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Introduction

Thank you for choosing Hiscox. We hope that the language and layout of this policy wording are clear because we want you to understand the insurance we provide as well as the responsibilities we have to each other. Where some words are shown in bold, these are defined in each section of the wording. Please read this document, including the policy schedule, policy summary and statement of fact, and let us know as soon as possible if any of the details are shown incorrectly.

We always try to deliver to the highest standards of service. Your views are important to us, so if you feel that our service is below the standard you would expect, please contact your broker who can work with Hiscox to resolve this.

Professional insurance portfolio

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A seamless integrated insurance solution for professionals.

Please read this policy wording, together with any **endorsements** and **your** schedule, very carefully and keep them in a safe place. If anything is incorrect or changes, please notify **us** immediately.

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Our promise to you

In return for the premium **you** have paid, **we** agree to insure **you** in accordance with the terms and conditions of the **policy**.



Ben Horton

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Complaints procedure

Hiscox aims to ensure that all aspects of **your** insurance are dealt with promptly, efficiently and fairly. At all times Hiscox are committed to providing **you** with the highest standard of service. If **you** have any concerns about **your policy** or **you** are dissatisfied about the handling of a claim and wish to complain **you** should, in the first instance, contact Hiscox Customer Relations in writing at:

Hiscox Customer Relations
The Hiscox Building
Peasholme Green
York YO1 7PR
United Kingdom

or by telephone on +44 (0)800 116 4627 or +44 (0)1904 681 198
or by email at customer.relations@hiscox.com

Where **you** are not satisfied with the final response from Hiscox, **you** also have the right to refer **your** complaint to the Financial Ombudsman Service to review **your** case. This does not affect **your** legal rights.

Address:
Financial Ombudsman Service
Exchange Tower

London E14 9SR

Telephone: 0800 023 4567 or +44 20 7964 0500 from outside the United Kingdom

Email: complaint.info@financial-ombudsman.org.uk

Website: www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk

If you contact them or us, please quote the policy number shown in your policy schedule.

General terms and conditions

General definitions	<p>We use some words throughout this policy with the same meaning wherever they appear. These are shown in bold type and we explain what they mean below.</p> <p>Any other definitions when used in particular sections of the policy are shown in bold and have the same meaning whenever they appear in that section. We explain what they mean in the 'Special definitions' section of that part of the policy.</p>
Artificial intelligence	<p>Any machine learning, logical, statistical or other algorithm in computer or digital technology that can:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. perform tasks or generate outputs, including but not limited to, actions, content, decisions, predictions or recommendations; or2. adapt or vary its operation proactively, or in response to inputs.
Asbestos risks	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The mining, processing, manufacturing, use, testing, ownership, sale or removal of asbestos, asbestos fibres or material containing asbestos; or2. exposure to asbestos, asbestos fibres or materials containing asbestos; or3. the provision of instructions, recommendations, notices, warnings, supervision or advice given, or which should have been given, in connection with asbestos, asbestos fibres or structures or materials containing asbestos.
Business	<p>Your business or profession as shown in your schedule.</p>
Civil commotion	<p>Where 12 or more persons are present together, whether in a public or private place, with a common purpose (which may be inferred from conduct):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. to use, or threaten to use, physical force to inflict personal injury on any person or to damage property; or2. which causes a person of reasonable firmness, had such person been present at the scene, to fear for their safety. For the purposes of this definition, no person of reasonable firmness need actually be, or be likely to be, present at the scene.
Communicable disease	<p>Any communicable, infectious or contagious disease, including any related variation, strain, virus, complex or syndrome.</p>
Computer or digital technology	<p>Any programs, computer network, hardware, software, operational technology, internet-connected device, network-connected device, electronic device, information technology, communications system, including but not limited to any internet-of-things devices, email system, intranet, extranet, website or cloud computing services.</p>
Computer or digital technology error	<p>Any negligent act, error or omission by anyone in the:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. creation, handling, entry, modification or maintenance of; or2. on-going operation, maintenance (including but not limited to installation, upgrading or patching) or development of, <p>any computer or digital technology.</p>
Confiscation	<p>Confiscation, nationalisation, requisition, expropriation, deprivation, destruction of or damage to property by or under the order of any government or public or local authority.</p>
Cyber attack	<p>Any digital attack or interference, whether by a hacker or otherwise, attempting or resulting in:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. access to;2. extraction of information from;3. disruption of access to or the operation of; or4. damage to: <p>any data or computer or digital technology, including but not limited to any:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">a. programs designed to damage, disrupt, extract data from, or gain access to any data or computer or digital technology including, but not limited to, malware, wipers, worms, trojans, rootkits, spyware, dishonest adware, crimeware, ransomware, crypto-jacking and other malicious software or viruses; orb. denial of service attack or distributed denial of service attack.

Endorsement	A change to the terms of the policy .
Excess	The amount you must bear as the first part of each agreed claim or loss.
Geographical limits	The geographical area shown in your schedule.
Hacker	Any artificial intelligence , entity or person, including any employee of yours , who gains or attempts to gain unauthorised access to or use of any: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. computer or digital technology; or 2. data held electronically by you or on your behalf.
Nuclear risks	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Any sort of nuclear material, nuclear reaction, nuclear radiation or radioactive contamination; 2. any products or services which include, involve or relate in any way to anything in a. above, or the storage, handling or disposal of anything in a. above; 3. all operations carried out on any site or premises on which anything in a. or b. above is located.
Period of insurance	The time for which this policy is in force as shown in your schedule.
Personal data	Any information about an individually identifiable natural person, including any information that identifies, relates to, describes, is reasonably capable of being associated with, or could reasonably be linked, directly or indirectly, with a particular individual, including but not limited to any information protected by the Data Protection Act 2018, General Data Protection Regulation (EU) 2016/679, or any related, similar or successor legislation or regulation in any jurisdiction.
Policy	This insurance document and your schedule, including any endorsements .
Program(s)	Code or instructions which tell computer or digital technology how to process data or interact with ancillary equipment, systems or devices.
Social engineering communication	Any request directed to you or someone on your behalf by any artificial intelligence , entity or person improperly seeking to obtain possession or the transfer to a third-party of virtual currency, money, securities, data or property to which such third-party is not entitled.
Solar weather	Solar flares, solar eruptions or bursts including plasma bubbles or ejections, magnetic field or magnetosphere fluctuations or disruptions.
Terrorism	An act, or the threat of an act, by any person or group of persons, whether acting alone or on behalf of or in connection with any organisation or government, that: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. is committed for political, religious, ideological, racial or similar purposes; and 2. is intended to influence any government or an international governmental organisation or to put the public, or any section of the public, in fear; and <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. involves violence against one or more persons; or b. involves damage to property; or c. endangers life other than that of the person committing the action; or d. creates a risk to health or safety of the public or a section of the public; or e. is designed to interfere with or to disrupt an electronic system.
War	War (whether declared or not), invasion, act of foreign enemies, hostilities, civil war, rebellion, revolution, insurrection, military or usurped power.
We/us/our	The insurers named in your schedule.
You/your	The insured named in the schedule.
General conditions	The following conditions apply to the whole of this policy . Any other conditions are shown in the section to which they apply.
Presentation of the risk	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In agreeing to insure you and in setting the terms and premium, we have relied on the information you have given us. You must provide a fair presentation of the risk and must take care when answering any questions we ask by ensuring that all information provided is true, accurate and complete. A fair presentation is one which clearly discloses in a reasonably clear and accessible manner all material facts which you (including your senior management and those responsible for arranging this insurance) know or ought to know following a reasonable search.

- If you fail to make a fair presentation
2. a. If **we** establish that **you** deliberately or recklessly failed to present the risk to **us** fairly, **we** may treat this **policy** as if it never existed and refuse to make any payment under it. **You** must reimburse all payments already made by **us** and **we** will be entitled to retain all premiums paid.
 - b. If **we** establish that **you** failed to present the risk to **us** fairly but that **your** failure was not deliberate or reckless, the remedy **we** will have available to **us** will depend upon what **we** would have done had **you** made a fair presentation of the risk, as follows:
 - i. if **we** would not have provided this **policy**, **we** may treat it as if it never existed and refuse to make any payment under it. **You** must reimburse all payments already made by **us**. **We** will refund any premiums **you** have paid; or
 - ii. if **we** would have provided this **policy** on different terms (other than as to premium), **we** will treat it as if it had been provided on such different terms from the start of the **period of insurance**. This may result in **us** making no payment for a particular claim or loss. **You** must reimburse any payment made by **us** that **we** would not have paid if such terms had been in effect.
- Change of circumstances
3. **You** must tell **us** as soon as reasonably possible of any change in circumstances during the **period of insurance** which may materially affect this **policy** (a material fact or circumstance is one which might affect **our** decision to provide insurance or the conditions of that insurance). **We** may then change the terms and conditions of this **policy** or cancel it in accordance with the cancellation condition.
- If you fail to notify us of a change of circumstances
4. a. If **we** establish that **you** deliberately or recklessly failed to:
 - i. notify **us** of a change of circumstances which may materially affect the **policy**; or
 - ii. comply with the obligation in 1. above to make a fair presentation of the risk to **us** when providing us with information in relation to a change of circumstances;

we may treat this **policy** as if it no longer existed from the date of such change of circumstances and refuse to make any payment under it in respect of any claim made or any loss occurring after that date. **You** must reimburse all payments already made by **us** relating to claims made or losses occurring after such date. **We** will be entitled to retain all premiums paid.
 - b. If **we** establish that **you** failed to notify **us** of a change of circumstances or to make a fair presentation of the risk to **us** when providing **us** with information in relation to a change of circumstances, but that **your** failure was not deliberate or reckless, the remedy **we** will have available to **us** will depend upon what **we** would have done had **you** fairly presented the change of circumstances to **us**, as follows:
 - i. if **we** would have cancelled this **policy**, **we** may treat it as cancelled from the date that such cancellation would have been effective and refuse to make any payment under it in respect of any claim made or any incident occurring after that date. **You** must reimburse any payments already made by **us** relating to claims made or losses occurring after such date. **We** will refund any premiums **you** have paid in respect of any period after the date when cancellation would have been effective; or
 - ii. if **we** would have provided this **policy** on different terms (other than as to premium), **we** will treat it as if it had been provided on such different terms from the date when **your** circumstances changed. This may result in **us** making no payment for a particular claim or loss.
- Reasonable precautions
5. **You** must take reasonable steps to prevent accident or injury and to protect **your** property against loss or damage. **You** must keep any property insured under this **policy** in good condition and repair. **We** will not make any payment under this **policy** in respect of any incident occurring whilst **you** are not in compliance with this condition unless **you** can demonstrate that such non-compliance could not have increased the risk of the loss, damage, accident or injury occurring in the circumstances in which it occurred.
- Premium payment
6. **We** will not make any payment under this **policy** until **you** have paid the premium.
- Cancellation
7. **You** or **we** can cancel the **policy** by giving 30 days' written notice. **We** will give **you** a pro-rata refund of the premium for the remaining portion of the **period of insurance** after the effective date of cancellation for which **you** have already paid. However, **we** will not refund any premium:
 - a. under £20; or
 - b. if **we** have accepted any notification of any claim, potential claim or loss before the cancellation takes effect.

If **we** have agreed that **you** can pay **us** the premium by instalments and **we** have not received an instalment 14 days after the due date, **we** may cancel the **policy**. In this event, the **period of insurance** will equate to the period for which premium instalments

have been paid to **us**. **We** will confirm the cancellation and amended **period of insurance** to **you** in writing.

- Multiple insureds 8. The most **we** will pay is the relevant amount shown in **your** schedule.
If more than one insured is named in **your** schedule, the total amount **we** will pay will not exceed the amount **we** would be liable to pay to any one of **you**.
You agree that the insured named in **your** schedule, or if there is more than one insured named in **your** schedule the first of them, is authorised to receive all notices and agree any amendments to the **policy**.
- Aggregate limit 9. Where a section of this **policy** specifies an aggregate limit, this means **our** maximum payment for all relevant claims or losses covered under that section of **your policy** during the **period of insurance**.
- Rights of third parties 10. **You** and **we** are the only parties to this **policy**. Nothing in this **policy** is intended to give any person any right to enforce any term of this **policy** which that person would not have had but for the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999.
- Other insurance 11. **We** will not make any payment under this **policy** where **you** would be entitled to be paid under any other insurance if this **policy** did not exist except in respect of any amount in excess of the amount that would have been payable under such other insurance had this **policy** not been effected. If such other insurance is provided by **us** the most **we** will pay under this **policy** will be reduced by the amount payable under such other insurance.
- Cover under multiple sections 12. Where **you**, including anyone within the meaning of 'you' or 'insured person' in any section of the **policy**, are entitled to cover under more than one section of the **policy** in respect of the same claim or loss, or any part of a claim or loss, **we** shall only provide cover under one section of the **policy**, being the section that provides the most advantageous cover to **you** or the party entitled to cover.
- Governing law 13. Unless some other law is agreed in writing, this **policy** will be governed by the laws of England.
- Arbitration 14. Any dispute arising out of or relating to this insurance, including over its construction, application and validity, will be referred to a single arbitrator in accordance with the Arbitration Act then in force.
- Non-admitted 15. This **policy** is negotiated and made in the United Kingdom between **you** and **us**. **We** are authorised to conduct insurance business in the United Kingdom and in certain other jurisdictions. **You** acknowledge that no solicitation for the **policy** has been made by **us** outside of the United Kingdom, that unless otherwise agreed in writing the **policy** is subject to English Law and jurisdiction and that claims are payable in the United Kingdom. **You** acknowledge that any applicable local taxes outside of the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man, Gibraltar, the European Economic Area, or other jurisdiction in which **we** have informed **you** that **we** are authorised to conduct insurance business, will be paid by **you** directly to the appropriate authority.
- Several liability 16. This clause applies if more than one insurer and/or a Lloyd's syndicate is party to this **policy**.
The liability of an insurer or syndicate under this **policy** is several and not joint with any other insurers or syndicates party to this **policy**. An insurer is liable only for the proportion of liability it has underwritten. **We** will provide **you**, on request, with details of the insurers/syndicates who are party to this **policy** and the proportions of liability they have underwritten.
- Sanctions 17. **We** shall not be deemed to provide cover and shall not be liable to pay any claim or loss or provide any benefit under this **policy** to the extent that the provision of such cover, payment of such claim or loss or provision of such benefit would expose **us**, or would in **our** reasonable view give rise to any appreciable risk of exposing **us**, to any sanction, prohibition or restriction under United Nations resolutions or the trade or economic sanctions, laws or regulations of the European Union, United Kingdom, United States of America, or of any other relevant jurisdiction.

General claims conditions The following claims conditions apply to the whole of this **policy**. **You** must also comply with the conditions shown in each section of the **policy** under the heading **Your obligations**.

- Your obligations 1. **We** will not make any payment under this **policy** unless **you**:

- a. give **us** prompt notice of anything which is likely to give rise to a claim under this **policy** in accordance with the terms of each section; and
 - b. give **us**, at **your** expense, any information which **we** may reasonably require and co-operate fully in the investigation of any claim under this **policy**.
2. **You** must:
- a. make every reasonable effort to minimise any loss, damage or liability and take appropriate emergency measures immediately if they are required to reduce any claim; and
 - b. give us all assistance which **we** may reasonably require to pursue recovery of amounts **we** may become legally liable to pay under this **policy**, in **your** name but at **our** expense.

If **you** fail to do so, **you** shall be liable to **us** for an amount equal to the detriment **we** have suffered as a result of **your** failure to comply with this obligation, which **we** may deduct from any payment **we** make under this **policy**.

Fraud

3. If **you** or anyone entitled to cover in respect of any claim or loss, or anyone on behalf of you or such other person, tries to deceive **us** by deliberately giving **us** false information or making a fraudulent claim under this **policy** then:
- a. **we** shall be entitled to give **you** notice of termination of the **policy** with effect from the date of any fraudulent act or claim or the provision of such false information;
 - b. **we** shall be entitled to refuse to make any payment under the **policy** in respect of any claim made or any loss occurring after the date of any fraudulent act or claim or the provision of such false information;
 - c. **you** must reimburse all payments already made by **us** relating to claims made or losses occurring after the date of any fraudulent act or claim or the provision of such false information; and
 - d. **we** shall be entitled to retain all premiums paid.

This does not affect **your** rights in relation to any claim made or loss occurring before the date of any fraudulent act or claim or the provision of such false information.

4. Where this **policy** provides cover for any individual who, or entity that, is not a party to the **policy**, and where such an individual or entity (or anyone on their behalf) tries to deceive **us** by deliberately giving **us** false information or making a fraudulent claim under this **policy**, **our** rights set out in 3. above apply only to any individual or entity that gave the false information or made the fraudulent claim.

General exclusions

The exclusions set out below apply to each and every section of this **policy** and shall not be varied by any other provision in this **policy**. Where the exclusions below are not consistent with any other provision in this **policy**, these exclusions apply and shall override the inconsistent provision.

In addition, other exclusions apply to this **policy** and these are included in the particular sections of the **policy** to which they apply.

1. We will not make any payment for any damage, loss, cost, expense or claim directly or indirectly caused by, contributed to by, resulting from or in connection with:
 - a. **solar weather**;
 - b. any fear or threat of 1.a.; or
 - c. any action taken in controlling, preventing, suppressing, responding or in any way relating to 1.a.

Professional indemnity

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The General terms and conditions and the following terms and conditions all apply to this section. **Your** schedule will state whether **your policy** includes this section.

Cover under this section is given on an each and every claim or loss basis unless **your** schedule or the special limits in **How much we will pay** below state that the limit of indemnity applies in the aggregate. Please check **your** schedule and **your** policy wording carefully. **Your schedule** will also state whether defence costs are included within the limit of indemnity.

Special definitions for this section

Advertising or branding	Advertising, branding, including your company name, trading name and any web domain name, publicity or promotion in or of those of your products or services that expressly fall within your business activity .
Applicable courts	The courts of competent jurisdiction in those countries stated as the applicable courts in your schedule.
Business activity(ies)	The activity(ies) stated in your schedule, which you perform in the course of your business .
Claim	Any written assertion of liability, any written demand for financial compensation, or any written demand for injunctive relief first made against you within the applicable courts .
Client	Any person or entity with whom you have engaged or contracted to provide services or deliverables that expressly fall within your business activity .
Defence costs	All reasonable and necessary lawyers' and experts' fees and legal costs incurred with our prior written agreement in investigating, settling, defending, appealing or defending an appeal against a covered claim but not including any overhead costs, general business expenses, salaries, or wages incurred by you or any other person or entity entitled to coverage under this section.
Employee	An individual performing employment duties solely on your behalf in the ordinary course of your business activity and who is subject to your sole control and direction and to whom you supply the instruments and place of work necessary to perform such business activity . You and your sub-contractors and outsourcers will not be treated as employees under this section.
Joint venture	A commercial arrangement that you are a member of, with at least one other party, created for the purpose of profit sharing.
Loss	Any financial harm caused to your business .
Pollutants	Any solid, liquid, gaseous, biological, radiological or thermal irritant, toxic or hazardous substance or contaminant, including but not limited to asbestos, lead, smoke, vapour, dust, fibres, mould, spores, fungi, germs, soot, fumes, acids, alkalis, chemicals and waste. Such waste includes, but is not limited to materials to be recycled, reconditioned or reclaimed.
Pollution	Any pollution or contamination, including from noise, electromagnetic fields, radiation, radio waves and any pollutants .
Potential claim	Anything likely to lead to a claim covered under this section.
Retroactive date	The date stated as the retroactive date in your schedule.
Subsidiary(ies)	An entity domiciled in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man or Gibraltar: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. which you own more than 50% of the book value of the assets or of the outstanding voting rights as of the first day of the period of insurance; or2. which you acquire or create during the period of insurance where the entity's turnover for the 12-month period leading up to the date of acquisition is:<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. less than 20% of your turnover;b. not more than £5,000,000;c. claims free for the last three years prior to the date of acquisition; andd. free from any circumstances that might lead to a claim,

and the entity's **business activity** is the same as **yours**.

An entity in which **you** no longer own more than 50% of the book value of the assets or of the outstanding voting rights is not included in this definition.

You/your

Also includes:

1. any person who was, is or during the **period of insurance** becomes **your** partner, director, trustee, in-house counsel or senior manager in actual control of **your** operations; and
2. any **subsidiary** including any person who was, is or during the **period of insurance** becomes the partner, director, trustee or in-house counsel of any **subsidiary** or any senior manager in actual control of its operations.

What is covered

Claims against you

A.

If during the **period of insurance**, and as a result of **your business activity** for **clients** on or after the **retroactive date** within the **geographical limits**, any party brings a **claim** against **you** for any actual or alleged:

Negligence

1. a. negligence or breach of any duty to use reasonable care and skill;
b. negligent loss of or physical damage to any third-party tangible document for which **you** are responsible; or
c. negligent misstatement or negligent misrepresentation;

Intellectual property infringement

2. intellectual property infringement (but not any patent infringement or trade secret misappropriation) including but not limited to:
 - a. infringement of copyright, trademark, trade dress, publicity rights, moral rights or design rights;
 - b. cyber-squatting violations;
 - c. any act of passing-off; or
 - d. misappropriation of formats, characters, trade names, character names, titles, plots, musical compositions, voices, slogans, graphic material or artwork;

Breach of confidentiality

3. breach of any duty of confidence, invasion of privacy, or violation of any other legal protections for personal information;

Defamation

4. defamation, including but not limited to libel, slander, trade libel, product disparagement, or malicious falsehood;

Dishonesty

5. dishonesty of **employees**, or sub-contractors or outsourcers directly contracted to **you** and under **your** supervision; or

Civil liability

6. any other civil liability;

unless excluded under **What is not covered** below, **we** will indemnify **you** against the sums **you** have to pay as compensation, including any liability for claimants' legal costs and expenses.

We will also pay **defence costs** but **we** will not pay costs for any part of a **claim** not covered by this section.

Pollution

If during the **period of insurance**, and as a result of **your business activity** for **clients** on or after the **retroactive date** within the **geographical limits**, a **client** brings a **claim** against **you** for any actual or alleged negligent design or negligent specification which has resulted in, caused or otherwise contributed to any **pollution**, **we** will indemnify **you** against the sums **you** have to pay as compensation which directly arise from the rectification, re-performance or replacement of any work done or product, equipment, plant or machinery which **you** or on **your** sub-contractors have designed or specified.

We will not make any payment for any **claim** or part of a **claim** for any indirect **loss** which arises from the failure of or any deficiency in such work done, product, equipment, plant or machinery.

We will also pay **defence costs** but **we** will not pay costs for any part of a **claim** or **potential claim** not covered by this section.

Complaints referred to an Ombudsman

If during the **period of insurance**, and as a result of **your business activity** for **clients** on or after the **retroactive date** within the **geographical limits**, any party refers any complaint arising directly from **your** breach of a duty to use reasonable care and skill to any Ombudsman with legal jurisdiction over **you**, **we** will indemnify **you** against:

- a. the sums **you** have to pay as compensation; and
- b. any additional costs in respect of any steps **you** are required to do;

provided that the Ombudsman has operated within any terms of reference or rule applicable to their appointment.

We will pay the reasonable and necessary costs incurred with **our** prior written agreement to investigate, settle or defend any complaint about **you** referred to an Ombudsman. **We** will not pay costs for any part of a complaint not covered by this section.

The most **we** will pay is the amount shown in **your** schedule.

Representation costs

If during the **period of insurance**, and as a result of **your business activity** for **clients** on or after the **retroactive date** within the **geographical limits**, **you** are subject to an examination, inquiry or other proceeding by a governmental, professional or trade body or agency that is not criminal, **we** will pay the reasonable and necessary costs incurred with **our** prior written agreement to represent **you** if, in **our** opinion, such representation may avoid a **claim** which would be covered by this section.

The most **we** will pay is the amount shown in **your** schedule.

Criminal proceedings costs

If during the **period of insurance**, and as a result of **your business activity** for **clients** on or after the **retroactive date** within the **geographical limits**, **you** are subject to criminal proceedings, **we** will pay the reasonable and necessary costs incurred with **our** prior written agreement to defend **you** if, in **our** opinion, a successful defence may avoid a **claim** which would be covered by this section.

However, **we** will not pay any costs following a plea or finding of guilt, or in the event that a King's Counsel advises that there are no reasonable prospects of successfully defending the criminal proceedings, except for costs incurred solely for the purpose of making a plea in mitigation before sentencing or costs incurred in making an appeal if a King's Counsel advises that the prospects of a successful appeal following a finding of guilt is likely.

The most **we** will pay is the amount shown in **your** schedule.

Mitigation

If during the **period of insurance**, and as a result of **your business activity** for **clients** on or after the **retroactive date** within the **geographical limits**, **you** become aware of a **potential claim**, **we** will pay for reasonable and necessary costs **you** incur, with **our** prior written consent, to avoid the **claim**, or reduce the severity of the **claim**, as long as the costs incurred are less than the likely costs for the **potential claim** being mitigated.

If a **claim** is subsequently brought and which arises from the same subject matter as the **potential claim**, **our** total payment will not exceed the applicable limit of indemnity in **your** schedule.

Sub-contractors or outsourcers

We will indemnify **you** against any **claim** falling within the scope of **What is covered**, A. **Claims against you**, which is brought as a result of a **business activity** undertaken on **your** behalf by any sub-contractor or outsourcer.

B.

Advertising claims

If during the **period of insurance**, and as a result of **your advertising or branding** on or after the **retroactive date** within the **geographical limits**, any party brings a **claim**, against **you** for:

1. infringement of copyright or moral rights; or
2. defamation;

unless excluded under **What is not covered** below, **we** will indemnify **you** against the sums **you** have to pay as compensation, including any liability for claimants' legal costs and expenses.

We will also pay **defence costs** but **we** will not pay costs for any part of a **claim** not covered by this section.

Your own losses

Loss of documents

If during the **period of insurance** any tangible document of **yours** which is necessary for the performance of **your business activity** is physically lost, damaged or destroyed while in **your** possession, **we** will pay the reasonable expenses **you** incur with **our** prior written agreement in restoring or replacing it.

Infringement of your copyright

If **you** discover during the **period of insurance** that someone has infringed any copyright **you** own in work **you** have created in the performance of your **business activity**, **we** will pay **your** legal costs incurred with **our** prior written agreement in pursuing a claim for the infringement, provided that **we** are satisfied that **your** claim has a reasonable chance of success and **you** do not settle the claim without **our** prior approval.

If the claim is settled, or finally determined, on the basis that you are entitled to:

- a. payment of **your** own legal costs;
- b. payment of any damages, compensation, ongoing royalties fees or licence fees; or
- c. any injunction, undertaking or non-financial relief;

we will be entitled to the reimbursement of any legal costs **we** have paid on **your** behalf from any payment **you** receive from **your** opponent.

Additional cover

Joint ventures

If during the **period of insurance**, on or after the **retroactive date** and within the **geographical limits**, a client of any **joint venture** brings a **claim** against **you** as a direct result of **business activity you** carried out as a member of that **joint venture**, **we** will treat that client as if they were **your client** and **we** will indemnify **you** against sums **you** have to pay as compensation under this section.

However, **we** will not make any payment for any liability arising from any:

- a. work undertaken by any party other than **you**;
- b. activity other than those listed in the **business activities**;
- c. **joint venture** that has its own professional indemnity policy.

You must declare all material information relating to **your** work undertaken in the name of a **joint venture** as part of the declaration for this **policy**, including activities, income generated and adherence to the statement of fact, otherwise **we** may provide no indemnity under this section.

We will only pay either the corresponding percentage of the **claim** that **you** are directly liable to pay as a result of **you** being a member of the **joint venture** or the applicable limit of indemnity shown in **your** schedule, whichever is the lesser.

