us to sustain losses and impair our liquidity by requiring us to find other sources of financing or to make significant cash payments or securities movements.

### Inflation has had, and could continue to have, a negative effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

Inflationary pressures have affected economies, financial markets and market participants worldwide. Central bank responses to inflationary pressures have resulted in higher market interest rates and aggressive balance sheet policy, which has contributed and may continue to contribute to elevated financial and capital market volatility and significant changes to asset values. We expect elevated levels of inflation may result in higher labor costs and other operating costs, thus putting pressure on the MBL Group's expenses. Central bank actions in response to elevated inflation may lead to slow economic growth and increase the risk of recession, which could adversely affect the MBL Group's clients, businesses and results of operations.

#### We could suffer losses due to climate change.

Our businesses could also suffer losses due to climate change. Climate change is systemic in nature and is a significant long-term driver of both financial and non-financial risks. Climate change related impacts include physical risks from changing climatic conditions which could result from increased frequency and/or severity of adverse weather events. Such disasters could disrupt our operations or the operations of customers or third parties on which we rely. Over the longer term, these events could impact the ability of our clients or customers to repay their obligations, reduce the value of collateral, negatively impact asset values and result in other effects. Additionally, climate change could result in transition risks such as changes to laws and regulations, technology development and disruptions and changes in consumer and market preferences towards low carbon goods and services. These factors could restrict the scope of our existing businesses, limit our ability to pursue certain business activities and offer certain products and services, amplify credit and market risks, negatively impact asset values, result in litigation, regulatory scrutiny and/or action, negative publicity or other reputational harm and/or otherwise adversely impact us, our business or our customers.

Climate risks can also arise from the inconsistencies and conflicts in the manner in which climate policy and financial regulation is implemented in the regions where the MBL Group operates, including initiatives to apply and enforce policy and regulation with extraterritorial effect. Legislative or regulatory uncertainties and changes are also likely to result in higher regulatory, compliance, credit, reputation and other risks and costs.

Our ability to meet our climate-related goals, targets and commitments, including our goal to achieve net zero operational emissions by FY2025 and our goal to align our financing activity with the global goal of net zero emissions by 2050, is subject to risks and uncertainties, many of which are outside of our control, such as technology advances, public policies and challenges related to capturing, verifying, analyzing and disclosing emissions and climate-related data. Failure to effectively manage these risks could adversely affect our business, prospects, reputation, financial performance or financial condition.

### Legal and regulatory risks

### Many of our businesses are highly regulated and we could be adversely affected by temporary and permanent changes in law, regulations and regulatory policy.

We operate various kinds of businesses across multiple jurisdictions or sectors, which are regulated by more than one regulator. Additionally, some members of the MGL Group own or manage assets and businesses that are regulated. Our businesses include an "authorised deposit-taking institution" ("*ADP*") in Australia (regulated by APRA), a credit institution in Ireland (regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland), bank branches in the United Kingdom, the Dubai International Finance Centre and Singapore, and representative offices in the United States, New Zealand, South Africa, Brazil and Switzerland. The regulations vary from country to country but generally are designed to protect depositors and the banking system as a whole, not holders of MBL's securities or creditors. In addition, as a diversified financial institution, many of our businesses are subject to financial services regulation other than prudential banking regulation, as well as laws, regulations and oversight specific to the industries applicable to our businesses and assets.

Regulatory agencies and governments frequently review and revise banking and financial services laws, security and competition laws, fiscal laws and other laws, regulations and policies, including fiscal policies. Changes to laws, regulations or policies, including changes in interpretation or implementation of laws, regulations or policies, could substantially affect us or our businesses, the products and services we offer or the value of our assets, or have unintended consequences or impacts across our business. These may include imposing more stringent liquidity requirements and capital adequacy, increasing tax burdens generally or on financial institutions or transactions, limiting the types of financial services and products that can be offered and/or increasing the ability of other providers to offer competing financial services and products, as well as changes to prudential regulatory requirements. Global economic conditions and increased scrutiny of the culture in the banking sector have led to increased supervision and regulation, as well as changes in regulation in the markets in which we operate and may lead to further significant changes of this kind. Health, safety, environmental and social laws and regulations can also change rapidly and significantly. The occurrence of any

adverse health, safety, environmental or social event, or any changes, additions to, or more rigorous enforcement of, health, safety, environmental and social standards could have a significant impact on operations and/or result in material expenditures.

In some countries in which we do business or may in the future do business, in particular in emerging markets, the laws and regulations are uncertain and evolving, and it may be difficult for us to determine the requirements of local laws in every market. Our inability to remain in compliance with local laws in a particular market could have a significant and negative effect not only on our businesses in that market but also on our reputation generally.

In addition, regulation is becoming increasingly extensive and complex, and in many instances requires us to make complex judgments, which increases the risk of non-compliance. Some areas of regulatory change involve multiple jurisdictions seeking to adopt a coordinated approach or certain jurisdictions seeking to expand the territorial reach of their regulation. The nature and impact of future changes are unpredictable, beyond our control and may result in potentially conflicting requirements, resulting in additional legal and compliance expenses and changes to our business practices that adversely affect our profitability.

APRA may introduce new prudential regulations or modify existing regulations, including those that apply to MBL as an ADI. Any such event could result in changes to the organizational structure of the Banking Group and/or the MGL Group and adversely affect the MBL Group. See "Regulation and Supervision" in this Report for more information on the regulatory developments affecting the MGL Group, including MBL.

### We are subject to the risk of loss as a result of not complying with laws governing financial crime, including sanctions.

We are subject in our operations worldwide to laws and regulations relating to corrupt and illegal payments, counterterrorism financing, anti-bribery and corruption and adherence to anti-money laundering obligations, as well as laws, sanctions and economic trade restrictions relating to doing business with certain individuals, groups and countries. The geographical diversity of our operations, employees, clients and customers, as well as the vendors and other third parties that we deal with, increases the risk that we may be found in violation of financial crime related laws. Emerging financial crime risk typologies could also limit our ability to track the movement of funds thereby heightening the risk of our breaching financial crime related laws, sanctions or bribery and corruption laws. Our ability to comply with relevant laws is dependent on our detection and reporting capabilities, control processes and oversight accountability. Additionally, the current sanctions environment remains dynamic and constantly evolving. Increasingly complex sanctions and disclosure regimes, which often differ or are not aligned across countries, could adversely affect our business activities and investments, as well as expose us to compliance risk and reputational harm.

A failure to comply with these requirements and expectations, even if inadvertent, or resolve any identified deficiencies could subject us to significant penalties, revocation, suspension, restriction or variation of conditions of operating licenses, adverse reputational consequences, a breach of our contractual arrangements, litigation by third parties (including potentially class actions) or limitations on our ability to do business.

#### We may be adversely affected by increased governmental and regulatory scrutiny or negative publicity.

Governmental scrutiny from regulators, legislative bodies and law enforcement agencies with respect to matters relating to the financial services sector generally, and our business operations, capital, liquidity, financial and nonfinancial risk management and other matters, has increased dramatically in recent years. The political and public sentiment regarding financial institutions has resulted in a significant amount of adverse press coverage, as well as adverse statements or charges by regulators or other government officials, and in some cases, to increased regulatory scrutiny, enforcement actions and litigation. Responding to and addressing such matters, regardless of the ultimate outcome, is time-consuming, expensive, can adversely affect investor confidence and can divert the time and effort of our staff (including senior management) from our business.

Investigations, inquiries, penalties and fines sought by regulatory authorities have increased substantially over the last several years, with regulators exercising their enhanced enforcement powers in commencing enforcement actions or with advancing or supporting legislation targeted at the financial services industry. If we are subject to adverse regulatory findings, the financial penalties could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations. Adverse publicity, governmental scrutiny and legal and enforcement proceedings can also have a negative impact on our reputation with clients and on the morale and performance of our employees.

#### Litigation and regulatory actions may adversely impact our results of operations.

We may, from time to time, be subject to material litigation and regulatory actions, for example, as a result of inappropriate documentation of contractual relationships, class actions or regulatory breaches, which, if they crystallize, may adversely impact upon our results of operations and financial condition in future periods or our reputation. We regularly obtain legal advice and make provisions, as deemed necessary. There is a risk that any losses may be larger than anticipated or provided for or that additional litigation, regulatory actions or other contingent liabilities may arise. Furthermore, even where monetary damages may be relatively small, an adverse finding in a regulatory or litigation matter could harm our reputation or brand, thereby adversely affecting our business.

### We may not manage risks associated with the replacement of interest rate benchmarks effectively.

LIBOR and other interest rate benchmarks (collectively, the "*IBORs*") have been the subject of ongoing national and international regulatory scrutiny and reform. The LIBOR administrator ceased publication of non-USD LIBOR and one-week and two-months USD LIBOR on a permanent or representative basis on December 31, 2021, with plans for all other USD LIBOR tenors to permanently cease or become non-representative on June 30, 2023. The transition away from and discontinuance of LIBOR or any other benchmark rate and the adoption of alternative reference rates ("*ARR*") by the market introduce a number of risks for us, our clients, and the financial services industry more widely. These include, but are not limited to (i) *Conduct risks* – where, by undertaking actions to transition away from using the IBORs, we face conduct risks which may lead to client complaints, regulatory sanctions or reputational impact; (ii) *Legal and execution risks* – relating to documentation changes required for new ARR products and for the transition of legacy contracts to ARRs; (iii) *Financial risks and pricing risks* – any changes in the pricing mechanisms of financial instruments linked to IBOR or ARRs which could impact the valuations of these instruments; and (iv) *Operational risks* – due to the potential need for us, our clients and the market to adapt information technology systems, operational processes and controls to accommodate one or more ARRs for a large volume of trades. Any of these factors may have a material adverse effect on the MBL Group's business, results of operations, financial condition and prospects.

### Counterparty credit risk

### Failure of third parties to honor their commitments in connection with our trading, lending and other activities may adversely impact our business.

We are exposed to potential losses as a result of an individual, counterparty or issuer being unable or unwilling to honor its contractual obligations. We are also exposed to potential concentration risk arising from individual exposures or other concentrations including to industries or countries. We assume counterparty risk in connection with our lending, trading, derivatives and other businesses where we rely on the ability of third parties to satisfy their financial obligations to us in full and on a timely basis. Our recovery of the value of the resulting credit exposure may be adversely affected by a number of factors, including declines in the financial condition of the counterparty, the value of collateral we hold and the market value of counterparty obligations we hold. A period of low or negative economic growth and/or a rise in unemployment could also adversely impact the ability of our consumer and/or commercial borrowers or counterparties to meet their financial obligations and negatively impact our credit portfolio. Consumers have been and may continue to be negatively impacted by inflation, resulting in drawdowns of savings or increases in household debt. Higher interest rates, which have increased debt servicing costs for some businesses and households, may adversely impact credit quality, particularly in a period of low or negative economic growth. If the macroeconomic environment worsens, our credit portfolio and allowance for credit losses could be adversely impacted. See Note 33 to our 2023 annual financial statements for details on the concentration of credit risk by significant geographical locations and counterparty types. We are also subject to the risk that our rights against third parties may not be enforceable in all circumstances. Our inability to enforce our rights may result in losses.

#### We may experience impairments in our loans, investments and other assets.

The MBL Group recorded A\$114 million of credit and other impairment charges for the 2023 fiscal year, including A\$116 million for net credit impairment charges, and a reversal of A\$2 million for net other impairment charges on interests in associates and joint ventures, intangible assets and other non-financial assets. Further credit and other impairments may be required in future periods depending upon the credit quality of our counterparties or if the market value of assets similar to those held were to decline. Credit and other impairment charges may also vary following a change to the inputs or forward looking information used in the determination of expected credit losses. Please refer to Note 12 of our 2023 annual financial statements for further information on the determination of expected credit losses.

Sudden declines and significant volatility in the prices of assets may substantially curtail or eliminate the trading markets for certain assets, which may make it very difficult to sell, hedge or value such assets. The inability to sell or effectively hedge assets reduces our ability to limit losses in such positions and the difficulty in valuing assets may negatively affect our capital, liquidity or leverage ratios, increase our funding costs and generally require us to maintain additional capital.

#### **Operational risks**

### Our ability to retain and attract qualified employees is critical to the success of our business and the failure to do so may materially adversely affect our performance.

Our employees are our most important resource, and our performance largely depends on the talents and efforts of highly skilled individuals. Our continued ability to compete effectively in our businesses and to expand into new business areas and geographic regions depends on our ability to retain and motivate our existing employees and attract new employees. Competition from within the financial services industry and from businesses outside the financial services industry, such as professional service firms, hedge funds, private equity funds and venture capital funds, for qualified employees has historically been intense. Recent employment conditions associated with the COVID-19 pandemic have made the competition to hire and retain qualified employees significantly more challenging and costly. Attrition rates have risen due to factors such as low unemployment, a strong job market with a large number of open positions, and changes in worker expectations, concerns and preferences, including an increased demand for remote work options and other flexibility.

In order to attract and retain qualified employees, we must compensate such employees at or above market levels. Typically, those levels have caused employee remuneration to be our greatest expense as our performance-based remuneration has historically been cash and equity based and highly variable. Recent market events have resulted in increased regulatory and public scrutiny of corporate remuneration policies and the establishment of criteria against which industry remuneration policies may be assessed. As a regulated entity, we may be subject to limitations on remuneration practices (which may or may not affect our competitors). These limitations may require us to further alter our remuneration practices in ways that could adversely affect our ability to attract and retain qualified and talented employees.

Current and future laws (including laws relating to immigration and outsourcing) may restrict our ability to move responsibilities or personnel from one jurisdiction to another. This may impact our ability to take advantage of business and growth opportunities or potential efficiencies.

### We may incur financial loss, adverse regulatory consequences or reputational damage due to inadequate or failure in internal or external operational systems and infrastructures, people and processes.

Our businesses depend on our ability to process and monitor, on a daily basis, a very large number of transactions, many of which are highly complex, across numerous and diverse markets in many currencies. While we employ a range of risk monitoring and risk mitigation techniques, those techniques and the judgments that accompany their application cannot anticipate every economic and financial outcome or the specifics and timing of such outcomes. As such, we may, in the course of our activities, incur losses. There can be no assurance that the risk management processes and strategies that we have developed will adequately anticipate or be effective in addressing market stress or unforeseen circumstances. For a further discussion of our risk management policies and procedures, see Note 33 to our 2023 annual financial statements and "Risk Management" in section 2 of the 2023 Annual Report of MGL incorporated by reference herein.

We also face the risk of operational failure, termination or capacity constraints of any of the counterparties, clearing agents, exchanges, clearing houses or other financial intermediaries we use to facilitate our securities or derivatives transactions, and as our interconnectivity with our clients and counterparties grows, the risk to us of failures in our clients' and counterparties' systems also grows. Any such failure, termination or constraint could adversely affect our ability to effect or settle transactions, service our clients, manage our exposure to risk, meet our obligations to counterparties or expand our businesses or result in financial loss or liability to our clients and counterparties, impairment of our liquidity, disruption of our businesses, regulatory intervention or reputational damage.

As our client base, business activities and geographical reach expands, developing and maintaining our operational systems and infrastructure becomes increasingly challenging. We must continuously update these systems to support our operations and growth, which may entail significant costs and risks of successful integration. Our financial, accounting, data processing or technology assets may fail to operate properly or be disrupted as a result of events that are wholly or partially beyond our control, such as a malicious cyberattack or a disruption event at a third party supplier.

Our businesses manage a large volume of sensitive data and rely on the secure processing, transmission, storage and retrieval of confidential, proprietary and other information in our data management systems and technology, and in those managed, processed and stored by third parties on behalf of us. Inadequate data management and data quality, which include the capture, processing, distribution, retention and disposal of data, could lead to poor decision making in the provision of credit as well as affecting our data management regulatory obligations, all of which may cause us to incur losses or lead to regulatory actions. We are subject to laws, rules and regulations in a number of jurisdictions regarding compliance with our privacy policies and the disclosure, collection, use, sharing and safeguarding of personally identifiable information of certain parties, such as our employees, customers, suppliers, counterparties and other third parties, the violation of which could result in litigation, regulatory fines and enforcement actions. Furthermore, a breach, failure or other disruption of our data management systems and technology, or those of our third party service providers, could lead to the unauthorized or unintended release, misuse, loss or destruction of personal or confidential data about our customers, employees or other third parties in our possession. A purported or actual unauthorized access or unauthorized disclosure of personal or confidential data could materially damage our reputation and expose us to liability for violations of privacy and data protection laws.

We are exposed to the risk of loss resulting from the failure of our internal or external processes and systems, such as from the disruption or failure of our IT systems, or from external suppliers and service providers, including public and private cloud-based technology platforms. Such operational risks may include theft and fraud, failure to effectively implement employment practices and inadequate workplace safety, improper business practices, mishandling of client moneys or assets, client suitability and servicing risks, product complexity and pricing, and valuation risk or improper recording, evaluating, or accounting for transactions or breaches of our internal policies and regulations. There is increasing regulatory and public scrutiny concerning the appropriate management of data and the resilience of outsourced and offshore activities and their associated risks. If we fail to manage these risks appropriately, we may incur financial losses and/or regulatory intervention and penalties and damage to our reputation which may impact our ability to attract and retain clients who may or may not be directly affected.

We are also exposed to the risk of loss resulting from the actions or inactions of our employees, contractors and external service providers. Conduct risks can arise from human errors, lack of reasonable care and diligence exercised or intentional malfeasance, fraud and other misconduct, including the misuse of client information in connection with insider trading or for other purposes, even if promptly discovered and remediated, can result in reputational damage and material losses and liabilities for us. Whilst we have a range of controls and processes to minimize our conduct risk exposure and identify and manage employee behaviors in line with our risk management policies, it is not always possible to deter or prevent employee misconduct. The precautions we take to prevent and detect this activity may not be effective in all cases, which could result in financial losses, regulatory intervention and reputational damage.

### Our operations rely on our ability to maintain appropriately staffed workforces, and on the competence, trustworthiness, health, safety and wellbeing of employees and contractors.

Our ability to operate our businesses efficiently and profitably, to offer products and services that meet the expectations of our clients and customers, and to maintain an effective risk management framework is highly dependent on our ability to staff our operations appropriately and on the competence, integrity and health, safety and wellbeing of our employees and contractors.

Our operations could be impaired if the measures we take to ensure the health, safety and wellbeing of our employees and contractors are ineffective, or if any external party on which we rely fails to take appropriate and effective actions to protect the health and safety of our employees and contractors.

## A cyber-attack, information or security breach, or a technology disruption event of ours or of a third party supplier could adversely affect our ability to conduct our business, manage our exposure to risk or expand our businesses. This may result in the disclosure or misuse of confidential or proprietary information and an increase in our costs to maintain and update our operational and security controls and infrastructure.

