

RMB Morgan Stanley Banks and Insurance Showcase

Post Covid-19 Mortality and morbidity





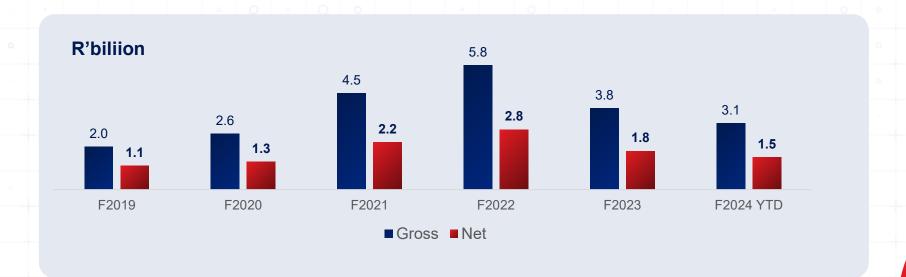


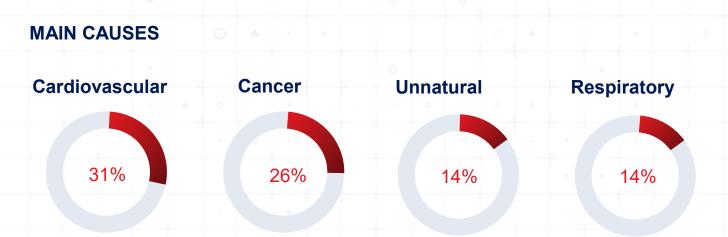
## **Differences in Approach**

	Myriad	Group Protection
Contract duration	Long term, often lifetime	Normally fund year (12m)
Mortality pricing basis	Individual's rating factors (age, gender, smoker, BMI etc)	Based on rating for group, adjusted for experience for large funds
Changes to premiums	Ability to change annually with sum insured changes and with ageing	New price tendered on annual renewal
Medical underwriting	Depending on risk exposure	Highest earners, may limit cover
Lifestyle improvements	Health screening provides benefits	Wellness interventions to enhance employer proposition
Distribution	IFAs, agents, direct	Retirement Funds, EB consultants
Ability to differentiate	Product, client engagement, distribution experience	Price, service



## **Myriad death claims**





Only 6
Covid-19
related
claims

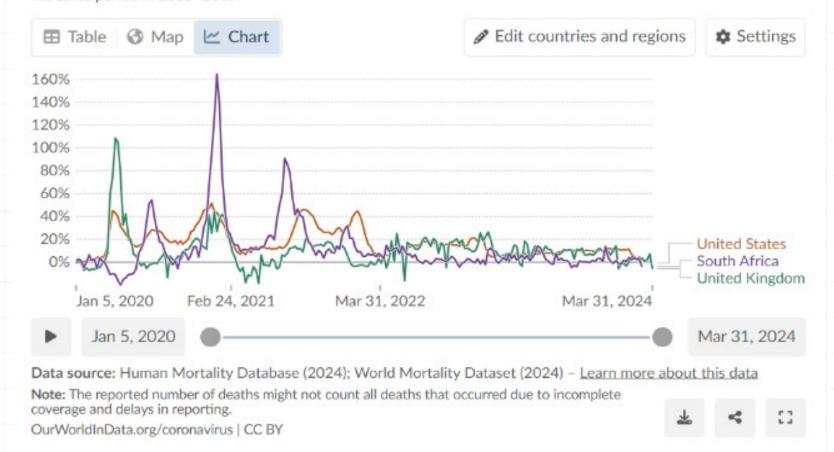
#### **Current houseview**

- Excess mortality is still observed globally.
- Relative excess mortality is higher on insured lives than the population
- Poorer experience due to larger claims for older lives
- Reinsurer experience therefore worse
- Excess of +-5%
   expected in next couple
   of years and to run off
   thereafter

## Excess mortality: Deaths from all causes compared to average over previous years

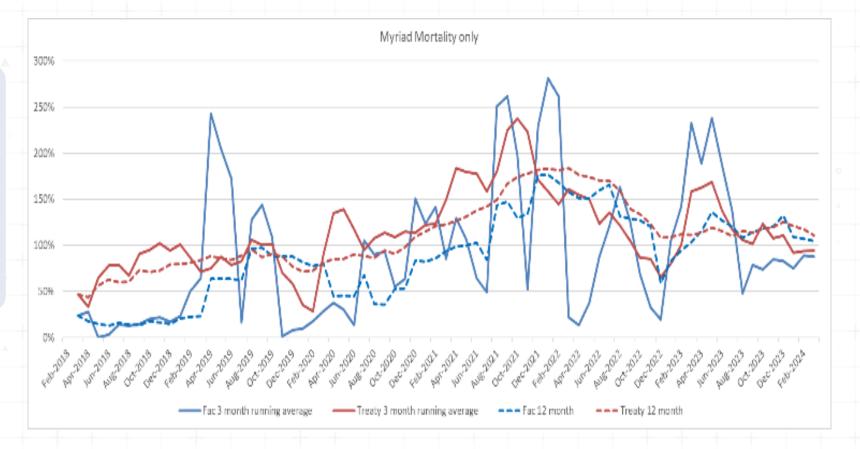
Our World in Data

Percentage difference between the reported weekly or monthly deaths in 2020–2024 and the average deaths in the same period in 2015–2019.



