



Professional insurance portfolio

Important information

This document contains the policy wordings for each of the available covers for this insurance. However, you should **carefully read your policy schedule in full** and ensure that you understand which of the covers you have selected.

If you have any questions about your policy or the covers you have selected, you should contact Hiscox or your insurance advisor, if you have one.



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Policy wording

A seamless integrated insurance solution for professionals.

Please read this wording, together with any **endorsements** and the schedule, very carefully. If anything is not correct, please notify **us** immediately.

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Our promise to you

In return for the premium **you** have paid, **we** agree to insure **you** in accordance with the terms and conditions of the **policy**.

Ben Horton

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Chief Underwriting Officer, Hiscox UK

Complaints procedure

Hiscox aims to ensure that all aspects of **your** insurance are dealt with promptly, efficiently and fairly. At all times Hiscox are committed to providing **you** with the highest standard of service. If **you** have any concerns about **your policy** or **you** are dissatisfied about the handling of a claim and wish to complain **you** should, in the first instance, contact Hiscox Customer Relations in writing at:

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or by telephone on +44 (0)800 116 4627 or +44 (0)1904 681 198
or by email at customer.relations@hiscox.com.

Where **you** are not satisfied with the final response from Hiscox, **you** also have the right to refer **your** complaint to the Financial Ombudsman Service. For more information regarding the scope of the Financial Ombudsman Service, please refer to www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk.

General definitions	Words shown in bold type have the same meaning wherever they appear in this policy . The words defined below are used throughout this policy . Any other definitions are shown in the section to which they apply.
Asbestos risks	a. The mining, processing, manufacturing, use, testing, ownership, sale or removal of asbestos, asbestos fibres or material containing asbestos; or b. exposure to asbestos, asbestos fibres or materials containing asbestos; or c. the provision of instructions, recommendations, notices, warnings, supervision or advice given, or which should have been given, in connection with asbestos, asbestos fibres or structures or materials containing asbestos.
Business	Your business or profession as shown in the schedule.
Confiscation	Confiscation, nationalisation, requisition, expropriation, deprivation, destruction of or damage to property by or under the order of any government or public or local authority.
Date recognition	Any failure by any equipment (including any hardware or software) to correctly recognise any given date or to process any data or to operate properly due to any failure to correctly recognise any given date.
Endorsement	A change to the terms of the policy .
Excess	The amount you must bear as the first part of each agreed claim or loss.
Geographical limits	The geographical area shown in the schedule.
Nuclear risks	a. Any sort of nuclear material, nuclear reaction, nuclear radiation or radioactive contamination; b. any products or services which include, involve or relate in any way to anything in a. above, or the storage, handling or disposal of anything in a. above; c. all operations carried out on any site or premises on which anything in a. or b. above is located.
Period of insurance	The time for which this policy is in force as shown in the schedule.
Policy	This insurance document and the schedule, including any endorsements .
Program	A set of instructions written in a computer language which tells a computer how to process data or interact with ancillary equipment.
Terrorism	An act, or the threat of an act, by any person or group of persons, whether acting alone or on behalf of or in connection with any organisation or government, that: a. is committed for political, religious, ideological or similar purposes; and b. is intended to influence any government or to put the public, or any section of the public, in fear; and c. i. involves violence against one or more persons; or ii. involves damage to property; or iii. endangers life other than that of the person committing the action; or iv. creates a risk to health or safety of the public or a section of the public; or v. is designed to interfere with or to disrupt an electronic system.
Virus	Programmes that are secretly introduced without your permission or knowledge including, but not limited to, malware, worms, trojans, rootkits, spyware, dishonest adware, crimeware and other malicious unwanted software.
War	War, invasion, act of foreign enemies, hostilities (whether war be declared or not), civil war, rebellion, revolution, insurrection, military or usurped power.
We/us/our	The insurers named in the schedule.
You/your	The insured named in the schedule.

General conditions

The following conditions apply to the whole of this **policy**. Any other conditions are shown in the section to which they apply.

Presentation of the risk

1. In agreeing to insure **you** and in setting the terms and premium, **we** have relied on the information **you** have given **us**. **You** must provide a fair presentation of the risk and must take care when answering any questions **we** ask by ensuring that all information provided is accurate and complete. A fair presentation is one which clearly discloses in a reasonably clear and accessible manner all material facts which **you** (including **your** senior management and those responsible for arranging this insurance) know or ought to know following a reasonable search.

If you fail to make a fair presentation

2.
 - a. If **we** establish that **you** deliberately or recklessly failed to present the risk to **us** fairly, **we** may treat this **policy** as if it never existed and refuse to make any payment under it. **You** must reimburse all payments already made by **us** and **we** will be entitled to retain all premiums paid.
 - b. If **we** establish that **you** failed to present the risk to **us** fairly but that **your** failure was not deliberate or reckless, the remedy **we** will have available to **us** will depend upon what **we** would have done had **you** made a fair presentation of the risk, as follows:
 - i. if **we** would not have provided this **policy**, **we** may treat it as if it never existed and refuse to make any payment under it. **You** must reimburse all payments already made by **us**. **We** will refund any premiums **you** have paid; or
 - ii. if **we** would have provided this **policy** on different terms (other than as to premium), **we** will treat it as if it had been provided on such different terms from the start of the **period of insurance**. This may result in **us** making no payment for a particular claim or loss. **You** must reimburse any payment made by **us** that **we** would not have paid if such terms had been in effect.

Change of circumstances

3. **You** must tell **us** as soon as reasonably possible of any change in circumstances during the **period of insurance** which may materially affect this **policy** (a material fact or circumstance is one which might affect **our** decision to provide insurance or the conditions of that insurance). **We** may then change the terms and conditions of this **policy** or cancel it in accordance with the Cancellation condition,

If you fail to notify us of a change of circumstances

4.
 - a. If **we** establish that **you** deliberately or recklessly failed to:
 - i. notify **us** of a change of circumstances which may materially affect the **policy**; or
 - ii. comply with the obligation in 1. above to make a fair presentation of the risk to **us** when providing us with information in relation to a change of circumstances;

we may treat this **policy** as if it no longer existed from the date of such change of circumstances and refuse to make any payment under it in respect of any claim made or any loss occurring after that date. **You** must reimburse all payments already made by **us** relating to claims made or losses occurring after such date. **We** will be entitled to retain all premiums paid.
 - b. If **we** establish that **you** failed to notify **us** of a change of circumstances or to make a fair presentation of the risk to **us** when providing **us** with information in relation to a change of circumstances, but that **your** failure was not deliberate or reckless, the remedy **we** will have available to **us** will depend upon what **we** would have done had **you** fairly presented the change of circumstances to **us**, as follows:
 - i. if **we** would have cancelled this **policy**, **we** may treat it as cancelled from the date that such cancellation would have been effective and refuse to make any payment under it in respect of any claim made or any incident occurring after that date. **You** must reimburse any payments already made by **us** relating to claims made or losses occurring after such date. **We** will refund any premiums **you** have paid in respect of any period after the date when cancellation would have been effective; or
 - ii. if **we** would have provided this **policy** on different terms (other than as to premium), **we** will treat it as if it had been provided on such different terms from the date when **your** circumstances changed. This may result in **us** making no payment for a particular claim or loss.

General terms and conditions

Reasonable precautions	5. You must take reasonable steps to prevent accident or injury and to protect your property against loss or damage. You must keep any property insured under this policy in good condition and repair. We will not make any payment under this policy in respect of any incident occurring whilst you are not in compliance with this condition unless you can demonstrate that such non-compliance could not have increased the risk of the loss, damage, accident or injury occurring in the circumstances in which it occurred.
Premium payment	6. We will not make any payment under this policy until you have paid the premium.
Cancellation	7. You or we can cancel the policy by giving 30 days' written notice. We will give you a pro-rata refund of the premium for the remaining portion of the period of insurance after the effective date of cancellation for which you have already paid. However, we will not refund any premium under £20. If we have agreed that you can pay us the premium by instalments and we have not received an instalment 14 days after the due date, we may cancel the policy . In this event, the period of insurance will equate to the period for which premium instalments have been paid to us . We will confirm the cancellation and amended period of insurance to you in writing.
Multiple insureds	8. The most we will pay is the relevant amount shown in the schedule. If more than one insured is named in the schedule, the total amount we will pay will not exceed the amount we would be liable to pay to any one of you . You agree that the insured named in the schedule, or if there is more than one insured named in the schedule the first of them, is authorised to receive all notices and agree any amendments to the policy .
Aggregate limit	9. Where this policy specifies an aggregate limit, this means our maximum payment for all relevant claims or losses covered under the policy during the period of insurance .
Rights of third parties	10. You and we are the only parties to this policy . Nothing in this policy is intended to give any person any right to enforce any term of this policy which that person would not have had but for the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999.
Other insurance	11. We will not make any payment under this policy where you would be entitled to be paid under any other insurance if this policy did not exist except in respect of any amount in excess of the amount that would have been payable under such other insurance had this policy not been effected. If such other insurance is provided by us the most we will pay under this policy will be reduced by the amount payable under such other insurance.
Cover under multiple sections	12. Where you , including anyone within the meaning of 'you' or 'insured person' in any section of the policy , are entitled to cover under more than one section of the policy in respect of the same claim or loss, or any part of a claim or loss, we shall only provide cover under one section of the policy , being the section that provides the most advantageous cover to you or the party entitled to cover.
Governing law	13. Unless some other law is agreed in writing, this policy will be governed by the laws of England.
Arbitration	14. Any dispute arising out of or relating to this insurance, including over its construction, application and validity, will be referred to a single arbitrator in accordance with the Arbitration Act then in force.

General claims conditions

The following claims conditions apply to the whole of this **policy**. **You** must also comply with the conditions shown in each section of the **policy** under the heading **Your obligations**.

Your obligations	1. We will not make any payment under this policy unless you : a. give us prompt notice of anything which is likely to give rise to a claim under this policy in accordance with the terms of each section; and b. give us , at your expense, any information which we may reasonably require and co-operate fully in the investigation of any claim under this policy .
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General terms and conditions

2. **You** must:

- a. make every reasonable effort to minimise any loss, damage or liability and take appropriate emergency measures immediately if they are required to reduce any claim; and
- b. give us all assistance which **we** may reasonably require to pursue recovery of amounts **we** may become legally liable to pay under this **policy**, in **your** name but at **our** expense.

If **you** fail to do so, **you** shall be liable to **us** for an amount equal to the detriment **we** have suffered as a result of **your** failure to comply with this obligation, which **we** may deduct from any payment **we** make under this **policy**.

Fraud

3. If **you** or anyone entitled to cover in respect of any claim or loss, or anyone on behalf of you or such other person, tries to deceive **us** by deliberately giving **us** false information or making a fraudulent claim under this **policy** then:

- a. **we** shall be entitled to give **you** notice of termination of the **policy** with effect from the date of any fraudulent act or claim or the provision of such false information;
- b. **we** shall be entitled to refuse to make any payment under the **policy** in respect of any claim made or any loss occurring after the date of any fraudulent act or claim or the provision of such false information;
- c. **you** must reimburse all payments already made by **us** relating to claims made or losses occurring after the date of any fraudulent act or claim or the provision of such false information; and
- d. **we** shall be entitled to retain all premiums paid.

This does not affect **your** rights in relation to any claim made or loss occurring before the date of any fraudulent act or claim or the provision of such false information.

4. Where this **policy** provides cover for any individual who, or entity that, is not a party to the **policy**, and where such an individual or entity (or anyone on their behalf) tries to deceive **us** by deliberately giving **us** false information or making a fraudulent claim under this **policy**, **our** rights set out in 3. above apply only to any individual or entity that gave the false information or made the fraudulent claim.

Professional indemnity for design and construct professionals

Policy wording

Your schedule will indicate if **your policy** includes this section.

The General terms and conditions and the following terms and conditions all apply to this section. Cover under this section is given on an aggregate basis unless otherwise specified.

Please pay special attention to the Notification for adjudication section in the grey box at the end of this section.

Special definitions for this section

Advertising or branding	Advertising, branding, including your company name, trading name and any web domain name, publicity or promotion in or of those of your products or services that expressly fall within your business activity .
Applicable courts	The courts of competent jurisdiction in those countries stated as the applicable courts in the schedule.
Business activity	The activities stated in the schedule, which you perform in the course of your business .
Client	Any person or entity with whom you have engaged or contracted to provide services or deliverables that expressly fall within your business activity .
Computer or digital technology	Any programs , computer network, hardware, software, operational technology, internet-connected device, network-connected device, electronic device, information technology, communications system, including but not limited to any internet-of-things devices, email system, intranet, extranet, website or cloud computing services.
Computer or digital technology error	Any negligent act, error or omission by anyone in the: - creation, handling, entry, modification or maintenance of; or - on-going operation, maintenance (including but not limited to installation, upgrading or patching) or development of. Any computer or digital technology .
Cyber attack	Any digital attack or interference, whether by a hacker or otherwise, designed to: - gain access to; - extract information from; - disrupt access to or the operation of; or - cause damage to: any data or computer or digital technology , including but not limited to any: programs designed to damage, disrupt, extract data from, or gain access to any data or computer or digital technology including, but not limited to, malware, wipers, worms, trojans, rootkits, spyware, dishonest adware, crimeware, ransomware, crypto-jacking and other malicious software or viruses; or - denial of service attack or distributed denial of service attack.
Defence costs	Costs incurred with our prior written agreement to investigate, settle or defend a claim against you .
Hacker	Anyone, including an employee of yours , who gains unauthorised access to or unauthorised use of any: computer or digital technology; or - data held electronically by you or on your behalf.
Personal data	Any information about an individually identifiable natural person, including any information that identifies, relates to, describes, is reasonably capable of being associated with, or could reasonably be linked, directly or indirectly, with a particular individual, including but not limited to

any information protected by the Data Protection Act 2018, General Data Protection Regulation (EU) 2016/679, or any related, similar or successor legislation or regulation in any jurisdiction.

Pollution	Any pollution or contamination, including noise, electromagnetic fields, radiation and radio waves.
Retroactive date	The date stated as the retroactive date in the schedule.
Social engineering communication	Any request directed to you or someone on your behalf by a person improperly seeking to obtain possession or the transfer to a third-party of virtual currency, money, securities, data or property that such person or third-party is not entitled to.
You/your	Also includes any person who was, is or during the period of insurance becomes your partner or director or senior manager in actual control of your operations.

What is covered

Claims against you

- A.
- If during the **period of insurance**, and as a result of **your business activity** for a **client** on or after the **retroactive date** within the **geographical limits**, any party:
- brings a claim, including any injunctive proceedings, against **you** for:
 - negligence or breach of a duty of care arising from the performance of any design or specification, feasibility study, technical information calculation or survey performed by **you** or on **your** behalf by sub-contractors;
 - infringement of intellectual property rights including copyright, trademark or moral rights or any act of passing-off;
 - breach of confidence or misuse of any information, which is either confidential or subject to statutory restrictions on its use;
 - failure to warn that there is a deficiency in any design undertaken by another party; or
 - refers a dispute arising directly from **your** breach of a duty of care to adjudication under the Housing Grants Construction and Regeneration Act 1996 or any similar or successor legislation.

Unless excluded under **What is not covered** below, **we** will indemnify **you** against the sums **you** have to pay as compensation, including any liability for claimants' legal costs and expenses.

We will also pay **defence costs** but **we** will not pay costs for any part of a claim not covered by this section.

Potential claims capable of rectification

If a problem arises which is capable of being rectified but which, if left, is likely to lead to a claim against **you** which would be covered by this section, **we** will pay the expenses **you** reasonably and necessarily incur with **our** prior written agreement in rectifying the problem to avoid the claim. **We** will only do this if **we** agree that these expenses are less than the amount of a potential claim. It is for **you** to satisfy **us** that **you** would be acting reasonably in seeking to rectify the problem in this way. If, following rectification, a claim is still brought against **you**, **we** will deal with it but **our** total payment, including what **we** have already paid, will not exceed the limit of indemnity stated in the schedule.

Advertising claims

- B.
- If during the **period of insurance**, and as a result of **your advertising or branding** on or after the **retroactive date** within the **geographical limits**, any party brings a claim, including any injunctive proceedings, against **you** for:

- infringement of copyright or moral rights; or
- defamation,

unless excluded under **What is not covered** below, **we** will indemnify **you** against the sums **you** have to pay as compensation, including any liability for claimants' legal costs and expenses.

We will also pay **defence costs** but **we** will not pay costs for any part of a claim not covered by this section.

Your own losses

Loss of documents	If during the period of insurance any tangible document of yours which is necessary for the performance of your business activity is physically lost, damaged or destroyed while in your possession, we will pay the reasonable expenses you incur with our prior written agreement in restoring or replacing it. The most we will pay for the total of all such expenses is the relevant amount stated in the schedule.
Criminal proceedings	If you are charged with a criminal offence during the period of insurance under a statute or regulation that applies to your business , we will pay the reasonable costs incurred with our prior written agreement to defend you if, in our opinion, a successful defence may avoid a claim which would be covered by this section.

Additional cover

Court attendance compensation	If any person within the definition of you , or any employee of yours , has to attend court as a witness in connection with a claim against you covered under this section, we will pay you the amount shown in the schedule as compensation for each day or part of a day that their attendance is required by us . The most we will pay for the total of all court attendances is the amount shown in the schedule.
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What is not covered

	A. We will not make any payment for any claim or part of a claim or loss directly or indirectly due to:
Investments	1. any investment advice, financial advice, investment of client funds or any activity regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority, Prudential Regulation Authority or any other similar or successor regulatory body.
Design and survey	2. any design, specification, feasibility study, technical information calculation or survey which is not carried out by or under the direct supervision of a properly qualified engineer, architect, surveyor, quantity surveyor or other person with five years' practical experience of such activity unless notified to us and agreed by us in writing.
Pension schemes	3. any operation or administration of any pension or employee benefit scheme or trust fund, or the sale or purchase of or dealing in any stocks, shares or securities or the misuse of any information relating to them, or any breach of any legislation or regulation related to these activities.
Taxation and competition	4. any liability for any breach of any taxation, competition, restraint of trade or anti-trust legislation or regulation.
Pollution	5. pollution .
Cyber incident	6. or contributed to by, resulting from or in connection with any: cyber attack; hacker; social engineering communication; - any fear or threat of 6.a. to 6.c. above; - any action taken in controlling, preventing, suppressing, responding or in any way relating to 6.a. to 6.d. above.
Discrimination and harassment	7. any discrimination, harassment or unfair treatment, unless arising directly from your breach of a duty of care in the performance of a business activity .
Injury	8. the death of or any bodily or mental injury or disease suffered by: - anyone employed by or working for you and arising out of their work for you; - anyone else, unless arising directly from any design, specification, feasibility study, technical information calculation or survey performed by you or on your behalf by sub-contractors.

Property damage	9. the loss, damage or destruction of any tangible property unless arising directly from any design, specification, feasibility study, technical information calculation or survey performed by you or on your behalf by a sub-contractor. This clause does not apply to your own loss under the Loss of documents cover in What is covered .
Negotiable instruments	10. the loss, damage or destruction of any bearer bonds, coupons, share certificates, stamps, money or other negotiable paper.
Computer or digital technology error	11. or contributed to by, resulting from or in connection with any computer or digital technology error .
Directors and officers' liability	12. any personal liability incurred by a director or officer of yours when acting in that capacity or managing your business , or a breach of any fiduciary duty, or any statement, representation or information concerning you or your business contained in your accounts, reports or financial statements.
Deliberate, reckless or dishonest acts	13. any act, breach, omission or infringement you deliberately, spitefully, dishonestly or recklessly commit, condone or ignore.
Pre-existing problems	14. anything, including any actual or alleged shortcoming in your work, or that of your sub-contractor, or any dispute in connection with a contract, likely to lead to a claim or criminal proceedings being made against you , which you knew or ought reasonably to have known about before the start of the period of insurance .
Date recognition	15. date recognition .
War, terrorism and nuclear	16. or contributed to by, resulting from or in connection with any: a. terrorism; b. war; c. nuclear risks; d. fear or threat of 16.a. to 16.c above; or e. any action taken in controlling preventing, suppressing, responding or in anyway relating to 16.a. to 16.d. above. If there is any dispute between you and us over the application of clause 16.a. above, it will be for you to show that the clause does not apply.
Asbestos	17. asbestos risks .
Contractual liabilities and collateral warranties	18. your agreement to take on any legal liability under any express agreement, warranty, indemnity, waiver or guarantee, unless: a. you would be liable even if you had not given any such agreement, warranty, indemnity, waiver or guarantee; or b. the liability arises from a collateral warranty or duty of care agreement. In either case we will not indemnify you for any liability arising from: a. any fitness for purpose guarantee; b. any greater or longer lasting benefit than that given to the party with whom you originally contracted; c. any express guarantee, contractual penalty or liquidated damages; and d. your agreement to exercise a standard of care greater than would normally be expected in your profession.
Employees	19. anyone's employment with or work for you , or any breach of an obligation owed by you as an employer.
Patent/trade secret	20. any infringement, use, or disclosure of a patent, or any use, disclosure or misappropriation of a trade secret.
Defective workmanship	21. a. your or your sub-contractor's defective workmanship, or any defective materials you , your sub-contractor or a third-party have supplied;

	b. your or your sub-contractor's failure to supervise the work you or any sub-contractor have carried out.
Specialist, designer or consultant work	22. any work performed by a specialist, designer or consultant working for you as a sub-contractor where: you have not taken reasonable steps to ensure that the sub-contractor has, and maintains, professional indemnity insurance with a reputable insurer; and - there is no written contract between you and the sub-contractor which is subject to English or Scottish law.
Overcharging of fees	23. any overcharging of fees or commission by you .
Failure to obtain insurance	24. your failure to obtain and maintain adequate insurance for a project.
Failure to obtain financing	25. your failure to obtain and maintain adequate financing for a project.
Failure to account for money	26. your failure to account for any money received.
Estimates for construction costs	27. your provision of estimates for construction costs.
Insolvency or financial difficulties	28. your insolvency or financial difficulties or the insolvency or financial difficulties of any sub-contractor.
Joint ventures	29. activities carried out in the name of a consortium, joint venture or profit-sharing scheme in which you are a party.
Infrastructure failure	30. contributed to by, resulting from or in connection with any failure or interruption of service provided by an internet service provider, telecommunications provider, utilities supplier or other infrastructure provider.
Trademarks and false advertising	31. Any actual or alleged: - act of passing-off, unauthorised use of another's trademark, name or logo; or - false or misleading advertising in relation to your advertising or branding . B. We will not make any payment for:
Claims brought by a related party	1. any claim brought by an insured within the definition of you or any party with a financial, executive or managerial interest in you , including any parent company or any party in which you have a financial, executive or managerial interest, including any subsidiary company. This does not apply to a claim based on a liability to an independent third-party directly arising out of the performance of your business activity .
Restricted recovery rights	2. that part of any claim where your right of recovery is restricted by any contract.
Lost profit and VAT	3. your lost profit, mark-up or liability for VAT or its equivalent.
Trading losses	4. any trading loss or trading liability including those arising from the loss of any client , account or business.
Non-compensatory payments	5. fines and contractual penalties, tax liabilities or debts, aggravated, punitive or exemplary damages, and also additional damages under section 97(2) of the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988 or any statutory successor to that section.
Claims outside the applicable courts	6. any claim, including arbitration, brought outside the applicable courts . This applies to proceedings in the applicable courts to enforce, or which are based on, a judgment or award from outside the applicable courts .
Adjudication costs	7. a claim referred to adjudication under the Housing Grants Construction and Regeneration Act 1996, or any similar or successor legislation, where your contract with your client failed to provide that: an adjudicator will be appointed to resolve any disputes under the contract;

- b. the adjudicator is independent of the parties to the dispute;
- c. the decision of the adjudicator is not the final determination of the dispute; and
- d. the adjudicator cannot reach a decision on commercial considerations as opposed to the legal liabilities and obligations of the parties in dispute.

