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): November 2, 2020

Argo Group International Holdings, Ltd.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Bermuda (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) **001-15259** (Commission File Number) **98-0214719** (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

110 Pitts Bay Road Pembroke HM 08 Bermuda (Address, Including Zip Code, of Principal Executive Offices) 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)

□ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

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

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

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, par value of \$1.00 per share	ARGO	New York Stock Exchange
Guarantee of Argo Group U.S., Inc. 6.500% Senior Notes due 2042	ARGD	New York Stock Exchange
Depositary Shares, Each Representing a 1/1,000th Interest in a 7.00% Resettable Fixed Rate Preference Share, Series A, Par Value \$1.00 Per Share	ARGOPrA	New York Stock Exchange

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (17 CFR §230.405) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR §240.12b-2).

Emerging growth company \Box

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. \Box

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On November 2, 2020, Argo Group International Holdings, Ltd. (the "Company") issued a press release announcing its financial results for the fiscal quarter ended September 30, 2020. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this report and is incorporated herein by reference.

Exhibit 99.1 is furnished pursuant to Item 2.02 of this Form 8-K and shall not be deemed "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, or incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

Item 8.01. Other Events

The Company issued a press release dated November 2, 2020, announcing the entry into an agreement to sell its reinsurance business, Ariel Re, to Pelican Ventures and J.C. Flowers & Co. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.2 to this report and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits:

No. E	Exhibit
<u>99.1</u> <u>P</u>	Press Release issued by Argo Group International Holdings, Ltd. dated November 2, 2020
<u>99.2</u> <u>P</u>	Press Release regarding agreement to sell Ariel Re issued by Argo Group International Holdings, Ltd. dated November, 2020.
104 C	Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document)

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.

Dated: November 2, 2020

ARGO GROUP INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS, LTD.

By: /s/ Jay S. Bullock

Name: Jay S. Bullock Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer



Argo Group Reports 2020 Third Quarter Results

Continued Strategic Progress to Focus the Organization and Improve Underwriting Results

- Strong Underlying Margins: Current accident year, ex-catastrophe loss ratio and combined ratio improved compared to the prior year period.
- Favorable Market Conditions: Pricing increase above 10% on average across Argo's business.
- Establishing Expense Targets: Initiatives underway to remove \$100 million of expense from the 2019 total incurred; partially reinvesting in ongoing businesses and operations; targeting a 36% expense ratio by year-end 2022.

Hamilton, Bermuda - November 2, 2020 - Argo Group International Holdings, Ltd. (NYSE: ARGO) ("Argo" or the "Company") today announced financial results for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2020. Argo reported third quarter 2020 net loss attributable to common shareholders of \$31.6 million or (0.91) per diluted common share, compared to a net loss attributable to common shareholders of \$25.1 million or (0.73) per diluted common share for the 2019 third quarter. Operating loss in the third quarter of 2020 was \$11.9 million or (0.34) per diluted common share, compared to an operating loss of \$15.2 million or (0.44) per diluted common share for the 2019 third quarter.

2020 Third Quarter Consolidated Operating Highlights

\$ in millions		Three Mon Septem			Q/Q	Nine Mont Septem			Y/Y
Consolidated		2020	_	2019	Change	 2020		2019	Change
Gross written premiums	\$	890.2	\$	882.7	0.8%	\$ 2,515.7	\$	2,416.4	4.1%
Net written premiums	*	533.9	+	538.9	-0.9%	1,370.5	+	1,355.0	1.1%
Earned premiums		445.5		451.5	-1.3%	1,313.9		1,303.7	0.8%
Underwriting (loss) income	\$	(47.7)	\$	(51.3)	NM	\$ (62.8)	\$	(43.4)	NM
Net investment income		42.0		40.2	4.5%	 79.0		116.9	-32.4%
Net (loss) income attributable to									
common shareholders	\$	(31.6)	\$	(25.1)	NM	\$ (56.8)	\$	94.9	NM
Operating (loss) income	\$	(11.9)	\$	(15.2)	NM	\$ (4.0)	\$	43.1	NM
Loss ratio		73.8%		75.1%	-1.3 pts	67.2%		66.1%	1.1 pts
Expense ratio		36.9%		36.3%	0.6 pts	37.6%		37.2%	0.4 pts
Combined ratio		110.7%		111.4%	-0.7 pts	 104.8%		103.3%	1.5 pts
CAY ex-CAT loss ratio		56.9%		61.5%	-4.6 pts	 56.7%		59.0%	-2.3 pts

"We are pleased with the improved underlying margins of our business during the quarter, as well as the actions taken to simplify operations and exit lines that do not meet profitability expectations or are not aligned with our strategy," said Argo Chief Executive Officer Kevin J. Rehnberg. "While the industry faced historic levels of catastrophe activity in the third quarter, we have continued to make progress on our strategic objectives.

"This progress combined with continued gross written premium growth within profitable lines of business, improvement in pricing and a plan to reduce expenses demonstrates our firm commitment to continuing on a path toward increased shareholder value."

