

Catlin Group Ltd (CGL.L)

Reiterating the Buy case

- Company Update
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- **Reiterating the Buy case:** Following strong performance in 2012, we think Catlin's underperformance since its results (-5%) represents a buying opportunity because:
 - **Catlin hasn't received adequate credit for delivering consistent growth at attractive underlying underwriting margins.**
 - **Historical concerns over Catlin's reserves and capital seem exaggerated.**
 - **Forecast returns suggest Catlin's 25% valuation discount is unjustified.**
- **Overlooked positives in Catlin's performance:** The market saw higher profit related staff costs as disappointing. Our forecasts have been little changed as these have been offset by expected better underwriting profitability (89% 2013E COR), based on the following positives from the results:
 - The **u/w result was stronger than expected** (90% COR) and was based on good underlying profitability (50.6% attritional) and sustainable reserve releases.
 - The **renewals update was positive** and Catlin is well-positioned to benefit from pricing momentum in US casualty lines (+5% in 2012).
 - **Commission income from third-party capital was surprisingly strong**
 - **Catlin's capital position remains solid** (ie mid point of target range), supporting both the group's growth (est 10% in 2013) and its attractive 6.1% dividend yield.
- **Best value among Lloyd's insurers and attractive yield:** Catlin trades on 1.17x 2013E NTA, which offers upside given our forecast 14% 2013 RONTA and reflects a 25% discount to peers (avg 1.45x NTA and avg 14% RONTA). Catlin also looks cheap on 9x 2013E PE, compared with peers on avg 11x. The focus on income/capital mgt in the sector suggests Catlin's 6% yield should be attractive.
- **Updating forecasts and valuation:** We have made minimal (~1%) changes to our 2013-14 EPS forecasts and our target price of 567p remains unchanged.

Buy	1
Price (14 Feb 13)	£5.11
Target price	£5.67
Expected share price return	11.0%
Expected dividend yield	6.2%
Expected total return	17.2%
Market Cap	£1,848M
	US\$2,872M

Price Performance (RIC: CGL.L, BB: CGL LN)



Catlin Group Ltd (USD)

Year to 31 Dec	2011A	2012A	2013E	2014E
Profit Before Tax (\$M)	71.0	339.0	410.1	426.7
Diluted EPS (¢)	10.6	83.2	89.6	93.7
Diluted EPS (Old) (¢)	10.6	84.6	90.4	92.2
PE (x)	74.6	9.5	8.9	8.5
DPS (¢)	44.9	46.0	50.5	53.5
Net Div Yield (%)	5.7	5.8	6.4	6.7
Embedded Value Per Share (¢)	955.9	1,006.1	1,054.9	1,104.3
Price / EVPS (x)	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.7

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Fiscal year end 31-Dec	2011	2012	2013E	2014E
Valuation Ratios				
P/E adjusted (x)	74.6	9.5	8.9	8.5
P/E reported (x)	74.6	9.5	8.9	8.5
P/BV (x)	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.8
P/BV adjusted (x)	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.8
Dividend yield (%)	5.7	5.8	6.4	6.7
P/Embedded Value (x)	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.7
Per Share Data (US\$)				
EPS adjusted	10.6	83.2	89.6	93.7
EPS reported	10.6	83.2	89.6	93.7
BVPS	784.9	837.1	885.9	935.3
BVPS adjusted	784.9	837.1	885.9	935.3
DPS	44.9	46.0	50.5	53.5
Embedded Value per share	955.9	1,006.1	1,054.9	1,104.3
Profit & Loss (US\$M)				
Pre-tax profit	71	339	410	427
Tax	11	10	-53	-55
Extraord./Min. int./Pref. div.	-44	-44	-44	-44
Reported net income	38	305	313	327
Adjusted earnings	38	305	313	327
Growth Rates (%)				
Pre-tax profit	-82.5	377.5	21.0	4.0
EPS adjusted	-88.5	681.6	7.7	4.6
Dividend	5.6	2.4	9.8	6.0
Balance Sheet (US\$M)				
Total assets	12,959	14,041	14,608	15,199
Investments	8,388	8,774	9,131	9,502
Goodwill/intangibles	717	720	749	779
Other Assets	3,854	4,547	4,729	4,918
Separate Account Assets	0	0	0	0
Total liabilities	9,661	10,529	10,926	11,344
Life policy reserves	0	0	0	0
Non-life policy reserves	8,586	9,238	9,608	9,992
Total Debt	91	92	92	92
Other Liabilities	984	1,199	1,226	1,260
Separate Account Liabilities	na	na	na	na
Shareholders' funds	3,298	3,512	3,682	3,855
Profitability/Solvency Ratios (%)				
ROE adjusted	1.4	10.8	10.4	10.3
ROA adjusted	0.3	2.3	2.2	2.2
Total debt to capital	2.7	2.6	2.4	2.3
Total debt to equity	2.8	2.6	2.5	2.4

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Reiterating the Buy case

We think Catlin's underperformance following its 2012 results represents a buying opportunity and reiterate our Buy recommendation based on three key points:

1. We don't think Catlin has received adequate credit for delivering consistent growth at attractive underlying underwriting margins.
2. We think historic concerns over Catlin's reserves and capital are exaggerated and recent performance on these metrics has been solid.
3. We think Catlin's forecast returns suggest its discounted P/B valuation compared with its peers is unjustified.

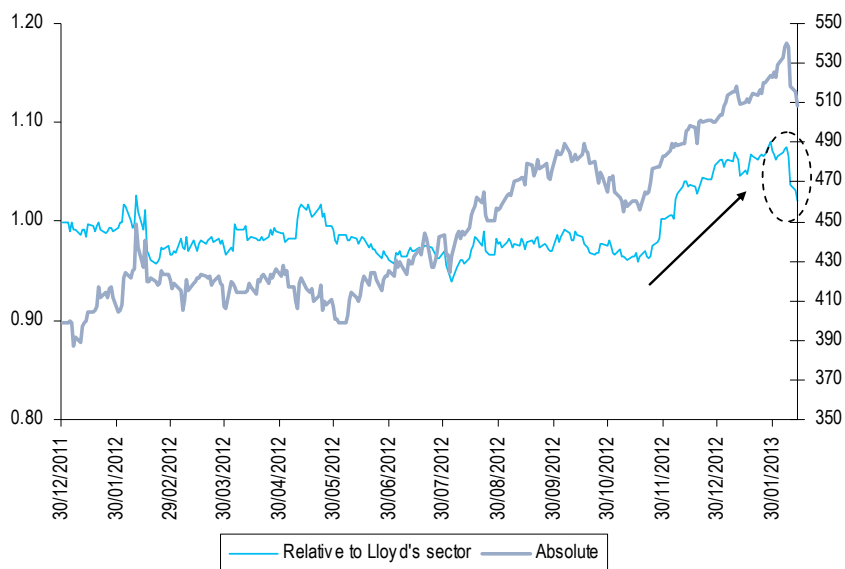
We have discussed the Buy case in detail in our recent report: [Reinsurers / Lloyd's vehicles](#).

