



Policy wording

Professional combined Miscellaneous

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Welcome to AXA

Thank you for choosing AXA

Please read carefully all documents that **we** have provided and keep them in a safe place.

If **you** have any questions, need anything explaining or believe this contract does not meet **your** needs, please contact **us** or **your** insurance adviser.

Your policy

Your policy is a contract of insurance between **you** and **us** and **you** have a duty to make a fair presentation of the risk to **us** in accordance with the law.

The **policy** describes the insurance cover for which **we** have accepted **your** premium.

This insurance is renewable provided that **we** agree to accept **your** premium for any subsequent **period of insurance**. A new schedule will be issued for each **period of insurance** showing any changes to **your** cover.

Your policy is divided into a number of sections. The **policy** wording, schedule and any endorsements must be read together. Where a section does not apply, **your** schedule will state that it is 'not covered'.

Throughout this **policy**, **we** use defined terms. Defined terms are used to explain what a word means and are highlighted in bold blue print.

Headings have been used for **your** guidance and to help **you** understand the cover provided. The headings do not form part of the contract.

Under the heading 'What is covered' **we** give information on the insurance provided. This must be read with 'What is not covered', the Policy conditions and the section conditions at all times.

Under the heading 'What is not covered' **we** draw **your** attention to what is excluded from **your policy**.

Making a claim

If **you** need to tell **us** about a claim please first check **your policy** to make sure **you** are covered. **You** must then follow the Claims notification condition and Claims procedures condition on pages 5 and 6.

For Professional indemnity claims, please see the Claim circumstance condition, the Claim control and co-operation condition and the Claims notification condition on pages 17 and 18.

For Director's and officer's claims, please see the Claims conditions, Claims notification condition and Claims procedure condition on page 37.

Please contact **your** insurance adviser who will help **us** deal with the claim.

Making a complaint

If **you** are not happy with the way a claim or any other matter has been dealt with, please read 'Making a complaint' on page 42.

Meanings of defined terms

These meanings apply throughout **your policy**. If a word or phrase has a defined meaning it will be highlighted in bold blue print and will have the same meaning wherever it is used. There are additional defined terms under each section.

Business

Business, described in **your** schedule including

- 1 providing and managing amenities for the benefit and welfare of **employed persons**
- 2 repairing, maintaining and decorating property or premises owned, leased, hired or rented by the business
- 3 providing and managing facilities primarily used for fire prevention, safety or security at **your** premises
- 4 maintaining and repairing vehicles and machinery owned, leased, hired or rented by the business
- 5 private work **you** allow any **employed persons** to do for **your** directors, partners or officers, as long as this work is done with **your** prior permission
- 6 the sale or disposal of business assets.

Excess

The amount stated in **your** schedule, being the first amount of **loss** for which **you** are responsible.

Period of insurance

Period shown in **your** schedule, inclusive of both the stated start date and end date.

Policy

This document, any schedule and any endorsements attached or issued.

Policy territories

Great Britain, Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man.

Terrorist act

Any act of a person or group directed towards the overthrowing or influencing of any government, or putting any section of the public in fear by threat, force or violence or other means.

We/us/our

AXA Insurance UK plc.

You/your

Person(s), firm, company or organisation shown in your schedule as the insured.

Policy conditions

You must comply with the following conditions to have the full protection of **your policy**.

If **you** do not comply then **we** may at **our** option take one or more of the following actions

- 1 Cancel **your policy**
- 2 Declare **your policy** void (treating **your policy** as if it had never existed)
- 3 Change the terms of **your policy**
- 4 Refuse to deal with all or part of any claim or reduce the amount of any claim payments.

Cancellation condition

- 1 **You** may cancel **your policy** within 14 days of receiving **your policy** for the first **period of insurance** if for any reason **you** are dissatisfied or the **policy** does not meet **your** requirements.
- 2 **We** can cancel **your policy** at any time during the **period of insurance** by giving 14 days written notice to **your** last known address.

Where **your policy** is cancelled in accordance with either of the above provisions, **we** will refund part of the premium paid, proportionate to the unexpired **period of insurance** following cancellation.

- 3 **You** may also cancel **your policy** at any other time during the **period of insurance**. **We** will refund part of the premium paid, proportionate to the unexpired **period of insurance** less a short period premium surcharge of £50.
- 4 **We** can cancel **your policy** immediately, without giving **you** notice if the premium has not been paid. If a claim or claim circumstance has been notified to **us** during the current **period of insurance** the annual premium remains due in full.

We will only refund premium provided that no claim has been paid or is outstanding in the current **period of insurance**.

Cancellation of this **policy** will not affect any claims or rights **you** or **we** may have before the date of cancellation.

We do not have to offer renewal of **your policy** and cover will cease on the expiry date.

Change in risk condition

You must tell **us** as soon as possible during the **period of insurance** of any change

- 1 to the **business**
- 2 in the person, firm, company or organisation shown in **your** schedule as the insured
- 3 to the information **you** provided to **us** previously or any new information that increases the risk of **loss** as insured under any section of **your policy**.

Your policy will come to an end from the date of the change unless **we** agree in writing to accept an alteration.

We do not have to accept any request to vary **your policy**. If **you** wish to make any alteration to **your policy** **you** must disclose any change to the information **you** previously provided or any new information that could affect this insurance. If **we** accept any variation to **your policy**, an increase in the premium or different terms or conditions of cover may be required by **us**.

Claims notification condition (not applicable to the Professional indemnity section of this policy)

This condition applies throughout **your policy** with the exception of the Professional indemnity section and the Directors' and officers' liability section.

The claims notification conditions to **your** Professional indemnity section and **your** Directors' and officers' liability sections can be found on page 18 and page 37.

You must

- 1 as soon as practical
 - a give **us** notice of any circumstances which might lead to a claim under **your policy**
 - b give **us** all the information **we** request
- 2 immediately
 - a on receipt send **us** every letter, court order, summons or other legal document served upon **you**
 - b tell **us** about any prosecution, inquest or fatal accident inquiry or dispute for referral to adjudication or court

proceedings in connection with any potential claim under **your policy**

- c notify the police of any loss or damage that has been caused by malicious persons, thieves, rioters, strikers.

We will not pay **your** claim where **you** have not complied with this condition.

Claims procedures condition (not applicable to the Professional indemnity section of this policy)

This condition applies throughout **your policy** with the exception of the Professional indemnity section and the Directors' and officers' liability section.

The claims procedure condition which apply to **your** Directors' and officers' liability section can be found on page 37.

- 1 **You** must take, or allow others to take, practical steps to prevent further loss or damage, recover property lost and otherwise minimise the claim.
- 2 At **your** expense **you** must provide **us** with
 - a full details in writing of any injury, loss or damage and any further information or declaration **we** may reasonably require
 - b any assistance to enable **us** to settle or defend a claim
 - c details of any relevant other insurances.
- 3 **You** must not accept, negotiate, pay, settle, admit or repudiate any claim without **our** written consent.
- 4 Following a claim **you** must allow **us** or anyone authorised by **us**
 - a access to premises
 - b to take possession of, or request delivery to **us** of any property insured.
- 5 **You** must not abandon any property to **us**.
- 6 **We** will be allowed complete control of any proceedings and settlement of the claim.

We will not pay **your** claim where **you** have not complied with this condition.

Fair presentation of risk condition

You have a duty to make a fair presentation of the risk which **you** wish to insure. This applies prior to the start of **your policy**, if any variation is required during the **period of insurance** and prior to each renewal. If **you** do not comply with this condition then

- 1 if the failure to make a fair presentation of the risk is deliberate or reckless **we** can elect to make **your policy** void and keep the premium. This means treating the **policy** as if it had not existed and that **we** will not return **your** premiums, or
- 2 if the failure to make a fair presentation of the risk is not deliberate or reckless and **we** would not have provided cover had **you** made a fair presentation, then **we** can elect to make **your policy** void and return **your** premium, or
- 3 if the failure to make a fair presentation of the risk is not deliberate or reckless and **we** would have issued cover on different terms had **you** made a fair presentation of the risk then **we** can:
 - a reduce proportionately any amount paid or payable in respect of a claim under **your policy** using the following formula. **We** will divide the premium actually charged by the premium which **we** would have charged had **you** made a fair presentation and calculate this as a percentage. The same percentage figure will be applied to the full amount of the claim to arrive at the proportion of the claim to be paid or payable; and/or
 - b treat **your policy** as if it had included the different terms (other than payment of the premium) that **we** would have imposed had **you** made a fair presentation.
- 4 Where **we** elect to apply one of the above then
 - a if **we** elect to make **your policy** void, this will be from the start of the **policy**, or the date of variation or from the date of renewal

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- b** **we** will apply the formula calculated by reference to the premium that would have been charged to claims from the start of the **policy**, or the date of variation or from the date of renewal
- c** **we** will treat the **policy** as having different terms imposed from the start of the **policy**, or the date of variation or from the date of renewal

depending on when the failure to make a fair presentation occurs.

Fraud condition

You and anyone acting for **you** must not act in a fraudulent way.

If **you** or anyone acting for **you**

- 1** knowingly makes a fraudulent or exaggerated claim under **your policy**
- 2** knowingly makes a false statement in support of a claim (whether or not the claim itself is genuine) or
- 3** knowingly submit a false or forged document in support of a claim (whether or not the claim itself is genuine),

we will

- a** refuse to pay the claim
- b** declare the **policy** void from the date of the fraudulent act without any refund of premiums.

We may also inform the police of the circumstances.

Instalments condition

If **you** fail to pay a premium instalment to **us** on the date due **we** may charge an administration fee for instalments rejected by **your** bank.

We have the right to cancel **your policy** for non-payment and apply a short premium payment surcharge of £50.

If a claim or claim circumstance has been notified to **us** during the current **period of insurance**, the annual premium remains due in full. If no claim or claim circumstance has been notified to **us** and insufficient payments have been made to cover the period for which insurance has been provided, payment for the unpaid portion of premium will remain due.

Law applicable to this policy

You and **we** can choose the law which applies to this **policy**. **We** propose that the Law of England and Wales apply. Unless **we** and **you** agree otherwise, the Law of England and Wales will apply to this **policy**.

Other insurance condition

If a claim is made under this **policy** and there is other insurance cover for which **you** are, or would be but for this **policy**, entitled to have a claim paid under the other insurance, **we** will at **our** option, either pay

- 1** a proportionate share of the claim
- or
- 2** an amount beyond that which is or would be payable under the other policy.

Reasonable care condition

You must take reasonable steps to

- 1** prevent or protect against injury, loss or damage
- 2** keep anything insured in good condition and in full working order
- 3** remedy any defect or any danger that becomes apparent, as soon as possible.

If required by **us**, **you** must allow access to **your** premises or activities of **your business** to carry out inspection or survey. **You** must comply with any risk improvements that **we** ask for, within a reasonable period of time, advised by **us**.

We will not pay **your** claim where **you** have not complied with this condition.