- On a consolidated basis, gross written premium grew 0.8% to \$890.2 million during the third quarter of 2020. Premium growth in U.S. Operations of 2.4% was partially offset by a 1.4% decline in International Operations. Pricing increases remained in the low double digits on average across Argo, with a wide range varying by business line.
- The combined ratio was 110.7% compared to 111.4% for the 2019 third quarter. The slightly lower combined ratio was primarily driven by a better current accident year (CAY) ex-CAT loss ratio and a lower level of net unfavorable reserve development, which for the third consecutive quarter, was modest during the period at \$1.6 million. Partially offsetting these improvements was a higher level of catastrophe losses of \$71.2 million, including \$16.9 million related to the COVID-19 pandemic, primarily resulting from contingency exposures in Argo's International Operations. Additionally, net unfavorable reserve development of 0.4 points in the third quarter of 2020 was down from 9.3 points in the prior year quarter. The expense ratio was up modestly compared to the prior year quarter and reflected a 0.3 point unfavorable impact from reinstatement premiums in the 2020 third quarter.
- The CAY ex-CAT combined ratio was 93.5% compared to 97.8% in the prior year quarter. The improvement in the CAY ex-CAT combined ratio was due to a
 lower CAY ex-CAT loss ratio that was driven by stronger pricing and lower loss activity in International Operations, while the expense ratio was roughly stable.
- Net investment income of \$42.0 million increased 4.5% compared to the 2019 third quarter. Net investment income excluding alternatives decreased 29.5% to \$22.7 million, while alternative investments, which are reported on a lag, contributed a gain of \$19.3 million in the third quarter of 2020. The decline in the portfolio excluding alternatives was primarily due to lower interest rates and portfolio de-risking actions that have been executed since the fourth quarter of 2019. The strong performance from alternative investments included a performance-related contingent payment from an investment that was sold during 2017.
- Net loss attributable to common shareholders was \$31.6 million or \$(0.91) per diluted common share, compared to a net loss attributable to common shareholders of \$25.1 million or \$(0.73) per diluted common share for the 2019 third quarter. The 2020 third quarter result included foreign currency exchange losses and dividends on preferred shares compared to foreign exchange gains and no dividends on preferred shares in the prior year quarter.
- Operating loss was \$11.9 million or \$(0.34) per diluted common share, compared to an operating loss of \$15.2 million or \$(0.44) per diluted common share for the 2019 third quarter. The primary driver of the smaller operating loss was a lower level of underwriting losses and stronger investment income in the third quarter of 2020.

U.S. Operations:

\$ in millions	Three Mon Septem		Q/Q	Nine Mont Septem		Y/Y
U.S. Operations	 2020	2019	Change	2020	2019	Change
Gross written premiums	\$ 542.4	\$ 529.9	2.4%	\$ 1,499.1	\$ 1,394.2	7.5%
Net written premiums	349.2	360.3	-3.1%	922.2	904.0	2.0%
Earned premiums	298.7	290.8	2.7%	902.8	848.6	6.4%
Losses and loss adjustment expenses	205.5	178.6	15.1%	566.3	496.3	14.1%
Underwriting expenses	99.1	92.8	6.8%	290.8	278.7	4.3%
Underwriting (loss) income	\$ (5.9)	\$ 19.4	NM	\$ 45.7	\$ 73.6	-37.9%
Loss ratio	68.8%	61.4%	7.4 pts	62.7%	58.5%	4.2 pts
Expense ratio	33.2%	31.9%	1.3 pts	32.2%	32.8%	-0.6 pts
Combined ratio	 102.0%	 93.3%	8.7 pts	 94.9%	 91.3%	3.6 pts
CAY ex-CAT loss ratio	60.5%	 59.5%	1 pts	57.9%	 58.0%	-0.1 pts

In our U.S. Operations, gross written premiums increased 2.4% compared to the 2019 third quarter due to growth in Professional and Property lines, while
premiums in Specialty were up modestly. Growth in the period reflected strong rate increases across most lines of business, which remained in the high single
digits on average. This was partially offset by economic headwinds as a result of COVID-19 and re-underwriting actions in certain business units, which
primarily impacted Liability lines including workers' compensation.

• Net written premiums declined 3.1% compared to the 2019 third quarter due to the impact of additional reinsurance purchases. Net earned premium growth in the third quarter of 2020 was a result of previous growth in gross and net written premium, and was primarily attributed to Professional lines.

- The loss ratio for the third quarter of 2020 was 68.8%, an increase of 7.4 points compared to the prior year quarter. The higher loss ratio was primarily driven by a 7.3 point increase in catastrophe losses and a 1.0 point increase in the CAY ex-CAT loss ratio. This was partially offset by a higher level of favorable reserve development relative to the prior year quarter. The increase in the CAY ex-CAT loss ratio reflected a large fire loss and large liability claim that added 1.7 points. Catastrophe losses in the quarter were primarily related to an active U.S. hurricane and storm season, as well as U.S. wildfires. Net favorable prior-year reserve development in the current quarter increased to \$3.2 million from \$0.7 million in the prior year quarter.
- The expense ratio for the third quarter of 2020 was 33.2%, an increase of 1.3 points compared to the 2019 third quarter. The higher expense was driven by changes in business mix, non-recurring severance expense and the impact of reinstatement premiums. On a year-to-date basis, the nine month 2020 expense ratio improved 0.6 point from the prior year period.