Our businesses depend on the security and efficacy of our data management systems and technology, as well as those of third parties with whom we interact or on whom we rely. To access our network, products and services, our customers and other third parties may use personal mobile devices or computing devices that are outside of our network environment and are subject to their own cybersecurity risks. While we seek to operate in a control environment that limits the likelihood of a cyber and information security incident, and to ensure that the impact of a cyber and information security incident can be minimized by information security capability and incident response, there can be no assurances that our security controls will provide absolute security against a dynamic external threat environment.

Cyber and information security risks for financial institutions have increased in recent years, in part because of the proliferation of new technologies, the use of internet and telecommunications technology, the increase in remote working arrangements, and the increased sophistication and activities of attackers (including hackers, organized criminals, terrorist organizations, hostile state-sponsored activity, disgruntled individuals, activists and other external parties). Global events and geopolitical instability may increase security threats targeted at financial institutions. Targeted social engineering attacks are becoming more sophisticated and are extremely difficult to prevent, and requires the exercise of sound judgment and vigilance by our employees when we are targeted by such attacks. The techniques used by hackers change frequently and may not be recognized until launched or until after a breach has occurred. Additionally, the existence of cyber-attacks or security breaches at our supplier may also not be disclosed to us in a timely manner.

Despite efforts to protect the integrity of our systems through the implementation of controls, processes, policies and other protective measures, there is no guarantee that the measures we continue to take will provide absolute security or recoverability given that the techniques used in cyber-attacks are complex, executed rapidly, frequently evolving, and as a result are difficult to prevent, detect, and respond to.

Due to increasing consolidation, interdependence and complexity of financial entities and technology systems, a technology failure, cyber-attack or other information or security breach that significantly degrades, deletes, or compromises the systems or data of one or more financial entities could have a material impact on counterparties or other market participants, including us. This consolidation, interconnectivity and complexity increases the risk of operational failure, on both individual and industry-wide bases, as disparate systems need to be integrated. Any third-party technology failure, cyber-attack or other information or security breach, termination or constraint could, among other things, adversely affect our ability to effect transactions, service our clients, manage our exposure to risk or expand our businesses.

We anticipate cyber-attacks will continue to occur because perpetrators are well resourced, deploying highly sophisticated techniques that can evolve rapidly. This challenges our ability to implement effective controls measures to prevent or minimize damage that may be caused by all information security threats. Cyber-attacks or other information or security breaches, whether directed at us or third parties, may result in a material loss or have adverse consequences for the MBL Group, including operational disruption, financial losses, reputational damage, theft of intellectual property and customer data, violations of applicable privacy laws and other laws, litigation exposure, regulatory fines, penalties or intervention, loss of confidence in our security measures and additional compliance costs, all of which could have a material adverse impact on the MBL Group.

### We could suffer losses due to hostile, catastrophic or unforeseen events, including due to environmental and social factors.

Our businesses are subject to the risk of unforeseen, hostile or catastrophic events, many of which are outside of our control, including natural disasters, extreme weather events (such as persistent winter storms or protracted droughts), leaks, spills, explosions, release of toxic substances, fires, accidents on land or at sea, terrorist attacks, military conflict including the current conflict between Russia and Ukraine, or other hostile or catastrophic events. Any significant environmental change or external event (including increased frequency and severity of storms, floods and other catastrophic events such as earthquakes, persistent changes in precipitation levels, rising average global temperatures, rising sea levels, pandemics (such as COVID-19), other widespread health emergencies, civil unrest, geopolitical or terrorism events) has the potential to disrupt business activities, impact our operations or reputation, increase credit risk and other credit exposures, damage property and otherwise affect the value of assets held in the affected locations and our ability to recover amounts owing to us.

The occurrence of any such events may prevent us from performing under our agreements with clients, may impair our operations or financial results, and may result in litigation, regulatory action, negative publicity or other reputational harm. We may also not be able to obtain insurance to cover some of these risks and the insurance that we have may be inadequate to cover our losses. Any such long-term, adverse environmental or social consequences could prompt us to exit certain businesses altogether. In addition, such an event or environmental change (as the case may be) could have an adverse impact on economic activity, consumer and investor confidence, or the levels of volatility in financial markets.

The COVID-19 pandemic caused, and may continue to cause, severe impacts on global, regional and national economies and disruption to international trade and business activity. The nature and extent of the continuing effects of COVID-19 on the economy and our personnel and operations are uncertain and cannot be predicted and will depend on

a number of factors including the emergence and spread of new variants of COVID-19, the availability, adoption and efficacy of future treatments and vaccines and future actions taken by government authorities, central banks and other third parties in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. All these factors may lead to further reduced client activity and demand for our products and services, disruption or failure of our performance of, or our ability to perform, key business functions, the possibility that significant portions of our workforce are unable to work effectively, including because of illness, quarantines, shelter-in-place arrangements, government restrictions or other restrictions in connection with the COVID-19 pandemic, higher credit and valuation losses in our loan and investment portfolios, impairments of financial assets, trading losses and other negative impacts on our financial position, including possible constraints on capital and liquidity, as well as higher costs of capital, and possible changes or downgrades to our credit ratings. This may adversely impact our results of operations and financial condition.

We also face increasing public scrutiny, laws and regulations related to environmental and social factors. We risk damage to our brand and reputation if we fail to act responsibly in a number of areas, such as diversity and inclusion, environmental stewardship, respecting the rights of Indigenous Peoples, support for local communities, corporate governance and transparency and considering environmental and social factors (including human rights breaches such as modern slavery) in our investment and procurement processes. Failure to effectively manage these risks may result in breaches of our statutory obligations, and could adversely affect our business, prospects, reputation, financial performance or financial condition.

### Failure of our insurance carriers or our failure to maintain adequate insurance cover could adversely impact our results of operations.

We maintain insurance that we consider to be prudent for the scope and scale of our activities. If our insurance carriers fail to perform their obligations to us and/or our third party cover is insufficient for a particular matter or group of related matters, our net loss exposure could adversely impact our results of operations.

### We are subject to risks in using custodians.

Certain products we manage depend on the services of custodians to carry out certain securities transactions. Securities held at custodians are typically segregated. In the event of the insolvency of a custodian, we might not be able to recover equivalent unsegregated assets in full as the beneficiaries of these products will rank among the custodian's unsecured creditors. In addition, the cash held with a custodian in connection with these products will not be segregated from the custodian's own cash, and the creditors of these products will therefore rank as unsecured creditors in relation to the cash they have deposited.

### MBL has no control over the management, operations or business of entities in the MGL Group that are not part of the MBL Group.

Entities in the MGL Group that are not part of the MBL Group may establish or operate businesses that are different from or compete with the businesses of the MBL Group and those other entities are not obligated to support the businesses of the MBL Group other than as required by APRA prudential standards. Other than APRA prudential standards and capital adequacy requirements described in "Regulation and Supervision", there are no regulations or agreements governing the allocation of future business between the Banking Group and the Non-Banking Group, including the MBL Group.

### Strategic risks

### Our business may be adversely affected by our failure to adequately manage the risks associated with strategic opportunities and new businesses, including acquisitions, and the exiting or restructuring of existing businesses.

We are continually evaluating strategic opportunities and undertaking acquisitions of businesses, some of which may be material to our operations. Our completed and prospective acquisitions and growth initiatives may cause us to become subject to unknown liabilities of the acquired or new business, and additional or different regulations.

Future growth, including through acquisitions, mergers and other corporate transactions, may place significant demands on our legal, accounting, IT, risk management and operational infrastructure and result in increased expenses. A number of our recent and planned business initiatives and further expansions of existing businesses are likely to bring us into contact with new clients, new asset classes and other new products or new markets. These business activities expose us to new and enhanced risks, including reputational concerns arising from dealing with a range of new counterparties and investors, actual or perceived conflicts of interest, regulatory scrutiny of these activities, potential

political pressure, increased credit-related and operational risks, including risks arising from IT systems and reputational concerns with the manner in which these businesses are being operated or conducted.

Any time we make an acquisition, we may over-value the acquisition, we may not achieve expected synergies, we may achieve lower than expected cost savings or otherwise incur losses, we may lose customers and market share, we may face disruptions to our operations resulting from integrating the systems, processes and personnel (including in respect of risk management) of the acquired business into the MBL Group or our management's time may be diverted to facilitate the integration of the acquired business into the MBL Group. We may also underestimate the costs associated with outsourcing, exiting or restructuring existing businesses. Where our acquisitions are in foreign jurisdictions, or are in emerging or growth economies in particular, we may be exposed to heightened levels of regulatory scrutiny and political, social or economic disruption and sovereign risk in emerging and growth markets.

### Our business depends on our brand and reputation.

We believe our reputation in the financial services markets and the recognition of the Macquarie brand by our customers are important contributors to our business. Many companies in the MGL Group and many of the funds managed by entities owned, in whole or in part, by MBL and MGL use the Macquarie name. We do not control those entities that are not in the MBL Group, but their actions may reflect directly on our reputation.

Our business may be adversely affected by negative publicity or poor financial performance in relation to any of the entities using the Macquarie name, including any Macquarie-managed fund or funds that Macquarie has promoted or is associated with. Investors and lenders may associate such entities and funds with the name, brand and reputation of the MBL Group and the MGL Group and other Macquarie-managed funds. If funds that use the Macquarie name or are otherwise associated with Macquarie-managed infrastructure assets, such as roads, airports, utilities and water distribution facilities that people view as community assets, are perceived to be managed inappropriately, those managing entities could be subject to criticism and negative publicity, harming our reputation and the reputation of other entities that use the Macquarie name.

### Competitive pressure, both in the financial services industry as well as in the other industries in which we operate, could adversely impact our business.

We face significant competition from local and international competitors, which compete vigorously in the markets and sectors across which we operate. We compete, both in Australia and internationally, with asset managers, retail and commercial banks, private banking firms, investment banking firms, brokerage firms, internet-based firms, commodity trading firms and other investment and service firms as well as businesses in adjacent industries in connection with the various funds and assets we manage and services we provide. This includes specialist competitors that may not be subject to the same capital and regulatory requirements and therefore may be able to operate more efficiently.

In addition, digital technologies and business models are changing consumer behavior and the competitive environment. The use of digital channels by customers to conduct their banking continues to rise and emerging competitors are increasingly utilizing new technologies and seeking to disrupt existing business models, including in relation to digital payment services and open data banking, that challenge, and could potentially disrupt, traditional financial services. We face competition from established providers of financial services as well as from businesses developed by non-financial services companies. We believe that we will continue to experience pricing pressures in the future as some of our competitors seek to obtain or increase market share.

The widespread adoption and rapid evolution of new technologies, including analytic capabilities, self-service digital trading platforms and automated trading markets, internet services and digital assets, such as central bank digital currencies, cryptocurrencies (including stablecoins), tokens and other cryptoassets, clearing and settlement processes could have a substantial impact on the financial services industry. As such new technologies evolve and mature, our businesses and results of operations could therefore be adversely impacted.

Any consolidation in the global financial services industry may create stronger competitors with broader ranges of product and service offerings, increased access to capital, and greater efficiency and pricing power which may enhance the competitive position of the MBL Group's competitors. In addition to mergers and acquisitions pursued for commercial reasons, consolidation may also occur as a result of bank regulators encouraging or directing stronger institutions to acquire weaker institutions to preserve stability. The effect of competitive market conditions, especially in our main markets, products and services, may lead to an erosion in our market share or margins.

#### Conflicts of interest could limit our current and future business opportunities.

As we expand our businesses and our client base, we increasingly have to address potential or perceived conflicts of interest, including situations where our services to a particular client conflict with, or are perceived to conflict with, our own proprietary investments or other interests or with the interests of another client, as well as situations where one or more of our businesses have access to material non-public information that may not be shared with other businesses within the MGL Group. While we believe we have adequate procedures and controls in place to address conflicts of interest, including those designed to prevent the improper sharing of information among our businesses, appropriately dealing with conflicts of interest is complex and difficult, and our reputation could be damaged and the willingness of clients or counterparties to enter into transactions may be adversely affected if we fail, or appear to fail, to deal appropriately with conflicts of interest. In addition, potential or perceived conflicts could give rise to claims by and liabilities to clients, litigation or enforcement actions.

### Tax

### Our business operations expose us to potential tax liabilities that could have an adverse impact on our results of operations and our reputation.

We are exposed to risks arising from the manner in which the Australian and international tax regimes may be applied, enforced and amended, both in terms of our own tax compliance and the tax aspects of transactions on which we work with clients and other third parties. Our international, multi-jurisdictional platform increases our tax risks. Any actual or alleged failure to comply with or any change in the interpretation, application or enforcement of applicable tax laws and regulations could adversely affect our reputation and affected business areas, significantly increase our own tax liability and expose us to legal, regulatory and other actions.

### Accounting standards

### Changes in accounting standards, policies, interpretations, estimates, assumptions and judgments that could have a material impact on our financial results.

Our accounting policies are fundamental to how we record and report our financial position and results of operations. These policies require the use of estimates, assumptions and judgements that affect the reported value of our assets or liabilities and results of operations. Management is required to determine estimates and apply subjective and complex assumptions and judgements about matters that are inherently uncertain. Changes in those estimates, assumptions and judgements are accounted for prospectively as a change in accounting estimate unless it is determined that either (i) the determination thereof was in error or (ii) the accounting policy which sets out the application of those estimates, assumptions and judgements has changed, in which case the previous reported financial information is re-presented.

Accounting standard setting bodies issue new accounting standards and interpretations in response to outreach activities, evolving interpretations, application of accounting principles as well as changes in market developments. In addition, changes in interpretations by accounting standard setting bodies; regulators; and our independent external auditor may also arise from time to time. These changes may be difficult to predict in terms of the nature of such changes and the timing thereof. The application of new requirements and interpretations may impact how we prepare and report our financial statements. In some cases, we may be required to apply a new or revised standard or change in interpretation retrospectively, resulting in a requirement to re-present our previously reported financial information.

### **CAPITALIZATION AND INDEBTEDNESS**

The following table sets forth our capitalization as at March 31, 2023.

The information relating to the MBL Group in the following table is based on our 2023 annual financial statements, which were prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, and should be read in conjunction therewith.

	As at Mar 31, 2023		
	US\$m <sup>1</sup>	A\$m	
CAPITALIZATION			
Borrowings <sup>2</sup>			
Debt issued — due greater than 12 months	24,923	37,176	
Loan capital — due greater than 12 months	6,410	9,562	
Total borrowings <sup>3</sup>	31,333	46,738	
Equity			
Contributed equity			
Ordinary share capital	6,623	9,879	
Equity contribution from ultimate parent entity	189	282	
Reserves	709	1,057	
Retained earnings	6,123	9,134	
Total equity	13,644	20,352	
TOTAL CAPITALIZATION	44,977	67,090	

Conversions of Australian dollars to U.S. dollars have been made at the noon buying rate on March 31, 2023, which was US\$0.6704 per A\$1.00.
 As at March 31, 2023, we had A\$19.4 billion of secured indebtedness due in greater than 12 months compared to A\$21.7 billion as at

For details on our short-term debt position as at March 31, 2023, see section 5.4 of our 2023 Fiscal Year Management Discussion and Analysis Report.

March 31, 2022.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Total borrowings do not include our short-term debt securities, including the current portion of long-term debt. Short-term debt totaled A\$46.7 billion as at March 31, 2023 and security backed funding totaled A\$nil as at March 31, 2023 compared to A\$49.3 billion and A\$nil, respectively, as at March 31, 2022.

### MACQUARIE BANK LIMITED

### Overview

MBL is an APRA regulated ADI headquartered in Sydney, Australia and is a wholly owned subsidiary of MGL. MBL generates income by operating a diversified set of businesses across different locations and service offerings including asset finance, lending, banking, and risk and capital solutions across debt, equity and commodities. MBL offers a range of services to government, institutional, corporate and retail clients.

As at March 31, 2023, MBL employed over 15,990 staff,<sup>1</sup> had total assets of A\$330.8 billion and total equity of A\$20.4 billion. For the 2023 fiscal year, MBL net operating income was A\$12,791 million and profit after tax attributable to ordinary equity holders was A\$3,905 million. As at March 31, 2023, MBL conducted its operations in 19 markets, with 53% of MBL Group's revenues from external customers derived from regions outside Australia. See "— Our business — Regional activity" below for further information.

MBL's ordinary shares were listed on the ASX from July 29, 1996 until the Restructure in November 2007. Prior to the Restructure, MBL was a widely held ASX-listed public company and engaged in certain investment banking activities through Macquarie Capital. On November 19, 2007, when the Restructure was completed, MBL became an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of MGL, a new ASX-listed company, and the MBL Group transferred to the Non-Banking Group most of the assets and businesses of Macquarie Capital, and some less financially significant assets and businesses of the former Equity Markets group (now part of Commodities and Global Markets) and Treasury and Commodities (now part of Commodities and Global Markets).

MBL's registered office and principal place of business is Level 6, 50 Martin Place, Sydney, New South Wales 2000, Australia. The telephone number of its principal place of business is +61 2-8232-3333.

### Board and management changes during the 2023 fiscal year

#### **MBL Board elections and retirements:**

- Ian Saines was appointed to the MBL Board as a non-executive Voting Director of MBL on June 1, 2022.
- Dennis Leong retired as Company Secretary of MBL on November 30, 2022. He was succeeded in this role by Simone Kovacic from December 1, 2022.
- Olivia Shepherd was appointed as Assistant Company Secretary of MBL on December 1, 2022.
- Peter Warne stepped down as Chairman of the MBL Board and retired as a non-executive Voting Director of MBL on May 9, 2022. Glenn Stevens has succeeded Mr. Warne as Chairman of the MBL Board from May 10, 2022.

### Our key strengths

We believe our profitability, the diversification of our businesses and our geographic spread has been supported by the following key strengths:

- Strong brand and reputation. We believe our business successes have resulted in us achieving a level of recognition for quality, integrity and innovative products and services that has been an important element in our ability to maintain, grow and diversify our businesses.
- *Diversified earnings*. Our diversified earnings base has been an important factor in our successful growth. MBL Group's diverse sources of income include the following:
  - *Fee and commission income*, including:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This figure includes staff employed in certain operationally segregated subsidiaries. Further references to staff numbers are calculated on this basis.