Recent underperformance provides opportunity

Catlin outperformed in 2012 and we think recent weakness is a buying opportunity

Catlin was the strongest-performing Lloyd's vehicle in 2012 (+26%) and outperformed its Lloyd's peers by 6%. However, since it reported FY 2012 results on Friday, 8th February, the shares have declined 5% and have now given up all their gains since the start of 2013. We believe the positive investment case remains intact and see this as an attractive entry point for investors. The chart below shows the correction in the absolute and relative performance of Catlin's shares since the FY 2012 results.

Figure 1. Catlin outperformed in 2012 but has underperformed since FY 2012 results



Source: Datastream; Citi Research

Higher corporate costs disappointing, but offset by improved u/w

The key disappointment at FY 2012 results was higher corporate expenses (2012: \$155m vs 2011: \$85m). These were driven by higher staff costs and, although these related to the significantly improved profitability of the group, these weren't adequately reflected in consensus. We have reflected higher level of costs in our forecasts (assuming staff costs at ~27% of profits before these costs).

Positives offsetting higher corp. costs:

1. **strong 2012 COR**
2. **solid 2012 attritional loss ratio**
3. **continued price increases**
4. **higher over-rider commissions**

However, our forecasts overall have remained largely unchanged since these have been offset by better than expected underwriting trends. The key positive factors affecting our expectations for Catlin's underwriting results are:

1. Better-than-expected 2012 **combined ratio** of 90% compared with 91% for consensus. We are now forecasting 89% COR for 2013.
2. The 2012 **attritional loss ratio** remained relatively stable at 50.8% and the consistency of this has led us to improve our forecast from 51.6% to 50.8%.
3. Catlin has continued to report **positive momentum in pricing**, including 4% price increases in 2012 and a further 2% increases so far in 2013, which should have a positive impact on u/w profitability
4. **Strong commission levels** from Catlin's special purpose syndicates (~\$30m in 2013) should improve the group's expense ratio since this is where they are recognised.

We discuss these points in more detail throughout this report.

Reiterating the Buy case

We believe the Buy case for Catlin remains strong and think the underlying trends in its 2012 results confirm our reasons for being positive. Our Buy recommendation is based on three key reasons:

1. We don't think Catlin has received adequate credit for delivering consistent growth at attractive underlying underwriting margins.
2. We think historic concerns over Catlin's reserves and capital are exaggerated and recent performance on these metrics has been solid.
3. We think Catlin's forecast returns suggest its discounted P/B valuation compared with its peers is unjustified.

1. Consistent growth at attractive underlying margins

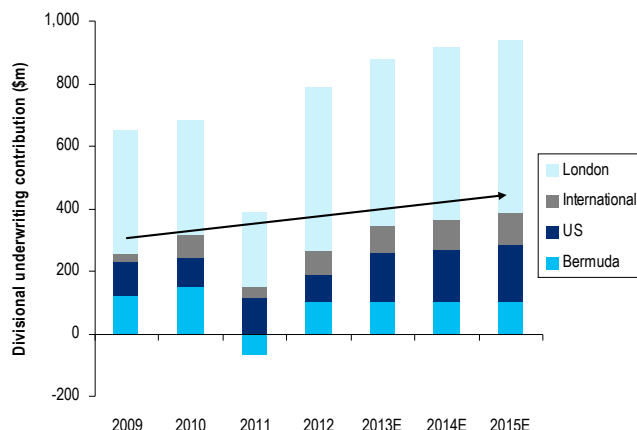
Consistent growth has increased the diversity of group earnings

Catlin again delivered top-line growth in 2012 (+10% GWP), which is consistent with its longer-term growth strategy (avg +8% GWP since 2008). This has improved the group's diversity of earnings through increasing the contribution from its international operations (~50% GWP and 33% u/w contribution in 2012). Consequently, the group's earnings have become less volatile and this should over time lower its cost of equity, although this hasn't yet been reflected in its valuation. We expect the underwriting contribution from Catlin's international businesses to continue to increase, as shown in the first chart below.

The underlying profitability of the business has improved

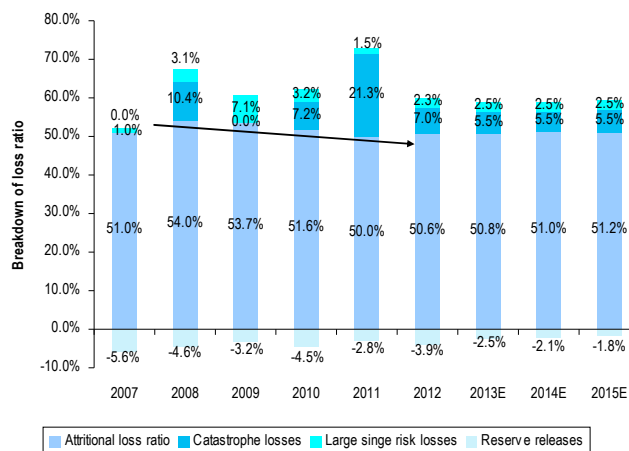
We believe it is extremely important that Catlin's growth has been achieved while improving the underlying profitability of the business. Its attritional loss ratio (ie excluding catastrophes and reserve releases) has improved from 54% in 2008 to 50.6% in 2012. This shows that Catlin has been able to grow while also improving its underlying profitability and should address the common perception that insurance companies only grow at the expense of profitability. The improvement in Catlin's attritional loss ratio is shown in the second chart below.

Figure 2. Increased u/w contribution from international hubs



Source: Company data; Citi Research

Figure 3. Attritional loss ratio shows improved underlying profitability



Source: Company data; Citi Research

Operational leverage and lower capital requirements could offer upside in future

We believe that Catlin's growth strategy could offer further upside in the future in the form of i) operational leverage from having already developed the group's global infrastructure (eg it has hubs in London, US, Europe and Asia), and ii) lower capital requirements driven by the greater diversity of earnings. Over time, we would expect these benefits of greater scale to have a positive impact on the group's valuation.