Sanctions condition

This contract of insurance is subject to sanction, prohibition or restriction under United Nations resolutions. It is a condition of **your policy** that **we** will not provide cover, or pay any claim or provide any benefit under **your policy** to the extent that the provision of such cover, payment of such claim or provision of such benefit would expose **us**, or **our** parent, subsidiary or any AXA group member company, to any trade or economic sanctions, or violate any laws or regulations of the United Kingdom, the

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European Union, the United States of America or any other territory.

Subrogation (our rights) condition

We will be entitled to undertake in **your** name or on **your** behalf

- 1** the defence or settlement of any claim
- 2** steps to enforce rights against any other party before or after payment is made by **us**.

Third party rights condition

The Contract (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 does not apply to this **policy**.

Professional indemnity section

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Important information about the cover provided by this section

The cover provided by this section operates on a claims-made basis. This means that **we** will only provide cover for **claims** or **claim circumstances** made against **you** and notified to **us** during the **period of insurance**. **We** will not cover any **claim** or **claim circumstance** arising from an act, error or omission that occurred before the **retroactive date**.

Conditions apply regarding when **you** must tell **us** about **claims** or **claim circumstances** and these can be found below. **You** should read these carefully.

Meanings of defined terms

You can find the meanings for words in bold blue on page 4. There are some words that may only appear in this section or are defined differently and their meanings are shown here.

Asbestos

Asbestos in any form, asbestos fibres, particles or derivatives of asbestos or any material containing asbestos.

Claim(s)

Any verbal or written demand, notice or communication from a third party

- 1 making an assertion for legal remedy or any other form of compensation or remedy
- 2 containing reference to, or serving notice of, intent to start legal proceedings
- 3 invoking any pre-action protocol as set under the Civil Procedure Rules and/or
- 4 referring to arbitration, adjudication or complaint proceedings.

Claim circumstance(s)

Any incident, occurrence, fact, matter or act that **you** become aware of that might reasonably give rise to a **claim**.

Criminal prosecution defence costs

Costs and expenses that **you** incur with **our** prior written consent to defend any criminal proceeding first made against **you** and notified to **us** during the **period of insurance** arising from the conduct of **your professional business**.

Defence costs

All costs and expenses incurred by **us** or by **you** with **our** prior written permission relating to the investigation, defence or settlement of any **claim** against **you**, which **your policy** covers.

This does not include profit costs or remuneration or expenses paid or due to **you**.

Documents

Any documents, information or data, including computer records and data or information stored magnetically or electronically, that are **your** property or are looked after by or deposited with **you** in the ordinary course of **your professional business** and for which **you** are responsible. This does not include bearer bonds, coupons, stamps, bank or currency notes or negotiable instruments.

Employee(s)

- 1 Any person working for **you** under a contract of service with **you** or
- 2 Any person working for **you** in connection with the **professional business**
 - a who is hired or lent to **you**
 - b who is self-employed
 - c on a voluntary basis

and who is under **your** control or supervision.

Extended liability

Legal liability assumed by **you** under the express or implied terms of any contract or agreement that restrict **your** right of recovery, or increase **your** liability at law beyond that applicable in the absence of those terms.

Injury

Any death, illness, disease or sickness or any bodily, mental, psychological or emotional injury, distress or shock.

Limit of indemnity

The amount shown in **your** schedule as the limit of indemnity.

Loss

The amount that **you** are legally liable to pay due to a **claim**, including awards of damages, awards of claimant costs and amounts that are pursuant to settlements, but not including **defence costs**.

Pollutant

Any solid, liquid or gaseous pollutant contaminant or irritant substance or any biological agent that is a danger to human health.

Pollution

Actual, alleged or threatened discharge, seepage, treatment, removal, disposal, dispersal, emission, release or escape of any **pollutant** or any regulatory order, direction or request to test for, monitor, remove, contain, treat, detoxify or neutralise any **pollutant**.

Professional business

Professional services or professional advice undertaken by **you** or on **your** behalf arising directly from the activities **you** have told **us** about in the proposal and application form and appearing on **your** schedule.

Retroactive date

The date from when work **you** performed is covered. This date is shown on **your** schedule.

Subsidiary

A company that **you** either directly or indirectly control through

- 1 holding a majority of the voting rights
- 2 the right to appoint or remove a majority of its board of directors and/or
- 3 sole control of, pursuant to a written agreement with other shareholders, a majority of that company's voting rights.

Virus or similar mechanism

Program code, programming instruction or any set of instructions intentionally constructed with the ability to damage, interfere with or otherwise adversely affect computer programs, data files or operations, whether involving self replication or not, including but not limited to trojan horses, worms or logic bombs.

You/your

- 1 The person, firm, company or organisation shown in your schedule as the insured.
- 2 Any person, firm, company or organisation shown in your schedule as an additional insured.
- 3 Any predecessor in business to any firm, company or organisation that has been disclosed to **us**.
- 4 Any person who is or has been or who becomes a director, partner, member, principal or employee, but only for work undertaken for or on behalf of any person or body referred to in **1, 2 or 3** above.
- 5 Any retired partner, retired director or retired member of the firm, company or organisation shown in your schedule as the insured and who remains as a consultant to any person, firm, company or organisation shown in your schedule as the insured.
- 6 The estate, heirs, executors, legal or personal representatives of any person referred to in **1, 2, 3, 4 or 5** above in the event of their death or incapacity.

✓ What is covered

We will cover **you** for any **claim** and **defence costs** that arise from the conduct of **your professional business**, where the **claim** is first made against **you** and notified to **us** during the **period of insurance**, arising from

- 1 a breach of **your** professional duty
- 2 negligent misstatement or misrepresentation
- 3 unintentional libel, slander or defamation
- 4 unintentional breach of or misuse of confidentiality or any right to privacy
- 5 unintentional infringement of intellectual property rights including any act of passing-off (but not breach of patent), or
- 6 any other civil liability that **you** incur.

The most **we** will pay for **loss** resulting from each **claim** is the **limit of indemnity**.

We will pay **defence costs** in addition to the **loss**. If the amount of **loss** exceeds the **limit of indemnity**, the most **we** will pay for **defence costs** will be an amount in the same proportion that the **limit of indemnity** has to the **loss**.

Court attendance costs cover

In the event that any of **your** directors, partners, members, principals or **employees** are required to attend court, mediation or arbitration in connection with a **claim** that is covered by this **policy**, provided that **we** have first given **our** written consent, **we** will pay compensation to **you** at £300 per day or part of day for each person required to attend.

The most **we** will pay for all Court attendance costs in any one **period of insurance** is £15,000. This is in addition to the **limit of indemnity**.

Criminal prosecutions defence costs cover

We will pay for **criminal prosecution defence costs** but only where, in **our** reasonable opinion, defending the criminal proceeding could protect **you** against a **claim** or potential **claim** that would be covered by this **policy**.

For any subsequent or concurrent civil action arising out of that criminal offence, notification of that action will be deemed to be notification of a **claim** or **claim circumstance**.

The most **we** will pay for all **criminal prosecution defence costs** in any one **period of insurance** is £250,000 or the **limit of indemnity**, whichever is the lower. This is part of and not in addition to the **limit of indemnity**.

Data Protection Act defence costs cover

We will pay **criminal prosecution defence costs** in the defence of any criminal proceedings brought under sections 21(1), 21(2), 22(6) or 47(1) of the Data Protection Act 1998, provided always that

- 1 the act, error or omission giving rise to the proceedings was committed by **you** in the conduct of **your professional business**
- 2 **we** will be entitled to appoint solicitors and/or counsel to act on **your** behalf, and
- 3 **we** will not pay **defence costs** after **you** have pleaded guilty or have been found guilty.

The most **we** will pay for Data Protection Act defence costs cover is the **limit of indemnity**.

Dishonesty and fraud cover

We will cover **you** for any **claim** and **defence costs** arising from the conduct of **your professional business**, first made against **you** and notified to **us** during the **period of insurance**, for any civil liability including liability for claimant's costs and expenses arising from dishonest or fraudulent acts or omissions by any of **your employees** who are not a principal, partner, member or director.

In the case of any **claim** arising from any dishonest or fraudulent act or omission:

- 1 no person committing or condoning dishonest or fraudulent acts or omissions shall be entitled to cover
- 2 **we** will not cover dishonest or fraudulent acts or omissions committed by any person after **you** discover, or have reasonable cause for suspicion of dishonesty or fraud on the part of that person
- 3 in the event of the alleged fraudulent and/or dishonest party making an admission of guilt or being found guilty of that fraud and/or dishonesty, **we** will seek a full refund of any amounts paid by **us** under this section from that fraudulent party.

Any dishonesty or fraud committed by two or more **employees** who were acting together will be regarded as one **claim**.

The most **we** will pay for **loss** resulting from each **claim** that arises out of that dishonest or fraudulent act or omission is the **limit of indemnity**.

We will pay **defence costs** in addition to **loss** that arises out of that dishonest or fraudulent act or omission. If that **loss** amount exceeds the **limit of indemnity**, the most **we** will pay for **defence costs** will be an amount in the same proportion that the **limit of indemnity** has to the **loss** amount.

Disputed fees cover

We will pay **you** amounts owed to **you** by **your** client where they refuse to pay for work **you** have done for them, including amounts legally owed by **you** to sub-contractors or suppliers, provided always that

- 1 **we** are satisfied that **your** client has reasonable grounds for being dissatisfied with **your** work and threatens to bring a **claim** for more than the amount owed
- 2 it is possible to settle the dispute by **you** agreeing not to pursue the outstanding amount, and
- 3 **we** consider that it will avoid a legitimate **claim** that would otherwise be covered by this **policy** for a greater amount than the amount owed to **you**.

If a **claim** still arises from the same dispute then the amount paid under this section will be deducted from the **limit of indemnity** for that subsequent **claim**.

If **you** eventually recover the debt then the amount paid by **us** must be repaid to **us** less **your** reasonable expenses of recovering the debt due.

The most **we** will pay for Disputed fees cover is the **limit of indemnity**.

Formal investigation costs cover

We will pay costs and expenses that **you** incur with **our** prior written approval at a properly constituted hearing, tribunal or proceeding that is covered under this **policy**, but that are not included under the meaning of **defence**

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costs, provided that the hearing, tribunal or proceeding

- 1 is first instigated against **you** and notified by **you** to **us** during the **period of insurance**, and
- 2 arises from the conduct of **your professional business**.

The most **we** will pay for Formal investigation costs cover in any one **period of insurance** is £25,000.

Joint ventures cover

We will cover **you** for any **claim** and **defence costs** that arise from the conduct of **your professional business**, where the **claim** is first made against **you** and notified to **us** during the **period of insurance**, arising from a civil liability that **you** may become legally liable to pay and that arises whilst **you** are a member of a joint venture or consortium.

The most **we** will pay for Joint ventures cover is the **limit of indemnity**.

Loss of documents cover

We will cover **you** for any **claim** and **defence costs** that arise from the conduct of **your professional business**, where the **claim** is first made against **you** and notified to **us** during the **period of insurance**, arising from the destruction, loss or damage of any **documents**.