International Operations:

\$ in millions	 Three Mon Septem		Q/Q	Nine Mont Septem		Y/Y
International Operations	 2020	2019	Change	2020	2019	Change
Gross written premiums	\$ 347.7	\$ 352.8	-1.4%	\$ 1,016.2	\$ 1,022.1	-0.6%
Net written premiums	184.6	178.6	3.4%	447.9	450.9	-0.7%
Earned premiums	146.7	160.7	-8.7%	410.8	455.0	-9.7%
Losses and loss adjustment expenses	113.0	160.0	-29.4%	305.6	363.3	-15.9%
Underwriting expenses	57.1	62.5	-8.6%	175.0	174.7	0.2%
Underwriting loss	\$ (23.4)	\$ (61.8)	NM	\$ (69.8)	\$ (83.0)	NM
Loss ratio	77.1%	99.6%	-22.5 pts	74.4%	79.8%	-5.4 pts
Expense ratio	38.9%	38.9%	0 pts	42.6%	38.4%	4.2 pts
Combined ratio	116.0%	 138.5%	-22.5 pts	 117.0%	 118.2%	-1.2 pts
CAY ex-CAT loss ratio	50.0%	 65.0%	-15 pts	 54.2%	 60.8%	-6.6 pts

• In our International Operations, gross written premiums declined modestly in the third quarter of 2020, as growth in Property and Liability lines was more than offset by a decrease in Specialty and Professional lines. Rates increased across all lines of business with particular strength in Liability and Property lines, and average rate increases remained in the mid-teens during the quarter. Rate increases across International were partially offset by re-underwriting and reducing line sizes in certain business lines, as well as the economic impact of COVID-19 on some businesses.

- Net earned premium in the third quarter of 2020 decreased 8.7% from the prior year quarter. The decline was primarily related to the impact of business lines exited over the last 18 months, as well as additional reinstatement premiums incurred during the quarter.
- The loss ratio for the third quarter of 2020 was 77.1%, an improvement of 22.5 points compared to the prior year quarter. The lower loss ratio was primarily due to 3.8 points of favorable reserve development in the current quarter compared to 26.3 points of unfavorable development in the prior year quarter, as well as a 15.0 point year-over-year improvement in the CAY ex-CAT loss ratio. Catastrophe losses totaled 30.9 points in the quarter, attributed to both estimated natural catastrophe loss and losses related to COVID-19 in contingency exposures. The CAY ex-CAT loss ratio improvement was primarily due to achieved rate increases earning through results and the impact of recent re-underwriting actions.
- The expense ratio for the third quarter of 2020 was 38.9%, which was flat to the result in the prior year quarter as lower earned premium was matched by lower non-acquisition expenses.

Balance Sheet:

- Book value per common share was \$49.63 at September 30, 2020, compared to \$49.94 at June 30, 2020. Including dividends paid, book value per common share was unchanged relative to June 30, 2020.
- During the third quarter, the Company completed an offering of 7.0% resettable fixed rate perpetual non-cumulative preference shares with a total liquidation preference of \$150 million. Part of the proceeds were used to repay a \$125 million term loan during the third quarter.

CONFERENCE CALL

Argo Group management will conduct an investor conference call starting at 10 a.m. EDT on Tuesday, November 3, 2020. Participants in the U.S. can access the call by dialing (877) 291-5203. Callers dialing from outside the U.S. can access the call by dialing (412) 902-6610. Please ask the operator for the Argo Group earnings call. A live webcast of the conference call can be accessed at https://services.choruscall.com/links/argo201103.html

A webcast replay will be available shortly after the live conference call and can be accessed at https://services.choruscall.com/links/argo201103.html. A telephone replay of the conference call will be available through November 10, 2020, to callers in the U.S. by dialing (877) 344-7529 (conference #10148372). Callers dialing from outside the U.S. can access the replay by dialing (412) 317-0088 (conference #10148372).

ABOUT ARGO GROUP INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS, LTD.

Argo Group International Holdings Ltd. (NYSE: ARGO) is an underwriter of specialty insurance and reinsurance products in the property and casualty market. Argo offers a full line of products and services designed to meet the unique coverage and claims handling needs of businesses in two primary segments: U.S. Operations and International Operations. Argo and its insurance subsidiaries are rated 'A-' by Standard and Poor's. Argo's insurance subsidiaries are rated 'A-' by A.M. Best. More information on Argo and its subsidiaries is available at www.argogroup.com.

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This press release includes forward-looking statements that reflect our current views with respect to future events and financial performance. 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," "remain optimistic," "path toward," "outlook," "trends," "future," "could," "would," "should," "target," "on track" and similar expressions of a future or forward-looking nature.

Such statements are subject to certain risks and uncertainties that could cause actual events or results to differ materially. For a more detailed discussion of such risks and uncertainties, see Item 1A, "Risk Factors" in Argo's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019, as supplemented in Part II, Item 1A, "Risk Factors" of Argo's subsequent Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and in other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"). The inclusion of a forward-looking statement herein should not be regarded as a representation by Argo that Argo's objectives will be achieved. Argo undertakes no obligation to publicly update forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. You should not place undue reliance on any such statements.

NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES

In presenting the Company's results, management has included and discussed in this press release certain non-generally accepted accounting principles ("non-GAAP") financial measures within the meaning of Regulation G as promulgated by the SEC. Management believes that these non-GAAP measures, which may be defined differently by other companies, better explain the Company's results of operations in a manner that allows for a more complete understanding of the underlying trends in the Company's business. However, these measures should not be viewed as a substitute for those determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles ("U.S. GAAP").

"Underwriting income" is an internal performance measure used in the management of the Company's operations and represents net amount earned from underwriting activities (net premium earned less underwriting expenses and claims incurred). Although this measure of profit (loss) does not replace net income (loss) computed in accordance with U.S. GAAP as a measure of profitability, management uses this measure of profit (loss) to focus our reporting segments on generating underwriting income. The Company presents Underwriting income as a measure that is commonly recognized as a standard of performance by investors, analysts, rating agencies and other users of its financial information.

