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A.M. Best Places Ratings of AIG's Property/Casualty and Life Subsidiaries Under Review With Negative Implications

Ratings Supplement

The FSR of A++ (Superior) and the ICRs of "aa+" have been placed under review with negative implications for the following domestic life and retirement services subsidiaries of

American International Group, Inc.:

- AGC Life Insurance Company
- AIG Annuity Insurance Company
- AIG Assurance Canada
- AIG Life Insurance Company
- AIG Life Insurance Company of Canada
- AIG Life Insurance Company of Puerto Rico
- AIG SunAmerica Life Assurance Company
- American General Assurance Company
- American General Life and Accident Insurance Company
- American General Life Insurance Company
- American International Life Assurance Company of New York
- American Life Insurance Company
- Delaware American Life Insurance Company
- First SunAmerica Life Insurance Company
- SunAmerica Life Insurance Company
- United States Life Insurance Company in the City of New York
- The Variable Annuity Life Insurance Company

The FSR of A (Excellent) and the ICR of "a" have been placed under review with negative implications for **Merit Life Insurance Company**.

The FSR of A- (Excellent) and the ICR of "a-" have been placed under review with

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negative implications for Pacific Union Assurance Company.

The ICR of "aa" has been placed under review with negative implications for **American**International Group, Inc.

The FSRs of A+ (Superior) and the ICRs of "aa-" have been placed under review with negative implications for the following property/casualty subsidiaries of **American International Group, Inc.**:

American International Group (Commercial Pool and Strategic Affiliates):

- AIU Insurance Company
- American Home Assurance Company
- American International Insurance Company of Puerto Rico
- American International Pacific Insurance Company
- American International South Insurance Company
- American International Specialty Lines Insurance Company
- Audubon Indemnity Company
- Audubon Insurance Company
- AIG Casualty Company
- Commerce and Industry Insurance Company
- Commerce and Industry Insurance Company of Canada
- Granite State Insurance Company
- Illinois National Insurance Company
- Insurance Company of the State of Pennsylvania
- National Union Fire Insurance Company of Louisiana
- National Union Fire Insurance Company of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
- New Hampshire Insurance Company

AIG Personal Lines Pool:

- AIG Auto Insurance Company of New Jersey
- AIG Centennial Insurance Company
- AIG Hawaii Insurance Company Inc.
- AIG Indemnity Insurance Company
- AIG National Insurance Company Inc.
- AIG Preferred Insurance Company
- AIG Premier Insurance Company
- American International Insurance Company
- American International Insurance Company of California, Inc

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- American International Insurance Company of New Jersey
- American Pacific Insurance Company Inc.
- AIG Advantage Insurance Company
- New Hampshire Indemnity Company, Inc.

Transatlantic Holdings, Inc. Group:

- Putnam Reinsurance Company
- Transatlantic Reinsurance Company
- Trans Re Zurich

21st Century Insurance Group:

- 21st Century Insurance Company
- 21st Century Casualty Company
- 21st Century Insurance Company of the Southwest

Lexington Insurance Pool:

- Landmark Insurance Company
- Lexington Insurance Company
- AIG Excess Liability Insurance Company, Ltd.
- AIG Excess Liability Insurance International, Ltd.

The ICRs of "a-" have been placed under review with negative implications for

Transatlantic Holdings, Inc. and the holding company, 21st Century Insurance Group.

The following debt ratings have been placed under review with negative implications:

Transatlantic Holdings, Inc.—

-- "a-" on \$750 million 5.75% senior unsecured notes, due 2015

21st Century Insurance Group—

-- "a-" on \$100 million 5.9% senior unsecured notes, due 2013

The following indicative debt ratings for securities available under shelf registration have

been placed under review with negative implications:

Transatlantic Holdings, Inc. —

- -- "a-" on senior unsecured debt
- -- "bbb+" on subordinated debt



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All remaining ratings for the property/casualty entities of AIG are unchanged.

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