We will pay reasonable costs and expenses for replacing or restoring **your** own **documents** that have been destroyed, lost or damaged in the conduct of **your professional business** provided that the destruction, loss or damage is discovered by **you** and notified to **us** during the **period of insurance**.

The most **we** will pay Loss of documents cover is the **limit of indemnity**.

An **excess** of £500 (or the amount shown in **your** schedule if that is lower) will apply to each and every **claim** for loss of **documents**.

Mitigation costs cover

We will cover **you** for reasonable costs and expenses that **you** incur for any reasonable action **you** take to mitigate a **loss** or potential

loss that would otherwise be the subject of a **claim** under this **policy**, provided always that

- 1 **you** obtain **our** prior written consent before incurring these costs and expenses, and
- 2 **you** prove to **our** satisfaction that the amount of the costs and expenses to be incurred are less than any likely award of damages arising from the same potential **claim**, and
- 3 if a **claim** still arises from the same **loss** or potential **loss** then the amount paid under this section will be deducted from the **limit of indemnity** for that subsequent **claim**.

The most **we** will pay for Mitigation costs cover is the **limit of indemnity**.

Pollution cover

For any **claim** that arises directly or indirectly from **pollution**, **we** will only pay for that **claim** and any **defence costs** related to it if the cause of that **claim** was due to a specific act, error or omission committed by **you**, or by others acting on **your** behalf, in the conduct of **your professional business**.

The most **we** will pay for all **pollution claims** and **defence costs** related to those **pollution claims** in any one **period of insurance** is the **limit of indemnity**. For the purposes of this Pollution cover, **defence costs** will be inclusive of and not in addition to the **limit of indemnity**.

Subsidiary creation and acquisition cover

If, during the **period of insurance**, **you**:

- 1 acquire securities or voting rights in another organisation or create another organisation which, as a result of that acquisition or creation, becomes a **subsidiary** of **yours**, or
- 2 acquire any organisation by merger or consolidation

then that acquired or created organisation will automatically be insured under this **policy** with effect from the date of the acquisition or creation, but only with respect to the performance of **your professional business** performed after the acquisition or creation was completed.

However, if the acquired or created organisation:

- 1 has annual fee income or turnover, which is greater than 10% of the annual fee income **you** last declared to **us** prior to the **period of insurance**
- 2 has assets in the United States of America or Canada
- 3 provides advice or services as part of activities which are not activities described in the definition of the **professional business**
- 4 has ever been fined an amount of £10,000 or more or has ever been found guilty of an offence by its regulator, or
- 5 has ever, with regard to any given 12 month period, incurred (through judgment or settlement) total losses equaling or exceeding £100,000 or 10% of the **limit of indemnity** (whichever is less) on account of **claims** made against it in that period,

you will give **us** written notice of that acquisition or creation as soon as possible and also provide any additional information **we** may reasonably require. **We** will have the right to amend the terms of this **policy** including but not limited to charging an additional premium. If **you** fail to give **us** written notice of the acquisition or creation then **we** will have the right to refuse to pay any **claim** or **claim circumstance** that arises directly or indirectly in connection with that acquired or created organisation.

Defence and settlement of claims

All **claims** that come from the same act, error or omission or series of acts, errors or omissions, as a result of, or arising directly or indirectly from the same source or original cause, will be regarded as one **claim**.

If **we** cover more than one person, firm, company or organisation, **our** liability to all, as a result of one **claim**, will not be more than the **limit of indemnity**.

We may at any time pay the **limit of indemnity** or relevant sub-limit. **We** will then have no further liability for that **claim** or **defence costs** except those already incurred at the date of payment of the **limit of indemnity** or sub-limit.

We have the right, but not the obligation, to take control of any **claim** and conduct the investigation, settlement or defence in **your** name. After taking into account the commercial considerations of the costs of defence, **we** may choose to settle a **claim** instead of defending it.

If **we** feel it is necessary, **we** will appoint **our** adjuster, solicitor or other appropriate person to deal with a **claim**. If **you** ask **us**, **we** may agree to appoint **your** solicitor, but only if **we** are satisfied that **your** solicitor has the necessary expertise to undertake this work, only on a similar fee basis as **our** solicitor and only for work done with **our** prior written approval.

If **you** disagree with **our** proposed course of action for any legal proceedings (whether defence or prosecution), then **you** may refer the matter to a Queen's Counsel of the English Bar to be mutually agreed between **you** and **us**. If **you** and **we** cannot agree on the Queen's Counsel to be appointed, then the Queen's Counsel will be appointed by the current Chairman of the English Bar or their representative. The Queen's Counsel's decision on how the legal proceedings should be handled shall be binding on **you** and **us**. In resolving this dispute, the Queen's Counsel will have consideration for the interests of **you** and **us**. The costs of this exercise will be allocated by the agreed or appointed party on a fair and equitable basis.

✗ What is not covered

Asbestos exclusion

We will not cover any **claim** directly or indirectly involving **asbestos** or allegations or concerns relating to **asbestos**.

Associated persons or entities exclusion

We will not cover any **claim** brought by

- 1 a firm, company or organisation with a financial interest in **you**
- 2 a firm, company or organisation in which any of **your** partners, directors or principals have a controlling interest
- 3 any firm, company, organisation or individual who falls within the definition of **you**

unless the **claim** originates from a source independent of that firm, organisation or individual.

Construction or installation exclusion

We will not cover any **claim** arising from the conduct of **your professional business** where **you** undertake any construction, erection, installation or maintenance works or to manufacture or supply materials or equipment (other than project models or displays) in connection with such construction, erection, installation or maintenance works.

Deliberate acts and omissions exclusion

We will not cover any **claim** arising directly or indirectly from any act, error or omission that **you** deliberately, spitefully or recklessly commit, condone or ignore.

Directors' and officers' liabilities exclusion

We will not cover any **claim** made against **you** or **your** directors, officers or trustees for breach of their duties as director, officer or trustee.

Dishonesty and fraud exclusion

We will not cover any **claim** directly or indirectly involving dishonesty or fraud committed by **you** other than as stated in the Dishonesty and fraud cover on page 12.

Distorted computer records exclusion

We will not cover any costs and expenses **you** incur as a result of the loss or distortion of computer records caused by

- 1 defects in computer equipment or electronic storage devices
- 2 wear, tear, vermin or gradual deterioration
- 3 climatic or atmospheric conditions or extremes of temperature
- 4 use or processing whilst mounted in or on any machine unless as a result of loss of or damage to the machine itself.

The exclusion will not apply to the Loss of documents cover.

Employment exclusion

We will not cover any **claim** arising out of any kind of employment related dispute or any kind of defamation, discrimination, harassment or unfair treatment relating to any current, former or prospective **employees**.

Excess exclusion

We will not pay the **excess** shown in **your** schedule.

The **excess** does not apply to **defence costs**, Court attendance costs cover or Formal investigation costs cover.

The **excess** applicable to Loss of documents cover is as stated under the Loss of documents cover on page 13.

Extended liability exclusion

We will not cover **extended liability**.

Failure to duplicate data exclusion

We will not cover **your** own **documents** that are stored on a computer system or in any other magnetic or electronic form unless those **documents** are duplicated on at least a daily basis, with the intention that the duplicate can be used to restore the **documents** in the event of loss or damage.

Financial services exclusion

We will not cover any **claim** arising out of any Regulated Activities as defined in the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 as amended from time to time.

Fines and penalties exclusion

We will not cover any fines, penalties, punitive, multiple, aggravated or exemplary damages awarded against **you**.

Goods supplied exclusion

We will not cover any **claim** arising out of any product, goods or materials that **you** have supplied or used, or made arrangements to supply or use, or the manufacture, repair, sale, installation or maintenance of any product by **you** or on **your** behalf.

Injury exclusion

We will not cover any **claim** for **injury**

- 1 to any **employee**
- 2 to any person who is not an **employee** unless directly arising from a breach of duty through a negligent act, error or omission by **you** in the course of **your professional business**.

Insolvency exclusion

We will not cover any **claim** arising out of or in connection with **your** insolvency, bankruptcy or any **claim** made by **your** liquidator, provisional liquidator or administrator.

Insurance or finance arrangement exclusion

We will not cover any **claim** arising from **your** failure to arrange and/or maintain insurance and/or finance.

Internet activity exclusion

We will not cover any **claim** arising out of

- 1 the management of financial transactions
- 2 obscene, blasphemous or pornographic materials

on the internet.

North American jurisdiction exclusion

We will not cover any **claim** instituted or pursued

- 1 within the United States of America or Canada or any territories which come within the jurisdiction of the United States of America or Canada or in which it is contended that the laws of the United States of America or Canada should apply
- 2 to enforce a judgment obtained in any Court of the United States of America or Canada or any territories, which come within the jurisdiction of the United States of America or Canada.

North American territorial exclusion

We will not cover any **claim** arising from the conduct of **your professional business** carried out from offices or premises located within

the United States of America or Canada or any territories which come within the jurisdiction of the United States of America or Canada.

Patent exclusion

We will not cover any **claim** arising out of any infringement of any patent.

Pollution exclusion

We will not cover any **claim** directly or indirectly involving **pollution** other than as stated in the Pollution cover on page 13.

Previous claims exclusion

We will not cover any **claim**

- 1 that has been notified under any other policy before the start of this **policy**
- 2 that **you** were aware of or should have been aware of before the start of this **policy**

other than as stated in the Fair presentation of risk condition on page 6.

Property damage exclusion

We will not cover any **claim** for loss of or damage to property unless arising directly from a breach of duty through a negligent act, error or omission by **you** in the course of **your professional business**.

Property ownership exclusion

We will not cover any **claim** arising from the ownership, possession, leasing or use of any land or building structure or any other property or goods whether mobile or immobile.

Radioactive contamination exclusion

We will not cover any **claim** arising directly or indirectly from

- 1 ionising radiation or contamination by radioactivity from any irradiated nuclear fuel, or from any nuclear waste from the combustion of nuclear fuel
- 2 the radioactive, toxic, explosive or other hazardous properties of any explosive nuclear assembly or its nuclear component.

Retroactive date exclusion

We will not cover any **claim** arising from the performance of **your professional business** carried out before the **retroactive date** shown in **your** schedule.

Taxation, competition or restraint of trade exclusion

We will not cover any **claim** arising directly or indirectly from the breach of any taxation, competition, restraint of trade or anti-trust legislation or regulation.

Terrorist act exclusion

We will not cover any **claim** directly or indirectly involving any **terrorist act**.

Trading losses exclusion

We will not cover any **claim** arising out of trading losses or trading liabilities incurred by **you** or any of **your** businesses.

This exclusion will not apply to the Disputed fees cover on page 12.

Virus exclusion

We will not cover any **claim** arising out of the transmission or receipt of a **virus or similar mechanism**.

War risk exclusion

We will not cover any **claim** arising from or happening through war, invasion, act of foreign enemy, hostilities, whether war is declared or not, civil war, rebellion, revolution, insurrection or military or usurped power.

