### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

### FORM 8-K

Current Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): February 15, 2017

### Argo Group International Holdings, Ltd.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Bermuda (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) 1-15259 (Commission File Number)

110 Pitts Bay Road Pembroke HM 08 Bermuda (Address, Including Zip Code, of Principal Executive Offices) 98-0214719 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

P.O. Box HM 1282 Hamilton HM FX Bermuda (Mailing Address)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (441) 296-5858

Not Applicable (Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

D Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

#### ITEM 7.01. REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE.

Argo Group International Holdings, Ltd. ("Argo Group") may make presentations to members of the investment community from time to time using the presentation materials attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Note: The information in this report and Exhibit 99.1 attached hereto are furnished pursuant to Item 7.01 and shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section. This report will not be deemed an admission as to the materiality of any information in the report that is required to be disclosed solely by Regulation FD.

### ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(d) Exhibits:

99.1 Argo Group International Holdings, Ltd. Presentation

#### SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

ARGO GROUP INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS, LTD.

By: /s/ Jay S. Bullock

Name: Jay S. Bullock

Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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Dated: February 15, 2017



## 4Q 2016 Investor Presentation

BAML Conference February 2017

## **Forward-Looking Statements**

This presentation may include forward-looking statements, both with respect to Argo Group and its industry, that reflect our current views with respect to future events and financial performance. These statements are made pursuant to the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements include all statements that do not relate solely to historical or current facts, and can be identified by the use of words such as "expect," "intend," "plan," "believe," "do not believe," "aim," "project," "anticipate," "seek," "will," "likely," "assume," "estimate," "may," "continue," "guidance," "objective," "outlook," "trends," "future," "could," "would," "should," "target," "on track" and similar expressions of a future or forward-looking nature. All forward-looking statements address matters that involve risks and uncertainties, many of which are beyond Argo Group's control. Accordingly, there are or will be important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those indicated in such statements and, therefore, you should not place undue reliance on any such statements. We believe that these factors include, but are not limited to, the following: 1) unpredictability and severity of catastrophic events; 2) rating agency actions; 3) adequacy of our risk management and loss limitation methods; 4) cyclicality of demand and pricing in the insurance and reinsurance markets; 5) statutory or regulatory developments including tax policy, reinsurance and other regulatory matters; 6) our ability to implement our business strategy; 7) adequacy of our loss reserves; 8) continued availability of capital and financing; 9) retention of key personnel; 10) competition; 11) potential loss of business from one or more major insurance or reinsurance brokers; 12) our ability to implement, successfully and on a timely basis, complex infrastructure, distribution capabilities, systems, procedures and internal controls, and to develop accurate actuarial data to support the business and regulatory and reporting requirements; 13) general economic and market conditions (including inflation, volatility in the credit and capital markets, interest rates and foreign currency exchange rates); 14) the integration of businesses we may acquire or new business ventures we may start; 15) the effect on our investment portfolios of changing financial market conditions including inflation, interest rates, liquidity and other factors; 16) acts of terrorism or outbreak of war; and 17) availability of reinsurance and retrocessional coverage, as well as management's response to any of the aforementioned factors.

In addition, any estimates relating to loss events involve the exercise of considerable judgment and reflect a combination of ground-up evaluations, information available to date from brokers and cedants, market intelligence, initial tentative loss reports and other sources. The actuarial range of reserves and management's best estimate is based on our then current state of knowledge including explicit and implicit assumptions relating to the pattern of claim development, the expected ultimate settlement amount, inflation and dependencies between lines of business. Our internal capital model is used to consider the distribution for reserving risk around this best estimate and predict the potential range of outcomes. However, due to the complexity of factors contributing to the losses and the preliminary nature of the information used to prepare these estimates, there can be no assurance that Argo Group's ultimate losses will remain within the stated amount.