"Current accident year (CAY) ex-CAT combined ratio" and the "Current accident year (CAY) ex-CAT loss ratio" are internal measures used by the management of the Company to evaluate the performance of its' underwriting activity and represents the net amount of underwriting income excluding catastrophe related charges (impacts to both premium and losses), the impact of changes to prior year loss reserves and other one-time items that would impact expenses or net earned premium. Although this measure does not replace the GAAP combined ratio it provides management with a view of the quality of earnings generated by underwriting activity for the current accident year.



"Operating income" is an internal performance measure used in the management of the Company's operations and represents after-tax (at an assumed effective tax rate of 15%) operating results excluding, as applicable, net realized investment gains or losses, net foreign exchange gain or loss, and other similar non-recurring items, as well as preferred share dividends. The Company excludes net realized investment gains or losses, net foreign exchange gain or loss, and other similar non-recurring items from the calculation of operating income because these amounts are influenced by and fluctuate in part, by market conditions that are outside of management's control. In addition to presenting net income determined in accordance with U.S. GAAP, the Company believes that showing operating income enables investors, analysts, rating agencies and other users of the Company's financial information to more easily analyze our results of operations and underlying business performance. Operating income should not be viewed as a substitute for U.S. GAAP net income.

"Annualized return on average common shareholders' equity" ("ROACE") is calculated using average common shareholders' equity. In calculating ROACE, the net income available to common shareholders for the period is multiplied by the number of periods in a calendar year to arrive at annualized net income available to common shareholders. The Company presents ROACE as a measure that is commonly recognized as a standard of performance by investors, analysts, rating agencies and other users of its financial information. "Annualized operating return on average common shareholders' equity" is calculated using operating income (as defined above and annualized in the manner described for net income (loss) available to common shareholders under ROACE above) and average common shareholders' equity.

The "percentage change in book value per common share" includes (by adding) the effects of cash dividends paid per common share to the calculated book value per common share for the current period. This adjusted amount is then compared to the prior period's book value per common share to determine the period over period change. The Company believes that including the dividends paid per common share allows users of its financial statements to more easily identify the impact of the changes in book value per common share from the perspective of investors.

Reconciliations of non-GAAP financial measures to their most directly comparable U.S. GAAP measures are included in the attached tables and footnotes.

(financial tables follow)

ARGO GROUP INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS, LTD. CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(in millions, except per share amounts)

	Se	ptember 30, 2020	De	cember 31, 2019
	(unaudited)		
Assets				
Total investments	\$	5,006.0	\$	5,099.4
Cash		300.4		137.8
Accrued investment income		22.2		25.7
Receivables		3,843.5		3,792.8
Goodwill and intangible assets		247.3		253.2
Deferred acquisition costs, net		170.4		160.2
Ceded unearned premiums		660.9		545.0
Other assets		483.6		500.4
Total assets	\$	10,734.3	\$	10,514.5
Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity				
Reserves for losses and loss adjustment expenses	\$	5,390.0	\$	5,157.6
Unearned premiums		1,574.2		1,410.9
Ceded reinsurance payable, net		1,085.0		1,203.1
Senior unsecured fixed rate notes		140.1		140.0
Other indebtedness		59.1		181.3
Junior subordinated debentures		257.7		257.4
Other liabilities		363.7		383.1
Total liabilities		8,869.8		8,733.4
Preferred shares		144.0		
Common shareholders' equity		1,720.5		1,781.1
Total shareholders' equity		1,864.5		1,781.1
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$	10,734.3	\$	10,514.5
Book value per common share	\$	49.63	\$	51.80

ARGO GROUP INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS, LTD. CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

(in millions, except per share amounts) (unaudited)

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(1) The expense ratio is calculated as "Underwriting, acquisition and insurance expense" divided by "Earned premiums".

(2) For purposes of calculating these ratios, net earned premiums were adjusted to exclude outward reinstatement premium adjustments of \$3.9 million and \$6.0 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2020, respectively, and inward reinstatement premium adjustments of \$0.1 million for both the three and nine months ended September 30, 2019.

ARGO GROUP INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS, LTD. SEGMENT DATA (in millions) (unaudited)

	Three Mo Septer			Nine mo Septer		
	2020	2019		2020		2019
U.S. Operations						
Gross written premiums	\$ 542.4	\$ 529.9	\$	1,499.1	\$	1,394.2
Net written premiums	349.2	360.3		922.2		904.0
Earned premiums	298.7	290.8		902.8		848.6
Underwriting (loss) income	(5.9)	19.4		45.7		73.6
Net investment income	30.1	27.4		56.1		80.1
Interest expense	(4.0)	(4.6)		(13.1)		(15.5)
Fee (expense) income, net	 (0.1)	 _		(0.5)		0.1
Net income before taxes	\$ 20.1	\$ 42.2	\$	88.2	\$	138.3
Loss ratio	68.8%	61.4%		62.7%		59.50/
	33.2%	31.9%		32.2%		58.5% 32.8%
Expense ratio (1)	 102.0%	 93.3%		94.9%		
GAAP combined ratio	 	 	:			91.3%
CAY ex-CAT combined ratio (2)	 93.3%	 91.4%		90.0%	:	90.8%
International Operations						
Gross written premiums	\$ 347.7	\$ 352.8	\$	1,016.2	\$	1,022.1
Net written premiums	184.6	178.6		447.9		450.9
Earned premiums	146.7	160.7		410.8		455.0
Underwriting loss	(23.4)	(61.8)		(69.8)		(83.0)
Net investment income	9.9	10.7		19.0		31.3
Interest expense	(1.9)	(2.5)		(6.2)		(8.4)
Fee income, net	0.7	0.7		2.5		2.4
Net loss before taxes	\$ (14.7)	\$ (52.9)	\$	(54.5)	\$	(57.7)
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Loss ratio	77.1%	99.6%		74.4%		79.8%
Expense ratio (1)	 38.9%	 38.9%		42.6%		38.4%
GAAP combined ratio	 116.0%	 138.5%	: <u> </u>	117.0%	: <u> </u>	118.2%
CAY ex-CAT combined ratio (3)	 88.7%	 103.9%	:	96.5%		99.2%

(1) The expense ratio is calculated as "Underwriting, acquisition and insurance expense" divided by "Earned premiums".

