

# Enhanced Supervision

## *Perspectives of a nonbank SIFI and U.S. G-SII*

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# Enhanced Supervision – Background

*The Financial Crisis changed the game for financial services regulation...*

US and global  
financial / insurance  
regulatory authorities

Group-wide  
supervision

Heightened focus on  
risks and risk  
management

*New designations*

*Systemically  
Important Institutions*

*New  
supervisors*

*New  
rules*

# U.S. Federal Authority



## Dodd-Frank Act

**Financial Stability Oversight Council (FSOC)**

***SIFI Designation***

*Size, Complexity, Interconnectedness, Critical Functions, Substitutability*

**Federal Reserve Board authority to supervise SIFIs**

***Federal Group-wide Supervisor***

**Rules for SIFIs**

***Capital and Stress Testing, Liquidity, Recovery and Resolution Plans,...***

**Additionally, state group-wide insurance supervisory authority is emerging through the NAIC Holding Company Model Act**

# Global Authority

The Group of Twenty (G20)

**G20** – political authority

Financial Stability Board (FSB)

**FSB** – financial regulatory policy makers

International Association of Insurance Supervisors  
(IAIS)

**IAIS** – insurance sector translation

Jurisdictional Authorities / IAIS Members include:



*NAIC and states*  
*Federal Reserve Board (FRB);*  
*Federal Insurance Office (FIO)*



*European Insurance and Occupational*  
*Pensions Authority (EIOPA)*



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*(140 countries in total)*

- **G-SII designation & measures**

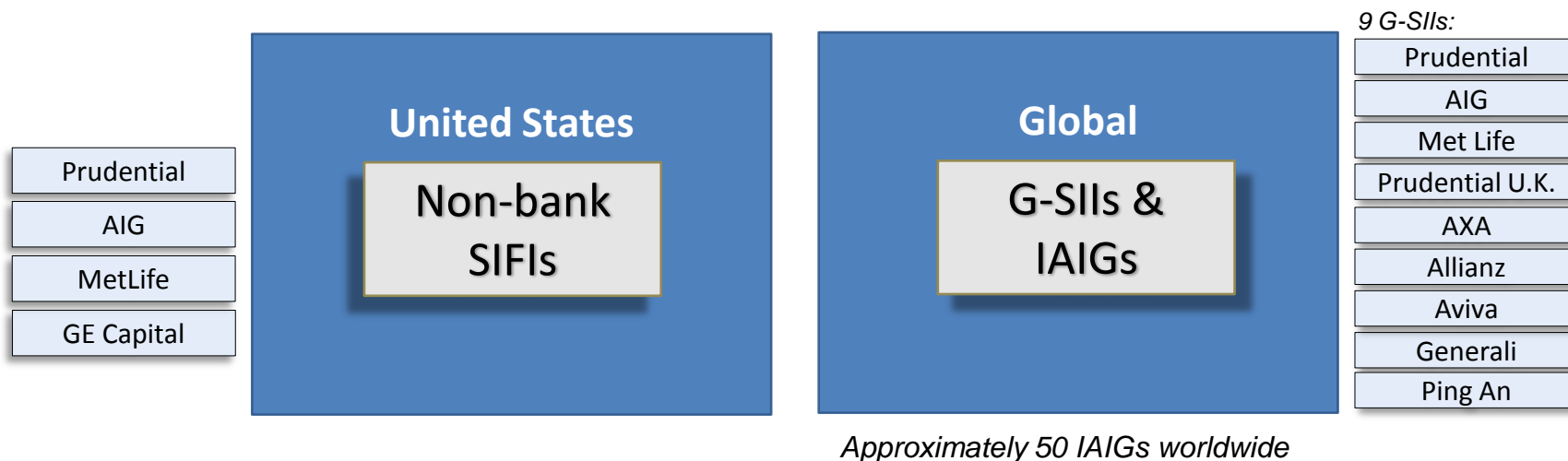
- Capital / Higher Loss Absorbency
- Recovery and Resolution Plans
- Enhanced Supervision

- **Standards for globally active insurers**

- ComFrame
- Capital standards
- Insurance Core Principles (ICPs)

