



# Insurance-Linked Securities Practice

Transforming Risk  
into Opportunity



# **Today's global landscape is riskier than ever before. But with this risk come new strategic opportunities.**

Insurance-linked securities are becoming an increasingly common way for organizations to transfer portions of their extreme event risk to the capital markets, allowing them to rebalance their portfolios while creating new investment opportunities.



## A Global Leader in Cat Modeling for ILS

Verisk is uniquely positioned to support catastrophe bond issuances.

Since modeling the risk for the very first publicly issued catastrophe bond (George Town Re Ltd.) in 1996, Verisk (known at the time as AIR Worldwide) has modeled the risk for nearly USD 70 billion in total limit issued industrywide out of the approximately USD 186 billion in total issuance since market inception.

Since 2011, Verisk has supported more than 75% of public 144A property catastrophe issuances, measured both by deal count and total issuance amount. Verisk has worked not only with a number of different entities, but also on a number of market firsts, including: the largest-ever single catastrophe bond transaction (Everglades Re 2014-1); the first catastrophe bond to include European flood losses (Lion II Re DAC); and the first catastrophe bond to support the World Bank Pandemic Emergency Financing Facility (IBRD CAR 11-112). In addition to these industry firsts, Verisk has supported the United States' largest insurers to help bring regular issuances to market.

In recent years, Verisk has supported initiatives focused on fostering global resilience, working with organizations such as the World Bank as well as national governments, in an effort to provide risk-transfer solutions and aid in capacity-building missions. These initiatives have required Verisk to accommodate a variety of structures, ranging from leveraging our existing models to issue public 144A Catastrophe Bonds such as the Pacific Alliance's IBRD CAR 116-119, all the way through to building new models to support the Pacific Catastrophe Risk Assessment and Financing Initiative (<http://pcrafi.spc.int/>). Our team can work with both clients and investors: We ensure that the final structure of a catastrophe bond meets with client requirements; and our team helps investors understand the risk being ceded.

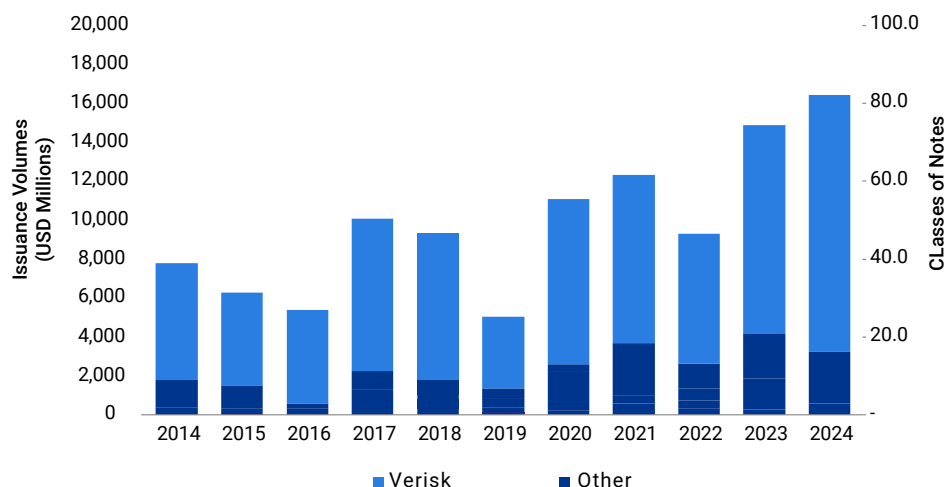
### Verisk's Support for Catastrophe Bonds Since 2012

Number of Public 144a Catastrophe Bond Transactions	390
Number of Public 144a Catastrophe Bond Classes of Notes	388
Number of Transactions with Parametric Trigger	25

Source: Artemis Deal Directory.

All figures cover the period 2012 to 2024 and are accurate as of December of 2024

### Issuance Volume by Modeling Agent







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## Management Team

Once engaged, our consulting and client services group on the extreme event solutions team will assign an experienced, senior consultant to lead the project and begin the risk assessment process. The project leader engages a team of consultants and analysts with the necessary experience to perform a comprehensive analysis as required and will ensure the timely completion of all tasks. In addition to a team of skilled consultants, the project will be managed by the following senior management team:

### **Vincent Errera, Vice President, Securities, Verisk – Extreme Event Solutions**

Vincent Errera is a Vice President within the consulting and client services group within Verisk's Extreme Event Solutions Team and is responsible for strategic direction and oversight of the insurance-linked securities market segment and consulting projects team. Mr. Errera started his career at Verisk in 2012 as a Risk Consultant on the securities team. As a member of the securities team since 2012, Mr. Errera has been involved in the modeling and management of more than 300 ILS transactions comprising a range of covered perils, regions, and trigger types.