Court attendance compensation

If any person within the definition of **you**, or any **employee of yours**, has to attend court as a witness in connection with a **claim** against **you** covered under this section, **we** will pay **you** the amount stated in **your** schedule as compensation for each day or part of a day that their attendance is required by **us**.

The most **we** will pay for the total of all court attendances is the amount stated in **your** schedule.

Professional disciplinary tribunal attendance compensation

If any person within the definition of **you**, or any **employee of yours**, has to attend a professional disciplinary tribunal hearing by a professional body who regulates **you** in connection with a **claim** against **you** covered under this section, **we** will pay **you** the amount stated in **your** schedule as compensation for each day or part of a day that their attendances is required by **us**.

The most **we** will pay for the total of all professional disciplinary tribunal attendance is the amount stated in **your** schedule.

What is not covered

In addition to the **General exclusions** set out in the General terms and conditions, the following exclusions also apply to this section of **your policy**.

A. **We** will not make any payment for any **claim** or **loss** or part of any **claim** or **loss** directly or indirectly due to:

Investments

1. any investment advice, financial advice, investment of **client** funds or any activity regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority, Prudential Regulation Authority or any other similar or successor regulatory body.

Survey and valuation

2. any survey or valuation of physical property or any construction or erection work, other than heating, lighting, electrical, venting and other work normally undertaken by a building services engineer.

Legal advice

3. any reserved legal activity provided by or carried out by **you**, as defined in the Legal Services Act 2007, or any related, similar or successor legislation or regulation in any jurisdiction.

Injury

4. any death of or any bodily or mental injury or disease suffered by anyone, unless arising directly from **your** breach of any duty to use reasonable care and skill in the performance of a **business activity**.

Employees	5. anyone's employment with or work for you , or any breach of an obligation owed by you as an employer.
Discrimination and harassment	6. any discrimination, victimisation, harassment or unfair treatment, unless arising directly from your breach of any duty to use reasonable care and skill in the performance of a business activity .
Supplied personnel	7. the work of any personnel supplied by you to a client , unless you have breached any duty to use reasonable care and skill in supplying them.
Property damage	8. the loss, damage or destruction or loss of use of any tangible property, including but not limited to bearer bonds, coupons, share certificates, stamps, money or other negotiable paper, unless arising directly from your breach of a duty to use reasonable care and skill in the performance of a business activity . However this exclusion does not apply to any loss directly arising from any tangible document where covered under What is covered, Your losses , Loss of documents.
Product liability	9. any supply, manufacture, sale, installation or maintenance of any product.
Cyber incidents	10. or contributed to by, resulting from or in connection with any: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. cyber attack; b. hacker; c. social engineering communication; d. any fear or threat of 10.a. to 10.c. above; or e. any action taken in controlling, preventing, suppressing, responding or in any way relating to 10.a. to 10.d. above.
Computer or digital technology error	11. or contributed to by, resulting from or in connection with any computer or digital technology error .
Personal data claims	12. the actual or alleged processing, acquisition, storage, destruction, erasure, loss, alteration, disclosure, use of or access to personal data . However, this does not apply to any covered claim or part of a covered claim made against you by a client which arises directly from your performance of a business activity for that client and which is not otherwise excluded by What is not covered, A. 10. Cyber incidents above. The most we will pay in relation to any such covered claim is the special limit stated in your schedule for personal data claims.
Infrastructure interruption	13. or contributed to by, resulting from or in connection with any failure or interruption of service provided by an internet service provider, cloud services provider, telecommunications provider, utilities supplier or other infrastructure provider.
Land, animals and vehicles	14. the ownership, possession or use of any land, or building, any animal, any aircraft (including any drone or small unmanned aerial vehicle), any watercraft or any motor vehicle. However, this exclusion will not apply to a covered claim under What is covered, A. 3. Breach of confidentiality for use of any drone or small unmanned aerial vehicle .
Contractual liability	15. any liability under any contract which is greater than the liability you would have at law without the contract.
Patent/trade secret	16. any actual or alleged infringement, use, or disclosure of a patent, or any use, disclosure or misappropriation of a trade secret.
Trademarks and false advertising	17. any actual or alleged: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. act of passing-off, unauthorised use of another's trademark, name or logo; or b. false or misleading advertising in relation to your advertising or branding .
Deliberate, reckless or dishonest acts	18. any act, breach, omission or infringement you deliberately, spitefully, dishonestly, fraudulently, recklessly or criminally commit, condone or ignore. However this exclusion does not apply to any claim covered under: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. What is covered, A. Claims against you, Dishonesty, but we will not in any event provide cover to any party who actually commits, condones or ignores any dishonesty; or

- b. **What is covered**, A. Criminal proceedings costs, where costs incurred are solely for the purpose of making a plea in mitigation before sentencing or costs incurred in making an appeal if a King's Counsel advises that the prospects of a successful appeal following a finding of guilt is likely.
- Pre-existing problems 19. anything, including any **potential claim** or any actual or alleged shortcoming in **your** work, likely to lead to a **claim** or **loss**, which **you** knew or ought reasonably to have known about before the commencement of the **period of insurance**.
- Unfair competition 20. any unfair competition, deceptive trade practices, or restraint of trade or breach or alleged breach of any competition or antitrust statute, legislation or regulation.
- Tax 21. any breach or alleged breach of any taxation law or regulation.
- Insolvency 22. **your** insolvency, bankruptcy, receivership, administration or liquidation.
- Pension and employee benefits schemes 23. any liability or breach of any duty or obligation owed by **you** in connection with the operation or administration of any health, pension or employee benefit scheme, plan, trust or fund, including but not limited to violation or alleged violation of any related legislation or regulation such as the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.
- Directors and officers' liability 24. any liability or breach of any duty or obligation owed to **you** or **your** shareholders by any of **your** directors, officers, trustees or board members, including but not limited to any:
 - allegation of insider trading;
 - breach of any duty of corporate loyalty;
 - liability for any statement, representation or information concerning **you** or **your business** contained in **your** accounts, reports, financial statements, or **your advertising or branding**.
- Personal liability 25. any personal liability incurred by any director, officer, trustee, or board member of **yours** when acting in that capacity or managing **your business** other than when performing a **business activity** for a **client** or **advertising or branding**.
- Asbestos 26. **asbestos risks**.
- Pollution 27. **pollution**, other than a covered claim under **What is covered**, A. Pollution. However in any event **we** will not indemnify **you** for liability arising from any:
 - pollution** not caused by a sudden, identifiable, unintended and unexpected event;
 - liability arising solely out of any land or property being identified as contaminated land under Section 78B or 78C of the Environmental Protection Act 1990, or the service of a remediation notice under Regulation 20 of the Environmental Damage (Prevention and Remediation) (England) Regulations 2015 or any related, similar or successor legislation or regulation in any jurisdiction;
 - claim** or part of a **claim** made by or on behalf of any governmental or regulatory body or agency; or
 - pollution** which is authorised by a valid environmental permit issued or regulated under the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016 or any related, similar or successor legislation or regulation in any jurisdiction.
- Communicable disease 28. or contributed to by, resulting from or in connection with any:
 - communicable disease**;
 - fear or threat of 28.a. above; or
 - any action taken in controlling preventing, suppressing, responding or in any way relating to 28.a. or 28.b. above.
- War, terrorism, civil commotion and nuclear 29. or contributed to by, resulting from or in connection with any:
 - terrorism**;
 - civil commotion**, strikes or industrial action;
 - war**;
 - nuclear risks**;
 - fear or threat of 29.a. to 29.d. above; or
 - any action taken in controlling preventing, suppressing, responding or in any way relating to 29.a. to 29.e. above.

If there is any dispute between **you** and **us** over the application of clause 29.a. or 29 b. above, it will be for **you** to show that the clause does not apply.

B. **We** will not make any payment for:

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| Claims brought by a related party | 1. any claim brought by any person or entity falling within the definition of you or any party with a financial, executive or managerial interest in you , including any parent company or any party in which you have a financial, executive or managerial interest, including any subsidiary company.

However, this does not apply to a claim based on a liability to an independent third-party directly arising out of the performance of your business activity . |
| Restricted recovery rights | 2. that part of any claim where your right of recovery is restricted by any contract. |
| Lost profit and VAT | 3. your lost profit, mark-up or liability for VAT or its equivalent. |
| Trading losses | 4. any trading loss or trading liability including those arising from the loss of any client , account or business. |
| Non-compensatory payments | 5. criminal, civil, or regulatory sanctions, fines, penalties, disgorgement of profits or treble, multiple, aggravated, punitive or exemplary damages. |
| Claims outside the applicable courts | 6. any claim , including arbitration, brought outside the applicable courts . This applies to proceedings in the applicable courts to enforce, or which are based on, a judgment or award from outside the applicable courts . |

How much we will pay

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| Each and every claim | If your schedule states that the limit of indemnity applies to each and every claim or loss : <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. excluding defence costs; the most we will pay for each potential claim, claim and losses is the limit of indemnity stated in your schedule.

We will also pay for defence costs in addition to the limit of indemnity stated in your schedule. However, if a payment greater than the limit of indemnity has to be made for a potential claim, claim or loss, our liability for defence costs will be limited to the same proportion that the limit of indemnity bears to the amount paid; or2. including all costs; the most we will pay for each potential claim, claim, including defence costs, and losses is the overall limit of indemnity stated in your schedule, unless limited below or in your schedule. |
| In the aggregate | If your schedule states that the limit of indemnity applies in the aggregate: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. excluding defence costs; the most we will pay for the total of all potential claims, claims and losses is the overall limit of indemnity stated in your schedule, irrespective of the number of potential claims, claims or losses.

We will also pay for defence costs in addition to the limit of indemnity stated in your schedule. However, if a payment greater than the limit of indemnity has to be made for a potential claim, claim, or loss, our liability for defence costs will be limited to the same proportion that the limit of indemnity bears to the amount paid; or2. including all costs; the most we will pay for the total of all potential claims, claims, including their defence costs, and losses is the overall limit of indemnity stated in your schedule, irrespective of the number of potential claims, claims or losses, unless limited below or in your schedule. |
| Overheads and other business costs | Any amounts to be paid by us shall not include or be calculated based on any of your overhead expenses, your liability for debt, taxes, lost costs or profits, salaries or wages, production, recall, correction or reproduction costs, or any future cost of doing business, including but not limited to the cost of any future licence or royalty, or costs of improving your security, or performing audits. |
| Excess | You must pay the relevant excess stated in your schedule. The excess will only be eroded by the covered part of the potential claim, claim or loss . |
| Multiple claims from a single source | If your schedule states that the limit of indemnity applies to each and every claim or loss , all potential claims, claims and losses which arise from: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. the same original cause, a single source or a repeated or continuing problem in your work; or |

2. in relation to defamatory statements, a single or continuing investigation or a common set of facts or state of affairs;

will be treated as a single **claim, loss or potential claim**. **You** will pay a single **excess** and **we** will pay a maximum of a single limit of indemnity for these related **potential claims, claims and losses**. All of the notifications which are related will be considered as having been made on the date of the first notification to **us**.

Paying out the limit of indemnity

At any stage of a **claim we** can pay **you** the applicable limit of indemnity or what remains after any earlier payment from that limit. **We** will pay **defence costs** already incurred at the date of **our** payment. **We** will then have no further liability for that **claim** or its **defence costs**.

Claims and losses under more than one cover

If the same **claim or loss** is insured under more than one cover under **What is covered** above, **we** shall only make payment for that **claim or loss** under one of the covers, being the cover that is most advantageous for **you**.

Special limits

Personal data claims

The most **we** will pay for the total of all **potential claims or claims**, including **defence costs**, made against **you** by a **client**, which arise directly from **your** performance of a **business activity** for that **client** relating to **personal data**, is a single limit of indemnity stated in **your** schedule, which is an aggregate limit.

Pollution

The most **we** will pay for cover under **What is covered**, A. Pollution is a single limit of indemnity, as shown in **your** schedule, which instead is an aggregate limit, for the total of all **potential claims, claims**, including **defence costs**, made against **you**.

Each and every claim

If **your** schedule states that the limit of indemnity applies to each and every **claim or loss**, the most **we** will pay for each item below is a single limit of indemnity, equivalent to the same amount, but which instead is an aggregate limit, for the total of all **potential claims, claims**, including their **defence costs**, and **losses** made against **you** arising from:

Dishonesty

1. the dishonesty of **your** partners, directors, **employees**, sub-contractors or outsourcers;

Property damage

2. the physical loss or destruction of or damage to tangible property;

Injury

3. the death, disease or bodily or mental injury of anyone; and

Your obligations

If a problem arises

1. **We** will not make any payment under this section unless **you** notify **us** of:
 - a. any **claim** made against **you** or any **loss** as soon as practicable and within the **period of insurance** or at the latest no later than 14 days after the end of that **period of insurance** for any **claim or loss you** first became aware of in the seven days before expiry;
 - b. **potential claims** under this section, such notifications must be as soon as practicable and within the **period of insurance** or at the latest no later than 14 days after the end of that **period of insurance**, and must to the fullest extent possible identify the particulars of the **potential claim**, including identifying any potential claimant, the likely basis for liability, the likely demand for relief and any additional information about the **potential claim** that **we** reasonably request. If such a **potential claim** notification is made to **us** then **we** will treat any **claim** arising from the same particulars as that notification as if it had first been made against **you** on the date **you** properly notified **us** of it as a **potential claim**, even if that **claim** is first made against **you** after the **period of insurance** has expired;
 - c. **your** discovery, or the existence of reasonable grounds for **your** suspicion, that any **employee**, sub-contractor or outsourcer has acted dishonestly; as soon as reasonably practicable.

If **you** renew this **policy** with **us** and it is not subsequently cancelled, **we** will accept notifications that **you** make to **us** under this **period of insurance** for **claims, potential claims or losses** that **you** became aware of no later than the 60 days immediately prior to the expiry of this **period of insurance**. **You** must make such notifications to **us** no later than 60 days after the end of this **period of insurance**.

2. **You** must:

- a. ensure that **our** rights of recovery, including but not limited to any subrogated rights of recovery, against a third-party are not unduly restricted or financially limited by any term in any of **your** contracts;

- b. not admit that **you** are liable for what has happened or make any offer, deal or payment, unless **you** have **our** prior written agreement;
- c. not reveal the amount of cover available under this insurance, unless **you** had to give these details in negotiating a contract with **your client** (including negotiating any request for proposal), **you** are required by law or compelled by a court, or **you** otherwise have **our** prior written consent.

If **you** fail to comply with these obligations, **we** may reduce any payment **we** make under this section by an amount equal to the detriment **we** have suffered as a result.

Control of defence	<p>We have the right, but not the obligation, to take control of and conduct in your name the investigation, settlement or defence of any claim or any part of a claim.</p> <p>You must give us the information and co-operation which we may reasonably require and take all reasonable steps to defend any claim. You should not do anything which may prejudice our position.</p>
Appointment of legal representation	<p>We have the right, but not the obligation, to select and appoint an adjuster, lawyer or any other appropriate person of our choosing to deal with the claim.</p>
Partially covered claims	<p>If a claim is made which:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. is not wholly covered by this section; or 2. is made against you and any other party who is not covered under this section; <p>then at the outset of the claim, we and you agree to use best efforts to determine a fair allocation of covered and non-covered parts of any claim or associated costs, including defence costs on the basis of the relative legal and financial exposures.</p>
Advancement of defence costs	<p>We will pay defence costs covered by this section on an ongoing basis prior to the final resolution of any claim; however, we will not pay any defence costs in connection with any claim or part of a claim which is not covered under this section. You must reimburse us for any defence costs paid where it is determined there is no entitlement under this section.</p>
Payment of full limit of indemnity	<p>We have no further duty to indemnify you against any claim where we pay you the applicable limit of indemnity as described in How much we will pay, Paying out the limit of indemnity, or if the overall limit of indemnity stated in your schedule has been exhausted.</p>
Payment of excess	<p>Our duty to make any payment under this section arises only after the applicable excess is fully paid. The excess will only be eroded by the covered parts of a claim.</p>
Disputes	<p>For the purposes of Control of defence in this section of the policy, General condition 14, Arbitration, within the General terms and conditions is amended to read as follows:</p> <p>Any dispute as to whether to settle or to continue the defence of a claim or as to the fair allocation of any partially covered claim and its associated costs, will be referred to a single King's Counsel (or equivalent in this or any other jurisdiction) to be mutually agreed or in the absence of such agreement to be nominated by the President of the Law Society of England and Wales. The opinion of such King's Counsel shall be binding on you and us in relation to matters referred under this clause. The costs of such opinion shall be met by us.</p>

Public and products liability (charity and not-for-profit)

Policy wording

The General terms and conditions and the following terms and conditions all apply to this section.

Special definitions for this section

Abuse or molestation	Physical or mental abuse, assault, battery, harassment, voyeurism, invasion of privacy, mistreatment or maltreatment, any act of a sexual nature or any act undertaken with a sexual motive.
Abuse or molestation retroactive date	The date stated as the retroactive date in the abuse or molestation cover in the schedule.
Bodily injury	Death, or any bodily or mental injury or disease of any person.
Computer or digital technology	Any programs , computer network, hardware, software, operational technology, internet-connected device, network-connected device, electronic device, information technology, communications system, including but not limited to any internet-of-things devices, email system, intranet, extranet, website or cloud computing services.
Computer or digital technology error	Any negligent act, error or omission by anyone in the: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. creation, handling, entry, modification or maintenance of; or2. on-going operation, maintenance (including but not limited to installation, upgrading or patching) or development of; any computer or digital technology .
Cyber attack	Any digital attack or interference, whether by a hacker or otherwise, designed to: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. gain access to;2. extract information from;3. disrupt access to or the operation of; or4. cause damage to, any data or computer or digital technology , including but not limited to any: <ol style="list-style-type: none">a. programs designed to damage, disrupt, extract data from, or gain access to any data or computer or digital technology including, but not limited to, malware, wipers, worms, trojans, rootkits, spyware, dishonest adware, crimeware, ransomware, crypto-jacking and other malicious software or viruses; orb. denial of service attack or distributed denial of service attack.
Defence costs	Costs incurred with our prior written agreement to investigate, settle or defend a claim against you .
Denial of access	Nuisance, trespass or interference with any easement or right of air, light, water or way.
Drone	Any remotely controlled un-manned aerial vehicle and any accessories used with such vehicle.
Employee	Any person working for you in connection with your activities who is: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. employed by you under a contract of service or apprenticeship;2. hired to or borrowed by you;3. under your control or supervision and is self-employed or working on a labour-only basis;4. engaged by labour-only sub-contractors;5. a labour master or a person supplied by him;6. engaged under a work experience or training scheme;7. a voluntary worker engaged with your permission.

Fundraising activities	The following fundraising activities arranged by you that occur within the geographical limits : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. clerical and non-manual work; b. domestic work, including domestic gardening and car cleaning but not building alterations or repair; c. exhibitions, craft fairs or fetes; d. sponsored walks or hikes; e. charity dinners, luncheons or quiz nights; f. family fun days; g. any other activity not specifically excluded in this section of the policy.
Hacker	Anyone, including an employee of yours , who gains unauthorised access to or unauthorised use of any: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. computer or digital technology; or 2. data held electronically by you or on your behalf.
Inefficacy	The failure of any of your products or any service, process or system provided or managed by you to perform the function or serve the purpose for which it was intended.
Personal data	Any information about an individually identifiable natural person, including any information that identifies, relates to, describes, is reasonably capable of being associated with, or could reasonably be linked, directly or indirectly, with a particular individual, including but not limited to any information protected by the Data Protection Act 2018, General Data Protection Regulation (EU) 2016/679, or any related, similar or successor legislation or regulation in any jurisdiction.
Personal injury	False arrest, detention or imprisonment; malicious prosecution; wrongful entry into, or eviction of a person from, a room, dwelling or premises that they occupy.
Pollution	Any pollution or contamination, including noise, electromagnetic fields, radiation and radio waves.
Products	Any goods sold, supplied, distributed, manufactured, constructed, erected, installed, altered, tested, serviced, maintained, repaired, cleaned or treated by you .
Property damage	Physical loss of or damage to or destruction of tangible property including the resulting loss of use of such property.
Tool of trade	Mobile plant or equipment being used where insurance or security is not required under the provisions of any road traffic legislation. This does not include drones .
You/your	Also includes any person who was, is or during the period of insurance becomes your director, partner, trustee, committee member, senior manager or officer in actual control of your operations.
Your activities	Your activities, including fundraising activities , declared to and accepted by us , undertaken with your full knowledge and authority and under your control or the control of an authorised employee .

What is covered

Claims against you	<p>If, as a result of your activities, any party brings a claim against you for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. bodily injury, other than abuse or molestation, or property damage occurring during the period of insurance; b. personal injury or denial of access committed during the period of insurance; <p>we will indemnify you against the sums you have to pay as compensation.</p> <p>This includes a claim against any employee when they are acting on your behalf in whatever capacity.</p> <p>We will also pay defence costs but we will not pay costs for any part of a claim not covered by this section.</p>
Abuse or molestation claims	<p>If, as a result of your activities, any party brings a claim against you during the period of insurance for abuse or molestation committed after the abuse or molestation retroactive date, we will indemnify you against the sums you have to pay as compensation.</p> <p>This includes a claim against any employee when they are acting on your behalf in whatever capacity. However, we will not in any event provide cover to any party who commits, condones or ignores any abuse or molestation.</p>

We will also pay **defence costs** but **we** will not pay costs for any part of a claim not covered by this section.

Overseas personal liability	<p>We will indemnify you and if you so request, any of your directors, partners, trustees, committee members, employees or the spouse of any such person against legal liability as a result of bodily injury, property damage or personal injury, which falls within the scope of What is covered, Claims against you, incurred in a personal capacity whilst temporarily outside the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man other than where such liability:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">a. arises out of:<ol style="list-style-type: none">i. any loss of a third-party's key or electronic pass card;ii. any failure to secure a third-party's premises;iii. the ownership or occupation of land or buildings; orb. is covered by any other insurance.
Claims against principals	<p>If, as a result of your activities, any party brings a claim, which falls within the scope of What is covered, Claims against you, against any:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">a. party individually stated in the Public and products liability section of the schedule under Named third parties; orb. other party with whom you have entered into a contract or agreement in connection with your activities; <p>and you are liable for that claim, we will treat such claim as if it had been made against you and make the same payment to such party that we would have made to you, provided that they:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">i. have not, in our reasonable opinion, caused or contributed to the claim against them;ii. accept that we can control the claim's defence and settlement in accordance with the terms of this section;iii. have not admitted liability or prejudiced the defence of the claim before we are notified of it;iv. give us the information and co-operation we reasonably require for dealing with the claim.
Cross liabilities	<p>If more than one insured is named in the schedule, we will deal with any claim as though a separate policy had been issued to each of them provided that our liability in the aggregate shall not exceed the applicable limit of indemnity stated in the schedule.</p>
Criminal proceedings costs	<p>If, during the period of insurance, any governmental, administrative or regulatory body brings any criminal or regulatory action or proceedings against you or any employee directly relating to any actual or potential claim under this section, we will pay the costs incurred with our prior written consent to defend such an action or proceedings. However, we will only pay the costs incurred to defend any allegations of abuse or molestation covered under this section up to the date of any judgment or other final adjudication against the employee or an admission by the employee that an act of abuse or molestation did occur.</p>
Loss of third-party keys	<p>If, during the period of insurance and as a result of your activities, you lose any key or electronic pass card belonging to a third-party for which you are legally responsible, and that party brings claim against you, we will pay the reasonable costs to replace the relevant locks, keys or electronic pass cards.</p>
Failure to secure third-party premises	<p>If, during the period of insurance, you fail to secure the premises of a third-party where you have been carrying out your activities, and that party brings claim against you, we will pay the sums you have to pay as compensation to such third-party, provided that you have taken reasonable steps to secure the premises as required by that third-party.</p>
Unauthorised use of third-party telephones by your employees	<p>If, during the period of insurance and as a result of your activities, any of your employees uses a third-party's telephone system without authority, including any mobile or internet-based telephone network, and that party brings claim against you, we will pay the sums you have to pay as compensation to such third-party, provided that we are notified within three months of the unauthorised use.</p>
Defective Premises Act	<p>If, during the period of insurance, you dispose of any premises in connection with your activities and any party brings a claim against you under Section 3 of the Defective Premises Act 1972) or Section 5 of the Defective Premises Measure (Northern Ireland) Order 1975, we will pay for the sums you have to pay as compensation. We will also pay defence costs but we will not pay costs for any part of a claim not covered by this section.</p> <p>We will not in any event make any payment for any:</p>

- a. liability where **you** are entitled to cover under any other insurance;
- b. costs of remedying any actual or alleged defect, which if not remedied may result in a claim.

Additional cover

Court attendance compensation

If any of **your** directors, partners, trustees, committee members, senior managers or officers in actual control of **your** operations or any other **employee** has to attend court as a witness in connection with a claim against **you** covered under this section, **we** will pay **you** compensation for each day, or part of a day that their attendance is required by **our** solicitor.

What is not covered

Property for which you are responsible

- A. **We** will not make any payment for any claim or part of a claim or loss directly or indirectly due to:
 - 1. loss of or damage to any property belonging to **you** or which at the time of the loss or damage is in **your** care, custody or control. This does not apply to:
 - a. vehicles or personal effects belonging to **your employees** or visitors, while on **your** premises;
 - b. premises, including their contents, which are not owned or rented by **you**, where **you** are temporarily carrying out **your activities**;
 - c. premises rented to **you**, for loss or damage not insurable under property insurance policies and for which **you** would not be liable other than by the lease or other agreement;
 - d. loss of a third-party's keys or electronic pass cards.
 - 2. the ownership, possession, maintenance or use by **you** or on **your** behalf of any aircraft or other aerial device, **drone**, hovercraft, self-balancing motorised scooter, watercraft (other than hand propelled or sailing craft less than 20 feet in length in inland or territorial waters) or any mechanically propelled vehicles and their trailers.

This does not apply to:

- a. any **tool of trade**;
- b. the loading or unloading of any vehicle off the highway.

Injury to employees

- 3. **bodily injury** to any:
 - a. **employee**; or
 - b. person supplied by **you** to a client under contract which occurs anywhere other than at **your** premises.

Pollution

- 4. a. i. any **pollution** of buildings or other structures or of water or land or the atmosphere; or
 - ii. any **bodily injury** or **property damage** directly or indirectly caused by **pollution**; unless caused by a sudden, identifiable, unintended and unexpected incident which occurs in its entirety at a specific time and place during the **period of insurance**;
- b. any **pollution** occurring in the United States of America or Canada.

Cyber incidents

- 5. contributed to by, resulting from or in connection with any:
 - a. **cyber attack**;
 - b. **hacker**;
 - c. **computer or digital technology error**; or
 - d. any fear or threat of 5.a. to 5.b. above; or
 - e. any action taken in controlling, preventing, suppressing, responding or in any way relating to 5.a. to 5.d. above.

Professional advice

- 6. designs, plans, specifications, formulae, diagnoses, prescriptions, directions or advice prepared or given by **you**.

Treatment or care

- 7. the provision of or failure to provide any treatment or care of a person or animal, other than the provision of first aid in connection with **your activities**.