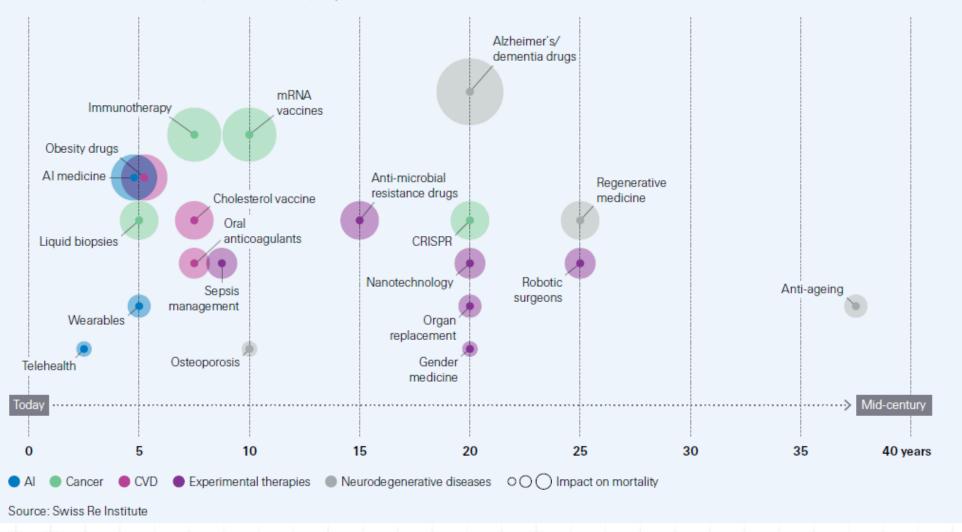
## **Momentum Retail experience**

- Excess observed on gross (of reinsurance) basis
- Reinsurance programme impact



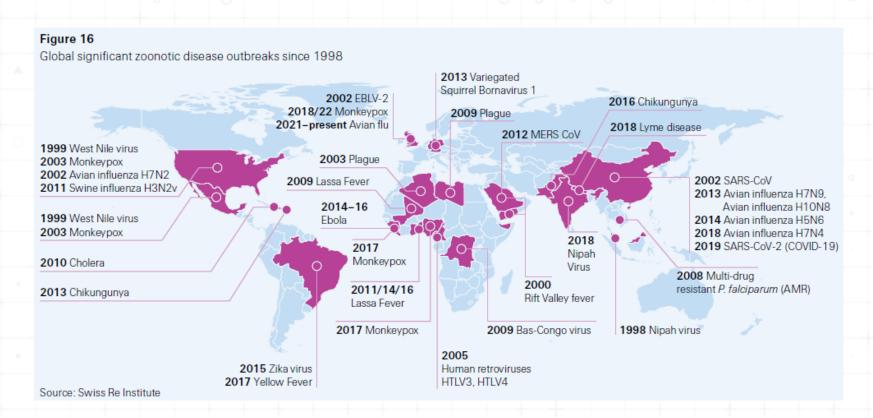
## Mortality improvements are expected given likely tailwinds

Figure 7
Future medical innovations likely to drive mortality improvements

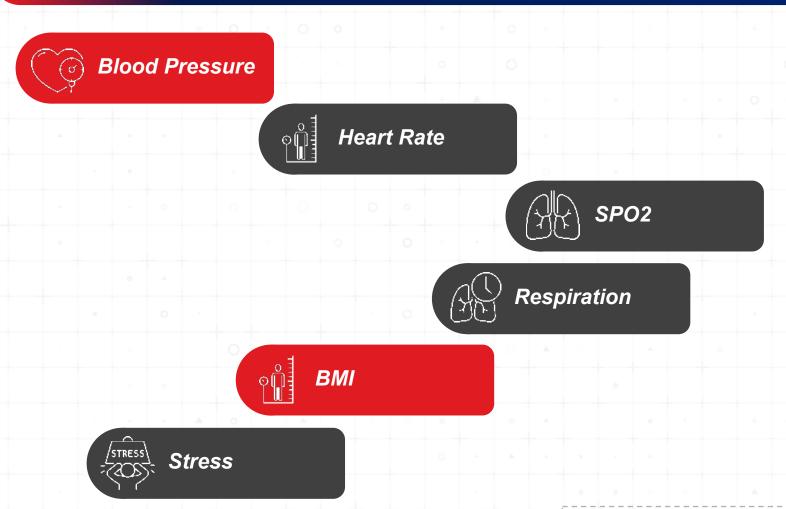


## But uncertainty will always remain

- Lifestyle impact (Obesity, physical activity)
- Metabolic health
- Smoking and vaping
- Climate risk
- Al
- Pandemics and Zoonotic diseases



