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A.M. Best Affirms Ratings of Aon Corporation's Insurance Underwriting Subsidiaries; Ratings Removed From Under Review

Ratings Supplement

The financial strength rating of A (Excellent) has been affirmed for the following subsidiaries of Aon Corporation:

- **Combined Specialty Insurance Company**
- **FFG Insurance Company**
- **Combined Insurance Company of America**
- **Combined Life Insurance Company of New York**

The financial strength rating of A- (Excellent) has been affirmed for the following subsidiaries of Aon Corporation:

- **Sterling Life Insurance Company**
- **Resource Life Insurance Company**

The financial strength rating of A (Excellent) remains under review with negative implications for the following company:

- **Sheffield Insurance Corporation**

The following indicative debt rating has been withdrawn:

Combined Specialty Group, Inc.—

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