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## **A.M. Best Affirms Credit Ratings of W. R. Berkley Corporation and Most Subsidiaries**

### **Ratings Supplement**

The FSR of A+ (Superior) and Long-Term ICRs of “aa-” have been affirmed with a stable outlook for the following members of the **W. R. Berkley Insurance Group**:

- **Acadia Insurance Company**
- **Admiral Indemnity Company**
- **Admiral Insurance Company**
- **American Mining Insurance Company**
- **Berkley Assurance Company**
- **Berkley Insurance Company**
- **Berkley National Insurance Company**
- **Berkley Regional Insurance Company**
- **Berkley Regional Specialty Insurance Company**
- **Carolina Casualty Insurance Company**
- **Clermont Insurance Company**
- **Continental Western Insurance Company**
- **Firemens Insurance Company of Washington, D.C.**
- **Gemini Insurance Company**
- **Great Divide Insurance Company**
- **Intrepid Insurance Company**
- **Key Risk Insurance Company**
- **Midwest Employers Casualty Company**
- **Nautilus Insurance Company**
- **Preferred Employers Insurance Company**
- **Queen’s Island Insurance Company, Ltd.**
- **Riverport Insurance Company**
- **StarNet Insurance Company**
- **Tri-State Insurance Company of Minnesota**

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- **Union Insurance Company**
- **Union Standard Lloyds**
- **W. R. Berkley Europe AG**

The FSR of A+ (Superior) and Long-Term ICR of “aa-” have been affirmed with a stable outlook for **Berkley Life and Health Insurance Company**.

The FSR has been upgraded to A+ (Superior) from A (Excellent) with a stable outlook and the Long-Term ICR has been upgraded to “aa-” from “a+” with the outlook revised to stable from negative for **W. R. Berkley Insurance (Europe) Limited**.

The Long-Term ICR of “a-” has been affirmed for **W. R. Berkley Corporation**.

The following Long-Term IRs have been affirmed with a stable outlook:

- “a-” on \$150 million, 6.15% senior unsecured notes, due 2019
- “a-” on \$300 million, 7.375 % senior unsecured notes, due 2019
- “a-” on \$300 million, 5.375% senior unsecured notes, due 2020
- “a-” on \$100 million, 8.7% senior unsecured debentures, due 2022
- “a-” on \$350 million, 4.625% senior unsecured notes, due 2022
- “a-” on \$250 million, 6.25% senior unsecured notes, due 2037
- “a-” on \$350 million, 4.75% senior unsecured notes, due 2044
- “bbb+” on \$350 million, 5.625% subordinated debentures, due 2053
- “bbb+” on \$100 million, 5.9% subordinated debentures, due 2056
- “bbb+” on \$290 million, 5.75% subordinated debentures, due 2056

The following indicative Long-Term IRs under the shelf registration have been affirmed with a stable outlook:

**W.R. Berkley Corporation—**

- “a-” on senior debt
- “bbb+” on subordinated debt
- “bbb” on preferred stock

**W.R. Berkley Capital Trust III—**

- “bbb” on preferred securities

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