- Brokerage and other trading related fee income primarily includes brokerage income from the Equity Derivatives and Trading and Futures businesses in Commodities and Global Markets and brokerage income from the provision of wealth services in Banking and Financial Services; and
- Other fee and commission income includes fees earned on a range of Banking and Financial Services' products and services, including the BFS Wrap and Vision platforms, home loans, car loans, credit cards, business loans and deposits, and includes income from structured, index and retail products from Commodities and Global Markets. In addition, since the transfer of the service entities to the MBL Group in November 2020, Other fee and commission income includes fees received from the Non-Bank Group for services provided by the central service groups.
- *Trading income* generated predominantly through client trading activities and products issued by Commodities and Global Markets;
- *Net interest income* primarily earned on home loans, loans to Australian businesses, car loans and credit cards in Banking and Financial Services, interest income on trading assets, leasing, lending and asset financing from Commodities and Global Markets partially offset by funding costs by the Bank Group to fund business activity;
- Net operating lease income generated predominately from operating lease portfolios in Commodities and Global Markets;
- *Other income* from the sale of asset and equity investments, gains on the deconsolidation of controlled entities, dividends and distributions; and
- *Equity accounted income* from principal investments in assets and businesses where significant influence is present.
- *Geographic diversity*. As at March 31, 2023, we employed over 15,990 staff in 19 markets. Of those staff, approximately 51% were located in offshore markets. As the MBL Group has expanded, we have applied the resources and experience of a global organization to our understanding of the local environment in the countries in which we operate.
- Selective approach to growth and diversification. In addition to adapting our existing businesses and expanding organically, we actively seek to diversify and grow our businesses in selective areas of expertise. We believe that our strategy of expanding selectively, seeking only to enter markets where our particular skills or expertise deliver added value to clients, maximizes our potential for success and is intended to minimize unexpected losses or reputational impacts as we seek to grow and diversify.
- Strong capital position. MBL is regulated as an ADI by APRA and, as a result, is subject to APRA's capital adequacy requirements. MBL has met all of its capital requirements throughout the 2023 fiscal year. As at March 31, 2023, the Banking Group had a Harmonized Basel III<sup>2</sup> Level 2 Common Equity Tier 1 capital ratio of 18.4%, a Tier 1 capital ratio of 20.6% and a total capital ratio of 27.2%. The Banking Group's APRA Basel III Level 2 Common Equity Tier 1 capital ratio was 13.7%, Tier 1 capital ratio was 15.6%, and total capital ratio was 21.3%. MBL Group continues to monitor regulatory and market developments in relation to liquidity and capital management, as discussed below under "Regulation and Supervision" including (but not limited to) APRA's "Unquestionably Strong" benchmarks. For further information on our regulatory capital position as at March 31, 2023, see section 6 of our 2023 Fiscal Year Management Discussion and Analysis Report.
- *Risk management.* Managing risk is an integral part of our business, and we believe strong prudential management has been key to our success. Where we assume risk, we do so in what we believe to be a calculated and controlled framework. Our risk management framework is described in Note 33 to our 2023 annual financial statements and in "Risk Management" in section 2 of the 2023 Annual Report of MGL incorporated by reference herein.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> "Harmonized" Basel III estimates are calculated in accordance with the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision Basel III framework, noting that MBL is not regulated by the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision and so impacts shown are indicative only.

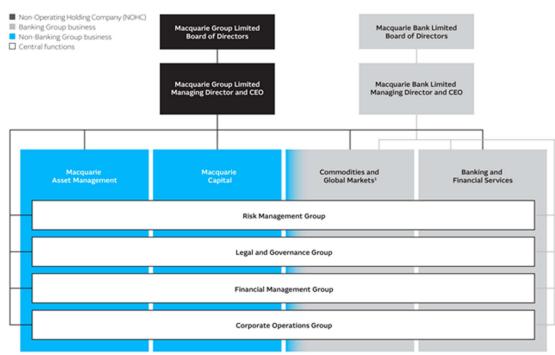
#### **Organizational structure**

MBL is an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of MGL and forms part of the Banking Group. MBL comprises two operating groups: Banking and Financial Services and Commodities and Global Markets. Certain assets of the Credit Markets business and certain activities of the Commodity Markets and Finance business, and some other less financially significant activities, are undertaken from within the Non-Banking Group.

MBL Group currently provides services to both the Banking Group and the Non-Banking Group through the Corporate segment. The Corporate segment is not considered an operating group and includes the following Central Service Groups: Corporate Operations Group, Financial Management Group, Risk Management Group, Legal and Governance Group and Central Executive. Services include: risk management, finance, technology, operations, group treasury, human resources, workplace, legal and corporate governance, corporate affairs, taxation services, strategy, operational risk management, data and transformation, business resilience and global security, central executive services, and other services as may be agreed from time to time.

MBL and MGL have corporate governance and policy frameworks that meet APRA's requirements for ADIs and NOHCs, respectively. The Banking Group and the Non-Banking Group operate as separate sub-groups within MGL with clearly identifiable businesses, separate capital requirements and discrete funding programs. For further information on MGL and MBL's liquidity and funding, see the discussion in section 5 of our 2023 Fiscal Year Management Discussion and Analysis Report. Although the Banking Group and the Non-Banking Group operate as separate sub-groups, both are integral to MGL Group's identity and strategy as they assist the MGL Group in continuing to pursue value adding and diversified business opportunities while meeting its obligations under APRA rules.

The following diagram shows our current organizational structure of the MGL Group and reflects the composition of the Banking and Non-Banking Groups.



As at May 5, 2023

<sup>1</sup> Certain assets of the Credit Markets business, certain activities of the Commodity Markets and Finance business, and some other less financially significant activities are undertaken from within the Non-Banking group.

MBL and MGL will continue to monitor and review the appropriateness of the MGL Group structure. From time to time, the optimal allocation of MGL's businesses between the Banking Group and the Non-Banking Group and within the Banking Group and the Non-Banking Group may be adjusted and MGL and we may make changes in light of relevant factors including business growth, regulatory considerations, market developments and counterparty considerations.

### **Our strategy**

Consistent with the principles of opportunity, accountability and integrity, MBL adopts a business strategy focused on the medium-term with the following key aspects:

- *Risk management approach.* Adopting a conservative approach to risk management underpinned by a sound risk culture. MBL's robust risk management framework and risk culture is embedded across all Bank Group entities.
- Strong balance sheet. Maintaining a strong and conservative balance sheet. This is consistent with MBL's longstanding policy of holding a level of capital which supports its business and managing its capital base ahead of ordinary business requirements. MBL has a liability driven approach to balance sheet management, where funding is raised prior to assets being taken on to the balance sheet. MBL continues to pursue the strategy of diversifying funding sources by growing the deposit base and accessing wholesale funding across a variety of products and markets.
- *Business mix.* Conducting a mix of annuity-style and markets facing businesses that deliver consistent returns in a range of market conditions.
- *Diversification*. Operating a diversified set of businesses across different locations and service offerings: asset finance, lending, banking, and risk and capital solutions across debt, equity and commodities. MBL offers a range of services to government, institutional, corporate and retail clients. This diversity in services and clients mitigates concentration risk and provides resilience to MBL.
- *Proven expertise.* Utilizing proven deep expertise has allowed MBL to establish leading market positions as a global specialist in sectors including resources, commodities and energy.
- *Adjacencies.* Expanding progressively by pursuing adjacencies through organic opportunities and selective acquisitions. These include products and geographies adjacent to MBL's established areas of expertise, which results in sustainable evolutionary growth.
- *Pursuit of growth opportunities.* Targeting continued evolution and growth through innovation. MBL starts with knowledge and skill, and encourages ingenuity and entrepreneurial spirit coupled with accountability. Ideas for new businesses are typically generated in the Operating Groups. Additionally, there are no specific businesses, markets or regions in which MBL's strategy demands it operates. This means it retains operational flexibility and can adapt the portfolio mix to changing market conditions within the boundaries of the Risk Appetite Statement approved by the Board.

### Our history and evolution

MBL Group, the predecessor of the MGL Group, has its origins as the merchant bank Hill Samuel Australia Limited, created in 1969 as a wholly-owned subsidiary of Hill Samuel & Co. Limited, London. We obtained an Australian banking license as MBL in 1985 and in 1996, MBL was publicly listed on the ASX.

MBL's ordinary shares were listed on ASX from July 29, 1996 until the Restructure in November 2007. Prior to the Restructure, MBL was a widely held ASX-listed public company and engaged in certain investment banking activities through Macquarie Capital. On November 19, 2007, when the Restructure was completed, MBL became an indirect subsidiary of MGL, a new ASX-listed company, and the MBL Group transferred most of the assets and businesses of Macquarie Capital, and some less financially significant assets and businesses of the former Equity Markets group (now part of Commodities and Global Markets) and Treasury and Commodities (now part of Commodities and Global Markets) to the Non-Banking Group. The activities not transferred to the Non-Banking Group upon the Restructure formed part of the Banking Group or MBL. As MGL is the successor to MBL Group's businesses, the historical financial statements of the MBL Group reflect the historical results of operations and financial condition of MGL Group's businesses.

Since listing, MGL has diversified its operations by business line and geography through a mix of organic growth and strategic acquisitions, including but not limited to the acquisition of the Bankers' Trust Australia Investment Banking business in the 1999 fiscal year and the acquisition of the cash equities business of ING Group (Asia) in the 2004 fiscal year.

In light of opportunities that emerged from the global financial crisis and ensuing market conditions, MGL made a number of strategic acquisitions which complemented existing operations and strengthened its global platform. These included, but were not limited to, the following:

- the acquisition of Constellation Energy in the 2009 fiscal year, which enhanced Commodities and Financial Markets', which now forms part of Commodities and Global Markets, position within the North American natural gas market;
- the acquisition of Delaware Investments in the 2010 fiscal year, which enhanced Macquarie Asset Management's global asset management capability;
- the acquisition of the Ford Credit and GMAC portfolios in the 2010 and 2011 fiscal years, respectively, which enhanced the former Corporate and Asset Finance's (now Banking and Financial Services') motor vehicle leasing portfolio; and
- the acquisition of the ILFC aircraft operating lease portfolio in the 2011 fiscal year, which enhanced the former Corporate and Asset Finance's (now Macquarie Asset Management's) portfolio and the Macquarie Aviation Finance business.

In addition to these strategic acquisitions, organic growth initiatives, particularly in the 2010 and 2011 fiscal years, such as the hiring of individuals and teams with extensive experience in targeted industries, added greater regional depth to key businesses. This allowed many of our businesses to expand their product offerings internationally. For further information on regional growth, see "— Our business — Regional activity" below for further information.

### Our business

### **Overview of the MBL Group**

As at March 31, 2023, MBL had total assets of A\$330.8 billion and total equity of A\$20.4 billion. For the 2023 fiscal year, our net operating income was A\$12,791 million and profit after tax attributable to ordinary equity holders was A\$3,905 million. Of MBL Group's revenues from external customers, 53% were derived from regions outside Australia.

The tables below show the relative net operating income and profit contribution from ordinary activities of each of our operating groups for the 2023 and 2022 fiscal years.

Net operating income of MBL Group by operating group for the 2023 and 2022 fiscal years<sup>1</sup>

	Fiscal Year ended		
	Mar 31, 2023	Mar 31, 2022	Movement
	A\$m	A\$m	%
Banking and Financial Services	2,960	2,461	20
Commodities and Global Markets <sup>2</sup>	8,308	6,021	38
Total net operating income from operating groups	11,268	8,482	33
Corporate <sup>3</sup>	1,523	1,072	42
Total net operating income	12,791	9,554	34

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For further information on our segment reporting, see section 3 of our 2023 Fiscal Year Management Discussion and Analysis Report and Note 3 to our 2023 annual financial statements.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> As reported for the MBL Group, the Commodities and Global Markets group excludes certain assets of the Credit Markets business; certain activities of the Commodity Markets and Finance business; and some other less financially significant activities.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The Corporate segment includes earnings from legacy businesses within the Bank Group, the net impact of managing liquidity for the MBL Group, earnings on capital, non-trading derivative volatility, provision for legacy matters, earnings from investments, central credit and asset related impairments, unallocated head office costs and costs of central service groups, performance-related profit share and share-based payments expense and income tax expense.

### Net profit contribution of MBL Group by operating group for the 2023 and 2022 fiscal years<sup>1</sup>

	Fiscal Year ended		
	Mar 31, 2023	Mar 31, 2022	Movement
	A\$m	A\$m	%
Banking and Financial Services	1,201	1,001	20
Commodities and Global Markets <sup>2</sup>	5,820	3,932	48
Total contribution to net profit from operating groups	7,021	4,933	42
Corporate <sup>3</sup>	(3,116)	(2,216)	41
Profit attributable to the ordinary equity holders of MBL	3,905	2,717	44

<sup>1</sup> For further information on our segment reporting, see section 3 of our 2023 Fiscal Year Management Discussion and Analysis Report and Note 3 to our 2023 annual financial statements.

<sup>2</sup> As reported for the MBL Group, the Commodities and Global Markets group excludes certain assets of the Credit Markets business; certain activities of the Commodity Markets and Finance business; and some other less financially significant activities.

<sup>3</sup> The Corporate segment includes earnings from legacy businesses within the Bank Group, the net impact of managing liquidity for the MBL Group, earnings on capital, non-trading derivative volatility, provision for legacy matters, earnings from investments, central credit and asset related impairments, unallocated head office costs and costs of central service groups, performance-related profit share and share-based payments expense and income tax expense.

#### **Regional activity**

As at March 31, 2023, the MBL Group employed over 15,990 staff globally and conducted its operations in 19 markets.

*Australia*. MBL Group has its origins as the merchant bank Hill Samuel Australia Limited, created in 1969 as a wholly-owned subsidiary of Hill Samuel & Co. Limited, London, and began operations in Sydney in January 1970 with only three staff. As at March 31, 2023, the MBL Group employed over 9,130 staff in Australia. In the 2023 fiscal year, Australia contributed A\$9,115 million (47%) of our revenues from external customers as compared to A\$4,901 million (43%) in the 2022 fiscal year.

*Americas.* MBL Group has been active in the Americas for over 25 years, since we established our first office in New York in 1994, and has grown rapidly over the last several years, both organically and through acquisitions. As at March 31, 2023, the MBL Group employed over 1,770 staff across 4 markets. In the 2023 fiscal year, the Americas contributed A\$5,223 million (27%) of our revenues from external customers as compared to A\$2,900 million (26%) in the 2022 fiscal year.

Asia. MBL Group has been active in Asia for more than 25 years, since we established our first office in Hong Kong in 1995. As at March 31, 2023, the MBL Group employed over 3,310 staff across 8 markets. MBL has expanded the regional investment and product platforms of Commodities and Global Markets (excluding certain assets of the Credit Markets business; certain activities of the Commodity Markets and Finance business; and some other less financially significant activities), which had established an Asian regional "hub" in Singapore in the 2011 fiscal year. In the 2023 fiscal year, Asia contributed A\$854 million (4%) of our revenues from external customers as compared to A\$835 million (7%) in the 2022 fiscal year.

*Europe, Middle East & Africa.* MBL Group has been active in Europe since the late 1980s, in Africa since 2000 and the Middle East since 2005. As at March 31, 2023, the MBL Group employed over 1,770 staff across 6 markets. In the 2023 fiscal year, Europe, Middle East & Africa contributed A\$4,189 million (22%) of our revenues from external customers as compared to A\$2,703 million (24%) in the 2022 fiscal year.

For further information on our segment reporting, see section 3 of our 2023 Fiscal Year Management Discussion and Analysis Report and Note 3 to our 2023 annual financial statements.

### **Operating groups**

### **Banking and Financial Services**

Banking and Financial Services ("*BFS*") is in the Bank Group and is our retail banking and financial services business providing a diverse range of personal banking, wealth management and business banking products and services to retail clients, advisers, brokers and business clients. BFS' net operating income is primarily sourced from interest income earned from the loan portfolio and fee and commission income on a range of products.

BFS comprises the following businesses:

- Personal Banking: Provides a diverse range of retail banking products to clients with home loans, car loans, transaction and savings accounts and credit cards.
- Wealth Management: Provides clients with a wide range of wrap platform and cash management services, investment and superannuation products, financial advice and private banking.
- Business Banking: Provides a full range of deposit, lending and payment solutions, as well as tailored services to business clients across a range of key industry segments.

BFS contributed A\$1,201 million to MBL Group's net profit in the 2023 fiscal year and, as at March 31, 2023, had 3,820 staff operating predominately in Australia.

### Commodities and Global Markets (excluding certain assets of the Credit Markets business; certain activities of the Commodity Markets and Finance business; and some other less financially significant activities)

Commodities and Global Markets ("*CGM*") operates both in the Bank and Non-Bank Group. CGM's net operating income primarily comprises net interest and trading income, fee and commission income and operating lease income earned from products and services delivered within each of these areas.

CGM is a global business offering capital and financing, risk management, market access, physical execution and logistics solutions to its diverse client base across:

### COMMODITIES:

• Provides capital and financing, risk management, and physical execution and logistics services across power, gas, emissions, oil, agriculture and resources sectors globally. The division also offers commodity-based index products to institutional investors.

### FINANCIAL MARKETS:

- Fixed Income & Currencies: Provides currency and fixed income trading and hedging services as well as financing via securitization, warehousing, seasoning and term financing facilities to a range of corporate and institutional clients globally.
- Futures: Provides a full range of execution, clearing and financing solutions to corporate and institutional clients, providing continuous 24-hour coverage of major markets globally.
- Credit Markets: Operates in the U.S. and provides asset backed financing solutions for credit originators and credit investors across commercial and residential mortgages, consumer loans, syndicated corporate loans and middle market corporate loans.
- Equity Derivatives and Trading: Issues retail derivatives in key locations and provides derivatives products and equity finance solutions to its institutional client base and conducts risk management and market making activities. Generally, the Equity Derivatives and Trading division's activities, which include sales of retail derivatives, trading, equity finance and capital management, are in the Banking Group.

### ASSET FINANCE:

• Delivers a diverse range of tailored finance solutions globally across a variety of industries and asset classes.

### CENTRAL:

• Develops and manages cross-divisional initiatives. It houses various CGM-wide services including the Chief Operating Officer (COO) teams, Chief Financial Officer (CFO) teams, data, legal and other specialist activities and encompasses non-financial risk functions.

CGM contributed A\$5,820 million to MBL Group's net profit in the 2023 fiscal year and, as at March 31, 2023, had 2,223 staff located in 19 markets in Australia, the Americas, Europe, Middle East and Asia.

### Corporate

The Corporate segment includes the net result of managing the MGL Group's liquidity and funding requirements, earnings on capital and the residual accounting volatility relating to economically hedged positions where hedge accounting is applied, as well as accounting volatility for other economically hedged positions where hedge accounting is not applicable. Other items of income and expense within the Corporate segment include earnings from investments, changes in central overlays to impairments or valuation of assets, provisions for legacy matters, unallocated head office costs and costs of Central Service Groups, MGL Group's performance-related profit share and share-based payments expense and income tax expense.

Corporate contributed a net loss of A\$3,116 million in the 2023 fiscal year.

For further information on Corporate's results of operations and financial condition for the 2023 fiscal year, see section 3.4 of our 2023 Fiscal Year Management Discussion and Analysis Report.

### Legal proceedings and regulatory matters

#### Germany

MBL was one of over 100 financial institutions involved in the German dividend trading market. Nearly a dozen criminal trials related to cum-ex have been or are being prosecuted against individuals in German courts and there have been a number of convictions. MBL's historical involvement in that market included short selling-related activities and acting as a lender to third parties who undertook dividend trading.

The Cologne Prosecutor's Office is investigating MBL's historical activities. Under German law, companies cannot be criminally prosecuted, but they can be added as ancillary parties to the trials of certain individuals. Ancillary parties may be subject to confiscation orders requiring the disgorgement of profits.