Tour operator's liability	<p>8. any activities activity where you are deemed in law to be liable, purely as a result of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. the Package Travel and Linked Travel Arrangements Regulations 2018; b. any similar or successor legislation; or c. any other legislation specifically imposing liability upon tour operators, travel agents, travel facilitators, travel organisers or similar organisations or activities.
Your products	<p>9. the costs of recalling, removing, repairing, reconditioning or replacing any product or any of its parts.</p> <p>10. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. any products relating to aircraft, including missiles or spacecraft, and any ground support or control equipment used in connection with such products; b. any products installed in aircraft, including missiles or spacecraft, or used in connection with such craft, or for tooling used in their manufacture including ground-handling tools and equipment, training aids, instruction manuals, blueprints, engineering or other data, advice and services and labour relating to such craft or products; c. any products relating to drones or self-balancing motorised scooters. </p>
Inefficacy	<p>11. inefficacy.</p>
Deliberate or reckless acts	<p>12. any act, breach, omission or infringement you deliberately, spitefully, dishonestly or recklessly commit, condone or ignore which could reasonably be expected to cause injury or damage to another party even if such injury or damage is of a different degree or type than could reasonably have been anticipated.</p>
Placed personnel	<p>13. the actions of any person supplied by you to a client under contract.</p>
Contracts	<p>14. your liability under any contract which is greater than the liability you would have at law without the contract.</p>
Terrorism, war or nuclear	<p>15. contributed to by, resulting from or in connection with any:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. terrorism; b. war; c. nuclear risks; d. any fear or threat of 15.a. to 15.c. above; or e. any action taken in controlling, preventing, suppressing, responding or in any way relating to 15.a. to 15.d. above. <p>If there is any dispute between you and us over the application of 15.a. above, it will be for you to show that the clause does not apply.</p>
Personal data	<p>16. contributed to by, resulting from or in connection with any actual or alleged processing, acquisition, storage, destruction, erasure, loss, alteration, disclosure, use of or access to personal data.</p>
Asbestos	<p>17. asbestos risks.</p>
Hazardous activities	<p>18. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. any activity involving the use of or provision of any: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. mechanically driven rides or any activities at speeds exceeding ten miles per hour; ii. playground equipment or inflatable play equipment including bouncy castles, slides and rides; iii. fireworks, bonfires, pyrotechnics, sparklers, airborne lanterns, sky candles or wish lanterns; iv. weapons; v. sporting or roller skates, roller blades, skateboards or other boards used for sporting activities; b. any activity taking place: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. in or on water; ii. underground; or iii. more than five metres above ground when outside a building or structure or five metres from floor level when inside a building or structure; c. aerial activity of any kind, including bungee jumping; d. winter sports, including skiing, ice skating and the use of bobsleighs or skeletons; </p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> e. any kind of race, endurance test, strength test, assault or obstacle course which is known to carry a significantly increased risk of bodily injury, including marathons, biathlons, triathlons, iron man competitions, mountain bike races, weightlifting or commando challenges; f. horse riding or any other equestrian activities; g. gymnastics or trampolining; h. extreme activity, including mountaineering, rock-climbing or potholing; i. any activity that requires the use of guides or ropes, other than tug-of-war; j. any contact sport or professional sports of any kind, unless declared to and accepted by us.
	B. We will not make any payment for:
Restricted recovery rights	1. that part of any claim where your right of recovery is restricted by any contract.
Non-compensatory payments	2. fines and contractual penalties, punitive or exemplary damages.
Claims outside the applicable courts	3. any claim, including arbitration, brought outside the countries set out in the schedule under applicable courts. This applies to proceedings in the applicable courts to enforce, or which are based on, a judgment or award from outside the applicable courts.
Geographical limits	4. any claim brought against you : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. resulting from any of your activities you undertake in any country outside the geographical limits; or b. for bodily injury or property damage, arising from any products, occurring in any country outside the geographical limits.
Excess	5. the amount of any relevant excess .

How much we will pay

We will pay up to the limit of indemnity stated in the schedule for each actual or threatened claim, unless limited below. **We** will also pay for **defence costs**. However, if a payment greater than the limit of indemnity has to be made for a claim **our** liability for **defence costs** will be limited to the same proportion that the limit of indemnity bears to the amount paid. **You** must pay the relevant **excess** stated in the schedule for each claim.

All claims which arise from the same original cause, a single source or a repeated or continuing shortcoming in **your** work will be regarded as one claim.

Special limits

Abuse or molestation	For claims brought against you for abuse or molestation , the most we will pay is the amount stated in the schedule for the total of all such claims and their defence costs .
Products	For claims arising from your products , the most we will pay is a single limit of indemnity for the total of all such claims and their defence costs .
Pollution	For claims arising from pollution , the most we will pay is a single limit of indemnity for the total of all such claims and their defence costs . The most we will pay for defence costs in relation to pollution claims is the amount stated in the schedule.
Claims brought against you in USA or Canada	If it is stated in the schedule that cover is provided for claims brought in the United States of America or Canada, the most we will pay is a single limit of indemnity for the total of all such claims and their defence costs .
Criminal proceedings costs	The most we will pay for the costs to defend criminal or regulatory actions or proceedings is the amount stated in the schedule. This applies to all actions and proceedings brought against you and your employees during the period of insurance .
Unauthorised use of third-party telephones by your employees	For claims arising from the unauthorised use of a third-party's telephone systems, the most we will pay is the amount stated in the schedule for the total of all such claims and their defence costs .

Additional cover

Court attendance compensation

We will pay **you** compensation, as stated in the schedule, for each day or part day that any of **your** directors, partners, trustees, committee members, senior managers or officers in actual control of **your** operations or other **employees** are required to attend court in relation to a claim covered under this section. The most **we** will pay for the total of all court attendance covered under this section is stated in the schedule.

Paying out the limit of indemnity

At any stage **we** can pay **you** the applicable limit of indemnity or what remains after any earlier payment from that limit. **We** will pay **defence costs** already incurred at the date of **our** payment. **We** will then have no further liability for those claims or their **defence costs**.

Your obligations

If a problem arises

1. **We** will not make any payment under this section unless **you** notify **us**:
 - a. immediately and in any event within seven days of:
 - i. a claim or anything which may give rise to a claim for or arising out of **bodily injury or abuse or molestation**;
 - ii. **your** discovery, or the existence of reasonable grounds for **your** suspicion, that any director, partner, trustee, committee member or **employee** has committed **abuse or molestation**; or
 - iii. any threatened criminal or regulatory action or proceedings by any governmental, administrative or regulatory body.
 - b. promptly of any other claim or anything which may give rise to any other claim against **you**, including **your** discovery that **products** are defective.

At **our** request, **you** must confirm the facts in writing within 30 days with as much information as is available.

You should make this notification directly to **us** (and **your** insurance adviser, if **you** have one) as follows, ensuring **you** quote **your** policy number:

by email to: liability.claims@hiscox.com; or

by post to: UKSC Liability Claims, The Hiscox Building, Peasholme Green, York YO1 7PR.

2. When dealing with **your** client or a third party, **you** must not admit that **you** are liable for what has happened or make any offer, deal or payment, unless **you** have **our** prior written agreement. If **you** do, **we** may reduce any payment **we** make under this section by an amount equal to the detriment that **we** have suffered as a result.

Correcting problems

3. **You** must take reasonable steps to remedy or rectify, at **your** expense, any defect or failure in the goods or services **you** have supplied to a client, customer or distributor. **We** will not make any payment under this section in respect of any incident occurring while **you** are not in compliance with these conditions unless **you** can demonstrate that such non-compliance could not have increased the risk of the loss occurring in the circumstances in which it occurred.

Control of defence

We have the right, but not the obligation, to take control of and conduct in **your** name the investigation, settlement or defence of any or any part of a claim.

You must give **us** the information and co-operation which **we** may reasonably require and take all reasonable steps to defend any claim. **You** should not do anything which may prejudice **our** position.

Appointment of legal representation

We have the right, but not the obligation, to select and appoint an adjuster, lawyer or any other appropriate person of our choosing to deal with the claim.

Partially covered claims

We will not pay any part of a claim and its associated costs which is not covered by this section. If a claim is made which is not wholly covered by this section or is brought against **you** and any other party who is not covered under this section, then at the outset of the claim, **we** and **you** agree to use best efforts to determine a fair allocation of covered and non-covered parts of any claim or associated costs, including **defence costs** on the basis of the relative legal and financial exposures.

Advancement of defence costs	We will pay defence costs covered by this section on an ongoing basis prior to the final resolution of any claim. However, we will not pay any defence costs in connection with any claim or part of a claim which is not covered under this section. You must reimburse us for any defence costs paid where it is determined there is no entitlement under this section.
Payment of full limit of indemnity	We have no further duty to indemnify you against any claim where we pay you the applicable limit of indemnity as described in How much we will pay , Paying out the limit of indemnity, or if the overall limit of indemnity stated in the schedule has been exhausted.
Payment of excess	Our duty to make any payment under this section arises only after the applicable excess is fully paid. The excess will only be eroded by the covered parts of a claim.
Disputes	<p>For the purposes of control of defence in this section of the policy, General condition 14, Arbitration, within the General terms and conditions is amended to read as follows:</p> <p>Any dispute as to whether to settle or to continue the defence of a claim or as to the fair allocation of any partially covered claim and its associated costs, will be referred to a single Queen's Counsel (or equivalent in this or any other jurisdiction) to be mutually agreed or in the absence of such agreement to be nominated by the President of the Law Society of England and Wales. The opinion of such Queen's Counsel shall be binding on you and us in relation to matters referred under this clause. The costs of such opinion shall be met by us.</p>

Employers' liability

Policy wording

The General terms and conditions and the following terms and conditions all apply to this section. **Your** schedule will state whether **your policy** includes this section.

Special definitions for this section

Activities

Any activities **you** have declared to **us** and which are stated in the Business field of **your** schedule.

The following are also included where they are incidental to such activities:

1. the maintenance of property or premises owned or occupied by **you**;
2. the provision or management of:
 - a. canteen, social, sports, education or welfare organisations; or
 - b. first aid or security services,for the benefit of **your employees**; or
3. attendance at conferences and promotional events which directly relate to **your** activities within the **geographical limits**.

Bodily injury

Death or any bodily injury, illness, disease or mental injury.

Defence costs

Costs incurred with **our** prior written agreement to investigate, settle or defend a claim against **you**.

Employee

Any person working for **you** in connection with **your activities** who is:

1. employed by **you** under a contract of service or apprenticeship;
2. hired to or borrowed by **you**;
3. self-employed and working on a labour-only basis under **your** control or supervision;
4. engaged by labour-only sub-contractors;
5. a labour master or a person supplied by them;
6. engaged under a work experience or training scheme; or
7. a voluntary worker engaged with **your** permission,

provided such person is:

- a. normally resident in the **United Kingdom** or the Republic of Ireland; or
- b. working for **you** in the **United Kingdom** for a continuous period of at least 14 consecutive days.

United Kingdom

The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man.

What is covered

Claims against you

If any **employee** brings a claim against **you** for **bodily injury** and such **bodily injury**:

1. occurs during the **period of insurance**;
2. arises out of their work for **you** in connection with **your activities**; and
3. occurs within the **geographical limits**,

we will indemnify **you** against the sums **you** have to pay as compensation, including **your** liability for any claimants' legal costs and expenses.

This includes any claim which is otherwise covered under this section where such claim arises from a **cyber attack**, a **hacker** or any **computer or digital technology error**.

The amount **we** pay will include **defence costs** but **we** will not pay costs for any part of a claim not covered by this section.

Claims against principals

If, as a result of **your activities**, any **employee** brings a claim which falls within the scope of **What is covered**, Claims against you, against any:

1. named third party as stated in the Employers' liability section of **your** schedule; or
2. other third party with whom **you** have entered into a contract or agreement in connection with **your activities**,

and **you** would have been liable for that claim had it been brought against **you**, **we** will treat such claim as if made against **you** and make the same payment to the party stated in 1 or 2 above which **we** would have made to **you**, provided that the party stated in 1 or 2 above:

- a. has not, in **our** reasonable opinion, caused or contributed to the claim against them;
- b. accepts that **we** can control the defence and settlement of the claim in accordance with the terms of this section;
- c. has not admitted liability or prejudiced the defence of the claim before we are notified of it; and
- d. gives **us** the information and co-operation **we** reasonably require for dealing with the claim.

Unsatisfied court judgments

If any **employee** obtains a judgment for damages following **bodily injury** against any company or individual operating from premises within the **United Kingdom** and that judgment remains unpaid for more than six months, **we** will pay to the **employee** at **your** request the amount of any unpaid damages and awarded costs provided that:

1. the **bodily injury** is caused during the **period of insurance** and arises out of and in the course of their employment in connection with **your activities**;
2. **we** would have covered **your** liability if **you** had caused the **bodily injury**;
3. there is no appeal outstanding; and
4. the **employee** assigns their judgment to **us**.

Additional cover

Representation costs

At **your** request, **we** will pay **your** reasonable costs to:

1. defend **you** or any **employee** if any governmental, administrative or regulatory body brings any criminal action against **you** or such **employee** for any breach of statute or regulation;
2. represent **you** or any **employee** at any properly constituted external investigation, inquiry or professional disciplinary proceeding, including representation at a coroner's inquest or equivalent; and
3. assist **you** or any **employee** in responding to a request made by a coroner or equivalent, the police or a member of the judiciary for documentation or other assistance,

within the **United Kingdom**. This includes any related appeal which **we** consider has reasonable prospects of success.

We will only pay these costs:

- a. if the costs relate directly to any actual or potential claim covered under this section;
- b. if the payment of such costs is likely, in **our** reasonable opinion, to reduce the amount of any actual or potential claim; and
- c. if **you** have **our** prior written agreement before such costs are incurred; and
- d. up to the date of any admission by or final adjudication against **you** or the relevant **employee** that any breach of statute or regulation occurred.

However, **we** will not in any event pay any representation costs for any **employee** bringing any claim against **you** under this section.

Court attendance compensation

If **you** or any **employee** of **yours** has to attend court as a witness in connection with a claim against **you** which is covered under this section, **we** will pay **you** the compensation stated in **your** schedule for each day, or part of a day that their attendance is required by **us**.

What is not covered

In addition to the General exclusions set out in the General terms and conditions, the following exclusions also apply to this section of **your policy**.

We will not make any payment for:

1. any claim or part of a claim or loss directly or indirectly due to:

Deliberate or reckless acts	a. any act, breach or omission you deliberately or recklessly commit, condone or ignore. However, this exclusion will only apply to the extent permitted by the laws of the United Kingdom in relation to compulsory employers' liability insurance.
Offshore employees	b. any bodily injury caused to any of your employees while they are offshore. An employee is regarded as being offshore from the moment they board any form of transport at the departure point for an offshore rig or platform until the moment they disembark on their return from the rig or platform;
Road traffic legislation	c. any bodily injury to any employee while being carried in or upon, or entering or getting onto, or alighting from a vehicle as a passenger, for which insurance or security is required under any road traffic legislation; or
Placed personnel	d. any bodily injury to any person supplied by you to a client under contract.
Fines and penalties	2. any fines, penalties, punitive or exemplary damages, or compensation ordered or awarded by a criminal court.
Claims outside the applicable courts	3. any claim, including arbitration, brought outside the countries stated in the Applicable courts field of the Employers' liability section of your schedule. This also applies to proceedings in the applicable courts to enforce, or which are based on, a judgment or award from outside the countries stated in the Applicable courts field of the Employers' liability section of your schedule. For any claim, including arbitration, brought against you under this section by any employee normally resident in the Republic of Ireland, the countries stated in the Applicable courts field of the Employers' liability section of your schedule include the Republic of Ireland.

How much we will pay

We will pay up to the limit of indemnity stated in **your** schedule, including **defence costs**, unless limited below or in **your** schedule.

All claims, losses and **defence costs** relating to one or more **employees** which arise from the same original cause or source, or a repeated or continuing series of events will be regarded as one claim.

Special limits

War, terrorism and nuclear risks

The most **we** will pay for the total of all claims, losses and **defence costs** arising from **war**, **terrorism** and **nuclear risks** covered under this section is the amount stated in **your** schedule. If **we** decide that this limit applies to a claim in respect of **terrorism**, it is **your** responsibility to prove that the claim does not arise from **terrorism**.

Additional cover

Representation costs

The most **we** will pay for the total of all representation costs covered under this section of the **policy** is the amount stated in **your** schedule.

Court attendance compensation

The most **we** will pay for the total of all court attendances covered under this section of the **policy** is the amount stated in **your** schedule.

Your obligations

1. **You** must notify **us** as soon as possible and in any event within seven days of a claim or anything which may give rise to a claim under this section, including any request for **us** to pay representation costs.

You should make this notification directly to **us** and **your** insurance adviser, if **you** have one, as follows:

by email to: liability.claims@hiscox.com; or

by post to: Hiscox Liability Claims, The Hiscox Building, Peasholme Green, York YO1 7PR.

Please ensure **you** quote **your** policy number.

At **our** request, **you** must confirm the facts in writing within 30 days with as much information as is available.

2. When dealing with **your employee** or a third party, **you** must not admit that **you** are liable for what has happened or make any offer, deal or payment, unless **you** have **our** prior written agreement.

If **you** do not comply with these obligations **we** may seek recovery from **you** of any payment

we make under this section by an amount equal to the detriment that **we** have suffered as a result.

Control of defence

We have the right, but not the obligation, to take control of and conduct in **your** name, the investigation, settlement or defence of any claim. If **we** think it necessary **we** will appoint an adjuster, solicitor or any other appropriate person to deal with the claim. **We** may appoint **your** own solicitor but on a similar-fee basis as **our** solicitor and only for work done with **our** prior written approval. Proceedings will only be defended if there is a reasonable prospect of success and taking into account the commercial considerations of the costs of defence.

Compulsory insurance

This insurance is in accordance with the provisions of any law relating to compulsory insurance of liability to employees in the **United Kingdom** or the Continental Shelf around these countries. **You** must repay all payments **we** make which **we** would not have been liable to pay in the absence of such law.

Employers' Liability Tracing Office

Your policy details will be added to the employers' liability database, managed by the Employers' Liability Tracing Office (ELTO). This data will be available for search by registered users as well as individual claimants on a limited basis, who wish to verify the employers' liability insurer of an employer at a particular point in time.

You can find out more:

1. from **your** insurance adviser, if **you** have one;
2. by contacting **us**; or
3. at www.elto.org.uk.

You must also provide **us** with the following information for each entity insured under this section of the **policy**:

- a. employer name;
- b. full address of employer including postcode; and
- c. HMRC Employer Reference Number (ERN).

If any insured entity does not have an ERN, **you** must confirm to **us** which of the following reasons applies:

- i. the entity has no employees;
- ii. all staff employed earn below the current Pay As You Earn (PAYE) threshold; or
- iii. the entity is not registered in England, Wales, Scotland or Northern Ireland.

You must inform **us** immediately of any changes to the above information.

Property definitions

Special definitions for all property sections

Activities	Your activities declared to us and accepted by us , or the business activities stated in your schedule.
Amount insured	The most we will pay as stated in your schedule. Unless we say otherwise, the amounts apply to each incident of loss and will be automatically restored to the full amount after we pay a loss provided you carry out our recommendations to prevent further loss or damage.
Breakdown	Damage caused by: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. electrical or mechanical failure or malfunction arising from internal causes;2. explosion, collapse or distortion due to internal steam or other internal fluid pressure;3. electrical power surge;4. operator error; or5. fracturing by frost.
Buildings	The buildings, which belong to you or for which you are legally responsible, at the premises stated in your schedule, including: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. outbuildings and annexes;2. fixtures and fittings, fixed fuel tanks;3. solar panels and other renewable energy generating equipment;4. walls, gates, fences, car parks, yards, private roads, pavements and paths; and5. pipes, ducting, cables, wires and associated control equipment at the premises and up to the public mains.
Computers	Computers, handheld devices and ancillary equipment, which belong to you or for which you are legally responsible, including software and data carrying media but excluding data or information entered by you or on your behalf.
Contents	The contents of the insured premises used in connection with your activities , which belong to you or for which you are legally responsible, including: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. computers;2. stock;3. prototypes;4. art and collections;5. fixtures and fittings, tenant's improvements, decorations and general contents including, if attached to the building, external signs, aerials and satellite dishes;6. pipes, ducting, cables, wires and associated control equipment within the insured premises and extending to the public mains; and7. equipment, machinery and plant; which are not otherwise excluded by your policy .
Contract location	Any location within the geographical limits where you have a contract to carry out your activities .
Damage	Accidental physical loss or accidental physical damage including where caused by storm , flood , escape of water, fire, theft or attempted theft, unless otherwise excluded by your policy .
Declared amount	Any amount stated in the Property sections of your schedule which you have declared as: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. your estimated income or gross profit or fees for the next 12 months;2. the total replacement value of your contents; or3. the total costs of reinstating your buildings.
Equipment	Items belonging to you or for which you are legally responsible and which are hydraulic, mechanical, or electronic in their method of operation. Computers are not included in this definition.

First loss limit	Any amount insured stated in the relevant section of your schedule as a first loss limit, where, with our consent, you have selected a limit that is less than the declared amount .
Flood	Rising surface or tidal water, or the overflow of water from any natural or artificial watercourse (other than water tanks, apparatus or pipes), whether driven by storm or not.
Handheld devices	Handheld electronic devices used in connection with your activities which belong to you or for which you are legally responsible, including: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. phones and smartphones which make or receive telephone calls through a cellular network and their accessories; 2. laptops, tablets, PDAs and wearable technology; and 3. cameras and photographic equipment.
Insured premises	The space you occupy at the premises stated in your schedule. This includes any outbuildings and annexes you occupy on the same premises.
Money	Cash, bank and currency notes, cheques, travellers' cheques, postal orders, money orders, crossed bankers' drafts, current postage stamps, savings stamps and certificates, National Insurance stamps, trading stamps, gift tokens, customer redemption vouchers, company sales vouchers, credit card counterfoils, travellers' tickets, VAT purchase receipts, contents of franking machines and, insofar as they are not otherwise insured, holiday-with-pay stamps and luncheon vouchers, all belonging to you .
Personal effects	Articles worn, used or carried about the person which belong to your partners, directors, trustees, committee members, employees, volunteers or visitors for which such persons are legally responsible.
Property	Tangible property.
Prototype	A sample or model built to test a concept or process.
Reconstitution of data	Reconstitution of the data you need to continue your activities , if your electronic records and electronic data have been lost or distorted.
Software	Programs which run your computers , including both your own operating programs and application programs used in the course of your activities .
Specified insured premises	Any insured premises within the United Kingdom .
Specified or unspecified premises	Any specified insured premises or unspecified insured premises .
Standard construction	Built of brick, stone or concrete and roofed with slate, tiles, concrete, metal or any other non-combustible material.
Stock	Consumable goods, merchandise goods, samples, partially finished goods awaiting completion and goods held in trust, including customers' goods for which you are legally responsible.
Storm	High winds of a destructive nature, rainstorm, hailstorm or snowstorm.
Subsidence	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The downward movement of the ground beneath the insured premises; 2. landslip, which is the sudden movement of soil on a slope or gradual creep of soil on a slope over a period of time; or 3. heave, which is the upward movement of the ground beneath the insured premises as a result of the expansion or swelling of the subsoil. <p>The following are not included within this definition:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. settlement or bedding down of new structures; or b. settlement or movement of made-up ground.
Unattended vehicle	Any vehicle which is not under the personal supervision of you nor any person authorised by you .
Unoccupied	When the buildings , including any part capable of being separately let, are: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. without any occupant; or 2. not in normal use by you or any tenant of yours, for more than 30 consecutive days.

United Kingdom

The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man.

Unspecified insured premises

Other than **specified insured premises**, any premises within the **United Kingdom** which is owned, rented or leased by **you** for the purpose of **your activities**.

Property – contents (leisure, education and retail)

Policy wording

The General terms and conditions, the Property definitions and the following terms and conditions all apply to this section. **Your** schedule will state whether **your policy** includes this section.

Special definitions for this section

Art and collections	Items of art, antiques and collectibles which are characterised by their value, age, style, artistic merit or collectability.
Employee dishonesty	Dishonesty of any person under a contract of service with you where there was a clear intention to cause you financial loss or damage or to obtain personal financial gain over and above salary, bonus or commission.
Employees' cycles	Cycles and cycle accessories which belong to your partners, directors, trustees, committee members, employees or volunteers or for which such persons are legally responsible.
Peak trading period	The period of 90 consecutive days which historically was the trading period with the highest gross income from the sale, supply or distribution of your stock or, if this is your first year trading, the period of 90 consecutive days which you have estimated will be the trading period with the highest gross income from the sale, supply or distribution of your stock .

What is covered

Damage to contents	We will insure you against damage occurring during the period of insurance to contents contained in the insured premises and any other items stated in in the Property – contents section of your schedule.
Rent payable	If stated in your schedule, we will also insure you for the amount of rent that you are legally required to pay while the insured premises is unusable as a result of damage covered by this policy .

Additional cover

The following cover is also provided up to the amount stated in **your** schedule:

Glass and sanitary fixtures and fittings	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. We will pay for damage occurring during the period of insurance to any:<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. fixed glass in windows, doors, fanlights, showcases, shelves, mirrors; andb. sanitary fixtures and fittings; contained in the insured premises, which belong to you or for which you are legally responsible, including the necessary and reasonable costs of:<ol style="list-style-type: none">i. repairing window frames;ii. removing or replacing fixtures and fittings in the course of replacing any glass; andiii. replacing alarm foil, lettering or other ornamental work on any glass.
Newly acquired contents	<ol style="list-style-type: none">2. We will pay for damage occurring during the period of insurance to any newly acquired contents, once they have become your legal responsibility, provided that you:<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. tell us the additional values as soon as possible and no later than 30 days after you become legally responsible for such contents; andb. pay us any additional premium which we deem to be appropriate from the date that you became legally responsible for any such contents.<p>We may also change the terms and conditions of this policy or impose additional requirements that you must carry out. If we impose additional requirements, we will tell you the timeframes within which you must carry them out.</p>
Personal effects	<ol style="list-style-type: none">3. We will pay for damage to personal effects occurring within the insured premises during the period of insurance. However, we will not pay for:<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. money, watches or jewellery; or

- b. **personal effects** insured elsewhere.
- Reconstitution of data and documents 4. **We** will pay the necessary and reasonable costs of:
- a. **reconstitution of data**; and
 - b. replacing or reconstituting **your** documents which are not held electronically and which **you** need to continue **your activities**, if such documents have been lost or destroyed;
- as a direct result of **damage** covered under this section.
- Lock replacement 5. **We** will pay the costs incurred by **you** to replace locks and keys necessary to maintain the security of the **insured premises** as a direct result of theft of physical security keys involving force or violence occurring during the **period of insurance**.
- Building damage by theft 6. **We** will pay the reasonable costs of repairing **damage** to the buildings at the **insured premises** as a direct result of theft or attempted theft occurring during the **period of insurance**, provided that **you** are legally liable for such costs under a written contract.
- Metered water and fuel 7. **We** will pay the cost that **you** incur for any metered water and fuel used at the **insured premises** when such water or fuel has been accidentally released or rendered unusable for its intended purpose as a direct result of **damage** covered under this section to any storage tank or piping located at the **insured premises**.
- Contents temporarily elsewhere 8. **We** will pay for **damage** occurring during the **period of insurance** to **contents**, temporarily elsewhere in the **United Kingdom**, while:
- a. at the home of any director, partner, trustee, committee member, employee or volunteer of **yours**;
 - b. at any location where **you** are attending a promotional event or exhibition in connection with **your activities**;
 - c. at any location for the purpose of cleaning, servicing, maintaining, repairing, restoring, altering, or treating;
 - d. at any location in connection with a change of **insured premises**; and
 - e. in transit in the **United Kingdom** between the **insured premises** and any of 8.a. to 8.d. above.
- However, **we** will not make any payment for **damage** to **handheld devices** while temporarily elsewhere.
- Employee dishonesty 9. **We** will pay **your** direct financial loss if, during the **period of insurance** and in the performance of **your activities**, **you** discover a loss from **employee dishonesty**, provided:
- a. the **employee dishonesty** was committed during the period that **your contents** have been continuously insured with **us**; and
 - b. the **employee dishonesty** was not committed after any director, partner, trustee, committee member, senior manager or officer of **you** first becomes aware of any **employee dishonesty** committed by the person under a contract of service with **you**.
- Employees' cycles 10. **We** will pay for **damage** occurring within a building at the **insured premises** during the **period of insurance** to **employees' cycles** provided they are not insured elsewhere.
- Unauthorised use of utilities 11. **We** will pay the costs incurred by **you** for any metered water, gas or electricity which **you** did not use but which **you** are legally responsible for due to a third party using **your** metered water, gas or electricity without **your** authorisation, provided that **you** discover the unauthorised or unlawful use during the **period of insurance**.
- Extinguisher and alarm re-setting expenses 12. **We** will pay the necessary and reasonable costs and expenses **you** incur to refill fire extinguishing appliances, replace sprinkler heads or reset the fire or intruder alarm system following **damage** covered under this section.
- Loss prevention costs 13. **We** will pay the necessary and reasonable costs that **you** incur to protect the **contents** from imminent or further **damage** occurring during the **period of insurance**, such as flood prevention barriers, emergency boarding following **damage** to doors, windows and other similar entry points, or moving **property** to a higher floor or to an alternative location, provided that:
- a. such costs are incurred with **our** prior written agreement; or

- b. if a. above is not reasonably practical, **you** notify **us** of such costs as soon as reasonably possible.
- Removal of debris 14. **We** will pay the necessary and reasonable costs and expenses **you** incur clearing the debris of **contents** from the **insured premises** or the area immediately adjacent following **damage** covered under this section.
- Outdoor items 15. **We** will pay for **damage** occurring during the **period of insurance** to any outdoor furniture, heater, ornament, statue and other similar portable items which are normally left outdoors within the confines of the **insured premises**.
- Continuing hire charges 16. **We** will pay the costs of continuing hire charges for **contents** hired in by **you** while such **contents** are being repaired or until permanently replaced, but for no longer than six months, as a direct result of **damage** covered under this section, provided that:
- a. **you** are legally liable for such costs under a written contract; and
 - b. **we** have made payment or admitted liability for such **damage**.
- Refrigerated stock 17. **We** will pay for the necessary and reasonable costs and expenses **you** incur to replace spoiled refrigerated **stock** stored in a refrigeration unit at the **insured premises** where such spoilage occurs during the **period of insurance** and is caused by:
- a. a fault in the refrigeration unit or escape of refrigerant, provided that the refrigeration unit is;
 - i. less than five years old at the date of loss; or
 - ii. maintained under annual contract by a suitably qualified refrigeration engineer; or
 - b. failure of the public supply of electricity or gas, unless the failure is as a result of a deliberate act of the supply authority to withhold or restrict supply.
- Bequeathed contents 18. **We** will pay for **damage** occurring during the **period of insurance** to **property** anywhere in the **United Kingdom** bequeathed to **you**, provided that:
- a. the **property** is not insured elsewhere;
 - b. **you** tell **us** the additional values as soon as possible and no later than three months from the commencement of **your** interest in the **property**;
 - c. **you** pay **us** any additional premium which **we** deem to be appropriate from the date of commencement of **your** interest in the **property**; and
 - d. the building in which the bequeathed **property** is contained has not been left unoccupied or unused for more than 30 consecutive days when the **damage** occurs.
- Contents at fundraising events 19. **We** will pay for **damage** occurring during the **period of insurance** to raffle prizes, auction lots, additional **stock** or **contents** hired in for any fundraising event or similar event within the **United Kingdom** organised by **you** or on **your** behalf.
- Marquees 20. **We** will pay for **damage** occurring during the **period of insurance** to any marquee and associated lighting, heating and furnishings which are erected within the confines of the **insured premises** provided that **you** are legally responsible for such **damage** and it is not insured elsewhere.

