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## **A.M. Best Affirms Ratings of Fairfax Financial Holdings Limited and Its Subsidiaries**

### **Rating Supplement**

The FSR of A (Excellent) and ICRs of “a” have been affirmed with a stable outlook for the following members of the **Northbridge Companies**:

- **Federated Insurance Company of Canada**
- **Northbridge General Insurance Corporation**
- **Zenith Insurance Company (Canada)**
- **Northbridge Commercial Insurance Corporation**
- **Northbridge Indemnity Insurance Corporation**

The FSR has been upgraded to A (Excellent) from A- (Excellent) and the ICR to “a” from “a-” with a stable outlook for **Northbridge Personal Insurance Corporation**.

The FSR of A (Excellent) and ICRs of “a” have been affirmed with a stable outlook for the following members of **Crum & Forster Insurance Group**:

- **Crum & Forster Indemnity Company**
- **Crum and Forster Insurance Company**
- **The North River Insurance Company**
- **United States Fire Insurance Company**
- **Crum & Forster Specialty Insurance Company**
- **Valiant Insurance Company**
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- **First Mercury Insurance Company**
- **American Underwriters Insurance Company**

The FSR of A (Excellent) and ICRs of “a” have been affirmed with a stable outlook for the following

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members of the **Zenith National Insurance Group**:

- **Zenith Insurance Company**
- **ZNAT Insurance Company**

The FSR of A (Excellent) and ICRs of “a+” have been affirmed with a stable outlook for the following

members of **Seneca Insurance Group**:

- **Seneca Insurance Company, Inc.**
- **Seneca Specialty Insurance Company**

The FSR of A- (Excellent) and ICRs of “a-” have been affirmed with a stable outlook for **Wentworth**

**Insurance Company Limited.**

The FSR of A- (Excellent) and ICRs of “a-” have been affirmed with a stable outlook and subsequently withdrawn for the following subsidiaries of **Fairfax Financial Holdings Limited**:

- **Commonwealth Insurance Company of America**
- **CRC Reinsurance Limited**

The ICRs of “bbb” have been affirmed with a stable outlook for **Fairfax Financial Holdings Limited** and **Zenith National Insurance Corp.**

The following debt ratings have been affirmed with a stable outlook:

**TIG Capital Trust I—**

-- “b” on USD 125 million 8.597% preferred capital securities, due 2027

**Zenith National Insurance Corp.—**

-- “bbb-” on USD 38.4 million 8.55% deferrable debentures, due 2028

**Fairfax Financial Holdings Limited—**

- “bbb” on USD 100 million 8.25% senior unsecured notes, due 2015
- “bbb” on USD 282.6 million 7.75% senior unsecured notes, due 2017
- “bbb” on USD 225 million 7.375% senior unsecured notes, due 2018
- “bbb” on CAD 400 million 7.50% senior unsecured notes, due 2019
- “bbb” on CAD 275 million 7.25% senior unsecured debentures, due 2020
- “bbb” on USD 125 million 8.3% senior unsecured notes, due 2026
- “bbb” on USD 125 million 7.75% senior unsecured notes, due 2037
- “bbb” on CAD 400 million 6.4% senior unsecured notes, due 2021

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- “bbb” on USD 500 million 5.8% senior unsecured notes, due 2021
- “bbb” on USD 450 million 5.48% senior unsecured notes, due 2022
- “bb+” on CAD 250 million Series C cumulative, five-year rate reset preferred shares
- “bb+” on CAD 200 million Series E cumulative, five-year rate reset preferred shares
- “bb+” on CAD 250 million Series G cumulative, five-year rate reset preferred shares
- “bb+” on CAD 300 million Series I cumulative, five-year rate reset preferred shares
- “bb+” on CAD 237.5 million Series K cumulative, five-year rate reset preferred shares

The following indicative debt ratings have been affirmed with a stable outlook for the universal shelf registration:

**Fairfax Financial Holdings Limited—**

- “bbb” on senior unsecured debt
- “bbb-” on subordinated debt
- “bb+” on preferred shares

The methodology used in determining these ratings is Best’s Credit Rating Methodology, which provides a comprehensive explanation of A.M. Best’s rating process and contains the different rating criteria employed in the rating process. Key criteria utilized include: “Risk Management and the Rating Process for Insurance Companies”; “Understanding Universal BCAR”; “Understanding BCAR for Property/Casualty Insurers”; “Rating Members of Insurance Groups”; “Equity Credit for Hybrid Securities”; and “Insurance Holding Company and Debt Ratings.” Best’s Credit Rating Methodology can be found at [www.ambest.com/ratings/methodology](http://www.ambest.com/ratings/methodology).

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