As part of their ongoing industry-wide investigation, the German authorities have designated as suspects approximately 100 current and former MGL Group staff members, including the current MGL Group CEO. Most of these individuals are no longer at the MGL Group. MGL Group has been responding to the German authorities' requests for information about its historical activities and expects former and current MGL Group employees to participate in interviews with German authorities over the coming months.

Since 2018, a number of German civil claims have been brought against MBL by investors in a group of independent investment funds financed by MBL to undertake German dividend trading in 2011, who seek total damages of approximately €59 million. The funds were trading shares around the dividend payment dates where investors were seeking to obtain the benefit of dividend withholding tax credits. The investors' credit claims were refused and there was no loss to the German revenue authority. MBL strongly disputes these claims noting that it did not arrange, advise or otherwise engage with the investors, who were high net-worth individuals with their own advisers. Many, if not all, had previously participated in similar transactions.

MGL Group has provided for these matters.

#### Other legal proceedings

Revenue authorities undertake risk reviews and audits as part of their normal activities. We have assessed those matters which have been identified in such reviews and audits as well as other taxation claims and litigation, including seeking advice where appropriate.

We have contingent liabilities in respect of actual and potential claims and proceedings that have not been determined. An assessment of likely losses is made on a case-by-case basis for the purposes of our financial statements and specific provisions that we consider appropriate are made, as described in Note 30 to our 2023 annual financial statements. We do not believe that the outcome of any such liabilities, either individually or in the aggregate, are likely to have a material effect on our operations or financial condition.

### Competition

The financial services industry and all of our businesses are intensely competitive, and we expect them to remain so. See "Risk Factors — Competitive pressure, both in the financial services industry as well as in the other industries in which we operate, could adversely impact our business". We compete, both in Australia and internationally, with asset managers, retail and commercial banks, non-bank mortgage brokers, private banking firms, investment banking firms and brokerage firms.

In Australia, we face significant competition from the four major Australian commercial banks, international banks, regional commercial banks, building societies, brokerage firms, private equity firms, mortgage repackagers and other financial intermediaries. In recent years, competition has increased as international banks have established an Australian presence, large insurance and banking industry participants have sought to establish themselves in markets that are perceived to offer higher growth potential, and as local institutions have become more sophisticated and competitive and have sought alliances, mergers or strategic relationships.

The international trend towards consolidation and strategic alliances has significantly increased the capital base and geographic reach of some of our competitors. This trend has also hastened the globalization of the securities and financial services markets. To take advantage of some of our recent strategic acquisitions and organic growth opportunities, we will need to compete successfully with financial institutions that are larger and that may have a stronger local presence and longer operating history outside of Australia.

In North America, Europe and Asia, the principal markets in which we operate outside Australia, we compete with commercial banks, investment banking and brokerage firms, private equity firms, large fund managers, integrated energy companies and other broad-based financial services firms that have historically offered a broad range of products to enhance their competitive position. See "Risk Factors — Competitive pressure, both in the financial services industry as well as in the other industries in which we operate, could adversely impact our business".

In other overseas markets where we offer limited products and services, we face the challenge of competing with firms that offer a broader range of services than we do, are better known or have a broader platform or more financial, capital, employee or other resources. In an attempt to overcome these barriers, MBL Group or MGL Group, where appropriate, has established alliances with local providers in a number of international markets in an attempt to benefit from the market strength of an existing player.

We also face intense competition in attracting and retaining qualified employees. Our ability to continue to compete effectively in our businesses will depend upon our ability to attract new employees and retain and motivate our existing employees and to continue to compensate employees competitively amid intense public and regulatory scrutiny on the employee remuneration practices of financial institutions. See "Risk Factors — Our ability to retain and attract qualified employees is critical to the success of our business and the failure to do so may materially adversely affect our performance" and "Regulation and Supervision — Australia" in this Report for more information on the regulation of our remuneration practices.

#### Additional financial disclosures for the 2023 fiscal year

#### MBL Group's credit risk by country and counterparty type

The table below details the concentration of cross-border credit risk by country and counterparty type of MBL Group's financial assets measured at amortized cost or fair value through other comprehensive income ("FVOCP") and off-balance sheet exposures subject to the impairment requirements of AASB 9 Financial Instruments. AASB 9 is

an equivalent standard to International Financial Reporting Standard 9 – *Financial Instruments*, as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board. The table includes MBL Group's top ten credit risk exposures by country (excluding Australia), MBL Group's total credit risk exposures in all other countries other than Australia, MBL Group's credit exposure in Australia, and MBL Group's total credit exposure in all countries. The country classification is determined by the country of risk to which the MBL Group is most exposed when assessing the counterparty to meet its obligations as they fall due. The counterparty type is based on APRA classifications. For the purposes of this disclosure, the gross exposure of financial assets measured at amortized cost represents the amortized cost before the expected credit loss ("*ECL*") allowance and the gross exposure of financial assets measured at FVOCI represents the carrying value before fair value adjustments and ECL allowance. Accordingly, these exposures will not be equal to the amount as presented in MBL Group's statements of financial position. This information is unaudited.

	As at Mar 31, 2023 <sup>1</sup>			
Country	Governments	Financial Institutions	Other	Total exposure
	A\$m	A\$m	A\$m	A\$m
United States				
Cash and bank balances	—	3,429	—	3,429
Cash collateralized lending and reverse repurchase agreements	_	5,748	_	5,748
Margin money and settlement assets	32	672	2,590	3,294
Financial investments	_	149	_	149
Held for sale and other assets	_	17	191	208
Loan assets	10	3,768	1,689	5,467
Due from related body corporate entities <sup>2</sup>	_	72	5	78
Off balance sheet exposures	30	94	1,123	1,247
Total United States	72	13,949	5,598	19,620
United Kingdom				
Cash and bank balances	_	1,045	_	1,045
Cash collateralized lending and reverse repurchase agreements	_	1,899	_	1,899
Margin money and settlement assets	_	947	7,917	8,864
Financial investments	_	201	_	201
Held for sale and other assets	156	6	784	946
Loan assets	_	616	842	1,458
Due from related body corporate entities <sup>2</sup>	_	8	12	20
Off balance sheet exposures		16	161	177
Total United Kingdom	156	4,738	9,716	14,610
France				
Cash and bank balances		58	_	58
Cash collateralized lending and reverse repurchase agreements	_	4,742	_	4,742
Margin money and settlement assets	_	36	147	183
Financial investments	446	89	_	535
Held for sale and other assets	_	14	1	15
Loan assets	_	_	79	79
Due from related body corporate entities <sup>2</sup>	_	_	_	_
Off balance sheet exposures		<u> </u>		
Total France	446	4,939	227	5,612

	As at Mar 31, 2023 <sup>1</sup>			
Country	Governments	Financial Institutions	Other	Total exposure
	A\$m	A\$m	A\$m	A\$m
Ireland				
Cash and bank balances	—	3,312	_	3,312
Cash collateralized lending and reverse repurchase agreements	—	1,944	—	1,944
Margin money and settlement assets	—	25	—	25
Financial investments	—	—	—	—
Held for sale and other assets	—	—	4	4
Loan assets	—	9	3	12
Due from related body corporate entities <sup>2</sup>	—	—	—	—
Off balance sheet exposures			44	44
Total Ireland		5,290	51	5,341
United Arab Emirates				
Cash and bank balances	—	5	—	5
Cash collateralized lending and reverse repurchase agreements	—	3,514	—	3,514
Margin money and settlement assets	—	11	—	11
Financial investments	—	_	—	—
Held for sale and other assets	—	_	_	—
Loan assets		—		—
Due from related body corporate entities <sup>2</sup>	—		—	
Off balance sheet exposures				
Total United Arab Emirates		3,530		3,530
Germany				
Cash and bank balances	_	129	_	129
Cash collateralized lending and reverse repurchase agreements	_	732	_	732
Margin money and settlement assets	_	298	950	1,248
Financial investments	1,294	16	_	1,310
Held for sale and other assets	_	_	59	59
Loan assets	_	_	37	37
Due from related body corporate entities <sup>2</sup>	_	_	_	_
Off balance sheet exposures	_	_	_	_
Total Germany	1,294	1,175	1,046	3,514
Canada				
Cash and bank balances	_	50	_	50
Cash collateralized lending and reverse repurchase agreements	_	2,560	_	2,560
Margin money and settlement assets	1	190	102	293
Financial investments	_	50		50
Held for sale and other assets	_		_	
Loan assets	_	46	97	143
Due from related body corporate entities <sup>2</sup>	_	76		76
Off balance sheet exposures	_	97	237	334
Total Canada	1	3,069	436	3,506
Japan		- ,		
Cash and bank balances	—	649	—	649

Country	As at Mar 31, 2023 <sup>1</sup>			
	Governments	Financial Institutions	Other	Total exposure
	A\$m	A\$m	A\$m	A\$m
Cash collateralized lending and reverse repurchase agreements	_	2,189	_	2,189
Margin money and settlement assets	_	35	1	36
Financial investments	_	_		_
Held for sale and other assets	_	_		
Loan assets	_	_	16	16
Due from related body corporate entities <sup>2</sup>	_	2	—	2
Off balance sheet exposures			2	2
Total Japan		2,875	19	2,894
Singapore				
Cash and bank balances	_	14		14
Cash collateralized lending and reverse repurchase				
agreements	—	1,278		1,278
Margin money and settlement assets	—	28	185	213
Financial investments	—	—	—	—
Held for sale and other assets	1	_	166	167
Loan assets	_	2	111	113
Due from related body corporate entities <sup>2</sup>	—	31	—	31
Off balance sheet exposures				
Total Singapore	1	1,353	462	1,815
Netherlands				
Cash and bank balances	—	1		1
Cash collateralized lending and reverse repurchase agreements		1,007	_	1,007
Margin money and settlement assets	_	4	30	34
Financial investments	162	_	_	162
Held for sale and other assets	_	_		_
Loan assets	_	262	272	534
Due from related body corporate entities <sup>2</sup>	_	_		_
Off balance sheet exposures		5	_	5
Total Netherlands	162	1,279	302	1,743
Top ten countries				
Cash and bank balances	_	8,692		8,692
Cash collateralized lending and reverse repurchase		25 (12		25 (12
agreements	33	25,613 2,246	11,922	25,613 14,201
Financial investments	1,902	505	11,922	2,407
Held for sale and other assets	1,902	37	1,205	1,399
Loan assets	10	4,703	3,146	7,859
Due from related body corporate entities <sup>2</sup>	10	189	18	207
• •	30	212	1,567	1,809
Off balance sheet exposures Total top ten countries <sup>3</sup>				
	2,132	42,197	17,858	62,187
Other foreign countries		602		600
Cash and bank balances	_	603	—	603
Cash collateralized lending and reverse repurchase agreements	_	4,911	_	4,911

	As at Mar 31, 2023 <sup>1</sup>			
Country	Governments	Financial Institutions	Other	Total exposure
	A\$m	A\$m	A\$m	A\$m
Margin money and settlement assets	_	640	778	1,418
Financial investments	410	739		1,149
Held for sale and other assets	5	165	289	459
Loan assets	_	52	1,385	1,437
Due from related body corporate entities <sup>2</sup>	_	156	19	175
Off balance sheet exposures		20	519	539
Total other foreign countries	415	7,286	2,990	10,691
Gross credit risk in foreign countries				
Cash and bank balances	_	9,295	_	9,295
Cash collateralized lending and reverse repurchase agreements	_	30,524	_	30,524
Margin money and settlement assets	33	2,886	12,700	15,619
Financial investments	2,312	1,244		3,556
Held for sale and other assets	162	202	1,494	1,858
Loan assets	10	4,755	4,531	9,296
Due from related body corporate entities <sup>2</sup>	—	345	37	382
Off balance sheet exposures	30	232	2,086	2,348
Total gross credit risk in foreign countries	2,547	49,483	20,848	72,878
Australia				
Cash and bank balances	_	32,316	2	32,318
Cash collateralized lending and reverse repurchase agreements	_	7,720	_	7,720
Margin money and settlement assets	274	2,045	912	3,231
Financial investments	5,290	7,743	2	13,035
Held for sale and other assets	14	105	646	765
Loan assets <sup>4</sup>	36	2,588	130,280	132,904
Due from related body corporate entities <sup>2</sup>	—	169	5	174
Off balance sheet exposures	28	312	19,846	20,186
Total Australia	5,642	52,998	151,693	210,333
Gross credit risk				
Cash and bank balances	_	41,611	2	41,613
Cash collateralized lending and reverse repurchase agreements	_	38,244	_	38,244
Margin money and settlement assets	307	4,931	13,612	18,850
Financial investments	7,602	8,987	2	16,591
Held for sale and other assets	176	307	2,140	2,623
Loan assets	46	7,343	134,811	142,200
Due from related body corporate entities <sup>2</sup>		514	42	556
Off balance sheet exposures	58	544	21,932	22,534
Total gross credit risk <sup>5</sup>	8,189	102,481	172,541	283,211
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<sup>1</sup> Totals may not foot due to rounding.

<sup>2</sup> Due from related body corporates have been presented as Financial Institutions and Other based on APRA's Standard Institutional Sector Classifications of Australia classification.

<sup>3</sup> The top ten countries represent 85.3% of MBL Group's total non-Australian credit risk exposures as at March 31, 2023.

<sup>4</sup> Loan assets in the Australia region includes home loans of A\$114,503 million, asset financing of A\$6,367 million and corporate, commercial

and other lending of A\$12,034 million.

The total gross credit risk exposure aligns to the amount disclosed in Note 33.1 to our 2023 annual financial statements.

# Lease commitments, contingent liabilities and assets

We do not expect our lease commitments to have a significant effect on our liquidity needs. Lease commitments are disclosed in our annual financial statements each year and are not required to be disclosed under Australian Accounting Standards in interim financial statements.

As at March 31, 2023, the MBL Group had A\$24,687 million of contingent liabilities and commitments, including A\$22,534 million of credit commitments including undrawn credit facilities and debt commitments and A\$2,153 million of other contingencies and commitments. See Note 30 "Contingent liabilities and commitments" to our 2023 annual financial statements which shows MBL Group's contingent liabilities and commitments as at March 31, 2023.

### Quantitative and qualitative disclosures about market risk

Each year we prepare a detailed analysis of market risk as it applies to the MBL Group and a quantitative analysis of MBL Group's value at risk for equities, interest rates, foreign exchange and bullion, and commodities, individually and in the aggregate thereof. See Note 33 "Financial risk management" to our 2023 annual financial statements for a quantitative and qualitative discussion of these risks.

# **REGULATION AND SUPERVISION**

## Australia

In Australia, the principal regulators that supervise and regulate our activities are APRA, the Reserve Bank of Australia ("*RBA*"), the Australian Securities and Investments Commission ("*ASIC*"), ASX Limited (as the operator of the Australian Securities Exchange ("*ASX*") market), Australian Securities Exchange Limited (as the operator of the ASX24 (formerly known as the Sydney Futures Exchange) market), the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission ("*ACCC*") and the Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre ("*AUSTRAC*").

Set out below is a summary of certain key Australian legislative and regulatory provisions that are applicable to our operations.

### **APRA**

APRA is the prudential regulator of the Australian financial services industry. APRA establishes and enforces prudential standards and practices designed to ensure that, under all reasonable circumstances, financial promises made by institutions under APRA's supervision are met within a stable, efficient and competitive financial system. MBL is an authorised deposit-taking institution ("*ADP*"), and MGL is a non-operating holding company ("*NOHC*"), under the Australian Banking Act and, as such, each is subject to prudential regulation and supervision by APRA. MBL and MGL have corporate governance and policy frameworks designed to meet APRA's requirements for ADIs and NOHCs, respectively.

Under the Australian Banking Act, APRA has powers to issue directions to MGL and MBL and, in certain circumstances, to appoint a Banking Act statutory manager to take control of MBL's business. In addition, APRA may, in certain circumstances, require MBL to transfer all or part of its business to another entity under the Financial Sector (Transfer and Restructure) Act 1999 of Australia (the "*Australian FSTR Act*"). A transfer under the Australian FSTR Act overrides anything in any contract or agreement to which MBL is a party to, including the terms of its debt securities. APRA's powers under the Australian Banking Act and Australian FSTR Act are discretionary and may be more likely to be exercised by it in circumstances where MGL or MBL is in material breach of applicable banking laws and/or regulations or is in financial distress, including where MGL or MBL has contravened the Australian Banking Act (or any related regulations or other instruments made, or conditions imposed, under that Act), or where MBL has informed APRA that it is unlikely to meet its obligations or is otherwise in financial distress of MBL's depositors and to the stability of the Australian financial system, but not necessarily to the interests of other creditors of MGL and MBL. For more information regarding legislative enhancement of APRA's powers in relation to ADIs, see the "— Recovery and Exit Planning and Resolution Planning" section below.

In its supervision of ADIs, APRA focuses on capital adequacy, liquidity, market risk, credit risk, operational risk, associations with related entities, large exposures to unrelated entities and funds management, securitization, covered bonds activities and climate change financial risk. APRA also focuses on the supervision of non-financial risks including outsourcing, business continuity management, information security, governance, accountability, remuneration, and risk culture.

APRA requires ADIs to regularly provide it with reports which set forth a broad range of information, including financial and statistical information relating to their financial position and information in respect of prudential and other matters. Some of this information is not available to investors. In carrying out its supervisory role, APRA supplements its analysis of statistical data collected from each ADI with "on site" visits and formal meetings with the ADIs' board, senior management and external auditors. The external auditors provide additional assurance to APRA that prudential standards applicable to ADIs are being complied with, statistical and financial data provided by ADIs to APRA are reliable, and that statutory and other banking requirements are being met. External auditors are also required to undertake targeted reviews of specific risk management areas as requested by APRA. APRA may also exercise certain investigative powers if an ADI fails to provide information about its financial stability or becomes unable to meet its obligations.

APRA is also responsible for the prudential regulation and supervision of Registrable Superannuation Entity ("*RSE*") licensees and life insurance companies. MGL Group has an RSE licensee (Macquarie Investment Management Limited) which is subject to APRA's prudential framework for superannuation trustees.

### MBL Pillar 3 Restatement March 2018 to June 2021

As indicated by APRA's April 1, 2021 announcement in relation to MGL's intragroup funding arrangements, MBL was required to restate certain historical regulatory returns. This included MBL's Level 1 capital ratios (Common Equity Tier 1, Tier 1 and Total capital) from March 31, 2018, as well as MBL's liquidity ratios from September 30, 2019. These are set out in a restatement of MBL's Pillar 3 disclosures, which is posted on MGL's U.S. Investors' Website.

#### APRA's prudential supervision – Capital adequacy

APRA's approach to the assessment of an ADI's capital adequacy is based on the risk-based capital adequacy framework set out in the Basel Committee on Banking Supervisions' ("Basel Committee") publications, "International Convergence of Capital Measurement and Capital Standards a Revised Framework" ("Basel II"), originally released in 2004 and revised in June 2006 and "A global regulatory framework for more resilient banks and banking systems" ("Basel III"), released in December 2010 and revised in June 2011. APRA's implementation of the Basel III capital framework began on January 1, 2013.