2. Historical concerns not proving an issue

The market has frequently worried over Catlin's reserving and capital position and, in our view, this has been an important driver of the group's discounted valuation. We believe 2012 results showed that both Catlin's reserving and capital positions are solid.

Catlin has made consistent reserve releases and ADC caps downside

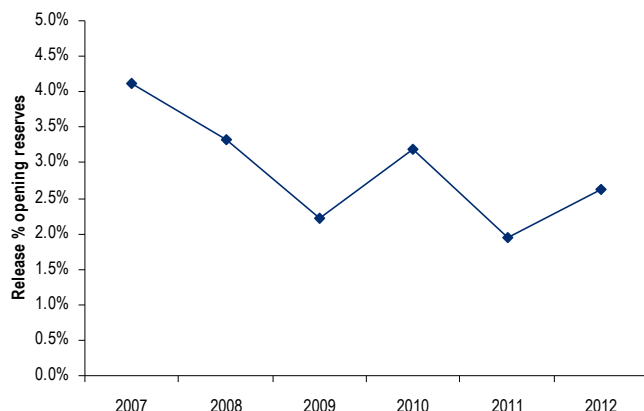
Catlin made \$139m reserve releases, which are consistent with the group's longer-term trend (ie 2-4% of opening reserves) and should give reassurance that these are likely to be sustainable. It is also significant that the group's Adverse Development Cover protects it from deterioration in reserves relating to business written before 2010 (around ½ reserves) while allowing Catlin to benefit from any positive releases. This is a unique feature in the sector and should mitigate any concerns that over its longer tail casualty reserves. The chart below shows Catlin's reserve releases have been relatively consistent for several years.

Catlin's capital position can comfortably fund growth and attractive dividend

Catlin's capital position is also often cited as a reason for concern, although the group reported 14% economic capital buffer at 2012, which is in line with its stated 10-20% range. Catlin uses a more conservative methodology than peers for assessing its capital requirements and we show the longer-term trend in the chart below. Our analysis of the group's capital requirements suggests it has plenty of capital to fund its premium growth and attractive dividend (6% yield).

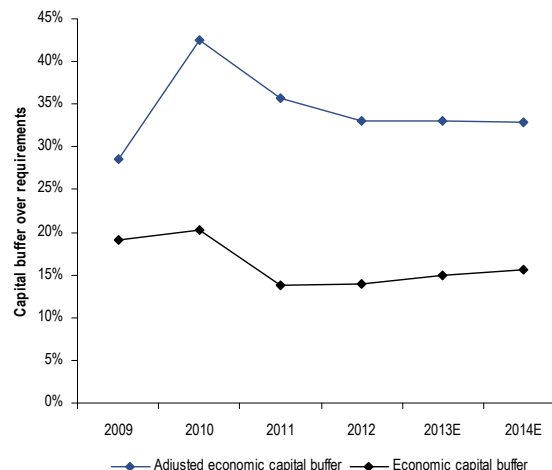
We discuss Catlin's reserving and capital position in more detail later in this report.

Figure 4. Catlin has seen consistent reserve releases



Source: Company data; Citi Research

Figure 5. Catlin's capital position supports growth and dividend



Note: Adjusted buffer includes subordinated debt and undrawn facilities
Source: Company data; Citi Research

3. Returns suggest discounted valuation is unjustified

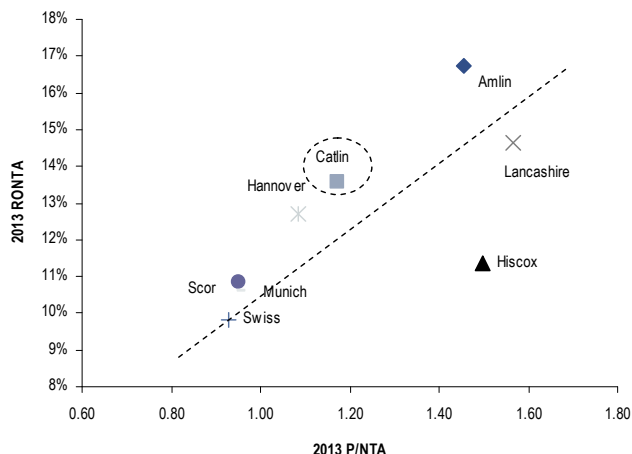
We think Catlin's 14% RONTA justifies a higher P/NTA than 1.17x

In our view, Catlin continues to offer one of the most compelling valuation cases among its Lloyd's peers. Catlin trades on 1.17x 2013E NTA, which is a ~25% discount to the average for its peers. However, we forecast 14% return on net tangible assets, which is in line with the peer group average (mainly driven by Hiscox's lower RONTA). Catlin also looks cheap on 9x 2013E PE compared with peers on avg 11x. The first chart below shows the relationship between Catlin's P/NTA and forecast RONTA.

Catlin's 6% yield is attractive given investor focus on income/capital mgt

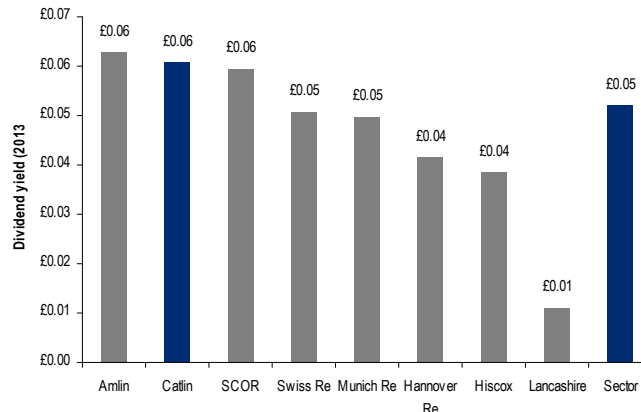
Catlin also offers an attractive dividend yield of 6%. We believe this is likely to be particularly attractive to investors in the current environment, given the growing focus on income and capital returns in the insurance sector. However, we do acknowledge that Catlin doesn't have the same capital management record as its peers, given the strong growth profile of the group. The second chart below shows that Catlin offers one of the most attractive yields among its peers.