Prior to joining Verisk, Mr. Errera served as a Sergeant in the United States Marine Corps as a reconnaissance operator/signals intelligence analyst. He holds a BS and an MS in finance from the University of Massachusetts and has achieved the designation of Certified Extreme Event Modeler by completing the requirements of Verisk's Certified Extreme Event Modeler Program.

### **Adil Imani, Director, Securities, Verisk – Extreme Event Solutions**

Adil Imani is a director on the insurance-linked securities team at Verisk's Extreme Event Solutions. He has been a part of the ILS team since 2013, and has worked closely with national carriers, new entrants, sovereign entities and other sponsors. He presently leads the securitization team and is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the team, as well as ensuring that we remain a trusted partner in this space. The team facilitates the transfer of risk by insurers, reinsurers, and governments to the capital markets by producing bespoke risk analytics and supporting the marketing process for catastrophe bonds. He holds a BA in economics and applied mathematics from Macalester College and has achieved the designation of Certified Extreme Event Modeler by completing the requirements of Verisk's Certified Extreme Event Modeler Program.

## Services

Verisk's work on a securitization project has several parts:

- Risk analysis
- Rating agency due diligence support
- Advice on and development of offering
- Marketing and transactional documentation
- Risk modeling and expertization
- Investor meetings
- Calculating resets and growth limitation factors (if needed)

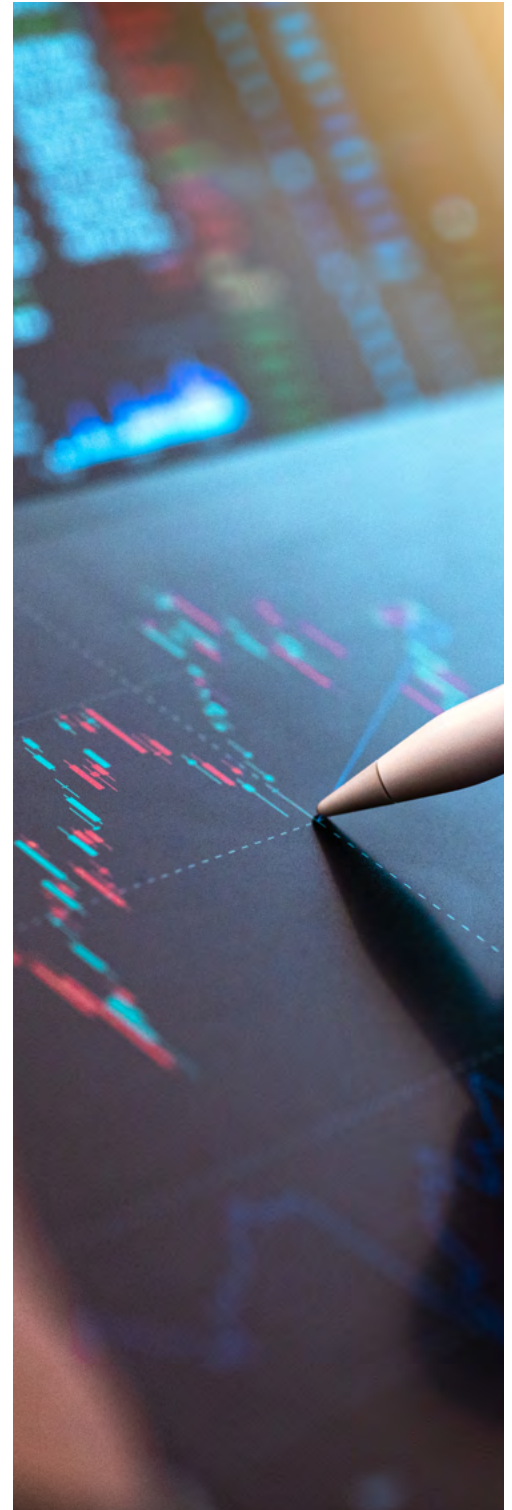
## Issuance Services

### Risk Analysis

We will use our existing extreme event models to perform a probabilistic analysis using our robust catalog(s) of simulated events, together with a deterministic analysis consisting of select historical events. The output of these model runs are modeled loss estimates for simulated and historical events, which can be used for: designing a trigger, performing a basis risk analysis, and summarizing the risk of natural catastrophes for the portfolio. This analysis can be conducted using either exposure information provided directly by the client, or through use of our proprietary industry exposure databases. These databases contain replacement values, construction, occupancy, and other pertinent information for all insurable properties within the relevant country.

### Trigger Design

If necessary, we can assist with defining the objectives and constraints that will inform the trigger design for a given issuance. This service can be used to ensure that parametric or modeled loss triggers are fit for purpose. For example, should there be a budgetary constraint for the cost of risk transfer (i.e., the coupon rate of the bond paid by the client), then that constraint can be translated into a risk metric, specifically an expected loss percentage, that will serve as the basis for constraining the trigger options during the design process.





