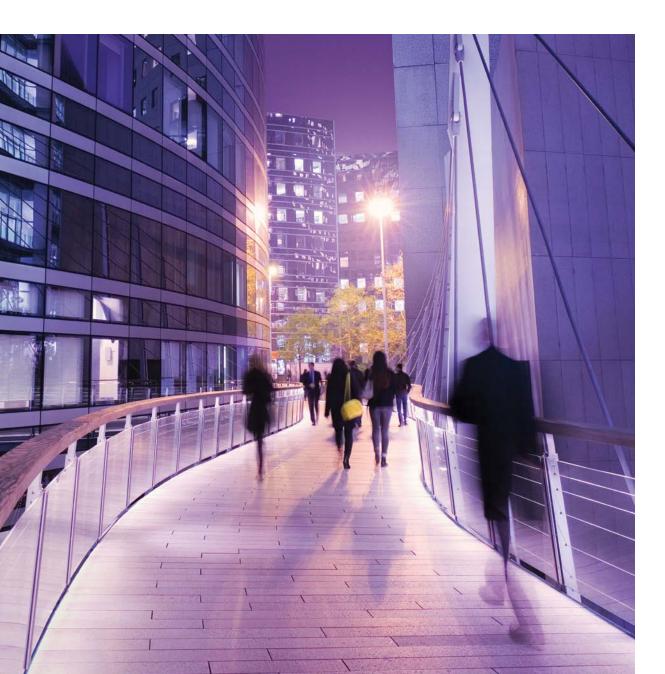


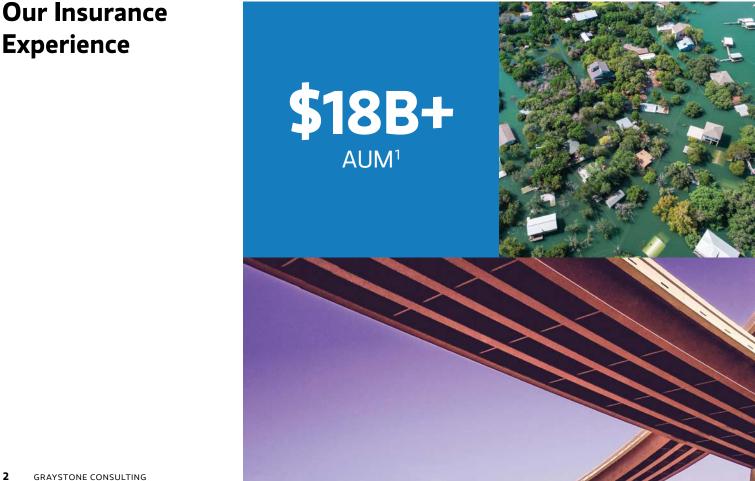
# Sophisticated Investment Solutions for Insurance Companies



## Trusted Advice in a **Complex Environment**

An insurer's investment program plays a central role in supporting the company's ability to pay claims and strengthen its competitive position. But the portfolio does not operate in a vacuum. Insurance CIOs must navigate market uncertainty while aligning the portfolio with the company's liabilities and risk management strategy as well as the industry's complex regulatory and accounting standards.

Insurance companies have worked with Graystone Consulting to develop highly customized investment strategies that are optimized for the complex, dynamic considerations they face. Insurers count on our knowledge of their regulatory environment and our high-touch service that leverages Morgan Stanley's investment platform and capital markets expertise.