The foregoing review of important factors should not be construed as exhaustive and should be read in conjunction with the other cautionary statements that are included herein and elsewhere, including the risk factors included in our most recent reports on Form 10-K and Form 10-Q and other documents of Argo Group on file with or furnished to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"). Any forward-looking statements made in this presentation are qualified by these cautionary statements, and there can be no assurance that the actual results or developments anticipated by Argo Group will be realized or, even if substantially realized, that they will have the expected consequences to, or effects on, Argo Group or its business or operations. Except as required by law, Argo Group undertakes no obligation to update publicly or revise any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future developments or otherwise.



## Argo Group at a Glance

Exchange / Ticker:

Share Price:

Market Capitalization:

Quarterly Dividend / Annual Yield:

Gross Written Premium:

Capital:

Analyst Coverage:

NASDAQ / "AGII"

\$65.95

\$2.0 billion

\$0.22 per share / 1.3%

\$2.2 billion

\$2.2 billion

Raymond James (Strong Buy) – Greg Peters Compass Point (Neutral) – Ken Billingsley Dowling & Partners (Neutral) – Aaron Woomer JMP (Market Perform) – Matthew Carletti KBW (Market Perform) – Arash Soleimani William Blair (Market Perform) – Adam Klauber

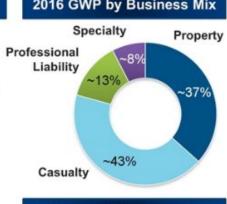
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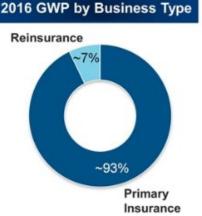
ARGO GROUP Note: Market information as of February 13, 2017 and annual performance figures as of TTM December 30, 2016.

# **Leading Specialty Franchise**

### **Argo Franchise Overview**

- 2016 GWP by Business Mix
- Global underwriter of specialty insurance & reinsurance
- Strategically located in major insurance centers U.S., Bermuda and London
- Established presence in attractive markets
  - Leader in U.S. Excess & Surplus Lines
  - Top Quartile Lloyd's Syndicate by stamp
  - Strong core Commercial Specialty franchise
  - Leading Bermuda reinsurance & excess casualty platform
- Diversified by geography, product & distribution
- Broad and strong producer relationships Agents, brokers, wholesalers, and coverholders
- "A" (excellent) A.M. Best rating





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# **Strategy Aligned Toward Shareholder Value**

### Sustainable competitive advantage

- Niche markets
- Underwriting expertise
- Superior customer service
- Product innovation
- Profitable organic & strategic growth
  - Profitable through cycles
  - Key underwriters/teams
  - Deals that meet stringent criteria
- Deep, tenured management team
- Active capital management

Maximize Shareholder Value through growth in Book Value per Share

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# **Evolution of Growth and Diversification**



\*Excludes GWP recorded in runoff and corporate & other.

Reflects reclassification of Argo Pro from Excess & Surplus lines to Commercial Specialty. Note: BVPS (book value per common share) adjusted for June 2013, March 2015 and June 2016 stock dividend.

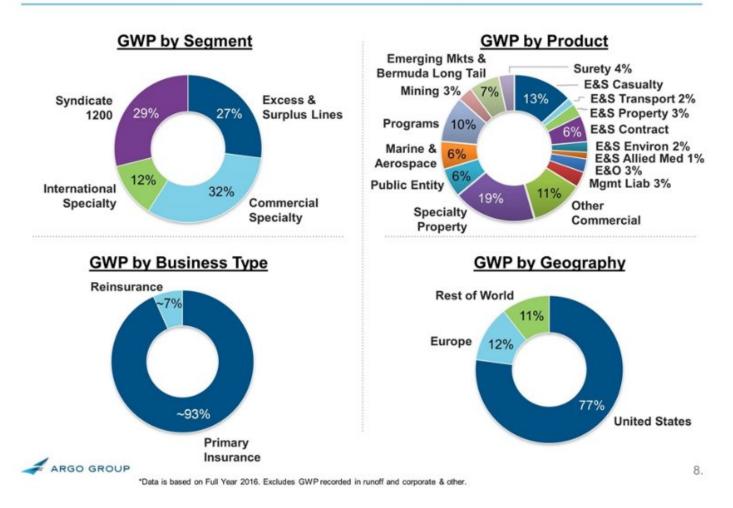
### Important "Bolt-On" Addition to the Argo Franchise