## Consider some of the factors we explore with LifeReturns® screening









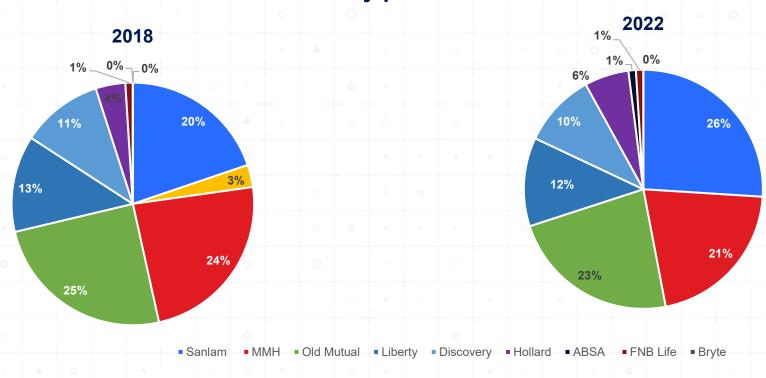
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## **Top 3 in the market**

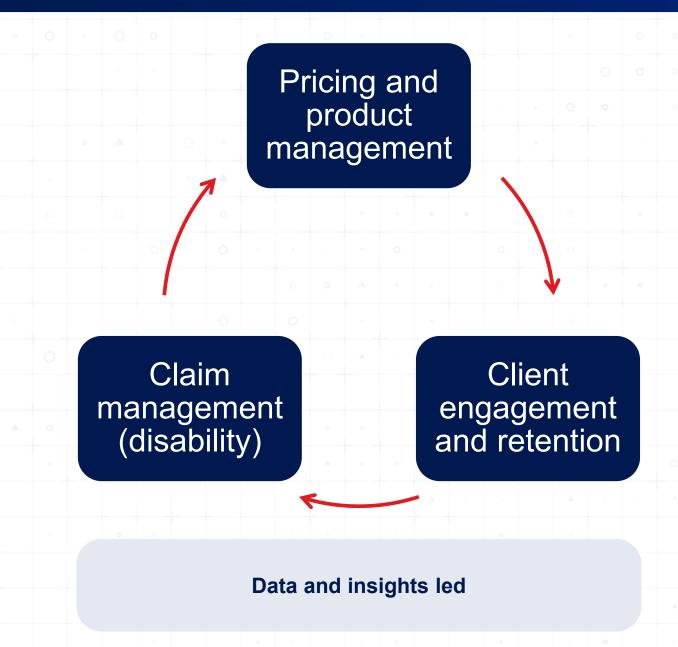
#### Market share by premium volume



- Significant player in the group insurance market
- MMH is the market leader in offering Disability Income benefits
- Sanlam has the biggest portion of the Lump Sum Death, followed by Old Mutual

<sup>\*</sup>Trends in company market share (average market share greater than 10%), 2018 to 2022 Source: Swiss Re Group Volume Survey 2022

## Risk selection and management a key differentiator



## Key drivers of improved profitability



## Income disability turn around

- Loss-making income disability benefit product profitable from 2020
- Pricing focus as well as prudent risk selection



## **Disability management**

- Technical expertise
- Client engagement and support
- Member focused on rehabilitation and reskilling