Figure 6. Catlin looks undervalued on P/NTA given RONTA forecasts



Source: Citi Research

Figure 7. Catlin offers an attractive 6% yield



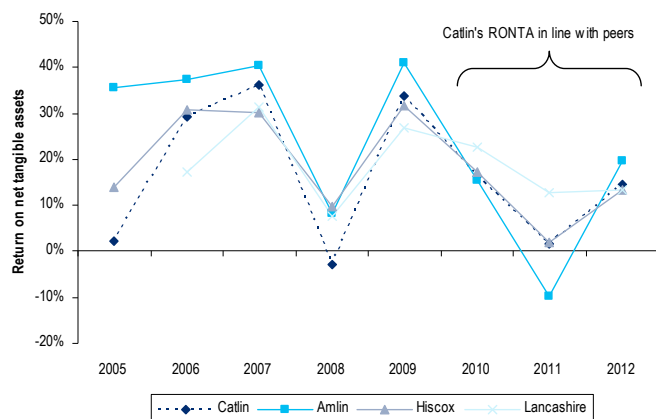
Note: Lancashire normally supplements its regular dividend with significant specials.
Source: Company data; Citi Research

Catlin's RONTA is in line with peers despite ongoing discount

In recent years Catlin's operating performance has converged with its peers, despite its discounted valuation. For example, Catlin tended to deliver weaker returns in years with severe catastrophes (eg 2005 and 2008), but its RONTA was actually in line with the rest of the sector in 2011 despite major catastrophes.

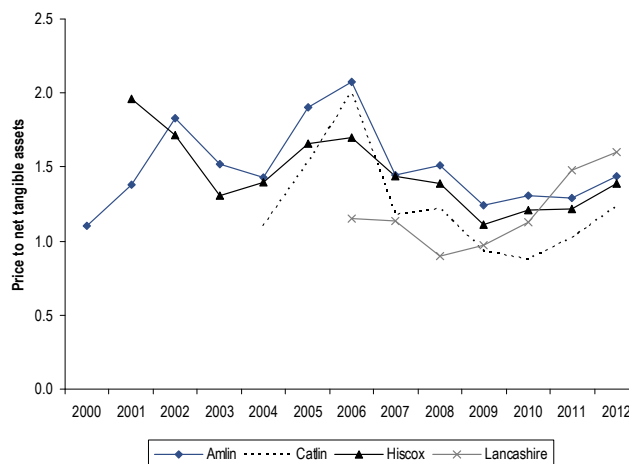
We see this as a benefit of risk management and increasingly diversified earnings, and suspect this is currently underappreciated by the market. The charts below show the convergence in Catlin and the sector's RONTA, and Catlin's persistent P/NTA discount compared with peers.

Figure 8. Catlin's recent RONTA has been in line with peers



Source: Company data; Citi Research

Figure 9. Catlin has consistently traded on a discounted P/NTA



Note: based on year end price / year end net tangible assets per share

Source: Company data; Citi Research

The table below shows the key valuation metrics for the Lloyd's/reinsurance sector.

Figure 10. Key valuation metrics for the peer group

Rec			Price Target ETR			Valuation (2013E)				EPS			DPS			NTAPS			RONTA		
						P/E	P/NAV	P/NTA	Yield	2011	2012	2013	2011	2012	2013	2011	2012	2013	2011	2012	2013
Amlin	Buy	GBP	412	425	9.5%	9.3	1.26	1.46	6.3%	-30.3	48.0	44.1	23.0	24.4	25.8	243	264	283	-10%	20%	17%
Catlin	Buy	GBP	515	567	17.2%	9.2	0.94	1.17	6.1%	6.7	52.0	56.0	28.0	29.5	31.3	393	409	439	2%	15%	14%
Hiscox	Neutral	GBP	486	450	-3.7%	13.2	1.42	1.50	3.8%	5.3	40.3	36.8	17.0	43.3	18.7	306	328	325	2%	13%	11%
Lancashire	Buy	GBP	855	905	6.9%	11.1	1.57	1.57	1.1%	74.6	76.4	76.7	61.4	65.6	9.4	493	485	546	13%	13%	15%
						10.7	1.30	1.42	4.3%										2%	15%	14%
Hannover	Neutral	EUR	58.0	60.2	8.0%	9.2	1.08	1.09	4.1%	5.0	6.8	6.3	2.1	2.8	2.4	41	50	53	14%	17%	13%
Munich	Neutral	EUR	135.6	136.3	5.5%	9.0	0.84	0.95	5.0%	3.9	17.8	15.0	6.3	6.5	6.8	110	134	143	4%	15%	11%
Scor	Buy	EUR	21.8	23.5	13.5%	9.2	0.80	0.95	6.0%	1.8	2.1	2.4	1.1	1.2	1.3	20	22	23	9%	10%	11%
Swiss	Buy	CHF	73.0	78.7	12.9%	9.6	0.82	0.93	5.1%	6.8	9.3	7.6	3.0	6.0	3.7	70	77	79	11%	13%	10%
						9.2	0.88	0.98	5.0%										9%	13%	11%

Source: Company data; Citi Research. Priced as at close 13.2.13

Overlooked positives in Catlin's performance

Headlines distracted from positives:

1. strong u/w performance
2. positive renewals
2. high third party capital fees
3. solid capital position

Catlin's 2012 results disappointed the market due to a headline miss on profit before tax (actual \$339m vs consensus \$384m). Given the recent strong performance of the shares, it is not surprising that they have reacted negatively to this, although we think clearer guidance could have mitigated some of this impact. More importantly, we believe the headline miss has distracted the market from a number of important positive features in Catlin's FY 2012 results:

1. The **u/w result was actually stronger than expected** (90% COR) and was based on both good underlying profitability (50.6% attritional) and healthy reserve releases (3.9% of NEP).
2. Catlin gave a **positive update on renewals**, which received relatively little attention. Given its growing US business (21% premiums), Catlin is well positioned to benefit from pricing momentum in US casualty lines (+5% in 2012).
3. The **commission income from Catlin's special purpose syndicates** (~\$30m in 2013) is a new positive and shows the benefits to shareholders from this third-party capital.
4. **Catlin's capital position remains solid** (14% surplus), supporting both the group's growth (est 10% in 2013) and its attractive 6% dividend yield.

1. Stronger-than-expected underwriting performance

Catlin's underwriting result was better than expected and it reported a strong 90% combined ratio (consensus 91%). It was particularly positive that this was based on both a solid underlying profitability and healthy reserve releases.