 Ariel enhances Argo's scale at Lloyd's and in Bermuda but does not alter Argo's focus on specialty insurance



(1) Ranking calculated on a year of account basis and relative to the Lloyd's Top 40 reinsurance syndicates

# Argo Group Business Mix (\$2.2b in GWP)

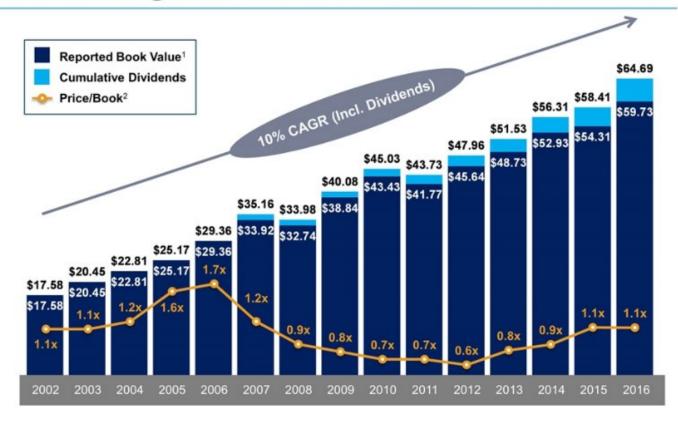


# **Multi-Channel Distribution Strategy**

		<u>Retail Broker /</u> <u>Agent</u>	General Agency	<u>Wholesale</u> <u>Broker</u>	<u>Lloyd's</u> <u>Market</u>	Reinsurance Broker
Commercial Specialty	Rockwood	X				
	Argo Insurance	x				
	Trident	x				
	E8O	x		X		
	D&O	x		X		
	Surety	×		x		
	Commercial Programs	x				
	Alteris		x			
Excess & Surplus Lines	Contract		x			
	Transportation		x			
	Casualty			х		
	Environmental			x		
	Allied Medical	X		x		
	Specialty Property			x		
Syndicate 1200	Liability				x	
	Property				x	
	Aviation				x	
	Marine				x	
International Specialty	Excess Casualty	x		x		
	Professional Liability	x		x		
	Emerging Markets	x		x		
	Reinsurance					X

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## **Maximizing Shareholder Value – BVPS Growth**



(1) Book value per common share:

Adjusted for June 2013, March 2015 and June 2016 stock dividend - 2008-2011 restated to reflect adoption of ASU 2010-26 (related to accounting for costs associated with acquiring or renewing insurance contracts); 2007 and prior not restated - 2008-2006 includes impact of Series A Mandatory Convertible Preferred on an as-if converted basis. Preferred stock fully converted into common shares as of Dec. 31, 2007 10. (2) Price / book represents the high for the YTD period



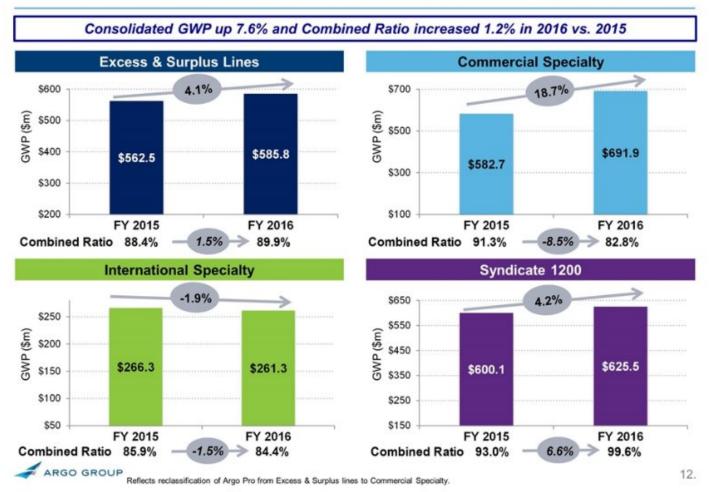
# **Substantial Growth and Financial Strength**