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#### Our Insurance Clients

Life

Health

Reinsurance

Self-insured/captive

Risk Retention Groups (RRGs)



### Our Approach

Dedicated team of expert insurance specialists

Engagements led by senior consultants

Boutique service backed by Morgan Stanley's global resources

Deep understanding of the issues and considerations insurance companies face

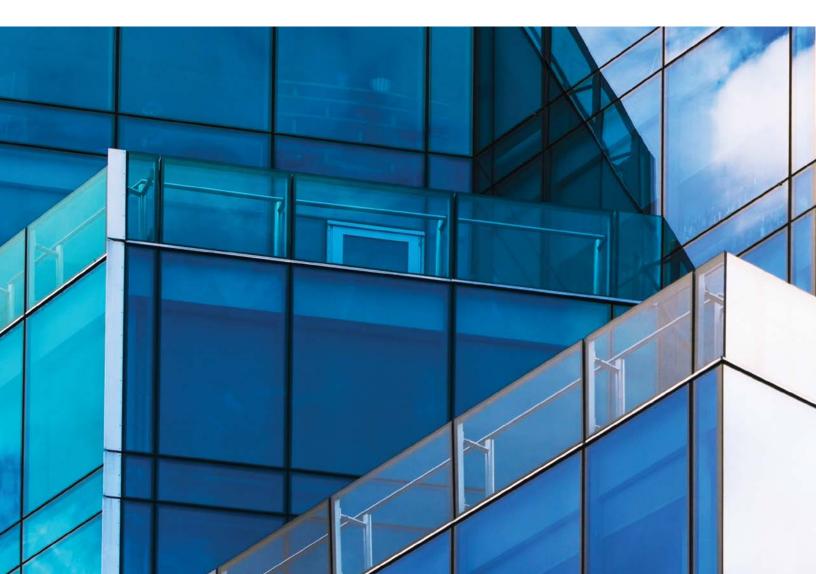
Sophisticated investment solutions provide a tailored investment roadmap for each client





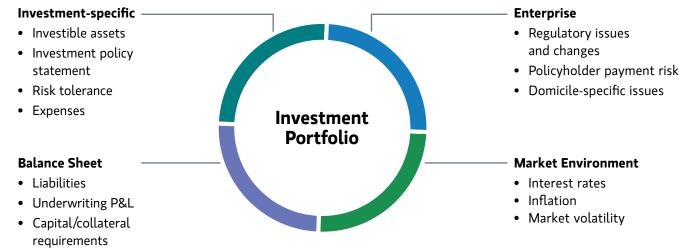
## Empowering Growth with a Holistic Approach to Portfolio Management

Investment portfolios at insurance companies must account for a complex set of constraints and interdependencies. Through our holistic approach to portfolio construction, we craft portfolios that align with the company's risk management philosophy and growth strategy while navigating the ever-changing set of accounting constraints and regulatory requirements.



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### An Insurer's Investment Portfolio Must Account for a Diverse Set of Constraints and Inputs



• Cash/liquidity needs



## Navigating the Nuances of Our Clients' Markets

Designing and maintaining an effective investment program requires extensive knowledge of the accounting requirements and market dynamics that vary across lines of insurance, regions and structures. Our consultants have deep experience with the nuances of the specific markets and regulatory regimes in which our clients operate.



**Domestic vs. offshore companies:** We help clients navigate how their investment portfolio can be affected by different regulations, taxes, investment vehicles, corporate structures and other factors that are domicile-dependent.



**Companies with credit ratings:** For companies facing Risk-Based Capital (RBC) or Solvency II regulations, we bring our knowledge of how different investments can impact capital ratios and other solvency metrics.



**Companies with no credit ratings:** We help manage non-rated insurers' investment portfolios to fit their collateral and liquidity needs, while aligning with each company's liabilities and growth strategy.

**Risk Management:** Powered by BlackRock's Aladdin technology, Morgan Stanley's Portfolio Risk Platform provides investment consultants with access to detailed analytics and reporting, including stress scenarios and the ability to model potential changes to a client's portfolio.