(2) For purposes of calculating these ratios, net earned premiums were adjusted to exclude outward reinstatement premium adjustments of \$3.2 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2020. There were no such adjustments for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2019.

(3) For purposes of calculating these ratios, net earned premiums were adjusted to exclude outward reinstatement premium adjustments of \$0.7 million and \$2.8 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2020, respectively, and inward reinstatement premium adjustments of \$0.1 million for both the three and nine months ended September 30, 2019.

ARGO GROUP INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS, LTD. RECONCILIATION OF LOSS RATIOS (unaudited)

	Three Months September		Nine Months I September	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
U.S. Operations				
Loss ratio	68.8%	61.4%	62.7%	58.5%
Prior accident year loss reserve development	1.1%	0.2%	0.1%	1.2%
Catastrophe losses	(9.4)%	(2.1)%	(4.9)%	(1.7)%
CAY ex-CAT loss ratio (1)	60.5%	59.5%	57.9%	58.0%
International Operations				
Loss ratio	77.1%	99.6%	74.4%	79.8%
Prior accident year loss reserve development	3.8%	(26.3)%	1.1%	(15.3)%
Catastrophe losses	(30.9)%	(8.3)%	(21.3)%	(3.7)%
CAY ex-CAT loss ratio (2)	50.0%	65.0%	54.2%	60.8%
Consolidated				
Loss ratio	73.8%	75.1%	67.2%	66.1%
Prior accident year loss reserve development	(0.4)%	(9.3)%	(0.5)%	(4.7)%
Catastrophe losses	(16.5)%	(4.3)%	(10.0)%	(2.4)%
CAY ex-CAT loss ratio (3)	56.9%	61.5%	56.7%	59.0%

(1) For purposes of calculating these ratios, net earned premiums were adjusted to exclude outward reinstatement premium adjustments of \$3.2 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2020. There were no such adjustments for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2019.

- (2) For purposes of calculating these ratios, net earned premiums were adjusted to exclude outward reinstatement premium adjustments of \$0.7 million and \$2.8 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2020, respectively, and inward reinstatement premium adjustments of \$0.1 million for both the three and nine months ended September 30, 2019.
- (3) For purposes of calculating these ratios, net earned premiums were adjusted to exclude outward reinstatement premium adjustments of \$3.9 million and \$6.0 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2020, respectively, and inward reinstatement premium adjustments of \$0.1 million for both the three and nine months ended September 30, 2019.

ARGO GROUP INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS, LTD. NET PRIOR-YEAR RESERVE DEVELOPMENT & CATASTROPHE LOSSES BY SEGMENT

(in millions) (unaudited)

Three Months Ended Nine Months Ended September 30, September 30, 2020 2019 2020 2019 Net Prior-Year Reserve Development (Favorable)/Unfavorable U.S. Operations \$ (3.2) \$ (0.7) \$ (0.5) \$ (9.8)International Operations (5.6)42.3 (4.5)69.5 Run-off Lines 10.4 0.2 11.1 1.9 Total net prior-year reserve development 1.6 41.8 6.1 61.6 \$ \$ \$ \$ **Three Months Ended** Nine Months Ended September 30, September 30, 2020 2019 2020 2019 Catastrophe & COVID-19 Losses Catastrophe losses U.S. Operations 28.3 \$ 6.1 \$ 35.8 \$ 14.3 S International Operations 26.0 13.2 31.9 17.0 54.3 19.3 67.7 31.3 Total catastrophe losses COVID-19 losses U.S. Operations (2.0)6.5 ____ International Operations 18.9 54.0 ____ ____ Total COVID-19 losses 16.9 60.5 Catastrophe & COVID-19 losses U.S. Operations 26.3 6.1 42.3 14.3 International Operations 44.9 13.2 85.9 17.0 Total catastrophe & COVID-19 losses 71.2 19.3 128.2 31.3 \$ \$ \$ \$

ARGO GROUP INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS, LTD. RECONCILIATION OF UNDERWRITING (LOSS) INCOME TO NET (LOSS) INCOME CONSOLIDATED

(in millions)

(unaudited)

	Three Mon Septem		Nine Mont Septem	
	 2020	2019	2020	2019
Net (loss) income	\$ (29.6)	\$ (25.1)	\$ (54.8)	\$ 94.9
Add (deduct):				
Income tax provision (benefit)	0.2	(1.1)	9.5	8.6
Net investment income	(42.0)	(40.2)	(79.0)	(116.9)
Net realized investment losses (gains)	5.7	6.2	21.7	(58.3)
Fee and other income	(1.7)	(1.9)	(5.8)	(6.3)
Interest expense	6.8	7.5	21.3	25.3
Fee and other expense	0.9	1.2	3.1	3.8
Foreign currency exchange losses (gains)	11.6	(1.6)	15.0	(6.2)
Other corporate expenses	0.4	3.7	6.2	11.7
Underwriting (loss) income	\$ (47.7)	\$ (51.3)	\$ (62.8)	\$ (43.4)