- Implementation of standards through the **Group-wide Supervisor**

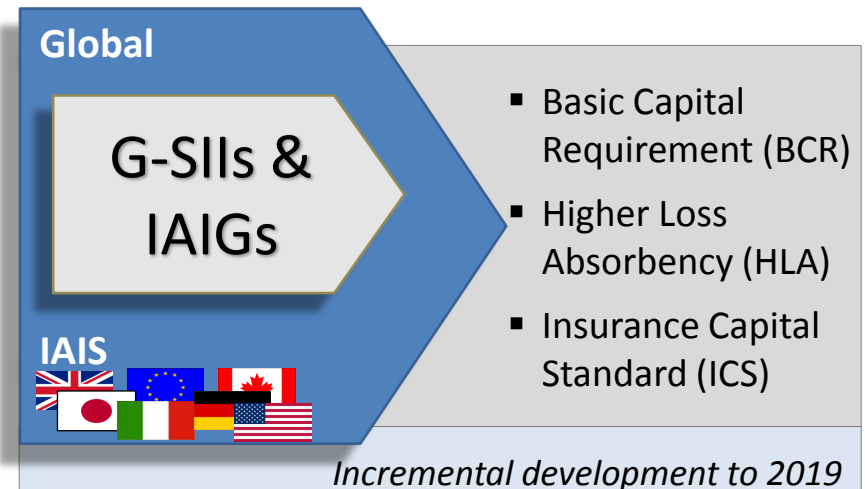
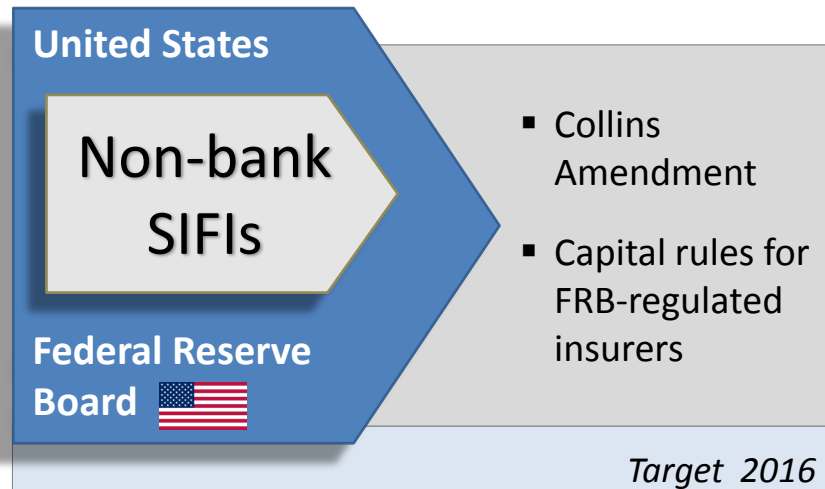
# Impacted Insurers



← Enhanced Supervision Impacts →		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Board Involvement</li> <li>▪ Governance</li> <li>▪ Policies &amp; Standards</li> <li>▪ <b>Controls &amp; Documentation</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>ERM Framework</b></li> <li>▪ Liquidity Risk Management</li> <li>▪ <b>Model Risk Management</b></li> <li>▪ Counterparty Risk Management</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Capital Requirements</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Enterprise Stress Testing</b></li> <li>▪ Recovery &amp; Resolution Planning</li> <li>▪ <b>ORSA</b></li> </ul>

# Enhanced Supervision in Focus: Capital Standards

Defining the group-wide capital requirements for insurers is a key area of focus for regulators and industry.



## Supervisory approach to development includes:

- FRB: Notice for Proposed Rulemaking (“NPR”) and Quantitative Impact Studies (“QIS”)
- IAIS: Public Consultation and Field Testing
- Other data collection, ad hoc and informal consultation

## Key considerations include:

- Valuation
- Loss absorption capacity
- Risk based required capital
- Stress testing

# Key Considerations for Group-wide Capital Standards

## Align with the fundamental economics of insurance

- **Insurers perform liability-driven investing and engage in careful asset-liability management.**
  - ❑ Reflected with symmetrical valuation of insurance liabilities and the assets backing them
- **Insurers invest in high quality long term assets and hold them to maturity to support liabilities.**
  - ❑ Reflected with appropriate credit spreads and long term assumptions in the yield curve used to value insurance liabilities
- **Insurers have significant loss absorption capacity on their balance sheets.**
  - ❑ Reflected by recognizing tangible assets backing margins in insurance reserves as high quality capital. Best estimate valuation reveals this loss absorption capacity.

## Avoid unintended consequences

### The capital standards must not:

- ❑ Hamper the availability of sound, socially necessary insurance products and product innovation
- ❑ Deter the critical role of insurers in providing stable, long term capital investment
- ❑ Introduce artificial and inappropriate volatility and pro-cyclicality into measures of insurer solvency

***Thank you!***