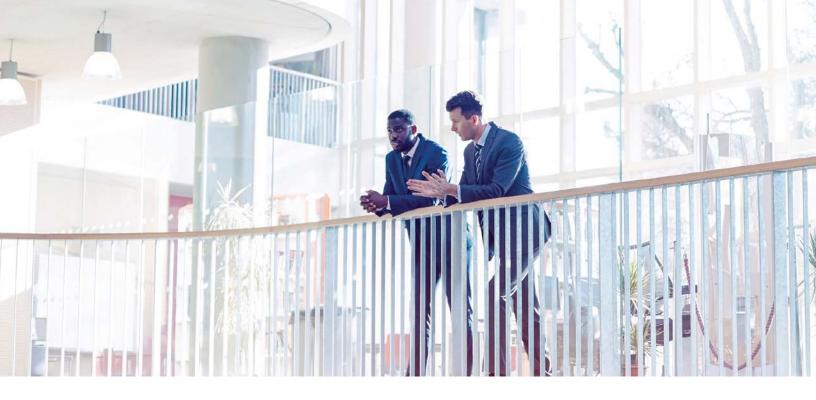


# Sophisticated, Customized Investment Solutions from a Global Leader

Each insurance company requires a unique investment solution, so we tailor all our engagements to our client's objectives and internal resources. Our services range from traditional, projectoriented consulting to a fully discretionary outsourced CIO approach that leverages our full suite of capabilities.

## Full Suite of Capabilities

- 1 Investment policy statement development and review
- 2 Asset allocation—strategic and tactical
- 3 Manager due diligence, selection and replacement
- 4 Portfolio construction and implementation
- 5 Risk management
- 6 Portfolio monitoring and performance reporting



### Leveraging Extensive Manager Relationships and Research

Graystone's insurance clients have access to the broad offerings of one of the industry's leading investment platforms at Morgan Stanley. Fueled by this robust manager platform and analyst team, we can identify, research and monitor best-in-class investment managers for our clients' portfolios.





### Accessing One of the Industry's Largest Alternatives Platforms

Harnessing the diversified risk factors and return streams of alternative asset classes requires access to top-tier managers and a sophisticated approach to liquidity management and portfolio construction. We offer an array of private markets and other alternative strategies with top managers through the Morgan Stanley investment platform, and we have extensive experience integrating alternatives into insurance portfolios while accounting for liquidity and collateral constraints.

#### **Morgan Stanley Alternatives Capabilities**





alternative investment funds available⁵



in client assets under management⁵



of new offerings are first look or exclusive fund<sup>6</sup>



# The Graystone Consulting Advantage

#### Guiding clients through complexity

Graystone's insurance clients get a deep engagement with our most senior consultants for the lifetime of the relationship. Together, we develop customized, innovative and flexible solutions to help clients meet their most sophisticated financial needs, while building long-term partnerships based on trust.

#### Independent and objective fiduciary partner

Our extensive open architecture investment platform empowers us to deliver objective, unbiased advice and maintain complete fiduciary independence. We work solely in our clients' interests to help create lasting financial security for their organizations.

#### Boutique service on a global scale

Graystone combines the fresh thinking, nimbleness and spirit of a modern consulting boutique with the deep knowledge of Morgan Stanley. Our consultants are experienced insurance company advisors who understand the industry's unique challenges and develop innovative strategies to navigate emerging dynamics.

#### **Connected to Morgan Stanley resources**

We put the financial resources of Morgan Stanley's vast research network to work for our clients. With an enterprise mindset that goes beyond asset management, Graystone draws from the investment banking and capital markets expertise of Morgan Stanley.

#### **Global Resources with Local Expertise**

At Graystone Consulting, we combine local expertise and global resources to help insurance companies make informed, confident investment decisions.



\$614.2 BILLION in total institutional

assets under management<sup>1</sup>



of experience advising institutional clients







### Let's Talk

We look forward to starting the conversation on how we can help.

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<sup>1</sup>As of December 31, 2023. Mandates include all Assets Under Management and Assets Under Advisement.

<sup>2</sup> As of December 31, 2023.

<sup>3</sup> As of June 2023. Source Global Investment Manager Analysis (GIMA).

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There is no assurance that an ESG investing strategy or techniques employed will be successful. Past performance is not a guarantee or a dependable measure of future results.

Alternative investments often are speculative and include a high degree of risk.

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