Criminal proceedings costs	8. any costs awarded against you as a result of criminal proceedings.
Personal data claims	9. any claim or loss relating to the actual or alleged processing, acquisition, storage, destruction, erasure, loss, alteration, disclosure, use of or access to personal data. However, this does not apply to any covered claim or part of a covered claim made against you by a client which arises directly from your performance of a business activity for that client and which is not otherwise excluded by What is not covered, A. 6. Cyber incidents above. The most we will pay in relation to any such covered claim(s) is the Special Limit stated in the schedule for personal data claims.

How much we will pay

Personal data claims	The most we will pay for the total of all claims or parts of claims against you by a client including defence costs, which arise directly from your performance of a business activity for that client relating to personal data is the relevant amount stated in the schedule, which is included within, and not in addition to, the overall limit of indemnity for this section. You must pay the relevant excess stated in the schedule.
Paying out the limit of indemnity	At any stage of a claim, we can pay you the applicable limit of indemnity or what remains after any earlier payment from that limit, including payments in relation to other claims. We will then have no further liability for that claim or its defence costs.

Your obligations

If a problem arises	1. We will not make any payment under this section unless: a. you notify us promptly of the following within the period of insurance or at the latest within 14 days after it expires for any problem you first become aware of in the seven days before expiry: i. your first awareness of anything, including any actual or alleged shortcoming in any work, which is likely to lead to a claim against you. This includes any criticism of your work even though regarded by you as unjustifiable. If we accept your notification we will regard any subsequent claim as notified to this insurance; ii. any claim or threatened claim against you; iii. your first awareness of any actual or threatened criminal proceedings against you. b. during an adjudication, you comply with any request, direction or timetable of the adjudicator; c. you start, at our expense, any court or arbitration proceedings which we reasonably require to challenge, re-open or stay the enforcement of an adjudication decision. 2. When dealing with your client or a third-party, you must not admit that you are liable for what has happened or make any offer, deal or payment, unless you have our prior written agreement. If you do, we may reduce any payment we make under this policy by an amount equal to the detriment we have suffered as a result.
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Control of defence	We have the right but not the obligation to take control of and conduct in your name, the investigation, settlement or defence of any or any part of a claim. You must give us the information and co-operation which we may reasonably require and take all reasonable steps to defend any claim. You should not do anything which may prejudice our position.
Appointment of legal representation	We have the right, but not the obligation, to select and appoint an adjuster, lawyer or any other appropriate person of our choosing to deal with the claim.
Partially covered claims	We will not pay any part of a claim and its associated costs which is not covered by this section. If a claim is made which is not wholly covered by this section or is brought against you and any other party who is not covered under this section, then at the outset of the claim, we and you agree to use best efforts to determine a fair allocation of covered and non-covered parts of any claim or associated costs, including defence costs on the basis of the relative legal and financial exposures.
Advancement of defence costs	We will pay defence costs covered by this section on an ongoing basis prior to the final resolution of any claim. However, we will not pay any defence costs in connection with any claim or part of a claim which is not covered under this section. You must reimburse us for any defence costs paid where it is determined there is no entitlement under this section.
Payment of full limit of indemnity	We have no further duty to indemnify you against any claim where we pay you the applicable limit of indemnity as described in How much we will pay , Paying out the limit of indemnity, or if the overall limit of indemnity stated in the schedule has been exhausted.
Payment of excess	Our duty to make any payment under this section arises only after the applicable excess is fully paid. The excess will only be eroded by the covered parts of a claim.
Disputes	For the purposes of Control of defence in this section of the policy, General condition 14, Arbitration, within the General terms and conditions is amended to read as follows: Any dispute as to whether to settle or to continue the defence of a claim or as to the fair allocation of any partially covered claim and its associated costs, will be referred to a single Queen's Counsel (or equivalent in this or any other jurisdiction) to be mutually agreed or in the absence of such agreement to be nominated by the President of the Law Society of England & Wales. The opinion of such Queen's Counsel shall be binding on you and us in relation to matters referred under this clause. The costs of such opinion shall be met by us.
Notification for adjudication	In view of the strict timetable relating to an adjudication you must notify us by email within two (2) working days of your receipt of any notice of an intention to adjudicate, or of your intention to serve such a notice which may lead to a claim against you being dealt with by adjudication. You should make this notification directly to us, and not through your insurance adviser if you use one, at hisliability.claims@hiscox.com. We will not indemnify you under this insurance unless you comply with the above.

Management liability – directors and officers’ liability

Policy wording

Your schedule will indicate if **your policy** includes this section.

The General terms and conditions and the following terms and conditions all apply to this section. Cover under this section is given on an each and every claim or loss basis unless otherwise specified.

Special definitions for this section

Applicable courts	The courts of competent jurisdiction in those countries stated as the applicable courts in the schedule.
Bodily injury	Mental or emotional distress, sickness, disease, bodily injury or death suffered by anyone.
Bail costs	Costs incurred with our prior written agreement to pay for a bond or other financial instrument to guarantee an insured person’s bail or equivalent in any other jurisdiction.
Claim	- Any written demand or civil, criminal, regulatory or arbitration proceeding first made against an insured person during the period of insurance alleging a wrongful act and seeking monetary damages or other legal relief or penalty. - Any extradition proceeding made against an insured person during the period of insurance.
Computer or digital technology	Any programs , computer network, hardware, software, operational technology, internet-connected device, network-connected device, electronic device, information technology, communications system, including but not limited to any internet-of-things devices, email system, intranet, extranet, website or cloud computing services.
Cyber attack	Any digital attack or interference, whether by a hacker or otherwise, designed to disrupt access to, the operation of or cause damage to any data or computer or digital technology, including but not limited to any: programs designed to damage, disrupt, extract data from, or gain unauthorised access to computer or digital technology including, but not limited to, malware, wipers, worms, trojans, rootkits, spyware, dishonest adware, crimeware, ransomware, crypto-jacking and other malicious software or viruses; or - denial of service attack or distributed denial of service attack.
Data subject	Any natural person who is the subject of personal data .
Defence costs	- Reasonable costs, not including any overheads, additional costs or remuneration, incurred with our prior written agreement to investigate, settle or defend any claim made against an insured person or to fund an appeal, including any premium paid for an appeal bond or similar bond obtained in relation to it, arising from any judgment, decision or award in relation to any claim. Emergency defence costs.
Deprivation of assets expenses	The amounts for which an insured person is contractually committed to pay for: - school fees for the insured person’s immediate family; - rent or mortgage payments on the insured person’s principal residence, not including any mortgage overpayments; - utilities supplied to the insured person’s principal residence; and - insurance premiums that are personal to the insured person and their immediate family.
Emergency defence costs	Reasonable and necessary costs, not including any overheads, additional costs or remuneration to investigate or defend any claim (other than an employment claim) made against an insured person , where it is not possible to obtain our prior written agreement, provided that you or the insured person notify us as soon as possible after such sums are incurred.

Emergency legal representation costs	Reasonable and necessary costs, not including any overheads, additional costs or remuneration to investigate or respond to any investigation , where it is not possible to obtain our prior written agreement, provided that you or the insured person notify us as soon as possible after such sums are incurred.
Employee	- Any person under a contract of service with you. - Any independent person seconded to you. - Any applicant or candidate for employment with you.
Employee contract benefits	Any amounts awarded to an employee in respect of: - remuneration, including incentives, bonus, commission, health benefits, holiday or notice pay, whether under statute or contract; - family leave payments, including maternity pay, paternity pay, parental leave pay, shared parental leave pay or adoption pay, whether under contract or statute; - amounts due under an employee benefit or pension scheme; - share or stock options; - deferred compensation; or - equal pay or redundancy pay.
Employment claim	Any claim by any employee for any actual or alleged: - wrongful, unfair or constructive dismissal, discharge or termination of employment; - breach of written or implied contract of employment; - employment related misrepresentation; - wrongful deprivation of a career opportunity, failure to grant tenure or negligent employee evaluation; - harassment, unlawful discrimination or failure to provide adequate employee procedures and policies; - retaliation; or - defamation or invasion of privacy, arising solely as a result of the employment or non-employment by you of such employee.
Extradition proceeding	Any proceeding commenced under the provisions of the United Kingdom Extradition Act 2003 or any similar or successor legislation in any other jurisdiction, including any associated appeals.
Hacker	Anyone, including an employee of yours, who gains unauthorised access to or unauthorised use of any: computer or digital technology; or - data held electronically by you or on your behalf.
Health and safety/ manslaughter claim	Any claim under the provisions of the Corporate Manslaughter and Homicide Act 2007 or the Health & Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 or any similar or successor legislation.
Health and safety/ manslaughter investigation	Any investigation under the provisions of the Corporate Manslaughter and Homicide Act 2007 or the Health & Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 or any similar or successor legislation.
Insured person	- Any natural person who was, is, or during the period of insurance becomes a director, partner, member or officer of you. - Any de facto director of you whilst acting in such capacity for you. - Any shadow director as defined under Section 251 of the Companies Act 2006 or any similar or successor legislation in any other jurisdiction. - Any employee of you. - The lawful spouse, civil or unmarried partner of any person in 1 to 4 above solely because of their spousal, civil or unmarried partner relationship following a claim or investigation against that person.

6. The estates, heirs or legal representatives of any person in 1 to 5 above who has died or become incapacitated, insolvent or bankrupt but only for a **claim** or **investigation** against that person.

Insured person does not include any external auditor or any liquidator, receiver, administrative receiver or other insolvency practitioner or officer of **you** or **your** assets.

Investigation

An official examination, official enquiry or official investigation into **your business** activities, or into an **insured person**, arising from activities performed in their capacity as an **insured person**, first notified as being required during the **period of insurance** and conducted by any regulator, government department or other body legally empowered.

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 solely related to **your** or any **insured person's** conduct.

Investigation mitigation costs

Reasonable and necessary costs incurred by an **insured person** to prevent or minimise the likelihood of an **investigation** or mitigate the potential consequences of an **investigation** which, if such steps were not taken, would be likely to result in an **investigation** being brought against such **insured person** that would be covered by this section of the **policy** or would be likely to increase the severity of such an **investigation**.

Legal representation costs

1. Reasonable and necessary legal costs, fees, charges and expenses, not including any overheads, additional costs or remuneration, for which **you** are legally liable, incurred with **our** prior written agreement for legal representation directly in relation to an **investigation**.
2. **Emergency legal representation costs**.

Loss

In respect of a **claim** or **investigation** the amount any **insured person** becomes legally liable to pay, including following a settlement entered into with **our** written agreement, for:

1. awards of damages, including punitive, exemplary and multiplied damages and civil fines and penalties if insurable in the jurisdiction where such award was first ordered;
2. claimants' legal costs and expenses;
3. **defence costs** and **legal representation costs**; and
4. **public relations expenses**.

Loss does not include any criminal fines or penalties, regulator's costs or expenses (including Health and Safety Executive fees for intervention or similar regulator's costs and expenses), taxes (except for personal tax liability), remuneration, **employee contract benefits**, or punitive, exemplary and multiplied damages in relation to an **employment claim**.

Outside entity

Any organisation other than **you**:

1. that is tax exempt and not for profit; or
2. in which **you** hold any issued share.

Outside entity does not include:

1. any company which is registered or domiciled outside of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man or Gibraltar;
2. any company whose securities are traded on any stock exchange in the USA or Canada; or
3. any bank, investment company, investment advisor or manager, hedge or mutual fund, private equity or venture capital company, stock brokerage, insurer, or any similar financial organisation or institution including any organisation regulated by the FCA, PRA or any similar regulator.

Personal data

Any information about an individually identifiable natural person, including but not limited to such information protected by the Data Protection Act 2018 or the General Data Protection Regulation (EU) 2016/679, including any similar or successor legislation or regulation.

Pollution

Any actual, alleged or threatened discharge, seepage, treatment, removal, disposal, dispersal, emission, release or escape of any solid, liquid, gaseous or thermal contaminant or irritant, including, but not limited to, lead, smoke, oil, oil products, dust, fibres, soot, fumes, acids, alkalis, chemicals or waste (including materials that have been or are intended to be recycled, reconditioned or reclaimed), or any regulatory order, direction or request to test for, monitor, remove, contain, treat, detoxify, or neutralise any such material.

Pre-investigation costs	Reasonable and necessary costs incurred by an insured person with our prior written agreement to notify a regulator, government department or other body legally empowered of any material breach, incident or event occurring within the geographical limits where such notice is obligatory and it is likely that a covered investigation will be brought as a result of the notification.
Prior and pending date	The date on which you first purchased directors' and officers' liability insurance that has run continuously without a break in cover. If since that date you have merged or consolidated with another company, or any party has acquired more than 50% of your issued share capital or the majority of your voting rights, the 'prior and pending date' will be the date of such merger, consolidation or acquisition.
Property damage	The loss, damage or destruction of any tangible property including loss of use of such property.
Public relations expenses	The reasonable and necessary costs incurred with our prior written agreement in utilising the services of a public relations consultant.
Securities	Any debt or equity interest in you .
Social engineering communication	Any request directed to you or someone on your behalf by a person improperly seeking to obtain possession or the transfer to a third-party of virtual currency, money, securities, data or property that such person or third-party is not entitled to.
Subsidiary	Any entity domiciled in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man or Gibraltar in which you: - own directly or through one or more of your subsidiaries more than 50% of the share capital or a majority of the voting rights or have the right to appoint or remove a majority of the entity's board of directors; or - control a majority of its voting rights under a written agreement with other shareholders or members. If an entity ceases to be a subsidiary during the period of insurance, cover will continue but only for a claim or investigation against an insured person arising from any wrongful act, act, incident or occurrence performed, taking place, or alleged to have taken place before it ceased to be a subsidiary.
Unintentional error	Any error or omission by anyone that was not intentional or deliberate.
Wrongful act	Any actual or alleged act, error or omission committed or attempted by an insured person arising from the performance of the insured person's duties solely in their capacity as a director, partner, member, officer or employee of: you; or - for the purposes of the cover in What is covered, Outside entity, an outside entity, including: - breach of any duty, including fiduciary or statutory duty, breach of confidence; - breach of trust; - negligence, negligent misstatement, misleading statement or negligent misrepresentation; - defamation; - wrongful trading under Section 214 of the Insolvency Act 1986 or any similar or successor legislation, including its equivalent legislation in any other jurisdiction; - breach of warranty of authority; or - any other act, error or omission attempted or allegedly committed or attempted by an insured person solely because of their status as a director, partner, member, officer or employee of you.
You/your	Also includes any subsidiary: existing at the start of the period of insurance;

2. created or acquired during the **period of insurance** provided that the newly created or acquired **subsidiary** does not trade any of its securities on any stock exchange.

What is covered

1. Claims against an insured person

Losses including defence costs

Health and safety/
manslaughter

Pension or employee
benefit schemes

Pollution

Employment claims

Outside entity

Cyber incidents

Emergency defence costs

- a. **We** will pay on behalf of any **insured person** the **loss** arising from a **claim** against any **insured person** for any **wrongful act** within the **geographical limits**, including any:
 - i. **health and safety/ manslaughter claim**;
 - ii. **claim** arising from an **insured person's** operation or administration of any pension or employee benefit scheme or trust fund of **yours**;
 - iii. **claim** arising from **pollution**;
 - iv. **employment claim**. This cover does not apply if the **insured person** is covered under the **Management liability – employment practices liability** section of this **policy**;
 - v. **claim** arising directly from any activity performed by an **insured person** in their capacity as a director or officer of an **outside entity**, provided that the **insured person** acts in that capacity at **your** specific written request. However, **we** will only pay in excess of any indemnity provided by the **outside entity** to its directors, partners, members or officers or any other insurance available to such individuals for such **claim**; or
 - vi. **claim** arising from the management of, or response to, any **cyber attack** or other cyber-related incident or event.
- b. **We** will pay **emergency defence costs** in relation to a covered **claim**.

2. Investigations

Losses including legal representation costs

Health and safety/
manslaughter

Pension or employee
benefit schemes

Pollution

Outside entity

Investigation mitigation costs

- a. **We** will pay on behalf of any **insured person** the **loss** arising from an **investigation** arising from any **wrongful act**, act, incident or occurrence performed, taking place, or alleged to have taken place within the **geographical limits**, including any:
 - i. **health and safety/ manslaughter investigation**;
 - ii. **investigation** arising from an **insured person's** operation or administration of any pension or employee benefit scheme or trust fund of **yours**;
 - iii. **investigation** arising from **pollution**; or
 - iv. **investigation** arising directly from any activity performed by an **insured person** in their capacity as a director or officer of an **outside entity**, provided that the **insured person** acts in that capacity at **your** specific written request. However, **we** will only pay in excess of any indemnity provided by the **outside entity** to its directors or officers or any other insurance available to such individuals for such **investigation**.
- b. **We** will also pay **investigation mitigation costs** in relation to a covered **investigation**, provided that:
 - i. where reasonably possible, the **insured person** must obtain **our** prior written agreement before incurring such costs. Where it is not possible to obtain **our** written agreement, the **insured person** must notify **us** as soon as possible after such sums are incurred; and
 - ii. **we** will not pay for the costs incurred in dealing with routine business, regulatory, legal, compliance or other matters, which could lead to an **investigation** if not complied with.

We will not make any payment for any part of an **investigation** not covered by this section.

Pre-investigation costs

- c. **We** will pay **pre-investigation costs** in relation to a covered **investigation**.

Emergency legal representation costs

- d. **We** will pay **emergency legal representation costs** in relation to a covered **investigation**.

3. Entity reimbursement

We will pay on **your** behalf the **loss** which **you** are legally obliged or permitted to pay on behalf of an **insured person** arising from a covered **claim** or **investigation**. If **you** are permitted or obliged to provide such payment but fail to do so for any reason other than **your** insolvency, regardless of whether **you** advanced payment or indemnified an **insured person** for such **loss**, **we** will pay the amount of the **claim** or **investigation** less any relevant **excess**.

4. Additional covers

Extradition proceedings

- i. the **loss** arising from any **extradition proceeding** against any **insured person** during the **period of insurance** arising from any **wrongful act**, act, incident or occurrence performed, taking place or alleged to have taken place within the **geographical limits**;

Deprivation of assets expenses

- ii. their **deprivation of assets expenses**, if, as a direct result of a covered **claim** or **investigation**, an interim or interlocutory order:
- a. confiscating, controlling, suspending or freezing rights of ownership of real property or personal assets of an **insured person**; or
 - b. creating a charge over real property or the personal assets of the **insured person**; is made, other than where the court has made an allowance for the **insured person** in respect of such sums;

Public relations expenses

- iii. **public relations expenses** following a covered **claim** or **investigation** to mitigate the actual or potential adverse effect on their reputation by disseminating news of a final adjudication that absolved them of any fault. The **insured person** must obtain **our** prior written agreement before incurring such costs;

Bail costs

- iv. **bail costs** arising from a covered **claim** or **investigation**;

Personal tax liability

- v. their liability occurring in the **period of insurance** within the **geographical limits** under any insolvency rules or insolvency legislation to pay **your** unpaid taxes following **your** insolvency, dissolution, administration or winding up, where such liability arises solely as a result of the **insured person's** status as **your** director, partner, member or officer;

Additional defence costs and legal representation costs

- vi. additional **defence costs** and **legal representation costs** in the event that the limit of indemnity for this section is exhausted, provided that the **insured person** has previously not been the subject of a **claim** or **investigation** that led to the exhaustion of the limit of indemnity for this section.

