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## **A.M. Best Assigns Ratings to Citadel Reinsurance Company Limited**

OLDWICK, N.J.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--**A.M. Best Co.** has assigned a financial strength rating of A- (Excellent) and an issuer credit rating of “a-” to **Citadel Reinsurance Company Limited** (Citadel Re) (Bermuda). The outlook assigned to both ratings is stable.

### **“Rating Members of Insurance Groups“; and “A.M. Best’s Rating Methodology for Captive Insurance Companies.”**

The ratings reflect Citadel Re’s strong balance sheet, excellent liquidity and its diversified operating strategy. The ratings also recognize the company’s experienced management team, niche and specialized markets, favorable operating results and its conservative underwriting and reserving practices. In addition to its traditional reinsurance book of business, Citadel Re’s unique business plan includes exit strategies that provide both capital relief and liquidity easing for reinsurers and captive companies by transferring liabilities to Citadel Re, allowing for the release of assets and collateral that had been required by the fronting reinsurer.

Partially offsetting these positive rating factors is the implementation risk associated with Citadel Re’s innovative business proposition, which in A.M. Best’s view, remains the main risk factor as the company seeks to achieve its projected targets.

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The principal methodology used in determining these ratings is [Best's Credit Rating Methodology -- Global Life and Non-Life Insurance Edition](#), which provides a comprehensive explanation of A.M. Best's rating process and highlights the different rating criteria employed. Additional key criteria utilized include: "Risk Management and the Rating Process for Insurance Companies"; "Understanding BCAR for Property/Casualty Insurers"; "[Rating Members of Insurance Groups](#)"; and "A.M. Best's Rating Methodology for Captive Insurance Companies." Methodologies can be found at [www.ambest.com/ratings/methodology](http://www.ambest.com/ratings/methodology).

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