What is not covered

In addition to the General exclusions set out in the General terms and conditions, the following exclusions also apply to this section of **your policy**.

We will not make any payment for:

1. **damage** to:
 - a. buildings, land or water;
 - b. any mechanically propelled vehicle which requires insurance under the Road Traffic Act 1988 or any equivalent act in any other territory, and any successor legislation;
 - c. any aircraft or other aerial device, drone, hovercraft, motorised scooter or watercraft, other than hand propelled or sailing craft less than 20 feet in length. However, **we** will not make any payment for **damage** to any watercraft while in use;
 - d. **money** or any electronic, online or crypto currency, including bitcoin, even where such currency exists in physical form;
 - e. **personal effects**, however this does not apply to the cover under **What is covered, Additional cover**, Personal effects; or

- f. any item attached to any of the above, other than external signs, aerials and satellite dishes attached to **buildings**.
 2. **damage** caused by:
 - a. wear and tear, inherent defect, rot, fungus, mould, vermin or infestation, or any gradually operating cause;
 - b. dryness, humidity or being exposed to light or extreme temperatures, unless such **damage** is caused by **storm** or fire. This clause does not apply to the cover under **What is covered, Refrigerated stock**;
 - c. pressure waves caused by aircraft or other aerial devices travelling at supersonic speeds;
 - d. fraud or dishonesty, other than as provided under **What is covered, Additional cover, Employee dishonesty**; or
 - e. theft from an **unattended vehicle** unless the item is:
 - i completely hidden out of sight within the storage compartment, boot or trailer of the **unattended vehicle** so that the presence of the item cannot be identified; and
 - ii all security measures on the **unattended vehicle** are fully operational and activated at the time of the theft.
 3. **damage** to any animal or plant caused by illness or disease.
 4. **damage** to any **property** while in the process of being cleaned, serviced, maintained, repaired, restored, altered or treated.
 5. **damage** to any item directly resulting from its own **breakdown**.
 6. **damage** to, or any loss, cost or expense arising in respect of any item of **computer or digital technology** which is directly caused by:
 - a. a **cyber attack** or fear or threat of a **cyber attack**;
 - b. a **hacker** or fear or threat of a **hacker**;
 - c. a **computer or digital technology error**; or
 - d. its digital connectivity to any other item of **computer or digital technology** which has been affected by a **cyber attack, hacker or computer or digital technology error**.

We will however cover any other damage, loss, cost or expense insured under this section which is caused by the cyber attack, hacker or computer or digital technology error.
 7. misuse, inadequate or inappropriate maintenance, faulty workmanship, defective design or the use of faulty materials.
 8. unexplained loss or disappearance, inventory shortage or loss due to any clerical or accounting error.
 9. financial loss due to **you** not receiving payment in full if **you** part with any title, possession of or rights to **property**.
 10. any indirect losses which result from the incident which caused **you** to claim, other than as provided under **What is covered, Additional cover**.
 11.
 - a. **damage** caused by pollution or contamination. This does not apply to **damage** caused by accidental discharge during the **period of insurance** of oil or water from any storage tank, heating appliance or connected pipework located at the **insured premises** other than where resulting from **breakdown**; or
 - b. any clean up or decontamination costs or expenses resulting or arising from pollution or contamination.
 12. any **damage, loss, cost or expense** directly or indirectly caused by, contributed to by, resulting from or in connection with any of the following:
 - a. **terrorism**;
 - b. **civil commotion** which occurs outside of England, Scotland or Wales;
 - c. **war**;
 - d. **confiscation**;
 - e. **nuclear risks**;
 - f. **communicable disease**;
 - g. any fear or threat of 12.a. to 12.f. above; or
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- h. any action taken in controlling, preventing, suppressing, responding or in any way relating to 12.a. to 12.g. above.

If there is any dispute between **you** and **us** over the application of 12.a. or 12.b. above, it will be for **you** to show that the exclusion does not apply.

13. the amount of the **excess**.

Special conditions

Change of insured premises If:

1. **you** notify **us** that **you** are changing **insured premises**; and
2. **we** agree to cover **you** for **damage to contents** at **your new insured premises** after **you** move;

we will continue to insure **you** for **damage to contents** contained in **your former insured premises**. This cover will be provided:

- a. for a maximum of 30 days from the date **your** cover with **us** starts at the new **insured premises**;
- b. until the keys to the former **insured premises** are returned by **you**; or
- c. until **we** cease to provide any cover for **damage to contents** at **your new insured premises**;

whichever is the soonest. If the cover for **damage to contents** is provided on a different basis at the new **insured premises**, the cover provided under this Special condition for **damage to contents** at the former **insured premises** will continue on the same basis as that which previously applied.

The cover provided under this special condition does not increase any **amount insured**.

Right to inspect

We have the right to inspect damaged **property** before any repair work begins.

However, **you** may arrange for urgent repairs immediately without allowing **us** to inspect damaged **property** provided that **you** tell **us** as soon as reasonably possible and the urgent repairs will:

1. prevent further damage to the **property**; or
2. allow **you** to continue to trade.

We have the right to inspect the damaged **property** before any further repair work begins. **We** will tell **you** if **we** want to do this.

Storm and flood

We will treat all **damage to your contents** at any one **insured premises** occurring during any period of 72 consecutive hours as one incident of loss provided that all the **damage** occurs within the **period of insurance**. **You** may select when the 72-hour period starts which will apply to all Property sections of this **policy**.

How much we will pay

We will pay up to the **amount insured** shown in the Property – contents section of **your** schedule, unless limited below or in **your** schedule.

Repair and replacement

At our option **we** will repair, restore, replace or pay for any loss or **damage** on the following basis:

1. for **contents**, other than **computers**, **stock**, hired-in equipment, **prototypes**, **art and collections**, **personal effects** and **employees' cycles**, the cost of repair or replacement as new.
2. for **computers**, the cost of repairs or replacement as new. If **damage to computers** results in existing **software** being incompatible with the replacement **computers**, at our option **we** will also pay for:
 - a. i. the necessary modifications to the replacement **computers**; or
 - ii. the conversion of the existing **software** into a format which is compatible with the replacement **computers**; and
 - b. the cost of replacing incompatible data carrying media following 2.a.i. or 2.a.ii. above.
3. for **stock**, the cost of repair or replacement at the cost price to **you**. This clause does not apply to any second-hand merchandise goods, merchandise goods which have been sold but not delivered and goods held in trust.

4. for second-hand merchandise goods, the cost of repair or replacement at the trade market value.
5. for merchandise goods which have been sold but not delivered, the agreed contract price.
6. for hired-in equipment, the lesser of:
 - a. the extent of **your** legal liability in respect of repairing or replacing the hired-in equipment as specified in the hire contract;
 - b. the costs of repair of the hired-in equipment; or
 - c. the costs of replacement of the hired-in equipment with a model of equivalent specification, age and condition.
7. for goods held in trust, the lesser of:
 - a. **your** liability in respect of the goods held in trust; or
 - b. the cost of repair or replacement at the trade market value of such goods.
8. for **prototypes**, the cost to **you** of the materials necessary to reinstate the **prototype** to the same condition as it was in immediately prior to **damage** occurring.
9. for **art and collections**, either:
 - a. the agreed value of any item which is individually stated in **your** schedule or contained in any valuation lodged with **us**; or
 - b. the market value immediately prior to the **damage** of any item which is not individually stated in **your** schedule or contained in any valuation lodged with **us**. However, the most **we** will pay for any one item, pair or set which is not individually stated in **your** schedule or contained in any valuation lodged with **us** is the amount stated in **your** schedule.

If **we** repair or restore a partly damaged item, **we** will also pay for any loss in value.

10. for **personal effects**, the cost of repair or replacement as new, but not more than the amount stated in **your** schedule for each incident of loss.
11. for **employees' cycles**, the cost of repair or replacement as new, but not more than the amount stated in **your** schedule for each incident of loss.

Pairs and sets

If any **contents** which have an increased value because they form part of a pair or set are **damaged** any payment **we** make will take account of the increased value.

Rent payable

We will pay from the period the **insured premises** or any part of it is unusable as a result of **damage** until the **damage** is repaired but for no longer than 36 months.

Other interests

Any payment **we** make will take into account the interest of any party having an insurable interest in the **contents** insured, provided **you** have advised **us** of the nature and extent of the interest together with the name and address of that interested party.

Inflationary provision cover

If **your** schedule shows that inflationary provision cover applies, the **amount insured** will be increased by the additional percentage also stated in **your** schedule to take account of any inflationary increases over the **period of insurance**. **You** must advise **us** of the replacement value of the **contents** at the beginning of each **period of insurance**.

Under insurance

If, at the time of **damage**, **we** establish that:

1. the **amount insured**; or
2. the **declared amount**, where **you** have selected a **first loss limit** which is stated on **your** schedule;

does not represent the total value of the **contents**, **we** will reduce the amount **we** pay in the proportion that the premium **you** have paid bears to the premium **we** would have charged **you** if **you** had declared the total value of the **contents**.

We will only apply this calculation if:

- a. **we** find that the **amount insured** is less than 85% of the replacement value of the **contents**; and
- b. **we** establish that **your** failure to declare the total value of the **contents** was not deliberate, reckless or a breach of **your** obligation to:
 - i. make a fair presentation of the risk to **us** before the start of the **period of insurance**;
 - ii. notify **us** of a change of circumstances in relation to the total value of the **contents**, which may materially affect the **policy**; or

- iii. make a fair presentation of the risk to **us** when notifying **us** of a change of circumstances in relation to the total value of the **contents** which may materially affect the **policy**.

This remedy may apply in addition to General conditions 2.b.ii. and 4.b.ii.

If **your** failure to declare the total value of the contents was deliberate or reckless, the remedy under General conditions 2.a. or 4.a. will apply at **our** discretion.

Seasonal increase	The amount insured for stock will automatically be increased by 30% during your peak trading period .
Index linking	If you decide to renew this section with us , we will automatically adjust the amount insured or declared amount , as appropriate, for contents for the subsequent period of insurance in line with any change in nationally publicised indices. You must advise us if you do not want us to increase the amount insured or declared amount in this manner. However, we will not reduce the amount insured or declared amount without your consent.
Value Added Tax	The amount we will pay is exclusive of Value Added Tax unless you cannot recover it from the tax authorities.

Your obligations

If any damage occurs	<p>We will not make any payment under this section unless you:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. notify us promptly of any damage which might be covered;2. report to the police, as soon as reasonably possible, any damage arising from any criminal act and obtain a crime reference from them; and3. notify us immediately of any damage due to any unlawful or malicious act by any director, partner, trustee, committee member, employee or volunteer of yours, but no later than ten working days of its discovery by you.
Backing-up electronic data	<p>You must take all reasonable steps to make back-up copies of data at least once a week and keep the copies away from the insured premises. If you do not, we may reduce any payment we make by an amount equal to the detriment we have suffered as a result.</p>
Hiring in equipment	<p>When hiring in property, you must complete and record an inventory check and inspect all hired in property for damage prior to acceptance and agree a schedule of any damage with the hire company before taking charge of such property. Upon returning any property to the hire company, you must only return the property to persons authorised within the hire company to accept the return of equipment.</p> <p>We will not make any payment under this section in respect of any incident occurring while you are not in compliance with this condition unless you can demonstrate that such non-compliance could not have increased the risk of the damage occurring in the circumstances in which it occurred.</p>
Protections	<p>You must advise us as soon as you become aware, if for any reason, any fire protection system, security system or other physical protection installed at the insured premises is not working properly. We may then vary the terms and conditions of this policy.</p> <p>All systems must be regularly serviced under contract by a reputable company at least annually and a written record of the servicing must be retained by you.</p> <p>We will not make any payment under this section in respect of any incident occurring while you are not in compliance with these conditions unless you can demonstrate that such non-compliance could not have increased the risk of the damage occurring in the circumstances in which it occurred.</p>
Unoccupancy	<p>You must tell us immediately if the insured premises, including any part capable of being separately let, will be left unoccupied.</p> <p>We may change the terms and conditions of this policy or impose additional requirements that you must carry out. If we impose additional requirements we will tell you the timeframes within which you must carry them out.</p> <p>If you do not tell us, we will not make any payment for damage occurring while the insured premises is unoccupied.</p>
Building works	<p>If you or anyone on your behalf intends to undertake any demolition, building work or groundwork at or on the insured premises and the estimated cost is more than £250,000, you must tell us about the work at least 30 days before the work starts and before you enter into any contract for the works. We may change the terms and conditions of this policy or impose additional</p>

requirements that **you** must carry out. If **we** impose additional requirements **we** will tell **you** the timeframes within which **you** must carry them out.

If **you** do not tell **us**, **we** will not make any payment for **damage** indirectly caused by or resulting from the demolition, building work or groundwork, or stoppage of such work, at or on the **insured premises**.

You do not have to tell **us** if the work is for minor alternations, repairs, decoration or maintenance only.

Unauthorised use of utilities

If the **insured premises** is not occupied by **you**, **you** must inspect the **insured premises** at least weekly and take action to prevent further losses if any potential unauthorised use of utilities is discovered.

We will not make any payment under this section in respect of any incident occurring while **you** are not in compliance with this condition unless **you** can demonstrate that such non-compliance could not have increased the risk of the unauthorised use occurring in the circumstances in which it occurred.

Cleaning and use of extraction ducting

In respect of any extraction ducting and related equipment at the **insured premises**, **you** must ensure that all:

1. extraction hoods, canopies, filters and grease traps are cleaned at least once every seven days; and
2. extraction hoods, ducts, extractors and plenums are professionally cleaned by a qualified independent contractor at least once every six months, or more frequently where recommended by the contractor, and a record of such cleaning is retained by **you**.

We will not make any payment under this section in respect of any incident occurring while **you** are not in compliance with these conditions unless **you** can demonstrate that such non-compliance could not have increased the risk of the **damage** occurring in the circumstances in which it occurred.

Deep fat frying

In respect of any deep fat frying equipment at the **insured premises**, other than table-top fryers, **you** must ensure that:

1. all deep fat frying equipment is:
 - a. fitted with a thermostat to prevent the temperature of oil and fat rising above 210 degrees centigrade or the manufacturer's recommended temperature, whichever is lower;
 - b. fitted with a non-resetting high temperature limit control which shuts off the heat source if the temperature of oil or fat exceeds 230 degrees centigrade;
 - c. fitted with an automatic cut-out arranged to cut off the heat source power and extraction system in the event of failure of the thermostat;
 - d. securely fixed and free from contact with combustible material;
 - e. operated and maintained in accordance with the manufacturers' instructions and recommendations; and
 - f. only ever connected to the power or gas supply by qualified contractors;
2. a fire blanket is situated in the cooking area in such a position where it can be safely reached in the event of fire; and
3. a Class F wet chemical fire extinguisher is situated where it is easily accessible in the vicinity of any deep fat frying equipment.

We will not make any payment under this section in respect of any incident occurring while **you** are not in compliance with these conditions unless **you** can demonstrate that such non-compliance could not have increased the risk of the **damage** occurring in the circumstances in which it occurred.

Property – away and in transit

Policy wording

The General terms and conditions, the Property definitions and the following terms and conditions all apply to this section. **Your** schedule will state whether **your policy** includes this section.

Special definitions for this section

Contract sites	Any location within the United Kingdom where you have a contract to carry out your activities .
Employee's home	The home of any partner, director, trustee, committee member, employee or volunteer of yours within the United Kingdom .
Event locations	Any location within the United Kingdom where you are attending a promotional event or exhibition in connection with your activities .
Insured property	The property used in connection with your activities which belong to you or for which you are legally responsible, including: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. computers;2. equipment;3. stock;4. research and development property, including prototypes;5. tools, plant and machinery;6. event and exhibition equipment;7. hired-in equipment;8. documents; and9. accessories associated with any of the above.
In transit	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. In transit by road, rail, water, air or by person;2. being loaded or unloaded in the course of transit by road, rail, water, air or by person; or3. temporarily housed overnight away from any specified or unspecified premises in the course of transit; within the United Kingdom or any other territory in which cover is provided for insured property , as stated in your schedule.
Standard hire contract	Any contract for the hire of your property which requires the hirer to indemnify you for damage to such property (other than fair wear and tear), while it is hired out, including while in transit or left on site by the hirer.

What is covered

Damage to insured property used by you	We will insure you against damage occurring during the period of insurance to insured property at any location stated in your schedule. This includes damage occurring during the period of insurance to insured property while in transit but not damage to insured property while hired out.
Damage to insured property while hired out	If stated in your schedule, we will also insure you against damage occurring during the period of insurance to insured property while hired out.
Additional cover	The following cover is also provided up to the amount stated in your schedule:
Reconstitution of data and documents	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. We will pay the necessary and reasonable costs of:<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. reconstitution of data; andb. replacing or reconstituting your documents which are not held electronically and which you need to continue your activities, if such documents have been lost or destroyed,as a direct result of damage covered under this section.

Alternative hire costs	2. We will pay the reasonable hire costs incurred by you for the necessary hire of a substitute item of similar type and capacity as a direct result of damage covered under this section, for the period beginning at the date of the damage until the insured property is repaired or replaced but for no longer than six months.
Continuing hire charges	3. We will pay the costs of continuing hire charges for insured property hired in by you while such insured property is being repaired or until permanently replaced, but for no longer than six months, as a direct result of damage covered under this section, provided: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. you are legally liable for such costs under a written contract; and b. we have made payment or admitted liability for such damage.
Loss of hire fees	4. We will insure you for loss of fees you would have received for hiring out your insured property under a standard hire contract but for damage covered under this section, for the period beginning at the date of the damage until the insured property is repaired or replaced, but for no longer than six months.
Loss prevention costs	5. We will pay the necessary and reasonable costs that you incur to protect the insured property from imminent or further damage occurring during the period of insurance , such as flood prevention barriers, emergency boarding following damage to doors, windows and other similar entry points and moving property to a higher floor or to an alternative location, provided that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. such costs are incurred with our prior written agreement; or b. if a. above is not reasonably practical, you notify us of such costs as soon as possible.
Removal of debris	6. We will pay the necessary and reasonable costs and expenses you incur clearing the debris of insured property or the area immediately adjacent following damage covered under this section.

What is not covered

In addition to the General exclusions set out in the General terms and conditions, the following exclusions also apply to this section of **your policy**.

We will not make any payment for:

1. **damage** to:
 - a. buildings, land or water;
 - b. any mechanically propelled vehicle which requires insurance under the Road Traffic Act 1988 or any equivalent act in any other territory, and any successor legislation;
 - c. any aircraft or other aerial device, drone, hovercraft, motorised scooter or watercraft, other than hand propelled or sailing craft less than 20 feet in length. However, **we** will not make any payment for **damage** to any watercraft while in use;
 - d. **money** or any electronic, online or crypto currency, including bitcoin, even where such currency exists in physical form;
 - e. **personal effects**; or
 - f. any item attached to any of the above.
2. **damage** caused by:
 - a. wear and tear, inherent defect, rot, fungus, mould, vermin or infestation, or any gradually operating cause;
 - b. dryness, humidity or being exposed to light or extreme temperatures, unless the **damage** is a result of **storm** or fire;
 - c. pressure waves caused by aircraft or other aerial devices travelling at supersonic speeds;
 - d. theft of any **insured property** while away from any **specified or unspecified insured premises** unless the item is:
 - i. under the personal supervision of **you** or anyone authorised by **you**;
 - ii. stored in a securely locked room or building;
 - iii. **in transit**; or
 - iv. hired out by **you** unless **you** have purchased cover under **What is covered**, Damage to insured property while hired out and **you** have complied with the conditions in **What is not covered** 2, g(i) – (iv);
 - e. theft from an **unattended vehicle** unless the item is:

- i. completely hidden out of sight within the storage compartment, boot or trailer of the vehicle so that the presence of the item cannot be identified; and
 - ii. all security measures on the vehicle or trailer are fully operational and activated at the time of the theft;
- f. fraud or dishonesty; or
- g. theft by deception of any item which **you** have hired out, unless **you** have:
 - i. purchased cover under **What is covered**, Damage to insured property while hired out;
 - ii. obtained and verified at least two trade references for each hirer prior to entering into the hire contract;
 - iii. retained a copy of the hirer's letterhead and a copy of at least two utility bills for the hirer relating to the same premises;
 - iv. retained a copy of the credit card details of the hirer; and
 - v. only allowed the actual hiring company to collect the hire items and upon collection have copied identification of the hirer and have taken a photograph of the hirer.
- 3. **damage** to any item while:
 - a. **in transit** by courier or postal service where the method of delivery does not require a recipient's signature on receipt;
 - b. stowed in the hold of any aircraft or watercraft, whether **in transit** or otherwise; or
 - c. in the care, custody or control of any airport or seaport operator or any agent of any airport or seaport operator.
- 4. **damage to insured property** while hired out by **you** under a **standard hire contract** unless:
 - a. **you** have purchased cover under **What is covered**, Damage to insured property while hired out; and
 - b. **you** can demonstrate to **us** that **you** have exhausted all legally possible methods to obtain a recovery from the hirer.
- 5. **damage** to any item directly resulting from its own **breakdown**.
- 6. **damage to insured property** while in the process of being cleaned, serviced, maintained, repaired, restored, altered or treated.
- 7. **damage** to any animal or plant caused by illness or disease.
- 8. **damage** to, or any loss, cost or expense arising in respect of any item of **computer or digital technology** which is directly caused by:
 - a. a **cyber attack** or fear or threat of a **cyber attack**;
 - b. a **hacker** or fear or threat of a **hacker**;
 - c. a **computer or digital technology error**; or
 - d. its digital connectivity to any other item of **computer or digital technology** which has been affected by a **cyber attack**, **hacker** or **computer or digital technology error**.

We will however cover any other damage, loss, cost or expense insured under this section which is caused by the cyber attack, hacker or computer or digital technology error.
- 9. misuse, inadequate or inappropriate maintenance, faulty workmanship, defective design or the use of faulty materials.
- 10. the value to **you** of any lost or distorted records or data.
- 11. unexplained loss or disappearance, inventory shortage or loss due to any clerical or accounting error.
- 12. financial loss due to **you** not receiving payment in full if you part with any title, possession of or rights to **property**. This exclusion does not apply to theft by deception of any item that **you** have hired out, where **you** have purchased cover under **What is covered**, Damaged to insured property while hired out and complied with the conditions in **What is not covered 2, g(i) – (iv)**.
- 13. any indirect losses which result from the incident which caused **you** to claim, other than as provided under **What is covered, Additional cover**.
- 14. a. **damage** caused solely by pollution or contamination. This does not apply to **damage** caused by accidental discharge during the **period of insurance** of oil or water from

- any storage tank, appliance or connected pipework located at any of the covered locations stated in this section other than where resulting from **breakdown**; or
- b. any clean-up or decontamination costs or expenses resulting or arising from pollution or contamination.
15. any **damage**, loss, cost or expense directly or indirectly caused by, contributed to by, resulting from or in connection with any of the following:
- a. **terrorism**;
 - b. **civil commotion** which occurs outside of England, Scotland or Wales;
 - c. **war**;
 - d. **confiscation**;
 - e. **nuclear risks**;
 - f. **communicable disease**;
 - g. any fear or threat of 15.a. to 15.f. above; or
 - h. any action taken in controlling, preventing, suppressing or in any way responding to 15.a. to 15.g. above.
- If there is any dispute between **you** and **us** over the application of 15.a. or 15.b. above, it will be for **you** to show that the exclusion does not apply.
16. the amount of the **excess**.