#### **Innovation**

Continuous focus

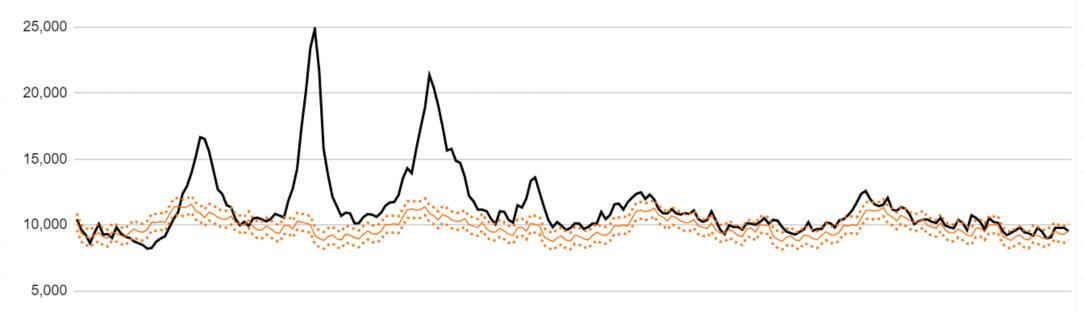
Claims paid during Covid-19



## **Mortality trends**

#### South African Weekly Deaths from all causes: 29 Dec 2019 - 27 Apr 2024

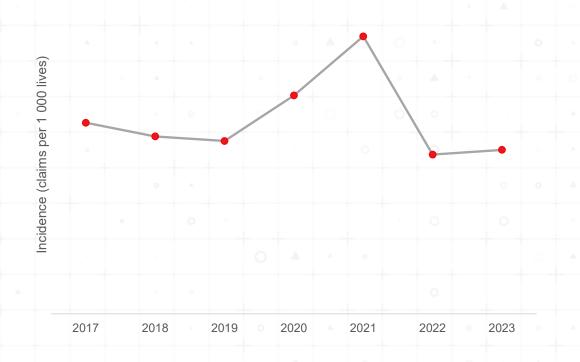
Caution - numbers for the past few weeks may be revised



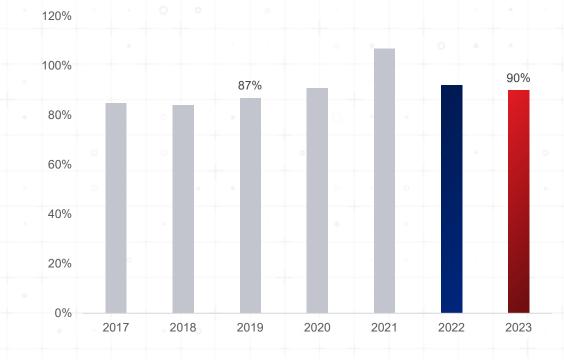


## **Mortality trends - Group insurance**



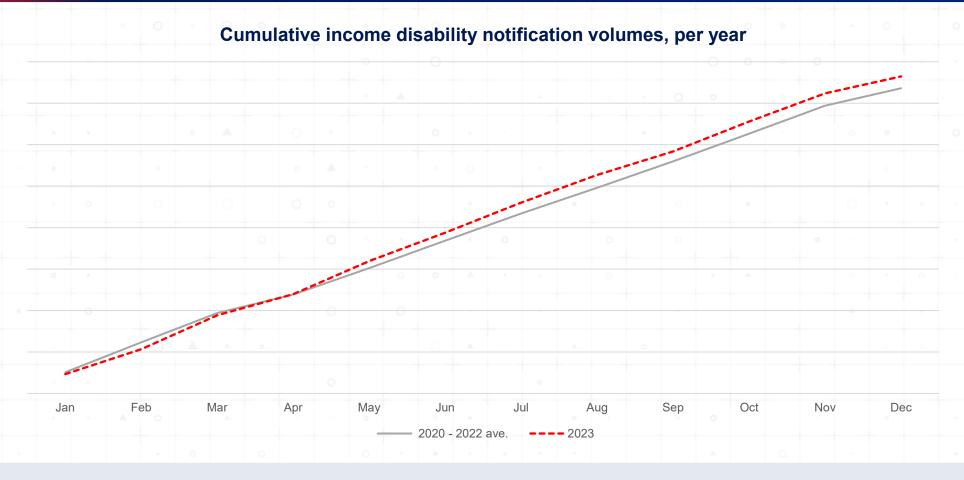


## Average claim size compared to average sum assured



- Mortality incidence seems stable but uncertainty continues
- Average claim size still persistently higher than 2019
- Likely driven by persistently higher claim sizes in the older, higher earning age bands

## **Disability trends**



- Cumulative notifications continue to be higher than the pre-2020 levels which remains a concern
- Tough economic environment: weak economic growth, unemployment and job availability is limited
- We are also observing persistently longer claim durations

## **Disability trends**

Increase in proportion of psychiatric and musculoskeletal claims vs all claim causes relative to 2019



**Psychiatric:** 

+19%



Musculoskeletal:

+8%

- Noticeable uptick in psychiatric and musculoskeletal related claims, likely driven by the difficult economic environment (these are most difficult to objectively assess)
- May also be driven by the fact that screenings were delayed, and elective surgeries postponed during lockdowns – the effects of which are <u>still</u> coming through

## **Multi Faceted Approach required**

**Employers** 

**Employees** 

Board of Trustees

**Advisers** 

Reinsurers

### Looking ahead

#### **Pricing**

- Forward-looking exercise based on expected cost of claims over the next
   12 months
  - Size of employers (Above and below 400 employees)
  - Reinsurers view and global trends
  - Economic impact on claims behaviour
  - Competitive landscape and pricing pressure

#### **Claims management**

Continued disciplined approach

#### Pandemic is the most likely catastrophic event in the next five years.

(Source: UK National Risk Register)

## **momentum METROPOLITAN**

# Questions

