



**PRESS RELEASE**

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**Proposed acquisition of PartnerRe: Covéa deploys its growth strategy**

**Creation of a leading diversified insurance and reinsurance Group**

Covéa has approved today a Memorandum of Understanding with Exor related to the proposed acquisition, in cash, of all ordinary shares of PartnerRe Ltd Group.

**A transaction fully fitting Covéa's growth strategy**

Covéa has always developed by anticipating long-term industry evolutions. Its choice of investing in the reinsurance sector is fully in line with this dynamic by enabling the development of strong positions across the entire insurance value chain.

As a major player in the reinsurance industry, PartnerRe is a natural partner, with its global franchise, its brand, its renowned teams and expertise, and its reinsurance pure player model. Covéa and PartnerRe share the same objectives of underwriting discipline, financial strength and long-term value-creation.

The proposed acquisition would enable Covéa to consolidate its diversification and internationalisation, by creating a top tier European insurance and reinsurance Group, based on a leading position in property and casualty insurance in France, and on a large reinsurer with a global franchise and diversified portfolio.

This transaction would further enhance group's strength and development potential. It would notably support the profitable growth strategy of PartnerRe, by maintaining its brand and management team. It would thus contribute to build the future for the members, clients and employees of the new group.

*Thierry Derez, Chairman and CEO of Covéa, said:*

*"This acquisition project comes at a time when the insurance sector is undergoing fundamental transformation, with emergence of new risks and new lifestyles, and increasing new participants entering insurance markets. It perfectly fits our growth strategy, our ability to adapt, the necessary complementarity of expertises and the importance of risks mutualization on a global basis. It would consolidate the future of PartnerRe and our mutual Group, serving the interests of our members and clients, as well as of our employees and partners."*



### Main transaction terms

**Covéa would acquire all the ordinary shares of PartnerRe held by Exor for a total consideration, in cash, of \$9 bn.** Preferred Shares issued by PartnerRe and listed on the NYSE, would not be included in the proposed acquisition.

Covéa would finance the acquisition price entirely from available own resources.

**Covéa's proforma Solvency 2 ratio** would be estimated at more than **240%** (standard formula) and would remain among the highest in Europe.

The proposed transaction is subject to the consultation of the competent workers councils. Completion of the proposed transaction could occur during the fourth quarter of 2020, subject to obtaining prior approvals from applicable regulatory and competition authorities.

Given strong complementarity between businesses and geographic locations of Covéa and PartnerRe, Covéa does not anticipate any impact of the transaction on employment and on customer relationships, including on Covéa Coopérations inwards reinsurance business.

### Key figures

**The new Group would represent approximately €23 bn in premium**, with business diversification as reinsurance would represent approximately 25% of portfolio, and geographical diversification with 66% of premium produced in France, 16% in other European countries, 13% in North America and 5% in the rest of the world.



### About Covéo

A French mutual insurance group, Covéo is a leader in property and liability insurance and protects one in three French households thanks to its 21,000 employees in France, who are committed to serving more than 11.5 million policyholders every day.

With its three brands MAAF, MMA and GMF, Covéo is a solid and dynamic financial player: its premiums earned in 2018 amounted to €16.9 bn and its equity capital to €15.2 bn.

The Covéo group is also present internationally where it earns €2 bn in earned premiums.

### About PartnerRe

PartnerRe has strong roots and footprint in Europe. It has built a global portfolio diversified across products and geographies. Property, casualty and specialty lines represent 80% of premium, and life and health represent 20% of premium. PartnerRe portfolio is balanced between North America (47% of premium), Europe (34%) and the rest of the world (19%).

PartnerRe enjoys strong financial strength with ratings A+ (Standard & Poor's), A+ (AM Best), A1 (Moody's) and has demonstrated strong underwriting and financial performance through-the-cycle.

### Advisors to Covéo

Rothschild & Co, Barclays and J.P. Morgan are acting as financial advisors to Covéo.

Bredin Prat and Debevoise & Plimpton are acting as legal advisors to Covéo.

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