

## MARKET RELEASE

# TOTAL ASSETS AND FUNDS UNDER MANAGEMENT OF \$60.4 BILLION RETAIL ANNUITY SALES OF \$445 MILLION FUNDS MANAGEMENT NET FLOWS OF \$694 MILLION ON-TRACK TO ACHIEVE FY15 RETAIL ANNUITY NET BOOK GROWTH TARGET

**16 April 2015, Sydney** – Challenger Limited (ASX:CGF) today announced March quarter assets and funds under management, net flows and annuity sales across its two operating businesses, Funds Management and Life (annuities).

Total assets and funds under management at 31 March 2015 were \$60.4 billion, an increase of \$3.3 billion or 6% for the guarter.

Funds Management FUM was \$58.7 billion at 31 March 2015, an increase of \$3.5 billion or 6% for the quarter, reflecting net flows of \$694 million and positive market movements.

Life's annuity sales were \$840 million for the quarter, comprising retail annuity sales of \$445 million and institutional annuity sales of \$395 million. Retail annuity net book growth for the quarter was \$138 million or 1.8%.

Challenger's Chief Executive Officer Brian Benari said: "Challenger has now exceeded \$60 billion in total assets and funds under management, representing a significant milestone for the business.

"With the third quarter our seasonally quietest period for annuity sales, we've still managed to grow fixed term annuity sales by 9% compared with the same period last year, and continued to experience strong demand for lifetime retirement income annuities, which accounted for 18% of total retail annuity sales in the quarter.

"Pleasingly, year to date net book growth now stands at 8.9%, with Challenger on-track to achieve our 2015 financial year net book growth target range of 11% to 13%," said Mr Benari.

#### **Funds Management**

Funds Management FUM at 31 March 2015 was \$58.7 billion, up \$3.5 billion or 6% for the quarter. This FUM comprises financial assets held within the Fidante Partners boutique funds management businesses as well as fixed income and commercial property mandates under management in the Challenger Investment Partners business.

Fidante Partners FUM was \$45.1 billion, an increase of \$2.6 billion or 6% for the quarter driven by market movements and net inflows of \$85 million. Net flows comprised fixed income inflows of \$520 million partially offset by equity outflows of \$170 million and alternatives outflows of \$265 million.

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Stuart Kingham, Head of Investor Relations, Challenger Limited, 02 9994 7125 Stuart Barton, General Manager Corporate Marketing and Communications, Challenger Limited, 02 9994 7008 Challenger Investment Partners (CIP) FUM was \$13.6 billion, an increase of \$885 million or 7% as at 31 March 2015. Net inflows were \$609 million for the quarter and predominately relate to new commercial property mandates.

#### Life (annuities)

Challenger Life recorded \$840 million in total annuity sales, a 69% increase on the prior corresponding period (pcp). Retail annuity sales were \$445 million, while institutional annuity sales rose from \$18 million to \$395 million.

Within retail annuity sales, fixed term sales were \$365 million, an increase of 9%, while total lifetime annuity sales decreased to \$80 million. These lifetime annuity sales comprised entirely of Liquid Lifetime product, which was unchanged from the pcp.

Institutional sales mainly comprised maturing Guaranteed Index Return products reinvested for longer tenors.

Life's investment assets at 31 March 2015 were \$12.8 billion, up \$430 million for the quarter.

Life invests in fixed income, property, equities and infrastructure. Property investments increased by \$329 million during the quarter, mainly due to the completion of property transactions entered into before 31 December 2014, and as disclosed in the 1H15 results.

For the 2015 financial year, Life's net book growth target of between 11% to 13% and cash operating earnings guidance range of \$535 million to \$545 million remains unchanged.

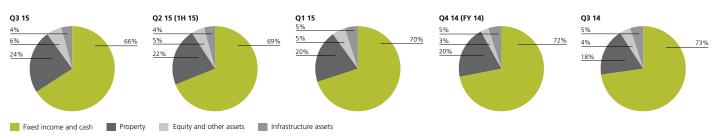
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# Assets and Funds Under Management, net flows and sales

\$m	Q3 15	Q2 15	Q1 15	Q4 14	Q3 14
Total Assets and Funds Under Management	60,430	57,169	54,189	50,725	49,502
Represented by:					
Funds Management					
Fidante Partners <sup>1</sup>					
Equities	18,011	16,626	15,960	16,541	16,570
Fixed income	22,952	21,795	20,699	19,338	18,104
Alternatives	4,178	4,082	3,893	_	_
Total Fidante Partners	45,141	42,503	40,552	35,879	34,674
Challenger Investment Partners <sup>2</sup>					
Fixed income	8,985	8,624	8,461	6,036	6,057
Infrastructure	_	_	_	922	896
Property					
Institutional mandates	4,609	4,085	3,565	3,418	3,160
Challenger Diversified Property Group (ASX:CDI) (gross assets)	_	_	_	871	888
Total Challenger Investment Partners	13,594	12,709	12,026	11,247	11,001
Total funds under management	58,735	55,212	52,578	47,126	45,675
Average Fidante Partners	43,936	41,567	39,435	35,634	34,024
Average Challenger Investment Partners	13,191	12,339	11,784	11,066	11,203
Average total funds under management <sup>3</sup>	57,127	53,906	51,219	46,700	45,227
Life					
Fixed income and cash <sup>4</sup>	8,514	8,541	8,120	7,955	7,746
Property <sup>4</sup>	3,046	2,717	2,320	2,168	1,955
Equity and other	736	632	551	401	431
Infrastructure <sup>4</sup>	527	503	536	563	518
Total Life investment assets	12,823	12,393	11,527	11,087	10,650
Average Life investment assets <sup>3</sup>	12,647	12,001	11,254	10,872	10,939

### Life asset allocation



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Fidante Partners comprise a number of co-owned, separately branded active boutique investment managers from which Fidante receives distribution and administration fees. Fidante Partners also shares in the profits from these businesses through its equity ownership.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Challenger Investment Partners develops and manages products for the Life business and third party institutional investors.

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 3}$  Average total funds under management and Life investments calculated on a monthly basis.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Fixed income, property and infrastructure are reported net of debt.

Analysis of flows	Q3 15	Q2 15	Q1 15	Q4 14	Q3 14
Funds Management net flows					
Equities	(170)	220	(551)	(210)	(46)
Fixed Income	520	653	1,251	841	562
Alternatives	(265)	4	3,849	_	_
Total Fidante Partners	85	877	4,549	631	516
Challenger Investment Partners	609	609	731	149	(262)
Net flows	694	1,486	5,280	780	254
Life sales					
Fixed Term sales	365	727	529	664	335
Lifetime sales	80	158	161	200	143
Total Retail sales	445	885	690	864	478
Institutional sales	395	451	98	273	18
Sales	840	1,336	788	1,137	496
Reconciliation of Total Assets and Funds Under Management					
Funds Management (FUM)	58,735	55,212	52,578	47,126	45,675
Life investment assets	12,823	12,393	11,527	11,087	10,650
Adjustments to remove double counting of cross holdings:					
Life Company investment in CDI	_	_	_	(585)	(342)
Life Company investment in fixed income, property and infrastructure	(11,128)	(10,436)	(9,916)	(6,903)	(6,481)
Total Assets and Funds Under Management	60,430	57,169	54,189	50,725	49,502