



## HELIOS UNDERWRITING PLC

### **MODERN SLAVERY STATEMENT**

This statement has been published in accordance with the Modern Slavery Act 2015 ('MSA'). It sets out the steps taken by Helios Underwriting Plc and its subsidiary companies (together referred to as 'HUW') to prevent modern slavery, human rights violations and trafficking in its business and supply chains during the year ended 31 December 2020. This is the third statement prepared by HUW and we aim to progress and develop our work in this area as appropriate over the coming years.

#### **Our Business**

The principal activity of HUW is to provide a limited liability investment for its shareholders in the Lloyd's insurance market and HUW participates in the Lloyd's insurance market through its participation in a portfolio of Lloyd's syndicates.

#### **Commitment**

As a UK business listed on AIM, we accept we have a responsibility and are committed to upholding human rights and will do our utmost to ensure there is no slavery, servitude, forced or compulsory human labour, abuse of power over vulnerable individuals, human trafficking or any other form of exploitation contemplated by the MSA in any part of our business.

#### **Our Principles and Policies**

HUW adheres to a high standard of ethics, values and corporate social responsibility and these principles underpin our governance procedures and the strategic and management decisions that we make.

The Board is committed to ensuring the Company's business remains sustainable, not only from the shareholders' perspective, but also for the environment, customers, suppliers and others affected by the Company's activities. The Company has in place a payment policy which is observed and annually reviewed.

Through its subsidiaries the Company owns a portfolio of underwriting capacity interests at Lloyd's and, whilst it has no direct responsibility for the management of those businesses, they are managed by highly regulated managing agents that in turn have responsibility for managing the businesses, their staff and employment policies, and their environmental impact. Therefore, the Board does not consider it appropriate to monitor or report any performance indicators in relation to corporate, social or environmental matters.

Furthermore, for a managing agent to operate at Lloyd's there are 'statements of business conduct' ('Lloyd's Minimum Standards') with which the managing agent must comply. Lloyd's Minimum Standards encompass matters such as claims management and treating customers fairly. The managing agents and senior managers within them are also subject to regulation by the Financial Conduct Authority ('FCA') and the Prudential Regulatory Authority ('PRA') and must comply with their stringent and regular reporting requirements. Together, these rules and regulations set a high bar for conduct and how relationships and business are managed.

The Chief Executive and Finance Director are in regular contact with the managing agents not only to review performance of the portfolio, but also to consider governance matters and compliance with Lloyd's Minimum Standards.

### **Assessment of Risk**

HUW has assessed the relationships that it has with investors based predominately within the UK, together with the highly regulated underwriting sector within which it operates, and concluded that its business and supply chain present minimal opportunity and a very low risk in terms of modern slavery, human rights violations and trafficking. Nevertheless, we will implement remedial measures should any concern be identified.

Similarly, HUW has no partnerships with businesses based in impoverished regions of the world, where labour laws are non-existent or are not enforced, and therefore the risk in terms of modern slavery, human rights violations and trafficking is considered low.

Our employment procedures require that all employees have the necessary documentation to legally work in the country in which they are employed and no-one will be employed without providing this documentation. This will help ensure that no one forced, trafficked or under the legal minimum age for admission to work will be employed by HUW.

### **Due Diligence**

HUW does not support or deal with any businesses believed to be involved in or linked to modern slavery, human rights violations or trafficking and we will implement remedial measures should any concern about a particular investor or business contact be identified.

This statement was approved by the Company's Board of Directors in July 2021.

**Nigel Hanbury, Chief Executive Officer**