Section conditions

These conditions of cover only apply to this section. **You** must comply with the following conditions to have the full protection of **your policy**. Conditions may specify circumstances whereby non-compliance will mean that **you** will not receive payment for a **claim**. However **you** will not be covered and **we** will not pay **your claim** if **you** are unable to prove that the non-compliance with these conditions could not have increased the risk of the loss which actually occurred in the circumstances in which it occurred.

If **you** are unsure about any of these conditions or whether **you** need to notify **us** about any matter, please contact **us**.

Admission of liability condition

In the event of a **claim circumstance**, **you** must not

- 1 admit liability
- 2 incur any **defence costs**
- 3 make any offers of settlement
- 4 otherwise prejudice the conduct of defence or settlement of that **claim** or **claim circumstance**

without first obtaining **our** written approval. This applies regardless of any complaint handling procedure or if the amount in dispute is less than **your excess**.

Breach of Claim notification condition or Claim circumstance condition

If **you** do not comply with the Claim notification condition or the Claim circumstance condition and where the **claim** or **claim circumstance** would otherwise be covered by this **policy**, **we** will not refuse to pay the **claim** provided:

- 1 **you** tell **us** in writing about the **claim** or **claim circumstance** during the **period of insurance** and
- 2 **you** can satisfy **us** that **you** had no intention to deceive or mislead.

If, however, this affects **our** ability to handle or settle a **claim** or **claim circumstance**, **we** will reduce the amount **we** pay to the figure **we** reasonably believe would have been payable had **our** ability to handle or settle it not been affected. This does not affect any other condition in this **policy**.

Claim circumstance condition

You must tell **us** in writing as soon as possible within the **period of insurance** about **claim circumstances**.

When telling **us** about **claim circumstances**, **you** must give to **us** full details including but not limited to

- 1 a description of the **claim circumstance**

- 2 the nature of the alleged act, error or omission leading to the **claim circumstances** and the date it was committed
- 3 the nature of the alleged damage
- 4 the names of the actual or potential claimants and defendants, and
- 5 the manner in which **you** first became aware of the **claim circumstance**.

If **claim circumstances** that relate to work **you** performed after the **retroactive date** and within the **period of insurance** lead to a **claim** after the **period of insurance** has ended, that **claim** will be deemed to have been made against **you** during the **period of insurance**. provided that **you** told **us** in accordance with the requirements of this condition.

Claim control and co-operation condition

You must give **us** all information and assistance that **we** reasonably require and that is in **your** power to provide.

You must co-operate with **us** and anyone appointed on **our** behalf by

- 1 providing any information, assistance, signed statements or depositions as **we** may require to comply with any Civil Procedure Rules, Practice directions and Pre-Action Protocols as may be issued
- 2 assisting to present the best possible defence to a **claim**
- 3 ensuring access to any information that **we** or **our** representatives may require in the defence of a claim or the investigation of any **claim circumstance**, whether or not that information may be privileged
- 4 provide **us** with any and all information that will allow **us** to determine **our** liability under this policy
- 5 making payment on demand of **your excess** in order to comply with the terms of any settlement **we** have agreed
- 6 providing any information, assistance, signed statements or depositions as **we** may require to exercise **our** rights of subrogation
- 7 ensuring that all documents of any description relevant to any **claim** or **claim circumstance** are preserved and complete.

Claims notification condition

You must tell **us** in writing as soon as possible within the **period of insurance** about any **claim** against **you** irrespective of **your** views as to the validity of that **claim**.

We will not pay **your claim** where **you** have not complied with this condition.

Dishonesty and fraud condition

You must tell **us** as soon as possible within the **period of insurance** of the discovery of any dishonest or fraudulent act or omission or of any reasonable suspicion that an **employee** has acted dishonestly or fraudulently.

We will not pay **your** claim where **you** have not complied with this condition.

Expiry of period of insurance condition

If **you** become aware of a **claim** or **claim circumstances** in the seven days immediately before the end of the **period of insurance** but, in **our** reasonable opinion, **you** are unable to tell **us** before the end of the **period of insurance**, **we** will allow **you** an additional seven days immediately after the **period of insurance** to tell **us**.

Employers liability section

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Meanings of defined terms

You can find the meanings for words in bold blue on page 4. There are some words that may only appear in this section or are defined differently and their meanings are shown here.

Additional persons insured

- 1 The personal representative of any deceased person entitled to the cover provided by this section but only in respect of liability incurred by the deceased person.
- 2 At **your** request
 - a any principal for whom **you** are completing a contract for the performance of work, to the extent required by the contract conditions
 - b any director or **employed person of yours** in connection with the **business**
 - c any officer or member whilst undertaking their duties in connection with **your**
 - i canteen, sports, social, educational or welfare organisations
 - ii fire, security, first aid, medical or ambulance services
 - d any director or officer of **yours** for whom private work is undertaken by any **employed person**, with **your** prior consent.

Bodily injury

Death, bodily injury, illness or disease.

Claim costs

Costs and expenses

- 1 of any claimant which **you** or any of the **additional persons insured** become legally liable to pay
- 2 incurred with **our** prior written consent, to investigate or defend a claim against **you** or any of the **additional persons insured** and this will include solicitors fees at
 - a any coroner's inquest or fatal accident inquiry

- b summary court proceedings.

Contractual liability

Legal liability assumed by **you** under the express or intended terms of any contract or agreement that restrict **your** right of recovery, or increase **your** legal liability beyond that applicable in the absence of those terms.

Employed person

Anyone

- 1 under a contract of service or apprenticeship with **you**
- 2 who is
 - a employed by **you** or for **you** on a labour only basis
 - b self employed
 - c hired to **you** or borrowed by **you** from another employer
 - d a voluntary helper or taking part in a work experience or training scheme

and under **your** control or supervision.

Limit of indemnity

The amount shown in **your** schedule as the limit of indemnity.

Manslaughter costs

Costs and expenses of legal representation in connection with any criminal inquiry into, or court proceedings brought for manslaughter, corporate manslaughter, corporate homicide or culpable homicide.

Offshore

On or working from, or travelling by sea or air, to from or between an offshore rig, platform or similar offshore installation.

Safety legislation costs

Costs and expenses of legal representation in connection with an alleged breach of statutory duty under Health and Safety legislation enacted with the **policy territories**.

✓ What is covered

We will pay the amount of damages which **you**, or any of the **additional persons insured**, are legally liable to pay as a result of accidental **bodily injury** to any **employed person** caused during the **period of insurance** in connection with the **business**.

Claim costs cover

We will pay **claim costs** in connection with a claim for which an award of damages is paid or may be payable under this section, but **we** will not cover **claim costs** for any part of a claim not covered by this section.

Compensation for court attendance cover

We will compensate **you** at the rate of £250 per day, for each day that **we** request any director, partner or **employed person** to attend court as a witness in connection with a claim, for which an award of damages is paid or may be payable under this section.

Injury to working partners cover

If **you** are a working partner the cover will apply as though **you** were an **employed person** as long as

- 1 **bodily injury** is sustained while **you** are working in connection with the **business**
- 2 **bodily injury** is caused by another partner or **employed person** while working in connection with the **business**
- 3 **you** have a valid right of action for negligence against the other partner or **employed person**.

Manslaughter costs cover

We will pay for **manslaughter costs** as a result of any death occurring during the **period of insurance**, in circumstances where there is also a claim or potential claim against **you** or any of the **additional persons insured** for damages covered by this section.

You must obtain **our** prior consent to legal representation and **we** will only agree to payment on a fee basis agreed by **us**.

Employers liability section *continued*

If a claim for damages is settled or withdrawn, **we** will have no further liability other than for costs and expenses of legal representation incurred before the date of the claim payment or withdrawal of the claim.

If at any time a claim for damages remains unsettled and **you** wish to appeal against conviction, **we** will agree to costs and expenses of legal representation if, in the opinion of Counsel (appointed by mutual consent), such an appeal is likely to succeed and the total amount of damages and claimants costs are likely to exceed the total cost of legal representation.

If **we** have consented to legal representation at court proceedings, **we** will also pay the legal costs of prosecution awarded against **you** in connection with the proceedings.

The most **we** will pay for **manslaughter costs** and costs awarded against **you**, or any person entitled to cover under this section, in total, as a result of all occurrences, during any one **period of insurance**, is £1,000,000.

We will not cover

- 1 fines, penalties or awards of compensation imposed by a criminal court
- 2 costs and expenses of implementing any remedial order or publicity order
- 3 costs and expenses of an appeal against any fine, penalty, compensation award, remedial order or publicity order
- 4 costs and expenses incurred as a result of the failure to comply with any remedial order or publicity order
- 5 costs and expenses insured by any other policy
- 6 costs and expenses of any investigation or prosecution brought other than under the laws of the **policy territories**.

Safety legislation costs cover

We will pay for **safety legislation costs** as a result of any **bodily injury** occurring during the **period of insurance**, in circumstances where there is also a claim or potential claim against **you** or any of the **additional persons insured**, for damages covered by this section.

You must obtain **our** prior consent to legal representation and **we** will only agree to payment on a fee basis agreed by **us**.

If a claim for damages is settled or is withdrawn **we** will have no further liability other than for costs and expenses of legal representation incurred before the date of the claim payment or withdrawal of the claim.

If at any time a claim for damages remains unsettled and **you** wish to appeal against conviction, **we** will agree to costs and expenses of legal representation if, in the opinion of Counsel (appointed by mutual consent), such an appeal is likely to succeed and the total amount of damages and claimants costs are likely to exceed the total cost of legal representation.

If **we** have consented to legal representation at court proceedings, **we** will also pay the legal costs of prosecution awarded against **you** in connection with the proceedings.

The most **we** will pay for **safety legislation costs** and costs awarded against **you**, or any person entitled to cover under this section, in total, as a result of all occurrences, during any one **period of insurance**, is £1,000,000.

We will not cover

- 1 fines, penalties or awards of compensation imposed by a criminal court
- 2 costs and expenses of an appeal against improvement or prohibition notices
- 3 costs and expenses on indictment for manslaughter, corporate manslaughter, corporate homicide or culpable homicide, other than **safety legislation costs** already incurred
- 4 costs and expenses insured by any other policy
- 5 costs and expenses of any investigation or prosecution brought other than under the laws of the **policy territories**.

Unsatisfied court judgements cover

We will at **your** request pay an **employed person** or their personal representative the amount of any award to that person as a result of a judgement which has been obtained for **bodily injury** against any company, partnership or individual conducting a business within the **policy territories** and which remains unpaid six months after the date of the judgement.

We will only provide cover if

- 1 there is no outstanding appeal
- 2 the **bodily injury** was sustained during the **period of insurance** by the **employed person** while working in connection with the **business**
- 3 the judgement was obtained in a court within the **policy territories**
- 4 the **employed person** or their personal representative assigns the judgement to **us**.

