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**A.M. Best Affirms Ratings of the Primary Entities of AEGON;
Revises Some Outlooks to Negative**

Rating Supplement

The financial strength ratings of A+ (Superior) have been affirmed for the following primary life insurance entities of AEGON USA with a negative outlook.

- **Life Investors Insurance Company of America**
- **Monumental Life Insurance Company**
- **Peoples Benefit Life Insurance Company**
- **Transamerica Assurance Company**
- **Transamerica Financial Life Insurance Company**
- **Transamerica Life Insurance and Annuity Company**
- **Transamerica Life Insurance Company**
- **Transamerica Occidental Life Insurance Company**
- **Western Reserve Life Assurance Co. of Ohio**

The financial strength rating has been upgraded to A+ (Superior) from A (Excellent) for **Stonebridge Life Insurance Company** with a negative outlook.

The financial strength ratings of A (Excellent) have been affirmed for **Veterans Life Insurance Company** and **Transamerica Life Canada** with a stable outlook.

The financial strength ratings of A- (Excellent) have been affirmed for the following life insurance entities of AEGON USA with a stable outlook:

- **Pension Life Insurance Company of America**
- **Academy Life Insurance Company**

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The financial strength rating of A- (Excellent) has been affirmed for **Canadian Premier Life Insurance Company** with a stable outlook.

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