Where an **insured person** has been the subject of such a **claim** or **investigation**, any amount **we** will pay on behalf of that individual will be reduced by an amount equal to the amount of that **claim** or **investigation** or the part of that **claim** or **investigation** relating to such individual.

We will only pay in excess of any other insurance available to such individuals.

Court attendance compensation

- b. If any **insured person** has to attend court as a witness in connection with a **claim** or **investigation** covered under this section, **we** will pay **you** compensation for each day, or part of a day that their attendance is required by **us**.

Loss of data resulting from a cyber incident

- c. **We** will pay on behalf of any **insured person** the **loss** arising from a **claim** against that **insured person**, including any **claim** by any **data subjects** relating to **personal data**, where any such **claim** is based upon, attributable to or arising from any loss or misuse of data as a direct result of a **cyber attack**, a **hacker** or that **insured person's** own unintentional error. **We** will not cover **defence costs** in relation to such **claims**.

What is not covered

We will not make any payment for any **claim, loss, investigation**, or any other liability under this section:

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| Deliberate or dishonest acts | <p>1. against or suffered by an insured person based upon, attributable to or arising out of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. a dishonest or fraudulent act or omission or any intentional breach of any statute or regulation; b. an act intended to secure or which does secure a personal profit or advantage to which the individual concerned was not legally entitled; c. an act intended to secure or which does secure a profit for any other company or entity to which that company or entity was not legally entitled, <p>where such act or omission was committed or condoned by that insured person.</p> <p>These exclusions will only apply after a judgment or other final adjudication or an admission by the insured person that such act or omission did occur. In the event of such finding or admission, the insured person must reimburse all payments made by us in relation to the corresponding claim, loss or investigation.</p> |
| Prior claims and litigation | <p>2. based upon, attributable to or arising out of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. anything that has been reported to and accepted under any policy existing or expired, before the start of the period of insurance; or b. any prior or pending litigation or proceedings, including allegations deriving from the same or essentially the same facts, involving an insured person, you or an outside entity, initiated before the prior and pending date. |
| Securities offerings | <p>3. based upon, attributable to or arising out of any claim or investigation in relation to any actual public offering of your securities.</p> <p>This exclusion does not apply to a failed public offering of your securities.</p> |
| Claims brought by a related party in the United States of America | <p>4. based upon, attributable to or arising out of any claim brought or maintained by you, an outside entity or an insured person within or subject to the laws of the United States of America. This exclusion will not apply to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. defence costs; b. any shareholder derivative proceedings in your name without your or any insured person's solicitation, assistance or participation; c. any claim brought by your liquidator, receiver or administrative receiver or similar body; d. any employment claim; e. any claim made by a former insured person; or f. any claim seeking a contribution or indemnity if such claim is otherwise covered by this section. |
| Bodily injury and property damage | <p>5. for bodily injury or property damage. This exclusion does not apply to any health and safety/manslaughter claim. However, we will not in any event make any payment for any health and safety/manslaughter claim arising from the use, ownership or possession of any motor vehicle in relation to which the insured person is obliged under any compulsory insurance law to maintain insurance.</p> |
| Pollution clean-up costs | <p>6. based upon, attributable to or arising out of any:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. statutory, contractual or common law obligation you or an insured person have to clean up or remedy any pollution or contamination; or b. land or property being identified as contaminated land under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 or any similar or successor legislation. |
| Takeovers and mergers | <p>7. based upon, attributable to or arising out of any wrongful act, act, incident or occurrence performed, taking place, or alleged to have taken, after:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. you merge or consolidate with another company; or b. any party acquires: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. more than 50% of your issued share capital; |

	ii. the majority of your voting rights; or iii. the right to appoint or remove a majority of your board of directors.
Changes to subsidiaries	8. based upon, attributable to or arising out of any wrongful act, act, incident or occurrence performed, taking place, or alleged to have taken place: a. before the date of creation or acquisition by you of such subsidiary; or b. after an entity ceases to be a subsidiary.
Financial advantage	9. based upon, attributable to or arising out of the gaining of any financial advantage to which the insured person was not entitled, including the repayment of any wrongfully received monies.
Defined benefit pension schemes	10. based upon, attributable to or arising out of an insured person's operation or administration of any defined benefit pension scheme or their breach of any legislation or regulation relating to these activities.
Claims outside the applicable courts	11. first brought outside the applicable courts. This exclusion also applies to proceedings in the applicable courts to enforce, or which are based on, a judgment or award from outside the applicable courts.
Cyber incidents	12. based upon, attributable to or arising out of any: a. cyber attack; b. hacker; c. unintentional error in or affecting any computer or digital technology; d. social engineering communication; or e. claims by any data subjects relating to personal data arising from a. to d. above. This exclusion does not apply to any claim: i. covered under What is covered, 4. Additional covers, c. Loss of data resulting from a cyber incident; or ii. brought by you, any shareholder or creditor of yours or any insured person, directly due to the insured person's management of or response to, a. to d. above. Where a claim is covered under i. and ii. above, we will treat the claim as covered under i. We will not cover defence costs in relation to such claims.

Special conditions

General terms	The General definitions, General conditions and General claims conditions set out in the General terms and conditions all apply equally to each insured person and to you, except for General condition 6, Premium payment which applies only to you. General conditions 3 and 4 shall not apply to this section. General condition 7. Cancellation shall only apply to this section at the end of the period of insurance or the anniversary date whichever comes first. You agree to act on behalf of all the insured persons as regards paying the premium and giving or receiving notice of all matters relevant to this section.
Information provided by an insured person	All information which any insured person provided before we agreed to insure you will be considered as a separate application for each insured person and as such the knowledge of or any statement made by an insured person will not be imputed to any other insured person for the purposes of determining whether cover is available for any claim or investigation against such other insured person.
Severability of exclusions	When determining the applicability of the exclusions within What is not covered, the wrongful act, act, incident or occurrence performed, taking place, or alleged to have taken place of one insured person shall not be imputed onto any other insured person who neither committed nor condoned such wrongful act, act, incident or occurrence.

Extended notification period

If:

1. **we** or **you** refuse to renew this section of the **policy** for any reason other than non-payment of premium, administration, liquidation or insolvency; or
2. **you** merge or consolidate with another entity or any party acquires more than 50% of **your** issued share capital or the majority of **your** voting rights during the **period of insurance**;

you or any **insured person** may make a request to **us** in writing for an extended notification period, which will be granted at **our** sole discretion. If **we** agree to such request, the extended notification period will be granted in accordance with the options stated below:

One-year period	200% of the annual premium for this section
Two-year period	300% of the annual premium for this section
Three-year period	400% of the annual premium for this section

The premium for any extended notification period to which **we** agree must be paid to **us** within 90 days following the end of the **period of insurance**.

If **you** or an **insured person** does so:

1. **we** will cover an **insured person** for any covered **claim, loss** or **investigation** arising during the extended notification period, subject to the terms and conditions of this section. **We** will not cover any **wrongful act**, act, incident or occurrence performed, taking place, or alleged to have taken place after the end of the original **period of insurance**; and
2. the first paragraph 1a. under **Your obligations** in this section will then be amended to: unless **you** or any **insured person** notifies **us** as soon as reasonably practicable and within the **period of insurance** or the extended notification period of the following:

The limit of indemnity for any extended notification period will be part of and not in addition to the limit of indemnity stated in the schedule.

The entire premium for this section is considered fully earned at the beginning of any extended notification period. **We** will not refund any premium if **you** or any **insured person** cancels the extended notification period before it ends.

We will not in any event agree to any request from **you** or any **insured person** to purchase an extended notification period if:

1. cover under this section is continued solely as a result of the former directors special condition or an extended notification period;
2. this section of the **policy** is replaced or succeeded by any other policy providing directors' and officers' liability cover; or
3. this section or the **policy** is cancelled, other than by **you** on an anniversary date.

If **we** offer renewal terms, conditions, limits of liability or premium different from those of the expiring policy, this does not constitute a refusal to renew.

Management buy-outs

If during the **period of insurance** the existing management conduct a management buy-out, **we** agree to provide cover to the same level and terms of this **policy** for the new company for a period of 30 days from the buy-out date for any **wrongful act**, act, incident or occurrence performed, or taking place, or alleged to have taken place by any individual **insured person** subsequent to the buy-out.

We will only provide such cover if the new company is domiciled in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man or Gibraltar.

This cover will only apply excess of any other insurance and indemnification available from any other source.

Former directors

In the event that **you** do not renew or replace this section of the **policy**, and only in respect of any **insured person** who ceases to be a director, partner, member or officer of **you** prior to the date of non-renewal for reasons other than disqualification from holding such position or **your** insolvency, administration or liquidation, this section shall continue in force indefinitely from the date of non-renewal, provided that:

1. this section shall only apply to **claims** or **investigations** arising from any **wrongful act**, act, incident or occurrence performed, or taking place, or alleged to have taken place prior to the date that the **insured person** ceased to be a director, partner, member or officer of **you**;

2. no similar insurance is effected elsewhere; and
3. this section or the **policy** has not been cancelled, other than by **you** on an anniversary date.

How much we will pay

The most **we** will pay for each **claim, loss, investigation**, or any other covered liability, including their **defence costs** and **legal representation costs** is the limit of indemnity stated in the schedule.

All **claims, losses, investigations**, or any other covered liabilities and circumstances likely to give rise to a **claim, loss, investigation**, or any other covered liability, which arise from the same original cause, a single source or a repeated or continuing shortcoming will be regarded as one claim under the **policy**. This includes **claims, losses, investigations**, and any other covered liabilities arising after, as well as during, the **period of insurance**.

Each **claim, loss, investigation**, or other covered liability shall be treated as first made when **we** receive notice of the first **claim, loss, investigation**, or other covered liability.

You must pay any relevant **excess** stated in the schedule.

Paying out the limit of indemnity

At any stage of a **claim, investigation**, or any other covered liability, **we** can pay the **insured person** the applicable limit of indemnity or what remains after any earlier payment from that limit. **We** will then have no further liability for that **claim, loss, investigation** or any other covered liability.

Special limits

All special limits below are included within, and not in addition to, the limit of indemnity stated on the schedule.

The most **we** will pay in total for each item below is the corresponding amount stated in the schedule, regardless of the number of **claims, losses** or **investigations**, or any other covered liabilities:

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| Public relations expenses | 1. public relations expenses ; |
| Emergency defence costs | 2. emergency defence costs ; |
| Emergency legal representation costs | 3. emergency legal representation costs ; |
| Deprivation of assets expenses | 4. deprivation of assets expenses ; |
| Personal tax liability | 5. cover under What is covered, 4. Additional covers , v. Personal tax liability; |
| Investigation mitigation costs | 6. investigation mitigation costs ; |
| Pre-investigation costs | 7. pre-investigation costs ; |
| Bail costs | 8. bail costs ; |
| Court attendance compensation | 9. court attendance compensation, including any court attendance compensation payable under any Management liability sections of this policy ; and |
| Loss of data resulting from a cyber incident | 10. cover under What is covered, 4. Additional covers , c. Loss of data resulting from a cyber incident. |

Additional cover

The limit below is in addition to the limit of indemnity stated on the schedule.

Additional defence costs and legal representation costs

The most **we** will pay in total for all **defence costs** and **legal representation costs** under **What is covered, 4. Additional cover**, vi. Additional defence costs and legal representation costs, is the amount stated in the schedule, regardless of the number of **claims** and **investigations**.

Your obligations

Notification

1. **We** will not make any payment under this section:

- a. unless **you** or any **insured person** notifies **us** as soon as reasonably practicable of the following within the **period of insurance** or at the latest within 90 days after it expires for any problem **you** or such **insured person** becomes aware of within the 30 days before expiry:
 - i. the **insured person's** first awareness of any **wrongful act** that is likely to lead to a **claim**;
 - ii. any **claim** or anything likely to lead to a **claim** against an **insured person**;
 - iii. any **investigation** into **you** or an **insured person**;
 - iv. the threat or commencement of any disqualification proceedings against any **insured person**; or
 - v. the **insured person's** first awareness of any act, omission or occurrence that is likely to lead to any other covered liability,
 - b. to any **insured person** if, prior to the **period of insurance**, such **insured person** had knowledge of a material misstatement in or omission from the information provided to **us** upon which **we** agreed to insure **you**.
2. When dealing with a third party, **you** or the **insured person** must not admit that **you** or the **insured person** are liable for what has happened, or make any offer, deal or payment without **our** prior written agreement. If **you** or an **insured person** does, **we** may reduce any payment **we** make under this **policy** by an amount equal to the detriment **we** have suffered as a result.

Control of defence and payment under this section

You and any **insured person** must give **us** the information and co-operation which **we** may reasonably require and take all reasonable steps to defend any **claim**, **investigation**, or any other covered liability. **You** and the **insured person** should not do anything which may prejudice **our** position.

We have the right, but not the obligation, to take control of and conduct in **your** name or the name of any **insured person**, the investigation, settlement or defence of any **claim**, **investigation**, or any other covered liability. If **we** think it necessary **we** will appoint an adjuster, solicitor or any other appropriate person to deal with the **claim**, **investigation**, or any other covered liability.

Where there is a dispute between **us** and any **insured person** over cover, proposed settlement or continuing the defence of a **claim**, **investigation**, or any other covered liability, the **insured person** or **we** may request the obtainment of an opinion from a mutually agreed Queens Counsel or equivalent in a different jurisdiction. Such opinion shall be binding on **us** and **you** and any **insured person** and will establish whether policy cover exists, defence of said **claim**, **investigation**, or any other covered liability will continue or settlement will be agreed. The costs of such opinion shall be met by **us**.

We shall pay **defence costs** and **legal representation costs**, above any **excess**, covered by this section on an ongoing basis prior to the final resolution of any **claim**, **investigation**, or any other covered liability. **You** and/or any **insured person** must reimburse **us** for any **defence costs** and **legal representation costs** paid where it is determined there is no entitlement under this section.

If a **claim** or **investigation** is made which is not wholly covered by this section or is also made against an **insured person** and any other party which is not covered under this section, **we** and the **insured person** shall use our best endeavours to agree a fair allocation between **loss** that is covered and **loss** not covered by this section.

Management liability – trustees and individual liability (charity, club, association and not for profit)

Policy wording

Your schedule will indicate if **your policy** includes this section.

The General terms and conditions and the following terms and conditions all apply to this section. Cover under this section is given on an each and every claim or loss basis unless otherwise specified.

Special definitions for this section

Applicable courts	The courts of competent jurisdiction in those countries stated as the applicable courts in the schedule.
Bail costs	Costs incurred with our prior written agreement to pay for a bond or other financial instrument to guarantee an insured person's bail or equivalent in any other jurisdiction.
Bodily injury	Mental or emotional distress, sickness, disease, bodily injury or death suffered by anyone.
Claim	- Any written demand or civil, criminal, regulatory or arbitration proceeding first made against an insured person during the period of insurance alleging a wrongful act and seeking monetary damages or other legal relief or penalty. - Any extradition proceeding made against an insured person during the period of insurance.
Computer or digital technology	Any programs , computer network, hardware, software, operational technology, internet-connected device, network-connected device, electronic device, information technology, communications system, including but not limited to any internet-of-things devices, email system, intranet, extranet, website or cloud computing services.
Cyber attack	Any digital attack or interference, whether by a hacker or otherwise, designed to disrupt access to, the operation of or cause damage to any data or computer or digital technology, including but not limited to any: programs designed to damage, disrupt, extract data from, or gain unauthorised access to computer or digital technology including, but not limited to, malware, wipers, worms, trojans, rootkits, spyware, dishonest adware, crimeware, ransomware, crypto-jacking and other malicious software or viruses; or - denial of service attack or distributed denial of service attack.
Data subject	Any natural person who is the subject of personal data .
Defence costs	- Reasonable costs, not including any overheads, additional costs or remuneration, incurred with our prior written agreement to investigate, settle or defend any claim made against an insured person or to fund an appeal, including any premium paid for an appeal bond or similar bond obtained in relation to it, arising from any judgment, decision or award in relation to any claim. Emergency defence costs.
Deprivation of assets expenses	The amounts for which an insured person is contractually committed to pay for: - school fees for the insured person's immediate family; - rent or mortgage payments on the insured person's principal residence, not including any mortgage overpayments; - utilities supplied to the insured person's principal residence; and - insurance premiums that are personal to the insured person and their immediate family.
Emergency defence costs	Reasonable and necessary costs, not including any overheads, additional costs or remuneration to investigate or defend any claim (other than an employment claim) made against an insured

person, where it is not possible to obtain **our** prior written agreement, provided that **you** or the **insured person** notify **us** as soon as possible after such sums are incurred.

Emergency legal representation costs

Reasonable and necessary costs, not including any overheads, additional costs or remuneration to investigate or respond to any **investigation**, where it is not possible to obtain **our** prior written agreement, provided that **you** or the **insured person** notify **us** as soon as possible after such sums are incurred.

Employee

1. Any person under a contract of service with **you**.
2. Any independent person seconded to **you**.
3. Any volunteer solely whilst under **your** direct control and supervision in connection with **your business** activities.
4. Any applicant or candidate for employment with **you**.

Employee contract benefits

Any amounts awarded to an **employee** in respect of:

1. remuneration, including incentives, bonus, commission, health benefits, holiday or notice pay, whether under statute or contract;
2. family leave payments, including maternity pay, paternity pay, parental leave pay, shared parental leave pay or adoption pay, whether under contract or statute;
3. amounts due under an employee benefit or pension scheme;
4. share or stock options;
5. deferred compensation; or
6. equal pay or redundancy pay.

Employment claim

Any **claim** by any **employee** for any actual or alleged:

1. wrongful, unfair or constructive dismissal, discharge or termination of employment;
2. breach of written or implied contract of employment;
3. employment related misrepresentation;
4. wrongful deprivation of a career opportunity, failure to grant tenure or negligent employee evaluation;
5. harassment, unlawful discrimination or failure to provide adequate employee procedures and policies;
6. retaliation; or
7. defamation or invasion of privacy;

arising solely as a result of the employment or non-employment by **you** of such **employee** or the treatment of any volunteer whilst undertaking work for **you** and under **your** supervision and control.

Extradition proceeding

Any proceeding commenced under the provisions of the United Kingdom Extradition Act 2003 or any similar or successor legislation in any other jurisdiction, including any associated appeals.

Hacker

Anyone, including an employee of **yours**, who gains unauthorised access to or unauthorised use of any:

1. **computer or digital technology**; or
2. data held electronically by **you** or on **your** behalf.

Health and safety/ manslaughter claim

Any **claim** under the provisions of the Corporate Manslaughter and Homicide Act 2007 or the Health & Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 or any similar or successor legislation.

Health and safety/ manslaughter investigation

Any **investigation** under the provisions of the Corporate Manslaughter and Homicide Act 2007 or the Health & Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 or any similar or successor legislation.

Insured person

1. Any natural person who was, is, or during the **period of insurance** becomes a director, partner, LLP member, committee or board member, trustee or officer of **you**.
2. Any de facto director of **you** whilst acting in such capacity for **you**.
3. Any shadow director of **you** as defined under Section 251 of the Companies Act 2006 or any similar or successor legislation in any other jurisdiction.

4. Any **employee** of **you**.
5. The lawful spouse, civil or unmarried partner of any person in 1 to 4 above solely because of their spousal, civil or unmarried partner relationship, following a **claim** or **investigation** against that person.
6. The estates, heirs or legal representatives of any person in 1 to 5 above who has died or become incapacitated, insolvent or bankrupt but only for a **claim** or **investigation** against that person.

Insured person does not include any external auditor or any liquidator, receiver, administrative receiver or other insolvency practitioner or officer of **you** or **your** assets.

Investigation

An official examination, official enquiry or official investigation into **your business** activities, or into an **insured person**, arising from activities performed in their capacity as an **insured person**, first notified as being required during the **period of insurance** and conducted by the Charity Commission or any regulator, government department or other body legally empowered.

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 solely related to **your** or any **insured person's** conduct.

Investigation mitigation costs

Reasonable and necessary costs incurred by an **insured person** to prevent or minimise the likelihood of an **investigation** or mitigate the potential consequences of an **investigation** which, if such steps were not taken, would be likely to result in an **investigation** being brought against such **insured person** that would be covered by this section of the **policy** or would be likely to increase the severity of such an **investigation**.

Legal representation costs

1. Reasonable and necessary legal costs, fees, charges and expenses, not including any overheads, additional costs or remuneration, for which **you** or an **insured person** are legally liable, incurred with **our** prior written agreement for legal representation directly in relation to an **investigation**.
2. **Emergency legal representation costs**.

Loss

In respect of a **claim** or **investigation** the amount an **insured person** becomes legally liable to pay, including following a settlement entered into with **our** written agreement, for:

1. awards of damages, including punitive, exemplary and multiplied damages, and civil fines and penalties if insurable in the jurisdiction where such award was first ordered;
2. claimants' legal costs and expenses;
3. **defence costs** and **legal representation costs**; and
4. **public relations expenses**.

Loss does not include any criminal fines or penalties, regulator's costs or expenses (including Health and Safety Executive fees for intervention or similar regulator's costs and expenses), taxes (except for personal tax liability), remuneration, **employee contract benefits**, or punitive, exemplary and multiplied damages in relation to an **employment claim**.

Outside entity

Any organisation other than **you**:

1. that is tax exempt and not for profit; or
2. in which **you** hold any issued share.

Outside entity does not include:

1. any company which is registered or domiciled outside of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man or Gibraltar;
2. any company whose securities are traded on any stock exchange in the USA or Canada; or
3. any bank, investment company, investment advisor or manager, hedge or mutual fund, private equity or venture capital company, stock brokerage, insurer, or any similar financial organisation or institution including any organisation regulated by the FCA, PRA or any similar regulator.