Scale (\$m)	2002	2006	2016	'02-'16 Factor
Gross Written Premiums	\$622.1	\$1,155.6	\$2,164.8	3.5x
Net Written Premiums	484.0	847.0	1,440.2	3.0x
Net Earned Premiums	378.4	813.0	1,410.8	3.7x
Financial Strength (\$m)	2002	2006	2016	'02-'16 Factor
Total Assets	\$2,208.9	\$3,721.5	\$7,205.0	3.3x
Total Investments	1,181.3	2,514.1	4,324.3	3.7x
Shareholder's Equity	327.7	847.7	1,792.7	5.5x
BVPS <sup>1</sup>	\$17.58	\$29.36	\$59.73	3.4x
Total Capital	\$327.7	\$992.0	\$2,160.3	6.6x
Debt+TRUPs / Total Capital	0.0%	14.5%	17.0%	
A.M. Best Rating	А	A	A	

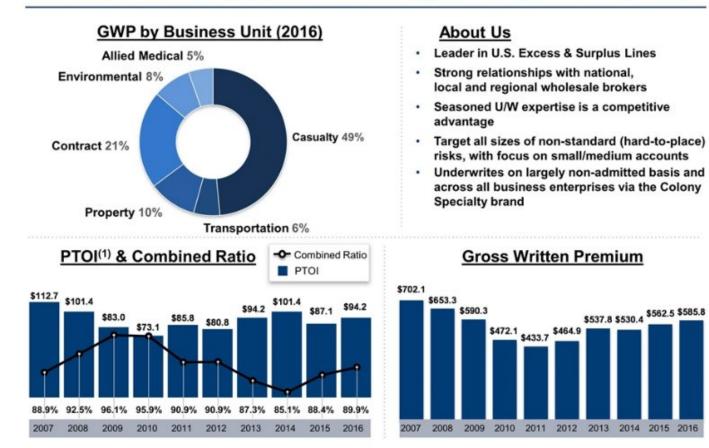
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(1) Book value per common share: - Adjusted for June 2013, March 2015 and June 2016 stock dividend - 2006 adjusted for PXRE merger and includes impact of Series A Mandatory Convertible Preferred on an as-if converted basis. Preferred stock fully converted into common shares as of Dec. 31, 2007. 11.





## Excess & Surplus Lines Segment (27% of TTM GWP)



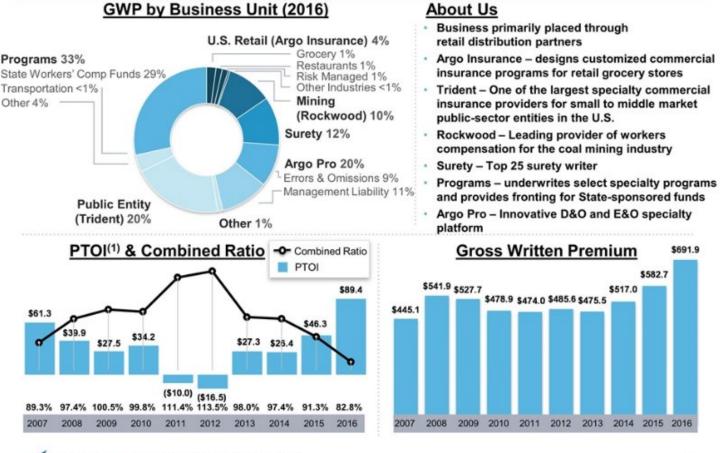
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2015

## Commercial Specialty Segment (32% of TTM GWP)



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## Syndicate 1200 Segment (29% of TTM GWP)

### GWP by Business Unit (2016)



(\$5.2)

2008

2009

(\$27.7)

112.3% 95.8% 115.2% 131.9% 96.5%

2010

(\$64.3)

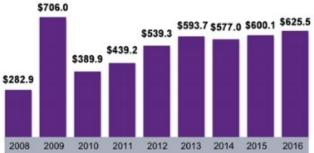
2011

2012

### About Us

- Well-established multi-class platform at Lloyd's of London
- Ranks among the largest Syndicates at Lloyd's by Stamp Capacity
- · Lloyd's market ratings:
  - 'A' (Excellent) by A.M. Best
  - 'A+' (Strong) by S&P
- Regional offices in Dubai, Singapore and China