Limit of cover

The most **we** will pay for the total of all damages and **claims costs** is the **limit of indemnity** A or B shown in **your** schedule and will apply to any one claim or series of claims by one or more of the **employed persons** arising from one occurrence.

Limit of indemnity A will apply unless the occurrence arises directly or indirectly in connection with **terrorist act**.

Limit of indemnity B will apply to any occurrence arising directly or indirectly in connection with **terrorist act**.

As a result of any claim or claims, **we** may at any time pay the **limit of indemnity**, after deducting any amounts already paid, or any lesser amount for which a settlement can be made. **We** will not then be liable to make any further payment as a result of the claim or claims.

✗ What is not covered

Foreign work exclusion

We will not cover legal liability arising outside the **policy territories**, except in respect of temporary visits elsewhere, by persons ordinarily resident within the **policy territories**, where no manual work is involved.

Offshore exclusion

We will not cover legal liability as a result of **bodily injury** to any **employed person** while **offshore**.

Radioactive contamination exclusion

We will not cover any claims caused by or arising from any type of nuclear radiation, nuclear material, nuclear waste, nuclear reaction or radioactive contamination in respect of

- 1 **contractual liability**
- 2 the liability of any principal for whom **you** are completing a contract.

Road Traffic Act exclusion

We will not cover legal liability for **bodily injury** to an **employed person** in circumstances where it is necessary to arrange compulsory motor insurance or security, under any Road Traffic Legislation.

Section conditions

These conditions of cover apply only to this section. **You** must comply with the following conditions to have the full protection of **your policy**. Conditions may specify circumstances whereby non-compliance will mean that **you** will not receive payment for a claim. However **you** will be covered and **we** will pay **your** claim if **you** are able to prove that the non-compliance with these conditions could not have increased the risk of the loss which actually occurred in the circumstances in which it occurred.

If **you** are unsure about this condition or whether **you** need to notify **us** about any matter, please contact **us**.

Right of recovery condition

The cover provided under this section is in line with any law relating to the compulsory insurance of liability to persons employed within the **policy territories**. **You** must repay to **us** all amounts **we** pay which **we** would not have been liable to pay but for the law.

Public liability section

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Meanings of defined terms

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Additional persons insured

- 1 The personal representative of any deceased person entitled to the cover provided by this section.
- 2 At your request
 - a any principal for whom you are completing a contract for the performance of work, to the extent required by the contract conditions
 - b any director or **employed person of yours** in connection with the **business**
 - c any officer or member whilst undertaking their duties in connection with your
 - i canteen, sports, social, educational or welfare organisations
 - ii fire, security, first aid, medical or ambulance services
 - d any director or officer of **yours** for whom private work is undertaken by any **employed person**, with your prior consent.

Asbestos

Asbestos in any form, asbestos fibres or particles or derivatives of asbestos or any material containing asbestos.

Bodily injury

Death, bodily injury, illness or disease.

Claim costs

Costs and expenses

- 1 of any claimant which you or any of the **additional persons insured** become legally liable to pay

- 2 incurred with **our** prior written consent, to investigate or defend a claim against **you** or any of the **additional persons insured** and this will include solicitors fees at
 - a any coroner's inquest or fatal accident inquiry
 - b summary court proceedings.

Contractual liability

Legal liability assumed by **you** under the express or intended terms of any contract or agreement that restrict **your** right of recovery, or increase **your** legal liability beyond that applicable in the absence of those terms.

Electronic data

Facts, concepts or information in a form usable for communications, interpretation or processing by electronic, electromechanical data processing or electronically controlled equipment and this includes programmes, software, firmware, operating systems or other coded instructions for the processing or manipulation of data.

Employed person

Anyone

- 1 under a contract of service or apprenticeship with **you**
- 2 who is
 - a employed by **you** or for **you** on a labour only basis
 - b self employed
 - c hired to **you** or borrowed by **you** from another employer
 - d a voluntary helper or taking part in a work experience or training scheme

and under **your** control or supervision.

Event

Claim or series of claims against **you** or the **additional persons insured** as a result of or attributable to a single source or the same original, repeated or continuing cause.

Limit of indemnity

The amount shown in **your** schedule as the limit of indemnity.

Manslaughter costs

Costs and expenses of legal representation in connection with any criminal inquiry into, or court proceedings brought for manslaughter, corporate manslaughter, corporate homicide or culpable homicide.

Offshore

On or working from, or travelling by sea or air, to, from or between an offshore rig, platform or similar offshore installation.

Pollution or contamination

Pollution or contamination of buildings or other structures or of water, land or the atmosphere.

Loss, damage or **bodily injury** directly or indirectly caused by the pollution or contamination.

Safety legislation costs

Costs and expenses of legal representation in connection with an alleged breach of statutory duty under Health and Safety, Consumer Protection or Food Safety legislation enacted within the **policy territories**.

✓ What is covered

We will pay the amount of damages which **you**, or any of the **additional persons insured**, are legally liable to pay as a result of accidental

- 1 **bodily injury** to any person
- 2 loss of or damage to material property
- 3 obstruction, trespass, nuisance or interference with any right of way, air, light or water
- 4 wrongful arrest, detention, imprisonment or eviction of any person or invasion of the right of privacy

occurring during the **period of insurance** in connection with the **business**.

Claims costs cover

We will pay **claim costs** in connection with a claim for which an award of damages is paid or may be payable under this section, but **we** will not cover **claim costs** for any part of a claim not covered by this section.

Compensation for court attendance cover

We will compensate **you** at the rate of £250 per day, for each day that **we** request any director, partner or **employed person** to attend court as a witness in connection with a claim, for which an award of damages is paid or may be payable under this section.

Contingent motor liabilities cover

We will pay the amount of damages for which **you** are liable by law and **claim costs** as a result of accidental

- 1 **bodily injury**
- 2 loss of or damage to material property not owned or held in trust by **you** or in **your** custody or control

occurring during the **period of insurance** and arising out of

- a the use by an **employed person** of their own motor vehicle within the European Union
- b the movement of any motor vehicle, not owned by, or provided by **you**, or an **employed person** that is preventing access to, or causing an obstruction within **your** premises or any site at which **you** are working.

The Road Traffic Act exclusion in this section does not apply to this cover provided that **we** will not make any payment

- i for loss of or damage to any motor vehicle referred to in **a** or **b** above
- ii unless the motor vehicle is being driven with **your** permission and **you** have taken reasonable steps to ensure that the person driving holds a valid licence to drive the motor vehicle
- iii where cover is provided by another insurance policy.

Cross liabilities cover

Any person, firm, company or organisation is entitled to the cover provided by this section, as if a separate policy had been issued to each, but the total amount payable by **us** on behalf of all, will not exceed the **limit of indemnity** in any circumstances.

Data protection cover

We will cover the amount of compensation which **you** are legally liable to pay in respect of damage or distress occurring during the **period of insurance**, arising from holding personal data, or, as a result of any loss, misuse or unauthorised disclosure of personal data held by **you** in the course of the **business**.

We will only pay

- 1 amounts of compensation which **you** are ordered to pay, or which **you** might reasonably be expected to pay by a court having jurisdiction
- 2 if **you** are registered or are in the process of registration (and the application has not been refused or withdrawn) under Data Protection legislation within the **policy territories**.

We will not cover

- 1 fines or penalties imposed by a court
- 2 the costs of any appeal against the refusal of an application for registration or alteration, in connection with the Data Protection legislation or any enforcement, de-registration or prohibition notice
- 3 the cost of replacing, reinstating, rectifying or erasing any personal data
- 4 refund of monies paid to **you** by any claimant
- 5 claims caused by or arising from any deliberate act, error or omission where the results are intended or expected, or are reasonably foreseeable by **you**
- 6 liability for which cover is provided under any other more specific insurance.

The maximum **we** will pay for compensation, costs and expenses in total, as a result of all occurrences during any one **period of insurance**, is £1,000,000.

Defective Premises Act cover

We will pay the amount of damages for which **you** are liable by law and **claim costs** as a result of accidental **bodily injury** or loss of or damage to material property occurring during the **period of insurance**, arising out of premises **you** have disposed of but had previously owned in connection with the **business**.

We will not cover loss of or damage to the land or premises disposed of or in connection with the cost of rectifying any defect or alleged defect in them.

We will not cover any liability for which **you** are covered under any other insurance policy.

Manslaughter costs cover

We will pay for **manslaughter costs** as a result of any death occurring during the **period of insurance**, in circumstances where there is also a claim or potential claim against **you** or any of the **additional persons insured** for damages covered by this section.

You must obtain **our** prior consent to legal representation and **we** will only agree to payment on a fee basis agreed by **us**.

If a claim for damages is settled or withdrawn, **we** will have no further liability other than for costs and expenses of legal representation incurred before the date of the claim payment or withdrawal of the claim.

If at any time a claim for damages remains unsettled and **you** wish to appeal against conviction, **we** will agree to costs and expenses of legal representation if, in the opinion of Counsel (appointed by mutual consent), such an appeal is likely to succeed and the total amount of damages and claimants costs are likely to exceed the total cost of legal representation.

If **we** have consented to legal representation at court proceedings, **we** will also pay the legal costs of prosecution awarded against **you** in connection with the proceedings.

The most **we** will pay for **manslaughter costs** and costs awarded against **you**, or any person entitled to cover under this section, in total, as a result of all occurrences, during any one **period of insurance**, is £1,000,000.

We will not cover

- 1 fines, penalties or awards of compensation imposed by a criminal court
- 2 costs and expenses of implementing any remedial order or publicity order
- 3 costs and expenses of an appeal against any fine, penalty, compensation award, remedial order or publicity order
- 4 costs and expenses incurred as a result of the failure to comply with any remedial order or publicity order
- 5 costs and expenses insured by any other policy
- 6 costs and expenses of any investigation or prosecution brought other than under the laws of the **policy territories**.

Personal liability cover

At **your** request, **we** will pay the amount of damages for which any of **your** directors, partners or **employed persons** or their spouse or children are liable by law and **claim costs**, as a result of accidental

- 1 **bodily injury**
- 2 loss of or damage to material property, not owned by or held in trust by **you** or them, or in **your** or their custody or control

occurring during the **period of insurance**, incurred in a personal capacity during temporary visits anywhere in the world in connection with the **business**, other than

- a arising out of the ownership or occupation of land or buildings
- b where cover is provided under any other insurance
- c in circumstances which a **policy** or section exclusion applies.

Safety legislation costs cover

We will pay for **safety legislation costs** as a result of any **bodily injury** or loss of or damage to material property occurring during the **period of insurance**, in circumstances where there is also a claim or potential claim against **you** or any of the **additional persons insured**, for damages covered by this section.

Public liability section *continued*

You must obtain **our** prior consent to legal representation and **we** will only agree to payment on a fee basis agreed by **us**.

If a claim for damages is settled or is withdrawn **we** will have no further liability other than for costs and expenses of legal representation incurred before the date of the claim payment or withdrawal of the claim.