Personal data

Any information about an individually identifiable natural person, including but not limited to such information protected by the Data Protection Act 2018 or the General Data Protection Regulation (EU) 2016/679, including any similar or successor legislation or regulation.

Pollution	Any actual, alleged or threatened discharge, seepage, treatment, removal, disposal, dispersal, emission, release or escape of any solid, liquid, gaseous or thermal contaminant or irritant, including, but not limited to, lead, smoke, oil, oil products, dust, fibres, soot, fumes, acids, alkalis, chemicals or waste (including materials that have been or are intended to be recycled, reconditioned or reclaimed), or any regulatory order, direction or request to test for, monitor, remove, contain, treat, detoxify, or neutralise any such material.
Pre-investigation costs	Reasonable and necessary costs incurred by an insured person with our prior written agreement to notify a regulator, government department or other body legally empowered of any material breach, incident or event occurring within the geographical limits where such notice is obligatory and it is likely that a covered investigation will be brought as a result of the notification.
Prior and pending date	The date on which you first purchased trustees and individual liability or other equivalent insurance that has run continuously without a break in cover. If since that date you have merged or consolidated with another company, entity or other organisation, or any party has acquired more than 50% of your issued share capital, assets, or the majority of your voting rights, the 'prior and pending date' will be the date of such merger, consolidation or acquisition.
Property damage	The loss, damage or destruction of any tangible property including loss of use of such property.
Public relations expenses	The reasonable and necessary costs incurred with our prior written agreement in utilising the services of a public relations consultant.
Securities	Any debt or equity interest in you .
Social engineering communication	Any request directed to you or someone on your behalf by a person improperly seeking to obtain possession or the transfer to a third-party of virtual currency, money, securities, data or property that such person or third-party is not entitled to.
Subsidiary	Any entity domiciled in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man or Gibraltar in which you: - own directly or through one or more of your subsidiaries more than 50% of the share capital or assets or a majority of the voting rights or have the right to appoint or remove a majority of the entity's board of directors, trustees, governors or equivalent; or - control a majority of its voting rights under a written agreement with other shareholders or members. If an entity ceases to be a subsidiary during the period of insurance, cover will continue but only for a claim or investigation against an insured person arising from any wrongful act, act, incident or occurrence performed, taking place, or alleged to have taken place before it ceased to be a subsidiary.
Unintentional error	Any error or omission by anyone that was not intentional or deliberate.
Wrongful act	Any actual or alleged act, error or omission committed or attempted by an insured person arising from the performance of the insured person's duties solely in their capacity as a trustee, governor, committee member, director, officer or employee of: you; or - for the purposes of the cover in What is covered, Outside entity, an outside entity, including: - breach of any duty, including fiduciary or statutory duty, breach of confidence; - breach of trust; - negligence, negligent misstatement, misleading statement or negligent misrepresentation; - defamation; - wrongful trading under Section 214 of the Insolvency Act 1986 or any similar or successor legislation, including its equivalent legislation in any other jurisdiction; - breach of warranty of authority; or

- g. any other act, error or omission attempted or allegedly committed or attempted by an **insured person** solely because of their status as a director, partner, LLP member, committee or board member, trustee, officer or **employee of you**.

You/your

Also includes any **subsidiary**:

1. existing at the commencement of the **period of insurance**;
2. created or acquired during the **period of insurance** provided that the newly created or acquired **subsidiary** does not trade any of its securities on any stock exchange.

What is covered

1. Claims against an insured person

Losses including defence costs

Health and safety/
manslaughter

Pension or employee
benefit schemes

Pollution

Employment claims

Outside entity

Cyber incidents

Emergency defence costs

- a. **We** will pay on behalf of any **insured person** the **loss** arising from a **claim** against any **insured person** for any **wrongful act** within the **geographical limits**, including any:

- i. **health and safety/manslaughter claim**;
- ii. **claim** arising from any **insured person's** operation or administration of any pension or employee benefit scheme or trust fund of **yours**;
- iii. **claim** arising from **pollution**;
- iv. **employment claim**. This cover does not apply if the **insured person** is covered under the **management liability – employment practices liability** section of this **policy**;
- v. **claim** arising directly from any activity performed by an **insured person** in their capacity as a director, LLP member, committee or board member, trustee, or officer of an **outside entity**, provided that the **insured person** acts in that capacity at **your** specific written request. However, **we** will only pay in excess of any indemnity provided by the **outside entity** to its directors, partners, LLP members, committee or board members, trustees or officers or any other insurance available to such individuals for such **claim**; or
- vi. **claim** arising from the management of, or response to, any **cyber attack** or other cyber-related incident or event.

- b. **We** will pay **emergency defence costs** in relation to a covered **claim**.

2. Investigations

Losses including legal representation costs

Health and safety/
manslaughter

Pension or employee
benefit schemes

Pollution

Outside entity

- a. **We** will pay on behalf of any **insured person** the **loss** arising from an **investigation** and arising from any **wrongful act**, act, incident or occurrence performed, taking place, or alleged to have taken place within the **geographical limits**, including any:

- i. **health and safety/ manslaughter investigation**;
- ii. **investigation** arising from an **insured person's** operation or administration of any pension or employee benefit scheme or trust fund of **yours**;
- iii. **investigation** arising from **pollution**; or
- iv. **investigation** arising directly from any activity performed by an **insured person** in their capacity as a director, LLP member, committee or board member, trustee or officer of an **outside entity**, provided that the **insured person** acts in that capacity at **your** specific written request. However, **we** will only pay in excess of any indemnity provided by the **outside entity** to its directors, LLP members, committee or board members, trustees or officers or any other insurance available to such individuals for such **investigation**.

Investigation mitigation costs

- b. **We** will also pay **investigation mitigation costs** in relation to a covered **investigation**, provided that:
- where reasonably possible, the **insured person** must obtain **our** prior written agreement before incurring such costs. Where it is not possible to obtain **our** written agreement, the **insured person** must notify **us** as soon as possible after such sums are incurred; and
 - we** will not pay for the costs incurred in dealing with routine business, regulatory, legal, compliance or other matters, which could lead to an **investigation** if not complied with.

We will not make any payment for any part of an **investigation** not covered by this section.

Pre-investigation costs

- c. **We** will pay **pre-investigation costs** in relation to a covered **investigation**.

Emergency legal representation costs

- d. **We** will pay **emergency legal representation costs** in relation to a covered **investigation**.

3. Entity reimbursement

We will pay on **your** behalf the **loss** which **you** are legally obliged or permitted to pay on behalf of an **insured person** arising from a covered **claim** or **investigation**. If **you** are permitted or obliged to provide such payment but fail to do so for any reason other than **your** insolvency, regardless of whether **you** advanced payment or indemnified an **insured person** for such **loss**, **we** will pay the amount of the **claim** or **investigation** less any relevant **excess**.

4. Additional covers

Extradition proceedings

- a. **We** will pay on behalf of any **insured person**:

- the **loss** arising from any **extradition proceeding** against any **insured person** during the **period of insurance** arising from **wrongful act**, act, incident or occurrence performed, taking place or alleged to have taken place within the **geographical limits**;

Deprivation of assets expenses

- their **deprivation of assets expenses**, if, as a direct result of a covered **claim** or **investigation**, an interim or interlocutory order:
 - confiscating, controlling, suspending or freezing rights of ownership of real property or personal assets of an **insured person**; or
 - creating a charge over real property or the personal assets of the **insured person**; is made, other than where the court has made an allowance for the **insured person** in respect of such sums;

Public relations expenses

- public relations expenses** following a covered **claim** or **investigation** to mitigate the actual or potential adverse effect on their reputation by disseminating news of a final adjudication that absolved them of any fault. The **insured person** must obtain **our** prior written agreement before incurring such costs;

Bail costs

- bail costs** arising from a covered **claim** or **investigation**;

Personal tax liability

- their liability occurring in the **period of insurance** within the **geographical limits** under any insolvency rules or insolvency legislation to pay **your** unpaid taxes following **your** insolvency, dissolution, administration or winding up, where such liability arises solely as a result of the **insured person's** status as **your** director, partner, LLP member, committee or board member, trustee or officer;

Additional defence costs and legal representation costs

- additional **defence costs** and **legal representation costs** in the event that the limit of indemnity for this section is exhausted, provided that the **insured person** has previously not been the subject of a **claim** or **investigation** that led to the exhaustion of the limit of indemnity for this section.

Where an **insured person** has been the subject of such a **claim** or **investigation**, any amount **we** will pay on behalf of that individual will be reduced by an amount equal to the amount of that **claim** or **investigation** or the part of that **claim** or **investigation** relating to such individual.

We will only pay in excess of any other insurance available to such individuals.

Court attendance compensation

- b. If any **insured person** has to attend court as a witness in connection with a **claim** or **investigation** covered under this section, **we** will pay **you** compensation for each day, or part of a day that their attendance is required by **us**.

Loss of data resulting from a cyber incident

- c. **We** will pay on behalf of any **insured person** the **loss** arising from a **claim** against that **insured person**, including any **claim** by any **data subjects** relating to **personal data**, where any such **claim** is based upon, attributable to or arising from any loss or misuse of data as a direct result of a **cyber attack**, a **hacker** or that **insured person's** own unintentional error. **We** will not cover **defence costs** in relation to such **claims**.

What is not covered

We will not make any payment for any **claim**, **loss**, **investigation** or any other liability under this section:

Deliberate or dishonest acts

1. against or suffered by an **insured person** based upon, attributable to or arising out of:
- a. a dishonest or fraudulent act or omission or any intentional breach of any legislation or regulation;
 - b. an act intended to secure or which does secure a personal profit or equivalent funds or advantage to which the individual concerned was not legally entitled; or
 - c. an act intended to secure or which does secure a profit or advantage for any other company or entity, to which the company or entity was not legally entitled,
- where such act or omission was committed or condoned by that **insured person**.

This exclusion shall only apply after a judgment or other final adjudication or an admission by the **insured person** that such act or omission did occur. In the event of such finding or admission, the **insured person** must reimburse all payments made by **us** in relation to the corresponding **claim**, **loss** or **investigation**.

Prior claims and litigation

2. based upon, attributable to or arising out of:
- a. anything that has been reported to and accepted under any policy existing or expired, before the start of the **period of insurance**; or
 - b. any prior or pending litigation or proceedings, including allegations deriving from the same or essentially the same facts, involving an **insured person**, **you** or an **outside entity**, initiated before the **prior and pending date**.

Reckless acts

3. based upon, attributable to or arising out of an act or omission committed recklessly by an **insured person** or an act that the **insured person** knew or ought to have known was against **your** best interests or the best interests of an **outside entity**.

Claims by a related party in the United States of America

4. based upon, attributable to or arising out of any **claim** brought or maintained by **you**, an **outside entity** or an **insured person** within or subject to the laws of the United States of America. This exclusion does not apply to:
- a. **defence costs**;
 - b. any shareholder derivative proceedings brought in **your** name without **your** or any **insured person's** solicitation, assistance or participation;
 - c. any **claim** brought by **your** liquidator, receiver or administrative receiver or similar body;
 - d. any **employment claim**;
 - e. any **claim** made by a former **insured person**; or
 - f. any **claim** seeking a contribution or indemnity if such **claim** would otherwise be covered by this section.

Bodily injury and property damage

5. for **bodily injury** or **property damage**. This exclusion does not apply to any **health and safety/manslaughter claim**. However, **we** will not in any event make any payment for any **health and safety/manslaughter claim** arising from the use, ownership or possession of any motor vehicle in relation to which the **insured person** is obliged under any compulsory insurance law to maintain insurance.

Pollution clean-up costs

6. based upon, attributable to or arising out of any:

	a. statutory, contractual or common law obligation you or an insured person have to clean up or remedy any pollution or contamination; or b. land or property being identified as contaminated land under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 or any similar or successor legislation.
Takeovers and mergers	7. based upon, attributable to or arising out of any wrongful act, act, incident or occurrence performed, taking place, or alleged to have taken place by an insured person after: a. you merge or consolidate with another company or entity; or b. any party acquires: i. more than 50% of your issued share capital; ii. the majority of your voting rights; or iii. the right to appoint or remove a majority of your board of directors, trustees, governors or equivalent.
Changes to subsidiaries	8. based upon, attributable to or arising out of any wrongful act, act, incident or occurrence performed, taking place, or alleged to have taken place: a. before the date of creation or acquisition by you of such subsidiary; or b. after an entity ceases to be a subsidiary.
Financial advantage	9. based upon, attributable to or arising out of the gaining of any financial advantage to which the insured person was not entitled, including the repayment of any wrongfully received monies.
Defined benefit pension schemes	10. based upon, attributable to or arising out of an insured person's operation or administration of any defined benefit pension scheme or their breach of any legislation or regulation relating to these activities.
Claims outside the applicable courts	11. first brought outside the applicable courts. This exclusion also applies to proceedings in the applicable courts to enforce, or which are based on, a judgment or award from outside the applicable courts.
Defence costs only	12. other than defence costs for any claim covered under What is covered, 1. Claims against an insured person, b. Defence costs only.
Cyber incidents	13. based upon, attributable to or arising out of any: a. cyber attack; b. hacker; c. unintentional error in or affecting any computer or digital technology; d. social engineering communication; or e. claims by any data subjects relating to personal data arising from a. to d. above. This exclusion does not apply to any claim: i. covered under What is covered, 4. Additional covers, c. Loss of data resulting from a cyber incident; or ii. brought by you, any shareholder or creditor of yours or any insured person, directly due to the insured person's management of or response to, a. to d. above. Where a claim is covered under i. and ii. above, we will treat the claim as covered under i. We will not cover defence costs in relation to such claims.

Special conditions

General terms	The General definitions, General conditions and General claims conditions set out in the General terms and conditions all apply equally to each insured person and to you, except for General condition 6. Premium payment, which applies only to you. General conditions 3 and 4 shall not apply to this section.
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General condition 7. Cancellation will only apply to this section at the end of the **period of insurance** or anniversary date whichever comes first.

You agree to act on behalf of all the **insured persons** as regards paying the premium and giving or receiving notice of all matters relevant to this section.

Information provided by an insured person

All information which any **insured person** provided before **we** agreed to insure **you** will be considered as a separate application for each **insured person** and as such the knowledge of or any statement made by an **insured person** will not be imputed to any other **insured person** for the purposes of determining whether cover is available for any **claim** or **investigation** against such other **insured person**.

Severability of exclusions

When determining the applicability of the exclusions within **What is not covered**, the **wrongful act**, act, incident or occurrence performed, taking place, or alleged to have taken place of one **insured person** shall not be imputed onto any other **insured person** who neither committed nor condoned such **wrongful act**, act, incident or occurrence.

Extended notification period

If:

1. **we** or **you** refuse to renew this section of the **policy** for any reason other than non-payment of premium, administration, liquidation or insolvency; or
2. **you** merge or consolidate with another entity or any party acquires more than 50% of your issued share capital or assets or the majority of **your** voting rights during the **period of insurance**;

you or any **insured person** may make a request to **us** in writing for an extended notification period, which will be granted at **our** sole discretion. If **we** agree to such request, the extended notification period will be granted in accordance with the options stated below:

One-year period	200% of the annual premium for this section
Two-year period	300% of the annual premium for this section
Three-year period	400% of the annual premium for this section

The premium for any extended notification period to which **we** agree must be paid to **us** within 90 days following the end of the **period of insurance**.

If **you** or an **insured person** does so:

1. **we** will cover an **insured person** for any covered **claim**, **loss** or **investigation** arising during the extended notification period, subject to the terms and conditions of this section. **We** will not cover any **wrongful act**, act, incident or occurrence performed, taking place, or alleged to have taken place after the end of the original **period of insurance**; and
2. the first paragraph 1a. under **Your obligations** in this section will then be amended to: unless **you** or the **insured person** notifies **us** as soon as reasonably practicable and within the **period of insurance** or the extended notification period of the following:

The limit of indemnity for any extended notification period will be part of and not in addition to the limit of indemnity stated in the schedule.

The entire premium for this section is considered fully earned at the beginning of any extended notification period. **We** will not refund any premium if **you** or any **insured person** cancels the extended notification period before it ends.

We will not in any event agree to any request from **you** or any **insured person** to purchase an extended notification period if:

1. cover under this section is continued solely as a result of the former trustees special condition or an extended notification period;
2. this section of the **policy** is replaced or succeeded by any other policy providing similar or equivalent cover to **your** directors, partners, LLP members, committee or board members, trustees and officers; or
3. this section or the **policy** is cancelled, other than by **you** on an anniversary date.

If **we** offer renewal terms, conditions, limits of liability or premium different from those of the expiring policy, this does not constitute a refusal to renew.

Former trustees

In the event that **you** do not renew or replace this section of the **policy**, and only in respect of any **insured person** who ceases to be a director, partner, LLP member, committee or board

member, trustee or officer of **you** prior to the date of non-renewal for reasons other than disqualification from holding such a position or **your** insolvency, administration or liquidation, this section shall continue in force indefinitely from the date of non-renewal, provided that:

1. this section shall only apply to **claims** or **investigations** arising from any **wrongful act** committed or alleged prior to the date the **insured person** ceases to be a director, partner, LLP member, committee or board member, trustee or officer of **you**;
2. no similar insurance is effected elsewhere; and
3. this section or the **policy** has not been cancelled, other than by **you** or **any insured person** on an anniversary date.

How much we will pay

The most **we** will pay for each **claim, loss, investigation** or any other covered liability, including their **defence costs** and **legal representation costs** is the limit of indemnity stated in the schedule.

All **claims, losses, investigations**, or any other covered liabilities and circumstances likely to give rise to a **claim, loss, investigation** or any other covered liability, which arise from the same original cause, a single source or a repeated or continuing shortcoming will be regarded as one claim under the **policy**. This includes **claims, losses, investigations** and any other covered liabilities arising after, as well as during, the **period of insurance**.

Each **claim, loss, investigation** or other covered liability shall be treated as first made when **we** receive notice of the first **claim, loss, investigation** or other covered liability.

You must pay any relevant **excess** stated in the schedule.

Paying out the limit of indemnity

At any stage of a **claim, investigation** or any other covered liability, **we** can pay the **insured person** the applicable limit of indemnity or what remains after any earlier payment from that limit. **We** will then have no further liability for that **claim, loss, investigation**, or other covered liability.

Special limits

All special limits below are included within, and not in addition to, the limit of indemnity stated on the schedule.

The most **we** will pay in total for each item below is the corresponding amount stated in the schedule, regardless of the number of **claims, losses, investigations** or other covered liabilities:

Public relations expenses

1. **public relations expenses**;

Emergency defence costs

2. **emergency defence costs**;

Emergency legal representation costs

3. **emergency legal representation costs**;

Deprivation of assets expenses

4. **deprivation of assets expenses**;

Personal tax liability

5. cover under **What is covered, 4. Additional covers**, a. v. Personal tax liability;

Investigation mitigation costs

6. **investigation mitigation costs**;

Pre-investigation costs

7. **pre-investigation costs**;

Bail costs

8. **bail costs**;

Court attendance compensation

9. court attendance compensation, including any court attendance compensation payable under any Management liability sections of this **policy**; and

Loss of data resulting from a cyber incident

10. cover under **What is covered, 4. Additional covers**, c. Loss of data resulting from a cyber incident.

Additional cover

The limit below is in addition to the limit of indemnity stated on the schedule.

Additional defence costs and legal representation costs

The most **we** will pay in total for all **defence costs** and **legal representation costs** under **What is covered, 4. Additional covers**, vi. Additional defence costs and legal representation costs, is the amount stated in the schedule, regardless of the number of **claims** and **investigations**.

Your obligations

Notification

1. **We** will not make any payment under this section:
 - a. unless **you** or an **insured person** notifies **us** as soon as reasonably practicable of the following within the **period of insurance** or at the latest within 90 days after it expires for any problem **you** or such **insured person** becomes aware of within the 30 days before expiry:
 - i. the **insured person's** first awareness of any **wrongful act** that is likely to lead to a **claim**;
 - ii. any **claim** or anything likely to lead to a **claim** against an **insured person**;
 - iii. any **investigation** into **you** or an **insured person**;
 - iv. the threat or commencement of any disqualification proceedings against any **insured person**; or
 - v. the **insured person's** first awareness of any act, omission or occurrence that is likely to lead to any other covered liability.
 - b. to **you** or an **insured person** if, prior to the **period of insurance**, **you** or such **insured person** had knowledge of a material misstatement in or omission from the information provided to **us** upon which **we** agreed to insure **you**.
2. When dealing with a third party, **you** or the **insured person** must not admit that **you** or the **insured person** are liable for what has happened, or make any offer, deal or payment without **our** prior written agreement. If **you** or an **insured person** does, **we** may reduce any payment **we** make under this **policy** by an amount equal to the detriment **we** have suffered as a result.

Control of defence and payment under this section

You and any **insured person** must give **us** the information and co-operation which **we** may reasonably require and take all reasonable steps to defend any **claim**, **investigation**, or any other covered liability. **You** and the **insured person** should not do anything which may prejudice **our** position.

We have the right, but not the obligation, to take control of and conduct in **your** name or the name of any **insured person**, the investigation, settlement or defence of any **claim**, **investigation**, or any other covered liability. If **we** think it necessary **we** will appoint an adjuster, solicitor or any other appropriate person to deal with the **claim**, **investigation** or any other covered liability.