Special condition

Right to inspect	<p>We have the right to inspect damaged property before any repair work begins.</p> <p>However, you may arrange for urgent repairs immediately without allowing us to inspect damaged property provided that you tell us as soon as reasonably possible and the urgent repairs will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. prevent further damage to the property; or 2. allow you to continue to trade. <p>We have the right to inspect the damaged property before any further repair work begins. We will tell you if we want to do this.</p>
Storm and flood	<p>We will treat all damage to insured property at any location stated in your schedule occurring during any period of 72 consecutive hours as one incident of loss provided that all the damage occurs within the period of insurance. You may select when the 72-hour period starts which will apply to all Property sections of this policy.</p>

How much we will pay

Repair and replacement	<p>We will pay up to the amount insured shown in the Property – away and in transit section of your schedule, unless limited below or in your schedule.</p> <p>At our option we will repair, restore, replace or pay for any loss or damage to items on the following basis:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. for insured property other than computers, stock, hired-in equipment and prototypes, the cost of repair or replacement as new. 2. for computers, the cost of repairs or replacement as new. If damage to computers results in existing software being incompatible with the replacement computers, at our option we will also pay for: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. i. the necessary modifications to the replacement computers; or ii. the conversion of the existing software into a format which is compatible with the replacement computers; and b. the cost of replacing incompatible data-carrying media following 2.a.i. or 2.a.ii. above. 3. for stock, the cost of repair or replacement at the cost price to you. This clause does not apply to any second-hand merchandise goods, merchandise goods which have been sold but not delivered and goods held in trust. 4. for second-hand merchandise goods, the cost of repair or replacement at the trade market value. 5. for merchandise goods which have been sold but not delivered, the agreed contract price. 6. for hired-in equipment, the lesser of:
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- a. the extent of **your** legal liability in respect of repairing or replacing the hired-in equipment as specified in the hire contract;
 - b. the costs of repair of the hired-in equipment; or
 - c. the costs of replacement of the hired-in equipment with a model of equivalent specification, age and condition.
7. for goods held in trust, the lesser of:
- a. **your** liability in respect of the goods held in trust; or
 - b. the cost of repair or replacement at the trade market value of such goods.
8. for **prototypes**, the cost to **you** of the materials necessary to reinstate the **prototype** to the same condition as it was immediately prior to **damage** occurring.

Pairs and sets	If any insured property which has an increased value because it forms part of a pair or set is damaged , any payment we make will take account of the increased value.
Other interests	Any payment we make will take into account the interest of any party having an insurable interest in the insured property , provided you have advised us of the nature and extent of the interest together with the name and address of that interested party.
Value Added Tax	The amount we will pay is exclusive of Value Added Tax unless you cannot recover it from the tax authorities.

Special limits

Damage outside the EU and UK	Where covered, the most we will pay for damage to insured property occurring outside of the European Union, the United Kingdom and Gibraltar is the amount insured stated in your schedule for damage to insured property anywhere in the world.
Damage outside the UK	Where covered, the most we will pay for damage to insured property occurring outside of the United Kingdom is the combined total of the amounts insured stated in your schedule for damage to insured property : <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. in the European Union; and 2. anywhere in the world.
Damage within the UK	Where covered, the most we will pay for damage to insured property occurring anywhere in the United Kingdom is the combined total of the amounts insured stated in your schedule for damage to insured property : <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. in the United Kingdom; 2. in the European Union; and 3. anywhere in the world.
Specific locations	The most we will pay for damage to insured property at any contract site, event location, employee's home, specified or unspecified premises is the combined total of the amounts insured stated in your schedule for damage to insured property : <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. at each location; and 2. in the United Kingdom, the European Union and anywhere in the world.
Limit per vehicle or craft	The most we will pay for damage to insured property in any one vehicle or craft while in transit is the amount stated in your schedule.
Hired out property	The most we will pay for damage to insured property while hired out by you other than under a standard hire contract is the amount stated in your schedule. This is included within, and not in addition to, the amount insured for hired out insured property stated in your schedule.

Your obligations

If any damage occurs	We will not make any payment under this section unless you : <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. notify us promptly of any damage which might be covered; 2. report to the police, as soon as reasonably possible, any damage arising from any criminal act and obtain a crime reference from them; 3. notify us immediately of any damage due to any unlawful or malicious act by any director, partner, trustee, committee member, employee or volunteer of yours, but no later than ten working days of its discovery by you; and
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4. notify any third-party carrier of the **insured property** of any **damage you** discover within the time limits for notification of damage stipulated in **your** contract of carriage with them.

Backing-up electronic data	<p>You must take all reasonable steps to make back-up copies of data at least once a week and keep the copies away from each backed up device. If you do not, we may reduce any payment we make by an amount equal to the detriment we have suffered as a result.</p>
Hiring in equipment	<p>When hiring in insured property, you must complete and record an inventory check and inspect all such hired in insured property for damage prior to acceptance and agree a schedule of any damage with the hire company before taking charge of such property. Upon returning any insured property to the hire company, you must only return such property to persons authorised within the hire company to accept the return of equipment.</p> <p>We will not make any payment under this section in respect of any incident occurring while you are not in compliance with this condition unless you can demonstrate that such non-compliance could not have increased the risk of the damage occurring in the circumstances in which it occurred.</p>
Protections	<p>You must advise us as soon as you become aware, if for any reason, any fire protection system, security system or other physical protection installed at any specified or unspecified premises is not working properly. We may then vary the terms and conditions of this policy.</p> <p>All systems must be regularly serviced under contract by a reputable company at least annually and a written record of the servicing must be retained by you.</p>
Unoccupancy	<p>You must tell us immediately if the buildings at any specified or unspecified premises, including any part capable of being separately let, will be left unoccupied.</p> <p>We may change the terms and conditions of this policy or impose additional requirements that you must carry out. If we impose additional requirements, we will tell you the timeframes within which you must carry them out.</p> <p>If you do not tell us, we will not make any payment for damage occurring while the buildings are unoccupied.</p>
Building works	<p>If you or anyone on your behalf intends to undertake any demolition, building work or groundwork at or on any specified or unspecified premises and the estimated cost is more than £75,000, you must tell us about the work at least 30 days before the work starts and before you enter into any contract for the works. We may change the terms and conditions of this policy or impose additional requirement that you must carry out. If we impose additional requirements we will tell you the timeframes within which you must carry them out.</p> <p>If you do not tell us, we will not make any payment for damage indirectly caused by or resulting from the demolition, building work or groundwork, or stoppage of such work, at or on any part of the buildings at or on any specified or unspecified premises.</p> <p>You do not have to tell us if the work is for minor alternations, repairs, decoration, or maintenance only.</p>

Property – business interruption (leisure, education and retail)

Policy wording

Please read **your** schedule to see if **your** loss of **income**, loss of **gross profit**, loss of **fees**, **increased costs of working**, **additional increased costs of working**, **additional research expenditure** or outstanding debts are covered, or if a **first loss limit** or **flexible business interruption cover** applies.

The General terms and conditions, the Property definitions and the following terms and conditions all apply to this section. **Your** schedule will state whether **your policy** includes this section.

Special definitions for this section

Additional increased costs of working	The additional costs and expenses reasonably incurred by you with our prior consent in order to continue your activities or minimise your loss of income or loss of gross profit or loss of fees during the indemnity period and not limited to the loss of income or loss of gross profit saved.
Additional research expenditure	The additional costs and expenses reasonably incurred by you with our prior consent in order to restore your research projects to the state they were in prior to any insured damage .
Annualised amount insured	The amount insured divided by the indemnity period stated in the Property – business interruption section of your schedule multiplied by 12.
Annualised declared amount	The declared amount for your actual income or gross profit or fees divided by the indemnity period stated in the Property – business interruption section of your schedule multiplied by 12.
Earth movement	Any natural or man-made earth movement including, but not limited to earthquake, seaquake, volcanic eruption, subsidence , and any ensuing tsunami.
Employee	Any person working for you in connection with your activities who is employed by you under a contract of service or apprenticeship.
Fees	The difference between your income , and the sum of the wage roll of persons supplied to all clients by you under contract and uninsured working expenses .
Flexible business interruption cover	Any combination of your loss of income , loss of gross profit , loss of fees , increased costs of working , additional increased costs of working or additional research expenditure .
Gross profit	The difference between the sum of your income , closing stock and work in progress and the sum of your opening stock, work in progress and uninsured working expenses .
Homeworker	An employee of yours who is permitted to carry out all or part of their work for you from their own main residence at the time of insured damage .
Income	The total income of your business or your activities .
Increased costs of working	The costs and expenses necessarily and reasonably incurred by you in order to continue your activities or minimise your loss of income or loss of gross profit or loss of fees during the indemnity period , but not exceeding the loss of income or loss of gross profit or loss of fees saved.
Indemnity period	The period, as set out under How much we will pay below, which we will apply when determining the amount we will pay for each covered item under this section.
Insured breakdown	Breakdown of equipment or computers occurring during the period of insurance which is covered under the Property – equipment breakdown section of this policy . Your schedule will state whether your policy includes this section.
Insured damage	Damage , other than breakdown , to property occurring during the period of insurance , which is covered: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. under the Property – buildings, Property – contents, Property – away and in transit or other Property section of this policy; or2. by any other insurer, provided that the damage would not have been excluded by the Property – buildings, Property – contents, Property – away and in transit or other Property section of this policy.

Licence	The premises licence or equivalent in respect of an insured premises for the provision of licensable activities, including the retail sale of alcohol.
Loss of licence	The suspension, withdrawal of or refusal to renew your licence by the Licensing Committee or other relevant licensing authority.
Minimum interruption period	A period of 24 consecutive hours immediately following the interruption.
Rate of gross profit	The percentage amount which is produced by dividing your gross profit during the financial year immediately before any insured damage, insured breakdown or restrictions by your income during the same financial year, and then multiplying the result by 100.
Research projects	Your projects in relation to the development of new products or services or improvements to existing products or services directly related to your activities .
Restrictions	Restrictions imposed by any civil or statutory authority or by order of the government or any public authority, including the British Armed Forces or the Police, which affect the access to or use of any insured premises .
Specified customer	Any direct customer or direct client of yours individually stated in the Property – business interruption section of your schedule.
Specified disease	Any of the following diseases: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. acute encephalitis; 2. anthrax; 3. cholera; 4. dysentery; 5. legionellosis; 6. leptospirosis; 7. paratyphoid fever; 8. rabies; or 9. tetanus.
Specified supplier	Any supplier of yours individually stated in the Property – business interruption section of your schedule.
Uninsured working expenses	Purchases less discounts received, bad debts and any other item described in the Property – business interruption section of your schedule.

What is covered	We will insure you for:
Financial losses from insured damage	1. your financial losses and other items stated in the Property – business interruption section of your schedule, resulting solely and directly from an interruption to your activities caused by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. insured damage to your property, provided that, if such damage is covered by any other insurer, it occurred while the property was contained in an insured premises;
Denial of access	b. a part of an insured premises being inaccessible to you or your employees or your suppliers provided that such interruption: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. first occurs during the period of insurance; and ii. lasts for more than the minimum interruption period; and iii. is due to insured damage within a one-mile radius of those insured premises. For the purposes of this cover only, such damage does not have to occur during the period of insurance;
Non-damage denial of access	c. all of an insured premises being inaccessible to you or your employees provided that such interruption: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. lasts for more than the minimum interruption period; and ii. is due to restrictions imposed during the period of insurance as a direct result of an incident occurring within a one-mile radius of those insured premises. For the purposes of this cover, the incident referred to at (ii) above must not:

- a. be **insured damage**; or
 - b. be caused by the presence, suspected presence, fear or threat of an incendiary or explosive device; or
 - c. occur at the relevant **insured premises**.
- Bomb threat
- d. all of an **insured premises** being inaccessible to **you** or **your employees** provided that such interruption:
 - i. lasts for more than the **minimum interruption period**; and
 - ii. is due to **restrictions** imposed during the **period of insurance** as a direct result of the presence, suspected presence, fear or threat of an incendiary or explosive device.

However, **we** will not make any payment:

 - a. for the period after any **damage**, if **damage** to any **property** is caused by the device; or
 - b. if the total area to which the **restrictions** apply is greater than ten miles across at its widest point;
- Unspecified customers
- e. **insured damage to property** which **your** direct customers or direct clients own or are legally responsible for, arising at their premises within the **United Kingdom**.
- For the purposes of this cover, **insured damage** does not include loss or **damage** caused by **flood** or **earth movement**.
- This cover does not apply to any **specified customer**;
- Specified customers
- f. **insured damage to property** which any **specified customer** owns or is legally responsible for, arising at their premises as stated in the Property – business interruption section of **your** schedule;
- Unspecified suppliers
- g. **insured damage to property** which **your** suppliers own or are legally responsible for, arising at their premises within the **United Kingdom**.
- For the purposes of this cover, **insured damage** does not include loss or **damage** caused by **flood** or **earth movement**.
- This cover does not apply to any **specified supplier** or any supplier of water, gas, electricity, telecommunications, internet or cloud services;
- Specified suppliers
- h. **insured damage to property** which any **specified supplier** owns or is legally responsible for, arising at their premises as stated in the Property - business interruption section of **your** schedule;
- Homeworkers
- i. **insured damage** occurring at the main residence in the **United Kingdom** of a **homeworker**;
- Public utilities
- j. **insured damage to**:
 - i. any land-based premises of a service provider operating and based in the **United Kingdom**, the European Union or Gibraltar;
 - ii. the terminal feed to an **insured premises**; or
 - iii. underground cables conveying such services from the service provider to an **insured premises**,

which directly results in the total failure in the supply of water, gas or electricity to those **insured premises** for more than 24 consecutive hours.

For the purposes of this cover, **insured damage** does not include loss or **damage** caused by **flood** or **earth movement**.

For cover following a total failure in the supply of water, gas or electricity, **damage** shall be considered as **insured damage** where it is self-insured by the provider of water, gas or electricity and the **damage** is not otherwise excluded by the Property – buildings, Property – contents, Property – away and in transit or other Property section of this **policy**;
- Telecommunications and internet service providers
- k. **insured damage to**:
 - i. any land-based premises of a service provider operating and based in the **United Kingdom**, the European Union or Gibraltar;
 - ii. the terminal feed to an **insured premises**; or

iii. underground cables conveying such services from the service provider to an **insured premises**,

which directly results in the total failure in the supply of telecommunications, internet or cloud services to those **insured premises** for more than 24 consecutive hours.

For the purposes of this cover, **insured damage** does not include loss or **damage** caused by **flood** or **earth movement**.

For cover following a total failure in the supply of telecommunications, internet or cloud services, **damage** shall be considered as **insured damage** where it is self-insured by the provider of such services and the **damage** is not otherwise excluded by the Property – buildings, Property – contents, Property –away and in transit or other Property section of this **policy**;

Public authority

- I. a part of an **insured premises** being unusable for the purposes of **your activities** by **you** or **your employees** provided that such interruption:
- i. lasts for more than the **minimum interruption period**; and
 - ii. is due to **restrictions** imposed during the **period of insurance** caused by:
 - a. a murder, rape or suicide at those **insured premises**;
 - b. an occurrence of a **specified disease** at those **insured premises**, where **you** are required by any law or regulation to notify an outbreak to the relevant civil, statutory or public authority;
 - c. injury or illness of any person traceable to food or drink consumed on those **insured premises**;
 - d. defects in the drains, sewers or other sanitary fixtures and fittings at those **insured premises**; or
 - e. vermin or pests at those **insured premises**;

Equipment breakdown

m. **insured breakdown**;

Failure of safety equipment

n. accidental failure of any safety curtain, emergency lighting system or fire alarm system to operate at an **insured premises** for more than 24 consecutive hours, which first occurs during the **period of insurance**.

However, **we** will not make any payment for any losses arising from the failure or withholding of any power supply to those **insured premises**;

Loss of licence

o. **loss of licence** occurring during the **period of insurance** due to any cause outside of **your** direct control.

We will also pay the reasonable costs and expenses **you** incur with **our** prior written consent in connection with any appeal against such **loss of licence**.

However **we** will not make any payment for any losses arising from:

- i. any suspension or withdrawal of or refusal to renew a **licence** for which **you** are entitled to claim statutory compensation;
- ii. the actual or proposed compulsory acquisition of an **insured premises**;
- iii. any scheme of town or country planning improvement or redevelopment;
- iv. any alteration, after the start of the **period of insurance**, of the law governing the suspension, withdrawal or renewal of **licences**, unless **we** confirm in writing that the insurance will apply after such alteration; or
- v. the suspension, withdrawal of or refusal to renew, any late night, afternoon or morning extension of the standard opening hours or permitted hours unless such suspension, withdrawal or refusal to renew is ancillary to the **licence** being suspended, withdrawn or not renewed.

Outstanding debts

2. outstanding debts owed to **you** relating to **your activities** which **you** are unable to recover following loss of **your** accounting records held at an **insured premises** as a direct result of **insured damage** occurring during the **period of insurance** at those **insured premises**, provided:
- a. such debt is not outstanding for more than 120 days after its due date at the time of the **insured damage**;
 - b. **you** ensure all reasonable measures are taken to recover the outstanding debts; and
 - c. such loss of outstanding debts is not insured under any other insurance.

What is not covered

In addition to the General exclusions set out in the General terms and conditions, the following exclusions also apply to this section of **your policy**.

- A **We** will not make any payment for any interruption to **your activities** or for any loss, cost, payment or expense which is directly or indirectly caused by, contributed to by, resulting from or in any way connected with any of the following:
1. a. **terrorism**. This does not apply to the cover under **What is covered**, 1.d. Bomb threat;
 - b. **civil commotion**, strikes or industrial action. This does not apply to **civil commotion** in respect of the cover under **What is covered**, 1.a. Financial losses from insured damage;
 - c. **war**;
 - d. **confiscation**;
 - e. **nuclear risks**;
 - f. any **communicable disease**. This does not apply to a **specified disease** for the purposes of the cover under **What is covered**, 1.1.ii.b. Public authority;
 - g. any fear or threat of 1.a. to 1.f. above; or
 - h. any action taken in controlling, preventing, suppressing, responding or in any way relating to 1.a. to 1.g. above.

If there is any dispute between **you** and **us** over the application of clause 1.a. or 1.b. above, it will be for **you** to show that the clause does not apply.

2. a. **cyber attack**;
- b. **hacker**;
- c. **computer or digital technology error**;
- d. any fear or threat of 2.a. to 2.b. above; or
- e. any action taken in controlling, preventing, suppressing, responding or in any way relating to 2.a. to 2.d. above.

However:

- i. exclusion 2. does not apply to **What is covered**, 1.a. Financial losses from insured damage; and
 - ii. exclusion 2.c. does not apply to **What is covered**, 1.m. Equipment breakdown.
3. fraud or dishonesty. However this exclusion 3. does not apply to **What is covered**, 1.a. Financial losses from insured damage arising from the direct physical theft of **property**.
 4. any act, failure to act or omission which **you** deliberately or recklessly commit, condone or ignore. This does not apply to the cover under **What is covered**, 1.c. Non-damage denial of access, 1.d. Bomb threat or 1.i. Public authority where such act, failure to act or omission occurs to comply with **restrictions** imposed.

B **We** will not make any payment for any interruption to **your activities** or for any loss, cost, payment or expense:

1. a. if **you** decide to discontinue **your activities**;
 - b. if **your activities** are discontinued permanently; or
 - c. if a liquidator or receiver is appointed in respect of **your activities**, prior to **your activities** first being interrupted by any **insured damage**, **insured breakdown** or **restrictions**.
2. in connection with the hire of any substitute item while insured **property** is being repaired or replaced following **insured breakdown**.

How much we will pay

We will pay up to the **amount insured** shown in the Property – business interruption section of **your** schedule for each interruption to **your activities**, unless limited below or in **your** schedule.

The amount **we** will pay in respect of each interruption under this section for financial losses and other items stated in the Property – business interruption section of **your** schedule will be calculated in accordance with the paragraphs below.

Loss of income

For loss of **income**, the difference between **your** actual **income** during the **indemnity period** and the **income** it is estimated **you** would have earned during that period or, if this is **your** first trading year, the difference between **your income** during the **indemnity period** and during the period immediately prior to the loss, less any savings resulting from the reduced costs and

expenses **you** pay out of **your income** during the **indemnity period**. **We** will also pay for **increased costs of working** within and not in addition to the **amount insured** for loss of **income** stated in the Property – business interruption section of **your** schedule.

Loss of gross profit	For loss of gross profit , the sum produced by applying the rate of gross profit to any reduction in income during the indemnity period , less any savings resulting from the reduced costs and expenses you pay out of your income during the indemnity period . We will also pay for increased costs of working within and not in addition to the amount insured for loss of gross profit stated in the Property – business interruption section of your schedule.
Loss of fees	For loss of fees , the difference between your actual fees during the indemnity period and the fees it is estimated you would have earned during that period or, if this is your first trading year, the difference between your fees during the indemnity period and during the period immediately prior to the loss, less any savings resulting from the reduced costs and expenses you pay out of your fees during the indemnity period . We will also pay for increased costs of working within and not in addition to the amount insured for loss of fees stated in the Property – business interruption section of your schedule.
Flexible business interruption cover	If the Property – business interruption section of your schedule states you are covered on a flexible business interruption cover basis, the amount insured stated in your schedule applies to the total of your loss of income , loss of gross profit , increased costs of working , additional increased costs of working , additional research expenditure and outstanding debts combined.
Value added tax	If you are accountable to the tax authorities for Value Added Tax, the amount we pay will be exclusive of such tax.
Accountant's charges	We will also pay for the necessary and reasonable charges you pay to your professional accountant for producing information which we request or require in support of your claim under this section. We will not pay for any other charges you incur in presenting or assessing any loss or claim under this section.
Business trends	To reflect the trends in your income or gross profit or fees , we will adjust the amount we pay so that it puts you in the same position that you would have been in had the interruption to your activities not occurred. In respect of What is covered 1.c. Non-damage denial of access, 1.d. Bomb threat and 1.i. Public authority, we will not make any payment in respect of any unwillingness of any customer or client of yours to purchase your goods or services where restrictions have not been or are no longer imposed.
Business trends uplift	If the Property – business interruption section of your schedule states that a percentage uplift for business trends applies, the amount insured will be increased accordingly to reflect any special circumstances or business trends affecting your activities during the period of insurance or during the indemnity period . For this uplift to apply, these circumstances or trends must have been reasonably unforeseeable by you when you provided us with the declared amount at the beginning of the period of insurance . We will determine the amount of any increase in order to put you in the same position that you would have been in had the interruption to your activities not occurred.
Under insurance (if you have been carrying out your activities for less than 12 months)	At the beginning of each period of insurance , you must declare to us an accurate estimate of your income or gross profit or fees for the next 12 months. In the event of any claim under this section, if you have been carrying out your activities for less than 12 months and if we establish that: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. the annualised amount insured, or2. where you are covered on a first loss limit basis, the annualised declared amount, is less than 85% of your actual income or your actual gross profit or your actual fees during the period that you have been carrying out your activities , we will reduce the amount we pay. When making this calculation, we will pro-rata the annualised amount insured or the annualised declared amount to reflect the period that you have been carrying out your activities . The reduction we will make will be in the proportion that the premium for this section of the policy you have paid bears to the premium we would have charged you if it had been based on your actual income or your actual gross profit or your actual fees . The remedy described above will apply if your failure to declare an accurate estimate of your income or gross profit or fees was not deliberate or reckless and this remedy may apply in addition to General condition 2.b.i. and ii.

If **your** failure to declare an accurate estimate of **your income** or **gross profit** or **fees** was deliberate or reckless, the remedy under General condition 2.a. will apply at **our** discretion.

Under insurance (if you have been carrying out your activities for 12 months or more)

At the beginning of each **period of insurance**, **you** must declare to **us** an accurate estimate of **your income** or **gross profit** or **fees** for the next 12 months.

In the event of any claim under this section, if **you** have been carrying out **your activities** for 12 months or more and if **we** establish that:

1. the **annualised amount insured**, or
2. where **you** are covered on a **first loss limit** basis, the **annualised declared amount**, is less than 85% of **your actual income** or **your actual gross profit** or **your actual fees** during the 12 months immediately preceding the date of the first interruption to **your activities**, **we** will reduce the amount **we** pay.

The reduction **we** will make will be in the proportion that the premium for this section of the **policy you** have paid bears to the premium **we** would have charged **you** if it had been based on **your actual income** or **your actual gross profit** or **your actual fees** during the 12 months immediately preceding the date of the first interruption to **your activities**.

The remedy described above will apply if **your** failure to declare an accurate estimate of **your income** or **gross profit** or **fees** was not deliberate or reckless and this remedy may apply in addition to General condition 2.b.i. and ii.

If **your** failure to declare an accurate estimate of **your income** or **gross profit** or **fees** was deliberate or reckless, the remedy under General condition 2.a. will apply at **our** discretion.

Indemnity period

The **indemnity period** in respect of each interruption to **your activities** will be calculated as stated below but **we** will not pay for longer than the period stated as your 'indemnity period' in the Property – business interruption section of **your** schedule.

All covers in **What is covered**, 1. except those stated below The period beginning at the date of the **insured damage** and lasting for the period during which **your income** is affected as a result of such **insured damage**.

Denial of access The period beginning at the date that **you** or **your employees** or **your** suppliers were first unable to access a part of an **insured premises** and lasting until **you** and **your employees** and **your** suppliers are able to access all of those **insured premises**.

Non-damage denial of access The period beginning at the date that all of an **insured premises** first became inaccessible to **you** or **your employees** and lasting until the relevant **restrictions** are lifted.

Bomb threat The period beginning at the date that all of an **insured premises** first became inaccessible to **you** or **your employees** and lasting until the relevant **restrictions** are lifted.

Public utilities For each failed service, the period beginning at the date of the first total failure in that supply to an **insured premises** and lasting until any supply of that service is reinstated to those **insured premises**.

Telecommunications and internet service providers For each failed service, the period beginning at the date of the first total failure in that supply to an **insured premises** and lasting until any supply of that service is reinstated to those **insured premises**.

Public authority The period beginning at the date that a part of an **insured premises** first became unusable for the purposes of **your activities** by **you** or **your employees** and lasting until the relevant **restrictions** are lifted.

Equipment breakdown The period beginning at the date of the **insured breakdown** and lasting for the period during which **your income** is affected as a result of such **insured breakdown**.

Failure of safety equipment The period beginning at the date of the first failure of any safety curtain, emergency lighting system or fire alarm system and lasting until the earlier of:

1. the date that the safety curtain, emergency lighting system or fire alarm system is fully operational; or
2. 72 consecutive hours.

Loss of licence	The period beginning at the date of the loss of licence and lasting until the earlier of: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. your licence is reinstated; or 2. a decision is made by you not to appeal; or 3. a decision is reached by the relevant licensing authority in respect of any appeal.
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Special conditions

Specified customers	If the Property – business interruption section of your schedule states that you are covered for specified customers, the most we will pay for any interruption caused by insured damage arising at the premises of your specified customer is the amount stated in the Property – business interruption section of your schedule. If your customer or client is not individually stated in the Property – business interruption section of your schedule, cover may apply under What is covered , Unspecified customers.
Specified suppliers	If the Property – business interruption section of your schedule states that you are covered for specified suppliers, the most we will pay for any interruption caused by insured damage arising at the premises of your specified supplier is the amount stated in the Property – business interruption section of your schedule. If your supplier is not individually stated in the Property – business interruption section of your schedule, cover may apply under What is covered , Unspecified suppliers.
Homeworkers	If the Property – business interruption section of your schedule states that you are covered for Homeworkers, the most we will pay for any interruption caused by insured damage arising at the main residence of a homeworker is the amount stated in the Property – business interruption section of your schedule.
Equipment breakdown	Where we make a payment under What is covered , 1.m. Equipment breakdown, any amounts payable by us will be included within the amount insured stated in your schedule under the Property – equipment breakdown section of this policy . This amount insured is also stated in the Property – business interruption section of your schedule. This amount insured is an aggregate limit for both the Property – equipment breakdown section of this policy and the cover available under this Property – business interruption section, What is covered , 1.m. Equipment breakdown and the maximum we will pay for all relevant claims or losses covered under both of these parts of your policy during the period of insurance .
Outstanding debts	The most we will pay for outstanding debts is the amount stated in the Property – business interruption section of your schedule.
Multiple insureds	If your schedule shows that cover under the Property – business interruption section of the policy applies to more than one insured, each amount insured stated in that section of the schedule shall apply in total to all insureds, regardless of how many insureds are affected.
Multiple insured premises	If any single Property – business interruption section of your schedule shows that cover under that section of the policy applies to more than one insured premises , each amount insured stated in that single section of your schedule shall apply in total to all insured premises , regardless of how many insured premises are affected.
Loss under more than one cover	If the same interruption to your activities is insured under more than one cover under What is covered above, we shall only make payment for that interruption to your activities under one of the covers, being the cover that is most advantageous for you .