If at any time a claim for damages remains unsettled and **you** wish to appeal against conviction, **we** will agree to costs and expenses of legal representation if, in the opinion of Counsel (appointed by mutual consent), such an appeal is likely to succeed and the total amount of damages and claimants costs are likely to exceed the total cost of legal representation.

If **we** have consented to legal representation at court proceedings **we** will also pay the legal costs of prosecution awarded against **you** in connection with the proceedings.

The most **we** will pay for **safety legislation costs** and costs awarded against **you**, or any person entitled to cover under this section, in total, as a result of all occurrences, during any one **period of insurance**, is £1,000,000.

We will not cover

- 1 fines, penalties or awards of compensation imposed by a criminal court
- 2 costs and expenses of an appeal against improvement or prohibition notices
- 3 costs and expenses on indictment for manslaughter, corporate manslaughter, corporate homicide or culpable homicide, other than **safety legislation costs** already incurred
- 4 costs and expenses insured by any other policy
- 5 costs and expenses of any investigation or prosecution brought other than under the laws of the **policy territories**.

Limit of cover

The most **we** will pay for the total of all damages arising from one **event** is the **limit of indemnity**.

The **limit of indemnity** is also the most **we** will pay for all damages as a result of all occurrences

during any one **period of insurance** caused by or originating from

- 1 **pollution and contamination** or
- 2 **terrorist act**.

If **we** cover more than one person, firm, company or organisation, **our** liability to all, as a result of one **event**, will not be more than the **limit of indemnity**.

We will pay **claim costs** in addition to the **limit of indemnity**.

As a result of any claim or claims **we** may at any time, pay the **limit of indemnity**, after deducting any amounts already paid, or any lesser amount for which a settlement can be made. **We** will not then be liable to make any further payment, except for **claim costs** incurred before the date of the claim payment.

✗ What is not covered

Aircraft and watercraft exclusion

We will not cover legal liability arising from **you** owning, possessing or using any

- 1 aircraft
- 2 watercraft or hovercraft (except watercraft less than eight metres in length or any hand propelled boat or pontoon).

Airside exclusion

We will not cover legal liability arising in connection with work undertaken in or on

- 1 aircraft or watercraft
- 2 airport or aerodrome runways, manoeuvring areas or aprons, or those parts of airports or aerodromes to which aircraft ordinarily have access.

Asbestos exclusion

We will not cover legal liability in any way arising from or contributed to by

- 1 inhalation or ingestion of **asbestos**
- 2 exposure to or fear of the consequences of exposure to **asbestos**
- 3 the presence of **asbestos** in any property or on land

- investigating, managing, removing, controlling or remediation of **asbestos**.

Contractual liability exclusion

We will not cover **contractual liability**, liquidated damages or any contractual fines or amounts payable under penalty clauses.

Damage to goods supplied, own or completed works exclusion

We will not cover loss of or damage to goods or materials supplied or for use by **you**, or any work, process or other operation that **you** or anyone on **your** behalf are carrying out or have completed. This exclusion will not apply to goods or materials or any work, process or other operation previously supplied, used, carried out or completed under a separate contract.

Design and advice and treatment exclusion

We will not cover legal liability arising from

- advice, instruction, consultancy, design, formula, specification, inspection, certification or testing undertaken or given for a fee
- physical, mental or cosmetic treatment of any person (other than first aid treatment).

Electronic data exclusion

We will not cover legal liability caused by or arising from

- authorised or unauthorised transmission of **electronic data**
- the content of any website, **your** email, intranet or extranet
- loss, distortion, erasure, corruption or alteration of **electronic data** or any loss of use resulting in reduction of functionality, failure of electronic, electromechanical data processing or electronically controlled equipment or **electronic data** to correctly recognise any given date or to process data or to operate properly due to failure to recognise any given date.

Employee injury exclusion

We will not cover **bodily injury** sustained by any **employed persons** arising out of and in the course of their employment with **you**.

Excess exclusion

We will not cover the **excess** shown in **your** schedule. **You** will have to pay the **excess** for loss of or damage to property and this will apply to each **event**.

Foreign manual work exclusion

We will not cover legal liability arising outside the **policy territories**, except in respect of temporary visits elsewhere, by persons ordinarily resident within the **policy territories**, where no manual work is involved.

Offshore exclusion

We will not cover legal liability arising in connection with any person while **offshore**.

Pollution and contamination exclusion

We will not cover legal liability arising from **pollution or contamination**, other than caused by a sudden and unexpected incident which takes place at a specific time and place during the **period of insurance**. All **pollution or contamination** which arises out of one incident will be considered to have happened at the time the incident takes place.

Property under your control exclusion

We will not cover loss or damage to property owned by **you** or which is held in **your** care, custody or control.

But **we** will cover

- premises which are leased, let, rented, hired or lent to **you**, as long as a tenancy or other agreement does not
 - result in **contractual liability**
 - say that loss or damage must be insured under a property insurance policy arranged by **you** or on **your** behalf
- premises including contents which are not owned or rented by **you**, where **you** are temporarily carrying out work in connection with the **business**

- 3 employed persons** or visitors vehicles or effects while on **your** premises.

Radioactive contamination exclusion

We will not cover any claims directly or indirectly caused by or contributed to by, or resulting or arising from any type of nuclear radiation, nuclear material, nuclear waste, nuclear reaction or radioactive contamination.

Recall or refunds exclusion

We will not cover loss or expenditure incurred by anyone in recalling, modifying, disposing of or making a refund for goods or materials supplied or used.

Rectification of defects exclusion

We will not cover

- 1** the cost or value of any defective, harmful or unsuitable goods, materials or work, process or other operation supplied, used or undertaken
- 2** expenditure incurred by anyone in
 - a** investigating or providing a remedy for
 - b** removing, reinstating, replacing, reapplying or rectifying

any defective, harmful or unsuitable goods, materials or work, process or other operation supplied, used or undertaken.

Road Traffic Act exclusion

We will not cover legal liability arising out of the ownership, possession or use by **you** or on **your** behalf or use by any of the **additional persons insured** of any motor vehicle, trailer or mobile plant in circumstances where compulsory insurance or security is required by Road Traffic Legislation.

War risk exclusion

We will not cover

- 1** any claims caused by or happening through war, invasion, act of foreign enemy, hostilities (whether war is declared or not), civil war, rebellion, revolution, insurrection or military or usurped power
- 2** confiscation, nationalisation, requisition or destruction of or damage to property by or under the order of any government or public or local authority.

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Bail costs

Costs agreed with us, to pay for a bond to guarantee an **insured person's** bail or equivalent in another country as required by a court of law.

Circumstance

Any verbal or written complaint made against **you** or an **insured person** that could give rise to a claim. This does not include any routine employment disciplinary action or dismissal.

Claim

Any written demand or civil, criminal, arbitration or regulatory proceeding first made against **you** or an **insured person** during the **period of insurance**:

- 1 seeking monetary damages
- 2 seeking a penalty or other legal action and alleging a wrongful act
- 3 alleging an employment practice wrongful act.

Any claims involving allegations from the same or essentially the same facts shall be treated as one claim.

Crisis public relations consultants

Chelgate Limited, No 1 Tanner Street,
London SE1 3LE.

Crisis public relations costs

Costs incurred by the **crisis public relations consultants** following a **claim** and/or **investigation** to prevent, limit or reduce the actual or potential damage to **you** or any **insured person's** reputation from negative publicity or media attention.

Defence costs

Costs agreed with us, in writing, to:

- 1 investigate or defend any **claim**
- 2 fund an appeal against a ruling or judgement (including payment of an appeal bond).

Deprivation of assets expenses

Costs and expenses of any **insured person** paid directly to provide the services listed below as a direct result of any interim or interlocutory order confiscating or suspending the rights of ownership over personal assets or real property of any **insured person** during the **period of insurance**

- 1 schooling
- 2 housing
- 3 utilities or
- 4 personal insurances.

Such costs shall only be paid where a personal allowance has been directed by a Court to meet such payments and that personal allowance has been exhausted.

Employed person

Anyone:

- 1 under a contract of service or apprenticeship with **you** or a worker as defined in Section 230 of the Employment Rights Act 1996
- 2 who is
 - a employed by **you** or for **you** on a labour only basis
 - b hired to **you** or borrowed by **you** from another employer
 - c a voluntary helper or someone taking part in a work experience or training scheme

and under **your** control or supervision.

Employment practice claim

- 1 Any **claim** by any **employed person** for any actual or alleged:
 - a wrongful, unfair or constructive dismissal, discharge or termination of employment

- b breach of written or implied contract
 - c employment related misrepresentation, wrongful denial of a career opportunity, failure to grant employment or negligent employee evaluation
 - d harassment, unlawful discrimination or failure to provide adequate employee procedures and policies
 - e **retaliatory treatment**
 - f defamation or invasion of privacy.
- 2 Any other **claim** happening only as a result of **you** employing any current, former or prospective **employed person**.

Excess

The first amount of any **claim** or **claims** as detailed in **your policy** schedule for which **you** are responsible. The excess applies to **loss** (as defined in this section) **crisis public relation costs, defence costs and investigation costs**, however, it will not apply to any **claim** successfully defended.

The excess will only be charged at the end of each **claim** and/or investigation.

Extradition proceeding

Any **claim** or proceeding brought against an **insured person** under United Kingdom extradition law or similar law in any other country.

Insured person

- 1 Any person who was, is, or during the **period of insurance** becomes a trustee, director, member or officer of **yours**.
- 2 Any natural person acting in the capacity as a director of **yours** (not including any administrator, liquidator, receiver or auditor).
- 3 Any shadow director as defined under United Kingdom law or similar legislation in any other country.
- 4 Any **employed person** of **yours**.
- 5 Any trustee of any pension or employee benefit scheme or trust fund operated or administered by **you**.

- 6 The lawful husband, wife, civil or unmarried partner of an insured person described in 1 to 5 above, only because of their relationship, following a **claim** against the insured person.
- 7 The estates, heirs or legal representatives of any insured person above who has died or become incapacitated, insolvent or bankrupt but only in relation to a **claim** against the insured person.

Investigation

Other than investigations by HMRC, any official hearing, investigation, examination, official enquiry or enquiry into **your** or an **insured person's** business carried out by any government department, regulator or third party with legal rights to do so.

For HMRC investigations, investigation is restricted to those enquiries undertaken by the Special Civil Investigations Office under Code of Practice 8 or Code of Practice 9, an enquiry held under section 60 or 61 of the VAT Act 1994 or any matters handled by the National Investigations Service of HMRC.

Investigation does not include any routine regulatory supervision, enquiry or compliance review, any internal investigation or any investigation into the business activities of **your** industry which is not related only to **your** or any **insured person's** conduct.

Investigation costs

Legal and other professional costs and expenses agreed with **us** in writing, incurred directly by **you** or an **insured person** in preparing for and attending any investigation.

This does not include salary or any other additional costs of **yours**.

Limit of liability

The amount shown in **your policy** schedule as the limit of liability.