ARGO GROUP INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS, LTD. RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME TO NET (LOSS) INCOME CONSOLIDATED

(in millions, except per share amounts) (unaudited)

		Three Mon Septem	 	Nine Mon Septem	
	2	2020	2019	 2020	2019
Net (loss) income, as reported	\$	(29.6)	\$ (25.1)	\$ (54.8)	\$ 94.9
Income tax provision (benefit)		0.2	(1.1)	9.5	8.6
Net income (loss), before taxes		(29.4)	(26.2)	(45.3)	 103.5
Add (deduct):					
Net realized investment losses (gains)		5.7	6.2	21.7	(58.3)
Foreign currency exchange losses (gains)		11.6	(1.6)	15.0	(6.2)
Other corporate expenses		0.4	 3.7	 6.2	 11.7
Operating (loss) income before taxes and preferred share dividends		(11.7)	(17.9)	(2.4)	50.7
Income tax (benefit) provision, at assumed rate (1)		(1.8)	(2.7)	(0.4)	7.6
Preferred share dividends		2.0	 —	 2.0	
Operating (loss) income	\$	(11.9)	\$ (15.2)	\$ (4.0)	\$ 43.1
Operating (loss) income per common share (diluted)	\$	(0.34)	\$ (0.44)	\$ (0.12)	\$ 1.24
Weighted average common shares, diluted		34.7	 34.3	 34.6	 34.8

(1) For the purpose of calculating Operating Income, an assumed tax rate of 15% was used for all periods presented.

ARGO GROUP INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS, LTD. RECONCILIATION OF SEGMENT INCOME TO NET (LOSS) INCOME (in millions)

(unaudited)

	 Nine Mont Septeml		 Three Mon Septeml	\$
2019	2020	 2019	2020	
				Segment income (loss) before income taxes:
138.3	\$ 88.2	\$ 42.2	\$ 20.1	\$ U.S. Operations
(57.7)	(54.5)	(52.9)	(14.7)	International Operations
0.2	(11.0)	0.7	(10.2)	Run-off Lines
(30.1)	(25.1)	(7.9)	(6.9)	Corporate and Other
58.3	(21.7)	(6.2)	(5.7)	Net realized investment (losses) gains
6.2	(15.0)	1.6	(11.6)	Foreign currency exchange (losses) gains
(11.7)	(6.2)	(3.7)	(0.4)	Other corporate expenses
103.5	(45.3)	(26.2)	(29.4)	(Loss) income before income taxes
8.6	9.5	(1.1)	0.2	Income tax provision (benefit)
94.9	\$ (54.8)	\$ (25.1)	\$ (29.6)	\$ Net (loss) income
	\$ 9.5	\$ (1.1)	\$ 0.2	\$ Income tax provision (benefit)

ARGO GROUP INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS, LTD.