Your obligations

If any damage occurs	We will not make any payment under this section unless you notify us promptly of any damage or circumstance which might cause an interruption to your activities .
Property insurance	Where the damage involves property you own or are legally responsible for, we will not make any payment unless you have property insurance in force covering the damage and payment has been made, or liability admitted, under that insurance for the damage .
Accounts records	You must keep a record of all amounts owed to you . You must keep a copy of the record away from an insured premises and provide copies to us promptly on request. If you do not,

we may reduce any payment **we** make under this section by an amount equal to the detriment **we** have suffered as a result.

In the event of a claim under **What is covered**, 2. Outstanding debts, **you** must provide **us** with all information **we** may reasonably require to assist in evidencing **your** outstanding debts. If **you** do not, **we** may reduce any payment **we** make under this section by an amount equal to the detriment **we** have suffered as a result.

Loss of licence

We will not make any payment for **loss of licence** unless **you** notify us in writing within 48 hours after:

1. **you** receive information, whether oral or written, that:
 - a. any notice, caution or complaint has been given or made against an **insured premises**, or against the tenant, manager, occupier or **licence** holder, or that such person has been summoned or charged with or convicted of or committed for trial for any offence whatsoever;
 - b. an application for renewal of **your licence** is to be opposed, or its consideration is adjourned or referred to the compensation authority, or the **licence** holder is required to give any undertaking, or any structural alterations are required; or
 - c. the **licence** holder has died, become bankrupt, absconded or been rendered incapable by sickness or other infirmity of carrying out **your activities**;
2.
 - a. **your licence** is suspended, withdrawn or not renewed;
 - b. **you** become aware of any event which is likely to prejudice the **licence**; and **you** tell **us**, as far as **you** are able, the grounds for such suspension, withdrawal or refusal to renew or the details of such event.

We shall be entitled to appeal in **your** name against any **loss of licence** and shall have full discretion in the conduct of any proceedings. **You** must give **us** all assistance **we** may reasonably require.

Property – money

Policy wording

The General terms and conditions, the Property definitions and the following terms and conditions all apply to this section. **Your** schedule will state whether **your policy** includes this section.

Please read **your** schedule to see whether **money** is insured while at each of the locations shown below.

What is covered

We will insure **you**, up to the **amount insured** stated in **your** schedule for each location listed below, against **damage** occurring during the **period of insurance to money**, other than any non-negotiable instruments:

1. in any **specified or unspecified premises** while open for operation or in a locked safe.
2. in any **specified or unspecified premises** while not open for operation and not in a locked safe.
3. at the home of any partner, director, trustee, committee member, employee or volunteer of **yours** in the **United Kingdom**.
4. in transit within the **geographical limits** by road, rail, water, air or carried by any person, including while being loaded, unloaded and temporarily housed overnight away from the **specified or unspecified premises** in the course of transit.
5. at any location within the **geographical limits** where **you** are attending a promotional event or exhibition in connection with **your activities**.
6. at any location within the **geographical limits** where **you** have a contract to carry out **your activities**.
7. at any other location within the **geographical limits**.
8. at any location individually stated in the Property – money section of **your** schedule. If **we** provide such cover, **we** will not provide additional cover to **you** for that location under **What is covered**, 1. to 7. above.

We will also insure **you**, up to the **amount insured** stated in **your schedule**, against **damage** occurring during the **period of insurance** to non-negotiable instruments which belong to **you** at any location within the **geographical limits**.

Additional cover

The following cover is also provided if stated in **your** schedule:

Personal assault following robbery or attempted robbery

We will pay compensation up to the amount stated in **your** schedule, if, during the course of **your activities** any director, partner, trustee, committee member, employee or volunteer of **yours** is:

1. physically injured within the **geographical limits** during the **period of insurance** as a direct result of a robbery or an attempted robbery; and
2. subsequently dies or becomes permanently physically disabled within two years of the date of injury as a direct result of such robbery or attempted robbery.

What is not covered

In addition to the General exclusions set out in the General terms and conditions, the following exclusions also apply to this section of **your policy**.

We will not make any payment for:

1. **damage** caused by wear and tear, rot, fungus, mould, vermin or infestation, or any gradually operating cause.
2. **damage to money** in any **unattended vehicle**.
3. **damage to money** sent by or while in the custody of any unregistered mailing service.
4. unexplained loss or disappearance or inventory shortage.
5. loss due to clerical or accounting errors.
6. loss due to any **social engineering communication** or any other act of fraud or dishonesty, other than the physical theft of **money**.
7. loss arising from any electronic, online or crypto currency, including Bitcoin.
8. consequential or indirect losses of any kind.
9. any **damage**, loss, cost or expense directly or indirectly caused by, contributed to by, resulting from or in connection with any of the following:

- a. **terrorism**;
- b. **civil commotion** which occurs outside of England, Scotland or Wales;
- c. **war**;
- d. **confiscation**;
- e. **nuclear risks**;
- f. **communicable disease**; or
- g. any fear or threat of 9.a. to 9.f. above; or
- h. any action taken in controlling, preventing, suppressing, responding or in any way relating to 9.a. to 9.g. above.

If there is any dispute between **you** and **us** over the application of clause 9.a. and 9.b., it will be for **you** to show that the exclusion does not apply.

10. the amount of the **excess**.

How much we will pay

	We will pay up to the amount insured shown in the Property – money section of your schedule, unless limited below or in your schedule.
Personal assault following robbery or attempted robbery	We will not pay compensation under more than one heading in your schedule for the same injury.
Value Added Tax	The amount we will pay is exclusive of Value Added Tax unless you cannot recover it from the tax authorities.

Your obligations

If any loss or damage occurs	<p>We will not make any payment under this section unless you:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. notify us promptly of any loss or damage which might be covered; 2. report to the police, as soon as reasonably possible, any loss or damage arising from any criminal act and obtain a crime reference from them; and 3. notify us immediately of any loss or damage due to any unlawful or malicious act by any director, partner, trustee, committee member, employee or volunteer of yours, but no later than ten working days of its discovery by you.
Money in transit	<p>You must ensure that cash, bank and currency notes in transit with a total value:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. between £2,000 and £6,000 is carried by at least two able-bodied adults; 2. between £6,000 and £10,000 is carried by at least three able-bodied adults; 3. in excess of £10,000 is carried by a Security Industry Authority approved cash and valuables in transit company. <p>Please check your schedule to see what cover you have for money as it may be lower than the amounts above.</p> <p>We will not make any payment under this section in respect of any incident occurring while you are not in compliance with this condition unless you can demonstrate that such non-compliance could not have increased the risk of the loss or damage occurring in the circumstances in which it occurred.</p>

Management liability – directors and officers’ liability

Policy wording

The General terms and conditions and the following terms and conditions all apply to this section. Cover under this section is given on an each and every claim or loss basis unless otherwise specified.

Special definitions for this section

Applicable courts	The courts of competent jurisdiction in those countries stated as the applicable courts in the schedule.
Bodily injury	Mental or emotional distress, sickness, disease, bodily injury or death suffered by anyone.
Bail costs	Costs incurred with our prior written agreement to pay for a bond or other financial instrument to guarantee an insured person’s bail or equivalent in any other jurisdiction.
Claim	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Any written demand or civil, criminal, regulatory or arbitration proceeding first made against an insured person during the period of insurance alleging a wrongful act and seeking monetary damages or other legal relief or penalty.2. Any extradition proceeding made against an insured person during the period of insurance.
Computer or digital technology	Any programs , computer network, hardware, software, operational technology, internet-connected device, network-connected device, electronic device, information technology, communications system, including but not limited to any internet-of-things devices, email system, intranet, extranet, website or cloud computing services.
Cyber attack	Any digital attack or interference, whether by a hacker or otherwise, designed to disrupt access to, the operation of or cause damage to any data or computer or digital technology , including but not limited to any: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. programs designed to damage, disrupt, extract data from, or gain unauthorised access to computer or digital technology including, but not limited to, malware, wipers, worms, trojans, rootkits, spyware, dishonest adware, crimeware, ransomware, crypto-jacking and other malicious software or viruses; or2. denial of service attack or distributed denial of service attack.
Data subject	Any natural person who is the subject of personal data .
Defence costs	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Reasonable costs, not including any overheads, additional costs or remuneration, incurred with our prior written agreement to investigate, settle or defend any claim made against an insured person or to fund an appeal, including any premium paid for an appeal bond or similar bond obtained in relation to it, arising from any judgment, decision or award in relation to any claim.2. Emergency defence costs.
Deprivation of assets expenses	The amounts for which an insured person is contractually committed to pay for: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. school fees for the insured person’s immediate family;2. rent or mortgage payments on the insured person’s principal residence, not including any mortgage overpayments;3. utilities supplied to the insured person’s principal residence; and4. insurance premiums that are personal to the insured person and their immediate family.
Emergency defence costs	Reasonable and necessary costs, not including any overheads, additional costs or remuneration to investigate or defend any claim (other than an employment claim) made against an insured person , where it is not possible to obtain our prior written agreement, provided that you or the insured person notify us as soon as possible after such sums are incurred.
Emergency legal representation costs	Reasonable and necessary costs, not including any overheads, additional costs or remuneration to investigate or respond to any investigation , where it is not possible to obtain our prior written agreement, provided that you or the insured person notify us as soon as possible after such sums are incurred.
Employee	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Any person under a contract of service with you.

2. Any independent person seconded to **you**.
3. Any applicant or candidate for employment with **you**.

Employee contract benefits	Any amounts awarded to an employee in respect of: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. remuneration, including incentives, bonus, commission, health benefits, holiday or notice pay, whether under statute or contract;2. family leave payments, including maternity pay, paternity pay, parental leave pay, shared parental leave pay or adoption pay, whether under contract or statute;3. amounts due under an employee benefit or pension scheme;4. share or stock options;5. deferred compensation; or6. equal pay or redundancy pay.
Employment claim	Any claim by any employee for any actual or alleged: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. wrongful, unfair or constructive dismissal, discharge or termination of employment;2. breach of written or implied contract of employment;3. employment related misrepresentation;4. wrongful deprivation of a career opportunity, failure to grant tenure or negligent employee evaluation;5. harassment, unlawful discrimination or failure to provide adequate employee procedures and policies;6. retaliation; or7. defamation or invasion of privacy, arising solely as a result of the employment or non-employment by you of such employee .
Extradition proceeding	Any proceeding commenced under the provisions of the United Kingdom Extradition Act 2003 or any similar or successor legislation in any other jurisdiction, including any associated appeals.
Hacker	Anyone, including an employee of yours , who gains unauthorised access to or unauthorised use of any: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. computer or digital technology; or2. data held electronically by you or on your behalf.
Health and safety/ manslaughter claim	Any claim under the provisions of the Corporate Manslaughter and Homicide Act 2007 or the Health & Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 or any similar or successor legislation.
Health and safety/ manslaughter investigation	Any investigation under the provisions of the Corporate Manslaughter and Homicide Act 2007 or the Health & Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 or any similar or successor legislation.
Insured person	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Any natural person who was, is, or during the period of insurance becomes a director, partner, member or officer of you.2. Any de facto director of you whilst acting in such capacity for you.3. Any shadow director as defined under Section 251 of the Companies Act 2006 or any similar or successor legislation in any other jurisdiction.4. Any employee of you.5. The lawful spouse, civil or unmarried partner of any person in 1 to 4 above solely because of their spousal, civil or unmarried partner relationship following a claim or investigation against that person.6. The estates, heirs or legal representatives of any person in 1 to 5 above who has died or become incapacitated, insolvent or bankrupt but only for a claim or investigation against that person. <p>Insured person does not include any external auditor or any liquidator, receiver, administrative receiver or other insolvency practitioner or officer of you or your assets.</p>
Investigation	An official examination, official enquiry or official investigation into your business activities, or into an insured person , arising from activities performed in their capacity as an insured person , first notified as being required during the period of insurance and conducted by any regulator, government department or other body legally empowered.

Investigation does not include any routine regulatory supervision, enquiry or compliance review, any internal investigation or any investigation into the business activities of **your** industry which is not solely related to **your** or any **insured person's** conduct.

Investigation mitigation costs	Reasonable and necessary costs incurred by an insured person to prevent or minimise the likelihood of an investigation or mitigate the potential consequences of an investigation which, if such steps were not taken, would be likely to result in an investigation being brought against such insured person that would be covered by this section of the policy or would be likely to increase the severity of such an investigation .
Legal representation costs	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Reasonable and necessary legal costs, fees, charges and expenses, not including any overheads, additional costs or remuneration, for which you are legally liable, incurred with our prior written agreement for legal representation directly in relation to an investigation.2. Emergency legal representation costs.
Loss	<p>In respect of a claim or investigation the amount any insured person becomes legally liable to pay, including following a settlement entered into with our written agreement, for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. awards of damages, including punitive, exemplary and multiplied damages and civil fines and penalties if insurable in the jurisdiction where such award was first ordered;2. claimants' legal costs and expenses;3. defence costs and legal representation costs; and4. public relations expenses. <p>Loss does not include any criminal fines or penalties, regulator's costs or expenses (including Health and Safety Executive fees for intervention or similar regulator's costs and expenses), taxes (except for personal tax liability), remuneration, employee contract benefits, or punitive, exemplary and multiplied damages in relation to an employment claim.</p>
Outside entity	<p>Any organisation other than you:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. that is tax exempt and not for profit; or2. in which you hold any issued share. <p>Outside entity does not include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. any company which is registered or domiciled outside of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man or Gibraltar;2. any company whose securities are traded on any stock exchange in the USA or Canada; or3. any bank, investment company, investment advisor or manager, hedge or mutual fund, private equity or venture capital company, stock brokerage, insurer, or any similar financial organisation or institution including any organisation regulated by the FCA, PRA or any similar regulator.
Personal data	Any information about an individually identifiable natural person, including but not limited to such information protected by the Data Protection Act 2018 or the General Data Protection Regulation (EU) 2016/679, including any similar or successor legislation or regulation.
Pollution	Any actual, alleged or threatened discharge, seepage, treatment, removal, disposal, dispersal, emission, release or escape of any solid, liquid, gaseous or thermal contaminant or irritant, including, but not limited to, lead, smoke, oil, oil products, dust, fibres, soot, fumes, acids, alkalis, chemicals or waste (including materials that have been or are intended to be recycled, reconditioned or reclaimed), or any regulatory order, direction or request to test for, monitor, remove, contain, treat, detoxify, or neutralise any such material.
Pre-investigation costs	Reasonable and necessary costs incurred by an insured person with our prior written agreement to notify a regulator, government department or other body legally empowered of any material breach, incident or event occurring within the geographical limits where such notice is obligatory and it is likely that a covered investigation will be brought as a result of the notification.
Prior and pending date	The date on which you first purchased directors' and officers' liability insurance that has run continuously without a break in cover. If since that date you have merged or consolidated with another company, or any party has acquired more than 50% of your issued share capital or the majority of your voting rights, the 'prior and pending date' will be the date of such merger, consolidation or acquisition.
Property damage	The loss, damage or destruction of any tangible property including loss of use of such property.

Public relations expenses	The reasonable and necessary costs incurred with our prior written agreement in utilising the services of a public relations consultant.
Securities	Any debt or equity interest in you .
Social engineering communication	Any request directed to you or someone on your behalf by a person improperly seeking to obtain possession or the transfer to a third-party of virtual currency, money, securities, data or property that such person or third-party is not entitled to.
Subsidiary	<p>Any entity domiciled in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man or Gibraltar in which you:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. own directly or through one or more of your subsidiaries more than 50% of the share capital or a majority of the voting rights or have the right to appoint or remove a majority of the entity's board of directors; or 2. control a majority of its voting rights under a written agreement with other shareholders or members. <p>If an entity ceases to be a subsidiary during the period of insurance, cover will continue but only for a claim or investigation against an insured person arising from any wrongful act, act, incident or occurrence performed, taking place, or alleged to have taken place before it ceased to be a subsidiary.</p>
Unintentional error	Any error or omission by anyone that was not intentional or deliberate.
Wrongful act	<p>Any actual or alleged act, error or omission committed or attempted by an insured person arising from the performance of the insured person's duties solely in their capacity as a director, partner, member, officer or employee of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. you; or 2. for the purposes of the cover in What is covered, Outside entity, an outside entity, including: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. breach of any duty, including fiduciary or statutory duty, breach of confidence; b. breach of trust; c. negligence, negligent misstatement, misleading statement or negligent misrepresentation; d. defamation; e. wrongful trading under Section 214 of the Insolvency Act 1986 or any similar or successor legislation, including its equivalent legislation in any other jurisdiction; f. breach of warranty of authority; or g. any other act, error or omission attempted or allegedly committed or attempted by an insured person solely because of their status as a director, partner, member, officer or employee of you.
You/your	<p>Also includes any subsidiary:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. existing at the start of the period of insurance; 2. created or acquired during the period of insurance provided that the newly created or acquired subsidiary does not trade any of its securities on any stock exchange.

What is covered

1. Claims against an insured person

Losses including defence costs

Health and safety/
manslaughter

Pension or employee
benefit schemes

Pollution

- a. **We** will pay on behalf of any **insured person** the **loss** arising from a **claim** against any **insured person** for any **wrongful act** within the **geographical limits**, including any:
 - i. **health and safety/ manslaughter claim**;
 - ii. **claim** arising from an **insured person's** operation or administration of any pension or employee benefit scheme or trust fund of **yours**;
 - iii. **claim** arising from **pollution**;
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Employment claims	iv. employment claim. This cover does not apply if the insured person is covered under the Management liability – employment practices liability section of this policy ;
Outside entity	v. claim arising directly from any activity performed by an insured person in their capacity as a director or officer of an outside entity , provided that the insured person acts in that capacity at your specific written request. However, we will only pay in excess of any indemnity provided by the outside entity to its directors, partners, members or officers or any other insurance available to such individuals for such claim ; or
Cyber incidents	vi. claim arising from the management of, or response to, any cyber attack or other cyber-related incident or event.
Emergency defence costs	b. We will pay emergency defence costs in relation to a covered claim .
2. Investigations	
Losses including legal representation costs	a. We will pay on behalf of any insured person the loss arising from an investigation arising from any wrongful act , act, incident or occurrence performed, taking place, or alleged to have taken place within the geographical limits , including any:
Health and safety/ manslaughter	i. health and safety/ manslaughter investigation ;
Pension or employee benefit schemes	ii. investigation arising from an insured person's operation or administration of any pension or employee benefit scheme or trust fund of yours ;
Pollution	iii. investigation arising from pollution ; or
Outside entity	iv. investigation arising directly from any activity performed by an insured person in their capacity as a director or officer of an outside entity , provided that the insured person acts in that capacity at your specific written request. However, we will only pay in excess of any indemnity provided by the outside entity to its directors or officers or any other insurance available to such individuals for such investigation .
Investigation mitigation costs	b. We will also pay investigation mitigation costs in relation to a covered investigation , provided that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. where reasonably possible, the insured person must obtain our prior written agreement before incurring such costs. Where it is not possible to obtain our written agreement, the insured person must notify us as soon as possible after such sums are incurred; and ii. we will not pay for the costs incurred in dealing with routine business, regulatory, legal, compliance or other matters, which could lead to an investigation if not complied with. <p>We will not make any payment for any part of an investigation not covered by this section.</p>
Pre-investigation costs	c. We will pay pre-investigation costs in relation to a covered investigation .
Emergency legal representation costs	d. We will pay emergency legal representation costs in relation to a covered investigation .
3. Entity reimbursement	We will pay on your behalf the loss which you are legally obliged or permitted to pay on behalf of an insured person arising from a covered claim or investigation . If you are permitted or obliged to provide such payment but fail to do so for any reason other than your insolvency, regardless of whether you advanced payment or indemnified an insured person for such loss , we will pay the amount of the claim or investigation less any relevant excess .
4. Additional covers	a. We will pay on behalf of any insured person :
Extradition proceedings	i. the loss arising from any extradition proceeding against any insured person during the period of insurance arising from any wrongful act , act, incident or occurrence performed, taking place or alleged to have taken place within the geographical limits ;
Deprivation of assets expenses	ii. their deprivation of assets expenses , if, as a direct result of a covered claim or investigation , an interim or interlocutory order: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. confiscating, controlling, suspending or freezing rights of ownership of real property or personal assets of an insured person; or

	b.	creating a charge over real property or the personal assets of the insured person ; is made, other than where the court has made an allowance for the insured person in respect of such sums;
Public relations expenses	iii.	public relations expenses following a covered claim or investigation to mitigate the actual or potential adverse effect on their reputation by disseminating news of a final adjudication that absolved them of any fault. The insured person must obtain our prior written agreement before incurring such costs;
Bail costs	iv.	bail costs arising from a covered claim or investigation ;
Personal tax liability	v.	their liability occurring in the period of insurance within the geographical limits under any insolvency rules or insolvency legislation to pay your unpaid taxes following your insolvency, dissolution, administration or winding up, where such liability arises solely as a result of the insured person's status as your director, partner, member or officer;
Additional defence costs and legal representation costs	vi.	additional defence costs and legal representation costs in the event that the limit of indemnity for this section is exhausted, provided that the insured person has previously not been the subject of a claim or investigation that led to the exhaustion of the limit of indemnity for this section. Where an insured person has been the subject of such a claim or investigation , any amount we will pay on behalf of that individual will be reduced by an amount equal to the amount of that claim or investigation or the part of that claim or investigation relating to such individual. We will only pay in excess of any other insurance available to such individuals.
Court attendance compensation	b.	If any insured person has to attend court as a witness in connection with a claim or investigation covered under this section, we will pay you compensation for each day, or part of a day that their attendance is required by us .
Loss of data resulting from a cyber incident	c.	We will pay on behalf of any insured person the loss arising from a claim against that insured person , including any claim by any data subjects relating to personal data , where any such claim is based upon, attributable to or arising from any loss or misuse of data as a direct result of a cyber attack , a hacker or that insured person's own unintentional error. We will not cover defence costs in relation to such claims .

What is not covered		We will not make any payment for any claim, loss, investigation , or any other liability under this section:
Deliberate or dishonest acts	1.	against or suffered by an insured person based upon, attributable to or arising out of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. a dishonest or fraudulent act or omission or any intentional breach of any statute or regulation; b. an act intended to secure or which does secure a personal profit or advantage to which the individual concerned was not legally entitled; c. an act intended to secure or which does secure a profit for any other company or entity to which that company or entity was not legally entitled, where such act or omission was committed or condoned by that insured person . These exclusions will only apply after a judgment or other final adjudication or an admission by the insured person that such act or omission did occur. In the event of such finding or admission, the insured person must reimburse all payments made by us in relation to the corresponding claim, loss or investigation .
Prior claims and litigation	2.	based upon, attributable to or arising out of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. anything that has been reported to and accepted under any policy existing or expired, before the start of the period of insurance; or b. any prior or pending litigation or proceedings, including allegations deriving from the same or essentially the same facts, involving an insured person, you or an outside entity, initiated before the prior and pending date.
Securities offerings	3.	based upon, attributable to or arising out of any claim or investigation in relation to any actual public offering of your securities . This exclusion does not apply to a failed public offering of your securities .

- Claims brought by a related party in the United States of America
4. based upon, attributable to or arising out of any **claim** brought or maintained by **you**, an **outside entity** or an **insured person** within or subject to the laws of the United States of America. This exclusion will not apply to:
- a. **defence costs**;
 - b. any shareholder derivative proceedings in **your** name without **your** or any **insured person's** solicitation, assistance or participation;
 - c. any **claim** brought by **your** liquidator, receiver or administrative receiver or similar body;
 - d. any **employment claim**;
 - e. any **claim** made by a former **insured person**; or
 - f. any **claim** seeking a contribution or indemnity if such **claim** is otherwise covered by this section.
- Bodily injury and property damage
5. for **bodily injury** or **property damage**. This exclusion does not apply to any **health and safety/manslaughter claim**. However, **we** will not in any event make any payment for any **health and safety/manslaughter claim** arising from the use, ownership or possession of any motor vehicle in relation to which the **insured person** is obliged under any compulsory insurance law to maintain insurance.
- Pollution clean-up costs
6. based upon, attributable to or arising out of any:
- a. statutory, contractual or common law obligation **you** or an **insured person** have to clean up or remedy any **pollution** or contamination; or
 - b. land or property being identified as contaminated land under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 or any similar or successor legislation.
- Takeovers and mergers
7. based upon, attributable to or arising out of any **wrongful act**, act, incident or occurrence performed, taking place, or alleged to have taken, after:
- a. **you** merge or consolidate with another company; or
 - b. any party acquires:
 - i. more than 50% of **your** issued share capital;
 - ii. the majority of **your** voting rights; or
 - iii. the right to appoint or remove a majority of **your** board of directors.
- Changes to subsidiaries
8. based upon, attributable to or arising out of any **wrongful act**, act, incident or occurrence performed, taking place, or alleged to have taken place:
- a. before the date of creation or acquisition by **you** of such **subsidiary**; or
 - b. after an entity ceases to be a **subsidiary**.
- Financial advantage
9. based upon, attributable to or arising out of the gaining of any financial advantage to which the **insured person** was not entitled, including the repayment of any wrongfully received monies.
- Defined benefit pension schemes
10. based upon, attributable to or arising out of an **insured person's** operation or administration of any defined benefit pension scheme or their breach of any legislation or regulation relating to these activities.
- Claims outside the applicable courts
11. first brought outside the **applicable courts**.
This exclusion also applies to proceedings in the **applicable courts** to enforce, or which are based on, a judgment or award from outside the **applicable courts**.
- Cyber incidents
12. based upon, attributable to or arising out of any:
- a. **cyber attack**;
 - b. **hacker**;
 - c. **unintentional error** in or affecting any **computer or digital technology**;
 - d. **social engineering communication**; or
 - e. **claims** by any **data subjects** relating to **personal data** arising from **a. to d.** above.
- This exclusion does not apply to any **claim**:
- i. covered under **What is covered, 4. Additional covers**, c. Loss of data resulting from a **cyber incident**; or

- ii. brought by **you**, any shareholder or creditor of **yours** or any **insured person**, directly due to the **insured person's** management of or response to, a. to d. above.

Where a **claim** is covered under i. and ii. above, **we** will treat the **claim** as covered under i. **We** will not cover **defence costs** in relation to such **claims**.