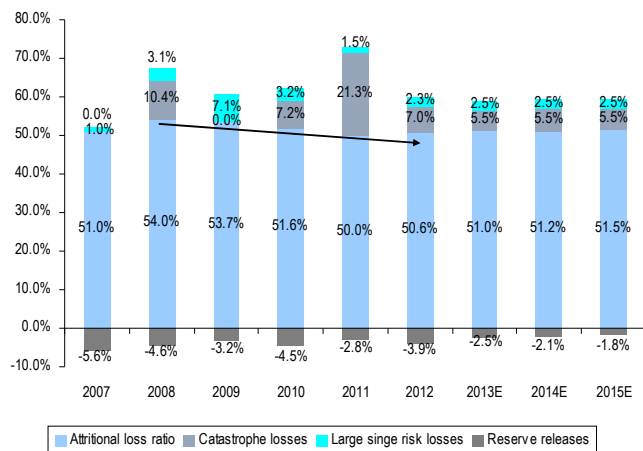
Attritional loss ratio highlights continued underlying profitability

Solid attritional loss ratio — Catlin's attritional loss ratio remained broadly stable at 50.6% (2011: 50.0%). This was a strong achievement given that net earned premiums were flat, which would have inflated this ratio given the underlying growth in the business. In our view, this evidences that the group has been able to deliver growth at attractive underlying margins. The attritional loss ratio was impacted by ~1% by losses from the Italian earthquake and US crops, although we consider these to be part of the normal course of business. The first chart below shows the consistent improvement in Catlin's attritional loss ratio since 2007 and also highlights that our forecasts assume these remain broadly stable. We also note that Catlin is the only Lloyd's company to consistently report its attritional loss ratio and we believe it hasn't yet received credit for this from the market.

Catlin's performance is more in line with peers than market seems to realise

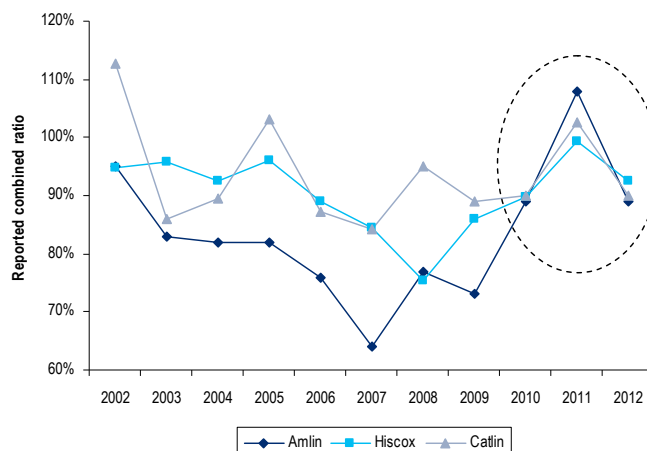
Recent underwriting performance in line with peers — Catlin has historically been more volatile in its underwriting performance compared with peers, particularly in years with strong catastrophe losses. However, we believe the market hasn't recognised that its more recent underwriting performance (ie since 2010) has actually been more in line with the performance of its peers. This is shown in the second chart below.

Figure 11. Improvement in attritional loss ratio shows quality of book



Source: Company data; Citi Research

Figure 12. Catlin's recent underwriting performance in line with peers



Note: based on 2012 forecasts. Hiscox includes corporate expenses in its COR
Source: Company data; Citi Research

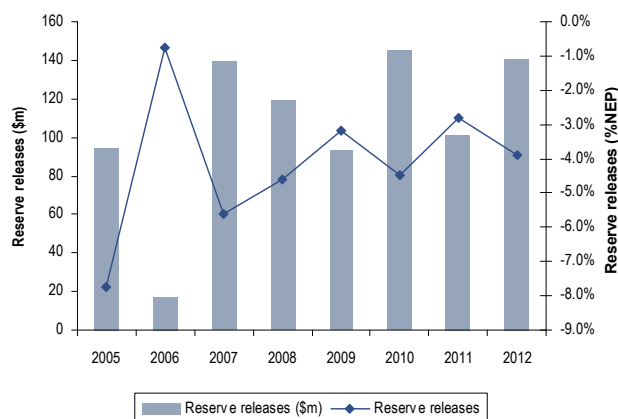
Healthy release should reassure that these will be an ongoing source of profits

Healthy reserve releases — Catlin increased its reserve releases to \$139m or 3.9% NEP (2011: \$101m or 2.8%), which were mainly driven by aviation and energy business across a number of years. We think the market has been cautious on the group's reserving and we see these release as reassuring, particularly in conjunction with the points on reserving below. The chart below shows Catlin's the longer term trend of releases. We note that these have been a relatively stable contributor to profits (ie 3-5% of earned premiums since 2008), despite the fact that Catlin reserves to actuarial best estimate. Consequently, we expect releases to be an ongoing contributor to the group's profitability, albeit at a gradually declining rate (in line with our forecasts for peers).

2012 initial loss estimates set in line with longer term trends

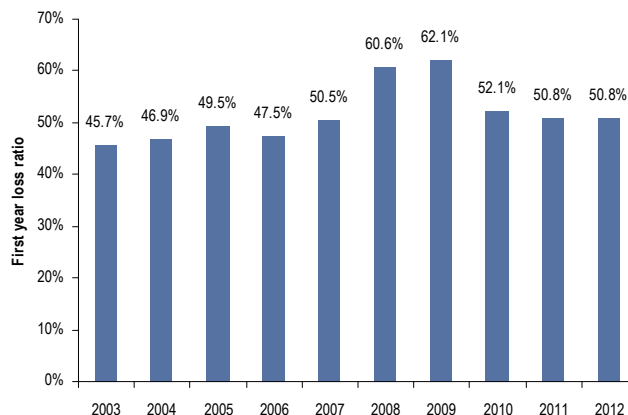
Reserve setting in line with longer term trends — Reviewing Catlin's initial reserve setting shows that this has been in line with the longer-term trend (ie 2012 accident year was set at 50.8%, in line with 2011). This should reassure that the group's strong attritional loss ratio isn't being achieved through more aggressive reserving. The longer-term trend of Catlin's initial loss ratio is shown in the second chart below.