Where there is a dispute between **us** and any **insured person** over cover, proposed settlement or continuing the defence of a **claim**, r **investigation**, or any other covered liability, the **insured person** or **we** may request the obtainment of an opinion from a mutually agreed Queens Counsel or equivalent in a different jurisdiction. Such opinion shall be binding on **us** and **you** and any **insured person** and will establish whether policy cover exists, defence of said **claim**, **investigation**, or any other covered liability will continue or settlement will be agreed. The costs of such opinion shall be met by **us**.

We shall pay **defence costs** and **legal representation costs**, above any **excess**, covered by this section on an ongoing basis prior to the final resolution of any **claim**, **investigation**, or any other covered liability. **You** and/or any **insured person** must reimburse **us** for any **defence costs** and **legal representation costs** paid where it is determined there is no entitlement under this section.

If a **claim**, **investigation**, or any other covered liability is made which is not wholly covered by this section or is also made against an **insured person** and any other party which is not covered under this section, **we** and the **insured person** shall use our best endeavours to agree a fair allocation between **loss** that is covered and **loss** not covered by this section.

Management liability – corporate legal liability

Policy wording

Your schedule will indicate if **your policy** includes this section.

The General terms and conditions and the following terms and conditions all apply to this section. Cover under this section is given on an each and every claim or loss basis unless otherwise specified.

Special definitions for this section

Applicable courts	The courts of competent jurisdiction in those countries stated as the applicable courts in the schedule.
Bodily injury	Mental or emotional distress, sickness, disease, bodily injury or death suffered by anyone.
Claim	Any written demand or civil, criminal, regulatory or arbitration proceeding first made against you during the period of insurance alleging a wrongful act and seeking monetary damages or other legal relief or penalty.
Computer or digital technology	Any programs , computer network, hardware, software, operational technology, internet-connected device, network-connected device, electronic device, information technology, communications system, including but not limited to any internet-of-things devices, email system, intranet, extranet, website or cloud computing services.
Cyber attack	Any digital attack or interference, whether by a hacker or otherwise, designed to disrupt access to, the operation of or cause damage to any data or computer or digital technology , including but not limited to any: 1. programs designed to damage, disrupt, extract data from, or gain unauthorised access to computer or digital technology including, but not limited to, malware, wipers, worms, trojans, rootkits, spyware, dishonest adware, crimeware, ransomware, crypto-jacking and other malicious software or viruses; or 2. denial of service attack or distributed denial of service attack.
Data subject	Any natural person who is the subject of personal data .
Defence costs	1. Reasonable costs, not including any overheads, additional costs or remuneration, incurred with our prior written agreement to investigate, settle or defend any claim made against you or to fund an appeal, including any premium paid for an appeal bond or similar bond obtained in relation to it, arising from any judgment, decision or award in relation to any claim. 2. Emergency defence costs.
Emergency defence costs	Reasonable and necessary costs, not including any overheads, additional costs or remuneration, where it is not possible to obtain our prior written agreement, provided that you notify us as soon as possible after such sums are incurred.
Emergency legal representation costs	Reasonable and necessary costs, not including any overheads, additional costs or remuneration to investigate or respond to any investigation , where it is not possible to obtain our prior written agreement, provided that you notify us as soon as possible after such sums are incurred.
Employee	1. Any person under a contract of service with you. 2. Any independent person seconded to you. 3. Any applicant or candidate for employment with you.
Employee dishonesty loss	Your direct financial loss discovered during the period of insurance in the performance of your business within the geographical limits , arising from the dishonesty of an employee , where there was a clear intention to cause you financial loss or damage and to obtain a personal financial gain in addition to salary, bonus or commission.

Employment claim	Any claim by any employee for any actual or alleged: 1. wrongful, unfair or constructive dismissal, discharge or termination of employment; 2. breach of written or implied contract of employment; 3. employment related misrepresentation; 4. wrongful deprivation of a career opportunity, failure to grant tenure or negligent employee evaluation; 5. harassment, unlawful discrimination or failure to provide adequate employee procedures and policies; 6. retaliation; or 7. defamation or invasion of privacy; arising solely as a result of the employment or non-employment by you of such employee.
Hacker	Anyone, including an employee of yours, who gains unauthorised access to or unauthorised use of any: 1. computer or digital technology; or 2. data held electronically by you or on your behalf.
Health and safety /manslaughter claim	Any claim under the provisions of the Corporate Manslaughter and Homicide Act 2007 or the Health & Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 or any similar or successor legislation.
Health and safety/ manslaughter investigation	Any investigation under the provisions of the Corporate Manslaughter and Homicide Act 2007 or the Health & Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 or any similar or successor legislation.
Identity crime	An agreement entered into by any third party representing themselves as you.
Investigation	An official examination, official enquiry or official investigation into you first notified as being required during the period of insurance and conducted by any regulator, government department or other body legally empowered. 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 solely related to your conduct.
Investigation mitigation costs	Reasonable and necessary costs incurred by you to prevent or minimise the likelihood of an investigation or mitigate the potential consequences of an investigation which, if such steps were not taken, would be likely to result in an investigation being brought against you that would be covered by this section of the policy or would be likely to increase the severity of such an investigation.
Legal representation costs	1. Reasonable and necessary legal costs, fees, charges and expenses, not including any overheads, additional costs or remuneration, for which you are legally liable, incurred with our prior written agreement for legal representation directly in relation to an investigation. 2. Emergency legal representation costs.
Loss	In respect of a claim or investigation the amount you become legally liable to pay, including following a settlement entered into with our written agreement, for: 1. awards of damages, including punitive, exemplary and multiplied damages, and civil fines and penalties if insurable in the jurisdiction where such award was first ordered; 2. claimants' legal costs and expenses; 3. defence costs and legal representation costs; and 4. public relations expenses. Loss does not include any criminal fines or penalties, regulator's costs or expenses (including Health and Safety Executive fees for intervention or similar regulator's costs and expenses), taxes or remuneration.
Personal data	Any information about an individually identifiable natural person, including but not limited to such information protected by the Data Protection Act 2018 or the General Data Protection Regulation (EU) 2016/679, including any similar or successor legislation or regulation.

Pollution	Any actual, alleged or threatened discharge, seepage, treatment, removal, disposal, dispersal, emission, release or escape of any solid, liquid, gaseous or thermal contaminant or irritant, including, but not limited to, lead, smoke, oil, oil products, dust, fibres, soot, fumes, acids, alkalis, chemicals or waste (including materials that have been or are intended to be recycled, reconditioned or reclaimed), or any regulatory order, direction or request to test for, monitor, remove, contain, treat, detoxify, or neutralise any such material.
Pre-investigation costs	Reasonable and necessary costs incurred by you with our prior written agreement to notify a regulator, government department or other body legally empowered of any material breach, incident or event occurring within the geographical limits where such notice is obligatory and it is likely that a covered investigation will be brought as a result of the notification.
Prior and pending date	The date on which you first purchased corporate legal liability or other equivalent entity insurance that has run continuously without a break in cover. If during such period you have merged or consolidated with another company or entity, or any party has acquired more than 50% of your issued share capital or the majority of your voting rights, the 'prior and pending date' will be the date of such merger, consolidation or acquisition.
Property damage	The loss, damage or destruction of any tangible property including loss of use of such property.
Public relations expenses	The reasonable and necessary costs incurred with our prior written agreement in utilising the services of a public relations consultant.
Relevant person	- Any natural person who was, is, or during the period of insurance becomes a director, partner, member or officer of you. - Any de facto director of you whilst acting in such capacity for you. - Any shadow director as defined under Section 251 of the Companies Act 2006 or any similar or successor legislation in any other jurisdiction. - Any employee of you. - The lawful spouse, civil or unmarried partner of any person in 1 to 4 above solely because of their spousal, civil or unmarried partner relationship following a claim or investigation against that person. - The estates, heirs or legal representatives of any person in 1 to 5 above who has died or become incapacitated, insolvent or bankrupt but only for a claim or investigation against that person. Relevant person does not include any external auditor or any liquidator, receiver, administrative receiver or other insolvency practitioner or officer of you or your assets.
Securities	Any debt or equity interest in you .
Social engineering communication	Any request directed to you or someone on your behalf by a person improperly seeking to obtain possession or the transfer to a third-party of virtual currency, money, securities, data or property that such person or third-party is not entitled to.
Subsidiary	Any entity domiciled in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man or Gibraltar in which you: - own directly or through one or more of your subsidiaries more than 50% of the share capital or a majority of the voting rights or have the right to appoint or remove a majority of the entity's board of directors; or - control a majority of its voting rights under a written agreement with other shareholders or members. If an entity ceases to be a subsidiary during the period of insurance, cover will continue but only for a claim or investigation against you arising from any act, incident or occurrence performed, or taking place, or alleged to have taken place before it ceased to be a subsidiary.
Unintentional error	Any error or omission by anyone that was not intentional or deliberate.
Wrongful act	Any actual or alleged act, error or omission committed or attempted by you including: - breach of any duty, including fiduciary or statutory duty, breach of confidence or data loss; - breach of trust;

3. negligence, negligent misstatement, misleading statement or negligent misrepresentation;
4. breach of warranty of authority; or
5. any other act, error or omission attempted or allegedly committed or attempted by **you**.

You/your

Also includes any **subsidiary**:

1. existing at the start of the **period of insurance**;
2. created or acquired during the **period of insurance** provided that the newly created or acquired **subsidiary** does not trade any of its securities on any stock exchange.

What is covered

1. Claims against you

Losses including defence costs

Health and safety/
manslaughter

Pension or employee
benefit schemes

Shareholder pollution claims

Cyber incidents

Identity crime

Taxation

Defence costs only

Pollution

Emergency defence costs

- a. **We** will pay on **your** behalf the **loss** arising from a **claim** against **you** for any **wrongful act** within the **geographical limits**, including any:

- i. **health and safety/manslaughter claim**;

- ii. **claim** arising from **your** operation or administration of any pension or employee benefit scheme or trust fund of **yours**;

- iii. **claim** arising from **pollution** brought by any shareholder of **you** either directly or derivatively;

- iv. **claim** arising from the management of, or response to, any **cyber attack** or other cyber-related incident or event;

- v. **claim** arising from **identity crime**;

- vi. **claim** arising from **your** failure to comply with any taxation regulations; or

- b. **We** will pay on **your** behalf the **defence costs** only arising from a **claim** against **you** for any **wrongful act** within the **geographical limits**:

- i. arising from **pollution**, other than for a **claim** brought by any shareholder of **you** either directly or derivatively.

- c. **We** will pay **emergency defence costs** in relation to a covered **claim**.

2. Investigations

Losses including legal representation costs

Health and
safety/manslaughter

Pension or employee
benefit schemes

Pollution

Taxation

Investigation mitigation costs

- a. **We** will pay on **your** behalf the **loss** arising from an **investigation** and arising from any **wrongful act**, act, incident or occurrence performed, taking place, or alleged to have taken place within the **geographical limits**, including any:

- i. **health and safety/manslaughter investigation**;

- ii. **investigation** arising from **your** operation or administration of any pension or employee benefit scheme or trust fund;

- iii. **investigation** arising from **pollution**; or

- iv. **investigation** arising from **your** failure to comply with any taxation regulations; or

- b. **We** will also pay **investigation mitigation costs** in relation to a covered **investigation**, provided that:

- i. where reasonably possible, **you** must obtain **our** prior written agreement before incurring such costs. Where it is not possible to obtain **our** written agreement, **you** must notify **us** as soon as possible after such sums are incurred; and

- ii. **we** will not pay for the costs incurred in dealing with routine business, regulatory, legal, compliance or other matters, which could lead to an **investigation** if not complied with.

We will not make any payment for any part of an **investigation** not covered by this section.

Pre-investigation costs

- c. **We** will pay **pre-investigation costs** in relation to a covered **investigation**.

Emergency legal representation costs

- d. **We** will pay **emergency legal representation costs** in relation to a covered **investigation**.

3. Additional covers

Public relations expenses

- a. **We** will pay **public relations expenses** on **your** behalf following a covered **claim** or **investigation** which, without the incurrance of **public relations expenses**, would in the reasonable opinion of **your** Chief Financial Officer or equivalent be likely to result in the imminent reduction in **your** gross annual revenue of more than 20%, by reference to **your** most recent financial forecast. **You** must obtain **our** prior written agreement before incurring such costs.

Court attendance compensation

- b. If any **relevant person** has to attend court as a witness in connection with a **claim** or **investigation** covered under this section, **we** will pay **you** compensation for each day; or part of a day that their attendance is required by **us**.

Dishonesty of employees

- c. **We** will pay **your employee dishonesty loss**.

Loss of documents

- d. If during the **period of insurance** any document, information or data of **yours** which is necessary for the performance of **your business** is lost, damaged or destroyed while in **your** possession within the **geographical limits**, **we** will pay the reasonable expenses **you** incur with **our** prior written agreement in restoring or replacing it.

What is not covered

We will not make any payment for any **claim**, **loss**, **investigation**, or any other liability under this section:

Deliberate or dishonest acts

- 1. against or suffered by **you** based upon, attributable to or arising out of:
 - a. a dishonest or fraudulent act or omission or any intentional breach of any statute or regulation;
 - b. an act intended to secure or which does secure profit or advantage to which the individual concerned is not legally entitled; or
 - c. an act intended to secure or which does secure a profit for any other company or entity to which the company or entity was not legally entitled.

where such act or omission was committed or condoned by **you** or any individual who falls within paragraphs 1. to 3. of the definition of **relevant person**. This exclusion will only apply after a judgment or other final adjudication or an admission by **you** or the **relevant person** that such act, breach of statute or omission did occur. In the event of such finding or admission, **you** must reimburse all payments made by **us** in relation to the corresponding **claim**, **loss** or **investigation**.

Prior claims and litigation

- 2. based upon, attributable to or arising out of:
 - a. anything that has been reported to and accepted under any policy existing or expired, before the start of the **period of insurance**; or
 - b. any prior or pending litigation or proceedings, including allegations deriving from the same or essentially the same facts, involving a **relevant person** or **you**, initiated before the **prior and pending date**.

Defamation

- 3. based upon, attributable to or arising out of defamation.

Claims by you or a relevant person

- 4. based upon, attributable to or arising out of any **claim** brought or maintained by:
 - a. **you**; or
 - b. a **relevant person** within or subject to the laws of the United States of America.

This exclusion does not apply to:

- i. **defence costs**;

- ii. any shareholder derivative proceedings brought in **your** name without **your** or any **relevant person's** solicitation, assistance or participation;
- iii. any **claim** brought by **your** liquidator, receiver or administrative receiver or similar body; or
- iv. any **claim** seeking a contribution or indemnity if such **claim** would otherwise be covered by this section.

Bodily injury and property damage	5. for bodily injury or property damage . This exclusion does not apply to any health and safety/manslaughter claim . However, we will not in any event make any payment for any health and safety/manslaughter claim arising from the use, ownership or possession of any motor vehicle in relation to which you are obliged under any compulsory insurance law to maintain insurance.
Pollution clean-up costs	6. based upon, attributable to or arising out of any: a. statutory, contractual or common law obligation you have to clean up or remedy any pollution or contamination; or b. land or property being identified as contaminated land under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 or any similar or successor legislation.
Takeovers and mergers	7. based upon, attributable to or arising out of any wrongful act , act, incident or occurrence performed, taking place, or alleged to have taken place, after: a. you merge or consolidate with another company; or b. any party acquires: i. more than 50% of your issued share capital; ii. the majority of your voting rights; or iii. the right to appoint or remove a majority of your board of directors.
Changes to subsidiaries	8. based upon, attributable to or arising out of any wrongful act , act, incident or occurrence performed, taking place, or alleged to have taken place: a. before the date of creation or acquisition by you of such subsidiary; or b. after an entity ceases to be a subsidiary.
Financial advantage	9. based upon, attributable to or arising out of the gaining of any financial advantage to which the you were not entitled, including the repayment of any wrongfully received monies.
Defined benefit pension schemes	10. based upon, attributable to or arising out of your operation or administration of any defined benefit pension scheme or the breach of any legislation or regulation relating to these activities.
Failure to fund pension and employee benefit schemes	11. based upon, attributable to or arising out of your failure to fund any pension, employee benefit scheme or trust fund.
Employment claims	12. based upon, attributable to or arising out of any employment claim .
Products	13. based upon, attributable to or arising out of the manufacture, sale, supply, installation or maintenance of any product.
Securities offerings	14. based upon, attributable to or arising out of any claim or investigation in relation to any actual public offering of your securities .
Infringement of intellectual property	15. based upon, attributable to or arising out any actual or alleged infringement of patent, trademark, infringement of copyright, intellectual property right or registered design.
Contractual liability	16. based upon, attributable to or arising out any claim or investigation in respect of a breach of contract, whether actual or implied, written or oral which is greater than the liability you would have at law without the contract.
Market fluctuation	17. based upon, attributable to or arising out of any market trends or fluctuations over which you or any relevant person have no control.
Anti-competitive practices	18. based upon, attributable to or arising out of any breach of anti-competition laws or regulations.

Breach of duty to customers	19. where any claim is brought by your client or customer and which arises directly out of any breach of duty by any person in the provision of products or services to that client or customer. This exclusion does not apply to: a. legal representation costs or any insurable civil fines or penalties associated with an investigation resulting from the claim; or b. any health and safety/manslaughter claim.
Claims outside the applicable courts	20. first brought outside the applicable courts. This exclusion also applies to proceedings in the applicable courts to enforce, or which are based on, a judgment or award from outside the applicable courts.
Defence costs only	21. other than defence costs for any claim covered under What is covered, 1. Claims against you, b. Defence costs only.
Cyber incidents	22. based upon, attributable to or arising out of any: a. cyber attack; b. hacker; c. unintentional error in or affecting any computer or digital technology; or d. social engineering communication. This exclusion does not apply to any claim brought by any shareholder or creditor of you either directly or derivatively, directly due to your management of or response to a. to d. above. However, we will not, in any event, make any payment for any claims by data subjects relating to personal data arising from a. to d. above.
Matters specific to dishonesty of employees	B. We will not make any payment under What is covered, 3. Additional covers, c. Dishonesty of employees for any employee dishonesty loss based upon, attributable to or arising out of: 1. any accounting or arithmetical error or omission or unexplained shortage; 2. any default or non-payment of any loan or other credit arrangement; 3. your or any relevant person's expenses incurred in establishing the amount of any financial loss; 4. any loss of interest, loss of profit or any any indirect losses which result from the incident which caused you to claim; or 5. any act, breach, omission or infringement deliberately, spitefully, dishonestly or recklessly committed, condoned or ignored by any director, officer or partner of yours.

Special conditions

Extended notification period	If: 1. we or you refuse to renew this section of the policy for any reason other than non-payment of premium, administration, liquidation or insolvency; or 2. you merge or consolidate with another entity or any party acquires more than 50% of your issued share capital or the majority of your voting rights during the period of insurance; you may make a request to us in writing for an extended notification period, which will be granted at our sole discretion. If we agree to such request, the extended notification period will be granted in accordance with the options stated below: <table border="0"> <tr> <td>One-year period</td><td>200% of the annual premium for this section</td></tr> <tr> <td>Two-year period</td><td>300% of the annual premium for this section</td></tr> <tr> <td>Three-year period</td><td>400% of the annual premium for this section</td></tr> </table> If we agree to grant you an extended notification period, this section will remain in force but only in respect of any covered claim, loss, investigation or any other covered liability arising from any wrongful act, act, incident or occurrence performed, taking place, or alleged to have taken place before the end of the original period of insurance.	One-year period	200% of the annual premium for this section	Two-year period	300% of the annual premium for this section	Three-year period	400% of the annual premium for this section
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Two-year period	300% of the annual premium for this section						
Three-year period	400% of the annual premium for this section						

This extended notification period is only available if **we** receive written notice of purchase from **you** and the premium is paid to **us** within 90 days following the end of the **period of insurance**.

If **you** do so, the first paragraph 1a. under **Your obligations** in this section will then be amended to:

- a. unless **you** notify **us** as soon as reasonably practicable of the following, and within the **period of insurance** or the extended notification period:

The limit of indemnity for the extended notification period will be part of and not in addition to the limit of indemnity stated in the schedule.

The entire premium for this section is considered fully earned at the beginning of the extended notification period. **We** will not refund any premium if **you** cancel the extended notification period before it ends.

We will not in any event agree to any request from **you** to purchase an extended notification period if:

1. cover under this section is continued solely as a result of an extended notification period;
2. this section of the **policy** is replaced or succeeded by any other policy providing corporate legal or equivalent entity cover; or
3. this section or the **policy** is cancelled, other than by **you** on an anniversary date.

If **we** offer renewal terms, conditions, limits of liability or premium different from those of the expiring policy, this does not constitute a refusal to renew.

Management buy-outs

If during the **period of insurance** the existing management conduct a management buy-out, **we** agree to provide cover to the same level and terms of this **policy** for the new company for a period of 30 days from the buy-out date for any **wrongful act**, act, incident or occurrence performed, or taking place, or alleged to have taken place subsequent to the buy-out.

We will only provide such cover if the new company is domiciled in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man or Gibraltar.

This cover will only apply excess of any other insurance and indemnification available from any other source.

How much we will pay

The most **we** will pay for each **claim, loss, investigation**, or any other covered liability, including their **defence costs** and **legal representation costs** is the limit of indemnity stated in the schedule.

All **claims, losses, investigations** or any other covered liabilities and circumstances likely to give rise to a **claim, loss, investigation**, or any other covered liability which arise from the same original cause, a single source or a repeated or continuing shortcoming will be regarded as one claim under the **policy**. This includes **claims, losses, investigations** or any other covered liabilities arising after, as well as during, the **period of insurance**.

Each **claim, loss, investigation** or other covered liability shall be treated as first made when **we** receive notice of the first **claim, loss, investigation** or other covered liability.

You must pay any relevant **excess** stated in the schedule.