Special conditions

General terms	<p>The General definitions, General conditions and General claims conditions set out in the General terms and conditions all apply equally to each insured person and to you, except for General condition 6, Premium payment which applies only to you.</p> <p>General conditions 3 and 4 shall not apply to this section.</p> <p>General condition 7. Cancellation shall only apply to this section at the end of the period of insurance or the anniversary date whichever comes first.</p> <p>You agree to act on behalf of all the insured persons as regards paying the premium and giving or receiving notice of all matters relevant to this section.</p>						
Information provided by an insured person	<p>All information which any insured person provided before we agreed to insure you will be considered as a separate application for each insured person and as such the knowledge of or any statement made by an insured person will not be imputed to any other insured person for the purposes of determining whether cover is available for any claim or investigation against such other insured person.</p>						
Severability of exclusions	<p>When determining the applicability of the exclusions within What is not covered, the wrongful act, act, incident or occurrence performed, taking place, or alleged to have taken place of one insured person shall not be imputed onto any other insured person who neither committed nor condoned such wrongful act, act, incident or occurrence.</p>						
Extended notification period	<p>If:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. we or you refuse to renew this section of the policy for any reason other than non-payment of premium, administration, liquidation or insolvency; or2. you merge or consolidate with another entity or any party acquires more than 50% of your issued share capital or the majority of your voting rights during the period of insurance; <p>you or any insured person may make a request to us in writing for an extended notification period, which will be granted at our sole discretion. If we agree to such request, the extended notification period will be granted in accordance with the options stated below:</p> <table><tr><td>One-year period</td><td>200% of the annual premium for this section</td></tr><tr><td>Two-year period</td><td>300% of the annual premium for this section</td></tr><tr><td>Three-year period</td><td>400% of the annual premium for this section</td></tr></table> <p>The premium for any extended notification period to which we agree must be paid to us within 90 days following the end of the period of insurance.</p> <p>If you or an insured person does so:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. we will cover an insured person for any covered claim, loss or investigation arising during the extended notification period, subject to the terms and conditions of this section. We will not cover any wrongful act, act, incident or occurrence performed, taking place, or alleged to have taken place after the end of the original period of insurance; and2. the first paragraph 1a. under Your obligations in this section will then be amended to: unless you or any insured person notifies us as soon as reasonably practicable and within the period of insurance or the extended notification period of the following: <p>The limit of indemnity for any extended notification period will be part of and not in addition to the limit of indemnity stated in the schedule.</p> <p>The entire premium for this section is considered fully earned at the beginning of any extended notification period. We will not refund any premium if you or any insured person cancels the extended notification period before it ends.</p> <p>We will not in any event agree to any request from you or any insured person to purchase an extended notification period if:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. cover under this section is continued solely as a result of the former directors special condition or an extended notification period;	One-year period	200% of the annual premium for this section	Two-year period	300% of the annual premium for this section	Three-year period	400% of the annual premium for this section
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Two-year period	300% of the annual premium for this section						
Three-year period	400% of the annual premium for this section						

2. this section of the **policy** is replaced or succeeded by any other policy providing directors' and officers' liability cover; or
3. this section or the **policy** is cancelled, other than by **you** on an anniversary date.

If **we** offer renewal terms, conditions, limits of liability or premium different from those of the expiring policy, this does not constitute a refusal to renew.

Management buy-outs

If during the **period of insurance** the existing management conduct a management buy-out, **we** agree to provide cover to the same level and terms of this **policy** for the new company for a period of 30 days from the buy-out date for any **wrongful act**, act, incident or occurrence performed, or taking place, or alleged to have taken place by any individual **insured person** subsequent to the buy-out.

We will only provide such cover if the new company is domiciled in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man or Gibraltar.

This cover will only apply excess of any other insurance and indemnification available from any other source.

Former directors

In the event that **you** do not renew or replace this section of the **policy**, and only in respect of any **insured person** who ceases to be a director, partner, member or officer of **you** prior to the date of non-renewal for reasons other than disqualification from holding such position or **your** insolvency, administration or liquidation, this section shall continue in force indefinitely from the date of non-renewal, provided that:

1. this section shall only apply to **claims** or **investigations** arising from any **wrongful act**, act, incident or occurrence performed, or taking place, or alleged to have taken place prior to the date that the **insured person** ceased to be a director, partner, member or officer of **you**;
2. no similar insurance is effected elsewhere; and
3. this section or the **policy** has not been cancelled, other than by **you** on an anniversary date.

How much we will pay

The most **we** will pay for each **claim, loss, investigation**, or any other covered liability, including their **defence costs** and **legal representation costs** is the limit of indemnity stated in the schedule.

All **claims, losses, investigations**, or any other covered liabilities and circumstances likely to give rise to a **claim, loss, investigation**, or any other covered liability, which arise from the same original cause, a single source or a repeated or continuing shortcoming will be regarded as one claim under the **policy**. This includes **claims, losses, investigations**, and any other covered liabilities arising after, as well as during, the **period of insurance**.

Each **claim, loss, investigation**, or other covered liability shall be treated as first made when **we** receive notice of the first **claim, loss, investigation**, or other covered liability.

You must pay any relevant **excess** stated in the schedule.

Paying out the limit of indemnity

At any stage of a **claim, investigation**, or any other covered liability, **we** can pay the **insured person** the applicable limit of indemnity or what remains after any earlier payment from that limit. **We** will then have no further liability for that **claim, loss, investigation** or any other covered liability.

Special limits

All special limits below are included within, and not in addition to, the limit of indemnity stated on the schedule.

The most **we** will pay in total for each item below is the corresponding amount stated in the schedule, regardless of the number of **claims, losses** or **investigations**, or any other covered liabilities:

Public relations expenses

1. **public relations expenses**;

Emergency defence costs

2. **emergency defence costs**;

Emergency legal representation costs

3. **emergency legal representation costs**;

Deprivation of assets expenses

4. **deprivation of assets expenses**;

Personal tax liability

5. cover under **What is covered, 4. Additional covers**, v. Personal tax liability;

Investigation mitigation costs

6. **investigation mitigation costs**;

Pre-investigation costs	7. pre-investigation costs;
Bail costs	8. bail costs;
Court attendance compensation	9. court attendance compensation, including any court attendance compensation payable under any Management liability sections of this policy ; and
Loss of data resulting from a cyber incident	10. cover under What is covered, 4. Additional covers , c. Loss of data resulting from a cyber incident.
Additional cover	The limit below is in addition to the limit of indemnity stated on the schedule.
Additional defence costs and legal representation costs	The most we will pay in total for all defence costs and legal representation costs under What is covered, 4. Additional cover , vi. Additional defence costs and legal representation costs, is the amount stated in the schedule, regardless of the number of claims and investigations .

Your obligations

Notification	<p>1. We will not make any payment under this section:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. unless you or any insured person notifies us as soon as reasonably practicable of the following within the period of insurance or at the latest within 90 days after it expires for any problem you or such insured person becomes aware of within the 30 days before expiry: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. the insured person's first awareness of any wrongful act that is likely to lead to a claim; ii. any claim or anything likely to lead to a claim against an insured person; iii. any investigation into you or an insured person; iv. the threat or commencement of any disqualification proceedings against any insured person; or v. the insured person's first awareness of any act, omission or occurrence that is likely to lead to any other covered liability, b. to any insured person if, prior to the period of insurance, such insured person had knowledge of a material misstatement in or omission from the information provided to us upon which we agreed to insure you. <p>2. When dealing with a third party, you or the insured person must not admit that you or the insured person are liable for what has happened, or make any offer, deal or payment without our prior written agreement. If you or an insured person does, we may reduce any payment we make under this policy by an amount equal to the detriment we have suffered as a result.</p>
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Control of defence and payment under this section

You and any **insured person** must give **us** the information and co-operation which **we** may reasonably require and take all reasonable steps to defend any **claim**, **investigation**, or any other covered liability. **You** and the **insured person** should not do anything which may prejudice **our** position.

We have the right, but not the obligation, to take control of and conduct in **your** name or the name of any **insured person**, the investigation, settlement or defence of any **claim**, **investigation**, or any other covered liability. If **we** think it necessary **we** will appoint an adjuster, solicitor or any other appropriate person to deal with the **claim**, **investigation**, or any other covered liability.

Where there is a dispute between **us** and any **insured person** over cover, proposed settlement or continuing the defence of a **claim**, **investigation**, or any other covered liability, the **insured person** or **we** may request the obtainment of an opinion from a mutually agreed Queens Counsel or equivalent in a different jurisdiction. Such opinion shall be binding on **us** and **you** and any **insured person** and will establish whether policy cover exists, defence of said **claim**, **investigation**, or any other covered liability will continue or settlement will be agreed. The costs of such opinion shall be met by **us**.

We shall pay **defence costs** and **legal representation costs**, above any **excess**, covered by this section on an ongoing basis prior to the final resolution of any **claim**, **investigation**, or any other covered liability. **You** and/or any **insured person** must reimburse **us** for any

defence costs and **legal representation costs** paid where it is determined there is no entitlement under this section.

If a **claim** or **investigation** is made which is not wholly covered by this section or is also made against an **insured person** and any other party which is not covered under this section, **we** and the **insured person** shall use our best endeavours to agree a fair allocation between **loss** that is covered and **loss** not covered by this section.

Management liability – corporate legal liability

Policy wording

The General terms and conditions and the following terms and conditions all apply to this section. Cover under this section is given on an each and every claim or loss basis unless otherwise specified.

Special definitions for this section

Applicable courts	The courts of competent jurisdiction in those countries stated as the applicable courts in the schedule.
Bodily injury	Mental or emotional distress, sickness, disease, bodily injury or death suffered by anyone.
Claim	Any written demand or civil, criminal, regulatory or arbitration proceeding first made against you during the period of insurance alleging a wrongful act and seeking monetary damages or other legal relief or penalty.
Computer or digital technology	Any programs , computer network, hardware, software, operational technology, internet-connected device, network-connected device, electronic device, information technology, communications system, including but not limited to any internet-of-things devices, email system, intranet, extranet, website or cloud computing services.
Cyber attack	Any digital attack or interference, whether by a hacker or otherwise, designed to disrupt access to, the operation of or cause damage to any data or computer or digital technology , including but not limited to any: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. programs designed to damage, disrupt, extract data from, or gain unauthorised access to computer or digital technology including, but not limited to, malware, wipers, worms, trojans, rootkits, spyware, dishonest adware, crimeware, ransomware, crypto-jacking and other malicious software or viruses; or2. denial of service attack or distributed denial of service attack.
Data subject	Any natural person who is the subject of personal data .
Defence costs	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Reasonable costs, not including any overheads, additional costs or remuneration, incurred with our prior written agreement to investigate, settle or defend any claim made against you or to fund an appeal, including any premium paid for an appeal bond or similar bond obtained in relation to it, arising from any judgment, decision or award in relation to any claim.2. Emergency defence costs.
Emergency defence costs	Reasonable and necessary costs, not including any overheads, additional costs or remuneration, where it is not possible to obtain our prior written agreement, provided that you notify us as soon as possible after such sums are incurred.
Emergency legal representation costs	Reasonable and necessary costs, not including any overheads, additional costs or remuneration to investigate or respond to any investigation , where it is not possible to obtain our prior written agreement, provided that you notify us as soon as possible after such sums are incurred.
Employee	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Any person under a contract of service with you.2. Any independent person seconded to you.3. Any applicant or candidate for employment with you.
Employee dishonesty loss	Your direct financial loss discovered during the period of insurance in the performance of your business within the geographical limits , arising from the dishonesty of an employee , where there was a clear intention to cause you financial loss or damage and to obtain a personal financial gain in addition to salary, bonus or commission.
Employment claim	Any claim by any employee for any actual or alleged: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. wrongful, unfair or constructive dismissal, discharge or termination of employment;2. breach of written or implied contract of employment;3. employment related misrepresentation;

4. wrongful deprivation of a career opportunity, failure to grant tenure or negligent employee evaluation;
 5. harassment, unlawful discrimination or failure to provide adequate employee procedures and policies;
 6. retaliation; or
 7. defamation or invasion of privacy;
- arising solely as a result of the employment or non-employment by **you** of such **employee**.

Hacker

Anyone, including an employee of **yours**, who gains unauthorised access to or unauthorised use of any:

1. **computer or digital technology**; or
2. data held electronically by **you** or on **your** behalf.

Health and safety /manslaughter claim

Any **claim** under the provisions of the Corporate Manslaughter and Homicide Act 2007 or the Health & Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 or any similar or successor legislation.

Health and safety/ manslaughter investigation

Any **investigation** under the provisions of the Corporate Manslaughter and Homicide Act 2007 or the Health & Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 or any similar or successor legislation.

Identity crime

An agreement entered into by any third party representing themselves as **you**.

Investigation

An official examination, official enquiry or official investigation into **you** first notified as being required during the **period of insurance** and conducted by any regulator, government department or other body legally empowered.

Investigation does not include any routine regulatory supervision, enquiry or compliance review, any internal investigation or any investigation into the business activities of **your** industry which is not solely related to **your** conduct.

Investigation mitigation costs

Reasonable and necessary costs incurred by **you** to prevent or minimise the likelihood of an **investigation** or mitigate the potential consequences of an **investigation** which, if such steps were not taken, would be likely to result in an **investigation** being brought against **you** that would be covered by this section of the **policy** or would be likely to increase the severity of such an **investigation**.

Legal representation costs

1. Reasonable and necessary legal costs, fees, charges and expenses, not including any overheads, additional costs or remuneration, for which **you** are legally liable, incurred with **our** prior written agreement for legal representation directly in relation to an **investigation**.
2. **Emergency legal representation costs**.

Loss

In respect of a **claim** or **investigation** the amount **you** become legally liable to pay, including following a settlement entered into with **our** written agreement, for:

1. awards of damages, including punitive, exemplary and multiplied damages, and civil fines and penalties if insurable in the jurisdiction where such award was first ordered;
2. claimants' legal costs and expenses;
3. **defence costs and legal representation costs**; and
4. **public relations expenses**.

Loss does not include any criminal fines or penalties, regulator's costs or expenses (including Health and Safety Executive fees for intervention or similar regulator's costs and expenses), taxes or remuneration.

Personal data

Any information about an individually identifiable natural person, including but not limited to such information protected by the Data Protection Act 2018 or the General Data Protection Regulation (EU) 2016/679, including any similar or successor legislation or regulation.

Pollution

Any actual, alleged or threatened discharge, seepage, treatment, removal, disposal, dispersal, emission, release or escape of any solid, liquid, gaseous or thermal contaminant or irritant, including, but not limited to, lead, smoke, oil, oil products, dust, fibres, soot, fumes, acids, alkalis, chemicals or waste (including materials that have been or are intended to be recycled, reconditioned or reclaimed), or any regulatory order, direction or request to test for, monitor, remove, contain, treat, detoxify, or neutralise any such material.

Pre-investigation costs	Reasonable and necessary costs incurred by you with our prior written agreement to notify a regulator, government department or other body legally empowered of any material breach, incident or event occurring within the geographical limits where such notice is obligatory and it is likely that a covered investigation will be brought as a result of the notification.
Prior and pending date	The date on which you first purchased corporate legal liability or other equivalent entity insurance that has run continuously without a break in cover. If during such period you have merged or consolidated with another company or entity, or any party has acquired more than 50% of your issued share capital or the majority of your voting rights, the 'prior and pending date' will be the date of such merger, consolidation or acquisition.
Property damage	The loss, damage or destruction of any tangible property including loss of use of such property.
Public relations expenses	The reasonable and necessary costs incurred with our prior written agreement in utilising the services of a public relations consultant.
Relevant person	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Any natural person who was, is, or during the period of insurance becomes a director, partner, member or officer of you. 2. Any de facto director of you whilst acting in such capacity for you. 3. Any shadow director as defined under Section 251 of the Companies Act 2006 or any similar or successor legislation in any other jurisdiction. 4. Any employee of you. 5. The lawful spouse, civil or unmarried partner of any person in 1 to 4 above solely because of their spousal, civil or unmarried partner relationship following a claim or investigation against that person. 6. The estates, heirs or legal representatives of any person in 1 to 5 above who has died or become incapacitated, insolvent or bankrupt but only for a claim or investigation against that person. <p>Relevant person does not include any external auditor or any liquidator, receiver, administrative receiver or other insolvency practitioner or officer of you or your assets.</p>
Securities	Any debt or equity interest in you .
Social engineering communication	Any request directed to you or someone on your behalf by a person improperly seeking to obtain possession or the transfer to a third-party of virtual currency, money, securities, data or property that such person or third-party is not entitled to.
Subsidiary	<p>Any entity domiciled in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man or Gibraltar in which you:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. own directly or through one or more of your subsidiaries more than 50% of the share capital or a majority of the voting rights or have the right to appoint or remove a majority of the entity's board of directors; or 2. control a majority of its voting rights under a written agreement with other shareholders or members. <p>If an entity ceases to be a subsidiary during the period of insurance, cover will continue but only for a claim or investigation against you arising from any act, incident or occurrence performed, or taking place, or alleged to have taken place before it ceased to be a subsidiary.</p>
Unintentional error	Any error or omission by anyone that was not intentional or deliberate.
Wrongful act	<p>Any actual or alleged act, error or omission committed or attempted by you including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. breach of any duty, including fiduciary or statutory duty, breach of confidence or data loss; 2. breach of trust; 3. negligence, negligent misstatement, misleading statement or negligent misrepresentation; 4. breach of warranty of authority; or 5. any other act, error or omission attempted or allegedly committed or attempted by you.
You/your	<p>Also includes any subsidiary:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. existing at the start of the period of insurance; 2. created or acquired during the period of insurance provided that the newly created or acquired subsidiary does not trade any of its securities on any stock exchange.

What is covered

1. Claims against you

Losses including defence costs

Health and safety/
manslaughter

Pension or employee
benefit schemes

Shareholder pollution claims

Cyber incidents

Identity crime

Taxation

Defence costs only

Pollution

Emergency defence costs

2. Investigations

Losses including legal representation costs

Health and
safety/manslaughter

Pension or employee
benefit schemes

Pollution

Taxation

Investigation mitigation costs

Pre-investigation costs

Emergency legal representation costs

3. Additional covers

a. **We will pay on your behalf the loss arising from a claim against you for any wrongful act within the geographical limits, including any:**

i. **health and safety/manslaughter claim;**

ii. **claim arising from your operation or administration of any pension or employee benefit scheme or trust fund of yours;**

iii. **claim arising from pollution brought by any shareholder of you either directly or derivatively;**

iv. **claim arising from the management of, or response to, any cyber attack or other cyber-related incident or event;**

v. **claim arising from identity crime;**

vi. **claim arising from your failure to comply with any taxation regulations; or**

b. **We will pay on your behalf the defence costs only arising from a claim against you for any wrongful act within the geographical limits:**

i. **arising from pollution, other than for a claim brought by any shareholder of you either directly or derivatively.**

c. **We will pay emergency defence costs in relation to a covered claim.**

a. **We will pay on your behalf the loss arising from an investigation and arising from any wrongful act, act, incident or occurrence performed, taking place, or alleged to have taken place within the geographical limits, including any:**

i. **health and safety/manslaughter investigation;**

ii. **investigation arising from your operation or administration of any pension or employee benefit scheme or trust fund;**

iii. **investigation arising from pollution; or**

iv. **investigation arising from your failure to comply with any taxation regulations; or**

b. **We will also pay investigation mitigation costs in relation to a covered investigation, provided that:**

i. **where reasonably possible, you must obtain our prior written agreement before incurring such costs. Where it is not possible to obtain our written agreement, you must notify us as soon as possible after such sums are incurred; and**

ii. **we will not pay for the costs incurred in dealing with routine business, regulatory, legal, compliance or other matters, which could lead to an investigation if not complied with.**

We will not make any payment for any part of an investigation not covered by this section.

c. **We will pay pre-investigation costs in relation to a covered investigation.**

d. **We will pay emergency legal representation costs in relation to a covered investigation.**

- Public relations expenses a. **We will pay public relations expenses on your behalf following a covered claim or investigation** which, without the incurrance of **public relations expenses**, would in the reasonable opinion of **your** Chief Financial Officer or equivalent be likely to result in the imminent reduction in **your** gross annual revenue of more than 20%, by reference to **your** most recent financial forecast. **You** must obtain **our** prior written agreement before incurring such costs.
- Court attendance compensation b. If any **relevant person** has to attend court as a witness in connection with a **claim or investigation** covered under this section, **we** will pay **you** compensation for each day; or part of a day that their attendance is required by **us**.
- Dishonesty of employees c. **We will pay your employee dishonesty loss.**
- Loss of documents d. If during the **period of insurance** any document, information or data of **yours** which is necessary for the performance of **your business** is lost, damaged or destroyed while in **your** possession within the **geographical limits**, **we** will pay the reasonable expenses **you** incur with **our** prior written agreement in restoring or replacing it.

What is not covered

We will not make any payment for any claim, loss, investigation, or any other liability under this section:

- Deliberate or dishonest acts 1. against or suffered by **you** based upon, attributable to or arising out of:
 - a. a dishonest or fraudulent act or omission or any intentional breach of any statute or regulation;
 - b. an act intended to secure or which does secure profit or advantage to which the individual concerned is not legally entitled; or
 - c. an act intended to secure or which does secure a profit for any other company or entity to which the company or entity was not legally entitled.

where such act or omission was committed or condoned by **you** or any individual who falls within paragraphs 1. to 3. of the definition of **relevant person**. This exclusion will only apply after a judgment or other final adjudication or an admission by **you** or the **relevant person** that such act, breach of statute or omission did occur. In the event of such finding or admission, **you** must reimburse all payments made by **us** in relation to the corresponding **claim, loss or investigation**.
- Prior claims and litigation 2. based upon, attributable to or arising out of:
 - a. anything that has been reported to and accepted under any policy existing or expired, before the start of the **period of insurance**; or
 - b. any prior or pending litigation or proceedings, including allegations deriving from the same or essentially the same facts, involving a **relevant person** or **you**, initiated before the **prior and pending date**.
- Defamation 3. based upon, attributable to or arising out of defamation.
- Claims by you or a relevant person 4. based upon, attributable to or arising out of any **claim** brought or maintained by:
 - a. **you**; or
 - b. a **relevant person** within or subject to the laws of the United States of America.

This exclusion does not apply to:

 - i. **defence costs**;
 - ii. any shareholder derivative proceedings brought in **your** name without **your** or any **relevant person's** solicitation, assistance or participation;
 - iii. any **claim** brought by **your** liquidator, receiver or administrative receiver or similar body; or
 - iv. any **claim** seeking a contribution or indemnity if such **claim** would otherwise be covered by this section.
- Bodily injury and property damage 5. for **bodily injury or property damage**. This exclusion does not apply to any **health and safety/manslaughter claim**. However, **we** will not in any event make any payment for any **health and safety/manslaughter claim** arising from the use, ownership or possession of any motor vehicle in relation to which **you** are obliged under any compulsory insurance law to maintain insurance.
- Pollution clean-up costs 6. based upon, attributable to or arising out of any:

- a. statutory, contractual or common law obligation **you** have to clean up or remedy any **pollution** or contamination; or
 - b. land or property being identified as contaminated land under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 or any similar or successor legislation.
- Takeovers and mergers
 - 7. based upon, attributable to or arising out of any **wrongful act**, act, incident or occurrence performed, taking place, or alleged to have taken place, after:
 - a. **you** merge or consolidate with another company; or
 - b. any party acquires:
 - i. more than 50% of **your** issued share capital;
 - ii. the majority of **your** voting rights; or
 - iii. the right to appoint or remove a majority of **your** board of directors.
- Changes to subsidiaries
 - 8. based upon, attributable to or arising out of any **wrongful act**, act, incident or occurrence performed, taking place, or alleged to have taken place:
 - a. before the date of creation or acquisition by **you** of such **subsidiary**; or
 - b. after an entity ceases to be a **subsidiary**.
- Financial advantage
 - 9. based upon, attributable to or arising out of the gaining of any financial advantage to which the **you** were not entitled, including the repayment of any wrongfully received monies.
- Defined benefit pension schemes
 - 10. based upon, attributable to or arising out of **your** operation or administration of any defined benefit pension scheme or the breach of any legislation or regulation relating to these activities.
- Failure to fund pension and employee benefit schemes
 - 11. based upon, attributable to or arising out of **your** failure to fund any pension, employee benefit scheme or trust fund.
- Employment claims
 - 12. based upon, attributable to or arising out of any **employment claim**.
- Products
 - 13. based upon, attributable to or arising out of the manufacture, sale, supply, installation or maintenance of any product.
- Securities offerings
 - 14. based upon, attributable to or arising out of any **claim** or **investigation** in relation to any actual public offering of **your securities**.
- Infringement of intellectual property
 - 15. based upon, attributable to or arising out any actual or alleged infringement of patent, trademark, infringement of copyright, intellectual property right or registered design.
- Contractual liability
 - 16. based upon, attributable to or arising out any **claim** or **investigation** in respect of a breach of contract, whether actual or implied, written or oral which is greater than the liability **you** would have at law without the contract.
- Market fluctuation
 - 17. based upon, attributable to or arising out of any market trends or fluctuations over which **you** or any **relevant person** have no control.
- Anti-competitive practices
 - 18. based upon, attributable to or arising out of any breach of anti-competition laws or regulations.
- Breach of duty to customers
 - 19. where any **claim** is brought by **your** client or customer and which arises directly out of any breach of duty by any person in the provision of products or services to that client or customer. This exclusion does not apply to:
 - a. **legal representation costs** or any insurable civil fines or penalties associated with an **investigation** resulting from the **claim**; or
 - b. any **health and safety/manslaughter claim**.
- Claims outside the applicable courts
 - 20. first brought outside the **applicable courts**.
This exclusion also applies to proceedings in the **applicable courts** to enforce, or which are based on, a judgment or award from outside the **applicable courts**.
- Defence costs only
 - 21. other than **defence costs** for any **claim** covered under **What is covered, 1. Claims against you, b. Defence costs only**.
- Cyber incidents
 - 22. based upon, attributable to or arising out of any:
 - a. **cyber attack**;

- b. **hacker**;
- c. **unintentional error** in or affecting any **computer or digital technology**; or
- d. **social engineering communication**.

This exclusion does not apply to any **claim** brought by any shareholder or creditor of **you** either directly or derivatively, directly due to **your** management of or response to a. to d. above. However, **we** will not, in any event, make any payment for any **claims** by **data subjects** relating to **personal data** arising from a. to d. above.

Matters specific to dishonesty of employees

- B. **We** will not make any payment under **What is covered, 3. Additional covers, c.** Dishonesty of employees for any **employee dishonesty loss** based upon, attributable to or arising out of:
 - 1. any accounting or arithmetical error or omission or unexplained shortage;
 - 2. any default or non-payment of any loan or other credit arrangement;
 - 3. **your** or any **relevant person's** expenses incurred in establishing the amount of any financial loss;
 - 4. any loss of interest, loss of profit or any any indirect losses which result from the incident which caused **you** to claim; or
 - 5. any act, breach, omission or infringement deliberately, spitefully, dishonestly or recklessly committed, condoned or ignored by any director, officer or partner of **yours**.

Special conditions

Extended notification period

- If:
- 1. **we** or **you** refuse to renew this section of the **policy** for any reason other than non-payment of premium, administration, liquidation or insolvency; or
 - 2. **you** merge or consolidate with another entity or any party acquires more than 50% of your issued share capital or the majority of **your** voting rights during the **period of insurance**;

you may make a request to **us** in writing for an extended notification period, which will be granted at **our** sole discretion. If **we** agree to such request, the extended notification period will be granted in accordance with the options stated below:

One-year period	200% of the annual premium for this section
Two-year period	300% of the annual premium for this section
Three-year period	400% of the annual premium for this section

If **we** agree to grant **you** an extended notification period, this section will remain in force but only in respect of any covered **claim, loss, investigation** or any other covered liability arising from any **wrongful act**, act, incident or occurrence performed, taking place, or alleged to have taken place before the end of the original **period of insurance**.

This extended notification period is only available if **we** receive written notice of purchase from **you** and the premium is paid to **us** within 90 days following the end of the **period of insurance**.

If **you** do so, the first paragraph 1a. under **Your obligations** in this section will then be amended to:

- a. unless **you** notify **us** as soon as reasonably practicable of the following, and within the **period of insurance** or the extended notification period:

The limit of indemnity for the extended notification period will be part of and not in addition to the limit of indemnity stated in the schedule.

The entire premium for this section is considered fully earned at the beginning of the extended notification period. **We** will not refund any premium if **you** cancel the extended notification period before it ends.

We will not in any event agree to any request from **you** to purchase an extended notification period if:

- 1. cover under this section is continued solely as a result of an extended notification period;
- 2. this section of the **policy** is replaced or succeeded by any other policy providing corporate legal or equivalent entity cover; or
- 3. this section or the **policy** is cancelled, other than by **you** on an anniversary date.

If **we** offer renewal terms, conditions, limits of liability or premium different from those of the expiring policy, this does not constitute a refusal to renew.

Management buy-outs

If during the **period of insurance** the existing management conduct a management buy-out, **we** agree to provide cover to the same level and terms of this **policy** for the new company for a period of 30 days from the buy-out date for any **wrongful act**, act, incident or occurrence performed, or taking place, or alleged to have taken place subsequent to the buy-out.