Loss

Costs and expenses of any claimant which an **insured person** becomes legally liable to pay and incurred with **our** prior written agreement,

to investigate or defend a **claim** against any **insured person** and this will include

- 1 **defence costs** and **investigation costs**
- 2 awards of damages (including punitive and exemplary damages where legally allowed)
- 3 pre and post judgement interest on a judgement or award covered by this section
- 4 settlements

but this will not include any criminal fines or penalties, taxes (other than those covered under the Tax cover), salary or **employment related benefits**.

Civil fines are covered only where they are insurable under United Kingdom law.

Manslaughter claim

Any court action brought for manslaughter, corporate manslaughter, corporate homicide or culpable homicide.

Outside company

Any company other than **you**:

- 1 that is a charity or association, or
 - 2 in which **you** hold any issued share capital
- but this does not include

- a any company registered in the United States of America
- b any listed company
- c any financial services company.

Policy territories

Worldwide.

Pollutant

Any contaminant, irritant or other substance including, but not limited to: asbestos, lead, smoke, vapour, water, oil, oil products, dust, fibres, soot, fumes, acids, alkalis, chemicals, waste (including materials that have been or are intended to be recycled, reconditioned or reclaimed).

Pollution

Actual, alleged or threatened discharge, seepage, treatment, removal, disposal, dispersal, emission, release or escape of any **pollutant** or any regulatory order, direction or request to test for, monitor, remove, contain, treat, detoxify, or neutralise any **pollutant**.

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 Email: **advice@rradar.co.uk**

Safety legislation claim

Any court action alleging a breach of statutory duty under health and safety, consumer protection or food safety legislation.

Subsidiary

A company that **you** either directly or indirectly control through

- 1 holding a majority of the voting rights
- 2 the right to appoint or remove a majority of its board of directors and/or
- 3 sole control of, pursuant to a written agreement with other shareholders, a majority of that company's voting rights.

If a company ceases to be a subsidiary cover will continue but only for a **claim** caused by a **wrongful act** carried out before it stopped being a subsidiary.

Wrongful act

Any actual or alleged act, error or omission carried out or attempted by an **insured person** during the performance of their duties but only in their role as **your** director, officer or **employed person** including:

- 1 breach of any duty, including fiduciary or statutory duty
- 2 breach of trust
- 3 negligence, negligent misstatement, misleading statement or negligent misrepresentation
- 4 defamation
- 5 wrongful trading as defined under United Kingdom law
- 6 breach of warranty or authority
- 7 any other act, error or omission attempted or allegedly carried out or attempted by an **insured person** only because of their position as a trustee, director, officer or **employed person** of yours.

You/your

In addition to the policy definition this will include:

- 1 a **subsidiary**, and any **subsidiary** created or acquired during the **period of insurance** provided that the newly created or acquired subsidiary:
 - a is not registered in the United States of America; or
 - b does not trade any of its securities on any United States of America exchange;But only for a **claim** against an **insured person** caused by a **wrongful act** carried out after the date of creation or acquisition.
- 2 any pension or employee benefit scheme or trust fund of yours.

Limit of cover

The most **we** will pay for any one **claim** including **defence costs** and/or **investigation costs** is the **limit of liability**.

Each **claim** will be treated as being made when **we** receive written notice of the **claim**. **Investigation costs** will be treated as being made when attendance of an **insured person** is notified as being required.

✓ What is covered

Additional limit for non-indemnifiable loss cover

Where the **limit of liability** has been exhausted, the **limit of liability** shall be increased by £100,000 per **claim** and/or **investigation** for each **insured person** provided that such limit shall be excess of:

- 1 any other available insurance
- 2 any other available indemnity.

Bail costs cover

We will pay on behalf of any **insured person bail costs** caused by a **claim** for a **wrongful act**.

Circumstance investigation cover

We will pay the costs of **rradar legal** in the **investigation** of any **circumstance** reported to **us** during the **period of insurance** including the steps that might be appropriate to avert or reduce the potential of a **claim**. **You** must quote **your policy** number when contacting **rradar legal**.

The most **we** will pay for all **circumstance investigation claims** in any one **period of insurance** is £25,000.

Claims against an insured person cover

We will pay the **loss** incurred by any **insured person** caused by a **claim** for a **wrongful act**.

Company reimbursement cover

We will pay for the **loss** which **you** are legally allowed to pay on behalf of an **insured person** caused by a **claim** for a **wrongful act**.

Compensation for court attendance cover

We will pay **you** at the rate of £250 per day for each **insured person** and any accompanying husband, wife, civil or unmarried partner provided such **insured person's** attendance is needed in court in connection with any **claim** or investigation.

Crisis public relations costs cover

We will pay **crisis public relations costs** for any **insured person** caused by a **claim** for a **wrongful act**.

Deprivation of assets cover

We shall pay the **loss** of any **insured person** for **deprivation of asset expenses**.

The most **we** will pay under this cover is £100,000 for any one **claim**. This is also the most **we** will pay for all **deprivation of asset claims** in any one **period of insurance**.

Employment practice claims cover

We will pay for the **loss** caused by an **employment practice claim** during the **period of insurance** brought by a current, former or potential **employed person**.

We will not cover **you** for any Employment practice claim more specifically insured by **you** or on **your** behalf.

Extradition proceedings cover

We will pay, for any **insured person**, the **loss** caused by any **extradition proceedings** against any **insured person** during the **period of insurance** caused by a **claim** for any **wrongful act**.

Investigation costs cover

We will pay the **investigation costs** caused by an **investigation** first notified as being required during the **period of insurance**.

Management buy-out cover

If during the **period of insurance** members of **your** existing management team conduct a management buy-out, **we** agree to provide cover to the same level and terms as this **policy** for the new company for a period of 30 days from the buy-out date for any **wrongful act** carried out by any **insured person** within this 30 day period.

Manslaughter claims cover

We will pay for the **defence costs** which **you** are legally allowed to pay on behalf of an **insured**

person caused by a **manslaughter claim** against an **insured person** for a **wrongful act**.

Outside company cover

We will pay for the **loss** incurred by any **insured person** for any **wrongful act** within the **policy territories** carried out in their role as a trustee, director or officer of an **outside company**.

Provided that the **insured person** acts in that role at **your** written request and the **claim** does not arise from a **wrongful act** carried out after the **insured person** stopped acting in this role. **We** will only pay after any cover provided by the **outside company** to its trustees, directors or officers and any other insurance available to its trustees, directors and officers has been used.

Pension or employee benefit schemes cover

We will pay for the **loss** caused by a **claim** for a **wrongful act** in connection with an **insured person's** operation or administration of any of **your** pension schemes (other than a defined benefit scheme), employee benefit schemes or trust funds.

Personal charity or not for profit association cover

We will pay for the **loss** incurred by any **insured person** for any **wrongful act** within the **policy territories** carried out in their role in a personal capacity as a director or officer of a charity or any not for profit organisation.

Pollution claims cover

We will pay for the **loss** arising from **pollution** caused by a **claim** for any **wrongful act**.

Retired insured persons cover

In the event that this **policy** is not renewed or replaced with a similar policy, cover will continue for any **insured person** who voluntarily stops being an **insured person** before the date of non-renewal for reasons other than:

- 1 disqualification from holding such a position; or
- 2 a take-over or merger,

for an unlimited period from the date of non renewal (the "run-off period"), provided that:

- a cover will only apply to **claims** caused by any **wrongful act** carried out or alleged before the date of retirement of the **insured person**
- b the run-off period will run at the same time as any extended notification period
- c no similar insurance is in place elsewhere.

Safety legislation claims cover

We will pay for the **loss** which **you** are legally allowed to pay on behalf of an **insured person** caused by a **safety legislation claim** (or similar legislation in any other jurisdiction) against an **insured person** for a **wrongful act**.

Tax cover

If **you** become insolvent, this section will extend to pay for any **claim** against an **insured person** alleging a **wrongful act** relating to **your** unpaid tax liability within the **policy territories**.

✗ What is not covered

Bodily injury or property damage exclusion

We will not cover any **claim, loss** or **investigation**:

- 1 for psychological or emotional distress other than an **employment practice claim**
- 2 for sickness, disease, bodily injury or death other than a **safety legislation claim** or **manslaughter claim**
- 3 for the loss, damage or destruction of any tangible property including loss of use of that property.

Breach of professional duty exclusion

We will not cover any **claim, loss** or **investigation** caused by a breach of or failure to provide professional duties or services.

This exclusion shall only apply to **your** advice and/or services directly provided for a fee.

This exclusion will not apply to a **claim** for any actual or alleged failure to supervise the performance of any professional services.

Deliberate or dishonest acts exclusion

We will not cover any **claim**, **loss** or **investigation** caused by:

- 1 a dishonest or fraudulent act or omission or any intentional breach of any statute or regulation carried out by any **insured person**
- 2 an act by any **insured person** intended to obtain or which does obtain a personal profit or advantage which was not legally theirs
- 3 an act intended to obtain or which does obtain a profit for any company other than **you** where an **insured person** is a director, officer or employee of that company.

This exclusion will only apply after a court ruling or an admission by an **insured person** that such an act did take place.

Defined benefit pension schemes exclusion

We will not cover any **claim**, **loss** or **investigation** caused by:

- 1 an **insured person's** operation or administration of any defined benefit pension scheme
- 2 an **insured person's** breach of any legislation or regulation relating to any defined benefit pension scheme.

Excess exclusion

We will not pay the **excess** detailed in **your policy**.

Prior claims, investigations and circumstances exclusion

We will not cover any **loss** or **investigation** caused by any **claim**, **investigation** or **circumstance** which **you** were aware of before the start of the **period of insurance**.

Prior litigation exclusion

We will not cover any **claim**, **loss** (as defined in each section of the **policy**) or **investigation** caused by any previous or known litigation or proceedings (including allegations from the same or essentially the same facts) involving an **insured person**, **you** or an **outside company** started before the date of **your** first purchase of Officers Liability insurance.

Related party claims in the United States of America exclusion

We will not cover any **claim**, **loss** or **investigation** caused by any **claim** brought by **you**, an **outside company** or an **insured person** within or subject to the laws of the United States of America.

This exclusion will not apply to:

- 1 **defence costs**
- 2 any shareholder derivative proceedings in **your** name without **your** or any **insured person's** solicitation, assistance or participation
- 3 any **claim** brought by **your** liquidator, receiver or administrative receiver or similar body
- 4 any **employment practices claim**
- 5 any **claim** made by a previously **insured person of yours**
- 6 any **claim** seeking a contribution or indemnity if that **claim** would be covered by this section if made against an **insured person**.

Share offerings exclusion

We will not cover any **loss** (as defined in each section of the **policy**) or **investigation** caused by any **claim** for a **wrongful act** relating to any actual public offering of **your** share capital unless:

- 1 **we** have given **our** prior written agreement; and
- 2 **you** have paid any additional premium and accepted any amendments **we** may need to make to the terms and conditions of this **policy**.