Figure 13. Healthy reserve releases should reassure the market



Source: Company data; Citi Research

Figure 14. Reserving in line with historic trends



Note: initial loss estimate (excluding major losses) for each accident year
Source: Company data; Citi Research

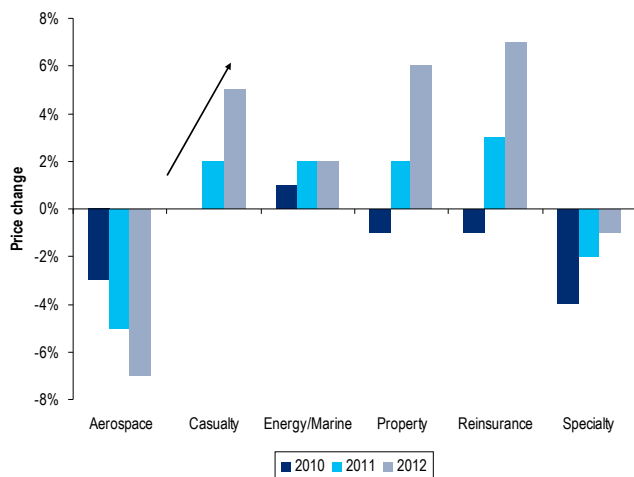
Catlin is well positioned to benefit from better casualty rates

2. Positive renewal update and well positioned for casualty pricing

Catlin didn't focus a lot on its renewals, although the headline figures were actually rather encouraging. Catlin achieved 2% price increases and 14% growth so far in 2013. As expected for a Lloyd's players, this puts its pricing towards the top end of what European Reinsurers have achieved (Munich +0.5%, Hannover +0.5%, Scor +2%). Commentary on individual lines of business was broadly consistent with peers: US property reinsurance rates were strong at renewals following Hurricane Sandy and, more importantly, there are signs of improvement in the US casualty market for which rates increased 5% in 2012. Given the growth in Catlin's US specialty business, this should be positive for the group. Note that Catlin's Adverse Development Cover has been extended to include 2010 business, which means the group is protected from any downside risks from its longer tail casualty reserves.

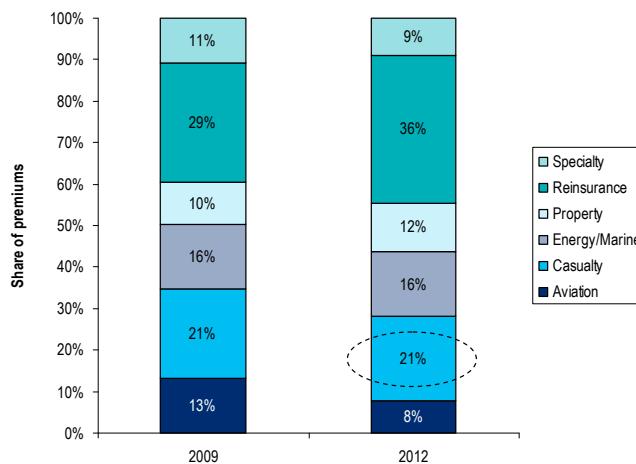
The chart below shows the steady improvement in casualty rates for Catlin, driven by improvements in the US market. The second chart shows that Catlin's business has ~20% exposure to Casualty (skewed towards shorter tail classes). This is slightly higher than peers and therefore suggests it is better positioned to benefit from improved pricing.

Figure 15. Casualty pricing has steadily improved



Source: Company data; Citi Research

Figure 16. Casualty is ~20% of premiums, which is higher than peers



Source: Company data; Citi Research

Commissions from third party capital should improve 2013 COR by ~1%

3. Commission income from special purpose syndicates is positive

One of the surprisingly positive features of Catlin's results was its disclosure of \$14m commissions from its special purpose syndicates (SPS) backed by third-party capital. This reflects ½ year's over-rider commission from the SPS's and management indicated that this would increase substantially in 2013. We have estimated the calculation of this commission in the tables below. We expect this to increase to ~33% in 2013. Since these commissions are included within administrative expenses, this equates to a 1% improvement in the combined ratio.

Figure 17. We estimate ~\$33m commission income for 2013

2012	\$m
SPS capacity (net of brokerage)	220
SPS capacity (gross of 20% brokerage)	275
Override commission at 10%	28
1/2 year commission (as reported)	14
2013	\$m
SPS capacity (net of brokerage)	267
SPS capacity (gross of 20% brokerage)	334
Override commission at 10% (estimated)	33

Source: Company data; Citi Research

Catlin has taken advantage of investor appetite for catastrophe risks

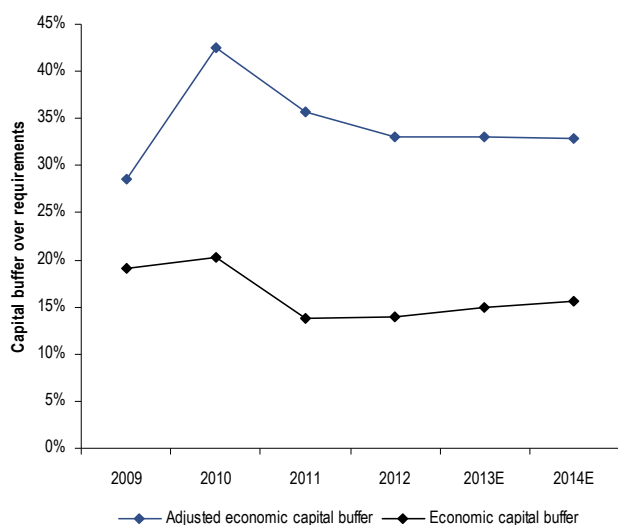
Use of third-party capital has been an increasing theme in the Lloyd's sector and the re/insurance market more generally. This form of capital leverages shareholder returns through up-front fees as well as profit commissions (which take ~3 years to be recognized given Lloyd's accounting). It also potentially allows Lloyd's insurers to increase its business in the event of a market change without raising capital from shareholders.

4. Solid capital position supports growth and dividend

Catlin's capital position is more conservatively assessed than peers

Catlin's 14% economic capital buffer was in line with our expectations and in line with the company's target of 10-20%. As Catlin indicated at its recent investor day, it applies a more conservative methodology than many of its peers in estimating this, since it excludes subordinated debt and undrawn banking facilities. The first chart below shows the significant improvement in capital position if we include the benefit of these other forms of capital. The second table shows our roll forward of Catlin's capital position, showing that we believe it can fund both its growth and attractive dividend yield.