### Gross Written Premium



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92.6%

2013

93.0%

2015

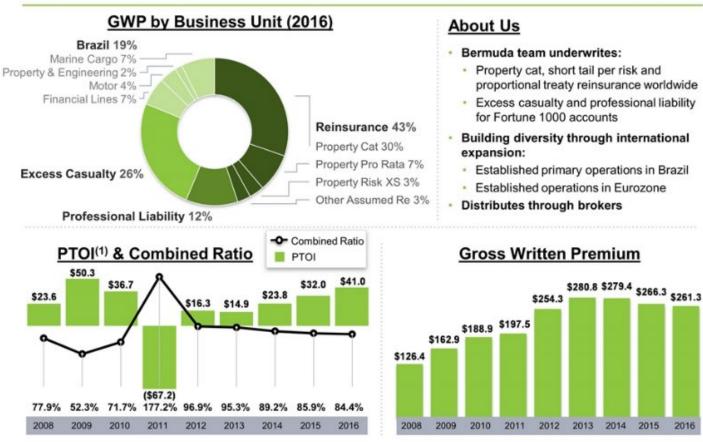
99.6%

2016

91.4%

2014

# International Specialty Segment (12% of TTM GWP)



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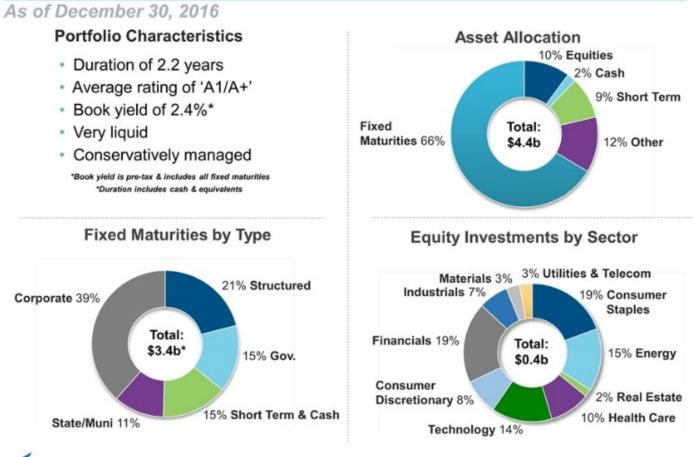
# 4Q 2016 & Full Year 2016 Operating Results

	4Q 2016	4Q 2015	Full Year 2016	Full Year 2015
Gross Written Premiums	\$499.0	\$446.2	\$2,164.8	\$2,012.1
Net Written Premiums	333.5	308.3	1,440.2	1,402.1
Eamed Premiums	362.3	345.3	1,410.8	1,371.9
Losses and Loss Adjustment Expenses	214.1	191.8	810.1	766.1
Underwriting, Acquisition and Insurance Expenses	144.0	134.8	547.0	536.7
Underwriting Income	\$4.2	\$18.7	\$53.7	\$69.1
Net Investment Income	25.5	20.1	115.1	88.6
Fee and other income (expense), net	0.0	(3.5)	2.1	(3.6)
Interest Expense	5.0	4.7	19.6	19.0
Operating Income	\$24.7	\$30.6	\$151.3	\$135.1
Net Realized Investment and Other Gains	13.3	3.7	26.1	24.1
Foreign Currency Exchange Gain (Loss)	9.0	9.9	4.5	18.3
Income Before Taxes	\$47.0	\$44.2	\$181.9	\$177.5
Income Tax Provision	14.1	3.0	35.2	14.3
Net Income	\$32.9	\$41.2	\$146.7	\$163.2
Operating Income per Common Share (Diluted) <sup>1</sup>	0.65	0.78	3.92	3.44
Net Income per Common Share (Diluted)	\$1.07	\$1.31	\$4.75	\$5.20
Loss Ratio <sup>2</sup>	59.1%	55.5%	57.4%	55.8%
Expense Ratio <sup>3</sup>	39.7%	39.0%	38.8%	39.2%
Combined Ratio	98.8%	94.5%	96.2%	95.0%



All data in millions except for per share data and ratio calculations. (1) Op income calculated using an assumed tax rate of 20%. Share count adjusted for June 2016 stock dividend (2) Defined as Losses and Loss Adjustment Expenses / Earned Premiums. (3) Defined as Underwriting, Acquisition and Insurance Expenses / Earned Premiums.