APRA has stipulated a capital adequacy framework that applies to MBL as an ADI and MGL as a NOHC. In the case of MGL Group, this framework is set out in MGL's NOHC Authority. Pillar 3 Disclosure Documents setting out the qualitative and quantitative disclosures of risk management practices and capital adequacy required to be published by MBL Group in accordance with APRA's Prudential Standard *APS 330 Public Disclosure* ("*APS 330*") are posted on MGL's U.S. Investors' Website. Measurement of capital adequacy and MBL's economic capital model is more fully described in section 4 of the MBL Pillar 3 Disclosure Document dated September 2022, which is posted on MGL's U.S. Investors' Website.

On December 9, 2022, APRA released the final versions of the transitional and new APS 330. The updates to APS 330 are to align Pillar 3 disclosures with updated international standards for public disclosures as set by the Basel Committee and with APRA's revised bank capital framework. Under the transitional APS 330, ADIs will continue to make public disclosures from January 1, 2023 that are consistent with the new capital framework until the new disclosure standard becomes effective on January 1, 2025.

#### Market risk

On January 14, 2019, the Basel Committee published a set of revisions to the market risk framework – "*Minimum capital requirements for market risk*", which replaces an earlier version of the standard as published in January 2016. The standard was revised to address issues that the Basel Committee identified in the course of monitoring the implementation and impact of the framework.

Additionally, as part of Basel III reforms, APRA released a letter to all ADIs on October 27, 2021 around the review of ADI market risk standards. The policy development of these prudential standards is yet to be finalized with consultations still ongoing. Proposed revisions cover APS 117 Capital Adequacy: Interest Rate Risk in the Banking Book ("APS 117"), APS 116 Capital Adequacy: Market Risk – the fundamental review of the trading book ("APS 116") and APS 180 Capital Adequacy: Counterparty Credit Risk ("APS 180").

For APS 117, APRA's focus is to reduce volatility and variation in interest rate risk in the banking book capital charge calculations across ADIs. Key amendments include the removal of the basis risk capital add-on and partial standardization of the internal modelling approach (e.g., utilizing repricing assumption constraints on non-maturity deposits).

The expected changes to APS 116 and APS 180 will address the implementation of a revised Credit Valuation Adjustment risk framework and a fundamental review of the trading book in the Australian Prudential Capital framework.

On July 7, 2022, APRA advised it will undertake another round of industry consultation on the revised APS 117. On November 28, 2022, APRA responded to the 2019 consultation and released a consultation on new proposed revisions. APRA intends to finalize the revised APS 117 in mid-2023, with the final revised standard expected to come into effect from January 1, 2025.

#### IRRBB

In September 2019, APRA issued a response to submissions in respect of interest rate risk in the banking book ("*IRRBB*"). While only internal ratings based ADIs (including us) are subject to a capital requirement for IRRBB and

therefore will be impacted by changes to the capital calculation, all ADIs will be impacted by changes to the risk management requirements. The key proposals are to:

- standardize aspects of the internal modelling approach including placing constraints on the repricing assumptions an ADI can use for non-maturity deposits according to whether or not it is a core deposit and the calculations for optionality risk;
- remove the basis risk capital add-on; and
- extend the application of risk management requirements to all ADIs.

On November 28, 2022, APRA released for consultation additional proposed revisions to APS 117. These revisions aim to simplify the IRRBB framework, reduce volatility in the IRRBB capital charge calculation as well as create better incentives for ADIs in managing their IRRBB risk. Following finalization of APS 117, APRA intends to consult on revisions to APS 116 and APS 180 in 2023 and 2024, with the intention to make such revisions effective in 2026.

## Measurement of capital

APRA, in updating its criteria for measuring an ADI's regulatory capital, released a discussion paper on October 15, 2019 regarding proposed changes to APS 111, "Revisions to APS 111 Capital Adequacy: Measurement of Capital", and released a detailed response to industry on this consultation in May 2021. On August 5, 2021, APRA released the final revised standard for APS 111, which came into force on January 1, 2022.

The revised capital treatment of an ADI's equity investments in its subsidiaries is the most material change to APS 111. This revision increases the amount of capital required to support equity investments in large subsidiaries and reduces the amount required for small subsidiaries. For banking and insurance subsidiaries where the total value of the equity investment into an individual subsidiary is above 10% of an ADI's Level 1 CET1 capital, the amount above this level is required to be treated as a CET1 deduction. The amount of the investment below this level is risk weighted at 250% (compared to the previous 400% risk weight for unlisted subsidiaries).

Other changes included in the final APS 111 include:

- incorporating into the prudential standard various rulings and technical information APRA has published since APS 111 was last substantially updated in 2013;
- promoting simple and transparent capital issuance by removing the allowance for the use of special purpose vehicles (SPVs) and stapled security structures;
- aligning APS 111 with updated guidance from the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision; and
- requiring a full deduction of total loss absorbing capital ("*TLAC*") exposures and pari passu instruments from Tier 2 Capital. A full deduction is consistent with APRA's existing approach to an ADI's holdings of another ADI's, or their own, regulatory capital instruments. APRA's proposal adopted the Basel Committee's framework of requiring a Tier 2 Capital deduction of TLAC instruments but did not adopt a threshold approach.

The final standard also contains further revisions including measures to clarify that CET1 capital instruments are not permitted to have any unusual features that could undermine their role as loss absorbing capital.

# "Unquestionably Strong"

On July 26, 2022, APRA published "Revisions to the capital framework for authorised deposit-taking institutions" to implement "Unquestionably Strong" capital ratios and Basel III reforms. The revised capital framework seeks to strengthen the financial resilience of the Australian banking industry through embedding higher capital buffers to provide greater flexibility for periods of stress. Other key improvements include enhanced risk sensitivity through more risk-sensitive risk weights, stronger support for competition, increased proportionality and improved transparency through the alignment of Australian standards with the internationally agreed Basel III framework.

Key features of APRA's revised bank capital framework, which became effective on January 1, 2023, include the following prudential standards: APS 110 Capital Adequacy, APS 112 Capital Adequacy: Standardised Approach to Credit Risk, APS 113 Capital Adequacy: Internal Ratings-based Approach to Credit Risk, APS 115 Capital Adequacy: Standardised Measurement Approach to Operational Risk and APS 180 Capital Adequacy: Counterparty Credit Risk.

On October 31, 2022, APRA released consequential amendments to the updated capital adequacy and credit risk capital requirements for ADIs. The consequential amendments relate mainly to cross-referencing in the ADI prudential framework and ensuring consistency of APRA's broader prudential framework with the capital reforms. The changes took effect from January 1, 2023, in line with the effective date of the broader capital reforms.

On December 21, 2022, APRA confirmed that the countercyclical capital buffer will be set at a new default rate of 1% of risk-weighted assets from January 1, 2023. This decision was consistent with guidance first announced when APRA finalized the new regulatory capital framework for Australian banks in late 2021.

### Liquidity

APRA's liquidity standard ("APS 210") details the local implementation of the Basel III liquidity framework for Australian banks. In addition to a range of qualitative requirements, APS 210 incorporates the Liquidity Coverage Ratio ("LCR") and the Net Stable Funding Ratio ("NSFR"). The LCR and NSFR apply specifically to MBL (the regulated ADI in the MGL Group). As an APRA authorized and regulated NOHC, MGL is required to manage liquidity in compliance with APS 210's qualitative requirements.

The LCR requires unencumbered liquid assets be held to cover expected net cash outflows under a combined "idiosyncratic" and market-wide stress scenario lasting 30 calendar days. Under APS 210, the eligible stock of highquality liquid assets ("*HQLA*") includes notes and coin balances held with central banks, Australian dollar Commonwealth Government and semi-government securities, any Committed Liquidity Facility ("*CLF*") allocation, as well as certain HQLA-qualifying foreign currency securities. As announced on April 1,2021, APRA imposed a 15% addon to the net cash outflow component of MBL's LCR calculation. This add-on increased to 25% from May 1, 2022 onwards. Consistent with the industry-wide phase out of the CLF, MBL's CLF allocation reduced to zero as at December 2022. MBL currently complies with the requirements of the LCR.

The NSFR is a 12-month structural funding metric, requiring that "available stable funding" (ASF) be sufficient to cover "required stable funding", where "stable" funding has an actual or assumed maturity of greater than 12 months. As announced on April 1, 2021, APRA has imposed a 1% decrease to the available stable funding component of MBL's NSFR calculation. MBL currently complies with the requirements of the NSFR.

On June 30, 2022, APRA released an information paper detailing the findings of the post-implementation review of Basel III liquidity reforms focusing on the core measures of the LCR and NSFR. The review explores the impact of the measures and determines whether a net benefit has been achieved. APRA's overall assessment is that the reforms have been effective in strengthening liquidity risk management and the financial resilience of the banking system. However, there are opportunities to improve the efficiency of the prudential framework. The feedback gained will be used in a broader review of APRA's liquidity requirements, which will culminate in a draft revision to APS 210 in 2023.

#### Credit risk management

On January 1, 2022, APRA Prudential Standard APS 220 Credit Risk Management ("APS 220") replaced the existing APS 220 Credit Quality. The substantial revisions to the prudential standard reflect APRA's increased expectations of credit standards and the ongoing monitoring and management of credit portfolios by ADIs. In addition, the revised standard incorporates:

- enhanced Board oversight of credit risk and the need for ADIs to maintain prudential credit risk policies, processes, practices and controls over the full credit life-cycle;
- a more consistent classification of credit exposures, by aligning with accounting standards on loan provisioning requirements, as well as Basel Committee guidance on asset classification and sound credit risk practices; and
- recommendations from the Royal Commission into Misconduct in the Banking, Superannuation and Financial Services Industry regarding the valuation of collateral.

APRA also released a finalized APG 220 guidance standard on August 19, 2021.

APRA has sought feedback on a proposed new attachment to APS 220, Attachment C – Macroprudential policy: credit measures, which embeds credit-based macroprudential standards within APS 220.

On June 14, 2022, APRA released the finalized amendments to its prudential framework to give effect to macroprudential policy measures. The final new APS 220, Attachment C – Macroprudential Policy, requires ADIs to:

- be able to limit growth in particular forms of lending (high debt-to-income multiples and high loan-to-value ratio);
- moderate higher risk lending during periods of heightened systemic risk or meet particular lending standards at levels determined by APRA; and
- ensure adequate reporting to monitor against limits.

To ensure alignment with Attachment C to APS 220, APRA updated APG 223 Residential Mortgage Lending to align with the new serviceability buffer and associated ARS 223 Residential Mortgage Lending. The new APS 220, APG 223 and ARS 223 all took effect from September 1, 2022.

### Recovery and Exit Planning and Resolution Planning

As part of strengthening crisis preparedness and resolution capabilities, APRA commenced consultation on two draft prudential standards, CPS 190 Recovery and Exit Planning ("*CPS 190*") and CPS 900 Resolution Planning ("*CPS 900*") on December 2, 2021. APRA's proposed new requirements aim to ensure that regulated entities are better prepared for situations that may threaten their viability. On December 1, 2022, APRA released the final version of CPS 190, which will come into effect on January 1, 2024 (or January 1, 2025 for superannuation entities) and is expected to publish the final version of CPS 900 in the first half of 2023, which is also expected to come into effect on January 1, 2024.

On September 6, 2022, APRA released for consultation two draft prudential practice guides (*CPG 190 Financial Contingency Planning* and *CPG 900 Resolution Planning*) to accompany the two draft prudential standards. After a three-month consultation period, the prudential practice guides are expected to be finalized in the first half of 2023.

# APRA is in discussions with the MGL Group on resolution planning.

# APRA's proposal for increasing the loss-absorbing capacity of ADIs for resolution purposes

On November 8, 2018, APRA released a discussion paper announcing proposed changes to the application of the capital adequacy framework for ADIs to support orderly resolution in the event of failure. The announcement follows the Australian Government's 2014 Financial System Inquiry which recommended that APRA implement a framework for minimum loss-absorbing and recapitalization capacity in line with emerging international practice.

The key elements of the proposed approach from this original discussion paper included:

- a new requirement for ADIs to maintain additional loss absorbency for resolution purposes. The requirement
  would be implemented by adjusting the amount of total capital that ADIs must maintain (estimated to be an
  additional 4 to 5% of capital), therefore using existing capital instruments rather than introducing new forms of
  loss-absorbing instruments (expected to be in the form of Tier 2 Capital); and
- for ADIs that are not domestic systemically important banks ("*D-SIBs*") (such as MBL), the need for additional loss absorbency would be considered as part of resolution planning on an institution-by-institution basis.

During the consultation period of the proposed changes, concerns were raised about whether there would be sufficient capacity in debt markets to absorb the anticipated additional Tier 2 capital issuance. As a result, APRA announced on July 9, 2019 that there would be an interim requirement for D-SIBs to lift Total Capital by a revised threshold of 3% of risk weighted assets by January 1, 2024. On December 2, 2021, APRA released a letter finalizing LAC requirements for D-SIBs to increase Total Capital by 4.5% of risk weighted assets, which applies from January 1, 2026. APRA has confirmed that MBL will be subject to the same requirement.

### Associations with Related Entities

From January 1, 2022, an updated version of Prudential Standard APS 222 Associations with Related Entities ("*APS 222*") aimed at mitigating contagion risk within banking groups has applied, together with associated reporting forms. The standard incorporates:

• a broader definition of related entities that includes substantial shareholders, related individuals (including senior managers of the ADI and individuals on the board of directors) and their relatives;

- the removal of the eligibility of an ADI's overseas subsidiaries to be regulated under APRA's ELE framework;
- revised limits on the extent to which ADIs can be exposed to related entities;
- minimum requirements for ADIs to assess contagion risk; and
- requirements for ADIs to regularly assess and report on their exposure to step-in risk, which is the likelihood that they may need to "step-in" to support an entity to which they are not directly related.

The MGL Group restructured certain existing business activities and legal entities as a result of the new requirements, with no material impact on results.

# Remuneration

On August 27, 2021, APRA released a finalized cross-industry Prudential Standard CPS 511 Remuneration ("*CPS 511*") which came into effect for the MGL Group on January 1, 2023. The new standard requires boards to maintain a remuneration framework that promotes effective risk management of both financial and non-financial risks including variable downward-adjustment tools and deferral periods to address poor risk and conduct outcomes.

On October 18, 2021, APRA released the finalized cross-industry Prudential Guidance CPG 511 Remuneration ("*CPG 511*") to support CPS 511 and assist entities in meeting the new requirements under CPS 511 which is aligned with the Government's proposed Financial Accountability Regime. On December 13, 2021, the MGL Group submitted a self-assessment of its current remuneration framework against the new requirements and submitted a final board-approved Implementation Plan to APRA.

On July 6, 2022, APRA released for consultation amendments to CPS 511. These amendments include new disclosure requirements and a draft Reporting Standard CRS 511.0 Remuneration ("*CRS 511.0*") to support the implementation of CPS 511. APRA is proposing to require all APRA-regulated entities to publicly disclose information on remuneration design, governance and consequence management. The draft CRS 511.0 proposes to require APRA-regulated entities to report specified qualitative and quantitative remuneration data four months after the end of their financial year and APRA intends to publish qualitative statistics on remuneration outcomes of all APRA-regulated entities. APRA notes that these disclosures are intended to allow entities to transparently demonstrate how their remuneration practices have strengthened under CPS 511. The consultation period closed on October 7, 2022.

### **Operational** Risk

On July 28, 2022, APRA commenced consultation on a draft cross-industry prudential standard *CPS 230* Operational Risk Management ("*CPS 230*"). CPS 230 intends to set out minimum requirements for managing operational risk and uplifts requirements in two existing prudential standards (CPS 231 Outsourcing and CPS 232 Business Continuity Management).

Key new or uplifted requirements include:

- maintaining and testing internal controls to ensure they are effective in managing key operational risks;
- improving business continuity planning to ensure that regulated entities are ready to respond to severe business disruptions, maintain critical operations and set clear tolerances for the maximum level of disruption to critical operations; and
- enhancing third party risk management by extending requirements to cover all material service providers that the regulated entities rely on for critical operations or that expose them to material operational risk (rather than just material activities that have been outsourced).

Consultation responses were due to APRA on October 21, 2022. On April 13, 2023, APRA released an updated timeline for the implementation of CPS 230. In accordance with this timeline, APRA intends to:

- move the effective date for the new standard to July 1, 2025 (from January 1, 2024);
- provide transitional arrangements for pre-existing contractual arrangements with service providers, with the requirements in the standard applying from the earlier of the next contract renewal date or July 1, 2026; and

• release a final version of CPS 230, together with draft supporting guidance, in mid-2023.

# Strengthening residential mortgage lending assessments

In response to APRA's concerns with heightened household indebtedness as a result of growing financial stability risks from ADIs' residential mortgage lending, on October 6, 2021, APRA released a letter to ADIs on loan serviceability expectations to counter rising risks in home lending. APRA's letter set forth the following expectations in relation to serviceability assessments:

- all ADIs are expected to adopt a more prudent setting for the mortgage serviceability buffer that is used to test borrowers' capacity to repay. All ADIs are expected to operate with a buffer of at least 3.0 percentage points over the loan interest rate;
- all ADIs are expected to keep the level of the buffer under review to assess whether it remains appropriate in relation to the broader risk environment; and
- all ADIs are requested to review their risk appetites for lending at high debt-to-income ratios.

On November 1, 2021, MBL increased its interest rate buffer for home loan serviceability assessments from 2.5% per annum to 3.0% per annum over the loan interest rate in accordance with APRA's expectations. APRA also published an information paper on November 11, 2021, setting out its framework for the use of macroprudential policy measures to promote the stability of the Australian financial system. On February 27, 2023, APRA published an update to its macroprudential policy settings, confirming its view that existing policy settings remain appropriate based on the current risk outlook. The operative settings are:

- a neutral level for the countercyclical capital buffer of 1% of risk weighted assets; and
- a 3% serviceability buffer to maintain prudent lending standards.

# Climate Change Financial Risk

On November 4, 2021, APRA and the RBA published a joint statement on the actions taken to ensure financial institutions and the Australian financial system were prepared to respond to climate-related financial risks. APRA considers that climate change would be a driver of change in the value of certain assets and income streams, and would therefore pose a risk to financial institutions and financial stability. APRA and the RBA have worked closely with the other members of the Council of Financial Regulators ("*CFR*") in developing approaches to understanding and managing the financial risks of climate change.

Following consultation in April 2021, APRA finalized its Prudential Practice Guide CPG 229 on Climate Change Financial Risks on November 26, 2021. The guide imposes no new regulatory requirements, but rather assists entities to manage climate-related risks within their existing risk management and governance practices. It covers APRA's view of sound practice in governance, risk management, scenario analysis and disclosure of climate-related financial risks. MGL has included climate change risk within its *Risk Appetite Statement* and *Risk Management Strategy*.