Paying out the limit of indemnity

At any stage of a **claim, investigation**, or any other covered liability **we** can pay **you** the applicable limit of indemnity or what remains after any earlier payment from that limit. **We** will then have no further liability for any **claim, loss, investigation** or any other covered liability.

Dishonesty of employees

When **we** settle **employee dishonesty loss** under **What is covered, 3. Additional covers, c. Dishonesty of employees**, for losses perpetrated by any individual or group of individuals who own or control any shares in **you** or who are entitled to participate in **your** profits, the amount **we** pay will be reduced by proportion to such person or persons' share in **your business** or entitlement to participate in **your** profits.

Special limits

All special limits below are included within, and not in addition to, the limit of indemnity stated on the schedule.

The most **we** will pay in total for each item below is the corresponding amount stated in the schedule, regardless of the number of **claims, losses, investigations** or other covered liabilities:

Pollution defence costs and legal representation costs	1. defence costs under What is covered , 1. Claims against you , b. Defence costs only , i. Pollution and cover under What is covered , 2. Investigations , a. Losses including legal representation costs , iii. Pollution. This limit does not apply to shareholder pollution claims;
Public relations expenses	2. public relations expenses ;
Emergency defence costs	3. emergency defence costs ;
Emergency legal representation costs	4. emergency legal representation costs ;
Investigation mitigation costs	5. investigation mitigation costs ;
Pre-investigation costs	6. pre-investigation costs ;
Dishonesty of employees	7. employee dishonesty loss under What is covered , 3. Additional covers , c. Dishonesty of employees;
Court attendance compensation	8. court attendance compensation, including any court attendance compensation payable under any Management liability section of this policy ; and
Loss of documents	9. losses under What is covered , 3. Additional covers , d. Loss of documents.

Your obligations

Notification	1. We will not make any payment under this section: a. unless you notify us as soon as reasonably practicable of the following within the period of insurance or at the latest within 90 days after it expires for any problem you become aware of within the 30 days before expiry: i. your first awareness of any wrongful act that is likely to lead to a claim; ii. any claim or threatened claim against you; iii. any investigation into you; or iv. your first awareness of any act, omission or occurrence that is likely to lead to any other covered liability. 2. When dealing with a third party, you must not admit that you are liable for what has happened, or make any offer, deal or payment without our prior written agreement. If you do, we may reduce any payment we make under this policy by an amount equal to the detriment we have suffered as a result.
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Control of defence and payment under this section

You must give **us** the information and co-operation which **we** may reasonably require and take all reasonable steps to defend any **claim**, **investigation**, or any other covered liability. **You** should not do anything which may prejudice **our** position.

We have the right, but not the obligation, to take control of and conduct in **your** name the investigation, settlement or defence of any **claim investigation**, or any other covered liability. If **we** think it necessary **we** will appoint an adjuster, solicitor or any other appropriate person to deal with the **claim**, **investigation**, or any other covered liability.

Where there is a dispute between **us** and **you** over cover, proposed settlement or continuing the defence of a **claim investigation**, or any other covered liability, **you** or **we** may request the obtainment of an opinion from a mutually agreed Queens Counsel or equivalent in a different jurisdiction. Such opinion shall be binding on **us** and **you** and will establish whether policy cover exists, defence of said **claim**, **investigation**, or any other covered liability will continue or settlement will be agreed. The costs of such opinion shall be met by **us**.

We shall pay **defence costs** and **legal representation costs** above any **excess** and covered by this section on an ongoing basis prior to the final resolution of any **claim**, **investigation**, or any other covered liability. **You** must reimburse **us** for any **defence costs** and **legal representation costs** paid where it is determined there is no entitlement under this section.

If a **claim**, **investigation**, or any other covered liability is made which is not wholly covered by this section or is also made against **you** and any other party which is not covered under



this section, **we** and **you** shall use our best endeavours to agree a fair allocation between **loss** that is covered and **loss** not covered by this section.

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Management liability – professional and legal liability (charity, club, association and not for profit)

Policy wording

Your schedule will indicate if **your policy** includes this section.

The General terms and conditions and the following terms and conditions all apply to this section. Cover under this section is given on an each and every claim or loss basis unless otherwise specified.

Special definitions for this section

Applicable courts	The courts of competent jurisdiction in those countries stated as the applicable courts in the schedule.
Bodily injury	Mental or emotional distress, sickness, disease, bodily injury or death suffered by anyone.
Claim	Any written demand or civil, criminal, regulatory or arbitration proceeding first made against you during the period of insurance alleging a wrongful act and seeking monetary damages or other legal relief or penalty.
Computer or digital technology	Any programs , computer network, hardware, software, operational technology, internet-connected device, network-connected device, electronic device, information technology, communications system, including but not limited to any internet-of-things devices, email system, intranet, extranet, website or cloud computing services.
Cyber attack	Any digital attack or interference, whether by a hacker or otherwise, designed to disrupt access to, the operation of or cause damage to any data or computer or digital technology , including but not limited to any: 1. programs designed to damage, disrupt, extract data from, or gain unauthorised access to computer or digital technology including, but not limited to, malware, wipers, worms, trojans, rootkits, spyware, dishonest adware, crimeware, ransomware, crypto-jacking and other malicious software or viruses; or 2. denial of service attack or distributed denial of service attack.
Data subject	Any natural person who is the subject of personal data .
Defence costs	1. Reasonable costs, not including any overheads, additional costs or remuneration, incurred with our prior written agreement to investigate, settle or defend any claim made against you or to fund an appeal, including any premium paid for an appeal bond or similar bond obtained in relation to it, arising from any judgment, decision or award in relation to any claim. 2. Emergency defence costs.
Emergency defence costs	Reasonable and necessary costs, not including any overheads, additional costs or remuneration to investigate or defend any claim where it is not possible to obtain our prior written agreement, provided that you notify us as soon as possible after such sums are incurred.
Emergency legal representation costs	Reasonable and necessary costs, not including any overheads, additional costs or remuneration, to investigate or respond to any investigation , where it is not possible to obtain our prior written agreement, provided that you notify us as soon as possible after such sums are incurred.
Employee	1. Any person under a contract of service with you. 2. Any independent person seconded to you. 3. Any volunteer solely whilst under your control in connection with your business. 4. Any applicant or candidate for employment with you.
Employee dishonesty loss	Your direct financial loss discovered during the period of insurance in the performance of your business within the geographical limits , arising from the dishonesty of an employee ,

where there was a clear intention to cause **you** financial loss or damage and to obtain a personal financial gain in addition to salary, bonus or commission.

Employment claim	Any claim by any employee for any actual or alleged: 1. wrongful, unfair or constructive dismissal, discharge or termination of employment; 2. breach of written or implied contract of employment; 3. employment related misrepresentation; 4. wrongful deprivation of a career opportunity, failure to grant tenure or negligent employee evaluation; 5. harassment, unlawful discrimination or failure to provide adequate employee procedures and policies; 6. retaliation; or 7. defamation or invasion of privacy; arising solely as a result of the employment or non-employment by you of any current or former employee, or the treatment of any volunteer whilst undertaking work for you and under your control and supervision.
Hacker	Anyone, including an employee of yours, who gains unauthorised access to or unauthorised use of any: 1. computer or digital technology; or 2. data held electronically by you or on your behalf.
Health and safety/ manslaughter claim	Any claim under the provisions of the Corporate Manslaughter and Homicide Act 2007 or the Health & Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 or any similar or successor legislation.
Health and safety/ manslaughter investigation	Any investigation under the provisions of the Corporate Manslaughter and Homicide Act 2007 or the Health & Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 or any similar or successor legislation.
Identity crime	An agreement entered into by any third party representing themselves as you .
Investigation	An official examination, official enquiry or official investigation into you first notified as being required during the period of insurance and conducted by the Charity Commission or any regulator, government department or other body legally empowered. 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 solely related to your conduct.
Investigation mitigation costs	Reasonable and necessary costs incurred by you to prevent or minimise the likelihood of an investigation or mitigate the potential consequences of an investigation which, if such steps were not taken, would be likely to result in an investigation being brought against you that would be covered by this section of the policy or would be likely to increase the severity of such an investigation .
Legal representation costs	1. Reasonable and necessary legal costs, fees, charges and expenses, not including any overheads, additional costs or remuneration, for which you are legally liable, incurred with our prior written agreement for legal representation directly in relation to an investigation. 2. Emergency legal representation costs.
Loss	In respect of a claim or investigation the amount you become legally liable to pay, including following a settlement entered into with our written agreement, for: 1. awards of damages, including punitive, exemplary and multiplied damages, and civil fines and penalties if insurable in the jurisdiction where such award was first ordered; 2. claimants' legal costs and expenses; 3. defence costs and legal representation costs; and 4. public relations expenses.

Loss does not include any criminal fines or penalties, regulator's costs or expenses (including Health and Safety Executive fees for intervention or similar regulator's costs and expenses), taxes or remuneration.

Personal data	Any information about an individually identifiable natural person, including but not limited to such information protected by the Data Protection Act 2018 or the General Data Protection Regulation (EU) 2016/679, including any similar or successor legislation or regulation.
Pollution	Any actual, alleged or threatened discharge, seepage, treatment, removal, disposal, dispersal, emission, release or escape of any solid, liquid, gaseous or thermal contaminant or irritant, including, but not limited to, lead, smoke, oil, oil products, dust, fibres, soot, fumes, acids, alkalis, chemicals or waste (including materials that have been or are intended to be recycled, reconditioned or reclaimed), or any regulatory order, direction or request to test for, monitor, remove, contain, treat, detoxify, or neutralise any such material.
Pre-investigation costs	Reasonable and necessary costs incurred by you with our prior written agreement to notify a regulator, government department or other body legally empowered of any material breach, incident or event occurring within the geographical limits where such notice is obligatory and it is likely that a covered investigation will be brought as a result of the notification.
Prior and pending date	The date on which you first purchased professional and legal liability or other equivalent entity insurance that has run continuously without a break in cover. If since that date you have merged or consolidated with another company, entity other organisation, or any party has acquired more than 50% of your issued share capital, assets or the majority of your voting rights, the 'prior and pending date' will be the date of such merger, consolidation or acquisition.
Property damage	The loss, damage or destruction of any tangible property including loss of use of such property.
Public relations expenses	The reasonable and necessary costs incurred with our prior written agreement in utilising the services of a public relations consultant.
Relevant person	- Any natural person who was, is, or during the period of insurance becomes a director, partner, member or officer of you. - Any de facto director of you whilst acting in such capacity for you. - Any shadow director as defined under Section 251 of the Companies Act 2006 or any similar or successor legislation in any other jurisdiction. - Any employee of you. - The lawful spouse, civil or unmarried partner of any person in 1 to 4 above solely because of their spousal, civil or unmarried partner relationship following a claim or investigation against that person. - The estates, heirs or legal representatives of any person in 1 to 5 above who has died or become incapacitated, insolvent or bankrupt but only for a claim or investigation against that person. Relevant person does not include any external auditor or any liquidator, receiver, administrative receiver or other insolvency practitioner or officer of you or your assets.
Social engineering communication	Any request directed to you or someone on your behalf by a person improperly seeking to obtain possession or the transfer to a third-party of virtual currency, money, securities, data or property that such person or third-party is not entitled to.
Subsidiary	Any entity domiciled in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man or Gibraltar in which you: - own directly or through one or more of your subsidiaries more than 50% of the share capital or assets or a majority of the voting rights or have the right to appoint or remove a majority of the entity's board of directors, trustees, governors or equivalent; or - control a majority of its voting rights under a written agreement with other shareholders or members. If an entity ceases to be a subsidiary during the period of insurance, cover will continue but only for a claim or investigation against you arising from any wrongful act, taking place, or alleged to have taken place before it ceased to be a subsidiary.
Unintentional error	Any error or omission by anyone that was not intentional or deliberate.

Wrongful act

Any actual or alleged act, error or omission committed or attempted by **you** including:

1. breach of any duty, including fiduciary or statutory duty, breach of confidence or data loss;
2. breach of trust;
3. negligence, negligent misstatement, misleading statement or negligent misrepresentation;
4. defamation;
5. breach of warranty of authority; or
6. any other act, error or omission attempted or allegedly committed or attempted by **you**.

You/your

Also includes any **subsidiary**:

1. existing at the start of the **period of insurance**;
2. created or acquired during the **period of insurance** provided that the newly created or acquired **subsidiary** does not trade any of its securities on any stock exchange.

What is covered

1. Claims against you

Losses including defence costs

Health and safety/manslaughter

Pension or employee benefit schemes

Pollution

Cyber incidents

Identity crime

Taxation

Emergency defence costs

- a. **We** will pay on **your** behalf the **loss** arising from a **claim** against **you** for any **wrongful act** committed within the **geographical limits**, including any:
 - i. **health and safety/manslaughter claim**;
 - ii. **claim** arising from **your** operation or administration of any pension or employee benefit scheme or trust fund of **yours**;
 - iii. **claim** arising from **pollution**;
 - iv. **claim** arising from the management of, or response to, any **cyber attack** or other cyber-related incident or event
 - v. **claim** arising from **identity crime**; or
 - vi. **claim** arising from **your** failure to comply with any taxation regulations.

2. Investigations

Losses including legal representation costs

Health and safety/manslaughter

Pension or employee benefit schemes

Pollution

Taxation

Investigation mitigation costs

- a. **We** will pay on **your** behalf the **loss** arising from an **investigation** arising from any **wrongful act**, act, incident or occurrence performed, taking place, or alleged to have taken place within the **geographical limits**, including any:
 - i. **health and safety/manslaughter investigation**;
 - ii. **investigation** arising from **your** operation or administration of any pension or employee benefit scheme or trust fund;
 - iii. **investigation** arising from **pollution**; or
 - iv. **investigation** arising from **your** failure to comply with any taxation regulations.
- b. **We** will also pay **investigation mitigation costs** in relation to a covered **investigation**, provided that:
 - i. where reasonably possible, **you** must obtain **our** prior written agreement before incurring such costs. Where it is not possible to obtain **our** written agreement, **you** must notify **us** as soon as possible after such sums are incurred; and

- ii. **we** will not pay for the costs incurred in dealing with routine business, regulatory, legal, compliance or other matters, which could lead to an **investigation** if not complied with.

We will not make any payment for any part of an **investigation** not covered by this section.

Pre-investigation costs

- c. **We** will pay **pre-investigation costs** in relation to a covered **investigation**.

Emergency legal representation costs

- d. **We** will pay **emergency legal representation costs** in relation to a covered **investigation**.

3. Additional covers

Public relations expenses

- a. **We** will pay **public relations expenses** on **your** behalf following a covered **claim** or **investigation** which, without the incurrance of **public relations expenses**, would in the reasonable opinion of **your** Chief Financial Officer or equivalent be likely to result in the imminent reduction in **your** gross annual revenue of more than 20%, by reference to **your** most recent financial forecast. **You** must obtain **our** prior written agreement before incurring such costs.

Court attendance compensation

- b. If any **relevant person** has to attend court as a witness in connection with a **claim** or **investigation** covered under this section, **we** will pay **you** compensation for each day, or part of a day that their attendance is required by **us**.

Dishonesty of employees

- c. **We** will pay **your employee dishonesty loss**.

Loss of documents

- d. If during the **period of insurance** any document, information or data of **yours** which is necessary for the performance of **your business** is lost, damaged or destroyed while in **your** possession within the **geographical limits**, **we** will pay the reasonable expenses **you** incur with **our** prior written agreement in restoring or replacing it.

What is not covered

Deliberate or dishonest acts

- A. **We** will not make any payment for any **claim, loss, investigation**, or any other liability:

- 1. against or suffered by **you** based upon, attributable to or arising out of:

- a. a dishonest or fraudulent act or omission or any intentional breach of any statute or regulation;
- b. an act intended to secure or which does secure profit or equivalent funds or advantage to which the individual concerned is not legally entitled; or
- c. an act intended to secure or which does secure a profit or equivalent funds for any other company, entity or other organisation to which the company, entity or other organisation was not legally entitled,

where such act or omission was committed or condoned by **you** or any individual who falls within paragraphs 1. to 3. of the definition of **relevant person**. This exclusion will only apply after a judgment or other final adjudication or an admission by **you** or the **relevant person** that such act, breach of statute or omission did occur. In the event of such finding or admission, **you** must reimburse all payments made by **us** in relation to the corresponding **claim, loss** or **investigation**.

Prior claims and litigation

- 2. based upon, attributable to or arising out of:

- a. anything that has been reported to and accepted under any policy existing or expired, before the start of the **period of insurance**; or
- b. any prior or pending litigation or proceedings, including allegations deriving from the same or essentially the same facts, involving a **relevant person** or **you**, initiated before the **prior and pending date**.

Defamation

- 3. based upon, attributable to or arising out any statement **you** or a **relevant person** knew or ought to have known was defamatory at the time of publication by **you** or the **relevant person**.

Claims by you or a relevant person

- 4. based upon, attributable to or arising out of any **claim** brought or maintained by:
 - a. **you**; or

b. a **relevant person** within or subject to the laws of the United States of America.

This exclusion does not apply to:

- i. **defence costs**;
- ii. any shareholder derivative proceedings brought in **your** name without **your** or any **relevant person's** solicitation, assistance or participation;
- iii. any **claim** brought by **your** liquidator, receiver or administrative receiver or similar body; or
- iv. any **claim** seeking a contribution or indemnity if such **claim** would otherwise be covered by this section.

Bodily injury and property damage	5. for bodily injury or property damage . This exclusion does not apply to any health and safety/manslaughter claim . However, we will not in any event make any payment for any health and safety/manslaughter claim arising from the use, ownership or possession of any motor vehicle in relation to which you are obliged under any compulsory insurance law to maintain insurance.
Pollution clean-up costs	6. based upon, attributable to or arising out of any: a. statutory, contractual or common law obligation you have to clean up or remedy any pollution or contamination; or b. land or property being identified as contaminated land under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 or any similar or successor legislation.
Takeovers and mergers	7. based upon, attributable to or arising out of any a wrongful act , act, incident or occurrence performed, taking place, or alleged to have taken place after: a. you merge or consolidate with another company or entity; or b. any party acquires: i. more than 50% of your issued share capital or assets; ii. the majority of your voting rights; or iii. the right to appoint or remove a majority of your board of directors, trustees, governors or equivalent.
Changes to subsidiaries	8. based upon, attributable to or arising out of any wrongful act , act, incident or occurrence performed, taking place, or alleged to have taken place: a. before the date of creation or acquisition by you of such subsidiary; or b. after an entity ceases to be a subsidiary.
Financial advantage	9. based upon, attributable to or arising out of the gaining of any financial advantage to which the you were not entitled, including the repayment of any wrongfully received monies.
Defined benefit pension schemes	10. based upon, attributable to or arising out of your operation or administration of any defined benefit pension scheme or the breach of any legislation or regulation relating to these activities.
Failure to fund pension and employee benefit schemes	11. based upon, attributable to or arising out of your failure to fund any pension, employee benefit scheme or trust fund.
Employment claims	12. based upon, attributable to or arising out of any employment claim .
Products	13. based upon, attributable to or arising out of the manufacture, sale supply, installation or maintenance of any product.
Medical services	14. based upon, attributable to or arising out of the provision of or failure to provide any medical services required in the treatment or care of any person.
Infringement of intellectual property	15. based upon, attributable to or arising out any actual or alleged infringement of patent, trademark, infringement of copyright, intellectual property right or registered design.

Contractual liability	16. based upon, attributable to or arising out any claim or investigation in respect of a breach of contract, whether actual or implied, written or oral which is greater than the liability you would have at law without the contract.
Market fluctuation	17. based upon, attributable to or arising out of any market trends or fluctuations over which you or any relevant person have no control.
Anti-competitive practices	18. based upon, attributable to or arising out of any breach of anti-competition laws or regulations.
Claims outside the applicable courts	19. first brought outside the applicable courts . This exclusion also applies to proceedings in the applicable courts to enforce, or which are based on, a judgment or award from outside the applicable courts .
Cyber incidents	20. based upon, attributable to or arising out of any: a. cyber attack; b. hacker; c. unintentional error in or affecting any computer or digital technology; or d. social engineering communication. This exclusion does not apply to any claim brought by any shareholder or creditor of you either directly or derivatively, directly due to your management of or response to a. to d. above. However, we will not, in any event, make any payment for any claims by data subjects relating to personal data arising from a. to d. above.
Personal data claims	21. where any claim is brought by a data subject arising from the processing, acquisition, destruction, loss, alteration, disclosure, use of or access to personal data and which arises: a. from your breach of duty to that data subject; and b. in the performance of your business activities.
Matters specific to dishonesty of employees	B. We will not make any payment under What is covered, 3. Additional covers, c. Dishonesty of employees , for any employee dishonesty loss based upon, attributable to or arising out of: 1. any accounting or arithmetical error or omission or unexplained shortage; 2. any default or non-payment of any loan or other credit arrangement; 3. your or any relevant person's expenses incurred in establishing the amount of any financial loss; 4. any loss of interest, loss of profit or equivalent funds or any any indirect losses which result from the incident which caused you to claim; or 5. any act, breach, omission or infringement deliberately, spitefully, dishonestly or recklessly committed, condoned or ignored by any director, officer or partner of yours.