		PREMIUMS	BY S	SEGMENT AN (in million (unaudited	ND L 1s) d)	INE OF BUSI		8	_					
U.S. Operations		Three months ended September 30, 2020							Three months ended September 30, 2019					
	Gross			Net	Net			Gross		Net		Net		
		Written		Written		Earned		Written	_	Written	-	Earned		
Property	\$	90.8	\$	62.3	\$	36.6	\$	85.1	\$	61.1	\$	35.3		
Liability		291.6		183.7		165.2		313.9		211.2		179.9		
Professional		111.7		71.9		63.3		83.4		54.8		44.2		
Specialty		48.3		31.3		33.6		47.5		33.2		31.4		
Total	\$	542.4	\$	349.2	\$	298.7	\$	529.9	\$	360.3	\$	290.8		
		Nine mont	hs ei	nded Septembe	er 30	, 2020		Nine montl	is ei	nded Septemb	er 30,	2019		
		Gross		Net		Net		Gross		Net	Net			
	,	Written		Written		Earned		Written		Written]	Earned		
Property	\$	237.5	\$	124.5	\$	117.3		227.3	\$	112.6		100.1		
Liability	Ψ	804.4	Ψ	505.8	Ψ	507.4	Ψ	812.9	Ψ	557.1	Ψ	533.8		
Professional		312.7		193.8		177.4		220.1		136.1		119.6		
Specialty		144.5		98.1		100.7		133.9		98.2		95.1		
Total	\$	1,499.1	\$	922.2	\$	902.8	\$	1,394.2	\$	904.0	\$	848.6		
												2010		
International Operations				led September 30, 2020					hs ended September 30, 2019					
	Gross		Net		Net			Gross		Net	Net			
		Written		Written		Earned		Written		Written		Earned		
Property	\$	161.0	\$	66.2	\$	44.3	\$		\$	55.2	\$	42.5		
Liability		73.4		32.6		26.7		57.2		28.8		28.1		
Professional		49.7		37.7		29.9		53.2		31.9		28.9		
Specialty		63.6		48.1		45.8		91.2		62.7		61.2		
Total	\$	347.7	\$	184.6	\$	146.7	\$	352.8	\$	178.6	\$	160.7		
		Nine mont	hs ei	nded Septembe	er 30	, 2020		Nine month	is ei	nded Septemb	er 30,	2019		
		Gross		Net		Net	Gross			Net	Net			
	,	Written		Written		Earned		Written		Written]	Earned		
Property	\$	416.5	\$	128.9	\$	115.6	\$	445.2	\$	120.7	\$	119.1		
					J D					74.2		83.9		
		185.8			ψ		+	150.6				82.7		
Liability		185.8 156.7		81.7	Φ	73.0	*	150.6 151.2						
Liability Professional		156.7			Φ		•	151.2		85.6 170.4		169.3		
Liability Professional Specialty Total	\$		\$	81.7 88.0	\$	73.0 88.0	\$		\$	85.6	\$	169.3 455.0		
Liability Professional Specialty Total	\$	156.7 257.2 1,016.2	\$	81.7 88.0 149.3 447.9	\$	73.0 88.0 134.2 410.8		151.2 275.1 1,022.1	-	85.6 170.4 450.9		455.0		
Liability Professional Specialty Total	\$	156.7 257.2 1,016.2 Three mon	\$	81.7 88.0 149.3 447.9 nded Septemb	\$	73.0 88.0 134.2 410.8		151.2 275.1 1,022.1 Three mont	-	85.6 170.4 450.9 ended Septemb		455.0 2019		
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Liability Professional Specialty Total Consolidated Property		156.7 257.2 1,016.2 Three mon Gross Written 251.8	\$	81.7 88.0 149.3 447.9 nded Septemb Net Written 128.5	<u>\$</u> er 3(73.0 88.0 134.2 410.8 0, 2020 Net Earned 80.9	\$	151.2 275.1 1,022.1 Three mont Gross Written 236.3	hs e	85.6 170.4 450.9 ended Septemb Net Written 116.3	er 30	455.0 2019 Net Earned 77.8		
Liability Professional Specialty Total Consolidated Property Liability	<u> </u>	156.7 257.2 1,016.2 Three mon Gross Written 251.8 365.1	<u>\$</u> ths e	81.7 88.0 149.3 447.9 nded Septemb Net Written 128.5 216.4	<u>\$</u> er 3(73.0 88.0 134.2 410.8 0, 2020 Net Earned 80.9 192.0	\$	151.2 275.1 1,022.1 Three mont Gross Written 236.3 371.1	hs e	85.6 170.4 450.9 ended Septemb Net Written 116.3 240.0	er 30	455.0 2019 Net Earned 77.8 208.0		
Liability Professional Specialty Total Consolidated Property Liability Professional	<u> </u>	156.7 257.2 1,016.2 Three mon Gross Written 251.8	<u>\$</u> ths e	81.7 88.0 149.3 447.9 nded Septemb Net Written 128.5	<u>\$</u> er 3(73.0 88.0 134.2 410.8 0, 2020 Net Earned 80.9	\$	151.2 275.1 1,022.1 Three mont Gross Written 236.3	hs e	85.6 170.4 450.9 ended Septemb Net Written 116.3	er 30	455.0 2019 Net Earned 77.8		
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	Nine months ended September 30, 2020				Nine months ended September 30, 2019						
		Gross		Net	Net		Gross		Net		Net
		Written		Written	 Earned		Written		Written		Earned
Property	\$	654.0	\$	253.4	\$ 232.9	\$	672.5	\$	233.3	\$	219.2
Liability		990.6		587.9	580.7		963.6		631.4		617.8
Professional		469.4		281.8	265.4		371.3		221.7		202.3
Specialty		401.7		247.4	234.9		409.0		268.6		264.4
Total	\$	2,515.7	\$	1,370.5	\$ 1,313.9	\$	2,416.4	\$	1,355.0	\$	1,303.7

ARGO GROUP INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS, LTD. COMPONENTS OF NET INVESTMENT INCOME & NET REALIZED INVESTMENT GAINS (LOSSES) CONSOLIDATED

(in millions)

(unaudited)

	Three Months Ended September 30,				Nine Mont Septem			
		2020		2019		2020		2019
Net Investment Income								
Net investment income, excluding alternative investments	\$	22.7	\$	32.2	\$	80.6	\$	97.5
Alternative investments		19.3		8.0		(1.6)		19.4
Total net investment income	\$	42.0	\$	40.2	\$	79.0	\$	116.9
	Three Months Ended September 30,				Nine Months Ended September 30,			
		2020		2019	_	2020		2019
Net Realized Investment Gains (Losses)								
Net realized investment (losses) gains	\$	(5.7)	\$	2.6	\$	1.0	\$	0.3
Change in fair value of equity securities		10.5		(8.8)		(12.0)		58.0
Credit losses on fixed maturity securities		(10.5)				(43.0)		_
Gain on sale of Trident assets						32.3		
Total net realized investments (losses) gains	\$	(5.7)	\$	(6.2)	\$	(21.7)	\$	58.3

ARGO GROUP INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS, LTD. COMPONENTS OF INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO CONSOLIDATED (in millions) (unaudited)

	-	ember 30, 2020	December 31, 2019	
U.S. Governments and government agencies	\$	392.5	\$	354.6
States and political subdivisions		169.5		152.6
Foreign governments		278.0		248.7
Corporate – Financial		832.8		783.8
Corporate – Industrial		823.3		789.5
Corporate – Utilities		191.3		207.1
Asset-backed securities		143.3		165.5
Collateralized loan obligations		274.5		225.8
Mortgage-backed securities – Agency		403.9		373.8
Mortgage-backed securities – Commercial		335.8		217.0
Mortgage-backed securities – Residential		69.5		115.1
Total fixed maturities		3,914.4		3,633.5
Common stocks		149.0		116.5
Preferred stocks		1.7		7.9
Total equity securities available for sale		150.7		124.4
Private equity		204.7		268.1
Hedge fund		105.7		109.5
Overseas deposits		97.2		114.6
Other		4.6		4.3
Total other investments		412.2		496.5
Short term investments and cash equivalents		528.7		845.0
Cash		300.4		137.8
Total cash and invested assets	\$	5,306.4	\$	5,237.2