We will only provide such cover if the new company is domiciled in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man or Gibraltar.

This cover will only apply excess of any other insurance and indemnification available from any other source.

How much we will pay

The most **we** will pay for each **claim, loss, investigation**, or any other covered liability, including their **defence costs** and **legal representation costs** is the limit of indemnity stated in the schedule.

All **claims, losses, investigations** or any other covered liabilities and circumstances likely to give rise to a **claim, loss, investigation**, or any other covered liability which arise from the same original cause, a single source or a repeated or continuing shortcoming will be regarded as one claim under the **policy**. This includes **claims, losses, investigations** or any other covered liabilities arising after, as well as during, the **period of insurance**.

Each **claim, loss, investigation** or other covered liability shall be treated as first made when **we** receive notice of the first **claim, loss, investigation** or other covered liability.

You must pay any relevant **excess** stated in the schedule.

Paying out the limit of indemnity

At any stage of a **claim, investigation**, or any other covered liability **we** can pay **you** the applicable limit of indemnity or what remains after any earlier payment from that limit. **We** will then have no further liability for any **claim, loss, investigation** or any other covered liability.

Dishonesty of employees

When **we** settle **employee dishonesty loss** under **What is covered, 3. Additional covers, c. Dishonesty of employees**, for losses perpetrated by any individual or group of individuals who own or control any shares in **you** or who are entitled to participate in **your** profits, the amount **we** pay will be reduced by proportion to such person or persons' share in **your business** or entitlement to participate in **your** profits.

Special limits

All special limits below are included within, and not in addition to, the limit of indemnity stated on the schedule.

The most **we** will pay in total for each item below is the corresponding amount stated in the schedule, regardless of the number of **claims, losses, investigations** or other covered liabilities:

Pollution defence costs and legal representation costs

1. **defence costs** under **What is covered, 1. Claims against you, b. Defence costs only, i. Pollution and cover under What is covered, 2. Investigations, a. Losses including legal representation costs, iii. Pollution**. This limit does not apply to shareholder **pollution claims**;

Public relations expenses

2. **public relations expenses**;

Emergency defence costs

3. **emergency defence costs**;

Emergency legal representation costs

4. **emergency legal representation costs**;

Investigation mitigation costs

5. **investigation mitigation costs**;

Pre-investigation costs

6. **pre-investigation costs**;

Dishonesty of employees

7. **employee dishonesty loss** under **What is covered, 3. Additional covers, c. Dishonesty of employees**;

Court attendance compensation

8. court attendance compensation, including any court attendance compensation payable under any Management liability section of this **policy**; and

Loss of documents

9. **losses** under **What is covered, 3. Additional covers, d. Loss of documents**.

Your obligations

Notification

1. **We** will not make any payment under this section:

- a. unless **you** notify **us** as soon as reasonably practicable of the following within the **period of insurance** or at the latest within 90 days after it expires for any problem **you** become aware of within the 30 days before expiry:
 - i. **your** first awareness of any **wrongful act** that is likely to lead to a **claim**;
 - ii. any **claim** or threatened **claim** against **you**;
 - iii. any **investigation** into **you**; or
 - iv. **your** first awareness of any act, omission or occurrence that is likely to lead to any other covered liability.
2. When dealing with a third party, **you** must not admit that **you** are liable for what has happened, or make any offer, deal or payment without **our** prior written agreement. If **you** do, **we** may reduce any payment **we** make under this **policy** by an amount equal to the detriment **we** have suffered as a result.

Control of defence and payment under this section

You must give **us** the information and co-operation which **we** may reasonably require and take all reasonable steps to defend any **claim, investigation**, or any other covered liability. **You** should not do anything which may prejudice **our** position.

We have the right, but not the obligation, to take control of and conduct in **your** name the investigation, settlement or defence of any **claim investigation**, or any other covered liability. If **we** think it necessary **we** will appoint an adjuster, solicitor or any other appropriate person to deal with the **claim, investigation**, or any other covered liability.

Where there is a dispute between **us** and **you** over cover, proposed settlement or continuing the defence of a **claim investigation**, or any other covered liability, **you** or **we** may request the obtainment of an opinion from a mutually agreed Queens Counsel or equivalent in a different jurisdiction. Such opinion shall be binding on **us** and **you** and will establish whether policy cover exists, defence of said **claim, investigation**, or any other covered liability will continue or settlement will be agreed. The costs of such opinion shall be met by **us**.

We shall pay **defence costs** and **legal representation costs** above any **excess** and covered by this section on an ongoing basis prior to the final resolution of any **claim, investigation**, or any other covered liability. **You** must reimburse **us** for any **defence costs** and **legal representation costs** paid where it is determined there is no entitlement under this section.

If a **claim, investigation**, or any other covered liability is made which is not wholly covered by this section or is also made against **you** and any other party which is not covered under this section, **we** and **you** shall use our best endeavours to agree a fair allocation between **loss** that is covered and **loss** not covered by this section.

Management liability – employment practices liability

Policy wording

The General terms and conditions and the following terms and conditions all apply to this section. Cover under this section is given on an each and every claim or loss basis unless otherwise specified.

Special definitions for this section

Applicable courts	The courts of competent jurisdiction in those countries stated as the applicable courts in the schedule.
Benefits	Any amounts awarded to an employee in respect of: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. remuneration, including incentives, bonus, commission, health benefits, holiday pay, sick pay or notice pay, whether under statute or contract;2. family leave payments, including maternity pay, paternity pay, parental leave pay, shared parental leave pay or adoption pay, whether under statute or contract;3. amounts due under an employee benefit or pension scheme;4. share or stock options;5. deferred compensation; or6. equal pay or redundancy pay.
Claim	Any written demand or civil, criminal, regulatory or arbitration proceeding first made against you or an insured person during the period of insurance alleging an employment practice wrongful act seeking monetary damages or other legal relief or penalty.
Computer or digital technology	Any programs , computer network, hardware, software, operational technology, internet-connected device, network-connected device, electronic device, information technology, communications system, including but not limited to any internet-of-things devices, email system, intranet, extranet, website or cloud computing services.
Cyber attack	Any digital attack or interference, whether by a hacker or otherwise, designed to disrupt access to, the operation of or cause damage to any data or computer or digital technology , including but not limited to any: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. programs designed to damage, disrupt, extract data from, or gain unauthorised access to computer or digital technology including, but not limited to, malware, wipers, worms, trojans, rootkits, spyware, dishonest adware, crimeware, ransomware, crypto-jacking and other malicious software or viruses; or2. denial of service attack or distributed denial of service attack.
Defence costs	Reasonable costs, not including any overheads, additional costs or remuneration, incurred with our prior written agreement to investigate, settle or defend any claim made against you or an insured person or to fund an appeal, including any premium paid for an appeal bond or similar bond obtained in relation to it, arising from any judgment, decision or award in relation to any claim .
Emergency legal representation costs	Reasonable and necessary costs, not including any overheads, additional costs or remuneration to investigate or respond to any investigation , where it is not possible to obtain our prior written agreement, provided that you or the insured person notify us as soon as possible after such sums are incurred.
Employee	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Any person currently or formerly under a contract of service with you, including part-time workers.2. Any independent person currently or formerly seconded or contracted to work for you.3. Any current or former volunteer solely under your control and supervision in connection with your business.4. Any current or former applicant or candidate for employment with you.
Employment practice wrongful act	Any actual or alleged act, error or omission committed or attempted by you or an insured person or by any third party where you are held vicariously liable relating to any actual or alleged: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. wrongful, unfair or constructive dismissal, discharge or termination of employment;

2. breach of written or implied contract of employment;
3. employment related misrepresentation;
4. wrongful deprivation of a career opportunity, failure to grant tenure or negligent employee evaluation;
5. harassment, unlawful discrimination or failure to provide adequate employee procedures and policies;
6. **retaliation**; or
7. defamation or invasion of privacy;

arising solely as a result of the employment or non-employment by **you** of any current or former **employee**, or the treatment of any volunteer whilst undertaking work for **you** and under **your** control and supervision.

Hacker

Anyone, including an employee of yours, who gains unauthorised access to or unauthorised use of any:

1. **computer or digital technology**; or
2. data held electronically by **you** or on **your** behalf.

Insured person

1. Any natural person who was, is, or during the **period of insurance** becomes a director, partner, LLP member, committee or board member, trustee or officer of **you**.
2. Any de facto director of **you** whilst acting in such capacity for **you**.
3. Any shadow director as defined under Section 251 of the Companies Act 2006 or any similar or successor legislation in any other jurisdiction.
4. Any **employee** of **you**.
5. The lawful spouse, civil or unmarried partner of any person in 1 to 4 above solely because of their spousal, civil or unmarried partner relationship following a **claim** or **investigation** against that person.
6. The estates, heirs or legal representatives of any person in 1 to 5 above who has died or become incapacitated, insolvent or bankrupt but only for a **claim** or **investigation** against that person.

Insured person does not include any external auditor or any liquidator, receiver, administrative receiver or other insolvency practitioner or officer of **you** or **your** assets.

Investigation

An official examination, official enquiry or official investigation into **you** or an **insured person** first notified as being required during the **period of insurance** and arising from any actual or alleged **employment practice wrongful act**, conducted by any regulator, government department or other body legally empowered.

Investigation does not include any routine regulatory supervision, enquiry or compliance review, any internal investigation or any investigation into the activities of **your** industry or sector which is not solely related to **your** or any **insured person's** conduct.

Legal representation costs

1. Reasonable and necessary legal costs, fees, charges and expenses, not including any overheads, additional costs or remuneration, for which **you** or any **insured person** are legally liable, incurred with **our** prior written agreement for legal representation directly in relation to an **investigation**.
2. **Emergency legal representation costs**.

Loss

In respect of a **claim** the amount **you** become or any **insured person** becomes legally liable to pay, including following a settlement entered into with **our** written agreement, for:

1. awards of damages, including punitive, exemplary and multiplied damages, and civil fines and penalties if insurable in the jurisdiction where such award was first ordered;
2. claimants' legal costs and expenses;
3. **defence costs** and **legal representation costs**; and
4. **public relations expenses**.

Loss does not include any civil, regulatory or criminal fines or penalties, regulator's costs or expenses (including Health and Safety Executive fees for intervention or similar regulator's costs and expenses), taxes or **benefits**.

Outside entity

Any organisation other than **you**:

1. that is tax exempt and not for profit; or
2. in which **you** hold any issued share,

Outside entity does not include:

- a. any company which is registered or domiciled outside of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man or Gibraltar;
- b. any company whose securities are traded on any stock exchange in the USA or Canada; or
- c. any bank, investment company, investment advisor or manager, hedge or mutual fund, private equity or venture capital company, stock brokerage, insurer, or any similar financial organisation or institution including any organisation regulated by the FCA, PRA or any similar regulator.

Prior and pending date	The date on which you first purchased employment practices liability insurance that has run continuously without a break in cover. If during such period you have merged or consolidated with another company or entity, or any party has acquired more than 50% of your issued share capital, assets, or the majority of your voting rights, the 'prior and pending date' will be the date of such merger, consolidation or acquisition.
Public relations expenses	The reasonable and necessary costs incurred with our prior written agreement in utilising the services of a public relations consultant.
Retaliation	Any employment related action taken against an employee in connection with such employee whistleblowing or exercising their employment rights.
Social engineering communication	Any request directed to you or someone on your behalf by a person improperly seeking to obtain possession or the transfer to a third-party of virtual currency, money, securities, data or property that such person or third-party is not entitled to.
Subsidiary	<p>Any entity domiciled in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man or Gibraltar in which you:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. own directly or through one or more of your subsidiaries more than 50% of the share capital or a majority of the voting rights or have the right to appoint or remove a majority of the entity's board of directors, trustees, governors or equivalent; or2. control a majority of its voting rights under a written agreement with other shareholders or members. <p>If an entity ceases to be a subsidiary during the period of insurance, cover will continue but only for a claim or investigation against you or an insured person arising from any employment practice wrongful act, taking place, or alleged to have taken place before it ceased to be a subsidiary.</p>
Unintentional error	Any error or omission by anyone that was not intentional or deliberate.
You/your	<p>Also includes any subsidiary:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. existing at the start of the period of insurance; or2. created or acquired during the period of insurance provided that the newly created or acquired subsidiary does not trade any of its securities on any stock exchange.

What is covered

1. Claims against you or an insured person	We will pay on behalf of you or any insured person the loss arising from a claim for an employment practice wrongful act taking place, or alleged to have taken place, within the geographical limits , brought by:
Claims by employees	a. your employee ;
Outside entities	b. an employee of an outside entity against any insured person arising directly from any activity performed in the insured person's capacity as an employee of such outside entity , provided that the insured person acts in that capacity at your specific written request. However, we will only pay in excess of any indemnity provided by the outside entity to its employees.
2. Investigations	
Legal representation costs	We will pay on behalf of you or any insured person the legal representation costs only arising from an investigation arising from an employment practice wrongful act taking place, or alleged to have taken place, within the geographical limits .
3. Additional cover	

Court attendance compensation	If any insured person has to attend any court or tribunal as a witness in connection with a claim or investigation covered under this section, we will pay you compensation for each day, or part of a day that their attendance is required by us .
Injunctions brought by EHRC	We will pay the loss arising from any injunction brought by the Equalities and Human Rights Commission under section 24 of the Equality Act 2006 or any similar or successor legislation, to prevent you or an insured person from committing an employment practice wrongful act against an employee within the geographical limits .
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What is not covered	A. We will not make any payment for any claim, loss, or investigation :
Deliberate or dishonest acts	<p>1. based upon, attributable to or arising out of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. a dishonest or fraudulent act or omission or any intentional breach of any statute or regulation; b. an act intended to secure or which does secure a personal profit or advantage to which the individual concerned was not legally entitled; c. an act intended to secure or which does secure a profit for any other company or entity to which the company or entity was not legally entitled. <p>This exclusion will only apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. for claims or investigations against you, where such act or omission was committed or condoned by you or any individual who falls within paragraphs 1. to 3. of the definition of insured person; ii. for claims or investigations against an insured person, where such act or omission was committed or condoned by that insured person; and iii. after a judgment or other final adjudication or an admission that such act did occur. In the event of such finding or admission, you or the insured person, as appropriate, must reimburse all payments made by us in relation to the corresponding claim, loss or investigation.
Prior claims and litigation	<p>2. based upon, attributable to or arising out of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. anything that has been reported to and accepted under any policy existing or expired, before the start of the period of insurance; or b. any prior or pending litigation or proceedings, including allegations deriving from the same or essentially the same facts, involving an insured person, you or an outside entity, initiated before the prior and pending date.
Specific activities	<p>3. based upon, attributable to or arising out of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. membership or non-membership of any trade union or equivalent labour organisation or any involvement in trade union activities; b. your failure to act in accordance with any collective bargaining agreement. <p>This exclusion does not apply to any claim for retaliation.</p>
Claims in the United States of America or Canada	<p>4. based upon, attributable to or arising out of any:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. claim brought or investigation commenced; or b. employment practice wrongful act taking place, or alleged to have taken place; in the United States of America or Canada.
Bodily injury and property damage	<p>5. for the death or any bodily or mental injury or emotional distress suffered by anyone, or the loss, damage or destruction of any tangible property. This exclusion does not apply to any claim for emotional distress arising from an employment practice wrongful act.</p> <p>However, we will not in any event make payment for any claim in relation to which the insured person is obliged under any compulsory insurance law to maintain insurance in respect of any liability arising from the use, ownership or possession of any motor vehicle.</p>
Takeovers and mergers	<p>6. based upon, attributable to or arising out of any employment practice wrongful act, act, incident or occurrence performed, taking place, or alleged to have taken place after:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. you merge or consolidate with another company or entity; or b. any party acquires: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. more than 50% of your issued share capital or assets; ii. the majority of your voting rights; or

	iii. the right to appoint or remove a majority of your board of directors or board of trustees or equivalent.
Acquired subsidiaries	7. based upon, attributable to or arising out of any employment practice wrongful act , act, incident or occurrence performed, taking place, or alleged to have taken place: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. before the date of creation or acquisition by you of such subsidiary; or b. after an entity ceases to be a subsidiary.
Employer obligations	8. based upon, attributable to or arising out of any responsibility, duty or obligation imposed by law in relation to health and safety, unemployment, social security, retirement or disability benefits or any similar law whether statutory or common law. This exclusion does not apply to any claim for retaliation .
Claims outside the applicable courts	9. first brought outside the applicable courts . This exclusion also applies to proceedings in the applicable courts to enforce, or which are based on, a judgment or award from outside the applicable courts .
Cyber incidents	10. based upon, attributable to or arising out of any: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. cyber attack; b. hacker; c. unintentional error in or affecting any computer or digital technology; or d. social engineering communication. B. We will not make any payment other than defence costs for any claim or legal representation costs for any investigation based upon, attributable to or arising out of:
Benefits and contractual payments	1. your failure to pay any amount you are contractually committed to pay to an employee , including but not limited to benefits .
Pensions and benefit schemes	2. the loss of any right or benefit under any pension scheme, private health insurance or other employee benefit scheme or the operation or administration of any pension or employee benefit scheme or trust fund, or your breach of any legislation or regulation related to these activities.
Failure to pay taxes	3. your failure to pay taxes.
Liabilities assumed under contract	4. anyone else's liability which you are legally obliged to assume under any contract or agreement. This does not apply to any claim that would have resulted in the absence of such contract or agreement.
Non-pecuniary relief	5. any non-pecuniary or injunctive relief.
Employee reinstatement	6. the costs of complying or refusing to comply with a court or other order for the reinstatement of an employee .
Modification of property	7. the costs of modifying any building or property in order to make such building or property more accessible to any disabled persons.

Special conditions

General terms	The General definitions, General conditions and General claims conditions set out in the General terms all apply equally to each insured person and to you , except for General condition 6. Premium payment which applies only to you . You agree to act on behalf of all the insured persons as regards paying the premium and giving or receiving notice of all matters relevant to this section.
Information provided by an insured person	All information which any insured person provided before we agreed to insure you will be considered as a separate application for each insured person and as such the knowledge of or any statement made by an insured person will not be imputed to any other insured person for the purposes of determining whether cover is available for any claim or investigation against such other insured person .
Severability of exclusions	When determining the applicability of the exclusions within What is not covered , the wrongful act , act, incident or occurrence performed, taking place, or alleged to have taken place of one insured person shall not be imputed onto any other insured person who neither committed nor condoned such wrongful act , act, incident or occurrence.

- Extended notification period
- If:
1. **we** or **you** refuse to renew this section of the **policy** for any reason other than non-payment of premium, administration, liquidation or insolvency; or
 2. **you** merge or consolidate with another entity or any party acquires more than 50% of your issued share capital or assets or the majority of **your** voting rights during the **period of insurance**;

you or any **insured person** may make a request to **us** in writing for an extended notification period, which will be granted at **our** sole discretion. If **we** agree to such request, the extended notification period will be granted in accordance with the options stated below:

One-year period	200% of the annual premium for this section
Two-year period	300% of the annual premium for this section
Three-year period	400% of the annual premium for this section

The premium for any extended notification period to which **we** agree must be paid to **us** within 90 days following the end of the **period of insurance**.

If **you** or an **insured person** does so:

1. this section will remain in force but only in respect of any covered **claim, loss** or **investigation** arising from any **wrongful act**, act, incident or occurrence performed, taking place, or alleged to have taken place before the end of the original **period of insurance**; and
2. the first paragraph 1a. under **Your obligations** in this section will then be amended to:
 - a. unless **you** or any **insured person** notifies **us** promptly of the following, and within the **period of insurance** or the extended notification period:

The limit of indemnity for any extended notification period will be part of and not in addition to the limit of indemnity stated in the schedule.

The entire premium for this section is considered fully earned at the beginning of any extended notification period. **We** will not refund any premium if **you** or any **insured person** cancels the extended notification period before it ends.

We will not in any event agree to any request from **you** or any **insured person** to purchase an extended notification period if:

1. cover under this section is continued solely as a result an extended notification period;
2. this section of the **policy** is replaced or succeeded by any other policy providing employment practices liability cover; or
3. this section or the **policy** is cancelled, other than by **you** on an anniversary date.

If **we** offer renewal terms, conditions, limits of liability or premium different from those of the expiring policy, this does not constitute a refusal to renew.

- Management buy-outs
- If during the **period of insurance** **your** existing management conduct a management buy-out, **we** agree to provide cover to the same level and terms of this **policy** for the new company for a period of 30 days from the buy-out date for any **employment practice wrongful act** committed by any individual **insured person** subsequent to the buy-out.

We will only provide such cover if the new company is domiciled in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man or Gibraltar.

This cover will only apply excess of any other insurance and indemnification available from any other source.

How much we will pay

The most **we** will pay for each **claim, loss**, or **investigation**, including their **defence costs** and **legal representation costs** is the limit of indemnity stated in the schedule.

All **claims, investigations** and circumstances likely to give rise to a **claim, loss** or **investigation**, which arise from the same original cause, a single source or a repeated or continuing shortcoming will be regarded as one claim under the **policy**. This includes **claims, losses** and **investigations** arising after, as well as during, the **period of insurance**.

The amount **we** will pay for **claims, losses** and **investigations** and their **defence costs** includes any amount **we** pay on an **insured person's** behalf as an employee of an **outside entity**.

You must pay any relevant **excess** stated in the schedule. The **excess** shall not apply to any **claim** or **investigation** made solely against an **insured person**.

Paying out the limit of indemnity

At any stage of a **claim** or **investigation**, **we** can pay the **insured person** the applicable limit of indemnity or what remains after any earlier payment from that limit. **We** will then have no further liability for any **claim** or **loss**.

Special limits

All special limits below are included within, and not in addition to, the limit of indemnity stated on the schedule.

Court attendance compensation

The most **we** will pay in total for court attendance compensation, including any court or tribunal attendance compensation payable under any other Management liability section of this **policy** is the corresponding amount stated in the schedule, regardless of the number of **claims, losses or investigations**.

Your obligations

Notification

1. **We** will not make any payment under this section:
 - a. unless **you** or any **insured person** notifies **us** promptly of the following within the **period of insurance** or at the latest within 14 days after it expires for any problem **you** become aware of within the seven days before expiry:
 - i. **you** or an **insured person's** first awareness of any **employment practice wrongful act** that is likely to lead to a **claim or investigation**; or
 - ii. any **claim** or threatened **claim** against **you** or an **insured person**.
 - b. to **you** or any **insured person** if, prior to the **period of insurance**, **you** or such **insured person** had knowledge of a material misstatement in or omission from the information provided to **us** upon which **we** agreed to insure **you**.
2. When dealing with a third party, **you** or the **insured person** must not admit that **you** or the **insured person** are liable for what has happened, or make any offer, deal or payment without **our** prior written agreement. If **you** or an **insured person** does, **we** may reduce any payment **we** make under this **policy** by an amount equal to the detriment **we** have suffered as a result.

Control of defence and payment under this section

You and any **insured person** must give **us** the information and co-operation which **we** may reasonably require and take all reasonable steps to defend any **claim or investigation**. **You** and the **insured person** should not do anything which may prejudice **our** position.

We have the right, but not the obligation, to take control of and conduct in **your** name or the name of any **insured person**, the investigation, settlement or defence of any **claim or investigation**. If **we** think it necessary **we** will appoint an adjuster, solicitor or any other appropriate person to deal with the **claim or investigation**.

Where there is a dispute between **us** and **you** or any **insured person** over cover, proposed settlement or continuing the defence of a **claim or investigation**, **you** or **we** may request the obtainment of an opinion from a mutually agreed Queens Counsel or equivalent in a different jurisdiction. Such opinion shall be binding on **us** and **you** and any **insured person** and will establish whether policy cover exists, defence of said **claim or investigation** will continue or settlement will be agreed. The costs of such opinion shall be met by **us**.

We shall pay **defence costs** and **legal representation costs**, above any **excess**, covered by this section on an ongoing basis prior to the final resolution of any **claim or investigation**. **You** or any **insured person** must reimburse **us** for any **defence costs** and **legal representation costs** paid where it is determined there is no entitlement under this section.

If a **claim or investigation** is made which is not wholly covered by this section or is also made against **you** and any other person who is not **you** or an **insured person**, **we**, **you** and the **insured person** shall use our best endeavours to agree a fair allocation between **loss** that is covered and **loss** not covered by this section.

Crisis containment

Policy wording

The General terms and conditions and the following terms and conditions all apply to this section.

Special definitions for this section

Crisis	A time of severe difficulty in your activities or danger to your business as a result of an insured incident that could, if left unmanaged, cause adverse or negative publicity of or media attention to you or your business .
Crisis containment costs	Reasonable and necessary costs incurred in utilising the services of the crisis containment provider to limit or mitigate the impact of a crisis .
Crisis containment provider	The person or company named in the schedule.
Insured incident	An incident, act or problem that in your good faith opinion could potentially give rise to a covered claim being made by you under any other section of this policy .
Working hours	The hours between 09:00 and 17:00 on any day other than Saturday, Sunday or a public holiday.

What is covered

Crisis containment costs	We will pay crisis containment costs incurred within the geographical limits with our prior written consent as a direct result of a crisis commencing during the period of insurance .
Outside working hours discretionary crisis mitigation costs	We will also pay crisis containment costs incurred within the geographical limits without our consent in carrying out immediate work outside of working hours to limit or mitigate the impact of the crisis . Any such work done by the crisis containment provider will not be confirmation of cover under this or any other section of this policy .

What is not covered

We will not make any payment for:

1. **crisis containment costs** relating to any claim or part of a claim not covered by this **policy**.
2. **crisis containment costs** relating to any:
 - a. claim under any **Management liability – Employment practices liability** section;
 - b. employment claim under any **Management liability – Directors and officers** section or **Management liability - Trustees and individual liability** section.
3. costs which are covered under any other section of this **policy**.
4. any **crisis containment costs** directly or indirectly due to:
 - a. any incident, act, investigation or problem that affects **your** profession or industry; or
 - b. governmental regulations which affect another country or **your** profession or industry; or
 - c. any sanction, prohibition or restriction under United Nations resolutions or trade or economic sanctions, laws or regulations of the European Union, United Kingdom or United States of America; or
 - d. socioeconomic changes or business trends which affect **your business** or **your** profession or industry.

How much we will pay

The most **we** will pay under this section is the amount shown in the schedule, irrespective of the number of **crises** or **insured incidents**. **We** will pay the **crisis containment provider** directly for **crisis containment costs** covered under this section of the **policy**.

All **crises** arising from the same original cause, a single source or a repeated or continuing problem will be regarded as one **crisis**. This includes such **crises** arising after, as well as during, the **period of insurance**.

Your obligations

We will not make any payment under this section unless **you** notify any **crisis** in accordance with either of the following:

If a crisis arises during working hours

1. If **you** first become aware of the **crisis** during **working hours** **you** must notify **us** of it immediately by phoning **us** on the number stated in the schedule.

We will then determine if the incident, act or problem that **you** have notified would give rise to a covered claim under any other section of this **policy**. If **we** determine this to be the case then **we** will contact the **crisis containment provider** to assist **you** in the management of the **crisis**.

If **we** determine that the incident, act or problem that **you** have notified would not result in a covered claim under any other section of this **policy** then **we** will not make any payment under this section.

You must co-operate fully with **us**, the **crisis containment provider** and any of **our** representatives in the management of the **crisis**.

If a crisis arises outside of working hours

2. If **you** first become aware of the **crisis** outside of **working hours** **you** must notify the **crisis containment provider** immediately by phoning them on the number stated in the schedule. **You** must also notify **us** of the **crisis** as soon as possible within **working hours** by telephoning the number stated in the schedule.

You must co-operate fully with the **crisis containment provider** in the management of the **crisis**.