On September 3, 2021, APRA published an information paper on the Climate Vulnerability Assessment ("*CVA*") which outlined the CVA's purpose, design and scope. The CVA was designed in consultation with the Australian Banking Association as well as the members of the CFR to assess the nature and extent of the financial risks that large banks in Australia may face due to climate change. At the time APRA's information paper was released, the CVA was already in progress, since June 2021, with Australia's five largest banks, including us.

The three key objectives of the CVA were to:

- assess potential financial exposure to climate risk;
- understand how banks may adjust business models and implement management actions in response to different scenarios; and
- foster improvement in climate risk management capabilities.

Following the completion and submission of the CVA in May 2022, APRA released an information paper with the aggregated CVA results from Australia's five largest banks on November 30, 2022.

#### Review of the prudential framework for groups

On October 24, 2022, APRA advised it will undertake a review of the prudential framework for groups including those that have a NOHC in their structure, such as MGL. The review will commence with a Discussion Paper in the first half of 2023 to seek industry feedback on five key topics related to groups: financial resilience, governance, risk management, resolution and competition issues. APRA expects to consult on any revisions to the relevant standards over 2023 and 2024, with any changes effective from 2025.

## **RBA**

In exercising its powers, APRA works closely with the RBA. The RBA is Australia's central bank and an active participant in the financial markets. It also manages Australia's foreign reserves, issues Australian currency notes, serves as banker to the Australian government and, through the Payment Systems Board, supervises the payments system and sets the target cash rate.

### ASIC

ASIC is Australia's corporate, markets and financial services regulator, which regulates Australian companies, financial markets, financial services organizations and professionals who deal and advise in investments, superannuation, insurance, deposit taking and credit. ASIC is also responsible for consumer protection, monitoring and promoting market integrity and licensing in relation to the Australian financial system.

ASIC regulates each of the entities we operate in Australia as the corporate regulator and is responsible for enforcing appropriate standards of corporate governance and conduct by directors and officers. A number of MGL Group entities hold Australian financial services ("AFS") licenses. ASIC licenses and monitors AFS licensees and requires AFS licensees to ensure the financial services covered by their license are provided efficiently, honestly and fairly. A number of MGL Group entities also hold Australian Credit Licenses ("ACL"). ASIC regulates ACL holders as the consumer credit regulator, licensing and regulating those entities to ensure they meet standards set out in the National Consumer Credit Protection Act 2009 of Australia (the "NCCP Act").

ASIC is also responsible for the supervision of trading on Australia's domestic licensed equity, derivatives and futures markets, including trading by MBL and other ASX and ASX24 market participants in the MBL Group.

#### ASX24

The ASX24 market provides exchange traded and over-the-counter services and regulates derivative trades that we execute through the ASX24 as a market participant in the ASX24. This business is conducted primarily within MBL Group.

As an authorized market participant, MBL Group is subject to the operating rules of ASX24 which contain comprehensive provisions for preventing conflicts and enforcing compliance with the operating rules. The rules cover all aspects of trading and of clearing and settling, including monitoring market conduct, disciplining of participants and suspension or termination of participation rights and market access.

#### ASX

ASX is Australia's primary securities market. MGL's ordinary shares are listed on ASX. MBL and MGL each have a contractual obligation to comply with ASX's listing rules, which have the statutory backing of the Australian Corporations Act. The ASX listing rules govern requirements for listing on ASX and include provisions in relation to issues of securities, disclosure to the market, executive remuneration and related-party transactions. ASX and ASIC oversee our compliance with ASX's listing rules, including any funds we manage that are listed on the ASX.

MBL Group is also an authorized market participant of ASX Settlement and ASX Clear and is subject to the operating rules which contain comprehensive provisions for preventing conflicts and enforcing compliance with the operating rules. The rules cover all aspects of clearing and settling, including monitoring market conduct, disciplining of participants and suspension or termination of participation rights and market access.

# ACCC

The ACCC is Australia's competition regulator. Its key responsibilities are to ensure that corporations do not act in a way that may have the effect of eliminating or reducing competition, and to oversee product safety and liability issues, pricing practices and third-party access to facilities of national significance. The ACCC's consumer protection activities complement those of Australia's state and territory consumer affairs agencies that administer the unfair trading legislation of those jurisdictions.

### AUSTRAC

AUSTRAC is Australia's anti-money laundering and counter-terrorism financing regulator and specialist financial intelligence unit. It works collaboratively with Australian industries and businesses (including certain entities of MGL Group) in their compliance with anti-money laundering and counter-terrorism financing legislation. As Australia's financial intelligence unit, AUSTRAC contributes to investigative and law enforcement work to combat money laundering, terrorism financing, organized and financial crime, tax evasion and to prosecute criminals in Australia and overseas.

The AML-CTF Act places obligations on providers of financial services and gaming services, and on bullion dealers. The AML-CTF Act affects entities who offer specific services which may be exploited to launder money or finance terrorism, for example, those relating to financial products, electronic fund transfers, designated remittance arrangements and correspondent banking relationships. The AML-CTF Act also has broad extra territorial application to overseas entities of Australian companies.

A number of entities in MGL Group are considered to be "reporting entities" for the purposes of the AML-CTF Act and are required to undertake certain obligations, including "know your customer" obligations, on-boarding and ongoing customer risk assessments, identification and verification obligations, enhanced customer due diligence, establishing an AML-CTF program to identify, mitigate and manage the risk of money laundering and terrorism financing, enhanced record-keeping and reporting on suspicious matters, cash transactions above a set threshold and international funds transfer instructions to and from Australia.

MBL Group and MGL Group continue to monitor, manage and implement changes as a result of AML-CTF legislation.

#### Other Australian regulators

In addition to the foregoing regulators, MBL Group and MGL Group and the businesses and funds they manage are subject to supervision by various other regulators in Australia, including but not limited to the Australian Energy Regulator, the Essential Services Commission, Economic Regulation Authority and the Department of Energy and Water in connection with activities and the management of funds in the utilities and energy sectors.

### Other Australian regulatory activity

#### Banking Executive Accountability Regime and Financial Accountability Regime

In February 2018, the Treasury Laws Amendment (Banking Executive Accountability and Related Measures) Act 2018 was passed by the Australian Parliament introducing a new banking executive accountability regime known as *"BEAR"*. The intention behind BEAR is to improve the operating culture of all ADIs and their subsidiaries and introduce enhanced transparency and personal accountability into the banking sector.

The Financial Accountability Regime ("*FAR*") will replace BEAR and extend the responsibility and accountability framework established under BEAR to all prudentially regulated entities. In addition to MBL, this will extend to MGL and Macquarie Investment Management Limited ("*MIML*") for the MGL Group. FAR is intended to strengthen the transparency and accountability of these entities and improve risk culture and governance for both prudential and conduct purposes. The regime will be jointly administered by APRA and ASIC.

Bills introducing the FAR were introduced into Federal Parliament in 2021 (the FAR (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2021 and the Financial Accountability Regime Bill 2021) and 2022 (the Financial Accountability Regime Bill 2022 and the Financial Sector Reform Bill 2022 ("FSR Bill")) (together, the "2021 and 2022 FAR Bills"). However, the 2021 and 2022 FAR Bills did not pass through Federal Parliament (except in the case of the FSR Bill, which was passed and received Royal Assent after the sections relevant to the new FAR regime had been removed).

On March 8, 2023, the Financial Accountability Regime Bill 2023 ("*FAR Bill*") and the Financial Accountability Regime (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2023 ("*FAR CA Bill*") (together, the "2023 Bills") were introduced into Federal Parliament. The 2023 Bills, which have yet to be passed by the Federal Parliament, provide for the introduction of FAR on similar terms to the 2021 and 2022 FAR Bills.

If passed, the FAR Bill will commence the day after Royal Assent and the regime will apply to the banking industry, i.e. ADIs and NOHCs, including both MBL and MGL, six months after commencement of the FAR Bill. It will then apply to the insurance and superannuation industries, including MIML, 18 months after commencement of the FAR Bill. Transitional arrangements for ADIs, such as MBL, are provided by the FAR CA Bill. This will involve repealing BEAR following the application of FAR to the banking sector (ADIs and their NOHCs).

### Design and distribution obligations

On April 3, 2019, the Treasury Laws Amendment (Design and Distribution Obligations and Product Intervention Powers) Act 2019 was passed by Federal Parliament introducing a legislative framework for issuers and distributors to develop and maintain effective product governance processes across the lifecycle of financial products, focused on the design and distribution of products that are consistent with the likely objectives, financial situation and needs of consumers in an identified target market. On December 11, 2020, ASIC released its new Regulatory Guide 274 *Product design and distribution obligations ("RG 274")*, placing a greater emphasis on the effectiveness of product governance arrangements and providing greater clarity on how requirements could be met.

The MGL Group implemented the new design and distribution obligations (DDO) for the commencement date of October 5, 2021 in line with RG 274. This was deferred for six months from the original commencement date of April 5, 2021, due to the impact of COVID-19 on the economy.

On September 14, 2021, the Australian government announced its intention to make a number of legislative amendments to achieve its intended operation of these reforms. *ASIC Corporations (Design and Distribution Obligations Interim measures) Instrument 2021/784* implemented these changes and they came into effect on October 5, 2021 and will last until October 5, 2023. The instrument removes the requirement for all distributors to report to issuers whether they have received a complaint, including where they have received no complaints, amongst other amendments. The MGL Group will monitor these changes as they are formally announced by the government and any interim relief is provided by ASIC.

#### ASIC guidance on fees and costs disclosure

In November 2019, ASIC released its updated Regulatory Guide 97 *Disclosing fees and costs in PDSs and periodic statements* ("*RG 97*") and legislative instrument relating to fees and costs disclosure in product disclosure statements ("*PDSs*") and periodic statements. The release of the updated regulatory guide followed a period of consultation, an external expert review of the guide as well as consumer testing of proposed changes. ASIC reissued RG 97 again in July and September 2020 with minor amendments.

The requirements apply to most superannuation products and managed investment products issued to retail clients and is relevant to issuers of investment life insurance products and operators of investor directed portfolio services ("*IDPSs*"). The requirements are designed to ensure that there is a consistent and transparent approach to fees and costs disclosure. Transition arrangements for the new disclosure regime commenced on September 30, 2020 for issuers who have elected to apply the new requirements.

MBL Group has updated relevant disclosure documents to comply with the requirements. The new rules apply to periodic and exit statements for reporting periods commencing on or after July 1, 2021 and PDSs given from September 30, 2022.

### ASIC market integrity rules

On March 10, 2022, ASIC announced that it has introduced new market integrity rules aimed at promoting the technological and operational resilience of securities and futures market operators and participants. The new technological and operational resilience rules applied from March 10, 2023, clarifying and strengthening existing obligations for market operators and participants and providing greater domestic and international alignment in relation to issues of change management, outsourcing, information security, business continuity planning, governance and resourcing, and trading controls. The MBL Group has updated its policies and procedures to comply with these requirements.

In addition, ASIC has extended the existing prohibition on payment for order flow in Part 5.4B of the Securities Markets Rules to cover, from June 10, 2022, when a market participant sells client order flow and payment for order flow that occurs amongst other market intermediaries. These amendments are a proactive measure to avoid the emergence of payment for order flow arrangements in Australia.

ASIC has also made a number of other changes including introducing a good fame and character test and suspicious activity reporting to the Futures Market Rules.

On August 2, 2022, ASIC released its Regulatory Guide 265 Guidance on ASIC market integrity rules for participants of securities markets ("RG 265") and Regulatory Guide 266 Guidance on ASIC market integrity rules for participants of futures markets ("RG 266"). RG 265 and RG 266 provide guidance on how market participants can comply with their obligations under market integrity rules.

#### **Open Banking**

On August 1, 2019, legislation to establish the Consumer Data Right ("*CDR*") was passed by Australian parliament. The CDR framework gives consumers control over their consumer data, enabling them to (among other things) direct the dataholder to provide their data, in a CDR compliant format, to accredited data recipients including other banks, fintechs or companies providing comparison services.

The Open Banking regime forms the first component of the Australian government's CDR. All Australian deposit taking institutions must comply with Open Banking. The commencement date for non-major banks (including MBL) to share product reference data (e.g., fees and charges, terms and conditions and eligibility criteria) for phase one products (TSA, credit cards, CMA and business deposit accounts) was October 1, 2020 (previously July 1, 2020) following a three month exemption provided by the ACCC due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Non-major banks were required to facilitate data sharing for joint accounts from October 1, 2022, and were required to facilitate data sharing by businesses, partnerships and secondary users from November 1, 2022. MBL has largely met its commitments from October 2020 to date, and has provided a rectification schedule to the ACCC in relation to all identified implementation gaps or delays (including in relation to certain November 1, 2022 deliverables) in line with ACCC guidance. These are made publicly available on the ACCC's website.

On May 6, 2021, the ACCC granted an exemption to MBL deferring the commencement dates of its consumer data sharing obligations (all phases) and its direct-to-consumer obligations, for specific business banking account products, until November 1, 2022. The exemption also provides MBL with permanent exemption for specific grandfathered product portfolios. On December 15, 2022, the ACCC granted to MBL an extension of the commencement date exemption for certain business banking account products until August 2023, and MBL has included this on the rectification schedule provided to the ACCC for website publication.

### Dispute resolution

On May 15, 2019, ASIC released a consultation paper to update its Regulatory Guide 165 *Internal Dispute Resolution* ("*RG 165*"). The proposed standards, which include new mandatory data reporting and reduced timeframes for responding to retail and small business complaints, aims to improve the way complaints are dealt with across the financial system and bring about greater transparency in financial firms' complaint handling procedures. ASIC intends to issue a legislative instrument that will have the effect of making the core IDR requirements set out in RG 165 enforceable. As part of the consultation process, ASIC held stakeholder meetings in September 2019 to further discuss issues raised in the consultation paper as well as those raised in submissions. RG 165 was reissued on July 30, 2020.

On July 30, 2020, ASIC released updated requirements, and associated legislative instrument, on complaints handling ("*RG 271*"). RG 271 replaced RG 165 on October 5, 2021 for complaints received subsequent to this date. ASIC formally withdrew RG 165 on October 5, 2022. MBL amended policies and processes to comply with RG 271 from October 5, 2021.

On March 30, 2022, ASIC released the final requirements for the IDR data reporting framework including the IDR data reporting handbook, which sets out all the requirements for financial firms to submit IDR reports to ASIC. The framework is being implemented in 2023 starting with a group of 11 large financial firms that have been required to report IDR data to ASIC for the first time by February 28, 2023. The MGL Group was not required to report IDR data in February 2023. On May 5, 2023, ASIC announced a revision to the implementation timeframe for all other financial firms. MGL, MBL and MIML will join the framework and be required to report IDR data to ASIC by August 31, 2023 and the balance of MGL Group entities that are Australian credit licensees or AFS licensees will join the framework and be required to report IDR data to ASIC by February 29, 2024. From February 29, 2024, all relevant financial firms will

need to report IDR data to ASIC every six-months on an ongoing basis. ASIC also released an updated IDR data reporting handbook on May 5, 2023. Public reporting on IDR from ASIC will not commence until after February 2024, though ASIC has not yet confirmed the exact date.

#### Breach reporting

In December 2020, the Australian Federal Parliament passed legislation endorsing several reforms recommended by the Financial Services Royal Commission, including reforms to the current regime for reporting significant breaches of financial services laws to ASIC. Key changes to the regime include introducing a comparable breach reporting regime for Australian credit licensees under the NCCP Act, expanding the significance test to require reports in a broader range of circumstances, extending the timeframe for reporting breaches, and mandating licensees to report serious compliance concerns about other licensees (targeted at misconduct by mortgage brokers or individual financial advisers). Following a period of consultation, the government released the final regulations specifying the civil penalty provisions excluded from "deemed significance" on August 5, 2021. In September 2021, the government announced its intention to make a number of technical amendments to achieve the intended operation of these reforms. In February 2022, the Corporations Act and the NCCP Act were amended to add core obligations on representatives of licensees to ensure that breaches of these obligations by representatives of licensees are reportable. ASIC has already provided administrative relief to exclude non-compliance with IDR standards in RG 271 from deemed significance and also to limit the reporting of breaches of non-specified Commonwealth legislation relating to credit activities. The MGL Group will monitor these changes as they are formally announced by the government and any further interim relief is provided by ASIC.

ASIC released its updated Regulatory Guide 78 *Breach reporting by AFS licensees and credit licensees* ("*RG 78*") on September 7, 2021. RG 78 sets out ASIC's interpretation of key concepts of the breach reporting obligation, its general approach to administering the obligation, and how licensees can demonstrate compliance with the breach reporting obligation. Information Sheet 259 outlining the new notify, investigate, and remediate obligations applicable to AFS licensees who are financial advisers and credit licensees who are mortgage brokers was likewise issued on September 7, 2021.

MBL amended policies, processes and systems to comply with the new regime from October 1, 2021. ASIC commenced public reporting on breach reports lodged by AFS licensees and credit licensees in October 2022. The first public report did not identify individual licensees. ASIC released an updated RG 78 on April 27, 2023 to clarify aspects of the existing guidance and provide new guidance in response to operational issues that have arisen since the implementation of the regime.

### Unfair contract terms regime

On November 9, 2022, the Treasury Laws Amendment (More Competition, Better Prices) Bill 2022 received Royal Assent and will come into effect on November 9, 2023. It establishes a civil penalty regime prohibiting the use of, and reliance on, unfair contract terms in standard form contracts. It also expands the class of contracts that are covered by the unfair contract terms regime (e.g., any contracts relating to financial products and services regulated under the Australian Securities and Investments Commission Act 2001 with the counterparty being a business that employs less than 100 people or has a turnover for the last fiscal year of less than A\$10 million are now captured if the upfront price payable under the contract does not exceed A\$5 million). MBL is monitoring developments in regulatory guidance in this space and will make appropriate changes to its processes and policies as necessary.

### International

Our businesses and the funds that we manage outside Australia are subject to various regulatory regimes.

# **United States**

U.S. financial regulators remain active in issuing new and revised regulations, exemptive orders and interpretive guidance. This regulatory activity could have a material effect on the business, financial condition, and results of operations of financial institutions operating in the U.S., including the activities of MGL and its U.S. subsidiaries. See "Risk Factors — Many of our businesses are highly regulated and we could be adversely affected by temporary and permanent changes in law, regulations and regulatory policy" elsewhere in this Report.

# Banking regulations

In the U.S., MBL operates solely through representative offices. These representative offices are generally limited to (i) soliciting business on behalf of MBL, which must then be approved and booked offshore, and (ii) performing administrative tasks as directed by MBL. Our representative offices are licensed and subject to periodic examination by the banking regulatory authorities of the individual states in which they are located, including New York and Texas. Our representative offices are subject to periodic examination by the relevant Reserve Bank, each of which is in turn subject to oversight by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (the "FRB").