## Risk Analysis Documentation and Expertization

Once the structure is finalized, we will create the risk analysis documentation to include the assumptions, methodology, and results obtained from the analysis. We will request feedback from both the client and legal counsel in preparing the final documentation. This process can require additional analyses, post-processing of modeling results, and reformatting of certain calculations. Our goal is to present accurate disclosure information to investors transparently.

Finally, we will provide the statistical data, risk modeling, and associated explanations included in the offering circular for a catastrophe bond. Verisk will stand as an expert in modeling techniques and the analysis of risks associated with the appropriate peril.

## Rating Agency Due Diligence Support

If requested by the client, Verisk will meet with representatives of rating agencies to explain our modeling approach, assumptions, and results. In addition, we will perform sensitivity analyses and stress testing to provide the rating agencies with information they request to rate the catastrophe bond, commensurate with what they consider to be the associated underlying risks.

## Investor Meetings

If requested, Verisk senior level executives will meet with investors to explain the modeling results and answer any questions regarding Verisk's methodology, data, and assumptions (i.e., to conduct the "Road Show" for the security). These meetings can be conducted either in person or via conference call.

In addition, depending on the transaction structure, the following services may be required: resets (to ensure the risk remains in sync with the coupon payments) and post-event loss calculations (should a determination need to be made as to whether and how much a given event impacted a security).

# Post Placement Services

## Resets

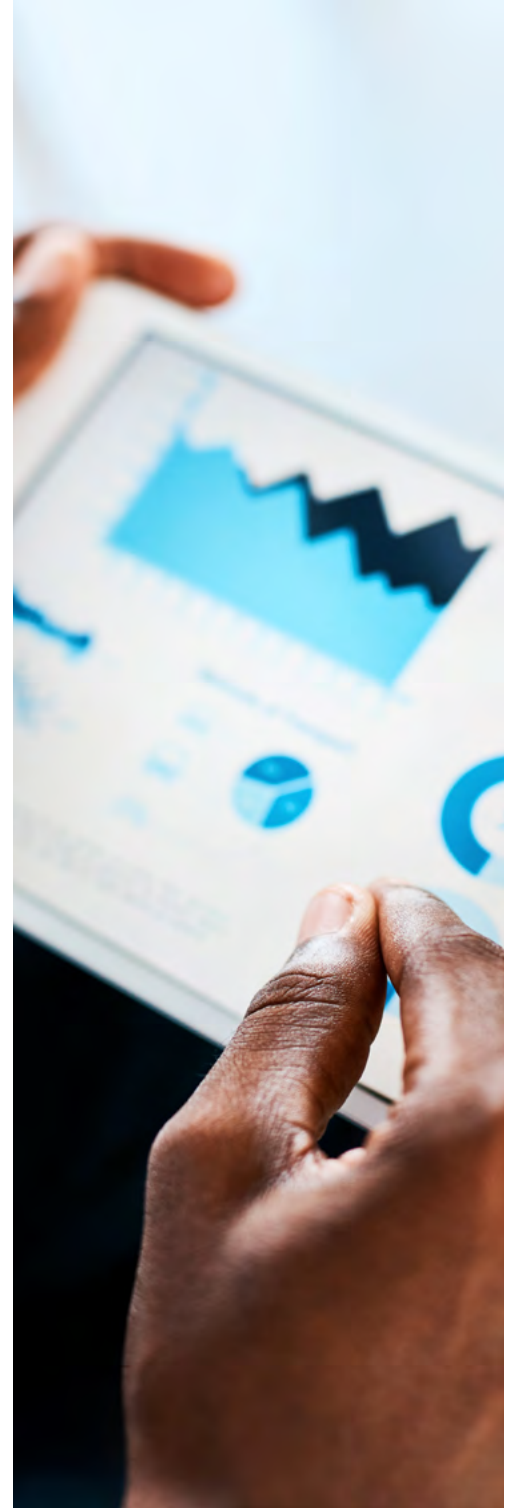
If required, Verisk will perform an updated risk analysis using either an escrowed version of the model or the most current release of the model, depending on the transaction structure, and an updated portfolio of exposure. The purpose of this analysis is to provide an updated view of the risk that reflects changes to the underlying exposures used in the initial issuance.

## Growth Limitation Factor

For indemnity transactions, upon request by the sponsor, following a loss occurrence that may erode the principal of the notes, Verisk will calculate a growth limitation factor (GLF) based on a modeled average annual loss (AAL) of the portfolio in force at the time of an event.

## Event Reports

When requested, for industry index, modeled loss, and parametric transactions, Verisk will generate a report detailing loss and payment information for a given actual event.





## Additional Resources

For more information regarding our work on Insurance-Linked Securities and Resilience, please follow the below links:

- [Philippines Launches Innovative Insurance Program to Boost Natural Disaster Risk Management](#) – Press Release
- [So You Want to Issue a Cat Bond](#)
- [World Bank Affirms Position as Largest Sovereign Risk Insurance Provider with Multi-Country Earthquake Bond](#) – Press Release

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