Figure 18. Catlin's capital position was in line with 10-20% guidance



Note: Adjusted buffer includes subordinated debt and undrawn facilities
Source: Company data; Citi Research

Figure 19. Capital position supports growth and attractive dividends

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013E	2014E	2015E
NTA	2,066	2,236	2,099	2,305	2,475	2,648	2,816
Pref shares	590	590	590	590	590	590	590
Available capital	2,656	2,826	2,689	2,895	3,065	3,238	3,406
Required economic capital	2,231	2,349	2,362	2,539	2,666	2,799	2,939
Change in required		5%	1%	7%	5%	5%	5%
Economic capital buffer	19%	20%	14%	14%	15%	16%	16%
Sub debt	97	93	91	92	92	92	92
Undrawn banking facilities	113	427	425	391	391	391	391
Adj capital	2,866	3,346	3,205	3,378	3,548	3,721	3,889
Adj econ. capital buffer	28%	42%	36%	33%	33%	33%	32%

Note: assumes 5% growth in required capital
Source: Company data; Citi Research

Forecasts and valuation

We have made the following changes to our earnings forecasts: 1. increased our underwriting result forecasts to reflect a lower attritional loss ratio (2013: 50.8% vs 51.6%) and the benefit of SPS fees (£30m benefit to expense ratio from 2013). 2. increased our assumption for employee expenses in line with experience in 2012. We expect these to remain at ~27% of profits before employee expenses. 3. The above factors broadly offset each other and consequently our net income forecasts remain broadly unchanged for 2013 and 2014.

Figure 20. Changes to forecasts

Catlin P&L (USDm)	Old			New			Change			Change		
	2012E	2013E	2014E	2012A	2013E	2014E	2012	2013E	2014E	2012	2013E	2014E
Gross written premium	4,980	5,250	5,520	4,972	5,350	5,670	-8	100	150	0%	2%	3%
Reinsurance premiums	-988	-1,039	-1,087	-1,138	-1,212	-1,283	-150	-173	-197	15%	17%	18%
Net premium written	3,992	4,211	4,433	3,834	4,138	4,387	-158	-73	-47	-4%	-2%	-1%
Net change in UPR	-364	-114	-106	-230	-155	-109	134	-41	-3	-37%	36%	3%
Net premiums earned	3,628	4,097	4,328	3,604	3,983	4,278	-24	-114	-50	-1%	-3%	-1%
Losses and loss expenses	-2,093	-2,356	-2,509	-2,020	-2,241	-2,431	73	114	78	-3%	-5%	-3%
Policy acquisition costs	-786	-886	-934	-796	-867	-930	-10	19	4	1%	-2%	0%
Net underwriting contribution	749	856	884	788	875	917	39	18	33	5%	2%	4%
U/W admin expenses	-421	-475	-502	-431	-446	-479	-10	29	23	2%	-6%	-5%
				0	0	0						
Net underwriting result	328	381	382	357	428	438	29	48	56	9%	13%	15%
Total investment return	155	143	149	158	142	148	3	-2	-1	2%	-1%	-1%
Employee incentives	-90	-100	-100	-155	-155	-155	-65	-55	-55	72%	55%	55%
FX	0	0	0	-15	0	0	-15	0	0			
Financing costs	-10	-10	-10	-14	-14	-14	-4	-4	-4			
Other income	0	0	0	8	9	10	8	9	10			
Other income/expenses	-100	-110	-110	-176	-160	-159	-76	-50	-49	76%	45%	45%
Profit before tax	383	414	421	339	410	427	-44	-4	5	-11%	-1%	1%
Tax	-45	-54	-55	10	-53	-55				-122%	-1%	1%
Net income	338	360	367	349	357	371	11	-3	5	3%	-1%	1%
Preference dividend	-44	-44	-44	-44	-44	-44	0	0	0	0%	0%	0%
Net attributable income	294	316	323	305	313	327	11	-3	5	4%	-1%	1%

Source: Company data; Citi Research

We have updated our valuation to reflect the 2012 earnings, which is shown in the table below. Our target price remains unchanged at 567p.

Figure 21. Catlin valuation (\$m)

	Capital	ROC	COC	P/Book	Earnings	P/E	Valuation	Per share
London	1,737	14.5%	9.9%	1.51	251	10.4	2,619	469
Bermuda	350	12.4%	10.2%	1.23	44	9.9	431	77
USA	500	7.9%	9.6%	0.81	39	10.3	404	72
International	400	9.2%	9.3%	0.99	28	14.1	396	71
Total	2,987	12.4%	9.8%	1.29	362	10.6	3,850	689
Debt/Prefs							-682	-122
Valuation				1.37		10.1	3,168	567

Source: Company data; Citi Research

Figure 22. Catlin earnings forecasts

Catlin P&L (USDm)	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013E	2014E	2015E
Gross written premium	3,715	4,069	4,513	4,972	5,350	5,670	5,915
Reinsurance premiums	-547	-751	-678	-1,138	-1,212	-1,283	-1,337
Net premium written	3,168	3,318	3,835	3,834	4,138	4,387	4,578
Net change in UPR	-250	-99	-223	-230	-155	-109	-90
Net premiums earned	2,918	3,219	3,612	3,604	3,983	4,278	4,488
Losses and loss expenses	-1,682	-1,852	-2,530	-2,020	-2,241	-2,431	-2,575
Policy acquisition costs	-585	-684	-758	-796	-867	-930	-974
Net u/w contribution	651	683	324	788	875	917	940
Admin - non controllable	-61	-67	-68	-37	-40	-43	-45
Admin - controllable	-271	-289	-352	-394	-406	-436	-458
U/W admin expenses	-333	-356	-420	-431	-446	-479	-503
Net underwriting result	318	327	-96	357	428	438	437
Total investment return	414	205	248	158	142	148	155
Employee incentives	-86	-101	-84	-155	-155	-155	-155
Other admin expenses	-30	0	0	0	0	0	0
FV of derivatives	-31	-15	0	0	0	0	0
FX	30	3	9	-15	0	0	0
Financing costs	-16	-15	-10	-14	-14	-14	-14
Other income	4	2	4	8	9	10	11
Other income/expenses	-129	-126	-81	-176	-160	-159	-158
Profit before tax	603	406	71	339	410	427	434
Tax	-50	-25	11	10	-53	-55	-56
Minority interest	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net income	553	381	82	349	357	371	377
Preference dividend	-44	-44	-44	-44	-44	-44	-44
Net attributable income	509	337	38	305	313	327	333
EPS - diluted (cents)	147.3	92.9	10.6	83.2	89.6	93.7	95.5
EPS - diluted (p)	94.5	58.0	6.7	52.0	56.0	58.6	59.7
ROE	23.7%	12.5%	1.3%	11.3%	10.7%	10.6%	10.2%
RONTA	33.8%	16.3%	1.7%	14.5%	13.6%	13.2%	12.6%
DPS (cents)	40.0	42.5	44.9	46.0	50.5	53.5	56.8
DPS (p)	25.0	26.5	28.0	29.5	31.3	33.1	35.1
DPS growth	8%	6%	6%	5%	6%	6%	6%