Special conditions

Extended notification period	If: 1. we or you refuse to renew this section of the policy for any reason other than non-payment of premium, administration, liquidation or insolvency; or 2. you merge or consolidate with another entity or other organisation or any party acquires more than 50% of your issued share capital or assets or the majority of your voting rights during the period of insurance, you may make a request to us in writing for an extended notification period, which will be granted at our sole discretion. If we agree to such request, the extended notification period will be granted in accordance with the options stated below: <table data-bbox="507 1989 1426 2101"> <tr> <td>One-year period</td><td>200% of the annual premium for this section</td></tr> <tr> <td>Two-year period</td><td>300% of the annual premium for this section</td></tr> <tr> <td>Three-year period</td><td>400% of the annual premium for this section</td></tr> </table>	One-year period	200% of the annual premium for this section	Two-year period	300% of the annual premium for this section	Three-year period	400% of the annual premium for this section
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If **we** agree to grant **you** an extended notification period, this section will remain in force but only in respect of any covered **claim, loss, investigation** or any other covered liability arising from any **wrongful act**, act, incident or occurrence performed, taking place, or alleged to have taken place before the end of the original **period of insurance**.

This extended notification period is only available if **we** receive written notice of purchase from **you** and the premium is paid to **us** within 90 days following the end of the **period of insurance**.

If **you** do so, the first paragraph 1a. under **Your obligations** in this section will then be amended to:

- a. unless **you** notify **us** as soon as reasonably practicable of the following, and within the **period of insurance** or the extended notification period:

The limit of indemnity for the extended notification period will be part of and not in addition to the limit of indemnity stated in the schedule.

The entire premium for this section is considered fully earned at the beginning of the extended notification period. **We** will not refund any premium if **you** cancel the extended notification period before it ends.

We will not in any event agree to any request from **you** to purchase an extended notification period if:

1. cover under this section is continued solely as a result an extended notification period;
2. this section of the **policy** is replaced or succeeded by any other policy providing professional and legal liability cover or equivalent entity cover; or
3. this section or the **policy** is cancelled, other than by **you** on an anniversary date.

If **we** offer renewal terms, conditions, limits of liability or premium different from those of the expiring policy, this does not constitute a refusal to renew.

How much we will pay

The most **we** will pay for each **claim, loss, investigation**, or any other covered liability including their **defence costs** and **legal representation costs** is the limit of indemnity stated in the schedule.

All **claims, losses, investigations** or any other covered liabilities and circumstances likely to give rise to a **claim, loss, investigation**, or any other covered liability which arise from the same original cause, a single source or a repeated or continuing shortcoming will be regarded as one claim under the **policy**. This includes **claims, losses, investigations** and any other covered liabilities arising after, as well as during, the **period of insurance**.

Each **claim, loss, investigation** or other covered liability shall be treated as first made when **we** receive notice of the first **claim, loss, investigation** or other covered liability.

You must pay any relevant **excess** stated in the schedule.

Paying out the limit of indemnity

At any stage of a **claim, investigation** or any other covered liability, **we** can pay **you** the applicable limit of indemnity or what remains after any earlier payment from that limit. **We** will then have no further liability for any **claim, loss, investigation** or other covered liability.

Dishonesty of employees

When **we** settle **employee dishonesty loss** under **What is covered, 3. Additional covers, c. Dishonesty of employees**, for losses perpetrated by any individual or group of individuals who own or control any shares in **you** or who are entitled to participate in **your** profits, the amount **we** pay will be reduced by proportion to such person or persons' share in **your business** or entitlement to participate in **your** profits.

Special limits

All special limits below are included within, and not in addition to, the limit of indemnity stated on the schedule.

The most **we** will pay in total for each item below is the corresponding amount stated in the schedule, regardless of the number of **claims, losses, investigations** or other covered liabilities:

Pollution defence costs and legal representation costs

1. **pollution defence costs** and **legal representation costs**;

Public relations expenses

2. **public relations expenses**;

Emergency defence costs

3. **emergency defence costs**;

Emergency legal representation costs	4. emergency legal representation costs;
Investigation mitigation costs	5. investigation mitigation costs;
Pre-investigation costs	6. pre-investigation costs;
Dishonesty of employees	7. employee dishonesty loss under What is covered, 3. Additional covers, c. Dishonesty of employees;
Court attendance compensation	8. court attendance compensation, including any court attendance compensation payable under any management liability section of this policy ; and
Loss of documents	9. losses under What is covered, 3. Additional covers, d. Loss of documents.

Your obligations

Notification	1. We will not make any payment under this section: a. unless you notify us as soon as reasonably practicable of the following within the period of insurance or at the latest within 90 days after it expires for any problem you become aware of within the 30 days before expiry: i. your first awareness of any wrongful act that is likely to lead to a claim; ii. any claim or threatened claim against you; iii. any investigation into you; or iv. your first awareness of any act, omission or occurrence that is likely to lead to any other covered liability. 2. When dealing with a third party, you must not admit that you are liable for what has happened, or make any offer, deal or payment without our prior written agreement. If you do, we may reduce any payment we make under this policy by an amount equal to the detriment we have suffered as a result.
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Control of defence and payment under this section

You must give **us** the information and co-operation which **we** may reasonably require and take all reasonable steps to defend any **claim, investigation**, or any other covered liability. **You** should not do anything which may prejudice **our** position.

We have the right, but not the obligation, to take control of and conduct in **your** name the investigation, settlement or defence of any **claim, investigation**, or any other covered liability. If **we** think it necessary **we** will appoint an adjuster, solicitor or any other appropriate person to deal with the **claim, investigation**, or any other covered liability.

Where there is a dispute between **us** and **you** over cover, proposed settlement or continuing the defence of a **claim, investigation**, or any other covered liability, **you** or **we** may request the obtainment of an opinion from a mutually agreed Queens Counsel or equivalent in a different jurisdiction. Such opinion shall be binding on **us** and **you** and will establish whether policy cover exists, defence of said **claim, investigation**, or any other covered liability will continue or settlement will be agreed. The costs of such opinion shall be met by **us**.

We shall pay **defence costs** and **legal representation costs**, above any **excess**, covered by this section on an ongoing basis prior to the final resolution of any **claim, investigation**, or any other covered liability. **You** must reimburse **us** for any **defence costs** and **legal representation costs** paid where it is determined there is no entitlement under this section.

If a **claim, investigation**, or any other covered liability is made which is not wholly covered by this section or is also made against **you** and any other party which is not covered under this section, **we** and **you** shall use our best endeavours to agree a fair allocation between **loss** that is covered and **loss** not covered by this section.

Management liability – employment practices liability

Policy wording

Your schedule will indicate if **your policy** includes this section.

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Special definitions for this section

Applicable courts	The courts of competent jurisdiction in those countries stated as the applicable courts in the schedule.
Benefits	Any amounts awarded to an employee in respect of: 1. remuneration, including incentives, bonus, commission, health benefits, holiday pay, sick pay or notice pay, whether under statute or contract; 2. family leave payments, including maternity pay, paternity pay, parental leave pay, shared parental leave pay or adoption pay, whether under statute or contract; 3. amounts due under an employee benefit or pension scheme; 4. share or stock options; 5. deferred compensation; or 6. equal pay or redundancy pay.
Claim	Any written demand or civil, criminal, regulatory or arbitration proceeding first made against you or an insured person during the period of insurance alleging an employment practice wrongful act seeking monetary damages or other legal relief or penalty.
Computer or digital technology	Any programs , computer network, hardware, software, operational technology, internet-connected device, network-connected device, electronic device, information technology, communications system, including but not limited to any internet-of-things devices, email system, intranet, extranet, website or cloud computing services.
Cyber attack	Any digital attack or interference, whether by a hacker or otherwise, designed to disrupt access to, the operation of or cause damage to any data or computer or digital technology , including but not limited to any: 1. programs designed to damage, disrupt, extract data from, or gain unauthorised access to computer or digital technology including, but not limited to, malware, wipers, worms, trojans, rootkits, spyware, dishonest adware, crimeware, ransomware, crypto-jacking and other malicious software or viruses; or 2. denial of service attack or distributed denial of service attack.
Defence costs	Reasonable costs, not including any overheads, additional costs or remuneration, incurred with our prior written agreement to investigate, settle or defend any claim made against you or an insured person or to fund an appeal, including any premium paid for an appeal bond or similar bond obtained in relation to it, arising from any judgment, decision or award in relation to any claim .
Emergency legal representation costs	Reasonable and necessary costs, not including any overheads, additional costs or remuneration to investigate or respond to any investigation , where it is not possible to obtain our prior written agreement, provided that you or the insured person notify us as soon as possible after such sums are incurred.
Employee	1. Any person currently or formerly under a contract of service with you, including part-time workers. 2. Any independent person currently or formerly seconded or contracted to work for you.

3. Any current or former volunteer solely under **your** control and supervision in connection with **your business**.
4. Any current or former applicant or candidate for employment with **you**.

Employment practice wrongful act

Any actual or alleged act, error or omission committed or attempted by **you** or an **insured person** or by any third party where **you** are held vicariously liable relating to any actual or alleged:

1. wrongful, unfair or constructive dismissal, discharge or termination of employment;
2. breach of written or implied contract of employment;
3. employment related misrepresentation;
4. wrongful deprivation of a career opportunity, failure to grant tenure or negligent employee evaluation;
5. harassment, unlawful discrimination or failure to provide adequate employee procedures and policies;
6. **retaliation**; or
7. defamation or invasion of privacy;

arising solely as a result of the employment or non-employment by **you** of any current or former **employee**, or the treatment of any volunteer whilst undertaking work for **you** and under **your** control and supervision.

Hacker

Anyone, including an employee of yours, who gains unauthorised access to or unauthorised use of any:

1. **computer or digital technology**; or
2. data held electronically by **you** or on **your** behalf.

Insured person

1. Any natural person who was, is, or during the **period of insurance** becomes a director, partner, LLP member, committee or board member, trustee or officer of **you**.
2. Any de facto director of **you** whilst acting in such capacity for **you**.
3. Any shadow director as defined under Section 251 of the Companies Act 2006 or any similar or successor legislation in any other jurisdiction.
4. Any **employee** of **you**.
5. The lawful spouse, civil or unmarried partner of any person in 1 to 4 above solely because of their spousal, civil or unmarried partner relationship following a **claim** or **investigation** against that person.
6. The estates, heirs or legal representatives of any person in 1 to 5 above who has died or become incapacitated, insolvent or bankrupt but only for a **claim** or **investigation** against that person.

Insured person does not include any external auditor or any liquidator, receiver, administrative receiver or other insolvency practitioner or officer of **you** or **your** assets.

Investigation

An official examination, official enquiry or official investigation into **you** or an **insured person** first notified as being required during the **period of insurance** and arising from any actual or alleged **employment practice wrongful act**, conducted by any regulator, government department or other body legally empowered.

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

Legal representation costs

1. Reasonable and necessary legal costs, fees, charges and expenses, not including any overheads, additional costs or remuneration, for which **you** or any **insured person** are legally liable, incurred with **our** prior written agreement for legal representation directly in relation to an **investigation**.
2. **Emergency legal representation costs**.

Loss

In respect of a **claim** the amount **you** become or any **insured person** becomes legally liable to pay, including following a settlement entered into with **our** written agreement, for:

1. awards of damages, including punitive, exemplary and multiplied damages, and civil fines and penalties if insurable in the jurisdiction where such award was first ordered;
2. claimants' legal costs and expenses;
3. **defence costs and legal representation costs**; and
4. **public relations expenses**.

Loss does not include any civil, regulatory or criminal fines or penalties, regulator's costs or expenses (including Health and Safety Executive fees for intervention or similar regulator's costs and expenses), taxes or **benefits**.

Outside entity

Any organisation other than **you**:

1. that is tax exempt and not for profit; or
2. in which **you** hold any issued share,

Outside entity does not include:

- a. any company which is registered or domiciled outside of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man or Gibraltar;
- b. any company whose securities are traded on any stock exchange in the USA or Canada; or
- c. any bank, investment company, investment advisor or manager, hedge or mutual fund, private equity or venture capital company, stock brokerage, insurer, or any similar financial organisation or institution including any organisation regulated by the FCA, PRA or any similar regulator.

Prior and pending date

The date on which **you** first purchased employment practices liability insurance that has run continuously without a break in cover. If during such period **you** have merged or consolidated with another company or entity, or any party has acquired more than 50% of **your** issued share capital, assets, or the majority of **your** voting rights, the 'prior and pending date' will be the date of such merger, consolidation or acquisition.

Public relations expenses

The reasonable and necessary costs incurred with **our** prior written agreement in utilising the services of a public relations consultant.

Retaliation

Any employment related action taken against an **employee** in connection with such **employee** whistleblowing or exercising their employment rights.

Social engineering communication

Any request directed to **you** or someone on **your** behalf by a person improperly seeking to obtain possession or the transfer to a third-party of virtual currency, money, securities, data or property that such person or third-party is not entitled to.

Subsidiary

Any entity domiciled in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man or Gibraltar in which **you**:

1. own directly or through one or more of **your** subsidiaries more than 50% of the share capital or a majority of the voting rights or have the right to appoint or remove a majority of the entity's board of directors, trustees, governors or equivalent; or
2. control a majority of its voting rights under a written agreement with other shareholders or members.

If an entity ceases to be a **subsidiary** during the **period of insurance**, cover will continue but only for a **claim** or **investigation** against **you** or an **insured person** arising from any **employment practice wrongful act**, taking place, or alleged to have taken place before it ceased to be a **subsidiary**.

Unintentional error

Any error or omission by anyone that was not intentional or deliberate.

You/your

Also includes any **subsidiary**:

1. existing at the start of the **period of insurance**; or
2. created or acquired during the **period of insurance** provided that the newly created or acquired **subsidiary** does not trade any of its securities on any stock exchange.

What is covered

1. Claims against you or an insured person

We will pay on behalf of **you** or any **insured person** the **loss** arising from a **claim** for an **employment practice wrongful act** taking place, or alleged to have taken place, within the **geographical limits**, brought by:

Claims by employees

a. **your employee**;

Outside entities

b. an employee of an **outside entity** against any **insured person** arising directly from any activity performed in the **insured person's** capacity as an employee of such **outside entity**, provided that the **insured person** acts in that capacity at **your** specific written request. However, **we** will only pay in excess of any indemnity provided by the **outside entity** to its employees.

2. Investigations

Legal representation costs

We will pay on behalf of **you** or any **insured person** the **legal representation costs** only arising from an **investigation** arising from an **employment practice wrongful act** taking place, or alleged to have taken place, within the **geographical limits**.

3. Additional cover

Court attendance compensation

If any **insured person** has to attend any court or tribunal as a witness in connection with a **claim** or **investigation** covered under this section, **we** will pay **you** compensation for each day, or part of a day that their attendance is required by **us**.

Injunctions brought by EHRC

We will pay the **loss** arising from any injunction brought by the Equalities and Human Rights Commission under section 24 of the Equality Act 2006 or any similar or successor legislation, to prevent **you** or an **insured person** from committing an **employment practice wrongful act** against an **employee** within the **geographical limits**.

What is not covered

Deliberate or dishonest acts

A. We will not make any payment for any **claim**, **loss**, or **investigation**:

1. based upon, attributable to or arising out of:

- a. a dishonest or fraudulent act or omission or any intentional breach of any statute or regulation;
- b. an act intended to secure or which does secure a personal profit or advantage to which the individual concerned was not legally entitled;
- c. an act intended to secure or which does secure a profit for any other company or entity to which the company or entity was not legally entitled.

This exclusion will only apply:

- i. for **claims** or **investigations** against **you**, where such act or omission was committed or condoned by **you** or any individual who falls within paragraphs 1. to 3. of the definition of **insured person**;
- ii. for **claims** or **investigations** against an **insured person**, where such act or omission was committed or condoned by that **insured person**; and
- iii. after a judgment or other final adjudication or an admission that such act did occur. In the event of such finding or admission, **you** or the **insured person**, as appropriate, must reimburse all payments made by **us** in relation to the corresponding **claim**, **loss** or **investigation**.

Prior claims and litigation

2. based upon, attributable to or arising out of:

- a. anything that has been reported to and accepted under any policy existing or expired, before the start of the **period of insurance**; or
- b. any prior or pending litigation or proceedings, including allegations deriving from the same or essentially the same facts, involving an **insured person**, **you** or an **outside entity**, initiated before the **prior and pending date**.

Specific activities

3. based upon, attributable to or arising out of:

	a. membership or non-membership of any trade union or equivalent labour organisation or any involvement in trade union activities; b. your failure to act in accordance with any collective bargaining agreement. This exclusion does not apply to any claim for retaliation.
Claims in the United States of America or Canada	4. based upon, attributable to or arising out of any: a. claim brought or investigation commenced; or b. employment practice wrongful act taking place, or alleged to have taken place; in the United States of America or Canada.
Bodily injury and property damage	5. for the death or any bodily or mental injury or emotional distress suffered by anyone, or the loss, damage or destruction of any tangible property. This exclusion does not apply to any claim for emotional distress arising from an employment practice wrongful act. However, we will not in any event make payment for any claim in relation to which the insured person is obliged under any compulsory insurance law to maintain insurance in respect of any liability arising from the use, ownership or possession of any motor vehicle.
Takeovers and mergers	6. based upon, attributable to or arising out of any employment practice wrongful act, act, incident or occurrence performed, taking place, or alleged to have taken place after: a. you merge or consolidate with another company or entity; or b. any party acquires: i. more than 50% of your issued share capital or assets; ii. the majority of your voting rights; or iii. the right to appoint or remove a majority of your board of directors or board of trustees or equivalent.
Acquired subsidiaries	7. based upon, attributable to or arising out of any employment practice wrongful act, act, incident or occurrence performed, taking place, or alleged to have taken place: a. before the date of creation or acquisition by you of such subsidiary; or b. after an entity ceases to be a subsidiary.
Employer obligations	8. based upon, attributable to or arising out of any responsibility, duty or obligation imposed by law in relation to health and safety, unemployment, social security, retirement or disability benefits or any similar law whether statutory or common law. This exclusion does not apply to any claim for retaliation.
Claims outside the applicable courts	9. first brought outside the applicable courts. This exclusion also applies to proceedings in the applicable courts to enforce, or which are based on, a judgment or award from outside the applicable courts.
Cyber incidents	10. based upon, attributable to or arising out of any: a. cyber attack; b. hacker; c. unintentional error in or affecting any computer or digital technology; or d. social engineering communication. B. We will not make any payment other than defence costs for any claim or legal representation costs for any investigation based upon, attributable to or arising out of:
Benefits and contractual payments	1. your failure to pay any amount you are contractually committed to pay to an employee, including but not limited to benefits.
Pensions and benefit schemes	2. the loss of any right or benefit under any pension scheme, private health insurance or other employee benefit scheme or the operation or administration of any pension or employee benefit scheme or trust fund, or your breach of any legislation or regulation related to these activities.



Failure to pay taxes	3. your failure to pay taxes.
Liabilities assumed under contract	4. anyone else's liability which you are legally obliged to assume under any contract or agreement. This does not apply to any claim that would have resulted in the absence of such contract or agreement.
Non-pecuniary relief	5. any non-pecuniary or injunctive relief.
Employee reinstatement	6. the costs of complying or refusing to comply with a court or other order for the reinstatement of an employee .
Modification of property	7. the costs of modifying any building or property in order to make such building or property more accessible to any disabled persons.

Special conditions

General terms	The General definitions, General conditions and General claims conditions set out in the General terms all apply equally to each insured person and to you, except for General condition 6. Premium payment which applies only to you. You agree to act on behalf of all the insured persons as regards paying the premium and giving or receiving notice of all matters relevant to this section.						
Information provided by an insured person	All information which any insured person provided before we agreed to insure you will be considered as a separate application for each insured person and as such the knowledge of or any statement made by an insured person will not be imputed to any other insured person for the purposes of determining whether cover is available for any claim or investigation against such other insured person.						
Severability of exclusions	When determining the applicability of the exclusions within What is not covered, the wrongful act, act, incident or occurrence performed, taking place, or alleged to have taken place of one insured person shall not be imputed onto any other insured person who neither committed nor condoned such wrongful act, act, incident or occurrence.						
Extended notification period	If: 1. we or you refuse to renew this section of the policy for any reason other than non-payment of premium, administration, liquidation or insolvency; or 2. you merge or consolidate with another entity or any party acquires more than 50% of your issued share capital or assets or the majority of your voting rights during the period of insurance; you or any insured person may make a request to us in writing for an extended notification period, which will be granted at our sole discretion. If we agree to such request, the extended notification period will be granted in accordance with the options stated below: <table><tr><td>One-year period</td><td>200% of the annual premium for this section</td></tr><tr><td>Two-year period</td><td>300% of the annual premium for this section</td></tr><tr><td>Three-year period</td><td>400% of the annual premium for this section</td></tr></table> The premium for any extended notification period to which we agree must be paid to us within 90 days following the end of the period of insurance. If you or an insured person does so: 1. this section will remain in force but only in respect of any covered claim, loss or investigation arising from any wrongful act, act, incident or occurrence performed, taking place, or alleged to have taken place before the end of the original period of insurance; and 2. the first paragraph 1a. under Your obligations in this section will then be amended to: a. unless you or any insured person notifies us promptly of the following, and within the period of insurance or the extended notification period: The limit of indemnity for any extended notification period will be part of and not in addition to the limit of indemnity stated in the schedule.	One-year period	200% of the annual premium for this section	Two-year period	300% of the annual premium for this section	Three-year period	400% of the annual premium for this section
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Two-year period	300% of the annual premium for this section						
Three-year period	400% of the annual premium for this section						

The entire premium for this section is considered fully earned at the beginning of any extended notification period. **We** will not refund any premium if **you** or any **insured person** cancels the extended notification period before it ends.

We will not in any event agree to any request from **you** or any **insured person** to purchase an extended notification period if:

1. cover under this section is continued solely as a result an extended notification period;
2. this section of the **policy** is replaced or succeeded by any other policy providing employment practices liability cover; or
3. this section or the **policy** is cancelled, other than by **you** on an anniversary date.

