

Athene Holding Ltd. Completes Reinsurance Transaction with Voya Financial

PEMBROKE, Bermuda--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Athene Holding Ltd. ("Athene") (NYSE: ATH) has successfully closed its transaction with Voya Financial ("Voya") (NYSE: VOYA) to reinsure approximately \$19 billion of fixed and fixed indexed annuity liabilities. This brings Athene's total invested assets to approximately \$100 billion.

"This landmark transaction demonstrates how our expertise and unique, value-added association with Apollo position us to provide customized solutions to take advantage of the ongoing restructuring in the life insurance industry," said Jim Belardi, CEO of Athene. "In addition, since we announced this deal last year, the rise in interest rates has made its expected earnings impact even more significant."

Athene, along with a consortium of investors led by affiliates of Apollo Global Management, LLC (NYSE: APO), made a minority investment in Venerable Holdings, Inc., a newly formed standalone entity that will administer the fixed and variable annuity blocks from Voya Insurance and Annuity Company. Athene's investment in Venerable will be held as an alternative investment. Athene also secured the rights to reinsure future flow from annuitizations of variable annuities to fixed payout annuities, which are expected to generate approximately \$8 billion of flow over the life of the variable annuity block acquired by Venerable.

About Athene Holding Ltd.

Athene, through its subsidiaries, is a leading retirement services company that issues, reinsures and acquires retirement savings products designed for the increasing number of individuals and institutions seeking to fund retirement needs. The products offered by Athene include:

- Retail fixed and fixed indexed annuity products;
- Reinsurance arrangements with third-party annuity providers; and
- Institutional products, such as funding agreements and group annuity contracts related to pension risk transfers.

Proforma for the Voya transaction, as of March 31, 2018, Athene had total assets of approximately \$113 billion. Athene's principal subsidiaries include Athene Annuity & Life Assurance Company, a Delaware-domiciled insurance company, Athene Annuity and Life Company, an Iowa-domiciled insurance company, Athene Annuity & Life Assurance Company of New York, a New York-domiciled insurance company and Athene Life Re Ltd., a Bermuda-domiciled reinsurer.

Further information about our companies can be found at www.athene.com.

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This press release contains, and certain oral statements made by our representatives from time to time may contain, forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Such statements are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results, events and developments to differ materially from those set forth in, or implied by, such statements. These statements are based on the beliefs and assumptions of AHL's management and the management of AHL's subsidiaries. Generally, forward-looking statements include actions, events, results, strategies and expectations and are often identifiable by use of the words "believes," "expects," "intends," "anticipates," "plans," "seeks," "estimates," "projects," "may," "will," "could," "might," or "continues" or similar expressions. Factors that could cause actual results, events and developments to differ include, without limitation: the accuracy of our assumptions and estimates; our ability to maintain or improve financial strength ratings; our ability to manage our business in a highly regulated industry; regulatory changes or actions; the impact of our reinsurers failing to meet their assumed obligations; the impact of interest rate fluctuations; changes in the federal income tax laws and regulations; the implementation and the accuracy of our interpretation of the Tax Act; litigation (including class action litigation), enforcement investigations or regulatory scrutiny; the performance of third parties; the loss of key personnel; telecommunication, information technology and other operational systems failures; the continued availability of capital; new accounting rules or changes to existing accounting rules; general economic conditions; our ability to protect our intellectual property; the ability to maintain or obtain approval of the Delaware Department of Insurance, the Iowa Insurance Division and other regulatory authorities as required for our operations; and other factors discussed from time to time in AHL's filings with the SEC, including our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017, which can be found at the SEC's website www.sec.gov.

All forward-looking statements described herein are qualified by these cautionary statements and there can be no assurance that the actual results, events or developments referenced herein will occur or be realized. We do not undertake any obligation to update or revise forward-looking statements to reflect changed assumptions, the occurrence of unanticipated events or changes to future operating results.

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