Summary: Korean Reinsurance Co. Jan 04

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The insurer financial strength rating on Korean Reinsurance Co. (Korean Re) is based on the company's strong competitive position, backed by its extremely strong domestic market position, extensive pricing experience based on its good relationship with primary insurers in the domestic market, and conservative management of its investment portfolio. These strengths are mitigated by its moderate capitalization and the relatively volatile profitability of its expanding premiums from overseas clients (overseas inwards). Korean Re's good profitability over the past several years demonstrates its ability to leverage off its competitive position and is likely to be maintained. Mitigating factors include the prospects for the company's relatively thin capitalization to remain at the current level, given that the annual growth of premiums is...

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