# Derivatives regulations

The commodities and securities laws in the U.S. create a comprehensive regulatory regime for swaps and other derivatives, subject to the jurisdiction and regulations of multiple U.S. regulatory agencies, including the FRB, the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (the "*CFTC*") and the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "*SEC*"). The regulatory landscape for derivatives continues to change as new rules are adopted, implemented and enforced by the CFTC and SEC. These regulations, which vary by jurisdiction, may have a significant impact on the derivatives markets, and entities that participate in those markets.

MBL is provisionally registered as a swap dealer with the CFTC. Macquarie Futures USA LLC ("*MFUSA*") is registered as a futures commission merchant with the CFTC. As CFTC registrants, MBL and MFUSA are subject to comprehensive regulatory oversight by the CFTC. In addition, MBL is registered as a security-based swap dealer with the SEC. The CFTC and SEC continue to propose significant new or revised regulatory requirements which, if adopted, may have effects across the transaction lifecycle and apply to MBL and its subsidiaries.

As part of its swap dealer and security-based swap dealer obligations, MBL is subject to the FRB's capital regulations, as well as the FRB's initial and variation margin requirements for uncleared swaps and security-based swaps. MBL is also subject to additional margin requirements imposed by APRA and regulators in the European Union ("*EU*") and the U.K.

MBL's and MFUSA's businesses have been and will continue to be affected by a variety of regulations under the U.S. Commodity Exchange Act, as amended, and CFTC regulations including, but not limited to, mandatory trade execution and clearing requirements for certain classes of derivatives, reporting obligations, recordkeeping, business conduct requirements, prohibitions on market manipulation and disruptive trading, prohibitions on the use of certain non-public information, treatment of separate accounts by futures commission merchants, registration and heightened supervision of MBL as a swap dealer, and more stringent and extensive position limits and aggregation requirements on derivatives on certain physical commodities. Pursuant to the CFTC's Comparability Determinations for Australia, MBL's compliance with provisions and requirements under the applicable Australian regulatory regimes is sufficient to meet some CFTC swap dealer requirements to which MBL would otherwise be subject. Together, these requirements will impact MBL and MFUSA as a direct market participant that transacts in derivatives, in the case of MBL, and as an intermediary that provides access to the derivatives markets for others, in the case of MFUSA. The SEC has jurisdiction over transactions in security-based swaps, which generally include swaps on a single security or a narrow-based index of securities or on a single loan and credit default swaps on a single issuer or issuers of securities in a narrow-based security index. The SEC has adopted regulations requiring, among other things, registration of security-based swap dealers and compliance with regulations on business conduct, trade reporting, recordkeeping, financial reporting and other matters. Security-based swaps, because they are securities, are subject to the general anti-fraud and anti-manipulation provisions of the U.S. federal securities laws. MBL is registered as a security-based swap dealer with the SEC and is required to comply with the SEC's regulations governing security-based swap dealers and security-based swaps. These registration and compliance obligations will likely result in increased costs with respect to MBL's security-based swaps business. The SEC and CFTC share jurisdiction over "mixed swaps." Mixed swaps are a type of derivative contract that combine elements of both securities-based swaps and

commodity-based swaps, and therefore can implicate the regulatory authority of both the SEC and the CFTC. The Bank engages in mixed swaps, which impose compliance obligations under both the CFTC and SEC regimes.

# Anti-money laundering regulations

The MBL representative offices, MFUSA, and MGL Group's securities broker-dealers and mutual funds managed or sponsored by MGL Group's subsidiaries are subject to AML laws and regulations in the U.S. Applicable regulations include those issued by the Treasury Department's Financial Crimes Enforcement Network ("*FinCEN*") to implement various AML requirements of the Bank Secrecy Act (as amended, the "*Bank Secrecy Act*").

The Bank Secrecy Act requires certain types of financial institutions (including U.S. representative offices of foreign banks and U.S. futures commission merchants, securities broker-dealers and mutual funds) to establish and maintain written AML compliance programs. Depending on the institution, the AML compliance program must be approved in writing by the board of directors, board of trustees or senior management and must include the following components: (i) a system of internal controls to assure ongoing compliance with applicable AML laws and regulations; (ii) independent compliance testing conducted by the institution's personnel or by a qualified outside party; (iii) designation of an individual or individuals responsible for coordinating and monitoring day-to-day compliance; (iv) training of personnel; and (v) the establishment of a risk-based customer due diligence procedure, including procedures designed to identify and verify the identities of the beneficial Ownership Rule, financial institutions are required to establish and maintain written procedures reasonably designed to identify and verify for each legal entity customer: (i) the identity of any individual who owns 25% or more of the legal entity customer, and (ii) one individual who controls the legal entity customer. These requirements only apply to accounts opened on or after May 11, 2018 by a legal entity customer.

U.S. representative offices of foreign banks and U.S. futures commission merchants, securities brokerdealers and mutual funds are also required to establish and maintain a customer identification program and, as necessary, to file suspicious activity reports ("*SARs*") with appropriate federal regulatory agencies and FinCEN.

The MBL representative offices, MFUSA, and MGL Group's securities broker-dealers and other subsidiaries in the U.S. have adopted written AML compliance programs that are reasonably designed to comply with the Bank Secrecy Act.

In 2015, FinCEN published a notice of proposed rulemaking that would require investment advisers registered, or required to be registered, with the SEC to establish an AML compliance program and file SARs with FinCEN, and subject those advisers to additional Bank Secrecy Act requirements, such as the requirement to file currency transaction reports. If adopted as proposed, the rule would apply to MGL's subsidiaries that are registered, or required to be registered, with the SEC as investment advisers. The rulemaking has not been adopted as of the date of this Report.

In January 2021, the Anti-Money Laundering Act of 2020 (the "AMLA") amended the Bank Secrecy Act. Among other things, the AMLA codified a risk-based approach to anti-money laundering compliance for financial institutions; required the development of standards by the Treasury Department for evaluating technology and internal processes for Bank Secrecy Act compliance; and expanded enforcement- and investigation-related authority, including significant expansions in the available sanctions for certain Bank Secrecy Act violations and in Bank Secrecy Act whistleblower incentives and protections.

In September 2022, FinCEN issued a final rule to implement some of the AMLA's "Corporate Transparency Act" provisions, and it imposes new beneficial ownership information reporting requirements ("*Beneficial Ownership Reporting Rule*"). In order to comply with the Beneficial Ownership Reporting Rule, both domestic reporting companies and foreign reporting companies registered to do business in the

U.S. generally will be required to report information regarding themselves, their beneficial owners, and their company applicants. The Beneficial Ownership Reporting Rule exempts twenty-three types of entities from the reporting requirements.

# Economic sanctions

The MBL representative offices and MGL Group's other operations that are within or that involve the U.S. (e.g., transactions through the U.S., transfers through the U.S. financial system) must also comply with the economic sanctions programs administered by the Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control ("*OFAC*"), which enforces economic sanctions against targeted foreign countries, individuals and entities. The MBL representative offices and MGL Group's U.S. futures commission merchant, securities broker-dealers and other subsidiaries in the U.S. have adopted and implemented procedures that are reasonably designed to ensure their compliance with the economic sanctions programs administered by OFAC. MBL operations outside the U.S. and that do not otherwise involve the U.S. also are mindful of secondary U.S. sanctions, which target non-U.S. persons' activities outside the U.S. that are deemed by the U.S. government to counter U.S. foreign policy or U.S. national security.

# Securities, commodities and other regulations

In the U.S., MGL Group's securities broker-dealer subsidiaries are regulated by the SEC, by the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("*FINRA*"), various other self-regulatory organizations of which they are members and state securities regulators with respect to securities and corporate finance-related activities. We also conduct securities and corporate finance-related activities through several investment advisers and investment companies registered with the SEC under, respectively, the U.S. Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended, and the U.S. Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended. We will be subject to ever greater oversight and regulation by the SEC and FINRA as our business grows in the U.S. For example, on March 11, 2022, MAM completed the acquisition of Central Park Group, LLC, a U.S.-based asset manager.

In addition, we are regulated by the CFTC and the National Futures Association with respect to the trading of futures, swaps, and commodity options for customers and related clearing activities. The CFTC continues to issue final and proposed regulations, statements of guidance and no-action letters that may affect certain members of the MGL Group, including us.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission also regulates the wholesale natural gas and electricity markets in which we operate. As we continue to expand our U.S. energy trading business, our compliance with energy trading regulations will become increasingly important.

Other regulators that affect the funds and companies that we manage include, but are not limited to, the Federal Communications Commission with respect to certain media-related investments and various other applicable federal, state and local agencies. In addition, our entry into the physical commodities trading business has subjected us to further U.S. regulations, including, but not limited to, federal, state and local environmental laws.

### Canada

#### Derivative regulations

Canada has harmonized derivatives reporting rules across its provinces and territories. MBL, as well as its subsidiary Macquarie Energy Canada Ltd ("*MEC*"), are currently operating as deemed derivative dealers in Canada for purposes of transaction reporting. Derivative dealer registration requirements and business conduct rules have not yet been finalized in Canada, but it is anticipated that MBL and MEC may be required to register as derivative dealers. Registration and compliance obligations in Canada will likely result in increased costs with respect to MBL's and its subsidiaries' Canadian derivatives business.

### **United Kingdom**

# U.K. regulators

The Financial Conduct Authority (the "FCA") and the Prudential Regulation Authority (the "PRA") are responsible for the regulation of financial services business in the U.K., including banking, investment business, consumer credit and insurance. Deposit-taking institutions, insurers and significant investment firms are dual-regulated, with the PRA responsible for the authorization, prudential regulation and day-to-day supervision of such firms, and the FCA responsible for regulating their conduct of business requirements.

Other U.K. regulators that may impact our business include the Office of Gas and Electricity Markets, which regulates the U.K. downstream natural gas and electricity industry, and the Information Commissioner's Office which is responsible for regulating compliance with legislation in the U.K. governing data protection and electronic communications.

### MGL Group U.K. regulated entities

MBL operates a branch, MBL LB, in the U.K. The PRA and FCA have regulatory oversight of the U.K. activities of MBL LB. APRA, however, remains its prudential regulator.

MBL operated a subsidiary in the U.K., Macquarie Bank International Ltd ("*MBIL*"), which was authorized by the PRA and regulated by the PRA and the FCA. MBIL's U.K. regulatory license was cancelled at our request on September 15, 2021 and, since that date, MBIL no longer operates as an authorized firm in the U.K.

MGL has three regulated subsidiaries in the U.K., Macquarie Infrastructure and Real Assets (Europe) Limited ("MIRAEL"), Macquarie Capital (Europe) Limited ("MCEL") and Macquarie Investment Management Europe Limited ("MIMEL") authorized and regulated by the FCA. MIRAEL is authorized as an alternative investment fund manager ("AIFM") pursuant to the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000, as amended, and is able to manage qualifying alternative investment funds and market such funds to professional investors in the U.K. MCEL and MIMEL are authorized and regulated by the FCA as investment firms.

MGL previously operated a subsidiary in the U.K., Macquarie Corporate and Asset Finance 1 Limited ("*MCAF1L*"), which was authorized and regulated by the FCA. MCAF1L's regulatory license was cancelled at our request on January 23, 2023 and, since that date, MCAF1L no longer operates as an authorized firm in the U.K.

Similarly, MGL's subsidiary Green Investment Group Management Limited ("*GIGML*") was authorized and regulated by the FCA as an AIFM. GIGML's U.K. regulatory license was cancelled at our request on August 3, 2022, and since that date, GIGML no longer operates as an authorized firm in the U.K. Funds previously managed by GIGML as an alternative investment fund manager were transferred to MIRAEL as MGL's AIFM regulated in the U.K., effective from December 1, 2021.

MBL LB, MIRAEL, MCEL and MIMEL are required to comply with certain U.K. legislation and regulatory requirements set forth by the FCA and, in the case of MBL LB, the PRA in their handbooks of rules and guidance (as amended from time to time) (collectively, the "*Rules*"). The Rules include, among others, requirements for prudential management of risks, systems and controls, corporate governance, market conduct, conduct of business and the treatment of customers.

In many cases, the Rules reflect the requirements set out in EU regulations and implemented by way of applicable EU directives and onshored in the U.K. as a result of the U.K.'s withdrawal from the EU (such as the Markets in Financial Instruments Directive 2014/65/EU ("*MiFID IP*") and the Markets in Financial Instruments Regulation (600/2014/EU) ("*MiFIR*"), which relate to the carrying on of investment business). These Rules have, in certain cases, been amended to tailor to the U.K. financial system.

#### U.K. prudential framework

MBL LB is prudentially regulated by its home regulator, APRA. However, certain PRA provisions, applicable to third country branches in the U.K., do apply to MBL LB.

The FCA introduced a prudential regime for investment firms that it prudentially regulates (the Investment Firm Prudential Regime, "*IFPR*") with a view to reduce the potential harm to consumers and markets and capture the

vulnerabilities and risks specific to these firms. The IFPR came into force on January 1, 2022, subject to certain transitional provisions. Firms within scope of the IFPR are either classed as a "small and non-interconnected" ("*SNI*") firm or not (a "*non SNI*") based on whether the activities that they conduct satisfy certain thresholds. SNI firms are prohibited from carrying out activities that are deemed to carry the greatest potential to harm customers (e.g., holding client money or safeguarding client assets) and restricted in the manner in which they undertake other activities (e.g., dealing on own account or underwriting). SNI firms are prohibited from carrying out any activities on such a scale that the FCA considers would cause significant harm to customers or the markets in which such firms operate.

In a similar manner to the EU's Regulation (EU) 2019/2033 (the "*IFR*") and Directive (EU) 2019/2034 (the "*IFD*"), the IFPR introduced a new approach to calculating capital requirements, the "K factors". The K-factor capital requirements are a mixture of activity- and exposure-based requirements. The K-factors that apply to an FCA MiFID investment firm depend on the investment services and activities that it undertakes. The IFPR also introduced (a) new rules on prudential consolidation, liquidity and concentration risk that apply to investment firms and their groups; (b) a new approach to the process for assessing the adequacy of internal capital at a firm; (c) new requirements on internal governance and remuneration policies; and (d) new reporting and disclosure requirements. The extent to which these requirements impact investment firms depends on their classification which can change over time depending upon the activities and size of a firm's business.

MCEL and MIMEL are subject to the IFPR as is MIRAEL (as an alternative investment fund manager with top-up permissions to undertake certain investment services) and they are classified as non SNI firms. The changes required as part of the implementation of the IFPR have been effected through a regulatory change program for the entities within scope of the regime. Ongoing monitoring of thresholds and compliance is now required as this new regime, and the FCA's expectations around it, develops.

A liquidity contingency plan is maintained for MGL and MBL which considers the consolidated liquidity requirements of the MGL Group (including but not limited to MBL LB and other subsidiaries). In addition, MCEL, MIRAEL and MIMEL maintain their own liquidity contingency plans. See section 5.1 of our 2023 Fiscal Year Management Discussion and Analysis Report.

#### U.K. bank recovery and resolution

The U.K. implemented the EU Bank Recovery and Resolution Directive (2014/59/EU) (the "*BRRD*") through the Banking Act 2009 (the "2009 Act") and Bank Recovery and Resolution (No. 2) Order 2014 (the "2014 Order"). It also largely implemented the EU BRRD reform package (known as "*BRRD II*") (see below) which became applicable on December 28, 2020 (although the U.K. did not implement those provisions which became applicable on or after January 1, 2021, including the revisions to MREL and certain provisions were subject to a "sunset" clause which disapplied them from January 1, 2021, including the additional moratorium power and changes to the contractual recognition of bail-in powers).

The Banking Act is applied on a differential basis in relation to the resolution of U.K. branches of third-country institutions. In any event, there remains a risk that the U.K. regulators and/or authorities can make an instrument or order under the Banking Act in respect of MBL LB and/or its related parties could be adversely affected by any such instrument or order if made. The U.K. regulators may also consider the home country resolution strategy and any impacts that this may have on U.K. operations.

FCA-regulated investment firms such as MCEL, MIMEL and MIRAEL are not within scope of the U.K. resolution regime.

### U.K. anti-money laundering legislation

Directive (EU) 2018/843 ("5MLD") was implemented in the U.K. in January 2020 by way of amendments to the Money Laundering, Terrorist Financing and the Transfer of Funds (Information on the Payer) Regulations 2017 (the "2017 Regulations"). The U.K. Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 also establishes requirements for firms in relation to money laundering controls. Although it required implementation prior to IPCD, the U.K. chose not to transpose the Sixth Money Laundering Directive (Directive (EU) 2018/1673) ("6MLD") on the basis that its money laundering regime already implemented a number of its provisions.

### U.K. regulatory reform

Following a consultation on the optimal structure for U.K. financial services post-Brexit, the Financial Services and Markets Bill (the "*FSMB*") was introduced to Parliament on July 20, 2022 and aims to implement the outcomes of the government's future regulatory framework review and to make changes to update the U.K. regulatory regime. The FSMB proposes a framework to revoke onshored EU legislation in relation to financial services and to grant primary responsibility for regulation in these areas to the U.K. regulatory authorities, subject to the oversight of the U.K. Parliament. Royal Assent for the FSMB is expected in the spring of 2023. It will be followed by a programme of regulatory reform, the timetable and extent of which are currently uncertain.

In December 2022, His Majesty's Treasury published a policy statement on 'Building a smarter financial services framework for the UK', which set out the government's plan to deliver the future regulatory framework through the powers established in the FSMB. It prescribes how the programme of reform will be approached in phases, with retained EU law in the area of financial services split into "tranches". Work is already underway on the first tranche, delivering the outcomes arising from the Wholesale Markets Review, Lord Hill's Listing Review, the Securitisation Review, and the Review into the Solvency II Directive. The second tranche contains remaining implementation of the outcomes of the Wholesale Markets Review, continued work on Solvency II, the Packaged Retail and Insurance-Based Investment Products Regulation, the Short Selling Regulation, the Taxonomy Regulation, the Money Market Funds Regulation, Payment Services Directive and the E-Money Directive, Insurance Mediation and Distribution Directives, the Capital Requirements Regulation and Directive, Long-Term Investment Funds Regulation, and the consumer information rules in the Payment Accounts Regulations 2015. A number of these reforms may impact MGL Group's U.K. regulated entities. The government expects to make 'significant progress' on tranches 1 and 2 by the end of 2023.

As part of the government's future regulatory framework review, in February 2023, the FCA published a discussion paper setting out proposals to reform the U.K. asset management regime as a result of changes proposed by the FSMB, which may impact MGL Group's U.K. regulated entities. For example, the FCA is seeking views on reforms including the implementation of a single rulebook applicable to asset management firms and changes which take account of developments in technology and support innovation. Responses to the discussion paper are due on May 22, 2023 and the FCA is expected to publish a feedback statement on the discussion paper later in 2023. However, the timetable for consulting on and implementing any reforms and the extent of such reforms are currently uncertain as fund regulation is not included in either tranche 1 or tranche 2 of the programme of reforms.