## **Conservative Investment Strategy**



ARGO GROUP \$2.9 billion in fixed maturities, \$0.5 billion in short term & cash

# **Active Capital Management**

### Through share repurchases and dividends, we have returned \$496 million of capital and repurchased 32% of shares outstanding from 2010 through 2016

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2010-2016 Total
Total Shares O/S	31,206,796	31,285,469	31,384,271	34,066,889	34,318,224	37,105,922	40,042,330	
Less: Treasury Shares	3,363,560	4,971,305	6,459,613	7,558,345	8,606,489	9,181,644	10,028,755	
Net Shares	27,843,236	26,314,164	24,924,658	26,508,544	25,711,735	27,924,278	30,013,575	
Shares Repurchased	3,217,561	1,607,745	1,488,308	1,098,732	1,048,144	575,155	847,111	9,882,756
As % of Beg. Net Shares	10%	6%	6%	4%	4%	2%	3%	32%
Avg. Repurchase Price/sh	\$33.05	\$30.69	\$29.89	\$42.32	\$48.45	\$51.55	\$55.61	\$37.74
Total Repurchased (\$mm)	\$105.2	\$49.5	\$44.2	\$46.5	\$50.8	\$29.7	\$47.1	\$372.9
Dividends/sh	\$0.48	\$0.48	\$0.48	\$0.60	\$0.69	\$0.82	\$0.88	\$4.43
Dividend Payments (\$mm)	\$14.2	\$13.1	\$12.3	\$15.8	\$18.2	\$22.7	\$26.5	\$122.8
Repurchases + Dividends (\$mm)	\$119.4	\$62.6	\$56.5	\$62.3	\$68.9	\$52.4	\$73.6	\$495.8



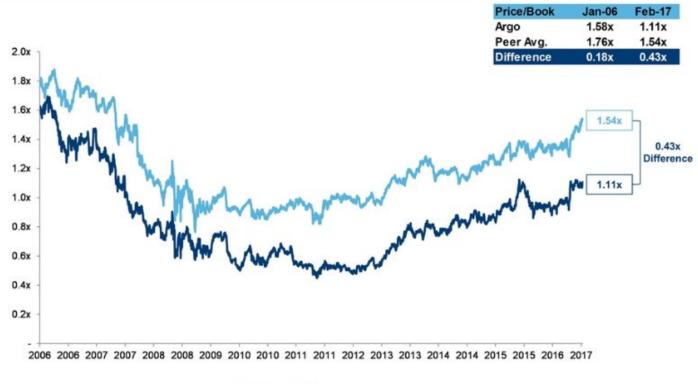
Note: Not adjusted for June 2013 or March 2015 stock dividend.

# **Stock Price Performance – Last 3 Years**



ARGO GROUP Source: SNL Financial (as of 02/13/17). Note: Peer Group consists of: Allied World, American Financial, Arch Capital, Aspen, AXIS Capital, Endurance, Global Indemnity, Markel, Navigators, OneBeacon, RLI Corp, Selective Group, W.R. Berkley. 20.

# **Compelling Valuation vs. Peer Group**



Argo — Peer Group



#### Source: SNL Financial (as of 02/13/17).

Note: Price to book is average price/book across all peer companies based on latest reported book value. Peer Group consists of Allied World, American Financial, Arch Capital, Aspen, AXIS Capital, Endurance, Global Indemnity, Markel, Navigators, OneBeacon, RLI Corp, Selective Group, W.R. Berkley. 21.

### Well Positioned for Value Creation in 2017 and Beyond