	-	ember 30, 2020	Dec	ember 31, 2019
U.S. Governments and government agencies	\$	796.4	\$	354.7
AAA		894.3		1,171.3
AA		379.1		347.0
A		811.9		750.9
BBB		687.6		585.3
BB		183.3		159.9
В		74.0		131.7
Lower than B		30.3		61.7
Not rated		57.5		71.0
Total fixed maturities	\$	3,914.4	\$	3,633.5

ARGO GROUP INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS, LTD. SHAREHOLDER RETURN ANALYSIS

(in millions, except per share data) (unaudited)

	Three Months Ended September 30,					Nine Months Ended September 30,				
		2020		2019		2020		2019		
Net (loss) income attributable to common shareholders	\$	(31.6)	\$	(25.1)	\$	(56.8)	\$	94.9		
Operating (loss) income (1)		(11.9)		(15.2)		(4.0)		43.1		
Common Shareholders' Equity - Beginning of period	\$	1,730.0	\$	1,929.0	\$	1,781.1	\$	1,746.7		
Common Shareholders' Equity - End of period		1,720.5		1,893.4		1,720.5		1,893.4		
Average Common Shareholders' Equity	\$	1,725.3	\$	1,911.2	\$	1,750.8	\$	1,820.1		
Common shares outstanding - End of period		34.670		34.314		34.670		34.314		
Book value per common share	\$	49.63	\$	55.18	\$	49.63	\$	55.18		
Cash dividends paid per common share during 2020		0.31				0.93				
Book value per common share, September 30, 2020 - including cash dividends paid	\$	49.94			\$	50.56				
Book value per common share, prior period (2)	\$	49.94			\$	51.80				
Change in book value per common share during 2020		(0.6)%)			(4.2)%				
Change in book value per common share including cash dividends paid, during 2020 (2)		%				(2.4)%				
Annualized return on average common shareholders' equity		(7.3)%		(5.3)%		(4.3)%		7.0%		
Annualized operating return on average common shareholders' equity		(2.8)%		(3.2)%		(0.3)%		3.2%		

(1) For the purpose of calculating Operating Income, an assumed tax rate of 15% was used for all periods presented.

(2) The percentage change in book value per common share is calculated by including cash dividends of \$0.31 per common share and \$0.93 per common share paid to shareholders during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2020, respectively. This adjusted amount (Book value per common share, including dividends) is then compared to the book value per common share as of June 30, 2020 and December 31, 2019, respectively, to determine the change for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2020.

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Argo Group Announces Agreement to Sell Ariel Re to Pelican Ventures and J.C. Flowers

HAMILTON, Bermuda – Nov. 2, 2020 – Argo Group International Holdings, Ltd. (NYSE: ARGO), an underwriter of specialty insurance and reinsurance products, today announced an agreement to sell its reinsurance business, Ariel Re, to Pelican Ventures and J.C. Flowers & Co., both private equity investors with significant insurance expertise. Closing of the transaction is subject to regulatory approval and is expected to occur in 2020.

"Ariel Re is well known in the reinsurance market, and we are confident the business will thrive as part of Pelican Ventures," said Chief Executive Officer Kevin J. Rehnberg.

"Argo Group will continue to focus on specialty insurance lines of business that we expect will result in profitable growth and improved shareholder value," Rehnberg said. "This transaction aligns with our strategy to simplify the business and streamline operations."

Under the terms of the agreement, the buying group's corporate member will provide Ariel Re's capital for the 2021 year of account, and Argo Group has agreed to retain historical reserves.

"Pelican Ventures is excited to be investing in Ariel Re and bringing on board talented professionals with unparalleled reinsurance market underwriting expertise and risk management analysis skills," said Pelican Ventures Co-Founder Jim Stanard. "With the financial strength and insights of our new ownership group and under the leadership of Ryan Mather, we will pursue our ambition of building a world-class manager of (re)insurance risk."

Morgan Stanley; Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP; and Clyde & Co LLP served as advisers on the transaction.

ABOUT ARGO GROUP INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS LTD.

Argo Group International Holdings Ltd. (NYSE: ARGO) is an underwriter of specialty insurance and reinsurance products in the property and casualty market. Argo offers a full line of products and services designed to meet the unique coverage and claims-handling needs of businesses in two primary segments: U.S. Operations and International Operations. Argo Group and its insurance subsidiaries are rated 'A-' by Standard & Poor's. Argo's insurance subsidiaries are rated 'A-' by A.M. Best. More information on Argo and its subsidiaries is available at argogroup.com.

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This press release includes forward-looking statements that reflect our current views with respect to future events and financial performance. 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," "tremain optimistic," "outlook," "trends," "future," "could," "would," "target," "on track" and similar expressions of a future or forward-looking nature. Such statements are subject to certain risks and uncertainties that could cause actual events or results to differ materially. For a more detailed discussion of such risks and uncertainties, see Item 1A, "Risk Factors" in Argo's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019, as supplemented in Argo's subsequent Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, and in other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"). The inclusion of a forward-looking statement herein should not be regarded as a representation by Argo that Argo's objectives will be achieved. Argo undertakes no obligation to publicly update forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. You should not place undue reliance on any such statements.

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