Specific United States of America legislation exclusion

We will not cover any **claim**, **loss** or **investigation** caused by the following legislation in the United States of America:

- 1 any breach of the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act 18 USC Sections 1961 et seq., any amendments to this Act or any rules or regulations made under it
- 2 any breach of the Securities Act of 1933 or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, both

as amended, the rules or regulations of the Securities Exchange Commission under either or both Acts, similar securities laws or regulations of any state, or any laws of any state relating to any transaction caused by, involving or relating to the sale of securities

- 3 any breach of the Employment Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 as amended, or any rules or regulations made under it, or similar provisions of any federal, state or local law.

Takeovers and mergers exclusion

We will not cover any **loss** (as defined in each section of the **policy**) or **investigation** caused by any **claim** for a **wrongful act** after **you**

- 1 merge with another company; or
- 2 any party acquires more than 50% of **your** issued share capital.

Section conditions

These conditions of cover only apply to this section. **You** must comply with the following conditions to have the full protection of **your policy**. Conditions may specify circumstances whereby non-compliance will mean that **you** will not receive payment for a claim. However **you** will not be covered and **we** will not pay **your** claim if **you** are unable to prove that the non-compliance with these conditions could not have increased the risk of the loss which actually occurred in the circumstances in which it occurred.

If **you** are unsure about any of these conditions or whether **you** need to notify **us** about any matter, please contact **us**.

These conditions of **your** wording all apply equally to each **insured person** and to **you** other than the Fair presentation of risk condition and the Severability condition.

Claims conditions

You and/or any **insured person** must reimburse **us** for any **defence costs** paid where it is later determined that there is no cover under this **policy**.

If a **claim** is made which is not completely covered by any section of this **policy**, **we** will

agree with **you** or any **insured person** a fair allocation between **loss** (as defined in each section of the **policy**) that is covered and **loss** (as defined within each section of the **policy**) not covered by this **policy**.

Claims notification condition

You must:

- 1 as soon as possible within the **period of insurance** or at the latest within 45 days after it expires
 - a give **us**, and the **crisis public relations consultants** where appropriate, notice of any **claim** under this **policy**, in accordance with the terms of each section
 - b give **us**, and the **crisis public relations consultants** where appropriate, all the information **we** request
- 2 immediately
 - a on receipt send **us** every letter, court order, summons or other legal documents served upon **you**
 - b tell **us** about any **investigation**, prosecution, inquest or fatal accident inquiry or dispute for referral to adjudication or court proceedings in connection with any potential **claim**, in accordance with the terms of each section
 - c unless agreed with **us** in writing, notify the police of any fraudulent or criminal activity upon discovery.

We will not pay **your** claim where **you** have not complied with this condition.

Claims procedures condition

- 1 **You** must take, or allow others to take, practical steps to minimise any **claim**.
- 2 At **your** expense **you** must provide **us** with
 - a full details in writing and any further information **we** may reasonably require
 - b any assistance to enable **us** to settle or defend a **claim**
 - c details of any other relevant insurances.
- 3 **You** may appoint legal representation with **our** prior written consent. Where **we** agree

to **your** legal representation, the maximum following hourly rates shall apply:

Partner – £185 per hour,
Associate – £150 per hour,
Solicitor – £115 per hour,
Paralegal – £90 per hour.

If it is not possible to obtain **our** consent before incurring costs, **we** will agree to this providing **our** agreement is obtained with 14 days.

Where a **claim** is made against **you** and/or more than one **insured person**, unless there is a conflict of interest, the same legal representative should be used.

- 4 **You** must not accept, negotiate, pay, settle, admit or reject any **claim** without **our** prior written consent.
- 5 **We** have the right to fully participate in the defence of any **claim** including the negotiation of any settlement. **We** will also have the right to defend any **claim** made against **you**.
- 6 Where it is assessed by **us** and **your** legal representation that **you** have a greater than 60% prospect of success, **you** shall have the right to defend any **claim** made against **you** or any **insured person**.

We will not pay **your** claim where **you** have not complied with this condition.

Notification of potential claims condition

You may give **us** notice of any circumstance which might lead to a **claim** under this **policy** giving reasons for the expectation and including full details of the people and dates involved.

Where **we** accept the **circumstance** any future **claim** arising from this **circumstance** shall be deemed to have been made in the **period of insurance** in which the **circumstance** was first notified.

Severability condition

All information which any **insured person** provided before **we** agreed to insure **you** will be considered as a separate application for each **insured person**.

The knowledge of or any statement made by any **insured person** will not be applied to any other **insured person** for the purposes of deciding whether cover is available for any **claim**.

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Damage

Loss, destruction or damage.

Hacking

Unauthorised access to any computer or other equipment, component, system or item which processes, stores, transmits or retrieves data.

Property insured

Office and business equipment, including portable electronic equipment, belonging to, or borrowed or leased by **you**, or **your** partners, principals, directors or employees, used in connection with the **business**, referred to in **your** schedule as 'Contents – all risks', anywhere within the **policy territories** or temporarily, elsewhere in the world.

Virus or similar mechanism

Program code, programming instruction or any set of instructions intentionally constructed with the ability to damage, interfere with or otherwise adversely affect computer programs, data files or operations whether involving selfreplication or not.

✓ What is covered

We will pay **you** for accidental **damage** to the **property insured**, occurring during the **period of insurance** in accordance with the following basis of settlement.

Basis of settlement

We will pay **you** for the value of the **property insured** at the time of its **damage** or for the amount of the **damage**, or at **our** option reinstate or replace the **property insured** or any part of it and

- 1 claims for the total loss or destruction of **property insured**, will be settled on the basis of replacement of property similar to, but no better or more extensive than the **property insured** when new
- 2 claims for partial loss or destruction of **property insured**, will be settled on the basis of restoration to a condition no better or more extensive than the condition of the **property insured** when new.

We will not cover more than the sum insured shown in **your** schedule for the **property insured**.

In the event of any loss the sum insured will be automatically reinstated from the date of the loss, unless there is written notice either by **us** or by **you** saying otherwise. **You** will have to pay an additional premium for this.

Financial interest cover

The financial interest of anyone with whom **you** have entered into a loan, lease or hire purchase agreement for any item or part of the **property insured** is automatically noted and in the event of a claim **we** should be given details of the financial interest.

✗ What is not covered

Breakdown exclusion

We will not cover **you** for damage caused by mechanical or electrical breakdown or derangement.

Date recognition exclusion

We will not cover **you** for damage to **property insured** directly or indirectly caused by, contributed to by, or arising from the failure of equipment (including hardware and software) to correctly recognise any given date, or to process data, or to operate properly, due to failure to recognise any given date.

Electronic equipment exclusion

We will not cover **you** for damage to any computer or other equipment, component, system or item which processes, stores, transmits or retrieves data or any part of it, whether tangible or intangible (including any information, programs or software) and whether **your** property or not, where damage is caused to the **property insured** by programming or operator error, **virus or similar mechanism** or **hacking**, including where this results from the actions of malicious persons or thieves.

Excess exclusion

We will not cover **you** for the amount of the **excess** shown in **your** schedule.

Radioactive contamination exclusion

We will not cover any claims directly or indirectly caused by or contributed to by, or resulting or arising from any type of nuclear radiation, nuclear material, nuclear waste, nuclear reaction or radioactive contamination.

Sonic bangs exclusion

We will not cover **you** for damage by pressure waves caused by aircraft and other aerial devices travelling at sonic or supersonic speeds.

Terrorist act exclusion

We will not cover **you** for any damage, cost or expense directly or indirectly, caused by, resulting from or in connection with **terrorist act**.

Unattended vehicle exclusion

We will not cover **you** for theft or attempted theft of **property insured** while contained in an unattended vehicle or trailer, unless there is evidence of forcible and violent entry to the vehicle or trailer.

Unexplained losses

We will not cover **you** for unexplained disappearance or inventory shortage.

War risk exclusion

We will not cover

- 1** any claims caused by or happening through war, invasion, act of foreign enemy, hostilities (whether war is declared or not), civil war, rebellion, revolution, insurrection or military or usurped power
- 2** confiscation, nationalisation, requisition or damage to property by or under the order of any government or public or local authority.

Wear and tear exclusion

We will not cover **you** for

- 1** damage due to wear and tear or gradual deterioration, rust, action of light or atmospheric conditions
- 2** the cost of normal upkeep, cleaning or normal repairs.

Making a complaint

Making a complaint

AXA Insurance aims to provide the highest standard of service to every customer.

If **our** service does not meet **your** expectations **we** want to hear about it so **we** can try to put things right.

All complaints **we** receive are taken seriously. Following the steps below will help **us** understand **your** concerns and give **you** a fair response.

Making your complaint

The majority of complaints can be resolved quickly and satisfactorily by the department **you** are dealing with. If **your** complaint relates to a **claim**, please contact the department dealing with the **claim**. If **your** complaint relates to anything else, please contact the agent or AXA office where **your policy** was purchased. Telephone contact is often the most effective way to resolve complaints quickly.

Alternatively **you** can write to **us** at

AXA Insurance complaints:



AXA Insurance
Commercial complaints
AXA House
4 Parklands
Lostock
Bolton
BL6 4SD

All claims complaints:



Tel: **01204 815359**



Email: **commercial.complaints@axa-insurance.co.uk**

When **you** make contact please tell **us** the following information:

- Name, address and postcode, telephone number and e-mail address (if **you** have one).
- **Your policy** and/or **claim** number, and the type of policy **you** hold.
- The name of **your** insurance agent/firm (if applicable).
- The reason for **your** complaint.

Any written correspondence should be headed 'COMPLAINT' and **you** may include copies of supporting material.

Beyond AXA

Should **you** remain dissatisfied following **our** final written response, **you** may be eligible to refer **your** case to the Financial Ombudsman Service (FOS).

The FOS is an independent body that arbitrates on complaints about general insurance products. The FOS can only consider **your** complaint if **we** have given **you our** final decision.

You have six months from the date of **our** final response to refer **your** complaint to the FOS. This does not affect **your** right to take legal action.

The Financial Ombudsman Service



Financial Ombudsman Service
Exchange Tower
Harbour Exchange Square
London
E14 9SR



Telephone: **0800 023 4567*** or **0300 123 9123****

Fax: **020 7964 1001**



Email: **complaint.info@financial-ombudsman.org.uk**

Website: **www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk**

* free for people phoning from a 'fixed line' (for example, a landline at home)

** free for mobile phone users who pay a monthly charge for calls to numbers starting 01 or 02

Our promise to you

We will

- Acknowledge written complaints promptly.
- Investigate **your** complaint quickly and thoroughly.
- Keep **you** informed of progress of **your** complaint.
- Do everything possible to resolve **your** complaint.
- Acknowledge when **we** have made a mistake and learn from them.
- Use the information from complaints to continuously improve **our** service.

Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS)

AXA Insurance UK plc are covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS). **You** may be entitled to compensation in the unlikely event **we** cannot meet **our** obligations to **you**. This depends on the type of insurance, size of the business and the circumstances of the **claim**. Further information about the compensation scheme arrangements is available from the FSCS (www.fscs.org.uk).

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www.axa.co.uk