Source: Company data; Citi Research

Figure 23. Catlin key metrics

KEY METRICS	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013E	2014E	2015E
Attritional loss ratio	53.7%	51.6%	50.0%	50.6%	50.8%	51.0%	51.2%
Catastrophe losses	0.0%	7.2%	21.3%	7.0%	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%
Large single risk losses	7.1%	3.2%	1.5%	2.3%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%
Reserve releases	-3.2%	-4.5%	-2.8%	-3.9%	-2.5%	-2.1%	-1.8%
Reported loss ratio	57.6%	57.5%	70.0%	56.0%	56.3%	56.8%	57.4%
Policy acquisition costs	20.1%	21.2%	21.0%	22.1%	21.8%	21.7%	21.7%
Admin - group controlable	9.3%	9.0%	9.7%	10.9%	10.2%	10.2%	10.2%
Admin - non controlable	2.1%	2.0%	1.9%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%
UW admin expenses	11.4%	11.0%	11.6%	11.9%	11.2%	11.2%	11.2%
Expense ratio	31.5%	32.2%	32.6%	34.0%	33.0%	32.9%	32.9%
Combined ratio	89.1%	89.8%	102.6%	90.0%	89.2%	89.8%	90.3%
COR (incl staff costs)	92.0%	92.9%	105.0%	94.3%	93.1%	93.4%	93.7%
Fixed income	3,867	4,575	6,019	5,603	5,827	6,060	6,303
Cash	3,296	3,244	2,178	2,597	2,701	2,809	2,921
Equities	530	200	181	574	603	633	664
Total investments	7,693	8,021	8,388	8,774	9,131	9,502	9,888
Investment return	6.15%	2.70%	3.12%	2.02%	1.58%	1.59%	1.60%

Source: Company data; Citi Research

Figure 24. Change in equity

Change in equity	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013E	2014E	2015E
Opening equity	2,469	3,278	3,448	3,298	3,512	3,682	3,855
Net income	509	337	38	305	313	327	333
Other comprehensive income	112	5	-42	32	0	0	0
Issuance of common shares for wellington		0	0	0	0	0	0
Equity raise	289	0	0	0	0	0	0
Issuance of preference shares	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stock compensation expense	22	23	11	32	25	25	25
Dividend	-115	-138	-150	-157	-167	-180	-191
Purchase of treasury stock	-8	-57	-7	2	0	0	0
Closing equity	3,278	3,448	3,298	3,512	3,682	3,855	4,023
Net tangible assets	2,066	2,236	2,099	2,305	2,475	2,648	2,816
NAV per share (cents)	768	833	785	837	886	935	983
NAV per share (p)	474	541	506	518	548	579	609
NTA per share (cents)	590	652	608	660	709	759	807
NTA per share (p)	364	423	393	409	439	470	499

Source: Company data; Citi Research

Catlin Group Ltd

Company description

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Investment strategy

We rate Catlin Buy. Following the acquisition of Wellington in December 2006 Catlin is now a sizeable international P&C underwriter. The US, Bermudian and international hubs are producing organic growth and Catlin now has a large and well diversified underwriting portfolio. Catlin has significantly increased its underlying underwriting profitability and the greater profitability from its international operations should lower overall earnings volatility. We also believe that Catlin's Adverse Development Cover on 2009 and prior year reserves helps relieve some of the concern over its lower reserve releases. We view the current valuation as undemanding and believe that another year of solid trading performance could lead the shares to re-rate in line with sector multiples.

Valuation

In common with our general sector approach, we use our Value Perspective methodology to calculate a SOTP valuation for Catlin. Our approach assigns a target price/NTA multiple to each business based on consideration of return on capital vs. cost of capital, adjusted for 10-year forecast growth. We value the London business at 1.5x NTA reflecting its longstanding franchise. The Bermudian business is valued at 1.2x NTA given the faster growth but potentially higher volatility of this business. We value the US business on 0.8x NTA to reflect its improved profitability. The International businesses are valued at a discount to NTA to reflect concerns over the profitability of the business written, especially post central cost allocation. In order to recognize the potential earnings volatility, we apply a beta of 1.1 and derive a cost of capital of 9.8% for the group. Our SOTP model points to a fair value of 567p, which is where we set our target price.

Risks

The main positive risks to our target price are: i) our forecasts include an assumption for normalised catastrophe losses such that, should incurred losses be materially below our assumptions, this would lead to higher u/w profits; ii) a material increase in global pricing would lead to improved u/w profits and would likely be accompanied by a re-rating in valuation multiples; and iii) increased US/UK interest rates would lead to higher investment returns.

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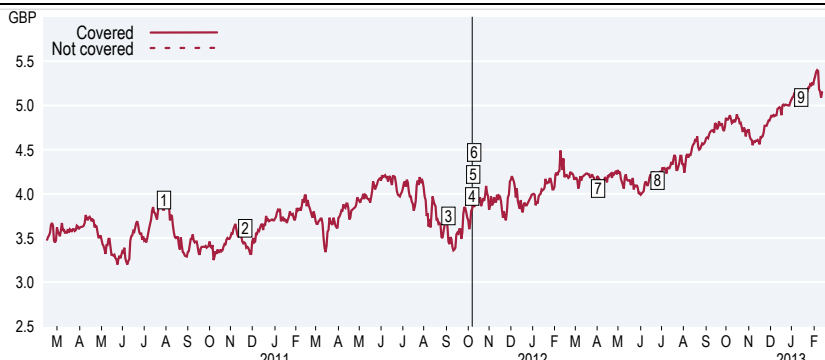
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	Date	Rating	Target Price	Closing Price
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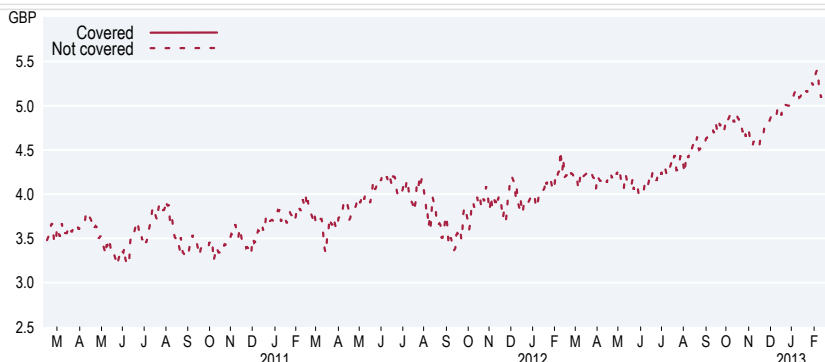
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