If **we** offer renewal terms, conditions, limits of liability or premium different from those of the expiring policy, this does not constitute a refusal to renew.

Management buy-outs

If during the **period of insurance** **your** existing management conduct a management buy-out, **we** agree to provide cover to the same level and terms of this **policy** for the new company for a period of 30 days from the buy-out date for any **employment practice wrongful act** committed by any individual **insured person** subsequent to the buy-out.

We will only provide such cover if the new company is domiciled in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man or Gibraltar.

This cover will only apply excess of any other insurance and indemnification available from any other source.

How much we will pay

The most **we** will pay for each **claim**, **loss**, or **investigation**, including their **defence costs** and **legal representation costs** is the limit of indemnity stated in the schedule.

All **claims**, **investigations** and circumstances likely to give rise to a **claim**, **loss** or **investigation**, which arise from the same original cause, a single source or a repeated or continuing shortcoming will be regarded as one claim under the **policy**. This includes **claims**, **losses** and **investigations** arising after, as well as during, the **period of insurance**.

The amount **we** will pay for **claims**, **losses** and **investigations** and their **defence costs** includes any amount **we** pay on an **insured person's** behalf as an employee of an **outside entity**.

You must pay any relevant **excess** stated in the schedule. The **excess** shall not apply to any **claim** or **investigation** made solely against an **insured person**.

Paying out the limit of indemnity

At any stage of a **claim** or **investigation**, **we** can pay the **insured person** the applicable limit of indemnity or what remains after any earlier payment from that limit. **We** will then have no further liability for any **claim** or **loss**.

Special limits

All special limits below are included within, and not in addition to, the limit of indemnity stated on the schedule.

Court attendance compensation

The most **we** will pay in total for court attendance compensation, including any court or tribunal attendance compensation payable under any other Management liability section of this **policy** is the corresponding amount stated in the schedule, regardless of the number of **claims**, **losses** or **investigations**.

Your obligations

Notification

1. **We** will not make any payment under this section:
 - a. unless **you** or any **insured person** notifies **us** promptly of the following within the **period of insurance** or at the latest within 14 days after it expires for any problem **you** become aware of within the seven days before expiry:
 - i. **you** or an **insured person's** first awareness of any **employment practice wrongful act** that is likely to lead to a **claim** or **investigation**; or
 - ii. any **claim** or threatened **claim** against **you** or an **insured person**.

- b. to **you** or any **insured person** if, prior to the **period of insurance**, **you** or such **insured person** had knowledge of a material misstatement in or omission from the information provided to **us** upon which **we** agreed to insure **you**.
2. When dealing with a third party, **you** or the **insured person** must not admit that **you** or the **insured person** are liable for what has happened, or make any offer, deal or payment without **our** prior written agreement. If **you** or an **insured person** does, **we** may reduce any payment **we** make under this **policy** by an amount equal to the detriment **we** have suffered as a result.

Control of defence and payment under this section

You and any **insured person** must give **us** the information and co-operation which **we** may reasonably require and take all reasonable steps to defend any **claim** or **investigation**. **You** and the **insured person** should not do anything which may prejudice **our** position.

We have the right, but not the obligation, to take control of and conduct in **your** name or the name of any **insured person**, the investigation, settlement or defence of any **claim** or **investigation**. If **we** think it necessary **we** will appoint an adjuster, solicitor or any other appropriate person to deal with the **claim** or **investigation**.

Where there is a dispute between **us** and **you** or any **insured person** over cover, proposed settlement or continuing the defence of a **claim** or **investigation**, **you** or **we** may request the obtainment of an opinion from a mutually agreed Queens Counsel or equivalent in a different jurisdiction. Such opinion shall be binding on **us** and **you** and any **insured person** and will establish whether policy cover exists, defence of said **claim** or **investigation** will continue or settlement will be agreed. The costs of such opinion shall be met by **us**.

We shall pay **defence costs** and **legal representation costs**, above any **excess**, covered by this section on an ongoing basis prior to the final resolution of any **claim** or **investigation**. **You** or any **insured person** must reimburse **us** for any **defence costs** and **legal representation costs** paid where it is determined there is no entitlement under this section.

If a **claim** or **investigation** is made which is not wholly covered by this section or is also made against **you** and any other person who is not **you** or an **insured person**, **we**, **you** and the **insured person** shall use our best endeavours to agree a fair allocation between **loss** that is covered and **loss** not covered by this section.

Your schedule will indicate if **your policy** includes this section.

Please read the schedule to see whether you are covered under this section for losses from crime, expenses, computer violation, client crime, telephone fraud or public relations costs. The General terms and conditions and the following terms and conditions all apply to this section.

Special definitions for this section

Acquired entity	Any entity that performs the same activities as your business and is acquired by you during the period of insurance , other than any entity: - that has suffered a loss or been the subject of a claim with a value greater than the excess, which would have been covered by this section of the policy; or - whose annual turnover or number of employees exceed 20% of: your annual turnover, as reflected in your financial statement immediately prior to the period of insurance; or - the number of your direct employees.
Associated company	Any entity, other than a subsidiary , in which you own any issued share and you : - hold a majority of the voting rights; or - exercise day-to-day management control.
Claim	A claim brought against you for any civil liability, which results directly from a covered client crime .
Client crime	The criminal taking or misappropriation of: money, securities or property of a client of yours for which you are legally responsible, where such taking or misappropriation is carried out by or in collusion with an employee; or money, securities or property of a client of yours, whilst in your care, custody and control.
Computer system	Your computer network, hardware, software, information technology and communications system, including any email, intranet, extranet or website.
Computer violation	The malicious, intentional and unauthorised: - entry of data into your computer system; - amendment of any software that is kept in a machine-readable format; or - introduction of a virus into your computer system; by an employee .
Crime	- The criminal taking or misappropriation of your money, securities or property. - The criminal physical destruction or disappearance of your money or securities: - from within a building occupied by you for the purposes of your business; - whilst in the custody of an employee; or - whilst in the custody of any other legal or natural person with your authority, provided that such person has agreed in writing to indemnify you in respect of the destruction or disappearance of the money or securities.
Data reconstitution costs	The reasonable expenses, not including your own overheads, incurred with our prior written agreement to reproduce or reconstitute data held by you electronically.
Defence costs	Costs, not including your own overheads, incurred with our prior written agreement to investigate, settle or defend a claim against you .
Discovered	First learnt or suspected of by any partner, senior manager, insurance representative, director or officer of you , regardless of whether the amount of any loss, the circumstances of the crime, computer violation, client crime or telephone fraud , or when it occurred are known.

Employee	- Any partner, director, officer or trustee of yours; or - any natural person: - under a written contract of service with you; - directly engaged by you, with or without payment, including any volunteer worker, solely whilst under your control and supervision; or - employed by an organisation under a written contract with you for the provision of services, but only to the extent that such person is providing services for you in connection with your business. This definition includes anyone within 1. or 2. above for a period of 60 days immediately following their no longer falling within 1. to 2. above, other than where their employment was terminated as a direct result of a claim or loss covered under this section of the policy.
Employee benefit scheme	Any employee benefit scheme or pension scheme or programme established or maintained to provide any benefit to any employee .
Expenses	- The reasonable expenses, not including your own overheads, incurred with our prior written agreement to: - establish the existence, and verify the amount, of a loss following a covered crime; - repair or replace to a similar standard any vault or safe that has been physically damaged as a result of a covered crime.
Interest	Interest accruing between when the crime occurred and when the crime was discovered , calculated using the One Year London Inter Bank Offer Rate as published in the Financial Times on the date that the crime was discovered or the first date afterwards on which the Financial Times is published, if it was not published on the day the crime was discovered .
Money	Cash, coin, bank and currency notes, bullion, funds, cheques, registered cheques, travellers' cheques, postal orders, bank drafts or money orders.
Notification expenses	Following a computer violation or crime the reasonable expenses, not including your own overheads, incurred with our prior written agreement to: - notify any natural person whose personal data has or may have been unlawfully accessed and to change such person's account or other identification numbers, as necessary; - provide credit monitoring services to anyone in a. above, where you are legally required to provide such services.
Property	Tangible property.
Public relations costs	Reasonable and necessary costs incurred with our prior written agreement in utilising the services of a public relations consultant.
Retroactive date	The date stated as the retroactive date in the schedule.
Securities	Negotiable and non-negotiable instruments or contracts, in physical or electronic form, which represent money or property .
Security information	Any confidential security information required to facilitate access to your accounts held with any financial institution.
Social engineering communication	Any request directed to you or someone on your behalf by a person improperly seeking to obtain possession or the transfer to a third party of, information or access to security information, money, securities or property that such person or third party is not entitled to, where such person improperly: - impersonates or claims to be another person who would be lawfully entitled to possession or access to such security information, money, securities or property had they made such a request; or - assumes the false identity of another person who you or someone on your behalf reasonably believes exists and would be lawfully entitled to possession or access to such security information, money, securities or property had they existed and made such request.

Subsidiary

Any entity in which **you**:

1. own directly or through one or more of **your** subsidiaries more than 50% of the share capital or a majority of the voting rights or have the right to appoint or remove a majority of the entity's board of directors; or
2. control a majority of its voting rights under a written agreement with other shareholders or members.

If an entity ceases to be a **subsidiary** during the **period of insurance**, cover will continue but only for a claim arising from a **crime** committed before it ceased to be a **subsidiary** provided that this **policy** was in force at the time that such entity ceased to be a **subsidiary**.

Telephone fraud

The unauthorised and criminal use by someone operating outside of premises used for **your business** to access any telephone lines used by **you**.

You/your

Also includes any **employee benefit scheme**, any **subsidiary**, any **associated company** and any **acquired entity** but only for a claim arising from a **crime** committed after the date of acquisition of such **acquired entity**.

If **you** require cover for any or entity which **you** acquire but which does not fall within the definition of **acquired entity** above, **we** will consider providing cover subject to **you** providing all appropriate information. **We** shall be entitled to amend the **policy** terms and conditions during the **period of insurance** including but not limited to the charging of a reasonable additional premium.

What is covered

Losses from crime

1. If during the **period of insurance**, and in the performance of **your business** within the **geographical limits**, a loss from **crime** is **discovered**, **we** will pay the amount of any taken or misappropriated **money, securities** or **property**.

We will also pay **interest** and **notification expenses**.

Expenses

2. If you suffer a loss from **crime** that is covered under 1. above, **we** will also pay **expenses**.

Computer violation

3. If during the **period of insurance**, and in the performance of **your business** within the **geographical limits**, a **computer violation** is **discovered**, **we** will pay **notification expenses** and **data reconstitution costs**.

Client crime

4. If during the **period of insurance**, and in the performance of **your business** within the **geographical limits**, a loss from **client crime** is **discovered**, **we** will pay the amount of any taken or misappropriated **money, securities** or **property**.

If a **claim** arising from a covered **client crime** is brought against **you**, **we** will also pay **defence costs**.

Telephone fraud

5. If during the **period of insurance**, and in the performance of **your business** within the **geographical limits**, a **telephone fraud** is **discovered**, **we** will pay **your** direct financial loss.

Public relations costs

6. **We** will pay **public relations costs** following a covered **claim** or loss to limit or mitigate its impact on **your business**.

Additional cover

Court attendance compensation

If any person within the definition of **you**, or any **employee** has to attend court as a witness in connection with a **claim** covered under this section, **we** will pay **you** the amount shown in the schedule as compensation for each day or part of a day that their attendance is required by **us**. The most **we** will pay for the total of all attendance compensation is the amount shown in the schedule.

What is not covered

We will not make any payment for:

1. any **claim** or loss:
 - a. arising from the theft or misappropriation of any trade secret or other confidential information, other than where it is used to facilitate an otherwise covered loss under this section of the **policy**.
 - b. suffered by any entity within the definition of **you** to the benefit of any other entity within the definition of **you**.
 - c. arising from any act, breach or omission committed by any **employee** after any partner, trustee, senior manager, insurance representative, director or officer of **you** first became aware of any **crime**, **computer violation**, **client crime** or **telephone fraud** being committed by, or in collusion with, such **employee**.
 - d. arising from anything, which **you** knew about or ought reasonably to have known about, before the date on which **you** first purchased a similar crime policy from **us** that has run continuously without a break in cover.
 - e. arising directly or indirectly due to any act, incident or event occurring, or any loss suffered, before the **retroactive date**.
 - f. arising directly or indirectly due to any **social engineering communication**.
 - g. arising directly or indirectly due to extortion. However, this does not apply to any otherwise covered **crime** or **client crime** perpetrated using actual or alleged force or violence against any:
 - a. third party who has provided **you** with a contractual indemnity in respect of such loss; or
 - b. **employee**.
 - h. arising as a result of **you** or someone on **your** behalf (including an **employee**), handing over, entrusting, paying, transferring or delivering any **money**, **securities**, **property** or **security information** to any agent or representative of **yours**, other than to any:
 - a. third party who has provided **you** with a contractual indemnity in respect of such loss; or
 - b. **employee**.
 - i. arising from any unauthorised trading of any **money**, **securities** or **property**. However, this exclusion does not apply to the amount of any loss suffered by **you** to the benefit of an **employee**, or a third party intended by an **employee**, over and above any salary, bonus or commission;
 - j. arising from the criminal taking or misappropriation of any **money**, **securities** or **property** of a client of **yours**, including any **money** held by you in a designated client account. However, this exclusion does not apply to the cover under **What is covered**, 4. Client crime.
2. any indirect financial loss, any loss of business, profits or income, staff or management time, professional fees or other business costs or overheads. However, this exclusion does not apply to **interest**, **defence costs**, **notification expenses**, **data reconstitution costs** or **expenses**.
3. any loss suffered:
 - a. by **you** after **you** enter into administration or any other insolvency procedure or if a liquidator or receiver is appointed;
 - b. by **you** after any other party or parties has acquired 50% or more of **your** issued share capital, assets or voting rights; or
 - c. by any **employee benefit scheme**, **subsidiary** or **acquired entity** at a time when such **employee benefit scheme**, **subsidiary** or **acquired entity** did not satisfy the corresponding definition above.

	4. data reconstitution costs:
Failure to back-up data	a. in respect of any data where you do not have a back-up of such data stored away from your business premises;
Unlicensed programs	b. in respect of any data that relies upon the use of unlicensed copies of programs ;
Incorrect use of data-carrying media	c. arising from the incorrect use by you or on your behalf of any data-carrying media; or
Out-of-date software	d. arising from the use of obsolete or out-of-date hardware, software or programs .
	5. telephone fraud arising from:
Mobile phone connections	a. the use of a mobile telephone connection;
Use of passcodes	b. the use of any password, number, code or personal details used by a telephone provider to verify the user and allow access to the telephone connection; or
Advice and precautions	c. any failure to follow advice and precautions recommended by your telephone line provider for preventing or minimising any telephone fraud .
War, terrorism and nuclear risks	6. any claim or loss directly or indirectly due to war, terrorism or nuclear risks .

How much we will pay

	We will pay up to the limit of indemnity shown in the schedule, unless limited below or in the schedule. You must pay the relevant excess shown in the schedule. All losses, including claims , which arise from the same original cause, a single source or a repeated or continuing act or omission will be regarded as one loss.
Calculation	The amount that we will pay will be reduced by the value of any property received from any source, including payments and receipt of interest, dividends, commissions and the like received in connection with any loss covered under this section of the policy . We will also deduct any sums you owe or the value of any property you hold belonging to the perpetrator. Otherwise the amount we will pay will be calculated as follows:
Special limits	All special limits below are included within, and not in addition to, the overall limit of indemnity stated in the schedule.
Computer violation	The most we will pay in total under What is covered , Losses from computer violation, is the amount stated in the schedule, regardless of the number of computer violations discovered .
Client crime	The most we will pay under What is covered , Client crime, is the amount stated in the schedule.
Telephone fraud	The most we will pay in total under What is covered , Telephone fraud, is the amount stated in the schedule, regardless of the number of telephone frauds discovered .
Public relations costs	The most we will pay in total under What is covered , Public relations costs is £25,000, regardless of the number of covered claims and losses.
Court attendance compensation	The most we will pay in total for court attendance compensation is the amount stated in the schedule, regardless of the number of covered claims .
Additional limit	The limit below is in addition to the overall limit of indemnity shown in the schedule.
Expenses	The most we will pay for the total of all expenses is the amount stated in the schedule, regardless of the number of crimes discovered .
Paying out the limit of indemnity	At any stage of a loss or claim we can pay you the applicable limit of indemnity or what remains after any earlier payment from that limit. If applicable, we will pay defence costs already incurred at the date of our payment We will then have no further liability for that loss or claim or for any other losses or claims that are subject to the same limit of indemnity.

Special condition

Extended discovery period

In the event that **you** do not renew or replace this section of the **policy**, cover shall continue for a period of 90 days after the end of the **period of insurance**, provided that such cover will only apply to:

1. losses suffered; and
2. **claims** arising from **client crimes** committed,

before the end of the **period of insurance**.

This special condition does not apply if **you** replace this **policy** with another crime policy providing similar cover.

Your obligations

If a loss is discovered

1. **We** will not make any payment under this section unless **you**:
 - a. notify **us** promptly of **your** first awareness of any **crime, computer violation, client crime or telephone fraud**:
 - i. within the **period of insurance** or at the latest within 14 days after it expires for anything **you** first become aware of in the seven days before expiry; or
 - ii. for anything **you** first become aware of during the extended discovery period, within the extended discovery period or at the latest within 14 days after it expires for anything **you** first become aware of in the seven days before expiry.
 - b. provide **us** with a detailed proof of the **crime, computer violation, client crime or telephone fraud** promptly following it being **discovered**.
 - c. give **us** the information and co-operation which **we** may reasonably require, including but not limited to:
 - i. any **employee** submitting to examination under oath at **our** request; and
 - ii. producing all relevant records to the fullest extent which is legally permissible.

Telephone fraud

2. Upon discovering a **telephone fraud** or anything likely to give rise to a **telephone fraud**, **you** must take all reasonable steps to prevent the continuation or repeat of the **telephone fraud**, including notifying **your** telephone line provider as soon as reasonably possible. If **you** do not, **we** may reduce any payment **we** make under this section by an amount equal to the detriment **we** have suffered as a result.

Crisis containment

Policy wording

Your schedule will indicate if **your policy** includes this section.

The General terms and conditions and the following terms and conditions all apply to this section.

Special definitions for this section

Crisis	A time of severe difficulty in your activities or danger to your business as a result of an insured incident that could, if left unmanaged, cause adverse or negative publicity of or media attention to you or your business .
Crisis containment costs	Reasonable and necessary costs incurred in utilising the services of the crisis containment provider to limit or mitigate the impact of a crisis .
Crisis containment provider	The person or company named in the schedule.
Insured incident	An incident, act or problem that in your good faith opinion could potentially give rise to a covered claim being made by you under any other section of this policy .
Working hours	The hours between 09:00 and 17:00 on any day other than Saturday, Sunday or a public holiday.

What is covered

Crisis containment costs	We will pay crisis containment costs incurred within the geographical limits with our prior written consent as a direct result of a crisis commencing during the period of insurance .
Outside working hours discretionary crisis mitigation costs	We will also pay crisis containment costs incurred within the geographical limits without our consent in carrying out immediate work outside of working hours to limit or mitigate the impact of the crisis . Any such work done by the crisis containment provider will not be confirmation of cover under this or any other section of this policy .

What is not covered

- We** will not make any payment for:
1. **crisis containment costs** relating to any claim or part of a claim not covered by this **policy**.
 2. **crisis containment costs** relating to any:
 - a. claim under any **Management liability – Employment practices liability** section;
 - b. employment claim under any **Management liability – Directors and officers** section or **Management liability - Trustees and individual liability** section.
 3. costs which are covered under any other section of this **policy**.
 4. any **crisis containment costs** directly or indirectly due to:
 - a. any incident, act, investigation or problem that affects **your** profession or industry; or
 - b. governmental regulations which affect another country or **your** profession or industry; or
 - c. any sanction, prohibition or restriction under United Nations resolutions or trade or economic sanctions, laws or regulations of the European Union, United Kingdom or United States of America; or
 - d. socioeconomic changes or business trends which affect **your business** or **your** profession or industry.

How much we will pay

The most **we** will pay under this section is the amount shown in the schedule, irrespective of the number of **crises** or **insured incidents**. **We** will pay the **crisis containment provider** directly for **crisis containment costs** covered under this section of the **policy**.

All **crises** arising from the same original cause, a single source or a repeated or continuing problem will be regarded as one **crisis**. This includes such **crises** arising after, as well as during, the **period of insurance**.

Your obligations

We will not make any payment under this section unless **you** notify any **crisis** in accordance with either of the following:

If a crisis arises during working hours

1. If **you** first become aware of the **crisis** during **working hours** **you** must notify **us** of it immediately by phoning **us** on the number stated in the schedule.

We will then determine if the incident, act or problem that **you** have notified would give rise to a covered claim under any other section of this **policy**. If **we** determine this to be the case then **we** will contact the **crisis containment provider** to assist **you** in the management of the **crisis**.

If **we** determine that the incident, act or problem that **you** have notified would not result in a covered claim under any other section of this **policy** then **we** will not make any payment under this section.

You must co-operate fully with **us**, the **crisis containment provider** and any of **our** representatives in the management of the **crisis**.

If a crisis arises outside of working hours

2. If **you** first become aware of the **crisis** outside of **working hours** **you** must notify the **crisis containment provider** immediately by phoning them on the number stated in the schedule. **You** must also notify **us** of the **crisis** as soon as possible within **working hours** by telephoning the number stated in the schedule.

You must co-operate fully with the **crisis containment provider** in the management of the **crisis**.