There remains a risk that the U.K. regime may diverge from the EU regime in certain respects. As is common with financial services regulation, the applicable changes to different firms will come into effect over a long period and require a change management programme to identify and implement relevant changes. The impact of such changes on the MGL Group is unknown at this time.

### **European Union**

#### **EU Regulators**

In the EU, the Single Supervisory Mechanism (the "SSM") designates the European Central Bank (the "ECB") the competent authority for banking supervision across the euro area.

In this context, national competent authorities ("*NCAs*") are the financial services regulatory authorities in each individual EU member state that directly regulate banks in the relevant member state.

The ECB directly regulates entities designated as "Significant Institutions" and indirectly regulates, through NCAs, entities designated as "Less Significant Institutions" ("*LSIs*"). Where the ECB regulates banks, it is not to the exclusion of NCAs.

### France

The Autorité de Contrôle Prudentiel et de Resolution (the "ACPR") is responsible for the supervision of the banking and insurance sectors in France and authorizes any regulated entity such as credit institutions, investment firms, insurance companies, financing companies and payment institutions. The ACPR is responsible for prudential supervision but is also the competent authority when it comes to clients' protection and financial crime, more specifically AML-CFT matters. The Autorité des Marchés Financiers (the "AMF") is the French financial markets regulator and is responsible for regulating the market, its participants and investment products distributed via these markets and is also responsible for ensuring that investors are properly informed. Macquarie Capital France Société Anonyme ("*MCF*") and the French branch of Macquarie Bank Europe Designated Activity Company ("*MBE DAC*") are regulated by both the ACPR and the AMF. They are required to comply with French legislation and regulatory requirements set out by the ACPR and AMF in the form of codes, regulations and guidance issued from time to time (collectively, the "*French Rules*"), as applicable. The French Rules include, among others, requirements as to capital adequacy, liquidity adequacy, systems and controls, corporate governance, market conduct, financial crime, conduct of business and the treatment of customers.

Macquarie Asset Management Europe S.à r.l. (*"MAMES"*) applied to the AMF for regulatory permission to open a branch in France. This application has been approved, though the operational date of the branch is not yet confirmed.

### Ireland

The Central Bank of Ireland (the "*CBI*") is responsible for the regulation of financial services business in Ireland, including banking, investment business, consumer credit and insurance. Those credit institutions that are LSIs within the SSM framework are supervised directly by the CBI with indirect supervision from the ECB.

The Irish Data Protection Commission is responsible for regulating compliance with legislation in Ireland governing data protection and electronic communications.

The MGL Group has an authorized Irish subsidiary, MBE DAC, which is authorized and regulated as a credit institution by the CBI. MBE DAC is designated as an LSI within the SSM framework.

These regulated entities are required to comply with Irish legislation and the regulatory requirements set forth by the CBI in the form of codes, regulations and guidance issued from time to time (collectively, the "*Irish Rules*"), as applicable. The Irish Rules include, among others, requirements as to capital adequacy, liquidity adequacy, systems and controls, corporate governance, market conduct, conduct of business and the treatment of customers.

In many cases, the Irish Rules reflect the requirements set out in EU regulations (which are directly applicable in Ireland) and implement applicable EU requirements and directives (such as CRR II and CRD V, which relate to regulatory prudential requirements for banks and large investment firms and came into force on June 27, 2019; CRD V largely took effect from December 29, 2020 and CRR II came into force on June 28, 2021; and MiFID II and MiFIR, which relate to the carrying on of investment business and which came into force on July 2, 2014 and took effect on January 3, 2018). Under the Irish Rules, regulated banks and certain investment firms are required to have an adequate regulatory capital plan in place, among other requirements. MBE DAC is required to comply with the requirements set out in CRR II and CRD V.

### Luxembourg

The Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier (the "CSSF") is Luxembourg's financial sector regulator, responsible for regulating investment business including investment fund managers, credit institutions and investment firms. The Commissariat aux Assurances (the "CAA") is the Luxembourg insurance regulator responsible for regulating insurance business.

MGL Group has the following Luxembourg regulated entities:

- Macquarie Investment Management Europe S.A. ("*MIMESA*"), which is authorized and regulated by the CSSF as an investment firm;
- MAMES, which is authorized and regulated by the CSSF as an alternative investment fund manager; and
- Macquarie Insurance Facility Luxembourg S.à r.l. ("*MIF Lux*"), which is authorized and regulated by the CAA as an investment broker.

As regulated entities, MIMESA and MAMES are required to comply with Luxembourg legislation and regulation as set out by the CSSF in the form of codes, regulations and guidance issued from time to time (collectively, the *"Luxembourg Rules"*), as applicable. The Luxembourg Rules include, among others, requirements as to capital adequacy, systems and controls, corporate governance, market conduct, conduct of business and the treatment of customers.

MIF Lux as a regulated entity is obliged to comply with Luxembourg legislation and regulation as set out by the CAA in the form of codes, circulars, regulations and guidance issued from time to time relating to the insurance sector.

#### Germany

The Bundesanstalt für Finanzdienstleistungsaufsicht ("*BaFin*") is responsible for the regulation of banks, financial services providers, insurance undertakings and securities trading in Germany.

The MGL Group has an authorized German subsidiary, GLL Real Estate Partners Kapitalverwaltungsgesellschaft mbH ("*GLL KVG*"), which is authorized and regulated as an alternative investment fund manager by BaFin. As a regulated entity, GLL KVG is required to comply with German legislation and regulation as set out by BaFin in the form of codes, regulations and guidance issued from time to time (collectively, the "*German Rules*") as applicable. The German Rules include, among others, requirements as to capital adequacy, systems and controls, corporate governance, market conduct, conduct of business and the treatment of customers.

### Austria

The Austrian Financial Market Authority (the "*FMA*") is responsible for the regulation of banks, insurance undertakings, pension companies, corporate provision funds, investment firms, investment services providers, investment funds, financial conglomerates and stock exchange companies in Austria.

The MGL Group has an authorized Austrian subsidiary, Macquarie Investment Management Austria Kapitalanlage AG ("*MIMAK*"), which is regulated by the FMA in the conduct of business in the European Economic Area ("*EEA*"). As a regulated entity, MIMAK is required to comply with Austrian legislation and regulation as set out by the FMA in the form of codes, regulations and guidance issued from time to time (collectively, the "*Austrian Rules*") as applicable. The Austrian Rules include, among others, requirements as to capital adequacy, systems and controls, corporate governance, market conduct, conduct of business and the treatment of customers.

### EU prudential framework

The original components of the Basel III package were implemented in the EEA through CRD IV and CRR, which were published in the Official Journal of the EU on June 27, 2013. The CRR established a single set of harmonized prudential rules which apply directly to all credit institutions in the EEA, with CRD IV containing other provisions required to be transposed into national law. These regulations are structured in line with Basel Committee's three pillars of supervision: Pillar 1 "minimum capital requirements", Pillar 2 "supervisory review process" and Pillar 3 "market discipline".

In November 2016, the European Commission (the "*EC*") published a package of proposed amendments to CRD IV/CRR ("*CRD V*" and "*CRR II*", respectively). Following the EC's proposals, CRD V and CRR II entered into force on June 27, 2019 as Directive 2019/878/EU and Regulation 2019/876/EU respectively. Transposition by EU Member States of the requirements contained in Directive 2019/878/EU was supposed to take place by December 29, 2020. A significant number of the requirements of Regulation 2019/876/EU applied from June 28, 2021 although there was a differentiated implementation (with certain provisions applying from June 27, 2019 or December 28, 2020).

The amendments contained in the CRD V and CRR II package implemented certain aspects of the Basel III reforms. The key changes under CRD V and CRR II include new market risk rules, a standardized approach to counterparty risk, implementation of the leverage ratio and the net stable funding requirements.

Further amendments to CRD V/CRR II are expected in order to give effect to the Basel Committee's December 2017 changes to the Basel III framework, which include amendments to the standardized approaches to credit risk and operational risk and the introduction of an output floor. The Basel Committee had recommended implementation commencing in 2022 but on March 27, 2020, a deferral of the recommended implementation date to 2023 was announced in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. On October 26, 2021, the EU Commission adopted a review of CRD V and CRR II and proposes that banks will start implementing the requirements of the review, including the final Basel III standards, from January 1, 2025. The amendments remain subject to negotiations between the European Parliament and the Council.

### IFR and IFD

On November 27, 2019, the EU adopted the IFR and the IFD. The IFR and IFD establish a prudential regime designed specifically for investment firms authorized in the EU. IFR/IFD came into force on June 26, 2021.

Under the regime, investment firms fall into one of three classes: (i) systemically important investment firms (also referred to as "*Class 1 investment firms*"); (ii) investment firms which exceed certain size and risk thresholds, but are not systemically important (referred to as "*Class 2 investment firms*"); and (iii) small and non-interconnected firms, that are subject to limited requirements ("*Class 3 investment firms*"). The impact of the IFR and IFD on investment firms is wide-ranging and includes: (a) a requirement to calculate capital requirements using a "K-factor" methodology designed to reflect the risks presented by investment firms; (b) rules on prudential consolidation, liquidity and concentration risk that apply to investment firms and their groups; (c) an enhancement to the process for assessing the adequacy of internal capital at a firm; (d) requirements on internal governance and remuneration policies; and (e) extensive reporting and disclosure requirements. The extent to which these changes impact investment firms will depend on their classification which can change over time depending upon a firm's size and activities.

The IFR and IFD apply to MIMESA and MCF. The changes required as part of the new IFR and IFD regime have been implemented through a regulatory change program for the entities within scope of the regime.

# BRRD and BRRD II

The BRRD may have certain impacts on EU entities or branches of the MGL Group. This may include the power of the resolution authority to write down or convert certain minimum requirements for own funds and eligible liabilities ("*MREL*") and other liabilities into equity.

The European Commission proposed certain amendments to the BRRD through the BRRD II package which entered into force on June 27, 2019 and largely applied from December 28, 2020 and that contain, among others, the following provisions:

- the introduction of a new moratorium power for resolution authorities and requirements on the contractual stays in resolution;
- amendments to the Article 55 regime in respect of the contractual recognition of bail-in powers; and
- the implementation of certain requirements relating to the implementation of the total loss absorbing capacity standard applying from January 1, 2022 and additional MREL.

BRRD, as amended by BRRD II, impacts how in-scope institutions, such as MBE DAC absorb losses in certain stressed scenarios. BRRD II also seeks to harmonize the bank insolvency creditor hierarchy relating to the priority ranking of holders of certain classes of subordinated debt (which are eligible to be used to contribute to an institution's MREL requirement).

# EU anti-money laundering regulation

The MGL Group's EU entities are subject to a range of measures aimed at preventing financial crime. 5MLD came into force in July 2018 with the aim of enhancing processes to counter money laundering and terrorist financing (including certain activities related to cryptocurrencies).

On July 20, 2021, the European Commission proposed a new package of anti-money laundering measures, which include the following:

- a new EU anti money laundering authority ("*EUAMLA*") this new authority is intended to enhance cooperation among financial intelligence units and to co-ordinate national authorities in applying EU rules to counter money laundering and terrorist financing. The authority shall also directly supervise some of the riskiest financial institutions;
- a new anti-money laundering regulation this shall contain a number of directly applicable rules including in relation to customer due diligence and beneficial ownership; and

a new 6MLD – this shall contain a number of new provisions and rules, including a range of new criminal offences.

The texts for each of the above measures is currently being negotiated between the Council of the EU, the European Commission, and the EU Parliament and is yet to be finalized. Nonetheless, based on the texts of the drafts proposed by the European Commission, the EUAMLA will be established on January 1, 2024 and the new anti-money laundering regulation and new 6MLD will be transposed three years after their respective texts have been finalized and officially published.

### Environmental, social and governance regulation

There is increased regulatory and investor scrutiny over the environmental, social and governance ("*ESG*") impacts of the activities of financial groups such as MGL Group, including associated sustainability and greenwashing risk management, particularly in the EU and U.K.

At the EU level, there are increased regulatory requirements regarding sustainability and greenwashing risk. The Taxonomy Regulation (EU) No. 2020/852 and Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (EU) No. 2019/2088 (the "SFDR") were introduced to enable clients and investors to make informed investment decisions based upon standardized environmental sustainability disclosures. MAMES, MIMESA, GLL KVG and MIMAK are subject to SFDR disclosure and periodic reporting requirements at an entity and product level. MCF is subject to more limited SFDR entity-level disclosure requirements as the entity does not integrate sustainability risks into investment advice provided to clients. These entities are also impacted by legislative amendments in 2022 to the MiFID II and AIFMD frameworks which integrate sustainability risks and sustainability factors into organizational requirements and operating conditions. The European supervisory authorities are expected to release guidance on greenwashing risk during the course of 2023 alongside complementary rules on the use of ESG or sustainability-related terms in fund names.

In March 2023, the U.K. government published "Mobilizing green investment: 2023 green finance strategy" as an update to their earlier 2019 strategy to propose, among other things, regulation of ESG ratings providers, a review of the U.K. Stewardship Code, mandatory transition plan disclosure, and a review of Scope 3 greenhouse gas emissions reporting. A green finance taxonomy for the U.K. remains under development. Other initiatives under the U.K.'s strategy have started to impact Macquarie's U.K. entities. MIRAEL and MIMEL are required to make disclosures by the end of June 2024 under new FCA rules mandating climate-related disclosures for asset managers and asset owners which align with Taskforce on Climate-related Financial Disclosures ("TCFD") recommendations and build on previous rules set for premium listed companies. The FCA is also proposing to introduce Sustainability Disclosure Requirements ("SDR") aimed at preventing greenwashing. Firms aiming sustainable investment products or services at retail investors will be expected to either use a sustainable investment label from a range of categories and follow prescribed criteria and implementation guidance or adhere to marketing restrictions. The FCA's proposals focus on asset managers and their U.K.-based fund products and portfolio management services, though the FCA has said it may expand and evolve the regime over time. The proposals aim to build transparency and trust within the market while mostly remaining of a voluntary nature in contrast to the EU SFDR, though firms in scope of both may have to bear duplication. The exception is a new "anti-greenwashing rule" which could apply to MIRAEL, MIMEL and MCEL as soon as mid-2023, which builds upon existing regulatory marketing principles by requiring firms to ensure that any reference to the sustainability characteristics of a product or service is consistent with the product's profile and is not misleading.

The standardization of sustainability reporting has progressed significantly during the year ended March 31, 2023. The recently formed International Sustainability Standards Board ("*ISSB*") has released drafts of its first sustainability reporting standards. In the EU, the upcoming Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (EU) 2022/2464 ("*CSRD*") will require large European undertakings to report sustainability information under European Sustainability Reporting Standards ("*ESRS*"). The reporting framework will be phased in from 2024 and is likely to impact certain Macquarie entities regulated in Europe. The ISSB has set out a potential route forward to support companies in-scope of CSRD wishing to apply both ISSB sustainability reporting standards and ESRS together. In the meantime, MGL will continue reporting against select disclosures of the Sustainability Accounting Standards Board ("*SASB*") and TCFD recommendations in preparation for the adoption of more detailed ISSB and ESRS standards. The European Banking Authority has also released regulatory technical standards (the "*RTS*") as templates for quantitative and qualitative prudential disclosures on ESG risks, which will apply to EU credit institutions and certain EU investment firms pursuant to the CRR framework. No Macquarie entity is currently required to disclose under the RTS.

In Australia, the Treasury released a consultation paper on December 12, 2022 regarding a new climate-related financial risks disclosure regime, with a potential introduction of rules for large listed entities and financial institutions in 2024. The new regime proposes climate disclosure requirements which will be aligned with either the ISSB or the

TCFD standards. The consultation proposes to either legislate new climate disclosure obligations with accompanying standards and guidance, or to expand existing material risk disclosure requirements. Views are being sought from stakeholders on the potential design of the regime including materiality, assurance, metrics, transition plans, data challenges, governance, suitability of making disclosure of risks on 'reasonable grounds', and interaction with other reporting regimes. A new sustainability standards board may also be introduced. The Treasury aims to align the proposed regime with international standards.

#### **Other regulators**

Outside Australia, the U.S., the EU and the U.K., MBL has branches in the Dubai International Finance Centre, and Singapore that are regulated by the Dubai Financial Services Authority, and the Monetary Authority of Singapore, respectively. MBL also has a representative office in Auckland, regulated by the Reserve Bank of New Zealand, in South Africa, regulated by the South African Reserve Bank, in Brazil, regulated by the Banco Central do Brasil, and in Switzerland, regulated by the Swiss Financial Markets Supervisory Authority, which gives MBL limited authorization to conduct marketing of its products and services to institutions, subject to local license limitations. Bank regulation varies from country to country, but generally is designed to protect depositors and the banking system as a whole, not holders of a bank's securities. Bank regulations may cover areas such as capital adequacy, minimum levels of liquidity, and the conduct and marketing of banking services.

Other key financial regulators of our businesses include but are not limited to the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong.

Financial regulation varies from country to country and may include the regulation of securities offerings, mergers and acquisitions activity, commodities and futures activities, anti-trust issues, investment advice, trading and brokerage, sales practices, and the offering of investment products and services.

In addition to the foregoing, certain businesses and assets owned or managed by the MBL Group in international jurisdictions are subject to additional laws, regulations and oversight that are specific to the industries applicable to those businesses and assets.

# MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION

In addition to the information included in this Report, investors should refer to our 2023 Fiscal Year Management Discussion and Analysis Report for a comparative discussion and analysis of our results of operations and financial condition for the 2023 fiscal year ended March 31, 2023 compared to the 2022 fiscal year ended March 31, 2022, along with other balance sheet, capital and liquidity disclosures as at and for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2023, and our 2022 Fiscal Year Management Discussion and Analysis Report for a comparative discussion and analysis of our results of operations and financial condition for the 2022 fiscal year ended March 31, 2023, and our 2022 Fiscal Year Management Discussion and Analysis Report for a comparative discussion and analysis of our results of operations and financial condition for the 2022 fiscal year compared to the 2021 fiscal year, each of which is posted on MBL's U.S. Investors' Website.

# Recent developments post-March 31, 2023

### **MBL Board announcements:**

As announced on May 5, 2023, subject to election by MGL shareholders at the MGL 2023 Annual General Meeting, it is proposed that Ms. Lloyd-Hurwitz will be appointed to the MBL Board as an independent non-executive Voting Director of MBL, effective July 28, 2023.

# Fiscal year ended March 31, 2023 compared to fiscal year ended March 31, 2022

See sections 1 - 7 of our 2023 Fiscal Year Management Discussion and Analysis Report for a discussion of our results of operations and financial condition for the 2023 and 2022 fiscal years, which has been incorporated by reference herein.

# Fiscal year ended March 31, 2022 compared to fiscal year ended March 31, 2021

See sections 1-7 of our 2022 Fiscal Year Management Discussion and Analysis Report for a discussion of our results of operations and financial condition for the 2022 and 2021 fiscal years, which has been incorporated by reference herein.

