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A.M. Best Affirms Financial Strength and Debt Ratings of Zurich Financial Services Group

Ratings Supplement

The financial strength ratings of A (Excellent) have been affirmed with a positive outlook for the following subsidiaries of Zurich Financial Services Group:

- **Eagle Star Life Assurance Company Ltd**
- **Allied Dunbar Assurance plc**
- **Zurich Insurance Company**
- **Universal Underwriters Life Insurance Co**
- **Empire Indemnity Insurance Company**
- **National Standard Insurance Company**
- **Maryland Casualty Company**
- **Maine Bonding and Casualty Company**
- **Assurance Company of America**
- **Maryland Lloyds**
- **Colonial American Casualty & Surety Company**
- **Zurich American Insurance Company of IL**
- **Valiant Insurance Company**
- **Steadfast Insurance Company**
- **American Zurich Insurance Company**
- **American Guarantee and Liability Ins Co**
- **Northern Insurance Company of New York**
- **Universal Underwriters of Texas Ins Co**
- **Universal Underwriters Insurance Company**
- **Zurich US**
- **Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland**
- **Maryland Insurance Company**
- **Farmers Insurance Group**
- **Farmers New World Life Insurance Company**
- **Empire Fire and Marine Insurance Company**

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- **Zurich American Insurance Company**
- **Farmers Insurance Exchange**
- **Mid-Century Insurance Company**
- **Truck Insurance Exchange**
- **Fire Insurance Exchange**
- **Farmers Insurance Company of Oregon**
- **Farmers Insurance Company of Washington**
- **Civic Property and Casualty Company**
- **Exact Property and Casualty Company**
- **Farmers Insurance of Columbus Inc**
- **Neighborhood Spirit Property and Casualty Company**
- **Texas Farmers Insurance Company**
- **Farmers Insurance Company of Idaho**
- **Farmers Insurance Company Inc**
- **Farmers New Century Insurance Company**
- **Illinois Farmers Insurance Company**
- **Farmers Insurance Company of Arizona**
- **Farmers Texas County Mutual Insurance Co**
- **Mid-Century Insurance Company of Texas**

The following ratings on existing senior and subordinated debt instruments have been affirmed with a positive outlook:

Zurich Insurance Company—

-- “a” rating on CHF1 billion 3.875% senior notes, due 2011

Zurich Finance (USA), Inc. (guaranteed by Zurich Insurance Company)—

-- “a” rating on CHF 300 million 3.5% senior notes, due 2008

-- “a” rating on USD 150 million 4.75% senior notes, due 2003

Zurich Capital Trust I (guaranteed by Zurich Insurance Company)—

-- “a-” rating on USD 1,000 million 8.376% Capital Securities, due 2037 (issued 1997)

Zurich Financial Services (Jersey) Ltd (backed by subordinated support agreement from Zurich Financial Services)—

-- “bbb+” rating on EUR 300 million 7.125% perpetual subordinated non-cumulative preferred shares

Zurich RegCaPS Funding Trust I—

-- “bbb+” rating on USD 200 million trust capital securities, due 2031

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Zurich RegCaPS Funding Trust II—

-- “bbb+” rating on USD 150 million trust capital securities, due 2031

Zurich RegCaPS Funding Trust III—

-- “bbb+” rating on USD 225 million trust capital securities, due 2031

Zurich RegCaPS Funding Trust IV—

-- “bbb+” rating on USD 125 million trust capital securities, due 2031

Zurich RegCaPS Funding Trust V—

-- “bbb+” rating on USD 200 million trust capital securities, due 2031

Zurich RegCaPS Funding Trust VI—

-- “bbb+” rating on USD 225 million trust capital securities, due 2031

Farmers Group Capital (guaranteed by Farmers Group, Inc.)—

-- “bbb+” rating on USD 410 million 8.45% quarterly income preferred securities (QUIPS), due 2025

Farmers Group Capital II (guaranteed by Farmers Group, Inc.)—

-- “bbb+” rating on USD 90 million 8.25% quarterly income preferred securities (QUIPS), due 2025

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